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John Harris (Chair)

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LIFE MEMBERS

Lacrosse Victoria

Mr P Mollison	2008
Mr L Goding	2009*
Mr A Black	2010

Victorian Lacrosse Victoria

Mr P Shappere	1925*
Mr W J Lampard	1925*
Mr. G. A. Beech	1929*
Mr W. B. House	1929*
Mr. T. L. Fulton	19--*
Mr H R Balmer	1933*
Mr. Joel Fox	19--*
Capt Fearon	19--*
Mr A E. G Webb	1947*
Mr G Flood	1948*
Mr J L Beattie	1949*
Mr E L McIntyre	1951*
Mr I J Taylor	1956*
Mr R Coldstream	1960*
Mr C F.Lansbury	1961*
Mr N R Jeffrey	1963
Mr C G Middleton	1964
Mr B Newgreen	1965*
Mr R N Ponton Snr	1966*
Mr F D Hogarth	1967*
Mr H Volk	1968*
Mr M.Taylor	1971*
Mr T Allington	1975*
Mr R G Holden	1976*
Mr H.D Miller	1977
Mr W L Gray	1978*
Mr G F Tillotson	1979*
Mr K R Waite	1980*
Mr D W Fox	1981
Mr L W Taylor	1982
Mr P A Humphries	1983
Mr A.F.Chiron	1984
Mr J Clayfield	1985*
Mr R Moore	1986
Mr R E Jackson	1987

Mr D V Trainor	1991
Mr F Durham	1992
Mr R D Morgan	1993
Mr R M Russell	1994
Mr R L Speakman	1995
Mr E A. Nicholls	1996
Mr R E Pettit	1997
Mr J W Daw	1999
Mr G F Sharpe	2000
Mr A J Inglis	2001
Mr A H Gandy	2002
Mr N D McDonald	2003
Mr J A Harris	2004
Mr. G J Lee	2005
Mr D G Ross	2006

Women's Lacrosse Victoria

Mrs. Vivienne Parker-White	Patron
Mrs Joy Parker	1966 *
Mrs Dot Pearson	1968 *
Mrs Margaret Carpenter	1969 *
Mrs Sue Taylor	1971
Mrs Marie Cheevers	1973*
Miss Donna Appleby	1985
Mrs Kendrea Kendall	1985
Mrs Vivienne Parker-White	1985
Mrs Marie Weatherill	1985
Mrs Janet Jackson	1989
Mrs Valerie Orr	1991
Mrs Nola Williamson	1992 *
Miss Sue Gandy	1993
Mrs June Clerk	1994
Mr Robert Clerk	1995
Ms Shelley Maher	2001
Ms Kristine Palmer	2006

*deceased

NELL RAWLINS AWARD – *Women’s lacrosse*

2011 Mrs Fran Nichols
2010 Mrs. Janet Jackson
2009 Not Awarded
2008 Mr Darren Minns
2007 Ms Meegan James
2006 Ms. Meghan Mollison
2005 Ms Anne Tattersall
2004 Mr. Don Gregory
2003 Mr. Paul Mollison
2001 Ms Meredith Carre
2000 Ms Fran Whitty
1999 Ms Carol Thomas
1996 Mr Jason Simpson
1995 Miss Kris Palmer
1994 Ms Shelley Maher
1993 Mrs Gail Sedgeway
1992 Miss Sue Gandy and Mrs Yvonne Rolley
1991 Mrs June Clerk and Mr Robert Clerk
1989 Mr Sandy Grant
1987 Ms Heather Bassett
1986 Mrs Janet Jackson
1985 Mrs Nola Williamson
1984 Mrs Kendrea Kendall
1983 Miss Sue Carroll
1982 Mr Noel Smith
1981 Mrs Vivienne Parker-Grant
1980 Miss Sue Mellis
1979 Miss Donna Appleby
1978 Mrs Barbara Imlach and Mrs Valerie Orr
1977 Mrs Joy Parker
1976 Mrs Kendrea Kendall
1975 Miss Helen Davies

PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD – *Men's lacrosse*

2011	Mr Robert Speakman	Williamstown
2010	Mrs C Hunter	Williamstown Women's
2009	Mr D Spreadborough and Mrs R Grubb	Surrey Park, Caulfield
2008	Mrs M Millar	Eltham
2007	<i>Not Awarded</i>	
2006	Mr R Benedierks and Mr M Lewer	Eltham, Altona
2005	Mr M Foster and Mr R Lawerson	Camberwell, Footscray
2004	Mr A.J Black	A.L.R.A.
2003	Mr D McKenzie	Melbourne High School
2002	Mr L T Sparks	Eltham
2001	Mr D. McKenzie	Melbourne University
2000	Mr S Crooks and Mrs K Crooks	Altona
1999	Mrs M E Coburn	Eltham
1998	Mrs F L Carroll	Camberwell
1997	<i>Not awarded</i>	
1996	Mr G J Lee	Knox
1995	Mr G Sharpe	Altona
1994	Mr K Chamberlain	Malvern
1993	Mr R J Shannon	Eltham
1992	Mr R E Pettit	M.C.C.
1991	Mr W Stahmer	M.C.C.
1990	Mr M G Aitken	Camberwell
1989	Mr G J Elder	A.L.R.A.
1988	Mr J J Downie	Camberwell
1987	Mr M B Hillsberg	Malvern
1986	Mr E A Nicholls	Camberwell
1985	Mr W George	Camberwell
1984	Mr P A Mollison	Footscray
1983	Mr B R Moore	Surrey Park
1982	Mr E F Spreadborough	Surrey Park
1981	<i>Not awarded</i>	
1980	Mr R D Alaimo	Surrey Park
1979	<i>Not awarded</i>	
1978	Mr D V Trainor	Surrey Park
1977	<i>Not awarded</i>	
1976	Mr G F Tillotson	Surrey Park
1975	Mr T Allington	Malvern
1974	<i>Not awarded</i>	
1973	Mr R G Holden	Surrey Park
1972	Mr M Taylor	Williamstown

1971	Mr W L Gray	M.C.C.
1970	Mr J M Hodges	Caulfield
1969	Mr N R Jeffery	Malvern
1968	Mr C G Middleton	Malvern
1967	Mr H Volk	M.H.S.O.B.
1966	Mr C F Lansbury	Malvern
1965	Mr R N Ponton	Caulfield

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – *John Harris*

A VICTORIAN PERSPECTIVE

The season of 2011 passed much like any other season with success for some (inevitable as our season is structured to find a winner at the end of the season) and little or no progress being made on wider issues – the most notable being the continuing lack of progress in addressing growth in the number of people participating in lacrosse. Despite many years of trying, the sport in general has not been motivated to effectively grow in numbers. There are of course exceptions to this generalization and no end of discussion by well intentioned people. The net outcome is as it has been for many years – no growth. The equation is fairly clear, the number of players leaving the sport is greater than the sustained numbers of those entering and remaining in the sport. Good evidence of this is the number of teams formed with the involvement of a number of clubs. That is, insufficient numbers of players in a particular age group in a single club. The response, find a club in similar difficulties and form a composite team. It may be noted that:

- There is no evidence that such an approach results in growth in contributing clubs.
- Where clubs strive to field teams on the strength of its own membership there are usually indicators showing the health of the club in other dimensions.

Women's lacrosse has been practising this approach for a number of years. 2011 saw more teams than for 2010 but with less players.

The continuing descent towards being a minor, minor sport continues unabated. We seem to be unable to grasp the fact that no matter what administrative steps are taken to prop up the week by week competition the plain fact is that we make rules which mask the descent of lacrosse into a sub boutique sport – a minor minor sport.

In passing it may be noted that the time of a significant number of people is given to ensuring that the complex rules of multiple use of a single player are observed. The amount of disputation at finals time has to be experienced to understand how the precious resources of volunteers and staff are absorbed in this 'propping up' process.

FIFTY YEARS OF WOMEN'S LACROSSE IN VICTORIA – A REASON TO CELEBRATE

The 2011 season marked the fiftieth year of women's lacrosse in Victoria.

Being able to celebrate 50 years of lacrosse means that many people have been involved with the sport and have maintained the vision begun by Nell Rawlins, the first President of women's lacrosse in Victoria. (The Nell Rawlins award reminds us yearly of the early days of women's lacrosse. The recipient of this award in 2011 was Fran Nichols – a special reminder of the past and present workers who have contributed to the sport.) Preparations for marking the achievement of fifty years of women's lacrosse in Victoria began in 2010 and with good reason. Events started in March 2011 with a luncheon and a call to older players that 2011 was the year!

Along the way photographs and records were compiled into a CD which was made available to those interested. Lacrosse Victoria is indebted to those who made memorabilia available to be permanently recorded in this way.

The grand final at Chadstone marked the closing of the 50th year. It is interesting to note that the Parker family who were also involved with Nell Rawlins are still involved in a major way with national lacrosse.

Victoria continues to achieve high standards in the sport and while finals are short, they are the culmination of a year of focused endeavours. It is interesting to note that consistent with age groupings, the age of coaches and managers follow a similar pattern. Much of our on field excellence can be traced to the work of the coaches of junior teams. The standard and enthusiasm of the boys Under 12 lightning premiership became a measure of how our younger coaches and players combine to present a season finale. The LaxVic program with junior girls was similarly characterized by the enthusiasm and commitment of junior coaches and players. Kids do learn this sport (or any other sport) by osmosis – being on the field week by week. Trial and error can be accelerated by the actions of those with coaching experience assisting new players to do more than just participate. Although there is less evidence it will be interesting to see the effect of participation in the LaxVic program will have on beginning coaches as well as players.

