

# AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

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OF THE AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (INC.)  
VICTORIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (INC.)  
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (INC.)

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AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

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AUDITOR	E. NICHOLLS A.A.S.A., DIP.COM.

Gentlemen,

This, the 54th Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council, is presented for your consideration and approval.

Financial statements and reports are attached.

1. GENERAL

The period March to November 1985 has been one of intense activity particularly in the development, coaching, International competition and administrative areas.

Although, the Board was not at full numerical strength for the period under review, experience continues to support the Director concept introduced a little over two years ago. As mentioned in previous reports however the concept places heavy demands on Directors.

It is appropriate to record at this stage my appreciation of the assistance provided by A.L.C. President Phil Humphreys during the past year. My thanks are also offered to Clive Carr and Brian Griffin for their cooperation and dedication in carrying out their respective duties. Communication channels have been most effective in achieving a smooth flow in the conduct of A.L.C. business.

There is evidence that there is an increasing awareness and acceptance of A.L.C. activities and responsibilities. Whilst responses to many requests continue to be protracted, the overall trend is however towards improvement.

2. STATE OF THE GAME

The attached schedule shows no significant increase in registration despite the effort being put into junior lacrosse. In the past an annual growth figure of about 7½ percent was the norm. Unfortunately this was not maintained during 1985. Notwithstanding it is most significant that throughout Australia there has been a vast increase in the number of people exposed to modified lacrosse (Sof-crosse) through the efforts of L.D.W.A., State Associations and the assistance provided by the Australian Sporting Commission and sponsors.

Box Lacrosse development continues to be a low key with regular competitions taking place only in Victoria mainly through the dedication and enthusiasm of a few stalwarts. Large scale development of this mode of lacrosse will continue to be hampered until such time as adequate playing facilities are available in all the lacrosse states. Although still numerically small it is encouraging to note that there has been a significant increase in its participants in Victoria over the past 12 months.

3. INTERNATIONAL

(a) Canadian Visit

Coinciding with Victoria's 150 year Anniversary Celebrations a Canadian side visited Australia to compete in a series of International matches in Melbourne and Adelaide. Competing in both field and box lacrosse series, both the Australian and Canadian teams performed well with the visitors, as expected, taking the honours in box lacrosse matches and Australian's in field lacrosse matches.

Congratulations must be extended to the V.L.A.Inc for the excellent manner in which it conducted the the Lacrosse Festival at the Melbourne Entertainment Centre and Olympic Park. The Festival attracted several sponsors enabling a reasonable return to be had on expenses and effort given to the task.

Councils appreciation and congratulations is also extended to the S.A.L.A. for its contribution in hosting the Canadians and its conduct of the S.A. segment of the International matches.

(b) Box Tour

Unfortunately a visit by an Australian side to compete in a World Series Competition in the U.S.A. was marred by poor administration and ineffective communication. The circumstances surrounding the difficulties are dealt with in a separate report. Throughout the series the Australian Box Team performed well and although unsuccessful in winning any of the matches, showed considerable improvement.

(c) 1986 World Championship

Under the direction of the Challenge "86" Executive Director, Mr. D. Fox, considerable progress has been made in preparations leading up to the selection of the Australian team later in the year. Indications are at this stage that a most professional approach is being adopted in the teams preparation and hopefully will culminate in a successful challenge being made to the current world champions.

Arrangements in Ontario are dealt with in detail in a separate report, and indicate that organization of the Championship series are in the hands of very competent officers of the Ontario Lacrosse Association and that rapid progress is being made.

(d) 1988 World U19 Championships

An invitation has been extended to U.K., U.S.A. and Canada to participate in these Championships planned to coincide with Australia's Bicentennial Celebrations. Responses should be known by end March 1986. In the meantime A.L.C. is awaiting confirmation of the event from the I.L.F. If in the affirmative it is proposed, subject to agreement on contractual aspects that the series be held in Adelaide.

4. 1990 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Proposals were invited from State Associations to host these Championships with comprehensive submissions being received from the W.A.L.A. and V.L.A. After due consideration a proposal from the W.A.L.A. was accepted subject to agreement again on contractual aspects. It is interesting to note that as part of the Challenge "86" strategy, training squads have already been formed for these series.

5. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Repeating their performance in 1984, Western Australia sides again <sup>as</sup> nominated in the 1984 Senior and Junior Championship series similarly a Victorian side repeated its 1984 performance by winning the Colts Championship. Although some critical observations have been made at aspects concerning the Under 22 side in the Senior Championships all championship series were generally considered to have been well conducted by the host Associations.

Details of scores and those selected in the respective ALL STARS sides are contained in the attachment to this report.

