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SUMMARY - FINANCIAL REPORT FY22

We have finalised the 2022 Financial Year results and it was another successful year of growth for the Association financially. The Associations' Financial Report ending 31st October 2022 resulted in the Association reporting a \$20,382 operating surplus, growing the Associations' positive net asset position to \$39,194.

We continued to embark on an ambitious engagement and funding program throughout the year whilst developing our community, leadership, inclusion workshops and new programs. We maintained our support of Perth Football League's Integrated competition, whilst investing in WA Wheelchair Football League, WA Blind AFL, Kickability Schools program and regional programs, whilst facilitating the new Integrated pathway program Rise Inclusion Football Academy and the well-received Inclusion Workshops.

The Association's financial position remains strong with 2nd year donations and funding grants received.

TOTAL REVENUE - \$348,127 (FY22) vs \$153,515 (FY21)

Where does the money come from?

- Sponsorship \$125,000
- Donations \$100,125
- Programs \$114,987
- Other Revenue \$8,015

TOTAL EXPENDITURE – \$327,744 (FY22) vs \$138,161 (FY21)

Where is the money spent?

- Marketing, media and sponsorship \$23,142
- Programs expense \$68,763.
- Perth Football League Loan interest \$2,617
- Administration costs, wages and salaries \$233,220: Perth Football League service agreement charge, salaries WA All Abilities Executive Officer (FT), Partnerships Manager (PT) Administration Manager (PT) and WA All Abilities Coordinator.

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	208,324.01
Accounts receivable and other debtors	\$	32,780.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$	241,104.01
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LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other payables	\$	124,142.27
Financial liabilities	\$	21,300.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	145,442.27
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Financial liabilities	\$	56,467.16
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	56,467.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	201,909.43
NET ASSETS	\$	39,194.58
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	\$	18,812.61
YTD surplus / (loss)	\$	20,381.97
TOTAL EQUITY	\$	39,194.58

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OUR EXPERIENCE 2022

- PFL strategic initiative to build on Integrated Football.
- Lead the promotion and growth of disability football in WA.

3130
Participants

8
Commercial
Partners

13
THIRTEEN YEARS
OF EXPERIENCE

14
Programs

7
Grants

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OPERATIONAL – SUMMARY FY22

WA Blind Football League

Inaugural season with one come and try and 3 fixtured games plus a finals weekend. Headquarters was the Cockburn ARC with games played on a Saturday afternoon, with both local AFL Clubs being teams. Fremantle Dockers were the inaugural winners of the WA Blind AFL Cup

We also formed a partnership with SEDA Group who assisted with volunteers for the season.

- **The numbers**
 - Participants: 60 (average 12/wk)
 - Seda Group Volunteers: 25 (average 5/wk)
 - Media: 7 News, The West, Perth NOW, 6PR, MMM Regional, Sports FM, WA Football, City Of Cockburn, Blind Sports WA, Fremantle Dockers Facebook & LinkedIn
 - Premiers: Fremantle Dockers

WA Wheelchair Football League

Australian Football in Western Australia became even more accessible with an additional team joining Season 2 of the WA Wheelchair Football League (WAWFL).

The 2021 competition included teams representing three WAFL clubs – Swan Districts, East Perth, and Subiaco. Season 2022 of WAWFL welcomed the mighty Perth Demons.

The WA Wheelchair Football League continues to be a great fit for Australian Football in WA and will not only focus on delivering the best opportunity to play footy for people living with or without a disability but also works in the community to improve disability, understanding, and inclusion at community and WAFL Clubs.

- **The numbers**
 - Participants: average 20/wk
 - Competition HQ is located Arena 2 HBF Stadium Mt Claremont Sundays 1-3pm
 - Premiers: Perth Football Club

Perth Football League Integrated Competition

The addition of two teams for season 2022, provided 13 teams from 13 clubs the opportunity to play home away competition. The introduction of an A and B Division final series gave all teams the opportunity to play more football with the Grand Final celebration of two fantastic games of football. We engaged Joey Salt from Wembley Integrated Team to host the Grand Final presentations and it was a resounding success.

Winning A Division for the first time was High Wycombe Football Club after 10 years of trying and the B Division winners were 2nd year Integrated team from Kelmscott.

