



2017
ANNUAL
REPORT

CEO's OVERVIEW

2017 was yet again another enormous year for AFLNT, with many achievements, milestones and events. As I sit and reflect on it all it really hits home how much our diverse business worked tirelessly together to achieve so many things.

One of the significant accomplishments was a 6% growth in total participation, which means there is now almost a quarter of Territorians involved in football. It proves once again that Australia's game is alive and well in the NT.

The premiership success of the Crows women's team, including nine Territory players and numerous support staff, in the inaugural AFLW season was an amazing feat celebrated nationally.

The announcement of an NT Thunder team in the VFL Women's competition in 2018 and renaming of the State Academy to the NT Thunder Academy finalised the missing piece of the puzzle with the pathways on the men's and women's side being fully replicated. This is on the back of women and girls making up 34.3% of Australian football participants in the NT, and three Territorian men and seven women drafted to AFL clubs at the end of 2017.

School football grew by an incredible 95.1% and AFLNT in conjunction with AFLQ were able to field our first ever AFL Inclusion Carnival team.

NITV not only continued to broadcast NT Thunder games but also NTFL games weekly along with SCTV, which means we have now covered a national and regional market with our exciting Territory brand of footy. With this comes the exciting news of a live broadcast of the 2017/18 TIO NTFL Grand Final, and our game has never had so much air time.

Government funding helped us with change room upgrades, new light towers, improvements to the coaches's boxes and bathrooms, plus perimeter fencing. Add to this the sell out AFL game in July and an international Rugby World Cup final, and TIO Stadium truly is the elite sporting stadium in the NT.

Seventy years of the Central Australian Football League was celebrated in Alice Springs in September and Rovers held off Federals to take the premiership, while we had strong support for NT Thunder's NEAFL fixture which was preceded by the first intra-Territory women's game when the Redtails hosted the Top End team in June.

NT Thunder, made up of 49% Indigenous players, competed in NEAFL finals for the fourth consecutive year, under the direction of Head Coach Andrew Hodges. Meanwhile, the Club Champion had a makeover, being renamed the Ilett Medal in honour of the great contribution brothers Jarred and Cam have made to the Club.

In the NTFL; three clubs celebrated their centenary years in Waratah, Wanderers and Darwin Buffaloes. St Mary's won the Premier League premiership to go back to back in the men's competition and Darwin Buffaloes caused the upset on the women's side. The introduction of the fly in player rule and points system has seen a more even competition in the 2017/18 NTFL season with the race for the premiership more open than ever before.

The continued success of the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre and its remote programs saw 237 students from remote regions come to Darwin for a one week education program based on the AFL values. Our remote projects have 10 staff engaged in nine regions across the NT to facilitate football competitions and programs, which meant full seasons of men's football were played in Galiwinku and Groote Eylandt for the first time since 2014 and the first AFLNT managed competition in Gunbalanya brought the community together.

As touched on in last year's report, the executive finalised a three year strategic plan and clearly set out the direction in which the organisation will move. The basis of our plan has input from all levels of the business and is shaped by our continued commitment to protect and nurture the game.

Once again, I would like to echo the words of the Chairman and thank our sponsors, Government partners and all others involved whose level of financial support allows us to do what we do.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at AFLNT as CEO and am proud of all the achievements made by a hard working team, who strive to leave this great game we all love in a better place. I am sure I will continue to watch Territory football with pride and wish you all the best for the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Solomon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Solomon
Chief Executive Officer AFL Northern Territory

AFLNT FINANCIAL REPORT Year Ended 31 October 2017

The audited financial statements of AFL Northern Territory Limited, for the year ended 31 October 2017 are attached for your perusal and adoption at this meeting.

The accompanying notes form part of the accounts and should be read in conjunction with them to understand the Organisation's financial affairs.

Financial Position

The Company has recorded a statutory profit of \$3,771 for the year ended 31st October 2017, which was slightly down from the net profit in the prior year of (\$5,200).

Key financial results for the 2017 Financial Year included:

1. Overall revenues increased by \$167,000 largely due to increased grants and investment from parent entity the AFL (\$404,000). Commercial revenues continued to be difficult to secure across the Territory and were well down on budget.
2. Employee expenses were in line with prior year at \$4.8m, but were down on budget due to the timing of start up of new positions. There were 45 full time staff employed at the end of the financial year (prior year: 40)
3. NTFL Club Debt owing to AFL NT remained at record lows

There was also a continued focus on renewing and retaining key government and corporate support for our Remote Programs. Pleasingly most of this key funding was secured again for another two years in October 2017.

Given all of the above the end of year results are very pleasing and all departmental managers and the CEO of AFLNT should be congratulated for these results.

The Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) is still strong with the current assets exceeding the current liabilities by \$463,538 which enables all accounts to be met as they fall due which is a very healthy position to be in.

Acknowledgements

The AFLNT would particularly this year like to thank our ongoing and loyal sponsors and supporters, the AFL for their guidance and support and to the NT and Federal Governments a big thank you for your ongoing contribution to AFL Football in the NT. To our many other AFLNT, NT Thunder and Affiliated Leagues, Club sponsors and supporters we appreciate all your support.

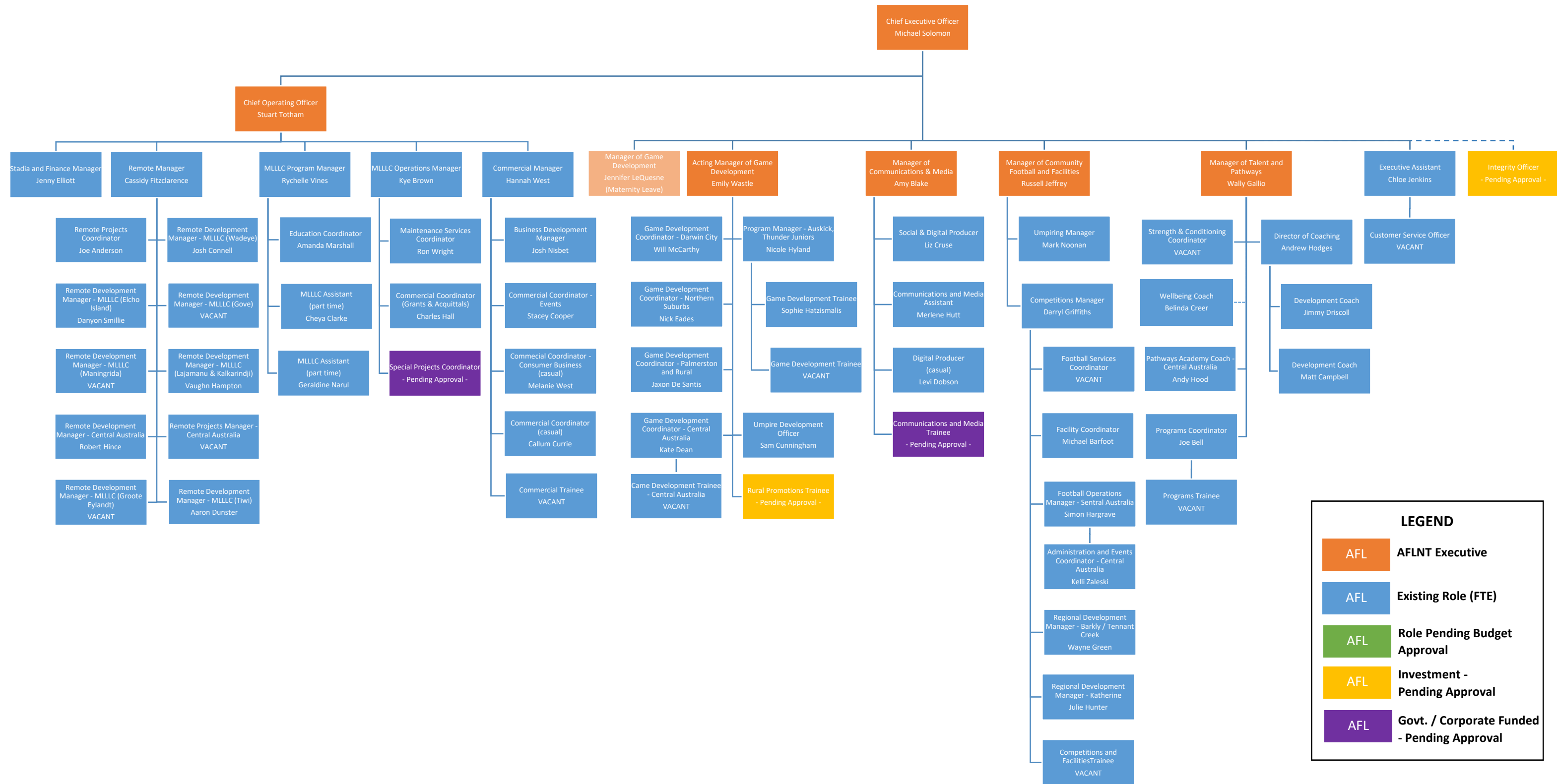
Motion of Acceptance

It is my pleasure, to move the adoption of the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position, in conjunction with the notes and Auditors Report for the year ended 31 October 2017.



