

LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2019

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It is with pleasure that your committee presents its report for the year ended 31 December 2019, including the financial statements for the year then ended.

I am pleased to note that our income from subscriptions for the year increased by 11% to \$4,096, mainly due to the growth in membership. The only significant expenditure was our \$2,975 donation to the Australian men's indoor team compared to the prior year where we made a similar donation to the Australian men's field team. Our administration expenses remain at extremely low levels, however this year we did incur expenses of \$349 in SA and Victoria to recognize members of the 1959 Australian men's team. Overall we achieved a surplus for the year of \$1115 (2018: \$673).

Our total members funds have grown to \$17,217 as at 31 December 2019 (2018: \$16,102) and we continue to look for opportunities to invest our funds in the growth of lacrosse in Australia.

From the outset just over 4 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 over 3 years we have increased our membership to 230, up from last year's membership number of 205. We have a long way to go to achieve our objective, it is difficult recruiting former lacrosse people, but we continue to grow and head towards our objective.

In November 2019 we conducted the 3rd Lambton Mount golf day, once again at Spring Valley Golf Club in Melbourne, with players enjoying the day, including 4 members from SA. The day was a great success, and the lunch was also attended by non-golfing members where we recognized the remaining Victorian based members of the 1959 Australian team, who all had a great time and we trust the day will continue to build into a major event each year, and hopefully be shared around the states. Our SA colleagues also recognized the remaining SA members of the 1959 Australian men's team at the grand final.

We published 12 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 sadly sent out more vale notices than we would have liked for former lacrosse players.

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 offer 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 third year in a row we donated funds to a senior Australian team, this time \$2,975 to the 2019 Australian men's indoor team to assist them with their campaign in Canada and we are proud of what they achieved during the tournament 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 are 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 and 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 join our club as well, 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 ACHIEVE IN 2020?

We will shortly launch our new website, which was kindly built and designed by a friend of mine, Bill Matthews, a man who has no involvement whatsoever in lacrosse, who was prepared to do a monumental amount of work on a pro bono basis. This is a person who has received nothing from lacrosse yet he is prepared to build our website at no charge. This is a very altruistic act and is greatly appreciated. I think you will be excited when you see the new website as it has much more capability than our existing website, including provision of a database and the capability to email members.

We also will significantly enhance our gallery during the year and the new website will facilitate a better presentation of photos and we propose where the need exists to improve the resolution of photos so that they are easily viewed on the website and all player names are shown. Once we have all of the Australian men's and women's team photos in the gallery we will then move to state teams and other memorabilia.

This we hope will provide a virtual museum and photo gallery 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 over the years, it is protected forever, and its condition won't deteriorate.

Finally, I would like to thank our committee for their efforts to help this club grow from very few members 4 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 2020 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, that means a lot to us.

Yours in Lacrosse

John Nolan
Chairman
19 January 2020

**LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

2018		2019
\$		\$
	INCOME	
3682	Subscriptions	4,096
400	Donations	138
138	interest received	447
1840	Golf day income	1,565
6060	Total income	6246
	less	
	EXPENDITURE	
144	ALA affiliation fees	146
1835	Golf day expenditure	1498
134	Administration expenses	58
	Domain name renewal	105
	Recognition of 1959 team	349
275	Business cards	-
3000	Donation to Aust team	2975
5,387	Total expenditure	5131
673	Surplus for the year	1115

**LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

2018		2019
\$		\$
	ASSETS	
7584	Cash at bank	10979
12075	Term deposit	12132
19659	Total assets	23112
	LIABILITIES	
3480	Subscriptions paid in advance	5895
77	Sundry creditors	
3557	Total liabilities	5895
16102	NET ASSETS	17217
	MEMBERS FUNDS	
15429	Members funds brought forward	16102
673	Surplus for the year	1115
16102	TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	17217