



EASTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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EFNL MISSION STATEMENT

THE EASTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE WILL EFFECTIVELY
PROMOTE AND **FACILITATE** THE **PLAYING** AND **DEVELOPMENT**
OF AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL AND NETBALL FOR THE
BENEFIT OF **ALL** PARTICIPANTS, AT **ALL** LEVELS
THROUGHOUT THE EAST OF METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

EFNL STRATEGIC PILLARS

CLUBS

PARTICIPATION

COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

EFNL CORE VALUES

COMMUNITY

FAIRNESS

EXCELLENCE

INTEGRITY

RESPECT



COMMUNITY

WE **VALUE** AND **APPRECIATE** ALL VOLUNTEERS IN THE LEAGUE

WE **ENGAGE, DEVELOP** AND **PROMOTE** SOCIAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH LEAGUE CHARITY PARTNERS

WE **VALUE** AND **APPRECIATE** THE **POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION** OUR CLUBS MAKE IN THE COMMUNITY

FAIRNESS

WE **TREAT** ALL CLUBS AND COMPETITIONS **EQUALLY** AND GRADE TO INCREASE MATCH **COMPETITIVENESS**

WE **STRIVE** TO **PROVIDE** **PARTICIPATION** **OPPORTUNITIES** FOR ALL PLAYERS

WE **MAKE** DECISIONS BASED ON WHAT IS THE **FAIREST** AND MOST **EQUITABLE** OUTCOME FOR **ALL** STAKEHOLDERS

EXCELLENCE

WE **SET** AND **DRIVE** THE EXPECTATIONS AND STANDARDS OF THE LEAGUE

WE **SHARE** **IDEAS**, REVIEW BEST PRACTICE, **INNOVATE** AND **EVOLVE** TO CREATE EFFICIENCIES

WE **PROVIDE** A **CONSISTENT** AND **PROFESSIONAL** SERVICE THAT OFFERS **SUPPORT** AND **GUIDANCE** WHEN REQUIRED

INTEGRITY

WE **ARE** **OPEN, HONEST** AND **TRANSPARENT** IN OUR DECISION MAKING WHILST RESPECTING **CONFIDENTIALITY**

WE **PLAY** BY AND **ENFORCE** THE RULES OF THE LEAGUE

WE **PROACTIVELY** DEAL WITH ISSUES IN A **CONSISTENT** AND **TIMELY** MANNER

RESPECT

WE **TREAT** **ALL** PEOPLE WITH **DIGNITY** AND **RESPECT**

WE **PROMOTE** **POSITIVE** ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN **PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, UMPIRES** AND **SPECTATORS**

WE **COMMUNICATE** IN A **POSITIVE** AND **RESPECTFUL** MANNER





CHAIRMAN

LIFE AS WE KNEW IT CHANGED DRAMATICALLY FOR US ALL EARLY IN 2020, WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE CORONAVIRUS ON OUR SHORES.

Firstly, a state of emergency and then a state of disaster was declared with several timeline extensions. State border closures, lockdowns, curfews, schools, and non-essential business closed, and sport and recreational activities cancelled. Different rules and protocols were put in place to try and operate within a COVID 19 environment but in the end the virus infiltrated most communities across Victoria effectively shutting down the State.

Taking all available health advice and Government pronouncements into account and in turn, extensive consultation with our clubs, the EFNL Board officially cancelled the 2020 Senior season on the 3rd June 2020 and the Junior season on the 10th July 2020.

Meanwhile the AFL relocated all Victorian to clubs to Queensland in the middle of July to enable the completion of the AFL Season and determined the Grand Final would be played at the Gabba.

Heading into season 2020 the League through careful management and good governance over many years was fortunately supported by a solid balance sheet. This left us well placed

to believe we had the capacity and know how to ride out an event such as COVID 19.

A roadmap was developed in March to take us through to 2021 and a range of cost saving initiatives were implemented to minimize the cash burn. The Government announced a large financial support package, Job Keeper, and a business tax boost program, both of which the League was able to access.

The League was also successful in applying for State Government Business Relief Grants and our Local councils have supported the league and clubs through rent relief programs. As a result of these grants and cost saving initiatives, the League was able to absorb all club related costs. Leaving our clubs and the league relatively well placed financially.

We are most appreciative of these measures and acknowledge with thanks, their importance in helping us deal with this unprecedented crisis.

Off field the Eastern Region Football Facility Strategy was completed and provided to council officers. The objective of the strategy is to assist with prioritising and unlocking

millions of dollars of investment into club facilities over the coming years. We will continue to work closely with our Local Councils, State and Federal Governments and the AFL for the benefit of our clubs and the wider community.

Over the past couple of years including 2020 we have seen significant investments in ground drainage and resurfacing, lighting projects and facility improvements.

The League would like to thank Eastland our Naming Rights Partner for their ongoing investment into the league, our clubs, and their support of community sport in Melbourne's East. Over the coming months it will be very important that our community supports the Eastland precinct and continues to invest money back into local businesses.

The League would also like thank our Major Community Partner Bendigo Bank and Major Sponsors Channel Nine, BJS Insurance, Deakin University, Yarra Valley Water, Carsales, Trojan Tools and SEN 1116. Along with our other valued support sponsors and community partners listed at the front of the Annual Report. Our sponsors are



Above from L-R, EFNL Board: Tim Finemore (Deputy Chairman), Bruce Atkinson, Leon Bailey, Paul Barlow, David Flintoff Paul Payne and Sue McMillan.

all long-term partners and we look forward to these relationships continuing for many years to come.

Whilst not all programs or activities were delivered or fully implemented due to the season cancellation, we continue to build relationships and awareness through key partnerships and activations. These include TAC Towards Zero, Good Sports, Sports Chaplains Australia, Sport & Life Training (SALT), Love the Game - Not the Odds, Blue Ribbon Foundation, METEC driver training, Beyond Blue, Breast Cancer Network Australia, Eastern Health and Fight MND. Our partnership with the Hawthorn Football Club will continue through to 2023 with a new agreement recently signed.

Umpiring is critical to the league and an area where we continue to invest in via facilities and coaching staff. We thank the EFLUA and their President Dean O'Neil, the committee and our dedicated coaching group who continued to offer training, support, and engagement to our umpiring group during this challenging period.

