

Malvern Lacrosse Club

6 Munro Avenue,
ASHBURTON 3147
21st June, 1979.

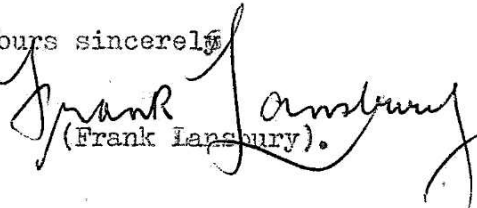
Dear Les,

No doubt it will be something of a surprise to you to receive this communication. It happened like this :- Mrs Marshall frequently walks her dog around the Malvern Cricket ground on a Saturday morning and on one occasion recently she approached me and asked how the Malvern Lacrosse club was fairing these days. One thing lead to another and eventually it transpired that she was related to you in some way - am not quite sure how. However I indicated that I was quite well acquainted with you and she was good enough to give me your address in Sydney - thus this epistle. As a matter of fact I endeavoured to trace you in July of last year when we held a dinner to celebrate the club's 75th years. I remembered you were a member of the Mulgrave country club bowling section and tried there. I was able to contact a member who remembered that you had moved to Sydney. I was able to contact such people as Fred Smith, Stan Horton, George Unkenstein, George Knowles, Bill Harrison these being probably some of the clubs older players. All the early generation have, of course, passed on - Jack Beattie, Bob Coldstream, Les Webb etc. However we had an attendance of approx. 130 at our celebration which was quite a good effort in the circumstances. Many people, of course, fail to respond to an invitation to this type of activity but at least we tried. The club is still strong in numbers but we are not as successful as we were in days gone by - it still is an interest for me to continue my association with the club despite advancing years. Don't really regret all the time I have given to the club over a period of approx 60 years but often wonder whether it has been worth while. Very few old players take any interest in the club (perhaps you cannot blame them when other interests intrude) and of course the game has not progressed a great deal over the years. As you will know - a good game to ~~wrote~~ play but not to watch). Understand that you moved to Sydney to be with your daughter - a very sensible move when circumstances demand. Approx. 5 years ago I prepared what I chose to call a history of the club. This was somewhat difficult because minute books from 1916 to 1930 were not available. In addition it is a job which should have been done when many of the original members were still around to supply important information. In fact I think you may have been able to fill in some of the early details which are unknown to me. However, although there are really not many people left who have a vital interest it does leave for whoever comes after quite a deal of information which may have some value in the future. Hope so, anyway, for it took a lot of work to compile.

Fortunately my health and that of my wife continues to be reasonable and we are able to enjoy our latter years with my daughter and her family of two boys. Otherwise keep busy with lacrosse in winter and bowls in summer and time passes too quickly.

Hope you are enjoying good health Les and hope to hear from you some time with whatever comments you may wish to make about the "history".

Yours sincerely


(Frank Langsury).

Copy of document enclosed.



MALVERN, LEICESTER CLUB

6 Munro Avenue,
ASHBURTON. S.E.11

8th July, 1952.

(SEE OVER)

CIRCULAR:

Dear Sir,

The above club will complete its 50th year of existence during the 1953 season and with a view to making preliminary arrangements for suitable celebrations to commemorate this event, it has been decided by the present Committee to call a meeting of past and present players for the purpose of forming an enthusiastic committee for this purpose.

Arrangements have therefore been made for this meeting to take place at the Malvern Town Hall (Old Court House, entrance from High Street) on Tuesday, 22nd July, 1952, at 8 p.m.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could attend as a representative of the past players of the club. There are many of such players and it will be only possible to contact these old players through the assistance of each and every one of us.

Yours faithfully,

*Les Edwards
Windsor Rd
Caulfield*

(C. F. Lansbury)
Honorary Secretary.

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O Wilfred Stillman X ? Warragul
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Edw. Edwards X
956 Baskin Rd
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O Murray Edwards X
Jim Bettie

O Phillip Norman Appleby

O Ned Noel Murray

O? D Jack Poyett



Frank Lansbury, 72, points to himself in a picture of the 1932 Malvern premiership team.

Frank, a nuisance who made good

By ALAN ATTWOOD

Sixty years ago a little nipper named Frank Lansbury turned up at the local side's lacrosse matches and made a nuisance of himself.

He borrowed their raquets at half time and swung away for all he was worth.

In 1922, when he was 16, Frank played his first senior game on a field behind the Auburn State School. He went home with a split eyebrow as testimony to his initiation.