THE WIDER CONTEXT

While the purpose of the report is to repeat the message of gloom which has been known for a long time – falling numbers (in case readers have missed the point), there are also some outstanding examples of good administration and excellent growth. At present Footscray Lacrosse Club is the largest club in Victoria and continues to grow. This growth is matched by success on the field – it doesn't take a huge leap in comprehension to see that administrative competence is linked to the things which we value;

- Growth in numbers
- Success on the field

Footscray has contributed to the aims of the Association by conducting events for the whole of lacrosse – finals and national events. This approach has also been self serving. The funds generated are being applied to lighting which will enhance the amenities available to members, win, win.

The downside is that players read what is going on at Footscray and gravitate to the club. While allegations have been made that Footscray is poaching players, the Association has found the opposite. Players are attracted to clubs which are mindful of the reasons why we club together and provide an outlet for aspirations. Who doesn't want to play finals in a successful club?

It is regrettable that we tend to 'protect our turf' by erecting barriers rather than focusing on building clubs which will be equally attractive to be part of.

It is known that Footscray has found it difficult to present events on behalf of the Association or National lacrosse. The same well known problem, too few workers too much to do.

The mindset is to identify where the directions are and get on with reaching the objectives a club has established for itself the alternative is to proclaim to anyone who cares to listen that it is all too hard.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

It may be worthwhile to reflect on the issues of amalgamation of men's and women's lacrosse which is now fading into past history.

Prior to amalgamation it was recognised that:

- There were clear indications from Governments (both State and Federal) that equality issues would be better served by the replacement of multiple administrations with a single administration.
- From Lacrosse Victoria's perspective there were clear indications that separate administrations could not be supported financially. (It may be noted that Lacrosse Victoria is now in a position where falling numbers will not support financially the things which need to be done by the Association even though we have amalgamated long ago.)
- Women's lacrosse prior to amalgamation had few if any By Laws governing how they operated as a collective (an Association). It was decided to write a new constitution applicable to both men's and women's lacrosse and adopt the By Laws developed by men's lacrosse over many years. With the exception of permits addressing the falling numbers of female players, the By Laws of men's lacrosse were rewritten to make them non gender specific and adopted by the amalgamated organisations. (It should be noted as indicated above that the permit system practiced by women's lacrosse is directed to fielding more teams with less players.)
- In adopting a single set of By Laws, the committee structure of men's lacrosse was also adopted – not surprising since there was historically no comparable structure available from women's lacrosse. This was a sensible solution as the new constitution required that there be process and agreed positions with an emphasis on equality and written rules. This preparation has served the sport well as the amalgamation of both genders of the sport has been a relatively logical process. It is not surprising the rules we establish to govern ourselves are equally relevant to both men and women.

It is surprising to find that there are still participants in the sport who are unaware that we have a single constitution, a single set of By Laws and a committee structure which is applicable to both men's and women's lacrosse.

The continued operation of a Women's forum reflects a misunderstanding of the processes which are now available to both genders of the sport. The committees and Board are available to both men and women, meet consistently throughout the year and are characterized by adequate transparency. The problem is that only through considerable effort a representation approaching equal numbers of men and women has been achieved on the Board of Lacrosse Victoria. In other committees there is nowhere near equal representation of genders – this cannot be allowed to continue. While the Women's forum continues to be a good source of opinion and expression of views it nominally meets once a year and sees itself as an accredited part of the Association. When men's and women's lacrosse amalgamated it meant that constitution, by laws,

committee structures – the whole package, was adopted by the membership. We do not need separate meetings to administer women’s lacrosse, we need representation on existing structures to ensure adequate (and proper) expression of views. That there is residual confusion about what was adopted when we amalgamated is hard to believe.

FUNDING FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES

Towards the end of the season, Lacrosse Victoria was advised that it had been successful in obtaining funding from Vic Health. The funding amounts to \$240 000 over three years. Those familiar with obtaining funds will be aware that certain things have to be delivered in return for the funds granted. In this instance Lacrosse Victoria was successful in obtaining funds attached to improving the governance of the sport and increasing the participation of women and girls in the sport.

Given the continuing fall in numbers of women and girls playing lacrosse the funding was consistent with objectives which the Board of Lacrosse Victoria had articulated for some time. Over the next three years we will be addressing questions such as

- “Why is the representation on the Board of Lacrosse Victoria less than equal”?
- What steps have to be taken to improve the contact to retention ratio of players? (Currently it is common for 700 to 800 players to be exposed to the sport through clinics and school participation and 2 or 3 players joining a club and becoming fully involved with lacrosse life.)

These and other unsuccessful ventures promoting the sport give doubt to the quaint belief that lacrosse is a wonderful sport to be enjoyed by all. Many long term lacrosse adherents speak of what a great sport to be involved in, the reality is somewhat different and requires a rethink of what we really want the sport to be. To continue in our current path of delusion will result in the statistic of falling numbers and governance which is pre-occupied in stretching declining numbers across even more teams.

