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# Editorial



Towards the end of the year, because lacrosse is focused on a winter season, most lacrosse clubs and Associations hold their Annual General Meeting where they review the past year, check the finances, and elect their management for next year.

This year may see the Financial Statements considered more closely than usual to consider the impact of a Goods and Services Tax of 10% on the budget for the Year 2000.

I doubt that any of those Financial Statements will even mention, let alone include a value, for the highest value asset the organisation has - their members.

In a society where we can quantify all manner of things - how much per day to keep a man in prison, the cost of hospital treatment for road accident victims or drug addicts, the cost of lives lost in different circumstances, the benefit to a State for each visiting tourist day/night etc - we find it difficult to reflect in our financial reporting the value of our greatest assets.

Unlike other assets which depreciate according to a prescribed schedule, our member assets actually appreciate each year but not according to any prescribed amount. The appreciation in value assigned to a person who has just completed his first season as coach of a junior team may be much higher than the increase in value assigned to a junior player in his second season and different again for a referee selected to officiate at a national or international event.

We have invested huge resources in developing these assets - not only financially in the conduct of formal training courses for coaches, referees, administrators and players but hundreds of hours of valuable time contributed by highly trained and skilled people.

When we talk of our lacrosse club the emphasis tends to be on the word lacrosse rather than the word club because there are clubs for other sports and organisations. We should not let the value of our club system be undersold because it is through the club system that we offer what recreation centres and other commercial operations do not provide - we help in the establishment of the values which will influence the life of our

members. Parents and teachers are great influences in value setting for young people - but coaches are next in line! Lacrosse clubs can offer a positive environment for young people to enjoy a positive social setting where they are not subject to pressure about socially and legally unacceptable behaviours. A lacrosse club is an environment which provides an absence of negative influences but, even more importantly, a wide range of opportunities for many people to achieve their potential - whether as a lacrosse player at international or social level, as a coach, a referee, a scorekeeper or an administrator.

And these people, these members of clubs, achieve personal growth and increase in value as assets to our communities but that value is not recognised in any financial statements.

What we must ensure is that we do not lose sight of the value of every member of every club. We need to support their development through coaching, education, experience etc. We should look for opportunities to reward them when that is appropriate - nominate them for various awards and create our own club and Association rewards. And we must ensure that we keep them by providing regular newsletters and information about activities and events.

Your club may have invested a lot of effort and even money in the development of a player, coach, referee or administrator but when they transfer to another club or cease to be involved in lacrosse because your club has failed to value them as a member - there is no transfer fee! You have let a valuable asset walk out your door. That may not reflect as an item in your Financial Statements but your club or Association has less value than it did before that happened.

It would be nice if a Government considered the introduction of a Good Service Tax which rewarded clubs which provide this fantastic community service - developing good citizens who are less likely to incur Government costs in car accidents, gaol sentences etc.!

Lacrosse Clubs - Adding values to life.

Malcolm J Stokes  
Editor

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# Around the Nation

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### Awards Presentation

The WALA Awards Presentation night on September 1 was hosted at the Wembley Clubrooms with guest speaker Australian and Wildcats basketballer, Andrew Vlahov. A large video screen displayed information and the revitalised format was appreciated by a good crowd of senior and junior players. A new innovation was the naming of a senior All Star team and a Coaching Merit Ward was presented to Chris Hockey in recognition of his coaching activities over a number of years.

### Media Scholarship

The WA Lacrosse Foundation presents a media Scholarship to a Curtin University Media Studies final year student each year with Jason Marocchi being the 1999 scholar. The immediate benefit for lacrosse is having a person providing material to the media and working with club publicity officers to develop stories. The longer term benefit is to have these scholars employed in the media when they commence their careers, being aware of lacrosse and having lacrosse contacts. The 1998 Scholar was Sean Cowan who is employed by "The West Australian" newspaper and only last week had a full front page story published (unfortunately not on lacrosse but on the demise of the Sheffield Shield!).

### Lacrosse Finishing School

Junior players (age 10-17 years) have the opportunity to enjoy a three day Lacrosse Finishing School on January 25, 26 and 27 at the Point Walter Recreation Centre. This is being run by Australian Coach, John Denic, and Australian player / WALA Development Officer, Matthew Schomburg, with support from other champion players.

### Club of the Year

In recognition of the centenary of lacrosse in Western Australia in 1996, the Australian Lacrosse Council presented WALA with a magnificent Centenary Shield. This is presented each year to the "Club of the Year" which is determined by a specific formula involving the number of registered players, team finishing positions in premierships tables and other criteria. The Wanneroo Club has won this trophy every year since it was first presented and maintained their unbeaten record by winning the Shield again in 1999.



*Wanneroo Club President, Simon Danby (left) receives the Centenary Shield from WALA President, Allan Griffiths.*

### Sanctioned Events

WALA Director of Special Projects, Don Rudderham, has not only been overseeing 2002 World Championship arrangements but has also been developing guidelines for WALA sanctioned events. These are WALA events which are conducted on behalf of WALA by a club, clubs or other organisation and a standard agreement between WALA and the event organiser has been developed, with specific guidelines included for specific events. Don has also gained added status by his recently acquired "Grandad" title.

### 1999 Grand Finals

The WA State Championship premierships games provided some excellent lacrosse at Floreat Oval with games in all divisions being decided by three goals or less.

**Under 13 division** saw Wembley and Wanneroo battling it out for the fourth consecutive year, with Wembley winning the day 12 goals to 10.

**Under 15 division** saw the Wanneroo team deny minor premiers East Fremantle the premierships pennant by winning the game 10 goals to 8.

**Under 17 division** again saw Wanneroo and East Fremantle do battle, with minor premiers East Fremantle winning over a determined Wanneroo team 15 goals to 12. This was the first year in the history of the Wanneroo Club that they had a team competing in all junior division grand finals.

**The Senior Divisions** saw Subiaco and East Fremantle battling it out in both Division 1 and Division 2. Subiaco have had a three year run of premierships in both divisions but this was broken by East Fremantle who won both games this year.

**Division 2** - East Fremantle 17 defeated Subiaco 15.

**Division 1** - East Fremantle 14 defeated Subiaco 12.

### Fairest and Best Players 1999

Fairest and Best players in WALA competitions, as determined by referee votes, were:

Division 1 David Spreadborough (who also won this award in 1998) - Subiaco.

Division 2 Tony Newton - Subiaco.

Under 17 Greg Mulcahy - Wanneroo.

Under 15 Cameron Walker - Wanneroo

Under 13 David Sear - Wembley.

### Year 2000 Management

The WALA Annual General Meeting was held on November 8 and the following people were elected to the Board of Directors:

Vice President	David Spreadborough
Director Finance	Roger Smith
Director Senior Lacrosse	Cameron Blair
Director Junior Lacrosse	Kevin McRae
Director Referees	Greg Harrison
Director Coaching	Eric Durnthaler
Director Publicity	Janet King
Director Special Projects	Don Rudderham

With four new faces and four Directors continuing from 1999 there is a good balance in this team.

### Wembley Club Life Member

At the Wembley Club's annual dinner on September 18, Life Membership of the Wembley Lacrosse Club was bestowed upon Dennis Frank Banyard.

The club's list of members includes a number of family names with fathers and sons, and brothers being rewarded with the highest honour the club has to offer for loyal service. Dennis' Life Membership adds to this, with his father, Frank, having been honoured in 1980.

When he was seven years old, Dennis started playing lacrosse for the Perth Lacrosse Club. This was 1964 and in 1968, along with his father and three brothers, he moved to Wembley when the Perth Club folded.

As a junior, Dennis represented the State as Captain in Under 16 teams in 1972 and 1973 and was co-captain of the Under 19 team in 1975.

Regarded as a formidable attack player, Dennis finished his first A grade game in 1971 with a tally of zero goals. In his defence though was the fact that Wembley was languishing at the bottom of the ladder, and he was only 14 at the time.

Becoming a regular A grade player in 1973 at the age of 16, Dennis has played in that division every year since, and despite promises made over the years to retire, has now been there for 27 years.

Dennis has been in State teams at Senior level in 1979, '80, '82-'85 inclusive, '87-'90 the last as co-captain.

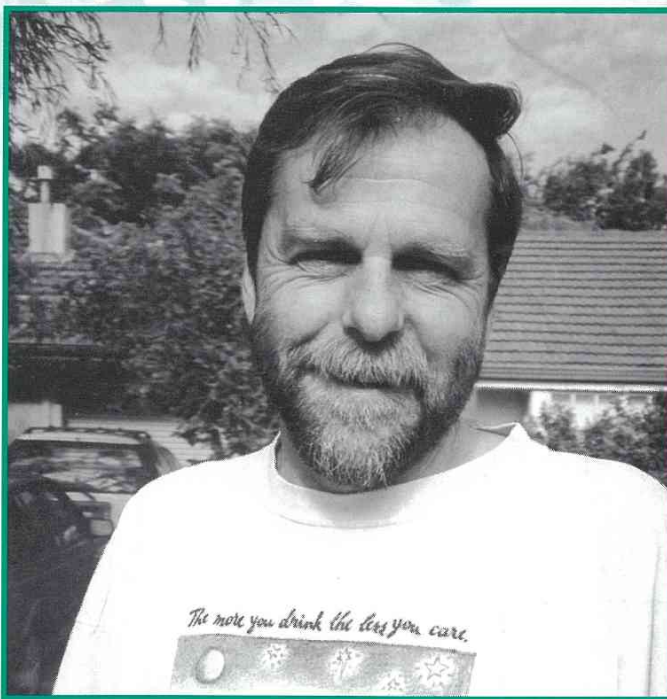
He was selected in the Australian All Stars teams of 1982 and 1983 and in 1984 represented Australia in Los Angeles in a pre-Olympic Tournament.

1982 and 1986 were premiership years for Wembley's Division 1. Dennis was there as a player and was also the team's coach for their 1986 win. He has also coached the Wembley Women's A grade to grand final wins in 1980 and 1981 (even though we have it on good authority they probably could have done it without him!).

Dennis has won numerous awards from the Club, including Division 1 Fairest and Best in 1976, 1978 and 1995.

He has served on the management Committee of the club since 1993 and has been Club President since 1995.

A most deserving recipient of this award, Dennis now brings the tally of Wembley Life Members to 30. Congratulations.



Wembley Club Life Member Dennis Banyard

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Woodville Win Back to Back

Woodville won the 1999 Fosters Men's State League grand final in the club's centenary year.

It was a game where Woodville started hot favourites due to going through the minor round games undefeated, but their opponents West Torrens, who have been the dominant team of the '90s having played in nine consecutive grand finals with premierships in '91, '92, '93, '95, '96 and '97 were not going to make it easy.

The game started at a furious pace with a goal in the first minute by Woodville centreman, Peter Inge, and Woodville never looked back. They went in at quarter time with a four goal lead. The second quarter saw a fight back from West Torrens with two goals from forward, Andrew Hansford, and three goals from man-ups to go in at half time with the scores locked away at seven goals each.

The third quarter better known as the grand final quarter, saw Woodville's gun forward Brett Howe, come out and score four goals for the quarter to give Woodville a very handy lead at three quarter time 14-7

The last quarter was an even quarter with both teams scoring four goals and Woodville running out comfortable winners at the end 18-11. Brett Howe was named the Most Valuable Player in the final for the second year in succession.

In the League Reserves grand final, Minor Premiers, East Torrens Payneham, were beaten by North Adelaide 14-8.

In the B grade grand final another Minor Premier side, Woodville, was toppled by a very experienced side, Glenelg, 14-7.

The Under 17s grand final saw Minor Premiers, West Torrens, defeating Glenelg very comfortably 17-4.

The Under 15s grand final was a nail-biter, with the game going to sudden death. West Torrens eventually running out winners over Glenelg 9-8.

The Under 13's grand final was another close encounter with North Adelaide running out winners by a whisker at the expense of West Torrens 8-7.

