

# AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

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## ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1983

Presented to the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the  
Australian Lacrosse Council held in Perth, Western Australia  
31st March 1984

### MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE REFEREES ASSOCIATION  
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION INC  
VICTORIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION INC

### AFFILIATE ASSOCIATION

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES SPORTS ASSOCIATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 1983

PRESIDENT	PHILIP A. HUMPHREYS
ADMINISTRATIVE	GEORGE F. TILLOTSON
COACHING	GRAHAM J. HILL
FINANCE	BRIAN J. GRIFFIN
INTERNATIONAL	CLIVE R. CARR
PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT	MICHAEL B. HILSBURG

### OTHER OFFICERS

TREASURER	NORMAN J. GIBBS
HISTORIAN & RECORDS SECRETARY	TERRY ALLINGTON
PROPERTY OFFICER	MICHAEL B. HILSBURG
RULES ADJUDICATOR	DENNIS J. MARSDEN
DELEGATE ILF	CLIVE R. CARR
VICE PRESIDENT ILF	GEORGE F. TILLOTSON

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AUDITOR

LEIGHTON S. BEAMSLEY

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Annual Meeting will see the completion of the first 12 months of the Council operating under a revised Constitution.

The method of decision-making in the past has been of great concern to many Lacrosse personnel as being cumbersome and slow moving. The workload of the Secretary was increased greatly by having to advise him on voting on every issue. The move to a Board of Directors with Directors being allocated portfolios in specific areas was a bold one and in complete contrast to the past Constitution.

The Portfolios of Administration, International, Promotion and Development, Finance and Coaching have covered the present needs of the Council very well.

Our Administrator, George Tillotson, has had an extremely busy year. We are very fortunate to have the services of a man of George's ability to handle this demanding position. The change of Constitution together with George's professional approach has seen the Council's administration be very efficient indeed.

International Director, Clive Carr, is the most experienced person in Australia on International relations. International trips normally take many months to arrange. A guide to Clive's experience is his handling of an invitation received in November for an Australian team to participate in a Pre-Olympic tournament in Los Angeles. Within a matter of weeks arrangements with the organizing body were finalized. In conjunction with other Directors matters concerning local arrangements were significantly progressed. Selection of the team is now well underway. World Championships, Colts (England) and Seniors (Canada) in the next two years. The International scene is indeed bright.

Mike Hilsberg, Promotion and Development, approached this difficult area with great enthusiasm. Lack of an agreed policy had left Development of Lacrosse in Australia sadly lacking. Together with Brian Griffin (Finance Director) Mike embarked on an ambitious and professional program aimed at Juniors and Schools. A program "Sof-crosse" together with a National Sponsor - Berri Fruit Juices - is the result and will be Nationally launched early in 1984.

This exciting program will help fill a void that has existed for a long time.

Brian Griffin, Finance Director, joined the Council for the first time this year. Brian's successful background in both Sport and Business brought to the Council a real sense of professionalism. Finance in Lacrosse has always been a restricting factor with sponsors difficult to attract. Brian's experience has enabled Lacrosse to obtain the 1st National Sponsor for any Program.

Graham Hill, Coaching Director, this is an area where little previous work has been done with the States. A level one course agreed a few years ago has not yet been fully implemented in the States and it was unfortunate that business pressures did not allow Graham to develop this area.

In conclusion I believe that this first year operating as a Board of Directors has been most successful and that the A.L.C. can look forward to the future with great confidence.

I would like to sincerely thank all the Directors for their enthusiasm and help.

Phil Humphreys.

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Board of Directors it gives me pleasure to present its Annual Report for consideration at the 52nd Meeting of Council.

1.        STRUCTURE

On the 18th March 1983 at a special General Meeting of Council called for that purpose a new Constitution was adopted placing the responsibility for the management of Council business in the hands of a Board of six Directors instead of Association delegates. Subsequently three formal meetings of the Board have been held (March & November in Adelaide, May in Melbourne).

In line with the newly adopted Constitution the Board consists of a President and five Directors, each Director being responsible for his own field of activity. As a consequence informal discussions and meetings appropriate to particular portfolios have also taken place during the year.

With only 12 months since implementation it is impracticable to give a full evaluation of the new structure. Prospects, based on experience so far appear very favourable. Workloads in the Administrative & International areas have not however diminished, mainly because of the self-generation of functions in these areas. Workloads in other areas have varied significantly with considerable activity taking place for instance in development. As with similar structures, effectiveness is largely influenced by the appointment of people having the time, capacity, ability and the willingness to undertake their allotted tasks.

