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OFFICE BEARERS - 1978

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Mr. G. GRIFFIN	(W.A.L.A.)	1977
<u>VICE PRESIDENTS</u>	Mr. P. HUMPHREYS	(V.A.L.A.)	1977
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<u>PROPERTY OFFICER</u>	Mr. A. J. Carr	(S.A.L.A.)	1974
<u>AUDITOR</u>	Mr. G. L. Duffield	(S.A.L.A.)	1968

DELEGATES

<u>A. L. R. A.</u>	Mr. P. 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. G. F. TILLOTSON	1973
<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	Mr. G. HILL	1975
<u>T. A. L. A.</u>	Mr. P. LANE	1977



The 47th Annual report of the Australian Lacrosse Council is presented for your consideration and approval.

1978 has been a year of considerable activity in many areas of Lacrosse, and it is becoming apparent that we are on the verge of a dramatic upsurge in numbers participating in the game. State Associations have seen fit to employ the services of full time officers to assist them in the development of the sport and this must surely make an impact. A new interest is being displayed by schools at all levels, and of particular importance Lacrosse is being taught and displayed in Colleges of Advanced Education not only in the States where Lacrosse has had its strength over the years, but in States where we are so desirous of expansion. If the current trend continues, and there is no reason to expect that it will not, then Lacrosse will become a truly National sport in the very near future.

And we are finding that it is Lacrosse in all of its forms that is becoming the attraction. Whilst "field" lacrosse is and always will be our main participant form of the sport, the recent introduction of "soft" and "box" lacrosse are attracting more newcomers with a resultant boost to our numbers.

In the number of registered players in field lacrosse we have increased by almost 50% since 1970, and if we take the number of participants into account, then we can validly claim to have doubled our numbers over a period of eight years.

We are fortunate in that we have a number of quiet workers around the junior ranks in each State who have been promoting Lacrosse without a great deal of flag waving. Perhaps inexperienced in many ways, but with the advent of the "professional" development officers the ground work of these quiet workers can be fully capitalised.

Whether we like it or not, all sports have entered into an era where we either expand with a professional outlook, or we perish. Professional outlooks require funds, and there are funds available if we look in the right places, and make our approaches in the correct manner.

World Championships

So much has been written and so much has been said that to offer a discourse on the World Championships must be to many a form of repetition. Yes, we only finished in third position, but from all accounts it was a more than meritorious result when it is so apparent from the results that so little separated the participating teams. Our warm congratulations to the victors, Canada, who came from nowhere to not only enter the final, but win the final after extra time had been called.

And sincere congratulations must go to the English Lacrosse Union who had the unenviable task of organising the World Championships in Manchester. They did it so well.

Council has already noted with satisfaction the performance of players and officials alike, and we should all be proud of the contingent that represented Australia. They were more prepared than any team previously, and this was assisted to a considerable extent by the generous financial support of the Australian Government. However there was still too much drain on the players own pockets, and urgent steps are needed to establish fund raising programmes so that future teams will have the complete financial support they so richly deserve.

It should be noted that two player trophies were awarded to Australians - Peter Gann of W. A. was judged to be the Best Attacking Player, and John Butkiewicz of Victoria was the Best Mid Field Player of the Championships. A great honour for these fine players.

Council has already determined that urgent steps be taken to prepare a concrete plan for the assault on the 1982 World Championships and the initial proposals are now ready for full discussion.

Box Lacrosse - Commonwealth Games

As recorded in the last Annual Report, an Australian team was invited to participate in the Official Demonstration Sport at the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada. As a lead up to this event the British Columbia Lacrosse Association arranged a tour of that province and matches were arranged against teams of suitable calibre. Whilst our team did not win any of the Box Lacrosse matches their performance far exceeded all expectations and the knowledge gained by all of our players and officials will be of considerable benefit to Australian Box Lacrosse.

Again, reports already in circulation more than adequately deal with the Tour in general, but here we must sincerely congratulate the Canadian Lacrosse Association for their magnificent effort in staging the official demonstration sport and our thanks and congratulations to the British Columbia Association for their hospitality, coaching assistance and all aspects of the tour in general.

A Box Lacrosse World Championships is planned for British Columbia in September 1980, and Australia has already accepted an invitation to participate. The challenge is there for us to rise to the occasion, but it will require very careful planning and implementation to make our participation a success.

A point that must be made under this heading is our bitter disappointment at the lack of Government Support for this venture despite many and consistent applications for financial assistance. This disappointment is underlined when we consider that the Canadian Government assisted this team to the extent of \$5000. A similar amount from here would have made a deal of difference to the players personal pockets, players who pay dearly for the privilege of representing their country in sport.

The praise that is always extended to Australian Lacrosse teams be they Field or Box players indicates most strongly that they are not only sportsmen but are ambassadors for their country - a point so often apparently overlooked by those in higher places.