His mother was not impressed. "You're not going to play that game again", was the message. But Frank kept playing with the Malvern club until 1946.

His involvement with lacrosse did not end when he hung up his raquet. He was honorary secretary and treasurer of Malvern until 1972, and is now, at the age of 72, president of the club.

To talk with Frank among all the old photographs on the walls of the Malvern clubhouse is to drift back into another world.

Long-dead faces looking down at you gain life as Frank remembers the early days.

"In those days there wasn't much that a bloke could do really. We didn't have any money and couldn't move around much so we'd go up to the ground and see what was happening," he said.

"I remember playing

against the deaf and dumb school side at the Box Hill ground. It was hewn out of the forest.

"For a Saturday match we would meet at Flinders St. Station. We would stop for a while in one of 'Sergeant's' pie shops and then get on to the steam train to wherever we had to go. We didn't hit the booze like they do now, but we had our fun."

Frank was a member of the Malvern team that was A division premiers for 10 consecutive years, between 1931 and 1940. He remembers that as the goldenera of lacrosse in Melbourne, when there were a lot of strong teams in the competition.

When Frank first played lacrosse the game was played with 12 a side and no substitutes. Now it is 10 players and up to eight substitutes. And in 1922 there was none of the protective gear that modern players wear — "You had a cloth cap if you were lucky," Frank said.

But some things have remained the same during Frank's life with lacrosse. It was, and is, a rather unusual and mysterious sport to play, as far as most people are concerned.

It has been one of Frank's big disappointments. Lacrosse has never really made the big-time here. He said: "It never recovered from World War II. A lot of good players were killed, many teams just disappeared afterwards."

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Talvern Lacrosse Club

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(Frank Lansbury inot now sea)

Any Photos I can put names to. Etc
I intend ~~to~~ sending to the Club what I find.

M.B.
(22/7/91)

HISTORY OF MALVERN LACROSSE CLUB

(Prepared by Frank Lansbury, associated with the club since 1920; Hon. Treasurer from 1932 to date (Nov. 1973) and Hon. Secretary from 1936 to date (Nov. 1973).)

I played during the years 1914-1920 in "A" Grade 80 up through "C" "B" and Junior "A" grades, and 5 premierships in a row.

It has been suggested by various officials from time to time that a history of the club should be compiled. The history of a sporting club can mean a number of things - the manner of its original formation and its progress over the years - a compilation of a list of its officers over the years, the compilation of a list of the successes achieved by teams representing the club and the exploits of individuals as representatives of the club in Victorian lacrosse in Interstate and Inter-national matches, the winning of best and fairest awards, the naming of particular individuals who have brought honour to the club as players or administrators over a long period etc. If it is accepted that the latter headings are the more appropriate, then this information is already in existence in the form of the honour boards which hang in the club rooms and list all the premierships won by the club since its formation, the list of Life Members of the club, two boards which refer to the winning of the "A" grade premiership on ten consecutive occasions (this feat having been performed twice), and a number of photographs of certain successful teams over the years. During my period as Hon. Secretary the stage was reached on a number of occasions when players became blaze about the winning of premierships and when the taking of photographs of teams was not accepted with any enthusiasm. Thus only a very small proportion of the total premierships won by the club are represented by photographs which appear in the club rooms. In addition to the information which appears at the club rooms, I have converted into book form details which I have kept over the years which lists the names of all players who have constituted the various teams which have won premierships over the years from "A" grade to "Under 12" grade. In addition, the names of best and fairest winners, the names of all who have represented the State either in senior, colts or under age teams are also listed. Other information, including the names of persons who have occupied the senior administrative positions of the club over the years has also been compiled. In my view this information fairly represents what I conceive to be the history of the club. Further I have taken the opportunity of perusing minute books covering the activities of the club from its formation in 1903 (excepting the years 1916 to 1930 in respect of which minute books are not available.) Undoubtedly there would have been a recess in the lacrosse world from 1914 to 1918 (1st World War) and any other books representing the years up to 1930 were not passed to my predecessor, Mr Athol Evans, nor do I know whether they in fact existed. Unfortunately Mr R.A. HEYWARD, who I believe was Secretary of the club for at least some of the years concerned has passed away (only recently in 1972) and there is no way in which information regarding this period can be gleaned.

The early minute book discloses that a meeting of the Malvern Lacrosse Club was held in a room at the Malvern Town Hall on Wednesday, 15th February, 1904.

