

2019

Annual Report



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AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION

Introduction

The Australian Croquet Association (ACA) became incorporated on Monday 10 February 1992 – Incorporation number is AO2004. It also trades as Croquet Australia and is recognized by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) as a National Sporting Organisation. ACA's main objective is to operate as the peak body for the administrator of mallet sports (Croquet AC & GC, Gateball and Ricochet) in Australia.

Until early 2015, ACA had a Council which consisted of twelve delegates – two from each State Association and an Executive responsible for the day to day management of Mallet Sports. On Monday 23 March 2015, the Members adopted a new constitution based on the Australian Sports Commission's Constitution Template; Mandatory Sports and Governance Principles which was registered with the ACT office of Regulatory Services. Approval was received on Thursday 9 April, 2015 and ACA moved from an Executive and Council to a Board Structure.

Members

There are six voting members:

- Croquet New South Wales Incorporated (includes the ACT)
- Croquet Association Queensland Incorporated
- South Australian Croquet Association Incorporated
- Tasmanian Croquet Association
- The Victorian Croquet Association Incorporated
- The West Australian Croquet Association Incorporated

Affiliated Members

As at 31 December 2019, ACA had 9194 Affiliated Members.

STATE	2018		2019	
	Adult	Under 21	Adult	Under 21
NSW	2705	7	2783	12
VIC	2773	12	2796	22
QLD	1440	10	1448	4
SA	921	9	869	12
WA	737	11	802	9
TAS	429	13	423	14
Sub total	9005	62	9121	73
Total	9067		9194	

Meetings

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in Perth on Monday 25 March, the day following the conclusion of the Eire Cup.

There was no requirement for a Special General Meeting in 2020.

Member of two World Bodies

ACA is a full member of the World Croquet Federation and a member of the World Gateball Union.

Financial Year

ACA's Financial Year is 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

Banking

The ACA has two accounts – Operating Account to receive income and Treasurer's Account for expenditure.

Investments

At the conclusion of the 2019 year ACA had two investment portfolios. BT Financial Group (Westpac Australian Properties Fund) and MLC Square Fund and five term deposits.

Goods and Services Tax

Australian Croquet Association is registered for GST.

Board

The Board was elected at the 2018 AGM. The Board is made up of the following members:

Directors – 25 March 2019 to 23 March 2020

Chair – Megan Fardon

Deputy Chair – Jim Nicholls

Treasurer - Don Close

Mike Cohn

Jacky McDonald

Mary Marsland

Non Board Members

Secretary - Jim Clements

Executive Officer – Rob Murray



Left to right: Mary Marsland, Jim Nicholls, Don Close, Megan Fardon, Mike Cohn and Jacky McDonald.

Appointed Officers

Association Croquet

High Performance Manager – Peter Landrebe
National Coordinator Refereeing – Mike Cohn
National Coordinator Coaching – Greg Bury

Gateball

National Coordinator – John Park

Golf Croquet

High Performance Manager – Martin Clarke
National Coordinator Refereeing – Jim Clement
National Coordinator Coaching – Greg Bury

Under 21 Croquet

National Coordinator – Jacky McDonald

Handicapping

National Handicapper – Gareth Denyer

Ricochet

National Coordinator – Lynda Davis

Archivist

Martin Clarke

Public Officer

Nick Chapman

Australian Representation

WCF AC Laws Committee – Liz Fleming
WCF GC Laws Committee – Bernie Pfitzner
WCF Management Committee – Peter Landrebe

Committees

Tournament

Trevor Bassett (Chair)
Terry Ericson

Events

Peter Freer (Chair)
Peter Tracey

AC Selection

Anne Quinn (Chair)
Trevor Bassett
Martin Clarke
Greg Fletcher
Peter Landrebe

GC Selection

Anne Quinn (Chair)
John Arney
Martin Clarke
Peter Landrebe
Chris McWhirter

Under 21

Jacky McDonald (Chair)
Nancy Hatherell
Terry Ericson
Barry Haydon
Kay Chynoweth
Peter Tracey

Statement from the Chair

The first official ACA event was the Under 21 Golf Croquet Tournament played in Adelaide. This event was played under very hot weather conditions. The young entrants survived the elements and the officials endured the temperatures.

This is the optimum time for this event as it is universally holidays from school or university.

The AGM in Perth following the Eire Cup saw the re-election of Don Close, Jim Nicholls and myself to the Board. The Board welcomed Jacky McDonald with her nomination being successful. Graeme Thomas resigned from the Board during his term. Graeme was a great contributor and gave freely of his time. It was Graeme's efforts that kept the Board operational before the new Executive Officer came on stream. Graeme also tirelessly worked on getting a new website up and running for ACA. This left a casual vacancy which Mary Marsland accepted. Jim Clement's offer to be the secretary to the board was accepted.

A new technology for internet meetings was trialed and deemed a success. The Board moved away from Skype and now uses GoToMeeting.

April saw the Golf Croquet Trans-Tasman Team come together to oppose their New Zealand counterparts in Cairnlea. The formalities of an Anzac Service were in the mix of the format and were respectively performed. Congratulations to the team under the Captaincy of Pete Landrebe.

The agreement with Sport Australia to maintain our standing as a recognised sport has been a lot of work by our Executive Officer Rob Murray. Notification of our continued standing was received mid-year. Thank you Rob.

September saw the Board meet face to face in Cairnlea, Melbourne with a Special General Meeting followed by a discussion Forum. Thanks to all the State Delegates who attended. The Board invited the Chair of the Events Committee, Peter Freer and the Chair of the Tournaments Committee, Trevor Bassett to attend this group of meetings to give their insights on the issues they deal with in their respective roles.

The following day the Board participated in a Governance Workshop run by a facilitator.

October at the AC President's Eights a Players Meeting was held during the tournament and the players gave their views on various issues.

