



ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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VFUA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2021

Strategy Team

President - Matthew Mahoney

Vice President (Member Engagement) - Liam Pain

Vice President (Marketing & Communications) - Joon-Yip Wong

Administrator - Brad Noonan

Members' Representative - Peter Howe

Historian/Statistician - David Flegg AM

Track Representatives:

Senior Field - Peter Bailes

Development Field - Dylan Fulton

Senior Boundary - Blake Anderson

Development Boundary - Melissa Sambrooks

Senior Goal - Luke Monea

Development Goal – Vacant

Events Coordinator - Matt Young

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season 2021 was a rollercoaster year played out amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

From the start of the year, the association was in constant dialogue with the AFL about how our umpires could adapt to the circumstances as well as the announcement of the new VFL competition featuring teams from Brisbane and Sydney.

The VFUA successfully forged relationships with our umpiring association counterparts in Canberra, New South Wales and Queensland, negotiating employment conditions for VFL umpires in those states and territories.

With our newly appointed Members Representative, Peter Howe, leading the negotiations with the AFL, we secured the following conditions for our members:

- Same level of training retainer payments as prior years
- Introduction of a new travel payment for all umpires appointed to games in country Victoria in recognition of the time commitment for travel
- A new loss of entitlement allowance for umpires appointed to matches during normal business hours (Monday – Friday between 9am and 5pm)
- Every umpire received a part-time employment contract prior to the start of the new year

Nevertheless, there were some challenges:

- Senior match fees reduced (particularly for field umpires) in recognition of the broad impact of COVID-19 on the AFL industry
- Boundary umpires had their training retainer payments reduced as a result of a decision to train one night a week remotely rather than in-person at Victoria Park

Another major change was the distinction between senior and development squad umpire contracts.

Senior squad contracts ran until the end of August, whereas development squad contracts finished at the end of June in recognition of the timing of the NAB Girls and VFLW seasons.

Thanks to transparent communication with the AFL, in particular Michael Jennings, Luke O'Brien, Chris Appleton and Amy Adams, these issues were dealt with smoothly.

We commend the AFL for their management of season 2021 and the many obstacles (border closures, umpire isolation, etc) that were navigated.

We set out at the start of the year to work with the AFL to do everything we could to finish the 2021 state league competitions.

This would provide our members with much-needed experience and opportunity after the break in 2020.

Whilst the season was ultimately cut short in July due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we should be proud of the fact that the NAB Girls season was successfully finalised and umpires were able to complete the majority of their season as well as a strong pre-season.

I applaud our members for the flexibility shown throughout the season.

We umpired through multiple lockdowns, navigated our way through a mix of in-person and remote training and still managed to deliver an exceptional umpiring product.

The AFL did a fantastic job providing a COVID safe working environment for our umpires through check-ins, temperature measurements, face masks and separation of training squads.

If we managed all this in 2021, imagine what we are going to deliver in an uninterrupted 2022 season!

VFUA Members

I would like to congratulate 2020 VFUA members Nathan Toner (field), Kieran Ferguson (boundary) and Callum Leonard (goal) who were promoted to the AFL list in 2021.

This is a life-changing achievement and we wish each of them well for the rest of their careers. Victorian umpires dominated the 2021 AFLW season – 12 field umpires, 16 boundary umpires and 11 goal umpires.

After lowering our membership fees to \$100 last year in recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic, membership fees were reset to their 2019 levels of \$220 and we thank the 97% of Victorian umpires who joined as fully paid members.

Life Members

In between lockdowns, we were lucky to host our annual life member function in-person at Bells Hotel in June.

Congratulations to Kate Griffiths, our one new life member elected at the 2020 AGM for her excellent work delivering a strategic review of the VFUA. In addition, 2019 life members Simon Plumridge and Andrew Leggo were formally presented with their awards.

Peter Kelly was the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award for his extraordinary contribution and lifetime commitment to the umpiring profession and VFUA since its inception.

It was fantastic to bring together all the different generations of the VFUA on this night – everybody went home with their stomachs full and minds captivated by the many stories shared on the night.

VFUA Executive Team

It has been a pleasure to work with everyone this year on the VFUA executive.

Once again, it was a year of many video call meetings from home as we continued to soldier on through the many lockdowns.

We did manage, however, to have one in-person meeting at our annual planning day early in 2021 where I was struck by the infectious enthusiasm of our committee members who give up their time to get the best for state league umpires in Victoria.

Whilst I am often the “face” of the VFUA and it may seem like I am doing a lot of the work, the reality is starkly different.

Behind the scenes our track representatives and other executive members put in a mountain of work to deliver the final product that is seen via our email and Facebook communications.

Our track representatives this year were Peter Bailes, Dylan Fulton, Blake Anderson, Melissa Sambrooks and Luke Monea.

I would like to thank all of you for the tremendous amount of work that was put in to organise your squads and be the people on the ground that are arguably most important for the success of our association.

I commend you for putting up with my many group messages, as well as offering valuable insight and ideas from inside your squads.

The feedback from you enables the VFUA to take swift action during the year to quash problems that arise and deliver great outcomes for our members.

Thank you to my Vice-presidents Liam Pain and Joon-Yip Wong.

This year Liam has done an outstanding job organising new VFUA merchandise and our infamous cabinet which now sits at Victoria Park, taking a lead role in our first-year umpire induction and our second virtual Mini-Olympics.

Yip – you continue to deliver world-class content on our social media and website which has expanded the VFUA’s reach on an astronomical scale.

David Flegg AM for providing sage advice on a range of strategic matters, as well as taking sole responsibility for our umpire statistics and Quality Assurance Program (QAP) which goes from strength to strength.

A thanks also to Matt Young, our events manager, who worked with Brad to deliver our life member dinner, as well as planning events such as our annual ball and grand final after party functions which were unable to proceed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our newly appointed Administrator, Brad Noonan.

Brad has continued to enhance our Google Drive documentation system, brought a fresh perspective to umpiring matters and successfully executed key events such as our life members dinner and first-year induction – thank you for all your hard work.

And last but not least, I think on behalf of all VFUA members, I would like to thank our Members' Representative, Peter Howe, for his unparalleled work managing communication with the AFL, resolving a significant number of confidential member issues and successfully negotiating our 2021 fees and conditions package.

I wish our members a restful 2021/2022 holiday period and look forward to seeing everyone back in action on the track for pre-season next year!

P.S. See a health professional and get vaccinated if you have not done so already.



Matt Mahoney

VFUA PRESIDENT

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

While only the NAB Girls season was completed in 2021, it was great to have our members running around the ovals for most of the year.

But unfortunately, we continued to face the challenges of COVID-19 and I must commend everyone for the way you handled these both at training and games. It shows the professionalism and commitment of our group to the competitions we participate in.

Peter Kelly

I would like to acknowledge former VFUA Administrator and Life Member, Peter Kelly. With his well-earned retirement at the end of 2020, the association faced a big challenge of maintaining the high levels of organisation that had been a trademark of PK's reign.

The saying "you should try to leave a place in a stronger position than you found it" is very true for the VFUA as PK departed, everyone at the association owes him a great deal of thanks.

2021 Membership

With all the uncertainty faced at the start of the season, achieving 97% membership was a strong result. The support of our members is critical as our main duty is to represent the umpiring group to ensure our working conditions are satisfactory (if not higher).

We have a challenge to ensure that we can achieve 100% membership, but this cannot just be a goal in terms of a figure, we must ensure that EVERY running umpire believes their membership represents their interests.

VFUA Executive

There were times when we simply didn't know when the training session was going to be, let alone the next round of games, but the Executive Committee remained focussed on ensuring the members health and safety were maintained. To President Matt Mahoney, Vice-presidents Yip Wong and Liam Pain, Historian-Statistician David Flegg AM and Members' Representative Peter Howe, thank you for the way you have welcomed me into the association. You certainly represent the VFUA members extremely well. I also wish to recognise the significant work of the track reps. I've been extremely impressed with the way each of you work with the members, bringing information back to the Executive Committee. To Peter Bailes, Dylan Fulton, Blake Anderson, Melissa Sambrooks, Luke Monea and Events Manager Matt Young, your work is what keeps the association running so well and a huge thank you to each of you.

Umpire Performance

Congratulations to all the squads for their performances during the season. It certainly was a challenging season with the uncertainty of the fixtures and inability to train together. However, as mentioned previously, the continued professionalism of all umpires was testament to the resilience of the entire group. To the NAB Girls Grand Final Panel, who were the only ones able to officiate the big day in 2021, congratulations on your achievements. To the VFLW Grand Final Panel: Jackson Gillespie, Jordyn Pearson, Cameron Williams (F), Andrew Van Keulen, Benjamin Rofe, Mitchell O'Neill (B) Nelson Tucker and Pat Aurish (G) congratulations on your appointments. While the game wasn't played, be proud of your success.

AFLW Competition

The VFUA had a strong representation in the AFLW Umpire Panel, with 39% of the panel from Victoria. The AFLW competition continues to grow from strength to strength and will continue with the announcement of the league expansion in the 2022 and 2023 seasons. Congratulations to each member who was appointed to the AFLW Panel.

Awards

Given all the interruptions to the season, it is very pleasing to be able to present awards to deserving members. Congratulations to the Most Improved Umpires - Matthew Young (Field), Kyle Fisher (Boundary) and Matt Edwards (Goal) along with the Best First Year Umpires - Lachlan Coyne (Field), Riley Guerin (Boundary) and Emma Young (Goal).

To Riley Guerin, congratulations on being awarded the Frank Leverett Shield for the best overall first year umpire. This shows the impact you have had on the entire group not to mention your excellent on-field performances.

Milestones

A rare and special milestone was achieved by Andrew Talbot with 200 VFL games, which has only been achieved by three other umpires. "Turtle" has been an enormous contributor to the VFUA and deserves all the recognition he has received. Well done Turtle! Congratulations to all the other members who also achieved personal milestones during 2021, detailed later in this report.

Finances

The VFUA finished the year with a surplus of \$8,232.00, mainly due to the limited expenditure on functions and events due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The Executive Committee has agreed to allocate these monies to 2022 events.

Strategic Plan Review

This year saw the end of the 2018 – 2021 Strategic Plan, therefore it is timely to reflect on what the association has achieved since implementing the plan.

Leadership

"To have in place an Executive Committee capable of providing strong leadership of the association."

The leadership of the association has been extremely stable during the time of the Strategic Plan, particularly through our presidents. The Strategic Plan was implemented in the final period of Michael Curtis' presidency, followed by Andrew Talbot and our current President Matthew Mahoney. These three individuals have been at the forefront of the association's work, along with all the dedicated of office bearers and track representatives who have been behind the scenes.

Membership

“To consistently strive for 100% membership of all listed umpires by being credible, relevant and respected.”

During the period of the Strategic Plan, it has been pleasing to see the membership rate rise towards the 100% target. In that there was 2018 95% membership, 2019 94%, 2020 99% (even with no season due to COVID-19) and 2021 97%. The association has always aimed to find out why running umpires haven't joined the association and regularly it has been due to personal reasons rather than lack of performance by the association. As we begin planning for the next Strategic Plan, it is critical that we ensure we communicate with all umpires the value of being a VFUA member and the benefits they will receive.

Advocacy & Representation

“To advocate for and represent members in industrial and workplace issues in a professional and timely manner.”

Through the creation of the VFUA Member Representative position, the association has strengthened the way it represents members' in the areas of workplace conditions and remuneration. The appointment of Peter Howe has been critical due to his experience within the AFLUA and AFL Operations, but also his ability to create trust with individual members. While specifics always remain confidential, it has been wonderful to see individual umpires communicate with Peter about their concerns and issues. Peter also has been crucial in the association's increased communication with the AFL / VFL.

Another vital aspect of the VFUA has been the role of track representatives, who are a driving force behind the dealings with members. It cannot be understated the importance of these roles for the association.

Relationships

“To maintain and foster a healthy working relationship with AFL Victoria (now AFL), AFLUA and other kindred associations.”

It is pleasing to report that the communication between the association and the league administration has improved year by year. This has been through the hard work of the VFUA Members' Representative, Peter Howe and we also acknowledge the work of league staff Grant Williams, Luke O'Brien, Michael Jennings, Chris Appleton, Amy Adams and Cameron Nash.

Fees & Conditions

“To ensure our agreement is legally compliant, differentiates between each umpiring discipline and level of football competition, ensures that payments appropriately recognise the different skill levels and commitment required and is flexible to provide avenues for AFL Victoria to meet their objectives for the development and progression of umpires.”

