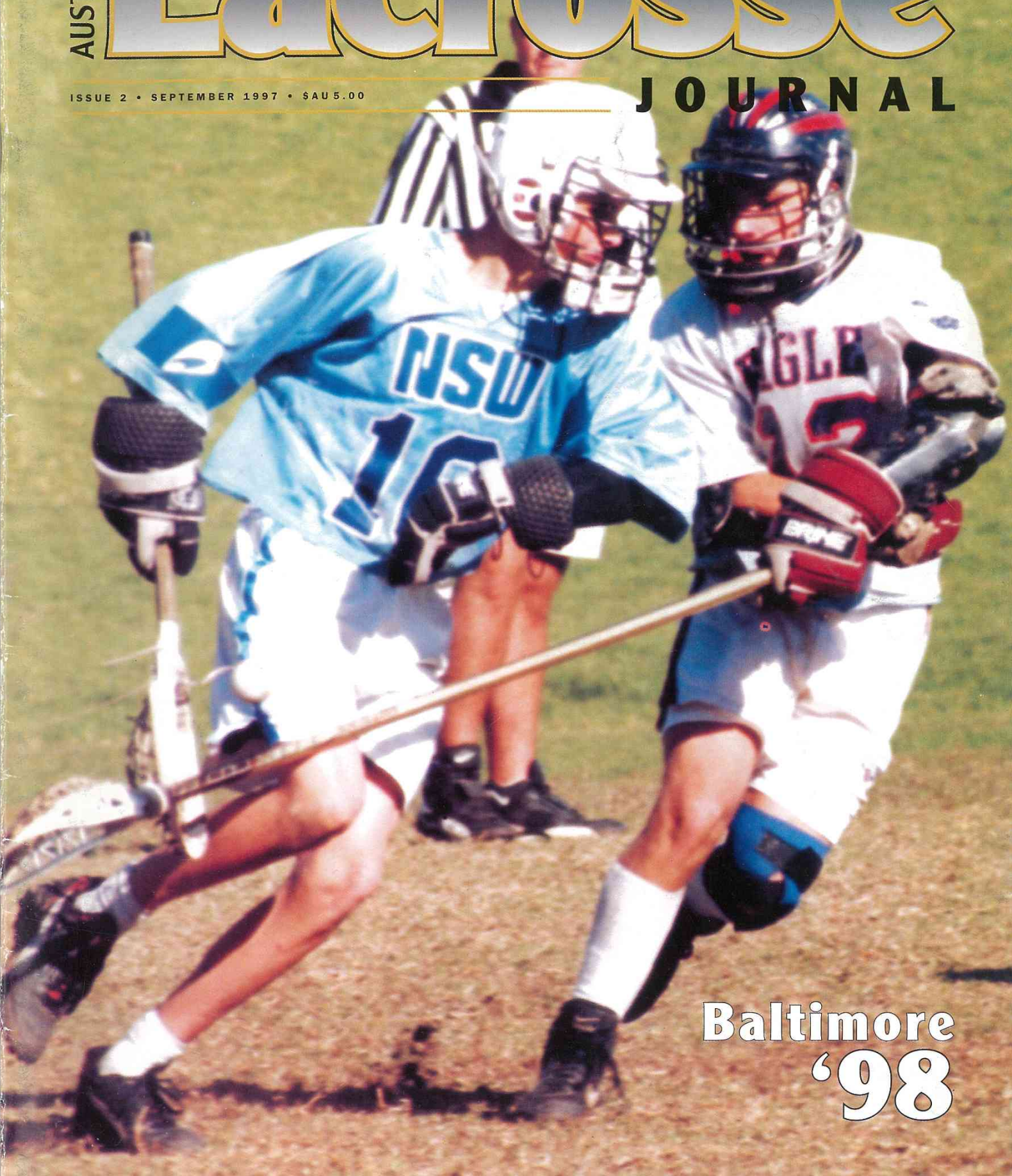


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Editorial

Thank you for the positive response to our first edition. You clearly indicated that the journal looked good and contained articles of interest. One keen lacrosseur even suggested that the first edition was of such a high standard that it would not be possible to maintain that level - I hope we prove him wrong!

This second edition adds another dimension to the project - we are truly national with the addition of both Queensland and Tasmania to our subscribers so we can honestly say that everyone who is a member of any State Lacrosse Association receives the Australian Lacrosse Journal.

The Journal is posted to addresses of registered members of State Associations provided on labels or computer disks by each State Association. For promotional purposes it is also provided to all Universities and Tertiary Colleges which include a sports science or human movement department, to all media organisations in each State, to all major sport industry organisations (Australian Sports Commission, Confederation of Australian Sport etc) and to community libraries in States where a distribution to libraries is available.

I think it would be useful to explain a few points which arise in discussions about the Journal.

Firstly the Australian Lacrosse Journal is a quite different publication to "The Lacrosse Player".

"The Lacrosse Player" has been a Lacrosse Victoria publication since mid 1980's before upgrading in March, 1993 to include photographs and increased in size from A5 to A4. In 1994 the magazine was "split into half national topics and half State topics" with subscriptions from South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales. Over a period subscriptions from different States

at varying levels, combined with other factors caused a review, and a submission from "The Lacrosse Player" to a meeting convened by the ALC in Perth on July 12, 1996 with all State Associations represented said "Production of a national "The Lacrosse Player", which started out as a Victorian initiative, needs to be reviewed."

That meeting expressed unanimous support for the concept of a national magazine to be managed by ALC, and consequently proposals were submitted to and accepted by each State Association. So the Australian Lacrosse Journal was born.

While each edition includes the "Around the Nation" report there is no commitment to publish any material from any Association based on subscriptions or any other criteria. We gather as much material as possible and publish the best material available which is relevant to a national publication.

Secondly, there have been comments about the absence of articles on women's lacrosse. Discussions have been held with AWLC and a proposal was provided for consideration by AWLC. This included provision of a guaranteed minimum amount of editorial space over each twelve month period pro rata with the percentage of AWLC subscribers. The AWLC declined to accept the proposal and, as a result, the Journal includes no articles of specific relevance to women's lacrosse.

Hopefully this brief comment on these issues will assist people to understand why the Australian Lacrosse Journal is like it is.

As your winter season comes to a "Finals" end, plan for your spring/summer/autumn season activities and for your next winter season.

Malcolm J Stokes
Editor

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Cover Picture: That USA/Australian thing - at Under 17's!!



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Around the Nation

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July saw the ALC Board meet for the first time in Canberra. A meeting with the adviser to the Minister for Sport, Warwick Smith, was useful in providing current information about lacrosse in Australia to the highest level decision makers. Board Members were well received and the Minister's adviser was clearly impressed with the management of lacrosse in Australia.

Next meeting on the agenda was with senior management of the Australian Sports Commission where each Director presented a brief outline of their role and current major issues. The issue of funding for lacrosse was discussed at length and again the ASC officers were impressed with the management of the ALC which they indicated was one of the best managed sports. Lacrosse is leading the field in areas such as management structure and publications such as our bids for international events, reports on championships, the Australian Lacrosse Journal and other initiatives.

Lacrosse needs, and will develop, a higher profile in many different areas to gain greater support from both public and private sector organisations.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

With the end of minor season now only a couple of games away, the action in the Foster's League competition is certainly hotting up.

West Torrens Eagles after their impressive start to the season have had their feathers plucked by the Woodville Warriors uprising. Woodville comprehensively have beaten West Torrens on two occasions now. The two teams have shared top spot for almost half the season but the Warriors have claimed the minor premiership flag as their own. Woodville have firmed as favourites and the Inge brothers have been hard to contain this year. Couple that with Anthony and Richard Feleppa and Craig Schicker and there is a fair amount of experienced youth players in the side capable of withstanding finals pressure.

West Torrens is a class act and boasts a considerable array of talent with Greg Larwood, Jim Mihelios, Shane Harley and Tony Sellan in the side. The team will be more focussed in the finals and determined to retain the flag.

Glenelg have gone about their business quietly this year and maintained third position on the ladder. They have struggled with injuries to key players such

as Konrad Frankee and still cannot get over the West Torrens bogey. Whenever Glenelg are in front looking all but home those West Torrens boys just upset their little apple cart!

The battle for fourth spot will go down to the wire.

Sturt, under State Coach Craig Jaeger, have really hit a brick wall for the last half of the season. Benn Hamilton leaving for Victoria, Brad Pallant going overseas for several weeks has put dents in their hold on fourth spot. Unless they can perform a miracle it looks like they will not be in the finals race.

The team snapping at Sturt's heels is neighbouring club, Brighton.

Their plight has been helped with the short return of Mark Mangan from the US. He gave the team some forward focus and the guys have certainly continued that after his departure.

Coach, Bob Carter, is getting the mix right and next year Brighton will be capable of causing some upsets.

Burnside will not make the finals this year. The team certainly fared better than anyone expected but it was mainly due to the blasts from the past returning to the fold. North Adelaide performed as expected but they gave it their all and certainly have a foundation from which to work.

Trip to Port Augusta

"What is that feeling when you're driving away from people and they recede on the plain till you see their specks dispersing?" Wish I could say I shared Kerouac's deep thoughts as I bounded on a bus at 8.00am, with a chill in the air and a three and a half hour journey stretching out before me. No, I was more intrigued as to how I was going to survive locked in with a bus full of lacrosse players, who are not the best sight on a Sunday morning.

The purpose of our journey, to take lacrosse to the country. The "Iron Triangle" where Aussie Rules football reigns supreme was about to witness the hottest sport on two feet, whether they were ready for it or not.

There had been a lot of hard work put in to make this venture as successful as possible and to provide support to our representative in the area, Marg Metzgher (a former Bright Lacrosse Club player) who is establishing a competition in the area.

A suitable venue had to be found, transportation, and as much publicity as possible drummed up. There were radio interviews on four local stations and the only local television station ran a three-minute spot on their Friday night news.

There was a clinic for interested children with the guys from West Torrens coaching and a celebrity match which dragged out some surprise packets. The bus driver from Fallands was a former All Australian U19 and North Adelaide player; Scott Battersby travelled over from Whyalla, bringing his own stick as he used to play with Southern Districts; Rachael from Caritas College was a former University of South Australia player, and we cannot forget the Hungry Jacks Manager - for someone who had never picked up a stick he did a great job. There was one unfortunate incident, that guy Lawrie from the Port Augusta Prison, just would not obey the referee's (Peter Tuck) decisions.

The main match between West Torrens and Sturt was a hard fought affair. There were spectators and not just the club faithful. During the day more than 50 people showed their faces, drove in the gate, stayed awhile or just meandered up to the main bar.

At the end of the day a feast was had and everybody piled back onto the buses. The West Torrens lads headed for Hungry Jacks and the Stirling Pub. Losing their President under the seat of the bus did prove somewhat embarrassing though.

The Sturt lads discovered that referee, Dennis Mulroney, and a bottle of scotch are human beings after all, but guys why so many stops on the way home? Was it four or five pit-stops before the lights of Adelaide showed up in the distance?

Was the day successful and did it produce anything for Lacrosse SA? Two stories say "yes".

The first is a 71 year old gentleman who introduced himself and explained how he used to play lacrosse in Port Pirie in 1939. How they had a really strong schools competition and that they used to play against the boys in the city. Even told us he had photographs of those days.

The second story is perhaps the best. A young lass at the start of the coaching clinic, only 10 or 11 years of age, just did not want to be involved in the game at all. After some serious encouragement she finally took up the stick and did not put it down for the rest of the day. Even while the guys were playing she was in the substitution area asking somebody to throw the ball to her and the guys always obliged.

These alone make the trip worth it.

The results of the game - West Torrens ran out comfortable winners in an extremely well played game.

The Power of Past Players - Crows Lacrosse Club (SA)

The Crows Lacrosse Club in Adelaide was established in 1991 to lend support to furthering the activities of the game which means so much to retired players. The Crows name was selected and reflects the historic links of lacrosse with the Crow Indian people.

At present our membership is approximately 130 and of these 42 are financial Life Members of the club. In 1996 we decided to further our aims to ensure the growth of lacrosse in our State.

We would promote junior lacrosse and try to assist young and needy players by establishing a fund. The interest from these funds each year will help the juniors in some way. For example, this year, through Lacrosse SA we sponsored selected male and female junior players who participated in a junior development training program and presented each player with a Crows Lacrosse Club polo shirt at the Senior Championships held in May. The Championships was another way we assisted Lacrosse SA by supporting them in an official capacity. Our members being responsible for manning the gates during the period of the games.

