

President Report 2016 – Dave Cockroft

Gentlemen firstly let me apologise for not being here today but as you are all aware I have relocated to Moama NSW.

I believe that this year has been a fantastic year for the ESVGA especially considering the extremely lousy weather that we have had during winter and spring and I would like to commend you the members for your resilience in the way you turned up for our golf days, which in my opinion makes our organisation one of the best in the veterans golfing community.

This year we trialled playing on a different course every month and this appeared to have been accepted really well by you the members and therefore this format will continue in the future.

One of our members Mr George Bledniak suggested to me that we should have a couple of games each year where we all play with members that we don't normally play with. This was adopted and we called it a "getting to know you" round. By all accounts it was a resounding success and will most certainly be continued, thanks George for the input. This club is not for the committee's benefit it's yours and for your enjoyment therefore any suggestions by you the members is greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately we have seen two of our committee members resign this year. Firstly Neil Fletcher who has decided that it is time after many years to put his family first and pursue other interests, so thanks Neil on a job well done and I hope that we can find a replacement that has as much enthusiasm as Neil. Secondly but by no means least Ron Milsome has retired due to extremely bad health. Ron was with Rod and me every golf morning doing the registrations as well as a myriad of other things and he will be missed. I hope you return to good health in the very near future but until then keep in good spirits mate.

This year for me as president has been fantastic. I could not have asked for a better committee. Everyone has had the one goal and that was to get the best venues that could afford and to make the golfing experience enjoyable for all. I can only hope that we succeeded.

As I stated earlier my committee has been fantastic but it would be remiss of me not to single out a few people and this does not demean the work that the other members have done

Secretary Neil Muller. Neil would have to have the worst job on the committee but Neil has carried it out in a truly professional manner without any complaints and has also installed our web site which is by far the best in the Vets comp. Thanks Neil

Treasurer Rod Colling. I think that this year is Rods eighth year as treasurer and going on for nine. For a man in his eighties Rod has again done a phenomenal job, with little or no help he has kept our club on the straight & narrow and in the fantastic financial position that we find ourselves in. A job well did my friend.

Vice President (Gordon) Barry Smith. What can I say but without this man, we as a club would have no competitions. As you are all aware Barry works mind blowing hours doing all the draws, compiles the newsletter, emails everyone plus much more, and cops all the crap and criticism. Barry thanks for being my right hand man and for doing a sterling job.

Just before I finish I would like to wish the incoming President and his committee all the best for the future and I trust that our club is in safe hands

Finally may I say that my term as your president was shorter than I had expected but may I also say that I have enjoyed every minute and a special thanks to all of the members for your support and friendship and I hope that I can get back down here for at least 1 game next year. Goodbye Good luck and a premature Merry Christmas

Dave Cockroft