### Most Valuable Player

League	Peter Inge (Woodville)
League/Reserve	Tim Dickson (East Torrens)
B Grade	Dave Gleeson (Adelaide University)

### Rookie of the Year

Justin Casagrande (West Torrens)

### Referee of the Year

"Golden Whistle Award" Dennis Mulroney

### Most Improved Referee of the Year

"Hobbs Memorial Trophy" Harrie Thyssen



*Lacrosse South Australia 1999 League Men's All Star Team.*

## Lacrosse SA Awards Night

Lacrosse SA Presentation Dinner was held on Wednesday, September 1 at the Unley Sports and Community Centre. The winners for 1999 were:

### Best and Fairest

League	James Inge (Woodville)
League/Reserve	Steve Horton (West Torrens)
B Grade	Scott Morris (North Adelaide)

### 1999 All Star Team

Glen Revell (Brighton), Craig Schicker (Woodville), Michael Sheidow (Glenelg), Chris Demello (Sturt), Michael McInerney (Burnside), Peter Inge (Woodville), Jason Vorassi (Woodville), Andrew Stone (Sturt), Jim Mihelios (West Torrens), Ben Martin (Burnside), James Inge (Woodville), Leigh Perham (Brighton), Konrad Frankee (Glenelg) and Coach Peter Brown (Woodville).

### Women's Winners

#### Best and Fairest

League	Kylie Taylor (Woodville)
Reserves	Jenny Williams (Uni. of SA)
B Grade	Adelaide Harbison (Glenelg)

#### Rookie of the Year

League	Erica Wadham (Adelaide Uni.)
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#### Most Valuable Player

League	Cathy Conaghty (Brighton)
Reserves	Debbie Burrows (Uni. of SA)
B Grade	Colleen Downey-Magor (Woodville)

#### Umpire of the Year

Deidre Owen



*James Inge of Woodville receives the Best and Fairest award from CUB Manager, Stuart Baird.*

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COACHING

The North Adelaide Lacrosse Club require coaches for their **B grade men and B grade women's** teams for the 2000 season, under the direction of our senior coach. Please forward expressions of interest to: Coaching Position, PO Box 292, Enfield Plaza, SA 5085.

**Southern Districts Lacrosse Club** is looking for coaches for the year 2000. Coaches are required for senior teams in **Men's Reserves, Men's B grade and Women's B grade**. Contact Linda Hansford (Secretary) on 08 8326 0096 (after 6.00pm) to nominate your expression of interest by December 31, 1999.

### Elections

Elected to the Board of Lacrosse SA at the November 15, Annual General Meeting:

Deputy President	Bob Hewitson
Men's Competition	Michael Gaspari
Promotion	Lynton Arscott
Officiating	Peter Noble
Coaching	Cathy Conaghty

### Administrator of the Year Award

This was awarded to Pam Nayda - Adelaide University. Congratulations.

### The Crows Lacrosse Club

#### Origin of the Club

The Crows Lacrosse Club has been established after the traditions of the Centurion Lacrosse Club of Great Britain and the Kuljak Lacrosse Club of Western Australia. Like these clubs the Crows Lacrosse Club is designed to lend support in furthering the activities of the game which meant so much to retired lacrosseurs.

#### Name of the Club

The Crows name was selected after great determination and reflects the historic links of lacrosse with Crow Indian people.

#### Objectives of the Crows Lacrosse Club

- To further the game of lacrosse
- To provide a club for its members
- To develop a frame work that may assist local or interstate clubs with similar objectives.
- To assist in the development of junior lacrosse
- To affiliate with Lacrosse SA and assist them wherever possible.

The Crows website is at  
<<http://www.geocities.com/colosseum/hoop/2448>>

## VICTORIA

### Victorian Annual General Meeting

Reappointed to the positions held in 1999 for the year 2000 were:

President - John Harris, Secretary - Graham Lee, Treasurer - Laurie Sparks.

Life Membership was awarded to Jim Daw of the Malvern Lacrosse Club. Jim was a player in the halcyon years at Malvern, beginning in 1946 and continuing as a player to the early 1980's. His talents as a goalkeeper were well recognised and he held that position for Victorian and Australian sides also. In 1959 he kept goals for the national side in their clash with the touring US side, the Melbourne game which was played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

He has been associated with the Malvern Lacrosse Club for 54 years and has coached juniors and seniors at club and interstate level, proving to be a very worthy recipient of VLA Life Membership.

John Harris presented his President's report and among many issues that he touched on were these: Victoria has shown positive growth, recording over 1000 memberships for the first time for some time. The growth is mainly in junior lacrosse, whilst seniors remain stable. Continued growth is expected next year and John is enthusiastic of continued future growth for the VLA, predicting that by the year 2004 Victoria will be in a position to include a further Senior grade, being either an Under 19 competition or a Division 3.

He noted that more emphasis is required on coaching and refereeing. Upon a request from Melbourne High School he has conducted clinics there and was very pleased to report that they will be re-entering a side in the Under 17 competition next season. Discussions are continuing with University High School and will also include Scotch, Wesley and Carey.

John thanked the VLA Management for their continued support, in particular Graham Lee and Laurie Sparks and to Bob Russell, who has recently stepped down as manager at Lacrosse Victoria.

Graham Lee presented his Secretary's report and noted that behavioural evidence has shown that children like to play with their friends, in the same sport/same team etc and later on as teenagers they like the social aspect that local sporting clubs can give. Lacrosse as a sport is well suited to cover these areas, and clubs should capitalise on these positive aspects whilst recruiting.

Past Presidents' Trophy was presented by VLA President, John Harris, to Mrs Margaret Cobern of Eltham. Margaret has worked tirelessly for 20 years or more in administration of the Eltham Club and has assisted at all levels. From organising cake stalls in local shopping centres, acting as tour chaperone on a North American tour, being chief "roast night chef" and has more recently become involved in the marketing of club merchandise etc.

Margaret was the first female President at Eltham and for many years held the position of Secretary which is not easy with a club of nearly 200 players and a further 80 social club members who must be kept informed - and Margaret knows each and every one of them! A fine administrator, who is very professional in her approach and a very worthy winner of this award.

Bill Stahmer on Tuesday November 23 was named the 1999 Ebeling Award winner for services to an MCC Sporting Section. This was highlighted in the weekly information bulletin published in the Melbourne Herald-Sun. The Hans Ebeling Award is the most prestigious award that the MCC can present to a member. Nine different sports make up the sporting section of the MCC, lacrosse being one of them. Bill, as a former MCC lacrosse player, captain, coach and past President, has given much to this sport over the past 40 years. Congratulations, Bill.

### Williamstown

Congratulations to Junior Co-ordinator, Rose Ritchie, for yet another successful year. Congratulations also go to Williamstown parent, Gary Sevier, for his efforts in starting the Hobsons Bay Club, only in its infancy and being carefully nurtured with help from VLA President, John Harris. The task is not an easy one, but the rewards will easily outweigh the effort. Good luck!

### Eltham

Eltham has recently appointed coach, Brian Bell, as club coach for season 2000 and welcome him back. Brian took Eltham into the State League competition in 1989, staying five years before returning to Malvern. Eltham, having finished the season as runners-up in State League, and both premiers and runners-up in Division 1, are hoping that Brian's coaching expertise will help them in their quest for that elusive State League premiership.

AGM held recently saw few changes, amongst them Peter Stiglich to Senior Men's Director, Trevor Bell to Junior Director and Kendrea Kendall to President.

Others returning for another year are long serving Secretary - Margaret Cobern, Treasurer - Laurie Sparks, Women's Director - Denise Spiteri and Senior Vice President - Trevor Cleveland. Next year all games for Eltham teams will be played at the main home ground at Eltham Lower Park, whilst we wait for the grass to grow on a new junior home ground, recently constructed in Greensborough.

### Surrey Park

Unfortunately 1999 saw the passing of George Tillotson, a founding member and club stalwart for many years. George is sorely missed by the club and the lacrosse community in general.

The 1999 season was a year of re-building and re-establishment for Surrey Park. A decision was made late in 1998 to return to the City of Whitehorse. It was felt that although Knox had some attractions, we felt that in view of our long and prestigious history in the municipality our "heart" was in the City of Whitehorse.

Armed with assurances from council officers to upgrade flood-lighting, complete drainage works and support in general, we entered into an agreement with the Mont Albert Cricket Club to share the cost of a new social room at the Mont Albert Reserve. This agreement will see the two clubs form a Sporting Club with the council giving us a long term lease on the overall facility. We still have a way to go in providing better kitchen facilities but our first year in the new rooms has been a social and financial success. Council has acted on their assurances and we now have excellent flood lighting and drainage works will hopefully be carried out over the Christmas period subject to contractor availability.

Our spirits were also raised on the playing field with senior coach, Eric Jenney, blending youth with experience to mould our State League team into a formidable force. Unfortunately the lack of a second Under 13 team robbed the State League team of bonus points for the first half of the season and they were not able to participate in the finals. Our Division One team under Graeme Fox also enjoyed its best season for several years and the improvement in playing and social facilities enticed several old players out of retirement to rebuild a Division 2 team under Gary Tillotson's guidance.

Thanks largely to the efforts of Jim De Carlo we recruited in excess of 30 Under 11 and Under 13 players towards the end of the season and we look forward to building on these numbers next year.

Our major award winners for 1999 were:

Best and Fairest	State League	Ben Waite
	Division One	Ashley Davidson
	Division Two	Nick Le Guen
Best Fund Raiser		Ian Whitbourn
Best Club Person		Graeme and Julie Agnew

### Coaching

Applications are invited for all coaching positions of the Men's Section Teams for 2000: State League, Division 1, Division 2 and Juniors: Under 11, Under 13 (2), Under 15 and Under 17.

Applications should be in writing and be addressed to Mr F Stewart, 26 Alta Avenue, Canterbury, Vic 3126 by December 31, 1999.

## A WILLIAMSTOWN STORY

*Thanks to Bryan Smith for the following story about the Williamstown 1999 State League Premiership. A brief background on Bryan Smith is a story in itself.*

Bryan Smith has been at Williamstown Lacrosse Club for 31 years. He was a footballer on Saturday mornings and a lacrosse player in the afternoons. He shares this background with many others at Williamstown Lacrosse. The two sporting clubs, Williamstown Football and Lacrosse Clubs, are amongst the oldest traditional clubs in the town. His uncle, Dave Palmer, was an administrator of both clubs at the same time. Dave is now "stats man" with Williamstown

Division 1 team and well known to many in lacrosse, having been a strong supporter and club man for 50 years or more.

Bryan began his lacrosse in E grade at 18 years of age, and received his first premiership medal in 1969 with a B grade win. He has gone on to amass many more - 12 from State League and six from Division 1, five of which he was playing/coach. Bryan would be known by many in other States for his involvement with the State team for many years and also for his time in the national team.

Bryan's brother, Noel, has also coached at many levels of lacrosse in both Men's and Women's. Noel, remarkably - has a world title added to his coaching repertoire, he was coach of the Australian Women's team when they defeated the US in the Philadelphia final of the World Championship in 1986. Is he the only Australian coach successful at a World Championship level? The Smith brothers are great motivators. I can remember hearing the speel from Bryan one day at the half-time break, he can make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up, and I was supporting the opposition. So it's not surprising that Bryan chose to move into coaching at a higher level once his playing career finished. He took over from Alec Inglis this year and finished on a high note, winning the grand final by 12 goals over Eltham in his first year as State League coach.

Other footballers to move into lacrosse are: Steven Stewart (President WLC), Peter Carroll (Uncle to Jai) and well known past State and National players Dennis Newman and the legendary "Keka" also known as John Butkiewicz.

During the 1974 winter season, Keka played football with Altona City, won the Best and Fairest trophy with them, AND... he also found time to play lacrosse for Williamstown, Victoria and Australia. (World Championship was in Melbourne in September of that year.) Boy he must have been busy!!

Bryan's wife, Dianne and children play the game too. Son Jordan at just 9 years old is in the Under 13s and some of his team mates are second and third generation "towners." Their fathers or grandfathers played there before them and they include Dennis Newman, Bert Tee and Ken Speakman.

## **Williamstown :**

### **From the Other Side of the White Line**

After 31 years of playing for Williamstown, I had decided to step across the line and apply to coach, Williamstown - one of the great traditional clubs.

I had tried playing coach in 1989 without success and now, after being interviewed for the position and a few anxious weeks, the acceptance letter and congratulations made me wonder where my ambitions and objectives would lead me through season 1999. I was following in the successful footsteps of Alec Inglis, who is renowned for his involvement with coaching. Would it be back to back premierships? This was the task that lay ahead and having got the job, it was time to start.

Pre-season February and to my either delight or amazement, 27 turned out for the usual routine of running followed by a dip in the club pool - Port Phillip Bay. One thing learnt: I needed to put some thought into training, to keep so many occupied and enthusiastic.