We as a club would like to see this support from past players spread throughout Australia and to see the establishment of clubs in each State to promote the game we so love. Have you ever thought which sector is backed by the greatest number of people? The players? the administrators? current supporters? Well by far the largest group is the retired ex-players, administrators and supporters. If we could harness this reserve it would provide the additional strength required to give lacrosse an upward trend. We know Western Australia has the Kuljak Club but what of other States? If we could encourage all States to try to promote junior lacrosse in the way we have set out maybe it will have the ingredients that go into making a great game even greater as we know it can be.

People keep saying lacrosse is on the way out and it would be difficult to argue otherwise, when numbers and clubs appear to be dwindling. (*Ed. Perception of the author - not substantiated.*)

We look forward to hearing from past players. This fund is a way in which we can help lacrosse individually in just a small way. We in South Australia are trying to help our juniors. What are you doing to try and give lacrosse the boost it needs?

**Peter Drew - President
Crows Lacrosse Club**

VICTORIA

A Junior Forum to discuss junior recruitment was well received and all delegates are looking forward to the next forum at Williamstown in September.

Williamstown are playing Masters games as a curtain raiser to State League home games which are popular and this initiative has been copied by Malvern.

Eltham Club are fielding 14 teams with some 140 players and are enjoying their fair share of success on the field this season with the first State League team win over Williamstown (on July 19) in the club's 33 year history being a highlight of the year.

Chadstone Club have had an \$80,000 renovation of their Treyvaud Memorial Park clubrooms. The average age in the club senior ranks is 22 years and with a healthy junior program in place the REDBACKS should be a force to be reckoned with in the near future.

One of Victoria's oldest clubs, the Melbourne Cricket Club, is rebuilding its junior numbers and this has been helped by the Bullock Brothers donation of a 12 seater van which is used to transport the Under 13 away team to their game each Saturday, then back to the Albert Ground for a sausage sizzle. Ken Nichols is coaching an Under 11 team and the club have three USA players enjoying playing in the senior competition, as well as helping out with juniors.

Surrey Park have been at the same ground for 50 years but 1997 saw the senior teams move to new grounds and clubrooms at Bayswater. Juniors have remained at Surrey Park to support the strong relationship developed with the schools in the Box Hill area which will now also be commenced in the Bayswater area. The new amenities have improved social activities and some junior games have been played at the new ground with a positive response from players. The Junior Recruiting Committee Gala Day at Mont Albert resulted in the biggest influx of juniors

for years and the success of the campaign is evident in the significant improvement in skills of juniors as the season has progressed.

Lacrosse Victoria has been active in achieving more than 70 primary schools playing lacrosse (Sofcrosse) as an interschool sport within their sporting zones. In December a State Championships is to be played in conjunction with a Secondary School Tournament which already has more than 12 schools entered. The challenge is to recruit these players into Association competitions.

Golf Day

The VLA Cup (the Terry Allington Trophy) will be contested at Rossdale Golf Club, 1st Avenue, Aspendale on Thursday November 20 with hit-off times from 8.00am to 9.00am. The \$45.00 cost includes green fees and lunch. Registrations must be in before Saturday November 15 and you can contact Terry Allington on (03) 9551 2871 for further information.

QUEENSLAND

As Queensland is still a developing State the progress shown in the past 18 months with juniors and women's lacrosse is encouraging.

Our juniors are at a stage where we need to get back to our original schools to bolster stocks for the coming 1998 season.

We welcome on board, Rex Wigney. Rex has been employed by the ALC/AWLC on a part-time basis to assist in planning and developing lacrosse in Queensland.

Rex comes from a military background and with his sound organisational skills and planning, lacrosse will benefit from his experience. He is presently in the process of developing a program for the Caboolture area which we hope will be the next area of development for juniors in Queensland.

Our women's competition is progressing well. Lucinda Williams who is our co-ordinator for women's competition in Queensland has been doing a great job in putting two teams together with a third in the wings coming from the Gold Coast. Lucinda also coaches a group of Asian students who are resident at the English Learning Centre based here in Brisbane. Games are scheduled Wednesday of each week and are played at the Brisbane Indoor Centre. She also does some fine work with autistic children on Fridays which, combined with studying psychology at Qld University, keeps all her time to a premium.

We have an indoor competition which is co-ordinated by Bevan Packer, ex South Australian. Bevan has successfully taken over the co-ordinator's job for indoor from Robert Stewart who has now returned via NSW to Adelaide. We thank Spunky, who is affectionately known here by that nickname, for his help in developing lacrosse in Qld.

Our indoor competition is played at the Brisbane Indoor Sports Centre, with a base of six teams. Played on a non-contact mixed game, this competition provides a novel social event for players to get together on a Friday night for a game of lacrosse.

Box Lacrosse

As we have no formal men's competition at present, our men are playing full contact with minimum rules game after the non-contact games on a Friday night at the BISC. This is providing good practice and much needed exposure here in Brisbane for the men's competition.

Up and Coming Events in Queensland

The first Queensland **Under 13 Carnival of Lacrosse** is being held at the Tullabudgera Recreation Centre, Tullabudgera Creek, Gold Coast, Queensland from September 26 to October 3, 1997.

Cost for all lacrosse clinics and tournament, accommodation and all meals is \$170. Facilities include basketball, gym, swimming pool, surfing, bodyboarding, canoeing, snorkelling and fishing. Contact Graham Nicholls on (07) 3272 2732.

Paradise 2000 - weekend before Melbourne Cup Day. Come make a team and enjoy the company at the best end of year lacrosse party / competition in Australia. Contact Ray Trevaskis on (07) 5495 8501.

NSW

See articles "The 1997 Under 17 Lacrosse Carnival" and "New South Wales Lacrosse - Welcome Back" elsewhere in this journal.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Phoenix Club, originating with the Fremantle Lacrosse Club, celebrated its centenary recently with a Dinner at a unique venue - the Fremantle Prison. It was a very enjoyable function with representatives from all clubs present to support the event. Colourful Fremantle Club identity Jack Brewer took us back to early years and grandson John Brewer, a member of the Australian Squad, was also there to announce a Fremantle "Team of the Century". Club President, Graeme Bedggood was honoured with Life Membership of the club to finish the evening on a rewarding note.

The Under 17 competition was reduced to only four teams with the withdrawal of Subiaco and the withdrawal of Phoenix from the Under 15 competition leaves only five teams in that competition. An even greater concern is that the withdrawal of these teams leaves both clubs - Subiaco and Phoenix - with no junior teams and efforts are being made to assist in the re-establishment of junior teams in both clubs next season.

The WALA Premiership points system provides bonus premiership points of

25% in their highest level open age team (Division 1 in both cases) provided they field a team in two junior grades this year (three junior grades next year) and the inability to earn those bonus points may well determine positions in the finals and even the Minor Premiership flag.

A second meeting was held on July 14 between the WALA Board of Directors and Club Presidents. These meetings have been effective in improving the communication about current issues between clubs and the Board. A continuing problem is the unfilled positions on the Board which contributes to problems in many areas.

In the area of referees we obviously have high quality, but low quantity of referees is a problem and many senior games have been played with only one referee.

Wembley Club will host the WALA Awards Night on Saturday, September 17 at 7.30pm where all best player trophies are awarded.

Finals commence on September 6 with all grades grand finals being played at Preston Point Reserve on September 20.

The Kuljak Club Annual Dinner is on Wednesday, September 3 at Bayswater Lacrosse Clubrooms while the Annual Kuljak Golf Day is scheduled for October 23 at Sea View Golf Club Course in Cottesloe.

TASMANIA

Another successful lacrosse season has come to an end in Tasmania with the finals being fought out in senior and junior ranks in late July.

In the senior ranks the finals were a miserable time for the University Club losing both the women's and men's. Derwent Gold outclassed University in the women's final. The final score being 10-2. Derwent used their superior speed and team work to set up the

victory. Much of this gained by the fact that many members of the Derwent side are also members of the State women's side, who had their best result of third in the nationals this year.

In the men's final, University were beaten by Clarence after a fast and physical game, with scores being 10-4 in Clarence's favour. The game was a lot closer than the score line suggests. Both teams relying on counter attacks from defence and quick precise passing around the goals.

During the senior roster there has been a substantial junior roster being run on Saturday mornings by a group of dedicated coaches and officials. The eventual winners for the boys was Clarence and for the girls it was "Mel's Champions".

Although there has been a number of people leave lacrosse in Tasmania over the past few years, 1997 proved to be more than successful in the areas of recruitment and involvement. Everyone is not only interested and involved in their own club but also where their sport is heading in Tasmania.

At the end of this year's roster a "Super Cross" competition was organised with juniors and seniors being split into different teams. This has not only allowed people to play with and against a whole new group of people but it has given them a chance to improve their skills and pass on a tip or two to those who are still learning.

The Super Cross roster has been a raging success with increasing numbers playing every week.

Tasmania's lacrosse future looks promising. The girls U16 State squad is hard at it in training mode, the men's senior and junior contact training is becoming more popular and another long southern summer of twilight lacrosse is looming.

1998 is looking to be the best yet for lacrosse in Tassy.

THE 1997 UNDER 17 LACROSSE CARNIVAL

The University of Sydney buildings provided an inspirational backdrop to the action on the playing fields where four Australian State Teams and two visiting teams from USA contested the 1997 Australian Under 17 Championship and Tournament.

This was the first time Coach Brad du Pont has brought a team "down under" and his American Eagles did well. Bill McGowan, Coach of the USA World Class Lacrosse All Stars, is now a familiar figure at Australian Tournaments and he has made a career of organising touring lacrosse teams. The Victorian team was almost a class above their opponents in this competition and were convincing winners of both the Australian Championship and the Australian Tournament.

New South Wales Lacrosse Incorporate (NSWLI) demonstrated that they are in good shape and well and truly back on the Australian lacrosse scene when they successfully hosted the 1997 Australian Under 17 Lacrosse Championship and Tournament.

ALC provided support to the organisers by paying the airfare for Helen Keane, an experienced Tournament Director, to work with the NSWLI personnel in planning the event.

The Championship is contested by the three full member States - South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia while the Tournament is contested between those teams plus the New South Wales team and two visiting teams from the United States - American Eagles and World Class Lacrosse USA. Permission was granted to exempt NSW from the requirement to billet all teams and residences at the Sydney University,



The 1997 Australian Under 17 All Star Team

where games were being played, were used by visiting teams. The team from Western Australia had high travel costs and could not manage to pay the accommodation costs. Thanks to a huge effort by Mrs Judy Le Gras in arranging billets for the WA players, the team was able to compete.

The weather was wet and this made the grounds being used unacceptable. Once again the NSWLI organisers were on the job and negotiated the use of alternative grounds from Tuesday.

For game results, please refer to the back cover:



Bill McGowan and his USA World Class Lacrosse Team

A dinner was held at the NSW Leagues Club on Saturday after the final game with all teams present. This was well organised and well conducted by NSWLI.

This event is not only a lacrosse tournament but also a cultural exchange with two visiting teams from USA participating. These players, coaches, referees and managers establish friendships which transcend distance and time to enrich the lives of everyone involved.

Awards

Australian Under 17 Championship Best and Fairest - Brett Cook (Vic) Volk Trophy (Voting was tied between Brett Cook and Jack Hommelhoff (SA) and the decision was made on a count-back with the winner receiving the most first preference votes.)

Australian Under 17 Tournament Best and Fairest - Jack Hommelhoff (SA)

1997 Australian Under 17 All Stars Team
Vic: David Joy (Coach), Tyson Brooks, Jai Carroll, Brett Cook (Co-Captain), Warrick Henderson, Wyade Kendall, Rodney Kisar, Luke Moore. SA: Dexter Garcia, Jack Hommelhoff (Co-Captain), Aaron Machner, Martin O'Grady, Leigh Perham. WA: Tim Forbes.

1997 Australian Under 17 Championship Team - Victoria

James Agney, David Balfour, Tyson Brooks, Jai Carroll, Steve Colautti, Brett Cook, Shannon Halliwell, Warrick Henderson, Wyade Kendall, Rodney Kisar, Scott Larkins, An Le, Brent Meacham, Carl Menze, Juke Moore, Martin O'Grady, Rob Proctor, Andrew Seaman, Luke Sevier, David Joy (Coach), Adrian Skepper (Assistant Coach), Peter Moore (Manager).



ALC President, Doug Fox, with visiting USA coaches, Brad Du Pont and Bill McGowan



Brad Du Pont and his American Eagles

Trip of a Lifetime

Most people manage a trip at sometime in their lifetime which they regard as a highlight of their life. For some it may simply be a holiday to another town in their home State. For others it may be an interstate or international tour, a family reunion - all sorts of events.

For many in the lacrosse community a pilgrimage to Baltimore in 1998 will be the trip of their lifetime.....Visiting USA is an attraction in itself, but to be there to support the Australian Team competing in the World Lacrosse Championship is like a piece of heaven.

So who would be a tour co-ordinator making arrangements for many people with different agendas and itineraries from different cities in Australia to join the Australian Supporters Team in Baltimore.

