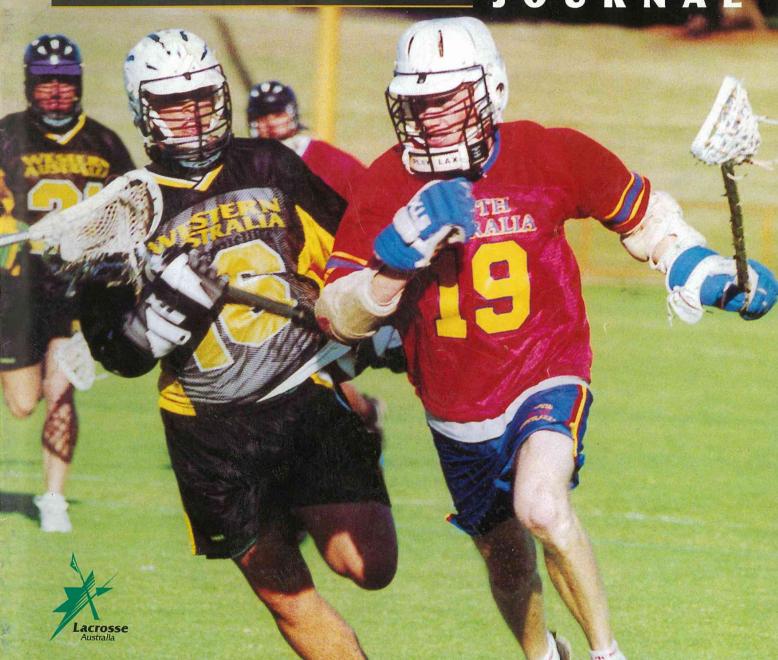
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President's Message



Lacrosse Australia enters the second phase of the Australian Lacrosse Journal with this issue. In the first issue we paid tribute to the foundation work undertaken in Victoria with the publication of "The Lacrosse Player" and discussed the decision of the states to support for three year the publication of this magazine. ALC Director Mavis Owens has worked with editor Malcolm Stokes and numerous contributors to produce nine editions of this excellent publication. My thanks and those of the Lacrosse community go to Malcolm and Mavis for their hard work.

During those three years we have reported on two World Championships including the extremely successful World Under 19 Championship in Adelaide last year, looked at national tournaments, profiled individuals and enjoyed the elevation of Brian Griffin to the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

In the last edition an article reviewed the future of the Australian Lacrosse Journal. To be financially viable the magazine needs the support of South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia. Unfortunately Victoria has chosen not to participate which could have spelled the demise of the magazine. To keep faith with supporters of the

magazine in South Australia and Western Australia it has been decided by Lacrosse Australia to subsidise publication in 2000 with a reduction to two editions this year. We hope that individuals and perhaps clubs from Victoria will subscribe and provide the opportunity to publish again in 2001.

The Board inspected the preferred site for the 2002 Senior World Championships during the National Titles in Perth and it looks terrific. There are likely to be a record number of nations participating and together with emerging nation, masters, grand masters and national tournaments being conducted at the same venue in Perth during July 2002 the potential exists for a spectacular of lacrosse as we host the lacrosse nations of the world. This will be an exciting time and I urge you to plan now to be there.

With continuing hard work by Mavis Owens and her team and hopefully with the involvement of Victoria I look forward to the Australian Lacrosse Journal being there to report during Perth 2002.

Leighton Beamsley President

Editorial Editorial Edit

Welcome to the tenth edition of the "Australian Lacrosse Journal" and the first for the new millennium and my first as editor.

My company, Sports Media Australia, is honoured to have been given the opportunity to work on this magazine.

While Lacrosse is a relatively new sport to our staff, we have extensive experience in sports media and magazine publishing industries. Our other titles include "The Swimmer", "Surf Sports", "Australian Rowing" and "Hockey Zone".

We look forward to hearing from you all with editorial and photography contributions for future issues of the Australian Lacrosse Journal. Please forward material to surfsports@idx.com.au, fax 02 9542 7233 or phone 02 9524 5888 and ask for assistant editor Kelly Jury.



Editor Tracie Spicer





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South Australia's Dennis Stone dashes clear in defence, pursued by Western Australia's Shaun Leavy and Nathan Rainey.

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In the Net

Fellow of Australian Lacrosse Council

Doug Fox recently became the 19th person to receive the prestigious award of Fellow of Lacrosse Australia. The award is the highest individual award presented by the Australian Council (ALC). Lacrosse Nominees must have been previously awarded the ALC Certificate of Merit and have given outstanding service to Lacrosse in Australia. Fox was acknowledged at the ALC Fellows Dinner in Perth during the Australian Senior Championships. See page 23

Applications for International Program Co-ordinator Called

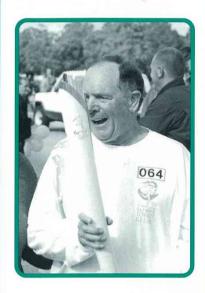
Applications are currently being called for the position of International Program Co-ordinator (IPC) for Lacrosse Australia. The position is for a five-year period and involves the organisation and co-ordination of international programs. The successful applicant will be required to develop, co-ordinate, plan and administer a program for visiting international clubs and teams on tours throughout Australia; and administer, oversee, coordinate and direct the program of international competition for Australian Lacrosse both within Australia and overseas.

The International Program Coordinator will be entitled to attend and participate in all international tours and world championships. In so attending the IPC represents the ALC Director of Competition and the Australian Lacrosse Council in dealings with other national governing bodies.

Applications are to be forwarded to: Peter Hobbs 83 Greenhill Road, Wayville SA, 5034, to be received by August 31 2000.

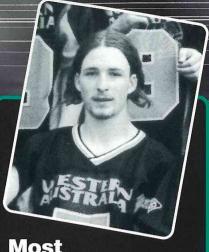
Olympic Torch Relay

WA's Brian, Griffin an icon of Australian lacrosse, who was last year named in the Sport Australia Hall of Fame, recently ran a leg of the Olympic torch relay in his hometown of Mundaring.



Griffin's list of achievements in lacrosse is outstanding, having

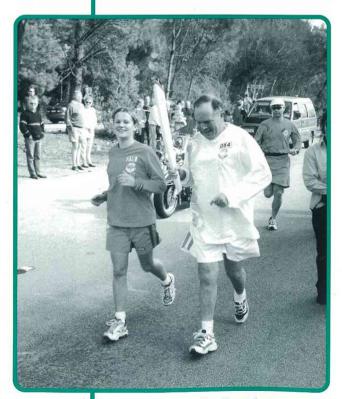
represented WA for 18 years as both a player and a coach. Griffin has also toured with Australian team six times from 1959-1984 and in 1967 he captained Australia in the first world series and was named valuable most player for the tournament. Griffin acknowledged as the player who led Australian Lacrosse into international competition and deservingly selected to run a leg of the Olympic torch relay.



Most Valuable Players

Congratulations to Western Australians, Warren Brown and Luke Stokes (above), who were both named MVP for their respective Australian Championship this year (Seniors and U17s).

Warren first represented Australia in 1991 in the Australia in 1991 in the Australian U19 Team that participated in the Friendship Games in Tokyo, Japan. Luke no doubt is also keen to represent Australia. He obviously has the talent.



Brian Griffin a lacrosse icon.



Video Record of Australian Championship Finals

Lacrosse supplier Eddie Toomey has been producing videos of the finals of the Australian senior championships since 1991 and has a complete record of these games available. For further information or details on obtaining copies of these games please contact Eddie Toomey on 03 9872 3688.

Website Contributor?

An email has been received from Jeremy Bryant, who played lacrosse in Perth in 1996, and who is currently the Managing Editor of <collegelacrosseUSA.com>. Jeremy is seeking international lacrosse stories for inclusion on his very popular lacrosse news website. He is keen to have contributors from Australia providing local Australian stories. If you are interested why not contact him on the following: Jeremy Bryant, CollegeLacrosseUSA, Managing Editor. jtbryant@amcity.com Telephone: 704 973 1613.

Who knows it may start a promising career for you.

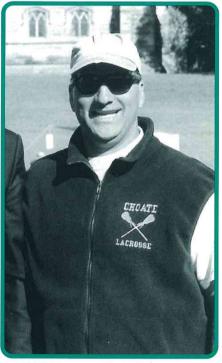
PS: Jeremy says: "I miss Perth so much, by the way."

ILF Meeting

Australia will be well represented when Lacrosse Australia President Leighton Beamsley, and Directors Peter Hobbs and Malcolm Stokes attend the annual meeting of the International Lacrosse Federation to be held in Scotland commencing August 4. Agenda items for the meeting include Classes of Membership and Dues Structure, Development Committee proposal, World Lacrosse League, 2004 Under 19 bids, 2006 Senior bids, Rule Changes, Player Eligibility, 2002 World Championship update, plus committee reports, to name a few. Planned to coincide with the European Lacrosse Championships (ELC), it is an opportunity for "developing lacrosse nations", which are in Scotland participating in the ELC, to meet ILF personnel and attend the meetings.

World Class Lacrosse in Australia

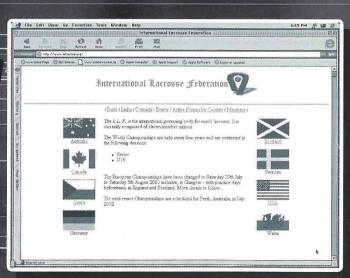
Bill McGowan from the USA obviously enjoys the hospitality of the Australian lacrosse community. He has been in Melbourne with his World Class Lacrosse team to compete in the Australian U17 Tournament during July. Many players have indicated that they enjoyed the opportunity to experience the different style of game, and pit their skills against the US players. Congratulations to Victoria which was the only team to defeat them during the week, with the WA team drawing their encounter. Congratulations to Chase McGowan (WCL) on winning the Most Valuable Player trophy, awarded to the outstanding player of the Tournament.

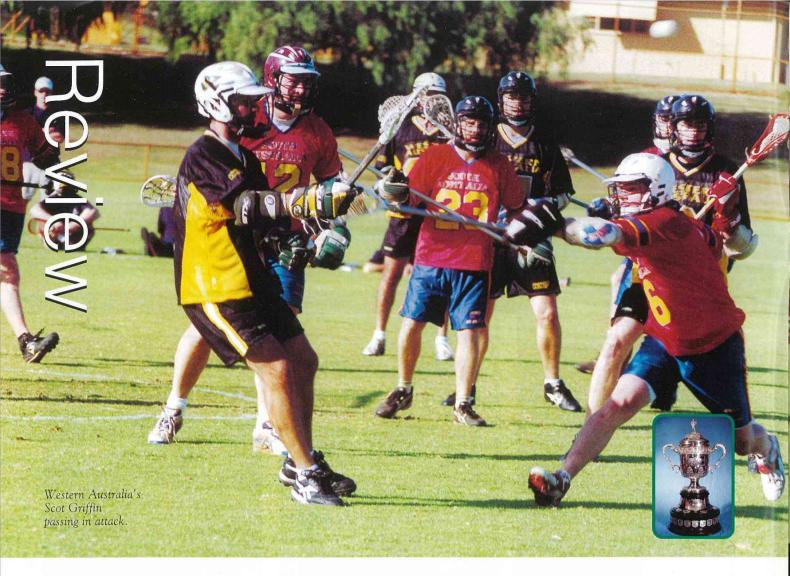


Bill McGowan - World Class Lacrosse

International Lacrosse Federation Website: www.intlaxfed.org German Lacrosse Association Website: www.dlaxv.de







2000 Australian Senior Championships, Perth - June 4-11 WA's Depth Gives Winning Edge

The sun shone brightly over Floreat Oval and the WA side during the recent 2000 Australian Championships.

