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FORWARD

The Avoca Football Netball Club presents this Annual Report for the 2021/22 year. This report aims to inform our members, sponsors and other key stakeholders on the performance of the Club over the 2022 football and netball season.

Moving forward, the Club's new 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, focuses on further automation of tasks and roles to take the pressure off volunteers. Committing to being the benchmark in compliance and regulatory activities and achieving further success in the premiership race.

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Presidents Report

Can I begin by thanking everyone within the Club who has contributed in any way to what has been another successful and enjoyable season.

It was great to finally get a full season completed, however COVID did impact us at times throughout the season with player and volunteer availability.

I would like to thank our coaches, players, umpires, parents and volunteers for all the wonderful work that was done again this season and the valuable contribution you have made to the Club. The highlight of the season was our C Grade girls breaking through for a well-deserved premiership. Congratulations to Kerry and Maddy Egan, and the team on their achievement.

We were lucky enough to have a number of both football and netball teams make it through to the finals, which is a great result. Well done to all involved.

We welcomed several new players and their families to the Club this season and we hope that you have enjoyed your time at the Club and continue on our journey with us. Individually, congratulations to our Bulldog Medal and individual trophy winners for your year.

Unfortunately, we did not get the results or improvements we were looking for across our senior football grades. As a result, we have a review of our football department currently underway, with changes to be announced in the offseason.

Off the court and oval, the Club continues to invest significantly in the upgrade of our facilities. This year included new netball seating and kitchen upgrades which included an additional chip fryer. We had an investment in excess of \$20,000 this season and this will add to the outstanding assets and facilities we enjoy.

This could not be achieved without the financial assistance of our amazing business partners who continued to sponsor our Club. Peter Jess continues his sponsorship of the Club where he has now been involved as a player and sponsor for 50 continuous years and this year came on board as our Principal Partner for the next five years. We are extremely appreciative of the ongoing support of our business partners.

Can I also thank everyone who supported our Toyota Good for Footy Raffle which this year was again combined with our local raffle that included donations from our business partners. To raise over \$4,000 through this fundraiser is an amazing achievement with this money being put back into our facilities. Thanks also to Toyota and the AFL for providing this fundraising opportunity to clubs.

Due to the conditions of the playing surface at the Leagues finals venue, the Club was asked to host two finals on the first weekend of the finals series. This is a real positive for the Club and Recreation Reserve Committee of Management as it highlights the great facilities that we have, and we were able to present a ground in top condition. We have received a lot of positive responses to our facilities and the way we hosted visiting clubs. Well done to all involved, and thank you for your assistance over what was a busy weekend.

Unfortunately, not for the first time, our facilities were ravaged by flood waters; however, it once again highlighted what a great community we live in, with many volunteers making themselves available to sandbag and clean up after the flood. Again, thank you to everyone who assisted.

We are lucky to have a strong, united committee representing this great Club, and I thank you all for your continued involvement and leadership you show in the pursuit of success both on and off the court/oval. The fact that you have all recommitted for 2023 holds the Club in good stead going forward.

The Club is in its 150th year, and we will be celebrating being 150 next season which will allow us an opportunity to reflect on the Club's proud history to date.

For those that are recommitting to the Club in 2023, I look forward to welcoming you to the Club over the coming weeks and months. Those that are moving on, thanks on behalf of all at the Club for your services and we wish you well. I hope everyone enjoys and stays safe in the off-season and I wish all the very best to the incoming committee for the 2023 season and beyond.

Bill Drummond

President

Committee Operation & Club Personnel

Utilising our Club structure, the following people were appointed during the 2020/21 season:

Executive Committee Members

President: Bill Drummond

Vice President: Alana Burge

Secretary: Kylie Coghlan

Treasurer: Kylie Gollop & Stephanie Wardlaw

Football Operations Manager: Jason Hunt

Netball Operations Manager: Alana Burge

Junior Football Operations Manager: Luke Davis

General Committee Members

Canteen Manager: Simone Beavis

Bar Manager: Robert Rayner

Social Events Co-ordinator: Jessi Wardlaw

Wellbeing Officer: Colleen Drummond

Independent Member: Sandy Ward

Football Report

The 2022 season started with great anticipation, with large numbers attending our preseason training in the lead up to the new season. Unfortunately, like many clubs we were severely impacted by player availability due to Covid and serious long term injuries.

