



# Northcote Junior Football Club

## Annual Report 2023



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Hello Cougar Players, Families, Parents and Carers

Our 2023 season was, I think our real return to footy after Covid-19.

Well done to all of our players for kitting up and getting out on to the field either for the first time or as a returning player.

As you know, this has been my first year as President and it's been a steep learning curve but a very satisfying one, which I hoped I conveyed to you all at our End of Season day in September.

Thanks again to the hard working NJFC committee, team managers, coaches and other supporting volunteers did an amazing job again across the 2023 season. A successful season is defined by the commitment and efforts by all of our volunteers and by that measure, our season was a stellar one.

We have started rolling out our new logo, only achievable thanks to the amazing work by footy Dad Owen Richards and we look forward to rolling the full suite of logos, artwork and merchandise in the coming months (hopefully T-shirts and caps in time for Christmas!). We must acknowledge the very generous financial support from the Lions Club this year – they provided funding to help us get some artwork hung in the club buildings, contributed to the painting of the club mural on the canteen roller door and then provided funding so that we could buy three new marquees resplendent with our new logo, and the Lions Club Northcote logo, to demonstrate the close relationship we are developing.

On the football front, thank you once again to Matt Chandler as Club Secretary, Travis McGann (Football Operations Manager), Sam Pietsch (Coaching Coordinator), Will Hone (Child Safety Officer) and the 2 Hamishes – Hamish Clyde (Treasurer) and Hamish Coutts (General Committee member and coach of the Under 10s). We started the season with Pete Simm as Vice President, til we had to farewell him for the family adventure.

We say thanks to an absent Chris Niall, who fulfilled the role of Club Registrar in 2023. Needless to say, this position is open and we need the position filled this month, to ensure we can have a seamless transition to Season 2024, with early registrations opening next month.

The Club is in a good position on and off the field, however, it's time for us to stimulate growth to build our teams and our club to ensure that in the near future, we have boys and mixed teams represented across all age divisions and at least 3 girls teams.

Based on our 'opt ins' we are very well-placed to field 11 teams next year, as achieved in 2023 and that is a testament to the quality of the pre and in-season training, coaching and commitments made by players and families.

We also need to be actively welcoming of new families across all age groups and the time and effort being put in to build and support more girls teams to broaden the club's engagement and the diversity of the player and family group.

To this end we will be asking (requiring) that a parent or 2 from each team become actively involved in the Committee and any sub-committees that are formed to address particular aspects of the club's operations. Key areas where sharing the load will mean things get done are: registrations, sponsorship, new logo and merch roll out, website upgrade, football equipment / inventory management

So, I encourage everyone here tonight to think about getting involved and to reach out to Matt, Travis or I to come on board. It's so rewarding, we are all great people and you really can make a difference.

On field, 2023 was successful for the Cougars, we had 3 teams make finals but without winning a premiership. All involved with the teams, being U'12 blue, U'13 mixed and U'15 boys, vow to come back more competitive in 2024.

The season wasn't without its struggles with the U13 Girls short on numbers throughout the season, but with an amazing start to the season seeing the team in Division 1 and winning games by large margins. Unfortunately, with a small squad, this was not sustainable. Highlights for the team, in addition to playing together and winning, included being chosen by the Herald Sun for a photograph to promote girls' football. I was also interviewed by the newspaper and then by ABC radio to further promote the club and girls' football.

Growing girls football remains the biggest challenge for the club heading into 2024, and we need every family to be vocal club ambassadors to all friends, family and school and sporting groups, to encourage more girls to the club. We are aiming to build 3 teams in 2024 – under 8s, under 10s and under 14s.

Our Auskick program, which is so important as a feeder for the next generation of Cougars players, had great numbers again in 2023. Big thanks to Lachy & Louis Spencer for taking on the roles again in 2023.

We missed not having a Colts team this year, but have been thrilled to watch the football career of former Cougar Will Green go from strength to strength.

Congratulations to Piper Heathcote for playing 100 games and Stan Moore for playing in the Victorian squad. Max Fittolani (u'11 mixed), Jude Paulson (u'12 mixed), Stan Moore (u'13 mixed), Thomson Nguyen (u'13 mixed), Shikora Miller (u'13 girls), Jonah Blake Charikar (u'15), Aryn Ibrahim (u'15) and Max Secon (u'15) were all nominated for the YJLF best and fairest in their age groups.

Finally, our engagement with Darebin City Council was productive – the park upgrade project has progressed and we will be reviewing draft plans shortly. The project will be rolled out before June 30 2024 and we will be advocating for works to occur before the commencement of the 2024 football season.

We also worked with Council and its contractor to have all lighting in the building changed over to LED lighting, saving the club money and providing a more environmentally friendly solution, plus, much better lighting (which other visiting clubs noticed and praised us for). Garden maintenance works were also undertaken and the building perimeter and park areas made safer by the removal of unsafe trees. Next year we are hopeful of running a joint project with Council and other kids' community groups, such as Scouts and Guides, to further improve the gardens around the building. Our cunning plan is also to try and encourage more kids to come and give footy a go!