Honestly, I know most people dread the thought of making the trip to the Fearon on Saturdays with its, shall we say, on shore breeze. But to turn up on a nice night and see 20 or so Under 11 kids, two Under 13 teams, two Under 15 teams and the Under 17s training at the same time and somehow managing to avoid each other, it makes us proud that we and the Association can give kids the chance to play such a great game and to form wonderful friendships.

As the junior sides slowly wander off to their waiting parents, hop on bikes or link up for the walk home, it's time for the coach to set the drills and 6.30pm signals the start of senior training. Whether it is our type of village atmosphere or just something to be done, with three senior teams also participating in training, it's a great sight. As a follow on from juniors, who are all coached by current players, training gets underway with a lack of fuss.

State League only lost two players from their previous premiership side - Damien Orr to Japan and Charlie Zarafa to Queensland. And with Darren Gibson as Assistant Coach, well nobody needs to be told of the talents of Tinka. The side was there, now we just had to wait and see what would unfold. As the season progressed, it came down to Eltham, Malvern, Surrey Park and us. Any team seemed to be the one to beat and Camberwell rounded out a great competition. The other clubs in the grade all competed well and all looked set for a close year.

Coaching, I soon found, was not just about turning up and going through the same things. It was a mixture of trying to understand your own players (now that's hard enough) but also keeping everyone keen and making training enjoyable. With a club like ours, game days seem to look after themselves and are an opportunity for us to belt out our frustrations in the name of winning. However, training is a test of everyone's ideas and egos and looking back, many a clash turned into a compromise. Thank heavens for the bar afterwards!

Well, a few grey hairs later and the season ended with us on top. A successful year as all other teams in the club had made it to finals time, both junior and senior.

Our semi final win against Malvern, coming from six goals down at half time, was one of our best and the players knew that we had the team to put it on the line against whoever met us in the grand final.

Kyle Morlang and Jai Carroll from our State League team, as well as Blake Taylor from Under 17s represented Australia well at the Under 19 World Series. The Victorian team named Alan Lewer, Cardin Flaherty, Marcus Seville, Thomas Garnsworthy, John Brewer and Scott Garnsworthy to represent us and the first five were named in the All Stars team at the conclusion of the Australian Championships. I'll admit, that did put pressure on the coach - obviously the players were there, now let's get the flag!

A typical Melbourne September met us at the Albert ground. Our Under 13s had made the grand final. The Under 15s had gone through the year undefeated and became premiers, coached by Marcus Seville, Scott Mullins and Kyle Morlang. The Under 17s had finished on top, coached by Thomas Garnsworthy and Sam Thornton and also achieved the premiership.

So out into the rain after our customary bus trip to face Eltham. Not an unusual feeling as 13 of them had been there last year. Ryan Garnsworthy, Under 17 captain, had been added to the team along with Michael Kindred and Jai Carroll from last year's Division One.

Scott Garnsworthy in goal, D Russell (captain), M Seville, S Marquard - Defence; C Flaherty, D Jobson, D Gibson, J Brewer, S Orr, K Morlang - Midfield; T Garnsworthy, A Lewer, D Jennings - Attack.

The teams are out and it's a player's game. The outcome is to be decided on the field and after a year in retirement it makes you wish, but the whistle blows and the grand final is away. With our good blend of experience and youth, we settle quickly and it was a matter of playing as we had spoken and probably dreamed. Williamstown would have to be beaten, this team was not going to lose it. Lacrosse is such a wonderful game and our fraternity always seems to link together. That last day of the season seems to come and go so quickly. Eltham are a great club and should be proud of their team. It turned out to be Williamstown's day and the Fearon Clubrooms shook for three days. A great club enjoying success but another year gone and all looks good for the future with a healthy and successful junior program and experienced people to become role models and help them through their lacrosse years.

It all unfortunately came to an end. It did for this coach but who knows what the years may bring. Looking back over the year, with a smile, you have to have a sense of humour. I suggest that when your time comes, step over that line. Whether coaching, umpiring or administrating, it's worth a look. It's still a great game.

successful indoor competition for male and female adults continues in Brisbane and the successful 1999 Paradise Tournament again attracted interstate and international teams.

## TASMANIA

A visit by Tony Barone, a coach from the USA, to Hobart added around 40 new players to the junior competition and this has been an incentive to attracting new volunteers to manage, coach and referee. (Doug Fox, ALC Director of Development, arranged this coaching clinic while Tony Barone was residing in Victoria.) The Under 15 team enjoyed their participation in the Australian Tournament in Adelaide and Tasmania has submitted some thoughtful comments to the ALC Director of Competitions regarding junior competition at a national level.



NSWLA President, Allan Drummond

## NEW SOUTH WALES

President, Alan Drummond, is working to re-establish an effective Board structure. The contract with Helen Markham as National Executive Officer has been discontinued and future projects will be managed by the employment of individuals on a project-by-project basis for junior development.

## QUEENSLAND

Developments in Townsville through the efforts of Daren Potts at the James Cook University are exciting and National Executive Officer, Rex Wigney, is assisting that project. A

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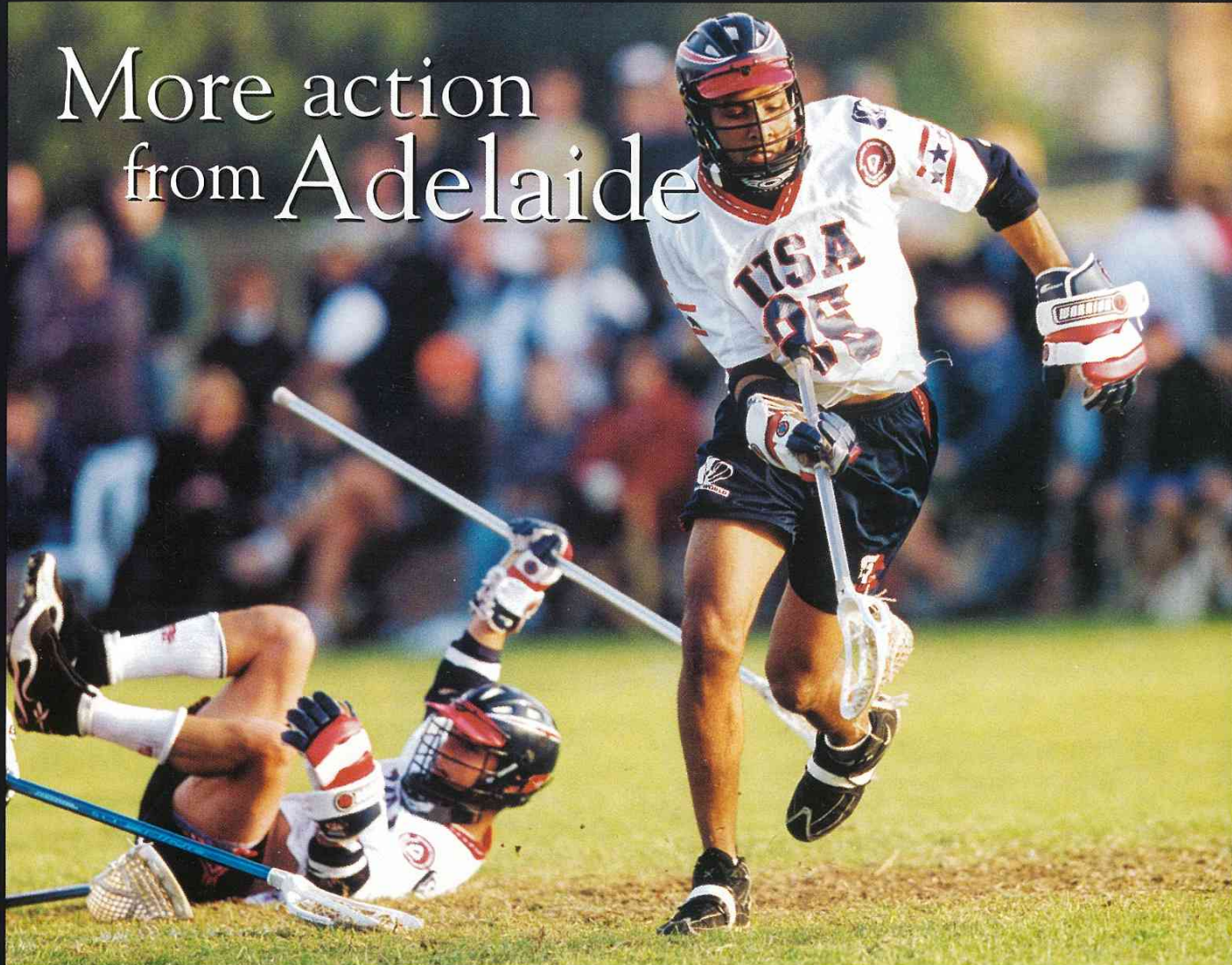
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# The Future for the Australian Lacrosse Journal

This issue of the Australian Lacrosse Journal is the final issue in the three year period for which Member State Associations agreed to subscribe all their registered members to a national magazine.

It was agreed to review the magazine at the end of this period to determine whether the Journal should continue to be published and, if it should, what changes may be necessary.

One part of that review was a Reader Survey which was included in the previous issue of the Journal. Thank you to those who completed the survey and provided some useful information to assist in the decision making process.

The Australian Lacrosse Council (ALC) Board of Directors has considered the review and agreed that a proposal for continuation of the Australian Lacrosse Journal should be provided for commitment by Member State Associations for a further three year period of publication with all registered State Association members subscribed.

The Journal is more than just a magazine for the lacrosse fraternity - it has an important national promotional role through distribution to a "complimentary" mailing list which includes education institutions, libraries, media organisations as well as private subscribers and ALC Fellows and Officers.

For this initial three year period the Journal has been published through a combination of volunteer effort and professional production in the areas of design, print and distribution. It is proposed to engage professional editorial personnel and photographers as well as engage consultants to gain advertising support for the next three year period. The volunteer support will

still be required in co-ordination and in providing the leads that make for interesting articles.

The cost of subscription for Association registered members was maintained at \$10 per annum for the three year period and the Journal managed to break even financially. To maintain three issues to an improved editorial standard the cost is proposed to be \$12 per annum for the next three years.

The Journal is only viable if all State Associations enter into an agreement to subscribe all registered members for the next three years.

Following is a summary of the information you, the readers, provided through the Readership Survey.

Most of the 62 (WA-22, SA-21, Vic-15, NSW-1, Tas-1, USA-1, not identified - 1) respondents indicated they had received all eight issues of the Journal and most (32) were in the 31-60 years age group - 8 were under 18, 11 in the 18-30 years and 10 in the over 60's age group.

Most respondents were players (26) while 23 were supporters, 19 administrators, 10 coaches and 3 referees. (Some respondents satisfied several categories.)

Each Journal is read by an average of three people with most respondents (38) reading all articles and a further 19 reading several articles.

The size (51) and quality (56) of the Journal is "about right" and most respondents (39) want more issues per year.

Only one respondent was not prepared to pay a higher subscription, with more than half the respondents (35) prepared to pay \$14 or more annual subscription and another 22 would pay \$12 (11 respondents would pay \$20!).

Predictably virtually all respondents wish to continue publication of the Journal and 90% of all responses in rating of particular types of articles were in the "enjoy" to "enjoy a lot" areas.

The future for the Journal rests primarily with the response from Member State Associations to the proposal for the next three years' publication.

## PROMOTIONAL BROCHURE

Clubs doing promotional work would do well to have a supply of the brochure "The Name of the Game is Lacrosse" which has now been reprinted and is available from State Associations. The full colour A3 size brochure provides the history of the game and describes, with diagrams and photographs, modified games and non-contact lacrosse as well as listing different codes of lacrosse.

## SPORT AND LAW

The Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association (ANZSLA) keeps abreast of legal issues of particular interest to sport and publish an interesting quarterly newsletter, "The Commentator". They are now on the web at: [www.anzsla.com.au](http://www.anzsla.com.au)

# The New Sport Australia Hall of Fame Member

**T**wenty four new members were inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame at a dinner in Melbourne on Wednesday, November 24, 1999.

Among the 13 members inducted in the 1951-1975 era was Brian Griffin, who joins John Butkiewicz as the only lacrosse members of this institution.