After several years working towards achieving improved fees and conditions for members, the association signed a new agreement with the AFL in 2020. This covered umpires being categorised as part-time employees of the AFL, new training payments and back payments for members where the payments received failed to meet the minimum payments by law.

Social

“To organise and deliver social events that are valued and well attended by our members.”

One of the strongest aspects of the association continues to be providing social events for the members, past and present. From current member events including annual events including the Mini Olympics (a fundraiser for the Cancer Council in memory of Paul Anderson), Grand Final After Function, and End of Year Ball.

Regular squad events are also held during the season, along with the annual Life Members Function and President's Dinner. The global pandemic certainly put a pause on these events during 2020 and 2021, however, providing social opportunities will continue to be a priority for the VFUA.

Welfare

“To explore opportunities to partner with AFL Victoria on a range of wellbeing programs and services for our members.”

Over the past four years, the welfare of members has become an increasing focus for the association. This was especially the case in 2020 due to the cancellation of all football competitions due to Covid-19, and again with the numerous interruptions and uncertainty experienced in 2021. The association was able to establish a support program with the AFL using the services of AFL Psychologist, Greg Buck. Several online sessions were held for all members through this period, with Greg also available to individuals on a confidential and free basis. The welfare of individuals has become a major part of everyday society and particularly for sporting officials who face challenges on and off the field each week.

Each year the association has worked with the AFL / VFL administration on the Quality Assurance Program (QAP), providing invaluable feedback to the League relating to the conditions at grounds (relating to both umpires and grounds/facilities). Issues raised by members include; umpire security during games, changeroom facilities, venue standards, and provisions supplied by the home club. While at times it is frustrating to see certain matters regularly needing attention, it is also fair to say that the League and clubs generally address issues raised promptly.

Communication

“To ensure communication between members, the Executive Committee, AFL Victoria / AFL and any other relevant organisations occurs in a timely manner using appropriate methods.”

Life Members

“To maintain and develop a link with and recognise the important contribution made by life members.”

Maintaining links with our life members is an important role for the association, not only to keep links to our past, but to inspire and motivate our current and future. During the period of this Strategic Plan, the annual Life Members Function has continued to be the main way in which we connect with our Life Members. We have also introduced 11 new Life Members to this honoured club. Further details of the most recent inductee, Kate Griffiths are included later in this report.

Recognition

“To recognise the achievements of the association and its members.”

One of the most significant initiatives of the association is the maintenance of its historical records, in terms of the association and individual members. Through the tireless work by Executive member and Life Member, David Flegg, the ability to recognise the individual milestones and achievements by members continues to be a key feature of the association.

Finances

“To manage finances of the VFUA in a responsible manner that maximises benefits to members.”

The financial management of the association continues to operate using a breakeven budget and maintains a stable amount of assets. Being able to conduct operations while maintaining our level of assets proves the successful management of the association finances.

In closing, I think every member can reflect on the challenges faced over the last two seasons and be proud of the way you as individuals have handled the difficulties. It's by facing challenges and coming through them that we grow, and I look forward to being able to work with you in what is hopefully a 'normal' 2022.

Brad Noonan

VFUA ADMINISTRATOR



2021 VFUA MEMBERS

Field Umpires

2016 Peter Bailes
2018 Joshua Ball
2018 Harry Birch
2021 Alexander Bond
2019 Jack Cannon
2012 Thomas Chrystie
2017 Joel Clamp
2019 Adam Coles
2021 Lachlan Coyne
2019 Sebastian Dalgleish
2021 Genevieve Devenish
2019 Shamus Dundon
2010 Jack Edwards (a)
2017 Sam Ferguson
2018 Dylan Fulton
2019 Jackson Gillespie
2018 Nathan Guy
2021 Connor Hawes
2019 Ian Herman
2017 Jack Howard
2017 Brayden Hunter
2021 Luke Hunter
2016 Nicholas Jankovskis
2019 Elias Kafritsas
2021 Arron Knezevic
2019 Kaleb Laker
2014 Lucinda Lopes (b)
2017 Thomas Lyon
2017 Matthew Mahoney
2021 Ryan Mann
2021 Nick McGinness
2019 Hugo Morgan
2021 Emiel Morvell

2017 Alex Murray 2021
Oliver Murray 2021
Connor Newett 2021
James Nolan 2019
Jordyn Pearson 2016
Michael Pell 2015
Matthew Pongracic 2016
Luke Porter
2016 Jacob Rockwell
2015 Martin Rodger
2021 William Ross 2015
Leighton Rowe 2018
Nick Scott
2019 Jacob Stuckey
2008 Andrew Talbot
2021 Hugh Tatman
2021 Austin Tattersall
2017 Lucas Taylor
2019 Darcy Trewarn
2017 Ryan Webster
2018 Michael Willcox
2018 Cameron Williams
2015 Matthew Young

Boundary Umpires

2016 Blake Anderson
2019 Tim Attard
2019 Kaitlin Barr
2017 Sam Beer
2009 Adam Bell
2016 Josh Blain
2015 Simon Blight (c)
2021 Shaun Bourke
2016 Trent Bowes

2019 James Brayshaw
2011 Leigh Buwalda
2011 John Cooper
2018 Matthew Crowley
2016 Jake D'Angelo
2015 Patrick Damato
2017 Joel Davis
2016 Brenton Dickson
2015 Kyle Fisher
2021 Caleb Garraway
2021 Riley Guerin
2014 Ashley Hawkes
2018 Lachlan Higgs
2021 Alexander Keys
2014 Anthony Laughton (d)
2019 Corey Malcolm
2019 Lachlan Menara
2021 Benjamin Merrick
2018 Greta Miller
2019 Zachary Mousaco
2019 Luke Myatt
2021 Mitch O'Neill
2015 Liam Pain
2021 Lachlan Perdon
2021 Damien Petrucci
2013 Nicholas Phillips
2017 Adrian Pretorius
2019 Benjamin Rofe
2016 Melissa Sambrooks
2018 Raushan Seychell
2021 Lachlan Siddell
2015 Lewis Spiker
2016 Daniel Urbans
2021 Andrew Van Keulen
2018 Max Visintin

2021 Jaren Walsh
2015 Jesse Wilkie
2016 Chris Williams
2021 Lachlan Wright

Goal Umpires

2018 Tope Adepoyibi
2019 Patrick Aurish
2012 Corey Brown (e)
2018 Zachary Brown-Close
2019 Joe Dorrat-Thorpe
2006 Chris Doyle
2012 Matthew Edwards
2021 Sarah Fishley
2003 Adam Gardner (f)
2019 Thomas Gath
2016 Jackson Griffiths (g)
2021 Brady Gutbier
2015 Joshua Hickman
2021 Joshua James
2021 James Kandler
2019 Bradley Kellett
2011 Callum Leonard
2021 Jasmina Lieu
2017 Tayla Manning
2018 Jake Marnie
2016 Brendan Moloney
2016 Luke Monea
2017 Daniel O'Shea
2021 Phillip Pettinella
2018 James Rizio
2021 James Rodwell
2018 Samuel Rogers (c)
2021 Bridget Saftenberger
2018 Jack Stammers
2019 Adam Steger
2018 Callum Thornton
2021 Harley Trickey
2017 Nelson Tucker (h)
2016 John Varker

2015 Joon-Yip Wong
2021 Emma Young

Notes:

- (a) Off list 2015-16.
- (b) Field 2014-16, 2018-21.
Boundary 2017.
- (c) Off list 2020.
- (d) Off list 2015, 2017-2020.
- (e) Off list 2013, 2015-18.
Boundary 2012, 2014.
Goal 2019-2021.
- (f) Off list 2009-2016, 2018.
- (g) Off list 2019.
- (h) Off list 2018.

Goal Umpire, Jasmina Lieu

Boundary
Umpire,
Jesse Wilkie



LIFE MEMBERS' FUNCTION

After a year hiatus, and another COVID-19 lockdown delay, the 2021 Life Members Function finally occurred on Sunday, 20 June at Bells Hotel in South Melbourne. The year delay meant that there was much to talk and reminisce about for our VFUA life members.

The night began with current VFUA President, Matt Mahoney, giving an update on all that has happened over the past two years, and how our members had benefited greatly from VFUA successfully negotiating for all members becoming part-time employees. Matt also congratulated life member and former President, Andrew Talbot, with a ceremonial gavel for all his hard work and leadership during his tenure as VFUA president.

Long-time VFUA administrator Peter Kelly was recognised for all his amazing service to the VFUA. PK's service was one that helped build the foundations of the VFUA while inspiring the values of hard work, loyalty, and respect.

VFUA life membership was then presented to Simon Plumridge, Kate Griffiths and Andrew Leggo. Simon and Andrew were rewarded for their hard work, resilience, and dedication to umpiring and the VFUA, while also fostering a strong culture amongst all disciplines.

Kate Griffiths was acknowledged for her great work as track rep and her leadership for delivering a critical review of the VFUA, while recommending important changes for the structure of the VFUA moving forward. Nick Brown and Dean Jones were unable to attend the function and will be presented at future functions.

The Life Members Function was a fantastic opportunity to recognise our members for their contribution to the association.

Special thanks to the Bells Hotel, Brad Noonan and Matt Young for putting the event together and to all the life members who attended and helped support the new inductees and current VFUA team.



VFUA Life Members (Pictured L-R: Kate Griffiths, Andrew Leggo, Simon Plumridge)

2020 LIFE MEMBER KATE GRIFFITHS

In the late 1990s the VFUA changed the life membership qualification inherited from the AFLUA, removing automatic life membership.

The idea was to focus on service to the association rather than umpiring longevity.

Kate Griffiths is an outstanding example of impact over time involved

Kate arrived in Victoria from Canberra in 2014 by way of the United Kingdom where she completed her university studies and began VFUA service by taking on the role of track representative (goal) in 2016, immediately followed by the more recently created communications role in 2017.

In addition to her executive duties, Kate undertook a comprehensive review of the operations of the VFUA to assist the association in setting a completely revamped strategic direction.

In undertaking this review, Kate consulted widely with key stakeholders including VFL personnel, VFUA members and life members.

Her final detailed report included many significant recommendations to the structure of the association which the VFUA Executive Committee endorsed and implemented immediately.



VFUA Life Member,
Kate Griffiths

They are part of the strategic and operational systems in place today and include the most recently added role of VFUA members' representative that has been successful in recent fees and conditions negotiations.

Of course, Kate did find some time to umpire and did 55 VFL senior games, as her fitness coach (no laughing) and goal umpire coach Kate always excelled in her fitness requirements and took coaching information on board.

She was best first year goal umpire in 2014.

While Kate's time with the VFUA was five seasons her legacy on the structure and any successful future endeavours of the association will be longstanding.



VFUA LIFE MEMBERS

Darren Agnew (1995)
Peter Allsop (1992)
Paul Anderson (2018)*
Jason Armstrong (2006)
Peter Balding (2010)
Dan Beard (2004)
Gary Best (1994)
Anthony Black (1998)
Michael Blair (2013)
Michael Boss (2011)
Alan Brewer (1996)
Graeme Brewer (1993)
Nick Brown (2019)
Tristan Burgess (2013)
Daniel Butcher (2016)
Keith Callaghan (1997)
Peter Cameron (Found.)
Mark Canning (2000)
Peter Carey (1992)
Brendan Carland (Found.)
Barry Carmichael (Found.)
Geoff Caulfield (1995)
Craig Clark (1996)
Andrew Clifton (2005)
Andrew Coates (1994)
Allan Cook (1993)
Michael Curtis (2018)
Graham Danne (Found.)*
Russell Davidson (2000)
Rod Davies (1995)
Andrew Dempster (2001)
Greg Denison (2012)

Frank Dicosmo (2006)
David Dixon (2004)
Mikel Donsen (1993)
Gavin Dore (1993)
Brendan Dye (2004)
Judi Elliott (1997)
Brendan Elvey (2018)
Stephen Evans (2006)
Ray Fargie (1993)
Rob Findlay (2007)
Lloyd Fisk (2003)
David Flegg (1997)
Rob Frampton (1999)
Joy Gelly (2005)
Stephen Gloag (2005)
Darren Goldspink (1993)
Peter Gonis (2005)
Doug Gourlay (1994)
Doug Gower (1993)
Ian Green (1993)
Kate Griffiths (2020)
John Hall (1997)
Michael Hammond (2003)
Lindsay Hardman (2000)
Shane Harris (1992)
Darren Holt (2003)
Colin Hood (1997)
David Howlett (Found.)
David Humphries (2001)
Anthony Hunter (2014)*
Steele Irish (2007)
Ben James (2006)

