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STATEMENTS**

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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 31st May,  
2007 at 7.30pm, Elsternwick Park, Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick

## **2006 OFFICE BEARERS**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Season 2006 was a year that seemed to go very smoothly – both on and off the field.

The year started with the main focus being getting the new umpiring uniform “into production and distributed to the troops” – and on time. In 2005 we had decided by a unanimous vote by members that we would stick with the traditional VAFAs white and blue and not go “technicolour” like a number of other umpiring bodies. The more I look at these others with their orange, green, yellow and red, the more I like our choice of sticking with white and blue – and if nothing else it means that we are different from the rest as we seem to be the only ones left who still wear blue and white ! A major breakthrough achieved at the end of 2005 was to find a local supplier in Primary Edge Marketing who could supply the uniform cost effectively. This, together with the support of Michael Sholly and the VAFAs assisting us administratively in the procurement of the uniforms, meant that with minor subsidy from the VAFAs the cost to members for a field / boundary umpires uniform was reduced from the previous \$85 to \$50 for 2006. Who said there is no such thing as deflation ! The prime goal of the VAFAs Executive throughout had been to secure a better quality umpiring uniform at a much lower price and I believe we achieved just that. In the end Primary Edge Marketing did a good job of supplying the uniforms on time so that by Round 1 we were all running around in the new kit which received favourable reviews from those who notice umpires. When you are involved in arranging something like this there is always the “fear” that what happens if after people start wearing the new uniform for some reason they don't like it for whatever reason ? The good news is that not one complaint was received, with the feedback in fact being the opposite where the new fabric that the uniforms were made from being far superior to that used in the superseded uniform.

With the uniforms out of the way there was no time to rest as the theme of umpires' attire continued and we started the process of introducing a new range of tracksuits. The goals of the VAFAs Executive for this were the same as for the uniforms – to deliver very good quality at an affordable price. After consultation with members we settled on two types of tracksuits – the “Premium” or AFL style and “Standard”, the latter a cheaper but still very good quality of tracksuit. This outcome provided choice for members with the “Premium” version pretty much the “best you could buy” at around \$90 and the “Standard” version at around \$45. Again Primary Edge Marketing stepped up to the plate to supply the tracksuits in a cost competitive manner winning the business from other “would be suppliers” who also had “sharp pencils”. In the end we managed to agree on a tracksuit design, arrange orders for all members who wanted tracksuits and have the tracksuits supplied and distributed to members in time for the finals. Again an excellent effort by Peter Warner at Primary Edge Marketing. The VAFAs assisted on the administration side in the procurement of the tracksuits in the same way as they did for the new umpiring uniforms which was again appreciated. There were a few hiccups with the size and fit of the tracksuits for some umpires but this was progressively sorted out.

Another change in 2006 was in the area of Umpires awards. Those who attend the Annual Dinner and who read this report right through to the back pages, will be aware

of the awards that umpires can receive. The awards cover a range of “areas of endeavour” and are not just for those who are considered to be “the best”. In the past the “Best First Year Umpire Award” was considered the one that a younger umpire would win but with an increasing number of “not so young” people taking up umpiring eg. ex players, this award no longer is “reserved” for the younger umpire. On account of this and in keeping with the principle that the awards available to umpires should be representative of all facets of the umpiring group, in 2006 a new award – “The Young Achiever Award” – was introduced to ensure that each year at least one young umpire would be recognized in the annual awards. The introduction of new young talent into the umpiring ranks each year and the successful assimilation of them into the group is one of the most vital things to ensure a viable umpiring group moving forward. Details of how this new award is structured are as follows :-

- Young persons under 20 yrs of age are eligible to win the award
- Someone who is relatively new to umpiring, but are not necessarily in their first year
- Regular attender at training & lectures
- Someone who is prepared to listen & learn
- Someone who has demonstrated rapid improvement
- Someone who has integrated and become involved with the wider group of umpires

Congratulations to Alexandria Anthony for being the inaugural winner of this award. Alexandria was presented with the cash award and trophy by Boundary Umpires’ Coach Bob Mutton at last year’s GF Luncheon and the audience was impressed by her account of what it is like to be a younger umpire becoming involved in the VAFA Umpiring group.

