



ANNUAL REPORT 2020



**Bendigo Umpires Association
Annual General Meeting
2nd December, 2020**



We acknowledge and thank the following sponsors in 2020



Congratulations to all umpires who represented the Bendigo Umpires Association in Season 2020

Allen, Patrick
Anderson, Jack
Annand, Geoffrey
Ashman, Henry
Aylward, Alan
Baxter, Scott
Bolgli, Simon
Brown, James
Burge, Mal
Caldwell, Dale
Carr, Lachlan
Carter, Gavin
Christensen, Steve
Clemens, Aidan
Court, Michael
Currie, Blake
Davey, Mitch
Davie, Cameron
Davie, Thomas
Day, Andrew

Donnelly, Tim
Ellis, Jeremy
Evans, Caitlin
Evans, Joshua
Falconer, Nicholas
Field, Tony
Floyd, Matthew
Floyd, Tom
Ford, Wayne
Goodridge, Dean
Gretgrix, Warren
Harrip, Geoff
Hartland, Shane
Hawken, Josh
Hay, Simon
Hicks, Richard
Hutchinson, Kade
Hutchinson, Paul
Jilbert, Raymond
Kingma, Timothy

Kirkwood, Peter
Maher, Jason
Mannes, Riley
Mason, Michael
McKenzie, Connor
Mckenzie, Stuart
Miller, Kenneth
Milne, David
Moran, Jim
Morrow, Ryan
Nicholson, Thomas
Nolan, Cameron
Nolan, Damian
Norton, John
Osborne, Marcus
O'Sullivan, Brett
Peeler, Benjamin
Poke, Hayden
Prange, Dion
Rees, Mitchell

Ridge, Noel
Ryan, Jack
Scanlon, Gerard
Shay, Michael
Shay, Paula
Snell, Andrew
Snell, Mark
Thouliss, Ron
Toman, Jakob
Varker, Cail
Vitiritti, Matthew
Walker, Kenneth

Congratulations to Ashleigh Hunter who placed 3rd with this photo in the "Love The Pic, Love The Game" photo competition.





Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary/General Manager and Coach

YEAR	President/ Chairman	Treasurer/ Finance Director	Director of Coaching	Secretary/ General Manager
1993	J. CADZOW.	M. HOCKLEY	Rod THRELFELL	R. WILSON
1994	M. CHAKLKEY	M. HOCKLEY	Rod THRELFELL	R. WILSON
1995	M. CHAKLKEY	M. HOCKLEY	Rod THRELFELL	R. WILSON
1996	G. MARSHALL	M. HOCKLEY	C. FINDLAY	R. WILSON
1997	G. MARSHALL.	M. HOCKLEY	C. FINDLAY	J. MILNE / T. McNAMARA
1998	G. MARSHALL	M. HOCKLEY	C. FINDLAY	T. McNAMARA
1999	Ron THRELFELL	M. HOCKLEY	C. FINDLAY	T. McNAMARA
2000	Ron THRELFELL	M. HOCKLEY	C. FINDLAY	T. McNAMARA
2001	Ron THRELFELL	M. HOCKLEY	G. MILLAR	T. McNAMARA
2002	Ron THRELFELL	M. HOCKLEY	G. MILLAR	B. WALSH
2003	Ron THRELFELL	M. HOCKLEY	G. MILLAR	B. WALSH
2004	K. MONK	J. SEIPOLT	C. GREEN	B. WALSH
2005	K. MONK	J. SEIPOLT	C. GREEN	Ron THRELFALL
2006	G. MILLAR	J. SEIPOLT	C. GREEN/G. MILLAR	Ron THRELFALL
2007	G. MILLAR	J. SEIPOLT	G. MILLAR	Ron THRELFALL
2008	G. MILLAR	J. SEIPOLT	G. MILLAR	L. WILD
2009	G. MILLAR	J. SEIPOLT	G. MILLAR	L. WILD
2010	J. SEIPOLT	J. SEIPOLT	P. HILSON	R. McGIBBON
2011	G. CARTER	J. NORTON	P. HILSON	R. McGIBBON
2012	J. NORTON	J. NORTON	D. GOODRIDGE	P. CLEARY
2013	J. NORTON	J. NORTON	D. GOODRIDGE	P. CLEARY
2014	J. NORTON	J. SEIPOLT	D. GOODRIDGE	P. CLEARY
2015	J. NORTON	J. SEIPOLT	D. GOODRIDGE	P. CLEARY / S. McCOLL
2016	C. FINDLAY	J. SEIPOLT	D. GOODRIDGE	S. McCOLL
2017	C. FINDLAY	M. HOCKLEY	D. GOODRIDGE	S. McCOLL
2018	C. FINDLAY	M. HOCKLEY	D. GOODRIDGE	S. McCOLL
2019	C. FINDLAY	M. HOCKLEY	D. GOODRIDGE	S. McCOLL
2020	C. FINDLAY	M. HOCKLEY	D. GOODRIDGE	S. McCOLL



Bendigo Umpires Association Annual General Meeting December 4th 2019

6:30pm

Weeroona Pavilion Bendigo

Type of meeting:

Annual General Meeting

Board Members Present:

Craig Findlay (Chairman), Sharon McColl (General Manager), Dean Goodridge (Director), Bayne Floyd and Mark Snell

Members in Attendance:

Cail Varker, Ron Thoulis, Gary Russell, Kevin Monk, Dale Caldwell, Carol Cathcart, Peter Kirkwood, Stephen McEwen, Andrew Snell, Chris Harrington, Dion Austin, Matthew Vitiritti, Ken Miller, Ken Walker, Rohan Tresize, Ian Self, Marcus Osborne

Apologies:

Proxy: , Ross Dodd, Rex Nancarrow, Scott Bourne

Andrew Barker, Gerard Scanlon, Andrew Day, Ron Threlfall, Geoff Millar, Michelle Anderson, Jack Anderson, Shaylee Anderson, Stuart McKenzie, Connor McKenzie, Mal Burge, Michael Hockley, Peter Hilson, Michael Shay, Paul Martin

AGENDA ITEMS

1.0

Meeting opened 6.33pm.

Adoption of Previous AGM minutes 5/12/2018

Moved: Kevin Monk

Seconded: Stephen McEwen

Motion passed.

2.0

Annual Reports

2.1

Chairman's Report

Moved: Craig Findlay

Seconded: Gary Russell

Motion passed.

