

**BLIND SPORTS AUSTRALIA**

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A Foundation Member of the Australian Paralympic Committee

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# Blind Sports Australia

## Annual Report

# 2019-2020



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# A Message from the Chair



*The second half of this year has been extremely challenging for Blind Sports Australia (BSA) and indeed the World. As expected COVID-19 has had a major impact on BSA and how our members deliver their sporting programs. COVID-19 has reshaped organisations' work practices, interaction preferences and attitudes toward technology. BSA and our members, like other organisations, have adopted remote virtual work practices' and delivered virtual programs. The impact of COVID-19 has varied from State to State with Victoria being the hardest hit.*

COVID-19 impact aside, this financial year has seen BSA advance on several fronts. Many initiatives started last year continue to be implemented; here are some highlights

## **Collaboration continues**

Our hard work continues apace to broaden our levels of collaboration with a range of different stakeholders. For example;

- Working closely with Vision Australia on developing ways to increase awareness of opportunities for blind or vision impaired people to connect with sport and become active. I thank Vision Australia for their ongoing support of BSA by providing office space and resources at Kooyong.
- Successfully applying for a Department of Health grant under the Driving Social Inclusion Through Sport program. The grant monies will be used to further open up the Australian landscape for blind and vision impaired people to engage in sport within their local community by developing key regional hubs, coaching resources and school participation programs. Thanks to Matt for his hard work on our application and successfully getting BSA across the line.
- Working with Sports Australia and eight other National Sporting Organisations for people with a Disability, to develop a sustainable structure that will support and grow our collective work across Australia.
- Similarly, by collaborating with Sport Inclusion Australia and Deaf Sports Australia to create resources, we are now implementing a shared program alongside other National Sporting Organisations to increase education and training opportunities for staff and coaches.
- Successfully delivering the 2019 IBSA Goalball Youth World Championships in conjunction with Blind Sports NSW and Goalball Australia in Penrith, NSW in August 2019. Thanks to Blind Sports NSW and the local organising committee for producing a world class event.
- Growing blind tennis in Australia has been another focus this year, and we are working closely with a number of state members and Tennis Australia to increase opportunities for blind or low vision members of the community to play tennis.

- Commissioning Jess Jasch to create a series of athlete wellbeing videos to support and assist our members and their members to manage the impact of Covid-19. These videos were well received and can be found on our website.

**Website:**

BSA has now updated and launched our new website which includes a range of benefits for members and provides detailed information around the range of sporting opportunities available for people who are blind or vision Impaired. Please visit our website at: [www.blindsportsaustralia.com.au](http://www.blindsportsaustralia.com.au)

**The Board:**

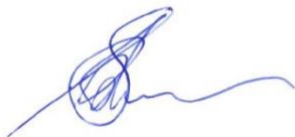
The Board has remained stable over the past year. Unfortunately, Claire Ashworth resigned in October 2019 for personal reasons. I would like to thank Claire for her hard work and wish her all the very best for the future.

BSA's Board continues to benefit from the diversity of gender, tenure and experience across a range of sectors, functions and professions. Our Board members demonstrate a depth of operational knowledge and industry experience, including both the financial, people and business sectors. We were fortunate to appoint both Brenton Lynch in September 2019, and Simon Talbot in October 2019. We welcome the valuable addition of such experienced individuals who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience from different backgrounds to BSA.

I am very grateful to our CEO, Matt Clayton and all my Board colleagues for their effort and hard work they dedicate in performing their duties.

The Board continues to work hard in these challenging times and is making great progress in adapting to a new covid normal world.

Finally, I would like to thank our valued members, on who we depend upon for our success, for your continued support of BSA



Sam Theodore  
Chair  
Blind Sports Australia



## A message from the Chair of the Australian Sports Commission – John Wylie AM

The start of 2020 has been an extraordinarily tough time for Australians, including all of us committed to sport.

The impact of bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic have been confronting for communities, where we all know sport plays such an important role.

At the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), comprising Sport Australia and the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), our energy is focused on supporting our partners through these times as we continue to advocate the importance of sport to our economy, productivity, health, wellbeing and culture.

We believe whole-heartedly that when we get through this challenging period, sport will play a prominent role in lifting the nation's energy and spirits again.

Times such as these can also make us more appreciative of what we do have and of the success we have achieved.

Success in sport is always hard fought. But it's a fight Australian high-performance sport welcomes as it continues to achieve success.

Last year the wonderful Ash Barty won the French Open and became our first female No1 tennis player since her idol, Evonne Goolagong Cawley, in 1976. Javelin-thrower Kelsey Lee-Barber set personal bests throughout the year and took the title at the IAAF World Championships in Doha. Dylan Alcott added three more Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles trophies to the cabinet and Sailing duo Matt Belcher and Will Ryan claimed the men's 470 World Championship. In the pool, our swimmers won seven gold medals at the FINA World Championships, placing Australia fourth on the medal tally.

This year our inspiring women's cricket team won a fifth World T20 title, drawing a record crowd of 86,174 to the MCG. How fitting that this historical moment fell on International Women's Day. These results are a testament to the tenacity and passion of athletes, coaches, sports staff and sporting organisations, which know we have all the skills and abilities to achieve success.

