



AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

Annual Report for Year Ending 31st March, 1942

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' CLUB, MELBOURNE, ON FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 1942

Officials, 1941.

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Hon. Secretary: Mr. I. J. TAYLOR.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege and pleasure to submit for your approval the Eleventh Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council covering the operations for the year 1941. Difficulties were experienced throughout the Commonwealth in fulfilling the various programmes. Owing to the large number of its members enlisting for active service, the Queensland Association found it impossible to carry on, and consequently went into recess for the duration. With the New South Wales Association also in recess, this left only Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia to carry on. Thanks to a far-sighted policy of encouraging the game in schools and youth organisations, these States were able to call on a large reservoir to fill the vacancies caused by enlistment. Taking into consideration the serious war position and the prevailing circumstances, it is generally conceded that the season was as reasonably successful as could be expected.

MEETINGS.—Two meetings of the Council were held during the year, the Annual Meeting in May, and a special meeting called in December to discuss the question of obtaining adequate material to carry on the game during the continuation of the war. Owing to pressure of business, we regret that our President, Mr. J. S. Hutcheon, was unable to be present at either meeting.

REGISTERED PLAYERS.—The following table clearly shows the effect of the war on the game. Compared with the previous year, there is a loss of 38 teams and 627 players, and with the pre-war year of 1939, 63 teams and 1,196 players respectively.

Registered Players.

	1941		1940		1939	
	Teams.	Players.	Teams.	Players	Teams.	Players.
Victoria	41	551	.. 55	790	.. 68	1139
South Australia ..	36	523	.. 46	716	.. 55	809
Western Australia ..	23	344	.. 25	409	.. 24	417
Queensland	—	—	.. 8	80	.. 12	186
New South Wales ..	—	—	.. 4	50	.. 4	63
Commonwealth	100	1418	.. 138	2045	.. 163	2614

FINANCIAL.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Associations were not called upon to pay any subscription for the past year, the finances of the Council are in a healthy condition, and the Hon. Treasurer, when presenting his balance sheet tonight, will be able to announce a credit balance at the Commonwealth Bank of £14/5/1. The total assets of the Council amount to £42/7/1.

OBITUARY.—I regret to record the passing during 1941 of Mr. Andrew McHarg. The late Mr. McHarg, in conjunction with Mr. Garland, donated the "Garland McHarg" Cup (the perpetual trophy for the championship of Australia). To his relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

ENGLISH ASSOCIATION.—I have received an interesting letter from our old friend, Mr. C. O. Lee, President of the English Lacrosse Association. His many Australian friends will be pleased to learn that he is well and doing his bit in the great International game, but lacrosse in England is in recess for the duration.

SUGGESTED AMERICAN MATCHES.—With so many of our American friends now in Australia it occurred to me that it might be possible to arrange a series of games between the two nations. Anticipating your wishes, I have opened negotiations with the American authorities, but at the time of compiling this report very little progress has been made. I feel sure it would afford great satisfaction both to the American Lacrosse Association and ourselves if the two countries should meet for the first time during the sojourn of the American forces now in Australia.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—A perusal of the following table and the appended Roll of Honour will clearly show how magnificent has been the response of lacrosseurs throughout the Commonwealth to the Nation's call. On the numerous battle fronts our members have served with great distinction and many have received meritorious decorations. Unfortunately there are others posted as missing, while some are known to be prisoners of war. We share with their relatives the anxiety they must feel, and trust that reassuring news will soon be forthcoming. The death roll, unfortunately, is extremely heavy, twenty-three of our colleagues having made the supreme sacrifice during the year. To their bereaved relatives the Council extends its sincere sympathy.

Particulars of Enlistments.

