

CROQUET
AUSTRALIA

Annual Report

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The Australian Croquet Association (ACA) became incorporated in the ACT on Monday 10 February, 1992 – Incorporation Number is AO2004. ACA trades as Croquet Australia and is recognised by Sport Australia (SA) as a National Sporting Organisation (NSO).

Members

There are six voting Members:

- Croquet New South Wales Incorporated (includes ACT)
- Croquet Association Queensland Incorporated
- South Australian Croquet Association Incorporated
- Tasmanian Croquet Association Incorporated
- The Victorian Croquet Association Incorporated
- The Western Australian Croquet Association Incorporated Affiliated Members

Acknowledgement of Country

Croquet Australia acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Board Members

CHAIR – Jim Nicholls

Served on the Croquet New South Wales Board for 4 years prior to being elected to the board of Croquet Australia. Previous Professional Coach in Florida, USA. Represented Australia in 5 Association World Championships. Represented New South Wales 7 times and played in a winning Eire Cup team 3 times. Current holder of the Association Patron's Trophy.

VICE CHAIR – Mex Kewish

Busselton, Western Australia. Commencing playing croquet in 2015. Joined Croquetwest Management Committee 2018. Elected President of Croquetwest in 2020. Appointed as Director of Board, Croquet Australia 2020.

TREASURER – Claire Keating

Treasurer of Croquet Victoria since June 2020, treasurer at Williamstown Croquet Club 2016 to 2023, and former member and treasurer at Mosman Croquet Club. Player and qualified referee and Level 1 coach in Golf Croquet. Member of Victorian GC State team 2022 and 2023. A Chartered Accountant and Professional non-executive director, formerly a registered company auditor and partner in financial services at PwC. Graduate Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors.

DIRECTOR – Nick Chapman

Nick is a member of the Canberra Croquet Club, and has competed in State, National and World Association croquet events for over 20 years. He has also represented South Australia as a Coach and High Performance Manager. Over the years, Nick has organised and participated in a number of 24-hour croquet fund raising events. Nick is a management consultant who has worked for, and consulted to, federal and state government for almost 20 years. He has also supported large engagements with change and risk management, as well as business-case and policy development.

DIRECTOR – Patricia Habner

Patricia has been a croquet player for 20 years as a member of the Nambour Croquet Club. Pat has been actively involved at all times in the management of her club and Sunshine Coast Region. After 7 years as Treasurer, two years as Secretary, and three years as President of the Sunshine Coast Region, Pat is currently Golf Croquet Co-Ordinator for the Region. She has represented her Region as a CAQ delegate and this year became President of the CAQ Management Committee.

DIRECTOR – Barbara Northcott

Member of Southport Croquet Club, QLD, since 2006. and President 2015-17. Referee qualifications in AC, Ricochet and Gateball. Coach Trainer Presenter in all 4 codes. CAQ Director of Schools /Junior Croquet 2011-14. CAQ Director of Gateball 2018-2020. Played in 3 World Gateball Championships.


DIRECTOR – Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt

Secretary of Croquet Victoria, currently Regional Director for my region. Member of Twin City Croquet Club. Golf Croquet and Ricochet coach and referee. Previously a member of various Croquet Victoria Sub-Committees. A member of the team monitoring the Croquet Victoria Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube accounts. Particularly keen that croquet clubs connect with their local government authority to have croquet offered as part of their community wellbeing plans and therefore include croquet in their forward planning along with other sports.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATIONS

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Board Appointed Positions

Chief Executive Officer	Kristie Middleton	Commenced	15 September 2023
National Operations Manager	Kellie Thomas	Commenced	8 November 2023
Finance Officer	Kerri-Ann Organ	Commenced	17 July 2023
Public Officer	Nick Chapman		

Previous Staff

CEO - Melanie Woosnam
Executive Office - Rob Murray
Academy General Manager - Greg Bury
Integrity Officer - Jim Clement
Board Secretary - Jim Clement



Appointed Officials Positions

Events Committee

Peter Freer (Chair)
Peter Tracey
Pete Landrebe
Gary Phipps

Tournament committee

Trevor Bassett (AC)
Dianne Leahy (GC)

AC selection committee

Peter Landrebe (High Performance Manager)
Ian Dumergue (Australian Team Captain)
Simon Hockey

GC Selection Committee

Martin Clarke (Chair)
Peter Landrebe
Barry Haydon
Jennifer Brand

Under 21 Committee Chair

Jacky McDonald plus six state co-ordinators

AC High Performance Manager

Peter Landrebe

AC National Refereeing Coordinator

Mike Cohn

Australian Representation

WCF AC Laws Committee
Elizabeth Fleming
WCF GC Rules Committee
John Van der Touw

National Coaching Coordinator

Greg Bury

Assistant National Coaching Coordinator

Barb Piggott

Ricochet National Coordinator

Ray Chapman

Gateball National Coordinator

Ros Crowe

GC High Performance Manager

Martin Clarke

GC Refereeing Coordinator

Jim Clements

National Handicapper

Gareth Denyer

Archivist

Martin Clarke

Gateball Refereeing Coordinator

Bruce McAlister

High Performance Manager Gateball

Philip Brown



JIM NICHOLLS

Croquet Australia Board Chairperson



What a year it's been for Croquet Australia. While like many minority sports, we have experienced some challenges in the return from COVID, we are certainly moving in the right direction and looking forward to a bright future for our great game.

On The Lawn

In our first full year of play since the pandemic, we enjoyed a fantastic variety of events, with both beloved traditions and additional competitions such as the Under 21 GC Gold Medal event and the inaugural Australian Ricochet Open. February's President GC 8s was oversubscribed and an additional eight were added, marking the first time we had five 8s.

