

An aerial photograph of a golf course green and sand traps. The green is in the center, with a white flag in the middle. Two sand traps are visible, one to the right and one in the foreground. The background shows a large body of water, likely the ocean, under a clear sky. The text "GPV Inc." is overlaid in white on the upper part of the image.

GPV Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT  
2025



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# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2025

Annual General Meeting of the GPV Inc.  
held on Thursday April 16th 2026  
at Mornington Golf Club

The 2025 GPV Inc. Annual Report

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## EXECUTIVE MEMBERS 2025

PRESIDENT

**DARREN COPE**

The National Golf Club

VICE-PRESIDENT

**GINNY REID**

Sorrento Golf Club

SECRETARY

**JOHN EATON**

Rosebud Country Club

TREASURER

**LEIGH BULL**

The National Golf Club

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025

**GLEND A BAWDEN**

Bay Views Golf Club

**IAN MILLS**

Mornington Golf Club

**PAM BARR**

Rosebud Country Club

Resigned during the year

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The Dunes Golf Club



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



DARREN  
COPE

As we wrap up the 2025 season, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to my fellow committee colleagues and the 18 member clubs that make up our district. We are officially the largest golf district in Australia – a title we should carry with immense pride, but one that also comes with the responsibility of leadership and evolution.

## Celebrating Our Success

To all the event winners over the past year: Congratulations. Be proud of your achievements. Seeing the talent across our fairways is a highlight of this role, and I look forward to watching many more of you succeed in the coming season.

## The Challenge

2025 is at a critical turning point for Golf Peninsula Victoria. Leading the largest district in Australia is appreciated, but the “golf boom” is a double-edged sword, bringing more players but also more pressure on resources and relevance. Golf has exploded in recent times. While this is great for the game, it has created a paradox for organisations like the GPV. Staying relevant in an increasingly crowded competition space is becoming a difficult task.

We are all feeling the pinch of:

- Tee time availability: Demand is at an all-time high.
- Operational turnover: Constant shifts in club boards and staff is increasingly an on-going challenge.
- Player availability: Balancing traditional competition with modern golf ways.

## The Pillar of Relevance

While these logistics are difficult, there is one measure that stands above the rest as our most important pillar:

### Club Relevance

Currently, the GPV is finding it increasingly difficult to gain genuine relevance within most clubs. We exist to serve you, but for that service to be effective, it must be wanted and supported. This brings us to a fundamental question for our members:

### What are the expectations of the GPV?

Do you want organised Pennant? Do you value the inter-club events, the junior clinics, and the women’s clinics? We recognise that it is unrealistic to expect individual clubs to organise these regional-scale events on their own – that is exactly why the GPV exists.

### A Call for Tangible Support

However, the GPV cannot operate in a vacuum. To continue delivering these programs, we require additional help and, more importantly, tangible interest in our direction. We need to know that our events have your backing and that more often than not our vision aligns with yours.

The future of the GPV as a successful golfing organization depends on this partnership. Is the interest there to work together to ensure the “biggest district in Australia” is also the most engaged.

The key pillar is “The Clubs Interest level”.

Darren Cope  
President,  
Golf Peninsula Victoria

# VALE - Dorothy Mortlock



## Dorothy Mortlock – Where Do I Begin?

It is never easy to find the right words when saying goodbye to someone who meant so much to so many. Dorothy Mortlock may have been small in stature, but within the world of golf on the Mornington Peninsula, she stood taller than most.

The game of golf is fortunate to be supported by countless volunteers, yet very few have devoted as much of their life, passion, and energy to the game as Dorothy did. Her dedication was rightly recognised in 2017 when she was awarded Victorian Regional Volunteer of the Year – a fitting acknowledgement of the countless hours she gave so selflessly to the sport and to the people within it.

Dorothy's contribution reached far beyond a single role. Within Golf Peninsula Victoria she served in many capacities – President, Match Committee Chairperson, Junior Organiser, Match Starter, and tireless promoter of the game she

loved so dearly. Often she carried several of these responsibilities at once, quietly working behind the scenes to ensure competitions ran smoothly and that everyone felt welcome. Even while giving so much of herself to others, Dorothy still found the time and passion to compete in district championships, simply because she loved the game.

