This year our accounts were again audited by S&H Accountants in Cranbourne.

The Club's Financial year is from January to December, and this is our first full financial year, without any COVID Impacts. The club's profit for the financial year per the attached financials is \$52,198.

This result has been directly impacted by the large increase in registrations for the 2022 season (well done to the Registration Team!) and the amazing job of sponsorships and grants. A huge thank you to David Kohl for the amazing job he has done this season. David and Bronwyn will provide more information relating to these sections in their reports.

The increase in registration numbers has also increased many other areas of the club, including uniform and canteen sales. Fundraising has also increased this year, with the fundraising team running several successful raffles throughout the year.

Our day-to-day operating expenses were lower this year due to issues with obtaining regular first aide from St Johns (which is one of our largest expenses). The club tried to combat this challenge by investing in providing training to our club officials (of \$1,200) to enable us to still provide care to our athletes when needed.

Rates and Utilities are also still being financed by Melbourne City for the most part, with our electricity and gas fees negotiated at a fixed rate per quarter. This will only continue whilst Melbourne City are occupying our club rooms.

Uniforms expenses also increased during the year with multiple orders having to be placed in order to keep up with the demand of our members. This proved challenging at times, as we are working with external entities and processing delays. A big thank you to Vicky Delgos for all of her assistance in running the uniform shop this year.

Our other major expense for the season is investment back into the club. Sponsorship and Grant monies are utilised to purchase new equipment for our athletes and to ensure that the club can function as well as it possibly can.

Some of our major purchases/upgrades totalling over \$10,000 include:

- 2 x Electronic Starting Devices
- 2 x First Aide Kits
- Multiclass Throw Chair
- Upgrades to general equipment (Cones,
- New Tables for Jump Pits
- 2 x New Computers (secretary & registrar)
- New Mobile Phone for Club

In the 2023 season we will be further looking to upgrade equipment where we can. Some of the items on our wish list for 2023 include:

- More specialised equipment for our Multiclass Athletes
- New High Jump Mat Trolley
- New Trailor for the Club to use at region & state events.
- New signage for around the track (banners & signs)

- New Blocks for our athletes.
- Additional Uniform Secured Storage.
- Specialist Coaching
- Investment back into our coaches to expand their knowledge to assist our athletes.

Finally, we also have many expenses post financial end, which obviously impacts on the above figures. This will include Medals, Printing, Trophies and Presentation Day expenses just to list a few. These expenses are also expected to increase this year as a result of the increased athlete numbers also.

Thank you to all the executive committee and the club for entrusting me with this role.

I have enjoyed working with all executive and committee members and financial team members including Vicky (uniforms), Michelle and Bernie (Canteen), Debbie (fundraising) and Dion (Gates). Thank you for the roles you play in enhancing our club.

Finally, also a big thank you also to Bernie and Terry who were our Canteen Manager and assistance for this year. They have been a huge help over the past few seasons and are "retiring" from the role to get some much-earned rest on a Saturday morning.

I look forward to the club continuing from strength to strength in 2023.