

2020 SNAPSHOT

We write these reflections on the year of 2019 in mid 2020, having experienced the unprecedented consequences of the coronavirus pandemic known as COVID-19.

The restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 has impacted the operations of Sporting Wheelies and the lives of its staff, members and supporters in unprecedented ways. While we have written this Annual Report to focus on operations during the financial year from Feb 2019 – Jan 2020, we have also prepared this short standalone summary outlining the impact of COVID-19 on operations in 2020.

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2020 has been distinguished by responses to the global pandemic caused by COVID-19. Like every other operation, Sporting Wheelies has been significantly impacted. Despite this, service provision has continued and the organisation has pivoted services to ensure sustainability of services for our members.

Sporting Wheelies' response to COVID-19 has included: 23 MARCH - Sporting Wheelies paused all gym and sports programs to - COVID-19 Update #3 communicated to staff and members ensure the safety and wellbeing of our members - Government mandatory closure of gyms - COVID-19 Update #1 communicated to staff and members - Sporting Wheelies launch telepractice 'EP Online' - COVID-19 Update #2 communicated to staff and members - Sporting Wheelies access specialised equipment to allow some members to continue individual training at home - Call centre for lottery fully operational from a home base - 'Care Calls' implemented to connect with members to offer facilitated by new software systems appropriate support services and assistance All sports States and National competitions cancelled 9 APRIL C - COVID-19 Update #4 communicated to staff and members 1 MAY - Weekly meetings for the Board of Directors commenced - Jobkeeper payments commence for eligible employees to ensure Sporting Wheelies remains responsive to the fast changing environment emerging as a result of COVID-19 - Temporary stand-down for some staff - Framework for recommencing Sport and Recreation published to staff and members - COVID-19 Update #5 communicated to staff and members 12 JUNE O - Framework for recommencing Health & Fitness published to Community Sport recommenced staff and members - Gym reopened for limited clinician led one-on-one sessions - The introduction of COVID-safe policies and practices to create COVID-safe workplaces for clients, members and staff alike Moved Administration out of Edmondstone Road and vacated 15 JULY the administration building - Reopen Gym at Edmondstone Road 7 AUGUST O - Signed lease, 31 Dover Street, Albion 20 AUGUST 21 AUGUST O Commenced EP@Home service - Gym moved out of Edmondstone Road 11 SEPTEMBER O - Official opening of 31 Dover Street 14 SEPTEMBER Services begin at 31 Dover Street

Sporting Wheelies has continued to pursue elements of building the long term strategy. Critical to this has been the identification, procurement and outfitting of a new headquarters. In September, Sporting Wheelies moved into new premises at 31 Dover Street, Albion, where it can now bring together the two core elements of its work – rehabilitation and fitness services and accessible sports options for people with disabilities. The new premises provides the heart and home for Sporting Wheelies' growth into the future.