

ANNUAL REPORT

2021



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021

Paul Scuteri | President

We all knew the 2021 season was going to be a difficult year with no club rooms and no home grounds and with the threat of many Covid 19 restrictions and shutdowns, we were lucky to have a relatively uninterrupted season.

Teams we fielded this year, with 2 combining with other clubs:

- Mixed U8's
- U11 Boys
- U11 Girls
- U13 Boys - Finished 4th of 9
- U13 Girls - Finished 6th of 7
- U15 Boys - Finished 2nd of 6
- U 15 Girls - Finished 9th of 9
- U17 Boys (combined with Burnside) - Finished 4th of 4
- Men's Div2 - Finished 4th of 8
- Women's Div1 - finished 5th of 5
- Men's State League - Finished 4th of 7
- Women's State League (combined with Woodville) - Finished 3rd of 5

Given the challenges of the year, we saw great success on and off the field. With the disruptions of our preseason trainings being shuffled over two different locations before finally relocating back to Gordon Brown Oval (the Upper Grounds) of the Women's Memorial Playing Fields.

All our Boys teams played in the finals with the U15's finishing minor Premiers and just missing out on the premiership in a golden goal grand final. Our Men's State League team making finals for the first time in over a decade.

The girls highlight was between our Div2 team taking on the challenge of stepping up a grade to Div1 to further build their skills, well done, and our State League girls combined Blue Warriors Team continuing's its successful formula finishing higher than the previous year in an awesome third overall.

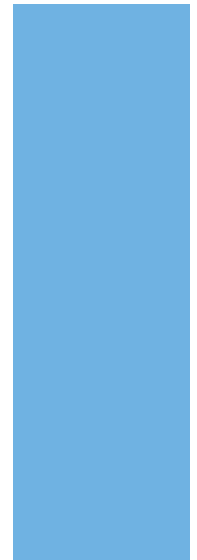
Behind the scenes success was led by a very welcomed re-branding of our club. This injected vigour, enthusiasm and club belonging in an otherwise disjointed season and sent a strong 'watch this space' message to our competitors. Additional improvements was a refurbished website with an online shop, reformed social media, teams communication via Team App and utilising Slack app – enabling greater communications for our committee.

We still have a long way to go however with more hard work, increasing numbers and further development, in particular with our Juniors. Combine this with outstanding training fields – with lighting and clubrooms – one can't help but feel the momentum is building in the right direction for success for our club.

FINANCES

We had predicted the treasures report would return a deficit this year. Given the lack of revenue which heavily relies on the clubrooms and bar to generate income through social functions. Throw in the rebranding and new uniforms, spending was up however the price we paid doesn't reflect the non-monetary return in pride and club ownership from our players.

We were fortunate with the support from the Office of Recreation, Sport & Racing (ORSR) providing a



reduction in cost for our ground fees for this year, which helped greatly minimise our overall deficit. Having said that, moving forward one can only expect grounds and clubroom costs are only going to further increase from what we have paid in the previous. To overcome these rises we need to make sure we utilise our new facilities to the full advantage, strengthening our incoming revenue through increased junior numbers, additional club functions and fundraising events.

GROUNDS REDEVELOPMENT

After an extremely delayed and slow start, the build and ground works got underway. ISAS field has been completely ripped up, levelled and extended with irrigation and drainage sorted.

A full upgrade to the electrical supply with the inclusion of a new transformer should see out all our power needs. Footings and underground electrical works with various switchboard installed around the premises have been installed for lighting on all three ovals. Only lighting towers have been erected on ISAS field at this stage due to supply issues and Covid these have been resolved and further towers will be erected shortly.

The clubrooms are looking fabulous, with a real modern look and with what can only be described as absolutely stunning views over our grounds. These, if not already, will reach lock up stage and is still on target for completion for the commencement of next years season.

Mitcham Council looks set to take over these facilities. Final negotiations between them and ORS on how the running and how that all looks is still on going.

