











2023 Child Safety Declaration

Child safety and wellbeing is a key priority of the Bendigo Umpires Association and we hereby declare our commitment to creating an environment that is safe and welcoming for all children and young people to participate in Australian Football.

To achieve this, our Club is committed to implementing the Victorian Child Safe Standards through our Commitment Statement on Child Safety, the Club's Child Safety & Wellbeing Policy, Code of Conduct, Complaints and Reporting Procedure policies. These policies and procedures when applied ensures compliance with Safeguarding Children Standards and will:

- Establish a culturally safe environment in which diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected
- Embed child safety and wellbeing in organisational leadership, governance and culture
- Empower children and young people so they know their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
- Inform and engage families in respect to child safety and wellbeing
- **Ensure** that equity and diversity is upheld through our policies and practices
- Engage volunteers and officials to ensure that they are suitable to work with children and young people
- Respond to complaints and concerns promptly, thoroughly and with a child focused approach
- Educate staff, game day personnel and volunteers to provide them with knowledge and skills how to create a safe and welcoming environment for children and young people at our Club
- **Understand** and mitigate the risks to children and young people in physical and online environments
- Review and improve our child safe policies, procedures and practices regularly
- **Role model** behaviour and actions documented in policies, procedures and practices guiding how our Club is safe for Children and Young People

Our Club has zero tolerance to any form of child abuse or harm and will act quickly and in the best interest of the child or young person should an allegation of harm or abuse occur.

To meet the above expectations, our Club will:

Commit to:

- Discuss and sign this declaration as a committee to formally endorse our commitment
- Promote this declaration and our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all children and young people through our Club network (Club notice board, social media pages, email and newsletter correspondence)
- Appoint a child safeguarding officer and promote their details to families/members/volunteers Implement:
 - Regular discussion occurs at Club meetings to action the Child Safe Standards

Learn and embed a culture of child safety in our Club through:

- Discussion with children, young people and their families everyone can "have a say"
- Education through awareness workshops and safeguarding resources
- Regular review of safeguarding policies and procedures with our Club committee

Club Chairman – Michael Hockley

Child Safeguarding Officer (CSO) - Sharon McColl

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Date: __22_/_11__/__2022



Bendigo Umpires Association Annual General Meeting 7th December, 2022



Bendigo Umpires Association respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of all the lands on which we train and play.

We pay respect to their Elders past, present and future.

The BUA Board and Members thank the following sponsors in 2022







Community Bank Inglewood & Districts











Congratulations to all umpires who represented the Bendigo Umpires Association in Season 2022

Aitken	Hilary	Соре	Blake	Hunter	Ashleigh	Parkinson	Digby
Allan	Brayden	Costigan	Dion	Hutchinson	Paul	Perdon	Lachlan
Allen	Patrick	Cotton	Thomas	Hutchinson	Kade	Perez	Raphael
Anderson	Jack	Cotton	Mineva	James	Tim	Poke	Hayden
Anderson	Jason	Court	Michael	Jenkyn	Wes	Poke	Logan
Anderson	Shaylee	Court	Robert	Jones	Lachie	Poke	Darren
Annand	Bronte	Cronk	Daryl	Jones	Benjamin	Prange	Dion
Annand	Geoffrey	Currie	Blake	Kabalan	Paul	Rees	Mitchell
Aoueiss	Justin	Davey	Mitch	Kilcullen	Logan	Rees	Noah
Austin	Dion	Davey	Brian	Kingma	Tim	Reid	Thomas
Aylward	Alan	Davie	Cam	Kirkwood	Peter	Reid	Bridie
Bauer	Paul	Davis	Bradley	Knight	Tate	Ridge	Noel
Baxter	Scott	Day	Andrew	Lacy	Will	Robinson	William
Bennett	Scott	Diamond	Elliott	Ladner	Jack	Robinson	John
Bish	Peter	Dohnt	Wil	Loorham	Charles	Roffey	Nick
Blake	Nash	Donnellon		Lourie	Rex	Rooke	Arkie
			Corey				
Blume	Mark	Downie	Brad	Lowry	Keira	Rossi	Sebastian
Blythman	Tajh	Dunn	Nathan	Luckman	Stewart	Ryan	Thomas
Boal	Eddie	Dunstan	Madeleine	MacDonald	Kobi	Ryan	Mark
Bogli	Simon	Dunstan	Reuben	Madden	Bevan	Sanders	Corey
Bourke	Matthew	Dunstan	James	Maher	Jason	Scanlon	Gerard
Bowen	Mark	Eastwood	Max	Male	Graeme	Seipolt	Thomas
Bramley	Lachlan	Ellis	Jeremy	Maltby	David	Self	lan
Bramley	Samantha	Elphinstone	Hugh	Mannes	Riley	Sexton	Matt
Bramley	Craig	Falconer	Nicholas	Mannes	Blake	Shay	Michael
Bray	Mitchell	Fennell	Eli	Mannes	Sean	Shay	Paula
Brown	Leroy	Ferguson	Tim	Marsh	Deacon	Sigg	Patrick
Brown	Leni	Field	Tony	Martin	Paul	Slater	Andrew
Brown	Darby	Findlay	Craig	Mason	Michael	Sly	Nicholas
Brown	James M	Fletcher	Ethan	Mason	Philip	Smith	Tom
Buchanan	Joseph	Flood	Kieran	Maxwell	Tim	Smith	Jack
Burge	Malcolm	Floyd	Matthew	Mayman	Llogan	Smythe	Paul
Bursill	Troy	Floyd	Bayne	McCaig	Marcus	Snell	Andrew
Cail	Oscar	Ford	Wayne	McCaig	Kobe	Snell	Mark
Caldwell	Dale	Frank	Charlie	McCay	Kade	Spence	Lachlan
Carr	Lachlan	Frank	Petria	McClure	Leo	Stapleton	Marlene
Carr	Sebastian	Froelich	Stephen	McDonald	Julian	Stevenson	Declan
Carter	Gavin	Gelletly	Todd	McKenzie	Stuart	Stockdale	George
Carter	David	Ginnivan	Craig	McKenzie	Connor	Stoll	Shane
Carter	Harry	Giri	Nash	McKenzie	Oliver	Stringer	Ian
Cartwright	Travis	Gluyas	Phil	McLeod	Jack	Suckling	Oscar
Cartwright	Samuel	Goodridge	Dean	McNamara	Oscar	Taylor	
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Cartwright	William	Goudge	Marcus	Mcnamara	Lenny	Taylor	Chloe
Cathrine	Mitch	Gray	Chris	Miller	Max	Thomas	Lachie
Catto	Glenn	Gretgrix	Warren	Miller	Ken	Thompson	Bruce
Cavalier	Jonty	Hadden	Noah	Milne	David	Thompson	Dylan
Chamberlain	Carl	Hamilton	Darryl	Monk	Kevin	Thouliss	Ronald
Chavan	Abhilash	Hannon	Lucas	Moore	Jim	Toose	Vaughan
Christensen	Steve	Harker	Sam	Moran	James	Townsend	Michael
Clapp	Ollie	Hartland	Shane	Morvell	Emiel	Turner	Tyson
Clapp	Harry	Hartland	Luke	Murphy	Patrick	Tzanidis	George
Clayton	Astin	Harvey	Russell	Murphy	Richard	Upton	Aurelius
Clayton	Andre	Hawken	Matthew	Newick	Jet	Urwin	Kohby
Clemens	Aidan	Hay	Simon	Nicholson	Tom	Valente	Aaron
Clements	Trekhya	Heard	Matthew	Nolan	Cameron	Varker	Cail
Clohesy	Darren	Hicks	Richard	Nolan	Damian	Vitiritti	Matthew
Cockerell	Neville	Hicks	Sam	Norton	John	Walker	Kenneth
Coffey	Eva	Higgs	Max	O'Callaghan	Henry	Walsh	Ella
Coghill	Xavier	Hilson	Coby	O'Callaghan	Meg	Weir	Chris
Coghill	Austin	Hodgens	Harper	O'Donnell	Gabby	Westerway	Liam
Coghill	Lachlan	Hodgskiss	Kaleb	Osborne	Marcus	Whitfield	Harrison
Conlan	Will	Hogan	Riley	Osborne	Jack	Williamson	Geoff
Conroy	Chris	Holden	Frasier	O'Sullivan	Brett	Wilson	Maggie
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Conway	Dean	Holland	Ken	O'Sullivan	Cruz	Zsigmond	Steven



Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary/General Manager and Coach

YEAR	President/	Treasurer/	Director of Coaching	Secretary/
	Chairman	Finance Director		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
2021	C. FINDLAY	M. HOCKLEY	D. GOODRIDGE	S. McCOLL
2022	M. HOCKLEY	N. ROFFEY	D. GOODRIDGE	S. McCOLL



Bendigo Umpires Association Annual General Meeting Minutes - December 1st 2021

6:30pm Weeroona Pavilion Bendigo

Type of meeting: Annual General Meeting

Board Members

Present:

Craig Findlay (Chairman), Sharon McColl (General Manager), Paula Shay,

Michael Hockley, Dean Goodridge (Director)

Members in Attendance:

Nick Roffey, Paul Martin, Ken Walker, Cail Varker, Noel Ridge, Kevin Monk, Dion Austin, Andrew Snell, Ashleigh Hunter, Tom Ryan, Gavin Carter, Peter Kirkwood, Stan Cue, Matthew Vitiritti, Scott Bennett, Alan Aylward, Marcus Osborne, Darryl Hamilton, Patrick Allen, Geoff Williamson, Paul Bauer,

Stuart McKenzie

Proxy: Geoff Millar, Simon Hay

Apologies:

Mal Burge, Stephen Christensen, John Robinson, Luke Hartland, Gary Langdon, Rohan Tresize, Ray Jilbert, Bayne Floyd, Michael Dugmore, Carol

Cathcart, Colleen Rogers (AFLCV Commission)

AGENDA ITEMS

1.0

Meeting opened 6.30pm.

One minute silence in honor of Tim Donnelly,

Paul Lefevre and Stephen Martin

Adoption of Previous AGM minutes 2/12/2020

Moved: Kevin Monk Seconded: Michael Hockley

Motion passed.

2.0 <u>Annual Reports</u>

2.1 Chairman's Report

Moved: Craig Findlay Seconded: Paula Shay

Motion passed.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

Moved: Michael Hockley

Seconded: Tom Ryan

Motion passed.

2.3 General Manager's Report

Moved: Kevin Monk
Seconded: Darryl Hamilton

Motion passed.

2.4 Board Portfolio Reports

Paula Shay, Dean Goodridge and Mark Snell

Moved: Kevin Monk Seconded: Darryl Hamilton

Motion passed

3.0 Appointment of Auditor

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

Moved: Michael Hockley Seconded: Kevin Monk

Motion passed.

4.0 Board Vacancies

Craig Findlay – standing down from Board Paula Shay – standing down from Board Bayne Floyd – re-standing for election Nick Roffey – nominated for Board Paul Martin – nominated for Board

As the number of nominees does not exceed the number of vacancies, Bayne Floyd, Nick Roffey and Paul Martin are hereby appointed to the Board.

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

Chairman - Michael Hockley

Vice Chair - Bayne Floyd

Treasurer - Nick Roffey

5.0 General Business

- Michael Hockley as Chairman thanked members for the honor of being appointed in this role. Passionate to continue what previous committees have put in place.
- MH presented Craig Findlay and Paula Shay with a thank you gift.
- Consider that the bar be named in honor of Kevin Monk.
 - Board have discussed how to best honor members and are working on various honors for these members. Board will consult with Kevin as to how this can be achieved.
- Advised Officials HQ will be in place for season 2022. SMC will work with members to learn the new system.
- Team Dinner Tuesday 7th December in honor of passing umpires. The Bridge Hotel at 6.30pm.
- Ken Walker would like to put forward that the BUA provide a 10 year service medallion. Medallions should be provided for 100 games, 200 games, 300 games etc.
- Matthew Vitiritti requested that DG and the Board consider training to commence at 5.45pm rather than 5.30pm in 2022.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Michael Hockley

Welcome to the 2022 Bendigo Umpires Association, Annual General Meeting.

