

# **LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.**

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

It is with pleasure that your committee presents its report for the year ended 31 December 2020, including the financial statements for the year then ended.

2020 started off like most years but by March Covid-19 was the dominant player in our society and lacrosse was not spared, and probably the first time since 1875 that lacrosse was not played in a competitive form in Victoria and reduced seasons in most other states.

While income from subscriptions for the year was marginally lower than the prior year, it was not unexpected given the financial impact the pandemic was having on society in general, but that was somewhat irrelevant given there were no national teams competing overseas and no other major projects, we had nothing of significance to spend our funds on, whereas we have tended over the last 3 years to spend \$3,000 per annum on senior Australian teams travelling overseas.

While we did not have to spend much money on the development, refinement and population of our new website, we achieved the following during 2020 with regard to the website, thanks of course to my golfing friend, Bill Matthews, who has been incredibly generous with his time and intellectual property to build our website, which has incredible flexibility and options for expansion:-

- With the invaluable assistance of John “Keka” Butkiewicz we have loaded over 500 photos covering historical photos, men’s and women’s national and state teams, field and indoor teams, and where known we have added the full names of all players and officials depicted, going back to the 1880s. We have a long way to go to identify the names of all players from many of the early teams but it is happening and hopefully we will get there. Keka in some instances has been able to enhance the quality and resolution of many of the photos, including many of national teams that clearly were taken by dedicated lacrosse people rather than skilled photographers!
- We recently introduced sections for competition and awards, covering off on national championships, men and women, along with national and state best and fairest awards. Again there is much to do to complete this project, including providing a history and photo of the trophy or award concerned.
- While we don’t have a formal section for a Hall of Fame we have identified many outstanding men and women Australian lacrosse champions, highlighting what they have achieved during their careers, and hopefully when a Lacrosse Hall of Fame is established in Australia, that what we have completed will make the process simpler for our Hall of Fame assessors, as well as the state based Halls of Fame in S.A. and W.A.

Our total members funds have grown to \$20,962 as at 31 December 2020 (2019: \$17,217) and we continue to look for opportunities to invest our funds in the growth of lacrosse in Australia.

While we are a long way from our long-term objective of 1,000 members it is encouraging to note that over the last two years our membership has been maintained at 230-240, particularly given the circumstances of 2020. Perhaps you can help by encouraging some of your former lacrosse team mates to join. We also need to recruit more committee members and ambassadors in the 30-50 years age category to facilitate our growth and as many members would appreciate we lost several of our long standing members during the year.

While we were unable to conduct a golf day this year for obvious reasons we hope that in 2021 our members return to the fairways for our 4<sup>th</sup> golf day.

Given that many members were in lockdown during the year for extended periods we thought it appropriate to increase our published newsletters from 12 in 2019 to 31 in 2020, along with many Vales’.

Our objectives remain relatively simple: we are trying to reconnect former lacrosse people to our great game, provide them with historical information via “Lambton’s Shot on Goal” and our website, and where possible help lacrosse in Australia financially or in kind. We also offer our members the option of paying their fees annually or for 4 years, which allows your committee to focus on projects rather than administration.

So, if one of your friends and/or former teammates is not a member, or your spouse or partner is not a member, how about signing them up to help lacrosse grow in Australia? They don't have to be active, but every dollar and member who joins is helping lacrosse in Australia in some way.

### **WHAT ARE WE LOOKING TO ACHIEVE IN 2021?**

We will continue to enhance and expand our new website, populate photos with full names and fill in the missing information regarding championships and awards. We will also see if we can add a distribution module to our website so that we can not only send emails to members but also launch our "Lambton's Shot on Goal" newsletters rather than using Mailchimp, which would be of great value and significance and perhaps our platform could be used by LA and state bodies rather than Sports TG, which has limitations. We will also consider adding life memberships, office bearers, etc from LA and state-based bodies from when they commenced to the present.

While we have provided a virtual photo gallery, which obviously is a work in progress, we hope to establish a virtual museum so that everyone can see what they want on a single website, regardless of where you are, and regardless of what happens to the original memorabilia over the years, it becomes protected forever, and its condition won't deteriorate.

Finally, I would like to thank our committee for their efforts to help our club grow from a very few members 5 years ago to what it is today. There is a lot that happens behind the scenes and we are always looking to improve our value proposition and grow our membership.

Hopefully in 2021 we will recruit a few more women onto our committee, more from the West, as well as members from the other 3 lacrosse states, and continue to build our club into something bigger and better. To all members thank you for your support and interest, it is appreciated, and means a lot to us and to lacrosse in Australia.

Yours in Lacrosse

John Nolan  
Chairman  
13 January 2021

**LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.  
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

<b>2019</b>		<b>2020</b>
\$		\$
	<b>INCOME</b>	
4,096	Subscriptions	4,036
138	Donations	-
447	interest received	281
1,565	Golf day income	-
<b>6,246</b>	<b>Total income</b>	<b>4,317</b>
	less	
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
146	ALA affiliation fees	150
1,498	Golf day expenditure	
58	Administration expenses	114
105	Domain name renewal	
349	Recognition of 1959 team	
2,975	Donation to Aust team	
-	Website development	308
<b>5,131</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>572</b>
<b>1,115</b>	<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>3,745</b>

**LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

<b>2019</b>		<b>2020</b>
\$		\$
	<b>ASSETS</b>	
10,979	Cash at bank	6,062
12,132	Term deposit	20,000
<b>23,112</b>	<b>Total assets</b>	<b>26,062</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
5,895	Subscriptions paid in advance	5,100
<b>5,895</b>	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>17,217</b>	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>20,962</b>
	<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	
16,102	Members funds brought forward	17,217
1,115	Surplus for the year	3,745
<b>17,217</b>	<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<b>20,962</b>