

# ANNUAL REPORT

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Season 2023

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# **Acknowledgement of Country**

The Ainslie Football Club acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the lands on which we live, work, train and play our great game – the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people. We recognise the continued connection the custodians have to the lands and waterways and respectfully acknowledge elders, past and present.

The Ainslie Football Club will continue to work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to support an equitable, inclusive, and reconciled Australia.

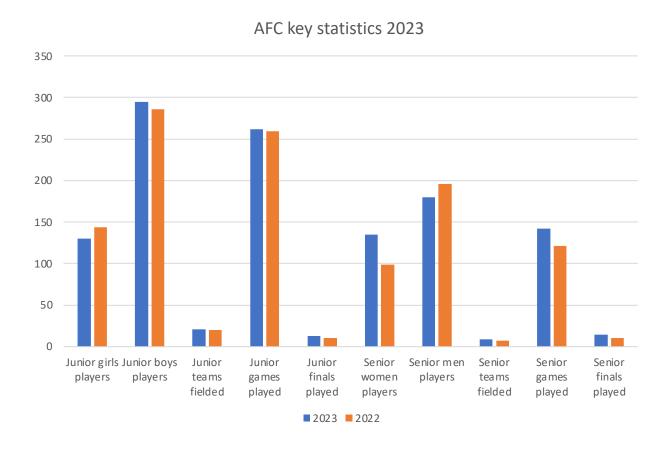
# Ainslie Football Club – Key People in 2023

OFFICE BEARERS		
President	Lee Phillips	
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Vice President	Troy Klep	
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General Manager	John Smith	
Junior Football Operations	Matthew Teasdale	
Football Operations Coordinator	Alyson Hirst	
FOOTBALL STAFF		
Women's First Grade	Britt Tully (Head Coach)	Simon Holt (Manager)
	Fiona Van de Made	
	Zoe Skryianos	
	Chris Tully	
Men's First Grade	Jason Tutt (Head Coach)	Michael Cawley (Manager)
	John Harper (Asst Coach)	James Horniblow (Timekeeper)
	Nathan Cawley	
	Brett Sheehan	

	Nick Beaumont	
	Greg Vickers	
Women's Second Grade	Zoe Lewis (Head Coach)	Collette Reedy (Manager)
	Daniella Cecere (Asst Coach)	
Men's Second Grade	Nick Beaumont (Head Coach)	Michael Cawley (Manager)
	Ben Hackett (Asst Coach)	Linda Muir (Timekeeper)
	Greg Vickers	
Women's Rising Stars	Stafford Cooper (Head Coach)	Rachel Ingerwersen (Manager)
	Chris Tournier (Asst Coach)	
Men's Rising Stars	Harry Dunstall (Head Coach)	Liz Matthews (Manager)
	Matt Gray (Asst Coach)	
Women's Community	Cat Wells (Head Coach)	Bec Veness (Manager)
Men's Third Grade	Edi Marshall (Head Coach)	Glenn Brown (Manager)
Men's Fourth Grade	David Kusetic (Head Coach)	Glenn Brown (Manager)
Junior President	Lynnet Bridgfoot	

# 2023 on a Page

2023 was a successful year for the Ainslie Football Club, both in terms of participation and performance on the field. Player numbers were either stable or grew slightly across juniors and seniors and we continued growth in the women's program. We welcomed back a Junior Girls Under 10s team after not fielding one for three years and were proud to field a Women's Community Grade team for the first time.



\*In 2023, the Women's Rising Stars team played in the senior competition. This is why there is a notional decline in the number of junior girls players from 2022 to 2023.

#### Accolades and achievements

- o 2023 Premiers
  - Women's First Grade
  - Women's Second Grade
  - Women's Rising Stars
  - Men's Second Grade
- 2023 Runners Up
  - Men's First Grade
  - Boys' U15s
  - Boys' U17s
- o 2023 Club of the Year
- o 2023 Mulrooney Medal Guy Richardson
- o 2023 U16s Girls Best and Fairest Billie Hamilton

### Vale Members

In 2023, the Ainslie Football Club mourned the loss of a number of valued community members, all of whom made our Club a better place. We pass on condolences to their families and friends and remember and celebrate their contribution to the Club.



#### Vale Larry Rawson

Larry Rawson, in his early days at the club, managed a number of junior teams. He took up the role of Manager, U19s in 1976 and went on to manage Back to Back u19's Premierships in 1977 and 1978.

He also served on the AFC Committee from 1976 to 1984

Larry was a true character and well known to all patrons and staff of the Ainslie Football and Social club for many many years and of recent times was a member of the famous "table of knowledge" at the social club. Larry passed away at the age of 89.



#### Vale Greg Croser

Greg Croser former player and committeeman sadly passed away just before Christmas 2023 at 72 years of age.

Greg arrived at Ainslie in 1981 playing through until 1986 – he played 58 first grade games and 44 reserves – playing in 3 reserve grade Grand Finals 82,83,84

A very versatile footballer that could play at either end of the ground with a raking left foot kick.

He also served on the AFC Committee 1988,1989 and 1990 and was a Vice president in 1989.

Greg was certainly a popular figure in the club throughout that era and was a colourful and fun character on the social scene around the club



#### Vale Bobby Bink

Bobby was the father of Andrew Bink -  $2 \times U19$ 's and  $1 \times Reserve$  grade premiership player.

Bob also managed many junior sides and carted many kids around to football of a Saturday morning in his Valiant Charger. He was a great supporter of Ainslie in particular through Andrew's playing days and through the Cowboy Neale era when himself and Cowboy became great mates and he enjoyed his times at the Ainslie Football and Social Club.

Our thoughts go out to Andrew and Bob's wife Lorraine. Bob had been suffering dementia the last 4 years and Lorraine had done a wonderful job being his primary carer right up until a week before he passed at 86 years of age.

#### Vale Ron "Smokey" Denley

Smokey was a former player and Team Manager who made a great contribution to the Club.



### Vale Kevin "Cowboy" Neale

Kevin "Cowboy" Neale came to the Ainslie Football Club in 1978 as Captain Coach. Over a period of six years here at the Ainslie Football Club, 1978-1983, we played in successive Grand Finals and was successful on four occasions with two of those years undefeated. Cowboy still holds the goal



kicking record of 149 goals in 1980. Cowboy was captain-coach of many ACTAFL representative teams, and a highlight was his achievement of being Captain-Coach when the ACT team beat Victoria in 1980.

At St Kilda Football Club from 1965-1977 Cowboy achieved all football 'milestones' culminating in being a member of a Premiership team (1966). Along the way, he won a Club Championship award (1973), kicked 301 goals and played a then record number of games (256). His performances at St Kilda have been recognized by his selection in the Team of the Century (2001) and induction into St Kilda's Hall of Fame (2007)

After his playing days in Canberra, Cowboy was senior coach at Central Districts in South Australia for four seasons (1984-1987) after which he returned to the ACT to coach Tuggeranong for a further three seasons (1993-1995). In 1998, he was again coach of Ainslie FC and the ACTAFL representative team.

It is at Ainslie Football Club where Cowboy had the most impact for the ACTAFL or AFL Canberra which it is now referred to. His six seasons as Captain Coach where he kicked an amazing 430 goals, won 4 Premierships from 6 grand finals and drew thousands of people through the gate to grow the game of AFL in the region.

Cowboy's commitment to the region was again demonstrated when he headed up an ACT team to beat Victoria in 1980. This was a significant win in the history of the game in the region, with local players joining the likes of Cowboy and Jesaulenko to beat the almighty Victorians. This victory put the ACT on the map in regards their competitiveness and is often used to inspire ACT teams that have played the game since.

During Cowboy's time at Ainslie, Canberra was a destination for Victorians to work in the public service or trades people looking to capitalise on the population boom and Cowboy's profile helped establish Australian Rules' stronghold in the region for many years to come. His profile in the broader Canberra community was extremely positive and influential away from the field too.

Kevin's contribution to other clubs in the ACT was significant with a coaching stint at Tuggeranong for three seasons where he developed a good culture that enable them to make the Grand Final the year after his departure.

Cowboy's legacy evolves as the game grows in the region. He was often seen at functions, reunions and anniversaries where he is rightfully celebrated for his contribution to the game. An inaugural member of the AFL Canberra Hall of Fame, Cowboy was recently elevated to Legend status reflecting his enduring and colourful contribution to our game in Canberra.

While Cowboy made a significant contribution to the game, he also made a contribution to the broader community level both on and off field. He was a leader, a person of integrity who set an example of what it takes to be successful and the manner and spirit in which the game was played.



#### Vale Rowan "Rooster" Andrews

The Ainslie Football Club was deeply saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Rowan 'Rooster' Andrews On January 12th 2024.

Rowan joined the Ainslie Football Club in 2009 and made an instant impact not only with his uncompromising training habits but his fearless and tough way of playing football in the Ruck. He led the way and set the tone for many games.

Two time Premiership player in 2010 & 2011, Rooster played 80 Senior games with the club.

A super popular person amongst everyone in the football club.

Our sincere condolences to Alice, Max & Zac and to their extended family.

## **Our Sponsors**

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# **President's Report**

There is no hiding from the fact that season 2022 was a challenging year for the Ainslie Tricolours, with only one premiership with the Men's Rising Stars.

For season 2023 we could only look ahead, but I was filled with optimism for the future of the Ainslie Football Club. That optimism came to fruition with us winning four of the six AFL Canberra premierships on offer and competing in five of those premiership deciders – a fantastic achievement.

With our commitment to equalisation our Women's program took enormous strides forward in season 2023, winning First Grade, Second Grade and the Rising Stars premierships. After the heartbreaking loss in the 2022 grand final, it was so satisfying to see the girls dominate the Grand Final from the start and deliver us our first women's premiership since 2001.

Our women's Second Grade also had a consistent year, finishing in second spot after the home and away season. Winning the Qualifying Final against Queanbeyan and heading straight into the Grand Final where they were too strong for Eastlake on the day, winning by 9 points.

Our Rising Stars Women went through the season undefeated and went on to win the Grand Final in a convincing manner by 59 points, a superb effort from a well-coached side.

For our men's program there were frustrations and disappointments but, equally, there were lessons and development. In First Grade we finished as minor premiers, only to lose the Qualifying Final to Belconnen, bounce back with a stirring victory against Queanbeyan in the Preliminary Final; only to lose the Grand Final to a red-hot Belconnen side who were too good on the day.

For our Second Grade Men's, despite a convincing win in the qualifying final by 79 points against Belconnen, the Grand Final result was a lot closer. The boys certainly learnt from the previous losses in the 2020 and 2022 Grand Finals overcoming Belconnen by 12 points. Unfortunately, our Rising Stars Men were knocked out in the Preliminary Final.

Our Women's Community Div 1 unfortunately didn't win a game, but the commitment shown by these girls was fantastic and our Men's Community Div 1 & 2 teams, being larger competitions, had a pretty tough time of it. Losing a number of close games, however managed to form a great bond that will take them comfortably into 2024 with confidence.

Once again, we were the AFL Canberra 2023 Club Champions, an award which reflects the success we had across the league and club in general. We had a number of representatives in the respective Rising Stars & Senior Teams of the year and also performed well in the AFL Canberra individual best and fairest awards across all grades winning the following:

- Guy Richardson joint Mulrooney Medal winner
- o Mackenzie Carmen Men's 2nd Grade Best & Fairest
- o Luca Drury Men's Rising Stars Best & Fairest
- o Sophia De Castella Women's Rising Stars Best & Fairest
- o Stafford Cooper Women's Rising Stars Coach of the Year
- o James Larkey Men's 2nd Grade Leading Goal Kicker
- o Renee Friend Women's Goal of the Year
- Cameron Terry MRS Leading Goal Kicker
- Charli Canavan WRS Leading Goal Kicker

Overall, a great year for the respective Ainslie FC premiers and also the individual award winners, you deserve all the accolades.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to all our members, coaches, players, training staff and all the volunteers associated with our club, including the many individuals and families who support our great club, for your hours of effort and commitment, which does not go unrecognised.

Without you, and the sponsors behind the club, we would not be able to support everyone to perform at their best. Driving and achieving team success can only come as a result of people committing time, effort and energy. To this point I would like to thank all our sponsors, in particular our major partners the Ainslie Football & Social Club, to Wayne Rogers and his

board and Simon Patterson and his management team. Their assistance and contribution to the renovation of the away changerooms and the new lights, in conjunction with the AFL, was greatly appreciated.

To our other major sponsors John Solomon, Emma Reilly and the team at Moray & Agnew Lawyers, Hani & Josh Sidaros at McDonalds ACT, Harry Dunstall at Ngamaru Advisor, the team at Club Lime, Holly & Ben at Homes by Holly for her support of our Women's Program, Mirko Milic, Chris Mullins and his team at Volvo Cars Canberra and Nick Paine at Luton Real Estate, we thank you greatly for your continued incredible support.

Despite our on-field success, 2023 has been a challenging year in many other respects. Throughout the year we sadly lost some invaluable members of the Ainslie Family in Kevin "Cowboy" Neale, Greg Croser, Larry Rawson, Bobby Bink and most recently Rowan "Rooster" Andrews. All of these individuals made significant contributions to not only the Ainslie FC, but the wider football and Canberra community.

We also had some challenges with staffing, with General Manager Matthew Diglio leaving for greener pastures at AFL Canberra. We did struggle to find a replacement despite a wide recruitment process, however thankfully Simon Holt and John Smith stepped to fill these gaps and we cannot thank you both enough for your efforts.

I would also like to extend a big thankyou to our Junior Football Administrator Matthew Teasdale and Football Operations Coordinator - Aly Hirst for all their hard work, although, it is with much regret that Matthew has resigned to commence his career as a teacher. Matthew has been in the role for three years; has done a fantastic job and he will be sorely missed. My thanks too to Lynnet Bridgfoot for her contribution as Junior President in 2023 – Lynnet has made a significant contribution to the Club over the years, not the least in her Junior President role.

