

**AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL**

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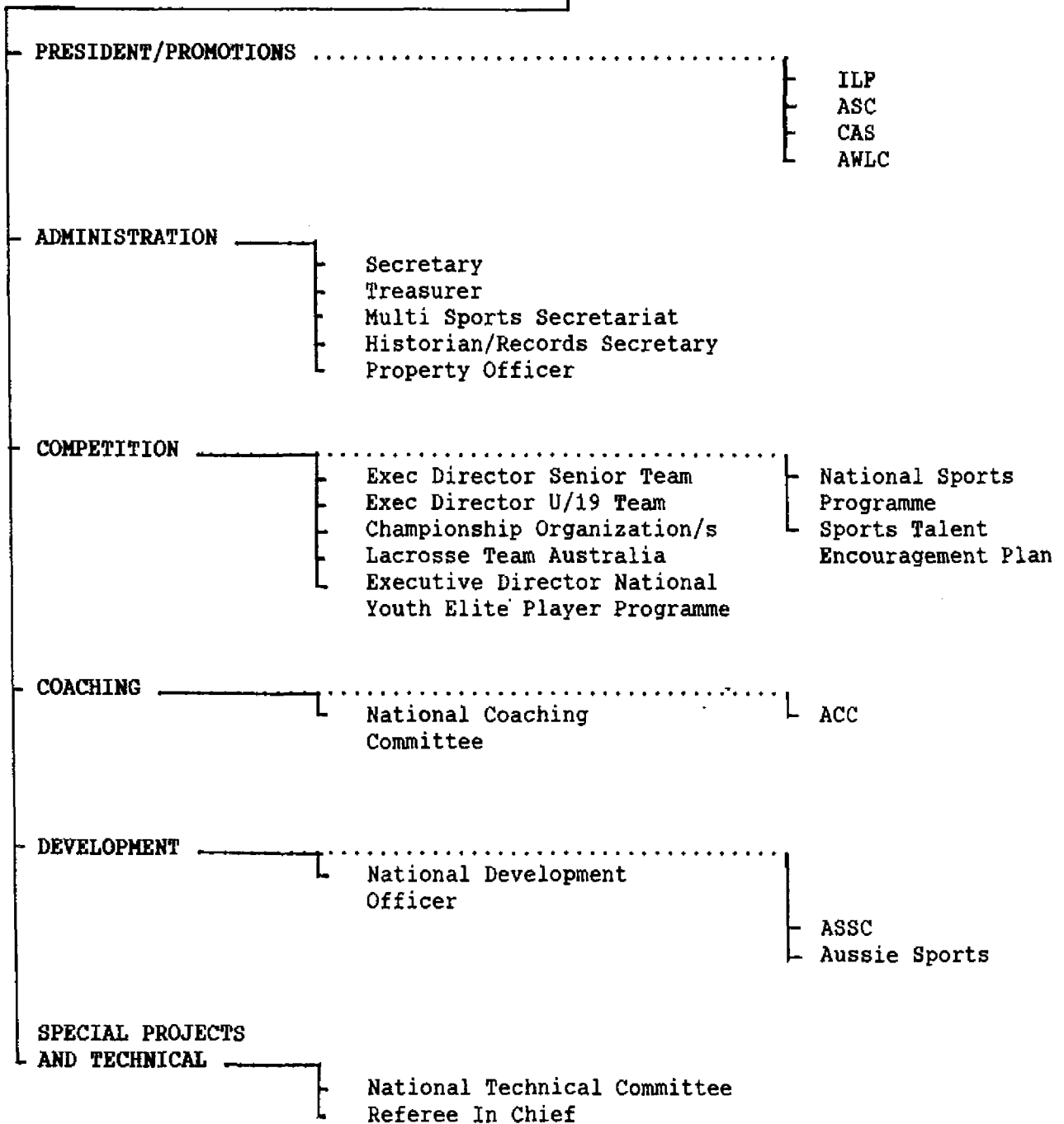
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# AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

## OFFICERS - 1992

PRESIDENT MALCOLM STOKES

DIRECTORS:

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COMPETITION	PETER HOBBS
COACHING	RAY TREVASKIS
DEVELOPMENT	DOUG FOX
SPECIAL PROJECTS & TECHNICAL PROMOTIONS	DENNIS MULRONEY MALCOLM STOKES

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SECRETARY	GEORGE TILLOTSON
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ILF VICE PRESIDENT	MALCOLM STOKES
ILF DELEGATE	PETER HOBBS
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LACROSSE TEAM AUSTRALIA/1994 TEAM	MALCOLM STOKES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUSTRALIAN UNDER 19 TEAM	RAY TREVASKIS

1. INTRODUCTION

This has been an extremely busy year for ALC Directors whose commitment to the development of lacrosse in Australia is outstanding. Don Houston retired from the Board after his 2 year term and was replaced with the election of Dennis Mulroney. Ray Trevaskis and I were re-elected for 2 years.

2. PORTFOLIOS

In a minor change to portfolio structures, the Technical responsibilities were added to the Special Projects portfolio which provided greater effort in the Coaching portfolio. Some stability was achieved with the retention of 1991 portfolio allocations and this provided continuity for projects which had been commenced in 1991.

3. MEETINGS

The following meetings were held:

November 16/17, 1991	Melbourne
January 13, 1992	Teleconference
March 12-15, 1992	Adelaide
May 14, 1992	Teleconference
July 11, 1992	Melbourne
September 10, 1992	Teleconference

4. INCORPORATION

After careful consideration of different ways to provide legal protection to ALC office-bearers it was decided to become a Company Limited by Guarantee. It is a credit to previous ALC office-bearers that the organization has been able to operate for 60 years without the requirement for this protection. It is a reflection on the environment in which we now operate that protection is a necessity.

