

VICTORIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

(FOUNDED 1879)

Annual Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet For Season 1936.

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Amateur Sports Club, Melbourne, on Monday the 22nd day of February, 1937.

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has very much pleasure in presenting for your approval the Annual Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for the 1936 season.

Membership of Association.—This season saw the largest number of teams since 1931, there being 64 teams playing in Saturday competitions (3 more than last year) and representing 28 clubs.

Unfortunately, Box Hill were unable to enter a team this year, but officials of the Club hope to find some new blood to enable the Club to be resurrected in the near future.

No new Clubs entered teams, but existing Clubs entered 6 teams more than last year, and a further increase of teams is expected for 1937. Williamstown Club broke all previous records by entering 8 teams, a performance for which they are to be congratulated.

The total membership of the Association was 1078, being an advance over recent years, and being very few behind the record for all time.

In addition to the members of the Association, approximately 165 players representing 11 teams played in School competitions, and 90 players representing 6 teams in Ballarat.

Lacrosse in Victoria therefore made a definite step forward in 1936, the first step, we are sure, in a steady progress of the game in this State. It behoves every Club, player and supporter of the game to do its and his utmost to further the efforts of the administration to make this a reality.

Competition Results.—Once again Malvern proved the outstanding Club in the A Section and won the premiership, Williamstown being runners-up.

Glen Iris achieved a popular victory by annexing the B Section premiership. This Club has had a very fine record since it entered our ranks as a very Junior team in 1928. Premierships in Junior sections were followed by promotion and in 1935 Glen Iris entered the B Section, to be runners-up to Williamstown. Great credit is also due to U.H.S.O.B. team, who, though only promoted to this section in 1936, were runners-up to Glen Iris after replay of a drawn final.

Williamstown were again the most successful Club, gaining the premierships of the C and D Sections, as well as being runners-up in A Section.

Melbourne Technical College won the E Section, and M.H.S.O.B. the Under 16 Years Section.

To all winning teams we extend hearty congratulations. Seldom before have the semi-finals and finals been so keenly fought, there being grand finals in C, D and F Sections, and a final re-play in B Section. Most of the games were extremely close, and were played in a noticeably fine spirit; in fact, the spirit prevailing in all games this year has been wonderful and much to the credit of those taking part in them.

Full results of matches are appended.

Trophies.—The Best and Fairest Trophy for the A Section was won by Mr. W. McCay (University), who shared the trophy last year. Mr. W. J. Reid (Glen Iris) again won the honour in B Section.

The Trophies to be presented to-night and in the future will take the form of plaques of a standard design, and the A Section Trophy will be known as the George Beech Trophy in honour of the first Australian player of lacrosse.

The thanks of the Association are due to the Malvern Club for donating for perpetual competition in the A Section, the Joel Fox Shield, won outright by them in 1932. This will be known for the future as the Joel Fox Memorial Shield.

The Trophies for the Gymkhana to be presented to-night and in the future will take the form of spoons with special handles.

As the Garland McHarg Cup is essentially an All-Australian Trophy, the General Committee of this Association has decided to relinquish whatever claims it has to the legal ownership of the Cup and to hand same to the Australian Lacrosse Council, subject to Victoria's right to hold same as winners until the next Carnival. As this matter concerns the whole Association, you are being asked to-night to confirm the Committee's action.

In honour of our President, an anonymous donor presented a Cup known as the "R. O. Moore Trophy" for presentation to the Captain of the winning team at Adelaide Carnival. The thanks of the Association are expressed to this donor.

Gymkhana.—Notwithstanding the worst possible weather, the Gymkhana was one of the most successful functions yet organised by the Association, and aroused much favourable comment. A firm foundation has now been established for the future. The innovation of broadcasting to the spectators by means of amplifiers was a great success. We are pleased to report that Ballarat entered a team in all events and performed very creditably. We welcome these players very sincerely. An interesting feature of the day was the Veterans' match; this was so successful that we hope it will become an annual feature. Our best thanks are expressed to those ladies who assisted so ably with the catering arrangements, and to all Officials and others who helped to make this day such a success.

