

# **LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.**

(Formerly the Lacrosse Past Players & Supporters Association)

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016**



It is with pleasure that your committee presents the inaugural report of our club for the period September 2015 to 31 December 2016, including the financial statements for that period.

While the club was incorporated in September 2015 as the Victorian Past Players & Supporters Association, the committee was of the view that in order to attract a national membership of former female and male lacrosseurs the name of the club had to assume a national reference.

The name Lambton Mount, while not a modern or catchy name, was in fact the name of the founder of our great game in Australia in 1876, and he was a statesman of his time not only in athletics and lacrosse but also as a businessman and entrepreneur. Thus we asked our members to adopt this relatively obscure name for our club on the basis that with some marketing and publicity we could explain why that name was some important and relevant.

In February 2016 we called a meeting to change the name of the club, having already secured a broad cross-section of skilled people from men and women's lacrosse, and tried to ensure that the committee was represented by as many lacrosse playing states as possible. The meeting unanimously resolved to change the name to the Lambton Mount Lacrosse Club Inc. and shortly thereafter we affiliated with the Australian Lacrosse Association Ltd.

At our committee meeting thereafter we established the objective of having over 1,000 members, which would make us the largest lacrosse club by numbers in the world.

We established our logo during the year, which took time to finalize, but most things worthwhile take time and we believe the logo hits the mark.

We also commenced publishing a newsletter, and distributed predominantly by email but also mailed it to our members who are not on email. Unfortunately, and unbeknown to us, a lot of members were not receiving the newsletters nor were we being advised that they were not being received. We believe we are on top of that issue and with our website now built and accessible, we trust that members can access newsletters via the website or via MailChimp/Sports TG, which is the current method of distribution. Hopefully you would have received 6 newsletters during the year, if you haven't let us know and we will make sure you do. We try and make the newsletters topical, with interesting articles and commentary as well as historical items and photos.

Please visit our website, there are quite a few interesting items on it, including a history of men's lacrosse in Australia and a history of women's lacrosse in Australia. These documents are not complete or exhaustive, if you can help with material or photos we would appreciate it.

We are also in the process of establishing an email address so that you can contact us as well as a Facebook page for those a little more technologically advanced!!

As you may know our objectives are 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 do not believe that we should raise funds and let them sit in a bank drawing small amounts of interest; we would rather use it to further our great game now. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise that your committee has recently donated \$2,000 to the 2017 Australian senior women's lacrosse team as a contribution to the high cost of their campaign to the World Series and FIL Championships in Europe later this year. This is a modest start, and we will continue to support our game going forward, but we need your financial support and moral support to grow and help

this great game. So if one of your friends and former team mates is not a member, or our spouse or friend, how about asking them to join our club and help lacrosse grow in Australia?

With respect to numbers we achieved a membership of over 100 in our first year of operation, which while commendable is well below where we need to get to. We need your help to ensure that we have members from all states, from both women and men's lacrosse. We only have one overseas member, Bill Stahmer, former player and national coach, who currently resides in Thailand. We need a few more Bill Stahmers' as well! Bill was the first person to hand over his membership fees to me in December 2015, no questions asked, just wanted to help!

We also need more members on our committee; we are particularly looking for more women, in particular from SA, WA, NSW, Queensland or Tasmania. 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, it doesn't take a lot of time, but every little bit helps.

Thanks to our predecessor organization, the Victorian Past Players & Supporters Association, and our current members, we now have funds in excess of \$14,000. While our objective is to dramatically grow our membership numbers and income, we do intend building a war chest, we want to use the funds we raise and have to help the game NOW. The financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2016 will be distributed to members with this report, but rest assured we are not spending money on payroll, travel, etc. To date we have only spent money on developing the logo, affiliation with the ALA and sundry administration expenses, so everything that we receive is effectively going into the game of lacrosse.

In closing we are only at the beginning, but we need to stay keen and hungry to grow our club in order to advance lacrosse in Australia. Look around the world and there are many nations that started playing lacrosse in the last 20 years or so that are doing better than Australia, and that is unacceptable, so think about what you as an individual can do to help, and who you can enlist to join or help?

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 and Karen Meredith, who have been there from the outset, along with Doug Imlach, who was there from the start and was key link between the Past Players Association and what we are today. I am also pleased to advise that Mary Pickett from South Australia has joined our committee, and shortly we should be announcing another South Australian. It would be great to have someone from Western Australia in particular, and the other 3 states.

Yours in Lacrosse

John Nolan  
Chairman

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## INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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### INCOME

Subscriptions		2,625.00
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,625.00</b>

Less

### EXPENDITURE

ALA affiliation fees	137.50	
Advertising & promotion	220.00	
Administration expenses	125.67	
Logo development	<u>770.00</u>	

**Total Expenditure** **(1,253.17)**

**Surplus for the period** **1,371.83**

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016

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### ASSETS

Cash at bank		3,056.27
Term deposit		<u>12,000.00</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b><u>15,056.27</u></b>

### LIABILITIES

Subscriptions paid in advance		1,150.00
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b><u>1,150.00</u></b>

### NET ASSETS

#### MEMBERS FUNDS

Transfer from Past Players & Supporters Association		12,534.44
Surplus for the period		<u>1,371.83</u>
<b>Total members funds</b>		<b><u>13,906.27</u></b>