



ANNUAL REPORT

2014/2015

Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.



Affiliated with
Water Polo Victoria



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Essendon Water Polo Club entered its' 30th year in 2015. A significant milestone reached from the early days in 1985 when a group of local swimmers formed the Oak Park Water Polo Club. Their commitment and vision enabled the club to develop, transitioning to become Essendon WPC upon affiliation with the Essendon Football and Community Sporting Clubs. The club has enjoyed many achievements in this time and the last 12 months have continued in that manner.

In the 2014 year of competition we fielded two men's teams, three women's teams and three junior team across Winter Competition, State Championships, and Sub-junior Competition. The club also had five representatives in the Victorian Seals Women's National Water Polo League team. We enjoyed premierships for both our men's teams and for our Youth Girls team throughout the year. Our junior girls represented the club in fine manner in National Club Championships at U14, U16 and U18 level and also at the Canberra Cup.

The club's governance remained sound with a consolidated committee, and we continued with club members contributing to Water Polo Victoria governance at Board level and in support and competition roles. Our affiliation with Essendon Football and Community Sporting Clubs continues to be of great value and I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for their continued financial support and collegiance.

This annual report contains a complete audit of the club's finances and I am pleased with our financial position. Competition and pool hire costs continue to increase and we have countered this with a progressive fee structure and continued fundraising activities, as well as the receipt of sporting equipment and uniform grants from Vic Health. Maintenance of these financial strategies will ensure a healthy fiscal outlook.

In this 30th year I would like to acknowledge the clubs founding members and all who have passed through the club. Club records show that 200 plus women and girls and 400 plus men and boys have pulled on a cap to represent the Essendon Water Rats. Each one of them has contributed to the legacy of the Essendon Water Polo family.

I would like to thank the committee of management and our affiliate delegates, our club coaches, team managers, volunteers and of course players and parents for their contributions over this last 12 months.

The motto for this anniversary year is "30 Years Strong". I am confident that the club will continue to build on this strength in the years ahead.



Andrew Luedecke
Essendon Water Polo Club President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Essendon continues to service the sporting needs of its members and present itself as an attractive starting point for new members. As one of only two Melbourne based clubs on our side of the Westgate we have a huge potential catchment area. Our continued web presence and regular posting on both Facebook and Twitter are vital to that end and enable us also to keep the Essendon community abreast of events. The club continues to be indebted to Lisa Murray-Segal for her work in producing the Weekly Wrap and the Yearbook.

Local sporting clubs play a vital role and could not exist without the unsung efforts of a wide range of people. To all those who have jumped in to help no matter how large or small the task, the community that is the Essendon Water Polo Club thanks you. I hope that the friendships formed and pleasure in seeing the Red and Black present so well give you the same joy and pride they give me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Pullyblank', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brett Pullyblank

Essendon Water Polo Club Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Yet again the Essendon Water Polo Club has been steady in their operation in the 2014-2015 year. With numbers being about the same as previous years, we have managed to secure the word of former senior members returning to the club in the early days of the new financial year starting in March. This could increase our member numbers significantly and might even lead to extra teams in the Victorian Championships later in 2015 and onwards.

Unfortunately, we had to increase the membership fees again to stay solvent as our costs keep on growing due to the never ending increases in payable fees. With great fundraising efforts (chocolate drive, wine raffle, footy tipping and various raffles + games at social events) we managed to stay competitive with our fees in comparison to other clubs and turn the page of making a big loss.

We received 3 grants in the year; the biggest from EFSC, which we receive yearly as well as being successful in obtaining 2 more (applied for in the previous year, mentioned in last year's report) and helped us to put the money towards caps and uniform items.

The audit has again shown valuable, to ensure, we run the club to a good standard (auditor's report is attached). Although a small loss has been made due to some outstanding fees, we have proven to be on the way back and made up for last year's loss. A new review of fees is necessary after obtaining information about cost of training and games.



Sandra Mink-Grobbe

Essendon Water Polo Club Treasurer

EXECUTIVE STATEMENT

Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

Note 1 : Statement of Accounting Policies

These financial statements are special purpose reports which have been prepared specifically for the distribution to members in accordance with the Association's constitution.