As to be expected some overlapping responsibilities between Directors has been revealed. These do not appear to be the cause for undue concern in the future.

As members of the Australian Lacrosse Council, Associations urged to refer matters of National (or International) relevance to the Board for its attention. Furthermore Associations should not be inhibited against offering suggestions or commenting on topics referred to in Board minutes circulated after each meeting.

2.        STATE OF THE GAME

Statistics on registration provided by member Associations (refer attached) show that the benefits to be gained from junior development in recent years have yet to materialize in the senior ranks. Growth in senior registration in both South Australia and Victoria were slightly in excess of 3.5%. A higher figure is revealed for Western Australia but is thought to be distorted by the method of recording under 19 players in recent years. Of some concern however is the very modest growth in registration of junior players in South Australia and Western Australia with about 7 percent in both States as compared with slightly in excess of 16 percent in Victoria.

Overall registrations show a continuing upward trend, nationally, of slightly in excess of 7 percent, the major growth area being Victoria with just over 10 percent.

/The Box

The Box lacrosse situation continues to be of concern. With registrations nationally less than 200, concerted efforts are obviously necessary if this mode is to survive in Australia. It would appear that quite apart from having to cope with venue problems, Associations are faced with the problem of attracting field lacrosse players to a game considerably different in style to their usual game. In both South Australia and Victoria the dedication of a very small band of enthusiasts has been responsible for retaining the mode as a barely viable proposition for competition, both local and interstate. It is pleasing to note the interest and encouragement being provided by the Canadian Lacrosse Association to the game.

Of significant importance is the interest being shown in modified forms of lacrosse particularly in Victoria where in excess of 17000 children have been estimated to have been exposed to the game. Figures for South Australia are also pleasing and when considered in the light of the introduction of Sof-Crosse (refer later) nationally gives cause for optimism for an upward trend in growth rates.

During the year the Board saw fit to curtail for the time being its developmental plan for the NSW/Riverina areas and to apply its resources to the introduction on a National basis of a modified form of lacrosse being identified as SOF-CROSSE. Following extensive work initially by the Promotional & Development Director and subsequently by the Finance Director, SOF-CROSSE appears to offer the possibility of the introduction of the game to a level not previously achieved by any project. The new mode and the professional manner in which the SOF-CROSSE has been developed and being introduced appears to offer good sponsorship opportunities.

Your Board has noted with interest a statement by Mr. Ray Trevaskis that he intends to reform the Queensland Lacrosse Association and wishes him all the best of success in his venture. The Board has offered to provide assistance where required.

The 51st Annual Report referred to the need for involvement by equipment suppliers in development. That need continues.

### 3. INTERNATIONAL VISITS

International matches continued to play a large part in Council activities. During the year visits were received from teams from Canada (Calgary Pee Wees) and U.S.A. (Gilman College). An Australian team (Under 19) visited U.S.A. Unfortunately however it was found necessary to cancel a projected visit to Canada by an Australian Box team.

Again these International visits were outstanding successes particularly in cementing the excellent relations Australian lacrosse has with its counterparts in Canada & U.S.A. and providing our young players with some experience of International matches. Although experience was considered to be a basic aim of the visits and tours it was pleasing to note that all teams performed creditably on the field - the touring Australian team for instance winning six of its scheduled seven matches against College teams.

/Match results

Match results against the US Gilman College and Apache Pee Wees although low key were also encouraging.

Council's appreciation must be extended to State Associations, Officials and Hosts who all contributed to the success and smooth running of the visits.

An invitation from the U.S.A. has been accepted to send an Australian team to participate in a Pre-olympic tournament in Los Angeles during July 1984. Officials of the touring team have been appointed and training implemented in SA, WA & VIC for prospective players. In accepting the invitation the Board has resolved that selection of players is to be made having the 1986 Toronto World Championships in view.

4. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the second successive year championship matches at National level for Seniors, Colts (Under 19 and Juniors (Under 16) were held with the VALA hosting the Senior Championships, SALA the Colts Championships and WALA the Junior Championships. The results of each series are shown in the attachment.

Congratulations are extended to the Championship sides in each section, those selected for the respective ALL STARS sides (refer attachment) and winners of the fairest and best awards. The latter were won by:

Seniors - J. Kennedy (WALA)  
Colts - T. Keen (SALA)  
Juniors - B. Lewer (VALA).

It is worthy of note that only four goals separated those thrown by the competing team in the Senior Championships and that the final result was only achieved after extra time.

