

LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

It is with pleasure that your committee presents its annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024, including the financial statements for the year then ended.

Key financial highlights

- Our subscriptions increased by 5% to \$5,700, but sadly time was called on 12 members during the year.

- We achieved a surplus of \$6,432 for the year, increasing our total members' funds to \$34,175, due to the lack of growth projects to invest in.

- Our cash at bank and on term deposit increased to \$43,279

The reason for the large surplus and increased cash on hand is that we have not secured or had any requests for any junior development projects during the year.

Accordingly we have resolved that we will not be seeking subscriptions from members in 2025 and any member who has paid beyond 2024 will have a year added to their membership.

We trust this is a short term initiative and that by the end of 2025 we have directed a significant amount of our members' funds to junior development projects, from which we hope to see a growth in junior memberships at club level.

Website development

Thanks once again to my golf buddy Bill Matthews, who has designed and maintained our ever expanding website since its inception. We have been able to add greater functionality, including a new search function and faster access speed in the photo gallery (Which now has over 2000 photos, up from 1600 last year).

We have identified more outstanding Australian lacrosse champions and builders of our great game throughout the year, highlighting what they have achieved during their careers, and hopefully this will make the process simpler for the Australian Lacrosse Hall of Fame selection committee, as well as any national and state based sports Halls of Fame.

A big thanks to Keka who once again has done a marvelous job in continually populating the website with more and more photos. He also instigated the video section which he is methodically populating and expanding, and developing vital relationships with media outlets, libraries and historical societies.

GROWTH

Our club, similar to lacrosse in Australia, is not growing, and this has to change!

What is important is to appreciate that our demographic is ageing, many of our original long term members are no longer with us and many of my generation will not be with us in 10-15 years, so it is vital that we recruit new members, particularly those in their 30's and 40's, who have just finished playing lacrosse and may have walked away from the game – we need to reconnect with them.

We may well be the largest club in the world based on financial members, but given our goals we have a long way to go. You can help us grow our membership and reach, and I

urge you to seriously think about what power and capacity you have to keep us growing in terms of not only new members but delivering that next generation of leaders to assist with the running of the club and provide succession into the future.

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 grow in Australia, financially or in kind.

Finally, I would like to thank our committee for their efforts to help our club grow from a very few members 9 years ago to what it is today, just shy of 300 financial members. There is a lot that happens behind the scenes to make our club bigger and better and we are always looking to improve our value proposition and grow our membership.

To our members, thank you for your support and interest, it is appreciated and it means a lot to us and importantly, to lacrosse in Australia. We need your help in 2025 to not only help grow our club, but also to become involved where possible to help the game grow throughout Australia.

Yours in lacrosse

John Nolan
Chairman
10 January 2025