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Rise Inclusion Football Academy

Starting with a Draft Combine group of 70 Perth Football League – Integrated Competition players, hosted by the WA AFL State Talent Academy, the final Rise Inclusion Academy Squad of 40 players was selected from an initial 3 training sessions. The chosen players participated in the remaining 5 sessions where they were encouraged to develop leadership, game sense, personal wellbeing and play 3 exhibition games. The 3rd Exhibition game was played at Mineral Resources Park in conjunction with International Day of People with Disabilities, West Coast Eagles and Town of Victoria Park.

Divided into two State Representative Teams, Team Gold and Team Black, each player was devoted to the opportunity and aspiration to Win the Toyota Cup. Inclusion Football Academy Training occurred across 8 weeks, where players from the 13 Perth Football League Integrated Clubs had the opportunity to meet other integrated players, supports and coaches. Their journey over a fully committed program provided each player with additional capacity and confidence to further themselves in sport and in their life journey.

The successful participants were selected based on their leadership, empathy, performance, and willingness to learn.

APM WA AFL Inclusion Carnival 2022

The 16-strong WA Squad for the 2022 AFL Inclusion Carnival has been named.

David Hallows, Lyndsy Ashworth, Kyron Timms and Anthony Kalimeris returned for the WA State Team at the 2022 AFL Inclusion Carnival that was held in South Australia from 5th – 11th of November 2022, whilst newcomers Charlie Cronin, Jacob Miller, Terry Price, Malik Abraham, Blair Quinn, Brendon Uchtman, Julian Miller, Mailey Kelly, Reece McIntyre, Will Brensell, Dylan Farrow and Zachary Aquino all made their debut.

Also selected were three emergencies who were selected pending any injuries or other requirements. The three players trained with the squad and were unlucky not to be selected in the travelling sixteen. The three players were Daniel Delanty (Coolbinia), Brent Stocco (Mandurah) and Lewis Collins (Swan Districts).

The coaches selected were Andrew McCarrey and David Wright who both coached in 2019, with Rebecca Richards travelling as trainer.

The squad was filled with AFL Inclusion Carnival experience, with Hallows (Coolbinia) and Ashworth (Coolbinia) all currently holding the most recent All Australian Honours and once again gained selection as All Australian for 2022.

The Black Swans added to their rich AFL Inclusion Carnival legacy, previously winning Div. B competition in 2018 and then being crowned runner up in 2019. WA was ranked one of the top contenders, with tough opposition from all teams being represented, no more so than Vic Metro, Vic Country, and South Australia, although you can never underestimate Northern Territory (A Div. 2019 Champions) and Queensland (B Div. Champions).

WA finished 3rd overall, its highest achievement.

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Curtain Raisers prior to AFL games

- Fremantle v Brisbane – 5th June 2022
 - 40 players and 30 supports.
 - Kick to Kick on southern wing at Optus Stadium.
 - Guard of honor for Fremantle FC's entrance onto the playing surface.
- West Coast v Essendon – 24th June 2022
 - 40 players and 60 supports and family.
 - Inclusion Football Academy game on southern wing at Optus Stadium.
 - Around the ground walk at conclusion of the game.
 - Many WCE players came out onto the ground to watch.

Kickability

Programs were run in support units of mainstream schools or Ed Support schools as an introduction to AFL for students and teachers:

- Target market are boys and girls with an intellectual disability,
- age group 9- 16
- Modified rules encourages all ages participation.
- 4-week subsidised programs
- To develop the right program (games and coaching methods) to be delivered into more schools in the future.
- To give everyone the opportunity to play Australia's game
- Identify Community champions (teachers) to engage at club Kickability
- Two Gala Days - ACC Schools Carnival term 2 and Kalability Carnival term 3

Kickability Online

The concept of Kickability Online footy training was introduced during COVID lockdowns in mid-2020. We produced 30 sessions over a 15-week period. All sessions were captured using an iPhone, two on screen coaches were hired, Ben who has a cognitive disability and Kai who doesn't have a disability. The exercises and sessions were devised and implemented by the WA All Abilities Football Association (WAAFA).

Fast forward 18 months and the Kickability Online Program has been created to provide access via an online platform allowing 7–17-year-olds with and without disability to participate in 2x weekly football training sessions (online) from a home or in a school-based environment. The program was funded by Healthway, filmed and produced by The Periscope Crew and featured many participants with disability and many without and who were paid to be our online coaches.

