

# AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

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## ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1981

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Australian Lacrosse Council held in Adelaide, South Australia  
19th & 20th March 1981

### MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

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

### OFFICE BEARERS - 1981

<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. M.E. REDFERN	(W.A.L.A.)	1981
	Mr. D. RUDDERHAM	(W.A.L.A.)	1980
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Mr. G.F. TILLOTSON	(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. ALLINGTON	(V.A.L.A.)	1973
<u>RULES ADJUDICATOR</u>	Mr. M.E. REDFERN	(W.A.L.A.)	1981
<u>PROPERTY OFFICER</u>	VACANT		
<u>AUDITOR</u>	Mr. O.G. UNKENSTEIN		1979

### DELEGATES

<u>A.L.R.A.</u>	Mr. D. REYMENT	1980
<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. P. KOSHNITSKY	1981
<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. M. HILSBERG	1981
<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. G. HILL	1975
<u>A.U.S.A.</u>	Mr. J. WINDSOR	1981

Mr. President & Gentlemen,

I am pleased to present for your consideration and approval the 50th Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council.

Following the trends of recent years 1981 saw considerable activity which continued to place strains on member Associations and the limited resources of Council.

In addition to sponsoring Senior & Junior National Championships Council played host again to an international team, the Coquitlam Adanacs from Vancouver. Although the "Adanacs" participated in field lacrosse games, the teams visit tended to highlight the increasing impact of box lacrosse in Council involvement. The year saw the acceptance by the Australian Government of a Level 1 Coaching Accreditation Scheme and the subsequent introduction of courses in WA, SA & VIC with encouraging results. It is hoped that a favourable report will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the development of a Level 2 Scheme. Council is appreciative of the acceptance by Mr. John Carter, South Australia of the position of Coaching Coordinator and Mr. Denis Trainor, Victoria of the position of Convener of the Coaches Association. It sees these appointments as a recognition of the increasing importance of the role of coaches in improving the level of performance and skill of our players.

In recognition of its 50th Anniversary, a celebration dinner was held in Adelaide in conjunction with the Senior Championships. Council is extremely grateful to those who worked so hard to make the function successful particularly East Torrens, the host club.

Once again Council is grateful for the financial assistance provided by the Australian Government. Amounting to some \$18500, the grant compared favourably with those granted other Sporting Associations and is being applied to provide assistance to our team competing in the 1982 World Championships, attendance at International meetings, development and administration. It must be emphasized that it is unreasonable and illogical to place an undue reliance of Government assistance. We need to display a spirit of self help, independence and initiative in generating resources and to utilize Government funds merely to augment these resources. It is important to realize that lacrosse is only one of some 100 sporting organizations competing for a share of the Government cake, in 1981 amounting to \$2.88m. It is further extremely important to ensure that the grants are effectively utilized in the areas approved by the Australian Government.

#### Australian Championships (Field)

Congratulations must be expressed to the South Australian Lacrosse Championships for conducting a successful series and to the Western Australian side for winning the prized Garland McHarg Cup. Run on round robin basis the series was noted for extreme closeness of all matches with the participants in the final series being decided merely on percentages.

Congratulations are offered to the members of the ALL STARS side selected at the conclusion of the series and also to the players selected in the training squad for the 1982 World Championships.

/Special

Special mention must be made of the outstanding performance of J. Kennedy in leading his team to ultimate victory.

The Junior Championships held in Melbourne although not as closely contested as the Senior Championships produced exciting lacrosse with the Victorian side winning the Mal Taylor award and S. Tester, Victoria the best and fairest for the series.

Scores and relevant data for both games are contained in the attachment.

#### State of the Game

(a) Field. Although there has been an apparent 10 percent increase in the number of registered players some concern must be expressed at the insignificant increase in the number of open age players, also the reduction of about 8% in Victoria. Junior levels are more encouraging with fair increases in each of the States. It is pleasing to note the significant figures quoted by the VALA for participation by schools but of course the measure of ultimate success can be best gained by the numbers taking part in competitions directly under Association control.

It is unnecessary to emphasize that lacrosse is very low on the participation ladder when compared with other sports and that an aggressive attitude must be taken therefore towards continued development. State attitudes should not inhibit overall growth.

(b) Box. It is disappointing to note that little if any progress is being made in Western Australia of this exciting code. South Australia continues to be the pace setter with Victoria trailing. With the visit of Mr. McBain, President of the Canadian Lacrosse Association to Australia towards the end of the year it is apparent that properly administered and developed with adequate facilities (if necessary with help from the C.L.A.) the code could assume a major place in Australian lacrosse. Statistics are contained in the attachment.

#### Isaachsen Trophy For Fairest & Best Player 1981

The winner for this trophy was J. Foster of the SALA with a percentage of 48.15%.

#### ALC Certificates of Merit

At the last Annual General meeting Council awarded ALC Certificates of Merit for outstanding services to Lacrosse in Australia to:

B.J. Griffin	(WALA)
G.J. Hill	(WALA)
R.G. Peters	(SALA)
D.A. Rudderham	(WALA)

/No nominations

No nominations were received from the SALA.

Council Meetings. Meetings of Council were held in Melbourne and Adelaide during the year. With the influence of international competitions, box and soft lacrosse the need for additional meetings appears to be evident within the near future.