CONCLUSION

My thanks goes out to every club person for their cooperation, patience and understanding throughout this challenging year. Congratulations to all our teams and coaches on their success they have achieved. To all the parents who have rallied together to support our teams and club, I thank you. A special mention has to go to my committee, your work effort and dedication to enable our club to survive and run this year has been second to none. So what lies ahead? As our momentum continues to build. Coupled with the new grounds, lighting and facilities with the determination to succeed. Our future is looking bright and I'm excited for the 2022 season and to further improve our stance in the lacrosse community

TREASURER'S REPORT 2021

Mark Newman | Treasurer

The following is the treasurers report for the period as per follows:

- Dates 1 November 2020 – 31 October 2021 (note the prior years was 1 November 2019 – 15 November 2020 whilst a duplication of 15 days being 1 to 15 November 2020 there was no transactions on these days)
- The Clubs gross receipts are less than \$500,000 as a result the clubs financial records are not required to be, and have not been, audited.

SUMMARY

For the 12 months to 31 October 2021 the club generated a loss of \$14,638.02.

The club was able to absorb the loss as in prior years it had been operating at a surplus. The surplus funds had been retained within the clubs bank account for either loss of the lease on the grounds and to provide funds such as periods like this year with no bar and canteen facilities and reduced income due to Covid restrictions.

As at 31 October 2021 the club has bank accounts and term deposits with a total balance of \$54,089.22.

Even with uncertainties of the next 12 months the club is in a strong financial position.

INCOME

The total revenue of the club for the 12 months was **\$57,536** of which the main sources of income was as follows:

Player Subscriptions.....	\$23,915
Uniform Sales.....	\$6,091
Merchandise Sales	\$6,011
Presentation Dinners.....	\$6,710
Grants.....	\$11,600

The clubs income was impacted dramatically with no bar and canteen sales which in prior years had generated income of \$26,004 (2019), \$29,342 (2018).

EXPENSES

The total expenses of the club for the 12 months was **\$72,174.32** of which the main sources of expense was as follows:

Player Uniforms.....	\$17,767
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The uniform expense was for purchasing uniforms for all players in the club for the 2021 year. The uniforms remain the property of the club and this expenditure will reduce in future years as only replacements are required.

Team Fees (Lacrosse SA)	\$14,350
Presentation & Trophies	\$8,156
Umpire Fees	\$6,582
Ground Rental	\$6,574

Ground rental was significantly reduced as with the ground development we were not charged for the Sturt grounds for the 2021 year.

OPERATING BANK ACCOUNT

Opening Balance 1 Nov 2020	\$35,144.01
Receipts:	\$54,277.39
Expenses:	\$(69,458.23)
Balance 31 Oct 2021	\$19,963.17

GRANT INCOME & BANK ACCOUNT

Opening Balance 1 Nov 2020	\$2,514.33
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Receipt:

- Office for Recreation & Sport (Equipment Funding).....
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| | \$3,000.00 |
|-------|------------|
- (banked 17 Dec 2020)

Expenses:

- 40 Junior Lacrosse Sticks
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| | \$(2,713.84) |
|-------|--------------|
- Bank Fees
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| | \$(2.25) |
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Balance 31 Oct 2021	\$2,798.24
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TERM DEPOSITS

As at 31 October 2021 the club has 3 term deposits with a total value of \$31,327.81 as follows:

- Term Deposit 102215985, Matures 1 Jan 2022 at 0.5%.....
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| | \$10,945.72 |
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- Term Deposit 102215988, Matures 11 Feb 2022 at 0.3%
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| | \$10,925.94 |
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- Term Deposit 155587122, Matures 15 July 2022 at 0.3%
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| | \$9,456.15 |
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Balance Sheet