For the first time in 2 years it was great to get a full season of football in all of the leagues that the BUA provide umpires for, so everyone involved deserves a great deal of credit for making that happen. The season started off with an enormous amount of practice matches, with Clubs keen to have players back on the track this gave the umpires a chance to be back updating skills, ensuring fitness levels had survived the covid years and enjoying being back part of the game.

Thank you to the Leagues and Clubs who worked with the BUA over those first few weeks until everyone settled back into their weekend football commitments.

Membership dropped this year with around 230 members with the usual influx of around 55 boundary umpires joining the BUA and the addition of the BJFL Under 12 umpires had 8 under 16 players running as junior field umpires. But it was great to see so many of our members return, but some of our regulars did not return and we are hoping to encourage some of them to return in season 2023.

The BUA Board again worked hard all year for its members. Dean Goodridge's work as Director of Coaching gives the BUA a real advantage, his work in coaching and mentoring our members is first class, we are extremely lucky to have his expertise. Bayne Floyd, Mark Snell, Nick Roffey & Paul Martin continued in their roles on the Board and their contribution over the season has been very much appreciated, having Mark as our statistician has helped in knowing when milestone matches are on, I know this is a something the members appreciate. The important aspect of all of the Board members roles is that they are all running members who have to fit in training, umpiring, coaching and mentoring as well as their board portfolios and Board meetings. Once again Sharon McColl in her role as General Manager has been nothing short of amazing. Her attention to detail and efficient way she handles the day-to-day business of the Association is staggering. Sharon's ability to have her finger on the pulse of everything that is going on in the football world in country Victoria is an asset that very few people have. Thank you to all our Board members for your hard work throughout the year.

To our major sponsors, Mark Prince of Mark Prince's Eyecare Plus, Bendigo Bank, Echuca Workers Club and the Inglewood and Districts Community Bank we thank you for your continued support. A big thank you also to The Bendigo Original Pie Shop, Golden City Physiotherapy and Sports Clinic and Red Energy Arena - Bendigo Stadium for being a part of our Association.

I would also like to thank our partners in football in AFL Central Vic, Bendigo Football Netball League, Loddon Valley Football Netball League, North Central Football League, Heathcote and District Football Netball League, Bendigo Junior Football League and Central Victoria Football League Women's.

In closing I would like to congratulate all award winners for Season 2022 and welcome our three new Life Members-Matt Vitiritti, Craig Bramley and Mal Burge to the BUA Life Member family and to thank all of our members for a great 2022.

Michael Hockley Chairman Bendigo Umpires Association

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc. ABN 64 287 243 123

Financial Report for the year ended 31 October 2022

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 2022.

Committee Members

President Michael Hookley (appointed 11th December 2016)

Vice President Bayne Floyd (appointed 4th July 2017)

Treasurer Nicholas Roffey (appointed 2nd December 2021)
Board Members Paul Martin (appointed 2nd December 2021)
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 profit of \$1,832 (2021: profit of \$5,797)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Members of the Committee

Chairman Wichfirth Hockiey Signed on the 7th day of December 2022.

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc. ABN: 64 287 243 123 Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 October 2022

	Notes	2022 <u>\$</u>	2021 <u>\$</u>
Revenue	2	574,001	386,220
Recovery of Bad Debts		800	970
Umpire Payments		(509,016)	(347,687)
Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	3	(3,760)	(3,474)
Function and Bar Expense		(17,162)	(4,653)
Occupancy and Administration Expenses		(9,058)	(4,401)
General Administration Expenses		(33,973)	(24,030)
Current year surplus		1,832	2,945
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,832	2,945

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc. ABN: 64 287 243 123 Statement of Financial Position as at 31 October 2022

	Notes	2022 <u>\$</u>	2021 <u>\$</u>
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	50,649	46,488
Trade and other receivables	5	1,825	1,747
Inventories	6	14,969	15,399
Total Current Assets		67,443	63,634
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	39,491	40,672
Total Non-Current Assets		39,491	40,672
Total Assets		106,934	104,306
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	1,000	204
Total Current Liabilities		1,000	204
Total Liabilities		1,000	204
Net Assets		105,934	104,102
Member's Funds			
Capital		61,188	61,188
Retained earnings		44,746	42,914
Total Member's Funds		105,934	104,102

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc. ABN: 64 287 243 123 Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 October 2022

	Capital <u>\$</u>	Retained Earnings <u>\$</u>	Total <u>\$</u>
Balance 1 November 2020	137,686	39,969	177,655
Net loss for the year	-	2,945	2,945
Equity adjustment - Building depreciation	(76,498)	-	(76,498)
Balance 31 October 2021	61,188	42,914	104,102
Net profit for the year	-	1,832	1,832
Balance 31 October 2022	61,188	44,746	105,934

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc. ABN: 64 287 243 123 Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 October 2022

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	Notes	2022 <u>\$</u>	2021 <u>\$</u>
Receipts from operations Receipts from donation and sponsorships Receipts from umpire fees and practice matches Payments to suppliers for goods and services Payments to umpires Interest received		24,450 17,238 529,668 (58,214) (509,016) 35	37,913 11,927 354,937 (39,036) (347,687) 74
Net cash flows provided by/(used in) operating activities	9b	4,161	18,128
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held		4,161	18,128
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		46,488	28,360
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	9a	50,649	46,488

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The Committee has determined the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic cost and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(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.

(D) 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 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.

(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 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).

