



## **Lacrosse Australia Limited**

A.C.N. 056 806 190

## **Annual Report 2005**



**LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LIMITED**  
**ACN 056 806 190**

**74<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**28th October 2005.**

1.00pm Victoria, 12.30pm S.A., 11.00am W.A.

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome by President Graeme Reddaway.
2. Confirmation of credentials of Proxies.  
S.A. Alan Carr  
W.A. Michael Ferguson  
Vic. Fergus Stewart  
Also present Helen Keane Secretary.
3. Minutes of 73rd A.G.M. on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2004 (attached)
4. Business arising from Minutes.
5. Receipt and consideration of Annual Report.
6. Election of three (3) Directors  
Nominations: Graeme Reddaway  
Les Goding  
Malcolm Stokes
7. Directors Expense Reimbursement.
8. Appointment of Trustees for Garland McHarg Trophy.

Meeting Close

Next A.G.M.

**AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE LTD.**  
**73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**29<sup>TH</sup> October 2004**  
**Teleconference at 1.00pm E.S.T.**

1. Welcome by President Graeme Reddaway
  - S.A. Alan Carr
  - W.A. Michael Ferguson
  - Vic. Fergus Stewart
  - Secretary Helen Keane
  
2. Credentials of Proxies were confirmed
3. Minutes of 72<sup>nd</sup> A.G.M. on 30<sup>th</sup> 2003. were accepted.
4. Business.
  - Unification of Lacrosse Australia and Women's Lacrosse Australia has reached a vital stage with our contact from the Australian Sports Commission stating that unless we have agreed to move to the second stage of this proposed merge by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 neither body will receive on-going funding and may in fact jeopardise our balance of funding from this year. Graeme has discussed the matter with Shelley Maher, President of Women's Lacrosse Australia and Lindsay Scott the L.A. Chairman of our subcommittee and asked that the final paper for the proposed merge be distributed in the next week or two to State Associations. Associations should consider the paper carefully, perhaps by way of a Special meeting as quickly as possible and get back to Lacrosse Australia urgently. We can agree to merge and then have further discussions, but the time line put on us by the A.S.C. is – agreement to move to the second stage by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 and finalisation by January 2006.
  - Change of name. It was resolved that the business name of the National body be changed to Lacrosse Australia Limited.
  - Trademark. The trademark registration for Sofcrosse is due for renewal at \$750 for 10 years. It was recommended that the Board discuss the matter with a recommendation that we do not renew.
  - Confederation Of Australian Sport. This is due for annual renewal at a cost of \$660. It was recommended to the Board that we continue this membership.
  
5. Elections.

The following were elected for a two-year term;

  - Mavis Owens
  - Allan Frederick
  - David Fox

The contribution by retiring Director Gary Mortimer was noted because of the many hours of work and financial cost.
  
6. Annual Report outline.
  - Part of the focus of Lacrosse Australia and the Australian Lacrosse community in the past 12 months has been our involvement in the

establishment of the Asian Pacific Union involving Japan, China, Korea, New Zealand and Australia. The conduct of the first ASPAC Tournament in Adelaide in July, which also included 2 U.S. teams, enabled Australia to field 3 Development teams. This event was conducted in conjunction with (possibly) the last Under 17 Championships. The ASPAC Tournament will next be conducted in June 2005 in Osaka, Japan. The Executive Director is Keith Chamberlain from Victoria and the Coach is Bob Carter from South Australia.

- The Under 15 Tournament this year was conducted in Melbourne in conjunction with the girls. It was pleasing to have both boys and girls teams from Queensland participating, but it was disappointing that Tasmania and N.S.W. did not send teams. The President commented on the success of the event and will recommend to the Board that the event be combined with the girls in Perth in 2005.
- The new format is in place for the Senior Championships and the first games were played last weekend in Melbourne with Victoria winning both games against the team from W.A.
- The U19 Championships will be combined with the U17 Tournament in Melbourne next year. Victoria has recommended they be held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July.
- All of the above as well as the ongoing Talent Identification programme, Lacrosse Academy, Lacrosse on television – all projects and activities initiated by Lacrosse Australia – has meant another busy year.
- Lacrosse Coaching. Our new Director of Coaching/Officiating, Les Goding, has also had a busy year. Selection of coaches and Referees for the ASPAC event in Adelaide; coaches for the 2006 Senior World Series, with Referee selection to follow and coaches for the Development team for the 2005 ASPAC in Osaka, Japan. Negotiating with the W.L.A. to achieve some significant agreements and subsequently re-submitting our Level 1 and Level 2 coaching Courses for approval by the A.S.C. The States recommend only one Coach going to the U.S.A. in February 2005.
- The formal 10-year plan proposed by Allan Frederick was ratified at our November 2003 meeting.
- International Lacrosse. Malcolm Stokes and Graeme Reddaway attended the I.L.F. meeting in Prague in July. Malcolm has been the chairperson of the I.L.F. Constitution and Rules Committee. These rules are the rules of the game and it was agreed that these activities should come under the control of the Competition Committee. This made the Constitution and Rules Committee redundant.
- Competition. The results for this years Seniors will not be known until the Final in Melbourne on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The U17's was won by Western Australia in a thrilling final against Victoria. Northern Thunder from W.A. again won the U15 Tournament after a gallant effort by Western Reds from S.A.
- The Strategic Plan is reviewed at each November meeting.
- 2003 Awards. Peter Hobbs was inducted as a Fellow in July in Adelaide. Certificate Of Merit Awards went to Mark Mangan (S.A.) Kevin Mc Rae, Doug George and George Halleen (W.A.) Alan Gandy and John Nolan (Vic).

The November Board meeting will consider the timing of nominations and elections to better fit the timeframe of the Senior Championships (A.L.L.)

- Isaachsen Trophy. We are still waiting for some returns.
  - Financial. Lacrosse Australia had its first loss for many years. This was partly due to less money from the government and the loss of a product-licensing sponsor from Japan.
  - It was suggested by the President that all States circulate their Board minutes (edited version if desired).
  - It was recommended that all states encourage liaison re Insurance and local events.
7. Directors Expenses Reimbursement will be \$600 for the year.
  8. Trustees of the Garland Mc Harg Trophy will be the Presidents of S.A., W.A. and Victoria until the next A.G.M. in accordance with the trust deed dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 1959.
  9. Les Goding attended an I.L.F. meeting whilst on a trip to the U.S.A. The I.L.F. is going to be restructured to create portfolios. The U.S.A. and Canada have each donated \$50,000 to the I.L.F. and all countries, including Australia will be asked for donations.

The President thanked the proxies and closed the meeting at 2.05pm E.S.T.

Next meeting in 2005 to be advised.



Graeme Reddaway

## **PRESIDENT**

### **1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Three Directors retired by rotation at the 2004 Annual Meeting in accordance with the Lacrosse Australia Articles of Association. Those elected unopposed were Mavis Owens, Allan Frederick and David Fox.

Mavis and Allan have continued their great contributions to LA in their respective roles.

Welcome aboard to David who, as an accountant, has taken on the role of Finance and Administration. He has under his administration the able services of Leighton Beamsley who has continued as Treasurer, and Ross Melville as Auditor. Leighton and Ross continue to make great voluntary contributions to our body for which we should all thank them.

### **2. MEETINGS:**

3 meetings of Directors were held during the year.

### **3. BUSINESS PLAN:**

A review of the Business Plan was again undertaken at the November 2004 meeting and updates took place. These included the introduction of 'The Membership Protection Policy'; 'The Drugs in Sport Policy', where we again adopted the Drugs Policy of the IOC; and included an ongoing approach to the Unification of Men's and Women's Lacrosse in Australia.

