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ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1969.

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Lacrosse Council, to be held in Melbourne, Victoria, at No.27 Marlborough Street, Bentleigh East, on Friday, January 16th. 1970.

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- QUEENSLAND LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
- SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
- VICTORIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
- WEST AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
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- Mr. L.S. TURNBULL (W.A.L.A.)

No Delegate nominated at present for Australian Lacrosse Referees Association.

The 38th Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council is presented for your consideration and approval.

1. HONORARY SECRETARY.

Council administration sustained a severe setback when the Honorary Secretary, Mr. H.E. STERCK, suffered a stroke earlier in the year. He is making recovery, though not as rapid as he would like, for it has delayed his return to the Lacrosse activities which have consumed so much of his time, and to which he has applied himself with tireless devotion, enthusiasm and efficiency.

On behalf of Council, it is herein recorded Council's sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Sterck for the sterling work he has done for Council over several years; and the unanimous hope and wish that his recovery is complete and not long delayed, and that he will soon be able to resume his activities in Lacrosse.

2. STATE OF THE GAME

Unfortunately, once again statistics are not at present available from Member Associations, however, it is believed that in West Australia, South Australia and Victoria, the number of registered players for season 1969 has not varied to any marked extent over the past few years.

It is indeed with deep regret the temporary disbandment of activities in Queensland is recorded. This is in no way brought about by the lack of enthusiasm and interest on the part of the Q.L.A. officials. Unfortunately, the young players have not as yet been infected with the zeal of their administrators, and having not yet built a background of tradition and devotion to the game, they tend to be more easily discouraged. We can all be confident that this set-back is only temporary, and is being accepted as a challenge by the Q.L.A., and it will not be many years before Queensland is a force to be reckoned with in Australian Lacrosse.

A heartening development is the "Murwillumbah project". A young, enthusiastic English migrant, Howard MICHALSKI, with a lot of help and guidance from Q.L.A. officials, especially Mr.H.P. EVANS; proposes to introduce and conduct Lacrosse in Murwillumbah, a North Eastern New South Wales town approximately 60 miles from the Queensland border.

Through the generosity of Mr. Evans and the Q.L.A., a considerable amount of Lacrosse equipment has been made available at Murwillumbah, and a report on progress shall no doubt be given to Council at the Annual Meeting.

A further possible future development is the "Canberra Project". Messers. C.P. WEATHERILL and R.H. PROCTOR, former prominent members of the V.A.L.A., and now resident in Canberra in their occupations; have indicated their willingness to endeavour to establish Lacrosse in Canberra as a Spring sport.

Member Associations have given their approval to the transfer of Council sponsored equipment from the now defunct attempt to re-establish Lacrosse in N.S.W. to the Canberra project. It is anticipated that when the equipment is transferred it will be found to be in need of a great deal of repair and service, which Messers Weatherill and Proctor will undertake over the next few months to have the equipment ready for next Spring.

3. 1969 ACTIVITIES.

A. COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The only Council fixture for season 1969 was the staging of the Australian Lacrosse Colts Championship in Perth, West Australia in July - August last.

The Championships were a complete success, and congratulations must be recorded to the W.A.L.A. for the efficient manner in which all aspects of the Championships were conducted.

The V.A.L.A. won the Championships and the Hickey Shield, with W.A.L.A. runners-up and S.A.L.A. in third position. The W.A.L.A. provided a second team in order to even-out the programme of matches.

The series match results are as follows:-

W.A.L.A. No.1.	- 26	defeated	W.A.L.A. No.2.	- 12
V.A.L.A.	- 30	"	S.A.L.A.	- 13
V.A.L.A.	- 35	"	W.A.L.A. No. 2.	- 6
W.A.L.A. No.1.	- 18	"	S.A.L.A.	- 8
S.A.L.A.	- 28	"	W.A.L.A. No. 2.	- 12
V.A.L.A.	- 22	"	W.A.L.A. No. 1.	- 8

The L.S. Turnbull Colts Fairest and Best Trophy was won by M. HONEYMAN of the V.A.L.A. After the closest of voting.

Congratulations are extended to the V.A.L.A. on winning the A.L.C. 1969 Colts Championship, and to M. Honeyman on winning the Fairest and Best Trophy.

B. ISSAACHSEN TROPHY

The Issaachsen Trophy, awarded to the Australian Fairest and Best player, was won for 1969 by -

R. TURNBULL	- W.A.L.A. (Nedlands-Subiaco)	47.9%
Second, third and fourth places were filled by :-		
B. GRIFFIN	- W.A.L.A. (Nedlands-Subiaco)	41.6%
S. MATHWIN	- S.A.L.A. (University)	38.8%
A. ROLLEY	- V.A.L.A. (Williamstown)	33.3%

Congratulations are also extended to R. TURNBULL on winning the Isaachsen Trophy, and also to those players who polled so well in the votes.

4. GENERAL

What should prove to be a most valuable addition to Council was the acceptance as a Member Association, of the Australian Lacrosse Referees Association.

The knowledge and experience to be gained from this body should prove of untold benefit to our game.

It is pleasing to record that services to Lacrosse were recognised by award of the A.L.C.'s Certificate of Merit to :-

Mr. L.C. BARRETT	(V.A.L.A.)
Mr. P.J. DREW	(S.A.L.A.)
Mr. F.F. DURHAM	(V.A.L.A.)

(Certificate of Merit cont.)

Mr. J.L. FORRESTER	(S.A.L.A.)
Mr. V.W. MEDLEN	(S.A.L.A.)
MR. R. RAMSAY	(W.A.L.A.)
MR. G.F. TILLOTSON	(V.A.L.A.)

A most valuable contribution to the administration of Council was the keen interest and liaison maintained by Council President, Mr. H.V. HORNER.

On behalf of Council, thanks are recorded to Council Officers -

To the Treasurer, Mr. R.D. ALEXANDER, for a job well and efficiently done.

To the Auditor, Mr. G.L. DUFFIELD, for his generosity and support.

To the International Liaison Officer, Mr. N.R. JEFFREY, for the comprehensive and competent manner in which he has conducted negotiations thus far for the Lancers Club 1970 visit to Australia.

To the Public Relations Officer, Mr. L.K. RODDA, for the excellent work done initially, early in year, on the Audio Visual Aids Clinics. Unfortunately, due to the exigencies of his occupation, Mr. Rodda has been unable in recent months to follow-up on this project. It is trusted that 1970 will see renewal and expansion of Audio Visual Aids training in order to get the maximum benefit from the excellent training films so generously made possible by the Rothmans Sports Foundation.

On behalf of Council Secretary, thanks are expressed to Council members and the Member Associations for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year.

It is trusted that 1970, with an International Visit and the Senior and Junior Championships on the programme, proves a most successful year for Council. It is also hoped that the 1970 season is one of success and advancement for Member Associations.

For and on behalf of the Australian Lacrosse Council.

Reg. N. PONTON

ACTING HONORARY SECRETARY.