There were five WCF World Championships held throughout the year with Australians competing in all events. Standout performers included:

- U21 GC Gold Medal (Curtis Mead, TAS: competed in NZ and the U21 World Championships)
- Women's AC (Alison Sharpe: semi-finalist)
- Open AC (Robert Fletcher: semi-finalist)
- Women's GC (Jamie Gumbrell: champion)
- Over 50s GC (Jeff Newcombe: semi-finalist)

In September, we celebrated 20th Anniversary of Gateball Australia membership on the World Gateball Federation. The following month, we hosted the WCF Over 50s GC World Championship in Bunbury, Western Australia. Well done to Croquet West, Max Kewish and team. To finish the year off strong, in December we welcomed five inductees into the Croquet Australia Hall of Fame.

Tasmania was announced as the host of the 2025 WCF GC World Team Championships Tier 1, which will be a fantastic opportunity to display the strength and talent of Australian croquet to the rest of the world.


We were excited to see this year's growth in the World Croquet Federation with Spain obtaining full membership, Mexico accepted as an associate member, and Wales CA upgrading from associate to full member status. We are looking forward to working with new WCF President José Álvarez-Sala over the next four years as we share the common goal of guiding croquet to further growth and success.

Croquet Australia Leadership

2023 was all about laying the foundation for the future, with notable improvements to streamline our organisational structure to better support our croquet state and territory members. In the last quarter of 2022, the Board resolved to employ a CEO and strengthen the Board, which at the time only had five directors. Members also approved the increase in the number of two-year terms a director may serve on the Board from three terms to four terms. As we looked to manage board and staff responsibilities more effectively, we shifted away from our traditional volunteer structure and focused on a new staffing structure with several paid positions.

We started the year under the dedicated leadership of Melanie Woosnam, the inaugural CEO of Croquet Australia, who offered a fresh perspective on our organisational strengths and areas for improvement. Melanie provided clear direction for the Board through enhanced processes and procedures, governance, compliance, HR, and financial management.

She was also integral in improving stakeholder engagement, communication, and relationship-building with members, state associations, governing bodies, and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). This included our AGM and strategic forum in March, as we welcomed three new directors: Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt, Claire Keating, Nick Chapman.



Thank you to Jim Clement for his four years of service as secretary, during which he revamped many of our policies, and to Rob Murray for his dedicated five years on staff before resigning in September.

Additionally, we extend our gratitude to Greg Bury who resigned in June after spearheading the creation of our coaching manuals and initiating the development of a Learning Management System. His efforts in producing instructional materials, including skills, drills, and coaching videos, will undoubtedly enrich the experiences of future participants for years to come.

Melanie resigned from her role in August due to personal circumstances to spend more time with her family, and we appointed Kristie Middleton as CEO in September. With extensive experience in sports management, compliance, and governance, Kristie is continuing to guide croquet to new heights, driving a variety of projects with the assistance of National Operations Manager Kellie Thomas and Finance Officer Kerri-Ann Organ. Both leaders have proved invaluable to our organisation, using their industry expertise and knowledge of other sporting organisations to set us up for a stronger future.

Croquet Australia in National Sporting Landscape

While many things in croquet worked well in the past, there are also areas where we can improve to better align with the changing landscape of national sporting organisations. Operational policies and procedures are becoming increasingly important to attract government funding, and everything has been up for review, including association structure, events, marketing, social media, and more. In this moving landscape, we must adapt to current trends and modernise our organisation where possible.

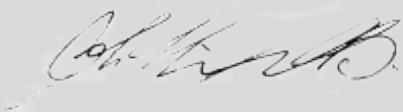
One of our priorities this year was to streamline our financial reporting processes, which led to a budget review and the establishment of the FARM Committee (Finance, Audit and Risk Management). Member support remains another key focus, as evidenced by increased reimbursement for green/lawn hire, referees, officials, and events. We have seen an approximately 60% increase in reimbursement since 2022, and we continue to review the impact on budget and entry fees. The rising cost of events is a challenge we are committed to working through, and we will continue to review hosting, travel, and accommodation costs.

At the start of the year, we commenced a review of our online learning management system, database, and website. We are working with third-party providers to ensure the best possible experience when we launch our updated platforms, and we appreciate our members' patience as we work through the kinks and prepare for a successful rollout.

Moving forward into 2024, we will implement the updated National Integrity Framework by Sports Integrity Australia while exploring new initiatives to establish ourselves as a leading national sports organisation. Our CEO is chairing the group completing the gender policy review at the world level, and we look forward to implementing new policies as they are developed. Given the older demographic of our sport, we are committed to developing pathways for younger participants and strengthening the foundation for croquet's promising future.

Overall, we have returned to similar participation numbers from pre-COVID, and it's great to see people enthusiastically getting out and playing again at national events, enjoying the social and competitive aspects of our sport. With dedicated participants eager to enjoy all that croquet has to offer, our sport is well-positioned for another memorable year.

Thank you to the board directors, employees both past and current, appointed officers, and volunteers for all their efforts throughout the year. We have good leadership and a team focused on moving forward together to ensure a sustainable future for croquet in Australia, and we look forward to seeing what 2024 brings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim', is positioned above the printed name.

Jim
Chair
Croquet Australia





CROQUET VICTORIA

Strategic Plan

2023 was the second year of Croquet Victoria's strategic plan to 2026.