5. WORLD LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Australian team competing in the World Under 19 Lacrosse Championships played at Long Island, USA, equalled the previous best performance by any Australian team in winning the silver medal. The preparation, performance and conduct of this team has provided a foundation on which future teams must build.

## 6. INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE

ALC has been pro-active on the international lacrosse scene, particularly in our region, recognizing the need to develop the game in countries with whom we can look forward to regular exchanges and high level competition. The following outlines some activities in this area:

### 6.1 Czechoslovakia.

After they were admitted as members at the July meeting of the International Lacrosse Federation (ILF) ALC offered to pay the first year's membership fee for this country which has demonstrated a commitment to the game amidst all its strife.

### 6.2 Japan.

Our continued support for lacrosse in Japan was encouraged with the excellent performance of the Under 19 team from Japan which went within 1 goal of defeating England, playing in their first World Championship.

The first lacrosse camp for players from Japan was successfully conducted in Western Australia and there is a commitment to a continuation of these camps.

A coach exchange programme supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs offers new opportunities for the development of coaches.

ALC has endorsed a commercial organization (operated by Peter and Camille Hobbs) to arrange team tours to Japan and are in regular communication about potential Japanese team visits to Australia.

### 6.3 Hong Kong.

ALC Competition Director, Peter Hobbs, re-established contact with lacrosse organizers in Hong Kong and the next ILF meeting is to be held in Hong Kong to encourage development in that area.

### 6.4 New Zealand.

ALC has provided financial support for the development of Soft-crosse through the school sport system in New Zealand.

### 6.5 Singapore.

A contact for lacrosse activity in Singapore has been identified and will be followed up by ALC.

## 7. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### 7.1 Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Lacrosse Association was welcomed as an Affiliate member of ALC during this year and players from Tasmania competed in the 1992 Australian Tournament.

**7.2 New South Wales.**

New South Wales Lacrosse Association was also accepted as an Affiliate Member of ALC and players from NSW joined with those from Tasmania to compete in the 1992 Australian Senior Tournament.

The New Start programme implemented in NSW was successful in exposing 510 children to the game through school programmes with 62 players being interested enough to play in a Saturday club competition.

**7.3 Northern Territory.**

A regular "social" competition has been operating in Darwin and support is being provided to enable a school programme to commence.

**7.4 Queensland.**

The annual tournament was again played in Queensland and a Queensland team playing in the Australian Tournament recorded the first win for a Queensland team in recent history.

**8. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

In a joint ALC/AWLC project supported by ASC, a National Development Officer is to be employed based in Sydney.

**9. COMPETITIONS**

**9.1 National Championships Handbook.**

This manual has been produced and is still being developed but it will provide guidelines for the conduct of all national competitions.

**9.2 1992 Tournaments and Championships.**

The introduction of some changes this year led to some difficult situations with rules challenged and teams not nominated in all competitions. However, there were also positive outcomes and the Under 15 Tournament conducted in October with 6 teams is worthy of mention.

**10. COACHING**

The successful conduct of the first Level 2 Lacrosse Specific Accreditation Course is a significant achievement and the development of coaches through various programmes including attendance at the USA Coaches Conference has progressed well.

## 11. AWARDS

### 11.1 ALC Fellow.

The highest recognition afforded by lacrosse in Australia is the award of ALC Fellow which was bestowed upon Phil Humphreys at the Annual ALC Fellows Dinner held in Melbourne.

We record with regret the passing of Inaugural ALC Fellow Laurie Turnbull.

### 11.2 Isaachsen Trophy.

The winner of this award, which is determined from referee votes cast in the peak senior competition in each State, for 1992 was Craig Bell.

### 11.3 ALC Certificates of Merit.

Awarded to Glen Revell and Trevor Peak in recognition of their contributions to lacrosse.

### 11.4 ALC Medallions.

Presented to Australian Championship Team members, Australian Team members, Australian Championships Best Players and International Referees.

## 12. PUBLICATIONS

### 12.1 Calendar.

A 1992 calendar outlining the dates of all ALC lacrosse activities in 1992 was produced and distributed to all Clubs and Associations.

### 12.2 ALC Bulletin.

Another 4 editions of the ALC Bulletin were produced in a format suitable for inclusion in State Association publications.

### 12.3 Annual Report.

The 1991 Annual Report was distributed to all Associations and Clubs.

### 12.4 Development Plan.

The 1992-95 ALC Development Plan was provided to all member and affiliate Associations, as well as providing the basis for the ALC funding application to the ASC.

### 12.5 ALC Year Book.

ALC Historian, Terry Allington and Secretary, George Tillotson, have provided excellent material for this publication but costs do not permit publication yet.

### 12.6 "The Name of the Game is Lacrosse".

Following on the production of the Sof-crosse publication last year ASC support for a similar publication on lacrosse has been approved.



- 12.7 **Sportsfun Manual.**  
The Sof-crosse section of the ASC produced Sportsfun Manual, used widely throughout schools, was revised and reproduced with copies being made available to Associations and Clubs.
- 12.8 **Lacrosse Magazine.**  
Publication of a national lacrosse magazine is included in our plans but cannot yet receive sufficient financial support for long term viability.

### 13. CONSULTATION

- 13.1 **Forum.**  
An open forum was conducted in Melbourne during the weekend between the Junior and Senior National Competitions. The few who attended were provided with a brief outline of ALC activities and had the opportunity to discuss any issues with all ALC Directors who were there. This is obviously not a communication channel which is effective and will be reviewed.
- 13.2 **Correspondence.**  
Member Associations do receive large quantities of correspondence from ALC with each Director providing information and seeking feedback from Associations. ALC is seeking to refine the process to improve the effectiveness of the communication in both directions.
- 13.3 **ALC Board Meetings.**  
These are open and observers have been welcome at several meetings.