Michael Jennings (2010)
Dean Jones (2019)
Leigh Keen (Found.)
Peter Kelly (1996)
Greg Kennedy (1998)
Hayden Kennedy (1993)
Colin Larter (1999)
Nick Laurence (2015)
Andrew Leggo (2019)
Matthew Leppard (2009)
Richard Leslie (2002)
Stephen Luckman (1992)
Andrew Malcolm (2002)
Wes Mann (1999)
Shane Mason (2003)
Dean Maxwell (1995)
Peter McDonald (1998)
Anton McKernan (1993)
Scott McLaren (1999)
Richard Mills (2013)
Chris Mitchell (Found.)
David Mitchell (Found.)
Kevin Mitchell (2006)
Geoff Morrow (Found.)*
Sam Mounajed (2018)
Geoff Mowat (1992)
Peter Nastasi (2004)
Ben Naughtin (2008)
John O'Leary (1993)
Malcolm Owen (1993)
Laurie Page (1994)
Daniel Pieper (2016)

Brian Philp (1994)*
Steven Piperno (2015)
Simon Plumridge (2019)
Mark Powell (1998)
Mark Prince (1993)
Doug Purss (Found.)*
Frank Raiti (1994)
Gary Ramm (1999)
Denis Rich (Found.)
Michael Richardson (2006)
Linton Roe (2000)
Greg Russo (1999)
John Russo (Found.)
Paul Saville (Found.)
Rowan Sawers (Found.)
Graeme Scherger (1992)
Colin Segota (1996)
Roger Selwood (1992)
Michael Sexton (1998)
Bryan Sheehan (1993)
Michael Sneddon (Found.)
Chris Snell (2003)
Harry Stamatopoulos (2003)
Justin Stephenson (2001)
Steven Stirling (1998)
Brad Strachan (2000)
Terry Suitryk (1993)
Phil Sutton (Found.)
Andrew Talbot (2018)
Simon Tursi (2008)
James Van Beek (1994)
Jason Venkataya (2005)
Michael Viney (1993)
Matthew Vitiritti (2000)
Phil Watson (1993)
Andrew Wheeler (1998)
Graeme Williams (Found.)
Adam Wojcik (2007)
Cyrus Wong (2018)

Notes:
Found. = Founding
Life Member
* = Deceased
= Special
Award Recipient



2005 VFUA Life
Member Inductee,
Jason Venkataya

SQUAD REPORTS

SENIOR FIELD

As the senior squad of the field rolled around for 2021, it was an exciting unknown for the newly developed VFL competition that had all of us looking forward to the season ahead.

The senior squad started to gel and form a tight knit group when a celebration dinner for the class of 2019 turned sour after being locked in school carpark.

Thankfully, a second gate was located, and we all made it out with not a scratch on any of our cars.

Practice matches rolled around quickly seeing field umpires run around in black boots and work their backsides off to get back into a rhythm after 12 months out of the game.

The implementation of the 'stand' rule developed nicely, but clubs and umpires were still wrapping their heads around the 'reset rule'.

As the season developed, so did the reset rule which had undergone tweaks and adjustments since its induction into the game to be finely tuned for Round 1.

After a gruelling pre-season Round 1 kicked off which saw Harry Birch, Michael Wilcox, Alex Murray and Ryan Webster all make their senior debuts, a reflection of their efforts and consistency in the pre-season.

It wasn't long after Round 1 that Nathan Toner was promoted to the AFL list. That was followed with another promotion to the AFL mid-season as VFL head coach, Michael Jennings, was promoted to head coach of the AFL umpires.

When the Covid crisis worsened in NSW, Sydney and GWS relocated to Melbourne and fixturing became a nightmare.

But, in the calm of the chaos arose the opportunity for two more of our hard-working umpires, Jacob Rockwell, and the VFUA President himself, Matthew Mahoney to make their debuts!

Amongst the debuts and snap lockdowns, Andrew 'Turtle' Talbot finally chalked up his 200th game which, unfortunately, was played without a crowd at Port Melbourne.

The senior squad also celebrated the 100th game of Thomas Chrystie in a close encounter between North Melbourne and Werribee.

In other milestone news, Nic McGuinness notched up 150 games which included those umpired in the NEAFL after the two leagues combined forces for 2021.

Matthew Young also registered 100 games across the two competitions.

The 2021 season threw many challenges at us, but the senior field group stuck thick through it all and consistently displayed the team values of teamwork and honesty.

The coaching staff of Heath, Scott, Chris, Tristan and Marty, as well as support from Luke and Monique, observations from Don, Steve, Rowan, are to be thanked for their efforts in organising and coaching the group.

Hopefully, the 2022 season comes around quickly and we can build on the foundations laid in 2021.

- Peter Bailes



Field Umpire,
Michael Pell



Field Umpire,
Thomas Chrystie

SQUAD REPORTS

SENIOR BOUNDARY

2020: “a season like no other”... Until we encountered 2021.

COVID-19 wasn't the only thing to spread across Australia this year with the senior list spreading to News South Wales, ACT and Queensland to help cover the new expanded interstate VFL competition.

We also saw the promotion of some great young talent to the list and the inclusion of Keysy (Alex Keys) to the Victorian senior list.

There were many let downs in 2021, a lack of men's finals, Victoria (and NSW) jumping in and out of lockdowns, weekends with double or even triple-ups.

It was also challenging having in-person training at Victoria Park cut back to one day a week, along with scheduling issues relating to online coaching sessions. But rather than focus on the negatives, let's look at some of the great/funny things to come out of 2021.

We had a representation from the senior boundaries in the AFLW grand final, with Sticks (Nick Phillips), Ben Fely and Blighty (Simon Blight) running on the big stage.

Round 1 saw several debutants from the senior squad: Alexander Keys, James Brayshaw, Zac Mousaco and Mitch O'Neill.

Round 1 debutants weren't the only first gamers we saw this year. Young Raushaan had to fight harder to make his debut, eventually getting the call up for a Box Hill game. Well done fella, well deserved.

A couple of milestones also popped up this year with Coops (150), Sticks (50) and Onions and Blake just missed reaching 50 games.

With limited new members on the dev squad, you would've thought that the senior squad members would've been a little bit nicer to some of the young pups, alas Sticks still referred to each member of the puppy squad as Steve and JC was still looking for someone to call four-eyes. Some things never change.

Painy managed to roast a first-year field umpire to the point that he probably won't return after the poor fieldy incorrectly recalled one of Painy's throws in the last 30 seconds of a NAB Girls game.

After the match the comment "back to local fella" may have been used by the aging boundary towards the fresh faced field.

Higgsy took full advantage of coaching being online, one time tuning in from the pub, unfortunately for the great man the mute button didn't work and resulted in him get some self-inflicted isolation from senior footy for a week or two.

Ding took over the fines for 2021 and with all the money he raised he was able to buy a six-pack of off-brand beer from Aldi and a packet of burger rings.

Let's hope 2022 will be a lot better than 2021 and 2020 combined.

- Blake Anderson, Liam Pain and Raushan Seychell

SQUAD REPORTS

SENIOR GOAL

Season 2021 was perhaps the most challenging the VFL squad has faced in quite some time. A cluster of lockdowns, restrictions and postponing of games and ending with the sad cancellation of the entire season right before September.

It wasn't, however, a year without enjoyment, opportunity, and some awesome achievements within the squad.

We had some exciting promotions to the senior squad this year, with Thomas Gath, Brad Kellett, Jake Marnie, Brendan Moloney, Adam Steger and Yippy Wong all making their senior debuts early in the season.

We also saw the retirement of veteran Cyrus Wong in round one, finishing his stellar career on a whopping 136 senior games. Congratulations Cyrus on a wonderful career, the squad wishes you all the best.

Goal Umpires (L-R) Callum Leonard, Chris Doyle, James Rizio, Jack Stammers



With the lack of games and a season cut short, only one other games milestone was achieved within the VFL this season, Matt Edwards 100th VFL senior game.

We also had some great representation in the AFLW finals series, with Matt also able to earn himself a well-deserved place on the bench for the 2021 AFLW Grand Final in Adelaide.

Without any other finals series or grand finals for the VFL or NAB boys, this was the only 2021 grand final with a senior goalie involved, well-done Matt!

Mr Aldi himself, Cal Leonard, was rewarded for his performance over previous years with a promotion to the AFL rookie squad and was quickly called on to make his AFL debut in Round 20 between Hawthorn and Brisbane.

As usual, Cal had a flawless game. Congrats Cal, well deserved, easy those ones.

We spent plenty of time in zoom coaching sessions this year, which provided some challenges and was certainly a new experience for most of us.

Aside from laggy footage and Brad's lack of expertise on a computer, these sessions were interactive, and it was like we were still in the coaching room at Vic Park.

We were also able to connect with the state league umpires in NSW and QLD through Zoom, which was a highlight of our coaching sessions.

Talking and learning off other state umpires brought us even closer to an AFL-like coaching session and is something we all look forward to every week.

There was plenty of controversial decisions on the field, but arguably more controversial decisions away from the track as well. Zac Brown-Close and Jacko Griffiths repeat offenders of wearing AFL VIC uniforms to the gym, and yet still posting photos to social media.

Adam Gardner had the audacity as an off-duty police officer, to flash his badge on his way into a game at a kid not wearing his helmet on a scooter. Not much, however, topped Adam Steger backing into Jake Marnie's car, impressive from you Stegs! That's just to name a few.

Hopefully these lessons will be learned next year, and we all realise you can't get away with anything with this squad, you will be dobbed in.

Overall, a disappointing ending to season 2021, however, the squad has had an eventful and enjoyable year and will be back aiming for bigger and better things in 2022.

Goal Umpire,
Luke Monea

- John Varker



SQUAD REPORTS

DEVELOPMENT FIELD

Well, what a turbulent season 2021 was. It was great to finally get back to umpiring after the no-show of a year that was 2020 but, sadly, we were once again unable to finish of the season. Despite this there were several positives that still came out of it.

The start of preseason saw us tortured by Adam and his fitness crew again, but it was really good to see who took advantage of the season off (talking about you Elias). There may have been a few of us who had a bit too much KFC in the year off and boy was that a regret.

The 2021 season saw the introduction of Tony Hales as the Development Squad coach with assistance from Burgo. To say he is a football addict is an understatement, weekly our email inboxes were getting blown up with feedback and notes from games on the weekend.

With the start of the new VFL competition we saw the promotion of all the remaining Senior Development Squad umpires. That in turn meant we saw 16 first-year umpires join the Development Squad, of these new development umpires we had multiple final umpires and even a grand final umpire.

Even more impressive than that is that Luke Hunter was able to keep up with Kaleb Laker on the training track.

Every single week the commitment this group showed to better themselves was outstanding, whether it was out on the training track pushing and working hard or in the coaching room asking questions and offering (sometimes quite controversial) opinions.

Or in Emiel's case offering us up some very "interesting" facts such as. "There is more Monopoly money than normal money in the world" or "After a 350-pound pig fell on a man named Charles Osbourne, he had the hiccups for 68 years and he had an estimated 430 million hiccups". The want to get better and improve was always there.

I would also like to congratulate the NAB League Girls Grand Final umpires: Lachlan Coyne, Shamus Dundon and Seb Dalgleish.

Also, the would be VFLW Grand Final umpires: Jackson Gillespie, Jordyn Pearson and Cameron Williams. Congratulations also to Lucy Lopes who reached 50 career NAB Boys League games this season.

Again, this year COVID-19 hit the football season hard, throughout the year we had last minute game cancellations, offsite training sessions and zoom coaching meetings (that never seemed to work properly).

While the city was stuck in lockdown the country umpires (all six of them) were travelling all over the state to umpire regional games.

Unfortunately, we came to a point where we all realised that there was going to be no more state league football played in 2021 and sadly for the umpires involved that was right after they announced the VFLW grand final umpires.

Here's to hoping we get a full season in 2022 and I will see you all then.

- Jacob Stuckey

SQUAD REPORTS

DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY

A new season, a new set of rules and challenges and everyone's season concluded in a uniquely unpredictable way.

Boundary Umpire,
Ben Rofe

Words cannot describe the excitement and joy of being able to be back on the park following the absence of community sport during 2020.

In many ways, 2021, along with its predecessor, can qualify for an asterisk beside its figure. But the ever-changing environment of 2021 was able to provide some unique opportunities and allowed individual achievement to shine bright.

Congratulations to Lachlan Menara, Riley Guerin, Damian Petrucci, Caleb Garraway, Lachlan Wright and Mitchell O'Neill who earned a chance to make their VFL debut.

For umpiring the NAB Girls Grand Final congratulations to Melissa Sambrooks and Damian Petrucci and for their appointment to the cancelled VFLW Grand Final congratulations to Andrew Van Keulen, Benjamin Rofe and Mitchell O'Neill.