The league continues to be well served by its Board. During tough times it is critical to have board

members who are levelheaded, rational, and empathetic to the circumstances and needs of the EFNL community.

The board continues to provide the administration with guidance and wisdom to assist in decision making and governance.

I would like to thank the Junior Advisory Committee led by Leon Bailey, who do a terrific job during the junior season liaising with clubs on Sundays and upholding the high standards of our junior competition.

Thank you to the hard working EFNL team, especially CEO Troy Swainston, who has ridden all the bumps along the way putting together multiple plans and options for how a season may have been able to take place.

The administration worked tirelessly to answer questions and keep clubs informed whilst at the same time working through a challenging period for themselves personally. This resilient team will be back in 2021 and are committed to keeping EFNL football and netball accessible and affordable for all participants whilst at the same time providing a superior level of service. A balance which we believe we are getting right.

In closing, a sincere thank you to all the hard-working committee persons and volunteers at all EFNL clubs. In an extraordinary year, the League has greatly appreciated your support, understanding, cooperation and patience. Your leadership and contribution to the cohesion and well-being of your clubs and local communities has been critical to effectively navigating our way through this pandemic. Your efforts are greatly appreciated, and we hope you can use the break to regroup and refresh ready for season 2021.



GRAHAM HALBISH
Chairman



FROM THE CEO

WELL WHAT A YEAR.

Who would have ever thought that the 2020 season would be cancelled due to a global pandemic.

A highly transmissible coronavirus originating in Wuhan, China spread across the globe and Australia was not immune. The state of Victoria was put into multiple lockdowns following state of emergency and state of disaster declarations. As infected cases increased schools, businesses, sport, and recreation activities were suspended and the community was in lockdown with curfews implemented.

Season 2020 started like any normal season, the administration was fully prepared, fixtures complete and the countdown to commencement was on. For clubs' pre-season was in full swing and practice matches were scheduled to commence mid-March, but by the 16th of March we had suspended all training and on the 23rd March the season was postponed until 31st May 2020.

What followed was countless meetings with AFL Victoria and Metropolitan Leagues to decipher DHHS advice, guidelines, protocols, and the restrictions. The unknown created a great deal of anxiety and in communication with clubs everyone seemed to be seeking the same outcome - some certainty.

It was clear that COVID 19 had the potential to put many within our community at risk and therefore health and safety become the number one priority. We pushed back dates, implemented a half season fixture but in the end COVID 19 won the battle ending all competitions by mid-year, a devastating and agonising decision but one which was completely outside of our control.

2020 was still a positive year for the League on most measures from the five key pillars of our Strategic Plan: Clubs, Participation, Community and Partnerships, Operational Excellence and Financial Management.

Our relationships with our clubs strengthened, our engagement shifted to ZOOM and social media, delivering key communication, education, and messages to the community.

The Berwick Football Club (Senior) was voted into our Premier Division and we are confident they will be a great addition for many years to come. Operationally we streamlined processes and worked on technology initiatives to drive efficiencies for the league and our clubs. Financially the league developed a robust road map and plan to navigate this period ending the financial year in a strong cash position with a rock-solid balance sheet.

Without a season content was critical to keep the EFNL Community engaged and providing our sponsors with exposure and reach. Pleasingly our social media platforms have grown and its been enjoyable in the most part to see the engagement and friendly banter which has taken place over these platforms.



Social media can be a wonderful tool to promote and build awareness but can also be a source of many untruths. No doubt emotions ran high at times and the media with little news to report was pushing out eye-catching headlines trying to play on those emotions.

Female participation via football and netball was on track to grow again. This season we received one hundred team entries in netball and clubs were set to field thirty plus EFNL women's football teams across four divisions. Female participation has grown from 1% in 2013 and based on team entries was forecast to be 27% in 2020. Female inclusion and access to football continues to change the face and culture of clubs and is driving considerable health, participation, and engagement benefits for the community along with funding. Re-engaging with female participants (and all participants) will be an important step to ensuring these participations come back in 2021. A key strategic plan priority for the League is all clubs having female representation in football and netball by 2023.

The Melbourne East Football Facility Strategy is now complete and is the largest review undertaken in the region in relation to facilities. There has been significant investment in the East this year and we remain confident that more funding will be unlocked. Local councils continue to be the single biggest investor in sporting facilities, and we will continue to work closely with them, the State and Federal governments along with AFL Victoria.

Many clubs across our municipalities have been the beneficiary of lighting upgrades, drainage and resurfacing

upgrades and new pavilions. The League is very grateful of these investments by council and government to upgrade facilities to be female friendly, inclusive and add available utilization hours at grounds to accommodate existing and new participants. Investing into female football will very likely unlock funding opportunities for upgrades, so if you are not already investing here you need to be.

Sponsorship and revenue was particularly challenging against the current backdrop in Victoria and we thank all our sponsors and clubs for their ongoing support in these difficult times. We had forecast significant cash collection issues in relation to club orders but pleasingly this did not eventuate. Councils across the league financially supported clubs through rent relief and various grants and the league absorbed all club related costs.

League revenues were down 90+% but we were able to offset this significant loss of revenue with Government support, lower wages, a renegotiated insurance premium, shutting down the office and stripping out costs. We are pleased that through stringent management we ended the financial year with a miserly cash burn. Heading into 2020 we knew based on benchmarking we were one of if not the lowest cost league and that left us well placed to ride out the storm and prosper into the future.

The League continues to be served by a talented and high-performing staff whose dedication, commitment and resilience has enabled us to navigate this challenging period. I thank the EFNL team for their efforts and support throughout the year.

Ensuring our staff remained employed was a key priority for the League and we wanted to make the environment as stable as possible for them. This has left us well placed to re activate the league with a knowledgeable and experienced team.

The EFNL Board, Junior Advisory, EFL Umpires Association including our umpires, EFL Trainers Association including our trainers, Tribunal and League Investigators all have a key role to play and continue to make significant contributions to the smooth-running of the League. We look forward to working with you all again next season.

Finally, thank-you to all the wonderful volunteers across the EFNL, we have greatly appreciated your support, patience and understanding whilst working through the fallout from COVID 19.

Thank you to all the Presidents for the many phone calls and discussions that took place and your desire and efforts to get your clubs onto the field. It certainly was not for a lack of trying that the season did not get away. Despite the cancelled season we truly believe that our sport has much more to offer the community than just the playing of the game.