2.2

Treasurer's Report

Moved: Ken Walker

Seconded: Kevin Monk

Motion passed.

2.3

General Manager's Report

Moved: Craig Findlay

Seconded: Bayne Floyd

Motion passed.

2.4

Board Portfolio Reports

Paula Shay, Dean Goodridge and Mark Snell

Moved: Stephen McEwen

Seconded: Gary Russell

Motion passed

3.0

Appointment of Auditor

A motion that Richmond Sinnott Delahunty be appointed as the Company's auditor.

Moved: Craig Findlay

Seconded: Kevin Monk

Motion passed.

4.0

Board Vacancies

Craig Findlay – stand for re-election

Paula Shay – stand for re-election

Bayne Floyd – stand for re-election

Members to tick boxes of their preferred nominations.

As the number of nominees does not exceed the number of vacancies, Craig Findlay, Paula Shay and Bayne Floyd are hereby appointed to the Board.

4.1

Members to vote for Chairman & Treasurer roles
(If more than one nominee from elected board)

Chairman – Craig Findlay (nominated by Paula Shay)

Vice Chair – Paula Shay (nominated by Mark Snell)

Treasurer – Michael Hockley (nominated by Craig Findlay)

Moved: Paula Shay

Seconded: Cail Varker

Motion passed.

5.0

General Business

- Travel payments – discussion around dividing payments so that drivers and passengers all receive a payment when travelling to matches over 100km's.
- Congratulations to Dean Goodridge on being awarded the AFL Community Umpire Coach of the Year.
- Congratulations to Geoff Millar Life Member who was inducted into the BFNL Hall of Fame.
- Thank you to Kevin Monk for his efforts at the 2019 Christmas Party.
- REFUA members around issues of travel and the 44 cent per kilometer rate.
- AFL India – 7 members from BUA attending in 2020. Encourage media attention.

6.0

AGM closed 7.08 pm



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Craig Findlay

The year was certainly different to previous years, none of us saw that coming. Although there wasn't the usual hustle and bustle at the umpire's rooms, the board were still kept busy trying to keep abreast of the constant changes of the COVID-19 rules, regulations and restrictions.

As we were just ready to start our seasons, the Government called a shut down to normal umpiring operations along with everything else, but thanks to the dedicated members who formed training groups, some training was able to continue until we were no longer legally able to. The significance of keeping people close to home stayed within the COVID-19 guidelines meant that training in small groups in different locations around Bendigo was essential. Thank you to those who ran these groups Paula Shay, Dean Goodridge, Damian Nolan, Andrew Snell, Paul Hutchinson, Dale Caldwell, Matt Vitiritti and Bayne Floyd (who ensured the goal umpires kept together in walking groups).

In July we were heartened to be able to take to the field to umpire some games, albeit two weeks. This took considerable logistics to ensure the safety of our members, but thank you to all involved as everyone who attended training or matches showed due diligence and understanding of threat of the situation.

Board meetings continued throughout the year, via zoom, this was a who new experience for me and I am now starting to get the hang of it. These meetings became essential especially around the time training and matches did recommence. All board members were required to be across the rules and regulations around the hygiene protocols, essential to ensure the safety for everyone. These meetings were also a great way to keep up to date with news of our members, especially information that came back from training groups.

Thank you to the Board Members Paula Shay, Michael Hockley, Dean Goodridge, Bayne Floyd and Mark Snell for their continued hard work for the association.

I would like to thank AFL Central Victoria Commission and Staff and I believe that our relationship has taken a stronger step forward this year. Being apart of the Chairs and Presidents meetings with the AFLCV Commission has strengthened our position and I believe that the future looks positive.

At the start of 2020, the BUA was uncertain as to whether or not we could retain sponsorships with no football. With the kind generosity of Mark Prince of Eyecare Plus and the Bendigo Bank financially supporting us this has maintained our viability for the year. I would like to acknowledge and thank our other sponsors Inglewood & Districts Community Bank, Golden City Physiotherapy, The Bendigo Stadium and Bendigo Original Pie Shop who have committed to continuing sponsorship next season.

In what has been a difficult year, I would really love to thank the members for their continued support of the BUA, by attending training where possible and or messages of support and their commitment to 2021.

As we were unable to hold our annual dinner and we were unable to award performance-based awards, the one award that could still be presented was that of the Ian Tuddenham Memorial Best Clubman. I would like to thank and congratulate Dale Caldwell for his outstanding contribution to and for our members this season. In recognition of this service he was presented the Best Clubman, I believe his efforts this season assisted with the mental health of those in the football community throughout Central Victoria who were found vulnerable throughout this pandemic. The weekly BUA member catch-up organized by Dale were outstanding.

In what has been a strange year, there has been some positives that have come out of it. I look forward to a more normal 2021 where we will see all our umpires back on the training track and back on the football fields. Socially we hope to be able to get back together and enjoy what comes with being a part of a Club.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members.

Yours in umpiring,



Craig Findlay
Chairman
Bendigo Umpires Association





VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

Paula Shay

When people have sprouted that old line to me “there’s no football without umpires”, I’ve always responded with “and there’s no umpires without football”; and this year that’s exactly what we had!

Today I put hand on heart I say thank you to our board and Chairman for doing all they could to prepare and assist through a tumultuous year, and keeping the club afloat. To our General Manager Sharon McColl who guided the BUA through all of the COVID requirements to have us in a position to umpire games, thank you, there is a mountain of unseen work that you do and it is acknowledged and appreciated. To our coaches and selectors, with high hopes and lots of hours work in pre-season, thank you for all your time and effort with little or no outcome and especially missing the enjoyment of seeing the growth through the year and grand finals played out.

While there was very little football played, there are some highlights I would like to mention:

- Thank you to Chloe Harrop, Damian Lillycrapp, Andrew Day and Matthew Vitiritti for your time and effort in the summer creating the “How to be a Boundary” coaching video, it has already had over 700 views on YouTube, and there is nothing else like it available online!



- Dale Caldwell, Chaplain at the BUA. Dale and I spoke in the summer about how we could broaden his role and make him more prominent at the club for the members. We never expected he would become our rock each week to go to for social engagement and support through a worldwide pandemic. We had some laughs and I’m so very grateful for the fun times we had and the support he has given our members over Zoom. Thankyou Dale.