Sturt Lacrosse Club Incorporated As at 31 October 2021

	31 OCT 2021	31 OCT 2020
Assets		
Bank		
Business Account	19,963.17	35,144.01
Grant Account	2,798.24	2,514.33
Total Bank	22,761.41	37,658.34
Current Assets		
Term Deposit 122	9,456.15	9,395.97
Term Deposit 985	10,945.72	10,792.91
Term Deposit 988	10,925.94	10,880.02
Total Current Assets	31,327.81	31,068.90
Total Assets	54,089.22	68,727.24
Net Assets	54,089.22	68,727.24
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	(14,638.02)	7,945.98
Retained Earnings	68,727.24	60,781.26
Total Equity	54,089.22	68,727.24

Profit and Loss

Sturt Lacrosse Club Incorporated For the 12 months ended 31 October 2021

NOV 2020-OCT 2021

Trading Income

Player Fees - 2021 Year	23,785.00
Player Fees - 2020 Year	130.00
Uniform Sales	6,091.00
Merchandise sales	6,011.39
Presentation & Dinners	6,710.00
Come & Try sessions	950.00
Sponsorship	2,000.00
Grants Received	11,600.00
Interest Income	258.91
Total Trading Income	57,536.30

Cost of Sales

Bar & Canteen Supplies	571.37
Merchandise costs	5,863.61
Player uniforms	17,766.59
Total Cost of Sales	24,201.57

Gross Profit

33,334.73

Operating Expenses

Advertising	109.95
Bank Fees	273.47
Bank Fees - Stripe	799.60
Coaching Fees	3,370.00
Fines	680.00
Ground hire	1,849.00
Playing Equipment	3,885.84
Presentation & year end events	8,155.80
Printing & Stationery	157.00
Rent	6,574.70
School carnival	734.64
Subscriptions	451.00
Team nomination fees	14,349.50
Umpire fees	6,582.25
Total Operating Expenses	47,972.75

Net Profit

(14,638.02)

SENIOR WOMEN

WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE 2021 – BLUE WARRIORS

This year has seen an unfortunate loss of a number of key senior players from this group.

Due to previous late starts around this playing group the committee's decision to move quickly to secure a 2021 combined side with Woodville for a second year as the Blue Warriors brought some excellent success on the field finishing 3rd on the ladder and provided the current group a sense of certainty about the future of their lacrosse.

This has shown us as a club the development of this structure early can be key to the success of our players with marked improvements shown in each of the girls this year.

Even though the playing group is small with only 5 players they are the backbone of the senior players group and have seen substantial playing time on the field. Each of the players has confirmed they will be looking at continuing with Sturt Lacrosse club if the same option continues with the Blue Warriors for the 2022 season.

Even though we only have 5 girls currently in the squad, I can see benefits with this continuing as the opportunities open up for us to have a number of Friday night games under lights with the club facilities providing revenue raising and profile building for Sturt. This also provides an opportunity for possible pathways for other younger players from our Div 1 group.

Unfortunately I do not see Sturt having the capacity to field a team on our next season in State league as such I would suggest that the new committee looks at a discussion with Woodville to secure a decision early to allow us to plan strategically for training and games that can be played under lights.

Yvette Usher | Vice President

The Sturt league women merged again this year with Woodville and had Coach Lee Haskett join the merged team.

After a few training sessions it was obvious that the team was in for a strong coach who wasn't going to let them get away with much.

They trained hard and played hard. It showed with Lee awarding two Sturt players trophies at the end of the year.

Only two teams could beat them all season, and they had the smallest margin in score with the undefeated top team.

They finished third on the ladder with the team getting to play at Norwood this season. It's the first time the Sturt girls have made it to finals in a very long time.

Hope to continue with the group next year but that is yet to be confirmed.

Sarah Ritchie | Blue Warriors Manager

DIVISION ONE – WOMEN

Yvette Usher | Coach

Due to the limited number of U18s and the number of seniors that needed an opportunity for experience the decision was made to step up into Div 1 this year.