Well done to Kaitlin Barr for representing the Development Squad at the AFLW U19 National Championships.



Given how the year transpired and the challenges we all faced, both as a group and individually, no one took a backward step. In part, this can be attributed to the camaraderie and mateship carried on and off the field. The highs were memorable and the lows, while disappointing, were a bit softer.

Thank you to everyone on the Development Squad and in the broader umpiring community for the part you played this season. Unfortunately, not everyone received the big game they may have deserved, but stick with it, you are all capable and can reach your goals!

Finally, good luck to Tim Attard on his future career endeavours in the Defence Force! Thank you for your smile and the energy you carried with you everywhere! You will be missed.

Don't forget to check in with your mates or reach out if you're not tracking so well. There's always someone who cares.

Boundary Umpire,
Shaun Bourke



SQUAD REPORTS

DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Season 2021 started off great with the promotion of five umpires onto the senior squad and the addition of 11 new umpires. Everyone was very eager to get stuck into the season due to the loss of season 2020.

After Round 1 the senior squad said goodbye to VFUA life member Cyrus Wong which saw an opening for Brad Kellett's promotion to the senior squad.

There was some big news early with some future goal umpires being born. Congratulations, Josh and Corey on becoming first time dads.

Following on with the good news we saw the appointments of Emma Young, Joe Dorrat-Thorp and Phillip Pettinella to the 2021 NAB League Girls Grand Final which is a massive achievement as it's Emma and Phil's first season at state league level.

Then came the disaster of the season being put on hold due to restrictions two weeks out from the VFLW final series, however that couldn't stop our very strong group who stuck with it in the face of adversity.

We got two weeks into the final series before COVID struck again and it put the preliminary final on hold for a week longer.

When we got to restart, we saw the appointments of Nelson Tucker, Pat Aurish and Callum Thornton to the VFLW Grand Final. Although the game couldn't be played due to COVID it is a massive achievement.

However, the year wasn't without its moments, such as reviewing our coach Matt Lee's footage from a game where he had to fill in because an umpire didn't show up.

James Rodwell forgetting a belt so ended up using sticky tape for the game and Pat Aurish running to get under the flight of the ball but ending up booting the ball over the fence.

We would also like to congratulate Tope Adepoyibi on her goal umpiring career and wish her well in retirement and all her other future endeavours.

See you all in 2022.

- Nelson Tucker



Goal Umpire,
Emma Young

2021 STATISTICS

Field Umpires	VFL	NAB BOYS	VFLW	NAB GIRLS
Peter Bailes	10 (43)	0 (22)	0 (8)	0 (0)
Joshua Ball	9 (17)	0 (13)	0 (7)	0 (3)
Harry Birch	9 (9)	1 (24)	1 (7)	0 (4)
Alexander Bond	0 (0)	5 (5)	8 (8)	5 (5)
Jack Cannon	0 (0)	5 (10)	7 (14)	4 (7)
Thomas Chrystie [1]	10 (103)	0 (29)	2 (2)	0 (0)
Joel Clamp	10 (25)	0 (26)	0 (7)	1 (1)
Adam Coles	0 (0)	3 (8)	5 (12)	2 (7)
Lachlan Coyne	0 (0)	5 (5)	6 (6)	7 (7)
Sebastian Dalgleish	0 (0)	7 (14)	7 (11)	7 (10)
Genevieve Devenish	0 (0)	1 (1)	6 (6)	2 (2)
Shamus Dundon	0 (0)	6 (16)	5 (12)	5 (8)
Jack Edwards [2]	0 (140)	0 (23)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Sam Ferguson	9 (24)	1 (30)	2 (10)	0 (0)
Dylan Fulton	0 (0)	3 (17)	9 (24)	4 (12)
Jackson Gillespie	0 (0)	4 (10)	9 (16)	6 (11)
Nathan Guy	0 (0)	5 (21)	3 (18)	6 (14)
Connor Hawes	0 (0)	4 (4)	5 (5)	4 (4)
Ian Herman	0 (0)	5 (8)	6 (15)	7 (14)
Jack Howard	9 (11)	1 (38)	0 (13)	0 (1)
Brayden Hunter	6 (10)	3 (34)	3 (16)	0 (1)
Luke Hunter	0 (0)	3 (3)	9 (9)	5 (5)
Nicholas Jankovskis	10 (31)	0 (27)	0 (12)	0 (0)
Elias Kafritsas	0 (0)	4 (6)	13 (23)	2 (10)
Arron Knezevic	0 (0)	3 (3)	8 (8)	5 (5)
Kaleb Laker	0 (0)	3 (9)	6 (12)	6 (11)
Lucinda Lopes [3]	0 (0)	4 (46)	7 (36)	3 (11)
Thomas Lyon	8 (15)	5 (29)	0 (11)	1 (4)
Matthew Mahoney	1 (1)	5 (31)	3 (25)	0 (1)
Ryan Mann	0 (0)	5 (5)	7 (7)	4 (4)
Nick McGinness [4]	9 (151)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Hugo Morgan	0 (0)	4 (11)	4 (10)	8 (12)
Emiel Morvell	0 (0)	6 (6)	7 (7)	5 (5)
Alex Murray	8 (8)	2 (31)	1 (19)	0 (1)

2021 STATISTICS

Field Umpires	VFL	NAB BOYS	VFLW	NAB GIRLS
Oliver Murray	0 (0)	6 (6)	6 (6)	6 (6)
Connor Newett	0 (0)	5 (5)	6 (6)	5 (5)
James Nolan	0 (0)	1 (1)	8 (8)	4 (4)
Jordyn Pearson	0 (0)	2 (4)	9 (12)	1 (4)
Michael Pell	10 (47)	0 (19)	0 (4)	0 (0)
Matthew Pongracic	9 (34)	1 (34)	0 (7)	0 (0)
Luke Porter	9 (30)	0 (25)	0 (15)	0 (0)
Jacob Rockwell	1 (1)	4 (41)	3 (26)	0 (2)
Martin Rodger	10 (58)	0 (22)	0 (5)	0 (0)
William Ross	0 (0)	3 (3)	7 (7)	4 (4)
Leighton Rowe	8 (49)	0 (18)	0 (4)	0 (0)
Nick Scott	10 (21)	1 (17)	0 (8)	0 (4)
Jacob Stuckey	0 (0)	7 (9)	5 (14)	4 (7)
Andrew Talbot	10 (204)	0 (19)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Hugh Tatman	0 (0)	2 (2)	7 (7)	5 (5)
Austin Tattersall	0 (0)	6 (6)	9 (9)	4 (4)
Lucas Taylor Darcy	0 (0)	4 (25)	5 (27)	6 (14)
Trewarn Ryan	0 (0)	4 (11)	8 (15)	5 (8)
Webster Michael	7 (7)	2 (31)	2 (21)	0 (3)
Willcox Cameron	8 (8)	2 (13)	1 (16)	0 (5)
Williams Matthew	0 (0)	5 (22)	7 (20)	5 (13)
Young [5]	10 (139)	0 (9)	0 (1)	0 (0)

NOTES:

1 - VFL total includes 1 NEAFL match

2 - VFL total includes 7 NEAFL matches. Injured 2021.

3 - Umpired 5 NAB Boys and 10 VFLW as a boundary umpire. Career totals NAB Boys: 50 and VFLW: 46

4 - VFL total includes 141 NEAFL matches

5 - VFL total includes 45 NEAFL matches

2021 STATISTICS

Boundary Umpires	VFL	NAB BOYS	VFLW	NAB GIRLS
Blake Anderson	10 (48)	0 (12)	2 (9)	0 (1)
Tim Attard	0 (0)	5 (10)	8 (16)	3 (9)
Kaitlin Barr	0 (0)	4 (5)	8 (17)	5 (15)
Sam Beer	9 (11)	1 (25)	2 (19)	1 (3)
Adam Bell	9 (142)	0 (34)	3 (5)	0 (0)
Josh Blain	9 (13)	0 (37)	1 (16)	0 (6)
Simon Blight	8 (94)	1 (10)	0 (2)	0 (0)
Shaun Bourke	0 (0)	6 (6)	10 (10)	6 (6)
Trent Bowes	6 (25)	3 (23)	2 (11)	0 (0)
James Brayshaw	9 (9)	2 (7)	3 (12)	0 (5)
Leigh Buwalda	7 (95)	1 (30)	0 (0)	0 (0)
John Cooper	10 (153)	0 (25)	0 (1)	0 (0)
Matthew Crowley	2 (19)	3 (14)	0 (8)	0 (4)
Jake D'Angelo	9 (26)	0 (24)	3 (11)	0 (3)
Patrick Damato	9 (48)	1 (22)	2 (8)	0 (0)
Joel Davis	0 (1)	0 (25)	0 (22)	0 (7)
Brenton Dickson	5 (25)	4 (35)	1 (12)	0 (3)
Kyle Fisher	10 (29)	0 (32)	1 (12)	1 (2)
Caleb Garraway	2 (2)	4 (4)	7 (7)	5 (5)
Riley Guerin	5 (5)	2 (2)	5 (5)	6 (6)
Ashley Hawkes	10 (73)	0 (19)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Lachlan Higgs	8 (23)	2 (15)	2 (11)	0 (4)
Alexander Keys	4 (4)	3 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)
Anthony Laughton [1]	5 (45)	1 (11)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Corey Malcolm	1 (1)	5 (9)	3 (13)	0 (4)
Lachlan Menara	8 (8)	3 (9)	2 (8)	3 (8)
Benjamin Merrick	0 (0)	5 (5)	8 (8)	4 (4)
Greta Miller	9 (20)	1 (14)	1 (7)	0 (5)
Zachary Mousaco	11 (11)	1 (5)	1 (10)	0 (5)
Luke Myatt	0 (0)	6 (10)	7 (15)	3 (11)
Mitch O'Neill	5 (5)	5 (5)	5 (5)	4 (4)
Liam Pain	8 (67)	3 (20)	2 (2)	1 (1)
Lachlan Perdon	0 (0)	5 (5)	6 (6)	7 (7)
Damien Petrucci	2 (2)	5 (5)	3 (3)	6 (6)

2021 STATISTICS

Boundary Umpires	VFL	NAB BOYS	VFLW	NAB GIRLS
Nicholas Phillips	8 (57)	1 (29)	1 (1)	0 (0)
Adrian Pretorius	5 (25)	4 (24)	3 (17)	0 (2)
Benjamin Rofe	0 (0)	6 (10)	8 (12)	2 (11)
Melissa Sambrooks	0 (0)	9 (27)	4 (26)	5 (9)
Raushan Seychell	2 (2)	5 (17)	7 (21)	1 (5)
Lachlan Siddell	0 (0)	4 (4)	11 (11)	3 (3)
Lewis Spiker	10 (31)	0 (21)	0 (7)	1 (4)
Daniel Urbans	8 (10)	2 (39)	2 (11)	1 (9)
Andrew Van Keulen	0 (0)	4 (4)	11 (11)	2 (2)
Max Visintin	0 (0)	3 (11)	9 (25)	2 (6)
Jaren Walsh	0 (0)	3 (3)	5 (5)	3 (3)
Jesse Wilkie	4 (43)	2 (16)	0 (1)	0 (0)
Chris Williams	8 (23)	1 (25)	5 (19)	1 (4)
Lachlan Wright	4 (4)	6 (6)	4 (4)	6 (6)

NOTES:

1 - VFL total includes 31 NEAFL matches

2021 STATISTICS

Goal Umpires	VFL	NAB BOYS	VFLW	NAB GIRLS
Tope Adepoyibi	0 (0)	5 (15)	5 (21)	1 (6)
Patrick Aurish	0 (0)	4 (9)	7 (21)	1 (4)
Corey Brown	0 (0)	6 (41)	8 (19)	7 (14)
Zachary Brown-Close	9 (23)	0 (9)	1 (11)	1 (5)
Joe Dorrat-Thorpe	0 (0)	6 (13)	9 (20)	8 (12)
Chris Doyle [1]	9 (139)	1 (80)	1 (3)	0 (0)
Matthew Edwards	10 (108)	0 (31)	0 (1)	0 (0)
Sarah Fishley	0 (0)	1 (1)	8 (8)	6 (6)
Adam Gardner [2]	10 (80)	1 (63)	0 (12)	0 (2)
Thomas Gath	5 (5)	1 (9)	1 (11)	0 (5)
Jackson Griffiths	9 (24)	1 (14)	0 (7)	0 (0)
Brady Gutbier	0 (0)	8 (8)	6 (6)	9 (9)
Joshua Hickman	10 (36)	0 (22)	2 (8)	0 (1)
Joshua James	0 (0)	8 (8)	8 (8)	6 (6)
James Kandler	0 (0)	10 (10)	10 (10)	4 (4)
Bradley Kellett	7 (7)	4 (16)	4 (24)	5 (15)
Callum Leonard	9 (137)	3 (29)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Jasmina Lieu	0 (0)	1 (1)	9 (9)	3 (3)
Tayla Manning	10 (22)	0 (16)	0 (20)	0 (5)
Jake Marnie	8 (8)	0 (12)	1 (20)	0 (8)
Brendan Moloney	6 (6)	1 (31)	2 (24)	0 (9)
Luke Monea [1]	10 (64)	0 (10)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Daniel O'Shea	0 (0)	5 (26)	17 (41)	6 (24)
Phillip Pettinella	0 (0)	7 (7)	6 (6)	6 (6)
James Rizio [1]	10 (37)	0 (7)	0 (5)	0 (4)
James Rodwell	0 (0)	8 (8)	8 (8)	4 (4)
Samuel Rogers	0 (0)	6 (18)	10 (21)	4 (14)
Bridget Saftenberger	0 (0)	1 (1)	5 (5)	6 (6)
Jack Stammers	10 (24)	0 (12)	0 (11)	0 (4)
Adam Steger	6 (6)	2 (11)	1 (13)	0 (2)
Callum Thornton	0 (0)	3 (20)	13 (35)	3 (12)
Harley Trickey	0 (0)	3 (3)	4 (4)	4 (4)
Nelson Tucker	0 (0)	4 (16)	11 (31)	2 (5)

2021 STATISTICS

Goal Umpires	VFL	NAB BOYS	VFLW	NAB GIRLS
John Varker	10 (60)	3 (15)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Joon-Yip Wong	9 (9)	2 (25)	2 (30)	0 (9)
Emma Young	0 (0)	5 (5)	8 (8)	9 (9)

NOTES:

- 1 - VFL total includes 1 NEAFL match
- 2 - VFL total includes 44 NEAFL matches

2021 AFLW STATISTICS

Field Umpires

2021 (Career)

Peter Bailes	10 (22)
Gen Devenish	2 (4)
Nick Jankovskis	7 (11)
Lucinda Lopes	3 (8)
Nicholas McGinness	12 (32)
Jordyn Pearson	5 (6)
Michael Pell	12 (23)
Luke Porter	8 (12)
Martin Rodger	9 (21)
Leighton Rowe	8 (13)

Goal Umpires

2021 (Career)

Tope Adepoyibi	5 (12)
Matthew Edwards	8 (13)
Adam Gardner	5 (9)
Thomas Gath	5 (6)
Callum Leonard	6 (22)
Tayla Manning	6 (15)
Luke Monea	7 (19)
James Rizio	8 (14)
Jack Stammers	8 (11)
Adam Stegar	4 (5)
John Varker	7 (21)

Boundary Umpires

Blake Anderson	12 (30)
Joshua Blain	8 (8)
Simon Blight	10 (16)
Trent Bowes	11 (22)
Leigh Buwalda	6 (20)
John Cooper	10 (23)
Matthew Crowley	1 (8)
Jake D'Angelo	5 (5)
Ashley Hawkes	11 (22)
Lachlan Higgs	6 (6)
Anthony Laughton	12 (15)
Greta Miller	11 (24)
Zachary Mousaco	9 (9)
Nicholas Phillips	13 (29)
Jesse Wilkie	10 (23)

Goal Umpire,
Tope Adepoyibi



2021 MILESTONES

Milestone	Umpire	Date	Match
200 VFL matches	Andrew Talbot	Saturday, 19 June 2021	Port Melbourne v. Carlton (Port Melbourne)
150 VFL matches	Nick McGinness	Sunday, 11 July 2021	Coburg v. Northern Bullants (Coburg)
	John Cooper	Sunday, 27 June 2021	Port Melbourne v. Williamstown (Port Melbourne)
100 VFL matches	Thomas Chrystie	Saturday, 26 June 2021	North Melbourne v. Werribee (Arden Street)
	Matthew Edwards	Saturday, 1 May 2021	Williamstown v. Port Melbourne (Williamstown)
50 VFL matches	Nicholas Phillips	Saturday, 24 April 2021	Carlton v. Brisbane (Princes Park)
	Martin Rodger	Saturday, 24 April 2021	Box Hill v. Northern Bullants (Box Hill)
50 NAB Boys matches	Lucinda Lopes	Friday, 30 July 2021	Western Jets v. Geelong Falcons (Werribee)

2021 VFL DEBUTANTS

Umpire	Date	Match
Corey Malcolm	Sunday, 11 July 2021	Sandringham v. Essendon (Sandringham)
Raushan Seychell	Saturday, 3 July 2021	Box Hill v. Gold Coast (Box Hill)
Jacob Rockwell	Sunday, 27 June 2021	GWS Giants v. Sydney (Olympic Park Oval)
Matthew Mahoney	Saturday, 26 June 2021	Box Hill v. Aspley (Box Hill)
Lachlan Wright	Sunday, 23 May 2021	Casey v. Sydney (Casey Fields)
Caleb Garraway	Sunday, 2 May 2021	Sandringham v. Box Hill (Sandringham)
Thomas Gath	Saturday, 1 May 2021	Northern Bullants v. Footscray (Preston)
Bradley Kellett	Saturday, 1 May 2021	Frankston v. Aspley (Frankston)
Lachlan Menara	Saturday, 1 May 2021	Frankston v. Aspley (Frankston)
Ryan Webster	Sunday, 18 April 2021	Box Hill v. Casey (Box Hill)
Alex Murray	Sunday, 18 April 2021	Geelong v. North Melbourne (Kardinia Park)
Joon-Yip Wong	Sunday, 18 April 2021	Northern Bullants v. Williamstown (Preston)
Brendan Moloney	Sunday, 18 April 2021	Box Hill v. Casey (Box Hill)
Jamie Broadbent	Sunday, 18 April 2021	Geelong v. North Melbourne (Kardinia Park)
Riley Guerin	Sunday, 18 April 2021	Northern Bullants v. Williamstown (Preston)
Harry Birch	Sunday, 18 April 2021	Northern Bullants v. Williamstown (Preston)

2021 VFL DEBUTANTS

Umpire	Date	Match
Adam Steger	Saturday, 17 April 2021	Carlton v. Southport (Princes Park)
Alexander Keys	Saturday, 17 April 2021	Carlton v. Southport (Princes Park)
Michael Willcox	Saturday, 17 April 2021	Werribee v. Collingwood (Werribee)
Damien Petrucci	Saturday, 17 April 2021	Carlton v. Southport (Princes Park)
Jake Marnie	Saturday, 17 April 2021	Werribee v. Collingwood (Werribee)
James Brayshaw	Saturday, 17 April 2021	Footscray v. Gold Coast (Whitten Oval)
Zachary Mousaco	Friday, 16 April 2021	Richmond v. Sandringham (Punt Road)
Mitch O'Neill	Friday, 16 April 2021	Frankston v. Coburg (Frankston)



Boundary Umpire, Zachary Mousaco
During his VFL Debut
(Richmond vs Sandringham at Punt Road)

SOCIAL MEDIA POCKET



ROUND 1 VFL DEBUTANTS

FIELD

Michael Willcox
Ryan Webster
Alex Murray
Harry Birch

BOUNDARY

Zac Mousaco
Mitch O'Neill
Alex Keys
James Brayshaw
Riley Guerin
Damien Petrucci

GOAL

Adam Stegar
Jake Marnie
Brendan Moloney
Joon-Yip Wong

ROUND 2

24 APRIL 2021



50 VFL MATCHES

NICHOLAS PHILLIPS
BOUNDARY UMPIRE

MARTIN RODGER
FIELD UMPIRE

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CONGRATULATIONS GRAND FINAL UMPIRES

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GIRLS GRAND FINAL

LACHLAN COYNE
 SEB DALGLEISH
 SHAMUS DUNDON
 DAMIEN PETRUCCI
 MELISSA SAMBROOKS
 JOE DORRAT-THORPE
 EMMA YOUNG
 OLIVER MURRAY (EM)
 PHILLIP PETTINELLA (EM)

100+ VFL MATCHES

Umpire	Matches	Umpire	Matches	Umpire	Matches
Peter Balding	235	Stephen Gloag	130	Chris Morrison †	103
Dan Beard	224	Damien Sully	129	Andrew McCoy	102
Dean Jones	207	Peter Nastasi †	129	Luke Wilkie	102
Andrew Talbot	204	Steele Irish	128	Sam Walsh	102
Michael Richardson	194	Shane Stewart †	128	Rob Frampton	101
Nick Laurence	194	Cameron Nash	125	Mark Foster †	101
Shane Mason	188	Rob Young	124	Matthew Oakley	101
Michael Curtis	188	Stefan Grun †	123	Matt Maclure	101
Richard Mills	182	Brett Ritchie	123		
Tristan Burgess	182	Heath Ryan †	121		
Andrew Clifton	181	Jason Quigley	118	Note:	
Lloyd Fisk	177	Shaun Gleeson	117	* Includes NEAFL matches	
Ben James	172	Andrew Leggo	117	† 100 AFL matches	
Andrew Mitchell †	167	Glenn Gibson †	116		
Matthew Brown	163	Andrew Malcolm	116		
Michael Jennings	162	Adam Wojcik †	115		
Steven Piperno	161	Steven Neal	115		
Jamie Grindal	158	Chris Donlon †	115		
Michael Hammond †	155	Matthew Leppard	114		
Ben Macdonald	154	Neil Woods	113		
John Cooper	153	Robert Findlay †	112		
Nick McGinness*	151	James Davey	112		
Simon Plumridge	151	Geoff Twitt	110		
Brendan Dye	150	Andrew Heffernan	110		
Daniel Pieper	150	Dan Butcher	108		
Anthony Kyrkou	145	Matt Edwards	108		
Adam Bell	142	Michael Palm †	108		
Jack Edwards*	140	Dylan Benwell	108		
Matthew Young*	139	Russell Davidson	106		
Chris Doyle*	139	Patrick Burns	106		
Damien Cusack	138	Jason Armstrong †	105		
Frank Dicosmo	137	Kieran Ferguson	105		
Callum Leonard	137	Scott Murray	104		
Cyrus Wong	136	Drew Kowalski	104		
Brendan Elvey	135	Tom Chrystie*	103		

11+ VFL FINALS MATCHES

Umpire (Discipline)	Matches	Umpire (Discipline)	Matches
Peter Balding (G)	21	Sam Stagg (B)	13
Simon Plumridge (G)	21	Matthew Brown (F)	13
Michael Jennings (F)	19	Shane Mason (F)	13
Ben Macdonald (B)	18	Andrew Mitchell (F)	13
Shane Stewart (F)	18	Heath Ryan (F)	13
Steven Piperno (G)	18	Jordan Andrews (B)	12
Neil Woods (B)	17	Simon Blight (B)	12
Shaun Gleeson (F)	17	Damien Cusack (B)	12
Andrew Talbot (F)	17	Rob Findlay (F)	12
John Cooper (B)	16	Andrew Malcolm (F)	12
Nick Laurence (B)	16	Dylan Benwell (G)	12
Tristan Burgess (F)	15	Michael Hammond (G)	12
Michael Curtis (F)	15	Sam Walsh (G)	12
Brett Ritchie (F)	15	Nick McGinness (F) [1]	12
Anthony Kyrkou (G)	15	Graeme Bergroth (B)	11
Kieran Ferguson (B)	14	David Harris (F)	11
Mark Foster (B)	14	Andrew Clifton (G)	11
Drew Kowalski (B)	14	Courtney Lai (G)	11
Gerard Large (B)	14	Michael Richardson (G)	11
Michael Marantelli (B)	14		
Steven Neal (B)	14		
Daniel Butcher (F)	14		
Richard Mills (F)	14		
Damien Sully (F)	14		
Brad Letson (G)	14		
Patrick Dineen (B)	13		
Mitch Lefevre (B)	13		

NOTE:

1 - Includes 12 NEAFL Finals Matches

THE YEAR THAT WAS...