### 14. AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION (ASC)

- 14.1 **Deputations.**  
I met with ASC officers in Canberra in March and June (at my own expense except for 1 one way fare) to press for higher levels of financial support for ALC and to raise the profile of lacrosse with ASC. While these meetings have been useful in gaining current information about the wide range of ASC programmes and in providing ASC with current information about the wide range of ALC programmes, they have not yet been effective in producing any significant increase in ASC funding for lacrosse.
- 14.2 **ASC Liaison.**  
Senior ASC officers attended a joint ALC/AWLC meeting in Adelaide where agreements on the joint National Development Officer were made.

The ASC Lacrosse Liaison Officer, Mary Godden, came to Melbourne and saw the Australian Championship final game and attended the presentations.

#### 14.3 Conferences.

ALC has supported ASC conferences with Competition Director, Peter Hobbs, attending the National Sports Symposium in Canberra during March/April and Development Director, Doug Fox, attending the National Development Workshop in Melbourne in April.

### 15. SPONSORSHIP

It is a concern and disappointment that ASC remains the most significant sponsor of Australian Lacrosse. Discussions and a proposal from a Sports Marketing organization to act on behalf of ALC could not be supported and submissions to the private sector have not been successful in gaining major sponsorships.

Sponsorship support from Brine manufacturers for the Under 19 Australian Team and Department of Foreign Affairs support for international coaches is appreciated, as also is the private sponsor support through Competitions Director, Peter Hobbs.

### 16. LACROSSE TEAM AUSTRALIA

This is a new organization which has been created with branches throughout Australia with the objective of providing support for Australian Lacrosse Teams. The concept has been well received and I believe it will grow to play a significant role in the development and management of Australian lacrosse teams for many years.

### 17. APPRECIATION

No one knows as well as I do the tremendous amount of work which is volunteered to lacrosse in Australia by the Directors of the Australian Lacrosse Council. These people are elected by the lacrosse community and accept the responsibility for the management and development of the game at national and international level. Individually and as a Board the Directors in 1992 have applied themselves professionally and unstintingly to their task and I thank them on behalf of everyone in lacrosse.

Thanks also to the many other people, particularly ALC officers like Secretary, George Tillotson and Treasurer, Leighton Beamsley, who work mainly behind the scenes to support the game.

1992 has been another busy year for the administrative area of the Council. Major activities have been:

1. INCORPORATION

During the year documentation for ALC incorporation has been prepared, signed and submitted to the Australian Securities Commission. This has been achieved with significant assistance from Graham Hobbs, a solicitor from the well-known Adelaide lacrosse family, who has made a major personal contribution at no cost to ALC. I would like to record ALC appreciation of Graham's assistance. Association Presidents also assisted me by expediting signature of the necessary documents. I would like to express my thanks for their efforts. At the time of writing, the documents are still with the ASC. Graham Hobbs does not anticipate any further problems.

The next step, after incorporation, will be to review the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the current Constitution and By-Laws with a view to bringing them up to date. The Memorandum and Articles as submitted are based on the existing Constitution and do require some adjustment. Graham Hobbs advises that amending these documents is not a difficult or expensive operation.

2. ALC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The revised format Development Plan introduced last year was updated in May, 1992. The Plan includes proposed objectives, strategies and activities in each portfolio area, along with performance indicators and costs. It is an important document for ALC Directors who report progress at Board meetings against the activities contained in the Plan.

Copies of the Plan are provided to Associations and the Australian Sports Commission. Associations should use the Plan for assessing and influencing ALC proposals, something that has not happened to any extent to date. It is submitted to ASC as the basis of seeking grants. While ALC has had some success in this regard we are working to increase the extent of funds received from this source.

3. LIAISON WITH AWLC

A number of the ALC objectives involve working with AWLC. In preparing the Development Plan it is necessary to co-ordinate these activities with AWLC. This was done by sending drafts to AWLC and seeking their comments and then reaching agreement at a joint ALC/AWLC meeting.

#### 4. FINANCIAL PLANNING

Upgrading ALC planning has occurred through the discipline of the Development Plan which contains budgeted expenditure for each year. This forms the basis of portfolio expenditure budgets for the current year. The financial accounts maintained by ALC have traditionally been on a combined (all portfolio) basis. During the year I negotiated with the ALC Secretary and Treasurer to prepare the accounts in such a way that expenditure within each portfolio is more easily identified. This will enable closer management of budgets and provide earlier indications of any overspending.

The basis of levying member Associations has also been considered and I foreshadow an early approach to Associations proposing some changes to the existing method of determining charges.

#### 5. NATIONAL OFFICE

A proposal for establishing a national lacrosse office has been submitted to the Australian Sports Commission. At this stage, no formal response has been received.

1. GENERAL

The Secretary's role has been essentially one of administrative support to the ALC Board in its varied functions.

2. FINANCE

The presented report embracing the Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1992, and Statements of Income and Expenditure for the year ended June 30, 1992, appear as Appendix 1 of this report. Despite a deficiency of \$6,603 for the 12 months the ALC financial situation remains satisfactory.

Advances have been made from the ALC Trust Fund to meet initial costs associated with the 1994 World Championships. Repayment of an advance to assist establishment costs leading up to and including the 1992 Under 19 World Championships have been requested from the team's management.

3. STATE OF THE GAME

State Associations have yet to supply statistical information data on playing numbers. Initial indications point to a marginal national increase.