THE WEBSITE AND OTHER MEDIA

One of the success stories of 2011 has been the recasting of the website and the presentations made on Channel 31 (and subsequently) U Tube. The revamp of the website had been the subject of discussion by the Board for some years. The initiative of one member of the Board (Tim Fry) translated the talk into the website seen and used by lacrosse players and the public today. The Board will continue to fund the development and relevancy of the website.

Filming of matches and the lacrosse program on Channel 31 was not in any way planned by the Board. A group of talented and enthusiastic players got together and made the exposure through television and the web happen. The novel and creative presentations have been appreciated by the target group which has been difficult to reach. Ask most of our players in the 15 to 25 year age group and it will be found that most are familiar with the website and U Tube. Ask those older than this target group and the response is often U what?!

The Board has committed itself to funding further television and internet media ventures.

MANAGER'S REPORT – *Paul Clough*

My second year as Manager of Lacrosse Victoria has proved to be a busy one, with new projects started, changes to funding guidelines and the continued roles of keeping the competition running, giving support to the clubs and assisting State coaches and Managers in their path to competing successfully in their competitions.

The Government supporting bodies, VicHealth, SRV and VicSport have suffered difficulties in continuing their support due to a change of Government which can sometimes shift priorities of direction, but the constant theme has been to increase the participation of the community in healthy recreational activities.

Our continued push into introducing lacrosse into local schools is reinforcing the government stance by getting children more active, and giving the opportunity for children and their parents to be involved in the friendly welcoming environment of our family friendly sporting clubs.

Lacrosse Victoria over the last 4 years has introduced lacrosse into 2 regional areas in Victoria, Bendigo and Warrnambool. We now not only have a regional club Bendigo, being involved in our senior competition, but 2 regional schools being involved in our school competition days, and hopefully a regional team in a National Tournament is just around the corner. The chance for children from regional Victoria being able to participate in our competition is something that we should be proud of, as it has expanded these children's horizons incredibly.

Administration

After nominations were taken for new Board members at the last AGM, the only acceptance was for Cliff Jennings, who has taken on the role of Director of High Performance. Tim Fry and Ric Benedierks agreed to continue on in their positions after not officially standing for the positions. Colleen Hunter, Lynne Pike, John Morgan, Susanna Mullner and Con Loulatzis who took on the position of Secretary to the Board, were seconded to the Board, and thanks must go out to these people for continuing to keep the sport running on an even keel.

Late in the year we had the resignation of long serving Board member Graham Sharpe, who took on the position of a Director for ALA, good luck Graham in the new position, and also congratulations to Jan Jackson for being re-elected to the ALA Board.

On receiving the VicHealth SSAPP grant, in consultation with VicHealth we were advised to look into re-structuring the Board, with Portfolios and proper job descriptions in place for Board members and staff.

Staffing

The LV office has continued to run with 4 part time staff, Paul Clough (Manager), Maureen Austin (Finance Manager), Sandra Hecker (Sporting Pulse) and Kristen Stone (Development officer / SSAPP Project Officer).

With the success of gaining the VicHealth funding, we were able to increase the hours of Kristen to accommodate the Project officer duties for the SSAPP program. This has meant we now have Kristen working on lacrosse full time, allowing her to do great things in organizing coaching courses, competitions, clinics and carrying out the project officer duties on the SSAPP program. These duties will involve working closely with our VicHealth Project Manager, liaising closely with clubs on surveys and data collection regarding player and team statistics and work within our target population of Women and Girls.

Many thanks must go to Maureen for running the office while I was overseas with the Aussie Indoor Team and shortly afterwards recovering from a back operation, which has made it difficult for me to function to my expectations before and after the operation, hopefully 2012 will see me functioning better. Also to Kristen for her work on the SSAPP Program and helping out with everything else that pops up as well as her other duties, coaching and clinics.

Training

In the last year we have added 4 new Facilitators, through courses run by VicSport, who are now qualified to run club coaching courses, our aim is to have all coaches qualified in the future, to lift the standard and profile of our sport in this state.

Again we had a large number of people going through the refereeing course run by ALRA, gaining their club level refereeing qualifications. With some rule changes, all Men's club referees will need to attend refresher courses in 2012. 2012 will hopefully see the beginning of a similar ALRA type umpiring association set up to assist and improve the numbers of qualified umpires in the Women's game.

This year we are continuing to promote lacrosse out to the teachers, running more courses for trainee PE teachers in Melbourne and Regional areas, and holding meetings with ACHPER, in an endeavor to get out to more teachers across Melbourne and the State.