November saw our sponsors Parbery Consulting again helping with running the Association Croquet Singles and Doubles. Please consider the services that the team at Parbery offer.

I would like to thank all Officer Bearers and Committee Members for their valuable volunteer work in furthering the many forms of Croquet. I would like to extend my good wishes to all croquet players, may 2020 be a great year.

Megan Fardon,
Chair - Board of ACA

State Reports

Victoria – Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt

Croquet Victoria's membership is growing slowly and we currently have more members than any year since 2014, of these twenty-six are under 21 years old. Two Junior Scholarships were awarded in 2019.

In October 2019 Croquet Victoria hosted a Publicity Workshop where the keynote speaker was Greg Bryant (Croquet New Zealand Sport Development Officer) who outlined the pathway taken to populate the junior ranks in New Zealand. The classification as croquet as a sanctioned sport in New Zealand is something to aim for here in Australia.

The livestreaming of the recent WCF Association Croquet Worlds reached viewers in Australia, United Kingdom, USA, New Zealand and Egypt. The MySportLive Facebook post reached 35,874 during the three days of livestreaming and collectively the videos over the three days of livestreaming were watched 19732 times (many of these would have watched all three days).

The Australian Gateball Championship hosted at the Victorian Croquet Centre from 28 November to 1 December 2019. The Shen Yang team from China won after two days of intense play from Kew (Australia).

Croquet Victoria has two members who contribute to the Croquet States Joint Publicity Initiative Publicity, this informal group aims to collaboratively lift the image of croquet nationwide.

Of our own eighty-eight clubs, fifty-one have their own Facebook page. Our State Newsletter, *Malletsports*, is now available from our website for viewing or download. A hardcopy is still distributed to those who request it. We have developed a Club Publicity Officer network (requesting clubs to nominate someone other than an overworked Secretary) and this allows us to distribute a monthly email about all things publicity to those who could also be in charge of their club facebook page, local media releases etc.

Our current Strategic Plan ceases at the end of 2020. Some of our successful grant submissions in 2019 will allow us to hire a series of consultants to assist us in developing and implementing our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, a series of train-the-trainer programs for volunteers and enhance publicity activities and materials.

South Australia – Eileen Ferguson

The last twelve months have been a time of continued challenge and change. As part of the challenge Croquet SA has accepted that community attitudes to participation in sport are changing. People no longer join clubs and make commitments to practice regularly and be hard working volunteers in all aspects of the running the club. Today's community is largely time poor and place more emphasis on having a social game along with some socializing and then departing. Our challenge is to encourage these people to keep coming back, having fun and generally getting them hooked on Croquet, so they want to be members of our croquet community. This is what the Hammer Time program is designed to do. This program continues to expand, albeit slowly and more Clubs are gradually accepting the Hammer Time program as a valuable tool to increase participation rates and swell club numbers.

New players will not come if we don't provide opportunities for them, invite them to play and make them feel welcome and keep inviting them back.

Clubs which have recognized the power of Hammer Time have all earned the Croquet SA "Champions of Change" award, which acknowledges their acceptance of the need to promote change within their club and move forward into a modern ever changing world. Our lovely setting in the Adelaide parklands continues to draw businesses and community groups for social functions especially during the festive season.

Clubs have the opportunity to benefit financially from these bookings, but it is often difficult to secure volunteers to manage these events. Through Hammer Time and social functions at Hutt Rd and also at clubs hundreds of people have been introduced to croquet during 2019 whilst the club received valuable funds.

The SA State Government continues to focus on active participation in sport and recreation for the whole community. Many Councils are reviewing the use of their assets and are undertaking a process of rationalization. The focus is on promoting sporting hubs, with improved facilities and the amalgamation of like-minded small groups in the same area to make strong vibrant organizations with a bright future. Croquet SA has taken an active role in discussions with a number of council facility audits and is there to support any Club with discussion with their local council.

With the focus on facilities, at the AGM in 2016 the incoming Croquet SA Board was charged with the task of investigating the feasibility of adding a fourth lawn at the Hutt Rd facility. Discussions with various stakeholders continue, but any additional development of our facilities will need to blend with the City Council's plan for the Adelaide parklands and despite the best efforts of the Board little progress has been made to date.

The playing lights at headquarters were given a major upgrade to LED during 2019, with minimal cost to Croquet SA thanks to support from the Adelaide City Council and the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing. Substantial rejuvenation maintenance on the Hutt Rd lawns were also carried out during the year.

SA Government Policy with regard to funding and grants is undergoing a review and it is likely the emphasis will now be on "value for money". The SA Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing currently looks to fund those Associations and Clubs who are taking proactive steps to promote themselves, attract new players and engage with the local community. SACA can and does provide advice and assistance with grant writing and helps clubs with promotional ideas as well as other substantial support including advertising of their Hammer Time community events. A visit from our Industry Advisor at the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing advised the Board about their promotion of gender diversity on Boards. It was gratifying to find that Croquet SA already met the required standard. The Board was also updated on changes to the Child Protection laws, including the need to lodge compliance statements, the change to working with children checks and how the changes would affect SACA and the clubs. Croquet SA endeavors to communicate with our members on a regular basis, through our newsletter, google group's network and social media as well as the more traditional email, telephone and snail mail. We have also put in place strategies where clubs can network and communicate their own events directly with each other. A number of Clubs have now launched their own Facebook pages and we encourage all Clubs to make use of social media as a valuable tool for promotion of their club and its activities.

World Croquet Day was embraced by a number of clubs who held come and try sessions on the day. Promotion of the event was through social media and local event promoting websites. We anticipate continuing with this as another great way to keep our profile up in the community. On the playing front Croquet SA hosted the U/21 National GC Championship for the first time in 2019. This was a very successful event played in the January heat. On the back of this successful event the inaugural Croquet SA U/21 GC Singles and Doubles Championships were held in October. A total of 14 young players participated in this event and Croquet SA is appreciative of the support given by Adelaide City Council to run the event and was pleased to welcome Councilor Arman Abrahamzadeh OAM to open the event and encourage the competitors. The skills and enthusiasm of these future champions at all events was a pleasure to watch.

