

W.A. 15 d Hurricanes 9

Victoria 19 d Presidents 0

Baltimore L.C. 25 d W.C.L. 12

S.A. 18 d W.A. 10

Hurricanes 11 d S.A. 10

Victoria 17 d W.C.L. 6

Baltimore L.C. 11 d Presidents 8

Final Day

Hurricanes 15 d Presidents 8

W.C.L. 14 d W.A. 10

Grand Final - South Australia 16 d Victoria 15

Guest Teams from the U.S.A. were World Class Lacrosse, and Baltimore Lacrosse Club who were not eligible to win the Tournament as they used too many players.

Tournament Winner

Victoria

Tournament Best and Fairest

Mark Gregson (Hurricanes)

Championship Winner – Mal Taylor Trophy

South Australia

Championship Best and Fairest – Volk Trophy

Dylan Sercombe (W.A.)

2002 All Stars Team

Morgan Bently	W.A.
Dale Booth	W.A.
Jason Brammal	Vic.
Stefan Guerin	S.A.
Aaron Lawman	Vic.
Stephen Mortimer	S.A. Co Captain
Brendan Mc Carthy	Vic
David Mc Kenzie	S.A.
Cameron Mulchay	W.A.
Jarrood Pangrazio	S.A.
Michael Rodrigues	Vic Co Captain
Dylan Sercombe	W.A.
Chris Valdermarin	Vic
<u>Coach:</u> Alan White	(S.A.)
<u>Referee:</u> Evan Walters	(W.A.)

Documents have been found to prove there were other Trophies previously awarded for State-to-State matches in the Junior Championships.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Schultz Cup – S.A. v Victoria, Turnbull Cup – W.A. v Victoria, and the Wiles Cup – S.A. v. W.A. please contact me so they can be restored to their original status.

1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Graeme Reddaway and Leighton Beamsley retired by rotation and were re-elected. Robin Cornish who was appointed to fill the casual vacancy created when Malcolm Stokes retired from the Board did not re-nominate. Lindsay Scott was elected to the Board.

2. MEETINGS:

3 meetings and 1 teleconference of Directors were held during the year.

3. BUSINESS PLAN:

A review of the Business Plan was undertaken at the November 2001 meeting and updates occurred. The primary focus of Lacrosse Australia in the 2002 year was seen to be the World Championships held in Perth in July 2002.

At the specific direction of the Australian Sports Commission the process of considering the unification of men's and women's Lacrosse in Australia was begun. More details can be found in the report of the Director of Officiating and Special Projects

4. INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE:

Leighton Beamsley continued to represent Australia on the International Lacrosse Federation and Graeme Reddaway attended his first meeting as a delegate at the ILF meeting held in Perth in July. At that meeting which Peter Hobbs attended as Vice President I am pleased to advise that Peter Hobbs was elected as President of the International Lacrosse Federation. Our congratulations to Peter for this recognition of his untiring efforts for Lacrosse. Leighton Beamsley was also appointed to the role of Executive Director. Both these appointments take effect from January 2002.

5. COMPETITIONS:**5.1 National Championships**

Congratulations to South Australia for their success in the Senior Championships and the Under 17 Championships. Congratulations also to those selected to the All Stars Teams.

Full details of the Championships can be found in the Secretary's report.

5.2 Under 15 National Tournament

The Under 15 National Tournament was held in Perth. Details can again be found in the Secretary's report

6. REFEREES

Lindsay Scott continued his good work in the role of Referee in Chief of the Australian Lacrosse Referees Association. The Association works through its training and assessment programs to maintain and elevate officiating standards and to recruit new referees. The high standard of refereeing all competitions is testament to the continuing efforts of ALRA.

7. LIAISON:

7.1 Australian Sports Commission

Communications with the Australian Sports Commission continue to be maintained with our ASC Liaison Bob Kershaw. The ASC provided minimal grants over the past year.

