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Annual Report 2007

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To: Voting Member State Associations
Victoria
South Australia
Western Australia
Lacrosse Australia Directors

Please be advised that the 76th Annual General Meeting of Lacrosse Australia Ltd is scheduled to be held on the twenty eighth (28th) day of September 2007

Each State Association is required to nominate three Directors for the Board by 31st August 2007.

Retiring Directors are eligible for re-election.

The Three Directors retiring by rotation are;

Graeme Reddaway
Malcolm Stokes
Les Goding

Please send nominations with resume to me by the 31st August 2007

Helen Keane.

19th July 2007

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76th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28th September 2007.

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

AGENDA

1. Welcome by President David Fox.
2. Confirmation of credentials of Proxies.
S.A. Bob Hewitson
W.A. Gary Kennedy
Vic.
Also present Helen Keane Secretary.
3. Minutes of 75th A.G.M. on 13th October 2006 (attached)
4. Business arising from Minutes.
5. Receipt and consideration of Annual Report.
6. Election of three (3) Directors
Nominations: Gary Brown WA
Les Goding Vic
Graeme Reddaway Vic
Graham Sharpe Vic
7. Directors Expense Reimbursement.
8. Appointment of Trustees for Garland McHarg Trophy.

Meeting Close

Next A.G.M.



**AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE Ltd
74th Annual General Meeting
13th October 2006
Teleconference at 1.00pm E.S.T.**

Minutes

1. Welcome by the President David Fox
2. In Attendance:
David Fox (President LA)
Gary Mortimer (SA) will leave early and to be replaced by Alan Carr
Les Goding (Director LA)
Malcolm Stokes (Director LA)
Mavis Owens (Director LA)
Helen Keane (Secretary LA)
Michael Fergusson (WA) arrived late.
3. Apology:
John Harris (Victoria)
Alan Frederick (Director LA)
4. Meeting Opened.
President declared open the 75th Annual General Meeting of Lacrosse Australia, and declared that there were 3 shareholders present, SA, WA and himself.
5. Minutes of the 2005 AGM
Were accepted as a true and correct record.
6. Business Arising from those minutes:
 - 1) Unification.
The President David Fox gave a brief run down on the current status of Unification :-
Each state body will be asked to vote the outline on at their A.G.M's
 - It is up to the shareholders to vote on this
 - There is no outside source of funding equivalent to that being offered from the Australian Sports Commission.
 - There is a proposal for Lacrosse Australia in its existing structure to continue in the new role akin to a foundation to manage the assets and trusts which Lacrosse Australia has built up over its lifetime.
 - It is the opinion of the President that Directors would be negligent if they vested those assets in the new identity.
 - The new entity will need to be self funding

- A budget has been submitted to the ASC on how the \$60,000 for 2007 will be spent. This was a pre condition of the allocation.
- States will be asked to transfer control of specific activity in the area of Control of the Sport at the National level; Representation at and competition at the International level the ability to raise levies to the new entity.
- The President is meeting with Graham Hobbs, the LA Honorary Solicitor to finalize the draft of the required resolutions and will distribute in the form of a motion to each state.
- David is willing to address the AGM of each State and also answer questions when he is in each State for the ALL.
- David sees the initial six Directors of the new body being appointed by the five member bodies with Men's and Women's Lacrosse in both WA and Victoria appointing one each and Lacrosse SA, as a unified body, appointing two.
- Of the initial Directors, half would hold office for three years and the other half for two years, and thereafter a two year rotation with eligibility for re election. This would continue with three retiring each year.
- An ongoing concern is the succession planning on the Board and getting the balance of skills correct and avoiding conflict of interest as the new entity will be a Public Unlisted Company and will have responsibilities under the Corporate Law and ASIC requirements.
- The same proposal will be sent to all State bodies, men, women and joint associations.

- 2) Clarification was requested on the \$10,000 granted by the ASC for what was understood to be for the men's Australian team competing in the 2006 World Championships. The Executive Director Colin Cunningham is endeavouring to locate a letter from Kym Richardson (Federal MP) which is hoped to clarify the matter

The basis of the Australia Women's Lacrosse claim was their interpretation of the

letter from ASC which was signed by mark Peters and appended to the Annual Report.

7. Annual Report.

- The LA Report has been available on the Lacrosse Australia website for more than three weeks, and a copy has been sent to the ASC. The Report was accepted as tabled.
- The Report from the Australian Team Executive Director and Coach have been included but the Reports have not yet been formally received by the Board and they were distributed as received from the appointees. The Financial Report in relation to the 2006 team is not yet available. This is disappointing as David was hoping to convey to the ASC what a huge cash flow input the members of the team face. There is also the matter of clarification of the \$10,000 which was thought had been provided by the Federal Government had provided for the team.
- The Annual Financial Report shows a surplus of \$5,000 for the financial year which was achieved by cutting expenses.
- Mavis Owens said that the LA Website is to be upgraded. She would also like it on record her appreciation of all the good work by Peter Noble over the years.

- Commenting on his report, Les said the Coaching Levels 1 and 2 Presenters courses has another restart. He has been waiting on the WLA to provide resources. States are waiting for the courses for Coaching Forums.

8 Election of Directors to the Lacrosse Australia Board.

Voting was not required as there were three places for the three positions so the Directors

for the next two year term will be David Fox, Mavis Owens and Allan Frederick.

9. Directors Expenses (Directors refrained from discussion and voting)

States agreed that the expenses for the LA Directors would remain at \$600 per annum.

10. The Garland Mc Harg Trophy.

The Presidents of the three member States will continue as the Trustees.

Two new cases have been made specifically One for the top and another for the newly enlarged base.

The President thanked all those who have contributed to lacrosse in the past year.

The meeting closed at 1.30pm Victorian time.

**PRESIDENT
Annual Report 2007**



1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Three Directors retired by rotation at the 2006 Annual Meeting in accordance with the Lacrosse Australia Articles of Association. Those elected unopposed were Mavis Owens, Allan Frederick and David Fox.

It has been a privilege to serve Lacrosse Australia and the Lacrosse community as President during the past year in what has indeed been a landmark year.

We achieved unification with a new body Australian Lacrosse Association Ltd being incorporated in March 2007 as the National Sporting Organization for both Women's and Men's Lacrosse.

Unification has been on the Agenda for many years and has occupied a considerable amount of time.

To have achieved unification with in the time frame set by the Australian Sports Commission and to have maintained both funding and recognition of Lacrosse with the ASC is a major achievement.

I must place on record my thanks to the Board members and the many volunteers at all levels that that have assisted Lacrosse in so many ways during the year.

I make special mention of Leighton Beamsley Treasurer, Ross Melville Auditor Helen Keane Secretary for their continued input and assistance in our administration.

2. MEETINGS:

4 meetings of Directors were held during the year, and I thank Directors for the time sacrificed from their day jobs to enable meetings to take place and additionally for their continuous availability to discuss matters with me on at times an almost day by day basis.

3. BUSINESS PLAN:

A review of the Business Plan was again undertaken at the November 2006 meeting, but this was a limited review because of the uncertainty at that time in relation to unification.

A full update of the business plan for Lacrosse Australia and its interaction with the plan of the new NSO will be undertaken in November 2007.

4. UNIFICATION International:

In addition to unification in Australia on the International scene unification of the ILF and IFWL is inevitable and this progressed at meetings in London, Ontario and Cardiff in July 2006.