With support from a State Government grant, we have particularly focused on *capability building*, holding:

- Eight sets of player development workshops (3 two-day workshops over six months), mainly hosted by clubs, with a total of 130 players participating.
- Club based player development workshops for six clubs, with 74 players
- Two training sessions for handicappers
- Three sets of Zoom workshops on the GC rules
- Two Zoom workshops for club Child Safe champions
- Three Zoom workshops for club and regional secretaries, resulting in a draft handbook for club secretaries

We are in the process of distilling video of one of our player development workshops, to provide insights for developing coaches. We have also been able to add to our library of live streamed events on our You Tube channel – another potential resource for developing players and coaches.

Other key goals in the plan involve image and publicity, membership, finance, and governance.

Our Marketing and Publicity sub-committee continue to work on developing resources to help clubs with recruitment. Their current focus is working with people who might be interested in trying a new sport. In September we endorsed the new Croquet Australia logo and new resources will be developed to launch it as soon as documentation is received.

We continue to be active on social media. Our Facebook page has 1200 followers and our posts are regularly shared by local and international croquet clubs. Generally our posts have a reach of over 1000 and engagement is around 3000 views a month.

Our membership is slowly growing. Still 89 clubs.

Membership is currently nearing 3050. There has been a small increase in junior members, with 18 junior members spread across 8 regions and 9 clubs. We were delighted to have four members competing in the most recent Under 21 Australian championships, with James Wombwell achieving third place in the Singles.

Our finances continue in good order and we have been able to hold affiliation fees steady.

In 2023 we started work considering options for the future of the Victorian Croquet Centre – even with volunteer support this absorbs most of our investment income. It has been a commitment to members that a decision on future plans for the VCC will be taken by regional delegates, who are formally the voting members of Croquet Victoria. An options paper was prepared in the second half of 2023 and is currently being circulated for feedback.

Governance

The main challenges to governance in the course of the year arose from complaints involving the behaviour of individual members.

In the past Croquet Victoria has handled complaints which are brought to it in line with the procedures set down in our Constitution. During 2023 it became apparent that we will need to change these procedures in line with recent changes to Croquet Australia policies. Unfortunately there has been a gap in Croquet Australia's policies, arising from changes to the practices of Sport Integrity Australia. We are still waiting on the updated policies, which will affect complaints procedures across Croquet Victoria.

National events

Croquet Victoria continues to host some annual national events at the Victorian Croquet Centre: the Golf Croquet and Association Croquet Presidents' Eights; the national Golf Croquet Doubles and Singles championships; the national Association Croquet Doubles and Singles championships. The Victorian Croquet Centre can generally provide 12 courts for these events. In 2023 the Golf Croquet Presidents' Eights and the Golf Croquet Singles were particularly well attended.

Kate Patrick
President
Croquet Victoria



CROQUETWEST

It has been a busy 2023 year for Croquetwest.

The president (Max Kewish) was very busy with lots of documentation for the Management Committee and during June he resigned along with Carmel Hodges and Caryll Marshall. We thank Max, Caryll and Carmel for all their time and effort.

Brian Hadley stepped into the role of secretary and also Ian Tarling offered to be our Vice president. Without their help at that time (before the Nationals event & the ISS event) these events would not have been as successful as they were.

There were a lot of clubs and lots of people that stepped up to help make the National Events successful, and I thank everyone involved and helped in all sorts of things.

We also had the World over 50's event at Moorabinda in Bunbury and I found it amazing at how many Volunteers helped to make it a great event. Not just preparations prior to and during the event on the courts but behind the scenes. It was certainly a mammoth effort by everyone to make it as successful as it was, so I say a big thank you and well-done everyone.

Brian, Ian, the committee members and I have quite a few things that we need to improve with CW and with help from the new appointed CW committee, we will work hard to make CW a better organisation for you (our member clubs) and for a better environment for all the croquet players involved in our great sport.

Thank you everyone that has helped CW Management committee and I look forward to an even Bigger and better 2024.

I must say here a thank you to the DLGSRCI for their support and the help they have given CW and for the Grant they give to CW to assist us in running Croquet in WA (it is only a small grant in the big picture of things, but it does help CW in many ways).

Terry Brown
President Croquetwest



CROQUET *SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

The year 2022 was a turbulent one for the Croquet SA Board with a number of key members resigning. This led to a special AGM in late December of 2022 where a new Board was elected.

The primary objective of the new Board was to establish stability in operations and return the focus to playing. From that perspective 2023 has been a successful year with numbers playing competitions growing and there seems to be more enthusiasm for the game among players.

It is pleasing to see strong support for our state squads with coaches working closely with members to improve skills. Work with development squads has also assisted fringe players to improve their skills and increased numbers participating in Open level competitions is promising. Results at Eire Cup and ISS competitions are improving as a consequence of the hard work of coaches.

Gateball continues to grow slowly in SA with more clubs taking up the game. A successful state teams competition saw several teams from interstate join in and this has helped to improve improve the local standard.

At the club level, key volunteers are working to improve coaching and refereeing standards within the clubs. Our number of coaches and referees within clubs is improving and the goal of at least one of each in each club is now within reach.

The Board has a number of key development actions planned for our Hutt Rd playing facility with a fourth lawn top of the priority list. Negotiations continue with our City of Adelaide landlords. Any action on this focus will still be several years away. Of greater importance is addressing several significant health and safety issues and we expect to act on these in 2024.

Many will remember the flooding at our Hutt Rd facility during the recent 2022 ISS in Adelaide. Our landlords have finally developed a plan to address the rainfall runoff and we hope to see work completed in the next 12 months.

Graeme Thomas
President Croquet SA



CROQUET TASMANIA

2023 has been a year of planning for 2024/25.