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(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	Depredation Rate	Method
Plant & equipment	5 - 40%	Diminishing Value
Building Improvements	2.50%	Straight Line

(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.

2. Revenue	2022 <u>\$</u>	2021 <u>\$</u>
Operating activities		
- Bar Income	8,630	2,396
- Function and hall income	6,662	721
- Sponsorship income	17,238	11,927
- Umpires fees	529,668	354,937
- Other Income	11,768	16,165
Total Revenue from operating activities	573,966	386,146
Non-operation activities:		
- Interest received	35	74
Total revenue from non-operating activities	35	74
Total revenue	574,001	386,220

for the year ended 31 October 2022	2000	2024
3. Expenses	2022 <u>\$</u>	2021 <u>\$</u>
Depreciation of non-current assets: - plant and equipment	3,760 3,760	3,474 3,474
Cash and cash equivilants		
Cash at bank	50,649	46,488
5. Trade and other receivables		
Trade receivables Less provision for doubtful debts	14,500 (12,675) 1,825	15,222 (13,475) 1,747
6. Inventories		
Stock on hand	14,969	15,399
7. Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings - Leasehold Improvements At Cost Less accumulated depreciation	114,091 (82,202) 31,889	114,091 (79,350) 34,741
Plant and Equipment At Cost Less accumulated depreciation	42,789 (35,187) 7,602	40,210 (34,279) 5,931
Total written down amount	39,491	40,672
Trade and other payables		
Trade payable GST payable Total accounts payable	650 350 1,000	118 87 204

Cash flow statement	2022	2021
(a) Reconciliation of cash	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	50,649	46,488
(b) Reconciliation of surplus/(deficit) after tax to net cash from/(used in) operating activities		
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax	1,832	2,945
Non cash items - Depreciation	3,760	3,474
Changes in assets and liabilities - (Increase)/decrease in inventories - Increase (decrease) in tax payable - Assets acquired - (Increase)/decrease in receivables - Increase (decrease) in payables	430 264 (2,579) (78) 532	13,662 - (691) (1,262)
Net cash flows provided by/(used in) from operating activities	4,161	18,128

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 of or transactions with members of the Committee during the year.

Bendigo Umpires Association Inc. ABN: 64 287 243 123 Committee Declaration for the year ended 31 October 2022

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 Associations. Inc. as at 31 October 2022 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:

Signed on the 7th day of December 2022.



VICE CHAIR'S REPORT Bayne Floyd

The coat is back in the rack for season 2022. Boots cleaned, flags folded, and whistles washed. A standing "high 5" to all who have done their best throughout the season. Many of you have fronted up to multiple games on a Saturday, and then stood up again for the Sunday. And why do we do it.....because we love the game. Sure we each have our own reasons, but in the end we love being part of Australia's great game and enjoying having the best seat in the house.

I want to acknowledge every umpire for giving the best they can. It doesn't matter if 1 game is all you can give, as long as it's your best effort then that's all that can be asked. From my vantage point behind the goals I've watched with respect our team members having a go. Mainly through rain this year, but with the sun on their backs or the wind in their face they soldier on.

I tip my hat to those individuals who have joined the illustrious group of Life Members. Your effort, consideration, commitment, and dedication is well recognised in the Bendigo Umpiring community and your inclusion into the group is very much well deserved.

It's time for me to step back from the Board, and concentrate on my own family. I do miss umpiring with my boys as this is the main reason I joined in the first place, however the Board is strong and will continue to look after the BUA members in a respectful and diligent manner.

In closing, thank you to me fellow Board members for your support and your comradery. I also want to thank everyone who has made season 2022 enjoyable and I look forward to the banter and comradeship in season 2023.



STATISTICS REPORT Mark Snell

How good was it to be back? After two interrupted seasons, finally 2022 brought about a much needed conclusion. Granted, the Covid nemesis still lingered, but thankfully without the impact of seasons passed.

We got to our finals. We got to our Grand Finals. We got to our Annual Dinner. Hopefully now onwards and upwards as we fast approach another instalment of whistle blowing, flag waving comradery and head into another year.

Being a part of the BUA Board has again been an honour. Thank you to the team of 2022 – Mick Hockley, Dean Goodridge, Sharon McColl, Nick Roffey, Paul Martin & Bayne Floyd. As part of my Port Folio this year, it was a privilege to have the role of liaison between the membership and the board. A role I take very seriously in being a voice of our membership. Although it only commenced this year, there have been some constructive matters raised, with some very encouraging discussions at board level and I would hope that some positive announcements can be made as we head into the new season. This is again a role that I would hope to continue and grow in 2023.

Thank you to members who participated to some humorous and different sides for 2022. Relate An Umpire To A Muppet, and Get To Know Our Umpires (ridiculous facts Q&A) amongst some things introduced. I look forward to bringing further ideas to show a fun side to the serious parts of umpiring.

Thank you to the membership for the support shown to achievements and milestones. It is certainly a very busy task, and one that I have tried to keep updated to recognise the efforts of our group. I'm sure our selectors were always looking forward to seeing me try and chase up selections on Thursday nights for pending milestone announcements. Seeing the acknowledgements and participation from members on our social media, was certainly a strong indication of support. Well done to all our members.

Some facts on 2022 -:

- 258 members represented the BUA this year in the various disciplines with BFNL, NCFNL, HDFNL, LVFNL, BJFL, CVWFL.
- 84 new umpires were welcomed into the BUA.
- 78 members achieved a total of 90 games milestones.

On behalf of the BUA Board for 2022 congratulations to the following members on milestone achievements.