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NAB LEAGUE GIRLS GRAND FINAL VFLW GRAND FINAL

NAB League Girls

Year	Field Umpires	Boundary Umpires	Goal Umpires
2019	K.Laker L.Lopes C.Williams	K.Barr C.Malcolm	C.Brown T.Gath
2020	No Grand Final	No Grand Final	No Grand Final
2021	L.Coyne S.Dalglish S.Dundon	D.Petrucci M.Sambrooks	E.Young J.Dorrat-Thorpe

VFLW

Year	Field Umpires	Boundary Umpires	Goal Umpires
2015	M.Rodger J.Spencer	-	-
2016	P.Rebeschini N.Jankovskis	-	-
2017	S.Ferguson J.Howard J.Clamp	P.Damato B.Anderson B.Dickson	S.Atkins J.Griffiths
2018	J.Ball L.Porter N.Scott	R.Kane A.Pretorius B.Dickson	T.Manning J.Stammers
2019	H.Birch C.Gibson B.Hunter	S.Beer K.Fisher C.Malcolm	J.Marnie B.Moloney
2020	Season not conducted due to COVID-19 Restrictions		
2021	No Grand Finals due to COVID-19 Restrictions		

VFL GRAND FINAL

Year	Field Umpires	Boundary Umpires	Goal Umpires
1993	D.Agnew M.Nash	S.Leslie A.Pizaro	J.Moore L.Page
1994	K.Nicholls G.Caulfield	D.Perry J.Summers	D.Humphries P.Herrick
1995	S.Hanley V.Sercia M.Sexton	P.Bradford J.Fleming	B.Strachan M.Russell
1996	A.Malcolm T.Shearer M.Sexton	P.Bradford A.Duncan	A.Letson H.Stamos
1997	M.Vozzo W.Mann M.James	R.Frampton B.Crossett	F.Raiti D.Dixon
1998	R.Kelsey C.Rowe M.James	R.Leslie B.Crossett	R.Read M.Tippett
1999	K.Nicholls K.Callaghan S.Jeffery	S.Smith K.McCarthy	C.Evans D.Holt
2000	A.Malcolm S.Jeffery G.Twitt	S.Smith J.Wilson	J.Venkataya R.Read
2001	J.Quigley A.Davis S.Grun	M.Payton C.Steinman J.Stephenson	C.Appleton F.Dicosmo
2002	S.Grun M.Nicholls S.Ryan	G.Gibson C.Morrison A.Little	C.Appleton D.Wilson
2003	S.Grun S.Meredith M.Stevic	R.Haala S.Irish J.Bennison	L.Walker D.Wilson

VFL GRAND FINAL

Year	Field Umpires	Boundary Umpires	Goal Umpires
2004	C.Donlon	A.Coote	M.Hammond
	C.Kamolins	M.Foster	L.Fisk
	D.Sully	M.Lefevre	
2005	J.Armstrong	I.Burrows	M.Hammond
	M.Jennings	G.Large	B.Letson
	D.Sully	M.Lefevre	
2006	J.Mollison	G.Large	A.Clifton
	H.Ryan	M.Lefevre	B.Letson
	S.Stewart	C.Roberts	
2007	M.Jennings	C.Hay	B.Letson
	J.Mollison	G.Large	A.Wojcik
	S.Stewart	N.Woods	
2008	R.Findlay	C.Gordon	P.Balding
	M.Jennings	S.Jones	S.Williams
	T.Pannell	N.Woods	
2009	M.Jennings	G.Bergroth	C.Lai
	A.Mitchell	D.Kowalski	B.James
	B.Ritchie	M.Marantelli	
2010	M.Brown	D.Kowlaski	A.Kyrkou
	M.Leppard	M.Marantelli	C.Lai
	B.Ritchie	P.Tongue	
2011	D.Harris	C.Esler	A.Kyrkou
	B.Hosking	M.Jenkinson	S.Piperno
	A.Mitchell	M.Tomkins	
2012	T.Burgess	D.Cusack	M.Craig
	S.Gleeson	T.Lougoon	M.Palm
	D.Harris	B.Macdonald	
2013	S.Gleeson	D.Cusack	D.Benwell
	R.O'Gorman	T.Lougoon	M.Craig
	B.Ritchie	J.Mather	

VFL GRAND FINAL

Year	Field Umpires	Boundary Umpires	Goal Umpires
2014	N.Brown J.Edwards B.Wallace	J.Andrews B.Elvey J.Robertson J.Scully	M.Dervan S.Piperno
2015	T.Burgess D.Butcher H.Gavine	N.Laurence B.Macdonald P.Dineen L.Rayner	M.Dervan S.Plumridge
2016	H.Ryan D.Butcher H.Gavine	N.Laurence B.Macdonald P.Dineen D.Main	D.Benwell M.Maclure
2017	N.Brown D.Butcher A.Gianfagna	P.Jackson K.Ferguson P.Dineen D.Main	S.Walsh S.Plumridge
2018	J.Howorth P.Rebeschini A.Talbot	S.Blight J.Cooper J.Furman S.Stagg	C.Leonard S.Plumridge
2019	M.Pell P.Rebeschini M.Rodger	J.Cooper K.Ferguson N.Phillips S.Stagg	C.Leonard S.Plumridge
2020	Season not conducted due to COVID-19 Restrictions		
2021	No Grand Finals due to COVID-19 Restrictions		

NAB LEAGUE BOYS GRAND FINAL

Year	Field Umpires	Boundary Umpires	Goal Umpires
1994	G.Deller J.Kanizay	S.Jansen C.Scott	P.Gonis S.Murray
1995	S.Nelis J.Quigley	K.Colegrave S.Rock	A.Henry H.Stamos
1996	B.Irvin D.Reid	D.Crettenden C.Morrison	P.Gonis G.Ray
1997	A.Davis S.James	M.Kent S.Nathan	A.Galea D.Holt
1998	S.Meredith T.Pannell	J.Formosa S.Smith	J.Venkataya R.Condon
1999	C.Donlon D.Jakymczuk J.Zampatti	M.Foster P.Munro	R.Read M.Tippett
2000	M.Stevic C.Blanchard J.Armstrong	A.Little J.Neavan	M.Richardson D.Wilson
2001	C.Nash S.Ryan D.Sully	J.Kenley S.Neal	M.Read L.Walker
2002	B.Dye C.Kamolins M.Stevic	I.Burrows J.Bennison	D.Page A.Wojcik
2003	C.Donlon C.Nash D.Sully	I.Burrows N.Woods	M.Craig B.Letson
2004	A.Irvin M.Jennings H.Ryan	D.Cusack L.Stephenson	A.Gardner M.Lafite
2005	M.Brown A.Mitchell B.Pawley	P.Ashmore N.Liparota M.Marantelli	E.Malpas D.Mills

NAB LEAGUE BOYS GRAND FINAL

Year	Field Umpires	Boundary Umpires	Goal Umpires
2006	T.McCarthy	C.Gordon	F.Brady
	R.Mills	J.Robinson	S.Piperno
	B.Ritchie	P.Tongue	
2007	T.Burgess	G.Bergroth	S.Williams
	J.Grindal	S.Jones	C.Lai
	J.Krull	P.Tongue	
2008	T.Burgess	D.Kowalski	R.Thwaites
	A.Mitchell	M.Marantelli	C.Lai
	T.Saunders	S.Neal	
2009	T.Burgess	D.Card	M.O'Donnell
	D.Harris	T.Morrison	S.Piperno
	A.Talbot	S.Neal	
2010	M.Curtis	G.Bergroth	M.O'Donnell
	B.Hosking	T.Morrison	S.Piperno
	R.Young	A.Masterton-Smith	
2011	N.Brown	J.Andrews	M.O'Donnell
	M.Curtis	G.Bergroth	M.Maclure
	M.Oakley	A.Masterton-Smith	
2012	T.Carlos	B.Elvey	A.Kyrkou
	J.Edwards	J.Scully	C.Wong
	H.O'Connor	N.Steel	
2013	M.Curtis	J.Andrews	P.Balding
	A.Talbot	N.Laurence	S.Walsh
	R.Young	J.Robertson	

NAB LEAGUE BOYS GRAND FINAL

Year	Field Umpires	Boundary Umpires	Goal Umpires
2014	P.Burns D.Butcher T.Chrystie	N.Laurence B.Macdonald L.Rayner	S.Plumridge S.Walsh
2015	P.Burns J.Barry M.Young	L.Buwalda L.Coop J.Robertson A.Bell	D.Benwell A.Kyrkou
2016	L.Rowe C.Dore J.Howorth	S.Blight P.Jackson K.Ferguson A.Bell	M.Edwards C.Doyle
2017	M.Pell N.Jankovskis N.Toner	S.Blight L.Wilkie J.Cooper S.Stagg	P.Trotter C.Doyle
2018	P.Bailes J.Clamp C.Watts	K.Ferguson A.Hawkes T.Horsten L.Wilkie	J.Varker P.Dwyer
2019	S.Ferguson N.Jankovskis N.Scott	J.Blain T.Bowes M.Crowley R.Kane	L.Monea J.Rizio
2020	Season not conducted due to COVID-19 Restrictions		
2021	No Grand Finals due to COVID-19 Restrictions		

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ANDREW TALBOT 200TH MATCH

Ahead of the incredible achievement of reaching the 200 VFL game, a milestone achieved by only three umpires before him, Peter Bailes had the pleasure of sitting down with someone he has looked up to on his journey and who has set a benchmark for the commitment and passion required for umpiring state league football. Andrew 'Turtle' Talbot discusses all things life, as well as the continued dedication and passion he has for umpiring and football.

Peter Bailes: So, let's start on the fact that you've reached 200 games, congratulations on the achievement first and foremost. Two-part question. First, what's been the best achievement, and what have been some of the greatest times for you along the journey?

Andrew Talbot: Achievement wise, the individual pursuit of getting appointed to games like my state league game, the 2018 grand final. Even as umpiring has now become a team effort, it's still nice to enjoy the individual accolades along the way.

Personally, though the best highlights have not necessarily been around being appointed to these matches, it's the moments such as umpiring with Dos in his last game, umpiring with Burgo in his life membership game, in which he decided to stay in the EZ all day mind you. And of course, the off-field shenanigans, Mad Mondays and catch ups with the extended group.

PB: Tell me about the time you were meant to run a marathon on the Sunday of a planned weekend away with the boys? Talk to me about your preparation for the event?

This was one of the better weekends I've ever had. So, I was meant to run the marathon on the Sunday, and I was 'adequately hydrating' myself on the Friday night, and I may have had one too many beers, and I wasn't in a good way come early Saturday morning.

Then I spent the Saturday by the pool and properly rehydrating myself, ate my pasta and drank a Lucozade on the Saturday night, and then I was good to go come Sunday. Elite preparation."

PB: Where did the turtle tattoo originate?

AT: "The tattoo represents a symbol from Vanuatu, representing perseverance, longevity and protection."

PB: Most embarrassing moment umpiring?

AT: "I didn't rock up for a scheduled game once, there was one email saying that the venue was changed. Somewhere along the line I missed the 2nd email with a day change and didn't rock up on the Saturday, unfortunately left Cheever and Annie to do a reserves game by themselves. After five senior games, Ian Brown told me that I should be umpiring Under 12's footy'. I think I have come a long way since then.

Or how about how Phil Cleary said during one of my early TV games that 'Andrew Talbot is a very technical umpire'. I haven't changed since then.

PB: We won't talk about that GF bounce, I'm sure you're reminded of that regularly."

PB: What does the future hold for the great man? VFL games record, another grand final?

AT: I just want to umpire as long as I can, I'd love to help to continue to develop the umpires that are coming through. It's great to be able to contribute to the group and seeing all of the umpires progress through the ranks and watching them improve.

PB: On the topic of umpires coming through the ranks, what's the best advice for the up-and-coming umpires of the VFL, as well as all the local community umpires you work with?

AT: The biggest thing that I've learnt is that you need to have a release outside of umpiring. I've seen too many umpires come down to the VFL and be too focused on making it as an umpire and it doesn't work out, or they umpire poorly, and it affects them. And I know that's contradictory of my job, as I basically eat Acme Thunderers, but when I'm not working or umpiring, I'm doing triathlons, exploring Australia or the world or watching any sport. I think it's important to find what release works best for you, and don't be afraid to give things a try."



MATT EDWARDS 100TH MATCH

On Saturday evening the 1st of May at the Downer Oval, Matt Edwards became the 78th umpire in the VFUA era to reach the 100-game milestone when he officiated in the Williamstown-Port Melbourne grudge match.

He also became the 20th goal umpire and the second from the Diamond Valley/Northern Football league to reach the milestone.

Matt joined the VFL in 2012 and later went on to make his debut in senior footy in 2014 when Coburg played Werribee at Piranha Park. Matt comes from an umpiring family with his father being a 300 game legend of the Diamond Valley Football League, and his brother Jack also completing 100 VFL matches on either side of a stint at the AFL.

Matt credits both his father and brother's involvement in the game as a catalyst for getting him involved, and also notes the first senior game that he did with Jack at the VFL as being one of the favourite moments of his career.



