



AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

Annual Report Year Ending 31st March, 1941

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' CLUB, MELBOURNE, ON FRIDAY, 30th MAY, 1941.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval the Tenth Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council covering the year 1940.

While the War dominates everything, this report must, to a very large extent, be more of a record of the activities of the Associations carried on under consequent difficult conditions than of actual playing results. Notwithstanding these difficulties, it is gratifying to state that all of the affiliated Associations, with the exception of New South Wales, were able to complete the season's programme. Enlistments for active service, approximately fifty per cent. of its actual members, forced the New South Wales Association to suspend all matches early in July.

REGISTERED PLAYERS.—The following table gives the number of registered players and teams in each State. Compared with the previous year there is a loss of 25 teams and 569 players, which, under existing circumstances, must be considered satisfactory.

	Registered Players.		1939.	
	Teams.	Players.	Teams.	Players.
Victoria	55	790	68	1139
South Australia	46	716	55	809
Western Australia	25	409	24	417
Queensland	8	80	12	186
New South Wales	4	50	4	63
Commonwealth	138	2045	163	2614

MEETINGS.—Two meetings of the Council were held during the year, the Annual Meeting in May, and a Special Meeting in February called to discuss the necessity of keeping the game active during the duration of the War. Unfortunately, our President, Mr. J. S. Hutcheon, was unable to attend either meeting.

ALTERATION TO PLAYING RULES.—At its last Annual Meeting the Council decided to reduce the size of the centre circle to a radius of 15 yards. The alteration came into operation in June, and is considered satisfactory.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.—It has been suggested that the Council should issue Certificates of Merit to those who have rendered meritorious service to the game, either as a player or in an administrative capacity. The State Associations have discussed this subject, and to-night you will be asked to give this matter further consideration.

MATERIAL.—I am pleased to report that sufficient supplies of lacrosse sticks are available for current needs, while I understand that makers of the Australian stick are endeavouring to improve on the locally-made article.

FINANCIAL.—The Hon. Treasurer, when presenting the Financial Statement, will announce a credit balance at the Commonwealth Bank of £22/2/1. At its last meeting the Council decided to invest £24 of its funds in War Savings Certificates. The total assets of the Council now amount to £48/4/1.

ENGLISH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.—Although I have communicated with our old friend, Mr. C. O. Lee, President of the English Lacrosse Association, I regret that I have not heard from him for some time. I am afraid my letters may have been destroyed by enemy action. We sincerely trust that Mr. Lee and his colleagues are well despite the trying ordeal through which they are passing. We hope to receive news of them soon.

OBITUARY.—It is with deep regret that I record the passing of Mr. R. A. Littledike, a life member of the Queensland Lacrosse Association. The late Mr. Littledike was an outstanding official in Queensland, and is well remembered by lacrosseurs throughout the Commonwealth. He was for many years Secretary of the Queensland Association, and successfully organized the Australian Carnivals held in Brisbane in 1923 and 1939.

The South Australian Association suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. W. J. Fisk, M.H.A., an old player and supporter of the game. Mr. Fisk was a Vice-President of the South Australian Association and will be remembered by the older generation of lacrosseurs throughout Australia.

Mr. W. B. House a life member and former Secretary of the Victorian Lacrosse Association died recently. Mr. House was for many years a prominent official of the Victorian Association.

To their relatives the Council extends its sincere sympathy.

WAR FUNDS AIDED.—It is pleasing to record that all Member Associations have substantially contributed to the National War Effort. Associations fortunate enough to have surplus funds have invested same with the Commonwealth Government, while others have organised functions on behalf of Patriotic Funds.

ENLISTMENTS.—Lacrosseurs throughout the Commonwealth have responded magnificently to the call to the colours, as a perusal of the attached honour roll will reveal.

Our members are now serving with distinction in all arms of the Services, in many parts of the Empire and on foreign fields. We regret to record that many of our players have made the supreme sacrifice, and to their bereaved relatives the Council extends its sincere sympathy.