After inviting Member State Associations to submit nominations the Australian Lacrosse Council submitted four nominations for consideration and the nomination of Brian Griffin was accepted by the Selection Committee.

Hardly surprising when you consider the achievements of Brian, whose primary lacrosse interest now is the career of Australian player son Scot, but he was Assistant Coach for the 1999 WA Senior Team in Adelaide.

## History of the Award

On December 10, 1985, 120 original members were inducted into The Sport Australia Hall of Fame (SAHOF). Sir Donald Bradman and Dawn Fraser were named as the No 1 members and have both remained the symbols of excellence that SAHOF represents. The SAHOF has 302 members and 120 associate members. Sir Donald Bradman is the "Honorary Life President".

Sir Hubert Opperman chaired the first Selection Committee. Today Dawn Fraser chairs it. Members of the Selection Committee are: Dawn Fraser, Kevin Berry, Raelene Boyle, Robert de Castella, Harry Gordon, Rodney Marsh and Bruce McAvaney.

Membership of SAHOF is limited exclusively to the top echelon of athletes. They have all achieved excellence at the highest level within their sport. Selection to the Hall by their peers is the pinnacle of achievement for Australian sports people.

The Hall honours these great Australians. It does so to preserve and perpetuate Australia's rich sporting life and heritage as an inspiration to all Australians.



Brian Griffin (right) presents a copy of his Sport Australia Hall of Fame membership certificate to John Hall, Manager of the Greenwood Hotel (WA) for display in the Sportsmen's Bar.

In 1989 the Hall was expanded to include Associate Members. Associates are selected for excellence and outstanding achievements in roles supportive to sports participants.

The Legend status was developed to more fully highlight and promote the achievements of our sporting champions. Eighteen members have now been honoured as Legends of Australian sport. These are: Sir Donald Bradman, Dawn Fraser, Sir Hubert Opperman, Betty Cuthbert, A "Jock" Sturrock, Evonne (Goolagong) Cawley, Edgar "Dunc" Gray, E J "Ted" Whitten, Shirley (Strickland) de la Hunty, Arthur "Scobie" Breasley, Reg Gasnier, Marjorie (Jackson) Nelson, Shane (Gould) Innes, "Vic" Patrick, Bill Roycroft, Herb Elliott, Walter Lindrum and Margaret Court.

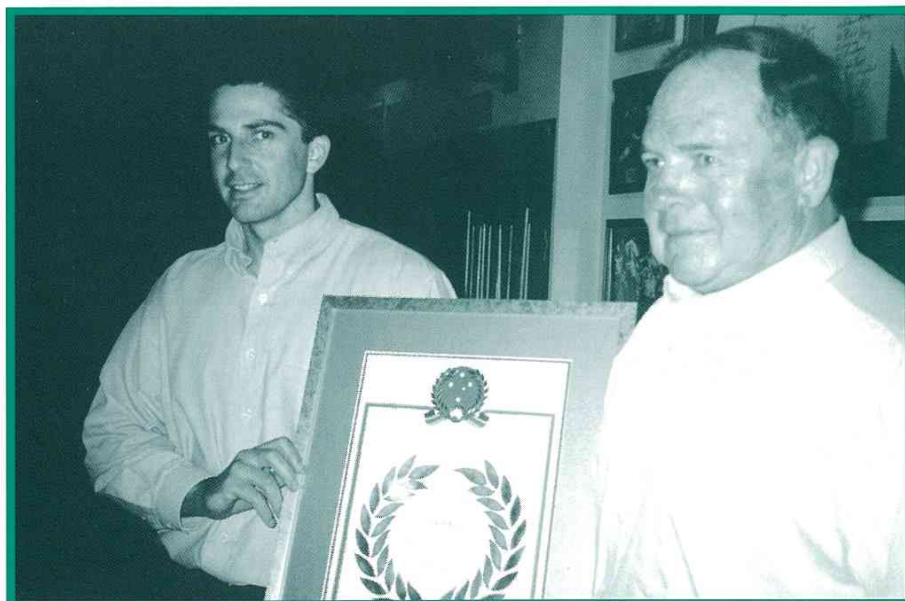
In 1998 the Sir Donald Bradman Award "The Don" was created to honour a current Australian athlete who has, through his or her example in sport, most inspired the nation. In the inaugural year the award was presented jointly to Mark Taylor and Heather Turland.

The SAHOF exists to recognise and promote the outstanding sporting achievements of Australians.

The Prime Minister, John Howard, is the Patron in Chief. Directors are chosen from the Member and Associate Members of SAHOF as well as representatives from the Australian Olympic Committee, the Australian Sports Commission and the Confederation of Australian Sport. Current Directors are: Neale Fraser (Chairman), Dawn Fraser (President), Robert de Castella, Rodney Marsh, Karen Stephenson, Lindsay Gaze, Geoff Henke, Herb Elliott (AOC), Peter Bartels (ASC) and Scott Derwin (CAS).

## Brian Griffin's Career

It is 45 years since Brian Griffin played his first game of lacrosse at age 13 for the Nedlands-Subiaco Lacrosse Club. Two years later in 1956 he played his first senior "A" grade game as well as playing in the premiership Under 15 team. The following three years saw him score more than 100 goals each year in the "A" grade competition and this feature of his game continued when he was transferred to Melbourne and topped the league goal scoring while helping the Caulfield Club win three consecutive premierships from 1960-62.



*Scot Griffin congratulating his father Brian on his induction into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.*

Returning to Perth for the 1963 season he was appointed Captain Coach of the Nedlands Subiaco team which won seven premierships from 1963-1969. After a two year lay-off as coach he returned to that role to win another premiership in 1972. He retired from "A" grade lacrosse in 1979, aged 38, returning to lower division competition to support junior players progress through to the top level. He came out of retirement to represent Western Australia in the Australian Championships in 1982, scoring the highest number of goals, gaining selection in the Australian All Star Team and playing in the Championship winning team.

It is estimated that his 25 year career produced more than 500 games and 3000 goals.

## State and National Achievements

### Playing

- WALA Fairest and Best Player - 1963, 1964, 1966, 1968
- WA State Teams: 1958 (Under 21), 1959, 1965, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1982, 1983.
- Victorian State Team: 1961
- Australian Team: 1959, 1962, 1967 (Captain) (Most Valuable Player), 1970, 1972, 1974.
- Australian All Stars Team: 1965, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1982.

### Coaching

- WA State Senior Team Coach: 1984\*, 1985\*, 1986, 1988\*, 1989\*.
- WA Junior (Under 14) Team

Coach: 1982, 1983\*, 1984\*, 1985\* (\*champions).

- Australian Team: 1984 Assistant Coach.

### Administration

- Club: Secretary 1964-67, President 1991-92.
- WALA Club Delegate: 1963-1970.
- Australian Lacrosse Council: Director 1980-1985.
- 1982: Introduced Sofcrosse to the Australian market - accepted as part of the Aussie Sports program.

### Awards

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|------|--|
| 1966 | Isaachsen Trophy                             |
| 1967 | WA Sportsman of the Year                     |
| 1981 | Subiaco Lacrosse Club Life Member            |
| 1986 | Inducted into WA Sporting Hall of Champions  |
| 1987 | ALC Certificate of Merit                     |
| 1997 | Founder/Chairman Subiaco Lacrosse Foundation |



*Brian Griffin in action in his heydays.*

# Tropical Lacrosse

When Daren Potts arrived in Townsville for work during the middle of the year his expectations were not too high that he would find lacrosse being played in North Queensland. A quick check with the local recreational guide and the James Cook University (JCU) confirmed that it might be a long time between games. After playing most of the season with the Blacks (Adelaide University) who were celebrating their 110th season, he still had itchy fingers to play one of Australia's fastest sports.

During his last few years of studying he had been honorary secretary of the Adelaide University Sports Association and had worked with the Blacks to retain the men's team which was going through a rough trot with numbers. His job in Townsville as Development Officer with Rowing Queensland enabled him to add some out of hours development to his workload and start up a JCU Lacrosse Club.



*Uniforms for JCU Teams.*

unearthing of a hidden pool of former Victorian and West Australian players who are adding their skills to the club. Passing through in the initial stages has been 10 US students who have given their time to get the club started. The year 2000 will bring record numbers of North American students to the University and they will add greatly to the quality of the competition.

Without organisation and planning most ventures do not succeed. The JCU club is no exception and a two year development plan has been created to tie in the enthusiasm of the new members. The club has been well supported by Rex Wigney (National Development Officer) and Doug Fox (ALC Director of Development) who have supplied equipment and advice to allow the rapid expansion of the sport. Certainly the club owes a debt of gratitude to the ALC for its help.

Keep reading the Australian Lacrosse Journal to see if JCU can beat the Saints, or if they will be both pipped by the Townsville Bulls or Stuart Ravens.

The club's progress and team results can be viewed at:  
[www.zyworld.com/darenpotts/JCULacrosse.htm](http://www.zyworld.com/darenpotts/JCULacrosse.htm)

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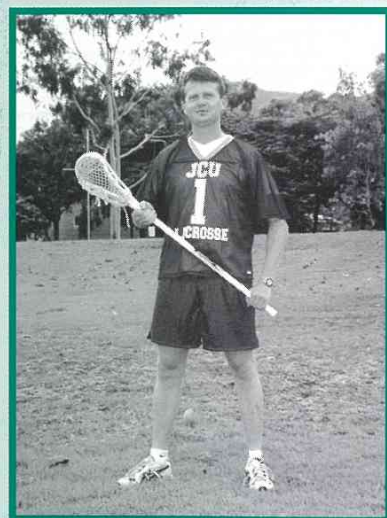


*Players from the JCU and Ravens Lacrosse Club.*

*This report from Daren outlines development in North Queensland:*

The James Cook University Lacrosse Club is a vibrant new club located in Townsville in the north of Queensland (17 hours up from Brisbane). The club operates from the James Cook University (JCU) and is in the process of creating its own lacrosse scene in the tropical north. Founded in August the club now runs a "six-a-side" modified rules competition from the Townsville Rugby Union Club. The competition has become a showcase for the sport to the community. Lacrosse has received great support from the Townsville Bulletin and Channel Ten, who have run numerous articles and interviews.

Lacrosse in Townsville has captured the public's imagination and momentum is gaining for the establishment of a second club in the New Year. The JCU club has been very active in promoting "come and try" sessions at the local high schools and is in the process of developing a schools competition. The excellent publicity provided by the local media has seen the



*Daren Potts  
 President JCU Lacrosse Club.*

# Lacrosse and Myotherapy

By Lloyd Holmes

**W**ell you may ask..."what is myotherapy?" I first came across a myotherapist at this year's lacrosse national championships in Adelaide, and the experience was good. So this article records an interview with Andrew Vance to educate the broader lacrosse community who may not be aware of this growing profession, and what it can do for them.

**Lloyd:** *Andrew, what is a myotherapist?*

**Andrew:** The word myotherapy gives a strong clue, as it is derived from myo, meaning muscle, and therapy, meaning medical treatment. Myotherapy is the treatment of muscular dysfunctions (injury and pain). Anything which has a muscular component can be treated by a myotherapist.

**Lloyd:** *How does it relate to other similar professions?*

**Andrew:** Everything in the body works (mostly) in unison together. So muscles affect the operation of joints, necks, backs etc. Myotherapists work in very well with other allied health professionals such as chiropractors and osteopaths, who deal with joints and bones. Myotherapists specialise in dealing with the muscular side of problems in these areas. An example would be a back problem (which occurred at the lacrosse championships in Adelaide), where there may be a lack of mobility in the joints. The chiropractor works to mobilise joints, and the myotherapist follows on to ease the level of contraction of the muscles and minimise subsequent pain.

**Lloyd:** *Has myotherapy been around long?*

**Andrew:** It's not a well known therapy and has only been around in Australia for the last 15 years or so.

**Lloyd:** *How do you train, and how long does it take?*

**Andrew:** It's a three year diploma at RMIT Melbourne Campus. Generally this follows year 12, but mature students are also encouraged into the course. RMIT is the only institution with an Advanced Diploma in Myotherapy, and are hoping shortly to have this recognised as a degree course.

**Lloyd:** *I was interested to see that you use acupuncture in your treatment.*

**Andrew:** Because myotherapy uses acupuncture, many people see it as an "alternative" medicine. My view is that we are more akin to the chiropractic/osteo/physio side. It is based on western scientific medicine research and principles, as opposed to the Chinese medicine area. We also use "hot cupping" in the treatment of some injuries.