The Australian Masters Games was another feature of the Croquet SA playing calendar in 2019. While numbers were down on previous Masters Games Croquet SA was pleased to welcome competitors from all states except Queensland and many favorable reports were received about the event.

Our membership numbers show a slight increase over previous years, but as always we gain some and lose some. The numbers of players competing in Croquet SA events remained static in 2019 with team events continuing to be well supported. We again offered a Gateball event and the game is now played regularly in several metropolitan clubs. The Golf Croquet committee introduced a couple of new events at SACA and the first Croquet SA regional Golf Croquet competition was held at Port Pirie Club in November. Plans are underway for more such events in the future.

One of the biggest challenges for Croquet SA however continues to be attracting sufficient help from our members to ensure the organization functions in a timely and professional manner. We have struggled to fill some Board positions and also key roles in the day to day organization of our sport. The task of finding enthusiastic, forward thinking people to assist with the running of Croquet SA gets more onerous each year. We were very pleased to be able to fill the Vice Presidents position in December, a role which had been vacant for a number of years. 2019 has been a year of challenge but much has also been achieved. We look forward to accepting the challenges of 2020, working through them and achieving successful outcomes.

Tasmania – Leigh Herington

The State Executive has settled into its duties after wholesale changes to office bearers last year. This committee has worked hard towards advancing croquet throughout Tasmania.

The TCA has successfully arranged for 18 events to be run during the year with 9 for GC and 9 for AC. These competitions have been well supported, with mainland guests and many new faces having a go for the first time.

Three sessions of AC Laws were held at Newtown thanks to the efforts of the Bassett's. Their efforts to become WCF senior referees and assist in this role during the worlds should also be commended. A difficult job done well!

The Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre has continued working hard preparing their lawns for GC Nationals in September 2020, the fact that they managed to get a grant for a new ride-on lawn mower has been very beneficial.

The efforts of all volunteers are starting to bear fruit with the lawns improving daily. All at the Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre are looking forward to hosting an exciting, warm and friendly block of GC events.

A new club was welcomed North Esk (playing within the NTasCC) and Devonport are soon to have new lawns of a playable standard at their new venue.

Coaching has continued throughout the year generally at a club level but there is a growing need for all coaches to follow an agreed process so as all clubs are actively teaching at best practice levels. National direction here is sadly needed.

Government House and The Governor have continued to support croquet after the Mayoral Challenge last year with open days and gala days including special events for those disadvantaged. The local surrounding clubs will continue to showcase croquet at this wonderful venue.

Our website has continued to have Forte Web Design provide technical support and key advice. Sally Liggins our web administrator has continued assisting even after stepping down last year, this has been much appreciated. The TCA has sought additional funding from the croquet membership to try and keep this professionally managed and a useful resource for all. ACA assistance is required to ensure our website remains operational!

As previously mentioned Eastern Shore and Newtown clubs were each looking at relocating to new four court venues. Councils have been unable to source suitable land, so status quo remains and change is now unlikely.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who assist around their clubs and make it possible for all to enjoy playing croquet.

Croquetwest – Megan Fardon

The year started with an extensive review of the State Sporting Organisation's constitution. This was driven by a change in state legislation covering associations.

By the start of the New Year we had a full complement on the management committee.

The AC Development Working Group kept meeting over the summer period and developed pilot programs of a modified AC game. The programs have been run at four clubs and the committee look forward to the group's results.

February was our first international representation with Janine McHardy playing in the WCF Women's GC World Championships in Hawkes Bay, NZ.

Croquetwest as a member of the WA Sports Federation (re-badged as Sport West during the year) takes the opportunity to nominate two players in the federation's sports star awards. This award is presented at a dinner held at the new Optus Stadium. Croquetwest's high achievers during the 2018 calendar were AC Jeff Newcombe and GC Fleur Brockway. Congratulations on those nominations.

March 2019 the Eire Cup came to Perth and the events that make up the nationals ran very well under the efforts of our organising committee. Well done and thanks to the organising committee and Tournament Manager Michael Murphy. There were wonderful functions at The City of Perth for the welcome and Frasers for the Presentations.

WA representation was again on display with Chris McWhirter, Fleur Brockway and Martin Clarke as HPM in the GC Trans-Tasman series at Cairnlea. The Victorian Croquet Association took on some new technology with "live streaming" the play. The reserves did a great job of commentating. The trophies went home with the young New Zealand team.

Robyn Dart entered the ACA GC Open in Victoria. Robyn applied for an ACA scholarship to provide assistance with costs involved in furthering her croquet career. Her experience at Cairnlea stood her in good stead for her entry into the state team later in the year.

A Special General Meeting was held for all member clubs to approve the suggested changes to our new rules.

June saw the farewell to a valuable AC team member, Peter Ross as he follows his family to Tasmania. A lovely function was held at Como CC to say good bye to Peter.

The GC world championships were held in the Northern Hemisphere, in Surrey, in July this year. Martin Clarke entered and continued our international representation.

After an analysis of strengths and weaknesses of the image of croquet here in WA a group has gathered to work through this analysis and come forward with some directions for the management committee to consider.

The department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries has undertaken a review of its funding. I attended as a member of this funding review group. Funding models have changed and to maintain our funding level participation needs to grow.

The treasurer presented a budget as the financial year ended. Thank you to the Treasurer, Michael Murphy for completing submissions, reviews and census with the Department to maintain the monies we do receive.

A Presidents Meeting was held in Dunsborough in July with pre and post meeting demonstrations of the modified AC game called "14/40" and Gateball.

Special guests attended our Trophy Presentations this year the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the City of Vincent. It was an honor to have these guests with us as they handed out all the trophies and I would like to congratulate all the winners.

