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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

The 39th Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council is presented for your consideration and approval.

1. APOLOGY.

The Honorary Secretary extends a sincere apology to all Member Associations and Council Officers for the many occasions in the past year when Council matters did not receive the attention they merited. Any inconvenience caused is deeply regretted.

Had a deeper appreciation been made of the demanding nature of a new position in employment, nomination as Secretary would not, in fairness to Council, have been undertaken. Unfortunately, the exigencies of ones occupation must take precedence over private activities no matter how keen an interest they may hold.

2. STATE OF THE GAME.

A. STATISTICS.

Unfortunately no figures are on file for the season 1969 in order to make comparisons, however, 1970 figures are recorded below:

(i) Affiliated Clubs.

<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
10	20	11	41

(ii) Teams entered in domestic premiership matches.

	<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<u>Open Age</u>	25	35	15	75
<u>Under Age</u>	27	35	25	87
<u>Totals</u>	52	70	40	162

(iii) Registered Players.

	<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<u>Open Age</u>	353	504	242	1099
<u>Under Age</u>	364	430	263	1057
<u>Totals</u>	717*	934	505	2156

* - 116 of this number played in 3 matches or less.

(iv) Playing Grades.

	<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>
<u>Open Age</u>	A-B-C	A1-A2-A3-B-C	A-B
<u>Under Age</u>	D-E-F	E-F-G	C-D-E-F

(v) Grade Premiers.

<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>
A - Brighton	A1 - Williamstown Fearon	A-Fremantle
B - East Torrens	A2 - Chadstone	B- East Fremantle
C - Glenelg	A3 - Caulfield	C - Wembley
D - Woodville	B - Coburg	D - Wembley
E - Sturt	C - Surrey Park	E - Wembley
F - Brighton	E - Malvern	F - Bayswater
	F - Williamstown Fearon	
	G - Chadstone	

(vi) State Senior Fairest and Best.S.A.L.A.

M. Raggatt - "A" - Brighton 24 votes

V.A.L.A.

R. Cordell - "A1" - Williamstown Fearon 13 votes

W.A.L.A.

R. Scott - "A" - Perth 18 votes

(vii) State Senior Top Goal-thrower.S.A.L.A.

M. Raggatt - "A" - Brighton 204 goals

V.A.L.A.

D. Allen - "A1" - Williamstown Fearon 127 goals

W.A.L.A.

B. Griffen - "A" - Nedlands/Subiaco 104 goals

B. QUEENSLAND LACROSSE.

This matter is the subject of a separate report, however, deep regret must be recorded that, after the wonderful work done by Mr. Harold Evans in reviving Lacrosse in Brisbane, the Game has lapsed for want of support and enthusiasm on the part of players.

C. MURWILLUMBAH PROJECT.

Unfortunately, due to a change in occupation and a move to Sydney by Howard Michalski, any possibility of furthering this project is now nil.

As the Michalski family have now moved to Victoria, and as the equipment at Murwillumbah was not required in Queensland, in order to ensure the safeguard of the equipment, arrangements were made with Mr. Cleve Weatherill to have the equipment picked-up and safely stored. This was done at no cost to Council. Council's direction will be sought on the destination of the equipment.

D. CANBERRA PROJECT.

This matter is covered in a separate report, however, it can be recorded that the N.S.W. equipment previously held by

Mr. Phil Dadd, is now in Canberra to undergo checking and repairing. This equipment was also moved at no cost to Council.

E. GENERAL

(i) S.A.L.A.

The S.A.L.A.'S. War Memorial Pavillion has now been completed, and was officially opened on May 31st.

It is proposed to claim an Australian and World record for M. Raggatt in scoring 204 goals in the one season.

(ii) V.A.L.A.

D. Fox of the Surrey Park Club won the Australian Fairest and Best Award at the recent A.L.C. Senior Championships, and he was named as Captain of the Australian Team.

The Williamstown Fearon "A1" grade team went through season 1970 undefeated, making this the second successive year they have achieved this feat.

(iii) W.A.L.A.

The 1970 Annual Gala Day was again a successful event, the winners being Wembley with 123 aggregate points. Nollamara were second with 93 points, and third was Nedlands/Subiaco with 79 points.

3. 1970 ACTIVITIES.

A. LANCERS VISIT.

The visit of the U.S.A. team, the Lancers of Baltimore, was an eminently successful event from all aspects. The match play, the social activities, the friendships formed and the organisation, were all something of which Australian Lacrosse can be proud.

The reaction of the Lancers will be conveyed in the International Liaison Officer's report, and details of activities in the various States will no doubt form portion of each State Association's Delegate's report.

For the first time ever, a foreign visiting International team took part in an Australian Lacrosse Championship series. The Lancers formed the fourth team in the 1970 Senior Championship series, taking the place of the customary second team fielded by the Host State. The matches against The Lancers were played in a wonderful spirit, and valuable Lacrosse lessons were learned by all participating teams.

As a culmination to the Senior Championships held in Adelaide, the Lancers played an Australian team. Whilst Australia won 17 goals to 13, the Lancers were far from disgraced or outplayed.

Among the benefits derived from the Lancers visit should be an added stimulus to all Australian Senior and Colts players to strive harder than ever to be members of the Australian International Overseas team, if a tour takes place in 1972; and to all players, including Juniors, to strive for representation in the World Series expected to be staged in Australia in 1974.

