

President and Treasurer Report 2024 & 2025

President

Volunteers

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have worked in the club for the 24 & 25 financial year. We have amazing coaches, team managers and committee that work hard within our club. You have all helped to integrate our club culture with the players, families and community, strengthening Lakers.

Coaching

We have had a focus during this time of upskilling our coaches. We did this through the introduction of our Coach Development Coordinator, Richard. These sessions were recommended from coordinators or the coaches asking themselves. These sessions were a fantastic success and have only increased the skills of our coaches.

Junior programs

We continued with our junior programs of Little Lakers and Laker Ready. These are a fantastic way for players to begin learning skills while waiting for a new season to begin. The term numbers fluctuated depending on whether there was a new season starting. The programs were run by coach Xavier and our junior coaches.

Team Registrations

There has been substantial growth in player registrations. During this period there was a growth of approximately 40%. Varying problems with teams such as behavioural and unbalanced. Any problems with teams are discussed within committee to resolve. There were no cases of tribunal during this time.

Coaches

We have only struggled with a few coaches at the start of the new season. These are normally resolved within a few weeks. Any coach issues again are discussed at committee.

Courts

We continue to struggle with court allocations, due to the intense growth in the club. We continue to use the courts Monday – Thursday through to 8pm. Unfortunately, we do not have any other opportunities with court access since Emerald Secondary College stopped hiring their court. Possibilities if the club continues to increase is to move to 45mins sessions, or possibly have some teams train on a Friday.

Future Projects

Over the past 4-5 years the committee has been working hard through effective money management to save for future projects.

Future project: The committee has been discussing for years about the need for the club logo and uniform to be upgraded, while continuing with the 'dragon'. It had been noted in committee minutes for logo possibilities to be presented to the club for perusal in 2026, then voted on. The funds the club has been saving will be used to supply players with the new uniform, free of charge. This is a massive undertaking and the reason the idea has been years in the making. With the funds now available to make the change free of charge to the club, the process can begin.

Treasurer

Profit and Loss

The financial year 23-24 saw an income of \$114,362.40 incorporating registrations and club uniforms and merchandise. The total operating expenses of \$92,435.34. The financial year 24-25 saw an

income of \$131,532.81 incorporating registrations and club uniforms and merchandise. The total operating expenses of \$135,511.70.

Major expenses

The major expenses remain the same for both years of 'Knox Association Payments'. Payments to Knox for the 2024 year was \$61,520.51, whereas in the 2025 year the payments were \$76,778.77. This increase in this category will be due to the significant growth within the club resulting in more players in the club.

Repairs and Maintenance

The major increase shown was in Repairs and Maintenance in 2025. The 2024 year was \$79.96 in contrast the 2025 year was \$16,043.50. This significant increase was due to the stadium floors being resurfaced. Even though the club is not responsible for the building expenses, as a committee we decided that this was an important cost to maintain safety for our players while training.

Stadium Lease Fees

There was a noticeable increase with the stadium lease fees. In 2024 there was a total of \$1650 in fees which then increased to \$6,050 in 2025. This increase was due to a new lease agreement that was negotiated with Emerald Primary School.

Bank balances

Emerald Lakers Main Account - \$74,111.68

Emerald Lakers Holding Account - \$243.51

Membership Fees

The club has been fortunate to not have had an increase in membership fees for quite a few seasons. This has been fantastic for our families and community.

In summary, Emerald Lakers remains in good financial health and has increased over the years steadily. Though profit is not the main goal, it is important for profit so the club is able to provide for members and ensure stability for the club.