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

OFFICE BEARERS - 1979

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Mr. P. HUMPHREYS	(V.A.L.A.)	1979
<u>VICE PRESIDENTS</u>	Mr. R.P. TREVASKIS	(V.A.L.A.)	1979
	Mr. C.R. CARR	(S.A.L.A.)	1979
	Mr. G. GRIFFIN	(W.A.L.A.)	1979
	Mr. M. REDFERN	(W.A.L.A.)	1979
	Mr. I.W. WILES	(S.A.L.A.)	1971
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Mr. G.F. TILLOTSON	(V.A.L.A.)	1979
<u>TREASURER</u>	Mr. R.P. TREVASKIS	(V.A.L.A.)	1979
<u>INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER</u>			
	Mr. W.G. HOBBS	(S.A.L.A.)	1972
<u>ASSISTANT INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER (BOX)</u>			
	Mr. C.R. CARR	(S.A.L.A.)	1979
<u>PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER</u>			
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<u>HISTORIAN & RECORDS SECRETARY</u>			
	Mr. T. ALLINGTON	(V.A.L.A.)	1973
<u>RULES ADJUDICATOR</u>	Mr. D.F. REYMENT	(V.A.L.A.)	1975
<u>PROPERTY OFFICER</u>	Mr. C.R. CARR	(S.A.L.A.)	1979
<u>AUDITOR</u>	Mr. O.G. UNKENSTEIN	(V.A.L.A.)	1979
<u>DELEGATES</u>			
<u>A.L.R.A.</u>	Mr. J.R. GUNN		1977
<u>Q.L.A.</u>	Mr. H.P. EVANS		1967
<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. P. KOSHNITSKY		1976
<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. L.J. GODING		1979
<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. G. HILL		1975
<u>T.A.L.A.</u>	Mr. P. LANE		1977

I am pleased to present for your consideration and approval the 48th Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council.

Reports of recent years have referred to the changes and the increased activity taking place in the many areas of Lacrosse. 1979 was certainly no exception with significant increase in playing members, (particularly in South Australia and Victoria), a change from the Delegate System to the Director System in West Australia and the appointment of a full time Promotional and Development Officer in Victoria. South Australia saw the continued successful functioning of its Director System.

Although we must be deeply grateful for the considerable support given by enthusiasts and Association members in the lacrosse States, we cannot ignore the assistance given by the State and Commonwealth Governments in many areas of sport. It is an obligation of Council and member Associations to ensure that maximum effective utilization is taken of this assistance.

With the increasing activity it has become most apparent in this, my first year as successor to Mr. Clive Carr, that the end is fast approaching when the administrative work of Council can be effectively performed on a part time basis. Lacrosse is no longer merely winter activity but one taking place year round in many forms giving rise to many new demands.

The attached statistics are largely self explanatory, an overall increase of about 9 percent in registrations for field lacrosse compared with just over 6 percent the previous year. Total participation in all forms of lacrosse was conservatively estimated to be in excess of 5000 and does not take into account "introductions" in school areas. Furthermore figures for West Australia have been deliberately kept conservative because of some recording difficulties encountered in that State.

During the year we received a visit from Mr. Bob Babcock of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association. Bob visited Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth to give advice on box lacrosse matters and also, where possible, discuss field lacrosse topics. It is perhaps not coincidence that interest has increased significantly in box lacrosse since Bob's visit.

International Matches. No international matches took place during 1979. Arrangements are however well advanced for Australia's participation in the World Box Lacrosse Championships in Vancouver during July 1980. Plans are also being developed for early implementation to ensure that Australia is fully prepared for participation in the World Lacrosse Championships (field) to be held in Baltimore during 1982.

Unfortunately because of a withdrawal of sponsorship the United States found it necessary to cancel a proposed International High School Age Tournament during 1980.

An alternative proposal by Australia for a "Colts" visit to the USA during 1981 is however being pursued.

Invitations have been sent to the US & Canada for field and box lacrosse teams to visit Australia during 1980. Definite indications of acceptance or otherwise have yet to be received.