Although this has been a tough year without any wins the commitment that was shown by each player and the effort made at training was evident in the improvement that was made each week which was recognised by the umpires and opposition throughout the season.

We were lucky to have a couple of key players rejoin Sturt which balanced the departure of others.

Being the first year in Div 1 with a very young side I see great opportunities here in this playing group for development and the strong bond that has formed within this team is evident in the respect that was shown on and off the field.

I would like to add a thanks to all the support throughout the year, I would like to highlight all the people that committed to the team. Kathy Lane for helping me coach this year and Jenine Brown as

manager. Ellice Lowe for helping out at training and providing great feedback on drills. Amy Millbank for also providing support at the games and training.

To each and everyone of the players what an amazing achievement in stepping up and showing us a level of maturity in your game and commitment to the team and Sturt. As a club we need to remind ourselves that winning comes from understanding the achievements made on and off the field, it is from the support that is given to each other and the development steps taken together that will build their game. Culture is a key ingredient to making our club the place to be and providing opportunities at all levels for up and coming players.

Moving forward for 2022 I would recommend continuing in Div 1 depending on commitment of players. Other areas would be a non playing coach, to be able to continue the focus of development and culture for our senior women.

SENIOR MEN

MEN'S STATE LEAGUE

Tony Watts | Coach

The men's state league season started with a preseason that saw us away from the club for the first 4 weeks as we travelled to different locations to get some work in our legs as well as to create some team comradery

At this point we new we were in for a season that would not look like any other we had experienced before with no home ground games and the potential of no home training venue.

We were very grateful for the Brighton lacrosse club who put there hand up to allow us to train at there venue early in the year and although the boys changed traditional training nights for new ones the feeling off the group was still one of pushing for a finals berth in 2021 which would be the first one at MSL since the 2006 season.

Eventually going back to a Sturt training ground and back to Tuesday/Thursdays we were still conscious that it would be a difficult year with playing all games away from home.

The playing group was not fazed by the thought of this and set out to achieve something some of them had never experienced and that was to play finals.

This was ultimately achieved with a semi final against

Burnside and although we were on the wrong side of the scoresheet something bigger was gained with the respect of the competition towards the side in that they new that we were not the easy beats anymore

I would personally like to thank my assistant coaches Jarrod Pangrazzio and Chris De Melo for their time and effort in such a difficult year and also Peter Green and Dave Evans for their support in team management and scoring for the MSL.

A big thankyou also to one of our captains Jack Zuvich who took on the team stats on game day and I know he would have rather been playing but injury kept him out for the season but he did a great job.

Also a huge shout out to everyone on the committee and behind the scenes who make our job on the field easier, it doesn't go unnoticed and we are thankful for all your efforts in what has been a very trying year for you all.

2022 is looking good with us getting back to a home base with facilities and with a couple of new faces to join the MSL group from other clubs we are looking to capitalize 2021 experience and go deeper in the finals in 2022.

Cheers

DIVISION TWO – MEN

Peter Forbes | Coach

2021 saw a larger number of junior players enriching the depth of the Sturt Men's Division 2 team. Which saw the team finishing 3rd at the end of the minor round with 9 wins for the season. It is an encouraging sign for Sturt's future as the younger players develop further.

The first semi final went to final minutes, unfortunately losing by a goal. Well done to every member of the team, each took part in respectable year of lacrosse for the Division 2 side.

Congratulations to the Team award winners:

- Best & fairest - Bailey Scuteri
- MVP - Michael Capriotti
- Best Team Man - Benjamin Clarkson
- Most Consistent - Dennis Hansford

Extra congratulations to Association award winners

- MVP – Bailey Scuteri
- Highest Goal Scorer – Dennis Hansford

Looking forward to seeing Sturt Lacrosse teams to improve yet again in the forth coming seasons.