VAFAUA Association events were well supported in 2006. We may have had less of them but at the start of the season the decision was made to focus on the “quality” of what we did and not the “quantity” after a few loss making ventures in previous seasons. The monthly members meetings continued to be well supported with the promise of free food and meetings that don’t drag on ensuring that our core of members voted with their feet and attended. The trivia night was a success as always. A number of members ventured to Sydney for the “City to Surf” including yours truly...of our contingent I think I came in last but the event is a lot of fun, if only to see Bondi packed with 63,000 people after the race...the sign at the 1km mark of the race said it all...”13km to beer!” I’ll be back again in 2007 so sign up now if you want to be a part of it. Benny look out there could be a big call for appointments near the airport in early August...you might even be rushed with offers for people to go to Rupertswood if they’re playing home that week. The end of season functions were again “huge”...kicking off with the Pre-finals dinner with AD taking over the reins for organizing it from Robbo, who remained “in the wings”, with the end result being a record attendance of over 200 literally “packing out” the Victoria club. Brian Waldron CEO of the Melbourne Storm, previously of DeLaSalle and St.Kilda, was an entertaining guest speaker. The GF Luncheon was again a sellout and was organized according to the adage “if it ain’t broke, don’t fixit”...with Leah again showing how to run something like this with aplomb. The Guest speaker ex VFL/AFL Umpire Peter Cameron provided a different slant to what we’re used to on such occasions but his talk made an impact on a number of attendees. The after GF BBQ rounded out the season with plenty of awards handed out, beer wine and spirits consumed to celebrate what had been another memorable year.

The final major undertaking for the Executive occurred at the end of the season in the re-negotiation of the pay and conditions for umpires. The present system sees this come around every two years. Following consultation with VAFUA members a detailed submission was prepared and submitted to the VFA for their consideration. The issues for consideration were grouped under two broad categories (i) Umpires status in the VFA organisation (ii) Costs associated with umpiring and the need to minimize these wherever possible and ensure that the remuneration is first quartile when compared with peer football organisations elsewhere in Melbourne. This was concluded in a harmonious manner with the VFA with the main outcomes being (i) a 6.5% increase based on the rate of CPI from mid 2004 to mid 2006 (ii) agreement to allow umpires free entry to all VFA games as an encouragement for umpires to be able to attend matches as often as they're able which will assist with their training (iii) agreement for umpires who are officiating at Elsternwick Park and final venues to obtain free car parking with the provisos being that the appointment slip must be shown and for finals venues this would only apply if the VFA are supervising the car parking (iv) agreement to conduct a "re-trial" on the mailing of matchday paperwork based on umpires mailing their paperwork by 7pm at a Post Office on matchdays. Hopefully all umpires who opt to use this option in 2007 will "do the right thing" so that this remains a viable option moving forward to avoid unnecessary detours for umpires who are not in the vicinity of the usual drop off points.

It has been a privilege to work with the members of the VAFUA Executive whose tireless contributions ensure the strength and future of our Association. On behalf of the Executive I thank the members for your support and for the encouragement given throughout the year. Three members left the Executive at the end of 2006...Leah Gallagher, Simon Stokes and Peter Liddell. I thank each of them for the time and effort they have put in to the smooth running of the organisation and I welcome their replacements Grant Joyner, Alan Stubbs and Patrick Coulthard. Leah has provided a wealth of experience in her role as VP – people like this who really "know the ropes" are invaluable. Simon with his unique approach to the Secretary's job has succumbed to newly married life, but hopefully can still lend a hand cooking the BBQ's. Peter's business skills and sage advice on the Executive has been terrific. A number of Executive members "didn't escape" and are staying on in 2007. Craig Bratjberg will continue in the Assistant Secretary's role and make sure minutes of our meetings are kept so we can remember what we talked about. Paul Jones haven now taken the tag of the "Best Treasurer ever" from Peter Costello continues to handle the Association's funds as if they were his own and certainly knows where each \$ goes. Albie Firley settled into the Social Secretary's role "that no-one else wanted" and put his organising skills to effect. Alby's "soup nights" were another feature of the season. Vinnie as usual looked after the property side of things -both clothing and building – and even though it got a bit stressful at times and he was a bit grumpy in the end nearly everyone got what they needed so well done Vinnie. Immediate past VP Anthony Damen continued to be the voice of experience on the Executive. Outside of the Executive there are many others who do things that contribute to the smooth running of our organisation. Tim Sutcliffe keeps the VAFUA website looking great. Kevin 'Chillie' Segota has been keeping the bar running and stocked although at the end of 2006 he decided it was time for someone else to have a go – thanks for your loyal service 'Chillie' to ensure we were never the 'pub with no beer'. A big thank you to everyone who 'did their bit' in 2006.

