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# NEWCASTLE MBA GOLF CLUB Inc.

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## MINUTES

**Date:** 26/9/17

**Location:** Merewether Golf Club

**Attendees:** President – G Sheppard  
Captain – P Di Prinzio  
Secretary – M Connors  
Treasurer – L Gray  
Committee – P Jones  
Committee - E Atchison  
Members – 30

**Apologies:**

Ben Chard, Lou Buzai, Barry Barrett, Denis Hancock

**Previous Minutes (AGM 2016)**

**Proposed:** Ross Lewis      **Seconded:** Dennis Barnett      **Accepted:** Yes

**Committee Nominations:**

7 Positions available, Nominations called from Members, 7 received

Scrutinized and checked – Bill Collins

President – G Sheppard  
Captain – Pm Di Prinzio  
Secretary – M Connors  
Treasurer – L Gray  
Golf Coordinator – L Buzai  
Committee – P Jones  
Committee - E Atchison

**Proposed:** Bill Collins      **Seconded:** Jim Gizzi      **Accepted:** Yes

**Club Patron.**

Thank you to Peter Di Prinzio, President of Newcastle MBA, for fulfilling the position of Club Patron.

## **President Address**

The President thanks:

### **Sponsors:**

Airview Aluminium  
Newcastle MBA  
Maxim Accounting  
Bass Floor Company  
Bells Insulation Specialists  
Rovert Lighting & Electrical  
Weathertex  
H L Mullane  
Hunter Motor Group  
MGA Insurance Brokers

Ironbark Hill Vineyard  
Newcastle MBA Group Training  
JMC Building  
Peter Drayton Wines  
P L Britt Plumbing  
Hanson Concrete  
Wideline Windows and Doors  
Hunter Star Mercedes  
Bliss Tiles & Bathrooms

### **Golf Pro Shops:**

Cypress Lakes  
The Vintage  
Nelson Bay  
Waratah  
Pacific Dunes  
Belmont

Horizons  
Newcastle  
Tuncurry  
Shortland Waters  
Hawks Nest

A thank you to our Sponsors, we are extremely grateful to all of the above who have provided their support for us to be able to run our events, provide golf day prizes and yearly prizes to the high standard we all enjoy. Please keep them in mind when looking for the services they provide.

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, which was held in October at Pokolbin. The National Tournament takes a lot of planning and hard work to put together. A big thank you all involved in making it a Tournament for all participates to remember. A special thank you to our Tournament Director Lynn Gray for his tireless work putting everything together. The Tournament was played at The Vintage, Cypress Lakes and Hunter Valley Crowne Plaza.

It was a huge success moving the Tournament to the Hunter Valley Vineyards and will certainly be a difficult decision for future organizing committees not to go back there when the Tournament comes back to Newcastle in 2023.

We made a decision this year to discount our daily golf competition fees for all games during the 2017 year. As we are in a strong financial position the decision was made to subsidise the fees giving back to the members. I believe this has been well received by all members and a review of that decision will be discussed at a future committee meeting.

An additional game was added to our calendar this year where we travelled to Tuncurry. The event was fully subsidised by NMBA Golf Club and was extremely well supported by the members. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the day and requested that the committee consider placing it on the calendar as an annual event.

Last but not least thank you to the committee over the last 12 months. Thanks to Ted Atchison, Mark Connors, Lynn Gray, Peter Di Prinzie, Lou Buzai and Phil Jones.

Also thank you to all our members for your support and participation over the last 12 months.

## **Captain Report**

Once again sponsorship for the year has been difficult but the sponsorship team have done a great job in finding new sponsors and maintaining existing ones. I would like to extend my thanks to all our sponsors for the year and as I mentioned throughout the year please use their services where possible.

The 2016 national Tournament playing for the Hornibrook Cup was held in Newcastle and played in the Hunter Valley vineyards for the first time with great success. Unfortunately apart from the goodwill prize it was Newcastle's turn for the Bradmans.

The club is growing with a significant number of new members. Shotgun starts and later starts have proved to be a success providing better fellowship and trophy presentations. Thank you to all the Pro shops and staff for their attention and service throughout the year.

The Newcastle Vs Sydney Game this year was cancelled due bad weather but will be back next year.

As a member of the NMBA and NMBA Golf Club I am proud to be associated with such a great organization and a great group of golfers, the friendship shown by all is something to be proud of.

Without all our members we would not exist and I thank each and every one of you for your support, hopefully well into the future.

## **Secretary Report**

I would like to thank the sponsors and pro shops for their support throughout the year. Please support them at any opportunity.

Committee meetings have been held regularly throughout the year with good attendance.

I would like to thank all the members for their support throughout the year.

A special thank you goes to the committee for their efforts and sacrifice of the time to make the running of the club seamless.

## **Treasurer Report**

The Financial reports for 2016 – 2017 have been prepared by your Committee and audited by Maxim Accounting. Due to the National Tournament being held in Newcastle this year a more comprehensive audit needs still to be carried out on that portion of the Accounts.

I have a draft copy of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss should any member choose to review.

A full set of Financial Statements will be circulated to the members on finalization of the audit.

The Committee apologies to the members for this delay.

A special thank you to Maxim Accounting and Scott Norrish for compiling the Accounts in their own time and free of charge.

## **Golf Coordinator Report**

The registration for each game worked extremely well for me once I got my head around the work that Jon Heppel had set up. Our members used this facility well and made my job easier.

Members are encouraged to keep using the web site online facility for all event registrations, phone calls and emails can fall through the cracks and may be used as a backup.

We tried several processes for NTP's placement and retrieval, the one that works best is our own members carrying out the task.

Looking forward to another enjoyable golf year.

### **General Business**

Annual Fees – Were discussed and the Members voted to leave unchanged for 2017 – 2018 at \$50.00

Moved – Geoff Barnett    Seconded – Gary Sheppard

No further General Business

**Meeting Closed: 5.00pm**