- Extra special additions to the Zoom sessions with thanks to Matthew Vitiritti for getting on the phone and inviting the AFL boys: John Howorth, Tristan Burgess, Sam Stagg and Tim Lougton. These guys were great to hear from and so pleased some even popped in unexpectedly on our final night; we really love keeping connected to our members who have moved on to careers in umpiring. Good luck to you all next year.
- Dean Goodridge and his team of misfit leaders through lockdown: Andrew Snell in Eaglehawk, Damian Nolan in Kangaroo Flat, Paul Hutchison in White Hills, Bayne with the goalies around the lake, with Dean in Strathdale and myself in the city. The idea of running groups seemed challenging to engage and retain enthusiasm, with little hope of football, and through some cold dark nights on the streets. Can I say thank you to those leaders, thank you for accepting Dean's request, for engaging and recording your runners each week, and to the members who turned up night after night and week after week to keep running, keep fit, engage and be ready whenever football returned.
- The boundaries learning field umpiring. What a great concept to have the Under 12s back under our wings where we could teach learning umpires the skill of field umpiring, just how I learnt 12 years ago. And thank you to the experienced umpires for giving your time to teach.
- The participants to our online events. A fun trivia night and a challenging treasure hunt, thank you to the participants who shared some laughs together and at each other. Sometimes online makes things easier for everyone to engage but the treasure hunt showed me the missing piece of gathering to laugh at everyone's misfortunes and hear the funny stories of encounters along the way.

The Evan's family with all their collected items; it's smiles all around!



Family Hutchinson at a business starting with “Q”, can’t beat the Queens Arms!



And no one will ever forget the toilet paper saga of 2020, the McDowell’s look pretty chuffed to have scored a packet.

- Our 2020 member survey was a little different this year but thank you one and all who contributed. The board are always happy for your feedback and suggestions. All your responses have been shared with the board and the following page contains some results.

2021 is still a mystery but we hope with all the positive news on our state’s management of this virus and the expected vaccine, that our football season will start as planned, and although looking a little different will bring a successful year for our members.

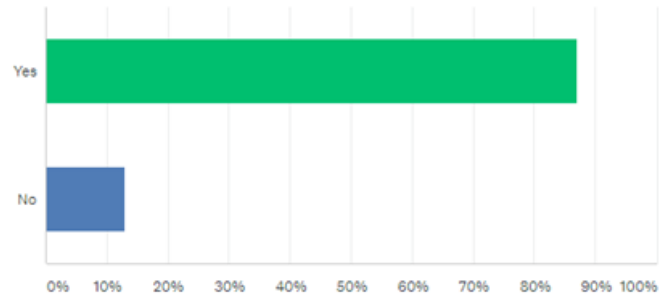
My aim is to continue to build our membership, retain the members we have through continuing our culture of inclusivity and diversity, continuous learning and improvement, leadership, teamwork and commitment to our life and active members.

I’m grateful for your time in 2020, thank you to everyone for your efforts this year.

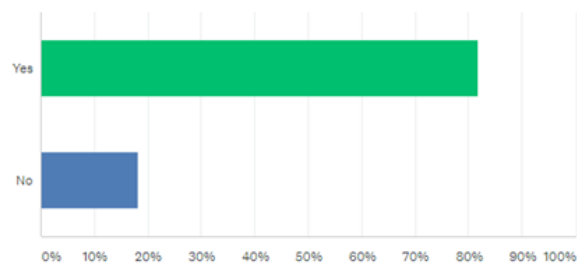
2020 Survey Results

A sample of the results:

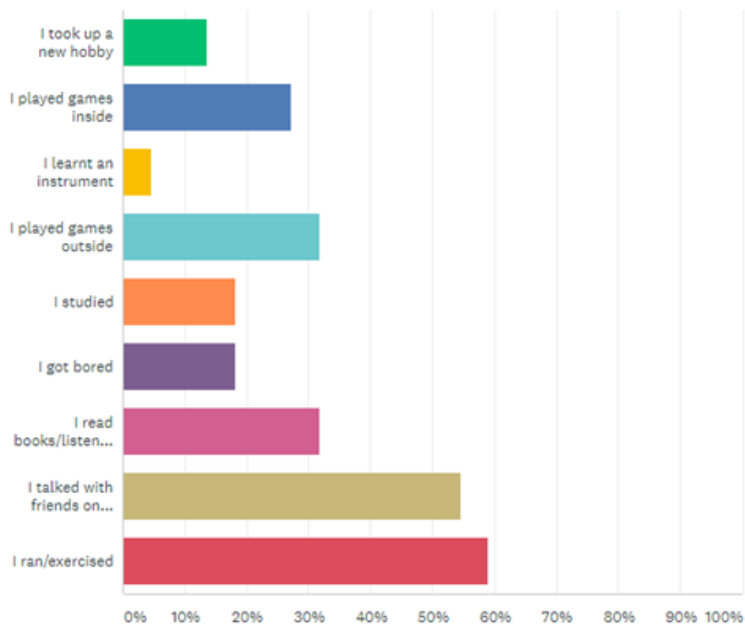
From your involvement in the BUA this year, are you happy with what we did as a club?



If we get an opportunity to hold an event before Christmas would you like to see everyone ?



We have all been sitting at home every day during lockdown. How have you used your time?





STATISTICS REPORT

Mark Snell

Season 2020. An unprecedented season. Who would have thought that in this day and age, a pandemic could have such an effect that it would practically bring the world to a standstill? In the age of an advanced technology with advanced science, Covid-19 somehow found a way to stop our way of life.

Who would have thought that as we started our pre-season way back in February, that some 6 weeks later, our regular country football activities would be so greatly impacted? Firstly, a potential delay, with the holding out of hope for things to fall into place to get a reduced season underway. Our clubs and leagues tried to keep the hope alive, but then as it further evolved, the season of 2020 would slowly be put away, as our leagues came to the realisation that season 2020 was not likely to occur. By the end, despite the best efforts of many, our umpiring season would be reduced to just 2 weekends of football. Our sporting involvement reduced to the TV. Our get togethers at training, our catch up after games, our blowing of the whistle and our interactions with players suddenly gone.

In years to come when you try and describe 2020, I am not too sure just how you could. How could you try and reflect on the BUA 2020? Well we had several umpires change disciplines as we welcome the next generation of field umpires. Whilst there were no milestones, awards, or achievements to commemorate, we had several debuts made with the BUA. Some may look at as a season that gave very little, but from every challenge arises a new chapter. There is our positive of 2020. Further, and in updating the games tallies after 2020, it now creates what is to come. There are several milestones approaching which we can now focus on and look forward to.

