

LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.

(Formerly the Lacrosse Past Players & Supporters Association)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017



It is with pleasure that your committee presents the annual report of our club for the year ended 31 December 2017, including the financial statements for that year.

At our first meeting in 2017 we established the objective of having over 1,000 members, which would make us the largest lacrosse club by numbers in the world.

We published 7 newsletters during the year, the vast majority by email but we have a few members who are on snail mail and we are happy to mail them a copy. We trust that members using email are receiving all of our communications, which include notices of the passing of members, and we are also doing this on Facebook. We try and make the newsletters topical, with interesting articles and commentary as well as historical items and photos. If you have anything of interest we would be happy to consider publishing it in a newsletter or putting it on our website.

Please visit our website, there are quite a few interesting items on it, including a history of men's lacrosse in Australia and a history of women's lacrosse in Australia. These documents are not complete or exhaustive, we are continually updating them if you can help with material or photos we would appreciate it – www.lambtonmountlacrosse.com. We have asked clubs to provide us with their history, which we would be happy to post on our website, but the take up to date has been disappointing.

We also established our own email address so that you can contact us, as well as a Facebook page for those a little more technologically advanced!!

As you may know our objectives are relatively simple: we are trying to reconnect former lacrosse people to our great game and where possible help lacrosse in Australia financially or in kind. We do not believe that we should raise funds and let them sit in a bank drawing small amounts of income; we would rather use it to further our great game now. Accordingly I am pleased to advise that your club donated \$2,000 to the 2017 Australian senior women's lacrosse team as a contribution to the high cost of their campaign to the FIL Rathbones, World Cup, Guildford, England and International World Games, Wroclaw, Poland in 2017. World Series and FIL Championships in Europe in 2017. We have also paid \$3,000 donation to the 2018 Australian men's team to assist them with their campaign.

Given our financial resources these are not modest contributions, but we believe it is imperative that we do something with our financial resources NOW to support our great game and will continue to look for opportunities to support the growth of lacrosse in Australia where we can. So if one of your friends and former team mates is not a member, or your spouse or partner, how about asking them to join our club and help lacrosse grow in Australia?

With respect to numbers we increased our membership from 105 in our first year of operation to 130 as at 31 December 2017, which while commendable is well below where we want to be. We need your help to ensure that we have members from all states, from both women and men's lacrosse. We still only have one overseas member, Bill Stahmer, former player and national coach, who currently resides in Thailand. We need a few more Bill Stahmer's! I remind you that Bill was the first person to hand over his membership fees to me in December 2015, no questions asked, just wanted to help!

We also need more committee members; we are particularly looking for more women to join our committee, and some from WA, NSW, Queensland or Tasmania. We are looking for people who can help with website or Facebook skills, database management, membership development and/or an interest in history of lacrosse in Australia, it doesn't take a lot of time, but every little bit helps. I am pleased to note that Rhys Shobbrook has agreed to assist us with his photographic and IT skills and will be a key asset as we move to develop our virtual library and photo gallery on our website. As an example, you may be aware that we tried to have the Garland-McHarg trophy, a trophy for men's lacrosse that is over 100 years old and frankly irreplaceable, put on permanent exhibition at the National Sports Museum. Unfortunately the museum could not commit to exhibition but required a transfer of ownership, thus the matter did not proceed. But if as we propose we develop a virtual museum and photo gallery, you won't have to go to the museum to see it, you can inspect the grand trophy on the website, along with all of these other wonderful trophies and photos.

I recently obtained a photo of the 1913 Perth Lacrosse Club premiership team, which has been photographed by Rhys Shobbrook and is on our website. We have also advised the WALA and they are delighted to have it return to W.A., but the beauty is that now everyone can see it, regardless of where you are, and the regardless of what happens to the original over the years, it is protected forever.

Keep an eye out for more interesting developments throughout 2018. Thanks Rhys and welcome aboard. In November 2017 we conducted the inaugural Lambton Mount Golf Day at Commonwealth Golf Club in Melbourne, with over 30 players enjoying the day, including 4 members from SA. The day was a great success and we trust that it will continue, and hopefully be shared around the states.

I am pleased to note that our income for the year increased by 39% to \$3,640, mainly due to the growth in membership and donations. Our expenditure was effectively our \$2,000 donation to the Australian women's team and ALA affiliation, compared to the prior year where we incurred expenditure developing our logo. Overall we achieved a surplus this year of \$1,523 compared to the prior year surplus of \$1,372. Our membership funds have grown to \$15,429 as at 31 December 2017 and we are looking for opportunities to invest our funds in the growth of lacrosse in Australia, and have kicked off 2018 with a large donation to the Australian men's team.

Finally, I would like to thank our committee for their tireless efforts to help this club grow from nothing to what it is today. Thanks in particular to Bill Gray as secretary and Luke Oswald for his work in maintaining and refining our website, and to Karen Meredith and Mary Pickett for their ongoing support and contribution to lacrosse in Australia. It would be great to have someone from Western Australia in particular, and the other 3 states.

Yours in Lacrosse

John Nolan
Chairman
14 January 2018

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Subscriptions	3,150	2,625
Donations	340	-
Interest received	150	-
Golf day revenue	3,140	-
Total income	7,050	2,625
Less		
EXPENDITURE		
ALA affiliation fees	137	137
Administration expenses	56	126
Logo development	-	770
Advertising & promotion	-	220
Golf day expenditure	3,334	-
Donation to 2017 Australian Women's Lacrosse Team	2,000	-
Total Expenditure	(5,527)	(1,253)
Surplus for the year	1,523	1,372
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2017		
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash on hand		
Cash at bank	3,904	3,056
Term deposit	12,075	12,000
Total assets	15,979	15,056
LIABILITIES		
Subscriptions paid in advance	550	1,150
Total liabilities	550	1,150
NET ASSETS	15,429	13,906
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Surplus carried forward	13,906	12,534
Surplus for the period	1,523	1,372
Total members funds	15,429	13,906