

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

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MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE REFEREES ASSOCIATION
QUEENSLAND LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
VICTORIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

OFFICE BEARERS 1974

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| <u>PRESIDENT</u> | Mr. H. VOLK | (V.A.L.A.) | 1973 |
| <u>VICE PRESIDENTS</u> | Mr. F. D. HOGARTH | (V.A.L.A.) | 1966 |
| | Mr. H. V. HORNER | (W.A.L.A.) | 1966 |
| | Mr. O. C. ISSACHSEN | (S.A.L.A.) | 1962 |
| | Mr. L. S. TURNBULL | (W.A.L.A.) | 1962 |
| | Mr. I. W. WILES | (S.A.L.A.) | 1971 |
| <u>SECRETARY</u> | Mr. C. R. CARR | (S.A.L.A.) | 1971 |
| <u>TREASURER</u> | Mr. R. D. C. ALEXANDER | (S.A.L.A.) | 1967 |
| <u>INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER</u> | | | |
| | Mr. W. G. HOBBS | (S.A.L.A.) | 1972 |
| <u>PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER</u> | | | |
| | Mr. A. F. CHIRON | (V.A.L.A.) | 1973 |
| <u>HISTORIAN & RECORDS SECRETARY</u> | | | |
| | Mr. T. ALLINGTON | (V.A.L.A.) | 1973 |
| <u>PROPERTY OFFICER</u> | Mr. A. J. CARR | (S.A.L.A.) | 1974 |
| <u>AUDITOR</u> | Mr. G. L. DUFFIELD | (S.A.L.A.) | 1958 |

DELEGATES

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| <u>A. L. R. A.</u> | Mr. J. C. BUXTON | 1974 |
| <u>Q. L. A.</u> | Mr. H. P. EVANS | 1967 |
| <u>S. A. L. A.</u> | Mr. D. P. MORPHETT | 1973 |
| <u>V. A. L. A.</u> | Mr. G. F. TILLOTSON | 1973 |
| <u>W. A. L. A.</u> | Mr. L. S. TURNBULL | 1962 |

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I present for your consideration and approval the 43rd Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council :

1974 must surely be remembered as the most momentous in Australian Lacrosse history, when we hosted the first World Championships to be held in this Country, and indeed only the second of this type of event ever.

Teams from England, Canada and U. S. A. joined with our Australian team at Olympic Park, Melbourne, in July 1974 to engage in a set of thrilling encounters on the playing field. Whilst the U. S. A. team were unbeaten Champions, it is indicative of the closeness of the series when we record that Australia, Canada and England each won one game, and Australia were in fact leading U. S. A. at the end of the third quarter of their match.

The organisation of the events, both matches and social, was in the hands of the V. A. L. A., who formed a special committee to make all of the necessary arrangements. This Committee was under the Chairmanship of A. L. C. Vice President, Mr. Frank Hogarth, with Mr. Lyle Chynoweth as Secretary/Treasurer. A hard working committee ensured that all aspects of this very important event were well covered, and it has been both exciting and interesting to read of the many comments that have been written by our overseas friends since their return home. All are full of praise for the excellent Championships that were staged, and have even expressed the comment that the depth of organisation would not be possible in their own country.

Council is extremely grateful to all of those who worked so hard not only in Victoria, but in South and Western Australia, where visiting teams were hosted both before and after the World Championships. To all of those Australians who opened up their homes to the visitors, again our gratitude. The billeting of the visitors not only kept the costs within reasonable bounds, but of more importance it enabled all concerned to meet their fellow man in an atmosphere of understanding and goodwill which is not always possible when teams from overseas countries are housed under one roof. We are aware of the tremendous amount of correspondence that has taken place since the Championships between players of each country - many friends have been made on a lasting basis.

It must be recorded that all of this may not have been possible without the assistance of the Australian Government through the Department of Tourism and Recreation. This assistance in the form of an administrative grant of \$5000 together with fares assistance for our Australian players meant that the financial burden became much more realistic, as coupled with this support was an excellent response from the Melbourne public. As a result it is now possible to use the surplus funds for the promotion of our sport in Australia. To the Australian Government we record our sincere thanks for their assistance.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

In addition to the onerous duties of organising the World Championships, the V. A. L. A. undertook the task of arranging both Senior and Junior Championships at the same time. Apart from giving our Australian personnel their usual competition in these events, they were able to witness the World Championships. The National Championships were held at the Albert Ground, Melbourne, and again the Australian Government rendered valuable assistance in the form of a fares subsidy for all players who travelled from South and Western Australia.

The Senior Championships, despite the absence of those selected to play for Australia, were of a very high standard, and must surely be the closest set of Championship matches ever, when with three matches played, two were won by a solitary goal, and the third match was drawn. The Victorian team were the ultimate winners and will hold the coveted Garland McHarg Cup for the next two years. R. Reiger of Western Australia was the winner of the Fairest & Best award for these Championships.