After losing a number of close winnable games early in season, things seemed to drop away dramatically with attendance at training dropping and players making themselves unavailable who were not impacted by Covid or injury which was extremely unfortunate.

This contributed to what in the end was a disappointing season across both grades of senior football. This did allow us to get some games into our up and coming juniors and we thank them for assisting us and making themselves available when able.

It has been agreed by the majority of the playing group that this year's performance is not where we wish to be and a review of the senior football department is currently underway with changes to be implemented with a focus on greater player engagement and commitment to each other and the club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Darren and Joel Antonio in their roles coaching our senior grade and Rhys Walkley for coaching our Reserves. During the season Brian Walkley came on board and a number of reserves footballers stepped up to assist Rhys and I thank them also.

In the offseason we have appointed Zac Lubeek as senior coach with Damian Scott and Mick Drury returning to the club as joint reserve grade coaches. We wish them well in the new roles.

A number of players for various reasons have chosen to move on this season and we wish them well. We will be announcing some exciting new recruits over the coming weeks.

In closing, I wish to thank the committee, our four trainers, Graham, Julie, Anne and Bluey, Bob Farnsworth and everyone who has assisted throughout the season.

Jason Hunt
Senior Football Operations Manager

Junior report

Auskick

Justin Dillon was our Auskick coordinator for season 2022. On behalf of the club, parents and participants I would like to thank Justin for taking on this very important role, Justin took to it like a duck to water. It was fantastic to see the number of participants on Thursday afternoons and at the half time game on Saturdays. Thanks to Paul Fettling for the past years, helping Justin and filling in when Justin couldn't make it.

Under 11.5s Football

The U11.5s football team finished top four in 2022, fantastic effort girls and boys. Thanks to Mark Blair for coaching again in 2022, thank you to Kimberley Corocran for being Team Manager and all parent helpers for completing their rostered duties without fail.

AFNC Best & Fairest award for U11.5 - Jarrod Colliccoat.

Under 14.5s Football

Our Under 14.5 football team finished top six missing the Preliminary finals after a one point loss, sensational effort boys. Thanks again to Tom Elliott for coaching, Kylie Coghlan for being the team manager and all parents for helping out.

AFNC Best & Fairest award for U14.5 - Campbell Blair

Under 17.5s Football

Our Under 17.5 football team finished top four. Thanks to Gavin Bain and Nathan Field for coaching, Chris (Curl) Robinson for helping with the paperwork, Irene for timekeeping and all parents who helped on match day. Congratulations to our junior footballers who played senior football in 2022 and thank you to those footballers who helped our reserve team playing two games most weeks. Congratulations Geordie Gollop joint Best and Fairest in the reserves.

AFNC Best & Fairest award for U17.5 - Noah Wardlaw

Congratulations to our representatives in the under 16 and 18 MCDLNL interleague squads and thank you Gavin Bayne for Coaching the Under 16 interleague team. It was also great to see the number of representatives we had at the Goldfields Academy earlier in the year.

Thanks to all AFNC committee members and volunteers that help us field three junior grades of football. Thank you to our trainers, umpires, parents, sponsors, local businesses and individuals who donate goods and money for junior incentives, half time oranges and treats. Finally, a huge thanks to our junior footballers, I am very excited to see everyone back for the 2023 season.

Luke Davis
Junior Football Manager

Season Leaders & Results

Grade	Coach	Best & Fairest	Position finished
U11.5	Mark Blair	Jarrold Collicoat	3 rd
U14.5	Tom Elliott	Campbell Blair	4 th
U17.5	Nathan Field & Gavin Bayne	Noah Wardlaw	3 rd
Reserves	Rhys Walkley	Lachlan Howell & Geordie Gollop	10 th
Seniors	Darren Antonio	Joel Antonio	12 th

Club Milestones

250 CLUB GAMES

Darcy Carey
Bryce Howell

200 CLUB GAMES.

Jamie Beavis
Daniel Howell
Lachlan Howell

150 CLUB GAMES.

Nick Coghlan
Jason Hunt
Jack Thompson
Sid Robinson
Eric Wilkinson

100 CLUB GAMES.

Hugh Bucknall
Calvin Walkinson
Patrick Higgins
Blair Holland

Netball Report

Firstly I would like to thank all players, parents, coaches and volunteers who have contributed to the 2022 season, which saw all grades of netball compete in their respective grades.