A meeting was held with the Minister of Sport and this resulted in a further approach to the ASC which yielded \$50,000 in funding for the conduct of the World Championships. No funding was however provided to the Australian team which was a great disappointment to all involved.

7.2 Member Associations

The practice of inviting State Association representatives to meet with the Board and/or attend Board sessions as observers when ALC is meeting in their State has been maintained. A meeting of the Presidents of Lacrosse Australia, WALA, SA Lacrosse and VLA was held in Perth. It is intended this will be an ongoing situation with teleconferences or other meetings held to discuss issues affecting Lacrosse in Australia

7.3 Women's Lacrosse Australia

Liaison with the AWLC continued via the work of individual Directors. The Presidents of each body and other Directors met during the year to discuss matters of mutual interest.

7.4 Confederation of Australian Sport

Following review Lacrosse Australia decided to maintain its membership of the CAS although that membership will continue to be monitored.

8. PUBLICATIONS:

The Australian Lacrosse Journal and the ALC web site continued to provide a general communications service to Lacrosse.

The congratulations and thanks of the ALC are extended to all State Association officials and interested lacrosse personnel who have contributed to these projects. Special thanks are recorded to Mavis Owens, Lacrosse Australia Media and Marketing Director for her extensive work in maintaining and improving the Journal, and for supervising the Lacrosse Australia web site.

Please refer to the report of the Director of Media, Marketing and Promotions for further details.

9. AWARDS:

Lacrosse Australia awards for 2000 were as follows:

9.1 Isaachsen Trophy

The Lacrosse Australia award for the best player for 2001 in Australia was won by Russell Brown of the Bayswater Club in Western.

The award for 2002 was won by Peter Inge of the Woodville Club in Adelaide. Peter had a stellar year having played in the Australian Team at the 2002 World Championships, being named as the only Australian member of the World team at those Championships, playing in the Premiership team (Woodville) in Adelaide 2002 and being named as Association Best and Fairest in Adelaide.

9.3 Lacrosse Australia Certificate of Merit

No Certificates of Merit were presented during the year as no nominations were received from State Associations

9.4 Lacrosse Australia Medallion

Lacrosse Australia Medallions were presented to :

2001 Isaachsen Trophy Winners – Russell Brown
Australian Senior Championship winning team – South Australia
Australian Under 17 Championship winning team – South Australia
Australian Senior All Stars Team
Australian Under 17 All Stars Team
Members of the 2002 Senior Australian Team
Retiring Director Peter Hobbs

10. APPRECIATION:

10.1 Lacrosse Australia Officers

The Lacrosse Australia Board was once again supported by the honorary officers who served as Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Auditor and Solicitor. Thanks are recorded for their valued contributions.

10.2 State Associations and Clubs

Lacrosse Australia expresses its thanks and congratulations for the work done in each state to maintain and build our sport. Each State Association is actively pursuing development plans designed to achieve participation growth and advancing standards.

10.3 Lacrosse Australia Directors

My personal thanks are recorded for the considerable and highly professional contributions made by my fellow Directors on the Lacrosse Australia Board. In particular I thank retiring Director Peter Hobbs for his considerable efforts over 12 years as a Director and for his counsel during my period as President.

11. 2002 World Championships – Perth 2002

The 2002 International Lacrosse Federation World Championships and associated Festival of Lacrosse has been hailed as the most successful ever.

Every comment received about 2002 was that it has raised the bar to new heights. With the prelude event of the Australian National Senior Championships conducted at Subiaco the stage was set for an exciting period for Lacrosse. When I first visited the site of the World Championships I was staggered with what had been achieved with the structures around the main field and the awesome sight of 17 fields fully set up on grass with all required facilities available.

The players all reported that the accommodation was of the highest standard as were the meals and facilities for team meetings and practice. The facilities available at Challenge Stadium were fantastic and despite the sometimes ordinary weather spectators had an unforgettable experience and enjoyed the tent village with the entertainment and merchandising areas.

