

LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

It is with pleasure that your committee presents its report for the year ended 31 December 2022, including the financial statements for the year then ended.

2022 was a welcome return to some sort of normality after 2 years of Covid-19 and limited lacrosse and while much progress has been made in managing this virus we have had to learn to live with it rather than eradicate it.

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

Income from subscriptions for the year was 6% higher than the prior year, taking our financial membership to record levels. We didn't have many opportunities to invest in lacrosse during the year, as we have done in the past, but we hope to make up for that in 2023 with hopefully a few bold initiatives along with the usual financial support for an Australian senior team participating in a world championship.

Our total members funds have grown to \$26,617 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: \$22,507) and we continue to look for opportunities to invest in the growth of lacrosse in Australia.

Thanks to my golf buddy Bill Matthews, who has designed, refined, enhanced and maintained our ever expanding website, we have been able to add a video page and further expand our gallery (Which now has over 1600 photos, up from 950 last year) and the museum section.

We have added "Hot buttons" on our home page for videos, gallery, museum and history and within history we have hot buttons for club histories, men's history, women's history, laws/rules of lacrosse and other history. This hopefully makes it easier for members to navigate our website.

While we don't have a formal section for a Hall of Fame we have identified more outstanding Australian lacrosse champions and builders of our great game, 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 the Hall of Fame selection committee, as well as the national and state based sports Halls of Fame.

A big thank you to Keka, who again has done a marvellous job in not only populating the website with photos, but also, in many cases, improving the resolution and coming up with technical solutions to enhance the experience. He also instigated the video section which he is methodically populating and expanding, with links to related photo sections, etc.

With the introduction of club histories we are just getting started, it will take years or decades to get through the 273 clubs listed, many of which no longer exist, but what a fabulous challenge it is to bring these once great clubs back to life for all to see as well as adding the histories of the clubs that are still in existence, and who knows, hopefully we can add some new clubs to our small community somewhere in Australia.

We continue to invest time and money on the development, refinement and population of our website and where necessary the purchase of historical photos, 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.

While we are growing at a very solid rate we are a long way from our long term objective of 1,000 members, and need your help to encourage your former team mates, children, grandchildren, cousins, parents, uncles and aunties to join. What is pleasing is the number of people who have joined who were not aware of our club and what we do, and the amount of encouragement we get from satisfied members, and how many have encouraged their former or current team mates to join.

What is important is to realize that our age demographic is sadly increasing, many of our former 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 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 ability you have to keep us growing in terms of not only members but delivering that next generation of leaders to assist with the running of the club and provide succession for the future.

I would particularly like to express our thanks to Warren Hobbs and Tim Dickson in S.A. and Peter Cann and Doug George in W.A., for their efforts in bringing about the reunion and recognition lunches we held this year across the 3 main lacrosse states. These lunches, held on 9 September 2022, were not only successful in reuniting former team mates across 3 states, with zoom hookups, but also created a lot of goodwill among those former national representatives, and also resulted in new members, many of whom were not aware of Lambton Mount until they heard about the function. Maybe we could do something similar in Brisbane or Sydney and hopefully again in 2023? Hopefully a golf day this year.

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.

Finally, I would like to thank our committee for their efforts to help our club grow from a very few members 6 years ago to what it is today over 275 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 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
16 January 2023

**LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

2021		2022
\$		\$
	INCOME	
5,046	Subscriptions	5,367
122	Interest received	35
5,168	Total income	5,402
	Less	
	EXPENDITURE	
153	LA affiliation fees	159
33	Administration expenses	62
500	Membership development	839
901	Website and history development	232
2,036	Lacrosse history books	-
3,623	Total expenditure	1,292
1,545	Surplus for the year	4,110

**LAMBTON MOUNT LACROSSE CLUB INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

2021		2022
\$		\$
	ASSETS	
8,767	Cash at bank	14,120
20,000	Term deposit	20,000
28,767	Total assets	34,120
	LIABILITIES	
6,260	Subscriptions paid in advance	7,503
6,260	Total liabilities	7,503
22,507	NET ASSETS	26,617
	MEMBERS FUNDS	
20,962	Members funds brought forward	22,507
1,545	Surplus for the year	4,110
22,507	TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	26,617