The Junior Championships, whilst not as closely contested as the Senior, still produced some exciting Lacrosse with the margin between all teams reasonably close. South Australia won the Mal Taylor Trophy, and Grant Kasehagen of South Australia won the Fairest & Best award.

STATE OF THE GAME

Whilst the statistics show an increase in the number of players in the game, a growth rate of just under 2% is far from sufficient. In fact in two of our State Associations we see a small decline in numbers, with a 10% increase in South Australia. Again the comment is made that it is new clubs that bring new players and every avenue must be explored in the introduction of new Clubs.

It could be argued that a basic reason for the slow development of the game is the lack of coaches and the resultant lack of a uniform approach to coaching. To obviate this shortcoming Council has planned a National Coaching Seminar to be held during March 1975 in Adelaide. Four of the top coaches from each State Association have been invited to participate in this Seminar, and it is hoped that the outcome of this event will be an uplifting in coaching throughout Australia, and a resultant increase in the number participating.

Since the last Annual report there is little difference in the development of the game in Canberra, but we are making ever increasing inroads on the Tasmanian scene. To assist in this project, Council has already awarded considerable equipment, and plans are being developed to play the annual contest between Victoria and South Australia in Hobart in 1975.

Again mention must be made of the Government programme in all phases of sporting development, and State Associations are currently studying this to determine the best methods by which our sport can obtain support.

ISAACHSEN TROPHY FOR FAIREST & BEST PLAYER 1974

The winner for this trophy based on the percentage vote received by each player in each State was L. Morley of Bayswater Club, Western Australia with 46.3%.

A. L. C. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

At the last Annual General meeting Council awarded A. L. C. Certificates of merit for outstanding services to Lacrosse in Australia to :

J. B. GOODALE (S. A. L. A.)

A. F. CHIRON (V. A. L. A.)

INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE FEDERATION

For the first time ever, the World Championships afforded the opportunity of each Lacrosse competing country to meet formally and in person. The outcome of these meetings held in Melbourne were a new name, a constitution, and a set of international playing rules in addition to sundry items of mutual interest. We are very proud that one of our Australian stalwarts has been selected to be President of the International Federation, and we sincerely congratulate Mr. Laurie Turnbull on this honor. Mr. Turnbull has become well known to many officials overseas during the course of his many travels, and this will surely be reflected in this new office. The Secretary of the International Federation is now appointed by the President, who on this occasion has appointed Mr. C. R. Carr of South Australia. Council were officially represented at these meetings by Messrs. Turnbull and Carr, with the A. L. C. President and the I. L. O. also present as observers.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Since our last Annual General meeting, Council met briefly in Melbourne just prior to the World Championships, and then again on 7th October in Melbourne to finalise many of the items arising from the Championships.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that meetings are now necessary at least once during each year in addition to the Annual meeting. The cost burden of this will in future be assisted by the Government programme.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to :

All Australian players and Officials selected to represent their Country in the World Championships.

To Messrs. D. Reymont, N. O'Brien, P. Wedding and P. Reid on their selections as referees in the Australian Championships.

To L. Morley on winning the Isaachsen Trophy for 1974.

To Brian Griffin (W. A.) on his eighth selection in an Australian team - this surpasses by four his nearest rival, Peter Collett (S.A.) who has been selected on four occasions.

To Michael Raggatt (S.A.) on the continuance of his goalthroing prowess.

To Chadstone Club (Vic) on their continued growth as a Club.

To Victoria on winning the National Senior Championships and South Australia on winning the National Junior Championships.

To Mr. Laurie Turnbull on his election as President of the International Lacrosse Federation.

OBITUARY

The passing of the Senior Vice President of the V. A. L. A., Mr. J. T. Daw Snr is recorded with deep regret. Mr. Daw was widely known throughout Australian Lacrosse over a period of many years.

GENERAL

I would like to report that my continued pleas for improvements in communication have had even a measure of success, but with few exceptions, they have apparently fallen upon deaf ears. I know that this problem not only exists between Council and State Associations, it also exists between Associations and Clubs, and even between Clubs and players. In fact it is almost frightening to learn just how little that players know about their game in which they participate week after week. One certainly wonders how much they want to know, as there are very few questions asked at meetings at any level. Too many appear to accept all that happens, and only challenge if they really disagree. Then the criticism that follows is usually most uninformed.

What can be done to remedy this situation is a very difficult question to which answers do not come easy. But I do feel that if our senior administrators will communicate efficiently to all with whom they are concerned, then a general filtration process will begin with the ultimate success that we all hope to achieve.

Once upon a time, Council administration must have been relatively easy, but this is not so today. With the acceleration of International competition, and the availability of Government finance, together with the myriad of problems that seem to arise, the time has come when Council must seriously examine the whole of its operations. I am extremely interested in the Committee of Advice report to the V. A. L. A., and the multitude of recommendations arising therein. Perhaps a similar exercise may bring results on the National scene.