We were once again fortunate to bring home a premiership flag with C Grade awarded 2022 Premiers. Thank you to all supporters that came out in treacherous weather to cheer the girls on and celebrated with them after the game.

Congratulations and thanks to our senior coaches, Maddy and Kerry Egan. It was a challenging year for Maddy and Kerry with 13 players in C grade and the difficulty of managing expectations and developing junior players but still ensuring the team was able to win a premiership. In response to some of the issues that arose this year, additional information has been included in the 2023 Netball Handbook to effectively manage player numbers.

Congratulations also to our B and A grade teams for making it to the Preliminary finals. Unfortunately, both teams were defeated by Natte Bealiba in tightly contested games. This resulted in the A Grade teams 45 straight wins coming to an end.

The U11s team also had a very successful year and made it to the Preliminary Finals, where they were defeated by Royal Park by 4 goals. The AFNC congratulates the girls for a fantastic season of netball, and we thank Sarah Eldridge for doing a wonderful job in her coaching role. This was the first year of netball for many of the U11s players, and Sarah has done a fantastic job introducing the girls to the game and developing their basic skills. It is very positive for the club to see our young girls making their mark on the MCDNFL at such a young age.

Although U13s and U15s didn't make it into the finals, the teams are to be commended on their attitude, teamwork and support they showed for each other during the 2022 season. This year we had many players playing between grades due to a lack of numbers, but we always had players committed and willing to play 2 games almost every week, allowing us to field teams in all grades every weekend. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Stacey Blair for coaching the U13s team. There was a significant difference in the girls' skills, abilities and confidence from the start of the year to the end, which can only be attributed to Stacey's commitment to getting the best out of her players.

The last team that I would like to acknowledge is our U17s team, who were defeated in the first elimination final. This team was made up of just 3x U17 players, and the rest were U15 players that were playing two games each week. It is a huge achievement for these girls to finish in the top 8, which was contributed to by Colleen Soulsby's ability to provide positive reinforcement to increase the team's confidence in themselves.

We had several junior players representing Avoca at the interleague level, including Emily Beavis, Tilly Davis and Shayla Blair. This was a great opportunity for these girls to experience netball at a higher level and return to the club with new skills.

The Netball Exec would like to thank Colleen Drummond for her commitment to the netball executive over the past 8 years. Col has decided to step away from the netball executive, and we sincerely thank her for her dedication and commitment towards all netball matters. We have welcomed Lucy Walkley onto the netball executive to take over the uniform portfolio. It was also identified by the netball executive that we require more player input around some of our decisions, and therefore we are inviting Captains for each senior grade to attend Executive meetings during the 2023 season.

The 2022 Netball Executive members are as follows:
Netball Operations Manager and Membership: Alana Burge

Umpires Coordinator: Donna Wardlaw
Uniforms / Equipment: Lucy Walkley
Match Day Coordinator: Simone Field
Junior Coordinator: Stacey Blair

Grade	Coach	Best & Fairest	Position finished
11 & U	Sarah Eldridge	N/A	3 rd
13 & U	Stacey Blair	Ashlee Soulsby	11 th
15 & U	Colleen Soulsby	Emiliy Beavis	11 th
17 & U	Colleen Soulsby	Matilda Davis	10 th
C	Maddy & Kerry Egan	Colleen Drummond	Premiers
B	Maddy & Kerry Egan	Kodie Greenwood	3 rd
A	Maddy & Kerry Egan	Olivia Carlin	3 rd

Club Milestones

400 CLUB GAMES.

Lucy Walkley
Colleen Soulsby

150 CLUB GAMES.

Gina Beavis

100 CLUB GAMES.

Charlotte Barber
Makenzie Gollop
Taylah Wardlaw

Last but not least, thank you to all volunteers and players who have contributed throughout the 2022 season. The Netball Executive is already looking ahead to next year, and we are working towards appointing our coaches for the 2023 season.