- A full update will be carried out again in 2005 with some areas being taken off as having been completed and other items added. This will have to take into account the possibility of a united Lacrosse fraternity.
- We were further required by ASC to produce a One Year Business Plan and a One Year Financial Plan to satisfy the ASC prior to possible Unification.

The quantity of paper work required to satisfy the ASC to ensure our continued funding of \$25,000 is of genuine concern and we hope that if or when Unification occurs this will lessen, or we will be given sufficient extra funding to enable us to employ at least a part time Executive Officer to relieve the Board of this onerous task.

I point out that there has been no evidence from the ASC that should unification take place we are guaranteed of continued funding.



#### 4. UNIFICATION:

Progress on the Unification of Men's and Women's Lacrosse is proceeding. Lindsay Scott, Dennis Mulroney and Graeme Fox, as our nominees on this joint committee, have contributed enormously in both time and effort to progress this process and we sincerely thank them for their efforts.

The LA Board will be meeting with the Board of WLA in Adelaide during the weekend of November 12-13.

Further time lines have been put in place because of pressure from the ASC. The final draft paper on this process will be forwarded to States in the near future for their consideration.

It is important and must be understood by all that we, as Directors of LA, have certain obligations to our stakeholders to protect their assets by law and it would be remiss of us not to do so.

There will be exhaustive discussion with all stakeholders to ensure that lacrosse people at all levels have the opportunity to contribute to the discussions.

#### 5. INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE:

Allan Frederick attended the ASPAC meeting in July as our representative.  
(See Allan's report)

For those not aware Allan did produce an excellent document covering all phases of this event and it is available for perusal, should you wish to do so, from LA archives.

I attended the ILF meeting in Prague at which participation in World Championships of top nations, (Blue & Red Divisions) and emerging nations took place.

It was resolved there would be six nations in the top division, six in second division and the remainder in third division. This latter decision on numbers in the third division was brought about by lack of communication of a number of countries as to their participation or no.

It was also agreed there were not many countries able to conduct the event under its current format and alternative structures would have to be considered.

New members or affiliates include Slovenia, Slovakia, Austria and I think Norway.

Adoption of 37 new rules (or mainly clarification of rules or AR's) was ratified.

At the time of this meeting there were no 'bids' on the table to conduct either the 2008 World Under 19 or Senior 2010 Championships.



Australia did ask for an extension to end of October to submit bids for 2008 Under 19, SA; and 2010 Seniors, Perth. The extension was granted.

A few other Countries have since expressed interest in the 2010 Seniors event.

In September I attended a meeting in Baltimore USA to consider the unification of the International Lacrosse Federation (ILF) and the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Association (IFWLA).

Members of this group were Steve Stenerson (USA), Stan Cockerton (Canada), Graeme Reddaway (Australia), Feffie Barnhill (USA), Sally Walker (UK), and Heike Marie Ebel (Germany)

This meeting was the first of the two bodies following discussions at the ILF Strategic Committee meeting in Colorado last year and was inconclusive. Minutes of the meeting have yet to be received.

## **6. COMPETITIONS:**

### **6.1 National Championships**

The concept and subsequent completion of the first Australian Lacrosse League was an unqualified success. Our respect and admiration for the hours and energy put in by Malcolm Stokes and Mavis Owens to make this event happen should be acknowledged by all.

The result of all Championships/Tournaments can be seen in the report of LA Secretary Helen Keane,

Helen is another 'volunteer' for LA who contributes countless hours for the love of the game.

I admire her devotedness and thank her profusely.

The success of the Under 19 Championship is undoubted.

The states participation in the Under 17's was disappointing but time will only improve this event as happened with the Under 15's

Congratulations to those selected in All Stars Teams, the respective Best & Fairest and the involvement of all players

### **6.2 Under 15 National Tournament**

It was pleasing to have boys and girls teams participating in the U15 Tournament in Perth recently, for the second year the boys' tournament was held simultaneously with the girls' tournament.





Because of the success of this event again, it will be my recommendation to the LA Board that it should continue to be a joint venture in 2006

Details of this event can be found in the report by the Director of Participation and the Secretary

### **6.3 Indoor Lacrosse**

Refer to the Director of Coaching & Officiating and Development reports.

## **7. REFEREES/COACHING**

You will see from the Director of Coaching & Officiating report the enormous work load undertaken by ALRA this year.

I thank LA Referee in Chief Mr. Peter Noble and his band of 'Zebra' men who have contributed successfully to the conduct of all events with little direction from the Board.

We support the Director of Coaching's desire to establish a Coaching forum on a similar formula to ALRA in the future. I strongly recommend all states embrace this concept and give all their support to its establishment.

## **8. LIAISON:**

### **8.1 Australian Sports Commission**

Communications with the Australian Sports Commission continue to be maintained with our ASC Liaison Bob Kershaw although it appears this will change in 2006 where we will come under the auspices of the 'Small Sports Management Committee'.

The ASC provided minimal grants over the past year again.

It is incongruous that we receive a similar amount as Women's Lacrosse Australia. Our future funding definitely depends on the unification with WLA.

### **8.2 Member Associations**

The practice of inviting State Association representatives to meet with the Board and/or attend Board sessions as observers when LA is meeting in their State has been maintained.



We are desirous of States accepting this invitation to enable continuing discussion on a more frequent basis than just the AGM.

### **8.3 Women's Lacrosse Australia**

Liaison with the AWLC continued via the work of individual Directors. Progress on Unification (or not) has been discussed earlier in this report

### **8.4 Confederation of Australian Sport**

Following a report from this organisation which indicated they were in financial trouble, not least of all with the Australian Taxation Office, that they had contributed little to our cause, and there were very few sports contributing, we have decided to cease membership. Should any state have an alternative opinion we can discuss any options.

## **9. PUBLICATIONS:**

The web site after being reinvigorated is now constantly updated as news comes to hand. I strongly recommend all states register to receive the latest news.

The congratulations and thanks of the LA 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 Communications Director for her extensive work in maintaining and improving the Lacrosse Australia web site.

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

## **10. AWARDS:**

Lacrosse Australia awards for 2004 were as follows:

### **10.1 Isaachsen Trophy**

The award for 2004 was won by James Inge SA.



## **10.2 Lacrosse Australia Fellow Award**

This award was presented to Mr. Noel Jeffries, living in USA, who had an enormous input into Lacrosse Australia in the 50's, thru 70's and was instrumental in the establishment of the ILF as we know it today.

He was inducted at one of our biggest events at the historic MCG during the combined Under 19 Championship/U17 tournament in July. It is felt that the revision of the timing of this award, taking place in the home state of the recipient has improved the attendance at the function.

## **10.3 Lacrosse Australia Fellows and Certificate of Merit Awards**

The lack of nominations for these awards is of concern. I feel sure that most states have many people worthy of recognition for their contribution to Lacrosse in Australia.

## **10.4 Lacrosse Australia Medallion**

Lacrosse Australia Medallions were presented to:

2004 Isaachsen Trophy Winner – James Inge – SA  
ALL Championship Team - Victoria  
ALL Best & Fairest – Russell Brown WA

Australian Under 19 Championship winning team – Victoria  
Australian Under 19 All Stars Team  
Australian Under 19 Best and Fairest – Ben Muxlow SA

## **10.5 Presidents Medallion**

Under 17 Tournament winning Team – North West Knights  
Under 15 Tournament winning Team – Northern Thunder  
Presentation to all Referees at all events to achieve uniformity.