The Association is of the type identified in the Statement of Accounting Concepts as a non-reporting entity. The statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The statements have been prepared on a cash basis from the records of the Association. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account the changing values of money.

Income Tax

The Association is an exempt body for income tax purposes under section 23(g)(iii) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

Note 2 : Related Parties

The members who comprise the Executive of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc. are Andrew Luedecke, Bryan Wee, Brett Pullyblank and Sandra Mink-Grobbe.

In their capacities as members of the Executive they receive no remuneration.

There were no transactions with the members of the Executive of the related entities during the year, except in the ordinary course of the Association's business.



Andrew Luedecke

President



Brett Pullyblank

Secretary

ESSENDON FOOTBALL & COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUBS DELEGATE'S REPORT

Once again the Essendon Football club's sporting sections continues to generously support the Essendon Water Polo club. This year they gave the club a grant of \$10,250.00 at the annual Christmas meeting. This was used to provide much needed equipment and pool hire for the club and to keep our membership costs down. The sections also provided the club with funds as a result of the annual Christmas raffle.

Remember to support the sections and attend the Windy Hill venue, and to swipe your windy hill membership card if you visit the venue for a drink or a meal. All members of the water polo club get automatic membership of the windy hill social club. There are always a number sporting sections social and fundraising events and we encourage all of our members to get involved and show support to the sections committee.

Matt Roberts

Essendon Water Polo Club EFCSC Delegate

WATER POLO VICTORIA DELEGATE'S REPORT

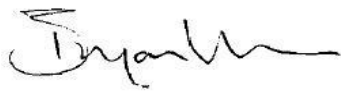
Another year has passed and the Essendon Water Polo goes from strength to strength with Water Polo Victoria.

Water Polo Victoria staff has settled with Simon Blundell's enthusiasm and Tom Madden has been appointed as Sports Development Officer. The challenge for WPV is to meet the challenges of funding with the most significant government grant expiring in the upcoming year. WPV seeks to achieve this through managing sustainable growth with limited pool space. That issue was acute this year with severe limits imposed on the use of the Hawthorn pool for the junior competition - a situation which looks like it will stretch into the future. The Victorian Seals had a successful year in the pool, but finding sponsorship and managing financial expectations is still an ongoing challenge.

The Essendon Water Polo Club remains a strong partner of Water Polo Victoria and is well represented in WPV in governance. I am Vice President of Water Polo Victoria and a member of the player tribunal. Rachel Winterton, an alumnus and former Treasurer of our club also a Board Member.

Essendon Water Polo Club continues to support Water Polo Victoria on the pool deck as well. Darren Steere remains State Tier 3 Girls Coach, Cathy Steere is on the Board of the Victorian Seals, Darren and Marcus Jones are referees, and Lisa Asbury and Brett Pullyblank perform as games officials at National League and other major competitions.

As the WPV representative for our club I would like to thank the Committee for their support and the Club players, parents and supporters for their continued commitment, competitiveness and sportsmanship.



Bryan Wee

Essendon Water Polo Club Water Polo Victoria Delegate

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAM REPORTS

Canberra Cup

Essendon Under 18s took a strong line-up to the Canberra Cup as preparation for the 18 and Under Club Championships. They proved that they were legitimate challengers to the nation's best won the championship defeating a powerful Sydney Northern Beaches in the Grand Final. In addition Maddy Steere was awarded MVP for the tournament.

18 and Under National Club Championships

Years of sending teams away for mixed results showed its worth when Essendon sent a team with the skill and experience to compete at national level. After not putting a foot wrong in the early rounds one quarter of polo cost the girls a chance to compete for gold but a strong finish saw them win the playoff for 5th place.

16 and Under National Club Championships

Essendon took a squad consisting of several experienced girls but with a number with little exposure to polo at a national level. Whilst the team finished 19th once again Essendon produced the Top Goal Scorer which Millie Pullyblank won by a whopping 19 goals.