Games Tallies	Senior Games Tallies
<i>Tim Donnelly - 1700 (25)</i>	<i>John Norton - 300 (15)</i>
<i>John Norton - 450 (5)</i>	<i>Adrian Dingfelder - 150 (2)</i>
<i>Ken Miller's - 400 (8)</i>	<i>Mitch Davey 150 - (9)</i>
<i>Dale Caldwell - 350 (1)</i>	<i>Dion Austin - 150 (18)</i>
<i>Dean Goodridge- 300 (2)</i>	<i>Scott Baxter - 100 (7)</i>
<i>Tom Floyd - 300 (6)</i>	<i>Mal Burge - 100 (7)</i>
<i>Andrew Day - 300 (9)</i>	<i>Jason Maher - 100 (12)</i>
<i>Alan Stock - 300 (11)</i>	<i>Jack Bombarderi - 50 (1)</i>
<i>Bronte Annand - 250 (8)</i>	<i>Paula Shay - 50 (1)</i>
<i>Scott Baxter - 200 (7)</i>	<i>Paul Martin - 50 (3)</i>
<i>Mark Snell - 200 (18)</i>	<i>Matt Floyd - 50 (7)</i>
<i>Samantha Bramley - 150 (2)</i>	
<i>Lachlan Carr - 150 (4)</i>	
<i>Paul Smythe - 150 (5)</i>	
<i>Liam Brown - 150 (7)</i>	
<i>Adelaide Annand - 150 (11)</i>	
<i>Geoff Annand - 150 (11)</i>	
<i>Jason Maher - 150 (14)</i>	
<i>Dion Prange - 150 (15)</i>	
<i>Jim Moran - 100 (1)</i>	
<i>Bhasker Reddy - 100 (4)</i>	
<i>Darcy Hunter - 100 (5)</i>	
<i>Russell Harvey - 100 (6)</i>	
<i>Alan Aylward - 50 (3)</i>	

() brackets denote how many matches until milestone achieved.

As the BUA, lets now regroup from what is left behind of 2020, and look ahead to 2021. A new season to approach with optimism. Let us just look at it as an extended break to get ourselves ready for to play the important role in the game we all love being a part of.

I hope we can all share the welcome back together.

Mark Snell
BUA Board Member

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc.

ABN 64 287 243 123

**Financial Report
for the year ended
31 October 2020**

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc.
ABN: 64 287 243 123
Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of Bendigo Umpires Association Inc for the financial year ended 31st October 2020.

Committee Members

President	Craig Findlay (appointed 11th December 2016)
Vice President	Paula Shay (appointed 11th December 2016)
Treasurer	Michael Hockley (appointed 11th December 2016)
Board Members	Bayne Floyd (appointed 4th July 2017)
Board Members	Mark Snell (appointed 12th June 2018)
Board Members	Dean Goodridge (appointed 11th December 2016)

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Bendigo Umpires Association is to provide an umpiring service for Central Victoria's competing Australian Rules Football Leagues.

Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Results

The result from ordinary activities amount to a loss of \$23,433 (2019: loss of \$1,915)

New Accounting Standards

AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers, AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities and AASB 16: Leases have been applied using the cumulative effective method; that is, by recognising the cumulative effect of initially applying AASB 15, AASB 1058 and AASB 16 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 July 2019. Therefore, the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under AASB 118: Revenue, and AASB 117 : Leases and AASB 1004: Contributions. Also to note in relation to AASB 16 is that the association applied the temporary relief for peppercorn leases under AASB 2018-8 to measure the right of use assets at cost on initial recognition. Further information is provided in Note 1.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Members of the Committee



CRAIG FINDLAY
Chairman

Signed on the 2nd December 2020.

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc.
 ABN: 64 287 243 123
 Statement of Comprehensive Income
 for the year ended 31 October 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	2020 £	2019 £
Revenue	2	15,374	616,997
Recovery of Bad Debts		461	826
Umpire Payments		(25,714)	(561,205)
Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	3	(1,664)	(1,373)
Function and Bar Expense		(2,603)	(11,080)
Occupancy and Administration Expenses		(2,978)	(10,397)
General Administration Expenses		(6,309)	(35,683)
Other Expenses		-	-
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Current year surplus		(23,433)	(1,915)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>(23,433)</u>	<u>(1,915)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc.
 ABN: 64 287 243 123
 Statement of Financial Position
 as at 31 October 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	28,360	93,637
Trade and other receivables	5	1,056	7,723
Inventories	6	29,061	13,592
Total Current Assets		<u>58,477</u>	<u>114,952</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	120,645	122,309
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>120,645</u>	<u>122,309</u>
Total Assets		<u>179,122</u>	<u>237,261</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	1,467	36,173
Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,467</u>	<u>36,173</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>1,467</u>	<u>36,173</u>
Net Assets		<u>177,655</u>	<u>201,088</u>
Member's Funds			
Capital		137,686	137,686
Retained earnings		39,969	63,402
Total Member's Funds		<u>177,655</u>	<u>201,088</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc.
 ABN: 64 287 243 123
 Statement of Changes in Equity
 for the year ended 31 October 2020

	Capital \$	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance 1 November 2018	137,686	65,317	203,003
Net loss for the year	-	(1,915)	(1,915)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Balance 31 October 2019	<u>137,686</u>	<u>63,402</u>	<u>201,088</u>
Net loss for the year	-	(23,433)	(23,433)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Balance 31 October 2020	<u>137,686</u>	<u>39,969</u>	<u>177,655</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc.
 ABN: 64 287 243 123
 Statement of Cash Flows
 for the year ended 31 October 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Receipts from operations		18,551	20,745
Receipts from donation and sponsorships		3,500	9,612
Receipts from umpire fees and practice matches		10,481	622,245
Payments to suppliers for goods and services		(72,234)	(57,223)
Payments to umpires		(25,713)	(561,205)
Interest received		138	832
Net cash flows provided by/(used in) operating activities	9b	<u>(65,277)</u>	<u>35,006</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held		(65,277)	35,006
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		93,637	58,631
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	9a	<u><u>28,360</u></u>	<u><u>93,637</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Financial Reporting Framework

These special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2012 (Vic) and Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 2 December 2020 by the members of the board.

