



Essendon Hockey Incorporated

2022 Annual Report

Board Chair Report

I begin today by acknowledging the Wurundjeri people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

Welcome to members who have attended tonight. I'm delighted we have a new structure for our hockey club which will take us into the future.

2022 has been a wonderful welcome back to hockey this year, the first time we have played a full season of competition since 2019. How nice it is to be back

This year we have seen some fantastic on field performances. Our top 4 teams all made finals and our top 2 women's teams both proceeded to Grand finals with our WPL being worthy Premiers.

Teams in other leagues, from juniors to masters, also had some great success this year and I would like to make special mention of our Under 12 premiership. Congratulations all

It was also fantastic to see some of our elite players, coaches and umpires achieve terrific success this year, from tigers, through to Australian masters. Essendon saw representatives in many state teams and some achieving Australian section. There is a bright future ahead. Essendon is very proud of you and we love to see you compete and umpire in State and National competitions.

While we are so proud of our elite athletics, umpires and coaches, we are also proud that Essendon Hockey is more than the competition at the highest grades. The Board continues to strive for the club to be a welcoming home for all those to wish to be members.

We support players, coaches and umpires at all levels of the club. We want to see those who want to progress and develop have a supportive environment to do so. We do want to see everyone have a supportive and welcoming place to play hockey at our club.

And Essendon Hockey is more than that, we want to see our parents, partners, children and extended family and friends involved in the club if they wish. From spectating, volunteering, and building social networks. I think we can all agree, how fantastic it is to be back at hockey, back at the club and back with our friends.

In 2022 we welcomed 3 new Life Members, Gary Malcom (who many of you would know as our Canteen manager), Cheryl McCraw (who played over 300 games in first division and was our WSL1 captain for many years) and John McIntyre (a player at EHC for more than 40 years who also filled a number of committee positions over that period). Congratulations and welcome to a wonderful cohort of Essendon Hockey contributors.

I would like to also call out a few achievements in 2022 which need to be mentioned here today

We thank Moonee Valley City Council for the resurfacing of our Southern Ground this year. As we head into 2023 we can be proud our club can offer two hybrid playing surfaces and fantastic facilities, like the dug outs with storage, new sheds, and of course our social rooms and under cover area. We are also pleased to let our members know additional seating is in progress of being organised so that the Southern Ground has seating similar to our Northern Ground, which will be another excellent addition to our facilities here at Essendon.

Also in 2022 we have continued to expand our administration software. We are now operating Google Suite which allows our club administration to share files, emails, chat, meetings and more,

making for improved administration ability and efficiency. We also have the Airtable database being used for the first time across the entire club, joining Team App as our club internal communication software.

Before I close this evening, I would like to say a few thank yous:

To all those who volunteer at the club. Your contribution is critical to the success of Essendon Hockey.

For some people this contribution is an hour here or there, it might be that the floor needs a vacuum, that equipment has been left out or that a plate of food is appreciated. This volunteering is appreciated and necessary. Thankyou

We have some people who have given an amazing amount of time, making sure we get teams on the field, that we have uniforms, that we have umpires, that the results have been entered, that there's lollies or oranges, that social functions happen, we say thankyou.

For those with particular expertise, from umpires, to coaches, to administrators, those who bring something special to our club, who use it and share their knowledge, thank you.

Essendon Hockey is successful because of our volunteers. If you can, think about the one thing you could do next year to help the club. You don't need to be 'stuck' in a committee role where you need to attend meetings or complete compliance, but you can do so. You might have a hobby of photography, we would love your help, you might like to suggest or run an event, please put up your hand, you might want to help with juniors, but don't know where to start, we are here to help you be successful, please put up your hand. There's many ways you can help.

I would like to acknowledge and thank again all our volunteers at the club

I would like to make special mention to all those serving on the board in 2022. I have appreciated the support and enjoyed the team environment we have shared this year to administer the club.

I would like to particularly thank James Wilson, one of our Junior parents who stepped on the Board in 2022 and assisted with the structural changes we presented tonight.

I would also like to thank David Langren, who for many many years contributed a huge amount of time and expertise at Essendon Hockey. I recall back in the 1990's David was heavily involved in the club and through to the last 7 or 8 years where I've worked with David across our Committees and Board. David has successfully built networks, lead our Sponsorship portfolio and has worked very closely with the MVCC and local politicians to obtain the funding for the facilities we have here at Essendon. I thank David for his wise counsel and friendship over this period. I am sure David is proud of what he has contributed to the club which included the successful amalgamation of the Essendon Hockey Club, Essendon Ladies Hockey Club and Essendon Hockey Management in 2017. An enormous contribution David. Thankyou

I would like to conclude with a congratulations for the new Executive Committee elected here tonight. Thankyou to each of you for putting your hands up to contribute to Essendon Hockey as we head into 2023.

Michelle Walkerden B.Comm CPA

Board Chair 2022

Board Treasurers Report

Good evening members

Attached are two reports, the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet as at the end of October 2022, when EHI's financial year ends.

We were back to near-normal this year with a full winter season. Some refunds from last year were applied to membership fees.

For the year the club made a profit of \$75k unaudited. Although this seems a lot, it includes \$20k of unpaid fees and sponsorship which should come through in the next month. It also includes an \$11k grant from the Dept of Industry to help with 'Covid Year' expenses.

Other items to call out, income from EFCSC was received of \$13k. In addition, a capital works grant of \$5.6k was received from EFCSC reimbursing costs paid. We thank our largest sponsor the EFCSC for this significant contribution.

We also thank Wilcon for their very generous sponsorship in 2022 and all our other sponsors.

The club set up a new members database this year using AirTable which has been a great help in tracking teams, costs, fees, offsetting coaching and umpiring, invoicing and ground hire.

The club did have the usual hockey related costs to bear in 2022. This included ground hire, coaching costs and so on. The club also paid \$9k in interest charges on our loans (grounds). The club's balance sheet remains strong.

The last audit performed on our accounts was for the Oct 2019 year. We have engaged Nick Burne to audit the 2022 financial accounts and also to audit/review the 2020 and 2021 'Covid years'. We expect this review to be completed early in the new year..

In conclusion, the 2022 year was a good year for the club, with a strong foundation to continue into the 2023 year.

Anna Huston ACA
Board Treasurer 2022

Copies of the Financials of Essendon Hockey Inc were shared with members at the AGM in November 2022. Should you have any questions or require further information please reach out to treasurer@essendonhockey.com.au

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Members of Essendon Hockey Incorporated:

Report on the Financial Report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report of Essendon Hockey Incorporated (hereafter the Association) which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2021, the Income Statement, the Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Committee's Report.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the Association is 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 committee determines 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I have conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report is not presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 including giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 October 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards. ASRE 2015 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of the financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all

significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my review, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

NICHOLAS E BURNE

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Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, I have not become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the financial report of the Association is not in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2012 including:

- (a) Giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 October 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards as referred to in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Essendon Hockey Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the report may not be suitable for other purposes.

Nicholas E Burne

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Melbourne, 20 May, 2023