

THE AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

Annual Report for year ending 31st March, 1947, presented at the Annual Meeting held at the Commercial Travellers Club, Melbourne on Friday, June 20th, 1947.

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to submit for your approval the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council covering the operations for the Year 1946.

The year under review being the first post-war season, it is pleasing to record that the game has been successfully resuscitated in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia in which States highly successful competitions were staged. The Queensland Association though unable to resume competitive games last year, nevertheless arranged a series of matches for the purpose of reviving interest, with the result that four clubs have been reformed for the 1947 Season. Although unable to function last year the prospects of reviving the game in Sydney are now much brighter as the result of a meeting of the Association held early this year. I was pleased to accept the invitation of the New South Wales executive to be present, and on your behalf I assured them of any help the Council could give. The meeting was very enthusiastic and as a result, the game has definitely been resuscitated in Sydney and although only practice games will be played this year the future is assured.

Registered Players The following table sets out the number of players and teams in each State compared with the last pre-war year of 1939. These figures include Schools and affiliated Associations.

	1946		1939	
	Teams	Players	Teams	Players
Victoria	40	686	68	1,139
South Aust.	29	461	55	809
West. Aust.	17	301	24	417
Queensland	4	50	12	186
N.S.W.	-	-	4	63
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Commonwealth	90	1,498	163	2,614

Financial The finances of the Council are in a healthy condition, and the Hon. Treasurer when presenting his Annual Statement will be able to announce a credit balances at the Commonwealth Bank of £41. The total assets of the Council amount to £43 2 -.

Remembrance Day. Throughout the Commonwealth the opening day of the season is being fittingly observed as Remembrance Day, for those who gave their lives in the Service of their country.

Obituary It is with profound regret that I record the passing, after a long and painful illness of Mr. R.O.Moore. On the formation of the Australian Lacrosse Council in 1932, the late Mr. Moore, was elected its first President and up till the time of his death he took a very keen interest in the Council's activities.

The late Mr. Moore was a brilliant player and represented Victoria in International and Interstate matches. Later as an executive officer he displayed outstanding administrative qualities. He was for many years President of the Victorian Lacrosse Association and his wise counsel and impartial judgment were an inspiration to all with whom he was associated. Those of us who knew and worked with Roy Moore, cherish his friendship, kindly manner and devotion to the game. To his widow and son the Council extends its deepest sympathy.

Equipment A further shipment of lacrosse sticks have been landed and are now being distributed through Sports Deports. Last year I foresaw that an acute shortage of lacrosse balls for 1947 season was apparent and instituted inquiries in England with the result that a satisfactory source of supply was located. A small quantity, to tide us over the period until local production commences, will soon be available at

a leading Sports Depot. Again reverting to lacrosse sticks. The Council will be please to learn that I am negotiating with a local company regarding manufacturing in Australia. It is too early as yet to venture an opinion regarding its possibilities except to say that it is promising.

Roll of Honour The South Australian Lacrosse Association, to commemorate the splendid record of its members in the World War have issued a beautiful volume in which is inscribed the names of all those who enlisted for active service. The Council deeply appreciates the copy presented, which will be preserved with its records.

As I am still waiting for further details from the State Associations regarding enlistments, I am unable to present a full report on the part played by our members in the war .

Interstate Games. After an interval of seven years interstate matches were resumed. South Australia visited Melbourne and in a splendid game, the standard of which was equal to anything in pre-war years, the visitors won by 14 goals to 11.

Australian Lacrosse Carnival. The prospects for the Australian Lacrosse Carnival to be held in Perth this year are very bright, indications are the four States will compete for the Garland-McHarg Cup.

Pamphlet on Lacrosse. The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the publication of a pamphlet on lacrosse has compiled an epitome of the rules, which has been circulated to Member Associations for comment. The question of the compilation of a more comprehensive publication on the game is still under consideration.

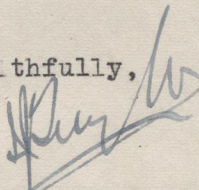
Records The question of keeping uniform records throughout the Commonwealth, is a matter that calls for thought and consideration. For instance, in some States records are kept of individual goal throwers while in others no account is taken of the player who actually throws the goal. Very sound arguments can be advanced in support of either method but for the sake of uniformity I suggest that a discussion on the subject would be beneficial.

International Visit Forty years ago the lacrosse Association of Australia, with the assistance of the South Australian Cricket Association and the Melbourne Cricket Club, financed the visit of a Canadian Lacrosse team. The tour gave a great impetus to the game and was a financial success.

The desirability of another international visit is generally conceded. I therefore suggest that earnest consideration be given to this matter and a long range plan be drawn up.

CONCLUSION In conclusion a word of thanks and congratulations is due to the Secretaries and Executive Officers of Member Associations for the magnificent work they have rendered to the game during the past years. The result of their labour is shown in the splendid recovery the game has made and the highly satisfactory report which I am able to present tonight.

Yours faithfully,


HON. SECRETARY A.L.C.