It is proposed that for the future that the round-robin concept (four matches) be adopted for Senior Championships.

Under 14. Although not of a championship status, the annual matches between State representative sides of players under the age of 14 years has been endorsed by Council.

5. ISAACHSEN TROPHY FOR FAIREST & BEST PLAYER 1983

The winner of this trophy was John Fay (WA). John with 41 votes is the second U.S.A. player in succession to win this coveted trophy. Gary Shepley and Ross Freeman were the outstanding players in SA & VIC.

6. ALC CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

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

SALA D. Stevens  
J. Swain  
VALA J.A. Harris  
J.R. Gunn  
J. Clayfield

/WALA J. Kennedy

WALA J. Kennedy.

7. ALC/AWLC COORDINATION

Council has close relationship with the AWLC and looks forward to an increasing spirit of coordination and cooperation of mutual interest in the future.

8. ALRA

Several Annual Reports prepared in the past have referred to the lack of communications received from this body particularly as far as its Office Bearers and general activities are concerned. The current policy whereby its controlling body changes annually has not been conducive to effective communication and should be reviewed.

N.B. ALRA(VIC) is understood to have initiated some work in this area.

9. A.U.S.A.

This body has maintained its affiliation with A.L.C.

10. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Council was again fortunate to receive financial assistance from the Commonwealth Government as part of its Sports Development Programme. With a total of \$19000 being approved, allocation of \$10000 for International Matches, \$5000 for Coaching, \$3000 for Administrative and \$1000 for attendance at International Meetings were made by Government. Subsequently at the request of the Board, the coaching grant was reallocated to development projects. A submission for extra funds to avoid the need for the reallocation was refused.

11. COACHING ACCREDITATION

This area continues to cause concern. Despite undertakings by member Associations little effort appears to have been done to introduce level one courses. Furthermore the introduction of level two courses continues to be hampered by the lack of approved course material.

12. FINANCE

Council's financial situation continues to be reasonable (refer submitted financial statements). A need is apparent for Council to self-generate fundings to lessen the demand on member Associations.

13. CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN SPORT

Council continues to take an active interest and participation in the business of the Confederation.

Congratulations are offered to the following recipients of Sports Australia Certificate awards for 1983:

/Outstanding

Outstanding Athletes

Jeff Kennedy - WA  
John Fay - WA  
Gary Shepley - SA  
Anthony Groves (Junior) - WA

Coaches

Roger Attenborough - SA  
Noel Smith - VIC  
Dennis Trainor - VIC

14. INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE FEDERATION

Council is represented in the Federation by the following Directors:

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

15. CONCLUSION

I would like to extend my personal thanks to Council President, Phil Humphreys, my fellow Directors, the Secretaries/ Executive Officers of our member Associations, Norm Gibbs, Treasurer, Terry Allington, Historian, Mike Hilsberg in his role as Property Officer for their support during the year. I must however make a plea to our member Associations to not regard Council activities of being incidental interest to their own activities. Without the efforts and dedication of Officers of Council, the support of member Associations, the national development of our great game will be slow.

G.F. TILLOTSON  
Administrative Director

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In all cases 1982 figures are shown in brackets.

A. Statistics - FIELD LACROSSE

1. Number of Affiliates Clubs (Playing)

	SALA	VALA	WALA	TOTAL
	11	14	9	35
	(11)	(14)	(9)	(35)

2. Teams

Seniors	26	37	22	85
	(27)	(38)	(14)	(79)
Juniors (Under 16)	40	56	15	111
	(42)	(51)	(19)	(112)
Sub-Junior (Under 12, Under 10 Under 8)			25	25
Totals	66	93	71	230
	(69)	(89)	(60)	(218)

3. Registered Players

Seniors	522	641	430	1593
	(506)	(618)	(283)	(1407)
Juniors (Under 16)	592	750	424	1766
	(551)	(645)	(525)	(1721)
Sub-Junior (Under 12, Under 10 Under 8)			?	
<u>Totals</u> - 1983	1114	1391	854	3359
1982	1057	1263	808	3128
1970	717	934	533	2156

4. Grade Premiers

	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
League ) State League ) "A" )	East Torrens Payneham	Williamstown	East Fremant
League Reserve ) Division One ) "A" Reserve )	North Adelaide	Mitcham	East Fremant
B ) Division Two )	Sturt	Malvern	
C	Modbury		
Division Three		Williamstown	



