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2023 Annual Report

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Life Members

First Name	Last Name
William	Allan
Nicholas	Angelos
Jack	Armstrong
George	Brack
Fred	Bradley
Glen	Callaghan
J.J.	Clancy
Richard	Cox
Roger	Crowhurst
John	Curran
Danny	Daniel
Stuart	Eckermann
Tom	Evans
Wally	Craig*
Ruby	Craig
Grant	Godfrey
Leslie	E
E.J.	Griffin*
Peter	Hampshire
Henry	Harrop
Theo	Haughan*
Phil	Hayes*
Michael	Heinrichs
Max	Henry
William	Hunkin*
Chris	Huon
Martin	Jackson
George	Jones
Frank	Kalayzich
John	Lanser
John	Leber*

First Name	Last Name
Mal	Lee
Anton	Lewis
Leo	Magee
George	Maruan
Alan	McIntyre
Patrick	McMahon
Shane	McSpeerin
James	McSweeney
Jack	Maude
Kevin	Meade
Frank	Nevill*
Peter	Nilson
Laurie	O'Connor*
John	Reid
Ken	Ray
Mark	Rendell
Sean	Richardson
Andrew	Scovell
James	Smail
Andrew	Smith
Anthony	St Clair
Robert	Tait
Robert	Taylor
Roy	Thomas
Steven	Wallbank
Ross	Wheeler
Frank	Williamson
George	Wood
David	Yole

*Deceased

2023 Committee Members

President: Damian Anderson

Vice President: John Button

Treasurer: Nic Ford

Secretary: Matthew Stevenson

General Member: Ken Ray

General Member: Terry Southwell

General Member: Trav Stemper

General Member: Theresa Taylor

General Member: Eden Taylor

General Member: Aaron Parker

2023 Membership List

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Damian	Anderson	Gavin	Nelson
Nick	Angelos	Steven	Nguyen
Joshua	Archer	Eamon	O'Loughlin
Chris	Brackenrig	Alysha	Ramsay
Jason	Bradley	Liam	Ramsay
Mark	Brown	Luke	Ramsay
Andrew	Burton	Ken	Ray
Jeni	Button	Mark	Rendell
John	Button	Sean	Richardson
Chris	Carlaw	Cam	Riley
Andrew	Compton	Matthew	Roach
Timothy	Cook	Dan	Schnelle
Richard	Cox	Andrew	Scovell
John	Curran	Andy	Smyth
James	Davidson	Trav	Stemper
James	Dennett	Matt	Stevenson
Brian	Dickinson	Bradley	Stewart
Andrew	Dixon	Alex	Strassberg
Kyan	Everson	Robert	Tait
Nic	Ford	Aengus	Taylor
Gary	Forster	Eden	Taylor
Jeremy	Gillett	Robert	Taylor
Tim	Goulden	Theresa	Taylor
Michael	Heinrichs	Craig	Terrey
Matthew	Hogarth	Kelan	Thompson-Andrews
Justin	Jarvis	John	Trieu
Michael	Johnson	Jack	Trimmer
Adrian	Jones	Angela	Vassallo
Zachary	Joseph-Wood	Christopher	Vassilopoulos
Frank	Kalayzich	Steven	Wallbank
Benjamin	Katz	Charlotte	Ward
Angus	Kitchen	Jed	Wesley-Smith
Jason	Lee	Patrick	Wilson
Anton	Lewis	Nathan	Wrigley
Patrick	McMahon	Hayley	Yeomans
James	McSweeney	Tom	Yeomans
Sophie	Millar		

President's Report

Prior to the season commencing, a new three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed with AFL Sydney. After an agreed 20% reduction in match fees for the past three seasons to support AFL Sydney and its member Clubs through the impacts of COVID, umpire pay rates increased by 11.5% in 2023 and will increase a further 6.5% increase in 2024 and 6.5% again in 2025. Pleasingly, AFL Sydney umpires will also receive incrementally higher practice match payments and travel rates over the duration of the MOU.

After a successful series of social events in 2022, we aimed to keep a similar rhythm in 2023. Of seven social events, four of these were held on training nights (free of charge). A huge thank you to Theresa and Eden Taylor who supported these events with outstanding catering. Our Funlympics event raised \$314 for Fight MND, while our Sports Colours event raised \$234 for the Cancer Council NSW; nearly doubling the amount raised compared to the previous year. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Beyond training, we held our first Social Saturday event at The Bank in Newtown. With a number of Premier Division matches being played close by, we took the opportunity to come together after the matches. Due to a lack of ticket sales, this year's Past & Present Members event was cancelled. We hope to reinvigorate this event to make it a bi-annual event.