Funding

June 30 saw the finish of our VicHealth PICSAR funding which was the driving force which funded our Development Officer in Bendigo. As a result, we were unable to fund anyone to continue our push into schools in the area, but in September, with the help of Chris Thompson in Bendigo, a Senior Secondary boy's team from Bendigo Secondary College competed in our Senior School competition and a boys and girls team from Eaglehawk North Primary competed in our Primary School competition in November. This is the second year this school has participated in this competition, and this year they were not far off competing in the finals.

If Bendigo is to continue as a viable club into the future, LV will need to assist in some way to continue to expand the competition into the schools, creating a steady stream of prospective players for the future.

SRV Funding 2011 \$20,000 (this funding was cut back to a 1 year period)
Organizational Support Program Further funding to be advised early 2012

VicHealth 2011 \$10,000 (project/funding ended June 2011)
PICSAR Project Bendigo

VicHealth 2011-2014 \$80,000 / year (for priority population Women/girls)
SSAPP Women / Girls

SSAPP Program

In June 2011 Lacrosse Victoria received funding from VicHealth for a Priority Population project to improve accessibility for Women and Girls which will be spread over a 3 year period.

This funding requires the sport to work closely with VicHealth and the first year's direction will be to do a complete overhaul of the Board and its ability to function efficiently.

Joint meetings have been held with VicHealth, Sport and Recreation Victoria, VicSport and members of the Board and staff to determine the best way to introduce the changes in direction our sport and the Board will need to take into the future to remain competitive with other sports, in attracting new members and becoming more safe, welcoming and inclusive to Women and Girls.

The appointment of Kristen Stone as Project Officer for our VicHealth SSAPP program will allow a member of staff to be involved permanently in liaising with Clubs, members, VicHealth and the Board to achieve the required outcomes over the funding project and beyond.

This is an exciting first for our sport, to be working closely with our government funding partners, setting up a good practices pathway for other minor sports to follow.

At one of the SSAPP Programs workshops we were advised this program was being carried out as a trial for sport development and was a world first, which would be closely watched by other countries in respect to creating healthier lifestyles for the population.

Promotion.

After running demonstration days for ACHPER, a support agency for PE teachers across the state, at Monash University for a number of years, LV attended a meeting with ACHPER staff and was asked to be involved in running a teachers training day in Gippsland.

With the development of a teachers pack by Kristen Stone, with assistance from Jessie MacKinnon and Brett Cope, and great support from VicSport, we now have the tool to take lacrosse into schools across Victoria and assist teachers to run their own lacrosse programs in their schools.

The City of Wyndham has requested lacrosse to be a part of their Active Kids Program, leading us into a fast growth corridor and with requests from Regional areas to get involved, our sport could be ready to explode.

With this resource, Fast Break Weekly, and the Channel 31 TV show we are in a position to promote the game of lacrosse to a broader population than ever before.

Media

2011 saw the launch of the new Lacrosse Victoria website, this launch coincided with the opening of the season in Warrnambool and up to date scores during the day were available through the facebook page. With the development of Twitter, this has also been included in the website, bringing the site into the modern Social Media era.

The Fast Break weekly highlights on UTube have developed into the monthly Lacrosse show on Channel 31 which produced amazing viewer figures, creating a perfect platform to attract sponsors to the sport in the future.

With the assistance of funding from LV for the purchase of a camera, computer / editing equipment etc. we are planning to further develop this exciting venture and it is hoped it will put us in a strong position to attract viable sponsorships in the future

Along with our annual mail out to all State Primary and Secondary schools regarding our school competitions, LV is now a regular on the E News magazine sent out to all teachers, primary and secondary across the state, reporting on coming events and results of competitions held during the year. Although this is a step in the right direction, we are reliant on clubs to interact with the local schools to make these reports relevant in the local lacrosse areas and to get further teacher involvement.

Schools participation

Clubs are again encouraged to develop closer links with schools in their local areas, a number of clubs are beginning to get lacrosse entered into the school district curriculum, resulting in structured school District finals days. The winning teams are invited to our finals days at Altona in Term 3 & 4.

With further club's participation it is hoped we will be able to run our Primary school finals days both in the East and West to limit traveling time and make these days more accessible for outer suburbs in the East.

Over the year our finals days have included teams of players and schools across Melbourne who have not participated in lacrosse before and had instant success playing in finals.

The enthusiasm shown by children, teachers and parents at these school days is something to be seen to be believed.

Inter school competitions.

The Senior Secondary School competition was held on September 5 with only 3 schools competing, although lacking in numbers the students had a great time.

Bendigo Secondary College, coached by Chris Thompson came down and had a go and although they lacked the skills, the other students were impressed in their endeavour and willingness to learn. Emmanuel College put up a good fight but were edged out by Maribyrnong Secondary. This was a great chance for the students at Maribyrnong to finally get to play as a team against another opponent, putting their training into practice.