4. ISAACHSEN TROPHY

Craig Bell of the VLA Eltham Club is the winner of this award for the 1992 season. Craig received 22 votes for 18 home and away games (40.74%). Others to vote well were:

J Klemm	Victoria	21 votes	(38.89%)
P Cook	Victoria	20 votes	(37.04%)
J Mihelios	South Australia	18 votes	(35.3%)
K Johnson	Western Australia	18 votes	(30.00%)

It must be emphasized that referees are required after each match to complete voting cards for this award and then within three days forward the completed and signed cards to their Association Secretary. Unfortunately, not all referees complied with this requirement during 1992 resulting in some confusion when determining final results.

5. ALC FELLOW AWARD

Associations have been invited to submit nominations for this prestigious award to be presented during 1993.

6. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The contributions made by Glen Revell and Trevor Peak from South Australia were recognized. Nominations are now being sought for 1993.

7. GRANTS

Advice of the following grants for 1992/93 has been received from the Australian Sports Commission.

	\$	\$	\$
<b>Sport Development Programme</b>			
Administration	7,000		
International Meeting	<u>2,000</u>	9,000	
<b>Coaching</b>			
NCAS Level 2 Coaching Courses	5,000		
National Coaching Conference	<u>3,000</u>	8,000	
<b>Officiating</b>			
National Coaching Conference	<u>1,000</u>	1,000	
<b>Participation</b>			
National Development Officer (50/50 AWLC)	15,000		
Progression Plan and Resource Material (50/50 AWLC)	<u>5,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	
<b>Sub Total</b>			\$38,000
<b>Australian Institute of Sport Athlete Support/Development (Managed by ASC)</b>			\$ <u>5,000</u>
<b>Total</b>			\$ <u>43,000</u>

8. INTERSTATE CLEARANCES

Again several interstate clearances were processed during the year.

9. OVERSEAS PLAYERS

Enquiries were received from players from USA and Canada throughout the year and processed to State Associations and clubs. Several participated in the 1992 domestic competition.

10. CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN SPORT

ALC membership with the CAS has been retained. ALC is being represented on panels processing nominations for Sport Australia Awards.

Members of the Australian Under 19 selected in the "World Team" are being nominated for these awards.

Nominations have been invited for admission to the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

ALC has responded to a request from the Confederation by providing a number of lacrosse photographs for consideration as feature photographs at its Canberra headquarters.

11. GARLAND MCHARG TROPHY

This trophy was awarded to the VLA Senior Team at the conclusion of the 1992 National Championships. It will be held at the Australian Gallery of Sport, Melbourne, until the next National Championships.

12. PROPERTY

The Secretary acts as the ALC Property Officer. Steps have been initiated to obtain a record of property being held by ALC Directors.

13. TRADE MARK

A Certificate of Registration has been received for the trade mark "Mod-crosse". Both "Mod-crosse" and "Sof-crosse" are registered trade marks of the ALC.

Development activity during the past year has been concentrated on catalyzing enthusiasm for and the growth of player numbers, especially at junior level, and in fostering the sport in States not currently playing lacrosse. The following main activities are highlighted:

1. "ADD ONE" CAMPAIGN

Following an 8.6% increase in player numbers in 1991 clubs around Australia were asked to re-commit to the objective of adding at least one new team in 1992. Response has been positive but many clubs have found that success in adding new teams requires much more than simply agreeing to seek growth.

Each State Association has declared support for the "Add One" programme and a player recruiting/retention workshop is being developed to assist interested clubs prior to the 1992 season.

2. NEW START/PROGRESSION PROGRAMME IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Funding support from the Australian Sports Commission has been used to conduct a 15 week lacrosse new start programme in North Sydney during March-June, 1992. Two programme co-ordinators were employed to oversee the programme and work in conjunction with the New South Wales Lacrosse Association.

60 junior players in the 10-14 age group were attracted to a weekly programme of coaching and mod-crosse competition and a solid basis has been set for further expansion in 1993.

3. RESOURCE MATERIALS

A 12 week teaching sequence was prepared for the Aussie Sportsfun Manual and has subsequently been printed and distributed to State Associations.

The Australian Sports Commission has responded positively to a request to add a lacrosse publication into the "Name of the Game" series. This document, which is expected to be available by April, 1993, will complement the Sof-crosse publication which was published in 1991. Copies of these materials are available to clubs and schools through their respective State Associations.



#### 4. AFFILIATED STATES

In keeping with ALC's National expansion objectives, New South Wales and Tasmania were assisted to bring together a combined team to participate in the 1992 Australian Senior Championships in Melbourne. Following the completion of the Series a meeting of representatives from Queensland, Tasmania and New South Wales agreed to conduct an Affiliated States competition in Sydney over the Easter period April 9-12, 1993.

Coaching and referee support for this competition will be needed from existing lacrosse States. It is envisaged that an All-Stars team will be selected from the Affiliate States to compete at the Australian Senior Championships.

Positive communication is being received from the Darwin section of Northern Territory Lacrosse and the ALC has offered equipment subsidies to assist the proposed commencement of the secondary schools lacrosse programme in Darwin.

#### 5. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Following agreement reached with the Australian Women's Lacrosse Council and funding support provided by the Australian Sports Commission, a full-time position for a National Development Officer for lacrosse was advertised in June. The position was re-advertised during late July owing to insufficient response and an appointment is expected during October, 1992.

#### 6. NEW ZEALAND

Support has again been extended to assist with the conduct of Soft-crosse clinics and Level 0 courses for teachers in New Zealand.

Progress in New Zealand is being monitored with the objective of initiating some cross-Tasman competition as soon as this becomes practical.

The competition portfolio as one would expect in any sporting association is a busy one and this certainly applies to this portfolio for the last twelve months. As sport is generally about competition most subjects in the end seem to come under the broad perspective of competition.