In closing, I would humbly like to announce that I'm stepping down from the role of President and therefore will not be nominating for the AFC Board in 2024. Having been involved with the AFC for over 50 years, I did not think that one day that I would be President. While I have loved every moment on the AFC Board and as President, the last few years have been incredibly demanding and I feel that now is the time for me to step back to make room for someone who can devote the time and energy to this role and the future challenges faced by the AFC.

I am proud to have contributed to the positive change that the football (and licensed) club has experienced over the last decade, as well as being a part of a Board that has driven strong growth, culture and sustainable success across the men's, women's and junior's programs.

It has been a pleasure being President and a Board member of the AFC. The membership of this Club is extraordinary. To be able to represent you as President has been an honour that I never took for granted and have always regarded as a privilege. I am so proud of all we have accomplished in the past seven years, and I have no doubt the board will continue these successes into the future – we are in fantastic hands.

As always, thank you to my fellow directors. Your selfless commitment to the Club sets an important tone and your focus on the Club's future means we are always moving forward. Finally, to Club Secretary and Club Person of the Year Simon Holt, a very passionate Ainslie man who has been a great support to me over the journey with his valued guidance and advice – thankyou.

As to quote the great Cowboy Neale "these are the three most important things in life, first is family, second is work, and then football".

#### **LEE PHILLIPS**

# **Junior President's Report**

The 2023 season was an excellent one for junior football at Ainslie. It was our second consecutive non-COVID-19 interrupted season after the heavily impacted years of 2020 and 2021. Additionally, it was the first season in several years not to have any washed-out games. Our goal every year is to get as many kids on the park having a kick as possible, so not having things beyond our control deny kids the opportunity to play footy for Ainslie is a massive win.

Ainslie fielded a team in every possible junior age group in 2023. Overall, we had 21 teams for the season, one more than we fielded in 2022. We were excited this year to field an Under 10s Girls team for the first time since 2020. The Under 10s are a crucial part of our junior girls program, and I want to acknowledge Andrew Wheatland (coach) and Sally Grant (manager) for coming on board to get the team off the ground.

Of the 21 teams, we had 13 mixed teams, five youth girls' teams and three boys' teams. Our overall number of players across the junior program in 2023 was 425, just below our total of 430 in 2022. However, the Women's Rising Stars moved from the junior to the senior competition in 2023, and in previous seasons, their participant numbers would have counted towards the junior program.

Coaches and managers still faced week-to-week challenges, especially those with lower numbers. It was not uncommon for coaches to lose upwards of five players in the days leading up to a game due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19. However, it's a credit to our coaches' and managers' ability to coordinate with players, parents, and other officials that we kept the number of forfeited or postponed games across our junior program to a minimum.

Another challenge facing some coaches and managers this season was extended benches, with several age groups having too few players for two teams but a greater than an ideal number for one. I want to thank parents and players for their understanding and patience with rotations and game time, and I appreciate the efforts made by coaches to ensure all players receive a fair amount of time on the field each week.

Although winning should never be the focus of junior sport, it was great that several teams could compete for finals success. Ainslie junior teams that competed in finals were:

- o Under 11s Mixed
- o Under 12s Mixed Black
- o Under 12s Girls
- o Under 14s Girls
- o Under 14s Mixed
- o Under 15s Boys Black
- Under 15s Boys Red (Grand Finalist)
- Under 17s Boys (Grand Finalist)

Throughout the season, I was consistently impressed with the adherence teams showed to Ainslie's junior values of Fun, Participation, Skill Development, Sportsmanship, and Community. I want to acknowledge the critical role coaches and managers played in demonstrating these values to their players and parents.

## Our 2023 coaches and managers were:

AGE GROUP	COACH(ES)	MANAGER(S)
Under 8s Mixed	Billy Quinn	Jack Wilson
	Anthony Allen	Lauren King
	Mark Jillard	Domenici Rosanna
	Shaun Cox	Cate Chesney
Under 9s Mixed	Simon Needham	Brett Hillam
	Simon Benson	Nic Morgan
	Cam French	Lee Claire
	Craig Tidswell	
Under 10s Mixed	Anthony Quirk	Natalie Perry
	Mitchell Stevens	
	Charles Collingwood Boots	
Under 11s Mixed	Nathan Robertson	Emma Lybrand
	Matt Luck	
Under 12s Mixed	Chris Martin	Cassie Johnson
	Patrick Bordier	Carla Francis
	Dylan Roux	
Under 13s Mixed	Nick Notaras	Phoebe Cuthbertson
	Anthony Kirk	
Under 14s Mixed	Wayne Rogers	Andrew Williamson
		Michael Smithson
Under 15s Boys	Matt Dixon	Deb Lowrey
	Nathan Robertson	Rowan Woodburn
Under 17s Boys	Brad White	Lynnet Bridgfoot
Under 10s Girls	Andrew Wheatland	Sally Grant
Under 12s Girls	Chris Martin	Regan Field
	Kurt Rezek	EC
Under 14s Girls	Damien Dawe David Stear	Greta Doherty Helen McAlister
Under 16s Girls	Kelly Hamilton	Rachael Cannell Donna Love
	Paul Connellan	
	Dave Maloney	

Several junior players reached milestones in 2023, and I congratulate them for their junior careers so far and hope they continue to play at Ainslie in seasons to come:

#### 100 Games

- o Liam Kendrigan
- Joe Lowrey
- o Joseph Cattle
- o Dash Aplin
- o Ethan Robertson
- o Zac Desaubin

#### 150 Games

Lachlan Bridgfoot

#### **AFL Canberra Junior Presentations**

- o Top 5 Best and Fairest
- o Under 16s Girls Best and Fairest: Billie Hamilton
- Under 15s Boys: George Covey (3rd) & Marley Grosse (5th)
- o Under 14s Mixed: Cooper French (4th)
- o Under 12s Girls: Lily Martin (2nd)

#### **ACT Representatives:**

- Under 15s Boys Louis Wilcox, Ben Turvey, George Covey, Marley Grosse, Joe Lowrey, Isaac Dixon, and George Breusch
- Under 15s Girls Astrid Evans, Amy Love, Mia Cooper, and Immy Morse
- Under 12s Boys Ryan Lynes and Riley Kendrigan
- o Under 12s Girls Lily Martin, Molly Morse, Josie Morse, Isla Harris and Olivia Sadlier

The Ainslie Football Club is incredibly lucky to have such a strong base of volunteers throughout the junior program. I want to thank anyone who gave up their time and effort in 2023 to support junior football at Ainslie.

I'd also like to acknowledge Phoebe Cuthbertson, who was awarded our Juniors Volunteer of the Year for 2023. Phoebe is a fantastic manager and has worked hard to build a robust and respectful team culture. Over several seasons, Pheobe has worked proactively with her coaches to instil Ainslie's junior values of Fun, Participation, Skill Development, Sportsmanship, and Community, exemplified in 2023 by creating a players' code of conduct for the Under 13s Mixed. I want to thank Phoebe for contributing to the Ainslie Football Club and congratulate her for receiving this award.

On a personal note, 2023 is my final year as the Junior Operations Manager, and I am starting a new career as a teacher. While I will miss working closely with all our junior players and families, I leave the role excited to see what 2024 has in store for our junior program.

#### **MATTHEW TEASDALE**

# General Manager's Report

Girl Power came to Ainslie in 2023 with a clean sweep of Women's Senior premierships and the history making fielding of a third senior team – a first for the competition. However, the season was so much more with terrific success also across the men's program and our off-field activities.

- o 4 Premierships (W1, W2, WRS & M2s)
- o 4 Minor Premiers (M1, M2, W1, WRS)
- Club Championship (back-to-back) recognising results in M1, M2, MRS, W1, W2 & WRS.
- A further 2 W1 players drafted into AFLW (Maggie Gorham at Western Bulldogs & Georgie Jaques at Port Adelaide)
- o Dani Curcio played her 250th first grade game (first player to achieve this feat)
- o Establishment of a third Senior Women's team
- Launch of our Indigenous Guernsey, education sessions and smoking ceremonies with Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (TOAC)
- o Continuation of Pride games v Eastlake (Senior) and Batemans Bay (Community)
- o Continuation of involvement with community groups Roundabout Canberra and Meridian
- Establishment of Ladies Day with Pink Hope Community
- o Another outstanding Business Lunch with Craig Kelly (Collingwood) and Mark Maclure (Carlton)
- o A memorable Red, White & Black Ball
- o 20 Senior Players in AFL Canberra Teams of the Year
- 4 Senior Players winning AFL Canberra Competition Best & Fairest.

Operationally AFC had a pretty different look in 2023. While we welcomed back coaches Britt Tully (W1), Harry Dunstall (MRS) and Eddie Marshall (M3) we were excited to be joined by a new group of coaches – Jason Tutt (M1), Nick Beaumont (M2), Zoe Lewis and Daniella Cecere (W2), Cat Wells (W3), Stafford Cooper (WRS) and David Kusetic (M4).

The administration side of affairs was somewhat disjointed as the role of General Manager was filled by three different people over the course of the year. Matthew Diglio left AFC to work at AFL Canberra in mid-April, resulting in the GM role being temporarily filled by formed GMs Simon Holt and John Smith. Bearing in mind the different personalities and focusses change in GM had, the strong support team of coaches, managers, board members and volunteers performed amazingly to allow the Club to achieve so much on and off the field.

Meanwhile the rock-solid performance of Junior Football Manager, Matthew Teasdale kept things moving forward in the Junior Football space. Matthew's willingness and ability to juggle his football roles (player and junior footy manager), study and life (or what's left of it) has been of enormous value to the club. Matthew is moving into a teaching role in 2024 and we wish him the success and enjoyment he deserves.

We re-introduced the role of Football Operations Coordinator in 2023. This role was filled by Alyson Hirst, who has worked this role into those of managing social media and being our head sports trainer. Alyson has been working with AFC since 2011 and is an integral part of the club.

Our W1s premiership is only the second won by the club (we do have our name on the trophy in 2021 when we were leading the competition prior to it being COVID cancelled), the other being in 2001. The victory was all the sweeter due to the 5-point loss in 2022 after being undefeated all season and the fact that four of the team that started season 2021 were unavailable due to their new homes at various AFLW clubs. The club was bolstered by a wave of talent coming from other clubs, particularly ANU, and from the prodigious talent coming through our junior pathway. This managed by our wonderful and inspiring head coach Britt Tully, who even managed to give birth to baby Oliver, mid-season. Britt and her coaching team of Fiona Van de Made, Zoe Skyrianos, Chris Tully along with support from Greg Bishop and team manager Simon Holt managed to bring a cohesion to this champion team. There were 41 players who played W1s during the season, 15 making their first grade debut, and six were age eligible to play WRS.

Our W2s premiership by contrast was in the inaugural year of this grade. The team finished the home and away season in second, and then proceeded to win its 2 finals games to secure the title. The team was fabulously overseen by our wonderful coaches Zoe Lewis (player) and Dani Cecere (injured player) and Collette Reedy while also supported by the W1s coaching team. The team was a mix of young, old, experienced, novice but all super keen. There were 60 players who played W2s during the season, 30 making their debut for the club in Senior footy.

Our W3s team won zero games during the season. Yet can only be described as one of the club's biggest achievements in 2023. In order to field three open-age women's teams took 106 players, and the work done to bring so many additional players to the club in 2023 is enormous. There were so many ladders to overcome to get to this point, but to get there in the end is a testament to the enormous work of all the people concerned (especially Bec Veness, Cat Wells and Bec Kerlett) and the faith that the club put into our women's footy program. While the results weren't favourable the performance on the field improved week to week, with the loss margins significantly lower later in the season.

Our WRS team was outstanding all season, with the only hiccup to a perfect season being a draw to Queanbeyan. Stafford Cooper has a terrific array of talent available to him, and encouragingly their performance continued to improve over the course of the season. Staf has coached a number of these girls for some years and their connection shows in the style of their play. Assisting Staf was Chris Tournier and team manager Rachel Ingwersen. There were 29 girls who played in that side, 22 who are age eligible again for WRS in 2024.

Our M1s team finished the home and away season in top spot, including three wins over Belconnen. Unfortunately, that domination was to end there as we proceeded to lose twice to Belconnen in the finals, including the Grand Final. While a disappointing way to finish the season the year was clearly a success. Under new coach Jason Tutt, ably supported by John Harper, Brett Sheehan, Nathan Cawley, Greg Vickers, Mat Ackland and team manager Mick Cawley the boys played with a fresh style and assurance. A very sad way to bow out for playing coach Jason Tutt, who will look to focus his energies through his coaching. There were 32 players who played M1s during the season, 8 making their first grade debut. A testament to the playing and coaching group was the support they availed to the M2s whose grand final was played immediately after the M1s loss.

Our M2s team finally cracked that allusive premiership having lost the past two grand finals. Finishing the home and away season in top spot, the boys defeated Belconnen twice to win the premiership. A terrific season for the boys very well lead by Nick Beaumont (player coach) and his team of Ben Hackett, Greg Vickers and team manager Mick Cawley. There were 43 players who played M2s during the season, 11 making their second grade debut.

Our Community Men's Division 1 team (M3s) missed out on finals, collecting 2 wins over the course of the season. Being the third Ainslie team in a competition consisting of every other club's first team, the challenge for our boys is significant. Yet in 2023 we had more players playing community football (Div 1 & Div 2) than can be remembered. There were 62 players who played M3s during the season, 23 making their senior club debut.

Our Community Men's Division 2 team (M4s) missed out on finals, collecting just the 1 win in a tough season. Like the M3s, the challenge of playing other club's second team is daunting. There were 71 players who played M4s during the season, 21 making their senior club debut.

A terrific season for our Community Men's teams coached by Eddie Marshall (M3s) & Dave Kusetic (4s), ably supported by so many more – Rene Chaustowski, Giles Tranter, Josh Butcher, Ben Hallmann and so many more. A special shout out to Glenn Brown who moved away from being the team manager for M1s and took on the role with the M3s & M4s.