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

Stacey Appleton | Junior Competition Coordinator

JUNIOR GIRLS

2021 was a mixed year for the girls. Unfortunately we didn't enter a U18 team and while our U13 team had a few great wins this year it was our u11 who had the most success with only one loss for the season.

The U15 had a tough year but over all every girl improved and set a great base for the 2022 season.

Coaches:

Under 18 Girls - No Team

Under 15 Girls - Coach Cassie O'Connor

Under 13 Girls - Coach Ellice Lowe

Under 11 Girls - Coach Damien Halliwell

2022 will see the girls' teams potentially entering teams in all grades but numbers will be tight. If all players from 2021 re register for 2022 we will have:

- U11 4 players
- U13 8 Players
- U15 9 Players (U13 3/4 players committed to playing up)
- U18 7 Players (U15 4 players committed to playing up)

JUNIOR BOYS

We had a wonderful year this year with our junior boys, with five teams competing in u11 – u17s with all teams making finals and U15 Making the Grand Final.

Coaches:

U17 Boys - Coach Sam Kilford

U15 Boys - Coach Paul Kernaghan

U13 Boys - Coach Peter Greenhalgh & Jacob Newman

U11 Boys - Coach Nathan Tuck & Tommy Tuxford

U8 Mixed – Coach Matt Falloon & Nigel Wapper

If all players from 2021 re register for 2022 we will have:

- U11 7 players
- U13 13 Players
- U15 11 Players
- U17 12 Players

JUNIOR UMPIRES

A big thank you goes out to all our junior officials, although it goes without saying without these fantastic people our juniors games couldn't exist.

Our thanks go out to:

- EJ Tremlet
- Tamryn Aufderheide
- Olivia Wilson
- Peter Greenhalgh
- Mark Norton

JUNIOR RECRUITMENT SCHOOL COACHING

2021 Paul Scuteri and very few helpers went out to 6 local schools who have been involved with our school's program for 4-5 years now

1. Seaview PS
2. Belair PS
3. St Peters PS
4. Hawthorndene PS
5. Coromandel Valley PS
6. Colonel Light Gardens PS

Five of these schools went onto participate in our Sturt carnival with a few teams each.

Approx. kids exposed to lacrosse: 500

If we want our school recruitment to be more successful in recruiting female players, we must ensure that girls join the recruitment team and ensure that we have a pathway for excellence marked out.

2021 RECRUITMENT NUMBERS:

Total Juniors recruited in 2021 = 10

6 Female players 4 x U11, 2 x U15

5 Male players 1 x U8, 1 x U11, 3 x U13

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SEASON 2022:

1. Increase number of volunteer coaches for the school recruitment Program both Male and Female
2. U18 Women's Coach sourced of high standard
3. Girls' and boys' programs to be a Coordinated approach between all team levels
4. Junior Umpires and Referee's to be supported and trained
5. Mentoring of young coaches by senior coaches
6. Upskilling coaches to be looked and a program created inline with Lacrosse Australia coaching framework. <https://www.lacrosse.com.au/new-page-1>

JUNIOR TEAMS REPORTS

UNDER 8'S

Matt Falloon & Nigel Wapper | Coaches

We had an amazing group of U8's this year with an all boy team, 6 of which have played together in previous years and one new player who fit in really well and took to lacrosse like a duck to water. We started the year well and didn't take a step backwards. We tried to keep our trainings consistent with teaching the basics skills that are required for under 8's and also mixing that with a lot of fun and making sure we kept the boys engaged which was sometimes the hardest part. It was great to see how far the boys had come this year and from previous seasons and we saw a few players really come out of their shells. Our passing became progressively better throughout the season and we began scoring goals from 2-3 and sometimes 4 passes. The boys started to learn to read the play and we began to see a lot of intercepts down in defense. I couldn't have been more proud of the way the boys played each week and the sportsmanship these young boys show towards other teams that sometimes did behave the same way to us unfortunately.