There was a good attendance of members and intending members; this statement tends to support the fact that the club played in 1903 and this was its first annual meeting. The chair was occupied by Mr Ed. Edwards (whose son Les Edwards now lives in Glen Waverley and is interested in the clubs doings), and the objects of the meeting was explained. The members present formed themselves into a committee to consider a code of rules drawn up by a select committee. This code, with minor alterations, was accepted by the Committee and then became the rules of the club. To my knowledge these rules remained practically unchanged until 1963 and governed the conduct of the club for approx. 60 years. At this meeting, Mr Ed. Edwards was elected President, a number of gentlemen were elected as Patrons and Vice-Presidents and all other offices were filled. The Hon. Secretary elected was Mr J.W. SCHAFE, who I believe was one of the guiding forces behind the formation of the club. He came from the ST KILDA Lacrosse club and was vitally interested in professional athletics; a number of the original members of the Malvern club were professional runners. Mr Schafe continued his interest in the club during his life time and lived to the age of 82. I knew him well and listened with interest on many occasions to his stories of happenings in lacrosse and professional athletics - he was regarded as somewhat of a "wild man" in his younger days. He attended the club functions and arranged the printing required by the club from time to time - he owned and operated a large printing works then located in Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

The next annual general meeting, according to the minute book, was held at the Malvern Town Hall on Wednesday, 5th April, 1905. The President elected on this occasion was Dr Hugh Murray, with Mr Schafe again as Secretary. Mr Jim Barrie, who returned as a supporter of the club many years later and will be remembered by some of our current members, was elected to the General Committee on this occasion. A list showing approx. 40 names appears in the minute book, those concerned being club members of that time. A number of these persons were also known to me personally and were still associated with the club in 1920 when I first became a member. Amongst them were Jack and Mel Beattie (killed in first world war), the Ellis family one of whom, Jack, played cricket for Australia as a wicket-keeper, members of the Page family whose original shop is still run as a "nurserymans" in High Street, some two or three doors down from the Malvern Town Hall, Mr R. Fripp and his brother Sam who donated the photograph of teams in the early 1900's which hangs in the club rooms and VINCE HEALY who subsequently was President of the club for many years.

The third annual meeting of the club was held in the Malvern Town Hall on 11th April, 1907. On this occasion a Mr P.R. JOSKE was elected as President, Mr Schafe again being elected Secretary. It is interesting to note that in those days many influential people, including a number of gentlemen with Knighthoods, were either Patrons or Vice-Presidents of the club. Mr W.B. HOUSE was elected as President at the annual meeting of 19th March, 1908, Mr Schafe once again being elected Secretary. I remember Mr House, who died in 1941, as an elderly gentleman with a beard such as is worn by the male sex in 1973. His initials were W.B. and he was aptly known as "Weather Board" House. At the meeting held in 1909 reference is made to the increase in membership and a suggestion that sticks be obtained to be given