We therefore remain confident that everyone will be back, bigger and better in 2021.



TROY SWAINSTON
Chief Executive Officer

FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

IN 2020 MORE THAN EVER THE EASTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE COMMUNITY HAS REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT LOCAL SPORT MEANS.

From the highs of Vermont's 2019 success to the final decision being handed down on the 2020 season, the league ensured that no stone was left unturned in the hopes of seeing football this year. Add to that that passionate level of commitment from club volunteers and it was something truly special.

The league released its 2020 fixtures prior to the Annual General Meeting with several highlights across all Divisions. Public holiday games once again became a focal point with two Good Friday games and the usual Noble Park v Balwyn Queens Birthday Clash.

On top of that, recent lighting upgrades meant that Coldstream, Templestowe, South Croydon and more were added to the growing list of clubs with night-time capabilities.

For some clubs, the cancellation of the season meant one less burden whilst undertaking a major development – North Ringwood, Park Orchards, Mitcham, Heathmont all had projects undertaken or completed during 2020 making for a bigger and better 2021!

From an operations perspective the league worked towards the introduction of the Match Review Officer, a position that would assist the tribunal as well as ease the burden on investigation officers.

A further development in this area was umpiring reporting going digital

– after much research the league decided that this would create greater efficiencies ensuring that all reports were lodged almost immediately after a game and importantly the system also sends notifications to relevant league officials.

Disappointingly, following just the first week of practice matches the league was forced to pull the brakes on the 2020 season.

Operations staff, both senior and junior worked to ensure that regardless of the outcome all competitions were fixtured to the working dates. We placed high emphasis on providing up to date information as it came to hand and ensuring that we were making the right calls with respect to individual competitions based on their relevant needs.

The “no-season” break has given the league a chance to look at improving systems from an operations perspective and continuing to improve processes. Clubs have already begun planning for 2021 with a revised salary cap and assistance with regards to player points.

I would like to thank the players first and foremost; we understand that 2020 has been frustrating and disappointing in equal parts, we applaud your commitment to your clubs during this time.

To club committees and volunteers, your passion and dedication to the game has not gone unnoticed – through various levels of restrictions, guidelines and protocols the want to see your club take to the field was certainly evident and admirable.

The staff have seen a major shift in work balance with an number of staff becoming part-time teachers and

2020 REGISTERED TEAMS (PRE COVID-19)

TOTAL	727
SENIORS	126
JUNIOR BOYS	354
JUNIOR GIRLS	105
NETBALL	100
WOMENS	32
VETERANS	10

2020 PARTICIPANTS (PRE COVID-19)

TOTAL	21,444
SENIORS	2,772
JUNIOR BOYS	7,788
JUNIOR GIRLS	2,310
NETBALL	1,000
WOMENS	704
VETERANS	220
TEAM OFFICIALS	6,270
UMPIRES	720

full-time carers whilst working from home. I want to thank each of the staff for their continued support.

Further to this to Troy Swainston, who right from the beginning has been focused on people and clubs, you have consistently gone above and beyond in order to achieve the best result for both staff and for the EFNL community. Your work in 2020 will ensure the league remains in a strong position moving forward.

With the inclusion of a new club into Premier Division and no sport in more than 500 days its fair to assume that the EFNL community is already excited about season 2021!



DYSON BAKER
General Manager -
Football Operations



JUNIOR AND FEMALE COMPETITION

THE 2020 SEASON WAS SET TO BE A STRONG SEASON FOR THE EASTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE.

It was the first year the female competitions were to be solely hosted by the League, which both the clubs and stakeholders were looking forward to. Additionally, the nine-a-side initiative was to be expanded into both the Under 8's and Under 9's Competitions.

The planning started off as any other, with team nominations due in February.

These nominations saw an increase in both the Junior Girls and Boys teams with 15 new female teams and 22 new male teams entering the competition. This brought the total Junior teams across all competitions to 459, a 37 team increase from the 2019 Season.

The League welcomed Noble Park Junior Football Club into the competition as they entered their first male and female teams in the Under 15 and 16 age groups respectively.

Leading into the AFL Victoria Development Series, Alex Woods was appointed as the newly established Interleague Coordinator to oversee all operational tasks across both the male and female Programs.

The trial phases in which the Leagues young talent showcased their skills, saw the announcement of the Under 15 Girls April Training squad. The Under 14 and 15 Boys squads were due to trial in March but were unfortunately put on hold.

In March, the League accepted Manager- Junior Football Chris Pope's resignation. I would like to personally thank Chris for his hard work, commitment and constant support over the 2019-2020 season.

His dedication to the role saw significant change and innovation within the League.

March also saw Victoria head into Stage 3 restrictions and the League's decision to postpone the 2020 Season due to COVID-19.

The health and wellbeing of players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and associated stakeholders was the number one priority as well as the long term sustainability of all clubs. The EFNL continued to work with the other Metropolitan Leagues, AFL Victoria and the AFL as to what the restrictions would mean for community sport. A lengthy and thorough consultation process was conducted with clubs to ensure any decision made, was in the best interest for all stakeholders.

Following State Government announcements in June, the League confirmed the Junior Competition would commence on July 26th with all teams to be fixtured a nine game season. The League and clubs continued to work through multiple versions of the Return To Play protocols to ensure Junior Football could be played in a safe environment.

Unfortunately, Stage 3 restrictions were re-announced on the 9th of July and in conjunction with other Metropolitan Leagues, the decision was made to cancel the Junior Competition. This was a hard decision and understandably club volunteers, players and other stakeholders were extremely disappointed that no football would be played in 2020, although it was

unanimous that this was the right decision.

Although the 2020 Season has been difficult, I want to thank all stakeholders for their constant patience, support and dedication to the Eastern Football Netball League.

Thank you to Sean Clarke and the Umpiring Coaches for their hard work in engaging, managing and communicating numerous changes to the umpires week by week.

The Eastern Football Netball League is represented by a hard working group of people who continue to ensure the standard of the League rises. Thank you to Troy Swainston and Dyson Baker for their support and guidance throughout the year. Thank you also to the Junior Advisory for their encouragement and expertise.

Thank you to the clubs who continue to prioritise Junior football and to all of the volunteers who have continued to work hard behind the scenes to keep their players connected and engaged without a single game being played.

Finally, to the players and their families, thank you for your patience and perseverance. We look forward to playing football in 2021.