The majority of the team will be moving up to U11's next year, it will be great to see them move up to the next grade together. There isn't much more that I can report other than it has been great coaching such an awesome group and I really look forward to watching them grow up and play together through the years. There is definitely some future lacrosse superstars in this group.

UNDER 11 GIRLS

Damien Halliwell | Coach

U11G had 9 players this season. 5 were 2nd year U11G including Ava Gibson, Bridget Wapper, Jessica Bauer (my stepdaughter), Ruby Kirby and Sara Day. 4/9 players did not play the previous year, Kiara Tuxford who chose to play up as the only U8 girl, Floss Parr whose sister plays U15s, Roisyne Kay a school friend of Bridget Wapper and Alice Hodges who was recruited from a school clinic.

We played a total of 14 games, 12 official rounds plus 2 extra in the July holidays for which we didn't complete scoresheets. We finished with 13 wins 1 loss (93%) and 114 goals scored versus 71 conceded (161%).

My approach to training and games this year has always been with a focus on making sure the girls are enjoying participating in lacrosse, learning about fair play behaviours and growing as individuals and as a team.

In the spirit of the U11 competition, we managed games where we were dominating other teams by ensuring all players scored goals, taking extra passes and shooting with non-preferred hands. At training we concentrated on fundamentals of communication, catching and throwing whilst running, ground balls, moving to open up passing lanes to receive and dispose of the ball, playing 1v1 close defence as well as clearing/transition ball and setting up defensively and in attack and not crowding the in-goal area.

Throughout the season Ava, Ruby and Sara played a significant number of games for the U13 girls who had low numbers. This left U11s with no subs in certain games, but we used these opportunities to help the girls understand club culture and the need to help other teams when required.

I have volunteered to coach the girls in U13G next year but will require an official. We're already playing in the U13 iLax competition at Westminster with Hannah Greenhalgh and my daughter Ella who will both be 2nd year U13s next year. I'm hoping Ella will join us from GLC in 2022.

It has been my absolute pleasure to coach the SLC U11G this year and I'd like to thank Dana Gibson my team manager and Stacey Appleton, Paul Scuteri, Peter Greenhalgh and Thomas Tuxford for their support throughout the year.

UNDER 11 BOYS

Thomas Tuxford & Nathan Tuck | Coaches

We started the season with only 5 players registered, just enough to field a team. This is the total number of players the team had for the entire season.

Despite needing to borrow players from the opposing team each and every week, our players turned up each and every week to play, and to play hard.

They never stopped running, chasing or learning, they formed a great bond and friendship within one another throughout the season.

The kids adapted to two different coaches for the season very well and learnt a lot of different plays, techniques and skills from both coaches, which implemented into a game achieved great things.

Our players never once complained about the lack of players we had, nor the work load that had to put in. It was always smiles, determination and teamwork which got them through each week.

Although we didn't win many games this season the growth within the players emotionally, physically, personally and skillfully was phenomenal. From scoring only a few goals from a few players at the beginning of the season, to having each and every one of our players scoring multiple goals toward the end of the season. Our defensive skills also starting out a little lost, then held teams to scoring less and less goals against us each week towards the end of the season.

Our club should be very proud of the players we are investing our time and knowledge in. These young players are one of the greatest assets to the club and will do wonderful things in the coming future.

UNDER 13 GIRLS

Ellice Lowe | Coach

The girls had a tough season this year. We only had 6 players and had to rely heavily on the u11s who were not always willing or organised enough to come up, with exception of Ava gibson who was always happy and ready to play up for us. A lot of the u13s parents were annoyed at the fact we would have to wait until the last minute before our game to know if we had to forfeit or not. It was also a bit confusing to a few of the parents as to why the u13s were not merging with the u15s for the whole season, as both teams had to have players play up.