to juniors from the local state schools (Spring Road and Tooronga Road). The sixth annual meeting was held in the Malvern Town Hall on 2nd March, 1910, when Mr House was elected as President and Mr Schafe again as Secretary. One item of note in the minutes of this meeting reads "The "D" team commenced splendidly but unfortunately dissent arose in their ranks and spoiled whatever chance they might otherwise have had in the Premiership. (Apparently things were no better in those days - we still have our malcontents). Annual general meetings continued to be held each year (27th March, 1911; 16th April, 1912; 10th April, 1913; 16th April, 1914; 31st March, 1915) but as previously explained, records from 1916 to 1930 are missing. Details of all annual meetings from 1931 to date are available in the respective minute books. In 1931 the meeting was held in the Pavilion at the Malvern Cricket Ground on Wednesday, 11th March, 1931. Mr V.P. HEALY was President and occupied the chair; there being 31 members, including myself, present. Mr Healy was elected as President for the ensuing season and Mr Fred Smith as Hon. Secretary. Also at this meeting Mr HEALY was elected as a Life Member and presented with a gold medal. The photograph of the 1929 teams which hangs in the club rooms was presented to the club by Mr Healy. Mr Vern Waring retired as Hon. Treasurer and Mr Ron Heyward was elected to this position for season 1931. HUGH WADSWORTH first appeared on the scene in 1931 being appointed trainer for this season. Several members of the club (including Messrs Fisher, Jenkins and Chambers) were cleared by the club to assist with the formation of the Glen Iris Lacrosse club during the season, all of them then being resident in Glen Iris which at that time was a new suburb. Annual meetings have been held yearly since but there does not appear to be any real purpose in listing the dates of these meetings and the persons appointed to various positions from time to time. This information is included in the book which contains various club details. Box lacrosse was played at the Mattle Park Palais, St Kilda in 1932 and Malvern's senior team of Messrs R. BRIERLEY, W. J. EDWARDS, H. WOOD, C. FOSTER, G. KNOWLES, H. BEATTIE AND R. LAMONT was successful in winning the premierships covering the series of 30 matches which were played. Box lacrosse continued for a further couple of seasons but was abandoned because of the injuries to players as a result of playing on the wooden floor. In season 1932 relations between Malvern and Williamstown clubs were far from friendly and a complaint was made to the Association by our club regarding a match at Williamstown on 2nd July, 1932, when six (6) members of the Malvern "A" team were alleged to have received serious injuries because of the roughness of the game. Also in 1932 Lacrosse was commenced at Ballarat by Mr Ord Glenn who had served as Secretary of our club for several seasons and annual visits were made to that city by members of Malvern to play against Ballarat. Our club is credited with having assisted in the formation of lacrosse in that city. The game became very popular in Ballarat but unfortunately the 2nd world war led to its demise. A team from Ballarat played in the Melbourne competition in "B" section in 1938 and performed very well. Many happy times were enjoyed by club members who made the club visits to Ballarat at the end of the various seasons and many strong friendships were cemented between the players of both bodies. A gala dinner was held by the club in the Malvern Town Hall on 3rd October, 1932, and the souvenir programme produced for this occasion forms the basis for the listing of the names of members of winning teams over the years. It is also interesting to note

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that although formed in 1903, it was 1918 before the club was successful in winning a premiership and certainly at that time there was no indication of the fantastic successes which were to follow the winning of this first "A" grade premiership. The cost of this celebration dinner, by the way, was 2s 6d per head and no liquor was allowed. It should also be noted that the honour board hanging in the club rooms which contains details of the premierships won from 1918 onwards was made and donated to the club by Mr P.J. (Mick) REMEEUS, an ex-player and strong supporter of the club at that time (1932). The "Joel Fox" shield donated to the Association by a supporter and administrator of our club was won on three consecutive occasions and became our permanent property. It was donated back to the Association by the club for perpetual competition in "A" grade and has been known as the "Joel Fox Memorial Shield" since that time. It has again been returned to the club's permanent possession. Several players from Malvern (including Mr Alf Evans) sought and were granted transfers to the Camberwell club in 1933 mainly because of residence in the area. In 1935 steps were taken to again introduce the game into the local state schools and a Mr Frank Baxter, a prominent player with the club at that time, took over the coaching of Spring Road, Gardiner and Tooronga Schools - at the time he was lessee of a milk bar at the then new picture theatre in Glenferrie Road (Embassy). A substantial number of players were recruited to the club in 1936 following the successful introduction of the game into the schools and included such notables as NOEL JEFFREY, GORDON ANDERSON, JACK AND HERB ADDISON, DON DRUMMOND, JOCK LIDDELL, BOB LESLIE, etc. In 1937 an invitation was received from the East Torrens, South Australia team to send a Malvern team to play a social match in Adelaide at the end of season 1937. This invitation was accepted and a group of approx. 25 players, of whom I was one, made the trip and naturally had a most enjoyable time. This was the first of the Malvern - East Torrens visits which have continued except for the 2nd world war period, ever since (a period of 36 years). Also in 1937 the club was perturbed about the playing of a final match against Williamstown at Williamstown and sought to have the game played on a neutral ground. Following several special meetings, it was finally left to the members of the team to decide whether to take the field or not and the match was eventually played and won at Williamstown. It is regarded as one of the roughest matches ever played in Victorian lacrosse and resulted in many spiteful incidents, including an attack on players and supporters after the game had concluded. Police were called in to break up the melee which followed. The second world war which broke out in 1939 made deep inroads into the ranks of lacrosse players and there were a number of clubs which did not re-form at the end of hostilities. Senior lacrosse was suspended in 1941, 1942 and only under age teams functioned during those years. The Malvern club, with the help of players from other clubs which were not able to field teams, continued to function during the war period when games were played on a friendly basis or on a limited competition basis. Perhaps it was fortunate that several of the vitally interested people were still about to see that the club did not go out of existence. At the end of hostilities many of our good players returned to the game

and continued as players for some years after. Over the years the strength of the club has involved it in situations which were not in the best interests of the club in general and the necessity to field two teams in the senior section on a number of occasions has often caused friction between players and officials. This situation, unfortunately, still exists and the state of the game at present is not likely to make things any easier.