The following day at Forrest Park CC was the inaugural Gateball Triples Competition. Congratulations to the Cambridge Cats.

Thank you must go to the retiring Management Committee members Di McGivern - Vice President and Kay Chenoweth, your efforts, support and wealth of knowledge have been greatly valued.

Future events that need our support are the Under 21 GC Nationals which are being hosted by the Geraldton CC from 18 - 20 January 2020.

Lastly a huge thank you to all the clubs and volunteers that undertake the many roles that keep this wonderful organisation performing, Thank you.

Committee Reports

Events Committee – Peter Freer

The Committee shall:

- 1) be known as the Events Committee;
- 2) consist of four members
 - currently Peter Freer & Peter Tracey
 - recruitment to the Committee is an issue - no-one has recently expressed interest, despite various approaches.
 - Peter Freer has exceeded his maximum period (9 years instead of 4). A position description was drafted in July 2019, but ACA has done nothing further with it.
- 3) agree, in conjunction with the ACA Board, a schedule for all national tournaments, 3-5 years ahead
 - currently CY 2020 is sorted
 - currently working with States on finalising CY2021 and beyond (rough dates done)
 - Events helped ACA initiate a “root & branch” review of all ACA events, both current & possible, against a set of criteria setting out what these events are to achieve. Events’ discussion starter was circulated in Dec 2019 and inputs are to be reviewed in March 2020
- 4) negotiate with appropriate States and Clubs to implement this schedule
 - CY 2021 is still being sorted, due to negotiations about future Trans-Tasman’s, and other negotiations are required for subsequent years
- 5) advertise all events then finalise their programmes in consultation with the Selection and Tournament Committees
 - this is working, although longer lead times for coming events would be helpful for players wanting to book accommodation well in advance.
 - on-line entry via the ACA website is still problematic – not enough information is available against each event (especially entry closing date); and players are confused by PayPal still not working and re-do their whole entry (current record is 8 entries by the same player). Recording entries on CS is working well – reassures players that their entry is done, and allows organisers to track how entries are going.
 - Programs are now effectively provided mainly as soft copy on the ACA or host State websites, in conjunction with croquet scores, since these provide players with details of their blocks/KO draw as soon as the draws are finalised. The hard copy Program is still being produced, but without results grids or other information that is far better provided via croquet scores. We aim to review need for hard copy of Programs in future
 - other issues include the need to extend the effective lead times & liaison with Tournament Committees in each State to ensure that their preparation for each event is timely, and to head off issues before they become urgent/critical.
- 6) review individual events after they are held, and in conjunction with the ACA Executive review the overall annual programme of national tournaments

- needs to be stepped up, both re individual events (eg chase & consider after action reviews by/with Tournament Managers, and issues raised at player's meetings at each event) and how to better schedule the national events (in the context of international events, and cascading of Australian events down through State & Club levels).
- Peter Tracey has been using survey monkey in lieu of Player's Meetings at each event, but results are mixed. Now trialling fillable pdfs

Note that Events remit does not (officially) extend to international events being held in Australia. I assume the Board is directly responsible, following the demise of the International Events Committee, but clearly Events needs to be involved since those events affect the scheduling of Australian events. I raised this with Callum Hyland, as part of the review of the ACA Tournament Regulations in 2018 - there has been a fair bit of, & still is, confusion over the Aust bids for future World Champs and Events is often not keep apprised re these events.

On a related topic, nothing has happened re public consultation re the TRegs, since we did that review in Dec 2018....

Tournaments Committee – Trevor Bassett

From April 2019 up to and including March 2020, the ACA Tournament Committee was involved in the negotiating, constructing and developing the following competitions for Croquet Australia:

Activity Report

ACA GC Australian Championship Doubles
 ACA GC Championship Singles
 ACA GC Women's Championship Singles
 ACA GC Men's Championship Singles
 ACA GC Interstate Shield
 ACA GC Handicap Doubles
 ACA GC Handicap Singles
 ACA AC Championship Doubles
 ACA AC Championship Singles
 ACA GC U21 Championship Doubles
 ACA GC U21 Championship Singles
 ACA AC Women's Singles Championship
 ACA AC Men's Singles Championship
 ACA AC Eire Cup Team Event

Competition failed to eventuate

ACA Level Singles Intermediate

Discussions

Rigorous discussions with stakeholders on the Trans-Tasman Series for both codes.

Justifications for holding World Competitions; Singles and Team events.

Hoop settings for competitions and justifications.

Sensible suggestion to separate the Tournament Committee structure to establish individual code autonomy – ACA AC Tournament Committee and ACA GC Tournament Committee.

Feedback

Regular feedback and suggestions from individual Tournament Managers to improve competitions and tweak where necessary.

Future of the ACA TC

As informed last year, Terry is stepping down from the ACA TC from the 2020 AGM. Trevor is continuing on the ACA AC TC but ceasing work on the ACA GC TC.

We would still recommend that the ACA canvasses the wider community for expressions of interest but the following are proposed candidates to join the respective committees are:

- ACA AC TC are Callum Hyland and Mike Hughes.
- ACA GC TC are Peter Freer, Martin Clarke and Patsy Paine.

Gateball National Co-Coordinator – John Park

Australian Gateball Championships

2019 was dominated by the Australian Gateball Championships held at Cairnlea from the 29th November to the 1st December. 17 teams participated in the event. A disappointment was that an Indian and Pakistani team did not obtain visas although they made applications well in advance of the application deadline. As well as players from Queensland, NSW/ACT Victoria and South Australia, players from Hong Kong, China PR, Japan and Korea participated in the event. As a lead in to the event, the Korean team led by Son Suk Ja, visited CNSW clubs at Mosman, Epping, Strathfield and Lithgow as a lead up to the event. Coaching from the Koreans was appreciated and the visits generated publicity for Gateball.