The 2007 season has arrived albeit a bit later than usual on account of the drought. What the future holds in this regard only time will tell – for now though all the focus is on Season 2007. So besides some great footy and top umpiring, what else is in store ? We hope to complete the “Great wall of umpires” and match day gear items that are carryover items from last year where the new uniforms and tracksuits literally swamped us and required most of our attention. There will also be the usual range of other issues that come along. Our employment status changes in 2007 to “hobbyists” ( ATO definition ) but this really is only a “cosmetic” change. This change is in effect a “fait accompli” based on changes occurring in other organisations elsewhere It will reduce the VAFA administration requirements – tax deductions will no longer be taken out of match payments above a threshold limit and group certificates are no longer required to be issued. We have a resident expert on this in David Hindle so he will be able to assist members with any queries they have in this regard. Another item “in the wings” is the potential for some redevelopment work at Elsternwick Park which may impact on us...watch this space. So all in all there will be plenty to keep us occupied in 2007. In the “bigger picture” the recruitment and retention of quality umpires is a central issue that we all need to focus on. The VAFA Administration and the VAFAUA Executive and Members working in close partnership is the vehicle to make this happen. As we know from previous experience finding the umpires we need can be a “tough gig” and perhaps as community attitudes and preferences continue to change this probably won’t get any easier, so the challenge is there for all of us to do our part to “make it happen”.

We look forward to once again working closely with Michael Sholly and his VAFA Administration Team and Benny and his Umpiring Operations Department to ensure Season 2007 is another memorable one.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support you have given me during 2006 and I look forward to your continued support in 2007. And remember as always in 2007 “Support the Association that supports you”.

**Rob Mayston**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2006**

Season 2006 was another successful one for the V.A.F.A.U.A. The number of umpires continued to increase although availability on a weekly basis was a problem at times. The quality of umpiring including boundary and goal umpires has probably never been higher in the Amateurs.

After many months of planning and negotiation, season 2006 saw the introduction of our new uniform. The new uniform is a major improvement and provides a more professional look when we are on the field. The availability of a tracksuit in the package has been taken up by many of our running members. A special mention must go to our President Rob Mayston for all the work that he put into the project and Vin Vescovi for his role in distributing the new uniform to all the umpires.

Whilst Rob is the front man of our organization the contribution of our other executive members cannot be underestimated. The team comprising Leah Gallagher, who has stepped down from Vice President after many years on the executive and whose fantastic contribution will be sorely missed. Paul Jones as Treasure does a great job keeping our accounts in order. Craig Braitberg and Peter Liddell have provided support when needed. The Social Secretary Albie Firly has a very tough job and has done extremely well organizing some of our big social events. Finally Vin Vescovi as Building Manager has once again gone about his job without fuss or fanfare and done a wonderful job. All have contributed in a significant way to the success of our association in the past year. I certainly appreciate the assistance they have provided me when it has been required.

The support supplied from the V.A.F.A. administration has once again been fantastic and our gratitude is extended to Michael Sholly and his team for their efforts to assist us in 2006.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the membership for their continued support of the executive. Whilst we are elected to represent the membership, without your support we would not be able to achieve things for the group as a whole.