When we know the dates, the venue, the game schedule we can start arranging tickets, accommodations, travel arrangements. Dollars are critical as we need prices for each component - Games tickets, Presentation Dinner, Meet the Team function etc etc - and we have to project the future performance of the Australian dollar against the United States dollar to use a viable exchange rate in all financial calculations.

The Championship organisers have appointed an organisation to handle accommodation - with a commission going to the championship organisation. We want a share of the commission for the Australian Team and have appointed agents acting on our behalf to do our accommodation arrangements on that basis. We negotiated for a commission or discount on Game tickets but no go - the event is a sell-out so no discounts or commissions! What is more, they want all money up front - we don't have any money yet!

Selecting specific tours which will be attractive to Australian visitors is a challenge. Maximum flexibility to suit the needs of all Australian supporters has been the

primary aim of this exercise. Packages are prepared in great haste to satisfy the increasing demand for information but they are not as comprehensive or accurate as we would like because we don't have all the information required - it hasn't been finalised by the championship organisers. Okay, it's all difficult but here is where the Australian Supporters arrangements are at right now!

1. Travel Agent

Kirwan Travel have been appointed as the travel agents to handle supporters packages. They have agreed to share commissions with the Australian Team and will handle ground packages in addition to travel and accommodation requirements. As we go to press Janet Ryan from Kirwan Travel is in Baltimore inspecting facilities and accommodations. Janet has included Baltimore on her holiday itinerary at her own cost to get a good understanding of the facilities and arrangements for 1998.

2. Packages

The basic packages provide airfares between your city and Baltimore, return transfers between airport and hotel and all the benefits of a ground package listed below. You can add tours at the front end or the back end to suit your requirements and specify the dates you wish to travel. You can take a Round the World ticket or arrange stopovers wherever you like.

3. Accommodation

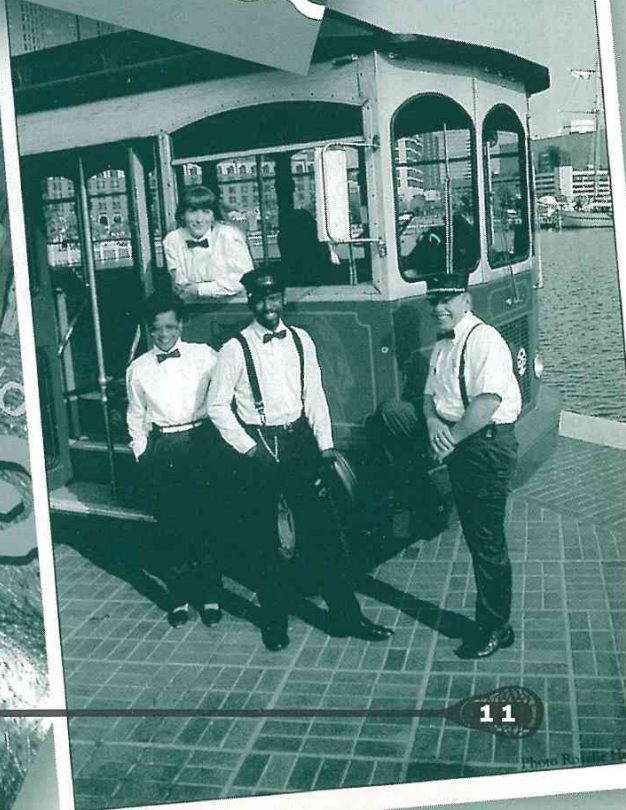
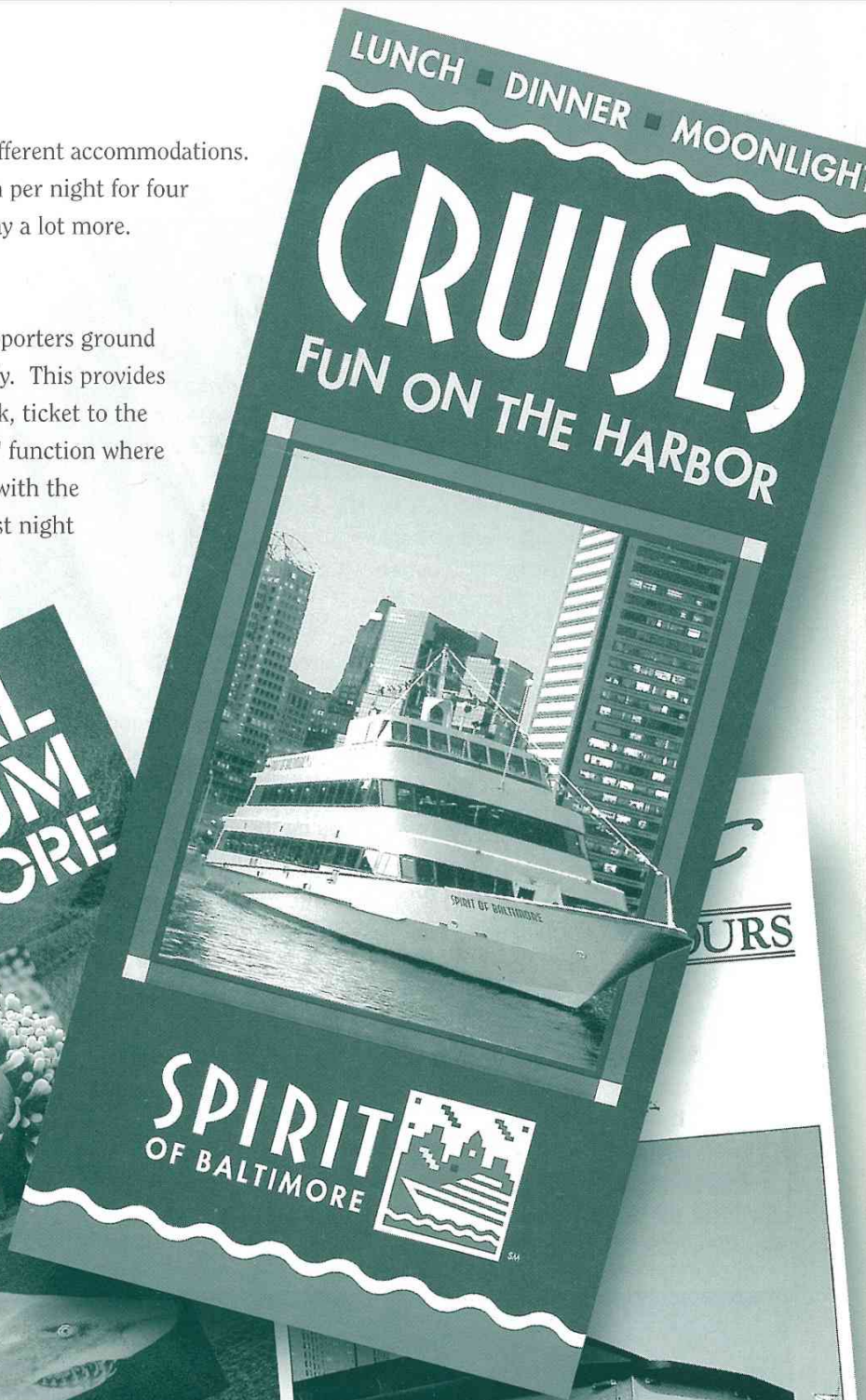
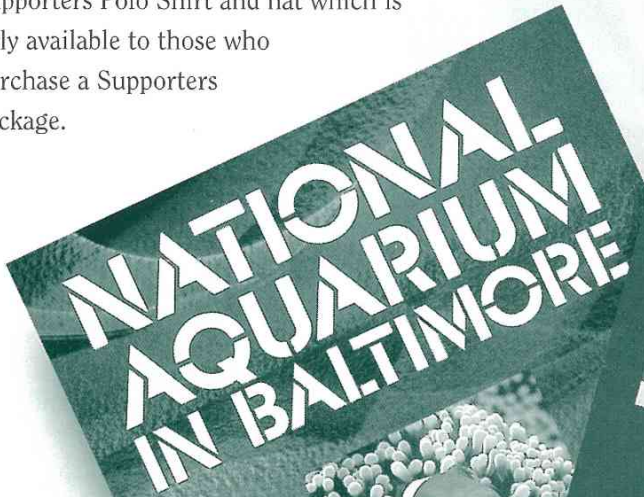
We have made bookings at a range of different accommodations. You can stay at the Hopkins Inn at only \$40 each per night for four people with Continental Breakfast included or pay a lot more.

4. Ground Packages

All packages include the Australian Supporters ground package which costs \$500 if purchased separately. This provides Games tickets in the Australian Supporters block, ticket to the Presentation Dinner, ticket to a "Meet the Team" function where Australian Supporters spend some quality time with the Australian Team members, attendance at the first night welcoming party and the exclusive Australian Supporters Polo Shirt and hat which is only available to those who purchase a Supporters Package.

5. Tours

We have evaluated many tours which are available and included information about a range of tours which would be attractive to Australian Supporters.



Special Supporters - The Masters

During the World Championships there will be two international Masters events taking place - (i) the World Masters Competition (July 17-21) which plays International Rules for 4 x 15 minute quarters, for players 35 years and above; (ii) the Grand Masters for players 45 years and over who play modcrosse rules.

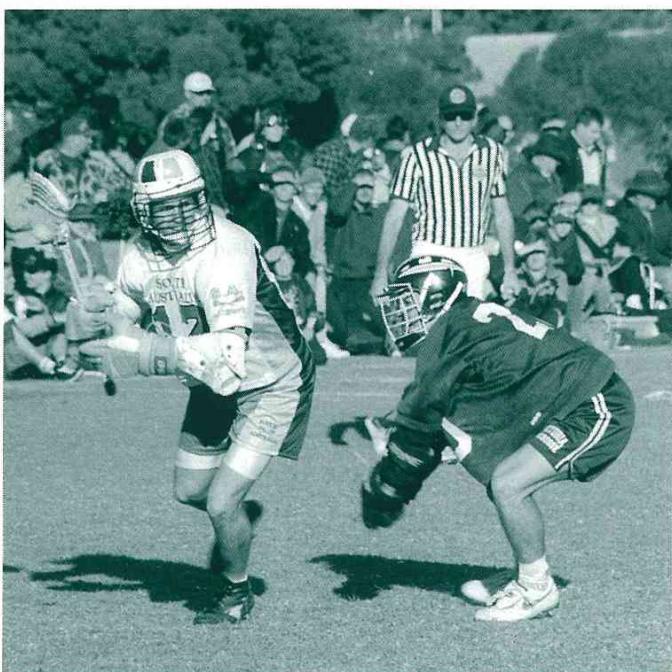
Australia has nominated a team in each of these competitions and our liaison contacts are - for the Masters : Allan Frederick on 08 8356 9088 (H) and for the Grand Masters : Eric Granger on 08 8272 9798 (H). Contact the liaison person for your age team and make sure you are included on the team list.

Decision Time is Now!

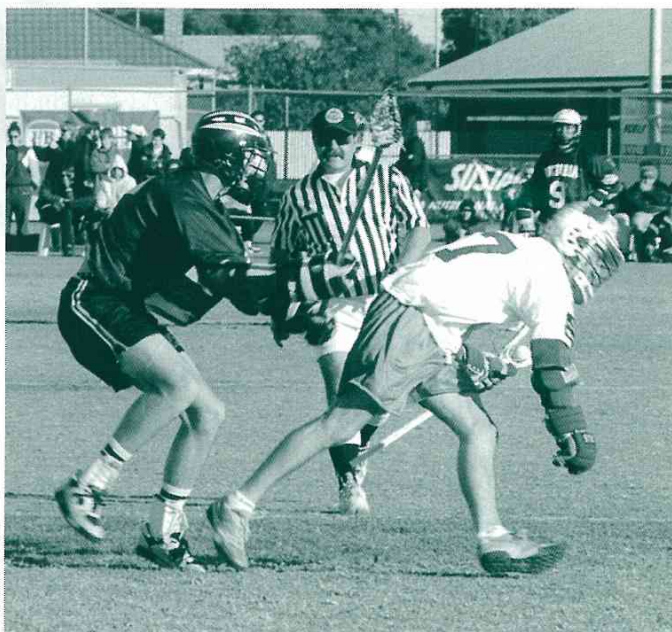
We have arranged with the World Championship organisers to retain a block of reserved seats for Australian Supporters - but this will only be reserved until January. When that block is sold out you could be seated anywhere - if you can get a ticket! Any tickets in the block not committed by the end of January must be returned to the organisers who will make them available to others. So don't procrastinate - make your decision for the trip of a lifetime now and commit yourself to it by making your bookings **NOW** by phoning Janet Ryan on (08) 9383 9977 or fax (08) 9387 7786.

THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The Team Executive Director has been to Baltimore planning various activities for the team's preparation and participation in 1998. The Australian Lacrosse Council has scheduled the 1998 Australian Senior Championship and Tournament for May which also suits the plans for the team.



Under the eye of Referee Peter Knight.



Referee Terry Culley in the action.

A compulsory training camp is being conducted at the South Australian Police Academy training facility in October and some 45 players will be in attendance - including six players who have been playing in USA and are in the Australian Squad. Members at this stage are:

WA: M Keen, E Matthews, A Stubbs, C Warren, T Cahill, K Gillespie, S Griffin, R Cornish, M Wann, J Brewer, M Schomberg. Vic: G Moore, S Garnsworthy, B Skepper, C Flaherty, S Melisovas, T Garnsworthy, R Stark, J Buchanan, T Sparks, P Cook, J Tokaru, D Nicholas, M Cleveland, A Lewer, D Gibson, D Spreadborough, T Murphy, A Stewart. SA: B Howe, J Inge, P Inge, G Larwood, M Windsor, R Lawson, J Vorassi, M Shiedow, P Kernaghan, M Norton.

USA: G Purdie, M Mangan, N Roost, D Henry, K Nyberg, B Ross.

Congratulations to Terry Culley and Peter Knight who have been selected as referees for the World Championship.

Other Teams

USA had try-outs for their team on June 19-20 at Princeton University and here is the team for those who are keen to know the opposition:

Attack: Jesse Hubbard, Darren Lowe, Bill Miller, Mark Millon, Casey Powell, Michael Watson. **Goalkeepers:** Brian Dougherty, Sal Locascio. **Midfield:** David Curry, Kevin Finneran, Peter Jacobs, Charlie Lockwood, Milford Marchant, Blake Miller, Andrew Ross, Rob Shek, Tim Soudan, Greg Traynor, Ryan Wade. **Defense:** Joe Breschi, Zach Colburn, John De Tomasso, Reid Jackson, Pat McCabe, David Morrow, Brian Voelker. **Coaches:** Bill Tierney, Bill Beroza, Jeff Long, Paul Wehrum.

the International Scene

International Lacrosse Federation (ILF) President, Tom Hayes, talks about international lacrosse in this article. Tom has represented USA on the ILF since its foundation and became the first ILF President to be elected by the membership in 1994. Prior to that meeting Presidents were nominated by the nation hosting the next senior world championship event.

Tom is a professional lacrosse coach of Division 1 Rutgers University, New Brunswick and has served on the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Lacrosse Committee which manages all NCAA Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 Men's Lacrosse Championships.

International Lacrosse

There have been 11 International Lacrosse Federation tournaments which have taken place since 1967. From 1967 to 1984 four countries (Australia, Canada, England, USA) had participated in the ILF tournaments. In 1984 as part of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games a pre-Olympic tournament took place in which the Iroquois National team participated for the first time. This marked the expansion of the ILF from the four founder members to the 11 we have today. The membership includes teams from Sweden, Germany, Czech Republic, Scotland, Wales, Japan, Iroquois and the four founding countries of Australia, Canada, England and the United States.

There have been seven senior world championships and three Under 19 world championships, in addition to the pre-Olympic Games in 1984.

Since 1974 the championships have been rotated between the original four countries.

The 1998 championships will be the last championship site to be determined by this method. Future championships will be awarded to countries on a bid basis. The ILF will be entertaining bids for the 2002 Games at the 1997 annual meetings

in Stockholm in July.

The first World Championship in 1967 in Toronto was decided on a league basis. The USA, represented by the Mt Washington Lacrosse Club won the title in this first event.

The team from the USA was again to claim the gold medal in Melbourne in 1974 in the final championship with teams made up of the best from each country. The ILF was formalised as the organising body for international lacrosse and laid out plans for future championships with the adoption of a constitution, by-laws and playing rules.

In 1978 in Stockport, England, a new format was introduced to keep interest to the end of the tournament and

establish a championship game. In one of the truly exciting games ever played in international competition, the Canadian team defeated the USA in overtime to take the title from the defending champions.

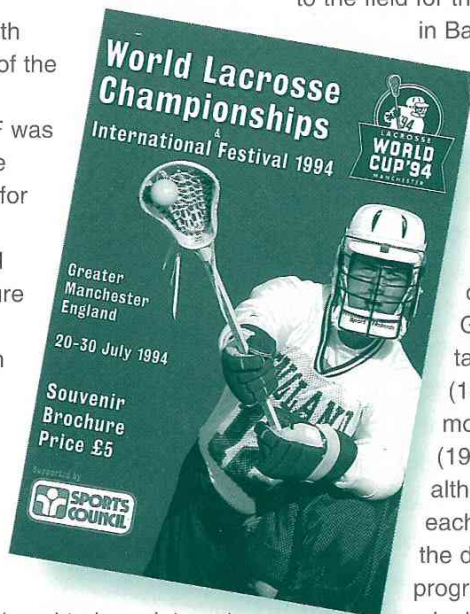
The US domination returned in 1982 as they defeated Australia in the finals in Baltimore to regain the World Championship. They repeated this success in the 1984 pre-Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

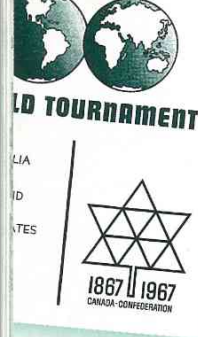
The fifth World Championship returned to Toronto in 1986. The USA defeated Canada 18-9 in the gold medal game.

The 1990 Championships were conducted in the most outstanding venue that lacrosse had ever been played in. The WACA in Perth, once again saw the USA defeat Canada 19-15 in one of the closest games since the 1978 Games in England.

The seventh World Championship played in Manchester once again saw the USA keep their stranglehold on the championships with a win over the strong Australian team. In addition to the championship, the addition of the emerging nations tournament to the championship has swelled the field of countries to its present 11 that will take to the field for the 1998 championships in Baltimore.

In order to provide the experience that only comes from international competition, the ILF has also sanctioned the ongoing Under 19 Games which have taken place in Australia (1988), the US (1992) and most recently, Japan (1996). These Games, although won by the USA each time, have assisted in the development of national programs and provide a valuable experience for future national team players.





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The ILF is entering into a new century and new areas of attention have been identified. No longer are we involved in just rules and championships. Our current projects are in the

area of development of lacrosse in new countries. We are actively engaged in getting lacrosse started in China, South Korea, Austria, France

and South Africa. The growth of the sport internationally is our main concern and our efforts in those areas are being doubled.

We also are working hard to address the expansion of our game in the new members of the Federation.

Programs are being developed to assist in the procurement of equipment, coaching, clinics, player seminars and new start programs. We recognise that the new century brings us many challenges in the area of promotion and exposure of the sport internationally.

Our vision is to one day see lacrosse players once again walk into the Olympic stadium throughout the world and be part of the excitement and tradition of that event. Until that day comes, we will continue to strive to promote and develop

the great game of lacrosse wherever and whenever we can.

The 1997 Meeting of the International LACROSSE Federation

Australian delegates to this meeting, which was held in Stockholm, Sweden to co-incide with the 1997 European Lacrosse Championships, were Peter Hobbs and Doug Fox. There were many issues to be discussed at this meeting in which Australia had a keen interest.

This meeting has historic significance because it is the first time that the ILF has selected a venue for a World Championship through a competitive tendering process. All previous World Championships have been allocated on a rotation system but the 2002 World Championships and the next Under 19 World Championships had been offered to ILF members by tender - and Australia had submitted bids for both events.

The Brighton and Glenelg Clubs in South Australia, through ALC, had bid for the Under 19 event in the year 2000. However, this was not acceptable as it was submitted and, following some hasty phone calls between Peter Hobbs and Adelaide, Australia was selected as the venue for the next Under 19 World Championship in the year 1999. Players planning to represent Australia in this event must be Under 19 years of age as at August 31, 1998.

Advice had been received of a bid from the German Lacrosse Association for the 2002 World

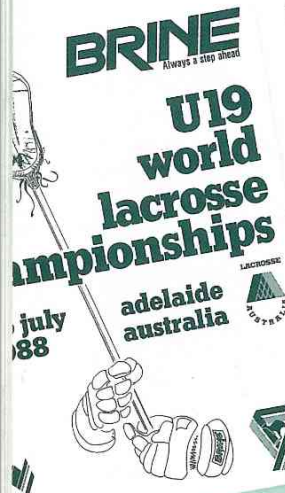
Championship but the result out of the meeting was that Australia will host this event and Perth had won the day.

In yet another decision which could result in a strong Australian role in international competition, the ILF supported a proposal by ALC for the ILF to commission a project which will achieve the following:

- Negotiate an agreement which provides regular international television broadcast of lacrosse.
- Design a lacrosse "product" or version of the game which is acceptable by television organisations for non-lacrosse audiences.
- Establish a structure for the management and conduct of an international lacrosse competition with participation by as many ILF member nations as possible. This structure to be formally linked to the ILF.
- Attract sufficient sponsorship to enable this project to be implemented with no cost to ILF and no exposure to financial risk for ILF.

The ILF has commissioned Australia (ALC) to manage this project on behalf of ILF.

The next five years will be a really exciting time for Australian lacrosse and will reinforce our strong standing in the international lacrosse scene.



Working for LACROSSE

Since 1992 the Australian Lacrosse Council Business Plan has included the re-establishment of self sustaining lacrosse competitions in NSW and Queensland as a top priority.

In 1992 the ALC and AWLC gained support from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) to employ a National Development Officer, later upgraded to National Executive Officer, and Matthew Duryea was employed in NSW to support the re-establishment of lacrosse in NSW.

When Matthew resigned from that position early this year approval was gained from ASC to employ two people on a half time basis - a National Development Officer (NDO) in Queensland and a National Executive Officer (NEO) in NSW.

Appointments have now been made to those positions and we welcome Rex Wigney and Robin Weckert to their new employment.



REX WIGNEY is our NDO based in Brisbane and has been involved in many sports including rugby, athletics, squash, badminton, tennis, table tennis, volleyball, gymnastics, cricket, trail riding, ten pin bowling, cross country running, orienteering and shooting.

Since retiring from a 25 year Australian Army career in 1992 Rex has been employed part time as a Development Officer by the Sporting Shooters Association of NSW and the NSW Rifle Association and also worked in a development role for the Queensland Rifle Association.

He has been President of the Australian Army Rifle Association since 1985 - during which period membership increased from 12 to 900, coaching programs were formalised and international competitions established with Australia being a dominant force. Rex was a Rugby referee for 24 years

and coached athletics, orienteering and volleyball as well as gaining Level 2 Coaching accreditation in shooting and a Level 1 Sport Administration qualification. Rex has a resume which includes many impressive and interesting achievements and appointments - including his period as a student at the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Chief of Staff for the Australian Tour for the Bicentennial Military Tattoo and his role as Founding Editor (1978), Editorial Director of the Military Marksman Magazine. He is still very active in shooting and was Captain of the Army Target Rifle Team which competed in the United Kingdom in July this year. Rex brings to lacrosse, particularly in Queensland, a wealth of experience in sport management and we look forward to positive progress in the re-entry of Queensland to the Australian lacrosse scene.



ROBIN WECKERT is our NEO based in Sydney and brings to the position her experience as an A grade lacrosse player for 10 years in addition to her careers as a teacher, athletic coach, manager, lecturer, fitness and strength consultant, project officer and promotions/development officer. Robin has been

Secretary of the South Australian Weight Lifting Association and has 10 years experience in promotions and Junior Development for both the SA Association and Australian Weight Lifting Federation. Robin is a Physical Education teacher and is an accredited coach in weight lifting, cricket and athletics and represented Australia in 10 consecutive World Weight Lifting Championships from 1987-1996. She established a Commonwealth record in 1990 and was National Champion from 1986-1995. Other sports played competitively by Robin are netball, touch, softball, soccer, basketball, canoe polo and lacrosse which includes being a member of the Adelaide University Lacrosse Club A grade team from 1986-1996 and being co-coach/manager of The Hills Women's A grade team in NSW and a member of the NSW Women's State Team in 1997.

The application of Robin's skills to the NSW lacrosse scene will continue the excellent progress made in that State as reported elsewhere in this journal.

Both these positions are joint ALC/AWLC positions which include activities related to the provision of "hands on" support to the Queensland and New South Wales Lacrosse Associations.

Whatever HAPPENED TO... **Mango**



Australian Lacrosse Squad member Mark "Mango" Mangan (MM) has recently been back in Australia, playing lacrosse for his home club, Brighton in South Australia, following an extended stay in America. His father, Patrick Mangan (PM) recorded these interview notes from several review discussions with Mark.