The event was a successful one and the participants remarked on the friendly nature of the event. Reports were posted on the Gateball Australia website and provide coverage. A notable success was the performance of the team from Kew. They were the only team to progress to the final without losing a game only to be defeated in that game by the Sheyang team they had previously beaded. They were very close to becoming the third Australian team to win the Australian Championships over the 10 occasions it has been held.

“Join” joined in everything. A report on the pre competition tour by the Korean Join team <https://gateball.com.au/wordpress/?p=6161>

Australian Gateball Championships- Day 1 The first day is an opportunity for informal practice games and meetings <https://gateball.com.au/wordpress/?p=6198>

Gateball on ABC Radio National – Interviews by Amanda Smith of ABC Radio National's Sporty program. A link to the program is provided in the story

<https://gateball.com.au/wordpress/?p=6198>

Australian Gateball Championships – A description of games and results

<https://gateball.com.au/wordpress/?p=6198>

AGC – Player's thoughts and comments <https://gateball.com.au/wordpress/?p=6211>

AGC – Player's thoughts and comments – part 2

<https://gateball.com.au/wordpress/?p=6214>

At the close of the event the ceremonial gate was passed to the Queensland Director of Gateball for the next Australian Championships to be held on the Gold Coast from the 17th to 19th September 2021. The 2019 AGC provided the opportunity for the opening of the processes to select the teams to attend 2020 Asian Gateball Union Championships in China.

Officiating

Each year Gateball Australia holds a Referee Committee meeting by electronic means. In early 2019 this meeting was held. A default forfeit process was determined, promulgated and posted on the GA website. By the end of 2019 a number of Gateball Referees who had not completed the required online course or enough annual reaccreditation cards were deemed as inactive referees.

New referees qualified in NSW, Victoria and Queensland. New Level 1 (higher level) referees became qualified in NSW, Victoria and SA. Gilon Smith in Victoria became an International Referee. ACA funds supported a visit to WA by Gilon Smith who ran introductory courses for referees in that state. An introductory session for referees was also conducted in SA

The 2019 Rules were finalised by the WGU and posted as a pdf on the WGU website. A limited number of hard copies were posted and shared between the 5 states where the game is being played. It is understood that further hard copies will arrive in 2020. Information to update players and referees was shared through the website, by state referee coordinators through sessions held to coincide with competitions.

Coaching

Training coaches for Gateball is through the integrated processes determined by the ACA. In 2019, existing coaches for other codes were also trained to deliver the Gateball endorsement. Except for SA, coaches for CAQ, CNSW and VCA are listed on their state websites. Gateball Australia had draft material in place for level 2 and introductory sessions were held in New South Wales and Queensland to review the proposed materials. All coaching and material development have been placed on hold since the appointment of Greg Bury as the National Coaching Coordinator. Gateball Australia has been involved and is keen for this to progress. Gateball is keen to move to the development of level 2.

Equipment

In 2019 Gateball Australia, funded by the ACA, added to the equipment held to assist in the promotion of the game. Armbands for officials for each state for use in competitions were purchased and sets distributed to each state. A number of timers and sets of balls are also being held in the name of Gateball Australia for distribution to clubs and individuals when needed

Sets of gear for loan are held by Gateball Australia. During 2019 sets of ACA equipment were on loan in WA, Pine Rivers, Strathfield and Albury/Wodonga.

Website

Gateball Australia's website performs an important role in uniting our small and disparate group of players. The site was originally set up by a volunteer and developed a number of problems in 2019. These were solved but required the reallocation of funds distributed to Gateball Australia. Early discussion have been held in relation to merging the site into the ACA website while maintaining the sites integrity

World Gateball Union and the Asia Pacific Gateball Union.

The payment of annual dues for the WGU were again paid by the ACA. Funds were set aside to join the newly formed Asia Pacific Gateball Union but an invoice was not received. Keith McCleod represented Gateball Australia at a meeting in Taipei funded by the APGU and recommended joining this organisation.

There has been recent renewed interest in the game from New Zealand through Croquet NZ. Gateball Australia wishes to support this development and, when needed would like to offer to assist with refereeing and coaching processes.

Competitions & Event Coordination

Each year the National Coordinator attempts to coordinate times for Gateball events being held in Australia. States are asked to encourage their clubs not to hold events when other states hold their State Championships.

GC High Performance Manager – Martin Clarke

Firstly the World Teams report is separate and sent as such. The role was inherited late in 2018, with the resignation of Ron McBride. Since then the International events for the GC Trans-Tasman and World Teams Tier 1 have come and gone, whilst both were hard fought and well contested we have underachieved as a nation.

Individual events come under the scope of the role too, but as no funding is available currently for players to participate in the World Open Singles, World Women's, Over 50's and Under 21's it is only possible to email selected players and offer some practice tips or scenario's. This is not ideal for getting results or even in some cases participation of our best players and represents a lost opportunity.

In the most recent events we have thus under achieved not surprisingly. I will be submitting a plan for an alternative to the status quo.

Under 21 National Coordinator – Jacky McDonald

The 2019 Australian Under 21 Australian Championships were held in Adelaide on 12 – 14th January. This was the fourth Singles Championship and the second Doubles Championship. There were 14 competitors in the singles and 6 in the Doubles. Competitors were from four states - Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia and the ages ranged from 20 to 10.

Results

Singles

Winner Edward Wilson SA
Runner Up Jamie Gumbrell NSW

Doubles

Winner Jamie and Ethan Gumbrell NSW
Runner Up Matthew Grant NSW and William Hollier SA

A positive outcome of the Australian Championships is that both South Australia and Tasmania have conducted successful Junior Championships during the year

During the year there has been one face to face meeting and two skype meetings. Minutes of all meetings have been forwarded to the ACA Board and to the U21 Liaison. The State GC Directors are as follows: - QLD Terry Ericson, VIC Nancy Hatherell, NSW Jacky McDonald, TAS Peter Tracey, SA Barry Haydon and WA Kay Chynoweth.