Statement of Compliance

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act 2012 (VIC), the basis of accounting specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements, AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Error, AASB 1031: Materiality and AASB 1054: Australian Additional Disclosures.

The association has recognised AASB 15, 1058 and 16 in the current financial year. The financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirement in Australian Accounting Standards.

(a) Income tax

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc. is specifically exempt from income tax and lodging returns by virtue of section 50-45 of the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act. Consequently no tax liability exists.

(b) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

(c) Revenue and other income

Umpire Fees - Rendering of services
Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised when the services have been provided.

Interest and other revenue is recognised when earned. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables include amounts due from leagues and sponsors as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables are expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period and are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Receivables are assessed for impairment in a manner set out at note 1(g).

(f) Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are brought to account at cost, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation or amortisation. The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is calculated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Class of Asset	Depreciation Rate	Method
Plant & equipment	5 - 40%	Diminishing Value

Property consists of a leasehold improvement, which is jointly controlled with the Sandhurst Cricket Club, but is owned and managed by the City of Greater Bendigo. The committee have determined not to apply depreciation expense, to this asset, and as such have not applied AASB 116.

(g) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amount of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the Income Statement.

(h) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(i) Comparative figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(j) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and current replacement cost.

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(k) New and Amended Accounting Policies Adopted by the association

The association has adopted AASB 16: Leases retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying AASB 16 recognised at 1 July 2019. In accordance with AASB 16 the comparatives for the 2019 reporting period have not been restated.

Management's assessment of this standard noted no existing leases that would be affected by this standard

(l) Initial application of AASB 15 and AASB 1058

The association has applied AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 : Income of Not-for-Profit Entities using the cumulative effective method of initially applying AASB 15 and AASB 1058 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 July 2019. Therefore, the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be presented under AASB 118: Revenue and AASB 1004: Contributions.

The association has noted no contracts that require an opening adjustment to retained earnings.

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2. Revenue	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
- Bar income	-	2,413
- Function and hall income	353	8,063
- Sponsorship income	3,500	9,227
- Umpires fees	10,481	586,641
- Other income	902	9,821
Total Revenue from operating activities	<u>15,236</u>	<u>616,165</u>
Non-operation activities:		
- Interest received	138	832
Total revenue from non-operating activities	<u>138</u>	<u>832</u>
Total revenue	<u>15,374</u>	<u>616,997</u>
3. Expenses	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Depreciation of non-current assets:		
- plant and equipment	1,664	1,373
	<u>1,664</u>	<u>1,373</u>
4. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank	<u>28,360</u>	<u>93,637</u>
5. Trade and other receivables		
Trade receivables	14,531	21,403
Less provision for doubtful debts	(13,475)	(13,680)
	<u>1,056</u>	<u>7,723</u>
6. Inventories		
Stock on hand	<u>29,061</u>	<u>13,592</u>

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7. Property, plant and equipment

<u>Buildings - Leasehold Improvements</u>		
At Cost	114,091	114,091
	<u>114,091</u>	<u>114,091</u>
<u>Plant and Equipment</u>		
At Cost	40,210	40,210
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(33,656)</u>	<u>(31,992)</u>
	<u>6,554</u>	<u>8,218</u>
Total written down amount	<u>120,645</u>	<u>122,309</u>

8. Trade and other payables

Trade payable	-	-
GST payable	1,467	36,173
Total accounts payable	<u>1,467</u>	<u>36,173</u>

9. Cash flow statement

(a) Reconciliation of cash

Cash and cash equivalents	<u>28,360</u>	<u>93,637</u>
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(b) Reconciliation of surplus/(deficit) after tax to net cash from/(used in) operating activities

Surplus/(deficit) after income tax	(23,433)	(1,915)
Non cash items		
- Depreciation	1,664	1,373
Changes in assets and liabilities		
- (Increase)/decrease in inventories	(15,469)	126
- (Increase)/decrease in receivables	6,667	7,197
- Increase (decrease) in payables	(34,706)	28,225
Net cash flows provided by/(used in) from operating activities	<u>(65,277)</u>	<u>35,006</u>

10. Events occurring after the balance sheet date

There have been no events which have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date which would have a material effect on the financial statements.

11. Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the date of this report that may affect the financial statements.

12. Related party disclosures

No remuneration or retirement benefits were paid to Committee members as the positions are voluntary. There were no loans or transactions with members of the Committee during the year.

13. Impact of COVID 19 on the association

The COVID-19 pandemic has developed rapidly in 2020, with a significant number of cases. Measures taken by various governments to contain the virus have affected economic activity. Bendigo Umpires Association has taken a number of measures to monitor and mitigate the effects of COVID-19, such as safety and health measures for its people (such as social distancing and working from home) and securing the supply of materials that are essential to its operations. At this stage, the impact on the business and financial results has been significant. Due to restrictions set in place that resulted in local sporting events to discontinue, The Bendigo Umpires Association was not able to conduct operations during their peak period. As restrictions have eased allowing local sport to recommence in 2021, the association is confident that they will fully recover in the coming year. The Association will continue to follow the various government policies and advice and, in parallel, will do its utmost to continue operations in the best and safest way possible without jeopardising the health of its people.

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc.
ABN: 64 287 243 123
Committee Declaration
for the year ended 31 October 2020

The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined through the notes to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report set out on pages 2 to 9:

- 1 Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Bendigo Umpires Association Inc. as at 31 October 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Bendigo Umpires Association Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



CRAIG FINDLAY
Chairman

Signed on the 2nd day of December 2020.



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**AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF BENDIGO UMPIRES ASSOCIATION**

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Bendigo Umpires Association, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 October 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the committee's declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Bendigo Umpires Association is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 October 2020 and of its performance for the year then ended, and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, and

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements related to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Independence

We are independent of the entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Committee Member's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee Members of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee Members are responsible for assessing the ability of the Association to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee Members either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Other Information

The Committee Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Association's annual report for the year ended 31 October 2020, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.P. Delahurty'.

P.P. Delahurty
Partner
Bendigo
Date: 2 December 2020



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Sharon McColl

As we began 2020, the Bendigo Umpires Association was on track for what we believed to be a bumper year with good numbers on the field, dedicated sponsors and working with a Board who were strong and working together to achieve the best outcomes for our members. No one could have imagined or predicted how our lives were to be put on hold.