**Lloyd:** *What has been the most common form of injury you have had to deal with since becoming involved with lacrosse?*

**Andrew:** Direct trauma injuries have been the most common, where a player has copped a direct hit on the arm, or the leg. Initially there are only the standard things that can be done, ie: ice and compression to minimise internal bleeding. Once the swelling goes down, myotherapy techniques can then come into play and speed up recovery. In the situation of someone playing on a week to week basis, appropriate treatment can mean accelerating recovery to enable that person to not miss the following weekend's game (which may be a critical game). An example of this would be a corked thigh.

**Lloyd:** *What other ways can myotherapists help lacrosse players?*

**Andrew:** Working with coaches, myotherapists can assist in the preparation of players for intense physical activity (which lacrosse obviously is), to prevent the onset of injuries. I worked very closely with Paul Mollison (Coach of the Victorian Under 17 team) this year to help prepare this team for the National Championships in Adelaide.

Access to sports medicine seems to be an integral part of elite athletes these days. Possibly we may have started something with myotherapy. It can only help in getting the players in better condition which will help them achieve their aims, as well as those of their coaches, supporters and others involved with the club or State.

## Christmas Wishes

*Best wishes to all members of the lacrosse community and families for a very happy Christmas and a joyous new year.*

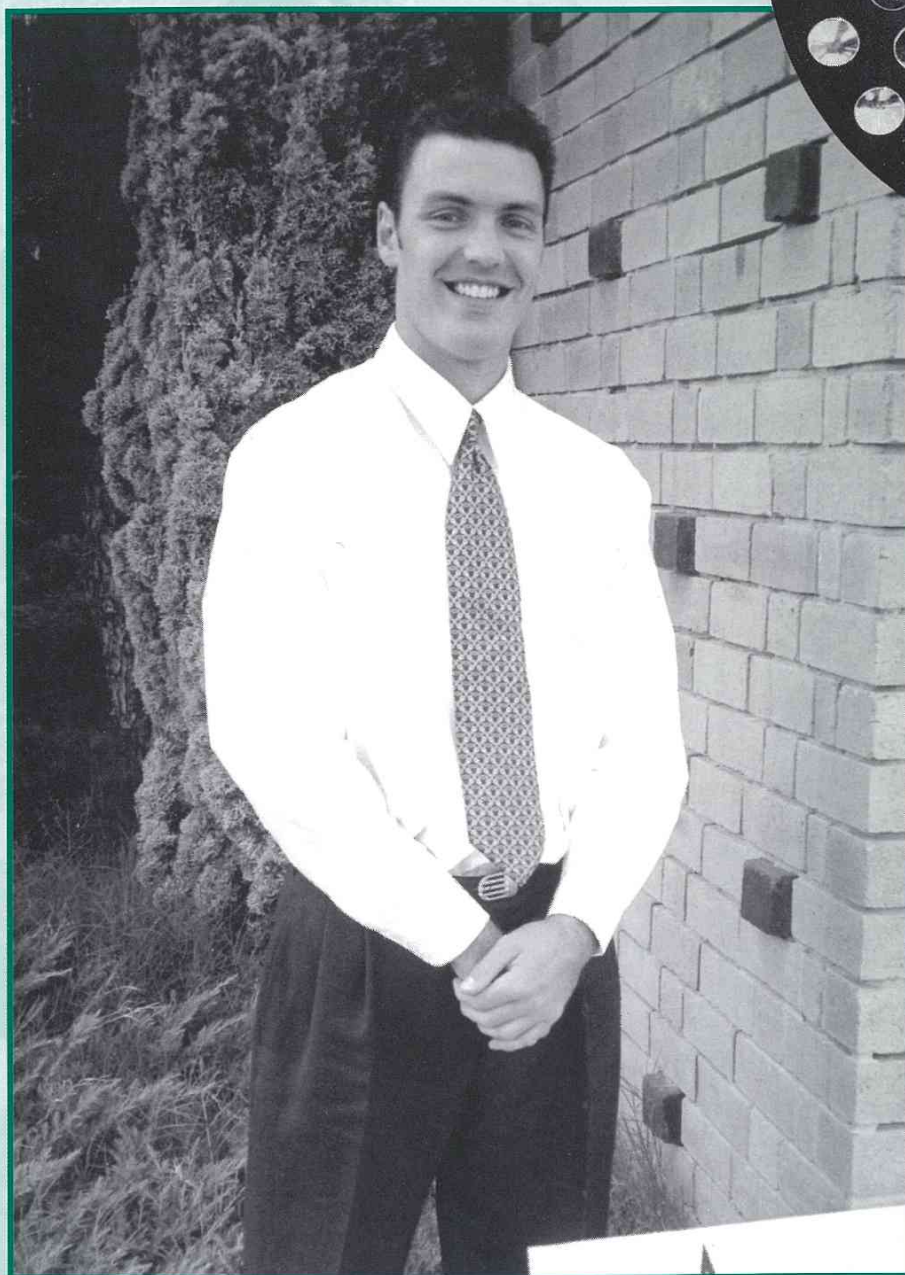
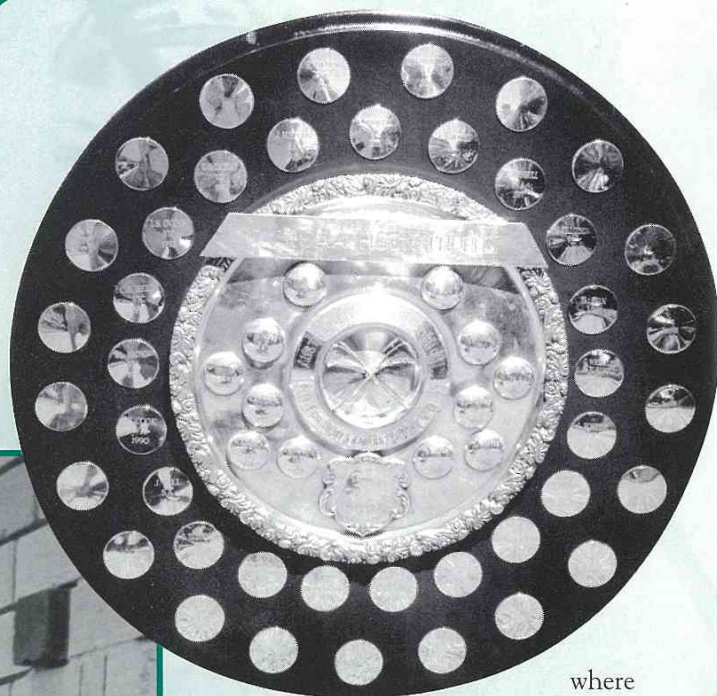
# The 1999 Isaachsen Trophy

Few people can boast a 22 year career in any field of achievement when they are age 26 - but David Spreadborough adds the 1999 Isaachsen Trophy to an outstanding lacrosse career.

David was introduced to lacrosse at age

five by his father who developed all his initial skills.

His first 20 years of lacrosse were with the Surrey Park Lacrosse Club in Melbourne



David Spreadborough - Winner of the 1999 Isaachsen Trophy

where he grew up playing the game with Greg Moore and grew to admire Graham Fox, Cameron Toomey and others. He represented Victoria in Under 15 and Under 17 Championships from 1987 to 1990 and was a member of the 1992 Australian Under 19 team. In Seniors he represented Victoria in 1994, 1995 and 1997 and was an Australian Team member in 1994, 1996 and 1998.

A business career move to Western Australia in 1998 saw him playing with the Subiaco Club and representing Western Australia in 1999. He won the WALA Fairest and Best Player award in 1998 (despite missing several games while playing with the Australian Team in Baltimore) and repeated that performance in 1999 with the highest per game number of points in Australia.

David gives credit to Graham Ross for assisting his development at Junior Australian representative level, John Denic for assisting his development at Senior Australian representative level and Klay Johnson who has developed his game since his move to Perth.

Congratulations to David on winning this most prestigious trophy in Australian lacrosse.



*You could do worse than read this verse:*

## THE FACE OFF

Two warriors lock in mortal combat,  
their body armour relentlessly, irresistibly, pressed together  
in contra force.

Astride the centre line,  
the territorial boundary,  
they await the looming battle.

Weapons in hand.  
Finely tuned and balanced instruments,  
carefully crafted, much loved, completely trusted.  
Bearing the scars of many assaults.  
Notched in victory over untold hapless victims.

Their comrades watch from afar,  
Brothers in Arms,  
unable to breach the great divide.  
The battle lines hold them helplessly apart.  
Restraining,  
fearing the retribution of a Higher Power.

A silence engulfs the battleground,  
rekindling dim and distant memories  
of the spiritual foundation of their quest.  
Invoking the ancient spirit  
to bring harmony to creation.

Stillness descends - not a gentle stillness but tension filled,  
filled with apprehension,  
awaiting the moment of truth.  
The warriors remain poised, waiting, one against one,  
Courage on the line,  
destiny in their hands.

The ball is held aloft.  
The symbol of achievement,  
the object of desire,  
around whose possession everything revolves.  
It takes its place in centre space, demanding attention.  
The combatants are exhorted to engage.  
The cry of "Set!!"

"Draw!!!"

The warriors heed the clarion call.  
Weapons lock together.  
Bodies thrash and flail.  
Muscles, sinews, bones, strain to their limits.  
All strength is released  
in the final, all or nothing struggle.  
First one, then the other gains the upper hand.  
The contest ebbs and flows,  
until the victor decisively crushes the last grain of hope  
from the vanquished foe.

Conquest is celebrated by the triumphant call,  
"Possession!!!"

*by George Walker*

# AROUND THE WORLD

## ARGENTINA

Australian Keith Nyberg is one of the people from several countries reported to be supporting the development of lacrosse in Argentina. Ricardo Acuna advises they will be running official government clinics in Cenard which will introduce 4000 children to lacrosse in two months (January/February).

## SOUTH AFRICA

Endre Sparkes is active in establishing lacrosse in Capetown using indoor cricket facilities which are popular.

## NEW ZEALAND

Mark Freeman has done a lot of work with the Welsh Men's National team since 1995. He has married a "kiwi" and is living in Auckland, NZ and actively working to develop a four team competition in the Auckland region.

## Book Review

### "EMBRACING YOUR POTENTIAL"

**T**erry Orlick is President of the International Society for Mental Training and Excellence and has received the highest award for excellence in teaching. He has authored more than 20 books, created innovative programs to assist children and youth, and worked with thousands of Olympic and professional athletes, surgeons, astronauts, musicians and many others to enhance the consistency of their performances and the quality of their lives.

Life is viewed in two zones - a Gold Zone, which is our life at work and in performance domains, and a Green Zone which is the rest of our life. We need to find a sense of joy and balance in our lives which is respecting our twin needs for achievement and relaxation, work and play, giving and receiving, intimacy and personal space.

The book is in two parts - Growing in the Green Zone which covers a wide range of areas to help us better understand ourselves, and loads of good advice on how we can better manage our lives. There were messages in here that took me back

to "The Power of Positive Thinking" but this book works from a much broader base and covers a much wider area - it is more sophisticated one might say.

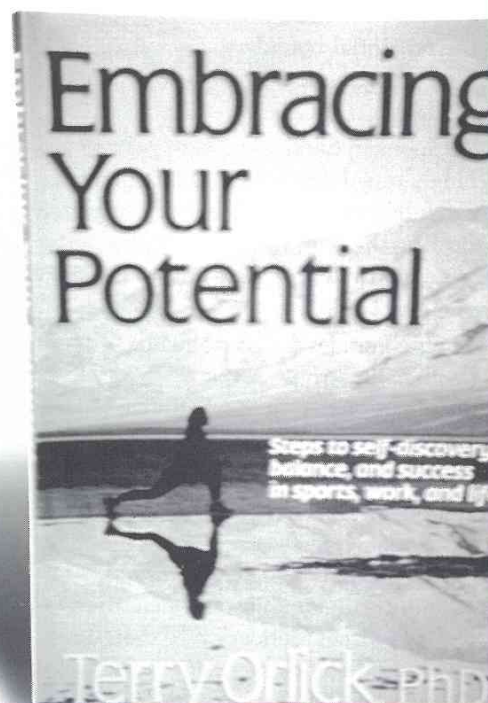
There are very useful sections for athletes and coaches - Relax your Mind and Body, Believe and Achieve, Transform Great Images to Reality and even dealing with injury in Create a Strong Mind - Body Connection.

