



**ANNUAL
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VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
UMPIRES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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To be presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting on 4th May, 2006
at 7.30pm, Elsternwick Park, Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick

2005 OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT	Rob Mayston
VICE PRESIDENT	Leah Gallagher
PAST PRESIDENT	Anthony Damen
SECRETARY	Simon Stokes
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Geoff Curran
TREASURER	Paul Jones
ASSISTANT TREASURER	Peter Liddell
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Peter James
BUILDING MANAGER	Vin Vescovi
VAFUA DELEGATE	Vin Vescovi
VAFUA PROPERTY STEWARD	Vin Vescovi
AUDITOR	Charles K.P. Hosking

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season 2005 started out as a year of change: I replaced Anthony Damen as President of the VAFAUA, Michael Sholly took over from Phil Stevens "upstairs", and several new faces appeared on a streamlined, smaller VAFAUA Executive. In another significant development Brian "Benny" Goodman commenced in the new role of full-time Manager – Umpire Operations.

It was good to take on the job with things in very good shape. Anthony Damen was able to move to the less demanding position of Past President with the satisfaction that the finances of the VAFAUA were sound and with the Clubroom facilities the best they had ever been. They say you should leave things better than you found them, and there's no doubt Anthony can be well satisfied that at the end of his three years as President he had done exactly that.

The main activity for the year was the organisation of the new umpires' uniform. On a first pass this might sound easy..but as always the devil is always in the detail. There were many questions to be answered such as, "what colour/s should it be – what about clashes with other Amateur Clubs' strips ?", "should we keep the numbers ?", "what should the design be – should we be the same as the AFL ?", "should we have sponsorship on the shirts?", "what material should it be made out of ?". Another major issue was cost: it was considered that the previous uniform was far too expensive at \$85 / set and that there should be lower cost options. We approached the AFL through Adrian Panozzo who was very helpful in providing information on the cost of uniforms for the AFL and various leagues around Australia. This provided us with a benchmark and confirmed that we ought to be able to provide a uniform at a cost in the vicinity of \$50 / set. Through consultation with the VAFAUA members, the decision was made to "stick with the VAFA tradition" of blue and white. As far as design was concerned, gone were the "swirls and zig zags" and collars – instead the new umpiring uniforms being universally adopted had simple, clean designs without collars (for field and boundary). In the end we opted for a modified (better !) version of the AFL blue and white strip. This featured darker shorts and socks...it was considered that the white socks the AFL guys wear with their blue and white uniform wouldn't go too well on the wet and muddy VAFA grounds. After investigation of sponsorship opportunities, including a deal of effort to obtain a parallel sponsorship with Sony Playstation (featured on AFL Umpires shirts) – this idea was not progressed due to its complexity. A number of us can remember the "Blades" sponsorship of our track tops that petered out – these things can be tricky ! My own view is that sponsorship on playing shirts is more of a TV thing something that doesn't apply in the case of the VAFA (that said a number of other sponsorship alternatives for the VAFAUA will be evaluated in 2006). After consultation with the VAFA, it was decided to not have numbers on the shirts as this was deemed to have not served any real purpose – probably the main use of the numbers had been to enable spectators who wanted to use derogatory remarks against umpires to identify them by name with the help of the Amateur Footballer ! Lastly, a local supplier was identified who could supply the uniforms cost competitively. This was advantageous as overseas options such as China would involve more complicated / longer supply times for the gear. So the good news is we're now running in Aussie made gear !

The major functions for the year were again big successes. The PUMPS luncheon which preceded the VAFA vs SFL game was attended by a “hardcore” of VAFAUA legends. The format was traditional footy “pies and beer”. One of own, Richie Simon, was the Guest Speaker and he gave an entertaining account of his time as a VAFA umpire. The Pre Finals Dinner at the Victorian Club was again a huge success, with Guest Speaker Craig Willis “the voice of the AFL” (and numerous others as well) giving us an insight into what goes on behind the scenes of the AFL. At the dinner a special presentation was made to John Robinson in recognition of his excellent effort in organising this event over a number of years. This was ‘Robbos’ last time doing this job – well done ‘Robbo’. The VAFA ‘A’ Grade Grand Final Lunch was again a sellout. Well done to Leah Gallagher for stepping in the ‘big organising shoes’ vacated by VAFAUA stalwart Peter Simpson and organising the day extremely well..including a switch in caterers...the ‘bad news’ Leah is that you did so well you’re expected to do it all again in 2006 !

