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VICTORIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
TASMANIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

OFFICE BEARERS - 1980

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| <u>PRESIDENT</u> | Mr. P. HUMPHREYS | (V.A.L.A.) | 1979 |
| <u>VICE PRESIDENTS</u> | Mr. C.R. CARR | (S.A.L.A.) | 1979 |
| | Mr. L.J. GODING | (V.A.L.A.) | 1980 |
| | Mr. G. HILL | (W.A.L.A.) | 1980 |
| | Mr. W.G. HOBBS | (S.A.L.A.) | 1980 |
| | Mr. D. RUDDERHAM | (W.A.L.A.) | 1980 |
| <u>SECRETARY</u> | Mr. G.F. TILLOTSON | (V.A.L.A.) | 1979 |
| <u>ACTING TREASURER</u> | | | |
| <u>INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER</u> | Mr. W.G. HOBBS | (S.A.L.A.) | 1972 |
| <u>ASSISTANT INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER (BOX)</u> | Mr. C.R. CARR | (S.A.L.A.) | 1979 |
| <u>PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER</u> | Mr. P. KOSHNITSKY | (S.A.L.A.) | 1978 |
| <u>HISTORIAN & RECORDS SECRETARY</u> | Mr. T. ALLINGTON | (V.A.L.A.) | 1973 |
| <u>RULES ADJUDICATOR</u> | Mr. D.F. REYMENT | (V.A.L.A.) | 1975 |
| <u>PROPERTY OFFICER</u> | | | |
| <u>AUDITOR</u> | Mr. O.G. UNKENSTEIN () | | 1979 |

DELEGATES

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------|
| <u>A.L.R.A.</u> | Mr. D. REYMENT | 1980 |
| <u>Q.L.A.</u> | Mr. H.P. EVANS | 1967 |
| <u>S.A.L.A.</u> | Mr. E. GRANGER | 1980 |
| <u>V.A.L.A.</u> | Mr. F. STEWART | 1980 |
| <u>W.A.L.A.</u> | Mr. G. HILL | 1975 |
| <u>T.A.L.A.</u> | Mr. P. LANE | 1977 |

The 49th Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council is presented for your consideration and approval.

Following the trends of recent years, 1980 was a year of seemingly unsurpassed activity in most aspects of the game. National Championships were held in both the Colts (Under 19) and Junior levels, Australia played host to a team from Rutgers University, USA and an Australian team participated in "The Nations '80" series held in Canada. Reports on these games are given in the attached statistics.

In addition 1980 saw Council, under the sponsorship of the Commonwealth Government, hold a successful National Coaching Seminar at Monash University, Melbourne. It is proposed that similar seminars be held during the current year with the basic purpose of implementing a National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

Council is appreciative of the continued financial assistance given by the Australian Government. Assistance in the form of grants totalling \$19,000 were used to offset costs incurred in International matches, overseas and locally, attendance at meetings of the International Lacrosse Federation, development in Tasmania and New South Wales, Coaching, and Administration. Council is also most grateful to the several donors to Council funds for their assistance.

State of the Game. With the initiative being taken in the junior areas participants during 1980 saw a dramatic increase in field lacrosse with the major growth areas being in South Australia for registered junior players and in Victoria and Western Australia for participating non-registered players. These growth areas were unfortunately offset by decreases in registered open-age players in South Australia and Western Australia. Box lacrosse continues to show significant growth in South Australia with Victoria and Western Australia lagging considerably.

It is encouraging to see the interest shown in soft lacrosse "pee-wee" competition through the efforts of State Associations and in at least one instance by a private company specializing in lacrosse promotion.

International Matches. Plans are proceeding for Australian participation in the World Lacrosse Championships (field) to be held in Baltimore during 1982. Arrangements are approaching completion for a visit by a "High School" age team to the USA during 1981 and also a visit to Australia by a team from Oxford University. At the time of preparation of this report, Australia was being host to the Canadian box team - the "Adanacs".