I am proud too of the service our organisation provides to Australian sport each year, on behalf of the Australian Government.

The ASC, through Sport Australia and the AIS, delivers 25,000 grants a year.

The AIS, funds and prepares our Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games to represent us at the highest level in international competition.

In the past few years, we have enhanced our support to athlete wellbeing and engagement, a move that is essential, especially in the current environment.

Sport Australia invests in sports participation programs, from our national Sporting Schools program for younger children through to the Better Ageing program aimed at Australians aged 65 and over.

So many of these grants fuel aspirations. Our Local Sporting Champions program supports 9,000 children a year to reach for their sporting dreams.

Our Women Leaders in Sport program and the AIS Talent program provide opportunities for women to progress their professional development in all roles across sport.

We continue to work with sports to modernise traditional governance structures in Australian sporting organisations and we continue to encourage environments that are inclusive, diverse, safe and welcoming, making sport the benchmark for a more equitable society.

This was to be the year of the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics in Tokyo. Instead, it has been postponed to 2021, with the Olympic Games to be held from 23 July to 8 August 2021 and the Paralympics from 24 August to 5 September 2021.

We have already witnessed a great deal of positivity from athletes who now need to re-set. I'm confident, as a united sport system, we will do the same.

# Executive Officers Report



It is with great pleasure that I submit my Executive Officer's Report for the 2019-2020 financial year. To use a common sporting cliché' it has certainly been a year of two halves, that none of us could have predicted.

The first half of the financial year saw some significant activities and milestones achieved across the blind sporting landscape in Australia, including a number of events that put BSA and our members firmly on the world stage. These include:

- The International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) General Assembly in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Our time was well spent engaging with leaders from across the globe who are looking to grow blind sports participation and reach. The event also doubled as a Paralympic qualifier for goalball and judo, where our Australian women's goalball side (the Aussie Belles), cemented their spot for Tokyo 2021.
- Australia hosted the IBSA Goalball Youth World Championships in Penrith NSW in August. This was a successful landmark event for not just goalball in Australia, but more broadly for blind sports across the country, as it showcased the possibilities for hosting future events.
- The Australian Goalball National Championships were held in South Australia in October, with representation across most states in both senior men's, women's and junior sections. This enabled us to see the cream of current and future generations of Australian goalball talent in action.
- Our National Vision Impaired Futsal side toured the UK in October, where they played and trained with some well-established Clubs using innovative programs. This fantastic learning experience will assist them as they continue to grow the game here in Australia.
- The National Cricket Inclusion Championships were held in Geelong in January. Supported by Cricket Australia and the Lord's Taverners Australia, the event once again attracted a strong field from around the country across all disciplines, with NSW defeating South Australia in the final.
- Blind and Vision Impaired Tenpin held their national championships in March at the Aspen Bowl in Brisbane. This bi-annual event attracted a strong field of bowlers across various classification marks, characterised by a strong but friendly level of competition. Ultimately the female gold award was won by Marilyn Luck and the male gold award was shared between Glen Barwick and Matt Bryant.

- In a particularly busy six months for blind golf, in September 2019, the ISPS HANDA Australian Blind Golf Open was held in Perth; while in March 2020 the ISPS HANDA Australian Blind Golf Open, was played at the Rosebud Country Club in Victoria. Coinciding with the significant thirtieth anniversary of the Victorian Blind Golf Open, we thank the Rosebud Country Club (who have been involved in running the Victorian Open for its' entire history) for their tireless efforts and continuous support of blind golf.

The impact of Covid-19 in the latter part of this year has been significant. All blind sports across Australia have experienced a period of shut down which necessitated much work to understand road maps and restrictions, and to consider how best to manage ongoing restrictions and timings around a restart of activities.

Additionally, many of our members and sports now face considerable hurdles when encouraging people to resume participating again and having the confidence to take part. Access to both transport and sporting facilities are two very significant issues that stand in the way of a full return to activity as many facilities, particularly those in schools, have placed limits on numbers and use by external parties. For many participants who partake in blind sport, they rely on public transport to travel to and from the venue, and this is proving to be a significant barrier to participation as many people understandably fear touching surfaces and coming into contact with Covid-19 when using transport links. Hopefully as we see covid restrictions ease, more people will feel comfortable to venture out. Sports will resume, and stories of a return to a new covid normal will inspire confidence in others to return.

Despite the negative impacts of COVID-19 in the sporting sector, there have certainly been some positive outcomes. The collective down time has enabled BSA to engage in a much more significant way with a number of National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) across the country and also increase our level of engagement with Sport Australia. This increased focus has driven strong collaboration and opened up opportunities for change in a post pandemic era.

By far the most enduring aspect of the past twelve months, has been the increased opportunity for us to engage and collaborate with many more people and organisations. I would like to highlight two important projects that have the potential to transform inclusive sport in Australia. We are excited to be involved in ongoing collaboration with Deaf Sports Australia and Sport Inclusion Australia, developing some great shared resources for and engaging with a large section of the sporting sector, to provide education and training opportunities for staff and coaches. Furthermore, the work being done by BSA and eight other National Sporting Organisations for people with a Disability (NSODs) is working towards building a sustainable structure to underpin our collective

work and similarly strengthen participation opportunities and a presence for those we work with and represent.

