Hurstville Golf Club Inc.

Annual General Meeting 9th November 2025.

Venue – Hurstville Golf Club Pavilion, Lorraine St, Peakhurst Heights NSW 2223

Meeting opened   6.01 pm.

Present: Financial members were present as recorded in the attendance log. A quorum was present.

Apologies: Bruce Hancock, Jessie Hancock, Ian Edwards, Louise Warren, Helen Gillespie, Guy Picone, Shane Barton, Phil Clancy, Robert Mackinnon, Colin Tanner, Vicki Hoare, Matthew Cumjew, Don Haggart, Sue Haggart, Pamela Northey, Greg Anderson. Jeff Fairbairn could not attend due to a family emergency.

Chairperson for the meeting was Mr. Steve Osborne – President.
Acting Secretary appointed was Graeme Boulton – replacing the Secretary, Jeff Fairbairn

Steve Osborne opened the meeting at 6:01pm and briefed those present on some simple housekeeping rules - phones to remain on silent; location of emergency exits; toilet location in the facility, etc.

Steve then stated that under section 21.2 of the Club's constitution the AGM must be held within 6 months of the financial close of the year. And under section 25.2 a quorum is defined as the lesser of 30 members or 5% of membership for the meeting to proceed. As both of those obligations were met, the AGM was declared open.

Members were thanks for their attendance and Steve acknowledged our three life members: Jeff James and David Moody (who were both present), and Peter Greig posthumously who sadly lost his battle with cancer in July this year. Steve mentioned that the Club would honour Peter after the close of the AGM tonight with the official opening of a memorial garden and a presentation to his family.

Minutes of the previous AGM

The President put a motion to the meeting to accept the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting. Taken as circulated and read. No remaining open business from the 2024 AGM.

Accepted Ken Hawkins
Seconded Peter Woolaston

The motion was carried.

Next, the 2025 Annual Report and Financials were tabled.

Steve confirmed that a copy of the Club's Annual Report and financial reports was made available via the Club web site and hard copies were made available at the meeting.

A verbal summary was given highlighting that the Club is now classified as a Tier 2 reporting entity via NSW Fair Trading (Annual revenue under $500,000 and assets less than $1m) so whilst financial statements must be prepared and presented to the AGM, an independent audit was not required.

Steve explained for good order, the Club opted for the books to be reviewed by a skilled person. He then explained how and why the Club selected Mr. Gerard Hutchinson for this purpose. Gerard being a highly credentialed CFO and Board Director. Steve also read out a list of Gerard's formal qualifications to the meeting.

The President then called for any questions of the Annual Report and the Financials for the Period 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025.

Terry Abel asked why the affiliation fees varied compared to the prior year – it was explained that the Treasurer paid the fees on 30 June instead of 1 July, so effectively reflecting 2 years' figures in the same reporting period.

Terry Abel also queried the cost Year on Year of Building insurance and Personal Accident insurance – this was also explained as a payment timing matter.

Terry then queried why the $250,000 accrued balance in the Course Improvement fund had not changed Year on Year – it was explained that whilst the Club intended to utilise some of this fund to conduct a project on the course, poor weather prevented such activity, so the balance remained. It was further articulated that the Club intends to embark on co-funded projects with GRC over each year and then restore the fund to ensure adequate funding is available for our rolling 10-year course improvement plan.

A question was asked about the effective use of higher yielding bank deposits for our accrued funds. The Assistant Treasurer confirmed that from time-to-time funds were invested in short-term Interest-Bearing Deposits with our key banker, Westpac.

There being no further questions, The President asked that the Annual Report and Financial Statements be accepted.

Accepted – Terry Abel
Seconded – Michael Brandt

The motion was carried.

President's report

Steve thanked all committee members for their contributions throughout the year. He mentioned the ongoing working relationship with our key partners, Georges River Council Executive team, Green keeping staff and the BlueFit team who contractually manage the Pro-shop.

Steve thanked Vicki Hoare and Todd Shaw for their dedication to managing the transition between Golflink and Golf Australia's new membership data portal, GA Connect.