One of Dorothy's most lasting contributions was her pivotal role in bringing together the women's and men's organisations to create what we now know as Golf Peninsula Victoria. It was a moment that helped shape the future of golf on the Peninsula, and Dorothy's leadership, patience, and vision played an enormous part in making it happen.

But beyond the titles and achievements, Dorothy will be remembered for something even more meaningful – her warmth, her kindness, and her genuine desire to include everyone. She believed golf should be a place where people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities felt welcome. And through her efforts, countless people found not just a game, but a community.

The impact Dorothy made on Golf Peninsula Victoria, on The Rosebud Country Club, and on the many people who had the privilege of knowing her, will continue to be felt for many years to come.

Dorothy leaves behind more than a record of service – she leaves a legacy of generosity, leadership, and love for the game.

Thank you, Dorothy Mortlock – our friend, our mentor forever and, I believe, the Godmother of Golf Peninsula Victoria.

## MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

### A year of reflection, growth, and dedication

As I sit down to compile this report, my thoughts are first and foremost with the memory of our dear Dorothy Mortlock, who sadly passed away this past year. Dot's dedication to Golf Peninsula Victoria (GPV) was immense and unparalleled.

Her wisdom, unwavering commitment, and countless hours of service were an invaluable resource to the Match Committee and the wider GPV community. She is, and will continue to be, sorely missed by us all.

For myself, the loss of Dot meant that the last twelve months have represented a genuinely steep learning curve. Stepping into this role without her guidance was a challenge, but one that the entire committee has embraced with enthusiasm and collaboration.

### Match Committee Report 2025

I am now pleased to present the official Match Committee report for the 2025 season. Despite the challenges, the year was marked by success, strong participation, and a continuous commitment to excellence in event management.

# MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

## Core Focus And Objectives

The committee's primary focus throughout 2025 was centred on several key pillars:

- **Delivering Quality Events:** Ensuring that every competition – from the major Pennant season to our other annual events – was well organised, highly competitive, and, above all, enjoyable for all GPV members.
- **Process Refinement:** We continued to review and refine our internal processes, particularly concerning communication, draw management, and result collation, aiming for maximum efficiency and transparency.
- **Host Club Support:** A major priority was strengthening our partnership with the incredible host clubs across the Peninsula. We provided enhanced support to ensure their facilities and staff were fully prepared, making the hosting experience as smooth and rewarding as possible.

## Pennant Season Overview

The Pennant season kicked off with great anticipation in February, featuring robust competition in both the Men's and Women's groups. The structure maintained two divisions for Men and one Division for the Women, fostering participation from a diverse range of clubs and skill levels.

The season culminated in fiercely-contested finals, with the following clubs emerging as worthy champions for the 2025 Pennant flags.

## Men's Pennant Winners 2025



Division 1: ROSEBUD def MORNINGTON



Division 2: WARBURTON def THE VALLEY

## Women's Pennant Winners 2025

I would like to thank sincerely the various clubs whose generosity and support in hosting the matches were integral to the smooth running of the competition. The commitment of these member clubs is deeply appreciated, and we eagerly look forward to collaborating with them for many more successful Pennant seasons to come, continuing to foster the spirit of competition and camaraderie that defines golf in our district.



SORRENTO def FLINDERS

## Peninsula Match Play

The Peninsula Match Play competition was executed across three distinct divisions this season, offering varied and competitive opportunities for players of different skill levels. Anecdotal feedback gathered from the players suggests the season was exceedingly well-received, characterized by spirited matches and a high level of enjoyment for all participants.

The Match Committee will continue to monitor feedback and explore ways to enhance this popular format in future years.

