



Williamstown Lacrosse Club



2020 Annual Report 9 December 2020



WILLIAMSTOWN LACROSSE CLUB INC.

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Annual General Meeting

Williamstown Bowling Club

Dennis Reserve

Melbourne Rd, Williamstown

Wednesday 9th December 2020 @ 7:00 PM

On behalf of the 2020 WLC General Committee, I commit the following 118th Annual Report and Financial Statements for your consideration and approval.

Simon Brown

Secretary

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Business:

1. Confirmation of minutes of the 2019 AGM
2. Adoption of 2020 Annual Report.
3. Adoption of Financial Statements for 2020.
4. Election of Office Bearers for 2021.
5. Confirmation of Life Membership
6. General Business

2020 OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT : Robert Speakman

VICE PRESIDENTS: Simon Brown
Carl Radford

SECRETARY: Simon Brown

TREASURER: Margaret Clarke

COMMITTEE:

Member	Portfolio
Damien Orr	Club History
Troy Butson	Sponsorship
Carl Radford	Council & Co-Tenants
Simon Brown	LV, HBCC & Co-Tenants
Mark Butler	Senior Co-Ordinator
Stephen Pike	Senior Co-Ordinator
Sean Clerk	Junior Development
Kade Robinson	Social / Major Events
Brian Bach	Communications
Michael Kindred	Communications
Robert Speakman	Building & Grounds
Brooke Poynton	Grants & Merchandise
Ben Rotin	Bar Manager

AUDITOR

Colin Taylor

WILLIAMSTOWN LACROSSE CLUB Inc

Annual General Meeting MINUTES
7:30 PM Tuesday 26th November 2019.
Williamstown Bowling Club

Meeting Opened: 7.30 PM

1. Present: Jock Garnsworthy, Carl Radford, Damien Orr, Troy Butson, Robert Speakman, Simon Brown, Kade Robinson, Brian Bach, Brooke Poynton, Matthew Price, Mark Butler, Scott Garnsworthy, Darren Gibson, Alan Rolley, Lachlan Russell, Sean Clarke, Margaret Clarke, Daryl Wilkinson, Ian Fraser, Con Papazoglou, Artchie Papazoglou, Colin Taylor, Stephen Pike.

2. Apologies: Ben Rotin, Michael Kindred, Gregor Garnsworthy.

3. Minutes last meeting

Motion "The minutes accepted as accurate account of 2018 AGM held 11/12/2018"

MOVED: Simon Brown **SECONDED:** Jock Garnsworthy **PASSED**

4. **2019 Annual report:** Presented and Accepted.

MOVED: Robert Speakman **SECONDED:** Matthew Price **PASSED**

5. REPORTS

Presidents Report – as tabled. Special thank you to all coaches, committee members, players and supporters for another successful year. Special thanks to our major sponsors Williamstown Health & Lifestyle and Midway Concrete for their ongoing sponsorship and support to the club. Noted thanks to the 47 100 Club members for their contribution to the junior programs.

Financial Report – as tabled. Presented by Margaret Clarke noting an overall positive result with an operational surplus of \$3,581.88 for the year. Details are in the financial report tabled.

Major Projects Report – as tabled. Future projects in conjunction with HBCC being upgrade of clubrooms, carpark, installation of improved light towers on the Fearon to enable night games, and the installation of safety barrier netting in front of Gardens and Clubrooms.

Thanks to Colin Taylor for auditing the report.

MOVED: Carl Radford **SECONDED:** Damien Orr **PASSED**

6. 2020 OFFICE BEARERS

Robert Speakman called for nominations for President. No nominations received. Robert Speakman subsequently appointed President in February 2020.

Simon called for further nominations for Executive & General Committee

The following were elected unopposed.

President: No Appointment, Vice President: Simon Brown, Carl Radford Secretary: Simon Brown, Treasurer: Margaret Clarke, General Committee: Troy Butson, Mark Butler, Stephen Pike, Michael Kindred, Damien Orr, Brian Bach, Brooke Poynton, Kade Robinson, Sean Clarke, Ben Rotin Auditor: Colin Taylor

MOVED: Alec Inglis **SECONDED:** Darren Gibson **PASSED**

7. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

"That this Annual General Meeting of members of the Williamstown Lacrosse Club endorse Simon Brown as a Life member of the Williamstown Lacrosse Club."