Our MRS had an up and down season, finishing the home and away season in second but losing both finals games. The club has a great record in MRS over the past 10 years. Having coached MRS for four years, any many more years with junior teams, Harry Dunstall has stepped back from coaching. Harry, like so many others, have given our club and his players such service, energy and support and we are forever indebted. Like all our teams we also acknowledge and salute the wonderful helpers – Matt Gray, Richard Terry and Liz Matthews (manager).

#### **JOHN SMITH - GENERAL MANAGER**

# Accountability, Performance and Key Indicators for 2023

In 2022, the Ainslie Football Club adopted a new Strategic Plan in the lead up to Club's 100 year anniversary of supporting community football in 2027. The Strategic Plans sets out our vision – to be the club where people want to be. To achieve this vision, the Club will provide a positive and inclusive environment, supporting people to succeed on and off the field. We will do this through 5 key areas of work:

- o Governance, facilities and finance
- o Capability and communication
- o Volunteer experience
- o Sustainable football competitions
- o One community

So, how did we do in our first year of reporting against the objectives in our Strategic Plan?

#### **GOVERNANCE, FACILITIES AND FINANCE**

The aim of this work stream is to ensure we deliver good governance and financial management, with a focus on improved, inclusive facilities.

#### **Delivered**

- ✓ Installation of new LED lighting in August 2023 means that Alan Ray Oval can now host night matches. The new lighting is both better quality and more efficient to run, meaning savings on our energy bills, and is thanks to financial support from AFL Canberra and the Ainslie Group.
- ✓ In 2023, we delivered a new home change room to support better access to facilities for women players. In 2023, also with support from AFL Canberra, we were able to upgrade our away change rooms and umpire change rooms to accommodate both male and female players and umpires.

#### **Ongoing**

- o 3-5 year capital works plan Developing our long-term capital works plan is a work in progress
- o Continuous review and improvement Facilities and Finance are standing items on our monthly Board meetings and we are continuously looking for opportunities for improvement
- o Close working relationship with Ainslie Football and Social Club & other sponsors We have annual joint meetings with the Ainslie Football and Social Club and close collaboration on key projects, including the lighting and change room projects. We are assured by Ainslie Football and Social Club's commitment to the financial sustainability of our Club in the lead up to our centenary year in 2027.

#### More work needed

 Resurfacing of Alan Ray Oval – this is a significant piece of work with considerable cost implications that will need to be considered against other priorities.

#### CAPABILITY AND COMMUNICATION

The aim of this work stream is to make sure we mature our organisational capabilities, including the way we use technology and communicate.

#### **Delivered**

✓ Enhanced digital literacy and confidence. In 2023, we have increased our digital presence including through Twitter and Instagram. Instagram was used to provide live score updates for all senior games on match day as well as celebrate player milestones and advertise key club events. This has been a great way to grow our engagement with our community of players, parents, and supporters.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA INTERACTIONS AT A GLANCE

Facebook	Posts	320
	Likes	2,469
	Followers	2,768
	Reach	99,102
	Page visits	79,574
Instagram		
	Posts	240
	Followers	1,500
	Reach	37,890
	Page visits	28,438

#### **Ongoing**

- o Workforce Strategy In 2023, we have made several important staffing decisions to make sure we keep delivering on priorities, including the appointment of Simon Holt and John Smith as General Manager, Aly Hirst as Football Operations Coordinator and increasing to full-time the Junior Football Operations Manager role. Going forward, having a consolidated Workforce Strategy across the positions will help us continue to attract and retain the best people and help us respond to change.
- o Contemporary policy and settings The AFC reviewed policy and standard operating procedures in 2023. The Board engages with our football community in parallel with governance requirements to ensure that our policy and procedures are in line with community expectations.
- Media & Communication Strategy We have made good progress in our media and communications; bringing our efforts together through development of a strategy will help us leverage efforts to date and make the most of opportunities going forward.

#### More work needed

o Process Automation – There are always ways in which we can streamline our communications and administrative processes to be more efficient and get greater reach; progressing work to better automate our communications remains a work in progress due to resource constraints on the Board.

#### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

The aim of this work stream is to deliver a sustainable volunteer experience that attracts, retains and grows our volunteer pool. This work stream recognises that developing and supporting our volunteers is critical to the Club's current and future success.

#### **Delivered**

✓ Volunteer appreciation events – This year we hosted out Junior Volunteer Night in the Ian Muir Room on a Friday night, while Women's and Men's Rising Stars played under the new lights. It was a great opportunity to get together, celebrate and recognise our volunteers and watch some football, further supporting connections between Junior and Senior Club.

In 2023, the Junior Volunteer of the Year was Phoebe Cutherbertson, manager of the U13s mixed team. Pheobe was recognised for her role in building a strong team culture, aligned with our Club values. This included developing a code of conduct for all players, parents and officials, to make sure training and games were always conducted with fairness, fun and participation front of mind.

#### **Ongoing**

- Clear roles & how to kits We are currently reviewing our Volunteer Structure document to make sure it is up-todate and clear in terms of roles, responsibilities and expectations of our volunteers.
- Volunteer Micro Tasks With challenges in recruiting and retaining volunteers, we are looking at ways to make it easier for people to volunteer. This can include micro-tasks – small jobs that still make a big difference, rather than having to commit to a formal role such as team manager or trainer. We will look at micro tasks as part of a volunteer review.

#### More work needed

- o Regular communication Our communications to our volunteers tend to be based around needs for example, in relation to upcoming events where we need help. A more proactive communication strategy will help us tap into our volunteer base in a more systematic way.
- o Volunteer Point System Having a formalised reward system for volunteers is likely to help with attraction and retention; it remains a work in progress due to resource constraints on the Board.
- o Recruitment drives and events We need to think about innovative ways to attract and retain volunteers, building off the work we are doing to review roles and responsibilities.

#### SUSTAINABLE FOOTBALL AND COMPETITIONS

The aim of this work stream is to shape, and play in, the best competitions available.

#### **Delivered**

✓ Women's Program Strategy - The 2023 season was the first where support towards an equal pay model was recognised and seen in the increase of the salary cap for our female players, doubling that of the previous year from \$20,000 to \$40,000. This stemmed from a motion in 2021 after a proposition from first-grade players Zoe Skyrianos and Allyson Flynn, supported unanimously by the Board. This was a momentous step forward and came

- as a result of the passion and advocacy from the Club and its players.
- ✓ In 2023, we had 117 senior players registered that's more than a 50 per cent increase from 74 in 2022.
- ✓ Positive game day experience While there is still work to do, we are working to make Alan Ray Oval the best place to watch football in Canberra. In February 2023, the GWS GIANTS chose Alan Ray Oval as the venue for their Canberra intra-club match ahead of the 2023 AFL Premiership season. We made the most of this opportunity by running our annual Junior Open Day at the same time, with hundreds of players and their families taking the opportunity to get playing gear for 2023 while watching some AFL footballers in action. The GIANTS commented on the excellent facilities and volunteers at Alan Ray Oval.

We have overhauled accessible resources for women in and out of gameplay with the aim to ensure appropriate sports care and facilities are available across the board. Additional physiotherapists, trainers, and a revised schedule for access to facilities such as change rooms and use of the Alan Ray Oval, was implemented to provide more balance, and enable our women the same opportunities as men in their athletic careers. This is an important area, as we have seen with the increase in female registrations for Ainslie Football Club across senior and junior teams, and the progression of many women making it into elite level sport (AFLW) in the last year.

Growth of our players does not stop with a local Premiership win; in the last year we have actively nurtured the professional pursuits of multiple female players to reach elite level in the AFLW. Four women were drafted into the national league after their time with Ainslie - Tess Cattle to GWS, Georgia Clayden to Gold Coast Suns, Maggie Gorham to the Western Bulldogs, and Georgie Jacques to Port Adelaide. In addition, there are several players involved with AFL clubs as train-on squad players, particularly Richmond and GWS. Without the Club providing this inclusive environment, through highly informative coaching, resolute club and community support, good facilities and resources, and a commitment for years to come, these opportunities may not have been attainable.

#### **Ongoing**

- Canberra-Sydney Competition While we will not be moving to a joint competition with Sydney clubs in 2024, Board members have worked tirelessly behind-the-scenes to advocate for an approach that will best support development of elite football in the ACT. Board members continue to work closely with other Clubs in Canberra and AFL Canberra on the future of our competition and game day structures.
- o Connecting Club and AFL to purpose In 2023, AFC launched the Inclusion and Respect Program with an event that sought to build understanding of the First Nations peoples whose rightful home we now share. We came together as a Club for a Cultural and Educational session, hosted by Mr Richard Allan from the Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (TOAC), and our Indigenous round guernsey.

#### More work needed

Community view & standards - Building on our Indigenous and LGTBIQ awareness programs, the AFC will
continue to identify methodologies that enable the provision of an environment that is inclusive, respectful, and
considerate in accordance with community views and standards.



The design bears six circles using Ainslie team colours of red, black and white denoting six Premiership wins in the 2010's. A shield in the middle represents the shape of the Alan Ray Oval and traditional Aboriginal shield shape, within it shines two suns, symbolising the gathering on the field of men and women. In the center white column, the footprints on the front and back come from Maliyan, the wedge-tailed eagle and Ngunnawal totem of the Ainslie land with the footprints representing 29 Premiership stamps won by Ainslie's representative teams, the AFC Tricolours. The blue line in the middle is the waterway and songline which runs around Mount Ainslie that stands as a divider for the mountain, which culturally sits as a sacred

site for women. The use of yellow and orange rays in the sun represents spirit and ancestors watching over, with final depth given in the use of finite dots that create the red, black, and white divisions of the overall design. Reflecting unity, the garment married together the heart and history of our Club and true custodians of the land, standing as a symbol for the future to actively maintain the connection.

Most profoundly, the efforts to celebrate Indigenous Round and the Club's involvement with TOAC have encouraged players to consider the social issues Indigenous Australians disproportionally face in Australian society and the need for continued efforts towards reconciliation.

Matthew Teasdale, Men's First Grade Captain and Manager,
 Junior Football Operations

#### **ONE COMMUNITY**

The aim of this work stream is to make a positive impact on our club community by connecting people across the Club to build a genuine "one Club".

#### **Delivered**

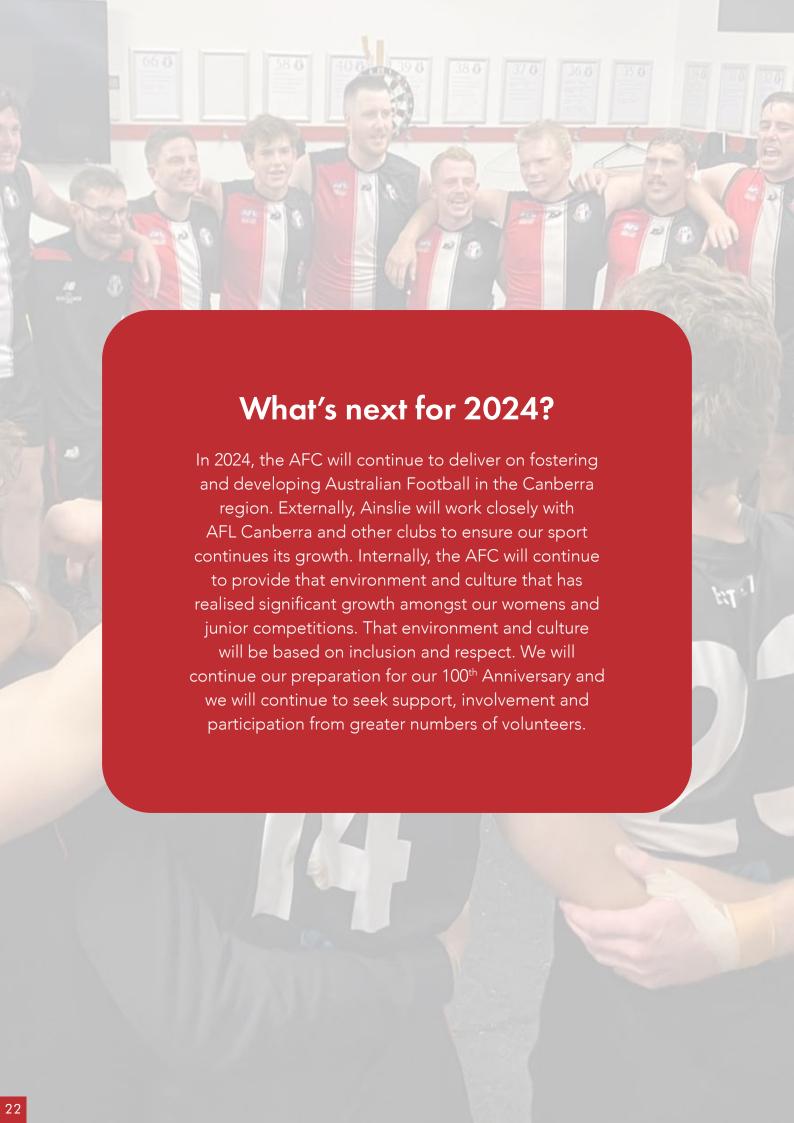
o Club Culture Review – Senior Players from the women's and men's team held team conversations about the Club's values of tradition, respect, inclusion, commitment, and integrity, and how these will be put into operation every day.

#### **Ongoing**

- o Community Volunteering In 2023, AFC members participated in activities to support local community organisations including Roundabout and Lifeline as well as our Pink Hope fundraiser in Round 4.
- o 100 Years Project (Call out box Veterans' lunch anyone have any ideas on what to say here?)
- Junior Senior & Club Integration Our efforts to join up the Junior and Senior sides of the Club continue, including through Whole Club training days in the pre-season and home matches where our junior sides provide on-field and off-field support to senior players, including getting to stand in the circle for the team song. A particular highlight this year was First Grade Men's Captain Matthew Teasdale's 100th game for AFC, with a long guard of honour comprised of both junior and senior players and families to celebrate and recognise his contribution to the Club at both levels.
- Growing Ainslie within the community: We will continue to identify avenues that enables our Club to underpin Community spirit and participation

#### More work needed

 Wellbeing & Safety Strategy – More work is needed to progress our Wellbeing and Safety Strategy, including efforts to ensure safety of our junior players.