In 2024 Tasmania will host the Eire Cup, Presidents 8 (Group 1 and 2), and prepare for the Openshaw Shield in early 2025. It has been pleasing to see members form committees and groups and work together to plan for these events.

Our membership has remained steady and some clubs have waiting lists. Clubs have been very consistent in their coaching of new members and the Competition Committee have encouraged the participation of new players by offering events that suit members at all stages of their game. Events such as Handicap Pennants played in the north of the state encourage greater participation of members with high handicaps. We welcomed Martin Clarke, Golf Croquet High Performance Manager, who provided Coaching across all levels including our Representative Team.

Our Junior Development Program has done very well. We were proud to see our boys, Curtis Mead and Jamie Fleming's great performance at the U21 Championships World Championships in New Zealand. Peter Tracey and Graham Hyland have continued to coach our young people and although numbers are still low, the interest is high for those young people regularly attending coaching lessons.

In 2023 Croquet Tasmania offered twenty-six events to our members. These events have been well supported and ably managed by our members. This year saw the re-introduction of a competition between regions with Southern Tasmania being a clear winner. This event will be rotated between regions in the coming years.

Along with Croquet Tasmania Events, other events conducted by Northern Tasmanian Competition Committee in Northern Tasmania, Pennants in both north and south of state along with Social Events at St Helens, Devonport and the Easter competition have kept our members active.

Clubs have been successful in getting small grants for improvements at their clubs. Our board members were involved in presenting a case to the Clarence Council for a venue with an additional lawn at Eastern Shore to cater for their increasing number of players.

This year for the first time, we appointed a Director of Ricochet. This means that there is an opportunity for clubs to introduce Ricochet to members. Tas Croquet also appointed a Publicity Officer to promote our game. This position will be vital as we approach such events as Presidents 8 and Openshaw Shield.

In 2023 our Interstate Golf Croquet Team introduced some new and young players. Our members were able to gain some good results in the team events and the Men and Women's Championships. The team looks forward to 2024. Phil Roach was rewarded with the ACA Bronze Medal representing Tasmania.

Our Eire Cup team put up their best performance for many years and included the mother and son combination of Callum and Jane Hyland. Peter Ross represented Tasmania in the Australia Gold/Silver Medal. We are hoping that the home ground advantage will help our team to victory in 2024.

As we move into another extremely busy year in Tasmania, we acknowledge the work of our volunteers. Each and every person who volunteers in some small way or in a much bigger role is a very valued member. Thankyou for all the work that you do.

Sylvia Wing
President
Croquet Tasmania



CROQUET

NEW SOUTH WALES

Croquet NSW continues to increase the number of players across the State; we now have 3,288 affiliated players in 70 Clubs. This is an increase of 5% from last year's figure of 3,122, and a total increase of 9.5% since 2021. Around two thirds of the NSW members play in regional NSW, and around two thirds of the membership is female. Membership increase is largely due to Clubs building their membership, and plans by CNSW Board members to further empower and resource club should see this growth continue.

New South Wales performed strongly in competitions: winning the national Association Croquet contest: the Eire Cup in Melbourne from Victoria, and winning the national Golf Croquet title: the ISS Shield in Perth from Western Australia. Both contests were hard fought and came down to the wire, indicating a healthy level of competition nationally.

A number of NSW players represented Australia: Kerri-Ann Organ and Alison Sharpe at the AC Women's World Championships in New Zealand in January, with Alison Sharpe reaching the semi-finals; Jamie Gumbrell, Kate McLoughlin, Pamela Barnwell, Gerda Lambeck at the GC Women's World Championships, Sussex, England. And we are very proud to have a world champion, as Jamie Gumbrell won the women's World Championship! NSW players: Peter Landrebe, Peter Freer, Kevin McGlynn, Derek Bull, Mark Scruton, Kate McLoughlin, Mark Scruton represented Australia at the Over Fifties World Championship in Bunbury, Western Australia in October.

The Club Hubs have continued to offer coaching programs, build new members, and run competitions. Club Hubs have been funded through the Office of Sport post Covid funding to promote the development of croquet, increasing skills and access to competition in their region. The Club Hubs in 2023 were: Canberra Croquet Club, Strathfield Croquet Club, Toronto Croquet Club, Port Macquarie Croquet Club, Coutts Crossing Croquet Club and the addition of Nowra Croquet Club.

Croquet NSW ran 46 events in 2023: 18 were held at NSW State HQ, Mackey Park, Tempe, and the remaining were held at Clubs around the State: 13 at Regional Clubs (including Canberra) and 15 at Sydney Clubs. There were 24 Association Croquet events, 18 Golf Croquet events and 4 Ricochet events held. 525 players entered the competitions. The Golf Croquet Pennants competition held between Clubs and the three Divisional finals were in addition to these events. The Pennants event has increased in popularity with over 300 players entering across the 3 Divisions. Thanks to Lorraine Hatfield who organises this event, and to the Tournaments Committee: David Stanton, Joanne Brown, Richard Christian, Mike Hughes who ensure the Tournaments program is held.

The Inaugural National Ricochet Championships were held at MacKey Park, Tempe in April, organised by the National Ricochet Co-ordinator Ray Chapman. A select field contested the event, with doubles winners David Scott and Ray Chapman from Ballina Cherry Street, and Peter Freer from Canberra winning the singles.

Advantage Handicap play was adopted as the standard for Croquet NSW handicap events, and most Clubs followed suit. The format seems to be winning over players, and competition will continue to use Advantage play in 2024.