I found the second part - Embracing the Gold Zone - to include more material of practical use to lacrosse coaches including a large section headed Maximise Efforts through Teamwork.

The book provides many anecdotal illustrations from high performance athletes and would provide a very positive motivating influence on any coach or athlete who takes heed of the "Plan for Excellence" chapter - "Thinking is not enough. Only action counts. Act upon your plans and continue to refine them so they take you to your goals and lead you toward your dreams."

There is a lot of good material in this book which is best approached like eating an elephant - one bite at a time!

*"Embracing Your Potential" is published by Human Kinetics, 57A Price Avenue, Lower Mitcham SA 5062. Phone 08 8277 1555. It is available from major bookshops.*





# More action from Adelaide





More action  
from Adelaide



# William Bragg and Lacrosse in Adelaide 1885 – 1895

by John G Jenkin, Physics Department, La Trobe University.

*Graham Webb who is currently Manager of the Adelaide University Lacrosse Club senior team provided this article which was first published in "The Australian Physicist" of June, 1980.*

*Thanks to the Australian Institute of Physics for permission to reproduce the article which has been well researched and provides an interesting glimpse into the history of lacrosse in South Australia.*

On January 14, 1886 at 2 p.m. the R.M.S. ROME slipped away from her berth at Gravesend (London) and began the first of three journeys she would make that year to Australia. After a voyage of fresh winds and fine skies she arrived off Glenelg, near Adelaide, on February 27. One of the passengers to disembark was 23-year-old Professor-elect William Henry Bragg

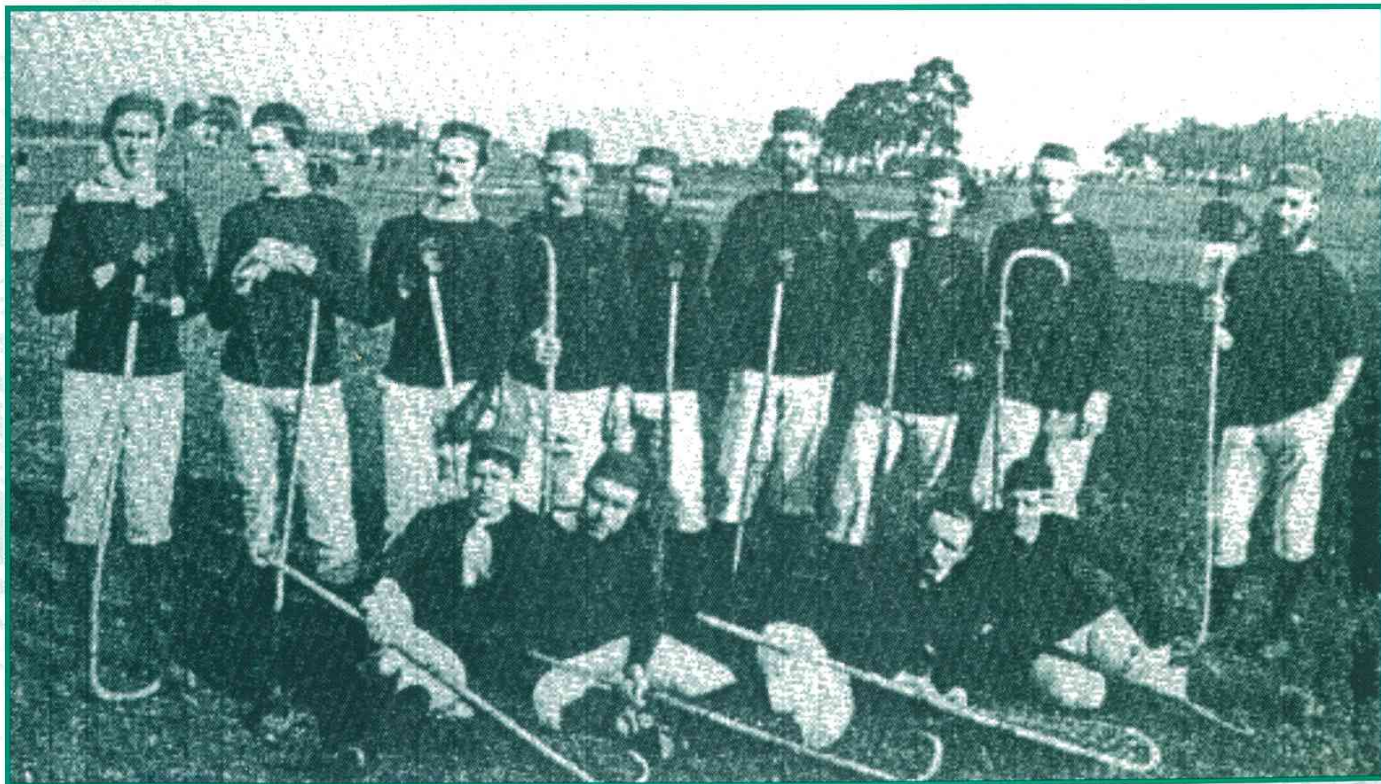
(Observer, 1886). Shortly after completing Part 111 of the Cambridge Mathematics Tripos he had been chosen to fill the Chair of Mathematics at The University of Adelaide recently vacated by Horace Lamb: and, with this change, the University had taken the opportunity to acknowledge the enlarged responsibilities of the position, for the 1887 University Calendar speaks of "the Elder Professor of Pure and Applied Mathematics who shall also give instruction in Physics".

The story of the young Bragg growing up in England; of his introduction to and maturation in Physics at Adelaide (where he also married and where his three children were born): and of his successful X-ray crystallographic studies after his return to England in 1909, his Nobel Prize with his eldest son, and his later period at the Royal Institution, has been told on several occasions (Andrade, 1942; Bragg and Caroe, 1962; Grant, 1952 and Forman, 1970), although a full and adequate scientific

biography has not been written.

Recently Dr S. G Tomlin (1976) has given an absorbing account of Bragg's time in Adelaide in this journal, and Bragg's daughter (Caroe, 1978) has published a fascinating personal document.

In 1978-79, in re-examining Bragg's physics research in Adelaide for an analysis of the early history of angle-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy (Jenkin et al, 1979), I was reminded by Dr Tomlin of a photograph which had never to my knowledge been published or discussed publicly. It shows Bragg as a member of a lacrosse team (Fig.1). The State Library of South Australia records it as the Adelaide team of 1885, but, as Dr Tomlin pointed out to me and as The Adelaide Observer (1886a) confirms, Bragg did not arrive until early 1886. The library copy also states that the photo was taken on the Victoria Park Racecourse and lists the names given here. It has been suggested to me that the photo is of the



Lacrosse team in Adelaide, 1886-1889. Standing (L to R): Frank Giles, R. Evans, W.H. Bragg, Alf Wilkinson, S.H. Goode, Lloyd Prince, L.H. Wilkinson, Sitting (L to R): William Boundey, A.H. Roberts, S. Talbot Smith, G. Codd.

North Adelaide team of 1887, the foundation year of that club. While my family and I were in Adelaide over the last Christmas-New Year period I determined to find out what I could about this photo and its background. The following paragraphs contain my findings.

The game of lacrosse was introduced into South Australia in 1885. The Adelaide Observer of Saturday, July 4, 1885 records that "at a meeting held on Thursday evening June 25, it was resolved to form a lacrosse club in the city... Lacrosse (the cross itself) is made in Canada, where the game originated, and is everywhere popular. It has to be imported to these colonies, and can always be obtained in Melbourne, where the game is extensively played." In the following weeks practices were held in the South Park Lands, the office-bearers were elected, a uniform chosen (navy blue) and correspondence received from Noarlunga (a small country town 30 km south of Adelaide) "asking for information with a view of forming a club in that district" (Observer, 1885). At a meeting of the Adelaide Lacrosse Club at the Prince Alfred Hotel on the evening of August 4, 1885, "twenty-nine new members were elected, including Professor Boulger of the Adelaide University" (Observer, 1885).

The first lacrosse match ever played in the colony, between the Adelaide and Noarlunga Clubs, took place on Saturday, August 1, 1885 at the Noarlunga recreation ground; each team scored one goal (Observer, 1885). The return match was held in Adelaide on August 22: the Noarlungas appeared in their cardinal uniforms for the first time, but lost the game one goal to nil.

Bragg arrived in Adelaide early the next year (1886). He had played lacrosse at Cambridge University (Observer, 1887), and was an excellent and keen all-round sportsman. Professor Boulger may have encouraged him to take up the game in his new home: perhaps Mr T. F. Smith, another old Cambridge player who is known to have been playing in Adelaide in 1887 (Observer, 1887), invited him to join the Adelaide Lacrosse Club; or perhaps Bragg took the initiative himself. However his participation began, Bragg rapidly established himself as, "without doubt, the finest all-round player we have" (Observer, 1887). Three

matches were played that year between the two existing clubs, two at Noarlunga and one in Adelaide, "on the Racecourse" (Observer, 1886).

If the 1887 season was to offer a more varied programme and to encourage more players (and spectators) to take up the game, then there was a clear need for more teams; the Observer noted as much on several occasions. This seems the most logical reason for Bragg breaking away from the Adelaide's so soon after his arrival: or perhaps he was not entirely happy with the conditions at the Adelaide Club, for there are occasional grating references later to the professor's play and conduct (see below). Certainly Bragg spent part of the summer months of 1886-7 organizing a new team, for at the Annual General Meeting of the Adelaide Club at the Prince Alfred Hotel on April 12, 1887 "reference was made to the satisfactory condition of the Noarlunga Club, and also to the new club lately started in North Adelaide, which at last it was expected would give fresh impetus to the game" (Observer, 1887). Furthermore, in a large pre-season piece in the Observer (1887), "Facer" after reviewing the history of the game of lacrosse, noted that:

"We have three clubs - the Adelaide (and pioneer), the Noarlunga, and North Adelaide. The last-named has been formed this year, and will begin active work this day week on the North Park Lands. The Adelaide Club suffers considerably by the formation of the rival city Club, but graciously bows to the newcomers in acknowledgment of the signs of progress the establishment of a third Club indicates. Professor Bragg, who, without doubt, is the finest all-round player we have, has left the Adelaides and cast in his lot with representatives of the northern portion of the city, whose Captain he has been elected. Other players have joined the Norths, and the only consolation the Adelaides enjoy over the removals is the belief that their loss is the Norths gain."

Early in May, 1887, the Adelaides again obtained permission to play on the Old Racecourse, opposite the Grand Stand, while Norths secured the right to play on an allotment of the North Park Lands near Lefevre Terrace and the Buckingham Arms Hotel (Observer,

1887, 1887). The new season began on Saturday, May 28, and "Facer" reported extensively and with enthusiasm in the Observer (1887) the next weekend:

"The city clubs initiated a series of matches between themselves last Saturday and it was a most judicious arrangement to play on the old Racecourse, because hundreds of people were attracted there by the races and consequently the game was splendidly advertised. It was most gratifying to observe the large number of persons, who, in spite of the horse-racing, watched the lacrosse throughout the afternoon and apparently were most interested in it. The ground was in fairly good order and the play on the part of the new chums - that is the North Adelaides - was surprisingly good. Of course like the Adelaides and Noarlungas they have naturally a lot to learn on account of their brief life so far - much more so than the latter clubs - but still some of the men have obtained a degree of efficiency, which is indeed most satisfactory, and if as a Club they progress as some of the individual members have, then the seniors will have to improve in corresponding style, or else the Norths will head the list at the end of the season. Professor Bragg is a capital man for any team because he knows how to manipulate the crosse and ball, and therefore by scrutinizing his movements his subordinates may learn a good deal. Last season, however, the Professor showed considerably better form than on Saturday. A year ago if he got the ball it was generally regarded as a certainty that he would pass almost any number of opponents and have his throw, but on Saturday, possibly from lack of practice, he was very unfortunate in this respect, and the Adelaides constantly succeeded in baffling him, much to their credit, for it is no easy matter to wreck such a skilful exponent of the game."

..."The Adelaides were not up to their last year's form. They miss Professor Bragg and their late captain (Paterson) very much."..."It is very pleasing to notice that the young fellows of Knightsbridge are moving in the direction of forming a club. They held a meeting on Wednesday evening, and resolved to establish a club if sufficient members were enrolled. I trust their efforts will prove successful."

