



- 3.06 The fellowship and enjoyment had participating in our monthly events, special events and the National Tournament for the Hornibrook Cup is something we all look forward to. In recent years the National Tournament has provided some of us with the opportunity to visit the host state pre-tournament, to experience some golf on premium courses. This year's coming Tournament will see games on the Gold Coast at Coolangatta, The Glades and Palmer Colonial
- 3.07 It would be remiss of me not make a special mention of Mr Jon Heppell our Secretary /Treasurer who has held this position for the last 7 years. Jon has made the decision not to nominate as secretary for the coming year. During Jon's term he has created and maintained a Newcastle MBA GC web site and a National MBA GC web site which he has kindly offered to maintain. His work and commitment to the golf club has certainly raised the bar and he will be extremely hard to replace. I am sure we will continue to see Jon at golf on a monthly basis and he will be one of the first people we invite onto the committee for the running of the Hornibrook Tournament to be held in Newcastle in October 2016. On behalf of the members and the club committee we thank you and wish the best of luck trying to fill in time at 3.00 am in the morning when you would usually have an email to the members or committee to work on. Thank you Jon, if you change your mind next week the job of secretary is yours.
- 3.08 Last but not least thank you to the committee over the last 12 months. Thanks to Peter Di Prinzio, Jon Heppell, Lynn Gray, Kevin Woodcock, Mark Connors and Phil Jones. Thanks also to George Buckton for his help every month with the competition results. Also thank you to all our members for your participation in the last 12 months' events.

#### **4 CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

- 4.01 A special thanks to all our members who supported our golfing calendar this past year. Members attended the National Tournament in Sydney which was a great success and the venue change was a plus. The golf courses were exceptional and a welcome change to the past years. Congratulations to Sydney for their great organisation of the Tournament
- 4.02 This year again saw a group from N MBA GC visit Coffs Harbour for the now annual event of the Blues-v-Maroons Golf Match at Bonville. Unfortunately the Maroons were again victorious in the golf. Our thanks go out to Steve Bartlett from the Gold Coast Master Builders Golf Club for organising the 3 day event.
- 4.03 A special thanks to Vice Captain Kevin and his helpers with setting up the courses, the collection of cards and processing the scoring. We have had a slight drop in attendance at our golf days, maybe due to work commitments and harder economic times. The change to a shotgun start has been embraced by all and attendance at the presentation has greatly increased, to the benefit of the host clubs and our sponsors.
- 4.04 Thanks to those golf clubs who host us annually, the their pro shops and staff.
- 4.05 I would like to acknowledge our committee for their time and efforts over the last year.
- 4.06 Finally I would like to make special mention of our Secretary Jon, who as you know is not standing for the position again this year . He will be greatly missed . Jon has given his all to make the N MBA GC move into the cyber age; his work on the web site has been fantastic, his organisation of social events and fellowship has brought great improvements. Jon you will be sadly missed by the committee and our members.

#### **5 SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- 5.01 First of all, thank you to the many members who have expressed kind words about my tenure as Secretary. Recognition also to all the members, without whose interest and participation, the club wouldn't exist. You have made the job of secretary both interesting, challenging and, with the unexpected thank you or compliment, rewarding. We have an amazing group of fellows and it is always a pleasure playing golf and socialising with you.
- 5.02 I would like to add my thanks to the Sponsors that support us throughout the year, especially those long term supporters who have shown amazing loyalty, and to the newcomers showing initiative and goodwill at an economically difficult time ..... A note to members....when you contact these good sponsors, LET THEM KNOW it is through their exposure to N MBA GC members, visitors, families etc. How else can they determine the success of their investment ?