# Women's First Grade Coach's Report

The theme of the year was around redemption from the disappointment of what could have been in 2022.

#### **PRE SEASON**

Preseason consisted of sessions midweek, weekends, practice matches and a training camp with the mens squads. Lots of hard work and the camp got our year started on a high and was a massive positive with over 40 women coming to train in the combined camp- this is something we will look to continue in 2024.

Throughout the preseason the club also put on a massive push to get a third team on board. Through the efforts of many this was successful, and Ainslie became the first club to have three teams taking the park on a weekend.

#### **SEASON**

Round one saw us take on Eastlake away, the team came away with a substantial win and picked up from where we left last season- minus the grand final.

Throughout the year we didn't have as easy of a run as we had in the previous year, having two losses to both QBN and Eastlake. These losses though allowed us to regroup and learn, in the end enabling us to get better.

We had a number of new faces to the club pulling on a first grade jersey, we also had two u18s regularly playing, as well as two u16s playing for the div one side.

The team changed significantly each round this year, due to many factors- injury, holidays, AFLW commitments, but the core group continually brought people in and continued to build on our performances each week- contributing to a 13 win and 2 loss season which ultimately needed with us wining the minor premiership and putting us into the first elimination final.

As luck may have it though we went down to Belconnen in that first preliminary final- this put a fire in the teams belly to get better and not waste our chance. The next week saw us playing QBN in sudden death. QBN had no chance and we went on easily to the big dance.

Eager to not have the same result as last year, the team was very united in their front to tackle and succeed in the grand final this time around. The grand final ended up a very one sided affair (to Ainslie) and it was the largest wining score in div 1 history!

The final game of the season could not have gone any better and the team should be very very proud of themselves.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

As well as many players achieving 50 game milestones and Dani Curcio notching up 250 games we also had players move on to bigger and better things- Maggie Gorham leave us to go play for the Bulldogs and Ellie Bishop go to train on for Richmond for AFLW. These are huge losses for Ainslie on field, but great for off field as this just rewards our players for their hard work and talent.

#### **SUPPORT**

As always, a season cannot happen without the support of many people. Firstly, the club as a whole- Simon/John, Len, Wads and the wider board. Secondly, my support crew- Zoe, Chris, Fi, Maddy and Dee thank you all for your time and commitment over the season. Luke and Emma got us through to the final game with everyone to choose from! Lastly, Simon always makes my life so easy as a coach by making sure everything in the background was under control.

I look forward to season 2024, to hopefully go back to back.

#### **BRITT TULLY**

# Men's First Grade Coach's Report

Season 2023 kicked off in November 2022 with great enthusiasm and record numbers of players on the track in Pre Season. Jason Tutt took over the role of Senior Coach from the departing Jordan Doering and quickly established a professional and engaging program. Assisting Jason in the coaching department, Ainslie was delighted to welcome back Premiership Player John Harper as senior assistant, Nathan Cawley who was promoted from reserves coach to defensive coach, Brett Sheehan and Nick Beaumont.

There was a key focus on skill development during the Pre Season training block. Senior players Matthew Teasdale, Jacob Wiley and Callum Klep lead the way in their application to training. There was also an increase in professionalism around the tracking and monitoring of player output, with an investment made in GPS units to give greater feedback to players on individual performance. This was led by our High Performance team in Sam Tickle and Mon Thorne. Pre season wins against quality opposition in North Shore Bombers (Sydney) and Osborne (Riverina) set the players up with great momentum going into the opening rounds of the season. A pre season camp with the Women's squad and voting for our senior leadership group, lead to the continuation of Matthew Teasdale and Josh Maynard as the Ainslie Football Club captains for season 2023. Guy Richardson was voted in as Vice Captain Billy Muir and Thomas Faul added to a strong leadership group.

Moving into the opening rounds of the season, Ainslie faced a challenge in playing several away games early, due to the completion of facilities upgrade being conducted at ARO. Opening round win against Eastlake – with four players making their senior club debut at Ainslie, Tom Tyquin, Nic Gray, Max Beaumont and Josh Porter. A win in round 2 at Belconnen (first win at the Nest since 2020) had the senior team gaining momentum early in the season. Another two players made their senior debut with pre season recruit Leo Burgess excelling on debut kicking four goals and Jack Martin who the season before had played some third grade football for Ainslie. Another three wins on the trot had Ainslie sitting at 5-0 to start the season. Guy Richardson, Josh Maynard, Tom Tyquin and Joe Bishop had started the season on fire. First year player Josh Porter was showing great composure and the development of Tom Hincksman and Jacob Wiley were keys to Ainslie's impressive start to season 2023. James White made his senior debut for the club in round 3 after initially playing senior VFL football for the GWS Giants. Unfortunately, we lost key player Matthew Ackland to a season ending knee injury in this period. Matthew then returned for the remainder of the season as the midfield line coach.

Round 6 saw Ainslie suffer its first loss of the season to 2022 premiers Queanbeyan. Facing another challenging game against Belconnen away, Ainslie was determined not to lose two games in a row- and bounced back against the Magpies in a strong showing. Another three wins in a row had Ainslie sitting on top of the ladder with a 8-1 record.

A Home game against Queanbeyan was next, Ainslie hadn't beaten the Tigers since 2019 and was ready to stamp its authority as the best team in the competition. Playing for the Muir Medal, lan's son Harry stood tall in defence, but was just beaten for the medal by Key Forward/ Ruck Josh Maynard who was the difference for the tricolours, kicking 2 goals and setting up several others. Ainslie had cemented its spot as the team to beat in 2023.

Captain Matthew Teasdale played his 100<sup>th</sup> senior game for the club in round 11 in what was another dominant display by the tricolours against Eastlake. Joe Bishop, Sam Groenewegen, Callum Klep, Lachlan McKeough, Nick Cameron Nesser and Oliver Hicks continued their fine seasons. All players had cemented their spot in Ainslie's best 22 and really took the next steps in their career. Tommy Muir had really taken a step up in his football and was consistently curtailing the oppositions best forward on a weekly basis. Tom Tyquin was firming as the recruit of the year in the competition- he was consistently gathering 20 plus disposals off half back, with his ball use a key highlight for Ainslie. The only blemish for Ainslie on the way to claiming the minor premiers was a loss away to Queanbeyan in round 13.

Wins against Belconnen at home and Gungahlin at home rounded off the season with Ainslie finishing the year as Minor Premiers. Harry Young made his debut in round 15 against Gungahlin, meaning Ainslie had debut a total of 8 players for season 2023.

Unfortunately, in round 14 we lost our Captain Matthew Teasdale to a season ending wrist break. Guy Richardson dominated the season in 2023 and was award with AFL Canberra's highest individual award, the Mulrooney Medal. Ainslie also had 5 players announced in the AFL Canberra team of the year, Matthew Teasdale, Josh Maynard, Tommy Muir, Tom Tyquin and Guy Richardson. Ainslie was also awarded the club Championship.

A home final was award to Ainslie for finishing top of the table. Unfortunately, in what was a disappointing first final, Belconnen jumped out to an early lead and was able to hold on to win a place in the Grand Final and a week off. Ainslie, determined to make up for the first final faced last years premiers for the 4th time in 2023. Queanbeyan held a slight

advantage having beaten Ainslie 2/3 meetings in 2023. A totally different Ainslie took to ARO in the preliminary final-playing an aggressive, combative and skilful style of football. Queanbeyan made several positional changes at ¾ time and started to threaten Ainslie in the last quarter. The damage had been done and Ainslie would win the game by 8 points and booking their first GF appearance since the 2019 premiership.

It was a fantastic build up for grand final week, Ainslie was keen to rectify the first final loss and was focused on a strong start. It was awesome to have so many Ainslie teams playing off in Grand Finals for 2023. Unfortunately for the senior Mens 2023 will forever be the opportunity that got away. Belconnen jumped out of the blocks again, and Ainslie was on the back foot for the majority of the day. Belconnen played a combative style, winning the majority of the contested possessions, leading to a lead that couldn't be clawed back.

The 2023 season was one filled with so many positives. For a young group with the average age of under 23- there is so much upside and potential for this group of young men. Some key highlights for the season include:

- o 32 players used in the senior team
- o 8 players making their senior debut
- o Minor Premiers eventual runners up
- o Beating Queanbeyan first time since 2019
- o Beating Belconnen and the Nest first time since 2020
- o 86% winning percentage across Senior Men and Reserves teams
- Mulrooney Medallist

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Ainslie first grade team in 2023. Special mentions go to Mick Cawley who worked long and hard hours as the teams Manager, Greg Vickers, Sam Tickle, Mon Thorne, Nat Cooper, Abby Thomas, Aly Hirst, Rob Wiley, Steve Martin and Ian Muir in their roles as high-performance team in 2023. The Ainslie FC board, Led by President Lee Phillips and in particular football operations member Andrew Thomson for their support. The senior coaching group, and Matthew Diglio, Simon Holt and John Smith in their roles as General Manager across the season and anyone else who lent a hand in 2023.

#### **JASON TUTT**

Women's Second Grade Coach's Report to be published separately

# Men's Second Grade Coach's Report

Season 2023 was a great year for the Division 2 men's side, securing a premiership. We had a really strong group of men either playing their first season of senior footy or to those who had previously been in the senior men's program. We finished the regular season with the best record amongst the competition (13-2) with both our losses falling to a strong Belconnen outfit.

Heading into finals, we knew we had a job to do after Belconnen defeated us by 43 points two rounds before the finals. A very solid performance in the preliminary final against the Magpies gave us a ticket into the grand final, defeating them by 78 points. Despite the massive win, we knew that on grand final day, the match was going to be a hard-fought scrappy game of footy and the result was never going to be the same as the prelim. Our boys prevailed and won by 12 points which was a massive reward for all the hard work they had put in since the start of pre-season.

The depth we had amongst the senior squad was terrific and they all really stuck to the values that were created by the entire playing group during preseason. Personally, I felt a presence amongst the group that I had never felt in previous years. It was special to apart of it. We had a couple of our boys take out some of the AFL Canberra Division 2 awards. Mackenzie Carman topping off a sensational season winning the league B&F (back to back from last year) and James Larkey winning the goal kicking award with 36 goals.

I could not have done 2023 without the team I had behind me. Ben Hackett as my right hand who put a lot of time into developing players and their game sense as well as giving me game analysis and strategies to better our performance. Greg Vickers and Ian Muir for turning the magnets and running rotations. Mick Cawley for organising everything during the week and on gameday. Massive thank you to Jason Tutt, John Harper, Brett Sheehan, Nathan Cawley, and Mathew Ackland for all your help and giving me the opportunity to learn off you. To the physios and trainers, thank you for looking after our players on game day and at training. Thank you all for the time and effort you put in for season 2023.

I look forward to seeing what season 2024 holds for AFC.

#### **NICK BEAUMONT**

# Women's Rising Stars Coach's Report

Each and every one of the 29 young women that played in u/18's side all significantly contributed to our outstanding success this year. From a personal standpoint, I'm really grateful for being able to be involved as coach of this very talented group. If someone had told me at the start of the year, that we:

- 1. wouldn't lose a game;
- 2. would have an average winning margin of nearly 10 goals; and
- 3. would win the qualifying final by 58 points, and the grand final by 59 points, I would have thought they were joking, but happily taken it!

The 2023 season was an outstanding one for more than just our unbeaten run. The team excelled at coming together and overcoming the many challenges served up to us by other teams. Despite a significant age range amongst the playing group, our culture, ability to stay connected and play as a team, rather than a group of talented individuals, is what really set us apart in the competition.

A highlight of the year was obviously our fantastic Grand Final win. Although there were some outstanding individual performances in that game, as had been the case all year, the whole team performed their roles extremely well. Our win was thoroughly deserved and really put an exclamation mark on a dominant season.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to Rachel Ingwersen, Bron King, Mick Quigley and Chris Tournier for their invaluable support in the various roles they volunteered for this year. They are not only great support for the girls, assisting them to perform at a high level, they are also great people and were an invaluable support to me!

Thanks to everyone else who volunteered their time over the season, as always, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

As in all my previous years of coaching, I received much more than I gave this year. It really was an unbelievable season and one that will bring back great memories. To the players, you are a fantastic group, and I wish you every success with wherever your life takes you. Hopefully for most of you it will include more time playing football, and hopefully winning premierships, with Ainslie Football Club!

#### STAFFORD COOPER

# Men's Rising Stars Coach's Report

A season that had lots of promise, but unfortunately left all of us a little disappointed as we went out of the finals in straight sets.

As usual pre-season training was fun, and as we finished up for Christmas there was a lot of excitement and anticipation for the 2023 season, particularly following on from our successful 2022 year. When we re-commenced pre-season in February 2023, the Rising Stars group got together, as usual, to determine the values and behaviours that would guide their training and playing performance, as well as their behaviour off-field.

The 2023 Rising Stars were a mixed group, and it took us all season to come together as a playing unit. Ultimately, we really got the game plan going by season end during our training sessions, but we just couldn't quite replicate our ball movement when we got into game conditions. I think this was a product of having many so players who had not played together before, as well as being such a young team – in the last game of the season, one third of the team was 16 years old or less.

That said, player unavailability each week was also a significant contributor to our inconsistency, and we were rarely able to get our best team on the ground once during the season. It also didn't help us that we lost Riley Hamilton for the year with a knee injury before the season even started.

I have to say though that we played patches of really good football during the year, and when we played well, we were very good. In my opinion, we were the only team capable of beating Belconnen, who went through the season undefeated. Alas, too many times, we just couldn't quite hold our game together for 4 quarters. Nevertheless, we were successful in the AFL Canberra awards night with Luca Drury winning best and fairest for the Rising Stars competition, Cam Terry winning leading goalkicker, and five players being selected in the Rising Stars team of the year (Jesse Dunstall, Luca Drury, Cam Terry, Lachie Moresi and Nelson Marks). Congratulations to all those players.