Section 1 winners were The National 1  
Section 2 winners were The National 2  
Section 3 winners were Berwick Montuna  
(see photos on Page 12)



WINNERS - THE NATIONAL 1



### Womens Clinics

The annual Women’s Clinics, graciously hosted each year at The National Golf Club, were largely successful despite the second clinic being cancelled. The first clinic was met with overwhelmingly positive feedback, providing invaluable instruction and encouragement to female golfers in the district. A sincere and huge thank you is extended to Tim Stone and the entire team at The National Golf Club for their continued generosity in hosting this important development initiative each year. Their support is crucial in promoting women’s golf.

### Sorrento Plate

The Sorrento Plate stands as a cornerstone event, established by the esteemed Ronnie Ferguson with the specific aim of fostering and financially supporting Junior golf within our District. Ronnie’s deep connection to the club, having grown up in the initial club-house at Sorrento Golf Club and having played golf since her junior years, makes this event particularly significant.

As a revered Life Member of Sorrento, her legacy continues to inspire. This team event is consistently one of the most fiercely-and hotly-



SORRENTO PLATE WINNERS  
Vanessa Elders and Jacqui Van Weel  
Rosebud Country Club

contested on the calendar, this year attracting a strong field of 47 teams. The spirit of competition and the underlying charitable cause make this a truly special event.

### In Conclusion

In my inaugural year as Vice President, my primary focus has been the enhancement of improved communication across the entire district ecosystem. This has involved targeted efforts to strengthen the lines of communication between the GPV executive and our member clubs, as well as ensuring that clearer, more timely information reaches our valued players. This focus on engagement and transparency is vital for the health of our organisation.

My absolute thanks and deep appreciation go to Gary Richmond, whose administrative capabilities and dedication have been indispensable. He has expertly co-ordinated all events throughout the season and efficiently managed the complexities of the GolfBox administration system, ensuring all results and handicapping were handled accurately and professionally. His contributions are a significant asset to the Match Committee.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to Glenda Bawden, Pam Barr and Ian Mills for their continued effort, dedication, and invaluable contributions while working within the Match Committee.

Their commitment to the smooth running of our competitions and their willingness to volunteer their time and expertise have been instrumental to our success this past year. I wish Pam all the best for her retirement from GPV.

On a broader note, I strongly encourage all other members of Golf Peninsula Victoria (GPV) who have an interest in the strategic planning and execution of our various events and match days to consider joining our committee.

Your perspectives, fresh ideas, and active participation are vital to ensuring the continued high standard and evolution of our competitive schedule.

Please feel free to reach out to the Secretary for more information on how you can get involved and help shape the future of GPV golf.

Regards  
Ginny Reid  
GPV Vice President



# FINANCIAL REPORT



LEIGH BULL

Your committee members submit the financial report of GPV Inc. (Golf Peninsula Vic) for the financial year ended 31st December 2025

## Committee Members

The names of committee members at the end of the 2025 financial year were: Darren Cope, John Eaton, Leigh Bull, Ginny Reid, Glenda Bawden and Ian Mills. Sue Adams and Carol Tiedgen did not seek re-election at the Annual Meeting. Pam Barr resigned during the year.

Dorothy Mortlock passed away during the year. We thank her for significant service to the GPV over many years. (refer to Page 3 of this report)

Glenda Bawden was appointed in June 2025. Ian Mills was appointed in December 2025. No other changes to the committee were made during the year.

## Operating Result

2025 operating activities included a full year of events resulting in a surplus for the year of \$51,648. Affiliation fees were included at same rates as the prior year and showed a slight decline based on member numbers. Net competition revenues and expenses remained consistent with the prior year. No sponsorship income was included which resulted in a decline of \$7,500. Our general administration expenses declined significantly due to lower negotiated website costs and no contractor services.

Net Equity at the end of the financial year amounted to \$159,237. This is predominantly represented by funds held in GPV current, debit card and investment accounts at the Bendigo Bank. This demonstrates a strong financial position for its member clubs.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee.