1. **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HANDBOOK**

The National Championships Handbook was completed after consultation with all States and all States are in possession of a copy. Since then changes have been proposed and feedback has been invited from all State Associations. These proposals could result in further changes which will be advised to member States after consideration.

2. **NATIONAL SENIOR TOURNAMENT AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

This was conducted in Melbourne in July under a licence issued by ALC to the VLA and in turn seconded to Malvern Lacrosse Club to undertake the organisation thereof. Malvern members are to be congratulated on their efforts in this regard and with a six team competition the tournament was a hive of activity for the week. Some criticism has been levelled at several of the participating teams, but it can be said that this tournament has taken a step towards participation by Affiliated States - a step which had not been contemplated for many years previous. The tournament resulted in a win for Victoria and they are to be congratulated on obtaining success after such an arduous week.

3. **UNDER AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

3.1 **Under 21.**

The efforts of South Australia and Victoria are recorded in that they fielded their teams in this Championship. Victoria through the endeavours of its coaches also fielded a President's team which was a fine achievement indeed. The championship was won by Victoria in convincing fashion and they are to be congratulated on their efforts in this regard.

3.2 **Under 17.**

Both the Under 17 and Under 21 Championships were organised by the Caulfield Lacrosse Club and all of the participants appear to have enjoyed their competition and Caulfield are thanked for their efforts. The Under 17 Championship was won by South Australia after difficulties were experienced by Western Australia and Victoria in disseminating information coming from the ALC. This exercise highlights the importance of communication both within and to States as it led to difficult circumstances for all concerned.

### 3.3 Under 15.

At the time of writing this is still to be held but it is anticipated from knowledge held to date that it will be a success with six participating teams. We thank in advance the Altona Lacrosse Club for their efforts in the organisation and we hope and expect that this tournament will be a major success in the coming weeks.

## 4. 1994 SENIOR WORLD SERIES

During the last twelve months appointments have been made of office bearers for the 1994 World Series team. They are:

Executive Director	Malcolm Stokes
Coach	John Denic
Assistant Coach	Tony Hill
Manager	Alan Frederick

In July a training squad was chosen by all of the coaching nominees and this squad will shortly commence their training in their respective States under the direction of John Denic.

The coaches were selected by a specially appointed panel comprising Executive Director of the team, ALC Coaching Director, ALC Competition Director and one other person. This is the first time such a panel has been utilised. I believe that the appointment of this panel was successful and we wish these coaches and other office bearers every success.

## 5. 1992 UNDER 19 WORLD SERIES

The World Series held in Long Island was the target after two years of hard work by the coaches and other office holders of this team. This team received a great deal of support by many people during the prior two year period and all office bearers are to be congratulated on their efforts in this regard. The team finally finished second to the United States in a tournament which saw six participating nations for the first time. Team members excelled in filling four positions on the world team and in winning three trophies in respect of best player awards. Congratulations to those players being Matthew Windsor, David Whiteman, Mark Mangan and Jason Davenport. Congratulations also to the coaches Graeme Ross and Clive Shepherd who showed themselves to be astute and knowledgeable in all facets of the game and very successful in drawing the best out of their players.

## 6. JAPANESE CAMP

The Phoenix Lacrosse Club in Western Australia conducted a training camp during the month of August which was attended by thirty eight Japanese students. I have passed on to Phoenix the congratulations of the ALC for the manner in which they organised and conducted this camp. It is a credit to the people concerned for the manner in which they have undertaken this task and the manner in which they have enhanced Australia's reputation in Japan. The congratulations also goes to the WALA and other WA clubs who participated in this effort.

## 7. NATIONAL YOUTH ELITE PLAYER PROGRAMME

This programme has not as yet got off the ground as no applications were received for the post of Director of the programme. If no applications are received then the ALC will have to consider at its November meeting the future prospects of this YEPP programme.

## 8. COACHES TOUR OF JAPAN

As recently advised to all States, funding has been obtained from the Department of Foreign Affairs in Canberra for 50% of the cost of sending a men's and women's coach to Japan early next year. Applications are urgently sought for these positions. This proposal is seen to draw together the ALC and the JLA in their sporting contacts.

## 9. SUMMARY

As can be seen this year has been an extremely busy one with the above forming only part of the activities.

It is most important that lacrosseurs be positive about their sport, its activities and its people because unless this is the case no direction will be found or followed.

The highlights of a most successful and active year in coaching in Australia are as follows:

1. **NATIONAL COACHING ACCREDITATION SCHEME (NCAS)**

1.1 **Level 1.**

There are currently 352 registered Level 1 coaches in Australia.

Additionally, part completed Level 1 courses will account for some 30-40 coaches to be registered prior to the end of December, 1992.

1.2 **Level 2.**

An extensive Level 2 course was conducted at Melbourne University in February, 1992, and several coaches have successfully progressed to their Level 2 NCAS accreditation.

20 coaches attended the course.

We have received ASC forward funding of \$5,000 for the conduct of further Level 2 courses during 1992-93 and these courses are scheduled for pre-season 1993.

2. **RESOURCES**

2.1 Videos of games and educational training videos, publications and textbooks have continued to be sourced and are available through Australian Sports Information Centre located at the AIS in Canberra. States are also establishing resource libraries through their State Coaching Directors.

2.2 An instructional video for the use of coaches has been completed as part of the Level 2 work done during the year.

The video set (3) forms part of the Level 2 course material and has taken the tactical and practical analysis of our game to a new improved level.

All Level 1 coaches are encouraged to seek their Level 2 accreditation and thereby source the knowledge contained in the video set. A special note of appreciation is extended to Eddie Toomey, the Australian Brine representative, for the production work done on the video presentation.