1350 GAMES - Kevin Monk

1200 GAMES - Ian Self,

750 GAMES - David Milne,

650 GAMES - Gavin Carter, Michael Mason,

550 GAMES - Dion Austin, Phil Mason

500 SENIOR GAMES – Geoff Williamson

500 GAMES – Shane Hartland, Gerard Scanlon, Ken Walker, Geoff Williamson

450 GAMES – Michael Shay

400 SENIOR GAMES - Kevin Monk

400 GAMES – Justin Aoueiss, Wayne Ford, Simon Hay

350 GAMES - Dean Goodridge, Paul Smythe

300 GAMES - Paul Hutchinson

250 SENIOR GAMES - David Milne

250 GAMES – Glenn Catto, Steve Christensen, Brian Davey, Mitch Davey, Daryl Hamilton, Richard Hicks, Noel Ridge, Paula Shay

200 SENIOR GAMES – Dean Goodridge, Michael Shay

200 GAMES – Lachlan Carr, Matthew Floyd, Daryl Hamilton, Luke Hartland, Peter Kirkwood, Tom Nicholson

150 SENIOR GAMES – Dion Austin, Steve Christensen, Wayne Ford

150 GAMES – James Brown, Mal Burge, David Carter, Abhilash Chavan, Michael Court, Tony Field, Paul Martin, Tim Maxwell, Dion Prange, Ron Thouliss

100 SENIOR GAMES – Bronte Annand, Daryl Hamilton, Luke Hartland, Simon Hay

100 GAMES – Daryl Cronk, Blake Currie, Nick Falconer, Steven Froelich, Leo McClure, Richard Murphy, Mark Ryan,

50 SENIOR GAMES – Patrick Murphy, Andrew Snell, Bruce Thompson

50 GAMES — Shaylee Anderson, Alan Aylward, Paul Bauer, Simon Bogli, Mark Bowen, Travis Cartwright, Aidan Clemens, Dean Conway, Dion Costigan, Brad Downie, Nathan Dunn, Ken Holland, Ashleigh Hunter, Lachie Jones, Paul Kabalan, Bevan Madden, Riley Mannes, Connor McKenzie, Jack Osborne, Marcus Osborne, John Robinson, Will Robinson, Nick Roffey, Tom Ryan, Matthew Sexton, Andrew Snell

Congratulations to everyone on the return in 2022. Now let's look ahead to 2023.

Mark Snell

BUA Board Member





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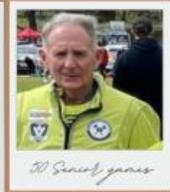




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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT Sharon McColl

It was great to welcome back our members to full training and umpiring match appointments in Season 2022. We all had fingers crossed for some normality of life and to get to September and be celebrating together in one room and announcing BFNL grand final appointments was an achievement we were sure would happen again. Having so many of our members return and the new members who joined the BUA this season was a great achievement for all involved after two years of lockdowns.

The six Leagues that we appoint to BFNL, LVFNL, HDFNL, NCFL CWFL and BJFL all worked hard to put teams back on the field. The League Managers, Club Boards and Volunteers had covid protocols to follow initially, and all worked hard to ensure that community football was back. Being able to have spectators watching the game was certainly an advantage.

The BUA continues to provide the service we do; due to the sponsorship we receive from those who have been with the umpiring group for many years now and show incredible loyalty to our members. Thank you to:

- Mark Prince Eyecare Plus
- Bendigo Bank
- Inglewood & Districts Community Bank
- Golden City Physiotherapy
- The Bendigo Original Pie Shop
- Bendigo Stadium

In season 2022 we were also able to welcome the Echuca Workers Club and we thank them for their continued support of umpiring transferring from the REFUA to the BUA this season.

A thank you to 3T Fitness and Aspire Learning who have continued with their fence signage sponsorships this season.

To the coaching staff led by Dean Goodridge, another great season. The level of fitness and knowledge and skill of our members is due to the hard work and commitment from yourself and your team made up of Matthew Vitiritti, Aaron Valente, Paul Bauer, Paul Martin, Brett Gilligan and Peter Kirkwood. Working with the field, boundary and goal umpires and ensuring that their appointments are tailored to knowledge and skill level takes a lot of dedication from this team. And to the other members of Dean's coaching team in Gavin Carter, John Howorth, Jason Seipolt, Andrew Barker, John Norton and Mark Snell thank you for your time and efforts, they are very much appreciated. Dean's work with this group ensures that we get the best out of everyone and Dean only expects what he is willing to do himself.

Gavin Carter took on the role of Chairman of Selectors this season and had been exceptional. There were many nights at training that he was required to make many late changes, that appeared to be impossible, but somehow pulled it off. When covid hit many members mid-season and our numbers were down the task of making field appointments became challenging and thank you Gavin for working at the task and some how we got it all done.

Andrew Day started off the year working with the boundaries before taking a break. Andrew your knowledge of this group really stood out when we did not have you there. Thank you to Aaron Valente who stepped in to take on the boundary appointments. It was challenging, but you did an amazing job Aaron and filled some enormous shoes. Along with the coaching skills from Matt Vitiritti the boundary members were in very good hands and progressed well.

Paul Bauer and Paul Martin had a shortage of goal umpires most weekends, which put pressure on our goal umpires to be available for three matches on many occasions. The commitment these members gave was exceptional and we cannot thank you all enough for your dedication. Paul and Paul you coached and managed appointments with professionalism and dedication.

To Peter Kirkwood who runs the CVFL and BJFL appointments. You are able to fill most matches each weekend and your offer our younger members great mentoring by ensuring that they are running with experienced people who can guide them to be senior umpires.

To Brett Gilligan who came on board as our fitness advisor, you certainly had the group running this year. Thank you and welcome to the BUA.

To Michael Hockley in his first year as back as Chairman you have offered much guidance and been a great sounding board to myself and the Board. Your knowledge of the BUA history enhances the journey we are trying to take the association on. To Bayne Floyd as Vice Chair thank you for your support and the care you have for the members. Mark Snell does an amazing job on keeping us all updated on the statistics and keeping the social media updated. Paul Martin and Nick Roffey in their first year on the Board offer new knowledge and skills to the group. Thank you all it has been a great year working with you all.