As we continue to explore new ways to work with various low-vision bodies Australia wide, we particularly thank Vision Australia for their support in providing office space for us to work from, and for their collaboration in developing new tools and ways to connect with those that are blind or have low vision. Recently, we have engaged with Blind Citizens Australia through a series of online forums and presentations and together we are pursuing new ways of connecting to get people active and engaged in sport.

We are excited about what is ahead of us in the coming year, as we build on our increased momentum around collaboration and engagement. The “Driving Inclusion Through Sport” program, which was funded by the Department of Health, means we can work with our member organisations and partners to develop and implement a range of online tools and coaching resources, to increase the number of participants, people taking on voluntary roles, and clubs opening up competition to welcome a number of different Blind Sports across the country. Another aim of the program is to introduce blind sport to areas around Australia that currently have limited or no access to competition. In particular this will benefit places like Tasmania, ACT and the NT, as well as many key country regional areas.

I would like to acknowledge the work of all of our members; both state based and sport based, for the amazing work that they continue to do, particularly in these difficult times. Our members undertake the frontline work in connecting with blind and vision impaired communities to engage them in sport, across a broad section of ages, mostly due to the dedicated efforts of volunteers and very small staff bases.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our volunteers who give their time so freely to support BSA. To our Board members for their continued support and vision, as they drive us towards further growth and opportunities. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our two office-based volunteers, who over the course of the last year have done a mountain of work, to complement their other commitments. Hui-Cheng Wee has provided great support through her financial acumen and knowledge and consistently finds time in a very busy schedule to assist. Ryan Kennedy’s efforts enabled us to launch our new website, while also maintaining his studies at University, to both of them I say a big thank you.

Yours Sincerely,



Matthew Clayton

Executive Officer



## BSA Financial Members 2019/20

Australian Blind Bowlers Association

Blind and Vision Impaired Tenpin Bowling

Blind Cricket Australia

Blind Golf Australia

Blind Sporting Clubs Association of South Australia

Blind Sports New South Wales

Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria

Blind Sports Western Australia

Goalball Australia

Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association of Queensland

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### **Board and Officer contacts**

Board Chair – Sam Theodore

([chair@blindsportsaustralia.com.au](mailto:chair@blindsportsaustralia.com.au) )

Board Member – Voula Karantzas

Board Member – Michael Clemens

Board Member – Brenton Lynch

Board Member & Board Secretary – Melissa Martin

Board Member – Simon Talbot

### **Staff and Volunteers**

Executive Officer – Matthew Clayton

Driving Inclusion Project Coordinator – Krista Woodroffe

Marketing and Partnerships Manager – Felicity Wilkeson

Finance Support – Hui-Cheng Wee

Marketing and Communications Support – Ryan Kennedy

Member Protection Information Officer – Kent Dredge



Figure 1 – Aussie Belles Goalball Team at Paralympic Qualifier in Fort Wayne, Indiana



Figure 2 – Members of the Aussie Belles squad, Coaches and Number 1 supporter.

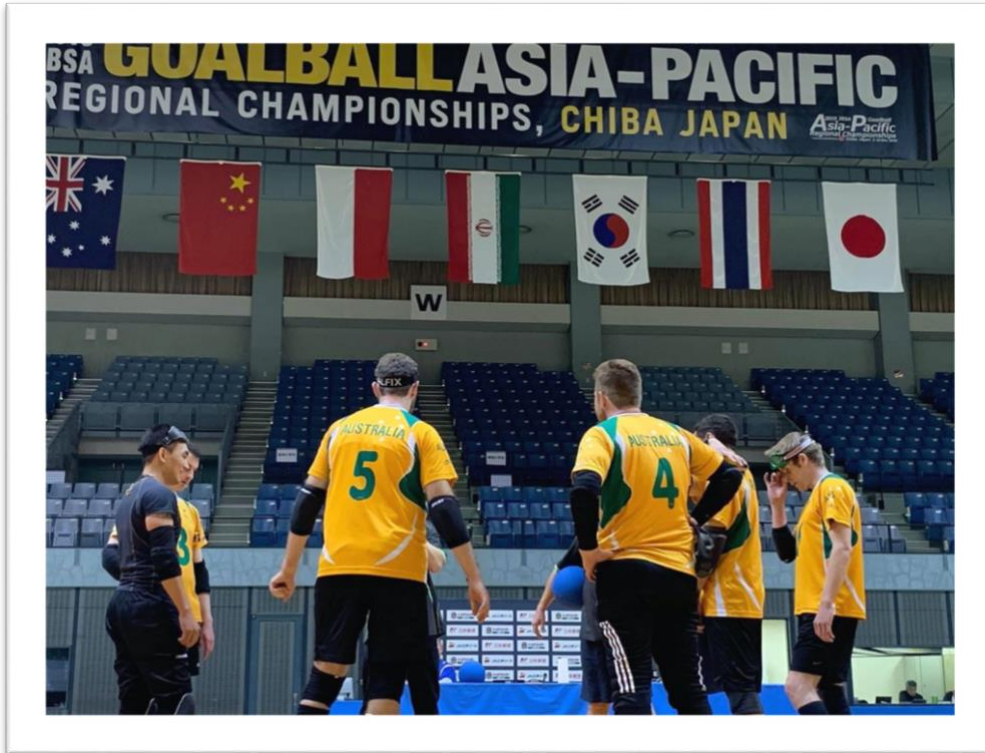


Figure 3 – Aussie Storm – Men’s Goalball Team, preparing for action at the Asia Pacific Regional Championships in Chiba, Japan.

