

REUNION LUNCHEON IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A reunion of the 1976, 1978, 1982 and 1984 Australian field lacrosse teams was recently held in Adelaide. The event was organized by Peter Cann, Ray Duthy and Gus Garnsworthy and the lunch was held at Ekhidna Wines in McLaren Vale, a beautiful wine region south of Adelaide.

There were 53 attendees including wives and partners of some players, coaches and managers. Apologies were received from many players who would have liked to attend but were either away on holidays, working or dealing with some health issues. A rolling slideshow of photos was also running throughout the day, courtesy of tech guru John "Keka" Butkiewicz.

Tribute was paid to those members of the teams who were now deceased who were an integral part of that lacrosse era, many of our great players, coaches and managers. Acknowledgement was also paid to the coaches and managers present.



Standing: Tom Hardy, Robert Walton, John Ballarine, Jeff Kennedy (Side-on) , Ken Nichols, Leigh Vandeppeer (Partially obscured by "Elbows"), Peter Cann, Paul Lynch, Peter Hobbs, Gary Shepley, Tim Dickson, Gary Tillotson, Marty Muusse(Partially obscured by Tillo), Rod Flett (Back),Graeme Fox, Teddy Hobbs, Steve Ellis, Peter Morley ,Allan Frederick, Keka, Geoff Robinson

Seated: Alec Inglis, Ray Duthy, Gus Garnsworthy, Alan Chiron & Bryan Smith

Missing from group photo is John Carter, Graeme Gatley, Jack Russell, Mike Hilsberg and Tim Lorian.

Between entrée and the main course, Graham Hobbs, part of the Hobbs dynasty in SA, conducted a wine tasting contest with 3 magnificent wines from his cellar, which was an extraordinarily generous gesture.

Later in the day 1978 Head Coach John Carter made a presentation of gifts to the 3 organizers (& their wives) plus a presentation to Alec Inglis in recognition of John's assessment that Alec was the most successful Australian coach of that era.



The camaraderie and banter on the day was truly reflective of the strong friendships and bonds formed during that era. Many other catch ups occurred among the group in the days before and after the actual reunion lunch.