I would like to thank many people for their help and advice along the way. First, huge thanks again go to the Rising Stars manager, Liz Matthews, for her tireless efforts to organise the team and manage logistics, as well as helping the other senior teams on game day. Also, a big thanks to the assistant coaches – Matt Gray and Richard Terry. Thanks also to all our other parent and supporter volunteers – timekeepers, water carriers, runners, physios, trainers and others. I would also like to thank my leadership group, led by Zac Noack and Jesse Dunstall, for their support during the season.

Also, thanks go to the senior coaching staff, led by Jason Tutt, for their support to me, and patience on training nights! Also, thanks to General Managers Matthew Diglio and John Smith, and Football Coordinator Alyson Hirst, for their tireless work in running the club and dealing with AFL Canberra, and to Lee Phillips and the rest of the Ainslie Football Club Board for setting and leading the club culture.

Finally, a big thank you to the playing group (and their parents!). While we fell a bit short this year, there was strong development of a very young playing group over the year, which bodes well for 2024 and beyond. As usual, it was a pleasure and privilege to coach the team.

I very much now look forward to seeing the progression of the older players into Divisions 1 and 2, and seeing the younger players back for another year of Rising Stars where they will be vying for positions with a new group coming up from the 17s. I wish the 2023 Rising Stars all the best for a successful and fun year in 2024.

#### **HARRY DUNSTALL**

# Women's Third Grade Coach's Report

Reflecting on 2023, the first season of the Ainslie women's 3's football team, prompts a mixed array of emotions, transcending the mere win-loss record. While victory on the scoreboard eluded us throughout the season, our journey was far from fruitless. Our unwavering teamwork and a shared passion for the game became the defining features of our first season. In addition to our on-field experiences, it's worth celebrating Ainslie's pioneering spirit during the first season of the women's 3's football team. We carved a significant milestone by being the first Canberra club to field three women's teams.

Despite the absence of triumphs in the win column, our team showcased resilience and determination, evident in the five hard-fought goals we scored. Each goal represented a collective effort, a testament to our dedication on the field. These moments of success, though numerically modest, were the building blocks of a memorable season.

Beyond the scores and statistics, the true essence of our achievement lay in the connections forged among teammates. The bonds we cultivated, the shared victories in overcoming challenges (including the regular challenge of not having enough players available to field a team), and the collective joy of playing the sport we love, defined the season's success. Within this team we found new friendships and an opportunity to play a sport many of us had never had the chance to growing up. This season we had over 60 women put on a jersey for the Ainslie women's 3's – over half of these having never played a game of footy before in their lives.

A notable accomplishment that extends beyond the confines of the game is the inclusive spirit our team embodied. Ensuring that everyone who desired a chance to play had that opportunity became our unwavering commitment. This approach meant that in season 2023 no player was ever turned away. By establishing the third women's team, Ainslie championed inclusivity and provided even more opportunities for women to engage with and enjoy football. This groundbreaking initiative not only broadened the club's horizons but also contributed to the growth of women's football in the local community.

As we reflect on the first season of the Ainslie women's 3's, it is evident that success is measured not just in wins, but also in the unique opportunities footy provides. The mother and daughter duo taking the field together for the first time in the club's history. The debutant player who is awarded best on ground whilst breastfeeding her child in the changerooms after the game. The way we pick each other up and have each other's backs at all costs. Our journey, marked by perseverance, camaraderie, and inclusivity, paints a vivid picture of a season where the true essence of football transcended the final score.

**CAT WELLS AND BEC VENESS** 

# Men's Community Division 1 Coaches' Report

Ainslie's 3<sup>rd</sup> team took some huge strides forward in 2023, although on paper it may not come across, the team has significantly improved from 2022. The major challenge being that, with Ainslie the only club in Canberra to field 4 men's teams, we are placed in Community divisions 1 & 2, a league comprising of 'community only' clubs, meaning we were 3<sup>rd</sup> XXII playing against 6 another clubs 1<sup>st</sup> XXII every weekend (many of which would beat most sides in reserve grade).

With that having been said, the improvement on the park was apparent right from the outset. With over 80 players training by the start of round 1, the first month of the season we put up impressive performances against a Googong side boasting a couple former Ainslie 1st grade premiership players & a Woden side with quality all over and a breakthrough win against Molongolo on their home deck. This was the first time both 3s and 4s had earned a win on the same day since 2020.

At this point in the season we along with the other coaches made the decision to take advantage of a few dominant key backs in our squad by looking to develop a 'play-on-at-all-costs' mentality for the next month or so of the season. While this offered a bunch of highlights, it was susceptible the potency of classier opposition. Through the middle of the season we found ourselves up against the 3 best teams in the comp, ANU, ADFA & eventual premiers Bateman's Bay but as we persisted we were rewarded with a big win on our own ground against Molongolo in indigenous round, scoring 22 times to the jugs 6 on a wet day.

After a run of poor performances including a big loss to the eventual premiers and an unlucky last quarter loss to the Juggs, the team decided that we would work on a key defensive element to try to squeeze teams who struggle to move the ball fast. As we started to implement this the confidence in the team grew that we had the recipe needed to win at this level. This culminated in our final home game of the season against grand finalists ANU, coming into the final break all-square. However, it wasn't to be our day as a couple key ANU players took the game into their own hands managing to carry them over-the-line.

Off the field, it was another enjoyable year for the Tricklers. Led again by the tireless social director Josh Butcher, we enjoyed in a couple of key events revolving around key rounds in our schedule including a trivia night, partners day & indigenous round celebrations. Josh's support means the world to us as it allows us to continue to breed an environment of inclusivity & community which attracts the very best people to our squad.

The other key contributor off-field is Glen Brown, who took up the position as manager of the community squads this season. It's been close to a decade since the 3s & 4s have had a dedicated manager taking a load of pressure off the coaching staff who invariable play the role of coach and managers. Glen's help was truly invaluable as it allowed us and the other coaches to spend a bit more time coaching the team rather than carting gear left and right, following up payments for socks or having to keep score while we're on the job. The fact that Glen does the job of 3 people is not underestimated by us, however if anyone reading this would like to support the community squad, help is always wanted and welcome!

2023 saw a bunch of new players come into the squad this year who were an immediate fit for our squad. Ethan Prince, Jack Beattie, and Archie Collins were all first-year players who made key contributors on the field from the get-go. Others who debuted as Tricklers this season such as Tom Byers, Kevin Archbold, Tommy Michell just to name a few as well as Coach Kusetic making his playing debut in the red-white & Black.

We'd like to thank the Ainslie management team, especially Simon Holt who held the fort as General Manager for the season, and Aly Hirst in her new role. The entire committee for the support of the community program, but especially Lee Phillips & Ian Muir for their persistent engagement & desire for the community club to be included and celebrated.

We're looking to carry forward in 2024 in the development of our team to be a winning team in 2024. At the time of writing, we have around 60 players committed to playing in 2024 and the hunger to improve has never been greater in the playing group than it is now. Spurred on by the success of the senior program, the team are looking at ways they can improve their training and preparation to give themselves the best chance at results.

Looking forward to another big season in Red, White & Black

#### **ED MARSHALL & DAVID KUSETIC**

# Men's Community Division 2 Coaches' Report

2023 was a year of significant growth for Ainslie's Community  $2^{nd}$  Grade team. As mentioned in division 1 report, the community grade squad had approximately 80 players take the field across season 2023.

Prior to the start of the season, the community squad was stacked with numbers, with an estimated 15 players not available for round 1 and a further 15 missing out on selection. Our strength of numbers allowed for the squad to truly gel and take leaps and bounds in their development. This was particularly evident in the first month of the season, where we not only recorded a strong win against Molonglo (a team who later made the preliminary finals), but also were able to push other strong outfits in some narrow losses.

Upon adopting a high paced, attacking style of play in the middle of the season, we began to see many players come into their own. Several Community Division 2 players were not only able to earn their chance to play at Community Grades highest level but were able to retain these positions for the remainder of the year. The work and effort that was put in week in, week out was truly a testament to the Community Grade culture & the players dedication to improving each and every week. Whilst the remainder of the season didn't provide results in the way of wins, the squad showed incredible aptitude towards developing our gameplan going forward.

It would be remiss of us to talk of our development and successes without thanking the fantastic panel of coaches, volunteers, and managers that we have on board as described in the division 1 report. However, we would like to mention our manager Glen Brown, who does a mountain of work behind the scenes to ensure that community footy is not only well equipped, but also that all game days and trainings run smoothly. We would also like to mention the work of our coaching and support staff who's council and tireless efforts never go unnoticed. Community footy would not be the same without all your contributions.

To say we are excited to see our squad take on the challenge of season 2024 would be an incredible understatement.

Up the Tricklers.

**ED MARSHALL & DAVID KUSETIC** 

## 2023 Awards

#### Whole of Club Award

Best Club Person (Moore Trophy) Simon Holt

#### Men's First Grade

Best & Fairest (Brett Hannam Trophy) Guy Richardson

Runner-up Best & Fairest (Nick Paine Award)

Tom Tyquin

3rd Best & Fairest Coach's Award Josh Maynard

Rising Star

Joe Bishop Josh Porter

Robbie Baxter Award

Matthew Teasdale

#### Women's First Grade

Best & Fairest (Dani Curcio Award) Elizabeth Hill

Runner-up Best & Fairest

Bronte Carlin

3rd Best & Fairest

Zoe Skyrianos

Best Club Person Most Improved

Claire Hanscombe &

Ash Evans

Holly Burke

Coach's Award

Shannon Brown

Women Player's Player

Elizabeth Hill

#### Men's Second Grade

Best & Fairest

Jack Martin

(Jason Burgess Award) Runner-up Best & Fairest

James Larkey

Best Club Person

Peter Schroder

Coach's Award

Shae Thornton

Best New Player

Harry Young

#### **Men's Rising Stars**

Best & Fairest

Jesse Dunstall

(Ralph Rendell Award)

Runner-up Best & Fairest

Cameron Terry

Best Club Person

Nelson Marks

Most Promising Player

Lachie Moresi

Alexandra Gidis

Coach's Award

Tully Froggatt
Sam Oliver

Bev Trebilcock Award

#### Women's Second Grade

Best & Fairest

(Fiona Van de Made Award)

Runner-up Best & Fairest

Most Improved

wost improved

Coach's Award

Eliza Rixon

Women Player's Player

Bronwen King Aimee Green

Aimee Green

#### Men's Third Grade

Best & Fairest

(Laurie Laffan Award)

Runner-up Best & Fairest

Best Club Person

Coach's Award

Coach's Award

Archie Collins

Ethan Prince

Benn Hallman

Jack Beattie

Jude Murphy

#### Men's Fourth Grade

Best & Fairest

(Chris Watkins Award)

Edison Marshall

Runner-up Best & Fairest

Ben Narbey &

Hayden Banks

Best Club Person Rene Chaustowski

Henry Schlechta

Coach's Award Coach's Award

Jamie Baker

#### Women's Third Grade

Best & Fairest

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Runner-up Best & Fairest

Most Improved

Best Club Person

Women Player's Player

Coach's Award

Rebecca Veness Sheridan Smith

Macy Parker

Rebecca Kerlett

Aimy Nguyen &

Georgia Kris

Georgia Davis

#### **Women's Rising Stars**

Best & Fairest (Kendelle Treloar Award)

Runner-up Best & Fairest Sophia de Castella
Best Club Person Charlotte Canavan
Players Player Tessa Wilcox
Coach's Award Lily Quigley
Coach's Award Imogen Morse

#### **GOALKICKING**

#### Men's First Grade

Josh Maynard 33 Jonty Revet 22

#### Women's First Grade

Olivia Fogarty 17 Rachel Friend 15

#### Men's 2nd Grade

James Larkey 36 Lachlan Fry 26

#### Women's 2nd Grade

Madeleine Holt 11 Emilie Rollan 7

#### Men's 3rd Grade

Cameron Moore 12 Ethan Prince 4

#### Men's 4th Grade

Christopher McPhail 12
Tim Goldsmith 10

#### **Men's Rising Stars**

Cameron Terry 32
Tully Froggatt 11

#### **Women's Rising Stars**

Charlotte Canavan 21 Imogen Morse 20

## **Honour Roll**

PRESIDENTS:	
1927	P J McNamara
1928 – 1930	F C Green CBE MC
1931 – 1933	T James
1934 – 1935	C Gregory
1936	G Bourne
1937	J Horgan
1938	T Gillard
1939 – 1953	R H Lewis BEM
1954 – 1955	B Whatman MBE
1956	J Whatman
1957 – 1971	H Gaylard BEM

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1972 – 1975	A Ray
1976 – 1981	K Heales
1982 – 1985	B Glossop
1986 – 1987	K Heales
1988 – 1990	D Lalor
1991 – 1993	D Seymour
1994 – 1996	B Glossop
1997 – 2000	G Cox
2001 – 2002	J Miller
2003 – 2005	K Heales
2006 – 2016	l Muir
2017-	L Phillips

#### **BAINROT MEDAL WINNERS:**

#### Women's 1st Grade

2001 E Diprose2021 B Tully

#### **MULROONEY MEDAL WINNERS:**

#### Men's 1st Grade

1936	R Roe
1940	R Bloomfield
1946	A Stevens
1950	B Cain
1951	J B McCabe
1955	B Browning
1956	B Browning

1966	W Drake
1973	R Rendell
1980	J Miller
1982	G Nichols

1986 P Hamilton 2008 R Lewis

2023 G Richardson

#### J McNAMARA MEDAL WINNERS:

#### Men's 2nd Grade

1950	R Dunn
1953	G Farrer
1969	R Dunkeld
1972	G Read
1974	I McDonald
1979	G Read
1980	M Walsh
1983	G Read
1992	M Collins
1997	R Baxter
1998	S Woodland
2000	A Kouvaras
2001	A Kouvaras
2004	A Kouvaras
2005	A Wainwright
2012	D Bloomfield
2017	C Boyton & A Thompson
2018	M Thompson