## **11. APPRECIATION:**

### **11.1 Lacrosse Australia Officers**

The Lacrosse Australia Board was once again supported by the honorary officers who served as Secretary, Helen Keane; Treasurer, Leighton Beamsley; Historian, Doug Fox; Auditor, Ross Melville; and Solicitor, Graham Hobbs. We thank them for their continued and invaluable support.

### **11.2 State Associations and Clubs**

Lacrosse Australia expresses its thanks and congratulations for the work done in each state to maintain and build our sport.

For their support in conducting the various events held under the auspices of LA and we appreciate their active pursuit in development plans designed to achieve participation growth and advancing standards.

### **11.3 Lacrosse Australia Directors**

Succession planning should be foremost in our minds because each of us can only give so much.

My personal thanks to all directors. I must say LA discussion, is always stimulating, considerate and moderated, but not always unanimous. Thank you for your concerted efforts throughout what has been a tough year for all.

## **12. Future Plans**

It can be seen from all reports by Directors that there is much happening and as each goal is achieved others step in to keep us busy.



## Honorary Secretary 2005 Annual Report

### General

This past year has been once again very busy for many people in Lacrosse, not least of all the Directors of Lacrosse Australia. I am sure you will enjoy reading the reports from each of them.

### Interstate Transfers

There were ten transfers in 2005.

Aaron Lawman	Victoria to S.A.
Peter Kenner	Victoria to W.A.
Nathan Swadling	W.A. to S.A.
Trevor Poland	W.A. to S.A.
Jordan Swadling	W.A. to S.A.
Brock Pettigrove	W.A. to S.A.
Rhys Pettigrove	W.A. to S.A.
Curtis Pettigrove	W.A. to S.A.
David Spreadborough	W.A. to Victoria
Andrew Burford	S.A. to Victoria

All States are reminded that any players shifting interstate requires a clearance from the state where they last played.

### Isaachsen Trophy

The winner for 2004 was James Inge from South Australia.

### Fellows Award

The winner of this prestigious award for 2004 was Noel Jeffries. He was originally from Victoria and now resides in the U.S.A. He was able to attend the most enjoyable Fellows Dinner in Melbourne in July this year.

### Certificate of Merit

No nominations were received for this award.

### Meetings

Lacrosse Australia meetings in the last 12 months

October	AGM Teleconference
November	Board Meeting Melbourne
February	Board Meeting Adelaide
July	Board Meeting Melbourne

**International Lacrosse Federation** meetings attended by LA Representatives

June - ASPAC Japan – Allan Frederick  
July – Development USA – Allan Frederick  
July - ILF Wales – Graeme Reddaway  
October – ILF / IFWLA Unification - USA – Graeme Reddaway

**National Championships / Tournaments**

**Seniors - Australian Lacrosse League** (ALL) was played for the first time in October / November over 4 weekends in the 3 States

**Results**

Victoria 14 d Western Australia 10  
Victoria 10 d Western Australia 8  
South Australia 13 d Victoria 11  
Victoria 14 d South Australia 10  
Western Australia 9 d South Australia 7  
Western Australia 13 d South Australia 11  
**GRAND FINAL** Victoria 16 d Western Australia 7

**Trophies:**

*Garland Mc Harg Championship Trophy* – Victoria  
*Hobbs Trophy* – Championship Best and Fairest – Russell Brown (WA)  
*Centenary Cup* - W.A. v Victoria – Victoria  
*Wiles Trophy* – W.A. v S.A. – Western Australia  
*Symonds Cup* – S.A. v Victoria – Victoria

**All Stars Team**

Vic. S Garnsworthy  
J Tokarua  
D Nicholas  
D Pusvaceitis  
C Shepherd  
D Stiglich  
W.A. R Brown  
D Whiteman  
N Rainey  
A Sear  
S.A. L Perham  
M Mangan  
B Howe

Coach – D. Mc Kenzie  
Referee – R Kraus

**Under 19 Championship – July in Melbourne at Altona Club**

This level of Nationals has not been held for over 20 years.

## **Teams**

Victoria  
Western Australia  
South Australia  
LA Presidents

## **Results**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Victoria 20 d LA Presidents 3  
South Aust 11 d West Aust 10

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> West Aust 26 d Presidents 1  
Victoria 13 d South Aust 5

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
South Aust 9 d President 9  
Victoria 13 D west Aust 11

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Finals  
West Aust 16 d Presidents 5

**GRAND FINAL Victoria 13 d South Aust 7**

## **AWARDS**

**Hickey Trophy** for Championship winners – Victoria

**Most Valuable Player** – Ben Muxlow – South Australia

## **All Stars Team**

Sam Williams	WA
Chris Williams	WA
Ben Muxlow	SA
Dean Lawrence	WA
Adam Sears	WA
Ben Newman	Vic
Andrew Ham	Vic
Martin Hyde	Vic
James Lawrence	Vic
Brock Pettigrove	SA
Shane Gilbert	SA
Alex Brown	WA
Brendan Twigg	WA

Coach - Ric Benedierks

Referee – Don Lovett

**Under 17 Tournament – held in July in Melbourne at Altona Club** at the same time as the U19's

This level has been changed this year to a Tournament for zone teams.

## **Teams**

South East Titans – Victoria  
North West Knights – Victoria  
Southern Steelers – South Australia

Northern Thunder – Western Australia  
LA Presidents - combined

### **Results**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> North West Knights 20 d South East Titans 3  
Northern Thunder 19 d Southern Steelers 2  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> LA Presidents 9 d Southern Steelers 7  
South East Titans 17 d Northern Thunder 7  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> North West Knights 11 d Northern Thunder 7  
South East Titans 26 d LA Presidents 4  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> South East Titans 25 d Southern Steelers 3  
North West Knights 16 d LA Presidents 4  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> North West Knights 24 d Southern Steelers 2  
Northern Thunder 14 d LA Presidents 9  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Northern Thunder 15 d Southern Steelers 5  
**GRAND FINAL North West Knights 14 d South East Titans 10**

### **Awards**

*Tournament Trophy* - North West Knights  
*Most Valuable Player Medallion* – Ian Berry (Northern Thunder)

**Under 15 Tournament** held in Perth in September / October in conjunction with the Women's U15's.

### **Results**

Positions of teams

- |                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Northern Thunder     | WA  |
| 2. Western Metro        | Vic |
| 3. Eastside Kings       | Vic |
| 4. Southern Braves      | SA  |
| 5. Western Reds         | SA  |
| 6. Northern Warriors    | Vic |
| 7. West Coast Lightning | WA  |
| 8. Southern Crosse      | Vic |
| 9. Panthers             | LA  |
| 10. Eastern Eagles      | SA  |

We look forward to next year with a World Championship in Indoor (Box) Lacrosse in January and the Senior World Championships in July in Canada, as well as all the Nationals and domestic competition and other activities.

**Helen Keane**





## DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June, 2005.

### Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the start of the 2004 – 2005 year are:

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Position and qualifications</u>
Graeme Reddaway	President
Malcolm Stokes	Director of Participation
Les Goding	Director Coaching and Officiating
Mavis Owens	Director Communications
Allan Frederick	Director of Development
David Fox	Director Administration and Finance

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report except for David Fox who was elected to the Board on 29 November 2004.

### Directors' Meetings

During the year three Directors' meetings were held and each meeting was attended by all directors.