The effort put in by Western Australian Lacrosse and the 2002 Organising Committee was incredible and was the catalyst for a great Festival, from the opening in front of over 3,000 people to the spectacular closing banquet where about 1,300 people sat down to an excellent meal and exciting entertainment.

DIRECTOR MEDIA, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS

Annual reports provide an opportunity to reflect on the year past, to measure the success or otherwise of activities and strategies within an organisation, and to articulate the vision for the future.

It is my pleasure to report on the activities of the Media, Marketing and Promotions portfolio for 2002. The thrust of this portfolio over the last two years has been to ensure the World Lacrosse Championship was conducted successfully and to maximise the development and promotional benefits to Lacrosse of such a significant event. The Lacrosse Australia (LA) Board has always recognised this potential and adopted a policy accordingly.

World Lacrosse Championship

The World Lacrosse Championship developed into the largest international lacrosse festival ever conducted, involving 10 separate tournaments with more than 1500 competitors from at least 16 nations and in excess of 80 teams - not including the myriad of personnel involved in the other tasks associated with the conduct of tournaments - managers, coaches, referees, bench officials, administrators etc - nor the fantastic supporters who just came to watch their 'heroes' in action.

It provided a golden opportunity for everyone involved in Lacrosse within Australia to be part of the action and to see the world's greatest exponents of the game. It was a magnificent spectacle and one of which Australia can be justifiably proud. Those who witnessed the spectacle of the games being played on the fields of the McGillivray Sports complex will not forget them in a hurry, nor the exciting World Championship contests in the main arena. Australian Lacrosse certainly took a giant leap forward - nobody thought it would be possible for such a small lacrosse nation to host such a large event.

The lacrosse festival incorporated the Australian Championships and Tournaments (Seniors June 30 – July 4 at Rosalie Park, Under 17s and Under 15s), an International Open, Masters, Grand Masters and Aussie Style Masters, the Sofcrosse and Modcrosse carnivals as well as the premium event - the World Championship.

Every facet of the sport was included in the "Olympics of Lacrosse". Not one area was forgotten. The most skilful players, the young and the not so young all had an opportunity to "strut their stuff" during the 15 days. Whether you were in the top echelon of players representing Australia, or in the Australian Under 19 squad, or a State player in your respective Championship or a regional player in the Under 15 tournament, or competing in one of the various Masters divisions, or playing in the Sofcrosse or Modcrosse tournaments, you were catered for. It embraced all the ideals of the Lacrosse Australia board's policy of inclusiveness.

The generous support provided by all States in so many ways to the event hosts, Western Australia, was outstanding. This, coupled with the exceptional contribution of volunteers from around Australia in all aspects of the event, and the willingness to be involved in one way or another, exemplified the power of working together.

It is timely to acknowledge the enormous effort made by members of Team Australia to represent Australia with distinction at the World Championship. Every member of the team - players, coaches, management - did so unstintingly at enormous personal sacrifice, and the reward was evident every time the team took the field during the Championship. Whilst the bronze medallion was not your goal, it represents not only an extremely high achievement but also one of personal dedication. It should be valued highly. To each and every member of this team my personal congratulations.

LA has worked harmoniously and in close consultation with the Western Australian Lacrosse Association (WALA) and the 2002 Organising Committee to achieve the desired outcome. The accolades received from around the world, including the International Lacrosse Federation and its Members; sponsors and supporters of the event; participants and spectators all justify the LA board's sustained support of this event, knowing that the benefits will be significant for years to come.

Australian Lacrosse Journal

Issues 12 and 13 were produced and distributed throughout the reporting year thanks to the ongoing financial support of Lacrosse SA, WALA, the Victorian Past Players Association and the 2002 World Championship Organising Committee, and those who contribute by way of articles, photographs, stories, providing addresses, etc. It is worth noting that in producing the Journal, Lacrosse Australia is developing a photographic record of lacrosse activities. Issue 14 will be produced and distributed in November 2002.