We had to play 8 a side for the season which our girls worked with and did amazing, however multiple other teams did not agree with and tried to tell the umpires that we had forfeited before games, good thing our scorer was there to correct them and the umpires double checked with me. Another thing to note is that players from other teams were yelling, swearing and playing extremely rough, with checking, shoving and tripping during games, yet the girls played through it.

This group of girls are a promising group who have improved so much this year. I would love to continue coaching next year, although I have been told that the u13s and 15s now have coaches, if I could be considered to coach the u18s that would be amazing.

Thank you!

UNDER 13 BOYS

Peter Greenhalgh | Coach

The under 13 boys had a good mix of first timers (3), under 11s playing up (3), under 11 graduates, second year U13s and under 13s who also play under 15s. 17 players when the whole team was there.

Having this many players was a great challenge to have but when we played clubs who forced the 8-a-side, managing the bench was an extremely tough ask. For the most part, the coaches were able to try and manage the bench so that everyone was getting a run and we were still competitive.

As a team we really focussed on body position defence and working hard as a team to get the ground ball. We often were complemented on how hard the boys played in defence as our body position would often force the other teams to make forced errors. We stressed that stick checks, particularly at this level, are more often going to get you a penalty rather than turn the ball over.

We made finals by finishing 3rd, however in the final we were missing 3 key players for various reasons. We got off to a bad start losing by about 6 at quarter time. But we made a couple of crucial coaching decisions and the boys played super hard. We still lost by 3 goals but after quarter time we won the game... just got off to a bad start.

I would like to personally thank the following people specifically ...

Jacob Newman – Assistant Coach. Jacob helped warm the boys up among other things. He was great to leave with the team if I needed to deal with individuals, umpires... or even parents! Jacob is a great role model for these boys and I hope he continues to volunteer his time to work with our kids.

Kate Mitchell – Team Manager. Kate did all the admin stuff. It was fantastic to not have to worry about that. Kate organised all the other parents with a scoring roster which also was a great thing that I didn't have to worry about!

Mark Norton – Referee. Mark refereed EVERY game. Again, it was great knowing that he was there and again was something I didn't have to worry about!

In general, **all the parents**. Chauffers, PA's, and supporters! I only had to tell them off a couple of times!

Paul Scuteri – the man is a legend and has done a fantastic job to date with recruitment. He recruited 3 absolute superstars to our team this year!

The committee – just for being there. The club would run without your hard work!

UNDER 15 BOYS

Paul Kernaghan | Coach

Pre-Season

We started with pre-season workouts focussing on stick skills and fitness 6 weeks out from the first game. Training workouts were also open to U13 boys who played up in U1 S's this year. U13's playing up was crucial in our ability to enter a U15 team into the competition this year.

Season

The start of our season was strong with mostly wins and a few losses. Our boys both U15 and U13 combined well together to form an amazing squad. A group of dedicated young men both on and off the field.

Training times were to start early at 5pm to enable extra training time on the field prior to Senior Training. All players embraced the early start and committed to this as a team with the intention of bettering their skills and fitness.

The leadership and camaraderie of this group of boys was amazing to be a part of. They are leading the way for future generations of lacrosse.

The strength of the playing group week in and week out led to only 3 losses for the season, and to being Grand Finalists. A nail biter of a game led to a disappointing loss in the dying seconds of the game against Brighton.

It is inspiring and exciting to see how much this group of young boys have learned, grown and developed during the season. This progress has these boys ready for the next stages of the game as they have adapted to, and are ready for the seasons ahead.

There is no question in my mind that if this playing group remain together in the future, continued development will lead to much greater success and undoubtedly a few flags along the way.

UNDER 15 GIRLS

Cassie O'Connor | Coach

The Under 15 girls had a tough year this year. From starting the season out as a very young team the girls developed fantastically and have shown great improvement. An impact from not fielding an under 15 team in 2020 was that only one player had previous experience playing under the unmodified women rules. The enthusiasm from the team was there from the start which resulted in fantastic improvement throughout the season.