Future Planning. Largely as a consequence of slowness of response by Associations, progress on this project continues to be disappointingly slow. It might of course be argued that with the radical changes proposed, the project should not be unduly hastened. This however must be balanced with the increasing complexity of tasks, added workloads and the need to develop concepts directed towards the growth of the game and attendant professional requirements.

ALRA. This Association although represented on Council continues to act in a passive role with virtually no communication with Council. Although its Executive continues to receive copies of all minutes and circulars little, if any, contribution is made by ALRA to Association affairs. This Association is strongly urged to assume an active role together with the State Associations in the conduct of Council affairs.

#### General

Recent years have seen varying performances in Associations handling of matters of concern to Council. At the present time this aspect appears to be satisfactory although difficulties continue to be experienced in some areas because of the lack of Association activities during the off-season. Indications are that gradual improvements can be expected with the reorganization of Association structures and the employment of full-time Executive Officers.

It still disturbs me that State parochial attitudes continue to impinge themselves on many matters affecting Council. This must be discouraged if we are to see a continued healthy growth in our great game.

To our President Don Hobbs may I express my thanks for his guidance and cooperation during the past 12 months. My thanks are also expressed to delegates and members for their forbearance.

G.F. TILLOTSON

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In all cases 1980 figures are shown in brackets

A. Statistics - FIELD LACROSSE

1. Number of Affiliated Clubs

	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	12	14	9	35
	(12)	(15)	(9)	(36)

2. Teams Entered in Domestic Premiership Matches

*Open Age	25	38	16	79
	(26)	(39)	(17)	(82)
Juniors (Under 16 yrs)	41	40	19	100
	(50)	(36)	(20)	(116)
Totals	66	78	35	179
	(76)	(75)	(37)	(188)

3. Registered Players

Open Age	485	610	392	1487
	(477)	(668)	(352)	(1497)
Juniors (Under 16 yrs)	1400	608	370	2378
	(1302)	(546)	(250)	(2098)

TOTALS

1981	1885	1218	762	3865
1980	1779	1214	602	3595
1979	1487	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

4. Participants (School Competitions, Area Competition, etc)

Victoria - Primary & Pre school	581	
Tech & High Schools	180	
Soft Lacrosse	120	
Soft Lacrosse Schools	<u>2500(Est)</u>	3381
Sth Australia - Primary Schools	520	
Western Soft Lacrosse	340	760
Australia - Schools	<u>500</u>	500
Other States	350	350(Est)

5. TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

<u>SA</u>	<u>VIC</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2645	4599	1262	350	8506

6. Grade Premiers

<u>Open Age</u>	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
"A"	East Torrens Payn		East Fremantle

/State League

	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
State League		Surrey Park	
"A" Reserve			East Fremantle
B	East Torrens Payn		
Division 1		Malvern	
Division 2		Surrey Park	
C	Woodville		
Division 3		Footscray	
Under 19		Caulfield	East Fremantle
Colts	Glenelg		
<u>Junior</u>			
Under 16	St Vincents (Glenelg)	Mitcham	"C" East Fremantle
Under 14	West Torrens	Caulfield	"D" East Fremantle
Under 12	West Torrens	Caulfield	
Under 10	West Torrens		

7. State Association "A" & State League Fairest & Best Players

SALA	J. Foster	48.15%
VALA	S. Ellis	38.09%
WALA	K. McRae	47.62%

8. State Association Top Goal Scorers "A" & State League

SALA	Not Available		
VALA	R. Waite	Surrey Park	96 Goals
WALA	Not Available		

9. Senior Championships - Adelaide

(a) Results

Victoria	17	South Australia	14
Western Australia	17	Victoria	12
South Australia	17	Western Australia	11

Final

Western Australia	15	South Australia	12
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(b) All Stars

G. Johnson - SA	P. Morely - VIC
P. Lynch - SA	T. McGee - WA
W. Hobbs - SA	T. Hardy - WA
R. Duthy - SA	P. Cann - WA
G. Garnsworthy - VIC	J. Ballarine - WA
J. Butkiewicz - VIC	* J. Kennedy - WA
S. Ellis - VIC	

Coach - F. Poat

\* Fairest & Best for Series

/10. Junior

10. Junior Championships - Melbourne

(a) Results

South Australia	15	Western Australia	7
Victoria	24	Western Australia	6
Victoria	16	South Australia	6

Championship Winners - Victoria

(b) All Stars

C. Manning - SA	D. Mounsey - VIC
P. Rolling - SA	R. O'Donnell - VIC
B. Barnard - VIC	S. Read - VIC
W. Biglands - VIC	M. Seekamp - VIC
W. Graham - VIC	*S. Tester - VIC
T. Martin - VIC	K. Frankee - WA
	F. McGuffin - WA

\* Fairest & Best for Series

B. Statistics - BOX LACROSSE

1. Number of Clubs

SA	VIC	WA
5	4	-

2. Number of Teams

SA	VIC	WA
5	4	-
(6)	(4)	-

3. Registered Players

SA	VIC	WA
155	69	-
(144)	(68)	-

4. Premier's - A Grade

SA	VIC
A Grade - Buckingham Arms Caviliers	Renegades

5. Fairest & Best

SA	VIC
W. Little	Not Available

6. Top Point Scorers

M. Reelie	G. Mollison
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C. Coquitlam Adanacs Visit

Field Lacrosse - Australia won 2-0  
 Box Lacrosse - Coquitlam won 4-0

D. TOTAL PARTICIPANTS - ALL FORMS - Approx 9000