Friday November 4 saw the Junior Secondary School competition, and again although lacking in numbers, competition was fierce and the students were keen to listen and learn throughout the day. The Laverton High girls team improved over the day and were able to reverse their round robin result by out running the Northcote girls in a close final. Northcote boys improved over the day but were unable to overcome a more experienced Emmanuel College team in the final.

The day proved to be a good one for the sport with a number of students being introduced to competitive lacrosse for the first time, which put into practice the things they had been introduced to in their school clinics earlier.

Friday November 25 saw our Primary School competition held in 2 divisions to accommodate the number of teams and schools involved. In all we had 26 teams from 14 schools, 14 boys' teams and 12 girls' teams

In the Blue division Williamstown boys defeated Oakleigh South and Williamstown Girls defeated Waverley CC.

In the White division Kent Park Boys defeated St. Bernard's and St. Mary's Girls defeated Christ Church Grammar both in overtime.

Many thanks to the teachers, parents and volunteers who made these school days possible and with a little support from clubs we hope to run bigger and better days next year.

These competitions are important to the sport and should have been promoted more strongly throughout the clubs. In the future, with more communication between clubs and local schools it is hoped that each club should have a school entered in each of these competitions.

With the strong numbers of the Primary school competition in 2011, it envisaged that there will be an Eastern and Western section in 2012, which will cut down the traveling for teams in the East and hopefully make it more appealing to enter.

It is expected that Bendigo will again have a boys and girl's team entered and possibly teams from the Western District in 2012.

Regional Development

Warrnambool

At the end of 2010 it was decided at Board level to try to lift the profile of the sport and take the sport to the country regions and with the overwhelming support of the local council, Warrnambool was chosen to have the opening round of the Men's and Women's State League competition.

To support this LV held school clinics early in March for 6 schools and approximately 450 children. Thanks to Kristen Stone and Steve Newall for assisting in the event, a great time was had by all.

Prior to the opening round of State League. clinics were held at 4 more schools over 3 days with 500 children attending and a schools competition was held on April 7 with 3 schools from the March clinics competing in both boys and girls teams. Allansford won both divisions with Warrnambool West runners up in the girls and St. Pius runners up in the boys. Thanks again for to Steve Newell for his assistance at the clinics and to Steve and John Harris for umpiring the school competition.

The opening of the 2011 season went ahead as planned and except for the weather turning against us on the day, the playing surfaces held up well and from people who I have spoken to since the event, quite a number of locals enjoyed watching the games, from the warm surrounds of the football club lounge.

LV would like to thank all players and members involved for their participation in this event and also the Warrnambool Council for their support and the 2 local football clubs and the hockey club for arranging their fixtures to ensure the grounds would be available for our event.

The legacy of the clinics prior to the Classic was to come back to us when PE teachers from the Warrnambool and Timboon districts requested further clinics. These were held on December 2 & 5 when clinics from 6 schools and 520 children were held, fully organized with bussing the children in and out by the local schools. Thanks to Tim and Jeff Fry, Ric Benedierks and Ben Stevens for helping to make these clinics possible. With 2 regional PE Coordinators in the district firmly behind the introduction of lacrosse in the Western Region, the future of a 4th. Term school based competition in the future seems a matter of LV continuing to offer support and guidance to the teachers who see lacrosse as a unique and interesting sport which provides an alternative to the regular sports. The reaction of the children was overwhelming in their eagerness to try this new challenging sport.

Interest has since been expressed in conducting school clinics in Camperdown and Colac, all keen to be involved in the sport in the South Western district.

Bendigo.

The Bendigo development was an early learning curve and with the shortfalls experienced in the initial setting up of the sport, we were able to move into Warrnambool with a clearer idea of what would be needed to succeed in introducing the sport. With the funding for Bendigo development finished we must now try to replicate the Warrnambool plan which has been driven by teachers and schools, much easier on resources and local members.

Presentation Night (September)

This year the Presentation Night was held in the Champions Room at MSAC Albert Park, a central venue to all clubs. It proved to be a great venue for such a gathering of lacrosse people and a great night was had by all.

Our guest speaker was Ex Olympian Champion aerial skier Jacqui Cooper and her talk showed the enthusiasm that propelled her to the heights of success she was able to attain. It was apparent that the audience were impressed by her talk and at the end of the evening Jacqui commented on what an amazing group of sports people the lacrosse fraternity were and what a pleasure it was for her to attend and put in a request to be invited to next years night.

The set up and presentation on the night were a credit to Maureen Austin, Kristen Stone and Hayley Sofarnos who put in many hours to make the night a success.

The night went well, and from the comments, most enjoyed the whole night and it was pleasing to feel that everyone enjoyed the night as a celebration of the 2011 season.

Hosted National Events (April)

Eltham took on the task of hosting the Under 17 / Under 19 Boys and the Under 17 / Under 21 Girls Championships in April and they must be congratulated on running the event, a major task, having it so early in the year and the support from their members to run the event was incredible.

