

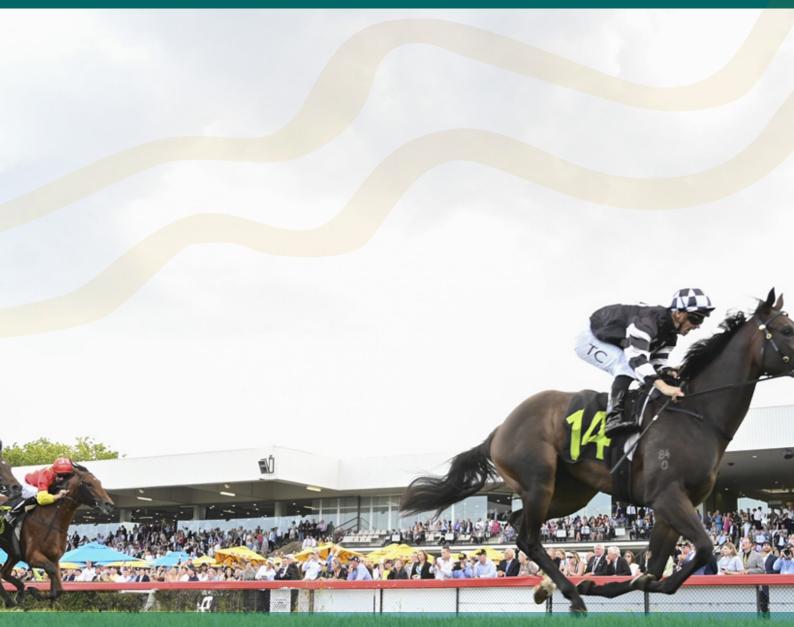
CANBERRA RACING CLUB INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



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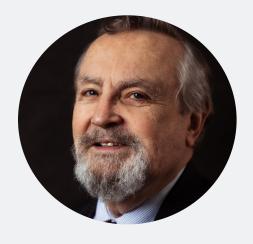
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LIFE MEMBERS

Geoff Bloom Tom Glover Keith Dryden Peter Faulkner Peter Huddy Sue King Roger Norton

CHAIR'S REPORT



Les Boag

On behalf of the Canberra Racing Club Committee, I proudly present the Annual Report of the Canberra Racing Club Incorporated (the Club) for the financial year.

First, I thank all my fellow
Committee Members for their
tireless commitment and
valuable contributions to the Club
across the past 12 months. I wish
to greatly thank Tim Olive and
lan Mackay who stood down at
the 2022 AGM and are both past
Chairmen. I also thank Duncan
Edghill who on 4 November 2022,
after providing years of valuable
Committee service, had to leave
the Committee and the position of
Treasurer, due to a work conflict of
interest.

In challenging operating conditions, the Club has posted a deficit result for the year. This deficit reflects a significant investment in reshaping and renewing our business for a return to growth and profitability in the coming years.

Equine Welfare

Equine Welfare is at the forefront of the Club's mind.

This year the Club continued to build on the recommendations made in the Equine Welfare report.

A Code of Conduct with respect to the gifting/selling of retired Thoroughbreds was introduced to ensure the best outcomes for horses leaving the racing industry. The Club continued its financial support to Team Thoroughbred to ensure that horses retiring from the industry in the ACT are guaranteed a quality first home after racing. This year the Club invested in the renewal of the Acton Track surface with the installation of a new Polytrack by Martin Collins.

This new all-weather surface ensures a safe and consistent track for training all year round and provides a world class surface in any conditions.

The Club continued to work with

the ACT Government through the Joint Racing Industry Government Committee whereby the Club has commenced reporting on both equine welfare and integrity key performance indicators and look forward to being able to progress further with our redevelopment plans.

Precinct Master Plan

The Committee and CEO have worked hard to progress the Precinct Master Plan with the ACT Government who in September 2023 released the Inner North and City District strategy as part of its reforms to the Territories planning system.

It is pleasing to report to members that the ACT Government has recognised Thoroughbred Park as a "key Site" and a "priority" within the plan.



CHAIR'S REPORT

The plan describes that future development at Thoroughbred Park racecourse and surrounds "... will contribute to making an active ground level frontage to the Federal Highway, Flemington Road and light rail, creating a compact new centre offering recreation and commuter choice while retaining the racecourse. Higher density housing will be promoted close to light rail stops where possible, with lower densities in areas served by buses only".

The ACT Governments strategic direction aligns to the extensive master planning and site investigation works undertaken by the Club, whereby a proposed high-density residential community is proposed with direct access to the light rail, whilst maintaining racing and training operations. We look forward to progressing our masterplan with renewed momentum.

ACT Government

The Club has also engaged with the ACT Government in the past year on other issues and especially funding.

On 1 July 2022 the
Government committed to a
Memorandum of
Understanding (MOU) that
provides funding from the
ACT Budget to the ACT
Racing Industry for five
years.

The Greens oppose this agreed MOU funding.

Racing in the ACT is the only jurisdiction in Australia that does not receive a share of the Government's Point of Consumption Tax (PoCT) called the Betting Operations Tax in the ACT.

On 19 January 2023, the Club submitted to the Government an independent specialist report by Equinox, dated 12 September 2022, that reported on Wagering and Racing industry Funding in the ACT.