As the several biographical references quoted earlier make clear, Bragg threw himself enthusiastically and energetically into his academic duties at the University from the moment of his arrival in Adelaide, and the Observer correspondent's diagnosis of his relative poor lacrosse form as due to lack of practice and, no doubt, his preoccupation with matters of mathematics and physics, seems very reasonable.

Late in June the game in South Australia received its biggest boost to date with the visit of the South Melbourne Club to Adelaide: the bad weather and consequent poor condition of the Adelaide Oval, which had been booked for two matches, could not dampen the enthusiasm with which the visit and the contests were received. Four "intercolonial" matches were played: South Melbourne defeated Noarlunga and North Adelaide, drew with Adelaide and were defeated by a combined South Australian team. Bragg played in two of the games, representing his new club North Adelaide and also the colony in the combined team. From the extensive game reports (Observer, 1887) it would seem that he did not play a leading part in the moment-to-moment action in these games: he had, perhaps, become something of a father figure or guiding spirit in the play, for we read that, for the visitors, "Davis, Michie (who, by-the-way, it is understood, is a member of the University and not South Melbourne Club) and Anderson are perhaps the most prominent men in the field. Anderson is particularly dexterous, but on Monday (in the combined team match) Professor Bragg kept him well in hand, and the youthful exponent did not have so much liberty as at the first day's engagement (against Adelaide)".

By mid-season the new Knightsbridge Club was having some difficulties in fielding a full team, but word came in from another country town south of Adelaide that "the young fellows of Clarendon regarded football as a rough game, and that there was every chance of a fairly good club being organised there" (Observer, 1887). In the now regular series of city matches Bragg was guiding his new team with considerable

success, and "Facer" was not altogether pleased, it seems. For example, when his Club (Adelaide) defeated the North Adelaides he reported with some satisfaction that "the Norths were disorganised...Captain Bragg went further back than he had been, but his comrades seemed unable to combat successfully with the blues" (Observer, 1887). At the end of the winter, in "A Brief Review of the Season" (Observer, 1887) "Facer" succinctly summarized Bragg's considerable contribution to the game during the year by commenting that "before any matches were played the present North Adelaide Club was formed chiefly through the exertions of Professor Bragg, who seceded from his old comrades the Adelaides for the purpose of establishing the club in order that matches might be more frequent", and by recording the following summary of matches:

Team	Wins	Losses	Draws	Played
North Adelaide	5	2	1	8
Adelaide	3	3	3	9
Noarlunga	2	4	1	7
Knightsbridge	-	3	-	3

The expansion of the game in the colony continued in 1888, four new clubs being formed at country centres (Jamestown, Pt. Augusta, Pt. Germein and Riverton). Bragg's contribution again changed markedly. In his first year (1886) he had rapidly established himself as the leading exponent of the game: in 1887 he had formed a new club and had become its mentor and guiding spirit rather than its bright star: in 1888, although he was still playing (his absence from the South Australian team beaten 5-1 by Victoria in Melbourne being lamented), his contribution had been greatly reduced. At the beginning of the season, "Facer" reported (Observer, 1888), "Professor Bragg has withdrawn from the Captaincy of the North Adelaides, being anxious not to hold any office this year": while, at the season's end, "Facer" bitterly recorded that "Bragg has not played much for some unknown reason. His name has appeared on the posted list, but he had failed to join the team when the time came. This sort of practice is far too prevalent in other than the North Club. If a man is

picked and undertakes to play he should fulfil his promise and not withdraw at the last moment" (Observer, 1888).

I have been bothered by this latter report, for it is quite out of character with Bragg's known strict and religiously-Victorian upbringing and his transparent honesty. His declining participation in the game presumably relates to his preoccupation with University academic and organizational matters and with his awakening interest in secondary-school education (Caroe, 1978). It seems too that there was a fairly severe problem in some clubs of selected players not arriving for games, and perhaps one such oversight by the professor was used as a peg on which to hang a general rebuke. Also, as we have seen, "Facer" gently chided him on several earlier occasions: perhaps he never quite forgave Bragg for deserting his beloved Adelaide Club. Or perhaps the problem was one of communication. Telephones were not available, and letters from a somewhat later period which were addressed to players solely for the purpose of informing them of their selection are extant in

the North Adelaide Lacrosse Club records (Denton, 1980): so that the exchange of simple pieces of information could be slow and unreliable.

In 1889 Bragg's allegiance changed yet again, but for the last time: his recreational interests joined his professional obligations and affections in the University of Adelaide. As "Facer" reported at the beginning of a new season (Observer, 1889a) "The newly formed University team will oppose the North Adelaides on the ground of the latter...The formation of the University Club has involved the withdrawal of five prominent men from the North Adelaides, Professor Bragg, Messrs. J. G. Cavanagh, A. Hill, W. Magarey, and S. T. Smith have become associated with the new club, so that the Norths have lost a powerful contingent. There are 20 Varsity members, but with the exception of the five mentioned, all are novices. They have been practising with the Norths but their own ground is on the North-East Park Lands opposite the Zoo": the

University sports fields are still located there, although the main oval and pavilion were not officially opened until July, 1910 (Maitland. 1933).

The University team did not enjoy the same success in its first year that the North Adelaide's men had done. Bragg was playing, for he was listed by "Facer" as a possible representative for South Australia in the forthcoming intercolonial matches (Observer, 1889), although he was not subsequently selected (or was unavailable), but his team floundered with losses of 7-0 (v North's), 7-1 (v Adelaide's) and 7-1 (v Knights'). After the return match against North's, better performance from the University's men were called for (Observer, 1889): "The victory of the North's over the University's last Saturday was not unexpected, but it is time the Varsity men were doing better. They have some excellent players in the team...."

"Facer's" admonition brought an immediate response and at the expense of the club that had just honoured him with an honorary life membership: on Saturday, June 29 (1889) "the University team left the field as victors...for the first time. Colloquially speaking they ran rings around the senior team of the colony, the members of which gave a very half-hearted exhibition..." (Observer, 1889). The end-of-season table, however, recorded the sorry story of Bragg's new club (Observer, 1889):

Team	Wins	Losses	Draws	Played
North Adelaide	6	2	1	9
Adelaide	5	3	1	9
Knights	4	4	1	9
University	1	7	1	9

The Noarlunga team, it is noticed, had ceased to be a regular city visitor, and joined the new country clubs (Jamestown, Riverton and Pt. Augusta) in making only occasional trips to Adelaide for matches.

Mention of lacrosse in The Adelaide Observer and Register became far less frequent and then ceased altogether in the second half of 1890, as "Facer" discontinued his reports. The fortunes of the University team improved markedly, however, not least because Michie, who had been a member of the first intercolonial team to visit Adelaide in 1887, had joined their ranks: thus "Dr Michie was far and away the best of the "Varsities" (Observer, 1890) and "for the winners (University over Knightsbridge) Michie played a great game" (Observer, 1890).

At the Annual General Meeting of the South Australian Lacrosse Association in early April the following year "the University team were presented with the challenge flag, presented by "Facer", who occupied the position of Lacrosse Editor on our staff until last year. The following table shows clearly the position of the various clubs" (at the end of the 1890 season):

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Average
University	8	5	2	1	32	14	.75
Adelaide	8	5	1	2	29	18	.69
Iroquois	8	4	1	3	14	17	.56
North Adelaide	8	4	-	4	30	20	.50
Knightsbridge	8	-	-	8	7	43	-

The new lacrosse editor was "Face-off" (Observer, 1891): None of the twelve Observer reports in 1890 and 1891 mention Professor Bragg, nor does his name appear in 1892, 1893 or 1894 (which is as far as I have searched). The University team continued to prosper in these years as it fought for perpetual custody of the flag that "Facer" (now identified as Mr. C. Elliott) (Observer, 1894)) had specified was to be held permanently by the team that performed best over the five-year period 1889-1893.

In fact, the competition had to be extended into 1894, by which time a shield had been given to the South Australian Lacrosse Association for

annual competition. Thus: "The final meeting of the Association (for 1894) will be held shortly when the "Facer" flag, the subject of contention for the last six years, and the handsome shield presented by Messrs. J. L. Bonython & Co. will be handed over to the victorious "Varsities" (Observer, 1894). The University second team also won the new Association trophy for the B-division competition.

As Dr Tomlin (1976) has pointed out, Bragg took a particular interest in student activities and, at the second of the two meetings in 1895 which marked the formation of the Adelaide University Union, he was elected one of the two Vice-Presidents. In April 1897 the Adelaide University Sports Association was "first formed by amalgamation of (the) Lacrosse, Lawn Tennis and Boat Clubs" (Maitland, 1933). Bragg's love of, and capabilities in, tennis are well documented and, although there seem to be no records of

the founders or early office-bearers of the Sports Association, it is difficult not to believe that Bragg was intimately involved, especially as, on his departure in 1909, he was made an Honorary Life Member of the

Association (Maitland, 1933).

And what of the photograph (Fig. 1)? The names recorded on the State Library copy are so detailed that it seems reasonable to assume that they were noted by someone knowledgeable and that they are therefore basically correct. The date given (1895) must be wrong, as we have seen. The questions to be answered are therefore: team?...date? and location where the photo was taken? I have used the names as a starting point in the search for answers. Only on the rarest occasions did the reports in the Observer give full team lists, but there are frequent references to best players, new players, and players who did noteworthy things in particular matches. We also know that Bragg played for the Adelaide Club in 1886, the North Adelaide team in 1887 and 1888, the combined South Australian colonial team in 1887, and the University Club in 1889.

The names given in the frequent Observer reports in 1887, 1888 and 1889 indicate quite unambiguously that those teams are not the subject of the photograph. Thus the Adelaide team of 1886 (Bragg's first year) remains. The three Observer reports of 1886 give no names, but the 22 reports in 1887 identify eight of the thirteen players shown in the photo as belonging to the Adelaide Club (plus Bragg makes 9), and some of the remainder went with Bragg to his new club. Final confirmation was obtained by examining under a large magnifying glass the monogram on the left hand breast of the jumpers worn by the players in the photograph: the letters ALC may then be picked out clearly. Bragg's position to one side of the back row of the group also accords with his "new-boy", rather than his later "leading player" or "founding-father" status. And finally, "the Adelaides have obtained permission again this year to play on the Old Racecourse opposite the Grand Stand" (Observer, 1887c). Thus, with a good deal of certainty, the photo may be identified as the 1886 Adelaide Lacrosse Club team, taken on their home ground, Victoria Park Racecourse with the new professor in their ranks.

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*Quotable Quote...*  
(taken from a letter to the editor by a very satisfied parent/reader):

*"He just lives for lacrosse and I really enjoy meeting the other parents. Ed comment: Thanks for the feedback."*

## AUSTRALIAN TEAM 2002

Expressions of interest in the position of Head Coach for the Australian Team to compete in the 2002 World Lacrosse Championships to be played in Perth are invited. Send your expression of interest to ALC Director of Competition, Peter Hobbs, 83 Greenhill Road, Wayville SA 5034 before February 28, 2000.

## 1999 AUSTRALIAN UNDER 19 TEAM

Reports from coaches are to be made available for inspection by interested people at State Association offices.

## AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

The Annual General Meeting of the ALC was held by teleconference on October 20, 1999. The three retiring Directors, Leighton Beamsley, Graeme Reddaway and Malcolm Stokes, were re-elected.

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors, Leighton Beamsley was re-elected as Chairman of the Board and ALC President. Peter Hobbs was re-elected as Vice President. The portfolios were reviewed and Directors appointed to the following portfolios:

Administration and Finance	Leighton Beamsley
Competition	Peter Hobbs
Development	Doug Fox
Media, Marketing & Promotion	Mavis Owens
Coaching and Officiating	Graeme Reddaway
Special Projects	Malcolm Stokes

The ALC Business Plan was reviewed and Directors will make the necessary changes in their areas of responsibility.

## ALC TOURNAMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The following people have been appointed as Tournament Executive Directors:

Senior	Alec Inglis
Under 17	Helen Keane
Under 15	Dennis Mulroney

## REFEREE RANKINGS

Few people have any knowledge of the sophisticated and comprehensive assessment system used by the Australian Lacrosse Referees Association. The system was used by the ILF in the World Under 19 Championships and may be adopted by the ILF. Congratulations to all referees on their performances in the World Under 19 Championships and Australian Senior, Under 17 and Under 15 competitions. Top ranking referees were Alan Chiron (Under 15), Ian McRae (Under 17) and Dennis Mulroney (Seniors).