### Operating Result

The loss of the company for the financial year amounted to:

Year ended	Year ended
30 June, 2005	30 June, 2004
\$	\$
\$19,014	\$26,465

The Company is exempt from Australian Income Tax

### Review of Operations

A detailed review of the operations of the company during the financial year is contained in the attached Reports of the individual Directors.

Results of operations for the year ended 30 June 2005 and the financial position of Lacrosse Australia Ltd at 30 June 2005 are as shown in the attached financial statements.

### **Significant Changes in the State of Affairs**

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

### **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the company during the course of the financial year was that of a National Sporting Organization. No significant change in the nature of this activity occurred during the year.

### **After Balance Date Events**

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in subsequent financial years.

### **Future Developments**

The company expects to maintain the present status and level of operations.

The Company has been requested by the Australian Sports Commission (an Agency of the Federal Government responsible for funding of Sport) to move positively to Unification of the two bodies responsible for the Administration of Lacrosse in Australia.

Lacrosse Australia Ltd is responsible for the Administration of Men's Lacrosse in Australia and Women's Lacrosse Australia Ltd ABN 70 006 909 806 is responsible for administration of Women's Lacrosse in Australia.

The Australian Sports Commission directive to form one National Sporting Organization for administration of the Sport of Lacrosse may affect the operations of Lacrosse Australia Ltd in the future.

Directors of Lacrosse Australia Ltd have considered three formal papers on unification produced by the joint steering committee during the past financial year and are of the opinion that at this stage none of the proposals for unification generated by the joint committee satisfy the Directors' responsibilities under the corporate regulations of the Australian Securities Commission (ASIC) which require Directors to act in the best interests of the shareholders of Lacrosse Australia Ltd. at all times.

At the date of this report there has been insufficient identification and documentation of specific non financial benefits of unification to permit the board to weigh and evaluate the non financial benefits and assess these with the financial considerations.

### **Environmental Issues**

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

### **Dividends**

No dividends were declared or paid since the start of the financial year. No recommendation for payment of dividends has been made.

### **Options**

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

### **Directors' Interests in Shares of the Company or Related Bodies Corporate**

There are no shares held by the directors of the company in the company or in related bodies corporate which are required to be declared in the register of directors' share holding.

### **Directors' Benefits**

No director has received or has become entitled to receive, during or since the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company or related body corporate with a director, a firm which a director is a member or an entity in which a director has a substantial financial interest, except for the commercial arrangement between Lacrosse Australia and Sports Management Pty Ltd to manage the Australian Lacrosse League

Malcolm Stokes and Mavis Owen are Directors and employees of Sports Management Pty Ltd.

An aggregate benefit of \$3,600 was received or became due and receivable by directors shown in the financial year.

There are no salaries paid to any full-time employee of the company or related body corporate.

### **Indemnifying Officer or Auditor**

No indemnities have been given or agreed to be given or insurance premiums paid or agreed to be paid, during or since the end of the financial year, to any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

### **Proceedings on Behalf of Company**

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Graeme Reddaway

David Fox

President

Director

Date:

**Lacrosse Australia Ltd**  
**Financial Position as at 30 June 2005**

30/6/04		30/6/05
	Issued Capital	
193,918	Accumulated Reserves as at 1 July 2004	167,452
(26,465)	(Deficit) for Current Year	(19,013)
<u>\$167,453</u>	Accumulated Reserves as at 30 June 2005	<u>\$148,439</u>
Represented by:		
Current Assets		
191,996	Cash at Bank	157,967
0	Cash on Hand	0
40	Debtors	30,470
0	Repayable Advances	0
5	Filing Cabinet	5
10	Dictaphone	10
10	Fax Machine	10
3,000	Loan - NSW Lacrosse	3,000
4,500	Loan - Lacrosse Academy	4,500
0	Loan - 2006 Australian Team	5,000
<u>\$199,561</u>		<u>\$200,962</u>
Less Current Liabilities		
246	Sundry Creditors	1,570
1,100	Provision for Franchise Rebate	2,750
749	GST Liability (Net)	2,487
0	Funds held for ILF	0
10,000	Funds for State Associations	3,000
8,500	Funds for Australian Teams	12,012
3,173	Provision for Brambles Grant	2,634
4,500	Funds due to Trust Account	28,070
3,841	Funds Received from 2003 Under 19 Team	
<u>\$32,109</u>		<u>\$52,523</u>
<u>\$167,452</u>	Net Assets	<u>\$148,439</u>

**Lacrosse Australia Ltd**  
**Statement of Financial Performance - Year Ending 30 June 2005**

Actual 12 Months Ended 30/6/04		Actual 12 Months Ended 30/6/05
	Income	
54,549	Administration	53,972
1,200	Competition	4,198
0	Development	0
0	Special Projects	0
5,473	Coaching & Officiating	4,500
44	Media, Marketing & Promotions	0
<u>\$61,266</u>	Total Income	<u>\$62,670</u>
	Expenses	
29,158	Administration	39,807
33,278	Competition	29,903
905	Development	364
0	Special Projects	0
15,595	Coaching & Officiating	5,079
8,796	Media, Marketing & Promotions	6,531
<u>\$87,732</u>	Total Expense	<u>\$81,684</u>
	Surplus / (Deficiency)	
25,391	Administration	14,165
(32,078)	Competition	(25,705)
(905)	Development	(364)
0	Special Projects	0
(10,122)	Coaching & Officiating	(579)
(8,752)	Media, Marketing & Promotions	(6,531)
<u>(\$26,466)</u>	Total Surplus / (Deficiency)	<u>(\$19,014)</u>



## **Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2005**

### **Note 1: Statement of Accounting Policies**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report covers LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LTD as an individual entity. LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LTD is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. All Revenue is shown net of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Income Tax**

The company is exempt from Income tax.

Tax-effect accounting whereby the income tax expense is based on the profit from ordinary activities adjusted for permanent differences has no applicability to the company whilst it remains exempt from Income Tax.

There are no future income tax benefits brought to account.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a first-in first-out basis.

#### **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

##### **a) Plant and equipment**

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is

assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining the recoverable amounts.

The expected net cash flows from investments have not been discounted to their present value in determining the recoverable amounts.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June, 2005



	2005	2004
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### Note 2: Profit from Ordinary Activities

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:

#### **Charging as Expense:**

Depreciation of non-current assets:

- Plant and equipment	0	0
Total depreciation expenses	0	0
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	0	0

### Note 3: Cash Assets

Bank accounts:

- Bank - General Account	157,967	191,996
:- Cash On Hand	0	0
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	157,967	191,996

**LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LTD**

**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**



The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:

(a) Comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations; and

(b) Give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June, 2005 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;

2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Graeme Reddaway  
President

David Fox  
Director

Date:



## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LIMITED

We have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Australian Lacrosse Limited for the year ended 30 June 2005. The company's directors are responsible for the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and are appropriate to meet the needs of members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Australian Lacrosse Limited. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting requirements under the *Corporations Act 2001*. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedure included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in the accordance with the accounting policies in Note 1, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Australian Lacrosse Limited is in accordance with:

- a. the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - i. giving true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2005 and of its performance for the year ended on the date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
  - ii. complying with Accounting Standards in Australia to the extent described in Note 1 and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- b. Other mandatory professional reporting requirements to the extent described in Note 1.

Noel Melville & Associates  
**Ross Melville**  
Date

## **Compilation Report to LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LTD**

On the basis of the information provided by the directors of LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LTD, we have compiled, in accordance with APS 9 'Statement of Compilation of Financial Reports', the special purpose financial report of LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LTD for the period ended 30 June, 2005, comprising the attached Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position.