That report provided a researched comparison to funding in the other Australian Racing jurisdictions and the club highlighted to Government that:

- ACT had the Highest per capita Wagering Tax revenue for FY20-21 (ACT Government has since increased Point of Consumption Tax (PoCT) from 15% to 25% so it is now even higher).
- ACT Racing receives the Lowest per capita Funding (it is a third or less of the three Eastern States and Tasmania and was half of the next lowest which was South Australia, but they have since doubled PoCT funding to Racing).
- ACT has the Lowest
 Prizemoney per capita in
 Australia (a third of the
 Victorian amount per capita

- and almost half or less than all the other jurisdictions and that is uncompetitive).
- In 2011 the Independent
 Consumer and Regulatory
 Commission (ICRC)
 concluded that ACT
 Government Budget
 funding should only be "until
 a national funding approach
 is adopted" and PoCT is now
 a national funding approach
 with other jurisdictions
 returning a fair share of
 POCT to their industry.

The Club will continue to pursue with Government a fair and competitive funding for ACT Racing operations and it stands to reason that this be funded by the tax on Racing Wagering.

The Club is also engaged with Government and Racing NSW to find a solution to reduce the extremely uncompetitive cost of the Workers Compensation Insurance for stable staff in the ACT, which has cost up to 39 times that of NSW.

This is important to retain the economic benefit to the ACT from training and all the associated industries that support Racing in the ACT.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Racing NSW

The Club is an island within
NSW and is very appreciative of
the support provided by Racing
NSW through a Deed of
Agreement for the provision of
Services such as Racing Stewards
and Jockey Insurance. We benefit
from this symbiotic relationship.

Canberra Racing Carnival

The 2023 Canberra Racing
Carnival attracted the biggest
John McGrath Auto Group Black
Opal Stakes crowd seen in many
years. Over 7,000 happy
racegoers were on-course to
celebrate the 50th Anniversary of
Canberra's premier race.

The Club again hosted seven events across the Carnival, including five in five consecutive days. This was a major effort by the team.

These exciting lead up events included a very special edition of the John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Cocktail Party with John Tapp, the caller of the first Black Opal Stakes back in 1973, performing a wonderful phantom call of the 'Best Ever Black Opal'.

The Club made great efforts to celebrate what was such an important milestone.

TAB Canberra Cup Race Day was once again a great day out for families with over 3,000 patrons enjoying the Hartley Hall Markets, show rides, pony rides, live thoroughbred action and much more.

The Canberra Cup on the Monday has unfortunately not met financial expectations and we have taken the decision to return to a one day carnival in 2024.

Membership

In the financial year, the Club had 1,002 members down from 1,079 Members the previous year. The Club greatly values the membership and their continued support and is looking forward to a brighter future ahead.

Constitution

The Committee has reviewed the club's Constitution to modernise it and prepare for the future. The Committee will present the proposed amendments to the Constitution at the 2023 AGM.

Conclusion

The financial year has been a period of significant changes for the club starting with the appointment of Darren Pearce as CEO in September 2022. The changes have focused upon improvements and investments for future development and profitability, across a large range of strategic and operational areas.

The CEO will detail these changes in his report. The highlights of achievements to date include:

- Advanced the Precinct Master Planning.
- Replaced the Acton Track with an industry leading Polytrack.
- Improved Government and Community Relationships.
- Negotiated media rights agreements with SKY
 Racing and wagering sponsorship with TAB.
- Created the Owners and Trainers Lounge.
- Enhanced the Racing
 Program including exciting new races.

We thank CEO Darren Pearce for his strong leadership in this important transformation and all the management team and hard-working staff who have helped achieve so many successful outcomes.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Club for their continued support along with all the trainers, stable staff and owners who are the life blood of the ACT Racing industry and contribute so much to both the Club and the economy of the ACT.

Les Boag Chair



Hops & Hooves









CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



Darren Pearce

Thank you for the warm welcome and support that I have received since commencing at the club in September 2022.

This is one of the best roles in racing and I'm excited to lead positive changes for the future with the Committee and the team.

I'd like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. It's been powerful to learn the history of the region and make meaningful connections with Ngunnawal community. As an organisation, we are committed to begin work on our reconciliation action plan in the coming year.

Financially and operationally, it has been a transitional year addressing the changes needed to advance the club's strategy and community standing. Investment has been made to engineer our future and this has affected the financial result in 2023.

We have budgeted to return to a positive financial position in the 2024 financial year based on our actions. This will require focus and determination against a macroeconomic environment driving cost inflation and restrained spending. More directly, competitive pressures and regulatory change in the wagering sector is seeing downwards pressure on race fields revenues which constitute 32% of our total revenue. Quality racing surfaces, improved programming, competitive field sizes and stronger engagement with media and wagering service providers is required to maximise our race field revenues. Our racing team is very focussed on these outcomes.

A focus for the year has been repositioning our brand and capability with Government, Community, and Media. It is vital to have productive relationships with these key stakeholders if we are to achieve our strategy and deliver growth. As an organisation we need to communicate our message effectively to Canberrans and re-establish our brand as a source of pride and a force for good in our community.