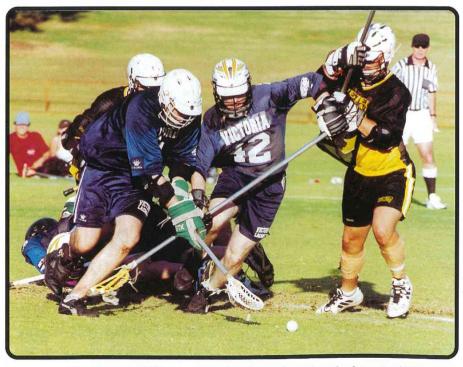
Impeccable conditions throughout the week ensured a great turnout to witness WA's undefeated run. WA eventually wrenched the Garland McHarg Trophy away from Victoria by defeating them 16-11 in the championship final.

This year saw two "firsts" - night games and two rounds before the final.

The two night games were successful in broadening the accessibility of matches and in drawing spectators close to the ground, creating good atmosphere. No problems with visibility were reported by players.

Playing two rounds was great for the crowds and enabled teams to show their full depth and capabilities.

WA co-coach John Denic commented that playing each team twice brought out the best in a side.



Creative use of Western Australia's long pole against the determined Victorians.



"You have to be on your game every game", he said.

"If SA had brought over its strongest team there would have been no easy matches.

"With that number of games you can't afford to rest anybody. It comes down to who has the greatest depth and does the most teamwork".

The highlight of the tournament for Denic was the night game (Game 5) against Victoria in which WA triumphed 16-14.

"Before the competition we thought that 16 goals would be a winning score. We met our target every match," Denic said.

The difference between the two sides, according to Denic, was the younger players who stepped up when they had to. Players such as Kim Delfs, Nathan Rainey, Peter Buettner, David Jobson, Brad Smith, Ben Reiger and Wayne Curran had a real influence on the way the game was played.

2000 Australian Senior Championships

Perth - June 4-11

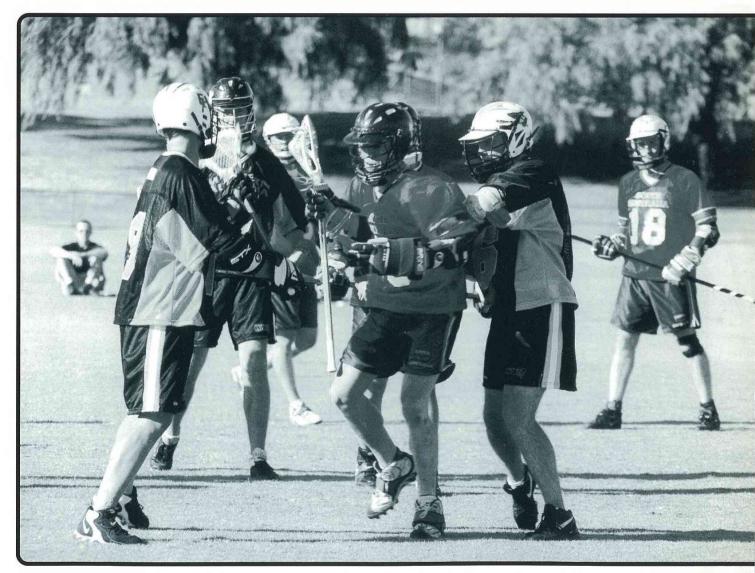
Results

4/6/00 Game 1:	WA	24	def	SA	6
5/6/00 Game 2:	WA	18	def	VIC	8
6/6/00 Game 3:	VIC	25	def	SA	7
7/6/00 Game 4:	WA	28	def	SA	2
8/6/00 Game 5:	WA	16	def	VIC	14
9/6/00 Game 6:	VIC	22	def	SA	5
11/6/00:	SA	13	def	WA All-Stars	11
Grand Final:	WA	16	def	VIC	11

Championship Winners: WA – Garland McHarg Cup Championship MVP: Warren Brown – Hobbs Trophy

Most Valuable Player Awards

Game 1:	WA - Kim Gillespie	_	SA - Stuart Robb
Game 2:	WA - Russell Brown	-	VIC - Darren Nicholas
Game 3:	SA - Chris De Mello		VIC - John Brewer
Game 4:	SA - Kym Martin		WA - Nathan Rainey
Game 5:	VIC - Nathan Stiglich		WA - Warren Brown
Game 6:	SA - Chris De Mello		VIC - Kyle Morlang



A South Australian midfielder attempts to clear the ball under pressure.

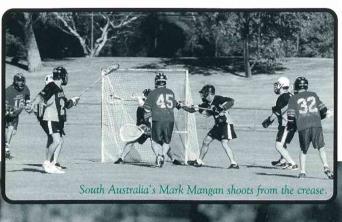
He also praised the WA defence line. "It had been under-rated by the opposition, but it combined really well with Warren Brown [in goals], absorbing the pressure and making them shoot from outside," he said.

Of the opposition, Denic had high regard for Victoria's Darren Nicholas who, he thought, was quality at the face off, and for South Australian defender Chris De Mello and goalkeeper Aaron Sargent.

"They stood up well, considering the pressure they were under," he said. $\,$

Following the Australian Senior Championships an "All-Stars" team was chosen based on the performances of players throughout the tournament.

By Jenny Bannyard

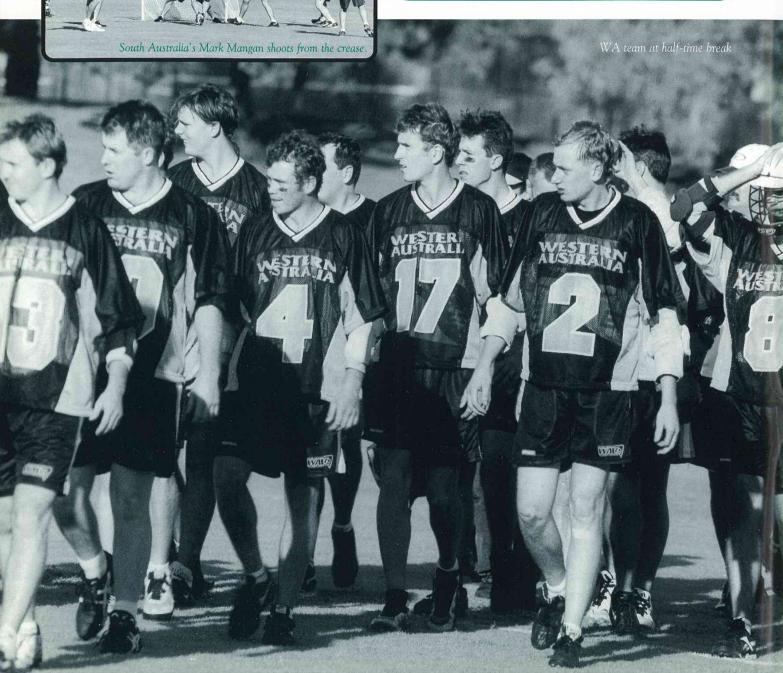


Australian All-Stars 2000

Name	State	Position
John Brewer	VIC	Attack (co-capt.)
Russell Brown	WA	Midfield
Warren Brown	WA	Goalkeeper
Chris De Mello	SA	Defence
Cardin Flaherty	VIC	Midfield
Ben Flemming	VIC	Defence
Kim Gillespie	WA	Attack
Scot Griffin	WA	Attack
Darren Nicholas	VIC	Face-off
David Spreadborough	WA	Midfield (co-capt.)
Nathan Stiglich	VIC	Midfield
Michael Wann	WA	Defence
David Whiteman	WA	Midfield

Coach: John Hiron Referee: Mike Slattery

Championship MVP: Warren Brown - Hobbs Trophy



Proposal for Future Senior National Championships

Lacrosse Australia is calling for feedback on the format of future Senior National Championships. The call follows a Board meeting in Perth in June which considered amongst many other things a submission which had been made from the coaches conference held in Melbourne earlier this year, and submissions which had been made by various coaches concerning the structure of the senior championship.

The ALC also considered the program of events particularly in the next two years of the build-up for the 2002 World Series which will involve a tour to the United States of an Australian Team in the year 2001.

Full member states will recognise the difficulties of an event which has only three competitors which applied in the year 2000. For the first time this year we experimented in Perth with a double round. The general consensus was that it worked very well given the circumstances of the teams involved.

We are keen to provide for our member states opportunities of promotion, publicity and for fund-raising.

We invite urgent feedback from our member states on the following proposals which have been made for 2001 with a similar structure for the following two years:

- (a) Two rounds of competition plus a final would apply.
- (b) Initial games in the series would be held in Perth and Adelaide with the final games and the final game being held in Melbourne (Melbourne being the next location by rotation).
- (c) All states would travel from their home state to the other two states and a fare equalisation program will be applied in respect of all states i.e. total airfares divided by three.
- (d) States will provide billeted accommodation unless this is not

required by the visiting team in which case accommodation costs will be met by the visiting team.

- (e) Player numbers will be a maximum of 23 in any one game in accordance with the rules. Changes will be permitted between one game and the next.
- (f) A total of 24 airline tickets will be available under the fare equalisation basis which will include one ticket for Referees and the remaining tickets for Players and officials. If any more than 24 travel, they will not come under the fare equalisation basis.
- (g) Lacrosse Australia will negotiate with the airlines on the fares and the benefits of that negotiation will be passed onto the participants.

The program may look like that set out below however please recognise that the dates are not fixed and will be determined subsequent to the feedback from states. In relation to travel dates, states can specify these themselves - playing dates need to be agreed.

Obviously this program can be changed to fit in with arrangements such as domestic competition, departure of the Australian team, promotional opportunities, etc.

While it is apparent that travel costs will increase these can be mitigated by reduced accommodation costs and less time off work.

Various matters would need to be established such as selection of the All-Stars team, the giving of awards, in respect of best and fairest etc. Discussion would also be necessary in relation to the championship levy in respect of the host state.

By Peter Hobbs

If the Senior National Championship format affects you, speak with your state association and ensure they have considered this proposal and responded.

