



Wombat Cricket Club (CIO) – Charity No. 1187872

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from:

01st February 2022 – 31st January 2023

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Objectives

For the public benefit, the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for playing cricket.

To promote community participation in sport by the provision of facilities for playing cricket and to maintain the Wombat Cricket Club and ground sustainably to ensure cricket is played at the facility in perpetuity.

Charitable Trustees

Mr David Balch	Mr Graham Byers	Mr Malcolm Pressly-Smith
Mr Paul York-Smith	Mr Raymond Osmond	Mr Nathan Welch
Mr Jon Bendle	Mr Alan Ranger	Mr Jeff Burbidge

Activities

Provides a sporting opportunity in cricket for young people and adults, which promotes health and wellbeing and social cohesion. The activities include providing opportunities for people with disabilities.

Wombat Cricket Club fields an adult men's cricket team with mixed abilities and play 30-40 friendly cricket matches on Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the playing season. Our team has several new members and is continuing to prosper.

In 2022 our junior coaching programme has expanded, and this has dramatically increased the number of users of the facility. We ran the ECB All Stars cricket coaching program for 5- to 8-year-old children. This involved hosting and coaching fifty-two junior members and their families who attended the club on Friday nights for 9 weeks.

Alongside All Stars we also ran two ECB Dynamos cricket coaching programs on Friday nights for 9 weeks. One of these was specific to boys aged 8-11 years and had thirty-two participants and the other was specific to girls of the same age and had twelve participants. A junior Wombat Dynamos representative team participated in two festivals over the winter period run by the Somerset Cricket Foundation. This has increased the participation in the club's junior cricket provision, and this area continues to thrive and be well supported.

Wombat CC again hosted and provided facilities for representative cricket teams on the Somerset CCC Pathway Programme (Under 10s – Under 17s). Our volunteers prepare and facilitate the match day experience for both players and their families, and we continue to receive positive feedback from all users of the ground.

To support our objectives, we continue to provide both a training and match venue for Somerset Visually Impaired Cricket Club and are a Disability Cricket Champion club adhering to the standards proposed by the Somerset Cricket Foundation.

We have again hosted taster sessions for Women's Softball Cricket. These were supported by twelve local women who have all expressed interest in having future sessions in 2023.

All activities and sessions have been provided and staffed by unpaid volunteers who also gain from the experience by contributing to their local community.

Extensive work continued to improve the pitch and outfield. Players and spectators continue to comment on these improvements and how impressive the facility looks and plays.

This year we have performed a major internal refurbishment and extension to our clubhouse. The previous toilets and showers were outdated and did not provide sufficient welfare facilities for our growing user base. The changing rooms were linked by two electric showers at the rear. We now have separated the changing rooms so that each team has a separate space which comprises of a private changing area, two modern showers within cubicles and a toilet. Within the bar and club room area we have updated the toilet facilities also. Previously, this comprised of a single ladies and men's toilet and some outdated men's urinals. We have cleverly used this space and previous storage space to create a large entrance into an area with hand washing facilities and two unisex toilets on the right and a disabled wet room on the left which has disabled toilet and shower facilities as well as a baby changing area if required.

Volunteers

Our club is run entirely by volunteers, has no paid members of staff and the charity does not provide any financial grants.

Our volunteers perform many tasks including:

- Charity and club administration.
- Organising net practice, fixtures, teams prior to and on match days.
- Pitch and outfield maintenance.
- Training and coaching children and the coaching courses required.
- Machinery maintenance and servicing.
- Staffing the clubhouse and ancillary facilities on match days.
- Opening, closing, and staffing the facility when hosting other teams.
- Cleaning the facility.
- Administration required for capital projects and the time required to manage these projects.

Finance

We have run the club in such a way over the last year so that, with playing membership subscriptions and sponsorship contributions, we have made a small profit and not had to use any of the clubs' long-term savings.

We have invested any profit from activities back into improving the quality of the infrastructure of the club, the pitch and outfield. We wish to maintain this momentum and have re-assessed our immediate and future needs.