A key outcome from this work is the progress of our masterplan. As noted in our Chair's report, our masterplan investment has been recognised as a "key site" and "priority" in the Government's new district strategy. We are working on a number of initiatives to accelerate our rezoning and development efforts that we anticipate will bear fruit in 2024.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

It's been a year of progress without a lot of visibility while the Territory Planning Framework was updated by the ACT Government. With the recent positive announcement, we are now positioned to press forward.

I am proud that as a team that we have delivered the following major projects in the 2023 financial year:

- ·Replaced the Acton Track with an industry leading Polytrack together with a maintenance contract and warranty to support its longevity. During construction, we also took the opportunity to correct any drainage and base irregularities to enhance the surface's performance. This has created the opportunity to rest the Course Proper and conduct its first significant renovation in 3 years to position it for the busy Spring ahead.
- Designed and refurbished the Thoroughbred Club Room on the mezzanine floor of the Queen Elizabeth II Stand to present as the Owners and Trainers Lounge to show our appreciation to owners and trainers who support the club while we work to address workers compensation and funding issues that will make us more competitive in terms of training operations and prize money.

- The Lounge is also a fresh space for functions for up to 150 people on non-race days.
- Renegotiated our media rights agreements with Sky Racing (domestic and international) to be market competitive and to back date those to 1 January 2023, six months ahead of the scheduled expiry of the former agreement. This will substantially grow our revenues in 2024.
- Negotiated our Wagering Sponsorship with TAB to market competitive terms generating additional investment and support for our racing and generate increased direct revenues in 2024
- Negotiated a new schedule of race dates for the 2023/2024 racing season that allows us to create a distinct calendar of seven "Event Race Days" on weekends and public holidays and 18 community race days on weekdays. This will allow us to create a more meaningful connection to community, provide more opportunities for our members, sponsors and stakeholders to attend and to showcase our racing to the largest weekly audience.
- Doubled our solar installation to help manage electricity costs and -return to the grid to take another step forward on our environmental credentials.

- Commissioned new cleaning contracts with a focus on recycling to reduce our land fill waste.
- Celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first running of the John McGrath Black Opal Stakes with a record modern attendance and a fabulous cocktail party where the legendary John Tapp called the best ever Black Opal, won by Criterion as selected by a judging panel including John, Barbara Joseph and Gary Crispe from Racing and Sports. It was the most memorable event and set a high bar for events at Thoroughbred Park in the lead up to the Carnival.
- Created new supply partnerships to be a showcase the best of our region with great producers and loved brands.
- Refreshed our membership model ahead of future redevelopment plans.
- Assisted the Committee to review and update the Constitution, to help position the club for the future.
- Put a renewed focus on our customers and elevating the customer experience.
- Launched new races including the Clan O'Sullivan, Polytrack Sprinters Cup, Polytrack Stayers Cup and soon to be run Canberra Community Chest and Single Gaze.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Continuing the racing theme, after 4 trial years, we have decided to reduce the two-day Canberra Carnival to a single 10 race card on Sunday, 10 March 2024 featuring both the John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes and TAB Canberra Cup. We have budgeted to return the prizemoney for our feature races to pre covid levels of \$250,000 and to increase the prizemoney for the National Sprint and the Canberra Guineas to \$165,000. Combined with the other races on the card this will form Canberra's first million-dollar race day.

I'd like to thank all members for their continued support and friendship, Trainers and Owners for their patience and support, the Committee for their guidance and my team for what we have achieved together.

The 2024 financial year will be a year of further business improvement, investing in the future.

Strategically we will be focused on:-

- Further development of our community relationships, government relationship and media relationships.
- Advancing our masterplan rezoning to a formal approval and in parallel progressing development initiatives.
- Development of our long-term strategy, investment priorities and business model.
- Building a new brand for our non-racing events business and actively pursuing growth in this market.

Operationally, we will be focused on:-

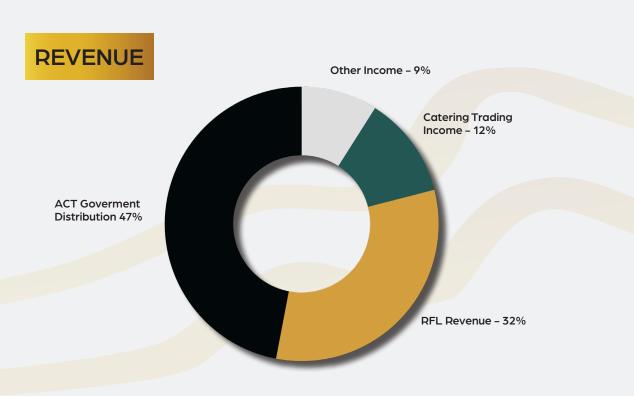
- Returning to profitability.
- Establishing our Event Race Days and Community Race Days.
- Building the Black Opal Race Day toward a crowd of 10,000.
- Growing our non-race day events' business.
- Creating a future Workers
 Compensation Insurance
 model for ACT based
 trainers.
- Tendering key supply contracts for efficiencies and business improvement.