We also record with pride that Lieut. General Sir Thomas Blamey, General Officer commanding the A.I.F., and second in command of the Imperial Forces in the Near East, was a former member of the Western Australian and Victorian Lacrosse Associations.

The particulars are as follows:—

	A.I.F.	R.A.A.F.	R.A.N.	R.N.	R.A.F.	Total
Victoria	93	70	71	—	—	234
South Australia	62	89	30	1	1	183
Western Australia	47	37	8	1	2	95
New South Wales	15	6	4	—	—	25
Queensland	11	5	4	—	—	20
Commonwealth	228	207	117	2	3	557

DEATHS IN THE WAR.—

Hibbs, Leading Aircraftman R. V.—age 23. Accidentally killed in Rhodesia, May 3rd, 1941. Captain of Sunshine Lacrosse Club, Victoria.

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Gale, Pilot-Officer Frank, Royal Air Force.—Killed in action, 15th August, 1940, age 25. Member of the Midland Junction Lacrosse Club, Western Australia.

Hitchcock, Flight Lieutenant R. E.—Killed in air accident at Canberra, 13th August, 1940, was a member of Wembley Lacrosse Club, Western Australia.

Loughton, Lieutenant H. L.—Accidentally killed near Bunbury, when on pre-embarkation leave, on March 29th, 1940, age 30 years. Member Perth Lacrosse Club, represented Western Australia in 1929 Carnival.

Sanders, Able Seaman J. H.—Secretary of the Legacy Lacrosse Club, South Australia, lost his life on 20th November, 1940, on the Minesweeper "Goorangi."

Thompson, M. E.—A member of the Port Adelaide Lacrosse Club, was killed in action while serving with the R.A.N.

Wadds, Petty-Officer F. H.—Lost his life on 20th November, 1940, on the minesweeper "Goorangi." He was a member of the Williamstown Lacrosse Club, Victoria.

We extend our deepest sympathy to their relatives.

FUTURE OF THE GAME.—Earlier in this report I mentioned that the New South Wales Association, through enlistments, found their ranks so depleted, and having no juniors to call upon were forced to suspend lacrosse in the Mother State. An administrative organisation is being maintained, however to take advantage of conditions for rehabilitating the game, when the War ends.

The Queensland Association is also passing through a very difficult period, my latest advice being that only four teams will be available this year. In Victoria, the severe loss of junior teams in the past few years is becoming serious, and must be a source of anxiety to the authorities, in that State.

The South Australian and Western Australian Associations, during the past few years have been paying particular attention to fostering junior teams, with the result, that to-day, these two States are in a far better position, when compared with other States, to meet the present emergency.

In my report last year, I emphasised the necessity of keeping the game alive during the period of the war, and stressed the urgent need of fostering existing junior teams, and of introducing the game into new channels of Youth organisations. With the war now well in its second year, and not knowing what further calls will be made on our Senior players, this, becomes more evident than ever. If lacrosse is to survive this critical period, the vital issue before each Association is more junior teams, and still more junior teams. If this policy is resolutely applied, the future of the game is assured.

In conclusion, I wish to thank State Secretaries for the assistance they have given me in carrying out my duties.

Yours faithfully,

I. J. TAYLOR,

Hon. Secretary, A.L.C.

The Australian Lacrosse Council

ROLL OF HONOUR

VICTORIA.

A.I.F.