PM: Mark, the airline tickets, telephone bills and Mastercard statements constantly remind us of where you have been in America. But what has Mark Mangan really been doing with his life?

MM: Following the Worlds in Manchester, 1994, I was disillusioned with myself and with lacrosse. Trying to put the fun back in my life, I travelled to America, where I was offered and accepted a scholarship with Catonsville Community College in Baltimore, Maryland. As you know, I kick-started my academic "career", if you could call it that, and played lacrosse for two years at Catonsville. I am now enrolled at Adelphi University, a Division 2 School, on Long Island, New York.

PM: You have never had an "academic career" before, Mark, why now?

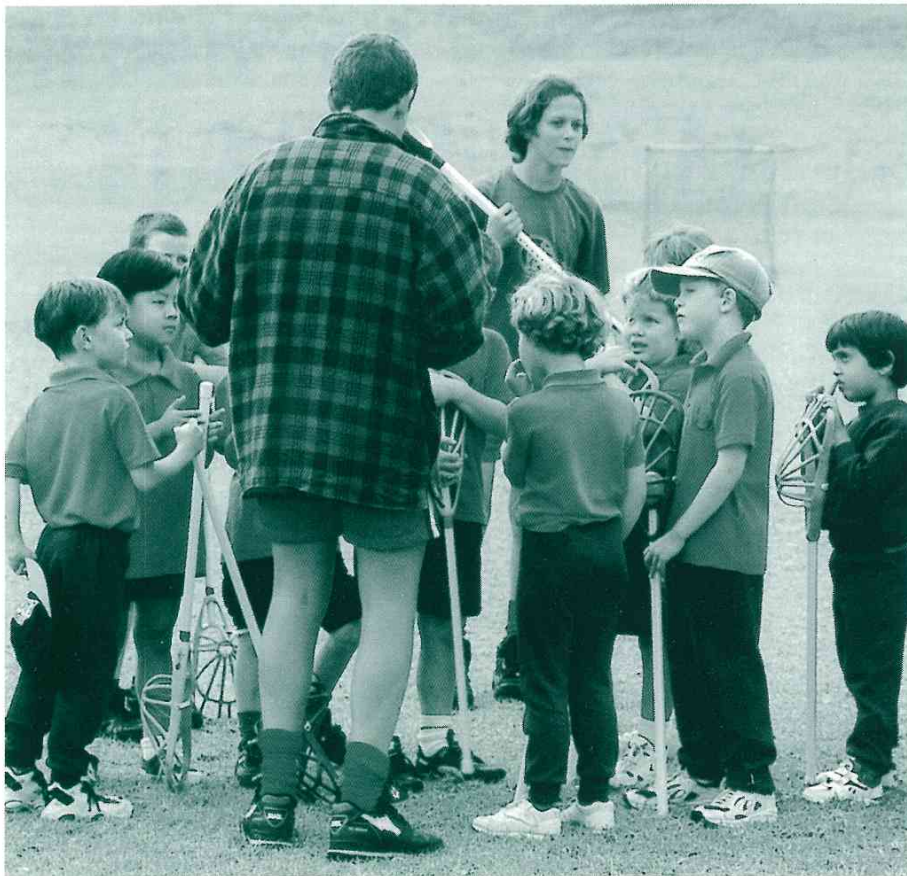
MM: It was a combination of three things probably; you nagging me to "get a piece of paper" (academic qualification), my realisation of the need for a career to be able to do the things I want in life and the fact that to play lacrosse at a College in America now, you need a continual passing grade.

PM: You have just transferred in 1996 to Adelphi with your Business Management degree subjects. Why Business Management and what are your majors?

MM: I have always been attracted to Business and think my career will be in that area. A Business Management degree should be able to get me into a variety of businesses and industries, eg, sports management, telecommunications, sales, etc. My major is Marketing and that seems universally in demand.

PM: You talked about "kick-starting your academic career". What was the biggest adjustment you had to make to do this, after several years of earning a living, "here and there" ?

- MM:** Having to fit into the academic schedule and lifestyle, as well as combining lacrosse training and games, was tough at first. I also received some well meaning, but poor academic counselling which meant I wasted some study time on the wrong subjects, eg, English as a second language.
- PM:** A final academic question, before we get onto lacrosse. What have been academic highlights?
- MM:** Just being able to study again and actually pass exams and assignments in a foreign country with different political systems and values has been major for me. The biggest highlight for Dave Mintzer, my coach at Catonsville, was our lacrosse team being judged JCAA Lacrosse Academic Team of 1995-96. He did say, however, he wasn't sure of my contribution!
- PM:** Now to the love of your life, lacrosse. How have you found lacrosse in America, especially in the "home" of lacrosse, Baltimore?
- MM:** The College system is where lacrosse is happening in America, as opposed to the well established club scene in Australia. Colleges place a lot of emphasis on their major sports programs, which in Baltimore are in lacrosse. The actual style of play is a little different with different coaches, but it is very competitive and you have to perform to stay on the team and the field.
- PM:** You have always played at the highest levels in Australia. How did you handle the transition to American lacrosse?
- MM:** Probably the hardest thing initially was the daily training. We started playing in the fall (September) with Fall-Ball, a local competition and built our fitness through winter (January, February) with daily 7am runs in the snow and sleet, followed by skills training. The real competition then begins in March and continues to May with the Nationals. Skill wise, Australians have fitted in well.
- PM:** What do you think have been the highlights in lacrosse terms for you?
- MM:** Being able to help take both my Colleges to play in the national Championships has been the biggest thrill. I should also mention the ready acceptance by the coaching staff of both Colleges and the parents and players has been fantastic - this has helped me personally.
- PM:** You have been three times All-American, three times All-Regional, taken your team to the National Championships twice, for a 4th placing (Catonsville Community College - 1995-96) and a second placing (Adelphi University - 1996-97). You have also won individual honours - Best Male of the Year 1994-95 Catonsville Community College and Junior Male Athlete of the Year 1996-97 Adelphi University. Are you disappointed you haven't been recruited by a Division 1 School like Syracuse or Hofstra?
- MM:** Yes, but I think I have tried to take the opportunities offered. Also there is not a lot of difference between Div 1 and Div 2 Schools. For example, Hofstra (Div 1) refuses to play Adelphi (Div 2), because they think we will beat them and Hofstra have been top 12 finishers for the last two years in the NCAA Division 1 finals. Besides, I get to go and watch the Div 1 finals and "socialise" extensively.
- PM:** You don't seem to have had many injuries while you have been in America. Why is this?
- MM:** The improved fitness levels and preventative weight lifting programs have helped.
- PM:** What have been the low-lights in lacrosse terms?
- MM:** Being beaten in the National final this year was not good. I have also missed playing in Australia, where I know lots of people. I would dearly have loved to play in the 1997 Nationals to help SA win!
- PM:** Is that why you have been back in Australia for two months?
- MM:** Yes, but also because I'm in the Australian Squad for Baltimore and I wanted to stay in touch with fellow squad members and coaches. I also miss my family and friends.
- PM:** How important is getting in the Australian Team for Baltimore?
- MM:** Very important. I have picked up many new plays and training methods in America, as well as playing with and watching some of the best American players. I believe I know how Australia can beat the USA which on their home turf would be awesome to say the least.
- PM:** What are some of their weaknesses do you think?
- MM:** I'm saving them for John Denic and the coaching panel.
- PM:** Final questions. What are your plans for 1997 and 1998? What about after 1998?
- MM:** They are quite simple really. To help Australia win the Worlds in Baltimore in front of my old college buddies and friends and to lead Adelphi to a Division 2 National Championship.
- I want to complete my Business Management degree and get a good job, probably in international marketing. Lacrosse wise, I want to play Box on the professional league after college and then come home to help Brighton win another ten premierships in Adelaide!
- I hope to eventually get involved in coaching as I have been able to help both Dave Mintzer (Catonsville) and Sandy Kapatos (Adelphi) in this area and I have enjoyed it.



"Give a lot of positive feedback"

HOW TO... be a better COACH

**Lacrosse players
(yes, they are athletes)
consider that
successful coaches
follow these guidelines.**

Research conducted with athletes shows that if they have coaches who follow the guidelines listed below, the athletes generally:

- i) enjoy playing more
- ii) like their teammates more
- iii) rate their coaches as more knowledgeable

- iv) feel their coaches are better teachers
- v) have a greater desire to play for their coaches in the future.

You may agree or disagree with the guidelines, however, it is what the experts (the athletes) say about successful coaches.

Look at the guidelines carefully and put a "✓" next to the ones that you currently use as part of your coaching style. Put a "X" next to the ones that you need to emphasise more.

1. How to be more positive

- Give a lot of positive feedback
- Have realistic expectations
- Give positive feedback for desirable behaviour as soon as it occurs
- Praise effort as much as you do results.

2. How to react to mistakes

- Give encouragement immediately after a mistake
- If the player knows how to correct the mistake encouragement alone is sufficient
- When appropriate, give corrective instruction after a mistake, but **always** do so in an encouraging and positive way
- Don't punish when things go wrong
- Don't give corrective instruction in a hostile or punitive way.

3. How to maintain order and discipline

- Maintain order by establishing clearly what is expected
- Involve players in formulating behavioural guidelines and work to build team unity in achieving them
- Strive to achieve a balance between allowing freedom and maintaining enough structure
- Emphasise that during a game all members of the team are part of the game.

4. How to deal with team rule violations

- Allow the player to explain his/her actions (to coach and teammates)
- Be consistent and impartial
- Don't express anger and a punitive attitude towards the athlete
- Don't lecture or embarrass the player
- Focus on the fact that a team policy has been broken, placing the responsibility on the player not you
- Discuss why certain rules are necessary and how violation of those rules hurts the team
- Focus on following through on the agreed upon consequences of a violation
- Don't use physical measures to punish (eg, running laps, doing push-ups) as they become disliked and avoided. If a penalty is necessary it is better to restrict involvement in something which is valued (eg, have athlete sit off to the side).

5. How to get positive things to happen

- Set a good example of desired behaviour
- Encourage effort, don't demand results all the time
- In giving encouragement, be selective so that it is meaningful
- Never give "encouragement" in a sarcastic or degrading manner

- Encourage players to be supportive of each other and reward them when they do so.

6. How to create a good learning atmosphere

- Set realistic goals
- Always give instructions positively
- When giving instructions, be clear and concise
- Show players the correct technique (by demonstrations)
- Be patient and don't expect or demand more than maximum effort
- Acknowledge and reward effort and progress

7. How to affirm your athletes

- Show all players that you care about them as individuals
- Don't let players leave a practise or game feeling as if they are worthless or overall losers
- Help players separate their personal value from their performance on a given night

8 How to communicate effectively

- Ask yourself what your actions have communicated
- Encourage players to express their concerns to you
- Be sensitive to individual needs

- Communicate at the time when the player is most receptive

9. How to gain respect

- Establish your role as a competent and willing teacher
- Be a fair and considerate leader
- Set a good example
- Don't demand respect....earn it

10. How to counteract parental pressures

- Communicate to your athletes that the important thing is that they enjoy playing and develop their skills, not that they **must** win or be a "star"
- Communicate to parents that by placing excessive pressure on children, they can detract from the potential that sport can have for enjoyment and personal growth
- Have a meeting with parents before the season to discuss these matters.

Exercise: Coaching the Coach

If you had to train a new coach, what specific advice would you offer.

List 10 points that you would make with the new coach. Mark the three most important.

New South Wales LACROSSE

"Welcome BACK!"

"It was an exciting game that I will never forget!" An excerpt from a letter received from Roger Booth who was captain of the only New South Wales team to defeat a Victorian team. That was on July 17, 1937. It could happen again now that New South Wales Lacrosse is back in the game!

The Development of Lacrosse in New South Wales

In July 1883, New South Wales lacrosse was born when a group of enthusiasts met together and formed the Sydney Lacrosse Club. The club played practice games at Moore Park and in 1886 split to establish two clubs, Balmain and Redfern (later called Glebe).

On the 9th of April 1886, the New South Wales Lacrosse Association was founded. In the following year, the Association undertook an ambitious project by staging a lacrosse tournament in Sydney to publicise the game. The Sydney Morning Herald reported that:

"The lacrosse season will be brought to a termination today by a tournament, on the Domain cricket ground, in which the Balmain, St Leonards, Iroquois, Sydney, Redfern and Oaklands clubs will take part. It was intended to have carried this out earlier in the season, but no ground could be secured; and it was only at the last moment that permission was given to use the Domain. It appears that the park is dedicated for the purposes of cricket only, and the devotees of that game jealously guard the monopoly. It is, however, hoped that by next season lacrosse players will have full run of the field for their short season of three months, as Sir Henry Parkes, in granting it on this occasion, spoke very decidedly against the monopoly."