The Journal continues to attract compliments from many sources, including the media who receive complementary copies, and it is still seen by LA as a vital communications medium for Lacrosse. This was emphasised at a meeting between the Federal Minister for Sport, the Hon Rod Kemp, and members of the LA Board and the Australian Lacrosse Team in April, when the Minister remarked on the high quality of the Journal.

However, the reduced funding to Lacrosse Australia from the Australian Sports Commission, which has created even greater pressure on all LA expenditure, will necessitate an assessment of the ongoing viability of the Journal. In pursuing this assessment and endeavouring to increase the number of subscribers, an approach was made to the VLA throughout the year. Whilst not accepting the proposal in full, the VLA board was positive in its response, which will assist the future deliberations of the LA Board. The VLA has indicated a desire to see increased Junior content and this will be thoroughly examined as part of the assessment.

Lacrosse Australia Website

The LA website was maintained throughout the year although minimally, due in part to the pressure of other activities and our limited resources. Whilst a new web-master has been appointed, following the resignation of Barrie Moore who has graciously maintained the site since its inception, the full potential of this important promotional tool has not been realised. However, 2003 will see an improvement especially with material from the World Championship site <lacrosse2002.com> being transferred to

the Lacrosse Australia site, which underwent a name change in 2002 and can now be found at <lacrosseaustralia.org>

Lacrosse Australia Directory

This year the LA Directory was placed on the website and included on the LA Administration CD which was distributed to State Associations and all clubs throughout Australia. The Directory was not produced in hard copy. The LA Administration CD contains all documents relating to the management of Lacrosse in Australia and is a valuable resource, which is continually updated thanks to the efforts of President Leighton.

Best Wishes

I convey my best wishes to the Australian Under 19 Lacrosse Team which has just been announced and will be competing in the U19 World Championship in Towson, Maryland USA during 2003. It is a privilege to represent your country and to wear the 'green and gold'. May this experience be a truly memorable one - for all the right reasons - and may you return to Australia invigorated in your passion for the game.

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to Peter Hobbs who has been elected President of the International Lacrosse Federation and will take office in January 2003. Peter's vision, leadership, knowledge of the game, ability to analyse the situation and define it articulately has served Lacrosse Australia outstandingly over many years. His contribution in various roles, and in keeping Lacrosse vibrant and evolving, has been significant. Peter is not seeking re-election at the forthcoming AGM and we will miss him on the Board.

Thanks

I thank Helen Keane for the time and effort she contributes to Lacrosse in her many roles, but in particular in her role as Honorary Secretary of Lacrosse Australia. I also thank the board members for their support throughout the year - it has been a pleasure (and fun) working with you. Lacrosse Australia can take pride that its national board is not dogged with the parochial, self-interest, which is frequently evident in many national sporting organisations.

I thank you the members for allowing me the opportunity to serve Lacrosse Australia.

Mavis Owens

Director

Media, Marketing and Promotions

Lacrosse Australia Strategic Plan (2002-2005)	
Key Result Area 3: Community Exposure and Recognition	
<i>Objective</i>	To increase the awareness of lacrosse within Australia.

<i>Core Function</i>	The primary outcome is to have achieved and maintained a significant elevation in the profile and recognition of lacrosse within the community.
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**LACROSSE AUSTRALIA
ANNUAL REPORT
DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS AND OFFICIATING**

Special Projects

1. Mens & Womens Associations Amalgamation
Lacrosse Australia continues to move along the path towards possible unification of the mens and womens lacrosse associations. This move is strongly encouraged by the government bodies and a joint committee is about to commence the process of preparation of a prospectus for consideration by all member associations and other key stake holders.
2. HPAP
An application for assistance from the High Performance Advisory Panel has been submitted. A response is expected around the end of the month. If successful this will provide expert assistance in developing our high performance programme particularly in regard to the Australian Youth Development Squad.