14 and Under National Club Championships

Essendon continued its tradition of enabling its junior girls to experience a national competition. While other state teams at that age have more girls to choose from the results from these tournaments can not be measured by the placing but rather by the improvement the girls show when they return to the local competition. Again Essendon's name was mentioned on the final day when Lily Pridham received Highest Goal Scorer for the tournament.



Darren Steere

Essendon Junior Coach

WOMEN'S TEAM REPORTS

Women's SL1

2014 Winter Competition

Essendon's continued emphasis on promotion of youth through appropriate coaching and opportunity began to show its worth. Whilst our SL1 squad was amongst the youngest in the competition it gained a berth in the Grand Final eventually going down to a very experienced Footscray side.

2014 State Championships

The season highlighted the balancing act required with our dual aims to produce representative players and be a force in local water polo. With two of our key players in Maddy Steere and Emily McGowan representing Australia in the World Youth Games in Spain we fielded a very inexperienced squad that was able to compete for periods of each game without consistent wins. A number of girls experienced WSL1 for the first time which augurs well for the future. A further highlight was Alexandra Cox gained the prestigious double of Most Valuable Player and Highest Goal scorer.



Darren Steere.

Essendon Head Coach

Women's SL2

2014 Winter Competition

The 2014 seasons saw the WSL2 team strongly challenged in the pool. The Winter Championships saw us borrow players from other teams and provide experience to many of our juniors playing with senior, experienced players. We finished a credible 6th from 10 teams

Players:

Aileen Spencer, Amelia Toohey, Bronte Veitch, Catherine Steere, Charlotte Russo, Chelsea Stellini, Claire O'Callaghan, Clare Plueckhahn, Eliza Blackstock, Evelyn Burry, Juliet Frankland, Kate Mills, Lily Pridham, Lisa Anderson, Lisa Asbury, Lisa Murray-Segal, Madelyn Scott, Morgan Perry, Natalia Scally, Paris Wright, Phoebe Braden, Rachel Winterton, Stella Salter, Susan Callaghan, Vanessa Murray

2014 State Championships

During the State Championships the WSL2 struggled with numbers with many of the players either on overseas holidays or studying for final exams. Again a number of juniors helped fill the gaps and gain valuable experience in a senior team.

We finished 8th from 9 teams.

Players:

Aileen Spencer, Amelia Toohey, Brittany De La Cruz, Catherine Steere, Charlotte Russo, Clare Plueckhahn, Evelyn Burry, Kate Mills, Lily Pridham, Natalia Scally, Paris Wright, Sheridan Kavanagh, Susan Mills



Cathy Steere

Women's State League 2 Team Manager

Women'sSL3

The Essendon 3s continue to be the team of youth and experience within the club. With a solid core of "older ladies" playing for fun and fitness, and a growing contingent of 16 year olds looking to make the leap from junior grades. It's a mix of players that works well for all. Many of our 2013 juniors have been promoted into the Essendon 2s after a stint with us, and we are both sad and proud to see them go. This year, our performance in the pool has not been rewarded with wins on the scoreboard. In both the 2014 Winter Competition and the 2014 State Championships – we finished bottom, in 6th place. Many of our games were close, or we were leading at some point during the game – so the final ladder placings did not do our efforts justice. What we could do to improve our game outcomes would be to attend training! Unfortunately for most in our squad, a busy family life (and kids) take precedence, and we are lucky if many of our ladies can actually make it to the game each week. This is why we love the juniors, for their speed, reliability and their ability to train and learn! They're great kids too! More of a social game for our older players, we are expecting more "maternity comebacks" in 2015.



Lisa Murray-Segal

Women's State League 3 Team Manager

MEN'S TEAM REPORT

Men's SL4 Team

The Essendon State League 4 Men ('A' Team) had a very good year but at the same time a disappointing year. The 2014 WPV Winter Competition was very successful with 2 new players joining the team and everyone playing together quite well. The team won the grand final with some great water polo play. Unfortunately at the end of the season we were unable to keep one of the new players for the following competitions which was understandable but still disappointing.