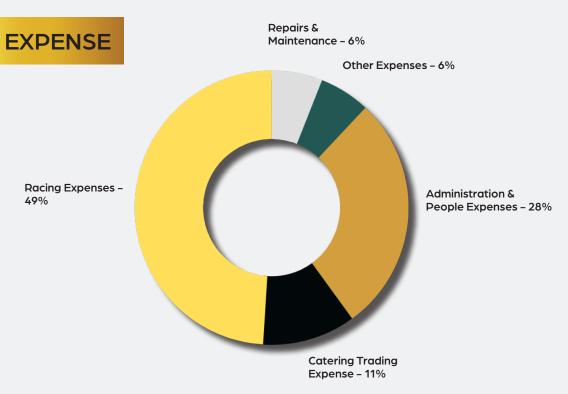


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In this transitional year, the Club recorded a deficit on operations of \$1,157,258 – including a write off of our old Acton track synthetic surface of \$545,192 with the decision to purchase a new Polytrack synthetic surface and the loss of five race meetings (in part or in whole) by the continuing wet weather.

Graphically our key revenue and expenses are as follows:





FINANCIAL REPORT

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Operational Profit / (Deficit)	(1,157,258)	(327,940)	6,777	3,678
Cash	1,611,236	3,492,380	3,412,586	3,093,733
Revenue	13,545,232	13,056,895	13,284,876	12,543,956
Prize money, trophies and subsidies	5,961,217	5,907,063	6,139,472	5,951,855

Total Revenue was \$13.55 million – an increase of 3.7% on the previous year.

Cash reserves are at \$1.61 million - after the purchase, construction and successful installation of the new Polytrack synthetic racing and training surface. Cash reserves will be managed through new revenues (ie new media and sponsorship agreements) in 2024 and discussions are progressing with lenders for Club projects that we may pursue.

Prizemoney, trophies and subsidies increased to \$5.96 million compared to \$5.91 million last year.

With the changes implemented as outlined in this report we have budgeted for a return to Profit in 2024

WAGERING REPORT

In 2023 the Club achieved the following results for its feature race days:

	2023 \$	2022 \$	Variance \$	Variance %
Melbourne Cup Day*	2,689,964	12,895,439	(10,205,475)	-79
Canberra Mile Day	8,187,046	7,716,441	470,605	6
Black Opal Day	11,521,026	12,562,705	(1,041,679)	-8
Canberra Cup Day	10,394,620	12,017,355	1,622,735)	-14
TOTAL	32,792,655	45,191,940	(12,399,285)	-27

^{*}Decrease due to key races being abandoned due to the wet weather.

Included in these race days were the Clubs five feature races, which achieved the following results in 2022/2023:

	2023 \$ (Field)	2022 \$ (Field)	Variance \$	Variance %
Canberra Mile	1,516,511 (10)	1,883,179 (14)	(366,668)	-19
National Sprint	1,759,040 (8)	2,029,719 (13)	(270,679)	-13
Canberra Guineas	2,048,113 (10)	2,081,054 (12)	(32,941)	-2
Canberra Cup	2,349,488 (8)	2,801,117 (14)	(451,629)	-16
Black Opal Stakes	2,876,868 (11)	2,798,995 (12)	77,873	3
TOTAL	10,550,019	11,594,064	(1,044,045)	-9

WAGERING REPORT

Overall wagering turnover on our races continued to be relatively strong despite inclement weather during the year. Down in comparison to COVID impacted years of 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, however still higher than previous years. This was a trend witnessed throughout the industry, noting a return to more normalised wagering behaviours and the impact of macro-economic factors affecting the Australian economy generally.

The year 2022/2023 was broadly hampered by weather with the loss of a number of races and race days (including some key race meetings such as Melbourne Cup Day). The wetter than normal conditions adversely impacted our field sizes across the year, rain affected tracks leading to smaller fields, and subsequently, lower wagering turnover.

Total Accumulated Wagering Turnover on Canberra Race Meetings





RACING REPORT

The Club successfully completed 22 race meetings during 2022/2023. The impact of La Nina saw three meetings abandoned and a further two unable to be completed after commencing. The prevailing wet conditions saw only four meetings throughout the year conducted on a Good surface with all other course proper meetings being conducted on a rain affected track. These factors impacted both turnover and field size. The Club conducted 176 races at Thoroughbred Park during a season which featured 1531 starters. That is an average starting field size of 8.70, slightly down on the previous year's average of 9.05.

June 2023 saw the Acton Track return to action after the installation of a new all-weather Polytrack surface. The first meeting back on the Acton Track saw an average field size of 11 which was a great show of confidence in the new surface.

The fourth running of the Canberra Racing Carnival once again provided two days of high-quality black type racing.

The two-day carnival held on the Canberra Day long

weekend saw \$1.16m in prizemoney dispersed back into the industry.

Eight out of the 17 races across the Carnival were won by Canberra-based Trainers, once again exemplifying the quality of Canberra racing. A number of strong City stables were well represented with winners coming from Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, Richard and Will Freedman, John O'Shea, Gary Portelli, Matthew Smith and Bjorn Baker.

The 50th edition of the John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes garnered a first, with winner Autumn Ballet etching herself into the history books as the only first starter to win Canberra's premier two-year-old race.

Two consequential Group One winners made up the quinella in an incredibly strong TAB Canberra Cup. Second place getter Explosive Jack was the winner of the Sydney Cup a few short weeks later whilst 2023 TAB Canberra Cup winner Arapaho was the impressive winner of the Tancred Stakes.