Ross Coburn
Chairman – AFL Northern Territory

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LEGEND





- AFL **AFLNT Executive**
- AFL **Existing Role (FTE)**
- AFL **Role Pending Budget Approval**
- AFL **Investment - Pending Approval**
- AFL **Govt. / Corporate Funded - Pending Approval**

Updated: February 2018



AFLNT DIRECTORS AND PROFILES

<p>Mr Ross Coburn – Chairman</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Business-Accounting (ASCPA) • Diploma Australian Institute of Company Directors (FAICD) • Australian Certified Practicing Accountants (CPA) • CEO – St John Ambulance Northern Territory (NT) • Executive Management – 17 years • 2011 AIM Not for Profit Manager of the Year NT & South Australia (SA) • Company Director/Secretary – 16 years • Board Memberships – various 25 years • Auskick Coach – 7 years • AFLNT Board Member since 2002, Chairman since 2012
<p>Mrs Dianne Borella</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Public Health • Diploma of Social Science and Management • Company Director – Dianne Borella Consultancy Pty Ltd. • Accredited Trainer – Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid • Accredited Trainer – Youth Mental Health First Aid • Cert IV Mentoring Diverse Groups • Life Member Nightcliff Football Club • Past President Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise • Recipient of Paul Harris Fellow Award • Recipient of Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow Award • NT Thunder Football Club Volunteer of the Year Award • Long Term Employee – Australian Public Service with experience in Education, Employment, Training, Youth Affairs, Aboriginal Health, Law & Order • Member of well-respected local sporting family
<p>Mr Sean Bowden</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) • Partner, Bowden McCormack Lawyers & Advisers • Former player Richmond Football Club (FC), Port Melbourne FC, Rovers FC (Alice Springs) • VFA Representative player 1994, 1995 • Premiership Coach, Rovers FC, AFL, 1996
<p>Ms Kathleen Cole</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Business – Major Accounting • Graduate Diploma of Public Health – Indigenous Health • Masters of Community Management • Fellow of Australian Certified Accountants • CEO of Cancer Council NT • Executive Management within NT 15 years • Member of Waratahs Football Club 12 years

<p>Mr Andrew Dillon</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director AFL Sports Ready • Director Champion Data Holding Pty Ltd • Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws • Former in-house Counsel of Village Roadshow Limited • AFL General Counsel, Legal & Business Affairs • Chairman AFL's List Establishment Sub-Committee for Gold Coast and Greater Western Sydney entry rules
<p>Ms Colleen Gwynne</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Territory Children's Commissioner • Australian Institute of Company Directors • Graduate Certificate in Applied Management • Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice Education • Former Coach and player in the NTFL • Assistant Coach to the Adelaide Crows Women's Team
<p>Mr Shaun Hardy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEO, West Daly Regional Council • Master of Public Administration • Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management • Australian Institute of Company Directors • Former NTFL Club President and Premiership Player • Former NT Teal Cup Captain and NT Schoolboys Representative • AFLNT Team of the Century Selection Committee
<p>Mr Lincoln Jenkin</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Manager of Carlton & United Breweries NT • NT resident for 38 years, 10 of those in Alice Springs • Inaugural member and former Chairman, Northern Territory FC • Board Membership – 9 years • Has a strong NT football background having played in Central Australia (Federal FC and Wests FC) and Darwin (Wanderers FC and Banks FC) competitions • Served on a variety of FC committees and coached at several levels, including premiership teams • Has been involved with NT Masters AFL • Is a lifelong Essendon Bombers supporter

<p>Mr Edward (Ted) Liddy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly respected Indigenous player of 272 NTFL games (St Mary's Football Club) • NTFL Premiership player 13 times • Played with Morningside FC (QLD) West Adelaide FC (SA) • Coach of St Mary's FC – two seasons • Life Member St Mary's FC and NTFL • Won Club Best and Fairest award in QAFL (Morningside) & NTFL (St Mary's) • Approximately 25 years' service as an Aviation Fire Fighter with Air Services Australia • AFLNT Inaugural Hall of Fame Inductee
<p>Mr Thomas Wilcox</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Laws (LLB); Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) • General Counsel & Company Secretary, CSG Limited • In house legal practice (Melbourne, London, Darwin) – 8 years • Private legal practice (Melbourne and London) – 8 years • Former co-captain, premiership player and Executive Committee member with Melbourne University Blues FC (VAFA A Section)

AFLNT DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS

Appointments

The AFL has confirmed the re-appointment of the following Directors for a further term of three (3) years.

- Ross Coburn
- Dianne Borella
- Kathleen Cole
- Andrew Dillon
- Colleen Gwynne
- Shaun Hardy

LIFE MEMBERS 2017/18

Player Life Membership

- Keegan Dingo (Southern Districts)
- Beckie Taylor (Wanderers)

Umpire Life Membership

- N/A

Honorary Life Membership

- Steve Criddle
- John Kennedy