Adelaide Carnival and Inter-State Visits.—A large party travelled to Adelaide in August for the All-Australian Carnival and spent a most enjoyable and busy week. The Victorian team comprised Messrs. S. McCorkell (Capt.), J. Reid (Vice-Capt.), N. Robson, W. Edwards, R. Read, C. Foster, H. Puddy, W. Ashby, B. Newgreen, B. Kerrigan, F. Hogarth, O. G. Unkenstein, C. Page, H. Wood, T. W. Cutts and G. Smith. Mr H. E. Renfree was Manager, and Messrs. I. J. Taylor, J. Beattie, C. H. Gibbs, R. Coldstream, W. Grace, J. W. Schafe, K. Sitlington, M. Robertson and S. Jenkins accompanied the team.

Our team won the Championship of the Carnival, and with it the Garland-McHarg Cup. Mr. McCorkell brought great honour to the State by winning the Trophy for Best and Fairest Player in the Carnival. He also won the R. O. Moore Trophy as Captain of the winning team.

Full results of the Carnival are appended.

A very enjoyable Smoke Night by way of welcome home to the team was provided by the President, and was much appreciated by the players and others who took part.

Sponsored by Capt. J. H. Fearon, their President, the Williamstown Club had an enjoyable lacrosse trip to Port Pirie where they played the local Association, and a picnic trip to Launceston, where they indulged in cricket. These trips are very valuable in educating those who take part, and in encouraging lacrosse in other States, and Capt. Fearon is to be commended for this very fine service to lacrosse.

A team from Malvern Club paid its annual visit to Ballarat. Visits by Melbourne Clubs are much appreciated by the Ballarat Association, and we thank Malvern for their continued assistance to lacrosse in this District.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation of the hospitality extended to our various teams by sister Associations and in particular for the splendid entertainment arranged for our Carnival party at Adelaide.

Progress.—We feel that this year has been one of progress and development and several innovations have been adopted with success.

For the first time in many years, with the co-operation of Club Secretaries the Committee was able to have the fixtures in the hands of Delegates and Secretaries before the commencement of the season.

A New Teams and Grounds Committee was appointed which functioned regularly and performed much good work. A pamphlet has been printed and is now available for issue to prospective players. Several prospects for new teams are being developed and much work has been done in connection with grounds.

A Junior Teams Committee has been formed to encourage and assist Junior players. This Committee will start to function fully almost immediately.

Free passes for final games were issued to Junior players and were freely availed of. Premiership medallions have been donated to High and Technical School Sports Associations and school lacrosse has been encouraged as much as possible.

Representatives of the Executive Committee have attended at games between Junior teams during the year to encourage and advise.

A start was made with lectures on the game and a very successful inaugural lecture was held at Malvern Town Hall during the year with the aid of moving pictures kindly supplied by Mr. Saunders, a former player.

Various recommendations for assisting lacrosse in Ballarat have been adopted by the Executive, and it is hoped they will bear fruit in 1937.

A closer check on registrations and permits has been made during the year and will be continued in the future.

An Inter-State Trip Fund became an actuality during the year and a substantial amount has been accumulated. It is intended to assist Junior Inter-State visits by means of this Fund.

In order to lessen the routine matters to be considered by the General Committee at its monthly meetings, regulations relating to permits and trophies have been promulgated, to be brought into operation next year if approved. Similar regulations have been promulgated to introduce an automatic promotion scheme relating to grading of teams.

A proposal to adopt a scheme for the supply of more amateur referees on the lines of that in operation by the Hockey Association will be placed before Delegates early in the coming year.

The Committee approved of the adoption of the Page system for finals, but an amendment of the rules was necessary to carry this out, and as we were unable to obtain a quorum at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, the proposal could not be put into operation in 1936.

During the year the Honour Board of the Association was renovated and a wreath was laid thereon on Anzac Day, and at the meeting of the General Committee nearest to Anzac Day, the Honour Roll was removed from the Honour Board with due solemnity and laid on the Table of the Committee. It is intended to make this an annual function.

Amendments of Rules.—Several proposed amendments of rules are before you to-night. These have been fully considered by your Delegates in General Committee and approved by them. You are now asked by them to confirm the General Committee's approval.

The amendments are partly by way of revision of certain existing rules and partly to enable the proposals previously mentioned to be carried out. They will also enable the Page system of finals to be adopted in the coming season.

The amendments relating to permits put into operation the recommendations of the Permit Committee which were adopted by the General Committee. Those matters which as a matter of practice have been dealt with by the Permit Committee are by the amendments made part of its functions.