Congratulations to the award winners this season. How wonderful it was to be back at the Bendigo Stadium and having the dinner and awards presented in person. To the three new Life Members announced on the night Craig Bramley, Mal Burge and Matthew Vitiritti congratulations and you are all very deserving of this honor. Your years of dedication to the BUA has not gone unnoticed

The AFL Central Victoria team all work hard and long hours to ensure that our region has football and netball on the field and courts each weekend. Thank you to Craig Armstead, Cameron Tomlins, Laura Naughton, Jan Mannes, Nathan Williams, Nicholas Pay, Lance Standfield, Sam Skinner and Bec Mullens. .

Personally, I would like to thank Craig Findlay who kept in touch and made sure all was going well as he stepped down as Chair. To Jason Seipolt who is a great sounding board and assists with the BUA audit each year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

I head into my 8th year at the BUA in season 2023 and I feel so proud to be a part of the BUA family. 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 2023.

Sharon McColl General Manager



DIRECTOR OF COACHING REPORT Dean Goodridge

It was great to be able to complete a full year of umpiring without any disruptions caused by COVID. Let's hope season 2023 can be a similar one.

This year has been another busy but enjoyable one. Our new fitness coach, Brett Gilligan has been a breath of fresh for our organisation. Training has seen the disappearance of cones and more of a focus on timed runs. The feedback from our running members has been overwhelmingly positive, with fitness levels across the board improving significantly. We greatly look forward to have Brett with us again next year.

This year saw the introduction of Premier Data, where vision from all Bendigo Senior games was accessible, along with the ability to focus on specific areas of matches. This has been an invaluable coaching tool. We look forward to continuing to use it next year.

We now have all North Central senior matches filmed by Red Onion and the footage accessible to our umpires and coaches. It has been great to see our umpires being proactive to seek out the vision and complete self-evaluations from their games.

There has been a strong emphasis on dangerous tackles and prohibited contact in my coaching. It has been pleasing to observe umpires willingness to embrace this coaching, to improve umpire awareness and consequently identify the cues to recognise such rule breaches during games. Next year our focus throughout pre season will be around recruitment and retention. The BUA will be conducting a series of 'Come and Try it' sessions throughout our four football leagues. We will be utilising the support from the AFL to provide senior AFL umpires to attend each session. We also have 3BOFM on board as a sponsor to promote umpiring around the listening area. We also need a commitment from our umpires to attend a Come and Try session. We have a golden opportunity to really bolster our umpiring numbers for all three umpire disciplines. We have four football leagues, as well as juniors and womens competition to provide umpires for every week. This is an enormous responsibility for appointments officers to perform each week. We cannot expect umpires to double up and in some cases triple up like we have in recent seasons. I have conducted close to 15 end of season reviews with interested umpires and an online end of season survey that many umpires completed. The feedback was extremely positive. Common themes included the expectation of obtaining feedback from games, quality coaching sessions, accessing the vision available and having a sense of connection with our club.

In closing I would like to recognise and thank the coaching team for their continued great work throughout season 2022. We are so lucky to have so many passionate and dedicated people who are prepared to help out our members. A big thanks to fellow board members for their help and support and especially to our General Manager, Sharon McColl who continues to go above and beyond for our club. We are the envy of many other umpiring associations across the state. We are in a very healthy position and are held in high regard by our peers. We have had a lengthy period of stability and continued growth, something that other umpiring groups have not been able to experience. We all should feel proud of our achievements as a club and celebrate our achievements.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive season and look forward to seeing our members back at Weeroona Oval in the New Year.

Dean Goordridge
Director of Coaching













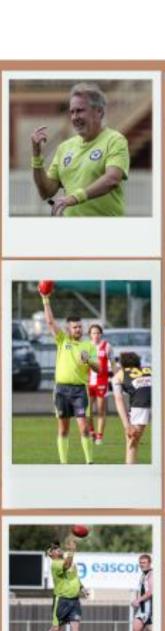




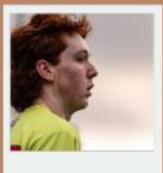






























SEASON 2022 AWARDS

MARK PRINCE EYECARE PLUS – UMPIRE OF THE YEAR





Field – Scott Baxter Boundary – Patrick Murphy Goal – Wayne Ford

BENDIGO BEST – BEST 1ST YEAR UMPIRE





Field – John Robinson Boundary – George Stockdale Goal – Darren Poke



SEASON 2022 AWARDS

INGLEWOOD & DISTRICTS COMMUNITY BANK - MOST IMPROVED UMPIRE



Community Bank Inglewood & Districts

Bendigo Bank

Field – Aidan Clemens Boundary – Thomas Seipolt Goal – Richard Murphy

STEPHEN McEWEN ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD – RILEY MANNES



LIFE MEMBERS SCHOLARSHIP JACK OSBORNE



BEST FIRST YEAR JUNIOR UMPIRE PATRICK SIGG



JOHN HAGLEY PATHWAYS AWARD SHAYLEE ANDERSON





SEASON 2022 AWARDS

KEVIN MONK BEST CLUBMAN - MICHAEL COURT

Michael Court joined the BUA in 2016 as a 14 year, coming along with his Dad Ross Court who was goal umpiring.

He has gone on to umpire over 150 games, with 78 of those as senior matches.

Michael is always the first to training, gets the ground set up and ready for the coaches. He is out working with the younger boundary umpires teaching them throw-



ins before and after training starts and finishes. At the end of the night he packs it all up and puts it all away.

Mentoring new boundary members has become a big part of Michael's training sessions and he makes all new members feel welcome and helps to settle into training routines that can be daunting on your first night.

Michael is always part of the social events run by the BUA and always dressed up for the special occasions

A great member and a very worthy winner of the first Kevin Monk Best Clubman Awards.



SEASON 2022 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS



Craig Bramley joined the BUA in 1999, umpiring 239 senior matches. Umpired 5 BFNL, grand finals, one HDFNL and one LVFNL. Goal Umpire of the Year in 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2007. Assistant Coach, Observer, Mentor and past Board Member.