International unification is still several years away, but it will happen as most of the new nations admitted to membership of the International bodies as well as USA, Canada, and the UK all function as unified bodies.

5. INTERNATIONAL Scene:

Peter Hobbs from Adelaide continued as a hard working International President.

The report of the Australian Indoor Team in Halifax Nova Scotia in July 2006 is contained in the Director of Development Report following later.

All sessions of the ILF meeting held in conjunction with the World Indoor Championships were attended on my behalf by Alan Frederick.

Our Under 21 team retained their unchallenged No 1 Place at the third ASPAC tournament held for the first time in New Zealand.

The Under 19 squad for the World Championships in Canada in 2009 is progressing well and full details of that are also available in Alan's Report.

The distance from the Northern hemisphere venue of the recent World competitions has placed great strain on the cash resources of the players and support contingent who all have been required to pay their own way.

There continues to be undue criticism about the lack of contribution of dollars from Lacrosse Australia to these National teams.

The answer is simple.

Lacrosse Australia has two revenue sources.

1. A grant from the Australian Sports Commission.
2. Levies raised on member States.

We are exceedingly appreciative that Lacrosse is still included in those sports which the Australian Government continue to fund through the Australian Sports Commission.

However our Sports Commission grant is a Sport Development grant and expenditure on the elite programme and International competition is the not the purpose of this grant and not a permitted application of these grant funds.

The existing levies raised from State Associations are the equivalent of the Sports Commission grant and are also needed to be spent in development of Lacrosse at all levels and to maintaining our National structure and continuing our representation in the International Lacrosse Federation of which we were a founding member.

There is increased pressure from the International Lacrosse Federation for the senior nations to continue to fund projects in the new developing lacrosse nations. However because of the lack of cash resources Lacrosse Australia have opted to not make any voluntary funding contributions to ILF or the International Development fund.

I have no difficulty with, and defend this stance.

The only alternative to the existing restrictions on the expenditure on Australian Teams and International Development is for Lacrosse Australia to receive more income.

Despite continued effort and expenditure corporate national sponsorship has proved impossible to obtain in the current Australian environment. The failure to attract national sponsorship is not unique to Lacrosse, but is a continuing problem for minor sports, particularly in the current environment of shrinking sponsorship for all but the mainstream traditional sports.

The Board of Lacrosse Australia are always open to hear from anybody who has a solution or the answer on how to obtain national sponsorship. I issue an open invitation for anybody with the answer to contact me.

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6. COMPETITIONS:

6.1 National Championships

The ALL format completed the third round in November 2006 and on 10 November the final for 2007 will return to the State Netball and Hockey Centre in Melbourne after a week end of competition in each of Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne.

A voluntary survey of those attending and participating in the 2006 ALL was undertaken and this survey strongly supported the continuation of the existing format.

Both Victoria and South Australia have advised that they will not support the ALL beyond 2007. Cost and timing appear to be the main concerns and the Board will be devoting attention to this situation and the ramifications on the selection of the Australian Team for the World Lacrosse Championships in Manchester in 2010.

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

The Under 17 Tournament and the Under 19 Championships were conducted in Perth at the Wembley Lacrosse Club in July 2007 and was a great action packed week of Lacrosse.

An Under 17 Queensland team attended for the first time, but unfortunately South Australia were not represented at the Under 17 level.

The Under 15 Tournament for 2007 will be conducted at Brighton Lacrosse Club South Australia commencing on 28 September 2007 and will feature a record eleven boys teams and this tournament include a Queensland team and a Queensland accredited Referee.

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Congratulations to those selected in All Stars Teams, the respective Best & Fairest and all contributing at the player, official and supporter levels.

Many thanks to the dedicated organizers of these functions at the host clubs Wembley, and Brighton and at the State host associations.

Special thanks must also go to all Referees and officials.

6.3 Indoor Lacrosse

The National Indoor Championships was played at Blackwood in South Australia on the Australia Day week end in January 2007 and also acted as the final selection for the Australian Team to the World Indoor Championships in Halifax Nova Scotia.

Further details appear elsewhere in this report and I thank the dedicated team that put this competition together.

7. REFEREES/COACHING

The LA Referee in Chief Mr. Mike Slattery has outlined the activities of the Referees in his detailed report.

I place on record the thanks of Lacrosse Australia to Mike and his team for their work during the year.

ALRA has certainly developed as an effective contributor to our sport at the International, National and State level.

8. LIAISON:

8.1 Australian Sports Commission

Communications with the Australian Sports Commission continue to be maintained through our ASC Liaison Bob Kershaw.

I record my thanks to Bob for the guidance, assistance and perseverance which he has provided to Lacrosse Australia during the past year, particularly in relation to assistance with unification.

8.2 Member Associations

The practice of inviting State Association representatives and State members to meet with Lacrosse Australia was again only accepted to a limited extent.

The three State Presidents John Harris Victoria, Bob Hewitson South Australia and Gary Kennedy Western Australia met with the LA Board in Adelaide in February 2007 and the main topic for this meeting was unification.

There is room for considerable improvement in relations and communications between the State Associations and Lacrosse Australia and further efforts will be devoted to achieving progress in the coming year.

10. AWARDS:

Lacrosse Australia awards for 2006 were as follows:

10.1 Isaachsen Trophy

The award for 2006 was won by James Inge of the Woodville club in Adelaide.

10.2 Lacrosse Australia Fellow Award

There was no new Fellow inducted this year, but a highly successful Fellows Dinner was held in Perth in July 2007 with an emphasis on the forty year veterans from the 1967 Australian Team and our rising stars in the 2008 Under 19 Team.

Historian Doug Fox gave an excellent presentation on the birth of Lacrosse which was well received by young and old alike.

Our thanks to Doug for the immense amount of work he has put into our historic collection which has enabled the proud history of Lacrosse in Australia to be accessible.

10.3 Lacrosse Australia Certificate of Merit Awards

Congratulations to Don Paull of South Australia on the receipt of his award which was presented in November 2006.

10.4 Lacrosse Australia Medallion

Lacrosse Australia Medallions were presented to:
Retiring President - Graeme Reddaway
2006 Isaachsen Trophy Winner – James Inge
ALL Championship Team – Western Australia
ALL Best & Fairest – Rob Stark – Victoria
U19 Championship winning team – Victoria
Australian Under 19 All Stars Team
Australian Under 19 Most Valuable Player – Steve Mundel Vic

10.5 President's Medallion

Under 17 Tournament winning Team – North Western Nights
Under 15 Tournament winning Team – Southern Braves
National Indoor Tournament Winning Team – Victoria
National Indoor All Stars Team

Presentation to all Referees at all events.

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.

In particular for the support in conducting the various events at Altona, Wembley and Brighton held under the auspices of LA and we appreciate their active pursuit in development plans designed to achieve participation growth and advancing standards.

We all have to accept the challenge to recognise the changing face of participation in sport and to accept that there is a change from the traditional club based Saturday competition, and to also accommodate the competing demands on volunteer's time at all levels from the club administration to the Lacrosse Australia Board.

11.3 Lacrosse Australia Directors

My personal thanks to all directors.

It has in deed been a challenging year not devoid of criticism and complaint.

Special mention must be made of Director Malcolm Stokes form Western Australia who retires at this meeting by rotation and is not seeking re election. His wise counsel will be missed but I am sure that he will still be a willing participant and continue his involvement with the sport.

12. Future Plans

The following reports of each Director set out what has happened in their portfolio during the year and the aspirations for the future.