Another initiative kicked off in 2005 was the idea to create a feature wall in the clubrooms to show running members and their number of games service, along with some other features. The first stage of this was done with structural changes completed..thanks to Wayne Hinton for completing the works and Vin Vescovi for his co-ordination. The aim is to complete this in 2006.

Association meetings were run on a streamlined basis with the aim of a 7pm BBQ meal and 7.30pm sharp meeting kickoff. Most meetings ran for a maximum of 45 minutes. The BBQ meal was provided free to all members and is an example of “your subs at work” (by just attending the Association meetings you are getting a decent amount of your subs back in free meals !). The overall aim of this approach to these evenings was to increase attendance (particularly of newer umpires) and thereby involvement of members. All up I think this was a success as attendances were up and members commented favourably that “they were getting fed well and the that the meetings were informative, not too long winded”. Thanks to Robbie Sneddon (Umpires Training Co-ordinator) and Benny for supporting the format for these evenings by ensuring training sessions on these nights were “short and sharp”. Simon Stokes was there each time to cook the BBQ and managed to cook up a storm ..although one time it went a bit too far and the sausages caught on fire ! Thanks Simon for your dedicated effort...and you’ve got the job again in 2006 !

Like most jobs there’s times when things aren’t “all beer and skittles”. There were several incidents that occurred during the year that required action by the VAFAUA Executive. From my perspective I was generally pleased in the way with the way these matters were handled (in conjunction with the VAFA) and the solidarity of all VAFAUA members in all of these situations. A real strength in the VAFAUA at present is in the unity of its membership – this is something we shouldn’t take for granted and need to continue to foster.

An area that needs to be reassessed are the Social activities. Aside of the traditionally well supported Trivia night there generally wasn’t support for the proposed Social activities. Peter James, with support from his partner Anne, tried to got the Social program “firing” but as mentioned above the Members in this instance didn’t vote with their feet. Still there were some memorable moments such as some fine renditions at the Karaoke night. Well, there’s always things that need to be worked on so this area will be scrutinized in 2006.

As a “rookie” President it was great to have the support of a strong and “streetwise” Executive. Vice-President Leah Gallagher and Past President Anthony Damen were great backup. All active members of the Executive played their part...Simon Stokes kept secretarial issues streamlined, Paul Jones balanced the books with aplomb and Vin Vescovi launched himself into the newly created position of Building Manager. Peter Liddell provided a good professional dimension to the Exec. Peter James, as mentioned above, tried to get the Social side happening. Outside of the Executive other people also worked hard and consistently. I would like to mention Sue Thorneycroft for providing nourishing meals on a Tuesday, Kevin “Chilli” Segota for his work behind the bar and Tim Sutcliffe for taking over the responsibilities for the VAFAUA website and developing it over the course of the year.

The VAFAUA continued to work closely with Benny and his team and the relationship between the running umpires and the coaching and support staff continues to be in excellent shape.

As ever it has been the goal of the Executive to maintain a good relationship with the VAFA. I would like to thank President Bruce McTaggart, his Executive, Michael Sholly and the staff of the VAFA for all their support and assistance. Some tangible evidence of this good relationship was in Sue Anderson being awarded the VAFAUA “Bob Dunstan” Award at the Grand Final Dinner. As well as assisting umpires with administrative matters over a long period, Sue has always been a strong supporter of the umpires in general – well done Sue, your award was well deserved.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support you have given me, in my first year as President of the VAFAUA. I’m looking forward to “hitting the ground running” in 2006 – with the uniform issue behind us there are several other initiatives in store that we want to progress in 2006 .

Rob Mayston

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2004

Season 2005 saw Rob Mayston become the new President of the Umpires Association after Anthony Damen stepped down after three years. I think it is fair to say that Rob's first year was a bit of a baptism of fire with the Executive dealing with a number of confrontational issues. I would like to thank and congratulate Rob on his leadership throughout the year. To the rest of the Executive – another great year which only comes about due to the hard work everybody puts in. There are three people I want to point out individually- Leah did a wonderful job during the year but took on the huge job of organizing the Grand Final lunch. The day ran very smoothly and was a great success. Paul Jones, our esteemed Treasurer – all I can say is that there is not another man at the Association who I would trust more with my money. Lastly, Vin Vescovi did a mountain of work in relation to uniforms and as the building manager and it is these types of people that allow our Association to run as smoothly as it does.