Officiating

3. World Championships
The main focus of this portfolio was the 2002 World Championships and the associated Festival of Lacrosse. These were without doubt a great success from all points of view. The overall event brought together an enormous contingent of referees, officials and bench officials from all over the world, including the largest compliment of referees and officials ever to be assembled for a world championship - 43.

Australia was represented by six referees:- Terry Culley, Rolfe Kraus, Don Lovett, Rob Mollison, Dennis Mulroney and Mike Slattery. All Australian Referees performed exceptionally well throughout the World Championships. On the final day they were represented by Dennis Mulroney as head referee, Terry Culley as CBO and Mike Slattery as Bench Manager in the Championship Grand Final. Don Lovett was on the field for the 5th & 6th play off and Rob Mollison (also representing Czech Republic was CBO for the 7th & 8th play off. Rolfe Kraus was head referee for the Green Division 1st & 2nd place playoff.

On the assessing side of things Australia were represented by Lindsay Scott (chief referee) and Graeme Reddaway in the Blue & Red Division Panel and Peter Knight and Neville Balfour who together looked after the Green Division.

Australia should be very proud of the performance of all its refereeing representatives who certainly maintained Australia's high standing as a producer of very competent world class officials.

All aspects of the referees and officials participation in the World Championships and the Festival of Lacrosse were well covered by the 2002 Organising Committee which should be congratulated on a job extremely well done.

4. Festival of Lacrosse
Peter Noble was appointed Chief Referee for the National Senior Championships and together with Don Reyment and Laslo Tiszavolgyi formed the assessment panel for the championships. Due to the absence of six of Australia's top referees who were involved in the World Championships, several new referees had the

opportunity to gain valuable experience and they all performed exceptionally well.

Don Reyment was appointed Chief Referee for the Under 17 competition and Laslo Tiszavolgyi Chief Referee for the Under 15 Tournament. Peter Noble was appointed Referee Co-ordinator for the International Open.

Hopefully the experiences that all participating referees and officials enjoyed will provide the impetus and inspiration required for all of them to achieve their highest goals and maintain Australia's high professional level of refereeing.

Lacrosse Australia extends its congratulations and appreciation to all who were involved with the world championships and the Festival of Lacrosse.

5. National Tech Committee
The National Technical Committee which comprises the Director of Officiating, the Referee in Chief for Australia and the Chief Referees from each member state continues to function well as the body responsible for the overall administration and development of Officiating across Australia. The current appointment of Referee in Chief for Australia expires at the end of October this year. Applications for the position have been called. The appointment is due to be confirmed by the board at its first meeting in November.
6. Under 19 World Championships 2003
Australia will have three representatives officiating at the next Under 19 World Championships to be held at Towson in the USA next year. Ian McRae, Rolfe Kraus and Mark Polden have been appointed to represent Australia with Evan Walters and Don Lovett as alternates.
7. Friendship Games
Australia will also have officials participating in The Friendship Games which are due to be held next year in Japan just prior to the Under 19 Championships. This will provide an excellent opportunity for some of the newer referees to gain invaluable international experience.



Lindsay Scott
Director Officiating & Special Projects

30 September 2002

Lacrosse Australia Development Report 2001-2002

Gary Mortimer
Director

2001- 2002 was yet again unfunded by the Federal Government, a trend I am unhappy to report seems to be gaining favour with individual State Governments as budgets get tighter and the focus moves from elite performance and player participation to that of elite development and increased participation in the areas of coaching and officiating.

This follows as a result of governments seeing a quicker fix at a lesser cost by supplying money to training volunteers to provide the on going expertise that new players to the game require. The Active Australia program is one example.

This is not a new idea, Noah had the expertise and after he built it every one came, it wouldn't have mattered how much cash was thrown around, no one else was interested in long-term outcomes.

Each of the member and associate states have development program's which are netting result of increased numbers playing and success's at national level, that have been hard to get or never had before.

