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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I present for your consideration and approval the 41st Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council.

1. HIGHLIGHTS

Season 1972 has presented many highlights, the most outstanding of these have been :-

- (a) A highly successful overseas tour embracing U.S.A. and England, with our most successful results ever. These will be detailed later in this report, where it is clearly demonstrated that Lacrosse in Australia is at least equal to the standard of any overseas country.
- (b) The emergence of Western Australia as a lacrosse power State within Australia inasmuch as they won the Championships at both Senior and Junior level in a very convincing manner.
- (c) An increase in the number of players registered in each State Association, the overall increase being 237 players or as a percentage - 11%. This reflects the results of active recruiting drives in each of the States and must be gratifying to all of those concerned in these efforts.

2. STATE OF THE GAME

As mentioned under the heading of highlights we have a considerable increase in the number of Lacrosseurs, and each State Association reports registration figures which in total are the highest showing in A.L.C. records. The grand total of 2412 compares more than favorably with 2365 in 1939. The V.A.L.A. and S.A.L.A. are almost back to their 1939 level whilst a dramatic increase has occurred in the W.A.L.A.

At the time of writing this report there is no word of the Canberra project but it is understood this is still alive.

3. STATISTICS - In all cases 1971 figures are shown in brackets.

3. 1. AFFILIATED CLUBS

<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
10	18	8	36
(10)	(18)	(9)	(37)

3. 2. 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>TOTAL</u>
<u>Open Age</u>	23	33	19	75
	(25)	(32)	(14)	(71)
<u>Under Age</u>	34	39	24	97
	(29)	(35)	(25)	(89)
<u>Totals</u>	57	72	43	172
	(54)	(67)	(39)	(160)

3. 3. REGISTERED PLAYERS

	<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Open Age</u>	320	476	268	1064
	(323)	(478)	(239)	(1040)

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	<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Under Age</u>	455 (389)	570 (480)	323 (266)	1348 (1135)
<u>Totals</u>	775 (712)	1046 (958)	591 (505)	2412 (2175)

3. 4. NUMBER OF PLAYING GRADES

	<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Open Age</u>	3	5	3	
<u>Under Age</u>	4	3	4	

3. 5. GRADE PREMIERS

<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	<u>W.A.L.A.</u>
A - Brighton	A - Malvern	A - Nedlands Subiaco
B - Brighton	A Res - Malvern	A Res - South Perth
C - Brighton	B - Malvern	B - Nollamarra
D - Sturt	C.1. - Malvern	C - Wembley
E - Sturt	C.2. - Altona	D - Wembley
F - East Torrens	E - Williamstown	E - Nedlands Subiaco
G - Sturt	F - Malvern	F - Wembley
	G - Malvern	

3. 6. STATE ASSOCIATION SENIOR FAIREST & BEST PLAYERS

<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	J. Claridge - Burnside	- 16 votes
<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	R. Cordell - Williamstown	- 18 votes
<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	D. Thompson - Wembley	- 21 votes

3. 7. STATE ASSOCIATION TOP GOAL SCORERS - A GRADE

<u>S.A.L.A.</u>	D. Mildren - East Torrens	- 137 goals
<u>V.A.L.A.</u>	R. Waite - Malvern	- 142 goals
<u>W.A.L.A.</u>	B. Griffin - Nedlands Subiaco	- 88 goals

4. SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were conducted in Perth from 25th to 29th July, the first two days at Perth Oval and the final day at Perry Lakes Stadium. The ground conditions and facilities were excellent and the weather ideal. The W.A.L.A. did themselves proud - they organised an outstanding Championship Series and won the Championship for only the second time in their lifetime, the last occasion being in 1947. South Australia were runners up with Victoria third.

Western Australia provided a second team to provide match competition, and their efforts were appreciated by all.

The series match results were:-

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	28	d.	VICTORIA	6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	19	d.	VICTORIA	14
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	22	d.	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	14

I. TOY of Western Australia won the A.L.C. Trophy for the Fairest & Best Player of the Championships.

5. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were conducted in Adelaide from 29th July to 2nd August at the West Park Sports Ground. Again ground conditions were excellent and the weather perfect. Congratulations are extended to the S.A.L.A. organisers for their very fine efforts.

Western Australia showed that 1972 was truly their year when they displayed a magnificent brand of Lacrosse to defeat all comers. On the other hand the final match between Victoria and South Australia will be remembered for many years for the brilliance portrayed by

both teams in an even and exciting tussle.

Match results were :-

Western Australia	20	d.	Victoria	12
Western Australia	23	d.	South Australia	14
South Australia	26	d.	Victoria	24

South Australia provided a second team, and L. Csinski of Victoria won the Henry Volk Trophy for the Fairest and Best Player.