The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial report has been prepared is set out in Note 1. The extent to which Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements have or have not been adopted in the preparation of the special purpose financial report is set out in Note 1.

The Directors are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LTD and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of the company.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the Directors provided into a financial report. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than the Company, may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person should rely on the special purpose financial report without having an audit or review conducted.

The special purpose financial report was prepared for the benefit of the Company, its members and the purpose identified above. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial report.

**LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LIMITED**  
**DIRECTOR of FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION**



**REPORT 2005**

I submit my report as comments to the attached Financial Statements which are included elsewhere in this Report.

The goals achieved in our key portfolio areas have been detailed in full by the responsible Directors in their individual Reports, and the President and Secretary have detailed our activities for the year.

**For the 2005 financial year Lacrosse Australia Ltd incurred a loss of \$19,014.**

This is our second loss and the loss has been financed from the reserves that have been accumulated.

With out any increase in Government funding or the acquisition of any other sponsorship or revenue source the loss will continue as there is a certain level of costs which we must incur to continue as an effective National Sporting Organization.

Frugality was the order of the day in 2005, and expenditure was kept to a minimum and no new initiatives under taken

**Key areas of our income were as follows:-**

Government Grant Australian Sports Commission	\$25000
Affiliation Fees State Associations	\$23137
Bank Interest	\$ 5835
Brambles Referee Sponsorship	\$ 4500

We thank in particular The Sports Commission and Brambles for their support, but also we recognise the support from our shareholder Associations in these times of continuing rising costs.

However it is interesting to record that in actual dollars the affiliation fees from our member associations have remained at the same level for the last eight years.

**Key areas of Costs were:-**

**Administration**

International Lacrosse Federation	\$13,034
Directors Meeting Costs	\$12,921
Unification Proposal Costs	\$ 1,069

**Competition**

Australian Lacrosse League	\$11,647
Australian 2006 Senior Team	\$ 4,536
Travel Referees for Competition	\$ 1,492
Trophies and Awards for Competitions	\$ 1,404
Talent Identification Programme	\$ 2,326

**Communications (formerly Media Marketing and Promotion)**

Lacrosse Australia Web Page	\$ 796
Media Coverage	\$ 5,250

The excess of our expenditure over our income has been financed by using our reserves. These exist only as a result of dedicated efforts and promotion of major events in Australia and astute stewardship of our past Boards.

Your current Board is however conscious that every effort be made to attract high standard International Lacrosse events to Australia to give the opportunity to fund our ongoing activities, and to also showcase top Lacrosse.

It is of Interest to note that Women's Lacrosse Australia Ltd have a special business item on the Agenda for their 2005 Annual General Meeting titled

"8. (b) Budget 2006-6 & 2006-7 – Implications on members."

It is a fact that Women's Lacrosse Australia Ltd does not have reserves on which they can rely to finance operations during lean years and I have construed this item on their Annual General Meeting agenda as being advanced notice of cost increases or a severe cut in their traditional services.

The relative strengths of the balance sheets of the two companies Lacrosse Australia Ltd (Men's) and Women's Lacrosse Australia Limited has a great bearing on the process of unification and the responsibilities that your Directors have under Corporations Law.

Clearly both organizations are dependant on Government funding for their continued payment of operating and development costs, and all reasonable measures need to be taken to ensure that the opportunity for Government funding at the State and Federal level is maximised.

**DAVID W. FOX**

Adelaide

October 2005

## Lacrosse Australia Annual Report Director of Participation 2005



### 1. **Gripe!**

While there has been a lot of activity in this portfolio in 2005, the huge amount of time and effort required to give proper consideration to the issue of amalgamation with Women's Lacrosse Australia (WLA) has frustrated the progress of several projects.

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is a very high maintenance 'sponsor', making funding conditional on Lacrosse Australia (LA) adopting policies they want and satisfaction of unreasonable administrative demands. This consumes the time and energy of LA Directors and Officers and gives no consideration to the difference between the capacity of LA, which is managed completely by volunteers and receives an annual grant of \$25,000, and other sport associations which receive multi million dollar grants every year, providing them with numerous paid employees to satisfy these same demands.

The demand by ASC for LA to merge with WLA or lose all ASC funding is an additional onerous demand which has significant implications for LA and to which the LA Board Members, as Directors of the company Lacrosse Australia Ltd, properly and legally must give careful consideration – which takes away a lot of time and energy otherwise directed to our core business – managing lacrosse in Australia.

### 2. **Competitions**

The conduct of national competitions and major events (LA Strategic Plan KRA2) has seen a busy program in 2005.

**2.1 Australian Lacrosse League (ALL)** – This new format for the Australian Senior Championship was introduced in October/November 2004 and was well received by participants and supporters. The ALL also introduced a new system for organization of competitions with a private company (Sports Management Pty Ltd) contracted to manage the conduct of the event. The new format was instrumental in gaining the television broadcast of the competition on both SBS (free to air) and Fox Sports. The television producer was a finalist in the Sport Media section of the Confederation of Australian Sport Awards.

The ALL format will be reviewed after the 2005 competition to determine whether the format should be retained, modified or if we should revert to the 'carnival' format.

**2.2 Australian Under 19 Championship (2 – 9 July)** – This competition was re-established as an age restricted competition providing the opportunity for State representation due to the conversion of the Under 17 competition from a State basis to a Regional basis. The 2005 Under 19 Championship was played at the same time and place as the Under 17 Tournament. Victoria hosted teams from WA, SA and Victoria with a fourth team established, as required, by the host State. Victoria was the winner of this event.

**2.3 Australian Under 17 Tournament (2 – 9 July) –** The Under 17 competition was converted from a State team based Championship to a Regional team based Tournament to provide the opportunity for more players progressing from the Under 15 Tournaments to enjoy the higher level competition before the number of players able to advance is restricted to one State team.

Victoria fielded two teams and it was disappointing that WA and SA were unable to organize a second team. Late advice with team information created scheduling difficulties which were exacerbated by the presence of a visiting team from Japan which played several games during the Under 17/Under 19 competitions. The North West Knights team from Victoria was winner of the Inaugural Under 17 Tournament.

**2.4 Australian Under 15 Tournament (25 September – 1 October) –** This Tournament is being played at the time of writing with 4 teams from Victoria, 3 teams from WA and 2 from SA, with a Panthers (Presidents) team made up of additional players from the 3 States. The WALA host Cub, Wanneroo, chose to conduct the event at the same time and place as the WLA Under 15 Tournament. The report from the VLA organizers of the 2004 Under 15 Tournament, also conducted at the same time and place as the WLA Under 15 Tournament, reflected a significant financial shortfall. The report from the 2005 event will not be available until after the 2005 Lacrosse Australia AGM.

**2.5 Australian Indoor Championship –** The Board has approved a proposal from Lacrosse South Australia to conduct an Australian Indoor Championship from January 25 to 29, 2006.

**2.6 Competition Handbook (previously Championship Handbook) –** This Handbook has been re-formatted to reflect the changes to LA competitions and make it easier to use. It will continue to be updated to reflect changes in the management and conduct of all LA competitions.

**2.7 Competitions Manager (previously Tournament Executive Director) –** LA has previously appointed a Tournament Executive Director to oversee each specific Tournament or Championship i.e. Senior, Under 17, Under 15. This has been changed to provide for the appointment of a LA Competition Manager in each State who is responsible for overseeing the conduct of all LA competitions conducted in his State of residence. Thanks to Bob Hewitson for overseeing the 2005 Under 17 and Under 19 competitions in Victoria.