National Championships

Colts Championships were conducted in Adelaide, and Junior Championships in Melbourne during this year. South Australia were again Colts Champions, with Victoria taking the honors in the Junior ranks. The instigation of "All Star" teams has met with great enthusiasm and to all of those selected we offer our warm congratulations as we do to the winners of Fairest & Best Trophies.

Much discussion is taking place on the possibilities of more frequent National championships at all levels in an endeavor to lift the quality of all participant States, and it is hoped that some changes will take place in the near future.

Isaachsen Trophy for Fairest & Best Player 1978

Gary Tillotson of Surrey Park Club, Victoria was the winner this year with an outstanding performance of 51.9% of possible votes. Our sincere congratulations to Gary on his achievement.

Council meetings.

As the Annual meeting was held in April of last year, one further meeting only was required and took place in November. The main purpose of this meeting was to receive and consider reports of the two overseas tours. There is some disenchantment with the system of representation at Council meetings where voting is restricted to three delegates only and efforts are being made to find a solution to this problem. There are some who would suggest that there is no problem, and only time and full discussion will determine which is the correct way.

Referees - A. L. R. A.

Whilst we are deeply indebted to this body for their valuable efforts for the sport, we wish they would not hide in the background. Appeals for reports on their activities and relative strengths have gone unheeded so they cannot be chronicled here.

Personalia

The congratulations of Council have been extended to our Auditor of more than twenty years, Mr. Gordon Duffield who was awarded the Medal of Australia in the recent Australia Day Honors list.

This year sees the retirement from Office of two very long standing members of Council, namely Mr. Cedric Isaachsen and Mr. Henry Volk. Both of these gentlemen have served Council as Presidents but of more importance they have served Council with distinction in many areas over a long term of years. Their advice and contribution have always been of the highest order, and we will always be grateful of all that they have done for the sport of Lacrosse. Thank you most sincerely, Cedric and Henry.

In recent months we have seen the unusual occurrence of three new State Association Presidents, namely Mr. Don Hobbs (SALA), Mr. Graham Hill (WALA) and Mr. Phil Humphreys (VALA) and we warmly congratulate of each of these gentlemen on their election.

Conclusion

This report is the last that I will be submitting to Council and for me in many ways is submitted with more than a twinge of sadness. But the requirements of my business are such that I must put business before Lacrosse for a while, much as I would like the other way round. In addition I believe that the time has come for new blood and new ideas, in fact I have always believed that no office should be held for too long.

During my term as Secretary I have served under many distinguished Presidents and to them all I offer my sincere thanks for their patience and understanding and more particularly for their guidance without which the position of Secretary would have been intolerable.

I too have served alongside many members of Council and to all of them, past and present, thank you for your assistance and co-operation. And I must not overlook the contributions of Member Association Secretaries - I know I have had to hound you for information from time to time but that is part of the game and I have always appreciated the spirit with which my pestering has been accepted.

To my successor, my humble thanks for taking on the office, and you may be assured of my wholehearted co-operation at all times.

Clive R. Carr
Secretary

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In all cases 1977 figures are shown in brackets

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	10	35
(10)	(18)	(10)	(38)

2. Teams entered in Domestic Premiership matches

Open Age	25	33	20	79
	(25)	(35)	(19)	(79)
Junior (Under 16 yrs)	35	47	34	116
	(38)	(50)	(28)	(116)
Totals	61	80	54	195
	(63)	(55)	(47)	(195)

3. Registered Players

Open Age	470	536	368	1374
	(417)	(531)	(314)	(1262)
Junior (Under 16 yrs)	644	732	376	1752
	(628)	(656)	(392)	(1676)
Totals	1114	1268	744	3126
1977	1045	1187	706	2938
1976	882	1220	634	2736
1970	717	934	505	2156
1966	611	869	533	2013

Handwritten notes: 779, 81, 26

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

Victoria	757	
South Australia	180	
West Australia	58	
Tasmania	<u>120</u>	1105

5. Grade Premiers

<u>Open Age</u>	<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	<u>W. A. L. A.</u>
"A"	Brighton	Williamstown	East Fremantle
"A" Reserve			Bayswater
"B"	East Torrens P ^H am	Coburg	Fremantle
"C"		Coburg	
Under 19 yrs	Brighton	Williamstown	
<u>Junior</u>			
Under 16	Sturt	1. Caulfield 2. Glenroy	"C" Wembley
Under 14	East Torrens	1. Mitcham 2. Chadstone	"D" Nedlands/Subiaco
Under 12	Woodville (Findon)	1. Williamstown 2. Surrey Park	"E" Nollamarra
Under 10	Glenelg (West Beach)		"F" Nollamarra "G" Nollamarra

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

S. A. L. A.	J. A. Wiles	Sturt	16 votes
V. A. L. A.	G. J. Tillotson	Surrey Park	28 votes
W. A. L. A.	G. Wheatley	South Perth	28 votes