Sydney Morning Herald. Sat 27 August, 1887, p9

The Lacrosse Tournament attracted between six and seven thousand spectators. A special marquee and seats were provided for invited guests, which included the Hon James Inglis and several members of Parliament, and the Naval Artillery Band played a selection of airs during the afternoon. A series of half-hour "heats" were played to decide the finalists. In the final, the Balmain club, which had been the season premiers, defeated Iroquois one goal to nil. Summing up the outcome of the tournament, the Sydney Morning Herald reported:

"Judging from the interest aroused, it is very probable that before many years lacrosse will be a hot rival in popularity to our other principal winter game - football."

Sydney Morning Herald. Mon 29 August, 1887, p9

Also in 1887, New South Wales was invited to send a team for exhibition matches in Queensland where lacrosse

Lacrosse: "The Sunday Sun", July 18, 1937

N.S.W. Victors In Fast, Clever Game

New South Wales lacrosse team defeated Victoria by 11 goals to 10 at Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 yesterday.

Strenuous play and brilliant passing movements were features of the game.

Victoria was the first to score. Colclough, the visitors' attack man, sent a neat pass to Chambers, who netted a difficult goal. Victoria kept up the pressure, but solid defence by the Arthurs brothers and goalkeeper Wood prevented the visitors from scoring.

Play went up and down the field for a time. Then Booth, who was playing a splendid game for New South Wales, opened the home team's score.

Shortly afterwards, Turnbull scored for New South Wales, who were getting most of the ball. Williams, the ex-junior, then netted two quick goals for New South Wales and Turnbull added three to his score.

At half-time New South Wales led nine goals to four and it appeared that the home team would have an easy victory.

However, the visitors rallied strongly during the later stages. Chambers, Colclough, Robins and Todd scoring goals in quick succession.

In the early game, Red defeated Blue by 10 goals to eight. N.S.W. 11 (Turnbull 6, Williams 4, Booth).

Victoria 10 (Chambers 5, Colclough 2, Robins, Todd, Cresswell).

Red 10 (P McDonald 4, J McDonald 2, Cook 2, Wallace, Macgee).

Blues 8 (Wilkinson 4, Murray 2, Cannon, Nightingale).

Queensland Game: Brisbane, Saturday.

Queensland proved too strong in the second half and beat Victoria 14 to 5 in an interstate fixture to-day.

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had just commenced. New South Wales won in a match played in Brisbane on 24th September, but lost in a return encounter at Ipswich two days later.

By 1889 eight clubs were competing in NSW - Balmain, Glebe, Iroquois (est 1886), St Leonards (1887), Mohicans (1888 at Parramatta), Kirribilli (1888), Paddington (1889) and Grammar School (1889). Two Intercolonial Matches were played against Queensland in Sydney on 24th and 31st August 1889, with NSW victorious in both.

Broader interstate experience came in 1897 when New South Wales sent a team to Melbourne to play against Victoria and South Australia. Despite being soundly beaten, New South Wales hosted a return visit from Victoria the following year and in 1889 travelled to both Melbourne and Adelaide for competition.

The highlight of the early years of lacrosse was the tour of Australia by Canada in 1907. The tour was prompted by the suggestion of Mr E.J. Boswell, a Vice President of the NSW Association who visited Canada in 1899, although it was not until some years later that Australia issued a formal invitation to the Canadian Lacrosse Association. The Canadians arrived in Brisbane on July 14, 1907 and, after defeating Queensland travelled by train to Sydney for a match against New South Wales, which was played at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday 22 July before a disappointing crowd of one thousand spectators. The result was an 11-0 victory for the Canadians.

In 1908 the following clubs were competing in the NSW local competition - Balmain, Waverley, Mosman and Middle Harbour, Burwood, City, Petersham and Stanmore, Manly.

New South Wales' best performances in Interstate Carnivals were in 1912 in Melbourne, where NSW finished third behind Victoria and South Australia, defeating Western Australia, Tasmania and Queensland. In Adelaide in 1926, NSW again finished third behind South Australia and Victoria, defeating Western Australia and Queensland.

In 1925 NSW played a match against a United States team of Fleet Officers in Sydney.

The effects of the Great Depression on the state of lacrosse are reflected in a decline in registered players from 144 in 1933 to 72 in 1935 with only four affiliated clubs remaining - Eastern Suburbs, Balmoral, Bondi Beach and

Western Suburbs. The President, Mr A.L. Newman issued a stern warning in the 1936 Annual Report of the Association...

"The position of lacrosse in New South Wales has now reached a stage where members are warned that if they desire its continuance, each and every member will have to make a special effort during 1937. The apathy of members in the past has been appalling, and makes it almost impossible for the Association Executive to function as it should. The Association can only progress by members taking a more active interest in the affairs of their own club."

In July 1939 lacrosse activity was suspended due to the onset of the World War. It was not until May 1947 that the game was revived with weekly games being arranged at the old headquarters of the game, the Sydney Domain. New South Wales did not send a team to the Australian Carnival held in Perth in 1947, but Queensland accepted an invitation to play in Sydney on their return, defeating NSW 15-4 in a match played at the Domain. By 1949 only two teams were playing in NSW with total player numbers being 35-40.

The sport faded from the scene in the early 1950s and, despite sporadic attempts to revive it, no lacrosse of any significance was played in New South Wales until the introduction of softcrosse, a modified form of lacrosse, occurred through schools in the mid 1980s as part of an Australian Lacrosse Council national development initiative.

The most recent chapter in the history of lacrosse in New South Wales was the formation of New South Wales Lacrosse Incorporated (NSWLI) at a meeting of ten interested people convened at Cremorne on 28 February, 1990. At that meeting a constitution was adopted covering men's and women's lacrosse, a development plan was presented and a program to seek affiliation with the

Australian Lacrosse Council and Australian Women's Lacrosse Council agreed. The office-bearers elected at that meeting were:

President	Judith Halnan
Secretary	Sally Dawbarn
Treasurer	Lynda Roylance

By September 1991, NSWLI was able to report on regular practice games with 20 women and 16 men participating and numerous school visits to assist with an expanding interest in softcrosse through the Australian Government's Aussie Sports program. In July, 1991 three teams of English schoolgirls visited Sydney and played in a round-robin series against NSW. At the end of July the Japanese National Junior Women's Team also visited Sydney and further games were played. In November, 1991, the ALC and AWLC resolved to support the growing interest in New South Wales by the implementation of a junior recruiting and club building project with funding provided by the Australian Sports Commission.

This support developed in 1992 into the employment by ALC and AWLC of a National Development Officer/National Executive Officer who was located in Sydney with the development of lacrosse in New South Wales and Queensland as key priorities.

New South Wales teams have competed in Australian Tournaments since 1992 and in 1997 hosted the Australian Under 17 Championship and Tournament.

NSWLI has worked closely with the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation through the Sports Management Advisory Service to produce a comprehensive Business Plan which provides a positive guide for the future of lacrosse in NSW. The ALC/AWLC continue to provide support through the appointment on a half-time basis of a National Executive Officer with specific duties, to continue to be based in Sydney.

Simply **Mal Taylor** A Lacrosse Visionary



Lacrosse “heroes” are not always the champion players who represent clubs, States and Australia at the highest level. Victorian Lacrosse Association President, John Harris, identifies Mal Taylor as one of his heroes in this article.

In beginning the research for this article I had grandiose ideas for the leaders and captions. I also had a firm idea that an article of this nature could rapidly deteriorate into well meaning praise inconsistent with the nature of the person being written about and end up not making very interesting reading. I looked around for some good examples of the sort of writing which would leave readers with an insight into the sort of person Mal Taylor is.

A few weeks ago I came across an article about Sharon Stone in “The Age” weekend magazine and knew what I had to produce. Whether I can do this will be a test of my non-existent journalist skills.

Yes, I did the usual and looked for all the sexy bits.

There were none!

Apart from some beat up type photographs and my own feverish imagination the article was in fact, an exploration of the forces which drive Sharon Stone and how she has reacted to these forces; it turns out that this is one tough lady in a tough film world with a solid view of where she came from and where she wants to be.

It would be pretty dumb to make almost any comparison between Sharon Stone and just about anyone else! Come to think of it, neither Stone or the other person might appreciate such a comparison either. However, if the “I know where I am coming from and where I am going” bit has any value (and I think it has as a general statement of how one would like to see oneself) then I can say that I have seen the same sort of purpose in Mal Taylor.

Here then, are the things which motivated Mal Taylor - the “I know where I am coming from and where I am going” bit.

In (almost) the beginning

In 1950 Mal was made aware that Williamstown Lacrosse Club was in danger of ceasing operations. Along with a number of Williamstown

identities, a ten year plan was drawn up which would have Williamstown winning State League grand finals at the end of that period. Apparently this group of about 12 people divided themselves into two working parties and set about working on their ten year plan. I know little about the plan (except that I was caught up in it) but there was an emphasis on the recruitment of under-age players and subsequently a focus on athletic and lacrosse skills. I don't know who was involved but it's odds on that Berry Newgreen, the then Williamstown President, was one of the prime motivators. I do know that Mal Taylor initiated much of the growth which has positioned Williamstown as one of the more mature clubs of the Victorian Lacrosse Association.

This does not mean that other clubs do not have long and outstanding traditions or that other people have not been similarly active. I do suggest however that the active participation and presence of Mal Taylor in lacrosse matters have been longer than most.

Those readers who have been associated with lacrosse for a longer period will know that there are distinct parallels between Mal Taylor and Frank Lansbury. Both were deeply involved with their respective clubs, both undertook similar functions, both supported and sometimes defended their clubs within the wider lacrosse community. These comparisons do not end with what they did, but can be arguably extended to what their clubs became. Between them, Malvern and Williamstown have numbers of State League premiership flags which will probably never be equalled by any other club.

Mal made a point of emphasising how much he had relied on the judgements of Frank Lansbury to form his own opinions.

Frank was, said Mal, “influential in guiding my own thinking”.

The Perry Street Compound

Unfortunately there are still many people still involved in lacrosse who will be able to remember that the Taylor house in Perry Street became the focal point for after school, before matches, anytime day and evening gatherings to talk about lacrosse, see racquets being strung and generally be inducted in the Williamstown lacrosse culture.

Of course, the Taylor children could hardly escape the lacrosse "concentrate" taken daily at Perry Street.

Margaret Taylor played for Victoria and was a member of one of the first teams to travel internationally. Glenn Taylor also had sufficient lacrosse skill to represent the State. It's one thing to be immersed in lacrosse "culture" because of one's parents interest, it's quite an individual matter to be selected to represent State and country.

Consistent with his nature Mal always presented a welcoming and engaging profile to the boys who visited Perry Street. What was going on at the same time was a subtle and resourceful recruitment of players for the ultimate goal of winning a premiership in the then most senior grade ten years down the track.

In any ten year span a lot of things happen and few of us see through a view of the world which demands so much input for so little short term gain. Recruiting players is an evident activity and many lacrosse players use their personal enthusiasm to entice others to play. The real world follow-up is that transport has to be arranged, racquets obtained along with gloves, helmets and uniforms. Training, social events, discussions with parents and all the other things which go to make up a good club are now sensibly divided between enthusiasts.

With Mal it was the whole spectrum:

- Stringing racquets - he has strung a thousand of them! (Stringing wooden racquets was considerably more time-consuming than it is today.)
- Refereeing - three years from 1947 to 1950 and many times during the week thereafter.
- Formation of the mid-week technical schools competition.
- Expanding the number of teams which Williamstown was fielding.
- Taking teams on interstate visits - by train to Perth!
- Initiating and providing continuous advice during the formation of Women's Lacrosse in Victoria and South Australia.
- Coach of the first Victorian women's team to visit South Australia.
- Forming and often taking office in new clubs : Altona, Newport, Footscray, Essendon and Glenroy.

Of course transport, administration, late nights and all the other "add ons" accompanied Mal's activity.

If you don't know where you are coming from and where you are headed, these activities would be little short of masochistic! But then Mal had a pretty fair idea where he was headed. It should be noted that Williamstown missed on the ten year plan to win an "A" grade grand final - it took them about 12 years!!

Which Bank?

It will be surprising for some readers to learn that after having decided to embark upon a ten year program, consideration was given to funding issues. The Williamstown group decided to seek a Commonwealth Bank loan for £6,000; the security which they offered the bank was their personal assets. This gives a small insight into the community attitude which prevailed in Williamstown and evidenced by those whom I shall now call "the group".

The group was able to call on influential people in the Williamstown City Council for support in Council decisions. The Parker family and Lionel Burgoigne complemented the street smart work of those who were working at the "coalface". The then community spirit around Williamstown Lacrosse was isolationist and this attitude persisted right throughout the period of enormous growth of the club. I have heard this Williamstown community spirit spoken of in fairly negative terms but it was seen to be right for the times and helps explain the reluctant level of participation by Williamstown in Victorian Lacrosse Association matters.