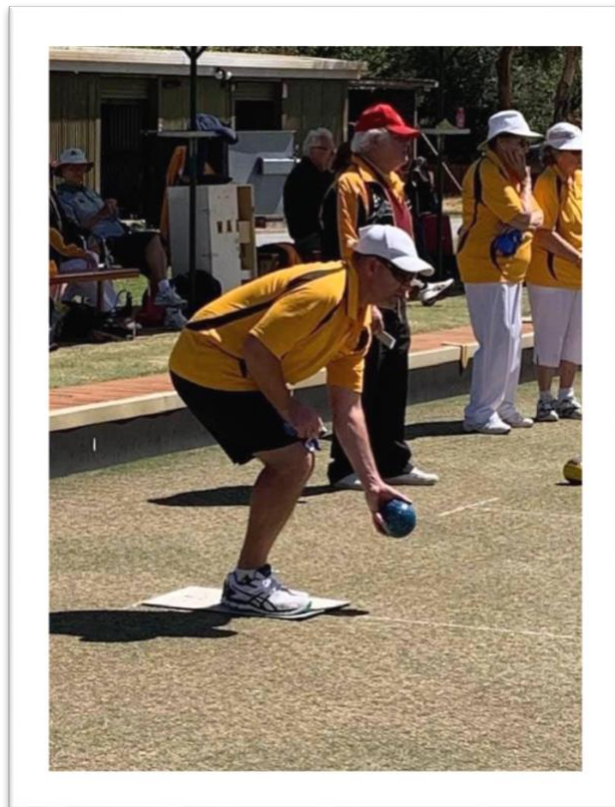


Figure 4 – ABBA Lawn Bowls action at the WA Vision Impaired Lawn Bowls State Championships

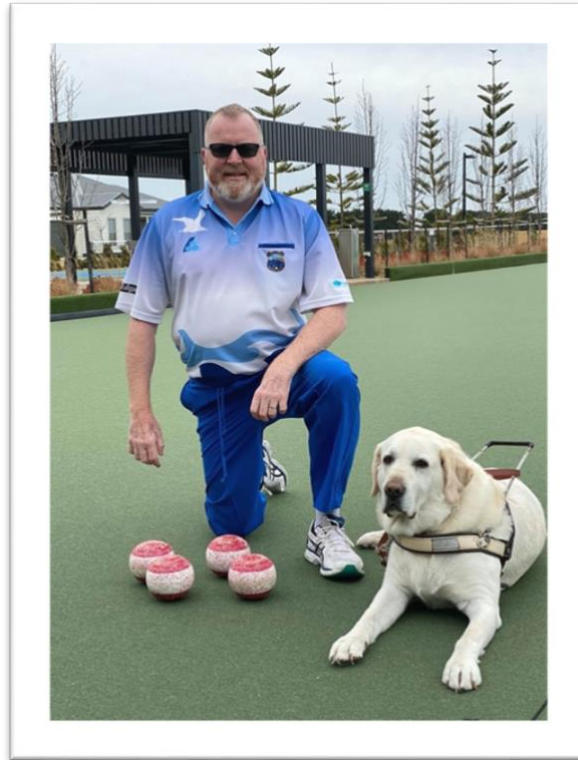


Figure 5 – ABBA President Greg Kennedy on the Bowling Green at Barwon Heads Bowls Club



Figure 6 – Australian VI Futsal team, with some of their UK counterparts, during their tour of the UK.



Figure 7 – Members of the Australian 5 a side Blind Football Team at a Training Camp



Figure 8 – Blind Golf Participants and volunteers getting ready for the Australian Blind Golf Open in Perth.



Figure 9 – Blind Tennis Participants in Victoria getting ready for some training at the National Tennis Centre.



Figure 10 – Some young and budding Blind Tennis stars getting ready to go on court as part of the Hot Shots program.



Figure 11 – Some action at the National Cricket Inclusion Championships in Geelong, NSW V QLD.



Figure 12 – More action between QLD and NSW at the National Cricket Inclusion Championships in Geelong.





Figure 13 – Competitors at the 2020 BVIT tenpin nationals in Aspley, Brisbane.