2018 M Thompson 2022 M Carman

2023 M Carman

#### **AFL MERIT AWARDS:**

Ainslie's recipients of the Merit Award Certificate "for valuable service to Australian Football" are as follows:

1956	H Gaylard BEM
1960	R H Lewis BEM
1961	S Ray OAM
1964	R Bloomfield
1968	G A Bennett MBE

1970	A Ray	2015	Keith Heales
1971	B Browning	2017	Barbara Marshall
1972	T Moore	2018	Andrew Bishop
1981	K Heales	2019	Alan Ray, Brian Read
1985	A D Andrews	2022	lan Muir
1993	B Glossop, I Kirkpatrick	2023	Reece Langan
1994	C Palmer		

#### 100 GOALS AND OVER:

1935	G Collins	125
1972	A Bongetti	105
1980	K Neale	149
1981	K Neale	139
1982	K Neale	125
1984	P Angelis	139
1991	C Fleming	109
1994	G Zochling	105

#### **AFL CANBERRA HALL OF FAME - LEGEND**

2019 Kevin Neale

# AFL CANBERRA BEST FIRST YEAR PLAYER AWARD

1996	Andrew Wainwright
1998	Brent Rebecca
2001	Peter McGrath
2002	Kieran McRedmond
2007	Ashley Harris

#### **ALEX JESAULENKO MEDAL WINNERS**

1980	Ken Stone
1983	Gordon Marshall
1987	Russell Durnan, Mark Killer
1992	David McCallum
1993	David Cloke
1994	Michael Richardson
1995	Gerard Zochling
1997	Reece Langan
2010	Robert Shirley
2011	Marcus Crook
2016	Nick Paine
2017	Simon Curtis
2018	Ben Jamieson
2019	Simon Horner

#### HEE MEMBERS.

LIFE MEMBERS:				
1931	T Gillard*, A Sutton*			
1932	G Millard*			
1933	C Williams*			
1934	T James*			
1935	A H Boorn*			
1936	J Irvine*			
1939	C Gregory*			
1947	H Gaylard* BEM			
1948	R H Lewis*			
1949	A Bryan* MBE, T Evans*			
1950	L D James*			
1953	H D Kruger* BEM, S Ray* OAM			
1954	B Whatman* MBE, R Bloomfield*			
1955	M F Kildea*			
1957	T Moore OAM, N Scholes*			
1958	G A Bennett* MBE, N Lynravn*			
1960	H Loftus*			
1961	R Glynn*			
1962	P Horgan			
1963	A L Ray*			
1964	D Ross*			
1965	L James			

#### **AFL CANBERRA HALL OF FAME**

2006	Bob Bloomfield, Barry Browning, Kevin Neale
2007	Geoff Harrold, Ralph Rendell
2008	Alan Stevens
2010	Bruce Whatman
2012	Charles Smith
2014	Brett Hannam

1966	B Browning*, E N Gaylard*, C A James*	BEST AN	BEST AND FAIREST	
1967	A Hawke*	WOMEN'S		
1970	J Rowe*	1998	T Wilson	
1971	F Cornell*	1999	T Baxter	
1972	N Neeson*	2000	K Brett	
1973	K Heales*	2001	B Starr	
1974	J B McCabe	2002	E Diprose	
1975	B Kershaw	2003	A Schmuck	
1976	P Clynes*	2004	D Curcio	
1978	B Palmer	2005	K Demant	
1979	P Searle	2006	K Demant	
1980	J Bravo*	2007	K Demant	
1981	J McGrath	2008	H Gill	
1982	Charles Smith	2009	H Gill	
1983	L Laffan	2010	M Hurley	
1984	G Read	2011	H Cogle	
1985	A G Bennett*	2012	K Demant	
1986	B Glossop, I Kirkpatrick, D Cowie, C Palmer	2013	L Marzotto	
1987	M Smith	2014	Z Skyrianos	
1990	K Blundell, D Lalor	2015	D Curcio	
1991	A Smith, G Cox, J Rebecca, P Palmer	2016	Z Skyrianos	
1993	N McCormack*, A McGrath, R Rendell	2017	Z Skyrianos	
1995	R Baxter	2018	Z Skyrianos	
1996	G Marshall*	2019	B Tully	
1997	A Bishop, I Muir	2020	G Clayden	
1999	J Backen* LVO, K Neale, H K Duncan* OAM,	2021	G Jaques	
0004	J Keegan*	2022	Z Skyrianos	
2001	M Richardson	2023	E Hill	
2003	J Miller			
2004	B. Hannam, T Lond, J Mohrwinkel, P Poke	BEST AND FAIREST		
2005 2008	J Burgess, W. Kelty, T Pulford	MEN'S 1st GRADE		
2008	G Bishop, G Rebecca, M Sinclair	1929	C Williams	
2007	L Hirst*, W Rogers  J O'Loughlin, M Scholes	1934	C Moore	
2011	-	1935	S Dee	
2012	D Seymour S Delorenzo, J Ireland, G McCormack	1936	G Collins	
2015	G Vickers	1937	W Pierce	
2013	C Rourke, J Horniblow	1938	D Moore	
2018	J Smith	1939	L James & D Moore	
2019	B Read, D Curcio	1940	R Bloomfield	
2017	B Marshall, L Phillips	1941	A Stevens	
* Deceased	2 marshair, Et minps	1946	A Stevens	
20000360		1947	R Furler & A Stevens	

1948	N Cleary & B Whatman MBE	1990	M Wingate
1949	B Birch	1991	J Mohrwinkel
1950	B Cain	1992	D Cloke
1951	J B McCabe	1993	J Mohrwinkel
1952	R Boorn, N Cleary & L James	1994	R Langan
1953	A Ray	1995	A Di Petta
1954	B Whatman MBE	1996	R Langan
1955	A Ray	1997	R Langan
1956	B Browning	1998	S Kent
1957	B Browning	1999	Christopher L Smith
1958	J Loftus	2000	T Pulford
1959	A Irvine	2001	M Beattie
1960	B Carnegie	2002	R Langan
1961	A Ray	2003	P McGrath
1962	B Carnegie	2004	L Matthews
1963	B Carnegie	2005	P Grayling
1964	A Irvine	2006	W Neely
1965	B Kershaw	2007	W Neely
1966	W Drake	2008	W Neely
1967	P Tucker	2009	T Inkster
1968	B Kershaw	2010	M Lawless
1969	P Johnson	2011	R Shirley
1970	P Johnson	2012	S Horner
1971	B Read	2013	A Vandenberg
1972	B Read	2014	A Vandenberg
1973	R Rendell	2015	N Salter
1974	B Fort	2016	N Salter
1975	G Cox	2017	S Curtis
1976	R Hamilton & B Fort	2018	J Cuzner
1977	D Bellchambers	2019	S Horner
1978	N Bristow	2020 2021	S Camp L Chisholm
1979	S W (J) McCormick	2021	J Powell
1980	B Hannam	2022	G Richardson
1981	S Nolan	2023	O MCHardson
1982	G Nichols		
1983	R Davey	BEST AN	D FAIREST
1984	G Stewart	WOMEN'S	2nd GRADE
1985	R Baxter	2018	C Beale
1986	P Hamilton	2019	K Christian & R Veness
1987	A Bishop	2020	D Throssell
1988	R Durnan	2021	N Frizzell
1989	C K Smith	2022	A Green
		2023	A Gidis

BEST AN	ID FAIREST	1991	S Trebilcock	
MEN'S 2nd	d GRADE	1992	M Collins	
1948	P Horgan	1993	S Phipps	
1950	R Dunn	1994	J Read	
1952	K Crisp, W Gale	1995	M Schmidt	
1953	T Moore OAM	1996	R Baxter & D	) Munday
1954	N Paterson	1997	A Wainwrigh	nt
1955	T Graham	1998	J Burgess	
1957	N Girvan	1999	A Kouvaras	
1958	J Webb	2000	A Kouvaras	
1959	D Robertson	2001	A Kouvaras	
1960	L Speering	2002	A Wainwrigh	nt
1961	F Burke	2003	W Carruther	rs
1962	C McDonald	2004	A Kouvaras	
1963	W Brown	2005	Wainwright	
1964	A Calear	2006	P Henderson	n
1965	K Duff	2007	G Tranter	
1966	K Hackett	2008	D Harrison	
1967	O Layzell	2009	B Rebecca	
1968	O Layzell	2010	A Olson	
1969	O Layzell	2011	L Crook	
1970	O Layzell & M Stewart	2012	C Baxter & E	E McCowan
1971	R Dunkeld	2013	S Campbell	
1972	G Read	2014	D Love	
1973	I MacDonald	2015	L Harper	
1974	J Outhwaite	2016	M Thompso	n
1975	L Laffan & D McKellar	2017	W Hamill	
1976	S Smith	2018	M Thompso	
1977	S Smith	2019	N Beaumon	t
1978	G Read	2020	L Morfoot	
1979	P O'Loughlin	2021	L Morfoot	
1980	G Marshall	2022	B Durkin	
1981	A Ryan	2023	J Martin	
1982	A Birzenieks			
1983	G Read	CLUB PA	TRONS	
1984	G Cox	1927 – 1939	)	No patrons appointed
1985	D Dennes	1940 – 1941		R G Menzies
1986	P Brown	1942 – 1945		No patron appointed
1987	W McBride	1946 – 1956	)	J C Moore
1988 1989	M Scholes M Scholes	1957 – 1976		R H Lewis BEM, R W Chew
1990	M Collins	1977 – 1982	)	R H Lewis BEM,
,		1,7,7 - 1702	-	H Gaylard BEM

1983 – 1986 H Gaylard BEM,

Senator D Jessop,

Senator M Townley

1987 S L Ray OAM,

Senator D Jessop,

Senator M Townley

1988 – 1995 S L Ray OAM

1996 – Feb 2014 A L Ray

2015 – B Marshall

## **WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE COACHES**

J De Huis 1998, 1999

S Gnaden 2000, 2001\*, 2002, 2003, 2004,

2005, 2006, 2007

J Fromm 2008

T Treloar 2009

M Porter 2010

K Treloar 2011

D Glatz 2012

B James 2013, 2014

M Jamieson 2015

F Van de Made 2016, 2017, 2018

B Tully 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023\*

## **MEN'S FIRST GRADE COACHES**

H Kilpatrick 1927

W Griffith Snr 1928

G Welsh 1928

G Hanley 1929\*

M Richards 1929\*

C Williams 1930

L Alexander 1931

H Gaylard BEM 1932

J Keogh 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937

L James Snr 1936\*, 1937,1938, 1946\*, 1951

E Gyngell 1939

T Evans 1940, 1941, 1955

R Furler 1947\*, 1948

B Kay 1949

R Bloomfield 1950

A K Stevens 1952\*, 1953

B Whatman 1954, 1956

R Donnellan 1957, 1958\*, 1959\*, 1960

N Neeson 1961\*, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965

W Drake 1966, 1967, 1968

L Cronin 1969

J Davies 1970\*, 1971, 1972

J Jillard 1973, 1974, 1975

K Hassett 1976 B Read 1977

K Neale 1978, 1979\*, 1980\*, 1981, 1982\*,

1983\*, 1998

R Oborne 1984\*, 1985

B Cook 1986

R Durnan 1987\*, 1988, 1989

B Hannam 1989, 1990\*, 1991

D Cloke 1992\*, 1993\*

P Bafield 1994\*, 1995\*, 1996\*

R Smith 1997\*

B Heaver 1999

P Gribble 2000

J Shanahan 2001, 2002

B Knowles 2003, 2004, 2005

A Bishop 2006

C Rourke 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010\*, 2011\*,

2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016\*,

2017\*, 2018\*, 2019\*, 2020

J Doering 2021, 2022

J Tutt 2023

\* Premiers

<sup>\*</sup> Premiers





# **Financial Report**

# Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and Controlled Entities

# Committee's Report

Your Committee Members present their report of the Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and controlled entities (the "Incorporation Association" or "Group") for the financial year ended 30 September 2023.

#### **Committee Members**

The names of the Committee Members in office at any time during the year, or since the end of the financial year are:

Lee Phillips Troy Klep Ian Muir Hannah Gill Greta Doherty Sue-Anne McKeough Sarah Bosworth Greg Bishop Michael Cawley Andrew Thompson

## **Objectives**

The incorporated association's short-term objectives primarily focus on fostering Australian football along with the sports of golf and other sports as required. This is achieved through the provision of social and sporting venues for the recreation of our members and their guests and from which the incorporated association may derive revenue. As a not-for-profit entity, all revenues are reinvested for the benefit of members through the provision of a diverse range of services and amenities.

In the longer term it is the objective to ensure the sustainability of the incorporated association and to explore and develop diversified investment options with the view of maximising return on investment compatible with the continued broad range support provided to members and the wider community.

# Strategy for achieving the objectives

To achieve these objectives the incorporated association operates two licensed incorporated association venues in the ACT and provides support to several sporting and community organisations through community grants, facility infrastructure and other methods. Further, it strives to retain quality staff and volunteers committed to work in hospitality and in sport and believes that in so doing, this further assists with its long-term success.

The Incorporated association has strong financial management and corporate governance systems managed through the incorporated association's business plan, key performance indicators, risk-management plan and audit programs. Monitoring of financial performance is reviewed regularly by Executive Management and the Board.

## **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the Club during the financial year was to foster the game of Australian Football.

Signed on behalf of the directors.

Lee Phillips

Committee Member

Lee Phillips

Dated at Canberra this 5th day of February 2024.



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and its controlled entity

# Report on the Audit of the Financial Report Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Ainslie Football Club Incorporated (the Incorporated Association) and its controlled entity (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of Ainslie Football Club Incorporated, is in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act (ACT) 1991, including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 September 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures and the Associations Incorporations Act (ACT) 1991.