7. State Association Top Goal Scorers "A" Grade

S. A. L. A.	K. Stevens	East Torrens/Payneham	79 goals
V. A. L. A.	B. Moore	Surrey Park	107 goals
W. A. L. A.	B. Griffin	Nedlands/Subiaco	126 goals

8. Colts National Championships

Victoria	19	d	W. Aust.	6
S. Aust.	31	d	W. Aust.	8
S. Aust.	18	d	Victoria	12

9. Colts "All Stars" selected at conclusion of Championships

T. Magee	W. A.	S. Pike	Vic.
M. Freeman	S. A.	G. Hamilton	S. A.
D. Doherty	S. A.	T. Simeone	S. A.
K. Stevens	S. A.	R. Deering	W. A.
W. Kent	Vic.	G. Barclay	W. A.
T. Carbone	S. A.	M. Muesse	S. A.
S. Deloose	Vic.	C. Johnson	S. A.
L. Brenton	W. A.	G. Cornish	S. A.
M. Hansen	Vic.	K. Humphries	S. A.
N. Taylor	S. A.		
Co-Captains	T. Magee	Coach	D. Stevens
	K. Stevens		S. A.

10. Junior National Championships

W. Aust	15	drew with	S. Aust.	15
Victoria	22	d	S. Aust.	12
Victoria	18	d	W. Aust.	6

11. Junior "All Stars" selected at conclusion of Championships

M. Scarvelis	S. A.	M. Ellery	S. A.
M. Mittan	W. A.	H. Rees	S. A.
I. Wookey	Vic.	J. Hiron	W. A.
M. Hughes	Vic.	G. Moran	W. A.
G. Lea	Vic.	R. Royans	S. A.
T. Buchanan	W. A.	J. Dewatch	Vic.
A. Freeman	Vic.	M. Rowell	Vic.
T. Loulatzis	Vic.	C. Miller	Vic.
D. Millard	Vic.	T. Lorian	W. A.
C. Casserley	W. A.		
Coach	- R. P. Trevaskis	Victoria	

12. Fairest & Best Players in Championships

Colts	- C. Johnson	South Australia
Juniors	- A. Freeman	Victoria

13. World Championships - Manchester, England, July 1978

<u>Results</u>	U. S. A.	22	d	Australia	17
	Canada	21	d	England	15
	U. S. A.	28	d	Canada	4
	Australia	16	d	England	10
	Canada	16	d	Australia	13
	U. S. A.	12	d	England	11
	Australia	19	d	England	9
	Canada	17	d	U. S. A.	16

Australian Team

R. Tatlow	Vic.	W. Hobbs	S. A.
P. Cann	W. A.	B. Smith	Vic.
G. Garnsworthy	Vic.	G. Fox	Vic.
R. Duthy	S. A.	R. Flett	S. A.
J. Butkiewicz	Vic.	E. Jones	S. A.
N. Speck	S. A.	D. Joy	Vic.
D. Wright	S. A.	G. Johnson	S. A.
P. Lynch	S. A.	K. Daly	Vic.
A. Bower	Vic.	T. Hardy	Vic.
R. Walton	Vic.	S. Ellis	Vic.
J. Kennedy	W. A.	J. Ballarine	W. A.
R. Turnbull	W. A.		
Co-Captains	G. Garnsworthy		
	R. Duthy		
Coach	J. W. Carter	S. A.	
Asst Coaches	F. J. Poat	W. A.	
	A. J. Inglis	Vic.	
Team Manager	A. F. Chiron	Vic.	
Asst. Manager	G. E. Gatley	S. A.	
Trainer/ Physiotherapist	Mrs. J. Clayfield	Vic.	

14. Box Lacrosse Tour - British Columbia and Commonwealth Games, Edmonton, August 1978

Results	Vancouver	-	North Shore Indians	30	d	Australia	8
	Armstrong	--	Armstrong	17	d	Australia	14
	Prince George		Columbus Royals	19	d	Australia	11
	Jasper Place (Edmonton)		Sherwood Capitals	26	d	Australia	9
	Commonwealth Games						
			Canada	18	d	Australia	10
			Canada	14	d	Australia	11
	<u>Field Lacrosse</u>						
	Los Angeles		Orange County L. C.	23	d	Australia	21
	San Francisco		Australia	17	d	North California All Stars	13

Australian Team

G. Antrim	Vic.	I. Barker	Vic.
R. Benedierks	Vic.	D. Carter	Vic.
H. Doerner	Vic.	G. Evans	S. A.
N. Haley	Vic.	C. Jennings	Vic.
G. Kennedy	W. A.	A. Lewer	Vic.
G. Mollison	Vic.	P. Mollison	Vic.
P. Koshnitsky	S. A.	J. Nolan	Vic.
G. Smithwick	Vic.	M. Stephen	Vic.
P. Swainger	Vic.	D. Newman	Vic.
Captain	H. Doerner		
Coach	K. A. Read	Vic.	
Team Manager	L. W. Taylor	Vic.	
Official	A. L. C. Representative	C. R. Carr	