Why don't you bring some of your mates down?

As an 11 year old there's not a lot I can specifically remember about talking with Mal but over the years I do remember him suggesting on more than one occasion that I might like to bring some of my mates down to "The Fearon" to play lacrosse. In large part, this is how clubs recruited. The sort of dialogue you heard then was somewhat different to what is the norm today. In most ways I think that today's kids have a much better deal. But there are some things which are treasured experiences and events which I think today's youngsters miss out on. The whole context of dividing time between school, sport and time off to just hang around has changed and for the most part is now practiced in ways which adults do not understand. Equally, today's kids roll about hearing the sorts of things which used to engage my interest.

In Williamstown, life was pretty uncomplicated and I can recall disappearing for hours at a time without a thought about danger, traffic, or just about anything else. The bike rides home in the late evening from "The Fearon" often via Perry Street were an exhilaration and often punctuated with

pauses because we thought that "the coppers" were looking for kids without lights on their bikes. Swimming at the bumbries or playing in the wheat silos at the end of Nelson Place will be well known to many. Fit, totally immersed in sport and not a care in the world! There was always something to do after the Saturday game; you never went straight home. Williamstown really was a great place in which to grow up.

Time moves on

A few years ago, I used to ask myself what would have happened to Williamstown Club without Mal Taylor. More often than not I would extend this to ponder where Victorian Lacrosse would be without Mal Taylor. As frequently happens "the system" has a habit of producing a special character who seems born to the role. I reckon that lacrosse generally has had a greater than normal share of this sort of person. To some, lacrosse looks a bit over the top and only those with a clear confidence in themselves engage in and continue with the sport.

This same streak of tenacity is obvious in the participation of young players in promoting the sport to even younger players. I often look at senior level players on Saturday afternoons with a mixture of awe and respect. I know that many of them have spent at least two nights coaching junior players and have been on their feet since early Saturday morning seeing the club teams to venues all over Melbourne.

I **know** that Mal Taylor did this for more than 30 years!

The withdrawal symptoms

When there is a high level of commitment to a cause or organisation, withdrawal from that organisation is sometimes made with a great deal of tension. The truth is that we often don't know how to relinquish power with dignity.

Quite some time ago Mal quietly let go of many of the functions which he had in the club. For many years he has been a quiet spectator at matches held at "The Fearon", more recently he has re-appeared at national carnivals.

The time of active participation has passed and now there is simply a presence.

Others have filled the gap and this is appropriately so.

It's well known that Williamstown Lacrosse Club at one time or another provided players to just about every other club in Victoria and a few interstate. It may be safely recorded that Mal's Victorian Lacrosse Association (VLA) activity broke with Williamstown tradition to the extent that if involvement with a wider group furthers lacrosse, you would probably find Mal making a contribution. If VLA duties involved Williamstown, you would certainly find Mal contributing and making his presence felt on behalf of Williamstown in ways which have become legendary. The stacking of a VLA meeting with most of the kids from Williamstown Lacrosse was an event which I can clearly remember but had no idea what it was all about. I can look back and share the moment of voting with others with a great deal of laughter. The passing of time has made the event bizarre, but it was charged with emotion when it happened.

Acknowledgement

One of the nicer features of lacrosse is that it tends to readily acknowledge many of the people who make a contribution to the sport. In Mal's case he has received the following recognition:

- 1957 Life Member of Williamstown Lacrosse Club
- 1963 ALC Certificate of Merit for outstanding service to lacrosse in Australia

- 1970 Life member of Footscray Lacrosse Club
- 1971 Life Member of the Victorian Lacrosse Association
- 1974 Friend of Canadian Lacrosse Medallion
- 1995 Williamstown Lacrosse Club Perpetual Honour Board named Mal Taylor best Clubman Award

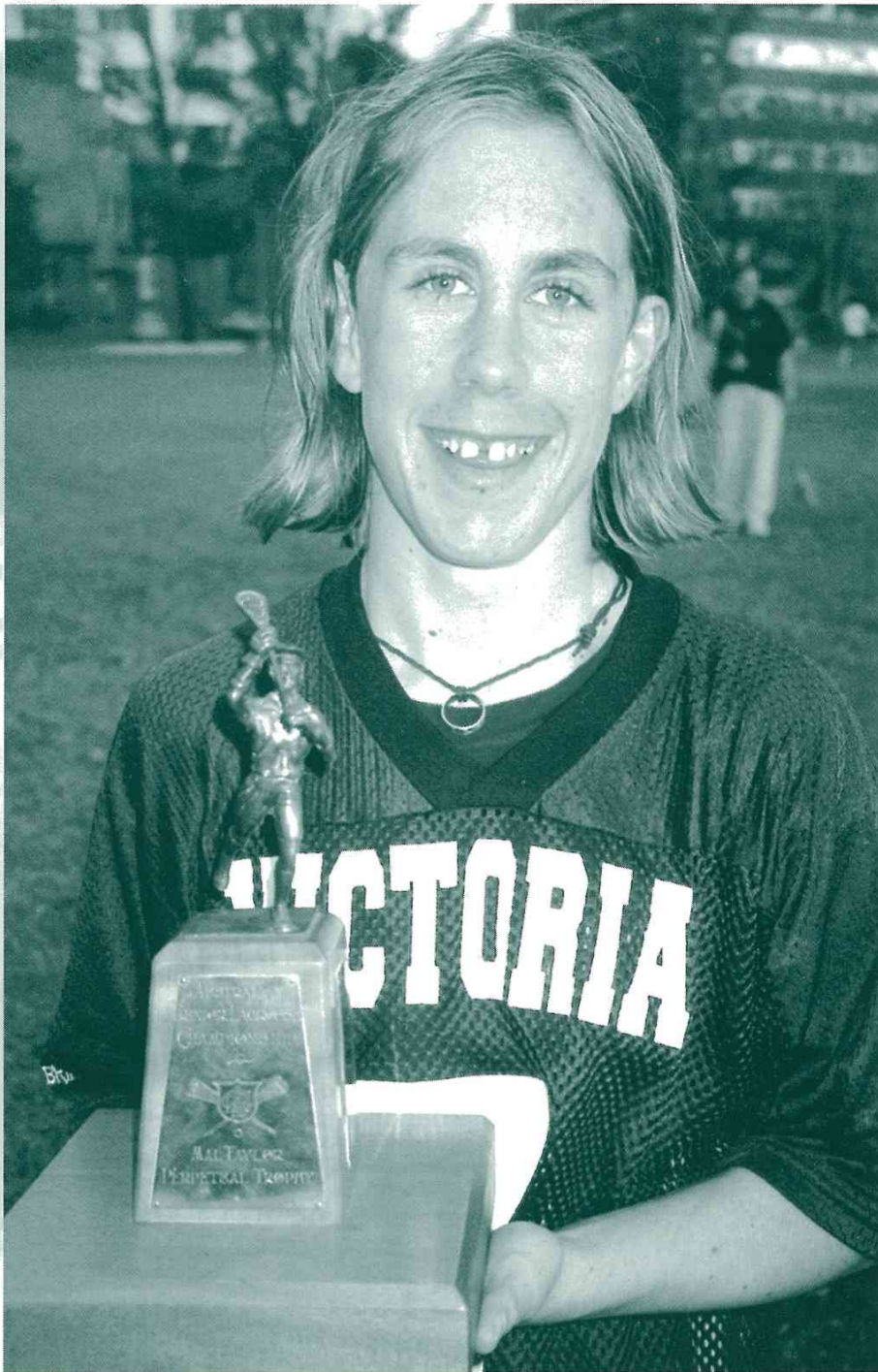
While lacrosse has been a consuming interest for Mal, he has been able to lead a full life in other ways. The Hobson's Bay Sailing Club has also been a major interest and apart from sailing, there have been contributions to the business and buildings of the club. Hobson's Bay Sailing Club has awarded Mal Life Membership of the club.

Mal's great enthusiasm for sailing is well known to many and in one of the few instances I know where Mal has looked to the past rather than to the future he claimed that his old boat with its "historical" rigging and outfitting was still capable of defeating modern boats.

This could be one of those sailor's yarns or it could be the case. Those who were continually deprived of line and handicap honours are not about to "own up" to their defeat and I have not been privy to anyone who in turn outsailed Mal!!

Over a period of time (probably equal to the length of his lacrosse involvement) Mal has maintained active involvement with his local church. As might be expected his involvement has not been merely passive but one which has indicated the same drive which he applied to lacrosse.

Local affairs, the character of Williamstown, have captured his interest in an intertwining fashion. The interests of lacrosse became an interest in maintaining and extending sporting facilities in the area. Active committee membership in Hobson's Bay stemmed from sailing and discussions about the moorings which should be available.



A proud Victorian Under 17 Team Captain, Jai Carroll, a Williamstown player, displays the Mal Taylor trophy presented to the Australian Champion Under 17 Team

(Or was it the other way round?) There are few who know, but the moorings still used in Hobson's Bay were designed by Mal and a letter of merit for this work from the Williamstown City Council has now become a valued recognition for his work.

At one time he actively considered running for Council. After much consideration Mal decided that his strengths were in the personal touch and he continued to be the "man on the spot". Essentially decisions of this sort

revolve around a deep-seated humility and recognising that "doing" was the skill in short supply. Readers who know Mal will recognise that this behaviour is entirely consistent with his low key approach.

Fortunately for Mal, his business life and private life were complementary and his position with Port of Melbourne Authority allowed him to maintain a close interest in what has become Williamstown's endearing quality - the waterfront.

A few years ago I recall asking Mal how he fitted in all his public interests with family, work and the constant calls on his time. As might be expected the response was non-committal, "You just did what you thought you had to do."

Space in this article does not allow even a listing of all the other activities which have captured the attention of this man. The rotunda on the Williamstown foreshore would have been long demolished had it not been converted for club use with Mal as the driving force. On a more personal level, Mal has been a lifelong fitness enthusiast and up until a short time ago could be seen every morning swimming between the "Racer" and the diving board. Hey! the "Racer" is gone but you still might see Mal in the water!

In the event that you have the impression that Mal has been some sort of benign avuncular type who has, by virtue of maturity become an extension of this image, think again. The long term involvement in public and club activities inevitably involves determination, flexibility, continuity, management skills and so on. One needs a certain quality of grittiness to survive, let alone be productive.

As Mal Taylor has so readily demonstrated, you have to know where you are coming from and where you want to be!

The visionary who of necessity became the activist, has become the statesman.

(Mal can be found most Saturday's on the sidelines at "The Fearon" watching a game which he first became involved with in 1934.)

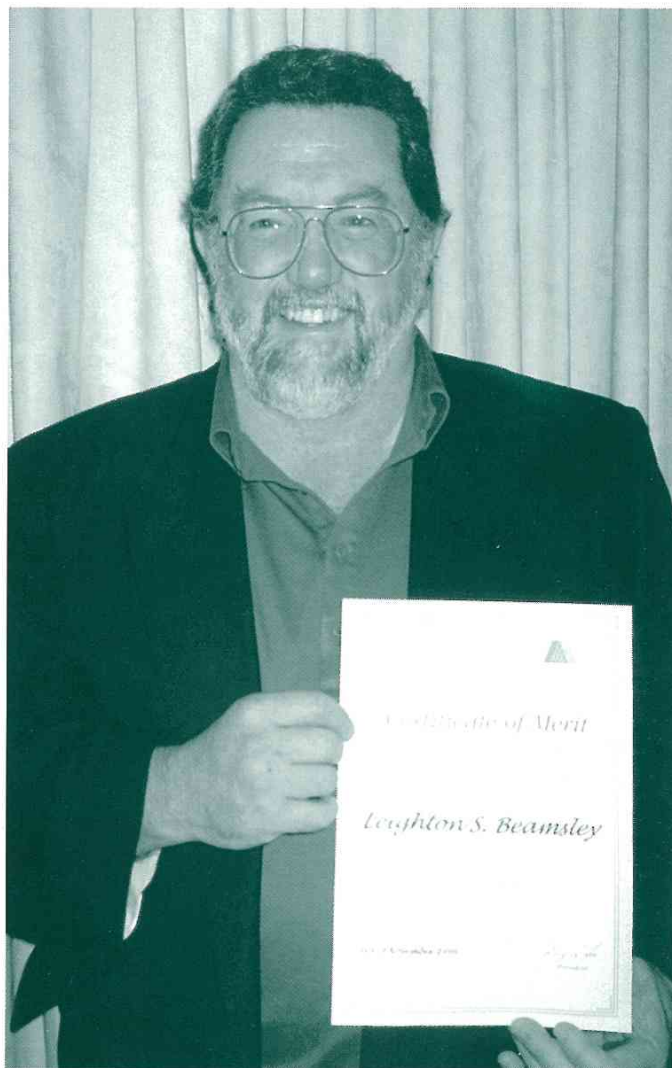
Worthy of Merit

There are many different ways that different people provide service to lacrosse at Club, State or Australian level. Players who perform at a high level, officials and administrators all contribute to the game. The Australian Lacrosse Council Certificate of Merit is one form of recognition for service to lacrosse.