JESSIE MULHOLLAND

Junior and Female Competitions Manager



NETBALL

2020 WAS GOING TO BE OUR BEST SEASON YET. THE LEAGUE HAD ELEVATED THE PROMINENCE OF NETBALL BY INCORPORATING THE SPORT INTO ITS NAME, WITH THE EASTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE BECOMING THE EASTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE.

We improved the quality of our netball venues, securing four of the best stadiums in the East for this season and beyond. The future is now set with contracts to use Waverley Netball Centre, HE Parker, Knox Regional and Oxley Stadium, meaning thirteen high quality indoor courts are at our disposal.

At the beginning of February, we reached a league record of 104 registered teams, split into 10 divisions. 35 clubs had committed to the 2020 netball season and we welcomed new teams from Warrandyte, East Ringwood and Silvan.

We signed a new supply agreement with Gilbert Netball as one of the League's preferred suppliers for 2020 and Eastland committed to providing a 'netball player of the week' prize for the season.

Umpire manager, Raechel Richards, developed a mentoring program for our umpires and we were excited for the season that lay ahead.

In early March, the COVID-19 pandemic caused state-wide lockdowns which were aimed at limiting the spread of the virus.

As the situation continued to evolve, we responded.

- In the week commencing 16th of March we announced the suspension of trials, training and practice games and delayed the season start until 1st May, highlighting that community safety was our primary concern.
- On the 19th March, State restrictions meant all netball venues were forced to shut indefinitely. COVID numbers continued to increase and on the 23rd of March the League announced that our season would be postponed until the 31st of May.
- On 27th May, Netball Victoria released a return to play roadmap, restarting outdoor netball in mid July 2020. Unfortunately, cases continued to rise and restrictions were extended, meaning on 3rd June 2020 we made the difficult decision to cancel our netball season for the first time in the League's history.

While the March to June period was a challenging time with continuous changes to season dates and re-planning for part-season possibilities, we continued to engage our members with online competitions and social media posts, reducing the risk of losing teams moving forward.

Raechel continued to engage our umpiring group with rule training and situational coaching sessions, work that kept the team motivated and will no doubt pay off in future.

I want to recognise the support of Raechel for her support of the umpires and our venue managers; Alice Barrow, Stephanie Missos, Karin Sansom, Brad Keats, Staci Ball and Cory Roberts who remained positive and flexible.

Thank you for all that you do for our League behind the scenes.

Last but not least, thank you to the clubs and their players for helping us to navigate through this unprecedented time and continuing to make EFNl Netball a quality competition which will come back bigger and better in 2021!



PETRA KEOGH
Netball, Events
and Administration
Manager



MEDIA

COMING INTO THE EFNL MEDIA MANAGER ROLE IS SOMETHING I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT SINCE DEBUTING WITH THE MEDIA TEAM BACK IN 2017, AND WHEN I WAS OFFERED THE ROLE IN LATE FEBRUARY I NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS THOUGHT MY FIRST YEAR IN THE JOB WOULD BE SO EVENTFUL, ALBEIT SANS SPORT.

My aim for 2020 was to build upon the already terrific media coverage of the EFNL by increasing the exposure of our Women's, Netball and Junior competitions as well as advancing the Senior Men's coverage.

That aim was quickly placed on the backburner with the Coronavirus pandemic hitting Australian shores. With all competitions placed on hold the short term focus was keeping the EFNL community engaged and supporting our sponsors as best we could.

As the possibility of no on-field action became more and more certain, efforts to keep healthy levels of competition alive in the EFNL rose.

Media campaigns like the Team of the Decade (pictured), Best Jumper (well done to Coldstream on winning that vote) and classic match replays were able to provide the EFNL community an escape from the weird reality we faced this year.

The lack of on-field action, whilst agonising, provided an opportunity to implement ideas previously thought to be too time consuming. First cab off the rank was the NBA 2K20 E-Sports tournament.

All clubs were offered the chance to nominate players to take part in the E-Sports tournament and from 64 willing competitors we worked our way down to the final four.

The temporary gap in Victorian restrictions offered us the chance to live stream the semi-finals and final from EFNL House with the help of Leigh Green and the team at LKLM Media.

The stream was of top quality and Boronia's Lachlan McKernan came out as victor of the SportsCo Eastland 2K tournament knocking of Knox's Tim Laughlin 2-1.

The next 'big idea' was EFNL Evolution.

Using the AFL licensed video game AFL Evolution 2, Josh Hudson and I spent several days inputting EFNL player data into the game to create four divisions - Premier (using the SANFL), Division One (WAFL), Division Two (NEAFL) and a combined Division Three and Four (AFL).

Games were simulated and on occasion live streamed, statistics provided, and a faux season occurred. It was nowhere near as good as the real thing, but it was something to keep clubs engaged in friendly competition.

In the end Vermont, Upper Ferntree Gully, Ringwood and the Waverley Blues ended as our virtual Premiers.

With no action to cover, our Social Media engagement was sure to take a hit in 2020, however we still saw our Facebook reach hit almost five million and our engagement on Instagram and Twitter was over two million.

I'm also pleased to see the Eastern Football Netball League Facebook Page tick over 19,000 likes (19,132 at time of writing - an increase of 676 since March) and our Instagram page rise to more than 8,000 followers (8,152 - an increase of 2,104).

Finally, thank-you to Troy Swainston and the rest of the EFNL staff for welcoming me back into the EFNL fold with open arms, providing guidance and a helping hand during an interesting first year in the role.

Thank-you to the entire EFNL Media Team; Brad Henderson, Brett Davidson, Damian Watson, Davis Harrigan, Gavin Casey, Leigh Green, Bruce Preuss, Joseph Arthur, Noel

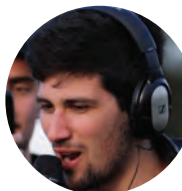
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MARCH - OCTOBER 2020	
REACH (Total)	4,998,800
REACH (Average)	7,151
ENGAGEMENT (Total)	659,080
ENGAGEMENT (Average)	943
LIKES (MARCH)	18,456
LIKES (OCTOBER)	19,132
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MARCH - OCTOBER 2020	
IMPRESSIONS (Total)	1,124,000
IMPRESSIONS (Average)	1,876
PROFILE VISITS	8,338
MENTIONS	659
FOLLOWERS (MARCH)	6,138
FOLLOWERS (OCTOBER)	6,050
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MARCH - OCTOBER 2020	
ENGAGEMENT (Total)	1,044,000
ENGAGEMENT (Average)	2,445
FOLLOWERS (MARCH)	6,138
FOLLOWERS (OCTOBER)	8,152

McPhee, Penelope Knight, Ray Baird, Steve White, Tash Gunawardana, Tyson Popplestone and Wayne Brasher for sticking together during these strange times and for their willingness to evolve our coverage in the future.