Armitage, R.	Cottell, D.	Holmes, H. C.	Millstead, W.	Rosenberg, G.
Armstrong, A.	Craig, H.	Hunter, R.	Morphet, J.	Russell, G.
Ayres, W.	Craven, J.	Isaac, A.	Nathan, A.	Scott, B.
Ballantyne, J. S.	Dennis, W.	Izatt, J.	Nathan, J.	Sitlington, K.
Bateman, P. J.	Dewar, J. C.	Jones, E.	Nichols, C.	Smith, G.
Batten, B.	Dobbie, F. A.	Jones, H. W.	Nicol, G.	Suggett, J.
Bennett, R.	Donaldson, I.	Keating, K.	Nixon, E.	Swan, M.
Boldeman, L.	Duncan, J.	Kerr, A.	Noble, W.	Taylor, A.
Brett, G.	Eatber, B.	Lillyeros D.	Proudfoot, D.	Taylor, S.
Brown, S.	Flett, J.	Lillyeros R.	Quigley, G.	Thomas, G.
Browne, D.	Gallagher, A.	Macadie, F.	Quilky, J.	Vance, J.
Browne, R.	Gibson, W.	Macdonald, F.	Rae, J. D.	Wadsworth, H.
Cantwell, F.	Gillies, N.	McCulloch, C.	Ring, W.	Wilson, A.
Chalker, J.	Haig, W.	McGeorge, A.	Robin, N.	Worrall, D.
Chenoweth, G.	Harcus, J.	Marr, N.	Robertson, J.	Worrall, J.
Chinner, J.	Harding, W.	Marshall, I. L.	Robinson, G.	Worrall, R.
Christie, G.	Hargood, J.	Maynard, Dr. R.	Rogers, B.	Yardley, G.
Clough, F.	Hewitt, G.	Mewitt, G.	Roper, F.	
Colclough, R. S.	Hobson, T.	Miller, D.	Robson, N. (Br. Army)	

R.A.A.F.

Aldous, J.	Courtney, B.	Gilbert, L.	Keen, J.	Ray, F.
Anderson, J.	Cummins, D.	Gotts, R.	Kinder, M.	Raybould, E.
Ashton, W.	Daw, R.	Hale, B. A.	Kitteringham, H.	Retallick, L.
Barty, K.	D'Helin, J.	Harmon, E.	Lancaster, G.	Richey, W.
Bishop, F.	Farrall, W.	Heathcote, N.	Lancaster, N.	Roberts, J.
Bowker, A.	Faull, S. W.	Heriot, G. N.	Leslie, K.	Roche, H. F.
Broughton, A.	Fetherstone, T.	*Hibbs, R. V.	Livingstone, F. G.	Soderberg, O.
Broughton, C.	Fisher, A.	Hughes, G.	McKay, K.	Stone, R. N.
Candy, N.	Fraser, C.	Huggan, A.	McMillan, P. L.	Walton, A.
Clarke, J.	Fraser, J.	Hutchins, B.	Medlin, M.	Walton, L.
Compton, L.	Fraser, H.	Jackson, E.	Miller, W.	Wiffen, M.
Connelly, K.	Gardner, J.	Johnson, A.	Murrie, M.	Wilcox, B. C.
Conway, M.	Garrett, J.	Jones, J.	Pope, C. J.	Winton, C.
Cornish, J.	George, C.	Keen, A. E.	Ramshaw, J.	Wright, A.

R.A.N.

Addison, H.	Doull, J.	Hart, H.	McBain, W.	Pascoe, F.
Alexander, J.	Eades, R.	Hart, J.	McGregor, K.	Pearson, A.
Ambrose, J.	Eastman, C.	Hennessy, V.	McGregor, R.	Pennefather, N. B.
Arthur, A.	Fredrickson, H.	Hibbert, E.	McIntosh, A.	Phillips, W.
Arthur, C.	Fogarty, J.	Hibbert, V.	McPherson, Chas. B.	Pilcher, B.
Arthur, V.	Ford, J.	Hick, N.	McPherson, Celin E.	Rae, K.
Barnes, M.	Fricke, B.	Hill, L.	Menhennett, B.	Retallick, J.
Berry, J.	Geering, E.	Hutton, R.	Miller, W.	Robinson, M.
Blaker, C.	Geoghan, F.	James, N.	Mouchmore, L.	Scott, K.
Burgoyne, L.	Gillespie, G.	Jarrad, R.	Myall, R.	Speakman, K.
Burke, V.	Glass, D.	Kennedy, E.	Nesbitt, J.	Spiller, H.
Burns, L.	Green, R.	Kerford, J.	Newgreen, B.	Tunn, S.
Cullen, J.	Griffiths, C.	Lachlane, F.	Ogilvie, J.	*Wadds, F. H.
Deacon, F.	Harrison, A.	Lawley, H.	Payne, J.	Wilkins, L.
				Wilton, J.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A.I.F.

