

LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2021

It is with pleasure that your committee presents its report for the year ended 31 December 2021, including the financial statements for the year then ended.

2021 started off with a world gripped by the fear of Covid-19 and while much progress was made in managing this virus, we had to learn to live with it rather than eradicate it, with the media doing its best to turn any optimism into negative sentiment. But despite limited lacrosse in Victoria and N.S.W. we got through it and hopefully we will enjoy a much better year in 2022, albeit we will have to live with this virus as we have learnt to live with many maladies and hardships.

The good news was that while much of Australia and indeed the world was struggling medically and financially because of the virus, Lambton Mount recorded its best year in terms of membership numbers and membership subscriptions.

Income from subscriptions for the year was 25% higher than the prior year, despite the financial impact of the pandemic on many, with strong growth in several states, taking our financial membership to record levels. On the other hand, given there were no national teams competing overseas, where we have tended over the last 3 years to spend \$3,000 per annum, we did however find opportunities to support lacrosse in Australia with the purchase and financial support for two lacrosse history books (\$2,036), membership development in S.A. (\$500) and website development (\$902).

Thanks to my golf buddy Bill Matthews, who has designed, refined, enhanced and maintained our wonderful website, we have been able to rapidly expand our gallery (which now has over 950 photos) and make it easier to find and select photos. We have also opened a museum section, which John "Keka" Butkiewicz has methodically and arduously populated, as he has done with the gallery.

We have added life memberships from LA and state-based bodies, along with their predecessor bodies, from when they commenced to the present.

We have also added national and state awards and competitions, men and women, including life memberships achieved at the national and state levels. In the competition and awards section, we are covering off on national championships, men and women, along with national and state best and fairest awards, and while we have effectively populated these aspects going back to whenever the code or state started playing, we still have a few gaps and we have uncovered a few errors and omissions, which we have corrected or resolved, and in the future, we hope we can fill in the final missing pieces of the puzzle.

While we don't have a formal section for a Hall of Fame, we have identified more outstanding men and women Australian lacrosse champions, highlighting what they have achieved during their careers, and hopefully when the Australian Lacrosse Hall of Fame is established, what we have completed will make the process simpler for our Hall of Fame selection committee, as well as the state-based sports Halls of Fame in S.A. and W.A.

A big thank you to Keka, he has done a marvellous job in not only populating the gallery and museum, but also in many cases improving the resolution and coming up with technical solutions to enhance the experience. 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 we continue to unlock more and more of the mysteries and details of the past.

We continue to invest time and money on the development, refinement and population of our website, and Bill Matthews has been incredibly generous with his time and intellectual property to continually upgrade and enhance our website, which has incredible flexibility and options for expansion.

Our total members funds have grown to \$22,507 as at 31 December 2021 (2020: \$20,962) 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 year our membership has grown significantly and we can argue that we are possibly the largest club in the world based on financial members.

I would particularly like to express our gratitude to LSA and in particular Tim Dickson and Warren Hobbs, for their cooperation and efforts to organize the inaugural Lambton Mount lunch prior to the SA grand finals, which was a huge success and helped raise awareness of our club and more importantly many attendees at

the lunch joined the club on the day. We hope to continue this initiative this year in the three main states and who knows, we might be able to do something in Brisbane or Sydney.

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 once again we were unable to conduct a golf day during the year for obvious reasons, we are hopeful that in 2022 we can organize our 4th golf day, perhaps one in Melbourne and one in Adelaide, but that of course is COVID dependent.

Given that many members were in lockdown during the year for extended periods we maintained the frequency of our editions of "Lambton's Shot on Goal", sending out 2 each month, along with many Vales'.

Our objectives remain 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 2022?

While the areas to enhance and expand our new website are now limited, we will continue to look for opportunities to expand our offering as well as 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 editions of "Lambton's Shot on Goal" 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.

On top of continuing our annual golf day we hope to conduct a few lunches at club matches in the 3 main states during the year, working with clubs to generate improved attendance from members from clubs with strong rivalry, and encouraging Lambton Mount members to attend and renew acquaintances.

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 2022 we will recruit a few more women onto our committee, more from the West, as well as members from the other 4 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
11 January 2022

**LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

2020		2021
\$		\$
	INCOME	
4,036	Subscriptions	5,046
281	interest received	122
4,371	Total income	5,168
	less	
	EXPENDITURE	
150	ALA affiliation fees	153
114	Administration expenses	33
0	Lacrosse History books	2036
0	Membership development	500
308	Website development	902
572	Total expenditure	3,624
3,745	Surplus for the year	1,545

**LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

2020		2021
\$		\$
	ASSETS	
6,062	Cash at bank	8,767
20,000	Term deposit	20,000
26,062	Total assets	28,767
	LIABILITIES	
5,100	Subscriptions paid in advance	6,260
5,100	Total liabilities	6,260
20,962	NET ASSETS	22,507
	MEMBERS FUNDS	
17,217	Members funds brought forward	20,962
3,745	Surplus for the year	1,545
20,962	TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	22,507