I'd also like to pay my respects to the family and friends of Barry Kotze - a valued member of the EFNL Media Team for a number of seasons, primarily as the host of the EFNL score centre - who passed away earlier this year.

With winter community sport scheduled to return in 2021, our media presence is sure to grow even further, and I look forward to utilising its growth to benefit our clubs, members and sponsors.

See you all in 2021.



MATTHEW FOTIA
EFNL Media Manager

FAN'S EFNL TEAM OF THE DECADE

Coach: Daniel Donati (Balwyn) **Captain:** Ryan Mullett (Vermont) **Vice Captain:** Daniel King (South Croydon)

B	Matthew Aver (Norwood)	Kris Pendlebury (Balwyn)	Dean Millhouse (Vermont)
HB	Stewart Kemperman (Noble Park)	Joel Perry (East Ringwood/Vermont/UFTG)	Jackson Weatherald (Balwyn)
C	Chris Annakis (Doncaster)	Daniel King (South Croydon)	Rennie Gilchrist (Balwyn)
HF	Michael Prosenak (Park Orchards)	Jake Hammond (Blackburn)	Ziggie Alwan (Noble Park/Rowville)
F	Michael King (South Croydon/Chirnside Park)	Leigh Williams (Norwood)	Brett Eddy (Vermont)
R	Robbie Ross (Vermont)	Ryan Mullett (Vermont)	Kyle Martin (Noble Park)
Int	Stuart Hill (Norwood) Ben Power (Lilydale/Ringwood) Lachlan Johns (Vermont) Matthew Greig (Vermont)		



TRAINERS

FOR THE EASTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE TRAINERS ASSOCIATION SEASON 2020 HAS BEEN- AS MANY OTHERS HAVE DESCRIBED IT - “UNPRECEDENTED”.

In 2019 we identified a number of objectives which we were looking to achieve in 2020 and unfortunately even though we had completed extensive planning and work to make sure they were going to be completed COVID-19 put a stop to the majority of these.

Our Committee had been working hard over the pre-season with a number of initiatives prepared for the 2020 season, such as:

- Completed our Season Launch for Head Trainers/Junior Coordinators at Montrose.
- Increased our information sessions to two Basic Taping, Concussion Information and Advanced Taping along with the Introduction to Massage.
- In conjunction with First Aid Management had all Trainers Courses scheduled for the 2020 season.
- Completed an Events Calendar with dates for Information Sessions for the entire season along with a spare session if required.
- Finalised the changes to our Constitution.
- Designed and ordered new Trainers Caps for all EFLTA members.

We also had the following as areas to improve on:

- Providing a Level 1 Sports Trainers Course for Allied Health Professionals.
- Increase and more effective communication to our members.
- Increase our Committee numbers from nine to 12

Our 2020 Committee was made up of nine members with most being Sports Trainers at Clubs.

We did not achieve our goal to get to 12 Committee members, but this will remain a goal for the 2021 Committee.

We did however welcome Keltie Blake (Silvan) onto the Committee and Keltie took up the role of Secretary. It has been a baptism of fire for Keltie, but she has managed to make significant progress whilst dealing with the challenges left from COVID-19.

Further I would like to acknowledge all of our Committee for their hard work and efforts during this difficult year.

First Aid Management were to run our Trainers Courses for 2020 and some early courses were able to be completed.

First Aid Management offered 5 Courses:

- HLTAID001 - Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- HLTAID003 - Provide First Aid (Level 2)
- Sports Trainer Level 1
- Emergency Response Coordinator (ERC)
- Sports Trainer Level 1 Re-Accreditation

For season 2020 there will not be a Trainer of the Year awarded but the Committee has agreed that this award needs to have a greater focus put on it and that Trainers who excel should be nominated and acknowledged for their efforts.

Thank you to Troy Swainston and his team at the EFNL for your continued support this year. It was exceedingly difficult early on with COVID and trying to get information and answers to all the questions that were flying around.

In hindsight all the calls the EFNL made in those early days of COVID have turned out to be correct ones.

In saying all of that 2020 has been extremely difficult for everyone whether you have been involved with football or not. It has seen people lose loved ones, livelihoods, their security and their wellbeing.

There will be numerous challenges going forward not only for our League and the Trainers Association, but we will just need to do our best and continue to strive to provide our members the information, education, representation, support and guidance to effectively carry out the role of a Sports Trainer.

We will be looking in 2021 to complete the following:

- Maximise our Committee Members and retain as many 2020 Committee as possible.
- Assist Trainers to get accredited after the missed season and missed Re-Accreditation dates.
- Be ready for season 2021 if there is a short lead time due to COVID-19
- Explore how COVID-19 will affect the Role of Sports Trainer, Infection control, PPE and processes.
- Look at providing a Level 1 Sports Trainers Course for Allied Health Professionals.
- Increase and more effective communication to our members.
- Relaunch our Webpage on the EFNL Website.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2021.

NEILL CARBOON

EFL Trainers' Association President



WHAT A SEASON 2020 TURNED OUT TO BE. COVID-19 HAS CAUSED EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE A DIFFICULT PERIOD OF THEIR LIVES WITH CHALLENGES THROWN AT ALL. WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT ANYTHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN IN OUR LIFETIMES.

COVID 19 has placed numerous restrictions upon the community, changing the way we engaged, interacted and impacted our ability to participate in the activities we normally enjoyed and took for granted. At some point in time we will look back and laugh but the Covid-19 pandemic has caused chaos which will have implications for many years to come.

Whilst every avenue was exhausted in trying to get a season underway, the unknowns surrounding Covid-19 proved to be bigger than anyone could imagine. The decision to cancel the EFNL 2020 season was not an easy one but factors beyond our control closed the curtain on any football being played in Victoria

As the new Head of Umpiring for the EFNL, it was my intention to continue the solid foundation that had been established by my predecessor, Scott Van Noordenen, and continue to promote an inclusive, participative and supportive environment which was important to the EFNL Umpiring Panel contributing to the strength and growth of the EFNL.