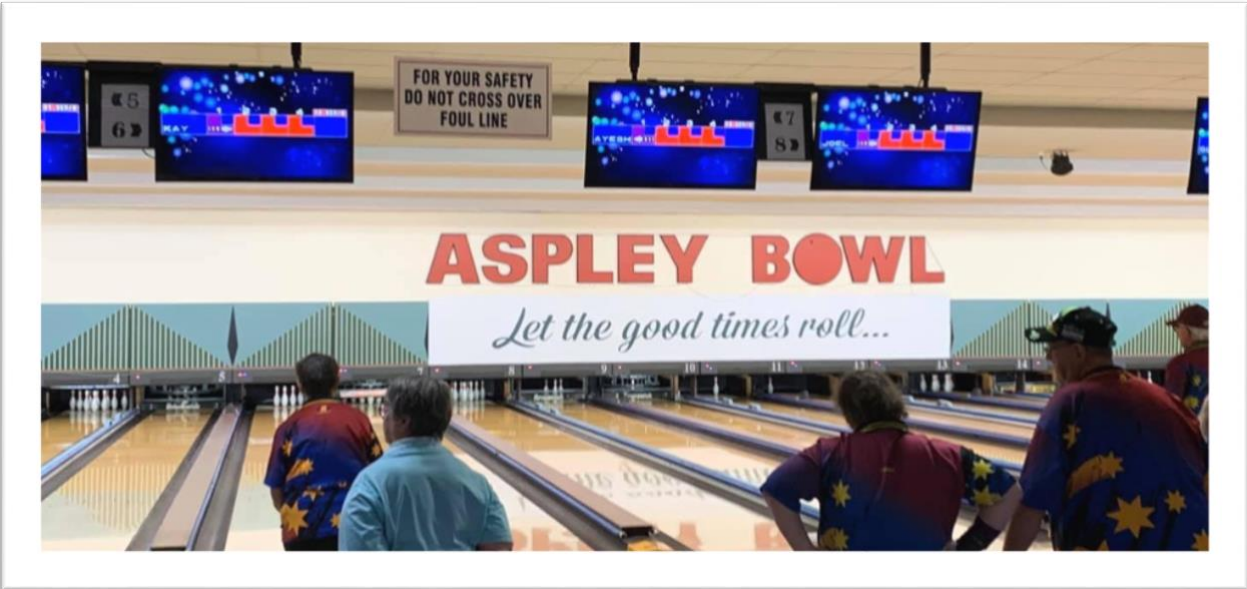


Figure 14 – Blind tenpin action at the Aspley Bowl, as part of the BVIT nationals.



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## Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

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## **Directors Report**

**30 June 2020**

Your directors present this report on Blind Sports Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

### **1. General information**

#### **Directors**

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointed/Resigned</b>
Mr. Sam Theodore	Chair	
Ms. Voula Karantzas	Deputy Chair	
Ms. Melissa Martin	Secretary	
Ms. Claire Ashworth	Audit & Risk Committee Member	Resigned October 2019
Mr. Michael Clemens	Audit & Risk Committee Member	
Mr. Brenton Lynch	Board Member	Appointed September 2019
Mr. Simon Talbot	Board Member	Appointed October 2019

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

#### **Information on directors**

The information on directors is as follows:

Mr. Sam Theodore

Qualifications

Master of Practicing Accounting - Monash University,  
Bachelor of Business - Banking and Finance - Monash University,  
Senior Associate - SA Fin (FINSIA) - Financial Services Institute of  
Australasia

Experience

Director Melbourne High School Foundation  
Director, Land Share Pty Ltd  
Director, SJ Theodore Holdings Pty Ltd  
Member of Institute of Internal Auditors  
Member of Institute of Public Accountants  
Former Director of Goalball Australia  
Former Board Member of: The Greek Orthodox Community of  
Oakleigh & District

Ms. Voula Karantzas

Qualifications

Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) with Honours

Experience

Past president , Victoria, National Association of Women in  
Construction  
A senior logistics supply chain and procurement professional

Ms. Melissa Martin

Qualifications

Masters of Organisational Psychology, Monash University  
Bachelor of Social Science, Australian Catholic University  
Member, Australian Human Resources Institute  
Member, Career Development Association of Australia

Experience

Director/Business Owner, The Clarity Group Pty Ltd

Specialisation

Human Resources, Career Coaching and Development,  
Outplacement

## **Directors Report**

**30 June 2020**

### **1. General information**

#### **Information on directors**

Ms. Claire Ashworth

Qualifications

Bachelor of Commerce (Major Accounting and Business Law & Taxation) from Monash University

Experience

Chartered Accountant with Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia and New Zealand  
Certified Internal Auditor with Institute of Internal Auditors  
Experienced Auditor

Mr. Michael Clemens

Qualifications

Bachelor of Business (RMIT)  
Diploma of Financial Planning (Deakin University)  
Diploma of Education (LaTrobe University)  
Graduate Diploma of Accounting and Finance (Monash University)  
Graduate Diploma of University Teaching and Learning (RMIT)  
Masters of Accounting and Finance (VUT)

Experience

Member of CPA Australia  
Director of TrainEd Consulting Group Pty Ltd  
Registered Tax Agent  
Authorised Representative of Integrity Financial Planners Pty Ltd  
Life Member of the Victorian Blind Cricket Association  
Life Member of the Carrum/Bonbeach Cricket Club  
Victorian Blind Cricket Association delegate to Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria  
Financial Advisor to Blind Cricket Australia  
Financial Advisor to Loch Sport Golf Club Inc.  
Former Director and Treasurer to the Caroline Chisholm Pregnancy Support Agency  
Former Director and Treasurer for the Airport Golf Club Inc. (formerly The Tullamarine Country Club)

Mr. Brenton Lynch

Qualifications

Bachelor of Business, Banking, Corporate, Finance and Securities Law (Monash University)

Experience

Six Sigma Certified  
Change Management Business Process Coach  
Emotional Intelligence Management Coach  
Moody's Expertise Commercial Lending Course  
Over 25 years of experience in various senior management positions in corporate banking and vendor finance environments, in structured finance, capital markets and treasury roles.