6. UNDER 14 TOURNAMENT

South Australia again provided the venue for this event. Although there appear to be some divergence on opinions on the status and conduct of this annual tournament it is proving to be a popular event giving the young players the opportunity to benefit by "interstate" experience. The South Australian Lacrosse Association is to be congratulated on the efforts made to ensure the success of the tournament.

7. ISA. HSEN TROPHY FOR FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER 1985

The winner of this trophy was Gordon Purdie, Victoria with an outstanding 28 points and a percentage of 51.85. Second place was shared by John Butkiewicz and Ken Cheail also from Victoria with 21 points and a percentage of 38.9. John Gower, W.A. with 21 votes (35%) and Kevin Humphys, S.A. with 19 votes (31.67%) were the leaders in their state voting ladders.

8. A.L.C. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

At the last Annual General Meeting of Council, Certificates of Merit were awarded to the following in recognition of their outstanding service to the game of Lacrosse :

Ron Alaimo - Victoria	Ray Duthy - S.A.
Graeme Fox - Victoria	Graeme Gatley - S.A.
Eric Granger - S.A.	Francis Hastings - S.A.
Bruce Jackson - W.A.	Gary Tillotson - Victoria.

9. A.L.R.A.

With a change in its constitution, indications point to more stability in the administrative structure and an improvement in communications between it and A.L.C.

10. A.W.S.A.

This body remains affiliated with A.L.C.

11. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Again the Boards appreciation is extended to the Australian Sports Commission for assistance under the Sports Development Program. Grants totalling \$37000 for 1985/86 have been offered in the following areas :

Sof-crosse \$20000  
Coaching \$3000  
Administration \$5000  
International Meetings \$1000  
International Competition \$8000

In addition of a forward commitment of \$20000 has been made to the 1986 World Championships.

12. COACHING ACCREDITATION

Since the last Annual General Meeting considerable progress has been made on Level 2 development, and the preparation of supporting material. Several coaches have completed Sports Service Segments. Sports Specific courses are proposed for S.A. Victoria and W.A. within the near future. With the progress in level 2 Stae Associations are urged to introduce coaches to the science of coaching by implementing level 1 courses each year thus providing resources for further and continuous development. Levelbasic courses have been introduced as an integral part of Sof-crosse development with approximately awards being made during the past year.

13. FINANCE

Council's financial situation continues to be satisfactory (refer attached financial statement). The Boards appreciation is extended to Leighton Beamsley and Eric Nicholls for their contributions as Treasurer and Auditor respectively.

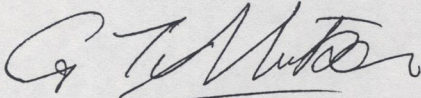
14. INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE FEDERATION

Council was again represented on this body by :-

Mr. C. R. Carr - Delegate  
Mr. G. F. Tillotson - Vice President

Some dissatisfaction must be expressed at the poor performance of I.L.F. on administrative matters and the lack of an International development plan. Some improvement in these areas is hoped for following the recent meeting in New Jersey, U.S.A.

For on behalf of the Board,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. F. Tillotson".

G. F. Tillotson  
Executive Director.

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In all cases 1984 figures are shown in brackets

A. STATISTICS - FIELD LACROSSE

1. Number of Affiliates Clubs (Playing)

S.A.L.A.	V.L.A.	W.A.L.A.	TOTAL
	14	9	35
(11)	(14)	(9)	(35)

2. Teams

Seniors	24 (28)	34 (35)	20 (22)	85 (85)
Juniors (Under 16)	33 (38)	22 (50)	16 (18)	106 (106)
Sub - Juniors (Under 12 10 8		30	(12)**	25
Totals	57 (66)	86 (85)	48 (64)	191 (215)

3. Registered Players

Seniors	437 (548)	588 (611)	394 (430)	1419 (1565)
Juniors (Under 16)	463 (512)	814 (741)	420 (424)	1697 (1644)
Sub Junior (Under 12 10 8		200		
Totals	1985 1984 1983 1972	900 1060 1114 1057	1399 1352 1391 1263	814 847 854 808
				3113 3259 3359 3128

4. Grade Premiers

League ]	S.A.L.A	V.L.A.	W.A.L.A.
State League ]	Sturt	Williamstown	
"A" ]			East Fremantle
Reserve			
League ]	West Torrens		
Division One ]		Malvern	
"A" Reserve ]			East Fremantle
B ]	Gleneig		Nollamara
Division Two ]		Chadstone	
C ]	West Torrens		
Division Three]		Williamstown	
Colts			
C (under 16)	West Torrens		Nedlands Subiaco
Under 16 (1)		Eltham	
(2)		Mitcham	
D (under 14)			East Fremantle