Coaching numbers continue to grow, particularly in Golf Croquet, and Croquet NSW recognises the service of Pam Gentle in her role as State Director, Coaching through the transition to the new Coaching Accreditation structure and for her personal calm, organised and knowledgeable manner. She is retiring after some years in this role.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to croquet in NSW, we look forward to another successful 2024 on the courts.

Kate McLoughlin
President



CROQUET QUEENSLAND

I want to acknowledge the people; the CAQ officers, committees and regional committees who have provided and maintained a program of events and play days for all four codes throughout the 2023 year. We thank all of the people who collaborate with us. The Events sub-committee, led admirably by Geraldine Trivett, did a first-class job of ensuring competition play. The selection sub-committee, Chaired by Donna Manning ensured that we had State Teams, the Examining Referees sub-committee who strive for high standards of play and all the venues who hosted team practices.

Events in 2023

The year started early in January 2023 with the National Under 21 Gold medal and National Under 21 Championships hosted by BNR at Eildon. Qld had five entries and Addison came second in the Gold and winner of the U21 singles Championship. We congratulate everyone who took part. Addison is now playing in both GC and AC matches against the best in the State and is now part of the AC State team for the Eire Cup in March 2024. Our GC team represented the state brilliantly in September, beating NSW for the first time for many years to finish a very respectable fourth. For the first time we introduced an Alternate Stroke Doubles in Association which proved to be very popular and is in the calendar for April 2024.

Membership

The membership has remained stable during 2023. The total number of affiliated members has reduced slightly from 1639 to 1600.

During the year we have continued to develop as an organisation, ensuring opportunities for our elite players to improve as well as development squads, and to support social players in their passion to play across all four codes, including Gateball. Thank you to all venues holding CAQ events.

Technology advances

The new software system, RevSport, is now in full use and the event entry system is proving to work very well. A number of clubs have joined the RevSport family and are sharing the availability of up-to-date information at the touch of a button.

Communication has improved through RevSport and the web page gives access to the latest news, photographs, events and classes available, all from the home page. CAQ Management Committee (MC) has committed to paying the first year of RevSport costs for any club that wishes to become part of the system.

Grants in 2023

CAQ was successful in obtaining a grant of \$37,500 for 2024 and \$40,000 for 2025 from the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sports.

This money must be acquitted for the development of players, officials of any kind, and committee members.

Many of our clubs have been very successful in obtaining grants in their own right. Some securing lights (Stephens) and others for extra courts (Twin Rivers).

Development activities

It has been part of the Strategy of the MC to ensure that each Region is self-sufficient in terms of adequate numbers of coaches and referees in each discipline. This aim has been well met in 2023.

The Management Committee and Secretariat have visited all Regions by attending Regional Committee meetings to hear from all delegates about their requirements from CAQ. During the year we have appointed several new coaches and referees in Qld. Refresher training and reaccreditation have also taken place for both coaches and referees in all regions.

There have been several Tournament Management courses and Hoop Setter training run in the Regions and Gateball has been introduced to two new clubs due to the efforts of Robert Roose, Gateball Coordinator.

I close by expressing my personal thanks to the CAQ Management Team. I have been supported at all times by this committee, all of whom work hard. Thank you, Willy and Di, for continuing in the Secretariat positions.

Thank you to all of you.

Pat Habner
President



GATEBALL
AUSTRALIA

Our Australian Gateball Championships were successfully held in September 2023 at the Wodonga Tennis Centre and hosted by the Wodonga Croquet. The event was supported by a grant from the Wodonga Council and donations from sponsors including Albury Visitor Information Centre, The Famous Australian Sign Company, Bunnings, Nichiyo, Gateball Solutions Australia and private donors.

Over 120 players attended the AGC 2023, with international participants from India and Japan including the World Gateball Union Chairman Keiichi Imagawa and players from NSW, ACT, VIC, QLD and SA. The doubles event attracted 32 teams and was won by Sakai Kono & Yoshihiko Karaue (Japan) with the runners-up Glen and Kristina Whitehead (Canberra). The team event attracted 18 teams and had a close final (a shootout) with Kew White the winners and runners-up Rockhampton.

This year Gateball Australia celebrated its 20th anniversary of belonging to the World Gateball Union. The 20th anniversary celebration dinner was held at the Commercial in Albury during the AGC event and we were joined by Keith McLeod (our first Gateball Coordinator) and Peter Tavender who along with Keiichi Imagawa, were instrumental in helping Australia to become a WGU member.

Gateball Australia was represented at the Asia Pacific Gateball Union member meeting held in Taipei in October and members also played in the Taiwan Gateball Open Championship in the team, doubles and triple events.

In May, Philip Brown, High Performance Manager for Gateball and other Level 3 coaches delivered a Gateball Captains Development Program in Queensland. This program was sponsored and funded by a grant from the Moreton Bay Regional Council and Gateball Australia. Captains from around Australia were invited to the weekend aimed at enhancing Australian team performance at overseas events such as the Asian Gateball and World Gateball Championships and improving all team captain performance at local events. Feedback about the program was very positive and it is hoped that it can be repeated in 2025 before the next Australian Gateball Championships.



Gateball coach numbers increased throughout 2023 with new coaches trained in VIC, NSW and QLD. Gateball coaches continue to visit sites that have indicated an interest in learning Gateball.

The Gateball Australia Selection Policy was finalised and a Gateball Selection Committee was established following the AGC 2023.

The Gateball Referee Committee finalised the Gateball Australia Referee Accreditation and Reaccreditation Framework and a Referee Logbook was introduced for all Gateball referees and referees in training. The Logbook replaced the annual referee reaccreditation cards and allows referees to record feedback from their mentors and other accredited referees.