State Teams Results:

The boys Under 17 final resulted in Victoria 14 defeating Western Australia 10

The boys Under 19 final result was Victoria 16 defeated Western Australia 9

The girls Under 17 final result was Victoria 14 defeated South Australia 5

The girls Under 21 final result was Victoria 17 defeated South Australia 9

Although this was a fantastic result for Victoria to take out all Championship finals, it is important for the benefit of our sport nationally that all states be fully supportive in competing in such Championships to lift the overall profile of the sport in Australia. These events are not all about winning, it is good for the sport to get together and compete at your best and celebrate the spirit our sport creates amongst our sporting community.

Other National Events

In the under15 tournament in Western Australia, Ice defeated Lightning in the girl's competition and Southern Crosse lost the final narrowly to the Braves in the boys.

In the Senior National Championships the Men were successful for the 5th. time in succession by defeating South Australia and winning the State Team of the year award at the Victorian Sports Awards night. The Senior Women's Team came second to Western Australia.

Summary

Lacrosse is again at an interesting stage with great support being offered by our Governmental sports bodies that see lacrosse as a great community based sport, run by a passionate group of people from the top down to the grassroots level.

They see the positive benefits sports such as ours have in the community as something that is vital and beneficial to the future health of our society. It is important that we continue to work closely with our local schools and communities, the benefits may not turn instantly into playing members, but our work is seen and appreciated by our Government bodies, in continuing to promote the involvement in club sport into our communities, which is the message the Government strives to promote to the general public.

The funding from these Government sporting bodies is aimed at increasing participation in sporting activities for all ages and is to make sport more Accessible, Inclusive, and welcoming to Women and Girls, the Culturally and linguistically Challenged, Physically disadvantaged and free of bullying, sexual harassment and victimization.

Members of the Board should be congratulated on the work they have carried out during the year and their continuing commitment into growing the sport at club, school and Regional level.

Some clubs are to be congratulated on their efforts to introduce the sport into the schools and the setting up of local school lacrosse days, with an aim of increased active participation in sport and the offer to join welcoming, Inclusive, family friendly community sporting clubs.

Through these efforts Lacrosse is in a great position, being recognized by the State Governing Bodies and playing its part in the development of sporting strategies in the State.

Bring on 2012, where will we go from here.

Paul Clough

FINANCIAL REPORT – John Barlow

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC

ABN: 31 876 640 323

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Operating Income		
Sales	18,244	20,251
Total Operating Income	<u>18,244</u>	<u>20,251</u>
Other Income		
Competitions & tours	8,268	8,891
Government grants	70,354	51,000
Interest received	2,495	1,143
Miscellaneous	15,346	1,769
Registration & insurance	259,152	210,221
School programs	5,005	13,821
State teams & championships	243,308	254,852
Sundry local competition income	24,701	23,501
Total Other Income	<u>628,629</u>	<u>565,198</u>
Total Income	<u><u>646,873</u></u>	<u><u>585,449</u></u>
EXPENDITURE		
Advertising and promotion	28,138	23,183
Accounting & auditors' fees	402	681
Bad debts	671	10
Competition registrations	32,510	26,454
Competitions tours expenses	9,570	29,971
Cost of sales	14,729	11,032
Depreciation	5,992	6,469
Employee benefits expenses	70,986	77,250
Grants related expenses	27,763	12,761
General Expenses	27,044	10,898
Insurance	60,839	56,583
Carried Forward	<u>278,644</u>	<u>255,292</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC
 ABN: 31 876 640 323
 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Brought Forward	278,644	255,292
Local competition expenses	60,850	49,834
Operating lease	5,770	5,538
School programs related expenses	7,606	13,945
State teams & championships	253,300	248,030
Write off NLL Allstars advances	0	50,000
Total Expenditure	<u>606,170</u>	<u>622,639</u>
Net Profit/(Loss)	<u>40,703</u>	<u>(37,190)</u>
Retained Profits at the Beginning of the Year	100,624	137,814
Retained Profits at the End of the Year	<u>141,327</u>	<u>100,624</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC
 ABN: 31 876 640 323
 ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	166,704	75,139
Trade and other receivables	3	21,525	17,676
Inventories	4	11,166	7,478
Other current assets	5	0	5,000
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>199,395</u>	<u>105,293</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant & equipment	6	10,221	10,651
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>10,221</u>	<u>10,651</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>209,616</u>	<u>115,944</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	15,955	4,528
Provisions	8	13,591	8,402
Other current liabilities	9	38,353	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>67,899</u>	<u>12,930</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	390	2,390
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>390</u>	<u>2,390</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>68,289</u>	<u>15,320</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>141,327</u>	<u>100,624</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Profits		141,327	100,624
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>141,327</u>	<u>100,624</u>
The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements			