We had over 140 new umpires register for Season 2020 which was very encouraging.

Attendances at training for the first and second year umpires indicated that they were very keen

to experience umpiring in the EFNL. Unfortunately, there was no football for them to get the opportunity - hopefully they are all still keen to return next season to start their umpiring careers.

There is no doubt that we will face some challenges getting everyone back on the park. One of our biggest challenges will be how many umpires (across all disciplines) return to umpire in the EFNL in 2021. Some may have found alternative pursuits on a Saturday afternoon during the Covid-19 crisis and may decide not to return to umpiring at all.

With this in mind, it may present an opportunity to promote some young up and coming umpires that display potential, commitment and the desire to pursue their umpiring careers. Also, there would be umpires who had every reason to approach Season 2020 in the EFNL with a great deal of anticipation and enthusiasm brought about by improved performances in Season 2019 and the possibility of getting the opportunity to officiate senior football next year.

Being new in the role, I was very fortunate to be supported by a terrific, dedicated coaching staff who have a wealth of experience to further develop the umpiring panel to be the best they possibly can.

I would like to thank Bruce Onken, Nathan McDonald, Neville Nash, Martin Ellis, Trevor Finch, Des Seaton, Warren Sidebottom, Peter Baldry, Sean Clarke, Graeme Meredith, Gerard Bolton and Mal Cree (Fitness Coach) for their dedicated efforts in difficult circumstances.

There were a number of pre-season practice games registered to be played during the 3 weeks prior to the scheduled start of the season.

However, during the first main weekend of practice matches, only a handful were played on the Saturday with the majority of scheduled games cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. Therefore, only a handful of umpires were able to get on the park and umpire a game of football prior to the start of the season being postponed, then ultimately cancelled.

As per previous seasons, EFNL umpires were promoted to trial with the VFL - Luke Hunter and James Irvine trialled with the VFL and hopefully, they will be invited back next year to continue this experience. Congratulations of course must go to Gen Devenish who umpired her first AFLW game at Moorabbin on March 1st.

We have all missed being involved in football in 2020.

We don't realise how much we enjoy umpiring football until we are denied this through circumstances beyond our control. Hopefully, the pandemic will dissipate, we can return to some form of normality in daily work/life balance and can resume football in 2021.

Hopefully, many of the umpires who registered to umpire in the EFNL this season, will return and be ready to continue their umpiring journey when footy returns?

Season 2021 promises to be a very exciting year on the back of the disappointment of no football being played in 2020. The coaching staff are keen to return and continue the education and development of this promising umpiring group and can't wait to see where they can go.



PETER CAREY
Head of Umpiring



YEAR IN REVIEW

NOVEMBER

With clubs heading back to pre-season training in the November sun, the Registrations and National Transfers open up for the upcoming season, and the annual transfer market kicks off with clubs looking to bolster their lists.

The Senior fixture for season 2020 is announced with Premier Division newcomers Doncaster East to take on 2018 and 2019 Premiers Vermont in their debut game. Elsewhere the first case of Covid-19 is traced to the Hubei Province.

DECEMBER

The League holds its Annual General Meeting and inducts five new 300 game life members:

Alex Bakens (South Belgrave/Knox)

James Grant (Croydon)

Craig O'Malley (East Burwood)

Leigh Rankin (Fairpark)

James Wright (Surrey Park)

Meanwhile Kath Callaway (Rowville) and Cyril Heron (Upper Ferntree Gully/Bayswater) received EFNL Recognition of Service awards for their lengthy work at their respective clubs.

Berwick Football Club are voted into the EFNL for Season 2021 from the AFL Outer East and are placed into the Premier Division.

WHO's (World Health Organisation) China Office inform of a Covid-19 cluster in Wuhan.

JANUARY

The first case of Covid-19 in Victoria is confirmed by Vic Health, a man who flew to Melbourne from China on the 19th of January.

FEBRUARY

The EFNL holds its Club Development Day at Deakin University in Burwood, with the League helping to strengthen the position of all its clubs.

MARCH

The EFNL's Season Launch is cancelled due to ever growing concerns around Covid-19. The League suspends all training, functions, events and practice matches on March 16th after a State of Emergency is declared in Victoria.

On March 23rd the Metropolitan Leagues all agree to postpone their seasons until May 31st and a week later (March 30th) the Junior, Veterans, Netball and Women's football fixtures are completed.





APRIL - MAY

The first bout of state-wide lockdowns sees much speculation about whether or not football and netball will be played in 2020. The EFNL works with partners SALT (Sport and Life Training) to provide online workshops and sets up its own Esports tournament which is eventually won by Boronia's Lachlan McKernan.

JUNE

Return to Training protocols and guidelines are released as restrictions are eased across the state.

However, on June 3rd the EFNL and NFNL (Northern Football Netball League) cancel their 2020 senior football and netball seasons, with both staying committed to a junior season.

JULY

Following the re-implementation of state-wide lockdowns, the EFNL, in conjunction with a number of the major Metropolitan Leagues, cancels its 2020 junior season on July 10th. Any senior leagues still hoping of getting off the ground in 2020 admit defeat and also cancel their seasons.

The EFNL, in an attempt to keep interest afloat, kickstarts its virtual season - EFNL Evolution - after inputting every EFNL 2019 side into the AFL Evolution 2 video game.

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

On August 2, a State of Disaster is declared in Victoria as the Covid-19 infections continue to rise, despite Stage 3 restrictions. The AFL has moved all of its clubs out of Victoria, with games being played almost exclusively in Queensland, with the Sunshine State hosting a large percentage of the Victorian and New South Welsh clubs.

On August 17th the EFNL announces that the Berwick Football Club's application to join the League has been approved seeing the 'Wickers' officially become the League's 46th senior club.

On September 24 the AFL announces that the GABBA will host the AFL Grand Final on October 24 under lights. The GABBA was able to win the vote from the AFL over the Adelaide Oval and Optus Stadium.

OCTOBER

Victoria sees light at the end of the tunnel as some restrictions are eased and a roadmap is provided by the State Government, outlining its ideal path to 'Covid Normal'.

STATEMENT BY BOARD MEMBERS

The board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the board the financial report as set out on pages 18 to 23.