The Australian Team selected to play the Lancers was:

D. Fox (Captain)	V.A.L.A.
B. Griffin (Vice-Captain)	W.A.L.A.
Barry Benger	S.A.L.A.
J. Carter	S.A.L.A.
P. Collett	S.A.L.A.
P. Humphreys	V.A.L.A.
J. Kelly	V.A.L.A.
D. Norman	V.A.L.A.
J. O'Keefe	V.A.L.A.
A. Rolley	V.A.L.A.
G. Ross	V.A.L.A.
B. Stahmer	V.A.L.A.
W. Stubbs	W.A.L.A.
G. Treloar	V.A.L.A.
I. Williams	S.A.L.A.
T. Allington (Coach)	V.A.L.A.
C. Gregory (Manager)	V.A.L.A.

B. SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

These were staged in Adelaide from 5th July through to the 9th July. The Championships, and the International match, were a resounding success, and congratulations are recorded to the S.A.L.A. for the highly efficient manner in which they organised and conducted all aspects of these events.

The V.A.L.A. won the Championships and the Garland-McHarg Cup; the S.A.L.A. were Runners-up with the W.A.L.A. in third position. As mentioned previously, the Lancers made the fourth team to even-out the programme of matches.

The series match results were:

Lancers	8	defeated by	S.A.L.A.	22
V.A.L.A.	22	defeated	W.A.L.A.	8
Lancers	8	defeated by	V.A.L.A.	23
W.A.L.A.	13	defeated by	S.A.L.A.	16
V.A.L.A.	13	defeated	S.A.L.A.	11
Lancers	4	defeated by	W.A.L.A.	7

D. Fox of the V.A.L.A. won the Fairest and Best Trophy with a total of 11 points.

C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

These were staged in Perth from 1st September through to 5th September. Congratulations are also recorded to the W.A.L.A. for the manner in which the Championships were conducted.

The W.A.L.A. won the Championships and the M. Taylor Trophy; the V.A.L.A. were Runners-up with the 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 were:

W.A.L.A.No.1	32	defeated	W.A.L.A.No.2	2
S.A.L.A.	14	defeated by	V.A.L.A.	23
W.A.L.A.No.2	8	defeated by	V.A.L.A.	35
W.A.L.A.No.1	13	defeated	S.A.L.A.	9
W.A.L.A.No.2	6	defeated by	S.A.L.A.	31
W.A.L.A.No.1	14	defeated	V.A.L.A.	11

E. Jones of the S.A.L.A. won the Fairest and Best Trophy vote.

D. ISAACHSEN TROPHY.

The Isaachsen Trophy, awarded to the Australian Fairest and Best, has not as yet been resolved for season 1970. Provision

is made at the end of this report for insertion of this information, which shall be ratified at the Annual Meeting.

4. GENERAL.

It is recorded with pleasure that A.L.C. Certificates of Merit for services to Lacrosse, were awarded to:

C. Allman	W.A.L.A.
C. Gregory	V.A.L.A.
K. Nesbit	S.A.L.A.
L. Norley	S.A.L.A.
R. Proctor	V.A.L.A.
R. Turner	S.A.L.A.

Once again tribute must be paid to the assistance in administration given by the President, Mr.H.V.Horner. He has had a patient understanding of the difficulties of Council Secretary and also of Member Association Secretaries, in which area there have been some changes; and he has gently guided in the best interests of our Sport.

On behalf of Council, congratulations are recorded to the V.A.L.A. and the W.A.L.A. on winning the Senior and Junior Australian Championships respectively; and to the winners of the various Australian Fairest and Best awards.

Council's congratulations are also recorded to all State Associations for the manner in which they arranged and conducted their respective sections of the Lancers visit. Grateful thanks are also recorded to A.L.R.A., whose members gave so generously and performed with a high degree of efficiency, at the Championships series and the Lancers matches. Without their support our Sport could not properly function.

Council's congratulations have already been recorded herein to the S.A.L.A. and the W.A.L.A. for the fine manner in which they arranged and conducted the Senior and Junior Championships respectively; and it is trusted these experiences will form a sound basis for planning for the 1974 World Series.

It is also desired to record on behalf of Council, grateful thanks to Council Officers --

To the Treasurer - Mr.R.D.C.Alexander, for a job once again done well and efficiently.

To the Auditor - Mr.G.L.Duffield, for his continued generosity and support.

To the International Liaison Officer - Mr.N.R.Jeffrey, for the pleasant and efficient manner in which he conducted arrangements for the Lancers visit, and for the number of overseas friends he has gained for Australian Lacrosse.

Your Secretary takes the liberty to use this opportunity to express grateful thanks to Council Officers and Member Association Secretaries and Delegates for their patience, assistance and co-operation throughout his difficult year.

It is trusted that 1971 proves to be a season of success and advancement, both for Council and Member Associations; and that the planning and organisation for an Australian Team overseas tour and the World Series, gets away to such a successful start that will be the standard maintained until these events reach fruition.

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The Isaachsen Trophy, awarded to the Australian Fairest and Best player, was won for season 1970 by

Other players receiving a high percentage of votes were

Council extends hearty congratulations to _____
_____ on winning the Isaachsen Trophy,
and also to those players who polled so well in the votes.

For and on behalf of the Australian Lacrosse Council,

REG. N. PONTON.

HONORARY SECRETARY.