Leigh Bull - GPV Treasurer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leigh Bull". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dated this 3rd April 2026



## GPV Inc. BALANCE SHEET

(As of 31st December 2025)

	YEAR 2025	YEAR 2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
GPV Cheque Account	19,668	23,704
GPV Debit Cards Account	1,579	1,529
GPV Interest Account	13,796	101,322
GPV Sandhurst Select 90 Fund	150,000	0
<b>TOTAL BANK</b>	<b>185,043</b>	<b>126,555</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Sundry Debtors	614	0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>185,657</b>	<b>126,555</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Prepaid Affiliation Fees	19,915	16,226
Sundry Accruals	6,505	2,740
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>26,420</b>	<b>18,966</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>26,420</b>	<b>18,966</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>159,237</b>	<b>107,589</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Current year earnings	51,648	15,053
Retained earnings	107,589	92,536
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>159,237</b>	<b>107,589</b>

# GPV Inc. PROFIT and LOSS

(For the year ended December 2025)

	YEAR 2025	YEAR 2024
<b>INCOME</b>		
Clinics	4,280	9,667
Competition Fees	20,816	12,515
District Affiliation Fees	89,573	92,328
Interest Income	734	965
Sponsorship Income	0	7,500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>115,402</b>	<b>122,975</b>
<b>LESS OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Clinics	4,340	8,950
Competition Expenses	25,223	10,499
General Administration Expenses	29,679	83,203
Meeting Expenses	4,512	5,270
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>63,754</b>	<b>107,922</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/LOSS</b>	<b>51,648</b>	<b>15,053</b>



Leigh Bull - Treasurer  
Dated this 3rd April 2026



Hugh Docker - Honorary Auditor  
Dated this 3rd April 2026

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## GPV Inc.

I have undertaken a review of the financial information disclosed on pages 7 and 8 of the GPV 2025 Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2025.

In my opinion, the financial information contained in the Annual Report represents a true and fair view of the Balance Sheet at 31st December 2025 and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 2025.

I received full co-operation in response to my request for financial and ancillary information to facilitate my review.



Hugh Docker  
Honorary Auditor

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Dated this 3rd April 2026

END OF FINANCIAL REPORT



# FINANCIAL REPORT



# JUNIOR REPORT

## JUNIOR MASTERS

### Incorporating the ERIC LUCAS SHIELD

We extend our extreme gratitude to the Flinders Golf Club for their steadfast commitment to hosting the Junior Masters event every year. Their ongoing support provides a fantastic platform for our youngest talent. This year saw an impressive turnout of 80 entries, demonstrating the vibrant future of golf in our region. The juniors once again thoroughly enjoyed their day of competition, proving the value of this dedicated event.

The annual Eric Lucas junior event, inaugurated and hosted by Flinders Golf Club, was keenly contested by a large field of boys and girls on 16 April.

In an extremely tight finish, the Eric Lucas shield (open to players who are members of Golf Peninsula Vic clubs) was won by Fuyu Yang of The National Golf Club, on a countback from Jude Farrelly of Rosebud Country Club, both scoring 68. Fuyu also won the girls' gross event.

The boys' gross event was won by Lan Vu, of Royal Melbourne, with an excellent score of 67.

The stableford event for girls and boys was won by Lucas Chen of Spring Valley, with 36 points.

GPV's congratulations to all entrants and winners, and thanks to Flinders Golf Club for their continued support of this event, and to Golf Australia for administering and promoting entries.



Eric Lucas Shield Winner  
Fuyu Yang of The National Golf Club,



Gross Event Winner  
Lan Vu of The Royal Melbourne Golf Club,



## OTHER EVENTS

### MEN'S MASTERS PENNANT

The Men's Masters event once again enjoyed a positive reception and was enthusiastically contested by a strong field of experienced players. The calibre of golf on display was high, reflecting the dedication of our senior golfers. A colossal debt of gratitude is owed to Gary Richmond for his tireless hard work, meticulous planning, and unwavering dedication in organising and administering this premier event. His efforts ensure the Men's Masters remains a highlight of the GPV calendar.

The winners of this event were MORNINGTON GREEN defeating DEVLBEND BLUE 5 games to 2.