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the Eastern Football Netball League as at 31 October 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Eastern Football Netball League will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



GRAHAM HALBISH

Board Member



TIM FINEMORE

Board Member

Dated in Melbourne on this 23rd day of November 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	1,171,758	1,439,934
Trade and other receivables	3	52,668	213,770
Other current assets	4	289,756	109,057
Total Current Assets		1,514,182	1,762,761
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	728,900	742,703
Total Non Current Assets		728,900	742,703
TOTAL ASSETS		2,243,082	2,505,464
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	6	178,023	241,336
Total Current Liabilities		178,023	241,336
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	7	-	-
Total Non Current Liabilities		-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		178,023	241,336
NET ASSETS		2,065,059	2,264,128
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		2,065,059	2,164,128
Eastern Football Hub Development Fund		-	100,000
TOTAL EQUITY		2,065,059	2,264,128

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
Sales Revenue		545,259	985,481
Cost of Sales		408,342	733,856
Gross Profit		136,917	251,625
Other Revenues		650,912	2,882,669
Expenses		986,898	3,149,794
Profit before income tax		(199,069)	(15,500)
Income tax expense	1d	-	-
Profit/(Loss) for the year		(199,069)	(15,500)
Other Comprehensive Income for the year, (net of tax)		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss)		(199,069)	(15,500)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Retained Earnings	Fund	Total
Balance at 31 October 2018	2,179,628	100,000	2,279,628
(Loss)/Profit attributable to the members of the company	(15,500)	-	(15,500)
Balance at 31 October 2019	2,164,128	100,000	2,264,128
(Loss)/Profit attributable to the members of the company	(199,069)	-	(199,069)
Transfer of Development Fund into Equity	100,000	(100,000)	-
Balance at 31 October 2020	2,065,059	-	2,065,059

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		1,223,168	3,799,040
Interest received		7,296	13,843
Cash payments in the course of operations		(1,487,960)	(3,824,872)
Interest and other costs of finance paid		-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8	(257,496)	(11,989)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(10,680)	(37,326)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	8,182
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		(10,680)	(29,144)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(268,176)	(41,133)
Cash at beginning of the financial year	2	1,439,934	1,481,067
CASH HELD AT THE END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	2	1,171,758	1,439,934

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

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 (Vic), for use by the members of the league and to fulfil the board's requirements to prepare financial statements. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) and the following Accounting Standards:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 110 Events after the Reporting Period
- AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment
- AASB15 Revenue from contracts with customers

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

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

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

A) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment loss.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

The directors have assessed the current market value of the league's land as at least \$490,000 based on the most recent Knox City Council valuation.

B) DEPRECIATION

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives commencing from time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of assets are as follows:

Freehold Improvements	9% to 33%
Furniture and Equipment	20%
Computers	20%
Motor Vehicles	20%

C) REVENUE RECOGNITION

Sales Revenue

Sales Revenue represents revenue earned (net of returns, discounts and allowances) at a point in time from the sale of products and services. Sales revenue is recorded when the goods are dispatched.

Interest Income

Interest Income is recognised as it accrues.

Asset Sales

The profit or loss on disposal of assets is included as revenue of the association. Such profit or loss on disposal of assets is brought to account at the date an unconditional contract of sale is signed.

D) INCOME TAX

The league has been granted an income tax exemption by the Australian Tax Office.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

E) INVENTORIES

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost is based on the first in, first out principle and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing condition and location.

Net realisable value is determined on the basis of the company's normal selling pattern. Expenses of marketing, selling and distribution to customers are estimated and are deducted to establish net realisable value.

F) EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

G) GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

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. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

H) IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

At each reporting date, the association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, 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 value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

I) COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS

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

(J) NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS FOR APPLICATION IN FUTURE PERIODS

The AASB has issued new, revised and amended Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory applicable dates for future reporting periods and which the association has decided not to early adopt. Due to the nature of the association's activities, it does not expect them to have any material effect on the association's financial statements.

(K) NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

AASB15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

AASB15 came into effect for the Association on 1 November 2019. There was not a material impact on the first time adoption of AASB 15 on the financial statements of the Association.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	2020	2019
2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,171,758	1,439,934
3. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Debtors	95,668	252,270
Less impairment of receivables	(43,000)	(38,500)
	52,668	213,770
4. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock on hand	157,456	103,523
Other debtors	132,300	5,500
GST receivable	-	34
	289,756	109,057
5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Freehold land at cost	240,000	240,000
Building at cost	383,433	383,433
Less accumulated depreciation	(16,835)	(14,430)
	606,598	609,003
Freehold improvements at cost	119,589	110,682
Less accumulated depreciation	(40,312)	(34,763)
	79,277	75,919
Computer and software at cost	19,319	22,466
Less accumulated depreciation	(13,160)	(14,398)
	6,159	8,068
Furniture and equipment at cost	43,420	43,420
Less accumulated depreciation	(34,387)	(30,818)
	9,033	12,602
Motor vehicle at cost	56,762	56,762
Less accumulated depreciation	(28,929)	(19,651)
	27,833	37,111
Total property, plant and equipment	728,900	742,703

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Movement in carrying amounts	Freehold Land	Buildings	Freehold Improvements	Furniture & Equipment	Computer	Motor Vehicle	Total
Balance at 31 October 2018	240,000	371,408	61,040	12,949	2,615	49,483	737,495
Additions	-	-	20,434	3,938	12,954	-	37,326
Disposals/Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	(2,405)	(5,555)	(4,285)	(7,501)	(12,372)	(32,118)
Balance at 31 October 2019	240,000	369,003	75,919	12,602	8,068	37,111	742,703
Additions	-	-	8,907	-	1,773	-	10,680
Disposals/Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	(2,405)	(5,549)	(3,569)	(3,682)	(9,278)	(24,483)
Balance at 31 October 2020	240,000	366,598	79,277	9,033	6,159	27,833	728,900

	2020	2019
6. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade creditors and accruals	78,846	159,631
Employee benefits	85,414	81,705
GST Payable	13,763	-
	178,023	241,336
7. PROVISIONS		
Non current liabilities		
Provision for employee entitlement	-	-
8. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with		
Profit after income tax		
Profit after income tax	(199,069)	(15,500)
Non-cash flows in profit		
Depreciation	24,483	32,118
(Gain)/loss on disposal	-	(8,182)
Provision for Doubtful Debts	4,500	-
Change in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	43,600	(46,332)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(80,786)	90,342
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	3,709	(21,104)
(Increase)/decrease in stock on hand	(53,933)	(43,331)
	(257,496)	(11,989)

9. ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The principal place of business of the association is:
Eastern Football Netball League Inc.
256 Scoresby Road Boronia VIC 3155

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF EASTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC.