Accept the challenge for the future...

Thanks for your work for Lacrosse

DAVID FOX

Adelaide

22 September 2007



Honorary Secretary 2007 Annual Report General

Once again it has been a busy year for people concerned with Lacrosse at all levels. Without your hard work our sport would not exist. Thank you and congratulations.

Interstate Transfers

There have been five transfers this year:

Matt Wickham	Victoria to WA
James Herron	SA to Victoria
Michael Mills	SA to WA
John Brewer	Victoria to WA
Matthew Jones	WA to Victoria

Isaachsen Trophy

The winner for 2006 was James Inge of the Woodville Lacrosse Club in South Australia. The Trophy and medallion were presented in Adelaide after an ALL match.

Fellows Award.

No Fellows Award for 2006. The Fellows Dinner was held in Perth in July 2007

Certificate of Merit

One award in 2006 went to Don Paull of ALRA South Australia.

Lacrosse Australia Meetings

An extra meeting was held this year to replace the one that was missed when the World Championships were in Canada in 2006. Meetings were:

October	AGM Teleconference
October	Melbourne
February	Adelaide
April	Adelaide
July	Perth

International Meetings

Allan Frederick represented Australia.

Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union Meeting in New Zealand

International Lacrosse Federation Meeting in Canada.

National Championships and Tournaments

2006 Australian Lacrosse League (Senior Championships)

Conducted in October and November 2006.

Results

WA 14 d SA 4
WA 16 d SA 8
Vic 8 d WA 6
Vic 11 d WA 6
Vic 11 d SA 7
Vic 21 d SA 4

Grand Final WA 14 d Victoria 7 in Perth

National Champions: Garland McHarg Trophy---Western Australia
Championship Best and Fairest Hobbs Trophy -----Robert Stark Victoria

Australian All Stars Team (in alphabetical order):

Alex Brown	WA
Warren Brown	WA
Anson Carter	SA
Marty Hyde	Victoria
Gavin Leavy	WA
Anthony Monroe	SA
Keith Nyberg	Victoria
Travis Roost	WA
Adam Sear	WA
Cameron Shepherd	Victoria
Robert Stark	Victoria
Adam Townley	Victoria
Brendan Twiggs	SA
Coach Travis Roost	WA
Referee Don Lovett	Vic

2007 Under 19 Championship conducted in Perth in July

Results

Minor round

Victoria 12 d South Australia 10
Western Australia 7 d Victoria 5
Western Australia 9 d South Australia 5
Victoria 16 D Western Australia 11
Western Australia 13 d South Australia 12

Grand Final Victoria 15 d Western Australia 5

Australian U19 Champions Hickey Trophy--- Victoria
Best and Fairest Turnbull Trophy-----Steve Mundel – Victoria

All Stars Team

South Australia	Ross Hamilton Brock Pettigrove Will Pickett Jack Woodford
Western Australia	Tim Clancey Blair Coggin Dean Lawrence Steve Stojkos Ben Tippett
Victoria	Angus Cameron Gene Kehoe Steve Mundel Ben Teasdale

Coach - Sean Handley - Victoria

Referee – Mark Polden - SA

2007 Under 17 National Tournament in Perth in July

Placings:

1. North West Knights
2. Southern Braves
3. Northern Thunder
4. South East Titans

2006 Under 15 National Tournament in Melbourne in September/October 2006

Placings:

1. Southern Braves
2. Eastside Kings
3. Northern Thunder
4. Western Metro
5. Southern Crosse
6. Western Reds
7. West Coast Lightning
8. Eastern Reds
9. Northern Warriors
10. Tigers
11. Panthers
12. Pumas

2007 ALL and 2007 U15's have not been played at this time.

Helen Keane

Adelaide

17 September 2007

HONORARY SECRETARY



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DIRECTORS' REPORT 2007

Your directors present this report on the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2007.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the start of the 2006 – 2007 year are:

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

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report.

Directors' Meetings

During the year four Directors' meetings were held. Graeme Reddaway attended three meetings and the other five Directors attended four meetings.

Operating Result

The Company returned a deficit of \$1,224 for the 2007 Financial Year which followed a surplus for the 2006 Financial Year of \$5,210.

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 2007 and the financial position of Lacrosse Australia Ltd at 30 June 2007 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 except for the funding of the Australian Sports Commission which is now directed to the new unified Company Australian Lacrosse Association Ltd.

Continued ASC funding depends upon the new company maintaining the requirements of its sports funding agreement.

Future Developments

Lacrosse Australia Ltd was 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.

This was achieved in March 2007.

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:

David Fox
President

Allan Frederick
Director

Date:

Lacrosse Australia Ltd
Financial Position as at 30 June 2007

30/6/06		30/6/07
	Issued Capital	
148,439	Accumulated Reserves as at 1 July 2006	1453,650
5,2111	(Deficit) Surplus for Current Year	(1,224)
<u>\$153,650</u>	Accumulated Reserves as at 30 June 2007	<u>152,426</u>
	Represented by:	
	Current Assets	
154,077	Cash at Bank	186,706
0	Cash on Hand	0
38,045	Debtors	200
5	Filing Cabinet	5
10	Dictaphone	10
10	Fax Machine	10
1,000	Loan - NSW Lacrosse	0
4,500	Loan - Lacrosse Academy	4,500
5,000	Loan - 2006 Australian Team	0
0	Loan - 2007 Indoor Team	5,000
0	Loan - 2007 Under 21 Team	3,000
<u>\$202,647</u>		<u>199,431</u>
	Less Current Liabilities	
0	Sundry Creditors	105
4,400	Provision for Franchise Rebate	2,750
2,986	GST Liability (Net)	2,444
3,000	Funds for State Associations	3,000
7,672	Funds for Australian Teams	7,672
1,623	Funds for Officiating	1,623
28,070	Funds due to Trust Account	23,070
4,341	Funds Received from 2003 Under 19 Team	4,341
2,000	Australian Sports Foundation	2,000
<u>\$49,092</u>		<u>47,005</u>
<u>\$153,555</u>	Net Assets	<u>152,426</u>

Garland McHarg Trophy held in the custody of Australian Lacrosse Ltd

Lacrosse Australia Ltd
Statement of Financial Performance - Year Ending 30 June 2007

Actual 12 Months Ended 30/6/06		Actual 12 Months Ended 30/6/07
	Income	
57,955	Administration	38,131
5,100	Competition	0
0	Development	0
0	Special Projects	0
0	Coaching & Officiating	0
0	Media, Marketing & Promotions	0
<u>\$63,055</u>	Total Income	<u>38,134</u>
	Expenses	
36,069	Administration	30,791
16,306	Competition	7,844
0	Development	0
4,960	Coaching & Officiating	0
510	Media, Marketing & Promotions	720
<u>\$57,845</u>	Total Expense	<u>39,355</u>
	Surplus / (Deficiency)	
21,866	Administration	7,340
(11,206)	Competition	(7,844)
0	Development	0
0	Special Projects	0
(4,960)	Coaching & Officiating	0
510	Media, Marketing & Promotions	(720)
<u>\$5,210</u>	Total Surplus / (Deficiency)	<u>(1,224)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2007



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.



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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
	0	0

Note 3: Cash Assets

Bank accounts:

- Bank - General Account	157,967	186,706
- Cash On Hand	0	0
	157,967	186,706

**LACROSSE AUSTRALIA LTD
DIRECTORS' STATUTORY 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 2007 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.