### 3. INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

#### 3.1 USA

During 1992 the following Australian coaches attended the USLCA annual conference in New Jersey, USA:

Ray Trevaskis	ALC Coaching Director
John Denic	1991 Seniors National Champions Coach
Graeme Ross	Australian Under 19 Team Coach
Clive Sheppard	Australian Under 19 Team Assistant Coach
Bill Stahmer	Australian Senior 1990 Team Coach

Although funding has not been granted by the ASC to continue the development of our coaches, by attending international meetings, I will be strongly recommending that the ALC Board continue the financial support to coaches to attend these forums.

The knowledge and contacts gained certainly were of assistance in the 1992 campaign for the World Under 19 Championships and will assist John Denic in the 1994 campaign in Manchester.

### 4. REGISTER OF COACHES

4.1 The data base of coaches throughout Australia has been maintained throughout the year and is available for use by coaches and the lacrosse fraternity upon request.

### 5. NATIONAL COACHES AND REFEREES PLANNING CONFERENCE

5.1 A successful planning conference was conducted at Underdale Campus, Adelaide, involving State Referees in Chief, State Senior Coaches, Members of the National Coaching Committee and Technical Directors.

A format for the conduct of the first National Coaching and Technical Conference to be held at the AIS in February, 1993, was a most significant achievement from the forum.

A forward commitment in 1993 from the ASC of \$3,000 will assist with the funding of the National Conference.

### 6. DEVELOPING STATES AND FUNDING

6.1 During the year we have seen the emergence of the "Developing States":

- New South Wales
- Queensland
- Tasmania
- Northern Territory

All these States require coaching education, together with resources. The demand from these States must be met from the resources of the established States:

- South Australia
- Victoria
- Western Australia

and also by ALC.

The ALC Board is conscious of this need but like all forms of development (coaching included) the funding resources are limited.

To highlight this dilemma, I submit the ALC Development Plan Funding Requirements 92-93, with respect to coaching, for the analysis of States and the recipients of this report.

Strategy	Proposed in Develop- ment Plan 1992/93	Actual ASC Funding Received
	\$	\$
Resource Material	17,500	5,000
International Coaches Meeting	5,000	-
National Coaching Development Seminars	4,000	-
Communication with Coaches - Newsletter	7,000	-
Talent Identification of Coaches	9,500	-
Appoint National Coaching Director	15,000	-
National Coaches Conferences	15,000	3,000
International Coaching Clinics (Aust)	30,000	-

## CONCLUSION

The coaching portfolio has, again this year, exceeded its budget and as seen by examination of the above table, a substantial shortfall exists between what the ALC plans to do and what funds it has at its disposal to achieve the coaching plans.

In closing my report for the 1992 year I would like to congratulate the coaching fraternity for the excellent work done throughout the year. In particular the Australian Under 19 Team coaches - Graeme Ross, Clive Sheppard, their co-ordinators Scot Griffin and Craig Treloar; the coaches of the Champion State Representative Teams; the coaches of the developing State Teams; the coaches of the State Competition Premiership Teams and the coaches who gave of their time in presenting at NCAS courses during the year.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the Board for their co-operation in enabling me to carry out the duties under my portfolio.

During 1992 the majority of activity in this portfolio was directed at the Technical area.

**1. AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE REFEREES ASSOCIATION (ALRA)**

The National body had not been operating effectively for a number of years and its structure seemed inappropriate for today. In addition, communication between the State ALRA bodies was poor.

My immediate goal was to improve the communication within, and with ALRA.

The identified aims were to:

- introduce an "unknown" Technical Director;
- establish meaningful communication;
- obtain primary feedback on needs;
- initiate sources of feedback.

I had several meetings with Graeme Reddaway, the then Referee in Chief, and we established a common perception of the problems and needs of Australian refereeing. We were able to attend the South Australian and Victorian Referee training camps where our basic proposals were aired. Both groups supported the proposals. Graeme attended the March camp of Western Australian referees and found similar support. I was able to follow up with a visit in late June.

Since that time the Referees have initiated a major restructure of the ALRA National body to give each State representation in its management and to align its constitution with the practices established by the National Technical Committee.

**2. REFEREE IN CHIEF**

Graeme Reddaway was appointed in January, 1992. He has been very active in establishing policies and practices that will lift the standard of refereeing in Australia and ensure consistency across the States.

The role of Referee in Chief and the Chief Referees has now been defined. Their responsibilities are clearly stated and their position in the administrative structure of the Australian Lacrosse Council defined.

The Referee in Chief will now be a two year appointment (due to be made this November).



### 3. THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A National Technical Committee has been established to:

1. Improve refereeing standards through assessment and accreditation courses.
2. To control referee panels at National Tournaments.
3. Select referees for international appointments.
4. Assist the ALC with assessment of rule proposals and to issue rule interpretations.

A major benefit of this structure is the representation of each State by its Chief Referee. This will assist in ensuring the consistent application of the rules and their interpretations across the country.

The July 1992, meeting of the National Technical Committee discussed the following issues:

1. An upgrade of the rule examination book.
2. An upgrade of the interpretation manual.
3. Adoption of Level 1 and 2 Accreditation courses and a draft of Level 3.
4. Establishment of a National Register of Referees and its use.
5. A selection panel for international appointments.

This group will meet at the February Coaches and Referees Conference and at the Senior National Championship.

### 4. RULES

In Australia there has been no process for reviewing:

1. the game;
2. the rules;
3. proposals for changes to either of the above.

I believe the review process can be divided into three major components or activities.

The first is the examination or assessment process to identify problems and needs that lead to the formulation of a proposal to change.

The second is a group to assess the proposal for its practical implementation.

The third part of this review process is the ruling body who vote 'yea' or 'nay' to the proposal.