Round 1(a)

April 20-2

VIC travel to Adelaide and Perth

April 20 (Friday evening) Sunday, April 22

Round 1(b)

South Australia travel to Perth

Saturday, May 12

Round 2(a)

WA travel to Adelaide

Sunday, June 3

Round 2(b)

June 4 SA and WA travel to Melbourne.

Tuesday, June 5 Thursday, Ju<u>ne 7</u>

Saturday, June 9

VIC v SA in Adelaide VIC v WA in Perth

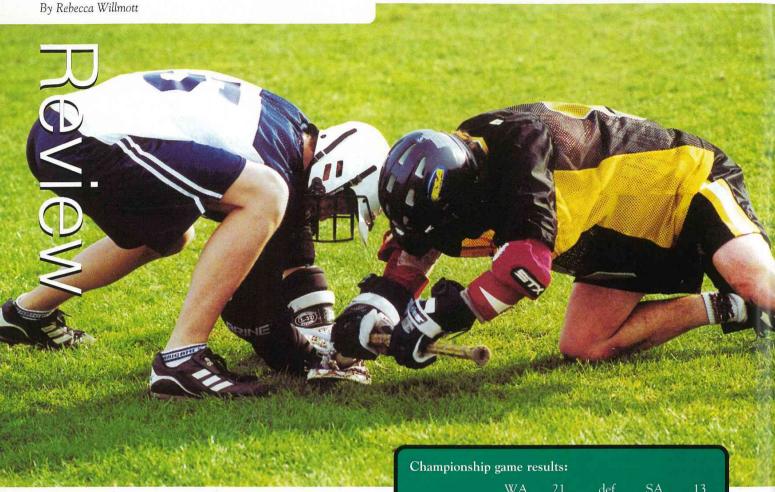
SA v WA

WA v SA in Adelaide

VIC v SA in Melbourne VIC v WA in Melbourne Grand final is held in Melbourne

2000 U17 Australian Championships - Caulfield Park Victoria, July

VICs Blitz Junior Titles



Josh Ardossi (Vic) and Luke Stokes (WA). "Courage on the line, destiny in their hands."

Victoria dominated the U17 Australian Championships and Tournament in their homestate in July, with an unbeaten run to claim the title. They were even too strong for the visiting World Class Lacrosse team (WCL) who participated along with one other Victorian team and the ALC team made up of players from SA, QLD and VIC. Victoria blitzed the opposition scoring a total 42 goals in the U17 event (117 for the tournament) WA 28 and SA 15. There was a big difference in scores between the championships and the tournament sides, with the ALC only scoring 24 goals for the week. SA were disappointing with one win against the Presidents side while the Hurricanes, Victoria's second team, showed why they made it a hard decision for the coaches to pick the Victorian team.

Highest goal scorer was Western Australian captain, Timothy Kennedy (29 goals), runner-up was by Adam Kadro from the World Class Lacrosse team with 26 goals.

The Volk Trophy for best and fairest player of the championship went to WA's Luke Stokes while the tournament's best and fairest was Chase McGowan, a member of the World Class Lacrosse team.

	WA	21	def	SA	13
	VIC	11	def	WA	7
	VIC	31	def	SA	2
Grand Final:	VIC	16	def	WA	7

Championship Winners: Victoria – Mal Taylor Trophy Championship MVP: Luke Stokes – Volk Trophy

Tournament game results:

(The following games were not championship games)

VIC	17	def	WCL	10
Hurricanes	30	def	ALC Pres	5
VIC	33	def	ALC Pres	1
WCL	17	def	SA	9
Hurricanes	14	def	WA	13
WCL	26	def	ALC Pres	4
Hurricanes	16	def	SA	12
WA	35	def	ALC Pres	5
WCL	16	def	Hurricanes	7
SA	22	def	ALC Pres	7
VIC	9	def	Hurricanes	8
WA	16	drew	WCL	16
Hurricanes	21	def	SA	6

Tournament Winners: Victoria - Tournament Trophy

Tournament MVP: Chase McGowan

Referees:

Neville Balfour (Chief referee), Lloyd Holmes, John Small, George Walker, Darren Fanner.

Catering Coordinator: Carol Thomas Billet Coordinator: Rebecca Willmott

Secretary: Rebecca Willmott Photographer: Sandra Hecker

ALC appointed Tournament Director: Helen Keane.

At the conclusion of the Championship the Australian All Stars team was selected based on individual performances:

Australian Under 17s All-Stars Team:

Timothy Kennedy

WA Josh Ardossi **VIC** Sabian Johnson VIC

Michael Sevoir VIC (co-captain)

VIC VIC Evan Willis

Coach: Rik Beniderks



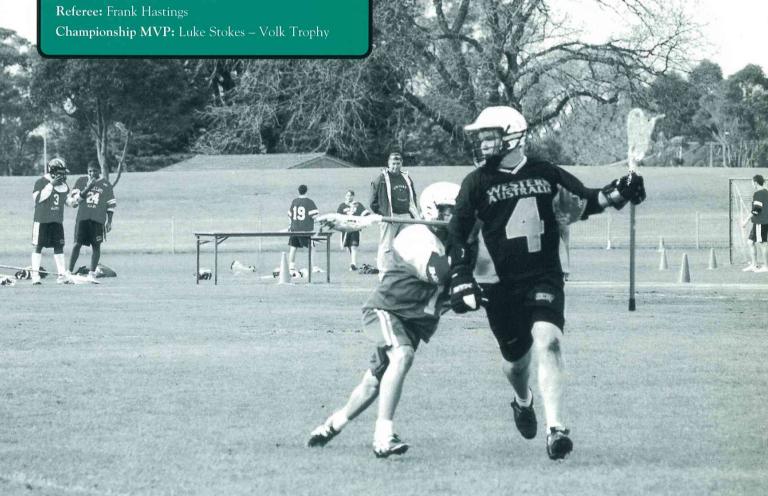
Senior Championship Referees, Rolfe Kraus, Rob Mollison, Dennis Mulroney and Mike Slattery.

Under 17s Championship trophies







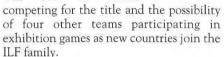


2002 World Championships

World Lacrosse comes Down Under

Year 2002 will see the International Lacrosse Federation World Lacrosse Championships come to Australia for the third time. In 1974 Melbourne hosted the second four-team championship event and

it was not until Perth hosted the Championship event in 1990 that the number of competing increased to five with the inclusion of the Iroquois nationals team. A team played Japan exhibition games at that but were event not included in the championship event. The 9th World Championship see 11 teams



The 2002 World Championship is the first ILF Championship for which the host venue has been determined through a bid process. The eight preceding events had been hosted twice each by Canada, Australia, England and USA in that sequence but the growth of international lacrosse with new member countries keen to participate resulted in the change to a bid process for selection of host nations. In Australia, Lacrosse Australia (new identity for the Australian Lacrosse Council) invited member state associations to submit bids for consideration and the Western Australian Lacrosse Association bid was selected for submission to the ILF. This bid was successful and so it is that Perth will host the 2002 World Championships. This is a remarkable performance when you consider that Australia is the only ILF member nation in the southern hemisphere. Of the 17 votes available at ILF meetings, only the two from Australia are from the southern hemisphere. It will take very strong bids in years to attract World Championship events down under.

The successful conduct of events which are held in Australia is a significant factor in being awarded future events and this requires financial support from government at all levels - Australian, state and local. It is of concern that recent advice from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) indicates that "the

ASC has decided to fold funds previously available for Direct Athlete Support and hosting international events back into the high performance program budget" when the bid to conduct the 2002 Championship included financial support available from ASC under ASC policy at the time of the bid submission. matter is being discussed



divided into two divisions based on final previous ranking championships. Each team plays each other team in their division in the qualifying round, with the team which finishes top of the Red Division playing the team which finishes fourth in the Blue Division for the right to finish the qualifying round in fourth position in the first pool (Blue). Semi-finals are played with Blue Division first playing fourth and second playing third - the winners playing for the championship title.

The draw to determine the schedule of games is held at a meeting of the ILF at least 12 months before the championship.

This is done by drawing team names from a "hat", making it a random sequence not able to be influenced by any member or argument.

The 2002 Championships organisation, after the successful bid, commenced with Steering Committee in December 1997 and the Organising Committee established under leadership of George Halleen in February 1999. A preliminary planning session conducted on June 12, 1999, assisted in the establishment of the committee vision for the event and portfolio roles, as well as a broad timeframe for activities.

Establishing the most suitable dates for the championships was a priority issue and school holiday dates in all states for 2002 were determined to ensure that the Australian U15 and U17 Championships /Tournaments could be held at the time of the World Championships to enable all those junior players, and their parents and supporters, to be part of the international lacrosse festival. July 6-14 are the dates which have been endorsed by Lacrosse Australia and will be advised to the ILF meeting in August.

The venue has also been a priority issue as it was recognised that the grass field of Australian Western Cricket Association (WACA) would not handle the five games every day for seven days. The venue sub-committee invited all potential venue managers to submit "tenders" for evaluation, and negotiations are nearing completion after more than 12 months. When the venue is finalised the most appropriate "village style" accommodation will be identified and offered to participating teams.

Every player, supporter, parent, coach, referee, water boy, scorer and friend of lacrosse needs to book holidays for July 6-14, 2002, to ensure you can be part of the greatest international festival of lacrosse ever seen in Australia.

General correspondence regarding the 2002 World Lacrosse Championship should be sent to the following address for the attention of the appropriate person:

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(618) 9387 5756 Telephone: (618) 9387 8814 Fax:

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Rising Stars

ach issue, the Australian Lacrosse Journal plans to profile some of the sport's rising stars. This issue's future stars are Hamish Sinclair Ross, a member of the 1998 Under 19s Australian squad, Kim Delfs, a member of the East Fremantle club and Chris Tillotson, a member of Surrey Park Club. If you would like to nominate a player for the rising star section please send information, similar to the below profiles to Australian Lacrosse Journal, PO Box 162, Wembley Western Australia 6014. Or multisports@wan.sr ausport.gov.au



Name: Hamish Sinclair-Ross

Nickname: Chippy

Date of birth: 18-2-81

Birthplace: Dubbo NSW

Club: Burnside, SA

Coach: Alan White

How old when started playing lacrosse:

14-years-old

Why did you start: Wanted to play a new sport after a severe illness

What do you like about it: Opportunities to advance

Career highlight: Playing in Australian

Under 19 squad in 1998

Career low: Nil

Goals - 2000 season: To play for South

Australian senior team

Goals - long-term: To play for Australia

Personal motto: Great family

involvement

Likes: Lacrosse

Dislikes: Bad sportsmanship

Hobbies: Sport fitness, scuba diving

Favourite food: Pasta - spaghetti

bolognaise

Favourite movie: Fight Club

Sportsperson most admired - and why: Shaun Rehn because of his persistence

and love of the game

Who has had the greatest influence on your sporting career: Parents - for the opportunity to play sport



Name: Kin Delfs

Date of birth: 6-3-81

Birthplace: Perth WA

Club: East Fremantle, WA

Coach: John Denic, Jeff Kennedy

How old when started playing lacrosse:

Around the age of 5

Why did you start: Dad used to play

What do you like about it: It is a fast

Career highlight: Winning the club 1999 premiership; winning also the 2000 Australian Championships

Career low: Losing two premierships beforehand for club lax

Goals - 2000 season: To win the premiership for 2000 for East Freo

Goals - long-term: To pass my SAT and go to Adelphi University USA

Hobbies: Skurfing, backyard cricket, diving

Favourite food: Spaghetti bolognaise

Favourite drink: Red Creaming Soda

Favorite movie: Can't Hardly Wait

Who has had the greatest influence on your sporting career: Family, coaches,

team-mates

Editor's Note: Chris obviously has the right pedigree to become a champion. He is the son of Gary, an Australian representative; grandson of the late ALC Secretary, George Tillotson, and nephew of Rick a formidable Australian centreman.