The career has included the 2016 TAC Cup and 2017 VFL Development League Grand Finals and being involved in AFLW the past two seasons.

The latter culminated in being the emergency for this year's decider between Adelaide and Brisbane and indicates a career thus far of consistency and solid performances week to week.

When pressed for his favourite moment he said that there were too many to mention, but did point out his involvement in the numerous grand finals as being a highlight, and also being able to share his 100th game with his family in the rooms post-match.

When asked if he has a favourite ground he was adamant that ETU Stadium would be his favourite by the length of the Flemington straight. Contrary to this he would have to say that the Downer Oval would have to be his least favourite and one that he had managed to avoid for two years.

This statement confused the author of this article especially considering that his requested game happened to be a night game at Williamstown and the last time Matt had done a night game at Williamstown game there was a torrential downpour.

Thankfully for Matt and the author Williamstown managed to produce one of its more pleasant evenings.

Congratulations again Matt on the achievement of 100 VFL senior games!!!

CYRUS WONG RETIRES

Resilience, determination and persistence are just some of the many values that embody 2021 VFL senior goal umpire retiree, Cyrus Wong. Cyrus' 136 VFL Senior Games is an incredible effort spanning over a decade career at the VFL between the posts.

Failing the time trial in 2014 led to Cyrus embarking on a unique and physically demanding journey, to run every current and defunct Melbourne train, tram and bus route.

This journey for Cyrus later led to him beating the time trial requirements and running those thousands of kilometres demonstrated his determination to overcome his previous challenges both physically and mentally.

Running alongside Cyrus and former VFL goal umpire, Pete Balding in his final section of the public transport network was a memory to hold for many years to come. Noted James Rizio, "To see Cyrus' face and reaction at the end of this journey was priceless."

James also had the pleasure of umpiring with Cyrus in his final VFL match, held at what would be his home away from home, Whitten Oval.



Cyrus remained professional and competent all the way to the final siren, it was a humbling experience to be there in person and I was extremely honoured to have had Cyrus choose me for his final game,” said Rizio.

And at that final siren Cyrus had accumulated 136 VFL, 59 VFL Reserves, 41 NAB Boys and 2 VFLW matches. VFL finals in 2012, 2013 and 2017 indicate Cyrus’s ability at the state level.

The 2012 NAB Boys Grand Final and Most Improved Goal Umpire Award capped his most successful on-field year. It could have all ended at the completion of the 2018 season when Cyrus was de-listed.

However, his sense of justice and determination drove him to appeal the decision and was justified with reinstatement and a continuation at VFL level in 2019.

Andrew Talbot who was one of the field umpires at Box Hill in Cyrus’s first VFL match in 2010, his 100th at Sandringham in 2017 and was also present at his last summed up many others thoughts. “From his first game, through to his last, Cyrus has my utmost respect after having to deal with multiple adversities to be able to finish his career on his own terms.

Running time trials always brought on anxiety, but to fail one and turn it into a strength is a testament to his resilience and determination.

I had the privilege of being part of three milestones, as well as many others in between at state league level. He is definitely one umpire who I will have plenty of time for in the many years to come post both of our careers!

All the best for retirement Cyrus and for your future endeavours away from the VFL world.

PETER KELLY RETIRES

The words on the Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Peter Kelly at the 2021 VFUA Life Members Dinner capture the essence of his vast contribution:

A man whose passion for umpiring has changed the game. This award celebrates his extraordinary contribution and lifetime commitment to the umpiring profession and the association since its inception.

But what of the detail; and details were always part of the way PK conducted business - endless details.

The VFUA was formed in 1992 and began work for the 1993 season as the Victorian State Football League Umpires' Association - Social Secretary, Peter Kelly.

In the following years, PK and his committees organised 5-6 events per year from the UPD to variety nights to the grand final dinner dances. These events were also run for the AFLUA and catered for upwards of 350 attendees at the ball.

Taking on the role of both treasurer and social secretary in 1994 he was instrumental in the change of structure of the association from 1995 when he became VFUA administrator and later executive officer.

As 1996 President Greg Kennedy noted "My greatest recollection of PK during my time as president, was I never once had to worry about anything administrative.

The VFUA was only a few years old and it was new ground we were breaking. Peter was instrumental in the formation of this great group".

As administrator much fell into PK's purview. Dealing with the VFL administration, usually in the form of Kevin Mitchell could be challenging but PK developed a process to deal with Mitch, his reactions and the sometimes concerning liberties or directions the VFL wanted to take with its umpires.

It was an indication of 2006-07 President, Rob Findlay's thoughts that "PK's greatest asset is his ability to develop fantastic relationships with people across a broad spectrum.

PK's experience in human resources certainly put him in the box seat for drafting policies and initiatives in advance of the VFL: heat policy, formalised selection policies, extensive contributions to fees and condition arrangements, the biennial VFUA survey and he was also never far away from social events as either having some part in planning or as an enthusiastic participant.

And it was not just the VFUA as an organisation that benefitted from his involvement.

Two former presidents both reflected what the association and individuals received, I loved working with PK and learnt a lot. There was never anything left to chance.

He thought of everything and he is the single reason why our association is in such good order today.

Presidents and Executive members come and go.

This can have a topsy turvy effect on any association. However, PK has been the rock. The strategy has never diverted and each year the conditions for umpires in the VFL get better and better.

Umpires are respected more and the powers that be at Football Victoria have a greater understanding of who we are and what we want to achieve. Why – because one man has had a single vision.

That vision has been to ensure that every umpire has the best possible chance to succeed and that they are well looked after by a professional organisation whilst they are a member (Russell Davidson, 1999)

If PK had not taken the VFUA by the reins who knows where it may have ended up. His passion, dedication and certainly commitment to his roles, the Executive Officer position, show what type of person PK is.

He has assisted a lot of people, including myself with their leadership skills and developed some fantastic role models for up and coming umpires. He has done all this whilst most importantly having fun (Adam Wojcik, 2007)

VFUA matters were never far from his mind regardless of location. Richard Mills recruitment as president was one example.

"In my time on the list PK was always present at functions (drink in hand!) mixing with and welcoming everyone that came along. I used to run into PK at any one of the many MCC bar's on grand final day each year and we would have a chat.

One year the conversation turned into an invitation to run for presidency of the association - an invitation I took up. Without having been on the executive before - it was always going to be a big challenge. PK was there right the way though, always a constant support."

And let us not forget that PK was also a 36-match AFL goal umpire in the early days of the then VSFLUA and had contributed to the AFLUA on the Social Committee in 1989 and as Social Secretary in 1992 before that role was merged with the VSFLUA.

He was also Penguin Vic while working at the Department of Tourism, being aptly cast through both stature and likeability.

Currently working in a part-time role with the AFLUA it's a pretty full working life following his retirement from the Victorian public service - although they will be noting a large drop in the photocopying and printing costs in the last few years.

Peter Kelly leaves VFUA office after 29 of outstanding service having taken the association from infancy to maturity such that it was recognised as the bargaining agent for the new VFL competition incorporating umpires from NSW and Queensland.

He remains as life member, Special Award and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and respected among the association Executive Committees with which he has worked and by the generations of umpires he has served.

A man whose passion for umpiring has changed the game.

Peter Kelly pictured (Left) with fellow VFUA Life Member, Steven Piperno



KEVIN MITCHELL OAM

Former VFL Director of Umpiring and VFUA Life Member Kevin Mitchell was the recipient of a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2021 Queens Birthday Honours.

Over his 24 years in charge of umpiring in the VFL Mitch, as he was universally known, transformed it on more than one occasion and introduced much of what is taken for granted today.

Over the course of his umpiring administrative and coaching career he has influenced hundreds of umpires many of whom have had significant AFL and VFL careers.

Speaking with the AFL in 2014 following his retirement he noted "“if you stand still and stop looking for improvement you will fall away quickly. I was always challenged by the drive to get better.”"

The physical legacy of the Victoria Park training facility which he worked so hard to have built is perhaps the most obvious result of Mitch's persistence in so many things in life.

Negotiating with Collingwood, Yarra Council, builders and the VFL administration he took a decrepit building and made a home for Victorian umpiring.

The provision of match day trainers, the regular upgrading of coaching technical equipment to improve performance, the employment on non-umpiring professionals such as dieticians and psychologists were other initiatives that have become the regular part of the modern umpire's experience at VFL level.

It is that VFL level that has provided the vast majority of AFL field, boundary and goal umpires in the last quarter of a century. Those that have made it to that level recognise Mitch's influence.

It was rarely smooth sailing for anyone but the striving for perfection and the honesty of the feedback built formidable umpires.

Mitch's contribution to Victorian state level umpiring was recognised by the association with life membership of the VFUA in 2006.

Like his coaching the relationship between the Umpiring Department and the association was rocky at times but both recognised they were looking to get the best for the umpires and that was what was important. Harmony was rarely far away.

Mitch's umpiring credentials were second to none.

He began as a boundary umpire in the VFL Reserve Grade in 1962 and was promoted to the VFL following his appointment to the 1967 VFL Reserve Grade Grand Final.

The immediacy of his success was remarkable; a final in his first year and then four consecutive VFL grand finals. When he retired from the VFL his career stood at 236 matches including 23 finals and 8 VFL grand finals.

Off the field he contributed to the VFL Umpires' Association in a significant manner.

As trip organiser 1971-76 and Executive Committee member 1971-74 he remains the only boundary umpire to ever ascend to the presidency of the association in 1977.

His association honours include life membership, Lifetime Achievement Award, AFLUA Team of the Century and AFLUA Hall of Fame induction.

Prior to his role at the VFL he held various umpiring administration roles:

Umpires Advisor Dandenong and District JFL 1980-83,
Umpires Advisor Southern Umpires 1984,
Assistant Director of Umpiring VFA 1985,
Part-time Umpire Recruitment and Promotions Officer VFL 1986-88,
Full time Umpire Recruitment and Promotions Officer VFL 1989-90.
He was recognised in 2000 with an Australian Sport Medal.

Congratulations Mitch on your honour it is well-deserved recognition for a life of service to umpiring Australian football at every level.



MOST IMPROVED UMPIRES

Year	Field Umpire	Boundary Umpire	Goal Umpire
1992	B.Allen	T.Anderson	C.Clark
1993	S.McLaren	M.Vitiritti	G.Billing
1994	K.Nicholls	S.Williamson	D.Humphries
1995	V.Sercia	S.Jansen	M.Harrison
1996	T.Shearer	S.Davies	M.Russell
1997	W.Mann	R.Frampton	A.Galea
1998	G.Twitt	S.Nathan	C.Evans
1999	S.Jeffrey	M.Vitiritti	D.Dixon
2000	A.Davis	G.Boland	P.Gonis
2001	C.Donlon	S.Smith	D.Flegg
2002	C.Kamolins	-	C.Appleton
2003	M.Stevic	-	A.Galea
2004	R.Findlay	-	P.Nastasi
2005	J.Armstrong/A.Mitchell	-	L.Walker
2006	T.McCarthy	-	J.Venkataya
2007	B.Ritchie	-	-
2008	R.Mills	S.Jones	R.Thwaites
2009	A.Mitchell	T.Morrison	B.James
2010	M.Curtis	M.Tomkins	A.Kyrkou
2011	B.Hosking	J.Andrews	M.Maclure
2012	T.Carlos	T.Lougoon	C.Wong
2013	R.O'Gorman	J.Mather	S.Walsh
2014	P.Burns	A.Leggo	S.Plumridge
2015	H.Gavine	L.Buwalda	C.Leonard
2016	J.Howorth	D.Main	M.Edwards
2017	A.Gianfagna	L.Harty	P.Trotter
2018	P.Rebeschini	A.Hawkes	J.Varker
2019	L.Porter	M.Crowley	J.Rizio
2020	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
2021	M.Young	K.Fisher	M.Edwards

JOHN RUSSO TROPHY COURAGE AWARD

JOHN RUSSO TROPHY

Year	Recipient
1997	R.Davidson
1998	D.Flegg
1999	A.Black
2001	C.Snell
2003	D.Wilson
2004	R.Findlay
2005	J.Armstrong
2005	A.Wojcik
2006	D.Flegg
2008	S.Gloag
2010	R.Mills
2012	D.Butcher
2013	M.Curtis
2014	S.Piperno
2015	D.Butcher
2015	L.Rayner
2017	M.Curtis
2018	A.Talbot