There was a conscious effort to reduce the number of meetings and the length of our meetings as we are well aware of the time commitment already given by our members. Rob ran the meetings effectively and efficiently so that the members could take advantage of the free B.B.Q that was provided by the Executive.

I think our greatest achievement as a group in 2005 was the recruitment and retention of umpires and most of the praise for this must go to Brian Goodman. The number of one umpire games was significantly reduced. Hopefully 2006 will be as successful and I wish all running members a great year on the ground and off it as well.

Simon Stokes

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to thank Sue for the meals on a Tuesday, they were much appreciated. Kevin Segota for running the bar. Vin Vescovi for his support. .Finally, the fifteen or so people who continually supported the social functions (the one's that went ahead).

Peter James

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Year 2005 finished with our bank balances totalling almost the same as they did at the beginning of the year. This was quite a good result given some of the expenses we incurred through the year. .

The year began badly when our then insurers who charged us \$2,011.00 last season wanted to charge over \$4,500.00 for the same cover in season 2005. This saw both our brokers and myself madly shopping around for insurance cover before our policy expired. .

Thankfully Brian Woodhead and Sportscover came to our aid with a policy that gave the same cover as before plus insurance cover for office bearers which gives peace of mind to current and any aspiring committee members.

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Anyone taking the time to examine our Income and Expense statements will notice a large increase in Sundry Expenses plus Repairs and Maintenance. Our new insurers had a number of demands in terms of added security and fire protection and I would like to thank Gavin Roberts and his company Blackwoods who were able to help us with these requirements. Thanks also to Vinnie Vescovi who installed them.

We incurred some minor storm damage – too small to claim on insurance but had to be repaired and there were areas of maintenance and modifications that we have wanted to carry out for a while such as polishing the floor and re-locating the store-room door to give us more space for notice boards and honour boards.

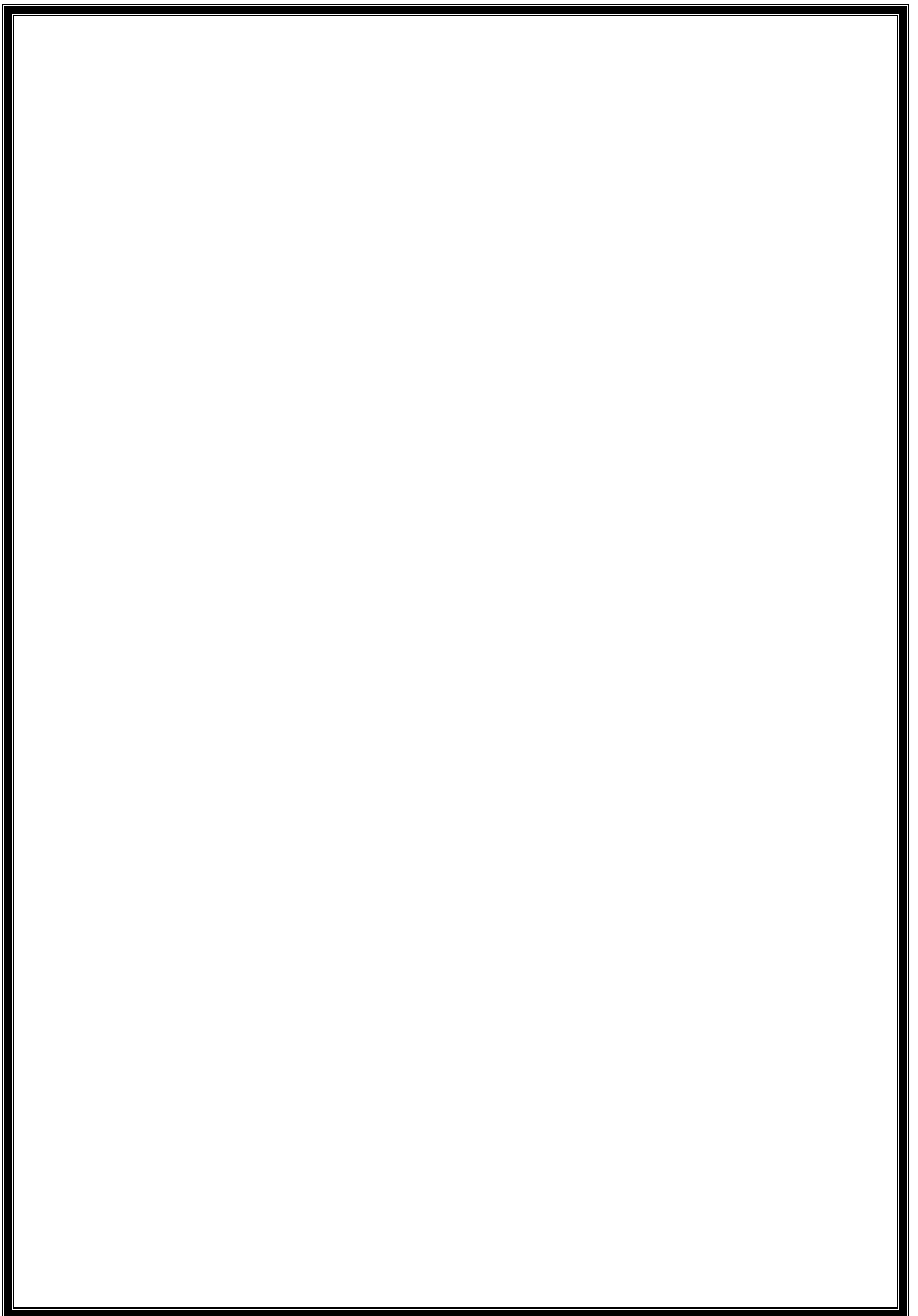
So not wishing to sound alarmist I will repeat the point that we as an association can not become complacent because we appear to have a healthy bank balance as none of us know what is just around the corner.