The development of the team throughout the season was fantastic to see, their skills developed and the team work was outstanding. The strength of this group going into the future will be the team work they have and as their experience develops the team will continue to grow.

The group would benefit from a few more players as most of the year we were reliant on under 13s playing up to field the team, while this provides great development opportunities it would be even better to see a full squad of u15s.

Unfortunately for this age group the impacts of COVID have been significant as they have again missed out on the development opportunity that the state tournaments offer. Because of this it is critical that the club provide some other development opportunities where possible.

I am excited to see the team continue to grow next year and have thoroughly enjoyed coaching them in 2021.

UNDER 17 BOYS

Sam Kilford | Coach

A quick summary of the 2021 season for our U17 boys.

Whilst numbers were good we sat around the 9 to 10 actual U17s boys and were once again reliant on u15s coming up. With Burnside in the same position as us we formed the blue bears. Working with the Burnside coaches Kieran and Adam, our boys experienced something I believe all players should: an opportunity to learn from high level players outside of their own club. Our players seemed to grow under the opportunity to learn from 3 coaches and even to teach and learn from other players from the Burnside team.

Overall, I believe the team was a success. Even though we fell short in finals the way the boys came together and rallied around each other was inspiring.

Some of our players were rewarded with an A grade opportunity, and I believe that most, if not all, of this year's U17s will shortly make moves into the senior ranks. Training with the u15s, I believe was more useful for the 15s than the 17s, but I'm happy they did as it seemed that the entire group was well rounded and getting better each week.

Going forward, we should endeavour to stay as a stand-alone club team to ensure the most game-time and development for our own kids, as they move through the ranks. If we are to combine again we should do so with a club who is really struggling so we have the majority of numbers and not a 50/50 split.

Again, I think this year was a real success as a once off for our kids to learn and grow outside of the Sturt lacrosse club, and I would encourage most players to put their hands up for the U18s tournament coming up in 2022, to be held in Adelaide.

LIFE MEMBERS

There are no changes to the listings of life members for 2021.

For a full list of current life members, life membership criteria and how to nominate for life membership, please visit: <https://sturtlacrosse.org.au/membership/life-members/>

PLAYERS, FIXTURES & RESULTS

Women's State League

https://websites.mygameday.app/team_info.cgi?c=0-2638-139202-583166-26825938&a=STATS

Men's State League

https://websites.mygameday.app/team_info.cgi?c=0-2638-139219-583165-26825924&a=STATS

Women's Division 1

https://websites.mygameday.app/team_info.cgi?c=0-2638-139219-583292-26865081&a=STATS

Men's Division 2

https://websites.mygameday.app/team_info.cgi?c=0-2638-139219-583164-26867443&a=STATS

TROPHY WINNERS 2021

MEN'S STATE LEAGUE

PJ Cook Best & Fairest Jacob Newman
Wiles Trophy MVP..... Sam Kilford
Best Team Man Ryle Kustermann
Coaches' Award Aaron Hill

MEN'S DIVISION 2

Best & Fairest..... Bailey Scuteri
Most Valuable Player Michael Capriotti
Best Team Man Ben Clarkson
Most Consistent..... Dennis Hansford

CLUB AWARDS

Jack & Sharon Lynch Award Peter Green
Joy Gomer Award Ellice Lowe
Don Gomer Award for junior girls Jasmine Raynor
President's Award..... Felicity Evans

WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE

Plymptonion Don Gomer Award B&F
..... Anastasia Ritchie & Bianca McKay

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1

Best & Fairest..... Amber Dodd-Mobius
Most Valuable Player Rosie Lane
Leadership Award..... Ellice Lowe
Coaches' Trophy..... Montanna Edwards

Rising Star Award Boys Tai Sakamoto
Junior Club Person Girls Amy Millbank
Junior Club Person Boys..... Bailey Scuteri