## **NJFC Football Operations Report - 2023**

### Northcote Junior Football Club Auskick program

Auskick numbers for 2023 were great, with over 141 registered participants, some as young as 5 years old, enjoying fun Saturday mornings at McDonnell Park. This is a drop of 9 participants from last year and we want to ensure that Northcote Auskick grows next year as a local community hub.

We are hopeful that promotion through the re-opened NARC including pre-season events will help boost numbers for next year and will also look to encourage players to become regular helpers in the Auskick groups to show kids and families the 'Cougars pathway' We encouraged players in the last month of Auskick this year and some of our U'13 girls and U'12 boys joined in and made valuable contributions to the program, while also learning the basics of coaching.

A special thanks to Lachy and Louis Spencer who run the centre again this season, with the help of many volunteers across at the skill / age Levels.

We look forward to a bigger and better year in 2024, with the help of AFL Victoria, things are set to grow further, including the opportunity for a girls only Auskick running parallel to the mixed program on Saturdays.

### NJFC Teams

The Northcote Junior Football Club registered 11 teams to play in the Yarra Junior Football League in 2023, with a total of 236 players who played at least 1 game for the club during the season. This was an increase of 1 whole team but only 3 players from 2022, so there's plenty of room for growth!

### Player support

To support players leading into the 2023 season, Travis, Sam and Rick van de Meer coach of the Under 15 boys initiated a Pre-Season training program which started in late in November 2022 and re-started in late January 2023 to lead into the playing season. It was a very well-attended program, with players from Under 12s up participating and gaining strength, agility and fitness from the program.

During the season, to support players' skill development, weekly skills development training sessions were offered. They were run by Alex Federico of AFL Victoria and proved invaluable to those players who committed to the sessions.

### YJFL engagement

This season we saw the YJFL implement mandatory coach training and involvement of specialists to build coaches' skills. The League also implemented child safety training for clubs to ensure that clubs would comply with the Victorian State Government's Child Safety legislation.

The club volunteered to host finals games and were lucky enough to host three grand finals, including 2 division 1 games. It was a great day, enjoyed by all, and the feedback from the clubs that played were that the ground was in good condition, the NJFC volunteers were friendly and helpful, coffee good (thanks Roadshow) and the days were very well run. We received similar feedback from the League too and officials were grateful to have had the ground available.

We are well-placed to continue building a strong relationship with the CEO and league officials in 2024.

## Northcote Junior Football Club

### **Financial Report– Period ended 31 August 2023**

For the year ended 31 August 2023, the club returned a Gross Profit of \$43,888 (\$47,710 for 2022) and Net Loss of \$9,649 (Net Profit \$3,617 in 2022).

The total income for 2023 was \$61,071. The main source of revenue for the club in 2023 was memberships (\$30,030). Merchandise sales were \$11,056 and Grants were \$9,880.

Income was up on 2022 due to improved sponsorship revenue and fund raising functions.

Major expenses included merchandise costs (\$15,891), team running expenses (\$11,084) and Cleaning costs (\$6,630).

Overall, as with prior years, the committee was as financially conservative as possible. There was an emphasis on ensuring that we received all grants available. We will look at future sponsorship options. We have been impacted by the cost of living increases that everyone has suffered, which has resulted in increases in costs like utilities and insurance. We were fortunate to receive some relief from Darebin Council in ground usage fees.

The financial position continues to be solid with the cash balance fluctuations that occur with a cyclical membership-based association.

Prepared by

**Hamish Clyde**  
**Chartered Accountant**

**Treasurer**

## Northcote Junior Football Club

### Profit and Loss

September 2022 - August 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>		
Grants	9,880	8,320
Memberships	30,030	31,181
Auskick Registration Fees	2,827	2,440
Membership refunds	(1,167)	(1,367)
<b>Total Memberships</b>	<b>31,689</b>	<b>32,254</b>
Merchandise Sales	11,056	10,355
Sales of Product Income		
Photography Commission	565	555
<b>Total Sales of Product Income</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>555</b>
Social Fund Raising Events	1,645	380
Sponsorship	6,235	1,461
Building Fund	-	-
Uncategorised Income	-	69
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>61,071</b>	<b>53,395</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Cost of Merchandise	15,891	5,685
Social Fund Raising Events COS	1,291	-
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>17,183</b>	<b>5,685</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>43,888</b>	<b>47,710</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest income	560	100
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accounting and bookkeeping	215	215
Administration & Internet	786	60
Advertising and marketing	2,297	2,211
Auskick	1,322	(70)
Bank charges	6	50
Cleaning		
Cleaning Contractor	6,630	5,999
Cleaning Products	137	-
<b>Total Cleaning</b>	<b>6,767</b>	<b>5,999</b>
Equipment	-	264
Fines	250	200
First Aid Training & equipment	1,680	-
Free Kick Program	-	-
Gas and electricity	3,493	2,143
Ground Improvements	-	-
Ground Usage	1,650	1,597
Insurance	2,342	1,143
Matchday Costs	5,224	3,987
Merchant Fees	461	393
Postage & shipping	365	364
Open Day Expenses	641	-
Repairs and Maintenance	-	215
Social Events Teams	3,657	2,674
Sundry	64	-
<b>Team Running Expenses</b>		
Admin	105	130
Coaches Training	2,192	1,036
Other	3,473	3,556
Players Training	938	174
Players Training Tops	3,273	3,586
Pre-season Training	770	79
Uniforms	335	1,183
<b>Total Team Running Expenses</b>	<b>11,084</b>	<b>9,743</b>
Trophies and Accolades	5,775	8,517
Umpires	1,444	1,480
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>49,521</b>	<b>41,183</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Gifts/Member Welfare	-	552
Depreciation - Equipment	3,479	1,626
Depreciation - Improvements	1,098	832
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>4,577</b>	<b>3,010</b>
<b>Net Earnings</b>	<b>\$ (9,649)</b>	<b>\$ 3,617</b>