David Fox
President

Allan Frederick
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 2007. 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 2007 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, 2007, 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.



**DIRECTOR of FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION
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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 2007 financial year Lacrosse Australia Ltd has a deficit \$1,224.

This is a small loss and follows a modest surplus last year.

The loss has only been contained at this level by monitoring and curtailing all expenses and ensuring that only essential expenses have been incurred.

Without any major increase in Government funding or the acquisition of national sponsorship or alternative revenue source the loss will continue as there is a certain level of minimum costs which must be incurred to continue as national body.

There will be some economies of scale upon full implementation of unification but the quantum of these savings will depend upon the function of the continuing Boards and the frequency and needs of meetings.

Key areas of our income were as follows:-

Affiliation Fees State Associations	\$31,940
Bank Interest	\$ 6,017

Key areas of Costs were:-

Administration

International Lacrosse Federation	\$ 7,759
Directors Meeting Costs	\$ 9,976
Directors and Secretary's expenses	\$ 7,220
Storage	\$ 1,600
Fellows Dinner 2006	\$ 988
Telephone Secretary	\$ 737

Competition

ASPAC Under 21 Team	\$ 1,619
Travel – Selectors	\$ 581
Trophies and Awards for Competitions	\$ 5,602

Communications (formerly Media Marketing and Promotion)

Lacrosse Australia Web Page	\$ 720
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After Balance Date Confirmation was received from the Australian Sports Commission that funding had been approved to Australian Lacrosse Association Ltd the unified new National Sporting Organization for Lacrosse for the 2007 financial year of \$60,000 and in the 2008 and 2009 Financial years the new unified body should be included in the Sports Commission Sports Development Grants programme to the extent of \$50,000 in each year.

The continued support from the Sports Commission is dependant upon Australian Lacrosse Association Ltd continuing in each year to comply with the funding services conditions of the Australian Sports Commission.

DAVID W. FOX

Adelaide

22 September 2007

DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS Annual Report 2007



Lacrosse Australia Strategic Plan 2006-2009

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.

I am pleased to submit my report to Members of Lacrosse Australia.

Introduction

The Lacrosse Australia Board is responsible for the management of Lacrosse Australia and the implementation of programs and activities which enhance Australian Lacrosse. This responsibility is shared with Member State Association and Clubs, with the aim of ensuring the wellbeing of the sport. Together our task is to grow the sport in all its various facets. This includes both on-field and off-field activities.

Communication is an integral component of these responsibilities and the difficulties encountered are common at all levels – international, national, state, club. No one Lacrosse organization can claim to have the perfect model, although each is endeavouring to achieve continued improvement and greater rapport with its members and the wider community.

It is recognized there are significant impediments in achieving many of the desired outcomes – not the least of these is the adverse impact of decreased funding to Lacrosse Australia by the Australian Sports Commission since 2000. This reduced funding has seriously restricted the operations of many Lacrosse programs and limited the opportunities to implement new and innovative programs which the Board is keen to initiate. It should be noted that over the same period of time many Olympic sports have enjoyed greater financial support from the Federal Government – making the gap between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots' in sport wider and achievements more difficult. It is often hard for others to appreciate the cumulative negative effect on Lacrosse of disproportionately low-funding by the Australian Sports Commission over many years.

At the same time, research shows that securing commercial sponsorship by those sports which traditionally do not enjoy community popularity or high participant numbers has become less likely!

However, this does not diminish the enthusiasm of the Lacrosse Australia Directors to continue to do their utmost in all areas – effectively to become more creative with less! Our record of achievement over these past few years has been acknowledged with national awards and commendation by at least one Federal Minister for Sport.

In 2007 an historic off-field decision was taken when the Australian Lacrosse Association Ltd - the merged body of men's and women's Lacrosse Associations in Australia – was registered with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission on 15 March. This was not achieved without a concerted effort by all involved, including Member State Associations and the President and Directors of Lacrosse Australia. It required an

industrious and meticulous approach by LA Directors to ensure that the obligatory fiduciary duties were met and the interests of Men's Lacrosse were not seriously compromised. The new ALA Board elected LA President David Fox, as the inaugural Chairman, reflecting the high degree of professionalism David brought to the process. His liaison with Member bodies, including both men's and women's lacrosse associations and consultants at the Australian Sports Commission in achieving the establishment of this new organization has been acknowledged. David, Allan Frederick and I have been appointed by Lacrosse Australia as three of the inaugural six Directors. Nominations for the remaining three Directors were the responsibility of Women's Lacrosse Australia.

Communication - Promotion of Lacrosse

As mentioned above "Communication" - the promotion of Lacrosse - is the responsibility of all involved at the many different levels within Australia. 2007 has seen some significant achievements at all levels although there have been disappointing results too. The following items relate specifically to Lacrosse Australia but some can be seen as common to State Associations and Clubs, eg: the lack of resources, both financial and personnel, to maintain high-quality, interactive websites.

Lacrosse Australia Web Site

Unfortunately, neither funds nor resources were available to upgrade the LA website during 2007 although the site was maintained throughout the year with new information uploaded as it came to hand and new sections being added. The site was used to promote national activities including links to the various national events; calling for expressions of interest for national teams – 2007 Indoor Championships, 2007 ASPACs, 2008 Under 19s, 2010 Seniors; provision of general information and promotion of Australian Team activities, to name a few. The website register was also maintained and Lacrosse Australia Updates were distributed on a regular basis to those registered.

It is good to see that all State Associations and Clubs are continually updating their sites although they too suffer with the problem of insufficient resources to keep all facets of their sites up-to-date.

It is recognized that the internet is a most important component of communication and Lacrosse Australia will continue to use this medium, although it is disturbing to see incorrect and misleading information contained on some Lacrosse forum sites. Various 'threads' were distributed to LA Directors in an endeavour to keep abreast of current commentary on matters pertaining to Lacrosse in Australia.

University Students

It was pleasing to have many contacts from University students during 2007 requesting information relating to the sport, including aspects of administration, management, funding, numbers, history, etc, for assignment purposes. While compiling this information was an additional task for my portfolio, the effort was considered worthwhile as many of these students will have the opportunity to have a positive influence in the general community when they commence work. I am currently waiting for material from one University lecturer that will include various assignments and students' perceptions of Lacrosse. It should be interesting reading!

It is intended that some of the material prepared for the above students will be collated and uploaded onto the LA website so enquirers can be directed to that site.

General Enquiries

Many enquiries are received throughout the year and often considerable time is required to research the responses. One reason responses take time to prepare is the lack of Australian Lacrosse literature. The new brochure ***"This is Lacrosse Australia"*** is a welcome resource (see paragraph below). An interesting phenomenon has been the increase in international enquiries regarding the conduct of World Championships due primarily to the recognition of Australia's ability to successfully conduct major events.

This is Lacrosse Australia

This snapshot of the recent history and status of men's lacrosse in Australia, produced in a glossy poster/brochure, is testament to the significant achievements of Lacrosse and the contributions made by many since 1876 when Lacrosse was first introduced into this country. This colour brochure describes various aspects of the sport and was distributed to those attending the 2007 Lacrosse Australia Fellows Dinner. The brochure will be distributed to all registered members throughout Australia and my sincere thanks to Lacrosse Australia Director, Malcolm Stokes, who researched the information contained in the brochure and was responsible for its production.