We have already appointed coaches for all grades, which are:

A, B and C Grade Maddy and Kerry Egan
U15 and U17 Stacey Blair
U13 Sarah Neil
U11 Sarah Eldridge

The last and most important person that I would like to acknowledge and thank is Tilly Davis. On a Saturday, Tilly will umpire, play and then continue to input all match day data after each game. It is great to see our junior players stepping up and providing positive contributions around the club.

Thanks for your support, and we look forward to doing it all again next season.

Alana Burge
Netball Manager

Bulldog Medal Vote Count

The Clubs Annual Vote Count and Presentation Day was held after the Grand Final.

Senior Football	Winner
Best & Fairest	Joel Antonio
R/Up Best & Fairest (Roly Reynolds Memorial)	Bryce Howell Jason Hunt
Best Under 20	Sid Robinson
Most Determined	Bryce Howell
Leading Goalkicker	Jason Hunt
Coach's Trophy	Darcy Carey
Reserves Football	Winner
Best & Fairest	Lachlan Howell & Geordie Gollop
Leading Goal Kicker	Trevor Field
Most Determined	Geordie Gollop
Coach's Trophy	James Colliccoat
Under 17.5 Football	Winner
Best & Fairest	Noah Wardlaw
R/Up Best & Fairest	Lachlan Wardlaw
Leading Goalkicker	Jesse Britnell
Most Improved	Angus Voutier
Most Determined	Josh Humphrey
Coach's Trophy	Sid Robinson Josh Powers

Under 14.5 Football	Winner
Best & Fairest (Leanne Calder Memorial)	Campbell Blair
R/Up Best & Fairest	Matthew Wardlaw
Leading Goal Kicker	Matthew Wardlaw
Most Improved	Tommy Barber
Most Determined	Jaidyn Cocking
Coach's Trophy	Mitchell Wardlaw
Under 11.5 Football	Winner
Best & Fairest	Jarrold Colliccoat
R/Up Best & Fairest	Emmett Ferguson
Leading Goal Kicker	Emmett Ferguson
Most Improved	Oscar Darlow
Most Determined	Jenna Beavis
Coaches Trophy	Cooper Howell

A Grade Netball	Winner
Best & Fairest Merle Gothard Memorial	Olivia Carlin
R/Up	Maddy Egan
Amy Walkley Memorial Most Determined	Gina Beavis
Coach's Trophy	Lucy Walkley
B Grade	Winner
Best & Fairest	Kodie Greenwood
R/Up	Maddie Hall & Kirby Postle
Most Dedicated Sue-Ellen Storer Farnsworth Memorial	Maddie Hall
Coach's Trophy	Rachael Maes Taylah Wardlaw
C Grade	Winner
Best & Fairest	Colleen Drummond
R/Up	Ellie Meagher
Most Dedicated Sue-Ellen Storer Farnsworth Memorial	Colleen Soulsby
Coach's Trophy	Chloe Reid Ellie Meagher
17 & Under	Winner
Best & Fairest (D & A Hunter Perpetual)	Matilda Davis
R/Up	Emily Beavis
Coach's Trophy	Molly Arrowsmith
15 & Under	Winner
Best & Fairest	Emily Beavis
R/Up	Felicity Rentsch
Amy Walkley Memorial Most Determined	Felicity Rentsch
Coach's Trophy	Matilda Neil
13 & Under	Winner
Best & Fairest	Ashlee Soulsby
R/Up	Kalifornia Kleen
Coach's Trophy	Caitlyn Eldridge

Calder Family Memorial Best Club Person

Russell Neil

Junior Best Club Person Award

Zak Burge

Marketing & Sponsorship

Sponsorship Program

The AFNC is very appreciative of the generous support of all of its business partners. The contributions that include both cash and in-kind from 100 businesses ensure that the Club can provide quality facilities and equipment and professional coaches and support staff to make playing sport with the AFNC safe, inclusive and enjoyable.