Other amendments are directed to free the General Committee from considering certain routine matters which will be referred as of course to Sub-Committees.

The rules relating to fines have been amended but a further revision of these is desirable in the near future. The General Committee has directed the Permit Committee to consider and recommend a revision of existing permit rules.

Resignation of Mr. Hudson.—We regret to refer to the resignation of Mr. Hudson, who was appointed Hon. Secretary of the Association at the beginning of the year. Owing to his removal to New South Wales, Mr. Hudson was compelled towards the end of the season, to relinquish the task which he had performed up to then with consummate ability and success. As a Club Delegate for over 10 years, Elected Member, Member of the Executive and Permit Committees and Assistant Secretary, Mr. Hudson has rendered sterling service to lacrosse in this State, which is a great loser by his enforced retirement. We wish him all the success in his new position which he deserves.

Appreciation.—Our sincere thanks are due to the Members of the Investigation Committee, viz.: Messrs. Webb (Chairman), Davidson, Gay, Grace, Mace and Stubbings. These gentlemen give up a large amount of their time to deal with the matters which come before them, and we do appreciate the service rendered by them.

We desire also to convey our appreciation to our Delegates to the Australian Lacrosse Council and the Amateur Sports Club, and to the Officials of the Amateur Sports Club. The members of the various Sub-Committees have also performed fine service during the year.

Sincere thanks are also expressed to the following gentlemen who acted as amateur referees during the year, viz.: Messrs. Boykett, Coldstream, Cowman, Gibbs, McIntyre, Miller, Nutting, Shappere, Tickner, and Zercho. Offers from other ex-players to act in this capacity will be gratefully received.

We thank the members of the Referees' Association and in particular their energetic Secretary, Mr. E. Axford, for their loyalty and continued interest in the improvement of our game.

Finally we thank those Clubs and local authorities which made grounds available to us for final matches.

Donations.—We wish to thank all those gentlemen who have so generously made donations to the funds of the Association during the past year.

Obituary.—We regret to announce that early in the year, we lost one of our former Presidents, Mr. Joel Fox. This gentleman had been an official of the Association for over 50 years, and had held every office in the Association. He filled the position of President from 1916 until his retirement at the beginning of 1934. His work for lacrosse has probably been more beneficial than that of any other member of the Association, past or present, and right up to his death, he retained an enthusiastic interest in our doings. Our sympathy was suitably conveyed to his widow. As a memorial to the late Joel Fox, the Malvern Club returned to the Association the Joel Fox Challenge Shield won outright by them in 1932. As mentioned before, this Shield will now be known as the Joel Fox Memorial Shield and will be applied for perpetual competition in the A Section.

Other lacrosse players and former players who passed away during the year were: — D. Thomas, G. Nelson, C. Graham, Peter Baird and C. U. B. Gurnett (ex-President of the N.S.W. Association).

Financial.—This season's revenue discloses a satisfactory position. The year's deficit is very small considering the large amount spent in sending the Carnival team to Adelaide and also expenditure of the 1935 season not provided for in last year's account, these totalling in all about £150.

As there was no Inter-State match here last year, all the Carnival expenses had to be financed from this year's revenue. Nevertheless, the accounts are in a healthy condition; the amounts owing by Clubs is very small and there is an amount of over £40 put away to assist in sending Junior Inter-State teams away in the future.

Conclusion.—In conclusion, we desire to wish all Clubs a very successful season in 1937, which we hope will prove for the Association to be one of the brightest and happiest on record. On behalf of the Committee.

(Sgd.) R. O. MOORE, President.
H. E. RENFREE, Hon. Secretary.

Honorary Officers.

From personal observation, and from the many statements received from members of the Executive regarding the same, I feel that this report would be incomplete were I not to express, on behalf of all members of the Association, our high appreciation of the very excellent work done in the interest of Lacrosse by our honorary officers, the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer, throughout the past year, and every lover of the pastime will, I feel sure, join with me in the hope that the services of these gentlemen will long be available to the Association.