Malcolm Burge jointed the BUA in 2014 as part of the merged group from North Central UG. A Life Member of the NCFL Umpires in 2003 with 10+ years' service including President of this group. Has run 120 senior matches with the BUA but has more than 700 matches umpiring across the 2 groups. Mal never turns down an appointment and travels from Woosang to be part of the training at Weeroona Oval each week.

Matthew Vitiritti joined the BUA in 1987 before going to represent the BUA at AFL levels with 14 years and 300 games (including 2 AFL grand finals). Only the 5th umpire in history to reach 300 games. Currently has run 133 matches including 63 senior matches since coming back to Bendigo. Matt is the current Boundary Coach, the head social organisier.

Three well deserving new Bendigo Umpires Association Life Members.



BUA HISTORY Umpire of the Year

YEAR	CENTRAL	GOAL	BOUNDARY
1981	FLETCHER, J.		
1981	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.
1909	MILLAR, G.	PARISH, R.	VITIRITTI, M.
	GOUDGE, G.	CUE, S.	GUNN, A.
1991	WILLIAMSON, G.	CUE, S.	GUNN, A.
1992	THRELFALL, Ron	CUE, S.	MITCHELL, T.
1993	,	•	•
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		
2021	BENNETT, S.	FORD, W.	COURT, M.
2022	BAXTER, S.	FORD, W.	MURPHY, P.



BUA HISTORY 300 CLUB and BEST CLUBMAN

300 CLUB	BEST CL	UBMAN		
ELLERTON, J.	1985	SMITH, A.	2011	HAGLEY, J.
MURTON, B.	1986	DONNELLY, T.	2012	MONK, K.
CUE, S.	1987	STONE, N.	2013	MONK, K.
SMITH, A.	1988	ELLERTSON, J.	2014	NOLAN, D.
THRELFALL, Ron	1989	THRELFALL, Ron	2015	NADORT, M.
MILLAR, G.	1990	MILLAR, G.	2016	RIDGE, N.
MASON, R.	1991	MONK, K.	2017	SHAY, P.
GOUDGE, G.	1992	GOUDGE, M.	2018	DAY, A. & RUSSELL, G.
FINDLAY, C.	1993	CONNELL, R.	2019	VITIRITTI, M.
HAGLEY, J.	1994	FINDLAY, C.	2020	CALDWELL, D.
WILLIAMSON, G.	1995	MONK, K.	2021	McKENZIE, S.
FITCH, B.	1996	CUE, B.	2022	COURT, M>
WILD, G.	1997	MONK, K.		
WEATHERITT, C.	1998	CUE, B.		
BARKER, A.	1999	MONK, K.		
MONK, K.	2000	TOBIAS, M.		
STOCKWELL, E.	2001	MURTON, B.		
COURT, R.	2002	WALSH, H.		
McEWEN, S.	2003	WHATLEY, A.		
CARTER, G.	2004	BREEWEL, M.		
VARKER, L.	2005	FITCH, B.		
NORTON, J.	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	DONNELLÝ, 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.	2021	GOODRIDGE, D.
1987	SMITH, A.	2022	BRAMLEY, C.
1987	WILD, G.	2022	BURGE, M.
1979	CAMPBELL, L.	2022	VITIRITTI, M.
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

The Year

Following significant interruptions during 2020 and 2021, undoubtedly the greatest highlight from 2022 was that we were able to complete a full home and away season of football and netball, and then enjoy exciting finals series. While COVID still had an impact with teams missing players, coaches and volunteer's week to week, and club's having administrators unavailable, we were very impressed by the commitment and support of all clubs to ensure we completed the year.

Prior to the season every league prepared COVID Guidelines and Protocols to ensure awareness and clarity of how we would manage the challenges COVID presented, and these proved valuable throughout the course of the year.

Coming off the back of 2 difficult years we developed a "Play on 2022" marketing campaign. Various graphics were designed and used by AFL Central Vic, and every League and Club. This assisted us gaining exposure and momentum with the start of the season and continued throughout the year.

A concerning trend we saw throughout 2022 was unacceptable behaviour, especially on match days. Issues were noted at both junior and senior levels, with bad behaviour being demonstrated by club officials, spectators, and players. While the behaviour was directed at varying people, the abuse towards umpires was particularly disturbing. This trend was seen across all competitions in country and metropolitan Victorian, and in fact across all sports. We are evaluating activities to address the issue in 2023.

As was the case in 2021, this year the Central Victoria Australian Football Commission provided financial relief to Leagues with a reduction to Administration Fees for the season 2021. It has been pleasing that AFL Central Vic has been able to provide this financial support and manage our finances to ensure deliver a satisfactory result for the year.

Congratulations

Completing a full season had many benefits and our congratulations go to all involved with teams who won premierships in 2022. Having no finals in 2020 nor 2021, this year was a good reminder how difficult it is to win a premiership, and we hope those who did have fond memories of their success.

Congratulations to all those who won individual awards in 2022 either at League or Club level. Where Leagues presented Club based awards, be they for on-field or off-field performance, we hope all people responsible were able to celebrate those wins.