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Under 14 (1)	Glenelg	Williamstown
(2)	West Torrens	Altona
Under 12	Brighton	No Final Series
E		"
Under 10	Glenelg	"
F		"
G		"

5. Fairest and Best Players

	S.A.L.A.	V.L.A.	W.A.L.A.
League State "A"	K. Humphys	G. Purdie	J. Gower
League Reserve	P. Smith		
Division One		D. Mounsey	
"A" Reserve			T. Howley
B	M. Dolphin		
Division Two		M. Prib	J. Szigligetti
C	R. Flett		
Division Three		M. McCubbin	
C (Under 16)			
D (Under 14)			M. Whitoman

6. Top Goal Throwers

League State League "A"	P. Brown ( ) A. Jennings ( ) B. Smith (98)
League Reserve	W. Little ( )
Division One	R. Toomey (91)
B	D. Mildren ( )
Division Two	D. Coulson (80)
C	S. Thatcher ( )
Division Three	R. Twoomey (75)
Colts	
Under 16	
Under 14 (1)	

Under 4 (2)

Under 12

Under 10

7. Senior Championships - Perth

(a) Results

South Australia	10	Victoria	18
Western Australia	16	Victoria	20
South Australia	7	Western Australia	27
<b>FINAL - VICTORIA</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>23</b>

(b) All Stars

Goals	B. Freeman Vic	K. Nichols Vic
Defence	S. Mounsey W.A.	J. Butkiewicz Vic
Forwards	R. Grimley W.A.	B. Sweet W.A.
	A. Bower Vic	B. Smith Vic
Midfields	P. Achland W.A.	G. Date Vic
Coach	K. Johnson W.A.	B. Griffin W.A.
	J. Kennedy W.A.	
	D. Newman Vic	

(c) Fairest and Best

J. Butkiewicz - Vic

8. Colts Championships - Melbourne

(a) Results

Victoria	25	Western Australia	5
Western Australia	10	South Australia	15
Victoria	14	South Australia	13
<b>Final VICTORIA</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>5</b>

(b) All Stars

Goals	R. Manning	S.A.
Defence	M. Seekamp	Vic
	B. Skepper	Vic
	R. Farmer	S.A.
Centre	G. Purdie	Vic
	D. Goding	Vic
Midfield	S. Barr-Kemp	Vic
	J. Hernan	Vic
	J. Kernagken	S.A.
	M. Dillon	W.A.
Forward	T. Murphy	Vic
	D. Mounsey	Vic
	C. Helmrich	W.A.
Coach	W. Stewart	Vic

L.S. Turnbull Trophy



R. Manning  
G. Purdie

S.A.  
Vic

Joint Winners.

9. Under 16 Championships - Adelaide

(a) Results

	* Western Australia	13	Victoria	12
	South Australia	13	Western Australia	16
	South Australia	14	Victoria	15
FINAL	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	20	VICTORIA	8

(b) All Stars

S. Mellisovas	Vic
G. Wills	Vic
S. Maynard	W.A.
A. Giles	S.A.
A. Skepper	Vic
C. Warren	W.A.
R. Cornish	W.A.
S. Kelly	W.A.
D. Roberts	Vic
C. Wearne	Vic
A. Borserini	Vic
P. Grace	S.A.

Coach : M. Balinski W.A.

(c) Best And Fairest

A. Stewart S.A.

Statistics - BOX LACROSSE

1.	<u>Number of Clubs</u>	S.A.	Vic
		4	5
		(-)	(5)
2.	<u>Number of Teams</u>		8
			(6)
3.	<u>Registered Players</u>		134
			(99)
4.	<u>Premiers</u>		
	Senior A	Renegades	Black
	Senior B	Blue	Whalers

Note - Statistics apply to Summer 84/85 Season

C. STATISTICS - SOFT LACROSSE

1.	<u>Number of Clubs</u>	S.A.	Vic	W.A.
		19	1	2
2.	<u>Teams</u>			

Open Age	42 (42)	11	17
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Junior	14 (15)		
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3. Participants

Open Age	475 (316)	200	150
Under Age	157		
Total	466 (487)	200 (approx)	

D. SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION

	S.A.	Vic	W.A.	Total
<u>Soft Modified</u>	1600 (600)	17,500 (17,300)	8000 (2000)	27,100 (19,900)

E. TOTAL REGISTRATIONS

Field	900	1399	814	3113
Box		134		134
Soft	632	200	150	982
	—	—	—	—
	1532	1599	964	4229
	—	—	—	—
	(1526)	(1451)	(847)	(3814)

F. TOTAL PARTICIPATION

Registered	4229	(3814)
Schools	27100	(19900)
TOTAL	<u>31329</u>	<u>(23724)</u>