An ongoing review process is vital for the health of our sport. The February 1993, National Coaches and Referees Conference at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, will provide Australian Lacrosse with an opportunity to establish a proper forum for the examination/proposal part of the review process.

The National Technical Committee was established in part to assist with the assessment role.

The ALC as the ruling body then has a choice!

## 5. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In May this year the National Technical Committee met with the National Coaching Committee in Adelaide. This was a workshop that drafted a programme for a National Coaches and Referees Conference. The draft is now being circulated for approval.

The aim of the conference is to:

*promote effective communication and interaction with coaches and referees to improve the standard of lacrosse in Australia.*

A significant part of the programme has been set aside to review Australian lacrosse. Proposals from this workshop session will be assessed by the Technical Committee to enable submission to the ALC.

This conference is a large and very positive step for our future and it must be supported wholeheartedly.

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1992

<u>1991</u>		<u>1992</u>
\$17,382	Balance 1 July, 1991	\$33,992
<u>16,610</u>	Surplus (Deficit) from Operations for Year	<u>(6,603)</u>
<u>\$33,992</u>		<u>\$27,389</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

Assets

26,590	Cash at Bank	14,752
251	Cash on Hand	(126)
(289)	Debtors (See Note 1)	2,189
144	Flag	144
5	Filing Cabinet	5
225	Dictaphone	225
200	Fax Machine	200
<u>10,000</u>	Deposit - Australian European Finance Corp	<u>10,000</u>
\$37,127		\$27,389

Less: Liabilities

2,000	Sundry Creditors	0
	Reserve Funds:	
200	Overseas Travel	0
625	Sponsorship Fund	0
<u>310</u>	Coaching Trust Fund	<u>0</u>
\$ <u>3,135</u>		<u>0</u>
<u>\$33,992</u>		<u>\$27,389</u>

*Garland McHarg Trophy held in the custody  
of the Australian Lacrosse Council.*

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1st JULY, 1991 to 30th JUNE, 1992

<u>1991</u>	INCOME		<u>1992</u>
\$ 2,000	Corporate Grants and Licence Fees		0
45,000	Government Grants (See Note 2)		42,439
4,836	Affiliation Fees and Levies		6,334
818	Sales - Sof-crosse Kits		68
2,063	Bank Interest		1,676
	ALC Travel - Pre-charged	\$15,000	
	Travel Costs Incurred	<u>7,540</u>	
7,076	Net Travel Costs		7,460
	Other Travel Costs	\$2,004	
	Recoveries	<u>1,517</u>	
33	Net Cost		(487)
315	ILF Recovery		0
3,737	Expenses Re-charged		4,144
0	1992 Under 19 World Series		4,944
0	1991 National Ch'ships - Franchise Fee		1,203
0	Transfer from Coaching Fund		310
<u>9,485</u>	World Series Net Profit		<u>0</u>
\$75,364	Carried Forward		\$68,091

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1st JULY, 1991 to 30th JUNE, 1992

1991		1992
\$75,364	Income (Brought Forward)	\$68,091
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
\$ 315	Subscription ILF	\$ 0
300	Confederation of Australian Sport	597
0	International Meeting	7,143
14,149	Development (See Note 3)	17,316
1,000	Grant to Tasmanian Lacrosse	0
1,244	Trophies (Including Fellows Award)	164
1,847	Expense Re-imbursement Directors and Officers	6,000
8,649	Coaching (See Note 4)	17,792
1,328	World Championships 1992	13,754
7,000	International Games (Japan)	0
0	Technical (See Note 5)	2,314
<u>1,000</u>	Refereeing Standards	<u>0</u>
<b>\$36,831</b>		<b>\$65,080</b>
	<b>Administrative Expenses:</b>	
16,086	Salary	0
680	Meeting Expenses	963
0	Insurance	0
363	Postage	845
2,691	Photocopying and Typing	1,906
1,423	Telephone and Fax	997
505	Stationery and Printing	1,110
111	Government and Bank Charges	110
0	Medallions	2,667
0	Incorporation Costs	600
<u>64</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>416</u>
<b>\$21,922</b>		<b>\$9,614</b>
<b><u>\$16,610</u></b>	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for period</b>	<b><u>\$74,694</u></b>
		<b><u>(\$6,603)</u></b>

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
1st JULY, 1991 TO 30th JUNE, 1992

<u>1991</u>		<u>1992</u>
\$25,704	Bank Balance 30th June, 1991	\$36,590
<u>1,106</u>	Receipts on account of June 1991 Debtors	<u>1,502</u>
\$26,810		38,092
<u>8,781</u>	Payments on Account of June 1991 Creditors	<u>2,000</u>
\$18,029		\$36,092
<b>CURRENT YEAR RECEIPTS</b>		
2,000	Corporate Grants and Franchise Fees	1,203
45,000	Government Grants (See Note 2)	42,439
4,761	Affiliation Fees and Levies	6,184
818	Sales - Sof-crosse Kits	68
2,063	Bank Interest	1,676
15,125	ALC Travel - Precharged	12,000
7,626	Other Travel Recoveries	988
2,967	Expenses Recharged	3,844
315	ILF Costs Recovered	0
0	Overpayment WALA	0
9,485	World Series Net Profit	0
0	Transfer from Coaching Reserve	<u>310</u>
<u>\$ 90,161</u>		<u>\$68,712</u>
108,190	Carried Forward	\$104,804

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
1st JULY, 1991 TO 30th JUNE, 1992