Congratulations must go to them all

1. Queensland's work at Universities.
2. New South Wales continued improvement (dare I say on the women's side) at state level, plus embracing and supporting a young Melbourne man who is having a red hot go at getting the men's game up and running at school level.
3. Victoria with their work at Melbourne High and others that will hopefully join, the innovative VIS program is a great coup for the young players of Melbourne. They even helped the fledgling New Zealanders in many ways, as and when required.
4. South Australia continues their commitment to a full time development officer who brings awareness and competition to SA schools. This has seen many regional carnivals and the start of some sustainable competitions in those areas. August this year saw 64 primary and high school teams compete in a one day Schools championship.
5. Western Australia continues to offer some thing different to get people involved and stay in the game. The "WALL" is a great example of lateral thinking and of taking the game to the people. We wish them continued success with those efforts.
6. Tasmania continues to work hard and this year has been able to send player representative to some national title's to join the president sides.
A great effort given the small base of workers and resources.

The Scene has changed, it will be a very long time before we again see buckets of money available as in the past. The new Lacrosse Australia board has an opportunity to redistribute and define the director portfolios.

Development is now such an integral part of all our main areas, Coaching, Officiating (refereeing and bench), Competitions – International, Competitions – National, and Communications that we need to have each director working in these areas include development goals and outcomes in their Plans as a priority.

I have enjoyed my time working for Lacrosse at the national level and hope to be continuing that work should I be re elected for another term.

INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE FEDERATION

Lacrosse Australia has continued to exercise a major influence on the changing face of International Lacrosse in this World.

Whilst we have two Directors, being Leighton Beamsley and Peter Hobbs, who attend all meetings of the Federation, it has to be said that our contribution has been far more significant than this.

Malcolm Stokes continues to chair and convene the ILF constitution and rules committee, and has been doing this since 1994. He makes a significant contribution to the organisation of the ILF in this role.

Leighton Beamsley, as Chairman of the ILF Awards Committee, has also written for the ILF the rules under which this committee operates, and has done much to ensure that awards for International Competition are properly organised, properly convened, and enhance the Lacrosse competition between nations.

Peter Hobbs acts as treasurer, and a committee person on the ILF Development Committee, and it is as a result of the efforts of this committee and Peter Hobbs, that membership of the ILF has now risen from 5 countries in 1990, to 21 countries in 2002. We now see member nations from all continents, excluding Africa, and this has been overseen by the Development Committee.

Lacrosse Australia has been significant in its role in the development of Lacrosse throughout South-East Asia, with Lacrosse now being played in Korea, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Australia, and New Zealand.

An Australian, Peter Hobbs, has, for the last twelve months, been Vice-President of the ILF, and from 1st January 2003 becomes President, being the most senior position in Lacrosse internationally, of the International Lacrosse Federation. Leighton Beamsley also, as from the 1st January 2003, will take up the position of Executive Director of the International Federation, and together these two people, both having been members of the Lacrosse Australia Board for many years, will steer the International Lacrosse Organisation for the next two years.

The contributions of Lacrosse Australia Directors to International Lacrosse have been funded totally by Lacrosse Australia, and by those Directors themselves. There has been no contribution towards these international efforts by the Australian or Local Government, which is disappointing, as it is a significant area of international diplomacy that this sport holds, and it is through sport, such as Lacrosse, that Australia receives outstanding kudos for its efforts, for its expertise, and for its ingenuity.

Annual Report to Lacrosse Australia 2001 – 2002

Director Coaching - Graeme Reddaway

There has been some activity in the Coaching Portfolio for the year, but as with all other directors most of the concerted effort has been towards the successful conduct of the World Series, and National events in Perth.