	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
COLTS		Mitcham	Wembley
C (U16)			Nedlands-Subiaco
U16 (1)	Sturt	Williamstown	
(2)		Mitcham	
D (U14)			Nollamara
U14 (1)	Torren's Valley	Caulfield	
(2)	East Torren's Payneham	Chadstone	
U12 (1)	North Adelaide	No Final	
(2)	Burnside	Series	
E		"	Nedlands-Subiaco
U10	Brighton	"	
F		"	Nollamara
G		"	Wembley

5. Fairest & Best Players

	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
League )	G. Shepley		
State League )		R. Freeman	
"A" )			J. Fay
League Reserve )	M. Chenoweth		
Division One )		G. Morley	
"A" Reserve )			W. Willcock
B	M. Griffin		
Division Two		S. Dawes	
C	M. Sierp		
Division Three		R. Mason	
COLTS		G. Purdie	D. Harrison
C (U16)			S. Reid
D (U14)			S. Maynard

6. Top Goal Throwers

	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
League )	P. Lynch (100)		
State League )		P. Barnard (123)	
"A" )			J. Fay
League Reserve )	G. McCartney (60)		
Division One )		G. Mollison (84)	

	<u>SALA</u>	<u>VALA</u>	<u>WALA</u>
B & C	M. Griffin		
Division Two		A. Datson (103)	
Division Three		J. Smith (75)	
COLTS		C. McQuinn (104)	
U16	B. Rosenthal (115)		
U14	A. Mann (116)		
U12	B. Hurst (80)		
U10	D. Green (43)		

7. Senior Championships - Melbourne

(a) Results

South Australia	18	West Australia	17
Victoria	23	West Australia	20
Victoria	18	South Australia	19*

\* Champions

(b) All Stars

G. Revell - SA	G. Tillotson - VIC
S. Mounsey - WA	R. Tillotson - VIC
A. Hamilton - SA	K. Johnson - SA
A. Bower - VIC	G. Fox - VIC
K. Humphreys - SA	J. Foster - SA
J. Kennedy - WA	P. Cann - WA
D. Banyard - WA	Coach - R. Attenborough

(c) Fairest & Best for Series

J. Kennedy - WA

8. Colts Championships - Adelaide

(a) Results

Victoria	14	Western Australia	8
South Australia	12	Western Australia	9
South Australia	8	Victoria	10*

\* Champions

(b) All Stars

M. Cheeseman - WA	J. Swift - SA
K. Frankee - WA	S. Tester - VIC
M. Gillett - SA	A. Toogood - VIC
M. Keen - WA	N. Van Cylenburg - VIC
T. Keen - SA	A. Whittington - VIC
G. Morley - VIC	A. Wunderlich - VIC
M. Seekamp - VIC	Coach - W. Stewart - VIC

(c) Best & Fairest

T. Keen - SA

9. Under 16 Championships - Perth

(a) Results

Victoria	17	South Australia	16
South Australia	16	Western Australia	15
Victoria	21	Western Australia	10

(b) All Stars

C. Brown - VIC	P. Mercuri - SA
B. Lewer - VIC	S. Redmen - WA
J. McLean - SA	D. Humphrey - VIC
B. Rosenthol - SA	N. Kraeding - SA
M. Dillon - WA	S. Mulder - VIC
A. Groves - WA	Coach - C. Sheppard - VIC
C. Bell - VIC	
J. Hernan - VIC	

(c) Best & Fairest

B. Lewer - VIC

B. Statistics - BOX LACROSSE

1. Number of Clubs

SA	VIC
5	6
(4)	(4)

2. Number of Teams

5	6
(4)	(4)

3. Registered Players

101	88
(135)	(69)

4. Premiers

<u>SA</u>	<u>VIC</u>
North Adelaide Vikings	Renegades

5. Championships

South Australia defeated Victoria

C. Statistics - SOFT LACROSSE

1. Number of Clubs

SA
7

/2. Participants

2. Participants

SA  
487  
(300)

D. Schools Participation

	SA	VIC	WA	<u>Total</u>
<u>Soft (Modified)</u>	500	17255*	1000	18755

E. TOTAL REGISTRATIONS

	SA	VIC	WA	<u>Total</u>
<u>Field</u>	1114	1391	854	
<u>Box</u>	101	88		
<u>Soft</u>	487			
	<u>1702</u>	<u>1479</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>4035</u>
	(1492)	(1401)	(808)	(3701)

F. TOTAL PARTICIPATIONS

Registered	4035	(3701)
Schools	<u>18755</u>	(3643)
<u>Total</u>	<u>22790</u>	(7344)