Ayliffe, D. G.	Doyle, J. J.	Kestel, R. A.	Minnis, J.	Stow, B. H.
Barrett, R.	Ellis, A. H.	Kimber, D. K.	Mitton, H. A.	Taylor, A. H.
Best, E. W.	Evans, B. A.	Kimber, F. W.	Morgan, O.	Taylor, M. G.
Bee, R.	Gellert, K.	Lee, J. D.	McConnachy, J.	Thomas, B. E.
Blythe, M. K.	George, R.	Lee, M.	McNeilly, C.	Thompson, F. W.
Bowden, H.	Gilchrist, M. H.	Lillecrappe, R.	Palmer, N. C.	Walker, G.
Boord, J. T.	Graham, L. J.	Manning, J. K.	Park, S.	Weller, W. P.
Bruce, F.	Harris, R. O.	Marshall, M.	Phillips, A.	Williams, R.
Bryne, D. E.	Isaachsen, A.	Martin, J. T.	Pickhaver, G. S.	Wiseman, C.
Burnley, I. T.	Isaachsen, O. C.	Marvel, E.	Sherwin, C. B.	Wyley, L. R.
Chester, G. D.	James, W. I.	Masters, L. N.	Sibley, C.	
Cooper, L.	Jenkins, K.	Melbourne, C. F.	Soward, J. D.	
Dayman, A. R.	Jenkins, M. F.	Miller, J.	Spencer, C.	

Alexander, R.
Bolitho, K.
Bconner, T. L.
Clark, K. M.
Collett, D. H.
Connolly, C.
Connolly, K.
Cooper, J.
Coward, I.
Cowper, R. B.
Croyley, A. A.
Dorsett, J.
Dow, G. S.
Duffield, G. L.
Dunstone, C. C.
Edwards, B.
Edwards, H.
Ellis, R. A.

Evans, W. W.
Ferguson, E.
Ford, P.
Furniss, K. U.
Gaskell, A.
Green, R. A.
Gross, R. W.
Gully, R. H.
Hardingham, M. P.
Harris, C. D.
Hastwell, L. R.
Haupt, R.
Hawkins, G. A.
Herbert, S.
Hill, R. J.
Hodgetts, J. G.
Horseman, J. D.
Kinderman, M.

R.A.A.F.
Lamerton, W. H.
Lamerton, W. J.
Latimer, T.
Lewis, F. H.
Lishman, T.
Marshall, D. P.
Martin, D. T.
May, A. C.
Muggleton, J. R.
Mudie, N.
McClure, C. W.
McKenzie, J. A.
McLeod, M.
McPherson, D. G.
McPherson, R. B.
Nairn, M. W.
Nolan, W. W.
Oats, L. J.

Park, W.
Packham, G.
Pfeiffer, R.
Perkins, R.
Ryan, V. L. P.
Shelley, M. N.
Skinner, J.
Skinner, M. L.
Smith, F. K.
Smith, K. B. I.
*Stratford, R. H.
Swalling, L. R.
Stubbs, H. M.
Sutherland, A.
Taylor, D.
Thomas, G. J.
Thomas, W. W.
Tucker, D.

Vinall, A.
Ward, T.
Watson, P. M.
Westwood, R.
White, M. V.
Wheeler, M. J.
Whiting, J.
Whiting, P. R.
Wickes, R. P.
Wilcox, B. C.
Williamson, R. R.
Williman, W.
Wood, J. R.
Wood, M. G.
Woodhead, T. A.
Worley, T. A.
Wright, L. D.