Media

More and more, Lacrosse is experiencing increasing difficulty in gaining major media exposure although everyone agrees on its importance and the increased difficulties experienced when endeavouring to secure sponsorship or when promoting the sport. It is pleasing to see Lacrosse articles appearing in local community newspapers and those responsible are thanked.

Lacrosse Australia Fellows Dinner

One avenue Lacrosse has to promote its heroes is the conduct of the Lacrosse Australia Fellows Dinner. As no Fellow was to be inducted this year, the event was conducted during the Australian U19 and U17 events, with the host State Association donating proceeds to the 2008 Australian U19 Team.

The WALA organizing committee is to be congratulated on this successful event which promoted (a) the centenary of the Canadian Lacrosse Team visit to Australia – the first international lacrosse team visit to our shores, (b) the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Australian Team which participated in the 'first' Lacrosse World Championship, although not officially acclaimed as such at the time; and (c) the 2008 Australian Under 19s who are preparing for the upcoming World Championships. It was great to see the rapport between these young players and some of the greats of the past. Doug Fox LA Fellow and Honorary Historian, capped off a great night with his interesting insight "Two Pubs and Twelve Milestones".

Australian Lacrosse League (ALL)

The ALL has always been identified as the greatest opportunity to promote the sport of Lacrosse and specifically to a new target market – those outside of the sport. Not only does the ALL provide spectators with a great environment in which to enjoy watching Lacrosse, it creates a revenue-raising opportunity by tapping into those from outside the

sport who are not already committing significant dollars into the sport through membership fees and other fund-raising activities.

It is disappointing that the bulk of criticism, by those who completed the 2007 ALL Survey, was directed towards the 'perceived' lack of promotion of these events. The "product" is right for promoting. State Associations and Team Members are encouraged to capitalize on the ALL revenue-raising potential and use opportunities such as pre-selling tickets which are produced and distributed to State Associations by the ALL Commission well in advance of hosting dates.

It is also disappointing that some of the basic requirements for successful promotion of the ALL continue to lag behind reasonable expectations, eg: failure of State Associations to recruit and appoint Team Managers, late nomination of team members' names and provision of photographs for inclusion in the official ALL program.

It is a lost opportunity if promotion is not paramount in considerations by State Associations when planning their ALL weekends.

Thanks

My thanks are extended to the many people who assist in the promotion of Lacrosse around Australia – not an easy task. I trust you derive much satisfaction from doing your best, often in trying circumstances.

I wish to thank my fellow Directors and Honorary Secretary for their support and encouragement during 2007, and a special thank you to Director Malcolm Stokes, who is not seeking re-election at the forthcoming AGM. Malcolm was elected a Fellow of Lacrosse in 2001 in recognition of his sterling efforts for Lacrosse over many years and his contribution, dedication and visionary approach will be greatly missed by the LA Board.

In closing, I encourage all who are contributing to this great game to embrace the fact that we are all on the "same team" and not countenance a "them and us" debilitating attitude!

I thank Members for the opportunity to serve on the LA Board.

Mavis Owens
Director Communications



1. Participation Size (LA Strategic Plan KRA1)

1.1 Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) – It is an embarrassment and a source of frustration to me that I have been unable to afford the LA Scholarship Program the time and effort required to progress it. I hope to be able to produce a brochure to promote the program and distribute it with the 'This is Lacrosse Australia' brochure which has been produced.

1.2 Northern Tasmanian Lacrosse Association (NTLA) – It is pleasing to report that a new Association has been affiliated with Lacrosse Australia (subject to provision of the incorporation papers). A keen lacrosse supporter has been instrumental in the establishment of this new Association, based in Launceston Tasmania, and he is active in conducting clinics in schools. The Tasmanian Lacrosse Association remains active in Hobart and supports this new activity in Launceston.

1.3 School Programs – While Lacrosse Australia supports and encourages the conduct of lacrosse programs in schools, these can realistically only be managed and implemented by State Associations and Clubs.

2. National Competitions and Major Events (LA Strategic Plan KRA2)

This area demands the most time and effort for this portfolio.

2.1 Australian Lacrosse League (ALL) – The 2006 competition was managed for the third year by Sports Management Pty Ltd and was successfully conducted with Western Australia winning the Australian Champions title. A survey conducted during the 2006 ALL competition indicated strong positive support for all aspects of the ALL concept. As some 80% of respondents were supporters/spectators, which is an important market which lacrosse must work hard at developing, this encouraged the LA Board to decide to conduct the Australian Senior Lacrosse Championships for the years 2007 to 2009 in the ALL format. However both the Victorian and South Australian Associations have advised that they will not support the ALL format after 2007. A review of the format to be used for the conduct of future Australian Senior Championships will be conducted after State Associations have indicated their preferences for a range of options for various elements of the competition. The 2007 ALL competition is scheduled to be conducted over the period 19 October to 10 November and is again being managed by Sports Management Pty Ltd as no other responses were received to advertisements for this task.

2.2 Australian Under 19 Championship 2007 – This was successfully conducted in Perth with Victoria winning the Australian Champion title. Only three teams participated due to the late withdrawal of a team from Japan which had committed to compete in this event. Efforts were also made to attract a team from USA which was visiting Australia at this time but they were unable to change their travel arrangements to include Perth. Because the protocols required for teams visiting other ILF Member nations were not followed the team was not aware of the

Under 19 Championship being played in Perth when making their arrangements, and Lacrosse Australia was not aware of their visit.

When a four- team competition was in place it was decided to schedule two full rounds then the final, primarily to maximize exposure and pressure for players in contention for selection in the 2008 Australian Under 19 team. As this resulted in teams playing seven games in seven days it was decided to allow each team to nominate up to 23 players, with 19 permitted to play in each game and 2 games required to be played for eligibility to play in the Final – which is consistent with the ALL Format.

This arrangement was retained after the withdrawal of the team from Japan because teams had already booked travel, accommodation and uniforms for the 23 players.

The Victorian Lacrosse Association has been invited to express interest in hosting the 2008 Australian Under 19 Championship from July 6 to 12.

2.3 Australian Under 17 Tournament 2007 – This was successfully conducted in Perth with the North West Knights team from Victoria winning the Tournament. It was great to have a team from Queensland competing in this competition but extremely disappointing to have no team from South Australia involved. Both Victoria and Western Australia fielded two teams.

Verbal advice was received from Lacrosse South Australia that they would request that the Under 17 Tournament reverts to a Championship format. This ignores the fact that even without the two teams from South Australia there were five teams participating in the 2007 Tournament. The addition of two teams from South Australia would have increased the number of teams participating to seven, an increase of one over the 2006 competition. A Championship format would have had three teams participating. It is also felt that the Under 17 competition change to a Tournament format was a major factor in more that 130 players trying out for selection in the 2008 Australian Under 19 team.

The Victorian Lacrosse Association has been invited to express interest in hosting the 2008 Australian Under 17 Tournament from July 6 to 12.

2.4 Australian Under 15 Tournament 2006 – This competition was conducted in Melbourne with 12 teams participating and the Eastside Kings team from Victoria winning the Tournament.

The 2007 Australian Tournament is being held in Adelaide from September 30 to October 6 with 10 teams nominated at time of writing.

The Western Australian Lacrosse Association has been invited to express interest in hosting the 2008 Australian Under 15 Tournament from September 28 to October 4.