### 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 Group in accordance with the *Associations Incorporations Act* (ACT) 1991 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (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.

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

### Other matter

The financial statements of Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and its controlled entity for the year ended 30 September 2022 were audited by another auditor, RSM Australia, who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on 2 February 2023.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the Committee's report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of the directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Incorporated Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Associations Incorporations Act (ACT) 1991 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### 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 the 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 this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<a href="http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx">http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx</a>) at: <a href="http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar3.pdf">http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar3.pdf</a>

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd** 

Clayton Eveleigh Director

Sydney, 5th February 2024

# Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and Controlled Entities Statement by the Members of the Committee

In the opinion of the committee the financial report, being the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements:

- 1. Presents fairly the financial position of the Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and controlled entities as at 30 September 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosure Requirements and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Ainslie Football Club Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Committee Member

Lee Phillips

Dated this 5th day of February 2024

# Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and Controlled Entities Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

Revenue and other income	Note	2023 \$	Restated 2022 \$
Revenue Other income	1	28,805,328 1,205,743	25,630,047 64,640
		30,011,071	25,694,687
Expenses Cost of sales Poker machine levy expenses Employee benefits expense Administrative expenses Occupancy expenses Depreciation and amortisation expense Sporting facilities Finance costs Fair value movement on financial assets Loss on disposal of assets	2 2 2 2	(6,095,759) (3,661,718) (10,523,055) (2,439,401) (2,280,479) (2,250,825) (1,527,311) (490,776) (28,803) (474) (29,298,601)	(4,903,653) (3,555,231) (9,543,325) (2,534,266) (2,196,474) (2,144,054) (1,412,835) (246,063) (134,992) (1,238) (26,672,131)
Profit/(loss) before income tax expense		712,470	(977,444)
Income tax expense		_	-
Profit/(loss) after income tax expense		712,470	(977,444)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to members		712,470	(977,444)

The above Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and Controlled Entities Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 30 September 2023

ASSETS	Note	2023 \$	Restated 2022 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	5,090,924	5,253,848
Trade and other receivables		415,374	263,124
Inventories		216,249	291,641
Other current assets		199,327	171,236
Financial assets	5	649,524	1,175,738
Total current assets	_	6,571,398	7,155,587
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	31,675,296	31,676,440
Right-of-use assets	7	5,155,545	5,234,381
Ngitt-oi-use assets	, –	3,133,343	3,234,301
Total non-current assets		36,830,841	36,910,821
Total assets		43,402,239	44,066,408
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	2,532,645	2,693,578
Employee provisions	9	747,801	724,847
Borrowings	10	594,079	950,000
Lease liability	11	459,602	328,336
Total current liabilities		4,334,127	4,696,761
Non-current liabilities			
Employee provisions	9	143,983	98,425
Borrowings	10	3,747,904	3,977,582
Lease liability	11	1,163,971	1,993,856
Total non-current liabilities	_	5,055,858	6,069,863
Total liabilities	_	9,389,985	10,766,624
Net assets	_	34,012,254	33,299,784
<b>Equity</b> Revaluation reserve		3,207,812	3,207,812
Retained earnings		30,804,442	30,091,972
Total equity	_	34,012,254	33,299,784

The above Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and Controlled Entities Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	Revaluation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 30 September 2021	3,807,812	31,069,416	34,877,228
Adjustment due to change in accounting policy (page 11)	(600,000)		(600,000)
Balance at 30 September 2021(Restated)	3,207,812	31,069,416	34,277,228
Loss after income tax expense		(977,444)	(977,444)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax			-
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(977,444)	(977,444)
Balance at 30 September 2022	3,207,812	30,091,972	33,299,784
Profit after income tax expense	-	712,470	712,470
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax			
Total comprehensive income for the year		712,470	712,470
Balance at 30 September 2023	3,207,812	30,804,442	34,012,254

The above Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and Controlled Entities Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flow from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		28,939,610	28,569,030
Payment to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(26,859,374)	(25,502,985)
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Finance costs		(267,571)	(246,063)
Lease interest paid		(69,296)	(39,421)
Interest received		67,452	64,640
Receipts from government wage subsidies		78,291	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities		1,889,112	2,845,201
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(2,171,320)	(3,713,649)
Proceeds from sale of shares		497,411	9,716
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(1,673,909)	(3,703,933)
Cash flow from financing activities Repayment of borrowings		(378,127)	(120,985)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(378,127)	(120,985)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(162,924)	(979,717)
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Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		5,253,848	6,233,565
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	4	5,090,924	5,253,848

The above Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## About this report

The financial statements cover Ainslie Football Club incorporated as an individual parent entity, and Ainslie Football Club incorporated and controlled entities as an economic entity. Ainslie Football Club Incorporated is an association incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991.

### Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purposes financial statements which:

- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT)
   1991 and Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures of the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB');
- Have been prepared under the historical cost convention;
- Are presented in Australian dollars; and
- Have been prepared on a going concern basis.

## New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The incorporated association has adopted all new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

### **Principles of Consolidation**

A controlled entity is an entity controlled by the Ainslie Football Club Incorporated. Control exists where Ainslie Football Club Incorporated has the capacity to dominate the decision-making in relation to the financial and operating policies of another entity so that the other entity operates with Ainslie Football Club Incorporated to achieve the objectives of Ainslie Football Club Incorporated. All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the economic entity, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated upon consolidation. Where the controlled entity has entered or left the Group during the year its operating results have been included from the date control was obtained or until the date control ceased.

### Critical Accounting Judgements, Estimates and Assumptions

In the process of applying the Incorporated association's accounting policies, management has made a number of judgements and applied estimates of future events. Judgements and estimates that are material to the financial statements include:

Financial assets at fair value Note 5
Impairment of assets Note 6
Fair value of buildings Note 6

Estimation of useful lives of assets

Lease term

Note 7 and 11

Employee benefits provision

Note 9

Incremental borrowing rate

Note 11

## About this report (continued)

## Change in accounting policy - valuation basis of right-of-use land assets

The prior years statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity have been restated due to a change in accounting policy relating to the right-of-use land assets.

The Incorporated association has previously accounted for right-of-use leased land assets at fair-value in accordance with AASB 13 Fair Value and has now elected to change its accounting policy to carry these right-of-use land assets at cost. As such the carrying value of the right-of-use land assets has been restated to record these under the cost less accumulated amortisation method. This has resulted in a \$600,000 adjustment to reduce the revaluation reserve with a corresponding reduction to right-of-use land assets, which has been processed through opening retained earnings due to the timing of this revaluation occurring prior to the opening comparative period.

The Incorporated association believes that recognising these assets at cost rather than fair value would be more appropriate due to the difficulties in obtaining accurate valuations due to the specialised nature of the underlying assets and restricted use of the right-to-use assets. Recording these assets at costs is expected to produce more reliable information for the users of the financial statements.

In the prior year financial statements, the Incorporated association classified these leased assets within property, plant and equipment as leasehold land. During the current year the Incorporated association has reclassified these assets to right-to-use land assets which is considered more reflective of the nature of the leasehold arrangements on Crown land within the Australian Capital Territory.

### 1 Revenue and other income

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenues	*	*
Sale of goods revenue	13,276,545	10,858,876
Rendering of services revenue	13,819,239	13,249,908
Golf and member subscriptions	1,083,551	903,871
Other income	625,993	617,392
Total revenues	28,805,328	25,630,047
Gain on disposal of poker machine entitlements (note 11)	1,060,000	-
Interest received	67,452	2,847
Government wage subsidies	78,291	61,793
Total other income	1,205,743	64,640
Total revenue and other income	30,011,071	25,694,687

### Recognition and measurement

Revenues are recognised at fair value of the consideration received or receivable net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) payable to the taxation authority. Transfer of goods or services of the same nature and value without any cash consideration are not recognised as revenues.

#### Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods comprises of revenue earned from the provision of food, beverage and other goods and is recognised (net of rebates, returns, discounts and other allowances) at a point in time when the performance obligation is satisfied, that is on consumption of the goods by the customer.

#### Rendering of services

Revenue from rendering services comprises revenue from gaming facilities together with other services to members and other patrons of the Incorporated association and is recognised at a point in time when the services are provided.

### Golf and membership subscriptions

Golf and membership subscription income is recognised over time being the term of membership and any unearned portion is deferred.

#### Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

### Fair value movement in shares

Movement in shares is recognised at the end of the reporting period based on the listed price at year end.

#### Government subsidies

Government subsidies are recognised on receipt or when presently entitled.

### Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

## 2 Expenses

Expenses	2023 \$	2022 \$
Depreciation and amortisation Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Amortisation of right-of-use asset	2,171,990 78,835	2,144,054 -
	2,250,825	2,144,054
Sporting facilities Direct operating expenses for sporting facilities Community Grants and Donations	979,549 547,762	458,235 939,427
	1,527,311	1,397,662
Borrowing costs Interest	490,776	246,063

## Recognition and measurement

Finance costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale, are added to the costs of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use of sale. All other finance costs are recognised in income in the period in which they are incurred.

## 3 Income Tax

The directors estimate that the cumulative potential future income tax benefit at 30 September 2023 in respect of tax losses not brought to account is \$1,135,485 (2022: 1,079,687). This benefit from tax losses will only be obtained if:

- (i) The Incorporated association derives future assessable income of a nature and of an amount sufficient to enable the benefit from the deductions for the losses to be realised;
- (ii) The Incorporated association continues to comply with the conditions for deductibility imposed by tax legislation; and
- (iii) No changes in the tax legislation adversely affect the Incorporated association in realising the benefit from the deductions for the losses.

Income tax is payable on that proportion of the income less expenses contributed by non-members. The aggregate amount of income tax attributable to the financial year differs from the amount prima facie payable on the operating surplus. The difference is reconciled as follows:

## 3 Income Tax (continued)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Profit before income tax	712,470	(977,444)
Prima facie tax payable/(receivable) at 25% (2022: 25%) Tax effect of: Non-taxable member income and expenses arising from the	212,867	(244,361)
Non-taxable member income and expenses arising from the principle of mutuality Unders/overs from prior years	(268,665)	396,165 -
	(55,798)	151,804
Prior year tax losses recouped Current year tax losses not recognised as deferred tax assets	55,798	(151,804)
Income tax expense	-	-

### Recognition and measurement

The Incorporated association is taxed according to the principle of mutuality. The charge for current income tax expenses is based on the profit for the year adjusted for any non-assessable or disallowed items. It is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or are substantively enacted by the Statement of Financial Position date.

Deferred tax is accounted for using the Statement of Financial Position liability method in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. No deferred income tax will be recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised, or liability is settled. Deferred tax is credited in the income statement except where it relates to items that may be credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is adjusted directly against equity.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future tax profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

The amount of benefits brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation and the anticipation that the economic entity will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions of deductibility imposed by the law.

Ainslie Football Club (the Parent) is a sporting organisation under section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, and is exempt from paying income tax.

# 4 Cash and cash equivalents

#### Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash at bank Cash on hand	3,899,353 1,191,571	4,113,942 1,139,906
	5,090,924	5,253,848

## Recognition and measurement

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and deposits held at call with financial institutions with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

## 5 Financial Assets

Timarietat Assets	2023 \$	2022 \$
Shares in listed entities at fair value through profit and loss	649,524	1,175,738
Reconciliation:		
Opening fair value of financial assets Disposal of financial assets Unrealised (loss)/gain - fair value through profit or loss Realised (loss)/gain - fair value through profit or loss	1,175,738 (489,794) (28,803) (7,617)	1,320,446 - (134,992) (9,716)
Closing fair value of financial assets	649,524	1,175,738

### Recognition and measurement

Financial Assets at fair value through profit and loss

The Incorporated association's investment in managed funds, listed shares and listed securities are classified as at fair value through profit and loss. After initial recognition, these assets are measured at fair value and movements are recognised in profit and loss.

### Key Estimate and Judgement: Fair value measurement

The Incorporated association is required to classify all assets and liabilities, measured at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets that the incorporated association can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Considerable judgement is required to determine what is significant to fair value and therefore which category the asset or liability is placed in can be subjective.

The fair value of the financial assets disclosed above use a level 1 fair value measurement as the assets are quoted priced prices in an active market that the incorporated association can access at its financial year end date.

# 6 Property, plant and equipment

	2023 \$	Restated 2022 \$
Buildings	•	•
At valuation	24,319,508	24,319,508
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(2,069,481)	(1,420,909)
Carrying amount at end of year	22,250,027	22,898,599
Gaming machines at cost		
At cost	11,740,181	11,174,886
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(10,305,067)	(9,902,702)
Carrying amount at end of year	1,435,114	1,272,184
Plant, equipment and furniture		
At cost	14,095,769	13,907,701
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(8,834,000)	(8,488,133)
Carrying amount at end of year	5,261,769	5,419,568
Alan Ray Oval development		
Alan Ray Oval, Ainslie developments	1,851,056	1,550,000
Alan Ray Oval, Ainslie plant and equipment	433,815	224,200
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(352,398)	(295,708)
Carrying amount at end of year	1,932,473	1,478,492
Work in progress	795,913	607,597
Total property, plant and equipment	31,675,296	31,676,440

# 6 Property, plant and equipment

## Reconciliations

## Movements in carrying amounts

Movements in carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	2023	Restated 2022
	\$	\$
Gaming machines		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	1,272,184	1,419,044
Additions	886,461	533,129
Disposals	(321,165)	-
Depreciation expense	(402,366)	(679,989)
Carrying amount at end of year	1,435,114	1,272,184
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Plant, equipment and furniture		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	5,419,568	3,219,072
Additions Transfers	468,082	2,246,627
Disposals	126,790 (406,803)	590,599 (1,238)
Depreciation expense	(345,868)	(635,492)
Carrying amount at end of year	5,261,769	5,419,568
Alan Ray Oval, Ainslie developments		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	1,478,492	1,576,463
Additions	510,670	-
Depreciation expense	(56,689)	(97,971)
Carrying amount at end of year	1,932,473	1,478,492
Buildings		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	22,898,599	23,629,201
Depreciation expense	(648,572)	(730,602)
Carrying amount at end of year	22,250,027	22,898,599

## 6 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

### Reconciliations

Work-in-progress	2023 \$	Restated 2022 \$
Carrying amount at beginning of year Additions Transfers	607,597 315,106 (126,790)	854,902 343,294 (590,599)
Carrying amount at end of year	795,913	607,597
Total property, plant and equipment	31,675,296	31,676,440

### Valuation of buildings

The valuation of buildings at Alan Ray Oval, Ainslie and Gungahlin Lakes Golf and Community Incorporated association were carried out at 30 September 2020 by Knight Frank Valuations Canberra.