At this meeting, our President of the past two years, Mr. Henry Volk, retires from that office, and I would like to place on record in this report, our sincere gratitude to him for the excellent leadership that he has given over two years that have been perhaps the busiest two years that Lacrosse has ever know in Australia. It is difficult to express in words just how we feel, and perhaps the best tribute is "Thank you Henry !".

After nine years of service to Council, Mr. Harold Horner also retires. Mr. Horner has been a President of Council, and a Vice President throughout his nine years, and has made an immense contribution to Lacrosse in Australia. We will all miss Mr. Horner's wise counsel and his cheery approach to all matters whether they be serious or otherwise, and we wish him well in his retirement.

On behalf of the Australian Lacrosse Council,

Clive R. Carr

43rd Annual Report - Statistics

In all cases 1973 figures are shown in brackets.

1. AFFILIATED CLUBS

| | <u>S.A.L.A.</u> | <u>V.A.L.A.</u> | <u>W.A.L.A.</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | 10 | 18 | 8 | 36 |
| | (10) | (19) | (8) | (37) |

2. TEAMS ENTERED IN DOMESTIC PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

| | <u>S.A.L.A.</u> | <u>V.A.L.A.</u> | <u>W.A.L.A.</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <u>Open Age</u> | 23 (22) | 34 (32) | 19 (18) | 78 (72) |
| <u>Under Age</u> | 39 (39) | 44 (43) | 27 (25) | 110 (107) |
| <u>Totals</u> | 62 (61) | 78 (75) | 46 (43) | 188 (179) |

3. REGISTERED PLAYERS

| | <u>S.A.L.A.</u> | <u>V.A.L.A.</u> | <u>W.A.L.A.</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <u>Open Age</u> | 360 (339) | 493 (483) | 299 (284) | 1157 (1106) |
| <u>Under Age</u> | 527 (465) | 587 (623) | 312 (342) | 1426 (1430) |
| <u>Totals</u> | 887 | 1085 | 611 | 2583 |
| 1973 | 804 | 1106 | 626 | 2536 |
| 1970 | 717 | 934 | 505 | 2156 |
| 1966 | 611 | 869 | 533 | 2013 |

4. NUMBER OF PLAYING GRADES

| | | | |
|------------------|---|---|---|
| <u>Open Age</u> | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| <u>Under Age</u> | 4 | 5 | 4 |

5. GRADE PREMIERS

| | <u>S.A.L.A.</u> | <u>V.A.L.A.</u> | <u>W.A.L.A.</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| A. Brighton | A1. Malvern | A. Nedlands Subiaco | |
| B. East Torrens | A2. Malvern | A.Res. Nollamarra | |
| C. West Torrens | A3. University | B. Wembley | |
| D. Sturt | B. Eltham | C. Bayswater | |
| E. East Torrens | C1. Malvern | D. Bayswater | |
| F. East Torrens | C2. Camberwell Glen Iris | E. Wembley | |
| G. Burnside | F. Chadstone | F. Nedlands Subiaco. | |
| | F1. Caulfield | | |
| | F2. Eltham | | |
| | G1. Caulfield | | |
| | G2. Caulfield | | |

6. STATE ASSOCIATION SENIOR GRADE FAIREST & BEST PLAYER

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|--------------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| <u>S. A. L. A.</u> | P. Marsson | West Torrens | 19 votes |
| <u>V. A. L. A.</u> | D. Egan | Malvern | 10 votes |
| <u>W. A. L. A.</u> | L. Morley | Bayswater | 25 votes |

7. STATE ASSOCIATION TOP GOAL SCORERS - "A" GRADE

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|--------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|
| <u>S. A. L. A.</u> | M. Raggatt | Brighton | 110 goals |
| <u>V. A. L. A.</u> | K. Daly | Malvern | 94 goals |
| <u>W. A. L. A.</u> | B. Griffin | Nedlands Subiaco | 103 goals |

8. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

| | | | | |
|-----------|----|---|-----------|----|
| U. S. A. | 24 | d | England | 10 |
| Canada | 18 | d | Australia | 14 |
| U. S. A. | 26 | d | Canada | 15 |
| Australia | 15 | d | England | 3 |
| England | 19 | d | Canada | 11 |
| U. S. A. | 20 | d | Australia | 14 |

9. SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

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|----------|----|------|----------|----|
| S. Aust. | 15 | d | W. Aust. | 14 |
| Victoria | 17 | drew | W. Aust. | 17 |
| Victoria | 15 | d | S. Aust. | 14 |

10. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

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|----------|----|---|----------|----|
| S. Aust. | 21 | d | W. Aust. | 11 |
| Victoria | 14 | d | W. Aust. | 8 |
| S. Aust. | 16 | d | Victoria | 10 |