NSW, QLD, VIC and SA all held a State tournament during the year. QLD, NSW and VIC held local tournaments across the year in different regions and QLD also held Inter-Regional Pennants. Most State events had high participation rates and welcomed interstate visitors.

The Gateball Australia Tournament Regulations took effect in 2023. The Regulations replaced the existing ACA regulations and Gateball Information Pamphlets relating to tournaments and provides one document for Gateball tournament and event management. Standard documents for running tournaments have been created and are located on the Gateball Australia website under the Tournament tab where you can also find the Tournament Regulations.

This year we also said goodbye to Sparky – our long serving Gateball Australia kangaroo and adopted the new Gateball Australia logo.

Ros Crowe
National Coordinator – Gateball



RICOCHET

The Inaugural Ricochet championships were held at Tempe NSW from 14th April - 20th April 2023. Peter Freer (Canberra) won the singles championship from David Scott (Ballina Cherry Street). Ray Chapman (Ballina Cherry St) and David Scott (Ballina Cherry St) won the doubles from Rob Elliott (Cooks River) and Don Wright (Cooks River).

Big thanks to Richard Hughes for being the inaugural Tournament manager Petula Shun for being the Tournament Referee and Peter Freer (ACA Events Manager) for all their behind-the-scenes assistance in ensuring the tournament was a success.

The 2019 Ricochet rules book was reviewed and updated in 2023. The second edition of the Ricochet rules book has now been printed and distributed to all the States.

The review could not have been completed without the assistance of the Ricochet state coordinators Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt (VIC), Richard Hughes (NSW) and Jennie lee (QLD).

A National Ricochet Handicapping guideline was completed in 2023 and distributed to the States.

The Ricochet coordinators continue to work tirelessly to promote Ricochet throughout their state and their assistance in promoting Ricochet is most appreciated.

Ricochet numbers in Western Australia have continued to grow along with Victoria. Some Ricochet games are played in South Australia and Tasmania.

The number of Ricochet referees and coaches has increased due mainly to the work of the State Ricochet coordinators and the State coaching /referee personnel.

Hope to see you all at a Ricochet event in 2024.

Ray Chapman
National Ricochet Co Ordinator



EVENTS

2023 saw an improved process of advertising events and finalisation of programmes in consultation with the Selection Committees.

The online entry via the Croquet Australia website issues have been resolved and is working now with the help of Kellie Thomas. Recording entries on Croquet Scores has improved communications with members, reassuring players that their entry is acknowledged, and allows event organisers to track how entries are going.

Event programs are now provided as soft copies on the Croquet Australia or host State websites, in conjunction with Croquet Scores. This provided players with details of their blocks/KO draws as soon as the draws were finalised. There was no adverse reaction to hard copy programs no longer being produced. However, continued liaison and communication with Tournament Committees in each State is needed to ensure that their preparation for each event is timely and to pre-empt and rectify potential risks before they escalate.

Committee Member Di Leahy trialled SurveyMonkey instead of using Player's Meetings at each event to collect feedback. SurveyMonkey will continue to be used to gather feedback from members.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful year of events. Events cannot run without the support of volunteers and officials.

Peter Freer
Events Coordinator

ASSOCIATION CROQUET

AC Gold Medal Greg Hill (VIC)
 AC Bronze Medal Western Australia Jeff Newcombe
 AC Bronze Medal Victoria Kevin Beard
 AC Bronze Medal Tasmania Ian Bassett
 AC Bronze Medal Queensland Dave Luxmoore
 AC Men's Singles Robert Fletcher (VIC)
 AC Women's Singles Yuni Rowel (QLD)
 AC Eire Cup New South Wales
 AC Patron's Trophy Not Held
 President's AC Eights 1st Eight Robert Fletcher (VIC)
 President's AC Eights 2nd Eight Trevor Bassett (NSW)
 President's AC Eights 3rd Eight Lois Kirk (VIC)
 AC Open Doubles Championships Edward Wilson (SA) & Stephen Pearce (NSW)
 AC Open Singles Championships Edward Wilson (SA)

GATEBALL

Australian Gateball Championship Team Kew White Rockhampton
 Australian Gateball Championship Doubles Sakai Kono (Japan) & Yoshihiko (Japan)

GOLF CROQUET

Under 21 GC Gold & Silver Medal Curtis Mead (Tas)
 Under 21 GC Championships Singles Addison Matthews (QLD)
 Under 21 GC Championships Doubles Curtis Mead (Tas) & Ethan Gumbrell (NSW)
 President's GC Eights 1st Eight Robert Fletcher (VIC)
 President's GC Eights 2nd Eight Shane Downie (VIC)
 President's GC Eights 3rd Eight Mark Scruton (NSW)
 President's GC Eights Women's Eight Mary McMahon (QLD)
 President's GC Eights Men's Eight Dereck Bull (NSW)
 President's GC Eights Women's 2nd Eight Yvonne Shaw (TAS)
 GC Open Doubles Championships Edward Wilson (SA) & Malcolm Fletcher (VIC)
 GC Open Singles Championships Robert Fletcher (VIC)
 GC Men's Singles Robert Fletcher (VIC)
 GC Women's Singles Jamie Gumbrell (NSW)
 GC Gold Medal Gary Phipps (WA)
 GC Bronze Medal (NSW) Jamie Gumbrell (NSW)
 GC Bronze Medal (QLD) Mary McMahon (QLD)
 GC Bronze Medal (SA) Paul Ensor (SA)
 GC Bronze Medal (TAS) Phil Roach (TAS)
 GC Bronze Medal (WA) Gary Phipps (WA)
 GC Bronze Medal (VIC) Owen Dickson (VIC)
 GC Interstate Shield New South Wales
 GC Handicap Doubles Clare Wilson (NSW) & Simon Kempson (NSW)
 GC Handicap Singles Peter Webb (NSW)

RICOCHET

RC Open Doubles Championships Ray Chapman (NSW) & David Scott (NSW)
 RC Open Singles Championships Peter Freer (NSW)

NATIONAL COORDINATOR REFEREES

Association Croquet

Association Croquet Referees are few in number, and there have been very few new referees trained since the start of COVID, and several retirements. Training of new referees has started again in some states; I have some optimism in this regard in Victoria and Western Australia. More are needed.