Season 2007 has finally began and I wish all umpires an enjoyable and rewarding season. I am sure that the new executive team along with the support of the membership will ensure that as a group we continue to move forward.

Simon Stokes



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

With the introduction of a new Umpiring uniform, Financial Year 2006 began with the Association having over \$3000 worth of obsolete stock to write off. This together with the commitment from the executive committee to subsidize the cost of each new uniform so that a new set of socks, shorts and shirt would cost only \$50 meant an additional \$600 outlay for the Umpires Association.

After that the reins on any expenditure were well and truly pulled in which resulted in an uneventful year in terms of recognizable improvements in our pavilion. This may be just as well because any member taking the time to look around our "prized premises" will have noticed cracks literally starting to appear. This problem will have to be addressed sooner rather than later.

Enough on the financial side. Behind the bar our new social secretary brought renewed enthusiasm to the role in season 2006 and his mum's soup on some very cold training nights was heart warming. I don't know about your health bars though Albie. I fear the battle scarred bodies of the senior running members are beyond any help those bars might bring. Once again Kevin Segota did a fine job keeping a keen eye for all the price specials at Coles, Safeway and Dan Murphy's and ensuring our kitchen was well stocked with our favourite beverages.

In conclusion I would like to again thank our remaining sponsor Personal Mortgage Managers for their continued support, plus the other committee members for their untiring efforts. Be assured members, organizing some events can be very tiring. Just speak to A.D. or Robbo about the Annual Dinner and to Leah about the Grand Final Brunch. Thank Goodness everyone who attends these functions has a fabulous time.

And so, to season 2007 !

PAUL JONES FCPA  
TREASURER

**V.A.F.A. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION**  
**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006**

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Functions	10,690	9,796
Fundraising	1,503	879
Gear Sales	-	8,836
Golf Day	1,090	-
Hiring Charges - Room	-	720
Interest Received	10	64
Social Club Income	11,789	10,923
Sponsorship	992	1,330
Subscriptions - Membership Fees	16,321	17,957
	<u>42,395</u>	<u>50,505</u>
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>		
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Bank & Government Charges	11	87
Building Maintenance	-	3,971
Depreciation	1,521	1,695
Donations	2,245	1,110
Electricity	205	-
Functions	13,125	13,977
Gear Purchases	355	10,303
Golf Day	700	-
Honorariums	500	500
Insurance	4,159	3,597
Licences and Permits	202	284
Other VAFA Expenses	638	803
Postage	95	89
Room Cleaning	-	162
Social Club Expenses	10,921	9,891
Stock Obsolescence	3,172	-
Sundry Expenses	706	2,873
Telephone	654	653
Trophies and Honour Boards	2,056	2,655
	<u>41,265</u>	<u>52,650</u>
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>		
<b><u>NET SURPLUS</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,130</b>	<b>\$ (2,145)</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT THE START OF THE YEAR</b>	<b><u>179,259</u></b>	<b><u>181,404</u></b>
<b><u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 180,389</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 179,259</u></b>

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 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<u>MEMBER FUNDS</u>		
<u>MOVEMENT IN MEMBER FUNDS</u>		
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	<u>\$ 180,389</u>	<u>\$ 179,259</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash at Bank		
- General Account	14,065	10,056
- Social Club Account	4,755	2,390
Stock on Hand		
- Uniforms at Cost	-	3,172
- Social Club	255	805
Debtors	-	-
<u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>19,075</u>	<u>16,423</u>
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
<u>PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; 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	9,004
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(4,654)	(3,132)
<u>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>161,314</u>	<u>162,836</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>180,389</u>	<u>179,259</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>\$ 180,389</u>	<u>\$ 179,259</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 2006. 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 2006 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 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2007