National Championships. Senior Championships were held in Melbourne and Junior Championships (field) in Adelaide during the year. In both series Victoria were the ultimate champions. Victoria won only narrowly in percentage from South Australia in the Junior Championships. The West Australian teams' performance in both series were most creditable and reflect the growing enthusiasm in that State.

Congratulations are extended to the members of the "All Stars" teams selected at the conclusion of each series and also the fairest and best player winners - T. Magee (WA) - Seniors and M. Mettam (WA) - Juniors.

Isaachsen Trophy - 1979 - FAIREST & BEST PLAYER

Congratulations are extended to Mr. G. Fox of Surrey Park, Victoria for winning this trophy with an outstanding percentage of 64.8.

Other outstanding contenders were:

Mr. W. Hobbs	SA	-	56.25%
Mr. M. Colquhoun	SA	-	45.83%

ALC CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

At the February and July meetings of Council the following persons were awarded ALC Certificates of Merit for outstanding services to Lacrosse.

Mr. D.W. Fox	-	Victoria
Mr. P.A. Humphreys	-	Victoria
Mr. L.W. Taylor	-	Victoria
Mr. B.R. Denton	-	South Australia
Mr. P.B. Hobbs	-	South Australia
Mr. R.J. Reiger	-	West Australia
Mr. G.P. Rose	-	West Australia

Council Meetings. Meetings of Council were held in Melbourne during July and November. It is apparent that with the increase in Lacrosse activity both nationally and internationally the need for further meetings is necessary. From a personal point of view I believe all members of Council should be given the opportunity to participate actively in Council activities. This involves, of necessity contrary to current practice a rotation of meetings between the States.

RULES OF LACROSSE. Arrangements are in hand to have the "field" lacrosse rule books reprinted embodying agreed amendments. A study is also being made into the practicability of publishing "ALC" box lacrosse rules.

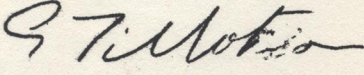
Future Planning. Council has recognized for some time the need to prepare for the future development of the game particularly in the areas of administration, finance and development. With this in view the SALA at the request of Council is currently preparing a detailed operational and implementation scheme for consideration.

ALRA. My predecessor referred to the fine work done by this body but was a little critical at its apparent tendency to stay in the background. I am afraid that I must say the situation remained much the same in 1979 with very little communication on activities. Representation at Council meetings shows room for improvement.

The Future. In these days of uncertainty in many areas it is difficult to be precise about the future but in matters of lacrosse I believe that we can look forward to:

- a. a doubling in current player participation within 5 years;
- b. a significant growth in the "non-field" forms of lacrosse;
- c. a greater interchange of players and teams internationally;
- d. extension of the game into other States;
- e. full time administrators within a few years;
- f. greater cooperation with Women Lacrosse organizations;
- g. more professional approach in all areas.

General. At the conclusion of this year as Council Secretary, I am extremely grateful for the cooperation and understanding of our President, my predecessor Mr. Clive Carr, and in general the members of Council. On occasions however I have been extremely frustrated when an Association ignores requests for information, fails to meet deadlines and simply neglects to keep Council up to date with developments. Fortunately I believe that with recent changes in some of these Associations the future looks a little rosier - I hope so.


George F. Tillotson
Secretary

1. Number of Affiliated Clubs

	<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	10	15	9	34
	(10)	(15)	(10)	35

2. Teams Entered in Domestic Premiership Matches

Open Age	26	40	23*	89
	(26)	(33)	(20)	(79)
Juniors (Under 16 yrs)	35	39	16	98
	(35)	(47)	(34)	(116)
Totals	61	79	39	179
	(61)	(80)	(54)	(195)

* Includes Colts.

3. Registered Players

Open Age	609	653	368*	1621
	(470)	(536)	(368)	(1374)
Juniors (Under 16 yrs)	887	648	250*	1605
	(644)	(732)	(376)	(1752)

* Estimates only.