We continue to hold at least one year of running costs as a reserve in our savings account. This would cover insurance, utility bills, pitch, and ground renovation costs, building maintenance and machinery servicing. We were particularly conscious of this given the Covid-19 pandemic, and if we were to experience future seasons where cricket is unable to be played or has a reduced playing capacity, then revenue into the charity will be limited.

Our revenue comes from the following sources:

- Subscriptions from playing & social membership.
- Sponsorship from local businesses.
- Subscription from junior coaching sessions.
- Ground hire.
- Match Day clubhouse income.
- Fund-raising activities e.g., quiz nights.
- Grants from cricket and public sector organisations.

A successful Crowdfunder campaign was performed in 2021 and the club has secured various grants from the local Parish Council, Sport England and the Somerset Cricket Foundation which has enabled us to complete the clubhouse refurbishment project in 2022. Given the financial pressures of 2022 and the 'cost of living crisis', it has been a huge achievement to complete this extension project. The final cost was significantly more than expected and the club has managed to complete it and maintain its emergency running cost reserves.

Currently the club is in a positive financial position and has plans for future development of ground and cricket related items such as a new scoreboard, underground water supply to the square and junior cricket hardball equipment.

Wombat Cricket Club CIO – Verified Financial Statements on 31st January 2023

Income & Expenditure Detail:

to January 2023

to January 2022

Sum of Value			Both accounts		
Income/ Expense	Category	What	General	Restricted	Total
Income	Playing Activities	Bar	6,391	0	6,391
		Game & Nets	3,628	0	3,628
		Subs	1,090	0	1,090
		AllStars & Dynamos	1,894	0	1,894
		Annual Dinner	433	0	433
	Playing Activities Total		13,434	0	13,434
	Maintenance	EW Pitch work Grant	0	0	0
		Machinery Maintenance	0	0	0
	Maintenance Total		0	0	0
	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising	Covid Grants (21/22 to Club House Project Funding)	0	0	0
		Sponsorship	2,012	0	2,012
		Small Grants	0	1,000	1,000
		50/50 Fundraising	0	0	0
	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising Total		2,012	1,000	3,012
	Projects	OutField – Grant 2	0	0	0
		Club House Project - Grants	0	15,000	15,000
		Club House Project - Crowd Funding	0	0	0
	Projects Total		0	15,000	15,000
Income Total			15,446	16,000	31,446
Expense	Playing Activities	Bar	(2,511)	0	(2,511)
		Game & Nets	(945)	0	(945)
		AllStars & Dynamos	(244)	0	(244)
	Playing Activities Total		(3,700)	0	(3,700)
	Maintenance	Building Maint (incl Insurance)	(1,326)	0	(1,326)
		Machinery Maintenance (incl Fuel)	(1,047)	0	(1,047)
		Pitch Work	(2,831)	0	(2,831)
		Ground Maint	0	0	0
	Maintenance Total		(5,204)	0	(5,204)
	Maintenance - Utilities	Electric	(41)	0	(41)
		Water	(413)	0	(413)
	Maintenance - Utilities Total		(455)	0	(455)

Both accounts			
General	Restricted	Total	
6,140	0	6,140	
2,393	0	2,393	
910	0	910	
1,599	0	1,599	
50	0	50	
11,092	0	11,092	
0	1,250	1,250	
76	0	76	
76	1,250	1,326	
0	10,096	10,096	
0	0	0	
0	988	988	
90	0	90	
90	11,084	11,174	
0	1,355	1,355	
0	20,000	20,000	
0	17,345	17,345	
0	38,700	38,700	
11,258	51,034	62,292	
(2,990)	0	(2,990)	
(235)	0	(235)	
(153)	0	(153)	
(3,379)	0	(3,379)	
(1,175)	0	(1,175)	
(793)	0	(793)	
(1,916)	(1,250)	(3,166)	
(116)	0	(116)	
(3,999)	(1,250)	(5,249)	
(42)	0	(42)	
(155)	0	(155)	
(197)	0	(197)	