R. O. MOORE,
President.

VICTORIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1937

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
By Registrations	£118 12 6	To Stationery, Bank Charges, Wreaths, and General Expenses	£32 3 11
" Affiliation Fees	69 16 6	" Subscriptions—	
" Subscriptions	1 11 6	Amateur Sports Club 1935	15 5 0
" Donations—		Amateur Sports Club 1936	5 5 0
R. O. Moore	£16 16 0	Aus. Lacrosse Coun. 1936	2 2 0
J. Davidson	5 5 0	" Honorariums 1935	45 0 0
G. Kirkwood	2 2 0	1936	45 0 0
A. Mitchell	2 2 0	" Audit Fees 1935	2 2 0
	26 5 0	1936	2 2 0
" Fines	36 17 6	" Postage and Telephone	4 4 0
" Sales Lawn Lacrosse	0 5 3	" Printing	21 14 5
" Profit on Dance	2 9 4	" Interstate Carnival (South Australia)	89 9 10
" Profit on Picture Night	1 9 4	" Referees' Fees	54 2 8
	3 18 8	Less Paid by Clubs	39 12 0
" King's Birthday Gymkhana—		" Amounts Written Off—	14 10 8
Takings	44 6 8	Ivanhoe	5 2 3
Less Expenses	28 11 7	R.A.N.R.	0 15 3
	15 15 1	Caulfield Tech. College	1 10 0
" Matches—		Richmond Tech. College	0 15 0
Takings	33 6 5	Sundry	2 6 9
Less Expenses	25 1 1		10 9 3
	8 5 4		£304 11 6
" Sales of Fixtures and Advtg	17 0 2		
Less Printing	8 18 5		
	8 1 8		
" Deficit for year	15 2 6		
	£304 11 6		

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/1/37.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities at 31/1/36	£86 13 6	Commonwealth Bank (Inter-State Trip Fund)	£44 17 11
Add Insurance Fund	15 0 0	State Savings Bank of Victoria	1 11 8
	£101 13 6	E. S. & A. Bank Ltd. (Royal Bank Branch)	2 8 8
Less Deficit for Year	15 2 6	Petty Cash on Hand	5 0 0
	£86 11 0	Typewriter at Valuation	5 0 0
		Budgets on Hand	5 5 0
		Clubs in Debit—	
		Power House	1 2 4
		Camberwell	0 17 0
		Coburg	7 12 0
		Sunshine	2 0 6
		Brunswick	3 0 0
		Footscray	1 4 9
		St. Kilda	2 15 6
		University	3 13 2
		Wattle Park	0 2 6
			22 7 0
		" Contingent Asset—	£86 11 0
		£1/14/-, amount received from Williamstown Lacrosse Club to inaugurate a Stick Fund	

Melbourne, 3rd February, 1937.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Victorian Lacrosse Association for the year ended 31st January, 1937, and the foregoing statements exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Association according to the best of my information and belief and as shown by the books. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I required.

O. G. UNKENSTEIN, A.F.I.A., Auditor.

VICTORIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.

1936 SEASON'S RESULTS

"A" SECTION (Jool Fox Shield)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Malvern	16	15	1	—	220	95	60
2. Williamstown	16	14	2	—	179	121	56
3. M.C.C.	15	8	6	1	143	129	34
4. Camberwell	15	8	7	—	126	133	32
5. Caulfield	14	7	7	—	169	151	28
6. University	14	3	10	1	66	202	14
7. Coburg	14	2	10	2	68	140	12

"B" SECTION (Hugh Wood Cup)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Glen Iris	20	18	1	1	258	128	74
2. U.H.S.O.B.	20	12	7	1	209	153	50
3. Williamstown	18	16	2	—	222	102	64
4. Malvern	18	13	5	—	171	112	52
5. Army	17	9	8	—	163	162	36
6. Essendon	17	7	9	1	158	207	30
7. Legacy	17	4	13	—	120	199	16
8. M.H.S.O.B.	17	3	13	1	126	148	14
9. Hawthorn	17	2	14	1	126	185	10
10. Caulfield	17	2	14	1	107	266	10

"C" SECTION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Williamstown	19	17	2	—	252	107	68
2. Power House	20	16	4	—	275	134	64
3. Brunswick	19	11	8	—	167	135	44
4. Brighton	18	10	7	1	205	135	42
5. Old Trinity Gram. ..	17	7	8	2	223	157	32
6. Camberwell	17	5	11	1	156	181	22
7. Malvern	17	4	13	—	131	223	16
8. Army	17	—	17	—	23	360	0

