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**New South Wales Lacrosse
Association**

ANNUAL REPORT

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A. S. DEANE, HON. SECRETARY

New South Wales Lacrosse Association

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Sports Club,
Hunter Street, 23rd March, 1915.

Dear Sir,—

I have much pleasure in handing you the 31st Annual Report of the work of your Association, which will be brought under consideration at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 30th inst.

HOCKEY-LACROSSE CARNIVAL.

The Season opened with a combined Carnival, held on the Sydney Cricket Ground (No. 2), the Hockey Association joining Lacrosse in aid of the Olympic Games Fund. The function was a complete success and gave a good advertisement to our game, as well as augmenting the Olympic Fund to the extent of £42 13s.

The Council recommend that the Carnival be repeated this year, and the proceeds handed to the Belgian Relief Fund, and it is hoped that all members will give the same or even larger support this year than last.

GRADING.

The Council had some difficulty on the grading question, owing to the doubt on the part of some clubs as to formation, and urge club secretaries to assist them by pushing ahead with their work prior to the meeting of the Grading Committee. Finally the clubs were divided as under:—

- "A" Grade, 8 teams.
- "B" Grade, 12 teams.
- "C" Grade, 4 teams.

THE COMPETITIONS.

The competitions were all very keenly contested, and the standard of play was considerably higher than in previous years. In the "A" Grade, after a very keen struggle, Petersham ran out winners of the Premiership by the narrow margin of 1 goal, from Sydney, who once more filled second place.

In the "B" Grade, the clubs were divided into two sections during the season, as the competition was rather unwieldy with twelve teams. The result of the senior section left two teams level for the honors, and it was decided that this position should hold. The "B" Grade honors were therefore divided between Hurstville "A" and Petersham Federals.

REFEREES.

No doubt the chief reason for the high standard of play was in the good fortune of securing the services of several capable referees with a sound knowledge of all the points of the game, and a firm hand upon infringements of the rules. The Council offer their hearty thanks to all those gentlemen who so generously assisted the Association in this capacity, and extend a warm invitation to them, and any others to again take up the work this year. Upon the quality of the referees depends mainly the advance in standard of play, and it is more than probable that their good work was reflected in the success in Interstate games.

SCHOOLS.

Again this year competitions were held amongst some of the schools, and a good standard of play was maintained. The premiership honors went to Petersham I., who played through the season without being defeated.

In the interest of Schools Lacrosse, the assistance of every district club secretary is sought, and the Council will be pleased to hear of the co-operation of the district clubs in getting the game on a good footing in all the schools of the metropolis. Some gentlemen are untiring in their efforts in this direction, and it is hoped that 1915 will see a bigger effort on the part of the other members of the Association.

INTERSTATE GAMES.

This year Queensland sent a strong representatives side along, and they played three games on the Sports Ground. The Association was represented by the following players in the first game, and we secured a win by the narrow verdict of 1 goal, after a hard game, the scores being New South Wales 7, Queensland 6.

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| 1. A. K. Yuill | 7. D. W. Cross (Capt) |
| 2. J. A. Yuill | 8. P. M. Loutit |
| 3. F. Miller | 9. A. S. Deane |
| 4. W. O'Neill | 10. P. A. Singleton |
| 5. H. Greenberg | 11. A. Thomas |
| 6. A. L. Newman | 12. R. Rowe |



In the other games the results were also very satisfactory. The game against N.S.W. second twelve finished in a draw—5 all. In Queensland's return game against the State side, which had undergone a few alterations, the final figures were: N.S.W. 9 goals, Queensland 1 goal, though it must be conceded that Queensland were possibly handicapped by the strain of three games in quick succession, as well as having one or two good men on the injured list. In spite of this, the whole result points to a great improvement in the play in New South Wales, and the fact that we could place 24 players in the field who could hold their own against the Northern State is a matter for congratulation.

PENNANTS.

In order to increase the interest in the competition games, and to give successful clubs some permanent memento of their efforts, it was decided that in future seasons, in the discretion of the Council, that pennants be awarded the Premier clubs in the "A" and "B" Grades, these pennants to be handed to the winners, together with the fixed trophies presented for competition from year to year, and to remain the property of the successful clubs for all time. The Council may also award pennants for other grades from time to time as it may decide.

ALL STATES CARNIVAL, 1915.

In view of the uncertainty as to the termination of the war, the Council have decided to postpone negotiations in connection with the All States Carnival, due for Sydney during 1915. The Council feel that they will have the support of all the members of the Associations in hesitating to go on with the matter, in view of the struggle in which our Empire is involved.

NEW ZEALAND VISIT.

There was to be a visit of a representative side from N.S.W. to New Zealand during the past season, and arrangements were all complete upon the outbreak of war. As a result, both our Association and New Zealand were unanimous in postponing the trip until a more favorable date.

FINANCES.

The position of Treasurer was capably filled by Mr. A. S. McCormick, and under his steady hand and unflinching enthusiasm, Association finances were placed upon a very sound basis. Our Carnival, as mentioned elsewhere, in conjunction with the Hockey Association, resulted very favourably, and apart from this the Association has a cash balance to its credit of £92 3s. 1d., of which sum £52 10s. represents amounts paid to the credit of Carnival (1915) Account, and £39 13s. 1d. to the Association general credit.

Early this year, Mr. McCormick volunteered for active service, and was "farewelled" by a number of Delegates and friends on Friday, 19th inst., when Dr. Bennetts presents him with a wristlet watch on behalf of the Association in appreciation of his services. No doubt you will all join in wishing him "safe return."