The KO program is free, and the program plans to introduce participants (from the entire state) to the many benefits of regular football-based skills training with a view to building them into club and school-based participants and fans of Aussie Rules.

KO is designed for 7–17-year-olds living with a disability from around the state. KO is targeting kids with disabilities who may never have received any formal exposure to football with the vision to make them a lifelong participant in the great game.

Kickability Online is footy training online providing 30 sessions of 30 minutes of physical activity with each exercise running for 60 seconds.

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If participants need to take a break, that's ok but we'd like them to commit to the whole session and encourage them to jump back in when ready. Kickability Online can be done any time, any day and anywhere with all videos saved onto our website when you sign in.

International Day of People with Disability 2nd & 5th December 2022

The Association host 2 activations. First activation was the afternoon of Friday 2nd December with the 3rd and final game of the **Rise Inclusion Football Academy's Toyota Cup** from 3pm – 6pm at Mineral Resources Park. The afternoon activation was a collaboration with West coast Eagles, Town of Victoria Park, WADSA and Healthy Strides. All players were presented with awards at the conclusion of the game.

On Monday, 5 December, Rebound WA in conjunction with Brookfield Properties, WA All Abilities Wheelchair AFL, and City of Perth hosted the annual City Showcase.

City Showcase celebrates the International Day of People with Disability and raises awareness of the Rebound WA's work promoting sport and recreation for those with physical disabilities.

Teams of 5 to 7 people competed in short fun filled games of Wheelchair AFL against other corporate teams. WAFC were represented with 4 teams.

Games were played throughout the day to expose participants and onlookers to adaptive sports and raise further awareness for WA Wheelchair Football and Rebound WA.

Community Football Advisory Council (CFAC)

WAAFA was invited to join CFAC, the strategic body representative of all of Community Football in Western Australia. All affiliates involved in Community Football including Perth Football League, Country Football League, AFL Masters League, RDC's, Female Football, Metropolitan Football League and Umpiring, it also includes WAFC Executive.

We are the voice of Grass Roots and true Community.

EXPO's

The goal of the disability expo's we attended were to bring together people with disabilities, their families, caregivers, and service providers to learn about the latest technology, services, and resources available to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

- Perth Disability Connection Expo 12/13 August 2022
 - Great exposure, no cost
 - Awarded 'Best in Show' Award
- Abilities Expo 8th October 2022
 - Free space with many activations

The WAAFA believes the disability expos are a valuable resource for people with disabilities and their families.

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The programs aim to increase engagement with disengaged and marginalised youth as well as people with disability. The socially inclusive programs allow people with all abilities and experiences to be involved to increase pathways to community sport, increase access to programs and decrease negative behaviour.

Programs;

- Bina Parkland – Balga
 - Mainly children attending approx. 20 per session
- Rockingham – Street Games
 - Adults with disabilities
 - Multisport gameplay, WAAFA takes leading role
 - Adults with disability attending approx. 20 per session
- Perth – Street Games
 - Vulnerable adults with and without disabilities
 - Multisport gameplay, WAAFA takes leading role

Inclusion Workshops

The workshops are designed to increase awareness and understanding of disability, and how we can create a more inclusive and accessible environment for all.

We discuss various topics related to disability, including;

- Understanding different types of disabilities
- Communication and language
- Accessibility
- Coaching strategies
- Awareness and sensitivity
- Collaboration

By the end of the workshop, participants have a better understanding of how we can work together to create a more inclusive society for everyone.

- Presented 300 + students at Seda College and Scotch College
- 1 hr. – Learning and interactive workshop
- 1 hr. – inclusion sport participation

Special Olympics

The economic feasibility study will be presented by EY in early December brought together the formal process of bidding for Special Olympics International Games to be held in Perth 2027. The Association is playing an active role as a member of the Special Olympics WA working group to formulate the bid to bring the games to Western Australia.

Hit a funding roadblock with Ministerial changes in the McGowan government.

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Conclusion

The WA All Abilities Football Association (WAAFA) has made significant progress in promoting and developing Aussie Rules for individuals with disabilities. However, the organization faces several challenges that require attention to ensure its continued success. By continuing to implement the recommended strategies, the WAAFA can strengthen its programs and activities, expand its reach, and increase awareness of the benefits of Aussie Rules for individuals with disabilities.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER
20th February 2023