"D" SECTION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Williamstown	19	14	4	1	172	101	58
2. Hartwell	19	16	1	2	220	80	68
3. Teachers' College ..	19	12	4	3	204	124	52
4. St. Kilda	18	13	4	1	181	84	54
5. Wattle Park	17	11	6	—	215	113	44
6. Preston	17	11	6	—	113	99	44
7. Adult Deaf	17	10	7	—	197	80	40
8. Hawthorn	16	8	7	1	122	130	34
9. University	17	7	9	1	155	151	30
10. Sunshine	17	7	10	—	163	167	28
11. U.H.S.O.B.	17	5	12	—	116	176	20
12. Glen Iris	17	2	15	—	39	330	8
13. Power House	17	2	15	—	15	292	8

1936 GYMKHANA RESULTS

SIX-A-SIDE CONTESTS

- No. 1 Section—Malvern (7) d. Camberwell (2).
- No. 2 Section—Camberwell (3) d. Hawthorn (0).
- No. 3 Section—Teachers' College (3) d. St. Kilda (0).
- No. 4 Section—Essendon (5) d. Malvern (2).

LONG THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. W. Reid (Glen Iris) — 244 feet 3 inches.

RELAY RACES

- No. 1 Section—Malvern.
- No. 2 Section—Melbourne High School Old Boys.
- No. 3 Section—Melbourne High School Old Boys.

MID-WEEK COMPETITIONS

HIGH SCHOOLS

Premiers — University High School.
Runners-up — Coburg.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS (R. O. Moore Shield)

Premiers — Melbourne Technical College
Runner-up — Brunswick.

"E" SECTION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. Melb. Tech. College	19	18	1	—	279	76	72
2. Caulfield (No. 1) ..	19	17	2	—	277	94	68
3. Coburg	18	14	4	—	290	92	56
4. Williamstown No. 1 ..	18	14	4	—	217	90	56
5. Brunswick	17	10	7	—	196	85	40
6. M.H.S.O.B. No 1	17	10	7	—	214	146	40
7. Williamstown No. 2 ..	17	8	9	—	135	95	32
8. Essendon	17	7	9	1	133	114	20
9. Caulfield No. 2	17	6	10	1	111	189	26
10. Camberwell	17	5	12	—	98	139	26
11. Fitzroy Tech. O.B. ..	17	4	13	—	97	205	16
12. M.H.S.O.B. No. 2	17	4	13	—	111	253	16
13. Preston	17	3	14	—	51	267	12
14. Malvern	17	1	16	—	62	330	4

"F" SECTION (Fearon Colts' Cup)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1. M.H.S.O.B.	20	13	5	2	321	174	58
2. Deaf Boys	19	14	4	1	269	69	58
3. Coburg	19	14	4	1	245	109	58
4. U.H.S.O.B. No. 1	18	12	6	—	202	138	48
5. Williamstown No. 1 ..	17	10	5	2	162	86	44
6. Caulfield	17	10	7	—	194	144	40
7. Essendon	16	8	8	—	146	119	32
8. Trinity Grammar	17	5	10	2	134	200	21
9. Junior Legacy	17	5	11	1	117	210	22
10. Malvern	17	3	11	3	137	240	18
11. Williamstown No. 2 ..	17	3	12	2	101	274	16
12. U.H.S.O.B. No. 2	16	1	15	—	15	280	4

EIGHTH ALL-AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE CARNIVAL

(GARLAND-MEHARG CUP)

Adelaide, 8th August-15th August, 1936

No.	State	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
1.	Victoria	3	3	—	—	43	21	12
2.	South Australia	3	2	1	—	35	31	8
3.	West Australia	3	1	2	—	25	27	4
4.	Queensland	3	—	3	—	20	41	0

WINNERS OF THE CUP

No.	Year	State	Played at
1.	1910	Victoria	Adelaide
2.	1912	Victoria	Melbourne
3.	1920	South Australia	Sydney
4.	1923	South Australia	Brisbane
5.	1926	South Australia	Adelaide
6.	1929	Victoria	Perth
7.	1932	Victoria	Melbourne
8.	1936	Victoria	Adelaide

INTERVARSITY

Adelaide (15 goals) v Melbourne (8 goals) at Adelaide, 26 the August, 1936.

Combined Universities (8 goals) v A South Australian Team (3 goals).