# Liability of Directors and Office Holders of Clubs and Associations

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Essentially there are three main types of organisations involved in not for profit Australian sporting clubs and associations. They are:

- unincorporated associations;
- companies limited by guarantee; and
- incorporated associations.

In each case directors or office holders of those organisations can be personally liable for certain debts or other liabilities incurred by the organisation.

## 2. UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS

An unincorporated association does not have the power to enter into contracts or sue or be sued in its own name. Generally speaking, third parties, when dealing with unincorporated associations, contract with the members of that association's committee direct. Consequently, the committee members become personally responsible for performance of that contract. They also may become personally liable for any other liability existing or relating to that unincorporated association's activity.

As a consequence, the potential liability for members of committees of unincorporated associations is enormous. Any such organisation should immediately take steps to become incorporated, to give the association the ability to contract in its own name and to offer limited liability to the association's members and office holders.

## 3. COMPANIES LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

A company limited by guarantee, is a corporation created under the Corporations Law. A company limited by guarantee's constitution prohibits the payment of dividends to its members. Usually the member's liability is limited to a nominal amount such as \$50.00.

The responsibilities and liabilities of directors of a company limited by guarantee, are prescribed by the Corporations Law and under the Common Law.

There are three principal areas under the Corporations Law, which govern a director's liabilities and responsibilities. They are:

- section 232, which involves the general duty, among other more specific requirements to act "carefully and diligently";
- section 344 (1), which imposes personal liability for failure to take "reasonable steps" to comply with the requirements of the administrative obligations of a company eg: preparation of financial statements and directors reports; and

- the personal liabilities of directors arising under section 588G for failure to prevent insolvent trading by the company.

It is important to note that in all these three areas, the Corporations Law provides for a system of civil penalties for breach of these duties.

### Section 232

Section 232 may act to make a director personally liable if:

- they do not act honestly in the exercise of their powers as a director;
- they do not exercise a reasonable degree of care and diligence in the exercise of their duties.

The test for what a reasonable person in a similar position would have done, is an objective test namely, what would a reasonable office holder in a similar position in another corporation have done in the circumstances.

### Section 588

Section 588 of the Corporations Law deals with insolvent trading. Section 588G places obligations on directors of companies to prevent insolvent trading and gives unsecured creditors greater access to a director's personal resources.

The term "solvency" means the ability to pay all of the companies debts as and when they become due and payable. Directors who fail to prevent companies from incurring debts while insolvent are personally liable for these debts, where there are reasonable grounds to suspect this was the case and:

- the director was aware of those grounds; or
- a reasonable person in like circumstances would have been aware of those grounds.

### The Common Law

Under the common law directors have always had a duty to exercise reasonable skill and care and fiduciary duties of good faith. These duties can be summarised as follows:

- to act honestly and be loyal to the interests of the company;
- to exercise their powers for the purpose which they are conferred and not for any collateral and improper purpose;
- not to fetter the future exercise of their powers;
- to avoid being placed in a position where their individual or collective interests conflict with those of the company;
- to exercise a proper level of due care, diligence and skill in acting for the company.

Obviously there is a fairly significant overlap between the statutory obligations of directors and their obligations at common law.

#### 4. INCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS

Most not for profit organisations in Australia are now incorporated associations under their relevant State legislation.

Incorporated associations are entities in themselves, separate and distinct from their members in the same manner as companies. They have perpetual succession, the rights to acquire and hold property and are capable of suing and being sued. Incorporated associations are not for profit organisations that are prevented from distributing their income or assets to their members.

Section 24 of the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 (Qld) limits the liability of members of the management committee of an association for payment of debts and other liabilities of the unincorporated association. This statutory limitation is of course subject to certain exceptions.

As a general statement, the obligations imposed on directors of companies limited by guarantee apply equally to committee members of incorporated associations.

There is little authority in the application of common law duties of directors to situations involving incorporated associations. In principle however, the positions are very similar and it seems the committee members and associations would have the same obligations of those of a director of a company.

#### 5. CONCLUSION

There is still some degree of uncertainty as to where the "line in the sand" will be drawn for personal liability of directors and office holders of not for profit sporting organisations. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that in a more litigious society issues involving the potential liability of office holders are more likely to be tested in the Courts.

The potential for liability is further increased by the trend towards enacting or amending legislation (especially in areas such as workplace, health and safety and anti-discrimination), which has the effect of increasing the potential for personal liability of office holders.

To combat this, directors and office holders must:

- ensure that they are aware of what is going on in their club or organisation and that they are not holding office just to "fill the numbers";
- that they carefully consider any document which they are asked to sign in their capacity as an office holder;
- ensure their club or organisation has put in place procedures or protocols which will encourage compliance with statutory requirements, limit risk and ensure that proper reporting is made to directors and office holders;
- insist that a condition of them remaining as a director or office holder of an organisation is that the organisation takes out directors and office holders liability insurance.

Thanks to Mark Lyons - Jones King Lawyers, Phone 07 3225 0010. Fax 07 3225 0099. Email: <brismail@jonesking.com.au> for this interesting article.

### How your Australian Lacrosse Journal gets to you

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### Australian Sports Medal

This medal has been established by the Commonwealth Government as a commemorative medal to be issued during the year 2000 to celebrate Australia's sporting achievements. The purpose of the medal is to "recognise persons (whether or not Australian citizens) who have made a contribution to Australian sport as a current or former participant or through the provision of support services to sport."

The medal shall be part of the formal honours system, made at a single level and comprising a medal and ribbon worn on the left breast with other official medals on occasions when it is customary for honours to be worn.

ALC has been accepted as a participant in this scheme and nominations will be submitted.

# 1999 CHAMPIONSHIP / TOURNAMENTS

## RESULTS SUMMARY

### World Under 19 Championships

England 16 v Japan 6  
Canada 21 v Iroquois 9  
USA 18 v Australia 3  
USA 22 v England 3  
Canada 17 v Australia 6  
Iroquois 18 v Japan 4  
USA 9 v Iroquois 8  
Canada 22 v Japan 3  
England 11 v Australia 7  
Australia 24 v Japan 3  
Iroquois 13 v England 9  
USA 12 v Canada 9  
Canada 13 v England 6  
USA 26 v Japan 4  
Australia 15 v Iroquois 14  
Australia 13 v Japan 12  
Semis  
USA 13 v England 11  
Canada 15 v Iroquois 13  
Finals  
3rd Iroquois 16 v England 11  
1st USA 14 v Canada 7

### Championship Best and Fairest

World U19s: O Daly (USA)

### Tournament Best and Fairest

### Australian Senior Championship / Tournament

WA 20 v Presidents 10  
Vic 19 v SA 14  
SA 22 v Presidents 9  
Vic 18 v WA 13  
Vic 25 v Presidents 12  
WA 15 v SA 11  
Finals  
3rd SA 19 v Presidents 14  
1st Vic 11 v WA 9

Seniors: J Brewer (Vic)

Seniors: A Lewer (Vic)

### Australian Under 17 Championship / Tournament

USA Stars 24 v Presidents 5  
SA 25 v USA Stripes 3  
Vic 12 v WA 4  
Vic 14 v USA Stars 6  
WA 15 v USA Stripes 7  
SA 28 v Presidents 2  
USA Stripes 18 v Presidents 6  
WA 14 v USA Stars 10  
SA 11 v Vic 7  
USA Stars 10 v USA Stripes 7  
Vic 24 v Presidents 1  
SA 17 v WA 11  
SA 16 v USA Stars 8  
WA 17 v Presidents 5  
Vic 7 v USA Stripes 1  
Finals  
5th USA Stripes 9 v Presidents 7  
3rd USA Stars 15 v WA 8  
1st SA 13 v Vic 7

Under 17s: S Dawson (SA)

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## WORLD UNDER 19 LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

### Final Ranking

1st	USA
2nd	Canada
3rd	Iroquois
4th	England
5th	Australia
6th	Japan

### Position Awards

Attack	B J Prager (USA)
Midfield	Owen Daly (USA)
Defense	Matt Grosso (USA)
Goal	Scott Schroeder (USA)

### Spirit of International Lacrosse Awards

Australia	Graeme Ross
Canada	Mark Miyashita
England	Greg Caplin
Iroquois	Freeman Bucktooth
Japan	Kazuhiro Takata
USA	Dan Stern

### All World Team

Attack	B J Prager (USA)
	Liam Banks (USA)
	Drew Bucktooth (Iroquois)
Midfield	Owen Daly (USA)
	Lance Mitchell (Iroquois)
	Devan Way (Canada)
Defense	Matt Grosso (USA)
	Scott Farrell (USA)
	Rodney Redeye (Iroquois)
Goal	Scott Schroeder (USA)

### Most Valuable Player

Owen Daly (USA)

# Australian Under 15 Tournament

Southern Crosse 7 v Eastern Eagles 3  
 Northern Thunder 11 v Western Redskins 10  
 Eastern Kings 8 v Western Metros 7  
 USA 22 v Tasmanian Tornados 5  
 Southern Cobras 6 v Queensland Pumas 3  
 Victorian Vipers 24 v Queensland Dolphins 3  
 USA 17 v Southern Cobras 0  
 Western Metros 8 v Southern Crosse 5  
 Western Redskins 7 v Eastside Kings 2  
 Eastern Eagles 13 v Northern Thunder 6  
 USA 19 v Queensland Pumas 1  
 Southern Cobras 17 v Tasmanian Tornados 2  
 Southern Braves 16 v Victorian Vipers 3  
 Western Metros 14 v Northern Thunder 4  
 Eastern Eagles 6 v Western Redskins 5  
 Southern Crosse 10 v Eastside Kings 6  
 Southern Cobras 15 v Victorian Vipers 4  
 Southern Braves 11 v Tasmanian Tornados 1  
 Queensland Pumas 18 v Queensland Dolphins 1  
 Victorian Vipers 8 v Tasmanian Tornados 3  
 Southern Braves 11 v Queensland Pumas 2  
 USA 16 v Victorian Vipers 1

Tasmanian Tornados 20 v Queensland Dolphins 3  
 Western Metros 12 v Eastern Eagles 6  
 Southern Crosse 11 v Western Redskins 4  
 Eastside Kings 16 v Northern Thunder 7  
 USA 18 v Southern Braves 3  
 Southern Cobras 21 v Queensland Dolphins 1  
 Queensland Pumas 10 v Tasmanian Tornados 1  
 Southern Braves 26 v Queensland Dolphins 0  
 Southern Crosse 11 v Northern Thunder 10  
 Eastern Eagles 8 v Eastside Kings 7  
 Western Metros 18 v Western Redskins 0  
 Victorian Vipers 13 v Queensland Pumas 7  
 USA 24 v Queensland Dolphins 1  
 Southern Cobras 7 v Southern Braves 5  
 Western Redskins 19 v Tasmanian Tornados 3  
 Northern Thunder 19 v Victorian Vipers 1  
 Western Metros 17 v Southern Cobras 3  
 Eastern Eagles 19 v Queensland Pumas 1  
 Eastside Kings 12 v Southern Braves 7  
 USA 11 v Southern Crosse 7  
 Southern Crosse 18 v Southern Cobras 3

Tournament Final: USA 13 v Western Metros 5

## YEAR 2000 AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE CALENDAR

February	9-10	Baltimore	ILF Development Committee Meeting
March	3-5	Adelaide	ALC Board Meeting
May	10		ALC Teleconference
June	3-10	Perth	Australian Senior Championships/Tournament
	8	Perth	ALC Fellows Dinner
	8-11	Perth	ALC Board Meeting
	18		Deadline - Australian Lacrosse Journal
July	3-9	Melbourne	Australian Under 17 Championships/Tournament
August	4-6	Glasgow, Scotland	ILF meeting
	20		Deadline - Australian Lacrosse Journal
August	23		ALC Teleconference
Sept-Oct	15-1	Sydney	Olympic Games
	23-30	Perth	Australian Under 15 Tournament
	27		ALC Directors Nominations close
October	25		ALC Annual General Meeting (Teleconference)
	30		Nominations for ALC Fellow and ALC Certificate of Merit closing date
November	10-12	Melbourne	ALC Board Meeting

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