OPINION

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Eastern Football Netball League Inc. which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 October 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, 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 statement by the members of the committee.

In our opinion the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Eastern Football Netball League Inc. as at 31 October 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC).

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. 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 are independent of the Entity in accordance with 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.

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

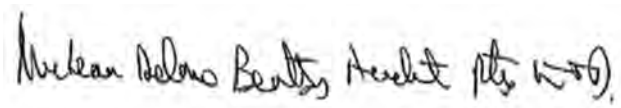
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

EMPHASIS OF MATTER – BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Eastern Football Netball League Inc. to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee is also responsible for such internal control as the Committee and management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



McLean Delmo Bentley Audit Pty Ltd

Chartered Accountants

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

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 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment 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 Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management'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 Entity'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 Entity 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 those charged with governance 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.



Martin Fensome

Hawthorn
Partner

Dated in Melbourne on this 23rd day of November 2020

COMPILATION REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF EASTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Eastern Football Netball League, which comprise the detailed statement of comprehensive income on pages 26 to 27, for the year then ended 31 October 2020. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide private information to the Board.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors of Eastern Football Netball League are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the financial reporting framework used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

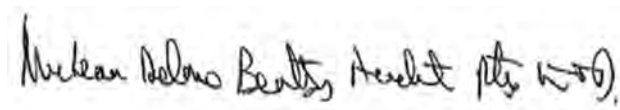
On the basis of information provided by the directors we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

ASSURANCE DISCLAIMER

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the directors who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. Accordingly, these special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for other purposes. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.



McLean Delmo Bentley Audit Pty Ltd

Chartered Accountants



Martin Fensome

Hawthorn
Partner

Dated in Melbourne on this 23rd day of November 2020

TRADING STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	2020	2019
INCOME		
Sales	516,948	941,247
Licence fee	28,311	44,234
	545,259	985,481
Less Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock	103,523	60,192
Purchases	462,275	777,187
Closing Stock	157,456	103,523
	408,342	733,856
TRADING PROFIT	136,917	251,625
OTHER INCOME		
Affiliation fees	-	119,998
AFL Victoria grant	18,000	37,400
Blue Ribbon Foundation	-	20,000
Development funding program	1,081	71,331
DVD sales	-	65,477
Finals	801	485,359
Finals levy	-	30,993
Fines	-	15,233
Insurance - Club	-	416,741
Interest	7,296	13,843
Lightning Premierships	-	4,373
Netball	-	102,773
Player registrations	162,338	208,650
Presentation nights	-	67,724
Profit/Loss on sale - Assets	-	8,182
Sponsorships	181,536	419,257
Sundry revenue	560	577
Umpires fees	-	794,758
COVID 19 funding	279,300	-
TOTAL INCOME	787,829	3,134,294
Less total expenses	986,898	3,149,794
OPERATING SURPLUS / (LOSS)	(199,069)	(15,500)

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TRADING STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	2020	2019
EXPENSES		
Affiliations	2,466	2,966
Annual Report	4,610	5,235
Auditor's remuneration	5,900	10,420
Bank charges and interest	927	2,045
Blue Ribbon Foundation donation	-	20,000
Depreciation of fixed assets	24,483	32,118
Development funding program	40,009	113,106
Doubtful Debt Provision	4,500	-
Match Day Filming / Video Highlights	-	98,026
Employment Expenses	1,065	755
Employee Costs	514,863	586,769
Executive expenses	2,240	7,369
External consultant costs	20,724	11,461
Finals expenses	11,630	392,826
Finals levy expense	-	27,271
Information Technology	12,933	13,146
Insurance - General	21,970	28,756
Insurance - Club	137,400	500,573
Interleague matches	10,383	42,077
Investigation costs	-	3,409
Junior committee expense	-	2,500
Lightning Premierships - Junior division	-	-
Media	7,557	65,961
Meetings	4,065	7,982
Motor vehicle expenses	1,888	4,546
Netball	12,901	119,294
Occupancy Costs	20,134	29,605
Presentation nights & Awards	9,891	95,637
Printing and stationery	18,876	33,037
Seminars and training	1,118	1,991
Sponsorship costs	3,274	69,850
Staff Amenities	5,685	16,051
Sundry expenses	1,763	3,830
Telephone & Internet Services	29,189	26,855
Umpires	54,454	774,327
TOTAL EXPENSES	986,898	3,149,794

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LIFE MEMBERS

Clive Sleeman*	Albert McLellan*	Wayne Reddaway	Peter Luttick	Craig Braddy
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* Denotes deceased

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Terry Morris	Don Hall*	Dean Buckley	Chance McPhee	

* Denotes deceased

EFNL LEGENDS

Ian Clark	1970 (3)	1972 (2)	1974 (3)			
Keith Robins	1971 (1)	1972 (1)	1973 (3)			
Gary Galvin	1980 (1)	1981 (2)	1982 (1)			
Russell Stratton	1988 (4)	1990 (3)	1993 (4)	1996 (3)		
Gavin McNay	1989 (4)	1991 (3)	1994 (3)			
Matt Price	2001 (4)	2003 (3)	2005 (3)	2008 (3)	2009 (3)	2010 (3)
Nick Cox	2000 (1)	2004 (3)	2006 (2)			
Ian Atkinson	1998 (3)	2006 (4)	2007 (4)			
Bernie Dinneen	2005 (1)	2006 (1)	2010 (2)			
Dean Grice	2007 (3)	2008 (3)	2011 (3)	2013 (3)		
Kane Maghamez	2009 (3)	2010 (3)	2014 (4)			
Ryan Mullett	2010 (1)	2012 (1)	2014 (1)			
Chris Annakis	2015 (2)	2017 (1)	2018 (1)			
Joel Galvin	2012 (2)	2016 (2)	2018 (2)			
Matthew Mariani	2014 (3)	2016 (3)	2019 (4)			

*Any player in the EFNL senior ranks (not reserves) who has achieved three League best and fairest wins in his career is awarded EFNL legend status.



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