LACROSSE AND THE WAR.

At a special meeting of the council held during this month, it was

decided that the competitions should be held this year as formerly, but that one Saturday per month be set aside with the object of having a combined Military Drill on the part of all members. It is suggested to form a Lacrosse Section, and the project is earnestly recommended to all the members of the Association. Some of our players have already volunteered for active service, and it is incumbent upon those who are unable to go to do their share in the interests of Empire Defence.

CLUB ARREARS.

During the past season there has been a little trouble through Club officers allowing their dues to fall back, and it is urged that the Club secretaries will see that payments are kept up to the mark, and any arrears wiped out.

COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Altogether there were 12 meetings of the Council for the year, and the attendances were:—

Chairman (Mr. C. U. B. Gurnett)	11
Secretary (Mr. A. S. Deane)	12
Assistant Secretary (Mr. S. Noble)	10
Treasurer (Mr. A. McCormick)	10
Grounds Secretary (Mr. H. Gollidge)	10
Balmain—Mr. R. Adcock	9
" Mr. L. S. Allen	8
" Mr. A. Langker	4
Manly—Mr. A. Ollivier	8
" Mr. W. Allison	4
Sydney—Mr. P. A. Singleton	8
" Mr. W. J. Hitchcock	2
'Varsity—Mr. R. C. Lamb	2
" Mr. A. C. Todd (resigned 12/5/'14)	1
" Mr. W. O'Neill (elected 12/5/'14)	3
Y.M.C.A.—Mr. L. Johnson	2
" Mr. J. McKee	2
Petersham—Mr. D. W. Cross	10
" Mr. A. L. Newman	10
" Mr. A. Wallace	1
" Mr. A. Salt	6
" Mr. A. Ford	1

Mosman—Mr. H. Gurney	7
„ Mr. C. Webb	5
„ Mr. C. Neill	11
„ Mr. A. Sutherland	1
„ Mr. C. Cook	8
Eastern Suburbs—Mr. H. Eeg	2
„ Mr. G. Fullwood	2
„ Mr. F. Craven	2
Bexley—Mr. J. A. Symons	2
Hurstville—H. Peirce	9
„ Mr. H. J. Allen	1
„ Mr. L. Slater	2
St. George—Mr. M. Wyatt (resigned 7/7/14) . .	4
„ Mr. C. Hatfield (resigned 9/6/14) . .	1
„ Mr. L. Moore (elected 9/6/14)	2
„ Mr. O. Childs (resigned 7/7/14) . .	2
Wanderers—Mr. A. S. Farebrother	6
„ Mr. E. Matton	6
M. College—Mr. W. Robbins	4

PROSPECTS.

Naturally, the competitions will be a little restricted this year, but there is no reason why good keen games should not result as in 1914, and the Council take this opportunity of thanking the Delegates and club officers for their support during the past season, and look to them to keep their members together again this year.

The thanks of the Association are also due to the executive officers for their efforts in the interests of the game—Messrs. C. U. B. Gurnett (Chairman), S. C. Noble (Assist. Secretary), H. W. Gollidge (Grounds Secretary), P. A. Singleton, and O. Ward (Press).

Yours faithfully,

A. S. DEANE,

Hon. Secretary.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, 28th FEBRUARY, 1915.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To Stick A/c. (sticks donated)		1	9	6	By Affiliation Fees	38	17	0
„ Rule Books	3	12	9	„ Net Profit from Grounds, 1914.. . . .	34	6	0	
„ Donation to Manly Club	0	12	0	„ Donations received	3	3	0	
„ Euchre Party (Deposit forfeited)	1	0	0	„ Profit on Semi-Final and Final Games ..	5	5	3	
„ General Expenses	26	1	4					
„ Loss on Queensland Interstate Visit ..	13	16	1					
„ Depreciation of Property	4	4	1					
„ Balance—to General Fund A/c.	30	15	6					
	£81	11	3		£81	11	3	

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT, 28th FEBRUARY, 1915.

To Balance	38	1	7	By Balance from 1913	5	19	1
				„ Fines	0	6	0
				„ Suspense A/c.—written off	1	1	0
				„ Net Income for year 1914	30	15	6
	£38	1	7		£38	1	7

BALANCE SHEET, 28th FEBRUARY, 1915.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Sundry Creditors—A/cs. Outstanding.. . . .	Property..
Carnival (1915) A/c.	Less amount written off against
General Fund A/c.—	nets, etc.
Balance from 1913	2 0 0
Increase for year 1914..	Sundry Debtors—
38 1 7	Bexley Club
	Eastern Suburbs Club..
	Hurstville Club
	Manly Club
	University Club
	Wanderers Club
	Y.M.C.A. Club
	34 13 9
	Cash at Bank
£128 16 10	92 3 1
	£128 16 10

WE CERTIFY that we have examined the above Statement with the Books and Vouchers of the New South Wales Lacrosse Association and found same to be correct.
HARRIE T. WOODS, A.I.A.V. and V. PRESTON-STANLEY, Auditors.

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ANNUAL MEETING

on Tuesday, 30th March, at
8 p.m., at Aaron's Exchange
Hotel, Gresham Street, City

BUSINESS :

Annual Report and Accounts
Election of Officers
Hockey-Lacrosse Carnival
Lacrosse and the War
General Business

NOMINATIONS for all Offices close on 27th
March, at Secretary's Address, 360 Kent St., City

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