



Australian Go Association Inc.

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AGA Vice-President's Report for 2018/19

The 2019 World Amateur Go Championship was held in Matsue Japan in May. Our player was Cary Jin; Cary had 4 wins out of 8, a creditable result given it was a particularly strong field this year. Ken Xie from New Zealand played particularly well with 5 wins, placing 13th.

The 2019 Korean Prime Ministers Cup was held in Yeongwol Korea in September. Tony Purcell was the Australian player, attaining 3 wins out of 6, narrowly losing a couple of very close games. Tony stayed on in Korea for an extra week to participate in the An-Dong Baduk Festival.

The 2019 World Student Pair Go Championship, for University level students, is being held in Tokyo in December. Our team selected was Amy Song and Daniel Li. Unfortunately, Daniel has had to withdraw, but luckily Aaron Chen was able to come to our rescue to partner Amy.

Next year two events are of particular interest: the WAGC will be held in Vladivostok, Russia, only the second time the WAGC has been held outside Japan, China or Korea. And to celebrate the 2020 Olympics in Japan, the Nihon Kiin is planning to hold a World Women's Amateur Go Championship, which will hopefully become a regular event. As we probably will also be invited to participate in the World Pair Go Championship (as well as the Student version) we urgently need to encourage more women players!

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AGA Secretary-General's Report for 2018/19

The Australian Go Association was founded in December 1979, so this year marks our 40th anniversary. A lot of stones have been played over the years and many things have changed but one constant throughout the decades has been the hard work, dedication, commitment and support of Neville Smythe who was the driving force for the creation of the association. Neville has served in many roles including as AGA President and is currently Oceania's representative on the board of the International Go Federation. He is active at the Canberra Club and travels to many tournaments around Australia and the world. All tournament directors use the AGA's tournament and rating software AGATHA which was written and continues to be maintained by Neville. In short, Neville's contribution to Go in Australia has been unequalled and without his constant efforts and commitment many of the achievements over the years would not have been possible. In recognition of Neville's contributions the AGA Committee have awarded Neville life membership.

2019 has been a good year. In July, the Ing Foundation staged the Sixth World Collegiate Weiqi Championships at Sydney University. The Ing foundation brings 100 students from across the world to the event to compete over 5 days, not just to vie for the title but for players to meet and create friendships. The event at Sydney University was only possible because of the efforts of Daniel Lei, Amy Song and small band of volunteers from the Sydney Uni Go Club. Two rounds of the sixteenth Chang Qi Cup semi-finals included with the Collegiate Championships, the finalist were with Ke Jie 9P, Yang Dingxin 9P, Shi Yue 9P and Zhou Ruiyang 9P – who played their games in the same hall as the 100 students.

The Sixth World Collegiate Weiqi Championships was reported on SBS Radio and extensively on WeChat and other social media which was great. The Ing Foundation also donated the sets and a demo board to the AGA to help teach and spread Go in Australia. Sets have been sent to new clubs and the demo board is making a huge difference at the Port Macquarie club. Well done Daniel, Amy and all involved, it was a fantastic effort.

In August there was an Animaga event in Melbourne, James Kaaden, Cary Jin and others taught Go throughout the day. Their stand was the most popular and the organizers have extended an invitation for the 2020 event.

Another highlight of the year was a teaching event at the Gross View Public School where over 120 primary age people learned to play Go. The AGA has donated 5 sets and a set of beginner books to help them continue playing. Since the visit a small but thriving group of students are playing on a regular basis. One of the bright spots occurred after the lessons, some of the year 5 & 6 students taught the kindergarten students how to play. Thanks, must go to the Korean Baduk Federation for supplying sets, books and other teaching aids to the AGA in support of the AGA's youth program.



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A small and dedicated group of people including Horatio Davis, Xin Li, Cary Jin, James Kaaden, Billy Sun, Clive Hunt, Erli Qiu and Yoko Usami continue to run clubs and organize tournaments but their efforts are rarely recognized or applauded. Running clubs is not easy, the cost of hiring rooms, supplying and maintaining equipment is a problem for all clubs but especially the larger clubs. For Go to grow in Australia to grow we need all members to support the efforts of organizers by going to the club regularly and playing in tournaments.

Bucking the trend, Keith Trevett started a club in Port Macquarie in June and has attracted around 20 members, mostly beginners. Keith promotes the club through the local shops and 'what's on in Port' Facebook groups and is achieving great results. The AGA has supported Keith and the club with some of the KBF boards and books.

AGA committee activities

There have been six normal committee meetings and one special committee meeting since the last AGM. A lot of effort was spent creating a new Constitution (which was passed at an EGM in March) and creating the required documentation and processes for Incorporation.

During 2019 there have been new projects as well as the continuation of existing initiatives. In summary, the AGA achievements are:

- The KBF have again kindly donate books and beginner Go sets to help the AGA spread the game. These are being used in various initiatives including the Youth program. The Korean Baduk Federation (KBF) have also released and paid for the airfares for professional players to visit Australia to teach, comment on games and play simul teaching games.
- The upgrade of the AGA website has been completed thanks to the efforts of Cary Jin. All AGA events, club details etc are now on the AGA official domain australiango.asn.au.
- The Youth sub-committee has taught Go to many young people including a visit to Gross View Public School (as mentioned above). There are also beginner lessons held at the Chinese Australia Services Society (CASS) schools with Amy Song teaching at the Epping school and David He at Kogarah. William Qian continue his excellent work with student in Hurstville.
- The continued use of Facebook and other social media opportunities is proving to be a reasonable way to engage with Go players in Australia (AGA members or not). While social media has been helpful, we really need somebody to join the committee who has experience creating and executing a marketing and promotions plan.