The 2014 WPV State Championships was in the end disappointing. The season was very tight with most games being very close until the final whistle. Like the 2014 Winter Competition the Essendon MSL4 team were able to finish the competition on top of the ladder and made the grand final after winning the first final. The grand final was very disappointing as we lost with the team really struggling to work together. This was very uncharacteristic of the previous 12 months.

The 2015 WPV Winter competition is very positive for the club. Not only are we remaining successful in the pool but there have been more new recruits which has made the playing roster quite full for most game nights. This places the Essendon Men in a positive position to perhaps field a 3rd Men's team in the 2015 WPV State Championships. This growth is due to the hard work of the Essendon Water Polo Club coaches and committee in maintaining a well organised and friendly club. This welcoming and professional environment is attracting new recruits into the club, who will contribute to further success in and out of the water.



Marcus Jones

Men's State League 4 Team Manager

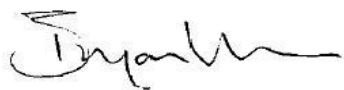
Men's SL6 Team

The last year has been a great one for our team. With one premiership and a narrow loss by golden goal in the second grand final.

In the 2014 Winter Championships we finished second on the ladder but managed to defeat the first placed Melbourne Collegians Gold 6-5 in the grand final. The team had a strong record with 7 wins and 2 losses.

In the 2014 State Championships saw the team finish on top of the ladder but suffered a narrow defeat in the grand final in golden goal extra time against a team that we defeated three times during the season - albeit by only one goal each time. The season was another solid one with 13 wins and only 2 losses.

As usual, our younger players have developed into mainstays of the team. Brad Stellini, Eliot Donoghue and Matt Lanyon and Lukas Fraccaro in particular are now the lifeblood of the team - or certainly the key swimmers! This year is the culmination of a number of years of developing a stable team and team plan and it is gratifying to see that build up rewarded by results.



Bryan Wee

Men's State League 6 Team Manager

FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL REPORT

Footy Tipping Competition

We again have run the club footy tipping for the third year running, as a direct fundraiser for the club which will raise over \$300 for the club. A number of club members and family members have again joined the footy tipping competition to take home the title of the Essendon Water Polo Club Footy Tipper of the year award.

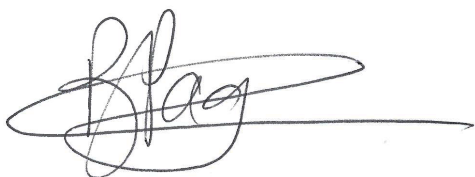
Presentation Night

The 2014 presentation night was held at the Windy Hill Social Club, a club sponsor with a fun night out for all that attended. This year there were many milestone awards and coaches awards handed out to the junior, youth and seniors of the club. We also had a number of awards that recognised our ever increasing national representatives. This event is the biggest social event in the club's calendar which requires a lot of hard work to pull it all together from a number of the club members. Next year the club will celebrate its 30 years in existence and we hope that most of the club members will be there to celebrate the club's own very special milestone.

In 2015 Essendon Water Polo celebrated a very special milestone this year, by hosting the 30 year in existence. We held this special night again at the Windy Hill Social club, one of the club's major sponsors. The night was a great success celebrating many milestones, with a number of club members, along with family and friends attending the night. We were lucky enough to have a number of our founding members in attendance on the night. We were also lucky enough to have one of the Australian Men's Water Polo players in attendance along with Maddy Steere of whom participated in a Q & A segment. Cathy Steere did a great job of organizing the event along with her girls Alex and Maddy who helped decorate the room with a number of old club merchandise items.

Christmas Breakup Party

The 2014 Christmas break up party was held on the banks of Maribrynong River for something different this year. We also changed the day of the event from a weekend event to a Monday night, a usual training night, knowing most club members are free. It was a great decision as we had a great turn out with over 50 people in attendance. There were many fun games, the draw of the wine raffle, a snag or two as well a visit from old man Santa, arriving in a police car.



Brittany Page

Committee member & Merchandise Officer

ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
28TH FEBRUARY 2015**

ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Essendon Water Polo Club Incorporated for the financial year ended 28th February 2015.