We acknowledge and thank the sponsors in our Gold, Silver and Bronze categories as well. Sponsorship is vital to the Club and contributes greatly to the overall running of club activities.

Principle Sponsor: Peter Jess & Associates

Major Partners: Crameri's Mitre 10, Bonney Energy, The Victoria Hotel, Avoca Country Grocers

Diamond Partners: WD Howell & Co, Avoca Community Bank, Hewitt and Whitty, J M Leech Jewellers, Maryborough Offroad & Auto Service, Natmack Decorating, R&J Batteries

Gold Partners: Builtt, Brandt, Hollands Adventure Holidays, Shear Delights Bakery, Summerfield Wines, Centre State Printing, Avoca Building Services, Carey's Ultimate Style, Quality Wool, Elders, Tim Hill Livestock, Pyrenees Advocate, FireFenda, Powers Buslines, Wendouree Wholesalers, Wardlaw Welding, Pyrenees Smash Repairs, Gollops Garage, The Avoca, Bigabila Wines, Burson Auto Parts, Coghlan Transport, HF Richardson, Eureka Concrete, Howell Rail, Pyrenees Premium Cuts, Stawell Glass and Windows, McDonalds Maryborough, RSM, Beefed Up Holdings, Macks Fashion and Surf, Ararat Meat Exports, Petrogas Regional, Bloom Creative Design

A full list of sponsors is available is viewable on our Club Website below.

http://websites.sportstg.com/get_file.cgi?id=36629437

Memberships

The Club's online Membership database system – <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/afnc/> has proven to be a very useful addition to the Club's administration and has made managing memberships much easier for the Committee. The Club has made a conscious effort to ensure all players are fully financial, and there has been an increase in the general membership base, which is positive for the Club. Maintaining stable membership prices seems to be the biggest success in encouraging membership. The Club will need to continue to closely monitor expenses associated with playing to ensure membership fees reflect this.

Membership Options:

General Member - \$70 (entry to all eight home games for the price of 7)

Parents Pass - \$110 (entry to all eight home games for two people – saving of \$50)

Old Dogs Club - \$40 (includes entry to last home game of the season "Old Dogs Round" and into the end of season function and membership card)

Player memberships vary according to age/playing level.

Total memberships: 362

Social Events

The social club hosted a number of events for the year including the Bulldogs Ball, Doggiechella, The Wooden Horse Cup, iPod Shuffle

Policy Development

New Child Safe Standards were introduced across Victoria and the Club took action early to introduce a new Child Safety Officer – Delvene Barber along with implementing a new child safe policy, reporting procedure and code of conduct. The Club hosted an information night for all junior players and parents explaining the standards and how the Club is taking action to provide a safe environment for all players.

Financial Report

The Club's budget was set at the start of the 2021/22 year with a focus on investing funds back into the facility and purchasing new infrastructure. As a result of successful fundraising efforts and reducing expenses, the Club has posted an overall net profit this year of \$40,189.38.

Operating financial year - November 1st 2021 – October 31st 2022

<i>As at the 31st of October 2022</i>	AMOUNT
<i>Gross Income</i>	\$ 196,856.84
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 156,667.46
<i>Net Profit / Loss</i>	\$ 40,189.38
<i>GST Paid</i>	\$ 1,744
<i>Club Accounts Balance at 31st October 2021 General</i>	\$ 19,854.88
<i>Fundraising Account</i>	\$ 40,449.41

Conclusion

The AFNC is pleased with the outcomes of the 2022 season. Building on the actions laid out in the Strategic Plan, the Club has managed to position itself as one of the leading clubs in the MCDNFL in terms of culture, governance and financial management. As the Club moves into its new five-year strategic plan, the focus will be on automating systems and processes to reduce the time commitment from volunteers, ensuring that we continue to make compliance and governance a high priority so that we continue to lead in this space. Building a strong culture around a clearly defined set of values and putting processes in place to ensure coaches are supported and accountable for their roles. These steps, along with our already solid financial position and dedicated committee, should lead to further on-field success.