Name: Chris Tillotson

Nickname: Tillo

Date of Birth: 21-4-84

Birthplace: St Andrews Hospital,

Melbourne

Club: Surrey Park, Vic

Coach: Adam Moore, Cameron

McLoughlin

How old when starting playing lacrosse: 8

Why did you start: I liked it, I had been watching it all my life because my dad played it so I thought I would give it a go.

What do you like about it: It's different, it's very physical, it's very fast moving.

Career highlight: Playing in the 1998 and 1999 Under 15 nationals for the Eastside Kings. Playing in the 2000 Under 17 Nationals for the Hurricanes

Career low: Losing all 3 junior grand

finals I have played in

Goals - 2000 season: For our team to make the final 4

Goals - long-term: To represent Victoria and Australia at a senior level

Personal Motto: Make the most of every

opportunity

Likes: Footy, Cricket

Dislikes: Losing

Hobbies: Going out with mates.

Watching TV

Favourite food: Pizza

Favourite drink: Coke

Favourite movie: The Shawshank

Redemption

Sportsperson most admired: Nathan Buckley, Mark Waugh.

and why: Because they are both so

skilful.

Who has had the greatest influence on your sporting career: Dad and all my junior coaches.

Australian Team 2002

Proud Australia - Proud Australians

by Malcolm Stokes

A ustralians have good reason to be proud of the history of lacrosse in Australia since it was first played in 1874. Through the adversity of world wars which savaged player numbers, poor access to equipment which restricted access to the game for many,

and the tyranny of distance internationally, nationally and even in our sprawling cities and between metropolitan and country centres, lacrosse has continued to be enjoyed by thousands of Australians.

Some people describe lacrosse as an "amateur" sport but, given the dictionary definition of an amateur as "one who practices a thing only as a pastime; unpaid player etc", this fails to

recognise the fact that lacrosse enjoys more professional management, officiating, coaching and playing from "volunteers" or unpaid people, than many (highly) paid sports. The "amateur" label does lacrosse a great disservice.

Perhaps the best area to consider comparisons is the performance of Australia in World Championships where, every four years, we have the opportunity to compare ourselves with all other lacrosse nations. There have World been eight Lacrosse since 1967 Championships and Australia has won four silver medals and four bronze medals! The USA has won seven gold medals and Canada, where lacrosse is the national sport, has one gold, three silver and four bronze medals.

The many people, all volunteers, who have made this achievement possible over the past 33 years have every reason to be proud of this record.

And in the year 2002 another Australian lacrosse team will represent their country at the highest level with the vision that Australia is the World Lacrosse Champion nation. Their task, to make that vision a reality, is to win the 2002 World Lacrosse Championship.

A lot has changed in the lacrosse world since that first championship in Canada in 1967. The ILF has developed in size and in "sophistication". It has grown from four members to 11 members and the rules are now well documented and formalised. The rotation for hosting

events has given over to a competitive tender process and teams are now responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

The management of Australian teams has also changed in this period. In 1986 Lacrosse Australia introduced the Executive Director position which takes overall responsibility for the processes involved in establishing and preparing a team to

represent Australia.

Malcolm Stokes



John Denic has been appointed as team coach and positions of team manager, assistant manager (3), assistant coaches, physiotherapist and media and promotions co-ordinator have been advertised through all clubs in Australia, with applications required in July.

A squad of players will be invited to be considered for selection in the team and they will

each State by the coaches. Preparation will include a trip to USA/Canada to experience strong international competition. Several training camps will be held, one with the squad and another two after the team is selected in October 2001.

Past Australian Championships have significantly influenced by Australian Team activities in the year of the World Championships. In 1990 and 1994 the Australian Championships were conducted immediately prior to the Championship World and Australian Team participated as a team in the Australian Tournament as part of their preparation. In 1998 the Australian Team did not participate in the Australian Championships, and most players, other than those from host state Victoria, did not play in their state teams because of the costs involved. Either way it produced an "artificial" result for the Australian Championship as state teams were deprived of their best players. It is planned for the 2002 Australian team to compete for their respective state teams in the 2002 Australian Championships before playing games against "All-Star" teams leading into the World Championship event. The potentially different format for Australian Championships being considered at this time will be taken into account in planning the program.

A difference in the team arrangements for 2002 is the elimination of the three additional players during the championship. Each team will commence the championships with 23 players and they are the only players who can be used for the total championship period. This makes fitness, injury avoidance and injury recovery important.





Because all team members are "volunteers" - no one is paid - costs are an important factor in team planning. Obviously the team aims to find sufficient sources of revenue to eliminate cost as a factor in the membership of the team. To be able to offer team members a program which will not cost money - as well as the time and personal effort it requires - would be great. But this has not yet been able to be achieved.

Australian government funding is accessed from the ASC/Australian Institute of Sport through Lacrosse Australia. Sponsorship from the private sector is actively sought. Equipment

suppliers are encouraged to support the team but no team sponsorship can be accepted which requires any team member to use any specific brand of playing or personal equipment.

Lacrosse Australia offers a "loan" facility through Lacrosse Australia Trust Fund to assist teams in getting started. The Trust Fund was started with proceeds from the 1986 Australian Team and requires a contribution from each Australian team to enable it to build into a useful financial asset for future Australian teams.

Some Australian teams have adopted an "identity" such as the 1994-98 Aussie Sharks and this is a matter to be

considered by the team for 2002.

The next two years will be an exciting and busy time for a team of people committed to their task and working with "a feeling of elation and pleasure" (the dictionary definition of pride) to make their vision a reality.

The support of every Association, every club, every lacrosse person in this period and during the Championships will make us all "feel greatly honoured" (proud).



...stories continued from "In the Net"

Under 15 News

WANNEROO

This year's National Under 15 Lacrosse
Tournament is being sponsored by
Healthway, the WA government's health
promotion body. The tournament will be known as
the "Smarter Than Smoking" 2000 National Under 15s
Lacrosse Tournament.

The tournament will be held in Perth from September 23-30, at the Wanneroo Football Club, Kingsway Sporting Complex, Kingsway, Landsdale, in Perth's northern suburbs and is being hosted by the Wanneroo Lacrosse Club and the WA Lacrosse Association.

Teams to nominate to date include Eastside Kings, Western Metros and Southern Crosse from Victoria; the Eastern Eagles and Western Reds from South Australia; and the Southern Braves and Northern Thunder from Western Australia. Depending on player availability, these teams may be joined by an ALC Panthers team to make up an eight-team competition. All

teams are currently going through their training and selection processes and there is every indication that standards will be very high across the board.

The Wanneroo Lacrosse Club, with the assistance of other WA clubs, has a very active organising committee for the tournament and planning for the event is well under way, with the current major task being the arrangement of billets for all players.

The website for the tournament can be found at www.supacool.com/lacrosse/

For further information please contact George Walker on (08) 9342 5930 or by email on ironman@opera.iinet.net.au.



Morris heads to Scotland

North Adelaide Lacrosse member Scott Morris is on his way to Scotland to play in the European Lacrosse Championships this month. Scott is eligible to play in the championships as both his parents are Scottish.

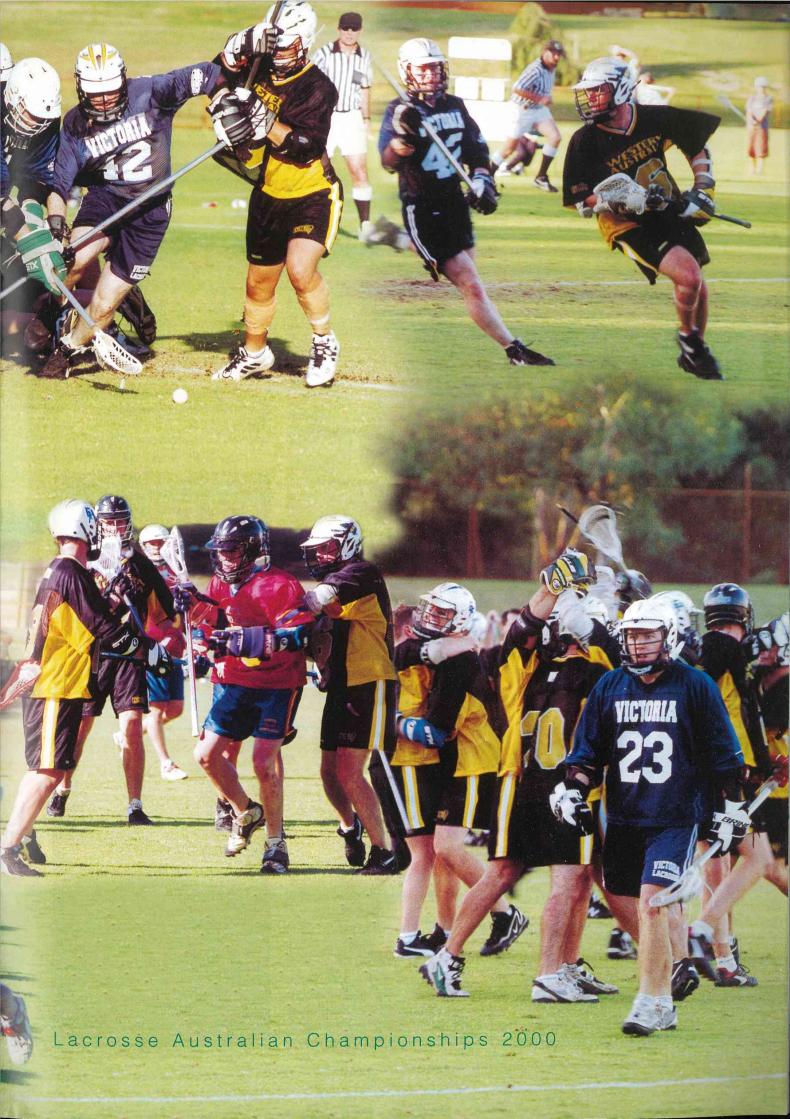
The championships to be held at Glasgow High Sports Centre, are contested between England, Wales, Scotland, Germany, Czech Republic and Sweden.