Congratulations to the boys from Mornington Green. The result looks like a decisive victory on paper however there were a number of very close contests. A great effort also by the Devilbend team who won last year and got through to the final this year. A very sincere thanks go to Moonah Links for hosting the final and the course was in great condition.

# GPV LIFE MEMBERS

## PDGA LIFE MEMBERS

*Showing year inducted*

- 1959 - A. E. Bolt
- 1963 - Jack S. Watson
- 1967 - Alec A. Webster
- 1972 - Peter Bartlett
- 1975 - Geoff N. Blomfield
- 1975 - C. M. Fairman
- 1980 - Horrie H. Fisher
- 1981 - Brian J. Balcombe
- 1982 - R. T. Gill
- 1983 - W. (Gordon) H. Wright
- 1986 - Ron R. Pinkstone
- 1988 - Eric Lucas
- 1989 - B. A. (Tony) Clarke
- 1991 - N. Condor
- 1992 - Ken Andrew
- 1995 - John Preston
- 1996 - Gerry Blampied
- 1999 - Barry Le Gassick
- 2001 - Ron C. Henderson
- 2005 - Syd Thomson
- 2006 - Jim Alexander
- 2008 - Ray Ousley
- 2010 - Robert J. Bright
- 2013 - Peter Molloy
- 2015 - Michael Dobson

## MPDWG LIFE MEMBERS

- Vera Smith
- Joan McWilliam
- Dorothy Hardie
- Pat Humphris

## GPV LIFE MEMBERS

- 2017 - Trevor Roberts

PDGA - Peninsula District Golf Association  
 MPDWG - Mornington Peninsula District Womens Golf  
 GPV - Golf Peninsula Vic.

# DISTRICT B and C GRADE CHAMPIONS - 2025



District B GRADE WINNER  
**MARTIN COOMBER**  
Bay Views Golf Club



District B GRADE WINNER  
**LOIS WELDON**  
Rosebud Country Club



District C GRADE WINNER  
**BOB FAVALORO**  
Cerberus Golf Club



GPV Peninsula Matchplay Division Two Winners - The National Golf Club Team 2



GPV Peninsula Matchplay Division Three Winners - Berwick Montuna Golf Club

# CHAMPIONS 2025

# DISTRICT CHAMPIONS - 2025

## A Grade Championships - 2025

The prestigious A Grade Championships saw both championship rounds kindly hosted by the Sorrento Golf Club. The event drew a field of 48 male competitors, though the participation of only 7 women was notably disappointing.

This disparity is a key area of focus, and our Committee is currently working diligently to implement strategies and initiatives aimed at significantly increasing female participation for the 2026 Championships.

Despite the low female numbers, the event itself was seemingly well-received by all participants, offering a tough test of golf for the district's elite players.

A Grade winner in Men's was Jonas Lafin of Moonah Links and Women's was Mary-Ann Elson of the Dunes.

Alex Webster of Sorrento won the Men's Champion of Champions and Mary-Ann Elson won the Women's Champion of Champions. Congratulations to all.

## B & C Grade Championships - 2025

A sincere thank-you is extended to the Rosebud Country Club for generously hosting the B and C Grade Championships and for providing invaluable administrative assistance throughout the day.

The number of entries this year, with 30 in B Grade and 24 in C Grade, was disappointing and reflects a need for greater outreach.

However, the atmosphere on the day was vibrant and infectious, creating a genuinely positive experience for all participants. Many players left promising to actively enlist their friends and fellow golfers to play in the 2026 event, a commitment we hope will translate into significantly higher numbers next season.

B Grade Winners: Martin Coomber and Lois Weldon

C Grade Winners: Bob Favaloro and Helen Luxford.



A Grade Women's Champion  
and  
Women's Champion of  
Champions  
Mary Anne Elson  
The Dunes Golf Club



A Grade Men's Champion  
Jonas Lafin  
Moonah Links Golf Club



A Grade Men's  
Champion of Champions  
Alex Webster  
Sorrento Golf Club

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Victoria, Australia

Established 1949

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