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



**CHARLES K.P. HOSKING**

## V.A.F.A.U.A 2006 GRAND FINAL UMPIRES

### SENIORS

	FIELD UMPIRES		BOUNDARY UMPIRES		GOAL UMPIRES	
A Section	Russell Davidson	Tim Sutcliffe	Peter Monotti	Matt Jenkinson	Lucas Robson	Kevin Segota
B Section	Albie Firley	Mark Gibson	Adam Rogers	Damien Anthony	Michael O'Donnell	Daniel Scully
C Section	Sacha Koffman	Grant Wardrop	Bredan Corcoran	Will Stokes	Bernie Jephson	Dom Napoli
D1 Section	Grant Joyner	Wayne Hinton	Chris Jones	James Scully	Daniel Brooks	Bernie Hoare
D2 Section	Janie Kvins	Brent Woodhead	Cameron Hayes	Dean Herskop	Paul Gatt	Anthony Kyrkou
D3 Section	Leah Gallagher	Luke Holmes	Frank Palermo	Ryan Place	Shane Herbert	Vin Vescovi
D4 Section	Simon Olive	Ben Ryde	Jordan Mayston	Andre Neilson	Andrew Esposito	Gavin Roberts

### RESERVES

A Section	Peter Liddell	Steve McCarthy	Sean Collins	James Gregory	Matthew Cowley	Sam Perrin
B Section	Peter Angelis	David Phillips	Blake Curtis	Gaven Dawe	Greg Rollo	Clive Shipley
C Section	Peter James	Simon Stokes	Daniel Mason	Ryan Morris	Craig Arnol	Robert Parry
D1 Section	Robert O'Gorman	Daniel Silfo	Glen Kennedy	Michael Roche	Edward Boal	Charlie Lear
D2 Section	Cameron Davidson	Nicholas Brown	Santo Caruso	Paul Leggett	Graeme Booth	Chris Kearney
D3 Section	Ken McNiece	Lionel Katz	Matthew Proctor	Cameron Smith	Garry Clancy	Glen Young
D4 Section	Paul Tuppen	Philip Callil	Andrea Mason	Elise van Grondelle	Bruce Stephens	Peter Teasdale

### UNDER 19's

U/19 Section 1	Tim Saunders	Vaughan Sidebottom	Julian Maccioni	Damien Ratcliffe	Nick Booth	Robert Seymour
U/19 Section 2	David Anselmi	Shane Mackintosh	Alexandra Anthony	Jessica Rollo	Jim Exton	Ben Shorter
U/19 Section 3	Anthony Damen	Jamie Mayhew-Sharp	Michael Hutchison	Michael Raphael	John Robinson	Paul Whitehead
U/19 Section Blue	Michael Hegan	Ryan Robertson	William Burne	Damien Laing	Charlie Lear	Greg Rollo
U/19 Section Red	Joe Hartwig	Nick Luke (RFL)	Peter Wheeler (RFL)	Paul O'Connor (RFL)	Lisa Boccabella (RFL)	Darren Quirk (RFL)

### Representative Umpires

	Field	Boundary	Goal
VAFU U23 vs WAAFL U23, Elsternwick Pk.	Robert O'Gorman	Damien Anthony, Adam Rogers	Bernie Hoare, Daniel Scully
VAFU U19 vs QAFL U23, Brisbane	Russell Davidson		
VAFU vs SFL, Elsternwick Park	Grant Joyner	Peter Monotti	Daniel Brooks
VAFU U23 vs SAAFL U23, Elsternw'k Park	Tim Sutcliffe	Matt Jenkinson, Cam Hoogendyk	Kevin Segota, Domenic Napoli

## **2006 AWARDS**

### **Life Membership**

Anthony Simpson, Bernie Hoare

### **10 Year Service Award**

Ken McNeice, Robert Sneddon, Dash Peiris, Paul Withington

### **Vafa Umpire of the Year**

Russell Davidson

### **Golden Whistle Award**

Lucas Robson

### **Bob Dunstan Award**

Paul Jones

### **Andy Carrick Award**

Tony Lilley

### **Most Improved Field Umpire**

Jamie Mayhew-Sharp

### **Best First Year Umpire**

Michael Hegan

### **Most Improved Boundary Umpire**

James Scully

### **Most Improved Goal Umpire**

Michael O'Donnell

### **Young Achiever Award**

Alexandria Anthony