Morris will represent Scotland in the seven-day tournament which is an excellent opportunity for Australian players to gain game experience in overseas competition. Good luck to Scott.

Look for Scott's report in the December issue of the Australian Lacrosse Journal.







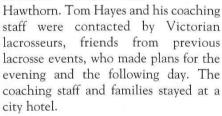
Rutgers University Down Under Lacrosse

Melbourne July 2-5

DAY 1

The Rutgers party arrived at Tullamarine Airport on Sunday, July 2, and were greeted by Victorian Lacrosse Association President John Harris and his wife Ging; Eltham Lacrosse Club President Kendrea Kendall and Eltham Lacrosse Club Vice-President and coordinator of the Melbourne leg of their tour, Mary C Millar.

The host families were waiting for the team's arrival at the Eltham rooms and were whisked away to various afternoon activities. Some wished to rest, others were taken out for lunch and a large group went to the MCG to watch a game of Australian rules football between Carlton and



DAY 2

The families hosting the Rutgers players took them to various places in Victoria which included Phillip Island and surfing on the Victorian coastline. They also went sightseeing along the Great Ocean Road, Healesville Sanctuary, Melbourne Aquarium, sight seeing from the top of the Rialto, Southbank, and Crown Casino. In the evening they were taken to several of Melbourne's nightspots. Those staying in the city also had tours around Melbourne.

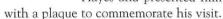
DAY 3

The Rutgers players and coaches conducted lacrosse clinics for 60 of Eltham's junior players. Stations included shooting, defensive work, ground balls, warm-up preparations for games etc. All the children thoroughly

enjoyed the two-hour exercise especially the under 11 players who were eager for the players to sign their lacrosse balls and t-shirts later in the day.

The clinic was followed by a luncheon provided by the Eltham Lacrosse Club for their visitors which included all the support staff and families. An official welcome to Australia, Victoria and the Eltham Lacrosse Club was made by club

president Kendrea Kendall who wished them a happy Independence Day and thanked them for choosing Melbourne as a stopover, especially as it Eltham gave opportunity to host its first US college group. Kendrea made special mention of achievements of Tom Hayes and presented him



She also presented a plaque to assistant coach Bob De Marco for the Rutgers

lacrosse team wall. A welcoming speech was also made by the Member for Templestowe.

Kendrea Kendall, Carlo

Furletti and Tom Hayes

A lacrosse game between the visitors and Eltham was held in the afternoon. Every senior player at Eltham was given the opportunity to play and Eltham was represented by 25 players from State League and both Division 1 teams. Eltham surprised the visitors with a 5-

2 lead at quarter-time, and Rutgers with a team of 31 eventually came out winners 26-16 in a game that was played without incident and in fine spirit. This would be the only club game that the Rutgers would play and was a great example of the camaraderie and friendship that is evident in the lacrosse fraternity worldwide.

Eltham again provided dinner for the visitors which was followed by a July 4 party. The rooms were decorated in the red, white and blue, and a disc jockey

provided music well into the night. Speeches were made and reciprocated and the traditional boat race was held with Rutgers once again the winners. A great time was had by all!

DAY 4

The following morning the players were once again brought back to Eltham for their bus trip to Tullamarine and on to Adelaide for the second leg of their tour.

* Mary Millar is Eltham Lacrosse Club deputy vice president and co-ordinated the Rutgers July 2000 Tour.

By Mary Millar

ILF President in Perth

Tom Hayes was wearing two hats when he flew into Perth on Saturday, July 8 - one as head

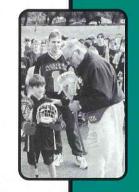
coach of Rutgers University lacrosse team and the other as ILF president.

It was in his capacity as ILF president that Hayes was escorted by 2002 World Lacrosse Championship Organising Committee chairman, George Halleen, to the various venues that are planned to be used in the conduct of

the 2002 World Lacrosse Championships.

Hayes met various members of the 2002 Organising Committee during his visit and recalled the successful 1990 World Championships previously conducted in Perth. Hayes will report to the ILF meeting in Scotland in August.

Caption: Tom Hayes instructs Daniel Shields (10 years).



Rutgers Visit



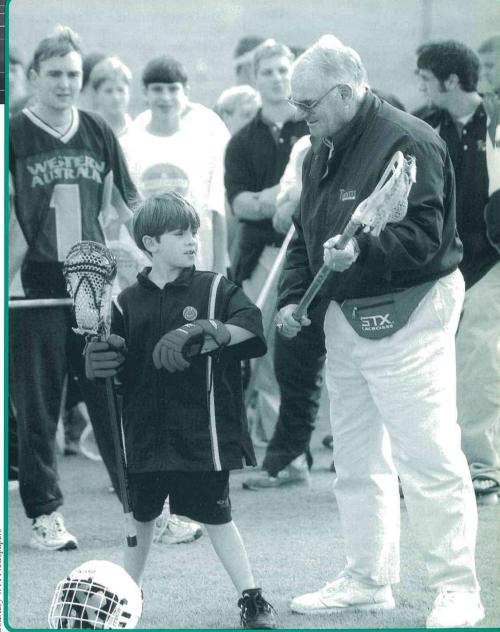
Rutgers and Eltham players.

The Rutgers University (New Jersey, New York, USA) lacrosse team arrived in Perth on Saturday, July 8, for the last leg of its Australian tour. All reports indicated that the tour to this point had been successful and Perth was confident of a similar result.

WALA Directors Eric Durnthaler (Director of Coaching) and Cameron Blair (Director of Senior Lacrosse) took responsibility for arranging the program of lacrosse activities while the team was in Perth. This included a game against the WA state senior team on Sunday afternoon that was preceded by a junior coaching clinic at Floreat Oval, home of the Wembley Lacrosse Club. Director of Junior Lacrosse Kevin McRae ensured arrangements were in place for the coaching clinic and 60 young lacrosse players had the opportunity to learn new skills under the guidance of Rutgers team members.

The match in the afternoon was an exciting, strongly contested game with goals hard to score by both teams. Western Australia ran out winners 14-8. (Perhaps one contributing factor to Rutgers loss was a "less than best" performance of two or three players who couldn't resist the opportunity to go surfing in the morning when the surf was up!)

In welcoming the team to Western Australia, WALA President Don Rudderham, reminisced about the Rutgers team visit to Perth in 1980, pointing out that Tom Hayes, the current head coach of Rutgers was also head coach then. Many of those in attendance, including Don, had been involved with that visit.



Tom Hayes instructs Daniel Shields (10 years) whilst Warren Brown observes.

Tom Hayes, who responded on behalf of the touring party, indicated how enjoyable their tour to date had been. He indicated that Rutgers members enjoyed their interaction with both senior and junior players and they were looking forward to a day or two sightseeing in WA before departing in the early hours of July 12. The tour group were travelling to Hawaii, where a match was scheduled against the Hawaii Lacrosse Club, via Sydney. Tom

presented a plaque to the Western Australian Lacrosse Association to commemorate the visit.



Coin toss - night game, Port Adelaide



Rutgers University Team Visit

An American Perspective

By Dennis N. Fox

Thanks to Dennis N Fox who travelled with the Rutgers team and provided this account of their tour of Australia. Further information can be found on Rutgers website: www.athletics.rutgers.edu

When Coach Tom Hayes arrived in Melbourne on July 2 with the Rutgers University men's lacrosse team, he was not exactly in unfamiliar territory; he had first been to Melbourne in 1974 with the United States team in what became the second World Championship series. He also brought

The game with the Eltham Lacrosse Club was played on the fourth of July—American Independence Day. The Scarlet Knights looked a bit rusty in the first quarter as Eltham took an early 5 - 2 lead. Rutgers had not played a game in 58 days, and the 21-hour trip "down under" appeared to have taken a toll. But in the second quarter the Knights took control as their offense exploded for a string of 14 unanswered goals extending into the third quarter. The final result was a 26 - 16 Rutgers win. Both teams enjoyed



Rutgers relaxing

to play the game.

Stop two on the tour was Adelaide where the Glenelg Lacrosse Club hosted and greeted the visitors with a welcome A game with the South Australian senior state team was played on July 6 under lights at Port Adelaide Hockey Club. It was a less than beautiful but very competitive game. Rutgers took a 4-3 first quarter lead, but South Australia dominated the offensive action in the second period. Only some good defense and solid goal keeping held the South Australian team to a 5 - 4 halftime lead. The intense third period saw three ties and three lead changes and ended with the Australians clinging to a one point lead, 8 - 7, entering the final quarter of play. Rough play escalated into a scuffle at midfield in the last stanza that saw both teams lose a player by ejection. A flurry of penalty flags followed: six against Rutgers and three against South Australia. The Aussies scored four consecutive goals with Rutgers a man down, while the Knights could not find the net. It was a 12 - 7 victory for the SA team. Any unpleasantness was quickly forgotten at

the post-game party. Friendship is what the tour was all about. The Rutgers players enjoyed the post-game get togethers that are common in international play but quite unusual in intercollegiate play in the United States.



Rutgers Scarlet Knights and Eltham Lacrosse Club Panthers.

his 1980 Rutgers team on an Australian tour. But now, in 2000, it was the twentieth anniversary tour for his Scarlet Knights of Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey. The Rutgers contingent of 56 included 33 players, coaches, trainer, managers, family and friends. Over a period of 13 days the team visited and played games in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. A two day sightseeing stop in Sydney and a game in Hawaii concluded the 18 day Rutgers tour.

In Melbourne the Eltham Lacrosse Club was the host club for the visitors from the United States. Players were billeted with Australian families, players and club members who provided housing, transportation, meals and plenty of opportunities for sightseeing and sampling the local culture, an activity which the Rutgers players enjoyed with gusto.

the post-game barbecue in the clubhouse which was festooned with red, white and blue decorations.

In both Melbourne and Perth the Knights provided morning junior clinics. Young Aussie lacrosse players, ages 8 - 18, got one-on-one instruction

from Rutgers players under the direction of Hayes and assistant coach Bob DeMarco. Sporting newlyacquired Rutgers gear, some Aussie kids became instant Scarlet Knights fans. With customary missionary zeal,

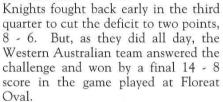
Coach Hayes exhorted the Aussie youngsters to become "missionaries for lacrosse" by getting three or four friends



Lacrosse drills

By the time the Rutgers players arrived in Perth, they had traveled 12,084 miles (19,447 km) in nine days and played their third game in six days when they took on the Western Australia senior state team. The Rutgers "road warriors"

might have been a bit weary but did not lack for effort. The Western Australia team showed why they the were newly crowned Australian national champs as they took an early lead and gradually pulled away. It was 2 - 1 after one quarter and 8 - 4 at the halftime.



In Perth the Wembley Lacrosse Club was the host club and provided a pregame lunch and a post-game "sizzle." The Western Australian State Team provided home-stays for Rutgers players. The Rutgers team also put on a morning clinic for juniors where Coach Hayes greeted each participant and instructed them to "get on the wall" to practice their shooting: "100 with the left hand and 100 with the right every day."