2.5 Australian Indoor Lacrosse Tournament 2007 – This event was held in Adelaide from January 25 to January 28 with four teams participating – two from South Australia and one each from Victoria and New South Wales. A major influence in the decision to conduct this event was the nomination of an Australian Team in the 2007 World Indoor Championship held in Canada.

An invitation has been extended to all State Associations to express their interest in the hosting of the 2008 Australian Indoor Lacrosse Tournament from approx. January 26 to 28.

2.6 Australian Competitions Handbook – This publication has been updated on several occasions during this year to provide guidelines for new situations which arise.

2.7 Competition Managers – The services of Bob Hewitson and Keith Chamberlain as Competition Managers in Adelaide and Melbourne respectively has been greatly appreciated. In the absence of any nominations for this role in Western Australia I have acted in that role.

2.8 2008 Australian Lacrosse Calendar – A proposed calendar for Lacrosse Australia Competitions, indicating dates of school holidays, has been distributed to all State Associations with no changes requested.

2.9 Competition Bulletins have been issued when considered necessary.

3. General

3.1 “This is Lacrosse Australia” – This brochure has been produced to promote Lacrosse Australia and also provide a snapshot of the recent history and status of men’s lacrosse in Australia. Copies have been provided to participants in LA competitions and it is proposed that it be mailed to all registered members of State Associations.

3.2 “Participation and Fees” – A paper suggesting a revised methodology to break the nexus between participation and fees was written and provided to LA Board Members and State Association Presidents in April. However it was decided that the timing for consideration of any significant change in fee structures was not right as the merger with Women’s lacrosse Australia may result in other factors needing consideration.

4. Appreciation

This is my final report as a Director on the Lacrosse Australia Board of Directors as I have not nominated for election in 2007.

It has been my privilege to serve since 1984 as a Delegate and a Director, with brief breaks while engaged in other roles such as Australian Team Executive Director. During this time I have worked with many committed and capable people who I am fortunate to be able to claim as friends. I thank all those people who have shared my passion for this game and who have provided their support and friendship over many years.







I hope to be able to continue my involvement in men’s lacrosse in other ‘off Board’ roles and I express my best wishes to all those people committed to the development of this great game.

Malcolm Stokes
Director Participation

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
Annual Report 2007**



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 activities in Australia
-  Encourage International and overseas teams to visit Australia

1. International Team Visits - Incoming

We continue attempts to attract high quality teams from USA and Canada to tour Australia. This did not produce any results over the past 12 months. There are however, some new "Sports Tours" organizations that have recently contacted us showing interest in bringing composite sides of Div 1 and Div 3 College players from the U.S.A.

A division 3 team from Union College will compete in the 2008 Australian Championships in Victoria next July with the possibility of a second team being given approval to come to Australia at the same time. Unfortunately the timing does not allow these teams to tour Australia prior to the Under 19 Australian Team departing for Canada.

Japan continues to seek to send teams to Australia also.

Although relations are positive with USA organizations, costs and timing continue to be the primary reasons we are not seeing teams come to Australia. Lacrosse Australia will consider appointing a task force to focus specifically on improving this activity.

2. 2009 Asia Pacific Lacrosse Tournament (ASPAC)

Korean Lacrosse Association has been approved by the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union Committee (APLU) to host the 2009 tournament. It will be staged in Korea during June/July 2009, and will be a combined men's and women's event.

Australia will nominate to attend and will send an U21 development team. This will be a development team and as such; players, assistant coaches and managerial staff will be appointed with the view to looking forward to providing an experience which leads to participation in future national teams.

3. Australian Team(s) Activities

3.1 Australian Senior Team (Field Lacrosse)

Australia has committed to participating in the 2010 Men's Senior World Lacrosse Championships to be played in Manchester England.

Application for the Executive Director were advertised in Q1 2007 and followed by interview of the applicants and the eventual appointment of Keith Chamberlain to the position of Executive Director.

Lacrosse Australia congratulates Keith on this appointment and confirms its commitment to support and assist the team's activities as appropriate.

Expressions of Interest were called for coaches interested in the respective coaching vacancies and a process of interviewing those candidates who have nominated will begin during September/October 2007 with appointment of the senior coaching staff planned for November 2007.

Similarly, positions for management have been advertised and interviews will follow.

Australia continues to achieve commendable results when one considers that we have approximately 2,000 male junior and senior players compared to the USA and Canada with numbers in excess of 200,000 each.

It is this weight of numbers plus a fully paid and professional coaching fraternity in the USA that continues to be one of our teams' biggest hurdles to jump if we are to be more competitive.

Couple this with the expense of travel and accommodation (approaching \$10,000 per head per championship programme) of our players, plus the lack of high level competition; we are fortunate to have had a band of volunteers to play, coach and administer our teams' participation.

As we compete against major sports in this country we urge past lacrosseurs to consider assisting and supporting our teams where possible.

These comments are not just for our senior men's team, but all of our national representative teams.

3.2 Australian Senior Team (Indoor Lacrosse)

Australia again contested the World Indoor Championships in Halifax Nova Scotia in Canada finishing the event in sixth place.

Whilst slipping from fourth place in 2003, four additional teams participated in 2007 with England, Scotland and Wales recruiting a majority of players from those resident in Canada with indoor (or box lacrosse) experience at senior A and Junior A level.

Without a sustained and national competition of Indoor Lacrosse in Australia future teams will find it difficult to compete for medals.

Organization of the team management, coaching and support staff was late commencing.

Congratulations are extended to Keith Chamberlain and Ric Benedierks in the positions of Executive Director and Head Coach respectively. Kelvin Minerds joined the team as General Manager and these three people worked tirelessly to ensure that the team was prepared as well as it could be with the limited time and numbers of players to choose from and I personally thank them for their efforts.

This was the first Indoor team to be recognised as an Australian team and entitled to the Australian Coat of Arms status.

Approximately forty players registered and trials took place during October 2006 with final selection at the Australian National Indoor Championship event held in Adelaide over Australia Day long week end in 2007.

Further information will be made available once the team's official report is received in October 2007.

Official Team Members were:-

Tim Fry (Captain)	
Chris De Mello (Assistant Captain)	
Cameron McLachlan (Assistant Captain)	
Mick Brown	
Mark Norton	
Keith Nyberg	
Lachlan Ross	
Adam Smith	
Nigel Wapper	
Charles Zarafa	
Damian Cliffe	
Travis Croll	
Anthony Feleppa	
Caleb Hall	
Wade Hammond	
James Hooper	
Harry Hristopoulos	
Dennis Juleff	
Dylan MacDougall	
Gordon Purdie	
Mark Gregson	
Harrison Hristopoulos	
Aaron Machner	
Keith Chamberlain	- Executive Director
Kelvin Minerds	- General Manager
Paul Clough	- Assistant Manager
Richard Benedierks	- Head Coach
Robert MacDougall	- Assistant Coach
Brent Mathews	- Assistant Coach
Jeff Williams	- Strength & Conditioning Coach
David Eyer	- Referee
Greg Harrison	- Referee

3.3 U19 Australian Teams

Australia has committed to participating in the U19 World Championships in 2008 with the event to be held in Vancouver, Canada.

