

# AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

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### MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE REFEREES ASSOCIATION  
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
VICTORIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES SPORTS ASSOCIATION

### OFFICE BEARERS - 1982

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Mr. W.G. HOBBS	(S.A.L.A.)	1981
<u>VICE PRESIDENTS</u>	Mr. C.R. CARR	(S.A.L.A.)	1979
	Mr. L.J. GODING	(V.A.L.A.)	1980
	Mr. G. HILL	(W.A.L.A.)	1980
	Mr. P.A. HUMPHREYS	(V.A.L.A.)	1981
	Mr. D. RUDDERHAM	(W.A.L.A.)	1980
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Mr. G.F. TULLOCHSON	(V.A.L.A.)	1979
<u>TREASURER</u>	Mr. N.J. GIBBS	(S.A.L.A.)	1981
<u>INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER</u>			
	Mr. C.R. CARR	(S.A.L.A.)	1981
<u>PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER</u>			
	VACANT		
<u>HISTORIAN &amp; RECORDS SECRETARY</u>			
	Mr. T. BRIDGINGTON	(V.A.L.A.)	1978
<u>RULES ADJUDICATOR</u>	Mr. M.E. REIDEMAN	(W.A.L.A.)	1981
<u>PROPERTY OFFICER</u>			
	VACANT		
<u>AUDITOR</u>	Mr. O.G. UNKENSTEIN		1979

### DELEGATES

<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. D. BRYANT	1980
<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. M. BRUSSBERG	1982
<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. G. JACKSON	1982
<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. G. HILL	1975
<u>A.U.S.A.</u>	Mr. J. WILSON	1981

Mr. President & Gentlemen,

I am pleased to present for your consideration and approval the 51st Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council.

1982 saw considerable activity in many areas of the consolidation of Australia as one of the leaders in International Lacrosse.

#### State of the Game

It is apparent that the effort put into school lacrosse is now being reflected in the registrations for junior players with increases in all States. Figures for West Australia are particularly pleasing where there is an increase in junior registrations of about 41 percent were recorded. Junior registrations in South Australia and Victoria reflected the average growth rate of about 6 percent of recent years. Overall registrations (Senior & Junior) showed an increase of about 7 percent.

Although a growth rate of 7 percent appears at first glance to be reasonable it must not be forgotten that on National standards lacrosse is still a numerically small sport in Australia, in comparison with other non-olympic sports. I believe that we should be aiming for an overall increase of at least 10 percent per annum. If you study the attached statistics you will see that in Victoria & West Australia 16 years saw an increase in registrations of slightly in excess of 50%. Although the South Australian results were better the overall figures must be regarded as only fair.

I must voice some concern of the situation of box lacrosse. With the game being played only in SA & VIC by apparently less than 260 participants the game cannot be regarded as being firmly established. With World Championships scheduled to be held in Melbourne in 1985 it is clear that States must give close attention to the game in the areas of competition and administration.

We have all been heavily involved in the game of lacrosse for many years and know that the major hindrances to growth are the lack of personnel and finances. Hopefully with the promise of more assistance from the Commonwealth Government in the future the financial problems can at least be partially resolved. The proposed restructure of Council may help with development - notwithstanding there will continue to be great reliance on aid from State resources.

For the first time Council committed itself to a specific development plan utilizing the services of a promotional firm. With the concentration of effort in the NSW/Riverina areas lacrosse was introduced to several schools in centres from Albury to Mildura. Within the terms of reference of the projects results were very encouraging. Serious consideration is urged for development during 1983 having regard again to resources. The effort devoted to date should not be allowed to be wasted. I would like to see more involvement by equipment suppliers as they are the financial beneficiaries in development.

/World Championships

### World Championships

The 1982 World Championships held in Baltimore, USA must rank as one of the outstanding events in Australian Lacrosse history. Played before audiences of thousands Australia defeated both England and Canada in matches of very high standard in the lead up to the final against USA. Although plagued with injuries, Australia performed remarkably well to lose the final by 8 goals (22-14).

Details of team composition and results are given in the attachment.

There is no doubt that the success of the team was due to the dedication and application of players and officials alike. For once, there was little, if any, evidence of the discrimination and biased post mortems experienced after some previous championships.

### National Championships

For the time Annual field Championships were introduced at Senior, Colts & Junior levels with the result that each State Association played host to one major event. All teams are to be congratulated for their performances particularly West Australia for its outstanding performance in the Senior Championships (Garland McHarg Cup) and Victoria in the Colts & Junior Championships.

Results and those selected in the respective ALL STARS sides are listed in the attachment.

Trophies for the fairest and best were won by:

Rick Tillotson (VIC) - Seniors (W.G. Hobbs Trophy)  
Tim Keen (WA) & Nick Skewes (VIC) (Jointly) - Colts  
(L.S. Turnbull Trophy)  
David Mounsey (VIC) - Juniors (Henry Volk Trophy)

### Isaachsen Trophy For Fairest & Best Player 1982

The winner of this trophy was Klay Johnson (SA) with 43.75%. Klay's performance was outstanding in view of the fact that he participated in only 10 matches.