MOVED: Carl Radford **SECONDED:** Mark Butler **CARRIED**

Carl presented Simon with his Life Membership highlighting his 37 year membership of the WLC as a player, coach and committee member. Simon's involvement and extensive work as a committee member, player and coach of Hampstead Lacrosse Club in London was also highlighted.

All reports were received well.

Meeting Closed: 8:45 PM

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following WLC players were selected to represent Australia at the Under 19 World Championships in Limerick, Ireland which has been re-scheduled for July 2021:

Lachlan Hodge	Harry Gibson
Chinaka Egbujor	Edison Pyke
Shae Moate	Lachlan Warren
Will Olver	Brock Gourley
Kade Robinson (Assistant Coach)	Wayne Butson (Team Manager)

MEMBERSHIP

Year	Seniors			Juniors			Premierships	
	Nos	Teams		Nos	Teams			
2002	43	3	SL/D1/D2	72	5	11,13 C&F,15,17	1	U17
2003	45	3	SL/D1/D2	88	6	11,13F C & D,15,17	4	S/L, Div1, U13, U 15
2004	46	3	SL/D1/D3	103	7	11F&C,13 F&C,15F&C,17	1	Div 3.
2005	45	3	SL/D1/D3	110	7	11,13 F & C,15 F&C&D ,17	1	Div 3
2006	49	3	SL/D1/D2	74	5	11, 13, 15 F & C, 17	1	U 15
2007	45	3	SL/D1/D3	90	6	12,14,16,18	1	U 16
2008	49	3	SL/D1/D2	80	6	12,14,16,18	3	S/L, D3, 18
2009	52	3	SL/D1/D2	78	6	12,14,16,18	1	S/L
2010	61	3	SL/D1/D2	62	4	12,14,16,18	1	S/L
2011	55	3	SL/D1/D2	56	4	12,14,16	2	U 16 Cities, Div 2
2012	77	4	SL/D1/D2/D3	64	5	12F&C,14,16,18	5	S/L, D1, D2, D3, U18
2013	68	4	SL/D1/D2/D3	72	5	12F&C,14,16,18	4	D1, D2, D3, U18
2014	64	4	SL/D1/D2/D3	73	6	11,13F & C,15,18F & C	3	Div 1, U 15, U13
2015	75	4	SL/D1/D2/D3	71	6	11C & F,13C & F,15,17	4	S/L, D2, D3, U13
2016	76	4	SL/D1/D2/D3	67	5	11C & F,13, 15, 17	3	S/L,D2,U15
2017	74	4	SL/D1/D2/D3	79	6	11D, C & F,13, 15, 17	3	S/L,D1,D2
2018	68	4	SL/D1/D2/D3	79	6	11D, C & F,13, 15, 17	1	U 17
2019	65	4	SL/D1/D2/D3	85	7	11D,C,F, 13B,G,15,17	5	S/L,D1, U17, U15, U13
2020	N/A – Season cancelled due to COVID-19							

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2020 season was cancelled due to the corona virus pandemic.

A lot of works have been happening around the Club. The clubrooms have been renovated extensively inside and outside. Our new storage unit, which will replace the old shipping container has been built on to the renovated Harsley Pavilion and is being fitted out with shelving for us to move into. The new light poles have arrived and are ready to install onto the new concrete footings. These lights will enable us to play night games and make training all over the ground possible.

The planning is well under way for the installation of safety nets in front of the clubhouse and in front of the gardens, this will make it safer for spectators and the general public.

I wish to acknowledge the tremendous amount of time and effort that Simon Brown and Carl Radford have put into these projects, as well as the work Simon did with Lacrosse Victoria at the start trying to get the season up and running. Thank you also to Darren Gibson and the Junior Coaches who put in considerable effort to enable our Senior and Junior players to "Return to Training" at the Fearon prior to the season being cancelled.

Thank you to all the members of the Committee for their time and efforts through this difficult year.

The Club would also like to congratulate the 8 boys who were selected in the Australian Under 19 Team to play in the World Series in Ireland in July. While the championships were postponed due to Corona Virus, it will hopefully be played in 2021.

H. GIBSON, W. OLVER, E. PYKE, L. WARREN, S. MOATE, L. HODGE,
B. GOURLEY, C. EGBUJOR

As this will be my last report as President I sincerely wish to thank everyone that has served on the various Committees, my Wife Jenny and my Family for their support over the last 23 years.

Our club is in great shape financially and player numbers, the new Committee must strive to keep our numbers up and make us even bigger and better.