There have been numerous incidents over the years concerned with the winning or losing of premierships and there are occasions when success has eluded us by small margins. However, it is impossible to detail any of these occurrences without a record of the results of every match played, such records have not been kept over the years but are available from the Association. There have been many games won by only a one goal margin and games won in extra time which is required to be played when a draw results in a semi-final game. Those who have taken part in these games are the ones who will cherish memories of the exciting incidents involved in their playing careers; incidents which can be discussed when players meet in later years.

The number of great players produced by the club are legion and it would be well nigh impossible to name them all; or the player considered the greatest, without offending a number of others. There are also many people who were not star players but their abilities as administrators have been invaluable; similarly there have been (and still are) many people who have never played the game but through association have rendered the club great service. I feel that this is the stage at which I might be permitted to mention those whom I consider have contributed greatly to the club's successes over the years:-

Mr V.P. (Vince) HEALY, prominent "A" grade and Interstate player and President of the club for approx. 20 years.

Mr J.W. (Jack) SCHAPE, the club's original Secretary for at least 5 years who contributed greatly to the formation of the club and remained its strong supporter during his lifetime.

Mr R. (Bob) COLDSTREAM, prominent "A" grade and Interstate player. President of the club for 24 years; President of Victorian Association 1955 to 1966; President of Australian Lacrosse Council for several years; in many ways responsible for the first visit of an American team to Australia and the first visit of an Australian team overseas. Regarded by most people as one of the greatest workers for lacrosse.

Mr J.L. (Jack) BEATTIE, Captain of successful "A" grade teams in 1924, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1935 (10); successful Captain of Interstate teams on a number of occasions and generally admitted to be one of the greatest "Forwards" the game has seen. Spent many years as a Committeeman of the club and gave many years to Association affairs. He was a Life member of the V.A.L.A.

*Played on
1st World War team
in Premiership Sides*

Mr R.A. (Ron) HEYWARD, a prominent "A" grade player in the late 1920's, an Interstate representative and Hon. Secretary of the club for a number of years. Although not as well known as a number of the earlier greats, performed a lot of tasks for the club and introduced many new players to the game.

Mr A.L. (Alf) EVANS who has the distinction of playing in the greatest number of "A" grade premierships in Victorian lacrosse, and I would venture to say in Australian lacrosse. He played in these premierships in 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1954 (total 17); Captain on eight of these occasions. He represented the State on many occasions, was captain and coach of State teams and generally supported the game in all ways possible, e.g. on Association Committees, as an Executive member of Malvern and as coach of teams other than Malvern.

Mr C.G. (Charles) MIDDLETON who followed on after Alf Evans as Captain and Coach of the senior team. He was a member of the "A" team on eleven (11) occasions when premierships were won. Represented the club on Association Committees and for a number of years was Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association. He is a Life Member of the Malvern Club and has given many years to the administration of the club and lacrosse in general. Has represented the State.

Mr R.W. (Roy) REDDAWAY who followed on after Charles Middleton as Captain and Coach of the senior team. He was a member of the "A" team on eleven (11) occasions when premierships were won and together with NOEL JEFFREY is the only other player who participated in all of the ten (10) consecutive premierships won by the club from 1950 to 1959.

Mr T. (Terry) ALLINGTON who was a player with various teams of the club for many years and successfully coached junior teams. Also coach of the senior team for some five years and has represented the club on Association for many years. He has an unsurpassed record of coaching junior and senior Interstate Victorian teams and also a team which played overseas in 1972 achieving great success. He served as President of the Malvern club for a period of five (5) years and has occupied other executive positions with success both at club and Association level.

Mr N.R. (Noel) JEFFREY who played in twelve (12) "A" grade premierships teams, including the period 1950 to 1959 of ten consecutive premierships. He represented the State on a great number of occasions and held a number of Executive positions both within the club and the Victorian Association. It was his fund raising efforts which enabled the Victorian contingent of the Australian team to make the overseas trip in 1962. He continued his fund raising efforts for several years to assist in financing the activities of the Association. Now permanently resident in America and is greatly missed by the club in many ways.