In recognition of on-field excellence
and off-field commitment

COURAGE AWARD

Year	Recipient
1994	D.Hammond
1995	A.Malcolm
1996	D.Beard
1998	S.Nathan
2001	P.Anderson
2004	P.Balding
2005	B.McCorkell
2011	M.Saunders
2012	D.Cusack
2013	L.Keen
2013	J.Mather
2015	B.MacDonald
2015	G.Verberne
2017	J.Grindal
2017	D.Main
2017	S.Plumridge

Recognising recovery from significant
injury or hardship

VFUA Life Member, John Russo



FRANK LEVERETT SHIELD BEST FIRST YEAR UMPIRES

Frank Leverett Shield - Awarded to best overall first year umpire

Year Recipient

1992	Alan Letson
1993	Adam Skidmore
1994	Steven Hanley
1995	Adam Bastin
1996	Gordon Muir
1997	Glenn Guzzo
1998	Matthew Tippet
1999	Matt Stevic
2000	John Neaven
2001	Luke Walker
2002	Rob Haala
2003	Neil Woods
2004	Matthew Lafite
2005	Jacob Mollison
2006	Chris Gordon
2007	Graham Bergroth
2008	Matt Maclure
2009	Brendan Hosking
2010	Luke White
2011	Daniel Butcher
2012	Hayden Gavine
2013	Matthew Dervan
2014	Sam Stagg
2015	Leighton Rowe
2016	Cameron Dore
2017	Joel Davis
2018	James Rizio
2019	Corey Malcolm
2020	No Award
2021	Riley Guerin

Boundary Umpire, Riley Guerin,
2021 Frank Leverett Shield Recipient



Best First Year Umpire

Field Umpire	Boundary Umpire	Goal Umpire
Hayden Gavine	Lachlan Rayner	Sam Walsh
Pat Burns	Kieran Ferguson	Matthew Dervan
John Howorth	Sam Stagg	Kate Griffiths
Leighton Rowe	David Park	Cameron Millich
		Brad Standfield
Cameron Dore	Chris Williams	Pat Dwyer
Sam Ferguson	Joel Davis	Sian Atkins
Josh Ball	Matthew Crowley	James Rizio
Shamus Dundon	Corey Malcolm	Thomas Gath
No Award	No Award	No Award
Lachlan Coyne	Riley Guerin	Emma Young

VFUA TRACK REPS (1993 - 2020)

Track Rep	Year(s)	Track Rep	Year(s)
Jason Armstrong	2004-05	Matt Edwards	2018-19
Peter Bailes	2019-20	Joel Elliott	2004
Peter Balding	2012	Brendan Elvey	2013
Dan Beard	2001	Stephen Evans	2000
Dylan Benwell	2012	Jarrood Faoro	2007
Graeme Bergroth	2008-10	Rob Findlay	2002
Anthony Black	1995	Mark Foster	2004-05
Michael Blair	2010	Dylan Fulton	2019-20
Michael Boss	2008	Alf Galea	1994
Corey Brown	2014	Michael Gibson	2003
Nick Brown	2011	Stephen Gloag	2001-04
Tristan Burgess	2008-09	Kate Griffiths	2016
Daniel Butcher	2012	Michael Hammond	2000
David Card	2009	Lachlan Harty	2016-17
Tim Carlos	2011	Adam Havelberg	2013
Ben Cheever	2017	Ashley Hawkes	2018
Jason Cook	1997-98	Peter Herrick	1993-94
Lawrence Coop	2014	Wayne Hoskins	2010
Ashley Crawford	2011-12	David Humphries	1995-96, 1999
Michael Curtis	2013-15	Anthony Hunter	2011-12
Damien Cusack	2005	Dean Jones	2006-07
Russell Davidson	1997	Chris Kamolins	2002-03
Curtis De Witt	2015	Hayden Kennedy	1993-94
Justin Delaney	1993	Drew Kowalski	2008
Andrew Dempster	1997-99	Anthony Kyrkou	2010-11
Greg Denison	2005-06	David Lambourn	2006-07
Damian Devinentis	2010	Anthony Laughton	2016
Rhys Doughty-Cowell	2009	Nick Laurence	2010-11
Chris Doyle	2012-13	Callum Leonard	2014-15
Andrew Duncan	1994	Matt Leppard	2006-07
Jared Dyson	2016	Tim Lougoon	2014
Jack Edwards	2018	Matt Mahoney	2018

VFUA TRACK REPS (1993 - 2020)

Track Rep	Year(s)	Track Rep	Year(s)
Damien Main	2017	Travis Storti	2001
Josh Maine	2012-13	Andrew Talbot	2012, 2017
Wes Mann	1998-99	Callum Thornton	2019
Tayla Manning	2020	Troy Tindill	2001
Andrew McCoy	2011	Gareth Verbene	2008
Luke McIlroy	2014-16	Andrew Wheeler	1996
Greta Millar	2020	Luke White	2013-14
David Miles	2016-17	Daniel Wilson	2002-03
Ken Mitchell	2020	Adam Wojcik	2004-05
Joel Morrison	2011	Joon-Yip Wong	2018
Jack Murfett	2017		
John Murnane	1993-94		
Ben Naughtin	2005-07		
Mark O'Reilly	1995		
Ryan O'Shea	2016		
Liam Pain	2019		
Michael Palm	2009		
Brent Pawley	2011		
Paul Pickett	1995		
Daniel Pieper	2002-03		
Simon Plumridge	2017		
Mark Prince	1993		
Lachlan Rayner	2015		
Michael Robins	1999		
Greg Russo	1996		
James Scully	2014		
Melissa Sambrooks	2017-20		
Colin Segota	1993-94		
Stephen Smith	2000-01		
Chris Snell	1996		
Jack Stammers	2019		
Harry Stamos	1997		
Steven Stirling	1998		

VFUA OFFICE BEARERS (1993 - 2020)

Year	President	Vice President	Executive Officer
1993	John Russo	Keith Callaghan	Peter Bunworth
1994	Keith Callaghan	Mark Prince	Peter Bunworth
1995	Mark Prince	Greg Kennedy	Peter Bunworth
1996	Greg Kennedy	Anthony Black	Peter Kelly
1997	Anthony Black	Greg Russo	Peter Kelly
1998	Greg Russo	Russell Davidson	Peter Kelly
1999	Russell Davidson	Anthony Black	Peter Kelly
2000	Steven Stirling	Chris Snell	Peter Kelly
2001	Chris Snell	Stephen Evans	Peter Kelly
2002	Chris Snell	Troy Tindill	Peter Kelly
2003	Anthony Black	Rob Findlay	Peter Kelly
2004	Stephen Evans	Rob Findlay	Peter Kelly
2005	Stephen Evans	Rob Findlay	Peter Kelly
2006	Rob Findlay	Jason Armstrong / Adam Wojcik	Peter Kelly
2007	Rob Findlay	Adam Wojcik	Peter Kelly
2008	Adam Wojcik / Matt Leppard	Matt Leppard / Stephen Gloag	Peter Kelly
2009	Matt Leppard	Michael Boss	Peter Kelly
2010	Richard Mills	Tristan Burgess	Peter Kelly
2011	Richard Mills	Tristan Burgess	Peter Kelly
2012	Andrew McCoy	Graham Bergroth / Steven Piperno	Peter Kelly
2013	Andrew McCoy	Steven Piperno	Peter Kelly
2014	Steven Piperno	Daniel Butcher	Peter Kelly
2015	Daniel Butcher	Adam Havelberg	Peter Kelly
2016	Michael Curtis	Callum Leonard	Peter Kelly
2017	Michael Curtis	Nick Brown	Peter Kelly
2018	Michael Curtis	Tristan Burgess	Peter Kelly
2019	Andrew Talbot	Matthew Mahoney	Peter Kelly
2020	Matthew Mahoney	Liam Pain / Joon-Yip Wong	Peter Kelly

Note in 2019 title of "Executive Office" was changed to "Administrator"

VFUA OFFICE BEARERS (1993 - 2020)

Year	Comm. Officer	Historian/Statistician	Year (s)	Social Committee
2003	David Dixon		1994-95	David Ackland
2004	David Dixon	David Flegg AM	1997	Dan Beard
2005	Leigh Keen	David Flegg AM	1994-95	Anthony Black
2006	Matthew Lee	David Flegg AM	1997	Peter Bradford
2007	Drew Kowalski	David Flegg AM	1996	Brett Carter
2008	Michael O'Donnell	David Flegg AM	1994	Geoff Caulfield
2009	Stephen Gloag	David Flegg AM	1996	David Dixon
2010	Andrew Mitchell	David Flegg AM	1994	Alf Galea
2011	Michael Palm	David Flegg AM	1996-97	Steven Hanley
2012	Daniel Lawlor	David Flegg AM	1995	David Humphries
2013	Daniel Butcher	David Flegg AM	1995-96	Mark McKenzie
2014	Adam Havelberg	David Flegg AM	1995	Jason Tyrrell
2015	Luke White	David Flegg AM	1996-97	Ashley Wilkinson
2016	Tim Carlos	David Flegg AM		
2017	Kate Griffiths	David Flegg AM		Social Secretary
2018	Andrew Talbot	David Flegg AM	1993	Peter Kelly
2019	Joon-Yip Wong	David Flegg AM	1994	Peter Kelly
2020	-	David Flegg AM	1995	Peter Kelly
2021	-	David Flegg AM	1996	Steven Stirling
			1997	Steven Stirling
			1998	Alf Galea
			1999	Dean Paulin
			2000	Frank Dicosmo
	Event Coordinator			
2015	Joe Hartwig			
2016	Tyler Hankinson			
2016	Pat Burns			
2017	Kelly Tellam			
2019-20	Matthew Young			

FINANCIALS: PROFIT AND LOSS

Victorian Football Umpires' Association: For the year ended 30 September 2021

Account Year	2021	2020
Income	\$	\$
Interest Received	934	1,572
Miscellaneous	300	264
Social Functions Revenue	876	119
Subscriptions Received	30,580	11,790 ^
Merchandise Income	80	1,160
Total Income	32,770	14,905
 Total Income	 32,770	 14,905
Expenses		
Accounting Software Expense	0	75
Annual Report	913	820
Honorariums	14,095	10,310 *
Legal Expenses	0	1,980
Meeting Expenses	950	488
Photography	0	750
Social Functions Expense	2,760	1,014
Trophies and Certificates	295	1,717 #
Merchandise Expense	2,137	1,561
Website Expenses	179	152
Consumer Affairs Annual Statement	59	59
Donations, Gifts and Prizes	150	418
Contribution to AFL for Psychologist	3,000	0 ^
Total Expenses	24,538	19,343
 Net Surplus/(Deficit)	 8,232	 (4,438)

^ Subscription fees temporarily lowered to \$100 in 2020 due to COVID-19

* Reduced administrator honorarium paid in 2020 due to COVID-19

Trophy expense in 2020 relates to trophies purchased for 2019 season

^ Psychologist relates to services provided in 2020 as part of COVID-19 welfare program

FINANCIALS: BALANCE SHEET

Victorian Football Umpires' Association as at 30 September 2021

Account Date	30/09/2021	30/09/2020
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Westpac Cheque Account	21,695	23,840
Westpac Term Deposit	69,724	68,792
Deposits Paid for Social Events	9,799	354
Total Current Assets	101,218	92,986
Total Assets	101,218	92,986
Net Assets	101,218	92,986
Accumulation Account	92,986	97,424
Current Year Earnings	8,232	(4,438)
Total Reserves	101,218	92,986

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

This financial report is unaudited.

FINANCIALS

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members to satisfy the accountability requirements under the entity's constitution. The accounting policies used in the preparation of this report are consistent with previous years and are described below:

- a) The financial report has been prepared on a cash basis of accounting including the historical cost convention and going concern assumption
- b) The requirements of Australian Accounting Standards promulgated by the accounting profession do not have mandatory applicability to the Victorian Football Umpires' Association Inc. in relation to the year ended 30th September because the entity is not a 'reporting entity' as defined therein.

2. Under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (2012) the Victorian Football Umpires' Association Inc. is a 'Tier 1' entity as revenue is less than \$250,000. Therefore, neither an audit nor a review is required to be conducted.

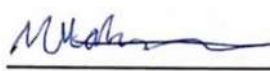
OFFICEHOLDERS' DECLARATION

In the absence of an audit or review, in accordance with a resolution of the officeholders of Victorian Football Umpires Association Inc., the officeholders declare that the financial statements and notes presented herein:

- 1. Present a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity; and
- 2. Are free from fraud.



Brad Noonan
VFUA Administrator



Matthew Mahoney
VFUA President

In line with the VFUA's aim of being a transparent organisation, the VFUA welcomes any enquiries about the financial statements from members. Please direct your enquiry to vfuaexecutive@gmail.com



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