### ALC Certificates of Merit

At the last General Meeting of Council, awards of Certificates of Merit were awarded to the following in recognition of their outstanding service to the game of lacrosse.

C. Scarvelis - SALA  
P. Smirk - WALA  
M.J. Stokes - WALA.

No nominations were received from the VALA.

/Coaching

### Coaching Accreditation

Although an approved Level one coaching accreditation scheme was introduced two years ago it is disappointing to note that few coaches have so far participated. State Associations must accept responsibility for implementing these courses to ensure that suitably qualified coaches become available. Participation in the National Coaching Accreditation scheme is essential. We must look further than the enthusiastic but unskilled person to improve players skills - in other words we must become professional in our approach.

The introduction of level two courses has been somewhat more protracted than hoped but is expected to be implemented in the near future.

### ALC/AWLC Coordination

Coordination of areas of possible common interest between the two Councils are currently being examined. Indications are that certain areas appear to be candidates for joint action by the two bodies. The project is however still in the very early stages.

### ALRA

There has been an improvement in the participation in Council affairs over the past 12 months. There remains a need for improved communication with Council on its affairs particularly as it concerns Office Bearers and its general activities.

### A.U.S.A.

Council is pleased that this body continues as an Associate of Council.

### Government Assistance

Again Council's appreciation is expressed at the financial assistance given by the Australian Government. The 1982/1983 grant of \$19,000 includes a provision of \$15,000 to be applied to provide assistance to a box team visiting Vancouver later in the year and an Under 19 team visiting USA during May. It is necessary to stress again that it is unreasonable to expect this source of financial assistance to meet all our needs.

### Council Meetings

Meetings were held in Perth & Melbourne during the year with good attendance. It is apparent that with increased activities in all areas the demands on members of Council at these meetings are becoming increasingly heavy.

### General

As your Secretary I must express my appreciation of the cooperation of our member bodies in the business of Council. Although parochial attitudes continue to impinge themselves in some areas there is a general desire to get things done for the good of all States.

/My appreciation

My appreciation is also expressed to the Association delegates for their application to Council affairs and also to those elected members of Council who have been able to assist.

This report would not be complete without a sincere expression of appreciation to our President, Don Hobbs for his assistance and guidance. Although Don has not enjoyed the best of health for some months he has continued to dedicate himself in an impartial and enthusiastic manner to Council affairs.

G.F. TILLOTSON  
Secretary

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In all cases 1981 figures are shown in brackets

A. Statistics - FIELD LACROSSE

1. Number of Affiliated Clubs

	SALA	VALA	WALA	TOTAL
	11	14	9	34
	(12)	(14)	(9)	(35)

2. Teams Entered in Domestic Premiership Matches

	SALA	VALA	WALA	TOTAL
*Open Age	27	38	14	79
	(25)	(33)	(16)	(79)
Juniors (Under 16 yrs)	42	51	46	139
	(41)	(40)	(19)	(100)
Totals	69	89	60	218
	(66)	(73)	(35)	(173)

3. Registered Players

Open Age	506	618	293	1407
	(405)	(610)	(302)	(1487)
Juniors (Under 16 yrs)	551	645	525	1721
	(1400)	(608)	(370)	(2378)
TOTALS - 1982	1057*	1263	800	3120
1981	1885	1218	762	3865
1980	1773	1214	602	3589
1979	1437	1301	618	3406
1978	1114	1268	744	3126
1977	1045	1187	706	2938
1976	882	1220	634	2736
1970	717	934	533	2156
1966	611	869	533	2013

\* Reflects change in recording methods.

4. Grade Premiers

<u>Open Age</u>	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
"A"&State League	East Torrens Payneham	Williamstown	Wembley
"A" Reserve B	Woodville North Adelaide		Wembley
Division 1		Williamstown	
Division 2		Williamstown	
C	Glenelg		
Division 3		MCC	
Under 19		Mitcham	
Colts			East Fremantle
<u>Junior</u>			
Under 16	Glenelg	Surrey Park	"C" Nollamarra
Under 14	Glenelg	Glenroy	"D" Nedlands Subiaco

/Under 12 (1)

	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
Under 12 (1)	Torrens Valley	Malvern	"E" Nedlands Subiaco
Under 12 (2)	North Adelaide		"F" Nollamarra
Under 10	Torrens Valley		"G" Bayswater

5. Fairest & Best Players

	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
"A"&State League	K. Johnson	R. Tillotson	G. Date
"A" Reserve	A. Hansford		P. Vella
B	T. Ramsey		
Division 1		G. Smithwick	
Division 2		T. Jenkinson	
C	B. Rosenthol		
Division 3		D. Retalack	
Under 19		N. Van Cylenbure	
Colts			P. Westlake

6. Top Goal Throwers

	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>
"A"&State League	K. Stevens	C. Hodgetts (97)
"A" Reserve	N. Moretta	
B	T. Ramsay	
Division 1		G. Mollison (82)
Division 2		A. Vague (85)
C	M. Gibbs ) S. Marsland ) B. Rosenthol)	
Division 3		V. Burton (84)
Under 19		C. Peltiki (71)

Note - WALA details not provided.