John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes Day

Race	Prize Money	Winner	Trainer	Jockey
TAB Federal Riharna Thomson Memorial Handicap	\$40,000	Miss Ghent	Norm Gardner	Jess Taylor
PFD Food Services Handicap	\$30,000	Vinolass	Keith Dryden	Robbie Dolan
Airconditioning Canberra, Daikin Specialist Handicap	\$30,000	Les Goh	Barbara Joseph, Paul & Matt Jones	Molly Bourke (a)
Polytrack Handicap	\$30,000	Jumeirah Beach	Richard & Will Freedman	Tim Clark
Underground Spirits Handicap	\$30,000	Zelago	Barbara Joseph, Paul & Matt Jones	Quayde Krogh
LandHQ Quality Sprint	\$80,000	Delacour	Norm Gardner	Brendan Ward
Seears Workwear National Sprint	\$150,000	Another One	Gary Colvin	Danny Beasley
John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes	\$200,000	Autumn Ballet	Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	Tim Clark
Seppelt Plate	\$30,000	Domingo	John O'Shea	Kerrin McEvoy

RACING REPORT

TAB Canberra Cup

Race	Prize Money	Winner	Trainer	Jockey
OPC IT Handicap	\$30,000	Belleistic Kids	Barbara Joseph, Paul & Matt Jones	Quayde Krogh
TAB Lickety Split	\$40,000	Destructive Diva	Norm Gardner	Danny Beasley
Turfcare Australia Handicap	\$30,000	Regal Inheritance	Gary Portelli	Tyler Schiller (a)
HIT 104.7 Handicap	\$30,000	Lily Elsie	Matthew Smith	Ellen Hennessy
NVS Paving and Landscaping Handicap	\$30,000	Beau Rock	Gratz Vella	Rochelle Wedrat–Krozen (a)
Iron Jack Canberra Guineas	\$150,000	Avebury	John O'Shea	Kerrin McEvoy
TAB Canberra Cup	\$200,000	Arapaho	Bjorn Baker	Rachel King
Canberra Times Handicap	\$30,000	Milamoo	Rob Potter	Damon Budler (a)

Barbara Joseph Medal

Winning the medal in her honour, Barbara Joseph shared the success with her sons and training partners, Paul and Matt Jones.

Darren Beadman Medal

Sydney rider Tim Clark took out the Darren Beadman Medal for the second year running.

Trainer of the Year

Winner: Keith Dryden

With an incredible 28 wins on the board striking at 23%, Keith Dryden enjoyed one of his best ever seasons at Thoroughbred Park. Supplementing the 28 wins were a further 36 placegetters from his 121 starters. On the final day of the season the Veteran Canberra Trainer finished the season in dominant fashion with four wins to secure his seventh Canberra Trainer's Premiership.

Jockey of the Year

Winner: Jeff Penza

With 22 wins from 105 rides, the Sydney based rider who is no stranger to premiership success finished nine wins clear of fellow Sydney rider Alysha Collett.

Apprentice of the Year

Winner: Damon Budler

The Apprentice title went down to the wire but it was local Apprentice Damon Budler who secured his second consecutive title with seven wins. With over 100 career wins and having outridden his country claim some time ago, Damon had to compete on equal terms with senior riders for much of the season.

Horse of the Year

Winner: Emma's Gift

With four wins including three TAB Federal victories, Emma's Gift proved versatile winning on both the Course Proper and the Acton Track. The mare by Delago Deluxe took her career prizemoney to over \$172,000 this year providing a thrill for the ownership group that includes Canberra Rugby League legend Ricky Stuart. A portion of the mare's prizemoney was donated to the Ricky Stuart Foundation.

THANK YOU

It is appropriate I conclude this report with a sincere thank you to the horses and horse people that make our sport so thrilling and our club so special.

I appreciate the support and input of the Committee and thank the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Committee for the substantial time and energy they invest as volunteers for the Club, its members, our sport and the community.

Thank you to members for your loyalty and support.

Thanks to all our sponsors and partners including TAB and Sky Racing for their renewed agreements and John McGrath Auto Group for their incredible support of the Black Opal Stakes.

The support and strength of Racing NSW is vital to our future and growth plans. We are grateful for their ongoing supply of key services and operational support.

Thank you to Clubs ACT for the support and resources they make available to help us.

And a thank you to those in the Government, Community and Media who have supported our drive for the future. We look forward to 2024 with excitement.

Darren Pearce
Chief Executive Officer



YEAR IN REVIEW

Races run

176

Starters

1531





Prize money, Trophies & Subsidies

\$5,961,217

Betting Turnover



\$151,130,432



Horse training

34,580

laps completed in trackwork during the year

Horse swimming



10,608

laps of the pool swam by horses during training this year

















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Iron Jack, and their parent body, Lion have been supplying beer to Thoroughbred Park for over two decades. Their support through supply and sponsorship is an integral part of the Club's success. John McGrath Auto Group are long-term partners of the Canberra Racing Club and have held the naming rights to Canberra racing's jewel, the Black Opal Stakes since 2016. TAB are significant contributors to racing in the Capital and around the country. They are naming rights partners of the Canberra Cup, Federal Series, Tony Campbell Memorial Cup and Melbourne Cup Day, just to name a few.