## **Directors Report**

**30 June 2020**

### **1. General information**

#### **Information on directors**

Mr. Simon Talbot

Qualifications

Bachelor of Science, Earth/Agricultural Sciences (University of Tasmania)  
Master of Business Administration/Technology (University of New South Wales)

Experience

Australian Institute of Company Directors - Governance, Finance and Strategy for Directors courses.  
Kellogg School of Management - Sarbanes Oxley Act and the responsibilities of the Board of Directors (Chicago based short course).  
South Melbourne Market - Deputy Chair  
Advertising Standard Bureau – Director  
Sustainable Agriculture Initiative – Chairman  
Prime Ministers Manufacturing Taskforce – Technical Advisor  
Monash Food Innovation Centre – Advisory Board

#### **Company secretary**

Melissa Martin continued to hold the position of company secretary during the financial year.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activities of Blind Sports Australia during the financial year were to support, represent, assist and promote the members of Blind Sports Australia to grow the involvement of blind vision impaired persons in sport.

#### **Short-term and Long-term objectives**

The company's short-term objectives are to:

1. Grow the participation of blind and vision impaired people in sport and recreation.
2. Promote blind sport within the blind and vision impaired community, and the wider general community.
3. Continue to foster good governance for Blind Sports Australia.
4. Continue to develop communication channels with member organisations and wider blind and vision impaired community.

The company's long-term objectives are to:

1. Be sustainable and strive for continuous improvements so as to offer the best possible outcomes for blind and vision impaired people in sport.
2. Establish and maintain relationships that foster the growth of blind sport foster throughout Australia.
3. Advocate on behalf of Blind Sports Australia members at the local, national and international levels.
4. Become financially sustainable so deliver better outcomes and opportunities for our members.

#### **Strategies**

To achieve its stated objectives, the company has adopted the following strategies:

1. Develop ongoing and replicable funding sources.
2. Undertake an organisational review in relation to member support and provision of activities for blind and vision impaired sport opportunities.
3. To foster good governance for Blind Sports Australia ensure compliance with the constitution, ACNC and ASC.
4. To development communication channels and promotion of blind sports with member organisations and the wider community.

## Directors Report

30 June 2020

### 1. General information

#### Members guarantee

The company is incorporated under the *Corporation Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$ 100 each towards meeting any obligations of the company. At 30 June 2020, the total amount that the members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$ 1,000 (2019: \$ 1,000).

#### Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### Meetings of directors

During the financial year 10 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director were as follows:

	Directors' Meetings	
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Mr. Sam Theodore	10	9
Ms. Voula Karantzas	10	10
Ms. Melissa Martin	10	8
Ms. Claire Ashworth	3	2
Mr. Michael Clemens	10	3
Mr. Brenton Lynch	8	8
Mr. Simon Talbot	7	6

#### Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under s.60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* is included in page 5 of this financial report and form part of the Directors Report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director: Sam Theodore  
Sam Theodore (Oct 8, 2020 12:44 GMT+11)  
Mr. Sam Theodore

Director: MClemens  
Michael Clemens (Oct 8, 2020 16:39 GMT+11)  
Mr. Michael Clemens

Dated 08/10/2020

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**Auditor's Independence Declaration To the Directors of Blind Sports Australia**

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Blind Sports Australia for the year ended 30 June 2020,

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

LOWE LIPPMANN  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
Level 7, 616 St Kilda Road  
Melbourne Victoria 3004



LOREN DATT  
Partner

Signed at Melbourne on 08/10/2020

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation



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**Statement of Surplus or Deficit and Other Comprehensive Income  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

		2020	2019
	Note	\$	\$
Other income	2	172,170	145,898
Marketing expenses		(5,654)	(1,410)
ABF expenses		(17,908)	(44,776)
Administrative expenses		(28,936)	(26,419)
Consulting fees		-	(18,959)
Employee benefits expenses		(72,286)	(63,165)
Function expenses		(7,516)	(8,447)
Grant expenses for use in Australia		(2,963)	(2,259)
Other expenses		(1,881)	(2,190)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>35,026</b>	<b>(21,727)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to surplus or deficit		-	-
Items that will be reclassified to surplus or deficit when specific conditions are met		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>35,026</b>	<b>(21,727)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Financial Position****As At 30 June 2020**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	<b>118,518</b>	103,075
Trade and other receivables	4	<b>506</b>	1,250
Other assets	5	<b>3,418</b>	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<b>122,442</b>	104,325
TOTAL ASSETS		<b>122,442</b>	104,325
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	6	<b>5,583</b>	4,783
Employee benefits	8	<b>6,578</b>	2,383
Other financial liabilities	7	<b>8,049</b>	29,953
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<b>20,210</b>	37,119
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<b>20,210</b>	37,119
NET ASSETS		<b>102,232</b>	67,206
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings		<b>102,232</b>	67,206
TOTAL EQUITY		<b>102,232</b>	67,206