Thanks as always to those behind the bar who kept us fed and refreshed. Bar manager Kevin Segota, Chef Sue Thorneycroft, as well as Leah Gallagher, Simon Stokes and Peter James a BIG thank you from us all.

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The last few years have seen our association lose some very good sponsors who provided both cash and product. Thank goodness for Personal Mortgage Managers who have continued with their support.

On a personal note I would like to give my thanks to Anthony Damen, Rob Mayston, Peter Liddell, Geoff Curran (part-time) and not forgetting Bob Dunstan award winner Sue Anderson who is always available and helpful for every one of us.

Paul Jones, FCPA



V.A.F.A. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
INCOME:		
Functions	9,796	9,621
Fundraising	879	884
Gear Sales	8,836	9,645
Hiring Charges - Room	720	560
Interest Received	64	91
Social Club Income	10,923	14,143
Sponsorship	1,330	1,750
Sports Massages	-	710
Subscriptions - Membership Fees	17,957	16,795
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<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>50,505</u>	<u>54,199</u>
EXPENSES:		
Bank & Government Charges	87	108
Building Maintenance	3,971	523
Depreciation	1,695	971
Donations	1,110	1,920
Electricity	-	48
Equipment Hire	-	694
Functions	13,977	13,128
Gear Purchases	10,303	11,089
Government Administration Charges	-	33
Honorariums	500	500
Insurance	3,597	2,031
Licences and Permits	284	248
Masseuse/Trainer	-	1,000
Other VAFA Expenses	803	484
Postage	89	218
Printing	-	-
Room Cleaning	162	139
Social Club Expenses	9,891	14,749
Sundry Expenses	2,873	1,238
Telephone	653	608
Trophies and Honour Boards	2,655	1,900
Water	-	-
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<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>52,650</u>	<u>51,629</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS</u>	\$ (2,145)	\$ 2,571
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT THE START OF THE YEAR	<hr/> 181,404	<hr/> 178,833
<u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</u>	<hr/> \$ 179,259	<hr/> \$ 181,404

This statement forms part of the audited financial statements referred to in the attached auditors report.
CHARLES K.P. HOSKING - CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

V.A.F.A. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2005

	2005 \$	2004 \$
<u>MEMBER FUNDS</u>		
<u>MOVEMENT IN MEMBER FUNDS</u>		
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	<u>\$ 179,259</u>	<u>\$ 181,404</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash at Bank		
- General Account	10,056	4,409
- Social Club Account	2,390	2,735
- Term Deposit	-	5,060
Stock on Hand		
- Uniforms at Cost	3,172	4,626
- Social Club	805	846
Debtors	-	534
<u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>16,423</u>	<u>18,211</u>
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
<u>PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT</u>		
Buildings at Cost - on Leased Land	142,533	142,533
Building Improvements at Cost	14,431	14,431
Furniture, Fittings & Fixtures at Cost	9,004	7,666
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3,132)	(1,437)
<u>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>162,836</u>	<u>163,193</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>179,259</u>	<u>181,404</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors	-	-
Loans	-	-
<u>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 179,259</u>	<u>\$ 181,404</u>

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AUDITORS REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF V.A.F.A. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

Scope

I have audited the financial statements of V.A.F.A. Umpires Association for the year ended 31 October 2005. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards so as to present a view of the association which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

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

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly the financial opinion of the V.A.F.A. Umpires Association as at 31 October 2005 and the results of its operations for the period then ended in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts, applicable Australian Accounting Standards and in compliance with the Association's constitution.

