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President and Gentlemen,

I present for your consideration and approval the 40th Annual Report of the activities of the Australian Lacrosse Council.

1. STATE OF THE GAME

It would have been pleasant to report a considerable number of players introduced to our sport during 1971 and examination of the numbers of Junior registered players does reveal an increase of players amongst our Juniors, but on the other hand it is obvious that too many of our older players are leaving the game. Only a close analysis can reveal the trends concerning these older players and this information is not in the possession of the A. L. C.

Two States have shown a decrease in the number of Member Clubs which along with the decrease in number of teams entered in Senior Competition, and the decrease in the number of Senior Registered players gives some cause for alarm.

2. STATISTICS - - All cases show last years figures in brackets.

2.1 AFFILIATED CLUBS

<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
10	18	9	37
(10)	(20)	(11)	(41)

2.2 TEAMS ENTERED IN DOMESTIC PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

	<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Open Age</u>	25	32	14	71
	(25)	(35)	(15)	(75)
<u>Under Age</u>	29	35	25	89
	( 27)	(35)	(25)	(87)
<u>Totals</u>	54	67	39	160
	(52)	(70)	(40)	(162)

2.3 REGISTERED PLAYERS

	<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Open Age</u>	323	478	239	1040
	(353)	(504)	(242)	(1099)
<u>Under Age</u>	389	480	266	1135
	(364)	(430)	(263)	(1057)
<u>Totals</u>	712	958	505	2175
	(717)	(934)	(505)	(2156)

2.4 PLAYING GRADES

	<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	<u>W. A. L. A.</u>
<u>Open Age</u>	A-B-C	A1-A2-A3-B1-B2-B3	A + B
<u>Under Age</u>	D-E-F	E-U/14-U/12	C-D-E-F

2.5 GRADE PREMIERS

<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	<u>W. A. L. A.</u>
A - Brighton	A1 - Willimastown	A - Bayswater
B - Brighton	A2 - Williamstown	B - Wembley
C - West Torrens	A3 - Williamstown	C - East Fremantle
D - Woodville	B1 - M. H. S. O. B.	D - Wembley
E - Sturt	B2 - Willimastown	E - Bayswater
F - Tea Tree Gully	B3 - Chadstone	F - Nedlands Subiaco
	E - Surrey Park	
	U/14 - Williamstown	
	U/12 - Camberwell-Glen Iris	

2.6 STATE ASSOCIATION SENIOR FAIREST & BEST PLAYERS

<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	- M. Hislop	- North Adelaide	- 23 votes
<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	- G. Antrim	- Malvern	- 11 votes
<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	- R. Swadling	- Bayswater	- 24 votes

2.7 STATE ASSOCIATION TOP GOAL SCORERS

<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	- M. Raggatt	Brighton	A Grade	209 goals
<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	- E. Twomey	Williamstown	A1 Grade	139 goals
<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	- B. Griffin	Nedlands Subiaco	A Grade	103 goals

3. CANBERRA PROJECT

At the time of writing this report a full report from Canberra is awaited, but I do know that Mr. C. Weatherill is currently teaching a squad of fellows in the basics of lacrosse stickwork.

4. COLTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were staged in Melbourne between 20th and 24th July at the Albert Ground, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne.

These Championships were highly successful with an excellent standard of Lacrosse played in all games. The V. A. L. A. must be congratulated on all aspects and one point worthy of note in particular is that two adjoining grounds were made available, thus resulting in a good playing surface through to the last match.

South Australia won the Championships and the Hickey Shield in fine style, Victoria were runners-up with Western Ausyralia a very creditable third. Victoria provided a second team to provide match competetion for all teams.