	A.I.F.	R.A.A.F.	R.A.N.	R.N.	R.A.F.	Total
Victoria	115	97	82	—	—	294
South Australia	78	119	34	3	1	235
Western Australia	78	68	11	1	2	160
New South Wales	15	6	4	—	—	25
Queensland	16	5	4	—	—	25
Commonwealth	302	295	135	4	3	739

DEATHS IN THE WAR.—

- Barrett, Flight Lieutenant F. C. (D.F.C.).—Killed in action, 16th March, 1942. Member Goodwood Lacrosse Club, South Australia.
- Brooks, D.L.—Member of the Port Adelaide Lacrosse Club, lost his life while on service with the R.A.N.
- Edgcombe, Captain R. E.—Killed in action. Age 25 years. Member Hawthorn Lacrosse Club, Victoria.
- Deacon, Able Seaman F. W.—Member Williamstown Lacrosse Club, Victoria, lost his life H.M.A.S. "Sydney," November, 1941.
- Hall, Acting Sub-Lieut. D. G.—Went down with his ship, H.M.S. "Hood," in the action with the "Bismark" in the North Atlantic, 1941. Member Adelaide University Lacrosse Club, South Australia.
- Harvie, Pilot Officer J.—Member Sturt Lacrosse Club, South Australia.
- Hawkins, Sergt. Pilot G. A.—Member Port Adelaide Lacrosse Club, South Australia.
- Hickey, Pilot Officer M. M.—Reported missing. Member of the Perth Lacrosse Club, represented Western Australia in Interstate matches 1938.
- Hughes, G.—Served with the R.A.A.F. Lost his life on H.M.A.S. "Yarra" or "Perth." Member of the Malvern Lacrosse Club, Victoria.
- Hutchins, B. G.—Accidentally killed 14th October, 1941, while serving with the R.A.A.F. Was member of the Caulfield Lacrosse Club, Victoria.
- Johnson, A.—Member of the University High School Lacrosse Club, Victoria, killed 12th November, 1941, while serving with the R.A.A.F.
- Lewis, Sergt. Pilot F. H.—Member of St. Peter's Church (Glenelg) Lacrosse Club, South Australia. Died while serving with the R.A.A.F.
- McLaughlin, Sergt. Pilot P.—Was a member of St. Peter's Church (Glenelg) Lacrosse Club, South Australia.

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- McKenzie, J. A.—Killed in aircraft accident. Member Adelaide University Lacrosse Club, South Australia.
- Marchesi, G. L.—Member Melbourne Technical School Lacrosse Club, Victoria, lost his life on H.M.A.S. "Parramatta."
- Ryan, Pilot Officer V. L. P.—Reported missing, member University and North Adelaide Lacrosse Clubs, South Australia.
- Stratford, Leading Aircraftman R. H.—Member St. Peter's Church (Glenelg) Lacrosse Club, South Australia.
- Stuart, A. P.—Member Old Trinity Lacrosse Club, Victoria, missing H.M.A.S. "Perth."
- Skinner, Sergt. Pilot John.—Member Port Adelaide Lacrosse Club, South Australia.
- Wood, Flying Officer M. G.—Accidentally killed 6th June, 1941, while serving with the R.A.A.F. Member Goodwood Lacrosse Club, South Australia.
- Woods, Captain H. A.—Lost his life while serving with the A.I.F. Member of the West Torrens Lacrosse Club, South Australia.
- Wilcox, B. C.—Member Port Adelaide Lacrosse Club, South Australia. Died on active service, R.A.A.F.
- Worley, Sergt. Wireless Air Gunner T. A.—Killed 21st May, 1942, operational flight accident in England. Member North Adelaide Lacrosse Club, South Australia.

CONCLUSION.—With the war now in its third year, and the ever-increasing demand for manpower, the prospects for the lacrosse season of 1942 are not at all bright. However, all State Associations are fully aware of the seriousness of the position, and of the vital necessity of keeping lacrosse active in some form or other during these abnormal times. With this object in view, the Lacrosse Associations of Victoria, South and Western Australia, have arranged competitions for players under military age, while an endeavour is being made to promote matches between teams from the various services.

Every effort must be made to prevent the game from becoming dormant, otherwise the process of resuscitation after the war will be increased tenfold; provided this resolution is rigidly adhered to, and when final victory has been achieved, there will be a splendid foundation on which to rebuild.

Yours faithfully,

I. J. TAYLOR,

Hon. Secretary, A.L.C.

29th May, 1942.

The Australian Lacrosse Council

ROLL OF HONOUR

Additional Names since last Report.

VICTORIA

A.I.F.