The main topics of discussion have been ways and means of promoting croquet to younger players.

All states have conducted school and vacation activities but rarely have had juniors affiliate.

Jamie Gumbrell (NSW) and Charlie Sharpe (NSW) were both selected to compete in the World U21 Championships which was held in Nottingham 20th – 24th July Both reached the final 16. Jamie also competed in the World GC Championships which was held in Sussex 27th July – 4th August.

Both boys were given extra coaching by Terry Ericson the U21 coach as was done prior to the World Championships in Melbourne 2017

Both Jamie Gumbrell and Edward Wilson have had a successful year – Jamie was part of the NSW Team in the ISS in Melbourne and Edward was selected in the Australian Team in Both Association and Golf Croquet

It is my opinion that young people are the future of our sport and all states should encourage their members to encourage these developing players



Archivist Report – Martin Clarke

Not much to tell for the year.

Work on a WA history continues with the second phase having been attained, a rough copy of a written history. This follows on from previous recovery of historical results that have been made available in hard copy to our WA clubs and on a USB stick.

The rough written history has gone to some interested parties for feedback.

Brief interaction with Chris Williams has seen him complete his history of results or placings in the interstate cup including 3 pre WW2 years when events were attempted before the Eire Cup came into being.

Croquet Victoria through John Grieve did some liaison on updating their historical winners list. Future projects on the back burner currently are;

Other state open winners from early history, next phase for them would require major time spent in researching old newspaper records and trying to decipher the confusing descriptions of what was the actual state open in most cases.

Early NSW state team player listing, this may be found in a book held at the archive in Canberra, I may need to get there this year sometime and have a look!

Australian Representatives to WCF

WCF Association Croquet Laws Committee – Elizabeth Fleming

Consultation Draft Release

The WCF's AC Laws Committee developed a consultation draft of the 7th Edition of the AC Laws and released it for public comment on 2nd October 2019. The consultation draft was made available on the WCF website.

Accompanying the consultation draft were three other documents:

- A summary of the principal changes proposed for the 7th edition;
- A document summarising the suggestions for change extracted from the Official Rulings (ORLAC) document that accompanies the 6th edition;
- summary Minutes of a meeting of the ACLC that took place in Palm Springs in Apr 2017, which produced additional proposals for changes to the Laws.

The latter two documents have been the drivers for change that began the ACLC's work on the 7th edition, but as that work progressed it became apparent to the ACLC that other issues also needed to be addressed.

A new edition of the ORLAC will be produced in due course to accompany the 7th edition.

The initial proposal was for a two-month consultation period followed by a review by the ACLC of comments received from players, national Laws/Referee Committees. The Australian Referee Committee met on the 14th November to review the consultation draft and formulate a response to the ACLC written and presented by the ACLC Australian Representative Elizabeth Fleming. The general playing public's main discussion came via the Nottingham & Laws Lists. Following this the ACLC was to then produce a new draft, to be submitted to the WCF for formal

consultation with WCF members as required under the WCF's statutes. The reality is that the ACLC continued to receive input from individual's right through the whole of December and in my opinion has tended to allocate far too much priority to one or two highly ranked individuals outside official committees which has held up the process resulting in the delay of a final agreement within the ACLC. Agreement on a final presentation draft has not, at the time of writing this report, been agreed. However, I am hopeful and believe agreement will be forthcoming not much later than February which would conveniently place an approval timeline in place for the northern hemisphere playing season starting under a new 7th Edition.

Results

Association Croquet

Dates	Venue	Event	Winner	Runner Up	
13-15 March	Perth, Western Australia	Gold Medal	Simon Watkins	Alan Sands	
16-19 March	Perth, Western Australia	Men's Singles	Jeff Newcombe	Peter Ross	
16-19 March	Perth, Western Australia	Women's Singles	Alison Sharpe	Kathleen Colclough	
20-24 March	Perth, Western Australia	Eire Cup	Victoria	New South Wales	
8-10 June	Wynnum CC, Queensland	Patron's Trophy	Jim Nicholls	Trevor Bassett	
11-14 October	Cairnlea, Victoria	President's Eights	1 st Eight	Peter Landrebe	Stephen Forster
			2 nd Eight	Alison Sharpe	Alan Honey
			3 rd Eight	Gareth Denyer	Kerri-Ann Organ
			4 th Eight	Barry Jennings	Shirlene McBride
16-18 November	Cairnlea, Victoria	Open Doubles Championships	Jenny Clarke Trevor Bassett	Stephen Forster Kevin Beard	
19-24 November	Cairnlea, Victoria	Open Singles Championships	Jenny Clarke	Simon Watkins	

Golf Croquet

Dates	Venue	Event		Winner	Runner Up
12 – 14 January	Adelaide South Australia	Under 21 Championships	Doubles	Jamie Gumbrell Ethan Gumbrell	Matt Grant William Hollier
		Under 21 Championships	Singles	Edward Wilson	Jamie Gumbrell
15 – 17 February	Cairnlea, Victoria	President's Eights	1 st Eight	Peter Landrebe	Brett McHardy
			2 nd Eight	Kevin Beard	Lawrie Simpson
			3 rd Eight	Janine McHardy	Peter Freer
			Women's Eights	Geraldine Trivett	Rosemary Newsham
4-7 May	Cairnlea, Victoria	Open Doubles Championships		John van der Touw & Richard Parks	Brian Rowe Owen Dickinson
8-12 May	Cairnlea, Victoria	Singles Championships		Alison Sharpe	Kevin Beard
4-6 Sept	Cairnlea, Victoria	Gold Medal		Peter Landrebe	Gordon Giles
7-10 Sept	Cairnlea, Victoria	Men's Singles		Owen Dickinson	Neil McHardy
7-10 Sept	Cairnlea, Victoria	Women's Singles		Alison Sharpe	Virginia Arney
11-15 Sept	Cairnlea, Victoria	Interstate Shield		Victoria	New South Wales
	Adelaide, South Australia	Handicap Doubles		Barry Jennings Stephen Condous	Peter Freer Kate McLoughlin
	Adelaide, South Australia	Handicap Singles		Kate McLoughlin	John Young

