

LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.

Founded 2015

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2018



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It is with pleasure that your committee presents its report for the year ended 31 December 2018, including the financial statements for the year then ended.

I am pleased to note that our income from subscriptions and donations for the year increased by 17% to \$4,082, mainly due to the growth in membership. The only significant expenditure was our \$3,000 donation to the Australian men's team and business cards, compared to the prior year where we made a donation to the Australian women's team along with the cost of developing our logo. Overall we achieved a surplus this year of \$672 (2017: \$1,523).

Our total members funds have grown to \$16,102 as at 31 December 2018 and we continue to look for opportunities to invest our funds in the growth of lacrosse in Australia.

From the outset just over 3 years ago we established an objective of having over 1,000 members, which would make us the largest lacrosse club by numbers in the world. While we are a long way from that objective it is encouraging to note that in just on 3 years we have increased our membership to 205, up from last year's membership number of 130.

In December 2018 we conducted the 2nd Lambton Mount Golf Day at Spring Valley Golf Club in Melbourne, with 28 players enjoying the day, including 4 members from SA. The day was a great success, and the lunch was attended by a further 16 non-golfers who all had a great time and we trust it will continue to build into a major event each year, and hopefully be shared around the states.

We published 8 newsletters during the year, which were sent to members by email as well as by "snail mail" for those not on the computer.

We also established our own email address several years ago so that you can contact us, as well as a Facebook page for those a little more technologically advanced. We also enhanced and expanded our website which continues to evolve. There is a lot of activity happening behind the scenes in relation to history and we hope to continue to expand our valuable history and one day, not too far away, have a book published on the history of men's and women's lacrosse. We also added a history on the laws of men's lacrosse in Australia, along with all of the rules books from the start and we are working on a similar paper for women's lacrosse.

We also developed a page on our website showing the history of lacrosse clubs, past and present, which includes time lines of when clubs started and ceased to be, by state, men's and women's. We are also looking to publish or link the history of the various clubs around the country, past and present.

Our objectives remain 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 are offering our members the option of paying their fees for the next 4 years which allows your committee to

focus on projects rather than administration. We have accumulated a reasonable amount of cash and this year we hope to spend some of that money to further our game and our objectives.

For the second year in a row we donated funds to a senior Australian team, this time \$3,000 to the 2018 Australian men's team to assist them with their campaign in Israel and we are proud of what they achieved during the World Series and we know that the team was grateful for our contribution. This commitment was encouraged and supported by ALA.

While these are not modest contributions, 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. Where appropriate we will also support the Lacrosse Australia Foundation by encouraging members to donate to specific projects endorsed by ALA.

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.

We need your help to ensure that we have members from all states, from both women and men's lacrosse. We still only have a few overseas members and are looking for opportunities to expand our overseas based membership, particularly those who played lacrosse in Australia at one time, and we are hopeful that during 2019 we will significantly expand our overseas membership. Like Bill Stahmer, our first overseas-based member, there are many members who hand over their membership fees for one or four years, no questions asked, just wanting to help and see lacrosse flourish in Australia.

We also looking to diversify our committee membership, in particular we are looking for more women, as well as former lacrosse people residing in NSW, Queensland or Tasmania. I am pleased to note that Doug George from W.A. joined our committee during 2018 and since Doug joined he has been active in the West encouraging members to join. We would like to see members of Kuljak, an active former lacrosse players club in W.A., join our club. We see no conflict or reason why Kuljak members shouldn't also join our club as we all have the same basic objectives at heart.

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, and people with networking skills to grow our membership, it doesn't have to be a major time commitment, but every little bit helps.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING TO DO IN 2019?

We propose to expand and enhance our photo gallery and library, and develop a virtual museum so that if you want to see the magnificent Garland McHarg Trophy for example, you won't have to go to the museum to see it, you can view this grand trophy on our website, along with all of these other wonderful trophies and photos.

The beauty of a virtual museum and photo gallery is that everyone can see what they want on a single website, regardless of where you are, and regardless of what happens to the original over the years, it is protected forever, its condition doesn't deteriorate. What most sporting history enthusiasts may not appreciate is that approximately 95% of memorabilia items held for example at the National Sports Museum are not on show but are housed in crates under the MCG.

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, and Doug George for his active contributions, in particular growing our base in the West. I should also point out that Karen Meredith is not only the High Performance Manager for the ALA but also was the Finance Manager for the 2018 Men's team that played in Israel.

Hopefully in 2019 we will recruit a few more women onto our committee, as well as members from the other 3 lacrosse states, and continue to build this club into something bigger and better.

Yours in Lacrosse

John Nolan
Chairman
17 January 2019

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

	2017	2018
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Subscriptions	3,150.00	3,682.00
Donations	340.00	400.00
Interest received	150.00	138.25
Golf day revenue	3,140.00	1,840.00
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Total income	7,050.00	6,060.25
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EXPENDITURE		
ALA affiliation fees	137.00	143.50
Administration expenses	56.00	133.99
Bank charges	0.00	0.33
Business cards	0.00	275.00
Golf day expenditure	3,334.00	1,835.00
Donation to Australian Lacrosse Team	2,000.00	3,000.00
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Total Expenditure	(5,527.00)	(5,587.82)
Surplus for the year	1,523.00	672.43
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018		
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash on hand		
Cash at bank	3,904.00	7,584.00
Term deposit	12,075.00	12,075.00
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Total assets	15,979.00	19,659.00
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LIABILITIES		
Subscriptions paid in advance	550.00	3,480.00
Sundry creditors	0.00	77.09
Total liabilities	550.00	3,557.09
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NET ASSETS	15,429.00	16,101.91
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MEMBERS FUNDS		
Surplus carried forward	13,906.00	15,429.48
Surplus for the period	1,523.00	672.43
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Total members funds	15,429.00	16,101.91
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