Committee Members

Andrew Luedecke – President
Bryan Wee – Vice President
Brett Pullyblank – Secretary
Sandra Mink-Grobbe – Treasurer
Brittany Page
Cathy Steere
Ian Phelan
Lisa Asbury
Marcus Jones
Joseph McIntosh

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

To organize the playing of water polo for both the junior and senior members of the entity.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The operating result is a deficiency of \$386.00, however there are sufficient funds for the entity to remain solvent.

Committee Member:



Andrew Luedecke – President

Committee Member:



Sandra Mink-Grobbe – Treasurer

Dated this 22nd day of June 2015.

Essendon Water Polo Club Incorporated
Income and Expenditure Statement
for the year ended 28 February 2015

<u>Income</u>	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Registration	694	2854
Membership Fees	16190	13745
Fundraising	4060	5932
EFCSC Grant	10250	11000
Grant Other	3400	0
Uniforms	1393	2831
Social Events	815	1600
Miscellaneous	410	140
Interest Received	40	38
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	37252	38140
 <u>Expenses</u>		
Audit fee	330	0
Bank Charges and Administration	103	186
EFCSC	397	380
Game & Entry Fees	17592	16538
Fundraising	1800	1830
Registration Fees	538	540
Social Events	2987	4667
Training	9485	10837
Uniforms	4406	4510
Under 16/18 trips	0	2000
Total Expenses	<hr/>	<hr/>
	37638	41488
 Net Surplus (Deficiency)	<hr/>	<hr/>
	-386	-3348

Refer to the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Essendon Water Polo Club Incorporated
Asset and Liabilities Statement
as at 28 February 2015

	Note	2015	2014
<u>Assets</u>			\$
Cash at Bank		11344	11458
Accounts Receivables	2	210	482
		<u>11554</u>	<u>11940</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Sundry Creditors		0	0
Total Liabilities		0	0
Net Assets		<u>11554</u>	<u>11940</u>
<u>Member's Funds</u>			
Retained Earnings	3	11554	11940
		<u>11554</u>	<u>11940</u>
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>11554</u>	<u>11940</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Essendon Water Polo Club Incorporated

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2015

Note

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared on order to satisfy the financial reporting requirement of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

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

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors.

Income Tax

The entity is exempt from income tax.

2 Trade and Other Receivables

Current

Membership Fees Owing

2014	2014
\$	\$

210	482
<u>482</u>	<u>482</u>

3 Retained Earnings

Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year

Net Surplus (Deficiency) attributable to the association

Retained earnings at the end of the financial year

11940	15288
-386	-3348
<u>11554</u>	<u>11940</u>

KRAMMERS ACCOUNTANTS

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ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB INC **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

SCOPE

We have audited the attached financial statements of **ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB INC** for the year ended 28th February 2015. Adrian Kilduff is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein, and have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion to the members of **ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB INC** on their preparation and presentation.

The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any other purpose other than for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material aspects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Statement of Significant Accounting Policies. These policies do not require the application of all Statements of Accounting Concepts and Accounting Standards.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements and statements of cash flows of the **ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB INC** for the year ended 28th February 2015 are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies of the matters required by the Associations Incorporation Act to be dealt with in the financial statements;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of that Act; and
- (b) in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, and the mandatory professional reporting requirements, applied to the extent described in Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (if any).

KRAMMERS ACCOUNTANTS



W.F. KRAMMER FIPA

ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT DECLARATION

The Committee of Management have determined that the entity is not a reporting entity and that the special purpose financial **statements** should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies in note one to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee of Management :

- i. The financial statements and notes to the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2015 presents a true and fair position of the entity at 28 February 2015, and its performance for the year then ended.
- ii. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management :

President:



Andrew Luedecke

Treasurer:



Sandra Mink-Grobbe

Dated this 22nd day of June 2015

ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED

CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Andrew Luedecke and I, Brett Pullyblank certify that:

- (a) We are members of the Committee of Essendon Water Polo Club Incorporated
- (b) We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 22nd June 2015
- (c) We are authorized by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate
- (d) This annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Committee member:



Andrew Luedecke

Committee member:



Brett Pullyblank

Dated this 22nd day of June 2015