### Recognition and measurement

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

### Key Estimate and Judgement: Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the Incorporated 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 Statement of Comprehensive Income. The Incorporated association's buildings and land were revalued on 30 September 2020 by an independent valuers Knight Frank. The Directors believe that there has been no material movement of fair value since the revaluation due to the specialised nature of the assets subject to valuation.

#### **Buildings**

Buildings are measured on the fair value basis, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction. It is the policy of the Incorporated association to have an independent valuation on a cyclical basis, with annual appraisals being made by the Directors.

### Key Estimate and Judgement: Fair value of buildings

Fair value of buildings is based on market participant's perspective using the market comparison approach, whereby the valuation of the subject asset is taken with reference to comparable sales transactions of similar assets to determine the value of the building.

#### Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. 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.

## 6 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

### Gaming machines on lease

The carrying value of gaming machines includes gaming machines which are held under leases and hire purchase contracts at 30 September 2023. The value of these gaming machines is \$838,942 (2022: \$605,593). Additions during the year include \$531,723 (2022: \$533,129) of gaming machines under leases and hire purchase contracts. Leased assets and assets under hire purchases are pledged as security for the related finance lease and hire purchase liabilities.

### Depreciation and amortisation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised lease assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to the Incorporated association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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

Buildings 2.5%-27%
Gaming machines 20%-40%
Plant, equipment and furniture 5%-40%
Alan Ray Oval, Ainslie developments 1.5%-27%

Assets are depreciated or amortised from the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets from the time an asset is completed and held ready for use.

### Key Estimate and Judgement: Estimated useful lives of assets

The Incorporated association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

# 7 Right-of-use assets

	2023	Restated
	\$	2022 \$
Right-of-use assets - land	5,155,545	5,234,381
D	2023 \$	2022 \$
Reconciliation Carrying amount at beginning of year Transfer from property, plant and equipment (refer to page 11)	5,234,381	1,679,381 4,155,000
Reversal of revaluation increment (refer to page 11) Amortisation	(78,836)	(600,000)
Carrying amount at end of year	5,155,545	5,234,381

The right-of-use assets relate to four land assets which are held under 99 year lease arrangements with the ACT Government. There are two leases for land at Ainslie Oval and one at Gungahlin Lakes Golf & Community Club venue. The associated lease liabilities for these three land right-to-use assets have been in repaid in previous financial years. The fourth lease which relates to the Gungahlin Golf Course has a corresponding lease liability which is disclosed within Note 14.

# 7 Right-of-use assets (continued)

### Recognition and measurement

At inception of a contract, the Incorporated association assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is considered to contain a lease if it allows the Incorporated association the right to control the use of an identified asset over a period of time in return for consideration.

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the shorter of their useful life and the lease term. Right-of use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any re-measurement of lease liabilities. In the year, there was \$78,835 (2022: \$Nil) amortisation charged on the right-of-use assets. There were no additions to the right-of-use asset during the year.

The Incorporated association has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

## Key Estimate and Judgement: Lease term

The lease term is a significant component in the measurement of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Judgement is exercised in determining whether there is reasonable certainty that an option to extend the lease or purchase the underlying asset will be exercised, or an option to terminate the lease will not be exercised, when ascertaining the periods to be included in the lease term. In determining the lease term, all facts and circumstances that create an economical incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option, are considered at the lease commencement date. Factors considered may include the importance of the asset to the incorporated association's operations; comparison of terms and conditions to prevailing market rates; incurrence of significant penalties; existence of significant leasehold improvements; and the costs and disruption to replace the asset. The incorporated association reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option, if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances.

# 8 Trade and other payables

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Trade creditors Other creditors and accruals	1,465,923 457,006	1,541,942 233,676
Golf subscriptions received in advance Jackpot link liabilities	335,435 274,281	497,013 420,947
	2,532,645	2,693,578

## Recognition and measurement

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Incorporated association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature, they are measured at cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition

# 9 Employee Provisions

Current	2023 \$	2022 \$
Employee entitlements	747,801	724,847
	747,801	724,847
Non - Current Employee entitlements	143,983	98,425
	143,983	98,425
Superannuation Plans		
Defined contribution superannuation expenses	889,492	759,571

## Recognition and measurement

### Superannuation contributions

Contributions made by the Incorporated association to employee superannuation funds are expensed in the period in which they are incurred. The Incorporated association is under a legal obligation to contribute 11% (From 1 July 2024: 11.5%) of each employee's base salary to a superannuation fund.

## Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in other payables with respect to employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

### Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national commercial bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

## 10 Borrowings

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current Commercial facility- variable rate	594,079	950,000
Non-Current Commercial facility- variable rate	3,747,904	3,977,582

Bank loans are carried on the Statement of Financial Position at their principal amount. Interest expense is recognised on an accrual basis.

### Financing Arrangements

For terms and conditions attached to each type of borrowing, refer to section (b) below and to Note 11 for the finance leases and hire purchase contracts.

#### a) Defaults and breaches

During the current there were no defaults or breaches on any of the borrowings.

#### b) Terms and conditions

Current interest-bearing loans and borrowings

The Incorporated associations also has the following ANZ Bank facilities available to it during the year:

- Commercial facilities of \$4,265,000 of which \$4,243,657 has been drawn down at year end. This facility expires in January 2025.
- Childcare loan facility of \$4,250,000 of which \$94,079 has been drawn down at year end. This facility expires in March 2032.
- Overdraft facilities of \$200,000 of which nil has been drawn down at year end.
- Credit card facilities of \$20,000 of which \$4,248 has been drawn down at year end.
- Bank guarantee facility \$10,000 of which \$nil has been drawn down at year end.

## c) Assets pledged as security

The overdraft facility and commercial facilities are secured by a first registered mortgage of lease over the Incorporated association's properties at 52 Wakefield Avenue, Ainslie ACT; 135 Gundaroo Drive, Nicholls ACT; and 5 Angas Street, Ainslie ACT.

### Recognition and Measurement

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the profit or loss over the period of borrowings using the effective interest method. Borrowings are classified as non-current liabilities unless the incorporated association has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

## 11 Lease liabilities

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current		
Lease liability - Land	41,000	41,000
Lease liability - Hire purchase lease on gaming machines	418,602	287,336
	459,602	328,336
Non-current		
Lease liability - land	828,860	1,706,656
Lease liability - Hire purchase lease on gaming machines	335,111	287,200
	1,163,971	1,993,856

#### Leases - Land

During the year the incorporated association received \$1,060,000 from the ACT Government for the hand back of poker machine entitlements which was used as a contribution to the future lease liability for the Gungahlin Golf Course. This has been recognised as reduction in the lease liability with a corresponding gain on sale of poker machine entitlements in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. The lease for the Gungahlin Golf Course commenced 1 June 2007 which is due to expire on 31 May 2027. There is an option included in the lease agreement to extend this for 79 years from January 2027. To exercise this option the Incorporated association would be required to contribute an additional \$840,000 and it is the Incorporated association's intention to exercise this option.

The incorporated association holds three other leases for the Alan Ray Oval, Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and Controlled Entities and Gungahlin Lakes Golf & Community Club. These leases are due to expire in June 2121, July 2118 and December 2095 respectively. There are no ongoing lease liabilities with respect to these leases.

#### Leases - Hire Purchase

The Incorporated association has leases for gaming machines which has lease contracts from 0 to 3 years remaining. The leases have terms of renewal with purchase options and renewals are at the option of the Incorporated association.

### Recognition and measurement

At inception of a contract, the incorporated association assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is to contain a lease if it allows the Incorporated association the right to control the use of an identified asset over a period of time in return for consideration. Where a contract or arrangement contains a lease, the Incorporated association recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the commencement date of the lease.

Lease liabilities are initially measured at the present value of future minimum lease payments, discounted using the Incorporated association's incremental borrowing rate if the rate implicit on the lease cannot be readily determined, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate. Minimum lease payments include fixed payments, amounts expected to be paid under a residual value guarantee, the exercise price of purchase options for which the Incorporated association is reasonably certain to exercise and incorporate the Incorporated association's expectations of lease extension options.

The lease liability is remeasured when there are changes in future lease payments arising from a change in rates, index or lease terms from exercising an extension or termination option. A corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the lease assets.

### Key Estimate and Judgement: Incremental borrowing rate

There the interest rate implicit in a lease cannot be readily determined, an incremental borrowing rate is estimated to discount future lease payments to measure the present value of the lease liability at the lease commencement date. Such a rate is based on what the Incorporated association estimates it would have to pay a third party to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset, with similar terms, security and economic environment.

## 12 Commitments

## Capital commitments

Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and Controlled Entities (Ainslie) entered a contract with Dexar Group Pty Ltd (Dexar) in November 2018. The purposes of the contract are for consultation and exploration of feasibility studies for potential supplementary uses and development on land currently owned by Ainslie. The potential minimum value of the contract is \$1,000,000 on delivery of performance requirements identified within the agreement. As at the end of the financial year a total of \$50,000 has been provided to Dexar since the signing of the contract.

There were no other commitments at 30 September 2023.

# 13 Contingent assets and liabilities

The incorporated association is no contingent assets or liabilities as at 30 September 2023.

## 14 Key management personnel and related party transactions

## (a) Directors

The following persons were directors of the Club during the financial year:

Wayne A Rogers

**Denis Condon** 

Emma L Brohan

Anthony White

**Gregory J Vickers** 

Stewart K Cross

Harry H Dunstall

Benjamin J Hackett

Nicholas P Paine

Amy E Vickers

### (b) Directors compensation and related party transactions

Directors did not receive any remuneration during the financial year. No amounts were paid into any superannuation funds in connection with the retirement of Directors.

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties, unless otherwise stated.

## (c) Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel comprise of key persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Incorporated association.

	2023	2022	
	\$	\$	
The aggregate compensation of key management			
personnel of the Incorporated association is:	1,042,529	1,139,183	

# 15 Members' guarantees

The Incorporated association is a incorporated association limited by guarantee and is without share capital. If the Incorporated association is wound up, the incorporated association constitution states that each member is required to make a contribution of \$2 towards meeting any outstanding obligations. At 30 September 2023, the total maximum amount members of the Incorporated association are liable to contribute if the Incorporated association is wound up is \$94,238 (2022: \$84,592).

# 16 Events after the reporting date

There are no matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the financial year that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Incorporated association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Incorporated association in future financial years.

## 17 Auditors' remuneration

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the incorporated association, BDO Audit Pty Ltd (PY: RSM Australia):

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Audit services Audit of the financial statements	45,000	65,000
Other services Other services	12,500	8,780

# 18 Incorporated association details

The registered office of the incorporated association is:

Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and Controlled Entities 52 Wakefield Avenue Ainslie ACT 2602

The principal places of business are:

Ainslie Football Club Incorporated and Controlled Entities 52 Wakefield Avenue Ainslie ACT 2602

Gungahlin Lakes Golf and Community Club 135 Gundaroo Drive Nicholls ACT 2913

# 19 Parent entity financial information

# Summary financial information

The parent entity of the Group is the Ainslie Football Club Incorporated.

## Statement of financial position

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current asset	•	•
Cash and cash equivalents	9,008	11,310
Trade and other receivables	19,016	184,245
Total current assets	28,024	195,555
Total assets	28,024	195,555
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	37,732	62,604
Provisions	9,899	14,278
Total current liabilities	47,631	76,882
Total liabilities	47,631	76,882
Net (liabilities)/assets	(19,607)	118,673
(Accumulated losses)/retained profits	(19,607)	118,673
Total equity and reserves	(19,607)	118,673
Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income	2023 \$	2022 \$
	*	*
Revenue	785,946	805,815
Cost of sales	(52,207)	(56,346)
Employee benefits expense	(316,443)	(274,298)
Administrative expenses	(555,576)	(495,194)
Loss before income tax	(138,280)	(20,023)
Income tax expense	-	-
Loss after income tax	(138,280)	(20,023)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year attributable to the members	(138,280)	(20,023)

## 19 Parent entity financial information (continued)

### (a) Contingent liabilities

The parent entity had no contingent liabilities as at 30 September 2023 and 30 September 2022.

#### (b) Commitments

The parent entity had no commitments as at 30 September 2023 and 30 September 2022.

#### (c) Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies of the parent entity are consistent with those of the Group, as disclosed on page 10.

### (d) Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of parent entities wholly owned subsidiary in accordance with the accounting policy being the Ainslie Football and Social Club Limited with an ownership interest of 100% (2022: 100%).

# 20 Summary of Other Accounting Policies

## (a) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (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 the expense.

Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is included as a current asset or liability in the Statement of Financial Position. Cash flows are included in the Statement of

Cash Flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

### (b) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs have been assigned to inventory quantities on hand at balance date using the weighted average basis.

### (c) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables represent the principal amounts due at balance date plus accrued interest and less, where applicable, any unearned income and impairment allowance. Trade receivables are due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition.

In accordance with AASB 9 an 'expected credit loss' ('ECL') model is used to recognise an impairment allowance. Impairment is measured using a 12-month ECL method unless the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition in which case the lifetime ECL method is adopted. The expected credit loss estimated by management using the simplified approach is \$Nil (2022: \$Nil).

### (d) Prepayments

Prepayments pertains to prepaid insurance, land tax and other operating related expenses, or for deposits on fixed assets for future use.