The following players played in the number of "A" grade premierships listed and all contributed to the club as administrators and did much to help the club during the periods of their association with Malvern. All played Interstate lacrosse and most served the Victorian Association in various ways.

GEORGE (FUZZY) KNOWLES	Fourteen (14)	"A" section premierships
W.J. (Wally) EDWARDS	Fourteen (14)	" "
R.J. (Reg) BRIERLEY	Thirteen (13)	" "
H.W. (Hugh) WOOD	Thirteen (13)	" "
O.G. (Otto) UNKENSTEIN	Thirteen (13)	" "
C. (Clarrie) FOSTER	Thirteen (13)	" "

Other players of note who have played in a number of club "A" section premierships are:-

C.K. (Cliff) PAGE Nine (9). Is the nephew of the original Page family which has been associated with the club over most of its history. Played Interstate lacrosse and served the club as a Committeeman during his period of membership. Is now a clergyman based in the country.

J. (John) NEILSON - Nine (9). Well known to current players and has done much for the club since his retirement as a player. Represented the State on a number of occasions and has served as coach and as a Committeeman of the club for a number of years.

R.W. (Roy) SLOGGETT - Nine (9). Was a member of many Interstate teams and regarded as one of the greatest defence players produced by the club. Has not continued his association with the club since retiring as a player, although does serve on the Association permit committee.

Vern WARING - Eight (8). Also regarded as one of the finest defence players produced by the club but for some reason did not achieve interstate selection. Served as Treasurer of the club for several years and also as a Committeeman.

Of the more modern players there are GORDON ANDERSON:
7 "A" grade Premierships,

TREVOR CAMPBELL	7	"A" grade Premierships
IAN MOUNTFORD	6	" "
SID. QUIGLEY	6	" "
JIM DAW (JNR)	6	" "
MAX ADDISON	5	" "
BILL DAW	5	" "
GRAHAM REDDAWAY	4	" "
CLEM EDDY	4	" "
FRED BEAUCHAMP	4	" "
CLIFF TALLANTS	4	" "

With the exception of Cliff Tallants all of the above have represented the State.

At this stage it would seem appropriate to list a number of other players who also played in a number of "A" grade premierships during the playing careers. They are as follows:-

VINCE HEALY	- 7	premierships	BRUCE HALLOWES	= 3	Premierships
LES WEBB	- 6	"	NOEL SEARLE	- 3	"
HAROLD EDWARDS	- 6	"	GARNIE PEAGRAM	- 3	"
JACK ADDISON	- 6	"	STAN JONES	- 3	"
MICK REMEEUS	- 5	"	KEITH HOYLE	- 3	"
ALLAN HARRISON	- 5	"	GRAHAM PEPPERELL	- 3	"
HUGH BEATTIE	- 5	"	G. MINNIECE	- 3	"
DUDLEY LAIDLER	- 5	"	J. TRELOAR	- 3	"
JOHN HEATHCOTE	- 5	"	A. DATSON	- 3	"
DON DRUMMOND	- 5	"	FRITH ANDERSON	- 2	"
BOB COLDSTREAM	- 4	"	ORD GLENN	- 2	"
HOL PAGE	- 4	"	DON HARRISON	- 2	"
BILL HARRISON	- 4	"	FRED SMITH	- 2	"
RON HEYWARD	- 4	"	Ø GORDON LOVEGROVE	- 2	"
MAT ELLIS	- 4	"	Ø BOB SYMONDS	- 2	"
REG LAMONT	- 4	"	Ø DAVE HILL	- 2	"
ARTHUR CLAGUE	- 4	"	SANDY McGEORGE	- 2	"
OLAF SODERBERG	- 4	"	JIM RAE	- 2	"
KEN TALLANTS	- 4	"	TERRY ALLINGTON	- 2	"
PETER MILES	- 4	"	Ø FRANK BANYARD	- 2	"
LES BOLDEMAN	- 4	"	FRANK LANSBURY	- 2	"
CHARLIE WATT	- 3	"	ED TAYLOR	- 2	"
TOM TURNBULL	- 3	"	J. MARTIN	- 2	"
HARRY HILL	- 3	"			

Ø These players originally came from other States - 3 from Sth. Aust. and one from West Australia.

There are also a number of players who have played in one (1) Senior premiership team and their names appear in the records of the relevant years.

In addition to the Life Members already mentioned herein a brief history of the remainder is as follows:

Mr. H. HARTUNG - Non player but strong supporter of the club who looked after the wants of the "A" grade team for many years prior to the second world war. Acted as Goal Umpire in the days when it was compulsory for each team to supply such an official. Followed the club for many years.