- 5.03 When I assumed the role of Secretary, I must confess that I had a simple agenda; a team shirt for everyone, not just the Hornibrookers; a starter sheet so that everyone knows who they are playing with and no-one is left out; and most importantly, that this club become incorporated, mainly for the protection of the committee and of the members. I am happy to leave the role in the knowledge that these goals have been achieved. Although incorporation seems to have taken an age, it is not a step taken lightly or easily and I wish to acknowledge not only the special contribution made to this process by retired solicitor Brian Doyle who has provided his very considerable experience in this field for the love of a little quality red wine, but also by member Ted Atchison who identified and recruited such a knowledgeable resource.
- 5.04 Committee meetings are still occurring every 2 months, and are well patronised by the members, with attendance levels consistent at over 80%. Outside of these meetings however, your committee continues good work. Thanks to all the committee members for their ongoing efforts. In particular...Lynn Gray, thank you very much, especially for handling the green fees and the sartorial duties, to Mark Connors for keeping abreast of the sponsorship situation, and to Gary Sheppard for keeping Mark focussed. Not to overlook our own committee Super Hubert. Phil has proven to be the drumming bunny "good ideas" man that we all suspected that he is. Thanks for your contribution, and the sacrifice of your time.
- 5.05 I wish to acknowledge the very valuable contribution of Vice Captain Kevin Woodcock and his able assistant George Buckton for their efforts to set up the course for each match, and in the collection and processing of the score cards after each event. I'm sure that the best recognition that the club can offer them is assistance in the way the score cards are handed in. Every player should present an individual card, with the strokes or points totalled for both nines and overall, and the final score highlighted in the RH top corner. The card MUST show current handicap, the date, and be signed by both the player and the marker.
- 5.06 Finally, I move that we all thank my wife Gail, who has shown me (and the club) great support, and the patience of a saint, over these past seven years. I look forward to seeing all of you... on a golf course.... somewhere.... soon.

## 6 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.01 The Financial Reports for 2013 – 2014 prepared by your Committee have been circulated to all financial members and your committee welcomes any questioning of the documents. See below for a summary....

	Account	2014 \$	2013 \$
	Cheque Account	26,237.25	-154.52
	Online Saver Account	49,980.03	71,150.61
6.02	Fixed Deposit	26,570.60	25,524.11
	Petty Cash, Clearing A/C & in hand	94.99	91.69
	<b>Total</b>	<b>102,882.87</b>	<b>96,611.89</b>
6.03	Income & Expenditure Report	Net surplus.....	<b>\$ 21,878.69</b>
6.04	Assets & Liabilities Report	Total Equity...	<b>\$ 119,681.93</b>
6.05	Business Activity Statements Report.	Tabled unaudited, to be released shortly	

- 6.06 The Financial Reports have been submitted to Club member Scott Norrish, Director of VBD Chartered Accountants for preparation of .the Independent Assurance Practitioner's Review Report, which will be published upon completion. Advice from Hon. Accountant....

*Happy to contribute as always, however the time frame to complete an audit within 24 hours is simply unachievable. May I suggest you present the report as 'submitted for audit' at the AGM, and I will include any revisions or issues in my report once complete which can subsequently be published/circulated to the members*

- 6.07 Thanks on behalf of the club to Scott Norrish of **VBD Chartered Accountants** for his work as Honorary Accountant, giving freely of his time to review the Financial Accounts prepared by the Committee for presentation to this meeting.

**7 ELECTION / DECLARATION OF COMMITTEE**

7.01 All Executive and Committee Member positions are declared vacant. There are not sufficient nominations to necessitate the conduct of a ballot. Nominations and N MBA membership majority criteria to be scrutinised by Returning Officers . Unopposed results will be announced at the close of this meeting.

7.02 **Returning Officers nominations**

7.03 Executive	nominations	result	Newcastle MBA Membership (current or former)
President	<b>Gary Sheppard</b>	unopposed	y
Captain	<b>Peter Di Prinzio</b>	unopposed	y
Secretary			
Committee			
Treasurer	<b>Lynn Gray</b>	unopposed	n
Committee (3)	<b>Mark Connors</b>	unopposed	y
	<b>Phil Jones</b>	unopposed	y
	<b>Kevin Woodcock</b>	unopposed	y

**8 GENERAL BUSINESS**

8.01 Annual Subscription

Committee recommendation for Annual Fees ~ \$50

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, accepted.

8.02 Annual Corporate Fee

Committee recommendation for Annual Corporate Fees ~ \$550

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, accepted.

8.03 Life Membership..... (requires 75% majority)

Committee recommendation: ....that **Bill Collins** be accorded **life membership** of the Newcastle MBA Golf Club. Outstanding support of the Hornibrook Tournament for nearly 50 years and his contributions to the club as committeeman and stalwart make him a standout for this recognition.

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, accepted.

8.04 Club Incorporation .... (requires 75% majority)

Committee recommendation: At this AGM, in consequence of the motion carried at an Extraordinary General Meeting (Monday 1 December 2011 Ref. 08/2011 Item 4.1) the committee presents to the membership for ratification a PROPOSED Constitution of the **Newcastle MBA Golf Club Incorporated** (under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)). A copy of the proposed Constitution was circulated with the Notice of this AGM. A permanent copy of the proposed Constitution can also be found on the club's website.

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, accepted.

**MEETING CLOSED:**

**NEXT MEETING:** AGM, August 2015 **VENUE:** TBA

**NOTES COMPILED:**