The series match results were :

South Australia	24	d	Western Austràlia	17
Victoria	21	d	Western Australia	19
South Australia	32	d	Victoria	20

R. Duthy of South Australia won the Turnbull Trophy for the Fairest & Best player of the Championships.

5. ISAACHSEN TROPHY -- 1971 -- FAIREST & BEST PLAYER

The winner of the Isaachsen Trophy for 1971 was - R. SWADLING, Bayswater Club, W. A. with 53.3%, and other places went to :

2.	M. Hislop	North Adelaide	S. A.	45.1%
3.	N. Hudson	East Torrens	S. A.	37.3%
4.	G. Powell	Nollamarra	W. A.	35.7%
5.	P. Vickery	East Torrens	S. A.	29.9%
6.	J. Cluse	Glenelg	S. A.	29.9%

6. A. L. C. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

At the January 1971 meeting of Council the following persons were awarded A. L. C. Certificates of Merit for outstanding services to Lacrosse :

R. Bartle	S. A. L. A.
E. W. Blackler	S. A. L. A.
A. C. Cugley	V. A. L. A.
R. L. Newbold	V. A. L. A.
H. R. Smith	V. A. L. A.

7. RULES OF LACROSSE

This year has seen the consolidation of all playing rules of Lacrosse, and a complete re-print in book form. Our thanks to A. L. R. A. through their Western Australian executive for their excellent effort of compilation, and for their printing arrangements at a very reasonable cost.

8. OBITUARY

It is with very much regret that the passing of two Lacrosse stalwarts is recorded, namely Mr. P. H. Shappere of Victoria and Mr. K. B. Roennfeldt of South Australia. Both of these gentlemen had a most outstanding career in Lacrosse and their presence will be sadly missed by all.

9. PERSONALIA

It was with a great deal of regret that the resignation of Mr. N. R. Jeffrey from the position of International Liaison Officer was received during the year, following upon his decision to venture overseas for a possible considerable duration of time. The thanks of Council are herein recorded for the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Jeffrey over a considerable number of years.

We have been indeed fortunate to secure the services of Mr. W. G. (Don) Hobbs as a successor to Mr. Jeffrey, and already Mr. Hobbs has displayed a wealth of experience together with a zeal for the position.

10. 1972 OVERSEAS TOUR

Details are almost concluded for an extended tour of U. S. A., Canada, U. K. and Hong Kong in the period March to May 1972. An excellent squad of 21 players has been selected from some 40 nominees, and together with five officials form an official party of 26. We are indeed indebted to Mr. Avery Blake of U. S. A. for the outstanding work he has done in organising the American section of the tour, which promises to be the best yet. Our players and officials will gain a wealth of experience which we know will be passed on for the benefit of all players of the sport in Australia.

11. CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are sincerely offered to :

Williamstown Fearon Club (Victoria) on their continued unbeaten run of wins in Club matches.

Williamstown Club (Victoria) on winning five grade premierships.

R. Swadling (Western Australia) on winning the Isaachsen trophy for the Fairest & Best player for the season in Australia.

M. Raggatt (South Australia) on scoring over 200 goals in a season for the second year in succession.

South Australia on winning the A. L. C. Colts Championships.

R. Duthy (South Australia) on winning the Turnbull Trophy for the Fairest & Best player in the Colts Championships.

To all winners of State Fairest & Best awards.

To all officials and players selected for the 1972 overseas touring team.

To Williamstown Club (Victoria) and Brighton Club (South Australia) for an excellent display of all attributes of Lacrosse in an end of season match.

12. GENERAL

Having undertaken the position of Honorary Secretary at the commencement of the year under review, I have become very conscious of the complexities of administrating so many aspects of the sport of Lacrosse. It has taken many months of research to gain a full appreciation of the many duties involved, and for this reason some items have not been actioned to the extent that is in fact desirable.

Our President, Mr. H. V. Horner, has been of immense assistance in this difficult period and I offer to him a very warm expression of appreciation.

To those who have also assisted me in so many ways, thanks are sincerely extended.

This report concludes with an earnest appeal to all administrators in particular, whether they be at A. L. C., State Association or Club level.- We live in a dynamic era, not only having to compete with other sports in our progression, but with so many other ways of social life that are capturing the attention of today's youngsters. Yet we know that we have a wonderful sport to offer, and that we have some very fine young men who play the game.

To all administrators - show dynamic leadership - be an inspiration to your members with your zeal and your wisdom - be bold in your decisions - and do everything in your power to progress the sport of Lacrosse which has been known over so many years as - "The Sport of Thoroughbreds".

On behalf of the Australian Lacrosse Council,

Clive R. Carr

Honorary Secretary