**2.8 Laws of Lacrosse (Playing Rules) –** the 2004 International Lacrosse Federation meeting made 37 changes to the Laws of Lacrosse and, after due consideration, these were adopted by the LA Board and incorporated into the Lacrosse Australia Laws of Lacrosse with effect from 1 March 2005.

### **3. Policies**

The ASC required LA to adopt several policies before January 1, 2005.

3.1 Anti Doping Policy was prepared and adopted by the Board.

3.2 Member Protection Policy – this required significant 'massaging' before adoption by the Board.

Both these policies apply to all LA State Associations.

**4. Strategic Plan**

The LA Strategic Plan was updated to reflect the direction being taken with activities in this portfolio area of influence.

**5. Australian Sports Foundation (ASF)**

A Lacrosse Australia Scholarship Program was accepted as a project which provides tax deductibility for donations made to the ASF, and for grants to be made by the ASF to that project. The LA Scholarship Program now requires promotion to attract both donors and potential Scholarship applicants.

**6. Conference**

I attended the conference in Sydney - 'Our Sporting Future' - arranged by the ASC and was disappointed at the absence of any significant developments or initiatives which would provide any support or assistance for sport associations like LA.

**7. Appreciation**

The support and friendship of fellow Directors and Office bearers is appreciated. Thank you.

**Malcolm Stokes**

## **DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS**

*Lacrosse Australia Strategic Plan 2005-2008*

*Key Result Area 5 - Community Exposure and Recognition*

*Objective: To increase the awareness of lacrosse in Australia.*

*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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It is my pleasure to report to Members of Lacrosse Australia on the activities of this portfolio which had a name change during the year to more accurately reflect the responsibilities of the portfolio, previously Media, Marketing and Promotions.

The year has had its "highs" and "lows". Lacrosse Australia being named as one of three finalists and two lacrosse personnel named as finalists in relevant categories of Australia's most prestigious sporting awards, and the amazingly successful introduction of the Australian Lacrosse League (ALL) must rank as two high points. The resignation of our Media Liaison Officer, due to a lucrative position being offered to him outside of Lacrosse, ranked as a disappointment.

For a relatively small sport, Lacrosse can take pride in its achievements. Lacrosse continues to set high standards within the sport industry. One example is the successful conduct of national lacrosse events which continue to grow – this year saw the introduction of the Australian Under 19 Championship - together with increasing responsibilities, and yet all were managed exceptionally well. Congratulations to the host State Associations.

### **Awards**

The increasing difficulty in securing exposure in main-stream media makes it more important than ever that Lacrosse continues to find other channels to bring the sport to the public's attention. Each State is to be congratulated on continuing to source different avenues, with varying degrees of success. The success of Lacrosse Australia's nomination in the Australian Sports Commission Ausport Awards "National Sporting Organisation Performance Award" category – is high praise for the manner in which Lacrosse Australia is managed. The success of Allan Frederick and Mark Simpfendorfer as finalists in the "Sport Executive of the Year" and "Sport Media Award" respectively in the Confederation of Australian Sport Awards is also a great tribute to the quality of people within Australian Lacrosse doing a fantastic job. All of these nominations gained high prominence for Lacrosse among sporting peers, journalists and other high profile personalities at the Awards presentations in Sydney in March.

Congratulations also to State Associations, clubs and individuals who have prepared lacrosse nominations for awards within their States. Two of these nominations have been successful, namely John Denic - Fremantle and Cockburn Councils Sports Halls of Fame; and Jeff Kennedy inducted into the Western Australian Sporting Hall of Fame. These awards recognise their services to Lacrosse - John for his contribution as a lacrosse coach at club, State and Australian level and Jeff for his outstanding lacrosse playing ability.



### **Media Liaison Officer**

The resignation of Jason Marocchi during the year is disappointing, although understandable. Jason contributed a significant amount to Lacrosse in a very short space of time. He was instrumental in gaining media coverage for the Australian Lacrosse League and for various other articles in sporting magazines and general media. To date a replacement has not been found.

### **Websites**

The Lacrosse Australia website [www.lacrosseaustralia.org](http://www.lacrosseaustralia.org) continues to provide a valuable communication tool for the sport. Many enquiries are received via the site from within Australia and from overseas. Regular updates are distributed to those who register. State Association websites contribute to that information medium, especially during national events when their websites, or links established specifically for events, are the main source of information and results.

### **Australian Lacrosse League**

The introduction of the new format for the Australian Senior Championship has been heralded a great success by all involved. The organisation at each venue and the standard of play was outstanding and goodwill prevailed when any "hiccup" arose. Congratulations to all concerned. The crowning glory was securing television coverage on two national broadcasters, SBS and Fox Sports. This was a significant fillip to players who rightfully saw themselves competing on the screen, most for the first time. Players willingly became involved in media sessions conducted at the conclusion of each game because they too wanted to contribute to the success of the event and could see the benefit for the sport. The disappointing aspect is that none of the popular free-to-air television broadcasters were prepared to commit to telecast in 2004. Despite television ratings being higher than other sports programs shown at similar times on SBS, television by any broadcaster has not been secured for 2005.

### **Australian Lacrosse Journal**

It is disappointing to report that the Australian Lacrosse Journal was not resurrected during 2005 although that was the expressed intention at the end of 2004. To re-establish and continue to maintain the Journal at an acceptably high level requires a considerable input of resources, time and effort. Unfortunately this project could not be undertaken in 2005 primarily due to other unforeseen requirements at Board level. The demise of the Journal, one of LA's most successful mediums for promoting the sport, is a significant loss.

### **Strategic Plan**

LA Board Members continue to use the LA Strategic Plan as the "compass" for the sport. This document is constantly reviewed and updated as necessary, a "work-in-progress" so to speak, which provides the direction that a sport must have if it is to succeed - regardless of its resources.

### **General**

All opportunities were taken throughout the year to keep the channels of communication open with State Associations and the many personnel managing programs within the sport at national and State level to ensure the best opportunities were created for promoting and supporting the various activities. It was good to have the opportunity, whilst in Sydney in March, to arrange to meet with NSW Lacrosse

### **Disappointment**

The most disappointing feature of 2005 for me has been the inordinate amount of time that LA Board Members have been required to spend considering matters pertaining to the edict from the Australian Sports Commission that men's and women's lacrosse must contemplate a merge. Whilst LA nominated three independent members to form part of a joint Steering Committee (WLA chose to use three of their Board Members) the ramifications of this edict in terms of time and additional work have been IMMENSE on the Board. Regardless, Members should be confident that the LA Board Members take their responsibilities, and obligations under Corporate Law, seriously and will not be "pressured" into a position which is not in the best interests of Lacrosse Australia Members or its assets. It is a matter of great concern. The final decision rests with Lacrosse Australia Members. In the meantime, the LA Board will continue to do whatever is necessary to ensure the best possible outcome is presented to its Members for consideration.

### **Future**

There continues to be great enthusiasm within the sport and many encouraging signs of enjoyment, fun and hard competition – all ingredients of a successful sport.

Best wishes to the Australian Team, who will represent us at the World Championships in Ontario, Canada in July 2006. It is a hard slog preparing for a World Championship, but the end is nearly in sight, and be assured the Australian lacrosse fraternity is right behind each one of you.

### **Thanks**

My thanks to fellow Lacrosse Australia Board Members for the goodwill that is evident at all times. The Board genuinely endeavours to meet its obligation to promote the best interests of lacrosse at the national level, without fear or favour.