Applications for management and coaching positions were advertised in Q305, and a team of management and coaching staff appointed as follows:-

Keith Chamberlain	-	Executive Director
Bob Carter	-	Head Coach
Ian Whitbourn	-	General Manager
Terry Smith	-	Assistant Manager
Mark Bowman	-	Assistant Manager
Dennis Newman	-	Assistant Coach
Nathan Rainey	-	Assistant Coach
Brad Skepper	-	Assistant Coach
Craig Treloar	-	Strength & Conditioning Coach
Laura Piccolotto	-	Executive Assistant
Nick Denediuk	-	Doctor
Rob Chamberlain	-	Trainer
Kevin Humphreys	-	Bench Co-Coordinator

Registration of players for the team reached in excess of 130 and trials, camps and pre-selection have begun. The Executive Director and Head Coach have travelled to each State to outline the program to all those registered. The Head Coach also travelled to America to watch the US Teams selection trials.

The strength, conditioning and training program with training camps taking place as a part of this team's final selection process.

Lacrosse Australia has approved financial assistance for some coaching staff to attend a coaching improvement tour in the USA in 2008 prior to this event, and we continue to work closely with the team's management and coaching staff to provide access to resources to assist in their preparation.

Progress and overview of this team's preparation can be viewed by logging on to the Lacrosse Australia website and visiting the team's own web site in particular view the "croc-eyed" publication written by the staff and coaches.

3.4 Lacrosse Australia Development Teams

An U21 development team will be nominated to participate in the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Tournament in Korea during June/July 2009.

A 30-man team (players, coaches, managers) will be selected and nominations for the positions of Executive Director and Coaching Staff will be advertised throughout the Lacrosse community during Q4 of 2007.

An underage development team is being proposed to attend the World Youth International Tournament in Vancouver Canada during the Under 19 World Championships.

Australian has nominated a team and it is proposed that it will consist of players who will be eligible for selection for the 2012 Under 19 World Championships. It should be noted however that selection in this underage development team is not a criteria for selection to the 2012 Australian Under 19 Team.

Lacrosse Australia is pleased to advise that Trevor Stevens has been appointed as Team Executive Director and is currently recruiting coaches and support staff.

This initiative is considered as another version of the talent identification programme (TIP) as it identifies and makes available the opportunity for our young players to experience international competition.

No doubt Trevor's experience with previous Australian Under 19 and Under 21 Development teams will be invaluable in this instance.

4 Other Initiatives

4.1 Talent Identification (TIP)

After 3 years of operating, this program was not conducted in 2007, although a new initiative for underage players to be identified and offered the opportunity to participate in international events is being considered. Refer to previous item 3.4 for details.

4.2 Lacrosse Academy

This initiative stalled following the resignation of the Program Director in 2005. Unfortunately, at this stage, there has been no replacement program. LA is to look at alternative ways to support the running of a more suitable program, and we appeal to those in the Lacrosse Community with coaching and management experience to consider assisting in the re-instatement of this important initiative.

4.3 10 Year Development Plan

Program on track.

The proposed trip to US / Canada in 2006 for U19 Team players identified from the 2005 TIP process did not take place. Parents surveyed re cost and a decision taken by 2008 U19 team management not to tour.

Other player and coach development initiatives are being considered.

4.4 Lacrosse Australia Web Site Announcements

The Development portfolio continues to use this medium as a way of advertising and announcing any new developments, positions vacant etc.

5 Lacrosse Australia Handbook

Lacrosse Australia in conjunction with the Executive Director of 2008 and 2010 National teams has begun the task of updating the handbook to include Indoor Australian Teams and changes to the National Teams functions.

6 ILF / APLU Meetings

Two formal meetings were attended during the 06/07 period by the writer (Australia's delegate to ILF Development Committee and Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union).

These included a three day attendance at the ILF International General Assembly meeting in Canada during the 2007 World Indoor Championships and the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union Meetings held in New Zealand during the ASPAC Tournament. Costs for these trips were financed by Lacrosse Australia.

SUMMARY



Internationally, A rewarding year with Australia maintaining its senior ranking as bronze medallist at the 2006 World Championships although our team were extremely disappointed in not finishing with a gold medal.

A disappointing result for our 2007 World Indoor Team, brought about by non Canadian nations being able to select a high proportion of experienced Canadian players to their National Teams.

Our 2007 ASPAC Team continued their No 1 ranking in the Asia Pacific region for the third time in a row.



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

Planning for 2008 Under 19 World Championship, 2009 ASPAC Tournament and 2010 Senior World Championship Teams will no doubt occupy portfolio activities during the next 12 months.

Finally, to my fellow Directors, all other supporters of Development Portfolio activities, and President David Fox I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Lacrosse Australia
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Coaching

The saga of level one & two coaching program with the Victorian Institute of Sport is currently stalled waiting input from the Women's lacrosse group. This is expected to arrive by the end of September and the current target completion date is mid-December. The program then will go to the Institute for Sport in Canberra for accreditation approval. We then plan to hold a course or courses at the Victorian Institute for representatives from all states to receive accreditation as authorized course presenters. This operation will require some financial support from Lacrosse Australia and hopefully the states.

In addition, the nucleus of the Lacrosse Australia Coaching Forum or Association has been outlined and the following representatives have agreed to be involved:

Vic Duncan McKenzie

SA Jurgen Klus

WA Travis Roost

The plan is to build a committee around these people linked directly to each State body initially and eventually a national forum providing coaches with input to teaching & rules development from both sport specific and sports science base. The current coaching program is designed to be a dynamic structure that allows inputs and variations on an ongoing basis which should mean that never again will not have a continuing coaching program that requires such specialist resources that are not readily available

Those coaches who currently hold accreditation until the end of September 2007 there is a facility to extend this until the new program is available and we are currently negotiating with Canberra to hopefully achieve this.

Les Goding

**REFERREE IN CHIEF
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I have the pleasure of providing a summary of season 2007 activities as summarised below.

1. World Indoor Lacrosse Championships 2007.

Two referees (David Eyre & Greg Harrison) were members of the Australian Team and officiated in Canada.

One of those (David Eyre) has been invited to join the NTC with the portfolio of Indoor Lacrosse Officiating.

2. ASPAC Tournament 2007.

Two referees (Richard Bathman & Alan Frost) were provided as part of the Australian contingent. Both qualified as Level 4 ILF officials (per examination and on-field performances).

There were also referees from Japan, Korea and New Zealand referees officiating. The first Korean referee to attain ILF accreditation came from performances in this tournament.

Three (out of three) assessors were provided (Neville Balfour, Ian McRae, Mike Slattery) and one (Mike) also operated as the Referee in Chief for the tournament held in Auckland, New Zealand.

A copy of this event's RiC report was provided separately.

The next ASPAC 2009 Tournament will be held in Korea and this will be pro-actively used as a development opportunity for Australian officials.

3. Australian Lacrosse League 2007.

The necessary planning and arrangements have been finalised for officiating in this competition.

There are currently arrangements confirmed for two referees, and one alternate, from each State for the four weeks duration of the A.L.L. during the period 20Oct-10Nov07.

The details of the nominees are as follows:

<i>A.L.L. Competition</i>	<i>Referees</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
WA	Ian McRae	Steve McRae
	Evan Walters	
SA	Michael Goudie	David Campbell
	Scott Retallick	
Vic	Jason Lawrence	Alan Black
	Kelvin Minerds	

The Referee in Chief (Mike Slattery) will assess at each of the A.L.L. competition's matches with assistance from the Chief Referees and local ALRA assessors in each State. These do not constitute a component of their National Grading System for season 2007.