Sum of Value			Both accounts			Both accounts		
Income/ Expense	Category	What	General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total
	Projects	Club House project	0	(74,925)	(74,925)	0	(2,840)	(2,840)
		Garage Project	0	0	0	0	(32,836)	(32,836)
		Kitchen Elec & Plumb	0	0	0	0	(827)	(827)
		OutField – Project 2	0	0	0	0	(1,200)	(1,200)
		Patio Project	0	0	0	0	(12,160)	(12,160)
	Projects Total		0	(74,925)	(74,925)	0	(49,863)	(49,863)
	Ground Assets	Ground Assets	(450)	0	(450)	(1,157)	(15,042)	(16,199)
		Ground Purchase	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ground Assets Total		(450)	0	(450)	(1,157)	(15,042)	(16,199)
Expense Total			(9,808)	(74,925)	(84,734)	(8,733)	(66,155)	(74,887)
Grand Total			5,638	(58,925)	(53,288)	2,525	(15,121)	(12,595)

	Current	Savings		Current	Savings	
Bank Opening	6,546	68,650		10,251	77,540	
Bank Close	13,184	8,725		6,546	68,650	
Net Income/ (Expense)	6,638	(59,925)	(53,288)	(3,705)	(8,890)	(12,595)

Wombat Cricket Club CIO – Balance Sheet on 31st January 2023

Simple Wombat Balance Sheet @ 31.01.2023					
				Jan 2023	Jan 2022
Property				64,514	64,514
	<i>Being</i>	<i>Ground Purchase</i>	<i>56,800</i>		<i>56,800</i>
		<i>Fees</i>	<i>7,714</i>		<i>7,714</i>
Assets				15,042	15,042
<i>(Items > £1000)</i>	<i>Being</i>	<i>Tractor & Cutting Deck</i>	<i>15,042</i>		<i>15,042</i>
Cash & Cash Equivalents					
	Current Account			13,184	6,546
	<i>Including</i>	<i>General Running profit</i>			
	Cash			-	-
	Savings Account			8,725	68,650
	<i>Being</i>	Unrestricted			
		<i>Pre Trust Reserves</i>	<i>3,210</i>		<i>3,210</i>
		<i>Covid Funding</i>	<i>5,515</i>		<i>17,669</i>
			8,725		20,879
		Restricted			
		<i>Covid Funding</i>	-		<i>10,000</i>
		<i>Patio</i>	-		<i>(841)</i>
		<i>Garage & Machinery</i>	-		<i>3,952</i>
		<i>Outfield Project</i>	-		<i>155</i>
		<i>Changing Room Project</i>	-		<i>34,505</i>
			-		47,771

Risks

The club sees two main risks for the future but feel that we are in a strong position compared to other clubs in our sector, these being:

- 1) Financial risk of maintaining the facility is always a challenge but we have successfully managed this since taking on the facility in 2016.
- 2) Competition of leisure time and dwindling interest in community sport and recreation is also a risk. We are not seeing this at present with our thriving membership and junior cricket provision.

Currently there are no uncertainties about the charity's continuation, and we believe we still have a strong club with a good volunteer base and momentum to drive the charity forward.

Future Objectives

We will continue to invest in the facility to try to maintain a ground and clubhouse that is functional for all users. We will modernise our sporting facility and keep it to the highest standard possible to encourage future sport and recreation and achieve our goals.

We will develop and expand our junior cricket offer to the community to engage and inspire more young people to enjoy the sport and nurture their interests in the game. In addition, we recognise cricket should be a sport for all, and we aim to both progress our disability cricket offer and explore a female playing opportunity. We will continue our strong existing relationship with the Somerset Cricket Foundation and seek to collaborate with them in developing all our future cricketing activities.

The Trustees of Wombat Cricket Club (CIO) have followed all guidance issued by the Charity Commission and feel that the range of activities highlighted above demonstrate our ability and commitment to deliver public benefit to our local community.

Trustees report approved by Board.

Authorised signatory:

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Mr David Balch BVSc MRCVS
Chairman of The Board of Trustees – Wombat Cricket Club CIO



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

WOMBAT CRICKET CLUB

On accounts for the year
ended

31st JANUARY 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1187872

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

Andrew Welch

Date:

30/10/23

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