As we waited on information from SRV and AFL/AFL Vic as to what we would be allowed to do with regards to training and running matches, our members stayed committed with the introduction of the localised running groups. It was a boost to all involved to be able to have some training sessions at Weeroona Oval in July and two weeks of BJFL matches. Thank you to all those who felt comfortable enough in this COVID-19 situation to attend training and umpire matches during this time, your efforts were very much appreciated. To those umpires who availed themselves to mentor our junior field umpires in the Under12 matches, this was a great success and gave these young members an opportunity to take that next step with their umpiring. A special shout out to our Goal Umpires who volunteered their time to be a part of the matches that were able to be played in the BFNL.

The BUA would like to extend a thank you to Mark Prince for his support in 2020. Mark maintained his sponsorship in a year that effected his Eyecare Plus like many other businesses. Your ongoing support of the Association is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working with you again in 2021.

The BUA has also been able to maintain our sponsorships with the Inglewood & Districts Community Bank, Golden City Physiotherapy, The Bendigo Original Pie Shop and the Bendigo Bank who will all be back on board for 2021. We are also happy to welcome 3T Fitness on board, Sophie and her team look forward to working with us in 2021.

Our Coaching and Fitness Team were forced to change their routines dramatically. Your work with the small running groups kept our members together. Having groups scattered all over Bendigo ensured that these groups could meet close to home and enabled many to keep their fitness levels up. But these get togethers also greatly assisted with the mental health of so many who were spending much time in doors and working and schooling from home. Well done everyone involved.

Dean Goodridge took the opportunity this season to run with many of our members. His guidance and encouragement for the younger umpires was of great value to many. These younger members will not doubt reap the benefits from his coaching and time. Thank you, Dean you once again provided an outstanding contribution towards, umpiring and our umpires.

The BUA Board under the guidance of Chairman Craig Findlay ensured that the Association was up to date with protocols. They Board met regularly via zoom and discussion was always around what was best and safest for our members. They ensured that no umpire felt pressured to train or umpire throughout this season and the priority for everyone's health and the health of their family members

was high, ensuring the most vulnerable were not compromised in any way. Thank you for your tireless work and dedication to the BUA members.

The Vice Chair Paula Shay once again worked tirelessly for the BUA and its members. She was the linchpin putting the running groups together, trivia nights and scavenger hunts. Thank you, Paula, for your efforts throughout this very difficult time.

Personally, I have spent a lot of time at home with my children working and schooling. I have missed seeing you all, especially the fun of appointments each week. I look forward to being back at training next year and catching up with all our members.

Congratulations to Dale Caldwell who has been presented with the Best Clubman Award. Dale your efforts to keep our members together with season were amazing. You checked in with many and arranged the weekly zoom meeting. You were first to put your hand up to mentor our Under 12 junior umpires. Your efforts throughout this difficult time most certainly are those of a Best Clubman. Well done.

The AFL Central Victoria team were all sent home to work mid March. They have devised many social media campaigns to keep all members involved with our great game and worked hard to make sure that the future of our game looks bright. Thank you to Carol Cathcart, Norm Sheahan, Cameron Tomlins, Laura Naughton, Jan Mannes, Nathan Williams, Jake McLean, and Daniel Reid. A special thank you and good bye to Amy Kenyon who finished in April.

We hope that season 2021 brings back some normality to our lives. That our members will once again be able to run matches throughout Central Victoria.

The words sung so beautifully by Liam Brown "We're All in this Together" really stood out as our moto for the year. I feel so proud to be a part of the BUA family, the care that was shown for everyone was warming. On behalf of myself and my children Holly and Charlie we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and see you all in 2021.

Sharon McColl
General Manager



The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post from the Bendigo Umpires Association. The post is published by Paula Shay on May 6. The text of the post reads: "Just as leagues are missing their football, so to are the umpires! This video is for our members during this challenging time. While some humour is specific to the BUA we hope you see how much we miss football. *singer Boundary Umpire - Liam Brown." Below the text is a video thumbnail featuring a young man with glasses, Liam Brown, wearing a dark t-shirt with the text "From everyone at the BUA" written on it. Below the video, there is a caption that says "YOUTUBE.COM We're in this together - we all miss training, the game and our team."



DIRECTOR OF COACHING REPORT

Dean Goodridge

Season 2020 was certainly a season like no other with only a handful of junior games played. It was certainly disappointing that our season came to an abrupt halt due to Covid 19, however I am confident that we will return in season 2021 as a bigger and even stronger group.

Special thanks to Paula Shay (Rosalind Park), Damian Nolan (Kangaroo Flat), Paul Hutchinson (White Hills) and Andrew Snell (Eaglehawk) with supporting our running group model that took place whilst our formal training sessions were suspended. It was so pleasing to see the level of interest in our running groups from our members

Our challenge as we prepare for the return from lockdown will be around retention of umpires.

Like our football clubs we must ensure that we retain all our current umpires so that we can continue to fulfil complements of umpires to our games each weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members for their support throughout this challenging period.

Let's hope that we can return to a near normal season in 2021.

I greatly look forward to seeing you all at our first formal training session at the start of February.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dean Goodridge'.

Dean Goodridge
Director of Coaching



SEASON 2020 BEST CLUBMAN

AWARDED TO
DALE CALDWELL



The BUA Board will only present one award in season 2020. That is of the BUA Best Clubman. It is awarded to Dale Caldwell.

2020 has been an incredibly difficult year for so many and Dale has worked tirelessly with our members ensuring their wellbeing. His weekly video sessions were joined by many members and were the highlight of the week, seeing so many friendly faces.

Dale not only took on this role, but he also maintained contact with those who were more vulnerable during this time. Although this was part of his Chaplaincy role his efforts went above and beyond.

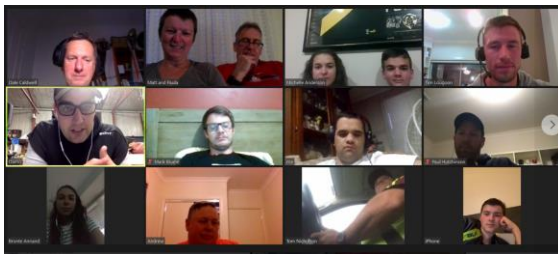
He took on the mentor role for the Under 12 group during the two weeks when we could umpire. The umpires who were lucky enough to start their careers as field umpires with Dale, will be well versed in his knowledge.