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**Statement of Changes in Equity****For the Year Ended 30 June 2020****2020**

	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2019</b>	<b>67,206</b>	<b>67,206</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<b>35,026</b>	<b>35,026</b>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>	<b>102,232</b>	<b>102,232</b>

**2019**

	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2018</b>	88,933	88,933
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(21,727)	(21,727)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2019</b>	<b>67,206</b>	<b>67,206</b>

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### Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
Note	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Receipts from operations including fundraising activities	94,537	116,550
Payments to suppliers and employees	(144,094)	(171,059)
Receipt from grants	65,000	65,000
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	10 <u>15,443</u>	<u>10,491</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	15,443	10,491
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>103,075</u>	<u>92,584</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	3 <u><u>118,518</u></u>	<u><u>103,075</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

### **1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **(a) Basis of preparation**

Blind Sports Australia is a company limited by guarantee and applies Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: *Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards*.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statement, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

#### **(b) Revenue and other income**

The company recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and specific criteria have been met for each of Blind Sports Australia's activities as discussed below.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant income is recognised when there is reasonable assurance that the company will comply with the conditions of the grant and the funds will be received. Grant funds are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs which they are intended to compensate, on a systematic basis.

Fundraising income and other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

#### **(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments.

#### **(d) Income tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

### **1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **(e) Financial instruments**

##### **Initial recognition and measurement**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets, this is the equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted). Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through surplus or deficit' in which case transaction costs are recognised as expenses in surplus or deficit immediately.

##### **Classification and subsequent measurement**

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method) or cost.

*Amortised cost* is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between the initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the *effective interest* method

The *effective interest method* is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in surplus or deficit.

#### **(i) Loans and receivables**

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in surplus or deficit through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

##### **Impairment**

At the end of each reporting period, the company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset (or a group of financial assets) will be deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of the occurrence of one or more events (a "loss event"), having occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

For financial assets carried at amortised cost (including loans and receivables), a separate allowance account is used to reduce the carrying amount of financial assets impaired by credit losses. After having taken all possible measures of recovery, if the management establishes that the carrying amount cannot be recovered by any means, at that point the written-off amounts are charged to the allowance account or the carrying amount of impaired financial assets is reduced directly if no impairment amount was previously recognised in the allowance accounts.

When the terms of the financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, the company recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

#### **1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **(f) Goods and services tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

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 ATO is included with other receivables or 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 ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

##### **(g) Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from customers for goods sold 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. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less any provision for impairment. Refer to note 1(e) for further discussion on the determination of impairment losses.

##### **(h) Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period which remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

##### **(i) Comparative figures**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

##### **(j) Critical accounting estimates and judgments**

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements 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 company.

##### **Key estimates - impairment**

The company assesses impairment at each reporting year by evaluating conditions specific to the company that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment triggers, the recoverable amount of the asset is terminated. Value-in-use calculations performed assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

### **1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **(k) Going concern basis of preparation of financial statements**

Since March 2020, the government has announced a series of measures aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19. These measures plus the overall fall in confidence have had a significant impact on the global economy. The directors maintain close attention on the overall impact of COVID 19 on the operations of the company. Based on information to hand, the company has sufficient access to cash flows to ensure its ongoing liquidity and viability. The company is reliant on fundraising and voluntary sourced income. Notwithstanding the reported operating surplus this year, the directors have adopted the going concern basis in the preparation of these financial statements as the directors believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when due through means and measures including:

- existing resources and other income
- sourcing grants and corporate funding
- in-kind sponsorships and support.



**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>2 Revenue</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
Camp Fees - ABF	5,200	29,450
Donation income	2,004	1,603
Grants/Donations - ABF	57,212	38,576
Government grants	65,000	65,000
Membership subscriptions	5,000	4,500
Other income	5,468	6,769
Other income UD3	32,286	-
<b>Total other income</b>	<u>172,170</u>	<u>145,898</u>
<b>3 Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
	<b>Note</b>	
Cash at bank	11	103,075
		<u>118,518</u>
<b>4 Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade receivables	-	1,250
GST receivable	506	-
	<u>506</u>	<u>1,250</u>
<b>5 Other assets</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Prepayments		-
	<u>3,418</u>	

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>6 Trade and Other Payables</b>		
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
GST payable	-	1,881
Other payables	5,583	2,439
Trade payables	-	463
	<u>5,583</u>	<u>4,783</u>
	<u><u>5,583</u></u>	<u><u>4,783</u></u>
<b>Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables</b>		
	<b>Note</b>	
Trade and other payables:		
Total Trade and other payables	5,583	4,783
Less GST payable	-	(1,881)
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	11	<u>2,902</u>
	<u>5,583</u>	<u>2,902</u>
	<u><u>5,583</u></u>	<u><u>2,902</u></u>
<b>7 Other Financial Liabilities</b>		
CURRENT		
Grants in Advance	-	15,618
Monies in Trust - ABF	8,049	14,335
	<u>8,049</u>	<u>14,335</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>8,049</u>	<u>29,953</u>
	<u><u>8,049</u></u>	<u><u>29,953</u></u>
<b>8 Employee Benefits</b>		
CURRENT		
Provision for long service leave	490	135
Provision for employee benefits	6,088	2,248
	<u>6,578</u>	<u>2,383</u>
	<u><u>6,578</u></u>	<u><u>2,383</u></u>
<b>9 Related Party Transactions</b>		

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

During the year there were no transactions with related parties that would require disclosure.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>10 Cash Flow Information</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities</b>		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	35,026	(21,727)
Non-cash flows in profit:		
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	744	2,358
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	(3,418)	11,839
- (increase)/decrease in income in advance	(21,904)	26,193
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	800	(10,555)
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	4,195	2,383
Cashflow from operations	<u>15,443</u>	<u>10,491</u>

## 11 Financial Risk Management

The company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks and accounts receivable and payable.