There has been difficulty in getting the positions of State Coordinators Refereeing Association Croquet filled satisfactorily. In two states, a person is acting, but their role is not official. There seems to be little succession planning in the states (and nationally), while some of the Coordinators are aging.

It was the custom before Covid to hold a face-to-face meeting of the National AC Referees Committee (comprising the National and State Coordinators, plus the Australian Representative on the WCF Laws Committee) before the AC President's Eights. This was conducted again this year and was successful. All attendees then gave at least one day of refereeing to the President's Eights. It is useful in spreading the experience of refereeing at national level, which is important for the states with few such events.

Total Association Referees and umpires at December 2023 was 123.

Mike Cohn
National Coordinator Referees AC

WORLD CROQUET FEDERATION: *AC Laws Committee*

The WCF.AC.LC again remains delighted at the uptake and acceptance of the substantive changes incorporated into the 7th Edition of the AC Laws. The Laws and Commentary appear to be very well accepted and more importantly understood.

WCF Refereeing Regulations

Version 1.5 was updated in March 2021 due to necessary updates for AC & GC.

Version 1.6 updated 30 June 2022 to reflect 6th Edition GC Rules

We continue to encourage all referees and administrators to ensure the Tournament Referee Education Program is included in regular updates undertaken by all officiators to remain knowledgeable about current roles and responsibilities.

I continue to assist the NTP.AC (National Technical Panel) and am currently working closely on new material for training Umpires. Australia is currently the only association which recognises a qualification for AC Umpires. This is an important area as with the inclusion of 'Critical Balls' in the 7th Edition there is much greater emphasis placed on 'shot watching'. This would be the second most contentious area individual players bring to me for clarification.

I will continue to work closely with the National AC Refereeing Co-ordinator and the NTP.AC to ensure the WCF.AC.LC is aware of any local issues and likewise ensure that Croquet Australia are aware of any debate concerning amendments, updates or collaborations brought to the Laws Committee for resolution.

Elizabeth Fleming

Australian Croquet Association

ABN: 90 330 745 920

Financial Statements

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The Board submits the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Board Members

The ACA Board for the year 1st January to 31st December 2023 and Directors' attendance at Board meetings comprised:

Jim Nicholls (Chair)	1 Jan to 31 Dec 2023	13/13
Max Kewish (Deputy chair)	1 Jan to 31 Dec 2023	13/13
Claire Keating (Treasurer)	20 Mar to 31 Dec 2023	9/10
Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt	20 Mar to 31 Dec 2023	10/10
Nick Chapman	20 Mar to 31 Dec 2023	8/10
Pat Habner	1 Jan to 31 Dec 2023	12/13
Barbara Northcott	1 Jan to 31 Dec 2023	11/13
Kah Yang Loke (outgoing Treasurer)	1 Jan to 20 Mar 2023	2/3
Kerri-Ann Organ	1 Jan to 20 Mar 2023	3/3

The deficit of the Association for the financial year amounted to (\$104,975) [2022: deficit (\$222,379)].

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board:



Jim Nicholls
Chair



Claire Keating
Treasurer

16 April 2024

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Statement of Profit or Loss For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income			
Revenue from operations	2	367,951	335,802
Non-monetary resources received	2	6,000	12,000
Other revenue	2	66,303	28,274
	2	<u>440,254</u>	<u>376,076</u>
Expenditure			
Operations – Salaries and wages		242,520	133,872
Operations – Other		66,508	90,834
National events		72,103	71,964
International events		43,997	127,442
Pathways – players, coaching & referees		23,601	49,177
Club Incentive payment	9	40,400	-
Marketing		22,049	6,000
Affiliation fees		2,078	2,078
Board / governance		9,676	19,551
Depreciation	8	5,467	2,420
Recruitment expenses		9,000	14,000
Loss on investments		-	67,453
Audit fee		1,830	1,664
Non-monetary resources expenditure		6,000	12,000
		<u>545,229</u>	<u>598,455</u>
Income tax expense		-	-
(Deficit) for the year		<u>(104,975)</u>	<u>(222,379)</u>
Retained surplus at the beginning of the financial year		501,775	724,154
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year		<u><u>396,800</u></u>	<u><u>501,775</u></u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As At 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	371,973	246,733
Trade and other receivables	6	73,909	10,744
Inventories	7	8,800	15,780
Financial Investments	5	-	286,100
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		454,682	559,357
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	8	8,803	9,309
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		8,803	9,309
TOTAL ASSETS		463,485	568,666
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	30,994	24,725
Income received in advance	10	35,181	28,500
Employee benefits	11	510	13,666
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		66,685	66,891
TOTAL LIABILITIES		66,685	66,891
NET ASSETS		396,800	501,775
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained surplus		396,800	501,775
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		396,800	501,775

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

2023

	International Events Fund	Retained Surplus	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2023	-	501,775	501,775
(Deficit) for the year	-	(104,975)	(104,975)
Balance at 31 December 2023	-	396,800	396,800