R.A.F. Barrett, F. C.

Bradwell, O.
Brooks, D. L.
Broomhead, F. P.
Burnley, M. L.
Burnley, D. E.
Cam, A. M.

Henstridge, M. E.
Hill, R. H.
Kidd, R. D. F.
Marks, B.
Mudie, H. N.
Mitchell, A. J.

R.A.N.
McGregor, J. E.
McLaren, K. J.
Nock, R. G.
Nock, R. W.
Old, D.
Old, S.

ROYAL NAVY. Hall, D. G.

Osborne, A. S.
Osborne, P. K.
Phillips, H. G.
Rae, K.
*Sanders, J.
Sheard, A. B.

Strapps, J.
Taylor, D. S.
*Thompson, M. E.
Tulloch, J. L.
Williams, R. B.
Wright, J. H.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

A.I.F.

Banks, Gre.
Banks, H.
Banks, M.
Blamey, T.
Buck, C.
Campbell, F.
Campbell, D.
Craig, J.
Crichton, S.
Carlton, W. A.

Dawkins, A. L.
Donovan, R.
Fisher, W.
Ferguson, G.
Greenshields, T.
Green, A.
Harvey, B.
Haskell, W.
Hayes, K.
Hawkins, W.

Hurleston, A.
James, J.
Jeanes, N.
Knowles, A.
*Loughton, H.
Marshall, W. A.
Mackintosh, G. A.
Miller, R.
Morrison, K.
Morrison, E.

Morrison, J. C.
O'Keefe, J.
Paget, W.
Payne, W.
Payne, P.
Scott, K. J.
Smith, H.
Sturtridge, P.
Swan, A.
Turnbull, G. A.

Wedd, P.
Whiteman, D.
Wigmore, L.
Wilkinson, N.
Williamson, L.
Willis, J. H.
Woods, S. W.

Blackman, R.
Brewer, H. John
Clifton, E.
Cooper, G. H.
Douglas, J.
Elliott, R.
English, K.
Ewers, C.

Franklin, G.
Gay, K.
Gill, R.
Gillard, K.
Gray, N.
Hancock, B.
Hassell, R.
Hickey, M.

R.A.A.F.
Hebiton, A.
Hebiton, J.
*Hitchcock, R.
Horner, A.
Horner, H. V.
Kelly, R.
Mackay, A.
Marsh, A.

Mason, C.
Miller, F. W.
Miller, N.
Mitchell, R.
Scanlon, L.
Schmidt, M.
Sharp, B.
Smith, H.

Staines, F.
Steele, P.
Stone, P.
Wooldridge, K.
Willis, P.

R.A.F. *Gale, F. Wearne, A.

ROYAL NAVY. Logan, B.

Banks, Geo.
Harrington, R.

Kingman, T.
Levitzke, G.

R.A.N.

Shaw, F.
Shean, M.

Smith, R.
Thompson, C.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

A.I.F.

Aiken, G.
Barr, B.
Bower, W.

Ellis, H. *
Hodgson, L.
Holman, J.

Marshall, R.
McDonald, F.
Parkinson, J.

Rogers, B.
Roper, F.
Rush, A.

Styles, D.
Thorpe, T.
Young, A.

R.A.A.F.

Budrodeen, E.
Chapman, W.

Carlsile, R.
Maser, E.

McDonald, J.
McQueen, W.

Arthurs, C.
Harrison, A.

R.A.N.

Lochlan, A.
Muir, W.

QUEENSLAND.

A.I.F.

Barnes, L.
Callander, R.

Farquhar, E.
Gray, N.

Gulliver, G.
Hoare, J.

Morgan, T.
Robinson, K.

Tealby, A.
Tealby, L.
Tealby, S.

R.A.A.F.

Allan, R.
Buchanan, A.

Gulliver, K.
Kerr, H.

Peachey, C.

Bertwistle, W.
Burton, D.

R.A.N.

Kerr, S.
Pearson, A.

* Died on Active Service.