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2020 and beyond

While we have achieved a lot in 2018/2019 we desperately need more people playing Go, teaching Go and organizing clubs. Go will not progress and there will be a lack of local talent while people sit at their computer screens and don't get out there and play Go.

If you are setting up a club and need help, please contact secretary@australiango.asn.au - the AGA has materials that can help. We have small reserve of sets and books and depending on your location can arrange lessons either face to face or via a teleconference link. So start a club today and do your bit to help promote Go in Australia.

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AGA Treasurer's Report for 2018/19

By James Kaaden

Firstly, I would like to express my appreciation for the many years of service Neville has dedicated to the promotion of Go in Australia. His contributions to this day are unmatched, and I doubt anyone will ever surpass them in future.

The 2018/2019 financial year has not seen a surplus comparable to the previous year. This was to be expected due to the rescheduling of bulk membership payments, resulting in \$600 falling into the 2019/20 financial year accounts. Additionally, we saw a minor increase in our IGF fees due to the currency conversion, and we paid \$100 to An Younggil 8p for hosting a second remote lesson after the initial privately funded proof of concept.

With this in mind, a surplus of \$99 is a very respectable position to be in. Memberships have seen a slight increase over last year, and some merchandise sales helped to bolster our bottom line. So that we can ensure any AGA funds are spent on projects directly benefitting our members, we have also made some changes to our banking, which will save \$120 each year on bank fees.

As of June 30th 2019, across our bank and paypal accounts the AGA has \$8001.06 in operating capital. Thanks to this very healthy position, we have the luxury of investing in new and exciting projects to further Australian Go and help to honour Neville's legacy.

James Kaaden,
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Australian Go Association - Balance Sheet – Year ended 30th June 2018

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2018-2019
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Transaction bank account	\$ 7,196.62	\$ 7,365.96	\$ 7,229.23	\$ 6,052.44	
PayPal balance	\$ 820.56	\$ 454.64	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Prepaid dues (IGF Fees)		\$ 192.00	\$ 194.67	\$ 194.67	
Amounts owed to AGA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Inventory of AGA merchandise	\$ 1,312.74 442 pins @\$2.97 cost	\$ 1,395.90 470 pins @\$2.97 cost	\$ 1,398.87	\$ 1,443.42	
Total current assets	\$ 9,329.92	\$ 9,408.50	\$ 8,822.77	\$ 7,690.53	
Fixed assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Fixed assets accumulated depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 9,329.92	\$ 9,408.50	\$ 8,822.77	\$ 7,690.53	-\$ 78.58
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities					
Hosting reimbursements owed to AHD	\$ -	\$ 98.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Money owed to be paid onwards			\$ 570.71		
IGF dues reimbursements owed to Neville	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Total current liabilities	\$ -	\$ 98.40	\$ 570.71	\$ 0.00	-\$ 98.40
Long-term liabilities					
Total long-term liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ 98.40	\$ 570.71	\$ 0.00	-\$ 98.40
NET ASSETS	\$ 9,329.92	\$ 9,310.10	\$ 8,252.06	\$ 7,690.53	\$ 19.82
EQUITY					
Opening balance	\$ 9,310.10	\$ 8,252.06	\$ 6,052.44		
Change in equity	\$ 19.82	\$ 1,058.04	\$ 2,199.62		
Closing balance	\$ 9,329.92	\$ 9,310.10	\$ 8,252.06		

Profit and Loss (2 year comparison)

Expenditure				
ID	Operating Expenditure Actuals	2017/18 From treasurer report	2018/19 expenditure	Year comparison \$
<i>A' sheets are for actual expenditure</i>				
A01	IGF Fees	\$ 288	\$ 310	\$ 22
A02	Bank charges	\$ 106	\$ 113	\$ 7
A03	Internet & software	-	\$ 176	
A04	Sponsorships and Bursaries	-	\$ 100	
A05	Write-offs and adjustments	-	\$ 53	
A06	Postage and stationery	-	\$ 26	
A07	Tournament	\$ 250	-	\$ (250)
A08	Merchandise	-	-	-
A09	Other	\$ 738	\$ 45	\$ (693)
	Total Actual Expenses	\$ 1,382	\$ 823	\$ (559)

Income				
ID	Operating Income Actuals	2017/18 From treasurer report	2018/19 Income	Year comparison \$
<i>I' sheets are for actual income</i>				
I01	Bulk Membership	\$ 1,000	\$ 400	\$ (600)
I02	Tournament	\$ 385	-	\$ (385)
I03	Donations	\$ 100	\$ 2	\$ (98)
I04	Direct Membership	\$ 440	\$ 450	\$ 10
I05	Merchandise	-	\$ 50	\$ 50
I06	Other	-	\$ 20	\$ 20
	Total Actual income	\$ 1,925	\$ 922	\$ (1,003)

Income less expenditure 2017/18 \$ 543 Note - We paid the \$570 to Amy from prev. financial year
Income less expenditure 2018/19 \$ 99