On behalf of Jenny and myself we wish all our players and supporters a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to a bigger and better virus free 2021

ROBERT SPEAKMAN

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Financial Statements for the year ending 31 October 2020 should be read in conjunction with the following notes.

As is presented in the financial statements, we ended the year with an operational loss of \$6,7894.02. This was a direct result of COVID-19 cancelling the season meaning the club didn't generate any income from sponsorships, bar and merchandise sales or from special events such as the \$1,000 Draw. Thank you to Brooke who successfully applied for grants totalling \$2,885. In addition, we were fortunate in that Lacrosse Victoria received a \$200,000 grant which meant clubs were not required to pay any subscriptions in 2020.

Major Projects

As set out in the 2020 Major Projects Report, we had three significant projects completed in 2020 being the clubrooms renovation, new storage room and car park. The new light towers for the Fearon are also well advanced and we also hope to have the new safety barrier nets installed prior to the 2021 lacrosse season. While the final funding arrangements for the lights and barrier netting projects are still to be determined, the expectation is that WLC's contribution is expected to be less than the \$26,000 the Committee previously allocated for these two projects.

Major variances to 2019

1. Total income down by \$103k due to COVID-19 including no bar sales, functions or sponsorship;
2. Players Subs – \$2.15k in fees paid prior to season cancellation to be applied against 2021 subs;
3. 100 Club memberships down by \$4.5k
4. Jim's Storage Costs of \$3.9k while clubroom and storage projects were being completed (9 month delay);
5. Donations of \$2.1k to the Bushfire Appeal and Sue Sofarnos Foundation;
6. Junior Equipment Purchases: \$1.68k gloves and arm pads for resale. More junior equipment to be purchased in 2021.
7. Merchandise Purchases \$1.15k for scarves and beanies

Audit

The 2020 Financial Accounts for the Williamstown Lacrosse Club Inc have been audited by Mr C Taylor. Thank you Colin for your time and effort in performing the audit.

In summary, the financial result of the club this year has been severely impacted by COVID-19. That said, we were fortunate that we weren't required to pay any subscriptions to Lacrosse Victoria. Subject to the 2021 season returning to close to normal, as in 2019 the club has the capacity to continue to deliver strong performance. As mentioned in previous Treasurers reports, the club exists for its members and not to make profits, however having a robust asset base provides the club the ability to plan and invest in the future. There remain a number of significant commitments mentioned in the Major Projects Report that may consume some of that asset base, subject to the final funding arrangements to be confirmed by Council, however the ongoing challenge of the Committee is to make sure it leverages the financial position to continue to strengthen our club, and sport, both on and off field.

Margaret Clarke
Treasurer

MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT

In recent years the WLC Committee has been successful in its liaisons with Hobsons Bay City Council (HBCC) in securing funding for various projects, which will improve amenities at the Fearon Reserve.

The WLC Committee is pleased to announce that many of the projects at Fearon Reserve have reached completion, while the lighting and barrier netting projects are expected to be completed in readiness for the 2021 lacrosse season. The status of the various projects at the “lacrosse” end of the Fearon is as follows:

	Project	Project Completion Date	HBCC Budget Allocation	WLC Budget Allocation
1	Lacrosse Pavilion, restoration and alteration works	Mar 2020	\$633k	Nil
2	Harsley Pavillion – Female Friendly & Storage Upgrade (including permanent storage for WLC & WWLC)	Oct 2020	\$700k	Nil
3	Upgrade of WLC Carpark (Note: landscaping to be completed March 2021)	Oct 2020	TBA	Nil
4	Fearon Reserve Public Toilet and Storage Shed	Jan 2021	\$500k	Nil
5	Fearon Reserve Lighting Upgrade	Feb 2021	\$340k	\$17.5k
6	Lacrosse Barrier Netting	Mar 2021	\$55k	\$8.5k
				\$26.0k

3. Lacrosse Pavillion – Restoration & Alteration Works

The upgrade works to Fearon Reserve Lacrosse Pavilion included the construction of a new umpire’s change room and compliant DDA change room, replacement of the veranda, weatherboards, social room floor boards, and painting throughout. The works also comprised the installation of floor insulation and “smart glass” windows, and the painting of the roof with a “cool roof” product to improve the energy efficiency of the pavilion. The works also included the replacement of chain wire mesh fence around the Box Lacrosse court and reinforcement of existing posts. The project was completed in February 2020.