6. ISAACHSEN TROPHY - 1972 - FAIREST & BEST PLAYER

The winner for 1972 was - R. CORDELL, Williamstown Club, Victoria with 60.0%
and others were - 2. D. THOMPSON, (Wembley) W.A. 38.9%
3. W. HANNA, (Caulfield) VIC. 37.0%

7. A.L.C. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

At the January 1972 meeting of Council the following persons were awarded A.L.C. Certificates of Merit for outstanding services to Lacrosse :-

D. G. GOMER	(S.A.L.A.)
H. D. MILLER	(V.A.L.A.)
K. SPEAKMAN	(V.A.L.A.)
A. PEARSON	(V.A.L.A.)
I. SPIERS	(W.A.L.A.)

8. OVERSEAS TOUR

As mentioned in the highlights this tour proved to be most outstanding. The team played eleven matches in U.S.A., two in England, and provided demonstrations in Hong Kong. A match was to be played in Canada but this had to be cancelled by the Canadians prior to the commencement of the tour.

The team was :-

J. CARTER (CAPTAIN), R. ATTENBOROUGH, D. FALLAND, M. HISLOP, P. HOBBS, M. RAGGATT, N. SPECK AND B. THOMPSON (All of S.A.).

D. FOX (VICE CAPTAIN), G. ANTRIM, A. DATSON, J. KELLY, K. READ, P. STIGLICH AND R. TWOMEY (All of VIC).

B. GRIFFIN, R. SCOTT, W. STUBBS, D. THOMPSON, I. TOY, AND R. TURNBULL (All of W.A.).

MANAGER	- Mr. L. S. TURNBULL	(W.A.)
COACH	- Mr. T. Allington	(VIC)
ASSISTANT TO THE MANAGER	- Mr. D. HARRIS	(VIC)
ASSISTANT TO THE COACH	- Mr. F.D. HOGARTH	(VIC)
TRAINER	- Mr. J. WALKER	(VIC)

The tour results were:-

DEFEATED	South Californian All Stars	15 - 3
"	Naval Post Graduate Academy	29 - 6
"	North Californian All Stars	16 - 3
"	Bowling Green University	15 - 6
"	Denison University	13 - 10
"	Mt. Washington, Baltimore	16 - 15
LOST TO	Carlings Club, Baltimore	7 - 14
DEFEATED	Yale University	14 - 6
LOST TO	Cornell University	11 - 16
DEFEATED	Fairfield County	28 - 4
"	Yorkestown Club	27 - 5
"	South of England	28 - 2
"	All of England	19 - 13

9. AUSTRALIAN TEAM SELECTED AFTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following were selected at the conclusion of the Senior Championships.

I. TOY (CAPTAIN), K. MAYNARD, W. STUBBS, B. GRIFFIN, R. SCOTT
R. REIGER, R. TURNBULL AND L. MOIR (All of W.A.).
R. ATTENBOROUGH (VICE CAPTAIN), P. COLLETT, P. CLISBY and
M. BAGGATT (All of S.A.).
G. GARNSWORTHY, R. STAHER, W. STAHER (All of VIC)
COACH : R. RAMSAY (W.A.)

10. CONGRATULATIONS

Sincere congratulations are extended to Western Australia -- on winning both Senior and Junior Championships.

R. CORDELL (Victoria) on winning the Isaachsen Trophy for 1972.

All members of the Overseas Touring team which performed so admirably.

All members of the Australian team selected following the Senior Championships.

Malvern Club (Victoria) on winning six grade premierships.

Brighton Club (South Australia) on winning the three open age grade premierships.

I. TOY (W.A.) on winning the A.L.C. Trophy for the Fairest & Best Player in Senior Championships.

L. CSINSKI (VIC) on winning the Henry Volk Trophy for the Fairest & Best player in Junior Championships.

P. KRAUSE, Caulfield Club, Victoria on throwing 296 goals in G. Grade for the season.

11. COUNCIL MEETINGS

Since the Annual General Meeting in January 1972, Council have met in Melbourne in March, and Perth in July, both latter meetings being without cost to Council. With the increased loads of International Lacrosse in particular it is apparent that further meetings will be necessary at times other than that of an Annual General Meeting.

12. GENERAL

As in so many aspects of life today, communications are an inherent problem, and none more so than in the administration of our sport. I urge all concerned to make a firm resolve to improve this very important facet.

This year sees the retirement from office of our President for the past four years, Mr. Harold Horner. The sincere appreciation of all Lacrosseurs is extended to Mr. Horner for his most valuable contribution.

The 1974 World Series to be played in Melbourne as part of the Centenary of Lacrosse celebrations is eagerly awaited by all, and will provide the apex of the sport in Australia. Many hours of planning will be spent by all concerned, but the result will be more than worth all of the effort that will be applied.

On behalf of the Australian Lacrosse Council,

Clive R. Carr
Secretary