Mr. H. HELL - Was a player for a number of years and occupied a position on the club committee for many years and gave sterling support to the club in many ways.

ARTHUR CLAGUE - Also a prominent player who, like myself, did not quite make the senior team of the day regularly but who rendered sterling service as a player with teams other than "A" and served for many years on the club committee.

ED GARNER - A player with the club in its early days who continued to support the club as a spectator and served as a committeeman for many years.

HUGH WADSWORTH - As all know, was the club trainer for many years until ill-health forced his retirement. Was immensely pro-Malvern and helped many players, including those from other clubs, to regain fitness following injury. Rendered sterling service to the club in many ways over a lengthy period.

LES WEBB - Came originally from the Canterbury Lacrosse Club. Played in six (6) "A" grade premierships (1924, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1931) and represented the State on several occasions. Was a life long supporter of the club and stepped down from senior ranks to help junior players in lower sections. Was a Committee man for many years and Chairman of the club's general committee over a lengthy period. Les was one of the "characters" of the game and always had a good fund of stories (clean and otherwise) and was noted for his antics on the field. Organized our trips to Ballarat and was responsible for many of the social functions held by the club in days gone by.

JIM DAW (SENR) - Non player but loyal supporter since the late 1940's when his sons Bill and Jim commenced to play as youngsters. Has served the club in many ways, e.g. as a Committeeman, Secretary of the "A" grade team for many years and coach of Under age teams playing on Saturday mornings. Has also occupied a number of positions with the Association such as Vice-President, junior selector of State teams etc.

LEO BARRETT - Non player but trainer to the club since his step-father, Hugh Wadsworth relinquished the position. Like Hugh Wadsworth is immensely pro-Malvern and has helped many a pleyer to regain his feet after injury.

BERT STERCK - Non player who has served the club and lacrosse in general in many capacities. Commenced his interest in the game through his friendship with Trevor Campbell (late 1940's). Has occupied positions of Team Secretary, Coach, Club Assistant Secretary and until illness set him aside was Secretary of the Australian Lacrosse Council. Toured America with the Australian team in 1962. Still serves on the club committee and I am sure that but for his severe illness would now be Secretary of the club.

TREVOR CAMPBELL

BILL DAW

RON ALAIMO

GRAHAM MINNIECE

FRANK SPIERS

JIM DAW (JNR)

All of these members have much in common from a club point of view. All came up through the junior ranks, all have been regular players in the Senior team for considerable periods, all have played in Victorian Senior State teams; all have coached either junior or senior teams and all are keen members of the club committee. Trevor Campbell and Graham Minniece toured overseas with the Australian team in 1962.

I suppose that a document of this nature would not be complete without reference to my own association with the club over the years. Although somewhat diffident in doing so I set out hereunder my history with the club and the game in general:-

FRANK LANSBURY - Was a playing member of the club from 1922 to 1946; have been Treasurer of the club since 1933 (still hold this position in 1973); Hon Secretary of the club since 1936 (still hold this position in 1973). Delegate from Malvern club to V.A.L.A. 1936 to 1956.

Member V.A.L.A. Permit Committee 1938-1973.

Selector, Junior Interstate teams 1950-1955.

Selector, Senior Interstate teams 1956-1967.

Member of V.L.A. Executive for many years.

Hon. Treasurer, V.A.L.A. 1958-1965.

Responsible for creation of Under age Saturday morning competition which commenced in 1946.

During 2nd World War, together with several other stalwarts such as Bill Griffiths (Surrey Park), Russell Smith (Coburg) and Bill Tickner (Melb. University) was responsible for keeping game alive on limited scale by the playing of social matches between scratch teams composed of players from various clubs.

Life Member of Malvern Club since 1947.

Life Member of V.A.L.A. since 1961.

Holder of A.L.C. Certificate of Merit and Past President's Trophy, V.A.L.A.