2022

	International Events Fund	Retained Surplus	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2022	112,311	611,843	724,154
Allocation from International Event Fund	(112,311)-	112,311	-
(Deficit) for the year	-	(222,379)	(222,379)
Balance at 31 December 2022	-	501,775	501,775

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Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Affiliation and event fees	367,951	335,802
Other revenue	70,814	39,994
Interest received	1,489	280
Payments to suppliers and employees	(596,152)	(521,340)
Net cash (used) by operating activities	(155,898)	(145,264)
4		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments for plant and equipment	(4,962)	(5,706)
Proceeds from redemption of investments	286,100	-
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities	281,138	(5,706)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	125,240	(150,970)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	246,733	397,703
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	371,973	246,733
3		

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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. Where necessary comparative figures have been reclassified to facilitate comparison. Comparatives are restated for updated information regarding trade receivables, inventory, plant & equipment, income in advance and cash, reflecting a movement in net assets from \$520,427 to \$501,775.

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 provided a rent free permanent workspace for Association. This includes access to amenities (internet, office supplies, office amenities and printing facilities). This arrangement ceased at 31 Dec 2023. In return, the Association provides an equivalent amount in prize money towards national events. 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.

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(d) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of basis and is net of any rebates cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first-in-first-out 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.

2 Revenue from Operations

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Revenue from operating activities</i>		
- Affiliation fees	295,941	279,040
- National Events	72,010	56,762
	367,951	335,802
<i>Other revenue</i>		
- Interest revenue	1,489	280
- Trading surplus / (deficit)	(4,225)	3,107
- Investment interest and increase in value	19,281	13,284
- Other revenue	2,450	8,335
- Grants (including international events)	37,574	-
- Donation	9,734	3,268
	66,303	28,274
<i>- Non-monetary resources received</i>		
- Rent free office space	6,000	12,000
	440,254	376,076

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3 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Term deposits	60,000	100,000
Bank balances	311,973	146,733
	371,973	246,733

4 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of cash

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is as follows:		
Cash and cash equivalents	371,973	246,733

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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
(Deficit) for the year	(104,975)	(222,379)
Non-cash flows:		
- depreciation	5,467	2,420
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase) in trade and other receivables	(63,165)	(7,188)
- decrease in financial assets	-	54,515
- (increase) / decrease in inventories	6,980	(8,172)
- increase in income in advance	6,682	27,525
- (decrease) in grants in advance	-	(7,000)
- increase in trade and other payables	6,269	11,112
- increase / (decrease) in employee benefits	(13,156)	3,903
Cashflows from operations	(155,898)	(145,264)

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5 Financial Investments

The investments were redeemed during 2023 and included investment income and an increase in market value of \$19,281.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
BT Investment	-	134,769
MLC Investment	-	151,331
	<u>-</u>	<u>286,100</u>

6 Trade and other receivables

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	15,893	10,744
Other receivables – insurance owed by States	58,016	-
Total current trade and other receivables	<u>73,909</u>	<u>10,744</u>

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 9.

7 Inventories

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Stock on hand at cost		
Inventories (cost)	8,800	15,780
	<u>8,800</u>	<u>15,780</u>

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8 Plant and equipment

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Croquet Equipment</i>		
At cost	20,539	20,357
Accumulated depreciation	(19,356)	(17,335)
Total Croquet Equipment	1,183	3,022
<i>Office Equipment</i>		
At cost	9,719	5,841
Accumulated depreciation	(3,374)	(294)
Total Office Equipment	6,345	5,547
<i>Gateball Equipment</i>		
At cost	5,978	5,076
Accumulated depreciation	(4,703)	(4,336)
Total Gateball Equipment	1,275	740
Total plant and equipment	8,803	9,309

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 2023				
Balance at the beginning of year	3,022	5,547	740	9,309
Additions	181	4,441	902	5,524
Disposals	-	(563)	-	(563)
Depreciation expense	(2,020)	(3,080)	(367)	(5,467)
Balance at the end of the year	1,183	6,345	1,275	8,803
Year ended 31 December 2022				
Balance at the beginning of year	5,036	5,706	987	11,729
Depreciation expense	(2,014)	(159)	(247)	(2,420)
Balance at the end of the year	3,022	5,547	740	9,309

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9 Trade and Other Payables

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Club Incentive payment accrual	40,400	-
Trade payables and accruals	3,232	2,398
PAYG and superannuation payable	6,103	15,555
GST net payable / (receivable)	(18,741)	6,772
	<u>30,994</u>	<u>24,725</u>

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days.

The Club Incentive payment accrual reflects the amount payable to clubs throughout Australia which met the net member growth criteria over the two years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023.

The GST receivable at 31 Dec 23 reflects an estimate of refunds due to the Association.

10 Income received in advance

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
President 8s 2024 event	14,606	-
Don Close donation for U21s development – balance remaining	20,575	28,500
	<u>35,181</u>	<u>28,500</u>

The Close donation was received in 2022 and is recognised as donation income as it is utilised to support the development of players under 21.

11 Employee Benefits

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Provision for Annual Leave	510	13,666
	<u>510</u>	<u>13,666</u>

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12 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Board, the Association did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: None).

13 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.

14 Statutory Information

Principal place of business of the Association is:

Unit 9/65 Tennant St
FYSHWICK ACT 2609

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Board Report

31 December 2023

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 15:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Australian Croquet Association as at 31 December 2023 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:



Jim Nicholls
Chair



Claire Keating
Treasurer

16 April 2024

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 2023 as set out on pages 2 to 15.

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 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 2023 in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Assurance Matters

Heather Stewart CA
Principal

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

Dated: 16 April 2024

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