Our Level 2 Coaching Course has been submitted to Mr. Les Bee at the Victorian Coaching Council for consideration. I was informed by him and Mrs. Janet Pyke that the Modules produced so far are more than adequate for Level 2 and would probably require only one more Module to achieve Level Three. He assured me he would give me written comment by September 30. After explaining the situation with Geoff Treloar he was going to seek one of their number who would be prepared to complete any further modules required. At the time of writing this report I had been unable to contact Les Bee for any further comment (on holiday apparently).

Coaching Clinic

I did endeavour to have a coaching clinic conducted during the World Series, similar to that conducted in Baltimore and Adelaide, but due to time restrictions in notification to the Visiting International teams it did not eventuate.

Junior Camps

In September I attended the SA presentation night and stayed on to watch their Grand Finals.

I took the opportunity to meet with Helen Keane, Trevor Stevens, Noel Speck and Eric Freeman to discuss a trial Junior Camp in SA early next year. They were in favour of the proposal and assured me of their assistance.

I further discussed with Noel Speck and Judy Inkster the mechanics of such a camp.

Judy has been the driving force behind the schools development program in SA. After some discussion it was clear to me that Judy 'has the goods' to continue successfully in schools. Noel Speck has offered to do some support work for her in assisting with next year's program. Judy plans to leave for overseas next year and her expertise could be lost. She is happy to run with her schools program and is keen to promote lacrosse camps for the participants in those schools and other participants should they wish to attend. The camps would also include basic Refereeing and Coaching modules as this is identified as one of our major deficiencies.

Initial thoughts are that the camps cater for the age 11 to 17 bracket.

I have also had preliminary discussions with Eric Jenny, Dennis Newman and Ken Nicholls in Victoria and John Denic and Matt Schomberg WA regarding similar camps, discussions are continuing and will be a subject for the November meeting of the Board.

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION:

Peter Hobbs

The 2001-2002 year for Australian Lacrosse was a very exciting period. We have seen a continuation of the normal competitions for National Championships. In addition, the conduct of the Festival of Lacrosse, in Perth, incorporating the World Senior Championships, was an event which Lacrosse participants from around the world recognise as being the finest Lacrosse event held anywhere internationally at any time.

1) **World Championships**

The organising committee appointed by the Western Australia Lacrosse Association, chaired by Mr George Halleen, and greatly assisted by Chief Executive, Mrs Mavis Owens greatly enhanced the reputation of Australia internationally in the efforts which they provided, and the success which they achieved.

The World Championships were held at the sporting fields of the University of Western Australia, and included, for the first time, fifteen nations, making it the largest World Championships ever, and it was outstandingly successful. The World Championships were won by the United States, who defeated Canada in an exciting final.

2) **Festival of Lacrosse**

In conjunction with the conduct of the World Championships, the Organising Committee additionally organised Master's competitions, together with an International Tournament, together with the Australian Championships and Tournaments. These events, all coupled with the World Series to provide a festival which will be remembered by all. The expertise of organising, the expertise of Australians, is now recognised internationally.

3) **International Visits**

With the international visits that took place in conjunction with the World Series, very many international tourists visited our country with international teams, international Masters teams, international Youth teams, together with supporters and family all visited our shores. A significant contribution to Australia's economy was achieved, and this was achieved by the efforts of Australian Lacrosse personnel. It is to be regretted that very little assistance was received from the Australian Government in conducting these events, as it appears that the efforts of Australian Lacrosse administration personnel are taken for granted.

4) **Australian Championships and Tournaments**

All Australian Championships and Tournaments were conducted in conjunction with the Festival of Lacrosse, and whilst one may consider that they paled in comparison, this was not so, as they provided a showcase of Australian expertise, skills, and athleticism to the World stage.

4.1- **Senior**

The Senior Championship this year was won by South Australia for the second year in succession. They defeated Western Australia in the final in an outstanding event. Considering that all Australian representatives were absent from this event, the standard was outstanding, and the efforts of the players, coaches, and referees are to be applauded.