Pictured: Avebury for John O'Shea and Kerrin McEvoy claims victory in the Iron Jack Canberra Guineas on Monday, 13 March 2023.



Pictured: Autumn Ballet wins the 2023 John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes for Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott with Tim Clark aboard on Sunday, 12 March 2023



Pictured: Arapaho for Bjorn Baker wins the 2023 TAB Canberra Cup underneath Rachel King on Monday, 13 March 2023.

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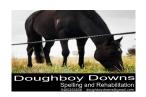




























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Melbourne Cup











COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Les Boag Vice Chair until 11 October 2022, Chair from 11 October 2022



Liz Clarke Vice Chair From 11 October 2022



Mathew Ryan

Treasurer

Committee Member from 11 October 2022,

Treasurer from 29 November 2022



Greg FriedewaldCommittee Member from
11 October 2022



Norm Gardner



Dan GaulCommittee Member from
11 October 2022



Ben McAlister



Emmanuel Notaras Committee Member from 11 October 2022



Nikki Pulford



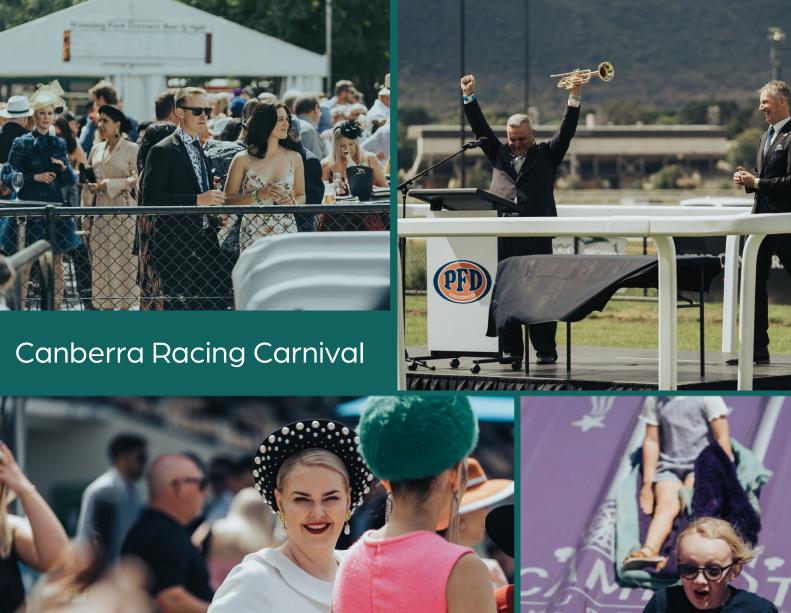
Tim Olive
Chair
Resigned 11 October 2022



Duncan Edghill
Treasurer
Resigned 4 November 2022



lan Mackay Committee Member Resigned 11 October 2022











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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2023

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The Committee present their report, together with the financial statements of the Canberra Racing Club Incorporated (the Club) for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Committee Members

The following persons were Committee members of the Club during the whole of the financial year and up the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

	Meetings attended during the year	Meetings eligible to attend during the year
Les Boag (Vice Chair to 11 October 2022, Chair from 11 October 2022)	11	12
Tim Olive (Chair from 27 October 2020 to 11 October 2022)	3	3
Liz Clarke (Vice Chair from 11 October 2022)	11	12
Mathew Ryan (Elected 11 October 2022, Treasurer from 29 November 2022)	9	9
Duncan Edghill (Treasurer to 4 November 2022, Resigned 4 November 2022)	5	5
lan Mackay (Committee to 11 October 2022)	3	3
Norm Gardner	10	12
Ben McAlister	12	12
Nikki Pulford	10	12
Greg Friedewald (Elected 11 October 2022)	8	9
Dan Gaul (Elected 11 October 2022)	9	9
Emmanuel Notaras (Elected 11 October 2022)	9	9

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Club during the year was to promote the development of thoroughbred horse racing within the Australian Capital Territory.

There was no change in the nature of this activity during the year.

Results

The deficit for the year before depreciation of the Racing Development Fund (RDF) funded assets was \$1,157,258 (2022: deficit of \$327,940). The deficit of the Club for the year after depreciation of RDF funded assets was \$1,682,663 (2022: deficit of \$853,710).

Events after the reporting period

Chair

The Club received \$715,000, invoiced to Sky Media during the period, after balance date. The funds were received in the Club's accounts on 5 July 2023.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee

M Ryan

Treasurer

5 SEPTEMBER 2023

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue			
Revenue	2	13,545,232	13,056,895
Total revenue		13,545,232	13,056,895
Expenses			
Depreciation		839,238	830,399
Financial and legal expenses		93,286	42,030
Insurance		417,793	304,610
Other administration expenses		749,140	780,196
Racing expenditure	4	8,061,143	7,579,790
Track and ground expenditure		1,430,260	1,684,575
Land development investigation		-	239,234
Wages and salaries		2,622,132	1,924,001
Loss on disposal of non-current assets		489,498	
Total expenditure before depreciation of RDF funded ass	sets	14,702,490	13,384,835
Deficit before costs related to RDF funded assets		(1,157,258)	(327,940)
Depreciation of RDF funded assets	15	(525,405)	(525,770)
Net deficit before income tax expense		(1,682,663)	(853,710)
Income tax expense			
Net deficit		(1,682,663)	(853,710)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or los	ss:		
Fair value gain/(loss) on investment in Racing Australia		21,844	(2,642)
Total comprehensive income for the year		(1,660,819)	(856,352)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023	2022
ASSETS	Note	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,611,236	1,489,175
Other financial assets	6	, , , ₌	2,003,205
Trade and other receivables	7	560,982	481,080
Prepayments	8	179,830	36,392
Inventories		110,402	131,224
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,462,450	4,141,076
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	8	131,649	133,361
Property, plant and equipment	9	8,376,609	5,220,890
Investment in Racing Australia		382,751	360,907
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		8,891,009	5,715,158
TOTAL ASSETS		11,353,459	9,856,234
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	1,147,461	1,531,998
Unearned revenue	10	480,264	46,447
Provisions	11	403,606	460,578
Loan	12	1,111,682	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,143,013	2,039,023
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Stable lease in advance		581,991	588,838
Provisions	11	23,932	7,017
Loan	12	2,043,986	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,649,909	595,855
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,792,922	2,634,878
NET ASSETS		5,560,537	7,221,356
EQUITY			
Reserves		254,398	232,554
Accumulated surplus		5,306,139	6,988,802
TOTAL EQUITY		5,560,537	7,221,356

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

2023

	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at the beginning of the year	6,988,802	232,554	7,221,356
Net deficit	(1,682,663)	-	(1,682,663)
Asset revaluation reserve		21,844	21,844
Balance at the end of the year	5,306,139	254,398	5,560,537

2022

	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at the beginning of the year	7,842,512	235,196	8,077,708
Net deficit	(853,710)	-	(853,710)
Asset revaluation reserve	<u> </u>	(2,642)	(2,642)
Balance at the end of the year	6,988,802	232,554	7,221,356

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	2023	2022
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers and others	14,829,976	13,320,433
Interest received	35,645	13,288
Prize money, trophies and subsidies	(6,557,339)	(5,907,063)
Other payments	(8,728,653)	(6,597,166)
Interest paid	(6,864)	
Net cash from operating activities	(427,235)	829,492
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from term deposits	2,003,205	1,461
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(85,158)	(749,701)
Net cash used in investing activities	1,918,047	(748,240)_
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Repayment of loan	_(1,368,751)_	
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,368,751)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	122,061	81,252
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	1,489,175	1,407,923
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year 5	1,611,236	1,489,175

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated (the Club) is an association incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory and operating pursuant to the Associations Incorporations Act (ACT) 1991. The financial statements cover the Club as an individual entity.

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The incorporated association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Associations Incorporations Act (ACT) 1991.

Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting (Conceptual Framework)

The Club has adopted the revised Conceptual Framework from 1 July 2021. The Conceptual Framework contains new definition and recognition criteria as well as new guidance on measurement that affects several Accounting Standards, but it has not had a material impact on the consolidated entity's financial statements.

AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities

The consolidated entity has adopted AASB 1060 from 1 July 2021. The standard provides a new Tier 2 reporting framework with simplified disclosures that are based on the requirements of IFRS for SMEs. As a result, there is increased disclosure in these financial statements for key management personnel, related parties, tax and financial instruments.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Revenue

Grants income

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the incorporated association satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the incorporated association is eligible to retain the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

Interest income

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Income tax

The association is exempt from income tax under the relevant provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables and other debtors include amounts due from clients for services provided in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets.

Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Class of Asset Depreciation Rates

Buildings/course improvements on leasehold land 1% to 33% Plant, fixtures and fittings 5% to 33%

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the Club. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the incorporated association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows

Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows

Comparative figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to the changes in presentation for the current financial year. Where the association has retrospectively applied an accounting policy, makes a retrospective restatement of reclassified items in its financial statements, an additional statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period will be disclosed.

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The committee evaluates estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the organisation.

Critical accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The incorporated association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Employee benefits provision

As discussed in note 1, the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

NOTE 2: REVENUE

Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ACT Government distribution	6,827,753	6,693,875
Admissions	122,278	70,280
Net catering income 3	99,010	250,182
Membership subscriptions	79,595	69,024
Nomination and acceptance fees	197,447	184,790
Other income	1,014,612	982,695
Interest income	35,645	13,288
Race fields revenue	4,575,243	4,200,997
Net sponsorship revenue	593,649	591,764
	13,545,232	13,056,895

NOTE 3: CATERING INCOME

Included in the net catering income disclosed in note 2 are the following specific items of revenue and expenditure:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Bar sales	839,942	741,934
Food sales	591,127	428,889
Venue and equipment hire	295,007	184,821
Cost of goods sold - bar	(370,310)	(214,590)
Cost of goods sold - food	(234,729)	(180,402)
Other bar and food expenses	(1,022,027)	(710,470)
·	99,010	250,182
NOTE 4: RACING EXPENDITURE	2023 \$	2022 \$
Advertising and promotional expenditure	295,685	203,871
Jockey's insurance	435,206	477,252
Principal club expenses	54,465	52,864
Prize money, trophies and subsidies	5,961,217	5,907,063
Race meeting expenses	1,314,570	938,740
	8,061,143	7,579,790