Battiscombe, J. B.	Edgecombe, R. F.	Lamont, R.	Mansfield, G. F.	Stephens, N.
Bennett, R.	Edney, K.	Lillyrose, D.	Maplestone, C. G.	Stratton, S.
Chambers, L.	Elliott, R.	Little, M.	Martin, K.	Thompson, A.
Clark, W.	Fyfe, H.	McDonald, J. H.	Miles, P.	
Corrigan, T. W.	Hardy, D.	Mansfield, E. N.	Mossman, W.	

R.A.A.F.

Bolger, G.	Duncan, D. O.	Lloyd, D.	Thetford, F. H.	Williams, L.
Bryant, S.	Galt, R.	McKinnon, P.	Thomas, D.	Winton, D.
Cannon, R.	Henderson, L.	Marshall, K.	Thomard, J. C.	Wood, H.
Clough, E.	Houston, T.	Round, A.	Truscott, K.	
Deacon, A.	Kidson, C.	Sayce, G. N.	Unkenstein, O. G.	
Dixon, H.	Knowles, G.	Smith, B.	Walker, K.	

R.A.N.

Anderson, G.	Bower, M.	Cutts, W.	King, S. A.	Martin, F.
Beach, L.	Chenery, G.	Greig, M. A.	Marchesi, G. L.	Stuart, A. P.
				Taylor, L. W.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A.I.F.

Brock, Ken.	Harrison, M. A.	Kestal, R. H.	O'Sullivan, J. D.	Tauish, J.
Burton, G. B.	Harvey, R. J.	Le Cornu, L. B.	Park, R.	Taylor, A.
Giles, W. H.	Hobbs, W. G.	McLeay, J.	Spencer, H. C.	White, B.
				Woods, H.

R.A.A.F.

Barnes, R.	Fallon, C.	Jordan, H. D.	Ross, A.	Vincent, A. H.
Batchelor, D.	Haddad, M.	King, R.	Rossiter, C.	Whitehead, L.
Bromilow, L.	Harris, B. G.	Kirkman, L. H.	Ridings, P. B.	Wheaton, R.
Cadman, I.	Harvie, J.	Lee, G.	Sampson, K.	Wicks, B. P.
Clarke, D. W.	Hewitson, A.	Leeder, L. E.	Stephen, R. E.	Wiles, I.
Ellis, G.	Horwood, W. S.	Rogers, G.	Swalling, A.	Wittenberg, J.

R.A.N.

Attrill, J.	Manuel, J.
Lange, R. E.	Miller, L.

R.N.

Anthony, H. L.
Thomas, R. C.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A.I.F.

Abercrombie, G.	Gay, F.	Leevers, G. W.	Robson, J.	White, D. A.
Brewer, H. J.	Haskell, R. E.	MacLean, D.	Robson, R.	Wilkes, C.
Byers, E. F.	Hurran, F. K.	Morrison, L. J.	Robson, H.	Williams, J. F.
Byers, P. W.	Hawkins, A.	Merritt, T.	Short, C.	White, D.
Draffen, H. L.	Knox, R.	Newton, A.	Stenhouse, T.	Wilson, H. J.
Gower, E. L.	Larson, T. S.	Palmer, H. T.	Thompson, D.	

R.A.A.F.

Biggs, F.	Catchlove, D.	Dixon, G.	Johnson, D. G.	Morrissy, J.
Bourne, L. L.	Charlton, H.	Day, M.	Johnson, R. M.	Page, A. R.
Buchan, K.	Cartledge, M.	Dodson, F.	Knowles, A.	Reed, R.
Cameron, J.	Coates, N.	Finnie, J.	Lind, O.	Robson, N.
Campbell, I. H.	Douglas, F.	Jeanes, N. B.	Lyons, G.	Smith, I.
Carden, J. L.	Dixon, E.	James, H. W.	McDonnell, H.	Symons, F. C.
				Tassel, C.

R.A.N.

Ashby, P.
Hobbs, P. E.
Ligertwood, J.

INDIAN ARMY

Michael, L.

QUEENSLAND

A.I.F.

Farquhar, G.	Farquhar, J.	Farquhar, H.	Merritt, L.	Robertson, K.
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