TOTALS	1487	1301	618	3406
1978	1114	1268	744	3126
1977	1045	1187	706	2938
1976	882	1220	624	2736
1970	717	934	533	2156
1966	611	869	533	2013

4. Non-Registered Participants (school competitions, area competitions, etc)

Victoria	844	
South Australia	-	
West Australia	240*	
Tasmania	<u>120</u>	1204

* Includes estimates of 200 participating in schools - all forms.

5. TOTAL PARTICIPANTS FIELD (Including school, area)

<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>	<u>TASMANIA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1487	2145	758	120	4610

6. Grade Premiers

<u>Open Age</u>	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
"A"	Glenelg	Williamstown	East Fremantle
"A"			
Reserve			Wanneroo Dist.
"B"	East Torrens P'Ham	Williamstown	
"C"		MCC	
Under 19 yrs	East Torrens P'Ham	Williamstown	

Colts

Junior

Under 16	Glenelg		Caulfield	"C" East Fremantle
Under 14	Woodville	1.	Camberwell	"D" Bayswater
		2.	Footscray	
Under 12	West Torrens	1.	Williamstown	
		2.	Glenroy	
Under 10	West Torrens			

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

SALA	W. Hobbs	Glenelg	27 votes
VALA	G. Fox	Surrey Park	35 votes
WALA	J. Kennedy	East Fremantle	28 votes

8. State Association Top Goal Scorers "A" Grade

SALA	A. Hill	East Torrens/ Payneham	98 goals
VALA	B. Smith	Williamstown	141 goals
WALA	P. Cann	East Fremantle	181 goals

9. National Senior Championships - Melbourne

Victoria	20	d	West Australia	11
S. Australia	12	d	West Australia	11
Victoria	19	d	S. Australia	9

10. Senior "All Stars" Selected At Conclusion of Championships

T. Magee	WA	J. Butkiewicz	VIC
R. Walton	VIC	O. Middelhuis	VIC
I. Toy	WA	T. Denton	SA
G. Garnsworthy	VIC	W. Hobbs	SA
J. Tomlin	SA	G. Fox	VIC
A. Bower	VIC	B. Smith	VIC
T. Hardy	VIC	W. Stahmer	VIC
P. Morley	VIC	P. Cann	WA
S. Ellis	VIC	J. Kennedy	WA
G. Tillotson	VIC		

Co-Captains G. Garnsworthy Coach D. Trainor - VIC
J. Kennedy

11. National Junior Championships

Victoria	18	d	West Australia	5
West Australia	21	d	S. Australia	15
S. Australia	18	d	Victoria	15

12. Junior "All Stars" Selected At Conclusion of Championships - Adelaide

P. Millard	VIC	T. Jackson	VIC
M. Hardisty	WA	P. James	WA
M. Aitken	VIC	D. Jordon	VIC
J. Argue	SA	M. Leiman	SA
J. Campbell	VIC	A. Martin	VIC
D. Eyson	SA	M. Mettam	WA
A. Foulds	WA	T. Ramsey	SA
P. Furtado	VIC	N. Skewes	VIC
A. Gaskell	SA	P. Westlake	WA
C. Hockey	WA		

Co-Captains D. Millard
M. Hardisty

Coach R. Trevaskis - VIC

B. Statistics - Box Lacrosse

1. Number of Teams

<u>SA</u>	<u>VIC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
7	4	11

2. Number of Players

116	55	171
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3. Premiers

West Torrens Chiefs Squids

4. Fairest & Best Players

W. Little S. Ellis

5. Championships - March 1979

1. South Australia
2. Victoria
3. West Australia

C. Soft Lacrosse Statistics

1. Number of Teams

	<u>SA</u>
Mens	12
Womens	12

2. Number of Players

Mens	177
Womens	144

3. Premiers

SA

"A" University White
"B" University Black

D. TOTAL PARTICIPANTS - ALL FORMS

a. ¹⁹⁹ Excluding Womens Field - 5102

b. Neglecting multi-participation.