4. National U/19 & U/17 Competitions 2007.

The eleven referees who officiated were (WA: Steve McRae, Ian McRae, Evan Walters, Mitchell Walmsley; SA: Mark Polden, David Campbell, Scott Retallick; Vic: Don Lovett, Jason Lawrence, Kelvin Minerds; Qld: Jerry Van Zyl). There were five assessors (Laslo Tiszavolgyi, David Eyre, Mike Slattery full time with Rolfe Kraus and Terry Culley part time) with one (Mike Slattery) acting as Chief Referee for the competition. This is the first time that we have had an accredited Queensland ALRA referee (Jerry Van Zyl) on the panel, and he qualified highly with both on (i.e. performance) and off (i.e. exams) the field assessments, and provided an excellent performance from this development opportunity. All referees were appraised and their performances will constitute a component of their National Grading System marking for 2007.

There was one panel of referees which was allocated across both the U/17 Tournament and U/19 Championship games. Because of the limited number of U/19 games and the lack of any SA U/17 teams there was no adherence to a neutral head referee and a neutral CBO (as has been previous practice). The late finalisation of teams entered and competing severely complicated the planning for officiating. The limited U/19 games (one per day) limited the development opportunities and challenges for officiating.

5. ALRA and domestic Competition 2007.

The officials in each of the three major states competitions are organised and operating effectively.

The ALRA National AGM was held during the National's competition week (on Tuesday 10Jul07) in Perth.

The Lacrosse Australia membership of ALRA National has been formally completed for season 2007.

6. World U/19 Australian Squad 2008.

There are five referees (Jason Lawrence, Alan Black, Kelvin Minerds, Mitchell Walmsley, Scott Retallick) that were qualified and were registered with the squad for participation and selection in the Australian Team that will compete in Canada. The final selection will be made after the final squad selection trial (7-9Dec07) and announced during Dec07. The exact numbers of Australian referees and assessors required for this ILF competition is yet to be formally requested.

7. European Championships 2008.

There will be the opportunity for two referees and one assessor to participate in this competition in Finland. This is seen as a development opportunity for officials at a high level with international exposure and will pro-actively be used as such.

8. National U/15 Tournament 2007.

The planning and resourcing for this event has been finalised to enable a successful officiating performance in Adelaide (over 30Sep-6Oct07).

There are currently thirteen referees and three assessors confirmed for this Tournament with details as follow:

National U/15 Tournament	Referees	Assessors
WA	Steve McRae	Laslo Tiszavolgyi
	Mitchell Walmsley	
	Craig Hollingbery	
	Laslo Tiszavolgyi	
SA	Harry Thyssen	Dennis Mulroney
	PJ McConachy	
	Doug McNicoll	
Vic	Graham Sharpe	
	Graham Small	
	Alan Frost	
	Steve Harrison	
	Stacey Morse	
Qld	Jerry Van Zyl	

The Referee in Chief for this Tournament will be Dennis Mulroney. This will also be used, for the referees attending, as part of their National Grading System evaluation for this season.

9. National Technical Committee 2007.

The initial meeting was held on 30Apr07, the second on 8Aug07 per telephone conference call, with all members participating. The Minutes were published when finalised. The third and final meeting is scheduled for Mon 24Sep07. The Agenda & Minutes of these sessions are published to the full ALRA membership via the State ALRA Secretaries,

The major initiative of this season has been the expansion of the NTC to include a Deputy for each of the Chief Referees in each State. This will produce the advantages of extra input, greater perspective, load sharing and a larger administrative/planning development path within ALRA.

There has also been major activity with Rule revisions, both domestically and internationally via the ILFOC (International Lacrosse Officials Officiating Committee). This is in addition to the administrative and participative support of the Lacrosse Australia and the respective State's programs.

10. Referee Development

The National and State opportunities for development of referees in Australia are believed able to be significantly improved.

The initial step here would be with a high standard and sustained (over each day of an operative week) competitive Lacrosse Australia program in one venue. Whether it is Senior, U/19 &/or U/17 competition is not the fundamental point. Rather it must have daily, competitive, high standard and challenging contests to enable growth and development to occur in the refereeing fraternity (and one would presume also in the coaching and playing fraternity). There is the capability existing within ALRA, that utilises such contests and resulting performances with assessment and debriefing/instruction sessions, to capitalise on such opportunities (which currently have not evolved, as per this season's ALL nor the National U/19 nor U/17 competitions). It isn't a basic matter of the top official s performing well. Rather it must also include the challenging and learning-by-stretching (with guidance) of the subsidiary levels of officials in an intense competitive environment.

Secondly, there is the need to establish face-to-face contact and interaction for ALRA and the NTC. A budget for support of ALRA needs to be introduced for each operative year of Lacrosse Australia. as a basic tenant. This has been discussed with our Director and, subject to agreement in principle, we will provide the detail and dollars believed required (eg one meeting of the NTC physically together each season, participation by one official in Canberra ASC event per annum for dissemination into the lacrosse fraternity, etc).

Thirdly, there must be the support by the operative State organisations to the game of lacrosse and the sportsmanship inherent within it. There have been ALRA initiatives that have had mixed reception (eg Zero Tolerance - which really only equates to basic good sportsmanlike behaviour). There have been State initiatives that have significantly improved the game and the value of referees (eg Lacrosse Victoria successfully pioneering Club Referees' programs for education/accreditation/performance over seasons 2006 & 2007) – but in splendid isolation. There needs to be greater administrative initiatives for Insurance/Duty-of-Care issues (eg Victoria Lacrosse with Ground Acceptability forms, 2 accredited referees need for a game to eventuate). The need for positive initiatives to obtain and retain referees (eg strict Report Review Commissions with strong guidelines and penalties, significant payment of both Club and ALRA refereeing resources).

The above thoughts are offered most positively and should not be construed as critical. Rather they should be developed as taking the 'Best Practice' in each State for each item of opportunity and be progressed from here with Lacrosse Australia's endorsement and leadership.

Mike Slattery.
Referee in Chief

**DIRECTOR OF INDOOR
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Little to report in this area.

After an LA decision to enter a team in the World Indoor Championships in Halifax Canada, the main focus was to urgently arrange a National Championship to assist with selection of this team.

I inspected a Venue in Victoria and one in SA which had been recommended. The SA Venue while not completely ideal for crowd participation was by far the best and the decision was made to proceed on the long weekend in January. A very short time frame.

When it became a National Tournament the event came under the direction of National Competitions Director Malcolm Stokes

Without the great assistance from Chris De Mello and Tim Dixon and their team from SA it would not have been possible. The venue was booked and all arrangements handled by the SA group. They did an excellent job and the camaraderie was said to be outstanding.

Being unable to attend myself (though not necessary I would have liked to be there) a few other Board Members deputized for which I thank them.

I sought comments and was informed it was a great success. Discussions took place re another annual or bi-annual Tournament. Decisions about this will have to be made by the Board provided there is sufficient interest and viable competitions are being conducted in each state.

The main difficulty I see in the conduct of these viable competitions is the lack of suitable venues.

The main benefit I see is the opportunity to get people from outside our incestuous group to witness our game and hopefully improve revenue and participation

It was encouraging that Qld and NSW showed considerable interest and had participants. It was disappointing at the interest shown by WA and because of their non participation it was reduced to a tournament. I'm sure they have their reasons.

Referees who were interested in attending the Worlds were used for the event and ably handled by our Referee in Chief Mike Slattery.

The outcome was the selection of an Australian Team and Referees to participate and all were entitled to an Australian Blazer. An honour indeed.

More details about their performance etc will be contained in other director's reports.

Graeme Reddaway