

THE AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1948, presented at the Annual Meeting held at the Commercial Travellers Club, Melbourne on Friday 25th June, 1948.

OFFICERS 1947

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege and pleasure to submit for your approval the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council covering the operations for the year 1947. During the year considerable progress has been achieved in the rehabilitation of the game; in Western Australia, Victoria and South Australia marked increases in the number of players are recorded, while in Queensland and New South Wales the game has been successfully revived.

REGISTERED PLAYERS The following table sets out the number of players and teams in each State compared with the previous season.

These figures include Schools and affiliated Associations; -

	<u>1947</u>		<u>1946</u>		<u>1939</u>	
	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Players</u>
Victoria	42	710	40	686	68	1,139
South Australia	39	603	29	461	55	809
West. "	26	414	17	301	24	417
Queensland	4	50	4	50	12	186
N.S.W.	2	30	-	-	4	63
Commonwealth	113	1,807	90	1,498	163	2,614

An increase of 23 teams and 309 players for the second post war year must be considered very satisfactory.

FINANCIAL The Hon. Treasurer when presenting the financial statement, will report a credit balance at the Commonwealth Bank of £33 13 9. The total assets of the Council amount to £36 5 3.

PAMPHLET During the year under review the Council published a pamphlet on lacrosse for the guidance of beginners.

THE AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE CARNIVAL

The outstanding event of the

season was the Tenth Australian Lacrosse Carnival, which was held in Perth from August 30th to September 6th. Four States, Victoria South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland competed.

The absence of New South Wales was regretted by all and the hope was expressed that by the time of the next Carnival, the Mother State would be in a position to again take part in these contests. Congratulations are extended to the Queensland Lacrosse Association for its enterprise in entering a team in the Carnival, it speaking volumes for the enthusiasm and organising ability of its members that made the trip possible.

The thanks of the Council and all participating Associations are due to the Western Australian Lacrosse Association for the excellent manner in which the Carnival was conducted, while the proverbial hospitality of the West Australian left nothing to be desired.

The games were of a very high standard and the result of the Carnival was in doubt to the final game, when Western Australia after a memorable contest defeated Victoria by 14 goals to 10.

The games resulted as follows:-

Aug. 30th	Victoria	15 goals	V	Queensland	5 goals.
	West. Australia	10 "	V	S. Australia	7 goals.
Sept. 3rd.	West. Australia	21 goals	V	Queensland	20 goals.
	Victoria	9 goals	V	S. Australia	6 goals.
Sept. 6th	South Australia	22 goals	V	Queensland	8 goals.
	West. Australia	14 goals	V	Victoria	10 goals.

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>
West. Australia	3	3	1	45	19	6
Victoria	3	2	1	34	25	4
South Australia	3	1	2	35	27	2
Queensland	3	1	3	15	58	-

The Council extends its hearty congratulations to the Western Australian Association on winning the Garland McHarg Cup for the first time and also on attaining its fiftieth anniversary.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM At the conclusion of the Carnival the following

were selected to represent Australia.

Goal; K. Stammers (W.A.) Point; E.L.Berry (W.A.) Captain,

Cover Point; J:A.Vial (S.A.) Third man; G. Hewett (Vic.)

Defence; J. Roberts (Vic.) and A. Swan (W.A.) Centre E. Dixon (W.A.)

Attacks D. Gorman (SA.) and A Horner (W.A.) 3rd Home G. Downe (Vic.)

Second Home A.R.Boxhorn (W.A.) Home: J. Edwards (S.A.)

Reserve goal H. Hansford (.S.A.) Reserve Home H. Williams (Vic.)

The Council congratulates these players on their selection.

INTERSTATE GAME On its homeward journey from the Perth Carnival, the Queensland team accepted an invitation from the New South Wales Association to play a match in Sydney. The game resulted in a win for Queensland by 15 goals to 4 and should do much to revive enthusiasm in both of these States.

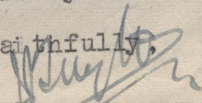
OBITUARY It is with profound regret that we record the passing of Mr. W.B.Grace, a former President and Life Member of the Western Australian Lacrosse Association. The late Mr. Grace represented Western Australia on this Council on several occasions and was widely known and respected throughout Australia. To his widow and family the Council extends its deepest sympathy.

EQUIPMENT The ban on the importation of lacrosse sticks is a matter of grave concern. Negotiations are still proceeding and a progress report will be made to the Council at tonight's meeting. The manufacture of lacrosse balls is far from satisfactory, but as the result of constant pressure by the Council a small quantity has been released lately.

INTERNATIONAL VISIT The desirability of an international visit was endorsed at the last meeting of the Council, since then the States have been asked for an expression of opinion and a report will be submitted to the Council at tonight's meeting.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the Secretaries of the State Associations who have assisted me in my duties.

Yours faithfully,

  
I. J. TAYLOR

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING 31ST, MAY, 1948

<u>1947</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	£	s	d	<u>1947</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	£	s	d
To Balance from 1947		41	-	-	By Honorarium Typiste		5	5	-
Bank Interest		1	8	8	Printing		15	19	6
Subscriptions:†					Secretary's Allow-				
South Australia		2	2	-	ance Carnival		15	-	-
Queensland		2	2	-	Postage, Stationery				
Victoria		2	2	-	etc.		2	17	3
West. Australia		2	2	-	Balance at Bank		33	13	9
New South Wales		2	2	-					
Sale of Rule Books		2	5	-					
Sale of Pamphlets		15	19	4					
Postage (pre-paid)		1	12	6					
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		£72	15	6			£72	15	6
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BALANCE SHEET 31ST MAY, 1947

<u>Liabilities</u>				<u>Assets</u>				
Liabilities Nil	-	-	-	Accounts held over				
Balance of Assets	£36	5	3	N.S.W. £1- 18 -				
over liabilities				Q'ld.     13 6	2	11	6	
				Balance at Bank	33	13	9	
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	£36	5	3		£36	5	3	
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Audited and Found Correct

(Sgd.) K.H. Boykett A.I.C.A.

9th June, 1948