International Team Representation

Dates	Venue	Event	Winner	Runner Up
25-29 April	Cairnlea, Victoria	Trans-Tasman	New Zealand	Australia

WCF International Representation

Dates	Venue	Event	Participant
2 – 9 February	Hawke's Bay New Zealand	GC Women's World Championships	Virginia Arney Tricia Devlin Wendy Dickson Kate Logan Karen Magee Janine McHardy Kate McLoughlin Anna Miller Rosemary Newsham Bernie Pfitzner Alison Sharpe Judith Wembridge Brenda Wild Anne Woodhouse Geraldine Trivett Nuran Melksham
20-24 July	Nottingham, England	Under 21 GC World Championships	Charlie Sharpe Jamie Gumbrell
27 July – 4 August	Sussex, England	GC World Championships	Lester Hughes Alison Sharpe Martin Clarke Kevin Beard Jamie Gumbrell David Wise David Hanbidge

Gateball

Dates	Venue	Event	Winner	Runner Up
29 November – 1 December	Cairnlea, Victoria	Australian Gateball Championships	Shen Yang (China)	Kew (Victoria)

Event Entry Numbers

Association Croquet

	2017	2018	2019
Women's Singles	23	29	26
Men's Singles	30	25	29
Patron's Trophy	16	16	13
Open Doubles	18 pairs	9 pairs	15 pairs
Open Singles	30	23	27

Golf Croquet

	2017	2018	2019
Under 21 Singles	Not Held	9	14
Under 21 Doubles	Not Held	4	6 Pairs
Open Doubles	14 Pairs	22 Pairs	25 Pairs
Open Singles	30	41	46
Women's Singles	32	41	39
Men's Singles	51	48	38
Handicap Doubles	21 Pairs	7	6 Pairs
Handicap Singles	35	Not Held	16

Gateball

	2017	2018	2019
Australian Gateball Championships	22	Not Held	17 Teams



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Australian Croquet Association

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

Australian Croquet Association

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Board Report

31 December 2019

The Board submits the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 31 December 2019.

Board Members

The names of each person who has been a Board member during the period and to the date of this report are maintained in a register at the principal place of business of the Association and can be reviewed upon written request to the Board.

The Board members have been in office since the start of the financial period to the date of the report unless otherwise stated.

The surplus of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$98,295 (2018: \$107,223).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board:

<p>Chair:  Megan Fardon</p>	<p>Treasurer:  Don Close</p>
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Dated this 17th day of MARCH 2020

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Statement of Profit or Loss For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Income			
Revenue from operations	2	309,010	272,913
Non-monetary resources received	2	5,797	-
Other revenue	2	42,744	26,329
	2	<u>357,551</u>	<u>299,242</u>
Expenditure			
Executive Officer and Finance Officer wages		57,666	45,029
Affiliation fees - WCF & WGU		2,174	2,020
Audit fee		1,440	1,600
Bank fee & charges		170	262
Board / governance		4,750	449
Depreciation	10	1,865	858
Non-monetary resources expenditure		5,797	-
Honorariums		8,064	578
Insurance		-	949
International events		21,468	16,809
National events		72,992	48,957
New club grants		1,500	3,000
Sundry & office		30,696	33,846
Travel and accommodation - domestic		50,674	37,662
		<u>259,256</u>	<u>192,019</u>
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus for the year		<u>98,295</u>	<u>107,223</u>
Retained surplus at the beginning of the financial year		<u>514,982</u>	<u>407,759</u>
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year		<u><u>613,277</u></u>	<u><u>514,982</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Croquet Association

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As At 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	329,993	262,630
Trade and other receivables	8	24	21,100
Inventories	9	1,647	7,450
Financial Investments	7	270,809	223,602
Prepayments	6	14,119	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		616,592	514,782
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	10	9,553	1,348
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		9,553	1,348
TOTAL ASSETS		626,145	516,130
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	9,494	1,148
Income received in advance	12	3,374	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		12,868	1,148
TOTAL LIABILITIES		12,868	1,148
NET ASSETS		613,277	514,982
		2019 \$	2018 \$
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained surplus		509,568	427,027
International Event Fund		103,709	87,955
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		613,277	514,982

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Croquet Association

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

2019

	International Events Fund	Retained Surplus	Total
Note	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2019	87,955	427,027	514,982
Allocation to International Event Fund	3 15,754	(15,754)	-
Surplus for the year	-	98,295	98,295
Balance at 31 December 2019	103,709	509,568	613,277

2018

	International Events Fund	Retained Surplus	Total
Note	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2018	61,221	346,538	407,759
Allocation to International Event Fund	3 26,734	(26,734)	-
Surplus for the year	-	107,223	107,223
Balance at 31 December 2018	87,955	427,027	514,982

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Croquet Association

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	2019	2018
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Affiliation and event fees	230,048	157,485
Other revenue	123,371	138,992
Interest received	4,132	2,765
Payments to suppliers and employees	(281,389)	(218,534)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>76,162</u>	<u>80,708</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments for plant and equipment	(8,799)	-
Net cash (used in) investing activities	<u>(8,799)</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held	67,363	80,708
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	262,630	181,922
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<u>329,993</u>	<u>262,630</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

The financial statements cover the Australian Croquet Association as an individual entity. The Australian Croquet Association is a not-for-profit Association incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under the *Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991* ('the Act').

Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Board, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The financial statements, except the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars and prepared under the historical cost convention.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, with the exception of prepayments, income in advance and trade creditors which are reported on an accruals basis for the first time this year (for which 2018 comparatives have not been restated).