As will be seen I first played in 1922 (then aged 16). At that time there were no under age teams and it was necessary to play with adults if you wanted a game. My father took my brother and I to watch games from an early age and we learned the game by borrowing racquets from senior players at the half-time of matches. Bob Coldstream was my favoured player in this regard. A number of other of the well known players of the game in latter years went through the same procedure, e.g. Fuzzy Knowles, Wally Edwards, George Unkenstein, Jim Guy, etc. Having been associated with the club for so many years I have been fortunate to know all of the club's great players and personalities, even the players of the 1918 "A" grade premiership were known to me as a young fellow and I remember them all. If asked for the reason why lacrosse has occupied so much of my life I would say that it has brought me into contact with many wonderful people and I would not have missed the experience for the world. In addition, of course, the club has achieved such fantastic success during my association and the memory of all the premiership wins has helped to make the whole thing worth while. I regret that because of my age (now 68) I feel that I have given my all to the club and would dearly love to see some young person take over the ropes at this stage.

If asked to name what I consider to be the greatest of the Malvern "A" grade premiership teams I would name the following:-

<u>1935</u>	<u>1953 - 1954</u>
BEATTIE J.L. (Forward)	MIDDLETON C. (Defence)
BRIERLEY R.J. (Goals)	EVANS A.L. (Forward) - Capt.
BOLTON E. (Forward)	JEFFREY N.R. (Centre)
PAGE C.K. (Defence)	REDDAWAY R.W. (Attack)
KNOWLES G. (Defence)	QUIGLEY S. (Forward)
SODERBERG O. (Defence)	NEILSON J. (Defence)
UNKENSTEIN O.G. (Defence)	HEATHCOTE J. (Defence)
FOSTER C. (Attack)	DRUMMOND D. (Goals)
WARING V.K. (Defence)	SLOGGETT R. (Defence)
WOOD H.W. (Forward)	JONES S. (Defence)
EDWARDS W.J. (Centre)	MOUNTFORD I. (Forward)
EVANS A.L. (Forward)	ANDERSON G. (Defence) - 1953 only
EDWARDS Harold (Attack)	ADDISON J. (Defence) - 1953 only
	BOLDEMAN L. (Forward) - 1953 only
	HOYLE K. (Attack) - 1954 only
	CAMPBELL T. (Forward) - 1954 only

The only way in which the club has maintained its strength and success over the years has been the sustained effort to recruit junior players. When I first took over as Secretary of the club in 1936, there were three (3) teams only, i.e. "A", "B" and "C" and very little was being done at that time to encourage juniors. One of my first jobs was to arrange, with the help of Jack Beattie in particular, for the introduction of the game into the local State Schools and reference has already been made to the coaching by the late Mr Frank Baxter and the lift which the club received when a number of the players from the schools joined the club. Over

the years since it has always been my endeavour to see that this recruiting has been continual. The advent of Saturday morning lacrosse has helped in a large degree to keep the club at strength and the efforts of such people as Bill Daw, Ron Alaimo and Graham Minniece etc. in this area have been invaluable to the club. Season 1973 saw a more concerted effort to strengthen this recruiting in local schools and Jeff Treloar has been a great help in this area. It must be said that if the club is to continue in future years to be strong, then this area of the club's activities can never be neglected. Whilst realising that there are not many players who are able to devote time during the week to helping in this direction because of the nature of their jobs it must be stressed that valiant efforts should be made to ensure that the recruiting of juniors is not curtailed in any way. Several technical schools have been sponsored by the club for a number of years, e.g. Swinburne and Prahran. This of course has been possible mainly because of the fact that over the years I have been able to take time from my job to assist in this area and I am well aware that I have been fortunate in this regard. There have been literally hundreds of juniors pass through our hands in the last 30 years and it is only a small proportion indeed who continue to take any interest in the game once they leave junior ranks. Lacrosse generally suffers because of lack of finance and the inability of people to give any time to its extension into new areas. I would have to admit that the game has made little progress, if any, during the last 40 years and the number of clubs now in existence is much less than was the case pre second world war. The lack of support is most evidenced by the fact that the Victorian Association found it difficult to secure nominations for many of its senior executive positions (including that of Hon. Secretary) for season 1974. This is a lamentable state of affairs, particularly with the proposed world series to be held in Australia in the coming season. I can only appeal to our young players to take stock and accept some responsibility in the running of the club and its affairs.

Our current President, Mr Charles Gregory, has been associated with the club for a number of years and his efforts on our behalf are very much appreciated. He is a man with quite a deal of influence in the Malvern area and he has done much to further the interests of the club with members of the Malvern Council and others with whom he comes in contact. It is sincerely hoped that he will continue his support for many years to come. I have endeavoured to cover the club's history as best I can and my only hope is that all the detail which has been prepared will be preserved for posterity and that the future of the club will become of vital interest to many of our current players and officials.