National Championships. National Championships were held in Western Australia for field (Colts & Juniors) and box lacrosse. Statistics are shown in the attachment.

Congratulations are extended to the Championship teams and also to the members of the "All Stars" teams selected at the conclusion of each Championship.

Isaachsen Trophy - 1980 - Fairest & Best Player. Congratulations are extended to Mr. R. Turnbull of Western Australia for winning this trophy with a percentage of 51.1%. It is noteworthy that Ross Turnbull has created a record by winning this coveted trophy for the third time.

Other outstanding contenders were:

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. G. Wheatley | WA - 51.1% (second on count back) |
| Mr. R. Flett | SA - 48.8% |
| Mr. J. Kennedy | WA - 35.6% |

ALC CERTIFICATES OF MERIT. The following were awarded ALC Certificates of Merit for outstanding services to Lacrosse:

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|-------------------|-----|
| Mr. P. Koshnitsky | SA |
| Mr. G. Lee | VIC |
| Mr. T. Pinnington | SA |
| Mr. F. Poat | WA |
| Mr. R.G. Prior | SA |
| Mr. C. Gates | WA |

Council Meetings. Meetings of Council were held in Melbourne and Adelaide with many major projects being processed. Attendance at the meetings was good. With the advent of the rotation of venues between the States the opportunity will be given for more members to participate and contribute to the functioning of Council in the future.

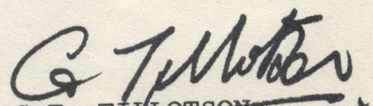
Future Planning. Progress on this project has been slow because of the tardiness of State Associations in offering comment on a proposal prepared in collaboration with Mr. E. Granger, SALA. With the increasing workload particularly in the Administration area it is imperative that this project should continue until fruition and implementation. Current arrangements must only be regarded as stop-gap.

ALRA. This body while obviously working behind the scene continues to contribute little to the function of Council despite being the recipients of all ALC circulars.

Obituary. It is with deep regret that Council noted the passing of Ewan (Scottie) McIntyre during the year. "Scottie" was for a number of years an untiring worker in Victoria during the difficult lacrosse years. In latter years he served as a Returning Officer of the VALA. He was well known in all States and will be sadly missed.

General. I would be very remiss if I did not express my appreciation of our President, Mr. Phil Humphreys, and all members of Council for their cooperation and understanding. Although there have been occasions giving cause for concern overall I have been extremely pleased with the cooperation given me by State Associations. It is fair to say too that there has been a significant improvement in communication from areas which were previously the cause of complaint.

I look forward as I am sure we all do to the continued growth of our game.


G.F. TILLOTSON
Secretary

1. Number of Affiliated Clubs

| | <u>S.A.L.A.</u> | <u>V.A.L.A.</u> | <u>W.A.L.A.</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | 12 | 15 | 9 | 36 |
| | (10) | (15) | (9) | 34 |

2. Teams Entered in Domestic Premiership Matches

| | <u>S.A.L.A.</u> | <u>V.A.L.A.</u> | <u>W.A.L.A.</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Open Age | 26 | 39 | 17 | 82 |
| | (26) | (40) | (23) | (89) |
| Juniors (Under 16 yrs) | 50 | 36 | 20 | 106 |
| | (35) | (39) | (16) | (120) |
| Totals | 76 | 75 | 37 | 188 |
| | (61) | (79) | (39) | (179) |

* Includes Colts.