Above: Before photo of Fearon Reserve Lacrosse Pavilion (15 September, 2019)



Above: Fearon Lacrosse Pavilion once completed (28 February 2020)



Above: New social room sub floor, floorboards, lighting.

4. Harsley Pavillion Storage Upgrades

Harsley Pavilion upgrades include building renewal works to the existing four player change rooms with the inclusion of new female friendly facilities. The existing building was extended for the inclusion of umpire facilities and additional storage including a new 34m² storage for the WLC to replace the shipping containers. Council has allocated \$700k in its 2019/20 budget for the Harsley Pavilion upgrades.

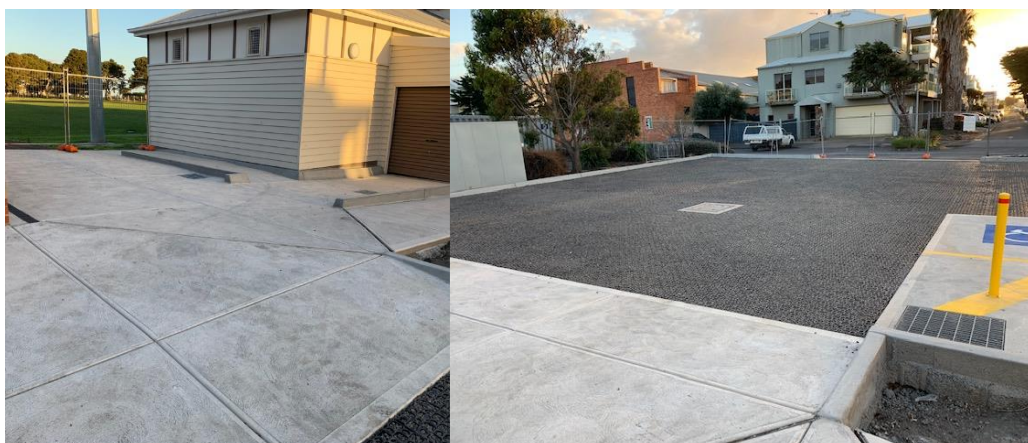


5. Upgrade of the WLC Car Park

The upgrade of the gravel car park adjacent to the Lacrosse Pavilion with reinforced gravel and water sensitive design has been completed, although the landscaping will be completed after summer.

The WLC has communicated its concerns to HBCC in respect to the potential welfare, health and safety issues including trip hazards, poorly designed drainage, and the proximity of the electrical kiosk to the new carpark. While HBCC intend to erect a barrier in front of electrical kiosk to provide separation and prevent damage to that asset, they have rejected WLC's health and safety concerns.

The redesign of the carpark and extension of the Harsley Pavilion has resulted in a reduction in the overall carpark capacity to approximately 10 vehicles, four less carparks than anticipated.



4. Fearon Reserve Public Toilet and Storage Shed for tenant clubs

The blue stone public toilets at the South East corner of the Fearon reserve has been demolished. The construction of the replacement toilets and storage shed for tenant clubs has commenced. Delays in design have occurred to accommodate Heritage and Town Planning requirements. Works have commenced and scheduled for completion in December 2020

5. Fearon Reserve Floodlighting

As with everything in 2020, COVID-19, coupled with a contract dispute and supply chain issues delayed the installation of the three new light towers at the Southern “lacrosse” end of the Fearon. All of the issues have now been resolved and the works are now well underway. Cabling, excavations and pouring of reinforced concrete foundations for new light towers have now been completed. The new light towers and lights will be stood in place and commissioned in at the start of December, with works completed mid-December.

6. Lacrosse Barrier Netting

Council has allocated \$55k to install safety netting at both the Gardens and Clubroom ends of the Fearon Reserve to protect spectators, park users and properties during lacrosse training and competition times. The installation includes two permanent steel cabinet at each end of the reserve.

We will be meeting with HBCC and the netting contractors in January 2021 to agree the final design and netting positions. The works are anticipated to take three (3) weeks weather permitting and are now scheduled to begin in February 2020. Refer to attached flyer.

The scope of work has been revised since our original submission and now includes 2 @ 25m x 3m nets, 2 x Cabinets/ poles(fixed), 2 x winch poles (sleeve, removable), 1 x portable winch, 2 x sets rigging at both the Botanical Gardens end and in front of the refurbished Williamstown Lacrosse Pavilion.

Carl Radford
Simon Brown

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