With lots of help from their Australian hosts and their own creative abilities, there wasn't much that the Rutgers players and the rest of the visiting contingent did not do while in Australia. They surfed (Indian and

Pacific Oceans), kayaked (Avon River, WA), climbed bridges (Sydney), petted koalas, chased kangaroos, ate crocodile,

> visited the symphony and opera, saw all the usual tourist sights, and sampled lots of the night life.

From Perth an overnight flight took the visitors to Sydney for a two sightseeing stop. While two days can

most of their time in the city preparing to host the 2000 Olympics.

The final stop on the tour was in Honolulu, Hawaii where the team played its fourth and final game. Rutgers played the Hawaii Lacrosse Club, composed mainly of former mainland college players and some local talent, and won by a score of 18 - 6.

Another overnight flight put the Rutgers team back in New Jersey on July 18 with plenty of souvenirs and countless memories of the warm Australian and Hawaiian hospitality.

Although Coach Haves is now officially retired as the Rutgers coach after a 26-year career at the New Jersey university, as the President of the International Lacrosse Federation (ILF), he will be returning again to Australia in 2002 for the World Championship competition in Perth.

By Dennis N. Fox



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VALE

Tribute to John "Wes" Patterson

uscarora Indian Nation - John Wesley Patterson Jr, 74, a former lacrosse champion who manufactured custommade lacrosse sticks on the Tuscarora Reservation and sold them worldwide, died June 26, in Mount St Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, after a brief illness.

Called the "Father of Lacrosse" in Maryland, where he played and coached the sport in the 1950s, Patterson will be inducted into the US Lacrosse Hall of Fame in Baltimore in October. He is already in the Rochester-Western New York chapter of the Lacrosse Hall of Fame, the Springfield (Mass.) College Hall of Fame and the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

Patterson, who ran Tuskewe Krafts on Upper Mountain Road with his wife Carol, had hundreds of distributors for his lacrosse sticks from Adelaide, Australia, to the Czech Republic. He was a member of the White Bear Clan.

Most high school lacrosse players across Western New York, including Niagara-Wheatfield players, use Patterson's sticks.

Born and raised on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation, Patterson was 10 when he took a great interest in lacrosse, a game invented by his Iroquois forefathers.

He was still a teenager when he began fashioning lacrosse sticks out of the hickory trees that grew on the reservation. Today, Tuskewe Krafts is one of the few manufacturers still making wooden lacrosse sticks, as plastic sticks gain prominence.

After serving in the Navy during World War II, Patterson graduated from LaSalle High School in 1947. He moved to Springfield, Mass, where he majored in physical education at Springfield College and was an all-New England lacrosse player.

His record of 25 goals in two days - 13 against Dartmouth and 12 against Tufts - still stands.

After graduating from Springfield College, Patterson taught physical education and was lacrosse coach for the Baltimore School District for 20 "Wes" as he was affectionately years. He founded the first youth league in Baltimore County and earned the known, will be remembered by many title "Father of Lacrosse". He received lacrosseurs in Australia. Condolences the Baltimore County Board of Education Service Award.

In 1970, Patterson returned to the Tuscarora Reservation with his fiancee Carol M. Morelock and started the cottage industry

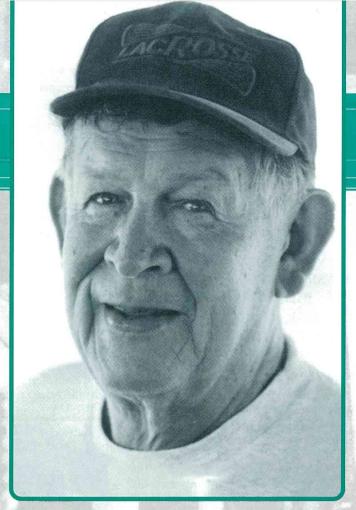
that eventually earned him worldwide recognition and respect.

Patterson donated several sticks to start-up lacrosse programs in Canada, France, Belgium, the Czech Republic and Japan.

"He was a very good and kind man," said Peggy Printup, who grew up with Patterson. "At 6-foot-5, he was a gentle giant."

In 1983, he formed the Iroquois national team, serving as its first executive director. He also coached the Niagara University lacrosse team, Buffalo Lacrosse Club, Iroquois All-Stars, and since 1996 assisted his wife coaching the University of Buffalo women's lacrosse team.

One of his proudest accomplishments was winning the right for native American lacrosse players to travel to events around the world on an Iroquois Nations passport.



The Tuscarora Community Service Award was added to his list of accolades.

William L. Ross, who is the Niagara-Wheatfield High School's athletic director said: "Wes Patterson first was a lacrosse legend in Western New York, whose foundation work in this sport helped make this sport, this high school sport, the fastestgrowing interscholastic sport in section six ... Wes Patterson was an outstanding man.

Ross said that in 1975, Patterson provided the school the blueprint for the school's varsity team, the first in western New

Patterson's business nearly went under last August when he was among almost half of the Tuscarora residents who lost telephone service during a stand-off between

> the Tuscarora Council of Chiefs and Bell Atlantic. The chiefs told the phone company it could install or repair phones only for individuals and businesses sanctioned by the council.

Tuskewe Krafts, which needs several phone lines for its national and international calls, faxes and e-mails, lost its

phone service when a construction truck accidentally pulled down overhead lines. Although the Council of Chiefs gave Bell Atlantic permission to enter the reservation and repair Patterson's lines, Bell refused until it could service all customers.

are extended to his family from the

Australian lacrosse fraternity.

Patterson's phone lines were eventually repaired, but the several months he went without phone service were "the toughest in all my years in business", Patterson said at the time.

"We went down to rock bottom. We sell these sticks all over the world, and now the world can't get to us," he said.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, John Wesley III and Kevin Michael, both of Las Vegas; a daughter, Patricia Ann Davis of Camp Verde, Arizona; a sister, Leak Nae Hippman of New Haven, Connecticut; and five grandchildren.



What a Fellow is Fox

Former Australian captain Doug Fox has been awarded the highest possible honour in Australian lacrosse, with his recent induction as a Fellow of the sport.

Fox, the current ALC Director of Development, was nominated by the Victorian Lacrosse Association to become the 19th Fellow of the Australian Lacrosse Council.

ALC President Leighton Beamsley said the award - for outstanding service to lacrosse in Australia - is a "rare and great honour", with only one person inducted each year.

On presenting the award to Fox, Beamsley said it seemed "inappropriate" to introduce him in terms of statistics, however his achievements were so impressive they deserved mention.

Fox's list of achievements and positions in lacrosse is a lengthy combination of playing, coaching and administration positions.

With a playing career spanning 38 years, Fox established himself as an outstanding player at club, state and national levels.

He began his career as a junior player at Camberwell in 1954, before moving to Melbourne University where he played from 1963-68 and captained the team from 1966-68. In 1969 Fox moved on to play for Surrey Park A section, where he remained for the next six years. In 1976 he made his final move as a player back to the club where it all began Camberwell, playing senior grades from 1976-92 before retiring to take on coaching.

In 1966 Fox was named in the Victorian senior team, representing his state for the next 11 years, in 1970 he was named vice-captain of the team and in '73 captain.

Fox has represented Australia on seven occasions from 1967-1974. In this time he captained the team in 1968, '70 and '74, was vice-captain of the Australian touring team in '72 and captain of the '74 World Series in Melbourne.

Fox took up coaching in 1969 as junior coach and co-ordinator at Camberwell; a position he still holds. During this period he coached the senior A section at Camberwell in 77, 78 and 85. Fox is currently the Director of Development of the ALC, a position he has held for the past 10 years.

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Presentation of Hobbs Trophy to Warren Brown (MVP Australian Championship) by ALC Fellow Doug Fox.



Career Snapshot

Awards, Trophies, Honours

- 1966 Vince Memorial Trophy VLA Best and Fairest Player
- 1967 Blue Sports Award Melbourne University
- 1970 Winner ALC Best Player Award at Australian Championships
- 1975 Victorian Amateur Sports Club -Sportsman of the Year
- 1979 ALC Certificate of Merit Award
- 1981 VLA Life Membership Award
- 1982 Camberwell Lacrosse Club Life Membership Award
- 1994 Melbourne University Lacrosse Club -Geoff West Shield - Award for Service

Playing History

National:

Australian team - 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974 Australian captain - 1968, 1970, 1974 World Series

Vice-captain - Australian touring team 1972 Australian combined universities captain -1967-68

State:

Victorian senior team - 1966-77 Victorian captain - 1973 Vice-captain - 1970, 1971

Club:

Junior - Camberwell 1954-62 Melbourne University A section: 1963-68 Melbourne University A section captain -1966-68

Surrey Park A section - 1969-75 Senior - Camberwell 1976-92



The Town of Cambridge Shield

Schools get into Modcrosse Promotion

A West Australian club has adopted a community-minded approach to introduce and develop the sport of lacrosse in schools.

Wembley Lacrosse Club's Director of Junior Lacrosse Kevin McRae approached the local council in the Town of Cambridge last year to donate a shield to award the winner of a modcrosse competition between schools in the area.

Modcrosse is a modified non-contact version of lacrosse, played by both boys and girls in schools throughout WA.

The introduction of the Town of Cambridge Shield has added further prestige and interest to the schools competition and enhanced McRae's push to help develop the sport at grassroots level.

With the support of the local council, who came on board last year, McRae has added another dimension to the promotion of the sport in WA.

The inaugural Town of Cambridge Shield was won by Wembley at an interschool sports day with Mount



Cambridge Councillor Alan Langer, presenting the Cambridge Shield.

Hawthorn, Highgate, Floreat and City Beach primary schools - alongside mainstream sports like netball, soccer and football. The Wembley Lacrosse Club ran the modcrosse event, which involved providing goals, marking grounds, providing referees and ensuring gear was available for all teams.

This year the same five schools participated and the overall winner of the modcrosse was decided by the outcome of the last game of the day between Mount Hawthorn who had not lost a game (but had drawn one) and the undefeated Floreat.

A draw would be enough for Floreat to be the overall winner, however in an exciting game Mount Hawthorn managed to win by one goal to be the overall champions of the day. As Mount Hawthorn was not in the Town of Cambridge the shield was presented to Floreat

McRae hopes in coming years that more schools in the Cambridge area become involved adding to the prestige of winning the Town of Cambridge shield.



Cambridge Shield winners.

Life Member

Referee Reddaway Recognised

By Ian McRae

Life Membership of any organisation is a remarkable achievement but when it is awarded to a referee one has to wonder what drives someone to stay around long enough to simply qualify for consideration.

During the recent Senior Championships in Perth the Australian Lacrosse Referees' Association (national body) presented Graeme Reddaway with his Life Membership Certificate.