Thank You

It takes so much work by so many volunteers to operate teams, clubs, competitions, and leagues week to week, and complete the season. We specific wanted to say thank you to our important stakeholders:

- Thousands of volunteers enable our clubs to function and games to occur every weekend. So many
 people are required on match days to ensure games can be played and that all other requirements on
 game day occur.
- With over 400 matches played every weekend across netball, football, and hockey, we have a heavy reliance on umpires. Umpiring all sports can challenging however they played a crucial role in our

- competitions. This year many umpires participated in multiple games on the same day and weekend to support those players and clubs. It is also important to recognise and thank the many club-based supporters and officials who undertook umpiring duties where we did not have sufficient Umpire Association umpires to support those matches.
- AFL Central Victoria are fortunate to have a large portfolio of organisations who partner with us, and our Leagues and Clubs. These partners deliver support and benefits through a range of initiatives and activities. Our community sport has a significant footprint across Central Victoria, and through this network our partners are able to deliver benefits to local communities and to their organisations. The contribution of these partners ultimately allows AFL Central Vic to maintain our fees as low as we possibly can, and ensure our sports are affordable. A special mention to our Major Partner, Bendigo Bank, who are also a major partner of the BFNL, BJFL, BUA, CVFL, LVFNL, HDFNL, NCFL & AFL CV Academy. The Bendigo Bank have continued to support community football with over \$7,000 provided to Clubs for referring new business to the bank. We thank the bank for their sponsorship of our leagues and encourage all clubs to promote the referral program. We also enjoy 4 community partners who actively improve our communities TAC, Headspace Bendigo, Love the Game, and the Pat Cronin Foundation.
- Tribunals are a necessary and important of all sports. In both Bendigo and Swan Hill, we have a
 group of volunteers who give their time to fulfill this function. It can be a difficult process and
 environment and the time and expertise they provide is much appreciated.
- In our local communities, the media are an important source of information. That is certainly the case for community sport. Thank you to staff at all of the newspapers, radio and television stations who provided content to promote, preview and review our competitions and those who participate. A special mention to those who delivered live broadcasts.

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Floods

While not occurring until the completion of our seasons, the recent floods have had a massive impact on individuals, families, property, sports clubs and communities across the AFL Central Victoria geography. At the time of writing many areas and communities are still at risk and we hope for positive outcomes. We have all been impressed with the way individuals and communities have come together to help each other. AFL Central Vic have been working to provide assistance where possible. Our focus has been predominantly with information and assistance on funding available to assist affected clubs. We have worked with the AFL who have already provided cash directly to 5 clubs in our region.

Participation

In 2022 we have seen some new and existing programs being delivered with some fantastic results:

- NAB Auskick Program
- AFL Primary Play Programs (free AFL program delivered to primary schools)
- AFL Kinda Play Programs (free AFL program delivered to kindergartens)
- Footy4Fun
- Junior X and AFL 9's

In Bendigo and surrounding regions, the program was delivered to 146 Schools between term 1 and 3 reaching over 100 schools in term 2 which was the highest in the state. In Swan Hill and surrounding regions, the program was delivered to 67 schools. In Term 4 Central Victoria have attended 25 Kindergartens delivering the new Kinder Play program.

Conducting these programs enabled AFL Victoria to promote NAB AFL Auskick and Community Football to transition participants into community leagues and clubs.

Across the region we also ran several Footy4Fun programs focusing on come and try, especially for girls and inclusion for everyone. This was a great success seeing new participants registering. With the success of the Footy4 Fun Girls programs we have seen new female community competitions start which was a huge success across the region enabling new teams and pathways form.

The Junior X program has been a huge success in Bendigo running an 8-week competition with over 80 junior boys and girls participating. We aim to run a modified competition in Swan Hill in early 2023. The aim of Junior X is a short format game, focused on development, fun and enjoyment. This is a social aspect of the game which is played outside our traditional season.

Development & Pathways

An uninterrupted year enable AFL Central Vic to provide a full year of football and netball academies in Bendigo and Swan Hill. It was fantastic to see young athletes able to participate in these programs and develop a range of skills. Similarly, the academies provide a great pathway for coaches who are looking to learn and develop.

AFL Central Vic junior football teams played representative games in Ballarat against their junior teams, and also against Goulburn Murray Junior League at Strathfieldsaye. Our Central Vic Football League senior women's team played high quality football in a representative match against Northern Country Women's League at the QEO.

All leagues in our region had interleague netball teams who attended tournaments along with association championships. This included age groups form 13 and under right through to open age.

This year saw two V/Line Cup carnivals for our best under 15 female and male players. Both carnivals were held in Shepparton across the most talented under 15 players across all areas of country Victoria. The 2022 V/Line Cup was held in the regular time period of September, with 2 boys' teams and 1 girls team competing. Unfortunately, the 2021 V/Line Cup did not occur due to COVID, with the carnival being held over until April 2022 school holidays. It was great to see these players demonstrate their skills. Thanks to the coaches and other volunteers who made both events a success.

During the year we held gala days where junior footballers and netballers from the various leagues in our region where able to come to one location and compete against each other.

Across both netball and football, AFL Central Vic provided multiple programs and activities for the education and development of coaches and umpires. These programs involved on court/field and classroom formats for delivery and were facilitated by very well credentialled presenters.

Infrastructure

Congratulations to all concerned in both State and Local Governments and all clubs for driving facility development within the region. This year facility development has included: major pavilion development at Harry Trott oval in Kennington featuring new change and social rooms and landscaping, major development at Lord Nelson Park in St Arnaud featuring new change rooms for football, netball and hockey, and new pavilion, and player and umpire change room upgrades at various clubs. Construction is well advanced on the major development at Catherine McAuley College in Junortoun. A major upgrade at Donaldson Park in Wedderburn has commenced which will include new facilities and unisex change rooms for players and umpires. Finally, we wish to recognise all staff at the hubs, both in Bendigo and Swan Hill. They go above and beyond to deliver high quality competitions and assist our leagues and clubs. Specific thanks to Sam Skinner, Jake McLean and Daniel Reid who finished working with AFL Central Vic and AFL Vic during the course of the year for their contributions.

In what was my first year in the role, I would like to thank everyone for their support of me personally, and their contribution to football and netball. As with anybody new to a position it takes time to learn, and everybody has been very patient and made feel welcome across the region. I look forward to seeing more football, netball and hockey next year.

On behalf of the Commission Craig Armstead Region General Manager



MEMBERS



AFL Victoria Silver Whistle Award Season 2022 was awarded to Michael Court.



BJFL Tim Donnelly Award Season 2022 was awarded to Will Robinson.



After 500 games Ken Walker is retiring from umpiring. Having been with the BUA since 2002 he has been a big part of football throughout the region. Congratulations Ken and enjoy your retirement.



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