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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2021

These past 12 months, just like the previous has been incredibly challenging for our community. I would like to thank the committee, our volunteers, partners, sponsors, donors and members for all of their support over the past year. All of that support does not go unnoticed and I want to acknowledge that without you, we would not be able to achieve all of what we do, especially during these challenging times.

The COVID-19 pandemic has again disrupted our programs. Since our last AGM we have only been able to facilitate one season of Powerchair Football, with many rounds, events and plans needing to be postponed or cancelled. One key challenge has been finding a new permanent home after losing access to Aquahub, a venue we called home for over 20 years. This challenge has prevented us from providing Powerchair Hockey opportunities to our members. Although we managed to get a few rounds in at Officer Community Hub, the latest lockdown forced us to cancel the remainder of the season.

With the many challenges we are currently face, we also have some exciting opportunities. We are thrilled to be welcoming A-League club Western United FC into our powerchair football community. Western United are building a growing supporter-base in western Melbourne and we will be supporting them to compete in the Victorian Powerchair League in the upcoming Powerchair Football season.

We are hopeful that once lockdown has ended, powerchair sports will be back up and running quickly. We are excited to welcome everyone back and see our community and sports continue to grow. With more spare chairs, more teams, and what we hope is a new home in the inner-city area, our goal as always is to increase the number of people playing powerchair sports. 2022 is a big year for our community, with two national competitions, Powerchair Football World Cup in Australia and the Powerchair Hockey World Championships in Switzerland, I cannot wait to see what the new year brings us.

Luke David

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President 2020/21