Special praise was offered to Vicki Hoare for her tireless work helping to manage the Club's IT matters and providing countless hours of support to ensure member communications remained accurate and timely.

Special thanks were extended to our Monday volunteers led by Jeff Williams who continued to log another 1,000 + hours this year to help beautify the course.

Steve stated that the club was established on 4th March 2005, making us 20 years old and reflected on our origin, growing from 80 members in the early years to almost 1,100 members today.

To help celebrate this milestone, Steve reflected on the fact 38 of these foundation members remain current financial members of the Club today and confirmed each of this cohort would be presented with a special limited-edition gift. Steve mentioned that although Bruce Hancock did not technically qualify as a life member under our Constitution but given Bruce's early work to help establish the club, Bruce would be presented with a plaque to acknowledge his contribution.

Steve confirmed that our 7-day membership had to remain 'closed' for new applicants for the time being, to help us cope with the demands of such a large membership base, and to help the committee assess the best way to deliver fair and equitable benefits to all members.

He then thanked the Match committee for excellent work delivering a variety of competition formats to stimulate the membership, thanking Todd Shaw, John Wallace, Barry Bray and Faye Zajakovski for their great work.

Treasurer's report

In Jeff Etcell's absence, Graeme Boulton (Assistant Treasurer) presented a detailed report of the financials.

He read from a presentation explaining the strength of the Balance Sheet and focussed on our income sources and major expenditure items, etc.

The key message was that the Club remains in a strong financial position.

After numerous communications with members through the year, Graeme reinforced that the Club has decided to align with standard practice by imposing an expiry date on unused prize pool proceeds and reinforced the process where we allow a 3 month overlap each year between April and June.

To ensure effective communication of this change, Graeme offered the example for the upcoming year:

- All prizes won up to 31st March 2026 must be used by 30th June 2026
- Prizes won between 1st April 2026 & 31st March 2027 must be used by 30th June 2027
- Expired prizes to be allocated to Future Development Fund

Captain's Report

Todd Shaw shared that sadly, this year the Club lost his predecessor Peter Greig to cancer.
Peter's contribution was reflected upon, as a founding member and inaugural Club captain, how he helped guide the club. Todd acknowledged that Peter will be sorely missed and said he will endeavour to do as good a job as Peter.

Todd summarised the year in review, viz:

Membership is up and the course is looking better than it has for many years due to the great work of Peter Burns and his greens staff throughout the year.

All Pennants sides were congratulated on their performance as ambassadors for the Club. The Major Pennant side won our very first senior pennant. This was an achievement that Todd mentioned he was particularly proud to be involved in and will be a memory that will last a lifetime.

Thanks went to everyone involved in running the pennants sides.

A vote of thanks was offered to the members of the Match Committee for their work behind the scenes running the competitions. Todd individually thanked Barry, John and Fay, the current Match Committee members.

Todd acknowledged the general committee and in particular the work of Jeff and Steve keeping the club running efficiently.

A big thanks went to Stewart and his Pro Shop staff for the assistance they provided to the committee and to the members during the year.

And finally, to all the volunteers who helped to make the club function, from the Monday work group and Jeff Williams for organising them, and to Vicki Hoare for her website/computer skills and to all others.

Office Bearers and General Committee Members for 2024/2025

Election of club's management committee.

The Club was presented with nominations for all 12 positions.
As the number of nominations matched the number of positions, voting was not required.

The following members were therefore elected to the committee:

President	Steve Osborne
Vice President	Peter Allam
Secretary	Jeff Fairbairn
Treasurer	Jeff Etcell
Assist. Treasurer	Graeme Boulton
Club Captain	Todd Shaw

Committee Members: John Wallace, Perry Pericles, Peter Woolaston Terry Abel, Pamela Northey and David Croot. Steve welcomed Pamela and David as the new members of the General Committee.

Closing.

There being no further business Steve Osborne thanks all for their attendance and participation, declared the meeting closed, and asked the members to adjourn downstairs for the opening of the Peter Greig memorial garden and presentation to Peter's family.

Meeting Closed 6.47 pm.