**Mavis Owens**  
**Director**

**Communications**



**Lacrosse Australia  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2005**

***Portfolio Basic Goals***

- ✦ Increase and improve performance of National Teams
- ✦ Encourage elite programs for those aspiring to represent Australia at Under 19 and Senior levels
- ✦ Provide career paths for junior players through to senior level, both keeping them in the game and improving performance via a planned development program
- ✦ Increase numbers of coaching and administration personnel volunteering to lead National Teams
- ✦ Identify talent and foster 'academy' style
- ✦ Encourage International and overseas teams to visit Australia

**1. International Team Visits - Incoming**

Several attempts were made to attract high quality teams from USA and Canada to tour Australia. This was unsuccessful.

Japan sent a team to Melbourne in July to play several games against Clubs and the 2006 Australian Team Squad. Although against the Australian Squad, Japan were 'off the pace', the games proved beneficial for both teams.

Haverford College, a Div 3 Team from US east coast, will tour Australia in January. They will play the 2006 Australian Squad (final 30) in Melbourne twice at the squad's final selection weekend training camp.

Although relations are positive with USA organizations, costs and timing are primary reasons we are not seeing teams come to Australia.

**2. 2005 Asia Pacific Lacrosse Tournament (ASPAC)**

Following the inaugural ASPAC Tournament in Adelaide 2004, Japan offered to host the region's second tournament in Osaka, Japan, in June.

Teams from Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, Korea and the west cost USA participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASPAC Tournament.

Australia entered an U21 Team, under the directorship of Keith Chamberlain and coach, Bob Carter.

The event was a huge success and will continue to be staged every two years from now on (i.e. '07, '09 etc).

The two USA west coast teams played off in the final (mix up in age criteria saw Japan allow two open age teams to compete from developed countries). Japan and Australia, both U21 teams played for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with Australia winning. Australia would therefore be classified as the regional championship winner.

Referees came from all countries, including some from England. Coaching clinics were held.

A conference was held over two days and a constitution was presented and discussed, on the basis that a firm set of policies and guidelines are used for subsequent events.

Representatives from Malaysia and Indonesia were invited to present their plans for developing the game in those countries.

Australia's Director of Development attended the event, and remains as our delegate on the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union (APLU) Interim Committee.

New Zealand has been offered to host the 2007 event, and the APLU is in the process of determining their capacity to stage the event.

### **3. Australian Team(s) Activities**

#### **3.1 Australian Senior Team (Field Lacrosse)**

Selection of the final team to compete in the 2006 ILF World Championships in Ontario, Canada, is well underway.

Full coaching and management team is appointed and regular training in respective states, and combined camps have been taking place. Next 3 day camp in Adelaide in November will see final team selection take place. A subsequent 3 day camp will be held in Melbourne in January, 2006. The team will have a chance to fine tune game plans against the visiting US Div 3 Haverford College team.

#### **3.2 Australian Senior Team (Indoor Lacrosse)**

Australia has nominated to participate in the 2007 ILF World Indoor Lacrosse Championships in Halifax, Canada.

Applications for position of Executive Director were advertised during Q305. Applicants to be interviewed and an appointment made during Q405.

South Australia will host a National Indoor event in Adelaide during January 2006 and this will serve as a squad selection camp for the team.

This team will be recognised as an Australian Team, therefore entitled to the Australian Coat of Arms status. (This is on the basis the LA Handbook for Australian Teams is complied with.)

### **3.3 U19 Australian Teams**

Australia has committed to participating in the U19 World Championships in 2008 (location and dates unknown).

Applications for position of Executive Director were advertised in Q305, with interview and appointments to occur in Q405.

There will be competition for the coaching positions.

### **3.4 Lacrosse Australia Development Teams**

An U21 development team participated in the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Tournament in Osaka, Japan during the month of June.

A 30 man team (players, coaches, managers) travelled to Osaka, following a 12 month program of appointments and selection / training weekends.

The team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in what would be classified as the ASPAC Tournament, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Asia Pacific Region Championship.(refer also item 2 above) and both Keith Chamberlain (Executive Director) and Bob Carter (Head Coach) are to be congratulated on leading a team of support staff and players to this Tournament.

International Lacrosse experience was gained by all. A separate report is available from Lacrosse Australia on the Team's performance.

A donation of approximately \$AUD2,000 is to be made by the Team towards the LA Trust Fund for International Teams.

It is proposed that Australia will send another U21 development team to the 2007 ASPAC Tournament.

## **4 Other Initiatives**

### **4.1 Talent Identification (TIP)**

In its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operation, and likely to show its value with the upcoming U19 World Championship, i.e. 2004 U15 Tournament nominees will be basis of the 2008 Australian Team.

Phil Kestel again conducted a review of talent at the 2005 U17 competition in Melbourne, and continued to execute the position as TIP coordinator with effect.

Continuation of program requires consideration in association with Item 4.2 'Lacrosse Academy' Program inasmuch as those identified - need an ongoing maintenance program.

#### **4.2 Lacrosse Academy**

This initiative has stalled following the resignation of the Program Director, Noel Speck. Unfortunately, at this stage, there has been no replacement, and the Lacrosse fraternity in general is likely to be disappointed with this result.

David Fox has been assisting with a wrap up of all financials, which were left in disarray. Bank accounts have been closed and a sum of \$635.00 was forwarded to LA. It was discussed during the year, that the program has its benefits, and LA is to look at alternative ways of running a more suitable program. The outstanding debtor, a team member of one of the Australian teams, has begun to repay his debt for damage occurred whilst at the event accommodation.

#### **4.3 Overseas Coaching Program**

2005 activities occurred as programmed. Two of the 2006 Australian Team coaches travelled to the USA for specific coaching sessions with key US club, college and professional leagues coaches. This program has now been passed over to the LA Director of Coaching officiating as previously advised. Refer to separate portfolio report.

#### **4.4 10 Year Development Plan**

Program on track.

Proposed trip to US / Canada in 2006 for U19 Team kids identified from TIP process last year. Parents surveyed re cost. If not 2006 - proposal extended to 2007.

#### **4.5 Lacrosse Australia Announcements**

Continued to use this medium as a way of advertising and announcing any new developments, positions vacant etc from development portfolio.

### **5 Lacrosse Australia Handbook**

No action for proposed changes during last year.

Tasks still required are updating handbook to include Indoor Australian Teams.

### **6 ILF / APLU Meetings**

Meetings attended during 04/05 period as Australian Delegate to both, including APLU in Osaka, Japan in June 2005, and ILF Development Committee in Annapolis, USA in July 2005.

APLU: included 3 day Asian region Conference plus support to Australian U21 Team. On behalf of Australia, I nominated to continue to be APLU Rep, and to drive formal process of constituting the APLU Constitution in Australia. In addition, to oversee the registration of interest for New Zealand to host the 2007 ASPAC Tournament - subject to proof of capability and appetite to conduct Tournament. This will require a trip to NZ and proposed date for decision is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005.

ILFDC: included one day meeting with other country representatives. Primary input was to report on 2005 ASPAC Tournament.

ILFDC requested Australian Representative consider taking on role as Auditor for countries seeking membership of ILF.

## SUMMARY

✦ Internationally, a rewarding year.

✦ Locally, a little disappointing with failure to maintain Lacrosse Academy progress, and time taken up with unification process for LA and WLA.

Looking forward to resolution of unification of LA and WLA.

Pleasing results of U21 Team who participated in ASPAC Tournament, and looking forward to final selection and Australia's performance at 2006 World Championships in London, Ontario, Canada.