7. Senior Championships - Perth

(a) Results

South Australia 20	Victoria 13
West Australia 20	Victoria 12
West Australia 23	South Australia 9

(b) All Stars

P. Ackland - WA	J. Denic - WA
T. Ambler - WA	B. Griffin - WA
G. Antrim - VIC	G. Kennedy - WA
D. Banyard - VIC	J. Kennedy - WA
P. Brown - SA	R. Tillotson - VIC
P. Cann - WA	G. Toogood - SA
Coach - G. Hill	S. Wister - VIC
- WA	

(c) Fairest & Best for Series

R. Tillotson - VIC

8. Colts Championships - Melbourne

(a) Results

South Australia 20	West Australia 17
Victoria 29	West Australia 9
Victoria 23	South Australia 14

(b) All Stars

B. Barnard - VIC	G. Meredith - VIC
M. Brown - VIC	M. Mettam - WA
M. Butler - VIC	D. Randall - SA
M. Cheeseman - WA	N. Skewes - VIC
A. Ffrench - SA	P. Westlake - WA
W. Graham - VIC	
M. Hardisty - WA	
T. Keen - WA	
Coach - P. Weatherill - VIC	

(c) Fairest & Best for Series

T. Keen - SA N. Skewes - VIC (Joint Winners)

9. Junior Championships - Adelaide

(a) Results

Victoria 12	West Australia 11
West Australia 18	South Australia 6
Victoria 28	South Australia 18

(b) All Stars

S. Aitken - VIC	D. Harrison - WA
J. Beagley - SA	J. Hernan - VIC
N. Bell - SA	D. Mounsey - VIC
C. Brown - VIC	M. Seekamp - VIC
S. Darling - SA	S. Wake - WA
M. Gadd - SA	
C. Gates - WA	
C. Gibson - VIC	
Coach - W. Stewart - VIC	

(c) Fairest & Best

D. Mounsey - VIC

10. World Championships - Baltimore (USA)

(a) Team

M. Balinski - WA	K. Humphrys - SA
J. Ballarine - WA	C. Johnson - SA
A. Bower - VIC	J. Kennedy - WA
J. Butkiewicz - VIC	P. Lynch - SA
P. Cann - WA	T. Magee - WA
R. Duthy - SA	P. Morley - VIC
S. Ellis - VIC	M. Mousse - SA
G. Fox - VIC	K. Nichols - VIC
G. Garnsworthy - VIC	J. Russell - SA
M. Haddad - VIC	R. Tatlow - VIC
T. Hardy - WA	G. Tillotson - VIC
W. Hobbs - SA	R. Walton - VIC



COACHES - A. Inglis - VIC  
J. Carter - SA  
D. Trainor - VIC  
Manager - M. Redfern - WA  
Assistant Manager - G. Gatley - SA  
Physiotherapist - J. Clayfield - VIC

(b) Results

Australia	25	England	5
U.S.A.	23	Canada	12
Canada	26	England	8
U.S.A.	23	Australia	10
Australia	24	Canada	13
U.S.A.	26	England	9
Final U.S.A.	22	Australia	14

(c) Awards

Most Valued Player - J. Kennedy - WA  
Top Midfield - J. Butkiewicz - VIC  
Most Improved (Aust Award) - K. Nichols - VIC

B. Statistics - BOX LACROSSE

1. Number of Clubs

SA	VIC	WA
4	4	-
(5)	(4)	-

2. Number of Teams

SA	VIC	WA
4	4	-
(5)	(4)	-

3. Registered Players

SA	VIC	WA
135	69	-
(155)	(69)	-

4. Premier's - A Grade

SA	VIC
A Grade - Buckingham Arms Caviliers	Renegades

5. Fairest & Best

SA	VIC
G. Shepley	Not Available

6. Top Point Scorers

K. Humphrys	G. Mollison
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7. Championships

South Australia	- Won 1	
Victoria	- Won 1	/South

South Australia Champions on percentage.

C. Statistics - SOFT LACROSSE

1. Number of Clubs

SA	VIC
11	6

2. Number of Teams

SA	VIC
24	6

3. Registered Players

Total	300	69
	(340)	(120)

4. Premiers

A - Eagles (West Torrens)      Not Available  
 B - Redmen (North Adelaide)  
 U16 - Glenelg

D. Schools Participation (All forms) (Estimate)

	SA	VIC	WA	OTHER	OVERALL
Soft/Field	420	2723	500	350	3643
	(340)	(2500)	(500)		(3340)
P.E.	300				
<u>Total</u>	720	2723	500	350	3943

E. TOTAL REGISTRATIONS

	<u>SA</u>	<u>VIC</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>
Field	1057	1263	808	3128
Box	135	69		204
Soft	300	69		369
	<u>1492</u>	<u>1401</u>	<u>808</u>	<u>3701</u>
	(1779)	(1218)	(762)	(3759)