3. Registered Players

| | <u>S.A.L.A.</u> | <u>V.A.L.A.</u> | <u>W.A.L.A.</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Open Age | 477 | 668 | 352 | 1497 |
| | (609) | (653) | (368) | (1630) |
| Juniors (Under 16 yrs) | 1302 | 546 | 302 | 2150 |
| | (887) | (648) | (250) | (1785) |

* Estimates only.

| TOTALS | <u>S.A.L.A.</u> | <u>V.A.L.A.</u> | <u>W.A.L.A.</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1979 | 1487 | 1301 | 618 | 3406 |
| 1978 | 1114 | 1268 | 744 | 3126 |
| 1977 | 1045 | 1187 | 706 | 2938 |
| 1976 | 882 | 1220 | 634 | 2736 |
| 1970 | 717 | 934 | 533 | 2156 |
| 1966 | 611 | 869 | 533 | 2013 |

4. Participants (School Competitions, Area Competitions, etc)

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Victoria | 300 (Approx.) (Non-Registered) |
| South Australia | 915 (Registered) |
| West Australia | 950 (Non-Registered) |
| Tasmania | 120 |
| | <u>2285</u> |

5. TOTAL PARTICIPANTS FIELD

| <u>SALA</u> | <u>VALA</u> | <u>WALA</u> | <u>TASMANIA</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1779 | 1514 | 1604 | 120 | 5017 |

6. Grade Premiers

| <u>Open Age</u> | <u>SALA</u> | <u>VALA</u> | <u>WALA</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| "A" | East Torrens P'Ham | | East Fremantle |
| STATE LEAGUE | | Williamstown | |
| "A" Reserve | | | East Fremantle |
| DIVISION 1 | | Williamstown | |
| B | Burnside | | |
| DIVISION 2 | | Chadstone | |
| DIVISION 3 | | Caulfield | |
| COLTS | | Mitcham | |
| Under 19 | Glenelg | | East Fremantle |

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|----------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Under 16 | Brighton | 1. Caulfield | "C" East |
| | | 2. Surrey Park | Fremantle |
| Under 14 | Sturt | 1. Surrey Park | "D" Nollamara |
| | | 2. Altona | |
| Under 12 | West Beach | 1. Glenroy | |
| | | 2. Surrey Park | |
| Under 10 | West Torrens | | |

7. State Association "A" Grade Fairest & Best Players

| | | | |
|------|-------------|--------------------|----------|
| SALA | R. Flett | Burnside | 22 votes |
| VALA | P. Barnard | Surrey Park | 13 votes |
| WALA | R. Turnbull | Nedlands - Subiaco | 23 votes |

8. State Association Top Goal Scorers "A" (State League)

| | | | |
|------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| SALA | P. Lynch | East Torrens/Payneham | 98 goals |
| VALA | B. Smith | Williamstown | 119 goals |
| WALA | | (Not Provided) | |

9. Senior Interstate - Adelaide

| | | | | |
|----------|----|---|-----------------|----|
| Victoria | 17 | d | South Australia | 16 |
|----------|----|---|-----------------|----|

10. National Colts Championships

| | | | | |
|-------------------|----|---|-----------------|----|
| Victoria | 31 | d | South Australia | 7 |
| Western Australia | 20 | d | South Australia | 7 |
| Western Australia | 20 | d | Victoria | 14 |

11. Colts "All Stars" Selected At Conclusion of Championships

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|---------------|----|
| T. Dickson | SA | T. Lorian | WA |
| H. Rees | SA | *J. Hiron | WA |
| B. Sexton | VIC | P. Rapiac | WA |
| G. Date | VIC | C. Elliot | WA |
| S. Austin | VIC | R. Staniforth | WA |
| I. Wookey | VIC | P. Westlake | WA |
| D. Gerrard | VIC | P. Buchanan | WA |
| A. Andrews | VIC | A. Gibbs | WA |
| R. Tillotson | VIC | G. Sanders | WA |
| N. Skewes | VIC | | |

Coach R. Taylor WA

*Best & Fairest for Series

12. National Junior Championships

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|---|-------------------|----|
| Victoria | 15 | d | South Australia | 10 |
| Victoria | 24 | d | Western Australia | 11 |
| South Australia | 18 | d | Western Australia | 9 |
| Best & Fairest S. Rosewarne SA | | | | |