Graeme's dedication to lacrosse can be traced back to when his older brother Roy took him to Malvern Lacrosse Club. Starting as a nine-year-old Graeme quickly developed as a forward and midfield player and by the time he was 13 he was representing Victoria in the Under 16 state team. He played in the Under 16 state team until he passed the age limit and moved on to the senior state team. He was selected to represent Australia at the first World Championships which were held in Toronto, Canada.

In 1978 he finished playing and coached at Malvern Lacrosse Club before moving on to the challenge of refereeing in 1980.

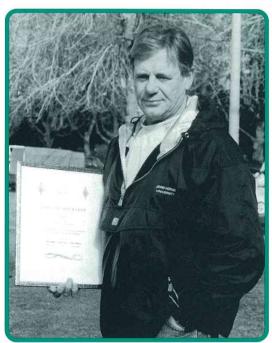
Given the limited training he received on his introduction to refereeing it is a credit to his perseverance that by 1983 he officiated at his first Australian Senior Championships and continued to run the field until 1992.

On the international scene Graeme has officiated in the 1986 and 1990 Senior World Championships. Injuries suffered in a house fire prevented him from officiating in the 1988 Under 19 World Championships, held in Adelaide.

In 1991 Graeme became the Referee in Chief of Australia and he began to work with the various state chief referees in bringing the different rule interpretations and officiating styles that were obvious at senior championships, into a common standard. Seeing an opportunity to progress the issues and development needs of both refereeing and coaching Graeme accepted the offer of ALC Director of Coaching and Officiating

when Dennis Mulroney vacated the position.

Graeme believes that lacrosse is losing too many players through the lack of suitable coaching and as Director of Coaching and Officiating he is overseeing the development of coaching accreditation programs. In conjunction



ALRA Life Member Graeme Reddaway.

with ALRA and through the technical committee, a standard training program is being developed to ensure that Australia continues to produce the quality and standard of referee who can reach the final of a World Championships.

Asked to reflect on his involvement in lacrosse, Graeme gave some diplomatic responses among some cherished moments.

Australian Lacrosse Journal (ALJ): What was your highest achievement as a player?

Graeme Reddaway (GR): Winning the Fairest and Best trophy at the 1965 Australian Championships in Perth. (Victoria has not beaten WA in Western Australia since)

ALJ: Of all the Australian senior

championships you have officiated at, which one do you consider the best?

GR: The 1983 championship, Victoria against South Australia. In the last five to 10 minutes, Victoria was six goals ahead. Klay Johnson and Jay Foster combined on the SA team to win the title for South Australia.

ALJ: Who are some of the characters you have met through lacrosse?

GR: Too many to name. Lacrosse is one of those sports that if you were to walk down any street in the world with a stick under your arm someone would come up to you and say "so you play lacrosse". A conversation is started and maybe a friendship begins.

ALJ: Who do you consider to be the best Australian referees you have either officiated with or worked with?

GR: Not in any order, Gordon Elder, John Nolan, Peter Noble, Mike Slattery, Dennis Mulroney, Terry Culley, Craig Wilson, Peter Knight.

ALJ: Are you still an active referee and if yes, what grades do you officiate?

GR: Yes, I'm still active and I referee all grades, including juniors.

ALJ: What incentives do you think refereeing holds for the younger person today?

GR: Today there is a better career path than ever before - with national tournaments/championships and two levels of world championships. Anyone who has the dedication can participate at the highest level they can achieve.

ALJ: You have told me about your participation in a number of premiership teams with Malvern Lacrosse Club, do you have any special year that you are proud of?

GR: The special year would have to be when I was just under 14 and played in the under 14 grand final at 10am, the under 16 at 12pm and then B grade at 2.15pm and we won them all."



North Queensland

By Daren Potts

Lacrosse - the hottest game in the tropics ...

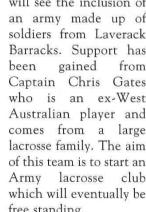
North Oueensland recently Lacrosse completed its inaugural season. Lacrosse in the north runs two shortened seasons to cater for the large involvement of students at James Cook University. On Saturday, June 3, Pat Brennan of the Queensland Lacrosse Association conducted a Level 1 Referees Course in Townsville. There were 12 participants who were put through their

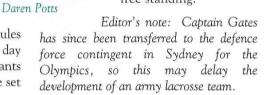
paces in terms of knowledge of the rules and the role of the referee. The day concluded with a chance for participants to referee periods of a half field game set up for the purpose.

Daren Potts, JCU Lacrosse Club President and North Queensland Lacrosse convenor was a recent guest of Lacrosse Australia at the National Championships and ALC Board meeting in Perth. Apart from viewing the states competing for national supremacy Potts was able to meet the ALC Board members and report on the development of lacrosse in the country's newest league. As guest of the ALC, Potts was able to see the details of the 2002 World Championships to be held in Perth, an event that is already exciting much interest in north Queensland.

During the dry season months lacrosse training sessions were conducted at local high schools. Over 80 boys participated in mod-lacrosse and will form the basis of an under 15 competition to run in the fourth term. It is anticipated a north Queensland regional team will head to Brisbane for the Under 15 tournament next year.

> second season, The beginning on August 2, will see the inclusion of an army made up of soldiers from Laverack Barracks. Support has gained from Captain Chris Gates who is an ex-West Australian player and comes from a large lacrosse family. The aim of this team is to start an lacrosse club which will eventually be free standing.





October will herald the arrival of Stacey Appleton who will be conducting women's lacrosse clinics. It is hoped this will provide the catalyst for the formation of a women's competition to run over the summer months. Much support has been gained from the AWLC for lacrosse in Townsville and it is only fitting that women's version of the sport gains a foothold in the north.

North Queensland Lacrosse has gained its own website:

www.geocities.com/nqlacrosse/spine.html

If you are aware of any ex-lacrosse players (no matter how old) who live in North Queensland please don't hesitate to contact Daren Potts on:

Phone: 0414 499 146 or Email: Daren.Potts@jcu.edu.au



Finally, after several months in the wilderness, the men of NSW have begun to play competitive lacrosse. Introducing a hybrid game between box and field, the guys are playing

historic Rocks district of Sydney, the popular place for many locals as well.

For those who are in town and would like a game, starting times are 2pm on Saturdays at the King George the 5th Recreation facility, Cumberland planned for the future.

There will be some weekends where availability of the venue, so if you're contact with one of the organisers

If you are going to be in town during arrange games during this time, so to participate in some lax while here.

Paradise Lacrosse Tournament, every Sunday followed by a mixed game with the women at noon.

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Pied Piper - Ray Trevaskis - organiser of Paradise 2000.

Queensland

By Graham Nicholls

As half of the year has passed it is time to reflect on what has happened in the previous six months.

Juniors are active in Caboolture and Gold Coast Camira will not start again until after the September school holidays.

Caboolture has continued to keep lacrosse going in the area with most of the 24 boys and girls participating in regular Wednesday evening games under lights. This is being looked after by Tony Quinn and Ray Trevaskis.

Gold Coast started again this year at the Broadbeach Soccer Venue but due to the inability to keep Friday evenings on a regular basis, we have decided to move the club to Palm Beach All Stars Club. This will also coincide with our future plans of staging the year 2001 U15 Nationals in the area.

Phil and Jenny Krause and Patrick Brennan are doing a great job with the kids.

As I have mentioned Camira will start

back after the September school break with Luke and Penny Couch organising the competition.

We have centralised our outdoor competition at the Kallinga Recreation Field which, in the history of lacrosse in Queensland, was the host to many a game of lacrosse until about 1952 when a shortage of hickory made the game "unplayable" due to lack of sticks. Thus the competition did not re-emerge until the late 80s early 90s when Ray Trevaskis arrived in Queensland and restarted lacrosse.

Indoor competition has been going ahead at the Toombul Indoor centre with the mid-year finals won by The Dusties. The finals produced some excellent lacrosse with the winning team scrapping home by one goal. The next indoor season started again on July 7.

Upcoming Events

Paradise 2000 is on again from October 5-8. For further information contact Ray Trevaskis on 07 5448 1370, mobile 0418 727 266 or email

laxman@microed.com.au

U15 Nationals are to be held in the year 2001 on the Gold Coast in the September school holidays. For further information contact QLD Lacrosse on 07 3272 2732, mobile 0409 491 788 or email qldlacrosse@bigpond.com.

Tasmania

Tasmania hosted the USA, England and Australian women's lacrosse teams in a tripartite test in conjunction with national championships in June/July. From all reports it was a great success. Well done, Tasmania.

Development of men's lacrosse is continuing in Tasmania which is encouraging. If you are re-locating or holidaying in Tasmania and want a game make sure to contact Rachel Dienaar on 03 6265 9059 (H) or mobile 0419 529 024 or email: <dienaar@netspace.net.au>

Western Australia

Night Games

SAVAVIII IX Idiān smolan The WALA has been experimenting with night games for Division One and Division Two matches this season. To date there has been a total of four night games - three at Tompkins Park (Phoenix Lacrosse Club) and one at Arena Joondalup (Wanneroo Lacrosse Club); the latter conducted on synthetic turf.

Night games introduce another exciting element to lacrosse by providing an environment that is both conducive to watching the game and socialising afterwards. The increasing number of spectators at these matches who enjoy the hospitality after the game is testament to its popularity.

More clubs will be looking at securing lighting at their grounds to ensure they are not left behind in this development which is certain to continue. Bayswater Club has already done much of the "homework" required to secure lights and other clubs will be following suite.

The trial results are encouraging with both spectators and players giving it the "thumbs up" and the Senior Lacrosse Director Cameron Blair and the WALA Board are to be congratulated on this initiative.

South Australia

By Lynton Arscott

Well, we thought 1999 was a busy year hosting the U19 world event and accompanying national championships but the year 2000 seems to be just as busy.

The domestic season commenced on April 1 which is earlier than usual due to the need to complete the season before the Sydney Olympic Games.

Can the Woodville League team win three premierships in a row ... well they are well poised to achieve that feat after 15 rounds but they are receiving some stern opposition from West Torrens, Sturt, Burnside and Brighton. We also welcome back to League the East Torrens Payneham Lacrosse Club.

The number of teams competing in the 2000 season has increased on last year particularly in the junior grades.

League	7 teams
Reserves	9 teams
B Grade	8 teams
U17	6 teams
U15	8 teams
U13	9 teams

Milestones

Congratulations to Alan Carr (Burnside) and Gary Mortimer (Glenelg) for recently playing their 500th senior game of lacrosse. Both of these stalwarts have given meritorious service to the sport and as well as playing, both are on the board of Lacrosse SA.

VLA Competition

By Kendrea Kendall

With precious few weeks remaining to the end of the 2000 season which is finishing early because of the Sydney Olympics, many clubs are anxiously awaiting the last day of competition to see if they have made it into the final series.

State League Malvem. Williamstown and Eltham have secured the top three spots, however not necessarily in that order, and fourth place has been hard fought by Camberwell and Surrey Park sides.