Similarly, planning for 2007 World Indoor Championship, 2007 ASPAC Tournament and 2008 U10 World Championship Teams will no doubt occupy portfolio activities during the next 12 months.

Finally, to my fellow Directors and all other supporters of Development Portfolio activities, thanks for the good times.

Yours sincerely

Allan R Frederick  
Lacrosse Australia  
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**Director Coaching & Officiating  
Les Goding**

**Annual Report October 05.**



**Coaching:**

Unfortunately we still do not have an Accredited Coaching Program however at last with the support of the Victorian Institute of Sport & The Australian Sports Commission a complete review and program will be held commencing November 19<sup>th</sup> headed by Mr. Les Bee of the Victorian Institute with outcomes which will meet with Sports Commission approval. Lacrosse Australia representatives are Rick Benedierks, Norm Coleman & myself.

The objectives are to review the desirable coaching levels from Introduction to Elite, and for courses to be available prior to commencement of season 2006. It is also planned that the courses be structured to allow constant updating to ensure accreditation will be confirmed on an ongoing basis rather than in the past, four years and then a lapse requiring a huge amount of work to re-implement.

To support this program it is planned to develop a coach's organization in each state similar to ALRA who not only have ownership of the coaching program but provide a forum for input into rule interpretations and improvements.

In March of this year Lacrosse Australia with the assistance and organization of Robert Shriver of Boys Latin College in Baltimore sent the two coaches Peter Brown and Murray Keen on a study tour of fifteen American high schools and colleges to spend hands on time with players and coaches and make assessments and analysis of players and trends prior to their 2006 campaign.

**Officiating:**

With Indoor Lacrosse now under the ILF banner and therefore Lacrosse Australia, ALRA have accepted the responsibility for refereeing and rules management and will adjudicate at future competitions.

The attached interim report by the Referee in Chief shows that this section of lacrosse is both strong and vibrant, and in addition has provided considerable input into development of refereeing standards in the Asia Pacific region.

**Les Goding**



**Lacrosse Australia Referee in Chief  
Interim Report  
Nov 2004 to October 2005**



**The year to date that was !**

**National Technical Committee – Pre Season.**

November 2004 and I was reappointed RIC for the second term of two years by Lacrosse Australia.

Nominations were called for State Chief Referees in ALRA States and prompt results in Western Australia and South Australia saw the appointment of Laslo Tiszavolgyi and Dennis Mulroneu.

Victoria had two nominations and it was late January 05 before it was announced that Mike Slattery was appointed in Victoria.

High tributes were paid to Don Reymont of Victoria who had held the position for many years.

I chose to seek Deputy State Chief Referees in each State and was pleased to support the placement of Peter Knight in WA, Robert Mollison in SA and Neville Balfour in Vic. This was done to assist with the workload of the State Chief Referees and as a form of Succession Planning.

Due to Lacrosse commitments overseas I also appointed a Deputy in Dennis Mulroneu and this also served the purpose of Dennis being able to work on Rules on behalf of Aust to the ILF Referees Committee as an associate and have a level of authority with this body on behalf of Lax Aust NTC.

It was not possible to hold a NTC meeting in Feb 05 due to the late appointment of the Vic State Chief Referee, however levels of electronic & voice communication were common place.

Plans were put into place for the Asia Pacific Tournament to be held in Osaka, Japan, June 05; the Lacrosse Australia return of the Under 19's Championship and the revamped Lacrosse Australia Under 17's Tournament to be held in Victoria and the Lacrosse Australia Under 15's Tournament in Perth.

I was unable to attend the ALRA WA or Vic pre season camps , however attended the ALRA SA pre season seminars. This varied from previous years in SA and in place of a week end camp / seminar, it took the form of information evenings / pizza nights and the prime topics were rules and attitudes in officiating. This concept proved most successful and permitted more people to attend.

**Events**

The Asia Pacific Championships were held in Japan, June 2005.

This proved a most successful event with these Australian Referees travelling and experiencing International Competition.

A separate report was submitted for this event earlier in the year. One highlight was that Mike Slattery passed his International Exam and Assessment and is now a recognised ILF Referee Committee International Referee. Evan Walters and Rob Shields passed their assessment and are yet to pass their written exam. The Brambles Community Reach Program assisted myself and to a smaller degree the traveling Referees with some financial support for the Asia Pacific program.

The Lacrosse Australia Under 19's & 17's conducted in Altona, Victoria permitted Australian Referees to once again meet in one location and officiate at a high level with full assessment.

From an officiating point of view this was extremely beneficial as was covered in my separate report following the event.

At the time of writing this report I have not had a report from Laslo Tiszavolgyi on the Lacrosse Australia Under 15's held in Perth early October 05 and will report in full when received.

Australian Lacrosse League is next on the agenda and all is in place from an officiating point of view for this project.

To date the following has been organised.

- Referee Selection

- Infrastructure and Travel

- Accommodation

- Meeting specific needs

A full report will be submitted post event.

### **NTC ~ AGM**

This was conducted pre the Lax Aust U19 /17's in Melbourne and the Brambles Community Link provided funds to fly the NTC members into Melbourne and their first nights accommodation.

A full report of the meeting and minutes were distributed earlier this year and action points are still being worked on.

I wish to express my thanks and congratulations to Dennis Mulroney who did a massive volume of work on the Rules for the ILF referees Committee as my representative for Lacrosse Australia.

He did a fine and comprehensive job and is to be congratulated.

The work done by Mike Slattery in his first year has been a credit to him and the support given by ALRA Vic shows he has accepted the responsibilities of the role and is implementing these with a grade of acceptance.

Laslo Tiszavolgyi has continued his efforts with the development of officiating in WA and his work with Junior Referees is to be commended.

### **Selection of Referees & Officials for Worlds**

The process of selection of referees for the Worlds in 2006 is well in hand.

A pannel of 9 of the original 12 are still in place and selection of the final 4 + emergencies will occur post the ALL program and subsiquent approval by Lacrosse Australia.

**NTC Funding**

It is believed that the Brambles Funding for the NTC will have a balance of \$0 at the end of February 2006.

I will prepare a budget for Lacrosse Australia to consider and determine if they can support the NTC to ensure that they are able to function in the progressive manner that they have been able to do over the last three years.

It may be necessary for Lax Aust to consider attaining levels of sponsorship which is an area not (from my knowledge) fully explored by Lax Aust.

I will submit a full report at the conclusion of the ALL and when I have the Under 15 report to hand.

Yours in Lacrosse

**Peter Noble**



**Lacrosse Australia  
Report of Honorary Historian – October 2005**

**Honorary Historian :**

Progress continues to be made on the compilation and documentation of Interstate Team Listings and Match Results.

The Victorian history is almost complete and ready for publication. Included in this is an extensive photographic archive which contains many pre 1920's team photographs and almost every team since that time. Similar compilations are being slowly built for South Australia and Western Australia with support from Past Player Groups and interested individuals.

Team listings, playing results and photographs for Australian teams and Australian Under 19 teams are also well-developed.

During the course of the year I have responded to occasional requests for information from Associations and clubs.

The publication during 2002 of the paper "The 1907 Canadian Lacrosse Tour of Australia" was rewarded with a donation from the Canadian Lacrosse Association of a copy of the personal trip diary of one of the Canadian Team members. This adds valuable insight and perspective to the history of this fascinating tour.

Reports of National Tournaments and National Championships conducted during 2005 have been added to the LA Archives.

**DOUG FOX**