13. Junior "All Stars" Selected At Conclusion of Championships

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|----------------|----|
| G. Morley | VIC | T. Keen | SA |
| M. Brown | VIC | *S. Rosewarne | SA |
| S. Tester | VIC | L. Mills | SA |
| W. Graham | VIC | M. Gillett | SA |
| G. Meredith | VIC | G. Prendergast | SA |
| A. Toogood | VIC | A. Leiman | SA |
| B. Sheedy | VIC | C. Hockey | WA |
| A. Wunderlich | VIC | M. Cheeseman | WA |
| | | M. Keen | WA |
| | | M. Tabor | WA |
| | | T. Martello | WA |

14. Rutgers

Results of international matches played by Australian teams during the visit by the Rutgers (USA) University sides were:

South Australia

Australia 22 d Rutgers (USA) 9

Victoria

Australia 22 d Rutgers (USA) 12

Western Australia

Australia 17 d Rutgers (USA) 9

and Matches were conducted against Australian sides selected from host association and invitees from the other State Associations.

B. Statistics - BOX LACROSSE1. Number of Clubs

| <u>SA</u> | <u>VIC</u> | <u>WA</u> |
|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 16 | 4 | - |

2. Number of Teams

| <u>SA</u> | <u>VIC</u> | <u>WA</u> |
|------------|------------|-----------|
| 6 Open Age | 4 Open Age | - |

3. Number of Players

| <u>SA</u> | <u>VIC</u> | <u>WA</u> |
|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 144 Open Age | 68 | 30 |

4. Premiers

| <u>SA</u> | |
|--------------|--------------------|
| <u>Men</u> | |
| Box Grade | A.U. Black Knights |
| Open A Grade | W.T. Eagles |
| Open B " | Woodville |
| Under 16 " | Glenelg |

Women

| | |
|---------|--------------|
| A Grade | East Torrens |
| B Grade | Glenelg |

5. Best & Fairest (Mens Box)

| <u>SA</u> |
|-----------------------|
| P. Mathwin - 23 Votes |

6. Top Goal Thrower

SA

Mens

Womens

A Grade

V. Ingham - 107

7. National Championships

South Australia 19 d Victoria 16
Western Australia 18 d Victoria 16
South Australia 24 d Western Australia 15

Grand Final

South Australia 19 d Western Australia 16

8. "All Stars" Selected At The Conclusion of the Championships

G. Antrim VIC
G. Scarvellis SA
P. Koshnitsky SA
D. Mildren VIC
M. Jennings VIC
T. Denton SA
Coach R. Bannister SA

9. The Nations in "80" - Vancouver

Australia participated in this series with the following results:

Canada West 21 d Australia 7
North American Indians 26 d Australia 4
Canada East 20 d Canada East 7

Team Members

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| G. Antrim | VIC | M. Jennings | VIC |
| J. Ballarine | WA | P. Kestel | SA |
| P. Brown | SA | P. Koshnitsky | SA |
| L. Buchanan | WA | W. Little | SA |
| T. Carbone | SA | M. Madonia | VIC |
| T. Denton | SA | P. Mathwin | SA |
| G. Palmer | WA | D. Mildren | SA |
| P. Mollison | VIC | R. Potter | SA |
| S. Ellis | VIC | G. Revell | SA |
| K. Humphreys | SA | D. Swingler | WA |
| A. Jennings | SA | P. Ballarine | WA |
| R. Carter | SA | | |

Coach J. Nolan VIC
Manager L.W. Taylor VIC
Assistant Manager R. Pettit VIC
Referees R. Benger & G. Miller SA

C. Statistics - SOFT LACROSSE

1. Number of Teams

SA

Mens 20
Womens 18

2. Number of Players

SA
521

VIC
4000 Approx. - Schools

D. TOTAL PARTICIPANTS - ALL FORMS
(excluding Womens Field and Multi participation) - 9,780.