For more than 50 years the Australian Lacrosse Council has recognised the contribution of lacrosse players, officials and administrators with an ALC Certificate of Merit. Each State Association is invited to nominate members for this award and there are guidelines provided to assist in the nomination and selection process. Not more than three nominations are accepted from each State in any one year.

The following guidelines provide an idea of the service provided by awardees:

1. Players who have shown conspicuous ability - suggested requirement is selection in a State Association team at ALC Senior Championships or in a representative Australian Team on six occasions over an eight year period.
2. Officials who have given conspicuous service to Member Associations and or Council - suggested requirements include service to a club of a Member Association as an active official or as a coach for at least 10 years and/or service to a Member Association as an active official or as a coach for at least seven years and/or service to the Australian Lacrosse Council as an active official for at least five years.
3. Officials who have rendered honorary services in the context of the game - suggested requirements are service in the control of Member Association grade matches for at least ten years and/or service in the control of championships and interstate matches at all levels on at least six occasions over a period of eight years (a championship series to be classed as one occasion only).



ALC Director of Administration and Finance, Leighton Beamsley is a proud ALC Certificate of Merit awardee having been presented with his certificate by ALC President, Doug Fox, at the 1997 Under 17 Championship Dinner in Sydney

These are suggested requirements and the assessment process may include a combination of several factors which may lead to the endorsement of a nomination which does not satisfy one specific requirement.

Since 1946 some 268 Certificates of Merit have been awarded by the ALC and that clearly adds up to a huge commitment to lacrosse over many years by many people.

There are many other people who work hard in lacrosse and who would easily satisfy the suggested requirements but who have not achieved that recognition. That may be because they work quietly behind the scenes and tend to not be noticed, it may be that club or Association officers just do not think of them when nomination time comes, it may be for any number of reasons.

When nominations for ALC Certificates of Merit are required by ALC at the end of October make sure you have given it serious thought and make the effort to nominate people you know make a difference in lacrosse.

About **PLAYER** **Well**-Being

1. **STX TITANIUM PLUS LACROSSE HANDLES - RECALL**

Anyone who purchased one of these handles which were sold between January, 1994 and July, 1996 through lacrosse catalogues, sport stores (USA) and at lacrosse camps should stop using the stick and contact STX toll free at 800-848-2152. The handles are silver in colour with the words "Titanium Plus" printed on the stick handle when new. Only handles sold up to July, 1996 are affected by this recall and we are advised that none of these handles were imported for sale in Australia.

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REFEREES and SAFETY

This article from Mel Narol in the US reports on a High Court decision in the United Kingdom which has relevance for referees in any sport in Australia!

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In a case of first impression in the United Kingdom, a judge has found that an amateur referee has a duty of care to a player and may be liable for injuries sustained by him during the course of play.

In December, 1996, High Court Judge, Richard Curtis, ordered rugby referee Michael Nolan to pay player Ben Smoldon more than \$1.5 million because there was a duty imposed upon Nolan to enforce the rules and ensure that the game is played in a safe manner.

On October 19, 1991, Smoldon participated as a member of the Sutton Coldfield Youth Colts team against Burton-on-Trent RUFC Colts. Ten minutes before the end of the match, a scrum in which Smoldon was participating collapsed. Smoldon fell to the ground severely injured. He was later diagnosed with a broken neck and was paralysed.

Judge Curtis had to decide whether referees owe a duty of care to participants. Nolan's counsel argued that the imposition of such a duty on referees would lead to defensive officiating and a flood of claims.

Relying upon the fact that rugby rules covered a scrum and the fact that this rule had not been enforced during the game, Judge Curtis decided that it was reasonable to

impose a duty on the referees to not act negligently in his enforcement of the rules and supervision of the game.

The rule provides that in a scrummage, front-row players must adopt the crouch position before the touch. A light touch is all that is required to establish the safe distance between the opposing front rows. The pause is then required to give players time to check visually that the rows are in safe alignment before engagement. The Burton-on-Trent players indicated their concern with the continued lack of observance of the rule.

Judge Curtis ruled that referees were required to "exercise that degree of care for the safety of players which is appropriate in the circumstances." In the US this is referred to as a negligence standard - a person is responsible for the injury caused to another person if that person failed to act or acted in a way contrary to the way a reasonable prudent person would have acted under the same circumstances.

While there has been no reported court decision in the US setting forth the standard of care a sports official owes when a participant sustains an injury not directly caused by the official, it has been long presumed that the duty is one to not act negligently.



ALC Director of Coaching and Officiating, Graeme Reddaway, poses with Under 17 Carnival Referees Laslo Tiszavolgyi and Rolf Kraus

Negligence should not be the standard of care. A sports official should only be liable for an injury sustained by a player during a game in which the official acted with reckless disregard or gross negligence, not mere negligence. This standard has been the growing trend when an injured player seeks to sue another sports official. This standard allows a sports official to perform his duties without the threat of litigation for circumstances which are normally part of the game, while at the same time making the official responsible for those inactions or actions which are reckless or grossly negligent for which he or she should be held accountable when they result in an injury to a player.

I first espoused this standard in 1987 when, together with the National Association of Sports Officials, I drafted model State legislation. That legislation provides that a sports official is liable for injuries sustained by a person as a result of officiating duties only if an official acted with gross negligence. This model legislation has been adopted in its entirety or in a modified fashion in nine States (Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina and Tennessee).

In the meantime, it is important for sports official to be sure to enforce all rules of the game, especially safety rules. Your failure to enforce them might result in your being grossly negligent and liable.

Schools and Clubs:

Ideas for WORKING TOGETHER

Organising close links between your club and schools in your community is a sensible way to target a key audience and develop a strong junior player base for your club. This article, adapted from an Aussie Sport publication, provides some ideas for clubs and associations to assist in establishing those links.

Lacrosse clubs and associations play a key role in the provision of junior lacrosse. As well as providing expertise in lacrosse, they provide the framework which enables young people to continue playing lacrosse well beyond their school years.

Linking with schools offers lacrosse clubs and associations the opportunity to:

- expose a range of students to lacrosse
- provide teachers with practical assistance and support to assist them introduce lacrosse effectively
- find out about new directions in teaching which could help club coaches
- provide information to students either directly or indirectly about how to access local lacrosse clubs
- provide students with basic skills and knowledge about lacrosse which will assist them to make the transition from school to club lacrosse.

So where do lacrosse clubs and associations start when looking to establish links with schools.

- Contact your State lacrosse association
- Identify what you are trying to achieve
- Find out about education protocols and systems
- Identify what your club / association is able to offer the school
- Make contact with the school and establish how best to work together
- Evaluate and provide feedback to schools.

Before you start

An increasing number of State sporting associations have appointed development officers or identified key contact people in local associations who can assist teachers with their sport and act as a contact point for young people wishing to take up the sport.

Before planning how your club or association can link with schools, contact your lacrosse association to find out how they currently work with schools, and what special programs and resources have been developed to assist schools. You may be able to link into an existing program or get some valuable advice on working with schools.

Recognise that schools and teachers generally are very protective of their students and are sometimes fearful that people outside of the teaching

profession may not be sensitive to the needs of all students. For example, schools are committed to making sure that all students have the opportunity to participate, regardless of ability, that sport is fun for everyone and that all students develop (both socially and physically) through the experience.

For this reason, "outsiders" may find themselves being watched closely to ensure that they have the interest, skills and appropriate attitudes to ensure that the students' needs are being addressed.

Identify what you are trying to achieve

The next step is to look at what your club wants to achieve and look at ways in which working with schools could help achieve this.

Be specific and plan ahead. There is little point offering coaching clinics to the local schools in a bid to recruit players for the current season if the teams are already full and there is no hope of adding additional teams.

Be realistic in what you can offer. If none of your club's accredited coaches are available during school hours, don't offer the local school coaching clinics during school hours.

Also, consider the consequences of a recruitment drive. Extra players require extra coaches, officials etc. Think ahead and identify ways that you can cope with this additional demand.

Find out about education protocols and systems

Many State education departments have quite strict requirements for non-teachers who are working with school students, particularly for people acting in place of a teacher. These requirements are often based on legal responsibility for the students. Very few schools condone teachers leaving their classes in these circumstances. There are also recommended ratios of adults to students with which you will have to comply. Individual schools may have additional requirements for visitors. It may be, for example, that you should sign in at the reception desk before going to a class.

If you're not sure of the appropriate procedures, contact your State lacrosse association or your local Aussie Sport contact.

Identify what your club/association is able to offer the school

Don't underestimate the expertise that is contained within your club. As well as being able to benefit from links with local schools, most lacrosse clubs and associations are able to offer a great deal.

Here are some ideas:

- Assisting teachers to teach lacrosse. This could involve working with the teacher prior to the lesson, taking a small group of teachers for an informal session on how to coach the basic skills, or taking a sample class with the teacher in an assistant role.
- Providing coaching as part of an "Expo" or "Come and Try" program at the school.

- Providing resources (instructional and/or promotional) to assist teachers teach lacrosse. It is worthwhile checking with your State association to make sure you are aware of all the resources available. Sometimes there are specific teacher resources like lesson plans which clubs may not be aware of.
- Assisting with the selection and coaching of a school team.
- Providing advice on the appropriate modifications to lacrosse for a specific age group.
- Providing information for teachers to pass on to students about your club or association. Consider preparing an information flyer for distribution to students interested in playing lacrosse.
- Conducting coaching courses for groups of teachers and/or Human Movement or Sport Studies students.

Some other linking ideas

Research has identified that young people often find sporting clubs and associations difficult to locate and contact. You can assist both teachers and students to make links by:

- identifying a club contact for schools. This could be the coaching or development co-ordinator. Their role could be to initiate and maintain contact with local schools. Try, in turn, to identify a contact in each of the local schools who is responsible for sport in general or lacrosse in particular.
- Becoming involved with a local junior sports council or similar co-ordinating group. These are being established in an increasing number of local communities and

aim to provide a more co-ordinated approach to junior sport in the area. Contact your regional or State Aussie Sport unit for more information.

- Promoting coaching courses to schools - invite teachers, parents and secondary students to attend courses being run in the local area. When they arrive for a course, take the opportunity to welcome school participants and introduce them to other club coaches.
- Promoting and/or offering the services of guest speakers to speak at school assemblies and presentation nights, or simply talk to individual classes about lacrosse. If you have no-one suitable in your club, check at the State level to see who may be available to assist.
- Offering the use of club facilities for school programs.

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The Victorian Under 17's - 1997 Australian Champions.

the 1997 Australian Under 17 Champion Team

Australian Championship

Game	Team 1	vs	Team 2	Vic	WA	SA	NSW	WCL
Game 1	Victoria	vs	Western Australia	4	0	19	24	33
Game 2	Victoria	vs	South Australia	5	10	16	23	
Game 3	South Australia	vs	Western Australia	9	14	25	32	
Final	Victoria	vs	South Australia	5	15	21	23	

Quarterly Scores

Australian Tournament - Championship Games plus the following:

New South Wales	vs	South Australia	SA	6	8	14	19	
American Eagles	vs	World Class Lacrosse	WCL	2	5	10	13	
American Eagles	vs	South Australia	SA	4	9	16	23	
New South Wales	vs	Victoria	Vic	7	16	21	31	
World Class Lacrosse	vs	Western Australia	WCL	6	8	16	24	
American Eagles	vs	Western Australia	Eagles	3	4	7	12	
New South Wales	vs	World Class Lacrosse	WCL	7	10	15	20	
World Class Lacrosse	vs	Victoria	Vic	5	13	19	28	
American Eagles	vs	New South Wales	Eagles	3	6	8	12	
New South Wales	vs	Western Australia	NSW	4	6	8	11	
World Class Lacrosse	vs	South Australia	WA	0	2	5	9	
American Eagles	vs	Victoria	NSW	3	4	5	6	
American Eagles	vs	NSW	SA	6	12	15	19	
World Class Lacrosse	vs	Western Australia	WCL	5	8	12	16	
American Eagles	vs	Victoria	Vic	6	13	19	25	
American Eagles	vs	NSW	Eagles	0	0	2	7	
World Class Lacrosse	vs	Western Australia	Eagles	7	12	18	18	
			NSW	1	2	5	10	
			WCL	5	11	16	17	
			WA	1	6	8	8	

Australian Championship Team:

Mal Taylor Trophy
Victoria

Australian Tournament Winners:

Victoria