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Association and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Non-monetary resources received

Parbery Consulting provides a rent free permanent workspace for Association. This includes access to amenities (internet, office supplies, office amenities and printing facilities). The arrangement is for a period of three years from 6 September 2018. In return, the Association provides \$1000 per year sponsorship in prize money towards a national event. This rent free arrangement is valued at the rate paid by the Association for the comparable office space and amenities rented at its former premises.

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, 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 (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

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For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(d) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first-in-first-out basis and is net of any rebates and discounts received. Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

(e) Property, plant and equipment

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

(f) Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

2 Revenue from Operations

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<i>Revenue from operating activities</i>		
- Affiliation fees	171,660	157,485
- International Levy	78,962	68,102
- National Events	58,388	47,325
	<u>309,010</u>	<u>272,912</u>
<i>Other revenue</i>		
- Interest revenue	4,133	2,765
- Trading (loss) / surplus	(10,124)	19,719
- Increase in value of investment	47,207	(4,011)
- Miscellaneous revenue	1,528	7,855
	<u>42,744</u>	<u>26,328</u>
- <i>Non-monetary resources received</i>		
- Rent free office space	5,797	-
	<u>357,551</u>	<u>299,240</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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3 International Events Fund surplus

The surplus of the International Events Fund is recorded and held separately from the main operations.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Income		
International Levy	78,962	68,102
Expenses		
GC Training for 2020	10,354	-
WCF GC Women's WC 2019	1,226	-
WCF GC WC 2019	2,041	-
WCF U21 GC WC 2019	664	-
GC Trans Tasman 2019	36,065	-
Gateball World Championships 2019	48	-
GC World Championships Tier 1	12,810	-
AC Trans Tasman 2018	-	32,988
WCF AC WC 2018	-	362
WCF GC Women's WC	-	100
WCF GC Over 50's WC	-	97
GC TT Squad Training 2019	-	1,125
Gateball World Championships 2018	-	6,696
Total expenses	63,208	41,368
International Events Fund surplus	15,754	26,734

4 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Term deposits	280,000	125,000
Bank balances	49,993	137,630
Cash at bank	329,993	262,630
	329,993	262,630

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5 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of cash

		2019	2018
		\$	\$
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is as follows:			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	329,993	262,630

(b) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

		2019	2018
		\$	\$
Surplus for the year		98,295	107,223
Non-cash flows in surplus:			
- depreciation		594	857
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables		21,077	(21,009)
- (increase)/decrease in financial assets		(47,207)	4,011
- (increase) in prepayments		(14,119)	-
- (increase)/decrease in inventories		5,802	(2,808)
- increase in income in advance		3,374	-
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		8,346	(7,566)
Cashflows from operations		<u>76,162</u>	<u>80,708</u>

6 Prepayments

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Accommodation for events	7,233	-
World championship dinner deposit	5,909	-
Equipment insurance	977	-
	<u>14,119</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Financial Investments

The value of the following investments of \$270,809 includes an increase in market value of \$47,207

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
BT Investment	142,089	118,154
MLC Investment	128,720	105,448
	<u>270,809</u>	<u>223,602</u>

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8 Trade and other receivables

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	24	21,100
Total current trade and other receivables	24	21,100

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short term nature of the balances. GST receivable forms part of GST net payable within Note 11.

9 Inventories

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Stock on hand at cost	1,647	7,450

10 Plant and equipment

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<i>Croquet Equipment</i>		
At cost	27,833	17,762
Accumulated depreciation	(18,769)	(17,762)
Total Croquet Equipment	9,064	-
<i>Office Equipment</i>		
At cost	8,735	10,007
Accumulated depreciation	(8,735)	(9,537)
Total Office Equipment	-	470
<i>Gateball Equipment</i>		
At cost	4,285	4,285
Accumulated depreciation	(3,796)	(3,407)
Total Gateball Equipment	489	878
Total plant and equipment	9,553	1,348
Total plant and equipment	9,553	1,348

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For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

10 Plant and equipment

Movements in carrying amounts of plant and equipment

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

	Croquet Equipment	Office Equipment	Gateball Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 31 December 2019				
Balance at the beginning of year	-	470	878	1,348
Additions	10,071	-	-	10,071
Depreciation expense	(1,007)	(470)	(389)	(1,866)
Balance at the end of the year	9,064	-	489	9,553

11 Trade and Other Payables

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables and accruals	10,129	-
PAYG and superannuation payable	2,426	2,168
GST net payable	(3,061)	(1,020)
	9,494	1,148

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances. GST net payable includes GST receivable.

12 Income received in advance

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Competition entry fees received in advance	3,374	-
	3,374	-

13 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Board, the Association did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2019 (31 December 2018: None).

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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14 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

15 Statutory Information

Principal place of business of the Association is:

Unit 2/65 Tennant St

FYSHWICK ACT 2609

The registered office and principal place of business is:

Australian Croquet Association

PO Box 254

DICKSON ACT 2602

Australian Croquet Association

Statement by the Board

The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 12:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Australian Croquet Association as at 31 December 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Australian Croquet Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

President Megan Fardon	Treasurer Don Close
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Dated: 17 March 2020

Independent Audit Report to the members of Australian Croquet Association

SCOPE OF AUDIT

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of Australian Croquet Association for the year ended 31 December 2019 as set out on pages 2 to 12.

The Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information it contains and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Act* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

We have also conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion to the members of the Association on their preparation and presentation. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members and to satisfy the reporting requirements of the *Associations Act*. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for reliance on this audit report or the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

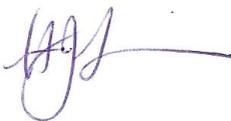
The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Australian Croquet Association and the results of its operations at 31 December 2019 in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Assurance Matters

Heather Stewart CA
Principal



Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

Dated: 18 March 2020

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