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash on hand and in bank	1,611,236	1,489,175
NOTE 6: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS	2023 \$	2022 \$
Term deposits		2,003,205
Term deposit proceeds were used to fund the purchase of a new synth continued quality racing and training at Thoroughbred Park and will be		
NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
	2023 \$	2022 \$
Trade debtors less Provision for doubtful debts	567,115 (6,133) 560,982	487,213 (6,133) 481,080
NOTE 8: PREPAYMENTS	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current Land rent payout Prepayments	1,712 178,118 179,830	1,712 34,680 36,392
Non-current Land rent payout	131,649	133,361

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

NOTE OF THE ENTITY FEATURE BOTT MENT	2023 \$	2022 \$
Buildings/course improvements on leasehold land - at cost	18,409,721	15,516,183
less Accumulated depreciation	(10,348,478)	(10,685,506)
	8,061,243	4,830,677
Plant, fixture and fittings - at cost	729,639	1,280,520
less Accumulated depreciation	(414,273)_	(890,307)
	315,366	390,213
	8,376,609	5,220,890

Movements in Carrying Amounts

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

	Building/course \$	Plant, fixtures and fittings - at cost \$	Total \$
Balance at the beginning of the year	4,830,677	390,213	5,220,890
Additions	5,024,702	85,158	5,109,860
Depreciation expense	(1,204,638)	(160,005)	(1,364,643)
Disposals	(589,498)	-	(589,498)
Balance at end of the year	8,061,243	315,366	8,376,609

NOTE 10: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Trade and other payables	1,147,461	1,531,946
Income in advance	480,264	46,447
Other payables - Harness Racing	-	52
	1,627,725	1,578,445

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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NOTE II: PROVISIONS		
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current		
Provision for annual leave	244,210	234,353
Provision for long service leave	159,396	226,225
	403,606	460,578
Non-current		
Provision for long service leave	23,932	7,017
Troviolation long dorvide leave		7,017
NOTE 12: LOAN		
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current		
Loan - Poly Track	1,111,682	-
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Non-current		
Loan - Poly Track	2,043,986	_

Loan in relation to new Poly Track acquired during the year. Security for the loan is the surface of the Polytrack. The loan is repayable in 36 equal instalments and at an interest rate of 2.73%

NOTE 13: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Key management personnel is defined by AASB 124 "Related Party Disclosures" as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any Committee members of the Club. The total of remuneration paid (including annual and long service leave paid) to the key management personnel of Canberra Racing Club Incorporated during the year are as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Total key management personnel compensation	976,226	587,941

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

NOTE 14: AUDITORS RENUMERATION

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by RSM Australia Partners:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Audit of financial statements	25,300	22,800
Other services	2,500	2,500
	27,800	25,300

NOTE 15: RDF FUNDED ASSETS

Depreciation of RDF funded assets and interest on borrowings to cover RDF funded assets relate to the assets acquired from the funding received from the Racing Development Fund (RDF) for the development of the track and facilities before the RDF was abolished. The assets are depreciated at 5% per annum.

NOTE 16: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Club had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2023.

NOTE 17: COMMITMENTS

The club had no commitments for expenditure as at 30 June 2023.

NOTE 18: RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Key management personnel and other related parties transact with the Club from time to time on normal terms and conditions that are no more favourable than those available to others. The types of transactions involved include gaming and the purchase of food, beverages, and membership. The transactions are settled at the time of the transaction, and no amounts are owing to the Club at year end in respect of these transactions. The total value of these transactions is low and is considered by the Club to be immaterial.

Other than the transactions disclosed above, and compensation of key management personnel, which is separately disclosed in these statements, there were no other related party transactions during the financial year.

NOTE 19: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Club's operations, the results of those operations, or the Club's state of affairs in future financial years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

NOTE 20: ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

The Club receives significant funding from the Australian Capital Territory. The memorandum of Understanding formalising this arrangement commenced on 1 July 2017 and ceased on 30 June 2022. The Club has signed a further 5-year memorandum of understanding with the ACT Government commencing on 1 July 2022.

NOTE 21: STATUTORY DETAILS

The Club is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT), and operates within the Australian Capital Territory promoting the development of thoroughbred horse racing. The Club is domiciled in Australia and its principal place of business is located at Randwick Road, Lyneham, ACT

DECLARATION BY COMMITTEE 30 JUNE 2023

The Committee of the Association declare that:

- (1) The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act ACT 1991
 - a) Comply with Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosure Requirements; and
 - b) Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of the performance for the financial year ended on that date of the Association.

(2) In the Committee's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Chair

M Ryan

Treasurer

5 SEPTEMBER 2023

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Canberra Racing Club Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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RODNEY MILLER

Director

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory Dated: 8 September 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT To the Members of Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Canberra Racing Club Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the committee's declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Canberra Racing Club Incorporated as at 30 June 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures under AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities and the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of Canberra Racing Club Incorporated in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in Canberra Racing Club Incorporated's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures under AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities, and the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing Canberra Racing Club Incorporated's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate Canberra Racing Club Incorporated or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards – Simplified Disclosures will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

RSM Australia Pty Ltd

Rodney Miller Director

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Dated: 8 September 2023





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