## Northcote Junior Football Club

### Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bendigo Bank EFTPOS (181579327)	100	100
Bendigo Bank (173671694)	17,644	41,318
Bus Online Saver (8135)	10,820	10,696
Cash Float	375	225
Cheque A/c (2553)	56	1,453
Grounds Bond	400	400
Merchandise Inventory	26,626	23,067
Sundry Debtors	592	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>56,612</b>	<b>77,259</b>
<b>Long-term assets</b>		
Club Room Improvements	16,172	12,675
Accumulated Depreciation	(6,289)	(5,191)
<b>Total Club Room Improvements</b>	<b>9,883</b>	<b>7,484</b>
Plant and Equipment	31,100	20,213
Accumulated Depreciation	(17,186)	(13,707)
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>13,914</b>	<b>6,506</b>
<b>Total long-term assets</b>	<b>23,798</b>	<b>13,990</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 80,409</b>	<b>\$ 91,249</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholder's equity</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accrued liabilities	-	1,191
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,191</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>		
Net Income	(9,649)	3,617
Opening balance equity	62,791	62,791
Retained Earnings	27,267	23,650
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 80,409</b>	<b>\$ 90,058</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>\$ 80,409</b>	<b>\$ 91,249</b>

## Asset Depreciation Schedule

31 August 2023

<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Line Marker	Cost	1,795	1,795
	Net WDV	-	-
Shelving	Cost	706	706
	Net WDV	-	-
Kitchen Equipment	Cost	3,225	3,225
	Net WDV	-	-
Coffee Grinder	Cost	1,045	1,045
	Accum Depn @ 20%	703	617
	2022 Depn	68	86
	Net WDV	274	342
Electronic Scoreboard	Cost	23,310	23,310
	Accum Depn	17,562	16,124
	Accum Depn @ 20%	1,150	1,437
	Net WDV	4,599	5,748
Other	Cost	682	682
	Accum Depn @ 20%	267	164
	Additions	10,887	-
	2023 Depn	2,260	104
	Net WDV	9,041	415
	<b>TOTAL PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 13,914</b>	<b>\$ 6,506</b>
<b>BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS</b>			
Storage	2022 WDV	1,149	1,277
	2023 Depn @ 10%	115	128
		1,034	1,149
Kitchen 2010	2022 WDV	825	917
	2023 Depn @ 10%	83	92
		743	825
Kitchen 2011	2022 WDV	1,514	1,682
	2023 Depn @ 10%	151	168
		1,363	1,514
Kitchen 2012	2022 WDV	3,996	4,440
	2023 Depn @ 10%	400	444
		3,597	3,996
Kitchen	2022 WDV	-	-
	Additions	3,497	-
	2023 Depn @ 10%	350	-
		3,147	-
<b>TOTAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 9,883</b>	<b>\$ 7,485</b>	

## Notes to the financial statements

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 August 2023

#### 1. Statement of significant accounting policies

##### *a) Statement of compliance*

The committee has determined that the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial report is a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 9 Financial Instruments (eg cash received);

AASB 16 Leases;

AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment

AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 138 Intangible Assets

AASB 1031 Materiality AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards

AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures; and

AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

##### *b) Basis of measurement*

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis and are based on historical cost and do not take into account changing money values except where specifically stated.

#### 2. Statement of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

##### *a) Property, plant and equipment*

Each class of property is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Property Freehold land and buildings are shown at their fair value, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

##### *b) Plant and equipment*

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairments losses. The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee members to ensure



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

#### *c) Depreciation*

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, excluding freehold land is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready to use. The depreciation rates used for Plant and equipment depreciable asset is 20%. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are recognised immediately in profit and loss. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

#### *d) Income tax*

The association is a not-for-profit organisation and is exempt from income tax under section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

#### *e) Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, current accounts and any long term deposits.

#### *f) Revenue*

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

#### *g) Inventory*

Inventory held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### *h) Goods and services tax (GST)*

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST. All other borrowing costs are recognised in income in the period in which they are incurred.

#### *i) Trade creditors and other payables*

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days on

recognition of the liability.

*j) Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in active market and are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.