After a highly successful End of Season Celebration & Awards event in 2022, we continued with the same format and saw a 10% increase in attendees at this event. This year we were fortunate to have a significant number of Life Members in attendance along with two 2023 AFL Grand Final umpires in Angus McKenzie Wills and Michael Barlow. Congratulations to all award winners and those that achieved significant milestones and appointments in 2023.

Other initiatives in 2023 included new NSWAFUA match day polo tops and continuation of the electronic newsletter "Beyond the Boundary".

Financially, our net overall financial position increased from \$5,631.34 to \$11,046. I would like to make special mention to Life Member Bob Tait, who attended the End of Season Celebration & Awards, and as a result kindly decided to donate a significant sum of money to the NSWAFUA to ensure the ongoing support and development of our umpiring group. Thank you, Bob.

After two post-COVID years, it's time for me to focus my energies into other areas. I encourage anyone who is interested in giving back to the umpiring group, to put your hand up and join the Committee. Many hands make light work.

Damian Anderson

Treasurer's Report / Financials

A very solid year, as we entered with a goal to consolidate our financial position. The committee carried out numerous events for umpires post training, along with our major end of season awards night. At October 31 the association returned a profit for the year of \$120, with some major receivables outstanding. All outstanding payables and receivables for the year have now been cleared, and as of 18th November, cash at bank is \$11,046.

Nic Ford

Opening balance: \$5,631.34

Income		
Membership & Tickets		\$ 5,469.95
Total Income		\$ 5,469.95
Expenses		
End of season night	\$ 2,046.26	
Pizza	\$ 284.28	
Clothing	\$ 903.10	
Website	\$ 541.90	
Charity Night	\$ 639.09	
Pasta Night	\$ 141.42	
AGM	\$ 609.50	
Burger	\$ 185.45	
Total Income	\$ 5,351.00	
Closing Balance		\$ 5,750.29
Receivables		\$ 9,500.00
Payables	\$ 4,203.51	

Closing balance: \$11,046

Social Report

2023 was once again a very busy season for the Association, with lots of social events to organise. Here is a recap of last year's events.

The season launch saw everyone fed with burgers at North Sydney Oval.

In June we once again had our fundraiser for #fightmnd, where at both training grounds you were all supplied with pasta for a gold coin donation.

Early August we had our Sports Colours for Cancer event which again resulted in you guys being fed, pizza this time, all for just a gold coin donation for charity.

President's Night you were treated to curries and cakes while Grand Final appointments were announced.

During the season, many of you who reached milestones were treated to cakes, slices or goodie-bags to help celebrate your achievements.

The big finale was our End of Season at The Ranch. Many awards were given, many drinks were had, many jokes were told and a lot of fun was had.

We look forward to doing it all again with you next season.

Theresa Taylor

2023 Award Winners

Award	Description	Winners
Barry Fielding Trophy	100m Sprint Trophy (male & female)	Ben Curdie & Alysha Ramsay
Trainers Award	AFL Sydney umpire most dedicated to training	James Davidson
AFL/VFL Umpire Award	AFL/VFL Umpire best supporting AFL Sydney umpiring	Dean Garroway
Mark Rendell Award – Goal	Best first year AFL Sydney goal umpire	Kris Kellett
Mark Rendell Award – Boundary	Best first year AFL Sydney boundary umpire	Ally Maclaine
Mark Rendell Award – Field	Best first year AFL Sydney field umpire	Luke Ramsay
Frank Kalayzich Award	Most improved AFL Sydney field umpire	Angus Levy
Shane McSpeerin Award	Most improved AFL Sydney boundary umpire	Sam Dworkin
Ken Ray Award	Most improved AFL Sydney goal umpire	Wayne Jones
The AFL Award	Most promising umpire	Josh Hollands
Michael Heinrichs Award	Best AFL Sydney goal umpire	Aengus Taylor
Peter Hampshire Award	Best AFL Sydney boundary umpire	Nathan Wrigley
Golden Whistle Award	Best AFL Sydney field Umpire	Alex Hudson
Barbara McSweeney Spirit of Umpiring Award	Outstanding commitment to supporting umpiring	Theresa Short & Eden Taylor
Jim McSweeney Spirit of Umpiring Award	Outstanding commitment to umpiring	Jack Trimmer
The Umpire’s Umpire Award	Best team player as voted by AFL Sydney Umpires	Ben Curdie
A.W. St Clair Award	Best All Rounder (on & off field contribution)	Trav Stemper