Division 1: Eltham Golds are secure on top of the ladder; they are undefeated at this stage and are hoping to go through the rest of the season and final series in the same way, and repeat last year's performance of being champions premiers. Challenges will come from Williamstown, Eltham Black, Surrey Park and the strong finishing Malvern side.

Division 2: Moreland, with JT and the Gibson brothers in their team, are doing very well and look to be the favourites for the flag, however Williamstown are always a threat and Camberwell who narrowly missed out last year, are also playing well and will go close. The two sides battling it out for fourth position Melbourne University Eltham.

Under 17: Williamstown appear to have a stranglehold on this division again this year, with many of their players in the victorious state team which took out the national title in early July.

VICTORIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION INC Premiership Tables - As at July 22, 2000

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Calendar

North Queensland

Mens Field Lacrosse, Season No. 2

August

- JCU Blue vs Stuart Round 1 2 Army vs JCU Yellow
- Round 2 Stuart vs Army
- JCU Yellow vs JCU Blue 11
- Army vs ICU Blue Round 3 16
 - 18 Stuart vs JCU Yellow
- Blue vs Stuart Round 4 23 Army vs JCU Yellow 25
- Round 5 30 Stuart vs Army

September

- JCU vs JCU Blue
- Round 6 Army vs JCU Blue
- Stuart vs JCU Yellow
- Round 7 Army vs JCU Yellow 15
- JCU Blue vs Stuart Round 8 Stuart vs Army 20
- JCU Yellow vs JCU Blue 22
- Round 9 23 Stuart vs JCU Yellow
 - 23 Army vs JCU Blue
 - 23 End-of-season BBQ JCU
 - main oval
- October Paradise Tournament, Southern Queensland

 - 7-22 Womens Coaching Clinics, Townsville

Boys Mod-Lacrosse (Townsville)

4th Term: Dates TBA

Western Australia

August

- 12 Final series
- 19 Final Series
- Awards Night 23
- 26 Final series 27 Masters Game, Floreat Oval

September

- 23-30 U15 Australian Championships Kingsway Sporting Complex
- Landsdale

24 Masters Game, Floreat Oval

October 5-8 Paradise 2000 Tournament, Qld

November

WALA Annual General Meeting

South Australia

August

Semi-finals East Torrens Payneham Lacrosse Club

September

- Preliminary finals
 - Sturt Lacrosse Club St Mary's
- Lacrosse SA awards night 6
- Unley Community Sports Club
- Grand final

Woodville Lacrosse Club Findon

November

Lacrosse SA, Annual General Meeting Sturt Lacrosse Club



Calendar

Lacrosse Australia

2000

August

4-6 ILC Meeting Glasgow23 Lacrosse AustraliaTeleconference

September

23-30 U15 Australian
 Championships
 Kingsway Sporting Complex
 Landsdale

 27 Lacrosse Australia Directors nominations due

October

Journal Deadline
 ALC AGM
 teleconference
 ALC Fellows Award
 nominations due
 ALC Certificate of Merit
 nominations due

November

10-12 ALC Board Meeting Melbourne

2001

July

8-14 Under 17s Championship/ Tournament Adelaide

September/October

30-6 Under 15s Tournament Queensland (tbc)

Lacrosse South Australia Premiership Tables - As at July 10, 2000

Team	Wins	Loss	Draws	Points For	Points Against	Points
League						
West Torrens Woodville Sturt Burnside Brighton E.T.P Glenelg	13 13 11 8 7 4 3	1 2 4 7 7 11 12	1 0 0 0 1 0	275 251 213 163 172 86 122	133 137 146 191 183 263 229	54 52 44 32 32 16 12
Reserves						
Nth Adelaide Woodville West Torrens Glenelg Brighton S. Districts Burnside E.T.P Sturt	12 11 9 7 7 5 4 3 2	0 1 3 5 5 7 8 9	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	219 140 154 128 150 131 102 63 76	63 68 112 118 121 156 171 187 166	48 44 36 28 28 20 16 12 8
B Grade						
Woodville University Brighton Glenelg Nth Adelaide E.T.P S. Districts	8 7 5 4 4 3 1	0 1 3 4 4 5 7	0 0 0 0 0	105 97 87 82 87 37	19 47 52 76 75 98 137	32 28 20 16 16 12 4
U17						
Glenelg E.T.P West Torrens Brighton Burnside Sturt	8 7 6 4 2 0	1 2 3 5 7 9	0 0 0 0 0	146 118 98 115 98 14	46 73 74 89 119 188	16 14 12 8 4 0

South Australia

Mens League Top 10 Statistics

Name	Team	Goals	Assists	Points	Games
Brett Howe	Woodville	57	14	71	14
Wesley Green	West Torrens	46	18	64	13
Konrad Frankee	Glenelg	39	7	46	13
Leigh Perham	Brighton	37	13	50	9
Adam Hamilton	Sturt	23	59	59	13
James Inge	Woodville	34	11	45	7
A Hansford	West Torrens	32	7	39	11
Paul Larwood	West Torrens	29	20	49	14
Anthony Feleppa	Woodville	29	14	43	12
Peter Inge	Woodville	27	27	54	13

Western Australian Lacrosse Association Inc Premiership Tables - As at July 22, 2000

Club	Wins	Loss	Draw	For	Against	Points	Percent	Played
Division 1								
Bayswater	12	0	1	224	105	53	213.33	13
East Fremantle	8	3	2	243	170	49	142.94	13
Subiaco	8	5	0	209	180	45	116.11	13
Wanneroo	3	9	1	129	200	27	64.50	13
Wembley	3	10	0	123	196	25	62.76	13
Phoenix	3	10	0	115	192	0	59.90	13
Division 2								
East Fremantle	9	1	0	147	54	48	272.22	10
Bayswater	7	4	0	129	71	39	181.69	11
Wembley	5	5	0	92	82	30	112.20	10
Phoenix	4	6	0	66	97	25	68.04	10
Wanneroo	1	10	0	63	181	15	34.81	11
Under 17								
Wanneroo	6	3	2	103	88	39	117.05	11
East Fremantle	3	5	3	80	91	29	87.91	11
Joondalup	5	3	0	75	53	28	141.51	8
Wembley/EF	2	5	1	55	81	18	67.90	8
Under 15								
Joondalup	10	0	0	169	30	50	563.33	10
Wembley	9	2	0	150	44	47	340.91	11
Wanneroo	7	3	0	100	52	38	192.31	10
Phoenix	4	6	0	60	150	26	40.00	10
East Fremantle	3	7	0	70	110	22	63.64	10
Bayswater	2	8	0	66	118	17	55.93	10
Subiaco	1	10	0	54	164	15	32.93	11
Under 13								
Bayswater	8	1	2	154	103	47	149.51	11
Joondalup	6	4	0	121	116	34	104.31	10
Wembley Green	5	3	2	111	113	34	98.23	10
Wembley Yellow	5	- 5	0	106	104	30	101.92	10
Wanneroo White	4	7	0	146	123	27	118.70	11
East Fremantle	4	6	0	98	106	26	92.45	10
Subiaco	2	8	0	84	147	18	57.14	10

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Fox moved into administration services in 1964 while playing at a club level. He has held various positions at club, state and national levels, including Executive Director of the 1986 Australian World Series team, ALC Director from 1990 to present and ALC President from 1994-98.

"The Doug that many of us know is a person who is constantly contributing to lacrosse, from organising pie nights to travelling to Tasmania to recruit players for the re-emerging sport in that state," Beamsley said.

"Doug is also an innovator. Seeking new ways to promote lacrosse and champion its cause, Doug was instrumental in the establishment of the ALC web site and the formation of the Melbourne Indoor League.

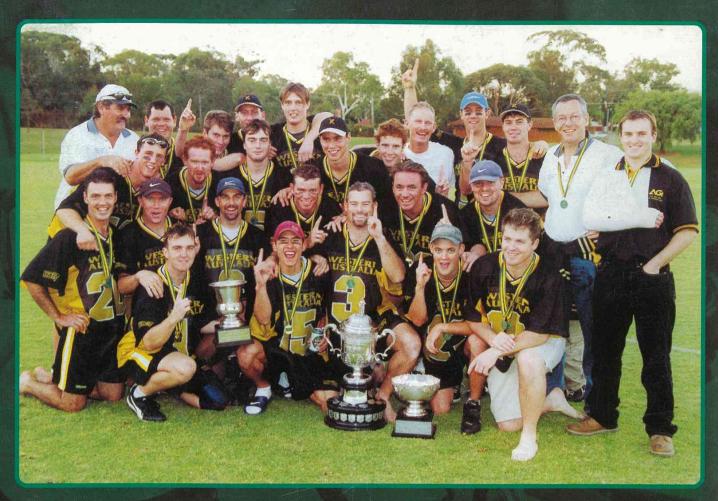
"Doug, with others from the Camberwell Club, established the Victorian Lacrosse Golf Day which has continued for over 25 years.

"In his career role as Executive Director of the Victorian Golf Association Doug has contact with all levels of government and sports administration. I can assure you those contacts are to the advantage of lacrosse."

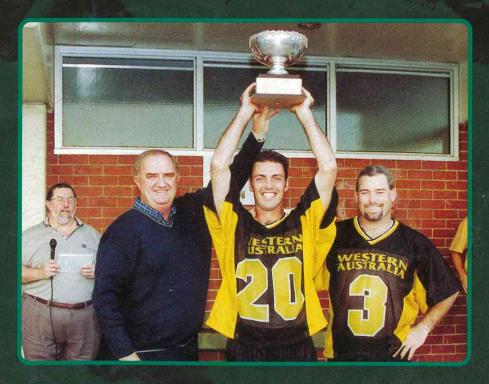
Beamsley said Fox's wife Sue recalls her husband's lifelong devotion to the game.

"Talking to Doug's wife Sue the other day she recollected that early in their married life Doug would leave their flat with a bag full of coins and head to the local phone box to make the necessary calls to organise teams for the coming weekend," Beamsley said.

"Life hasn't changed much for Sue because if Doug isn't at training he's doubtless on the phone arranging some lacrosse matter or another."



The WA team celebrate victory



Back Row (standing):

John Denic (Co-Coach), Murray Gates, Tim Forbes, Russell Brown, Brad Smith, Jeff Kennedy (Asst Coach), Adam Delfs, Gerald Wills, John Hiron (Co-Coach), Peter Buettner.

3rd Row (standing):

Kim Delfs, Simon Danby, David Jobson, Nathan Rainey, Ben Reiger.

2nd Row (kneeling):

David Spreadborough (Co-Captain), Kim Gillespie, Scot Griffin, Wayne Curran, Matt Schomburg (Co-Captain), David Whiteman, Adam Ettridge.

Front Row:

Warren Brown, Kwan Fong, Shaun Leavy, Michael Wann.

Triumphant Spreadborough holds aloft Garland McHarg Trophy with help from Alec Inglis, Lacrosse Australia Tournament Director. Co-Captain, Matt Schomburg, approves with a smile.