DATED THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH 2006

**CHARLES K.P. HOSKING
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**



CHARLES K.P. HOSKING

V.A.F.A.U.A 2005 GRAND FINAL UMPIRES

SENIORS

	FIELD UMPIRES		BOUNDARY UMPIRES		GOAL UMPIRES	
A Section	Albie Firley	Geoff Caulfield	Matt Jenkinson	Adam Rogers	Steve Piperno	Kevin Segota
B Section	Mark Gibson	Tim Sutcliffe	Paul Carroll	Peter Monotti	Bernie Jephson	Bernie Hoare
C Section	Wayne Hinton	Peter James	Brendan Corcoran	Michael Saunders	Chris Doyle	Paul Gatt
D1 Section	Steve McCarthy	Russell Davidson	Ben Parsons	Cameron Hayes	Domenic Napoli	Vin Vescovi
D2 Section	Grant Joyner	Brent Woodhead	Peter Teasdale	Ryan Place	Lucas Robson	Travis Storti
D3 Section	Sacha Koffman	Jamie Kvins	Brendan Cannon	Santo Caruso	Daniel Scully	Gavin Roberts
D4 Section	Leah Gallagher	Dirk Kramer	Robbie Mayston	Matthew Jackson	Andrew Esposito	Michael O'Donnell

RESERVES

A Section	Peter Liddell	Simon Olive	Damien Anthony	Will Stokes	Daniel Brooks	Daniel Kofoed
B Section	Joe Hartwig	David Phillips	James Gregory	Frank Palermo	Craig Arnol	Robert Parry
C Section	Richard Eastwood	Rob Mayston	Gavan Dawe	Matt Proctor	Graeme Booth	Greg Rollo
D1 Section	Luke Holmes	Shane MacIntosh	Blake Curtis	Alex Koutsoukis	Clive Shipley	Beorn McCarthy
D2 Section	Simon Stokes	Ken McNiece	Tom Wischer	Sean Collins	Bruce Stephens	Sam Perrin
D3 Section	Dash Peiris	Peter Angelis	Glen Kennedy	Paul Leggett	Tristan Collin	Gary Clancy
D4 Section	Anthony Simpson	David Trott	Tony Lilley	Chris Thorburn	Robert Seymour	Ross Richards

UNDER 19's

U/19 Section 1	Rober O'Gorman	Daniel Silfo	Jordan Mayston	Andrew Trantafyllou	Anthony Kyrkou	Eddie Boal
U/19 Section 2	Nick Brown	Matthew Simpson	Julian Maccioni	James Scully	Pat Mitchell	Matthew Cowley
U/19 Section 3	Tim Saunders	Matthew O'Keefe	Paul Tyrer	Josh Tyrer	James Mugavin	Daniel Dal Pos
U/19 Section Blue	Nick Fennessy	Richard Yann	Andrea Mason	Cameron Smith	John Robinson	Andrew Summers
U/19 Section Red	Anthony Damen	Brett Hickey (RFL)	Gus Carpanzano (RFL)	Josh Bennison (RFL)	John Bretag (RFL)	Graeme Wakeling (RFL)

Representative Umpires

	Field	Boundary	Goal
VAFA vs WAAFL U23, Perth.	Alby Firley (F)		
VAFA vs SFL, Elsternwick Park	Tim Sutcliffe	Matt Jenkinson	Chris Doyle

2005 AWARDS

Life Membership

Bernie Jephson, Vin Vescovi

10 Year Service Awards

Peter Griffiths, David Murray, Tim Sutcliffe, Paul Tuppen

VAFA Umpire of the Year

Leah Gallagher

Golden Whistle Award

Joe Hartwig

Bob Dunstan Award

Sue Anderson (VAFA)

Andy Carrick Award

Michael Forde

Most Improved Field Umpire

Daniel Silfo

Best First Year Umpire

Shane Mackintosh

Most Improved Boundary Umpire

Peter Monotti

Most Improved Goal Umpire

Gavin Roberts