4.2 - **Under 17**

The Under 17 Championship and Tournament was held in Perth and, again, this event was won by South Australia. The final between South Australia and Victoria was an extremely exciting event with the lead changing frequently during the final quarter, with SA prevailing by one goal.

The Tournament included two teams from the United States, and a President's team from Australia, and these three teams provided outstanding competition for our State Representative teams.

4.3 - Under 15

The Under 15 Tournament, having been brought forward from its normal timing of the end of September to July provided the opportunity for our youth to demonstrate their wares to Senior and other athletes and supporters.

The Tournament included 9 teams, including a team from the United States. The experience gained by our young elite athletes was outstanding and irreplaceable. The final was won by the US All Stars from Northern Thunder (WA), 14 to 9.

5) Future National Championships

In the year 2003, the Senior and Under 17 Championships will be held in Adelaide, and the Under 15 will be returning for the first time in many years, to be conducted in Melbourne.

6) Australian Teams

6.1 - Australian Senior Teams

The Australian Senior Teams, under the Executive Directorship of Malcolm Stokes and Head Coach John Denic was successful in winning the Bronze Medal at the World Championships in Perth.

This team had been in training for a period in excess of two years, and the efforts of all coaches, managers, and officials, together with the players, who all sacrificed a great deal of their lives over that period of time to ensure that their efforts were not in vain. Their sacrifices were outstanding from the point of view that all players and officials, provided commitment of one hundred percent, and it is further acknowledged that all have had to pay their own way. To the point of having to pay to attend training camps, to pay to go to the World Series, to pay to provide their own uniforms, to pay to provide their own equipment. There has been no contribution from the Australian Government toward this team, and, once again, this is to be regretted. It is unfortunate that, when so many sports are provided with large levels of funding at all levels of Government, some sports are required to do it the hard way to represent their country.

We thank Malcolm Stokes, John Denic, and all of those involved with the team, for their significant sacrifice, and congratulate them on their results.

6.2 - **Under 19**

The Australian Youth Elite Development Squad was formed by Lacrosse Australia twelve months ago under the executive directorship of Trevor Stevens, and the head coaching of Gary Kennedy from Perth. This squad has now been in training for twelve months, have conducted a number of training camps, contributed teams to the Australian Senior Championships in Perth, and the International Tournament in Perth.

The squad has been outstandingly hard-working, the officials the same.

In 2003, a team will be chosen from this year's development squad to participate, representing Australia, in the World Under 19 Championships in Towson, Maryland, USA, and we have an expectation that, with the significant efforts of all concerned, that it will be successful.

In addition to this, a separate team will be chosen from the Elite Development Squad to participate in the International Friendship Games in Japan, in June 2003, and to undertake a tour of Korea and Japan, to further develop the skills of those officials and players participating. This further enhances Australia's reputation on the world scene.

7) **Championship Handbook**

The Lacrosse Australia Board continues to monitor the Championship Handbook, and receive submissions from its member states from time to time. Submissions are also made by state team officials through the Tournament Directors, who submit these to the Board. Changes are made as considered necessary, and were made during this year, and the handbook is, as a result, continually updated.

8) **Tournament Directors**

Lacrosse Australia has been greatly assisted by the efforts of the Tournaments Directors, being Alec Inglis (Senior), Helen Keane (Under 17 and Under 15). The Tournament Directors have contributed greatly in adding to the organisation and control of the National Tournaments, and Lacrosse Australia is indebted to them.

9) **International Program Coordinator**

Alec Inglis has continued in the position of being the International Program Coordinator, and greatly assists in this role my efforts as Director of Competition. We hope that he continues in this role, to be able to continue to provide benefit of his experience over many years in international Lacrosse.

Conclusion

This being my final year as a Director of Lacrosse Australia, I would like to thank all of those who have assisted me in my twelve years as a Director.

All of the Directors of the Lacrosse Australia Board, during this period of time, and the secretaries have greatly assisted me, in addition to the representatives of our member states. I thank all of those involved.