Dale was one of the proud members who umpired in India in January 2020, he represented the BUA proudly during the AFL India Carnival. This was the second time Dale has attended the carnival.

Joining the BUA in 2008, he has gone on to run 323 appointments, with 243 of those being senior matches. In 2019 he umpired 200 BFNL matches.

In a year that has tested the resilience of most, Dale stood out from the crowd and has been a leader, friend, mentor and a well respected BUA member.

Congratulations.





BUA HISTORY

Umpire of the Year

YEAR	CENTRAL	GOAL	BOUNDARY
1981	FLETCHER, J.		
1982	THRELFALL, Rod	MANLEY, R.	RUFF, M.
1983	THRELFALL, Rod	MILLER, J.	NOLAN, L.
1984	THRELFALL, Ron	MILLER, J.	McDONALD, N.
1985	THRELFALL, Ron	MURTON, B.	GARLICK, C.
1986	GIBSON, N.	CUE, S.	BRODIE, R.
1987	THRELFALL, Rod	MASON, R.	WHEATHLAND, R.
1988	THRELFALL, Rod	OVEREND, I.	BELLESINI, W.
1989	THRELFALL, Ron	HAGLEY, J.	VITIRITTI, M.
1990	MILLAR, G.	PARISH, R.	VITIRITTI, M.
1991	GOUDGE, G.	CUE, S.	GUNN, A.
1992	WILLIAMSON, G.	CUE, S.	GUNN, A.
1993	THRELFALL, Ron	CUE, S.	MITCHELL, T.
1994	FITCH, B.	CUE, S.	BULLOW, S.
1995	WILLIAMSON, G.	CUE, S.	PARKER, D.
1996	WILLIAMSON, G.	STOCKWELL, E.	TREMBATH, B.
1997	McQUILLAN, G.	HAGLEY, J.	HARVEY, R.
1998	WALSH, B.	CUE, S.	HORAN, M.
1999	FINDLAY, C.	HAGLEY, J.	PARKER, T.
2000	GOUDGE, G.	WELLARD, Peter	HUNTER, A.
2001	WILLIAMSON, G and BREEWELL, M.	CUE, S. and HAGLEY, J.	HOURIGAN, A. and WHEELHOUSE, K.
2002	WILLIAMSON, G.	MONK, K.	THOMPSON, E.
2003	BREEWEL, M.	BRAMLEY, C.	BURGESS, T.
2004	WILLIAMSON, G.	CLARK, J.	THRELFALL, Brady
2005	FITCH, B.	BRAMLEY, C.	LOUGOON, T.
2006	RANKIN, B.	ROGERS, N.	LOUGOON, T.
2007	SEIPOLT J.	BRAMLEY, C.	LOUGOON, T.
2008	MASON, P.	BATEMAN, K.	VALENTE, A.
2009	THOMPSON, S.	VARKER, L.	VALENTE, A.
2010	CALDWELL, D.	GUNN, K.	PEARCE, C.
2011	CALDWELL, D.	BRAMLEY, C.	PEARCE, C.
2012	BULLOW, S.	VARKER, L.	HOCKING, M.
2013	HOWARTH, J.	EVANS, C.	STAGG, S.
2014	HUTCHINSON, P.	FORD, W.	BROWN, J.
2015	CALDWELL, D.	VARKER, J.	BROWN, J.
2016	HUTCHINSON, P.	COURT, R.	DINGFELDER, A.
2017	MAHER, J.	HOLLAND, L.	BOMBARDIERI, J.
2018	BAXTER, S.	FORD, W.	PERDON, L.
2019	MORVELL, E.	STOCK, A.	PERDON, L.
2020	No awards due to COVID pandemic		



BUA HISTORY

300 CLUB and BEST CLUBMAN

300 CLUB

ELLERTON, J.
MURTON, B.
CUE, S.
SMITH, A.
THRELFALL, Ron
MILLAR, G.
MASON, R.
GOUDGE, G.
FINDLAY, C.
HAGLEY, J.
WILLIAMSON, G.
FITCH, B.
WILD, G.
WEATHERITT, C.
BARKER, A.
MONK, K.
STOCKWELL, E.
COURT, R.
McEWEN, S.
CARTER, G.
VARKER, L.

BEST CLUBMAN

1985	SMITH, A.	2011	HAGLEY, J.
1986	DONNELLY, T.	2012	MONK, K.
1987	STONE, N.	2013	MONK, K.
1988	ELLERTSON, J.	2014	NOLAN, D.
1989	THRELFALL, Ron	2015	NADORT, M.
1990	MILLAR, G.	2016	RIDGE, N.
1991	MONK, K.	2017	SHAY, P.
1992	GOUDGE, M.	2018	DAY, A. & RUSSELL, G.
1993	CONNELL, R.	2019	VITIRITTI, M.
1994	FINDLAY, C.	2020	CALDWELL, D.
1995	MONK, K.		
1996	CUE, B.		
1997	MONK, K.		
1998	CUE, B.		
1999	MONK, K.		
2000	TOBIAS, M.		
2001	MURTON, B.		
2002	WALSH, H.		
2003	WHATLEY, A.		
2004	BREEWEL, M.		
2005	FITCH, B.		
2006	SEIPOLT, J.		
2007	WILD, L.		
2008	JACKMAN, K.		
2009	VAN DYK, P.		
2010	MARTIN, S.		



LIFE MEMBERS

1961	JAMES, W	1996	MURTON, B.
1962	PRICE, F.	1996	DONNELLY, T.
1962	BOUCHER, W.	1997	GOUDGE, G.
1964	HART, J.	1998	MARSHALL, G.
1965	BOLITHO, A.	1998	FINDLAY, C.
1967	MILLS, G..	2001	HOCKLEY, M.
1968	RAYNER, P.	2002	MONK, K.
1970	WHITE, W.	2002	FITCH, B.
1973	TREWARNE, D.	2004	MASON, R.
1973	BOYD, N.	2004	WILLIAMSON, G.
1975	HARRIES, D.	2006	HAGLEY, J.
1976	GRENFELL, N.	2007	WEATHERITT, C.
1976	COAD, M.	2007	BARKER, A.
1977	WILKINSON, L.	2008	BAKER, E.
1977	THIES, K.	2008	ROWLAND, T.
1978	CHAFER, T.	2011	SEIPOLT, J.
1979	BURNS, S.	2011	MARTIN, S.
1981	ELLERTON, J.	2016	CARTER, G.
1981	NANCARROW, R.	2017	McEWEN, S.
1985	DONALDSON, A.	2018	HILSON, P.
1985	FLETCHER, J.	2018	WILD, Lorna (Hon)
1985	McCASKILL, P.		
1987	SMITH, A.		
1987	WILD, G.		
1979	CAMPBELL, L.		
1979	O'BRIEN, L.		
1982	LANE, T.		
1984	ARNOLD, K.		
1989	CADZOW, J.		
1990	WATERSON, J.		
1991	CUE, S.		
1992	THRELFALL, Ron		
1993	MILLAR, G.		
1994	THRELFALL, Rod		



COMMISSION REPORT

Well what a year it was! Thank you to all the people who attempted to provide some football and netball, whether it was planning and preparing but never quite starting, to training, or to the few games we managed to get underway. Your tireless efforts were appreciated, and we all missed the connection to our community and clubs.