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note		
<b>Financial Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	<u>118,518</u>	<u>103,075</u>
<b>Total financial assets</b>		<u>118,518</u>	<u>103,075</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost			
- Trade and other payables	6	<u>5,583</u>	<u>2,902</u>
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<u>5,583</u>	<u>2,902</u>

## 12 Company Details

The principal place of business and the registered address of the company is:

Blind Sports Australia  
454 Glenferrie Road  
Kooyong Victoria 3144

Blind Sports Australia is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).

**Blind Sports Australia**

ABN 68 008 621 252

**Directors' Declaration**

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Blind Sports Australia, the directors declare that:

- 1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 6 to 16, are in accordance with with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)* and:
  - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Blind Sports Australia 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 Board of Directors.

*Sam Theodore*

Sam Theodore (Oct 8, 2020 12:44 GMT+11)

Director .....

Mr. Sam Theodore

*M. Clemens*

Michael Clemens (Oct 8, 2020 16:39 GMT+11)

Director .....

Mr. Michael Clemens

Dated: 08/10/2020

## Blind Sports Australia

# Independent Audit Report to the members of Blind Sports Australia

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Blind Sports Australia (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of surplus or deficit 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 directors' declaration.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

### Basis for Qualified Opinion

Fundraising, donations and other voluntary receipts are a significant source of revenue for the company. As is typical of charitable and not for profit organisations, the company has recognised that it is impractical to establish control over the collection of such income prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, our audit procedures with respect to fundraising, donations and other voluntary receipts could only be performed on the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether such income is complete.

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 the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and 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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

### Emphasis of Matter

Without further qualification to the opinion expressed above, we draw attention to Note 1 (k) Going Concern in the financial statements regarding the application of the going concern basis in the preparation of these financial statements. The ability of the company to pay its debts as and when due is dependent on the factors outlined in the note which include prospective activities and events. There exists inherent significant uncertainty in relation due to the prospective and variable nature of these activities, and there possible outcomes.

## Blind Sports Australia

# Independent Audit Report to the members of Blind Sports Australia

## (Continued)

### Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the the Company'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 the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for overseeing the Company'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 Australian Auditing Standards 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 the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

**Blind Sports Australia**

**Independent Audit Report to the members of Blind Sports Australia**

**(Continued)**

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

LOWE LIPPMANN  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
Level 7, 616 St Kilda Road  
Melbourne Victoria 3004



LOREN DATT  
Partner

Signed at Melbourne on 08/10/2020

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## **Blind Sports Australia**

ABN 68 008 621 252

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

## **Compilation Report**

We have compiled the accompanying Private Report on Surplus and Deficit Account of Blind Sports Australia. The specific purpose for which it has been prepared is to provide information relating to the performance of the company that satisfies the information needs of the directors.

### *The Responsibility of the Directors*

The directors are solely responsible for the information contained in the Private Report on Surplus and Deficit Account and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that it was prepared.

### *Our Responsibility*

On the basis of the information provided by the directors we have compiled the accompanying Private Report on Surplus and Deficit Account in accordance with the basis of accounting and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the directors provided, in compiling the financial statements. The financial information has been subject to our audit procedures on the financial statements, however we do not provide any opinion on the Private Report on Surplus and Deficit Account.

The Private Report on Surplus and Deficit Account was compiled exclusively for the benefit of the directors. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the report.

LOWE LIPPMANN  
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LOREN DATT  
Partner

Signed at Melbourne on 08/10/2020

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**For the Year Ended 30 June 2020****Private Report on Surplus and Deficit Account**

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Other income	<u>172,170</u>	<u>145,898</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>172,170</b>	<b>145,898</b>
<b>Less: Expenses</b>		
Accounting fees	505	497
Auditors fees	5,000	6,732
Camp costs - ABF	17,908	44,776
Computer expenses	1,009	3,495
Consulting fees	-	18,959
Function expenses	7,516	8,447
Grants	2,963	2,259
Insurance	16,974	13,175
Marketing expenses	5,654	1,410
Membership expenses	114	1,245
Other expenses	480	79
Provision for employee benefits	4,195	2,383
Printing and stationery	429	565
Promotion & publicity expenses	3,938	-
Salaries and Wages	62,803	56,887
Superannuation	5,288	3,894
Telephone	99	184
Travelling expenses	1,880	2,192
Workers compensation	<u>389</u>	<u>446</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>137,144</u></b>	<b><u>167,625</u></b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b><u><u>35,026</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>(21,727)</u></u></b>

This report should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report of Lowe Lippmann