1991

1992

108,190

Current Year Receipts Brought Forward

\$104,804

CURRENT YEAR PAYMENTS

\$ 315	Subscription ILF	\$ 0	\$160.00
300	Confederation Australian Sport	597	,000.00
0	International Meeting	7,143	100.00
14,149	Development (See Note 3)	17,316	,000.00
0	ILF Expenses	0	,000.00
1,244	Trophies	164	50.00
1,847	Expense Re-imburement Directors/Officers	6,000	50.00
8,649	Coaching (See Note 4)	17,792	14.70
0	Technical (See Note 5)	2,314	35.00
1,328	World Championships 1992 (Net)	8,810	259.00
7,000	International Games - Japan	0	270.00
6,049	ALC Travel Costs Incurred	7,540	100.00
8,250	Other Travel Costs Incurred	2,004	<u>100.00</u>
16,086	Salary	0	<u>188.70</u>
680	Meeting Expenses	933	
0	Insurance	0	
200	Unallocated Petty Cash	(190)	
363	Postage	748	
2,691	Photocopying and Typing	1,906	
1,423	Telephone and Fax	936	0
505	Stationery and Printing	1,110	,000
111	Government and Bank Charges	110	,939
51	Miscellaneous	416	,000
360	Capital Equipment	0	,000
0	Medallions	2,667	,000
0	Incorporation Costs	600	0
0	Transfer from Coaching Trust	310	,000*
0	Transfer from Overseas Competition Trust	825	,000*
<u>\$71,600</u>			,000
<u>\$36,590</u>	Bank Balance		0
			0
			,000)
			<u>500</u>

Note:

Of the amount shown as Bank Balance \$24,752 the sum of \$10,000 is presently on deposit via the Commonwealth Bank with AEFC.

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**AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
AS AT 30th JUNE, 1992**

**NOTE 3: DEVELOPMENT**

**Current Year Expenditure:**

D Fox - Expenses	\$52
D Fox - Expenses	106
PK Photographic Services	397
Cumberland Newspapers	104
Lacrosse Victoria	169
Lacrosse Victoria	80
Australian Airlines	190
Salary - M Bland	1,000
Salary - D Swain	1,000
Australian Lacrosse Supplies	3,923
Retlaw Compton	1,100
Waverley Forklifts	200
Australian Lacrosse Supplies	404
STX	4,112
M Bland	2,000
D Swain	2,000
Davies Collison & Cave	150
D Fox	<u>329</u>
	<b><u>\$17,316</u></b>

**SOP-CROSSE DEVELOPMENT**

<u>Carry Forward Net Cost</u>	1985	\$22,320
	1986	33,683
	1987	21,373
	1988	14,955
	1989	9,572
	1990	25,215
	1991	<u>13,330</u>
		<b><u>\$140,448</u></b>

**MOD-CROSSE DEVELOPMENT**

<u>Carry Forward Net Cost</u>	1988	\$ 6,435
	1989	<u>16,460</u>
		<b><u>\$22,895</u></b>



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NOTE 4: COACHING EXPENDITURE

Current Year Expenditure:

Trevaskis Porter		
(Distribution Coaching Circulars)	\$392	
WA Lacrosse Development (New Zealand)	800	
Traveland		
(Airfares to Adelaide D Joy, J Butkiewizs)	392	
Trevaskis Porter (Video Tapes)	142	
Australian Lacrosse Supplies (Polo Shirt)	16	
Australian Coaching Council		
(Beginning Coaching Workbooks)	625	
Travel Adjustment (1991)	(596)	
R Trevaskis (Travel Advance)	2,000	
Australian Coaching Council	755	
Trevaskis Porter (Photocopies)	69	
W Piltz	250	
Melbourne University	300	
Ansett Airlines	747	
Australian Lacrosse Supplies	5,924	
Australian Airlines	530	
Trevaskis Porter (Air Travel)	333	
Trevaskis Porter (Expenses course 15/2/92)	158	
Australian Airlines (Re course 15/2/92)	2,243	
Brentwood Press (Business Card R Trevaskis)	206	
SAWLA (Airfares W Piltz, P Koshnitsky)	576	
Australian Coaching Council		
(50 Better Coaching)	1,017	
Australian Lacrosse Supplies (Video Tape)	100	
Australian Coaching Council (Workshop 15/6/92)	80	
Lacrosse Victoria (Equipment for Darwin)	<u>732</u>	
 <u>Current Year Expenditure</u>	 \$17,792	
Carry Forward 1991	<u>8,649</u>	
 Carried Forward		 <u>\$26,441</u>

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NOTE 4: COACHING EXPENDITURE (cont)

Current Year Expenditure Carried Forward \$26,441

Current Year Recoveries  
(Recorded in "Expenses Re-charged")

VLA Inc (Beginning Coaching Workbooks)	311
SALA (Polo Shirts)	100
SALA (Beginning Coaching Workbooks)	314
VLA Inc (Beginning Coaching Workbooks)	635
WALA (Beginning Coaching Workbooks)	120
Sale of Polo Shirts	60
Subscriptions Level 2 Coaching Course	940
Trevaskis Porter (Re-imburement 1991 advance)	1,000
WALA (Rule Books)	138
Fees Level 2 Coaching Course (P Mollison)	100
Fees Level 2 Coaching Course (J Davenport)	50
Fees Level 2 Coaching Course (S Williams)	100
Fees Level 2 Coaching Course (S Garnsworthy)	<u>100</u>

Current Year Recoveries \$3,968  
Carry Forward 1991 2,876

\$6,844

Net Coaching Expenditure \$19,597

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NOTE 5: TECHNICAL

<u>Current Year Expenditure</u>	
Australian Institute of Sport (Symposium - P Hobbs)	400
G Reddaway (Workshop and Video Tape)	170
SALA (200 Rule Books)	447
Dennis Mulroney (ALRA Camp 22/2/92)	100
Australian Airlines (D Reyment, K Cooper, L Scott)	<u>1,197</u>
<u>Current Year Expenditure</u>	\$2,314
Carry Forward 1991	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$2,314</u>