The year started with great promise.

Essendon visited Bendigo as part of the AFL Community Camp Program. The camp began with a 'Welcome to Country' followed by training at the QEO attended by schools and supporters. Mayor, Marg O'Rourke, then welcomed the team to Bendigo at a Civic Reception. AFL CV Academy players participated in a training session with the players, while AFL CV Region coaches were provided an opportunity to attend a session with the Essendon coaches. The first day finished with a supporters' dinner. The final day of the camp began with a breakfast with the Essendon Leadership Group for our loyal partners, followed by the players visiting many of the partners' businesses including the Bendigo Bank, Champions IGA, Bendigo Club, La Trobe University, Bendigo Community Health and Fosterville Gold Mine. The camp concluded with school and hospital visits.

We were fortunate to host an AFLW game in Bendigo featuring Richmond and Geelong. The great Bendigo weather and excellent football drew a crowd of approximately 5,000 to enjoy the players' skills.

Once again, we brought our AFL Central Victoria clubs together and began the year with our annual Expo. The Expo included presentations on social media and policy updates as well as a netball coaches conference with Sue Hawkins, former Australian player, and England Coach.

The Bendigo Bank have continued to support community football with referrals of new business bringing \$25,000 into our region this year. We thank the bank for their sponsorship of our leagues and encourage all clubs to promote the referral program.

To maintain engagement, we increased our social media presence during the year. Whether it was selecting fan teams, playing previous grand finals, or developing flashback videos, we aimed to keep our community connected and engaged.

Thanks to the State Government for their support of Clubs and Leagues through the Community Sport Sector Short Term Survival grants and the Commission through the business support grants. Congratulations to all concerned in both State and Local Governments and all clubs for driving facility development within the region.

The following developments have been completed:

- Birchip Watchem oval resurfing
- Eaglehawk have new lights and spectators' shelter
- Ewing Park oval upgrade
- Kangaroo Flat have new netball courts

The Birchip Watchem Netball Club will have two courts converted into acrylic surfaces as part of the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund – Female Friendly Facilities Program.

Thanks to the funding boost from the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program the following projects received funding:

- The Wycheproof Recreation Reserve project – which will include the installation of lighting for the oval, tennis courts and hockey pitch.
- The Charlton Park Oval project which will see installation of lighting for the hockey pitch, tennis courts and oval.

Thanks to WorkSafe who continue to support country football. From grants received in 2019, in 2020 Mt Pleasant unveiled their new electronic scoreboard in the BJFL COVID-19 Competition U/18 match versus Marong and Bears Lagoon Serpentine have behind the goal netting installed and ready to go. Bridgewater received a grant in 2020 from the WorkSafe Club Safety Fund for installation of security lighting.

In 2020 Eaglehawk and Woorineen were both successful in receiving a grant to provide their female footballers with jumpers through the Toyota Good for Footy Gear Grants Program. South Bendigo and Strathfieldsaye both received a grant through the AFL Victoria Energy Safe funding to purchase new equipment to improve the safety of their canteens.

South Bendigo also won the TAC prize for our region with the most respondents to the survey conducted by the TAC.

Prior to COVID-19, our Development Managers, Daniel Reid and Jake McLean, worked hard to promote our game across the region. They provided many promotional activities, sporting school programs and clinics both in schools and at clubs. Auskick was launched at Eaglehawk with a clinic for 150 students from surrounding schools. The AFL stood down most of their workforce, including the Football Development Managers, from April to October as part of the pandemic.

The academy structures in Bendigo were interrupted but were still able to provide many of our footballers and netballers with development programs. This program is only possible with the support of our volunteer coaches and generous sponsors.

The BUA took the opportunity to mentor boundary umpires into central umpires in U/12 games for the few weeks that the BJFL were able to conduct their competition.

We organised an umpires' education session with the support of Fosterville Goldmine.

AFL Central Victoria believe it has an important role in developing sport administrators/managers and have continued to host students from La Trobe University to support their development and provide industry experience.

Finally, we wish to recognise all staff at the Hub who have supported leagues and clubs through this year. In addition, a big thanks to Amy Kenyon who finished in April after five years with AFL CV for all her efforts to administer our sports, we wish her all the best for the future.

Thank you once again for your contribution to the game through this difficult year and your continued support of the Central Victoria Australian Football Commission. We look forward to working with you to meet the challenges ahead and hope for a better 2021.

On behalf of the Commission
Carol Cathcart
Region General Manager



MEMBERS



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THE BENDIGO UMPIRES
ASSOCIATION ACKNOWLEDGES
THE PASSING OF THE
FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN 2020:

Peter Crone

NOMINATIONS:

Peter Kirkwood
Umpired 8 matches in 2020, 4 matches as a mentor

Ron Thouliss
Travelled from Beirwillock (near Sea Lake) to umpire junior football because he just missed umpiring.

Gerard Scanlon
Was a great mentor during his matches umpired in 2020.

The Dad's
Cam Davie, Paul Hutchinson and Stu McKenzie all umpired with their sons for their first match as junior field umpires.

Cail Varker
On the 26th July ran 3 matches 10am Under 14 Girls, 12:30pm Under 16 Girls and 3:00pm Under 18 Girls.

Goal Umpires
To our Goalies who volunteered their services FOC in order to assist in 2020.

Shane Hartland
Attended every running group and training session that was offered this season. Also umpired 3 BJFL matches.

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2020 Bendigo Bank Best on Ground

Cail Varker
BENDIGO UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

2020 BUA WINNER
As voted on by peers.



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