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC
 ABN: 31 876 640 323
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from members and contributors		551,260	503,570
Government grants receipts		113,707	36,000
Receipts from sale and hire of equipment		18,244	20,251
Payment to suppliers and employees		(586,579)	(572,362)
Interest received		2,495	1,143
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Net cash provided by operating activities	11	99,127	(11,398)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Loan repayments		(2,000)	(7,000)
Payment for plant and equipment		(5,562)	(2,123)
Proceeds from redemption of term deposit		0	30,000
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Net cash provided by/(used) by investing activities		(7,562)	20,877
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		91,565	9,479
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		75,139	65,660
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	2	<u>166,704</u>	<u>75,139</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC
ABN: 31 876 640 323
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2011

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Association Incorporations Act (Victoria) 1981. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money value or, except where specially stated, current valuation of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

a. Income Tax

No provision for income tax is necessary as the Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

b. Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

c. Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

d. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2011

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

e. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indicator exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

f. Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

g. Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC
 ABN: 31 876 640 323
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
NOTE 2 Cash & Cash Equivalents		
Commonwealth bank cheque account	24,050	19,247
Commonwealth bank account - state team	15,486	15,110
Commonwealth bank online saver account	111,333	25,678
Online saver account - state team	15,835	15,104
	<u>166,704</u>	<u>75,139</u>
NOTE 3 Trade and other receivables		
Debtors	21,125	16,895
Debtors - state team	400	781
	<u>21,525</u>	<u>17,676</u>
NOTE 4 Inventory		
Lacrosse shop stock	11,166	7,478
	<u>11,166</u>	<u>7,478</u>
NOTE 5 Other current assets		
Grants receivable	-	5,000
	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>
NOTE 6 Plant & equipment		
Equipment		
Equipment - at cost	49,301	43,739
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(39,080)	(33,088)
	<u>10,221</u>	<u>10,651</u>
Total plant & equipment	<u>10,221</u>	<u>10,651</u>

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC
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 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
NOTE 7 Trade and other payables		
CURRENT		
Other creditors & accruals	3,272	3,883
GST liabilities	9,554	(431)
GST liabilities - state team	(856)	(85)
PAYG withholding tax	1,360	1,161
Club referee payments owing	2,625	-
	<u>15,955</u>	<u>4,528</u>
NON CURRENT		
Loan – NLL	390	2,390
	<u>390</u>	<u>2,390</u>
NOTE 8 Provisions		
Provision for annual leave	10,460	5,964
Provision for long service leave	3,131	2,438
	<u>13,591</u>	<u>8,402</u>
NOTE 9 Other current liabilities		
Grants in advance	38,353	-
	<u>38,353</u>	<u>-</u>
NOTE 10 Operating lease commitments		
Being for rent of office		
Payable - minimum lease payments		
- not later than 12 months	5,113	6,190
- between 12 months and five years	-	4,643
- greater than five years	-	-
	<u>5,113</u>	<u>10,833</u>

The property lease is a non-cancellable lease with a five-year term, with rent payable monthly in advance. Contingent rental provisions within the lease agreement require that the minimum lease payments shall be increased by Consumer Price Index per annum

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC
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 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
NOTE		
11 Statement of Cash Flows		
Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit from ordinary activities after income tax		
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax	40,703	(37,190)
Non - cash flows in profit		
Bad debts	671	10
Depreciation	5,992	6,469
Write off NLL Allstar advance	0	50,000
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(4,520)	(9,485)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(3,688)	2,550
(Increase)/decrease in grants receivables	5,000	(5,000)
Increase/(decrease) in trade creditors & accruals	11,427	3,751
Increase/(decrease) in payables	0	(20,905)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	5,189	8,402
Increase/(decrease) in grants in advance	38,353	(10,000)
	99,127	(11,398)
	99,127	(11,398)

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC
ABN: 31 876 640 323

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 9:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Lacrosse Victoria Inc as at 31 December 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Lacrosse Victoria Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President John Harris

Treasurer John Barlow

Dated this 12th day of April 2012

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LACROSSE VICTORIA INC

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Lacrosse Victoria Inc, which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 31 December 2011 and the income and expenditure statement and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Lacrosse Victoria Inc is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis for preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) 1981 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

LACROSSE VICTORIA INC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LACROSSE VICTORIA INC

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Lacrosse Victoria Inc presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Lacrosse Victoria Inc as at 31 December, 2011 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) 1981.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Lacrosse Victoria Inc to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) 1981. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

M V Anderson & Co
Chartered Accountants
4th Floor, 313 Latrobe St
Melbourne Vic 3000

Graeme S Day
Partner
Dated: 13 April 2012

RECORDS – *Men's*

WINTER TEAMS

State League	Camberwell, Caulfield, Chadstone, Eltham, Footscray, Malvern, MCC, Surrey Park, Williamstown
Division 1	Altona, Camberwell, Eltham, Footscray, MCC, Melbourne University, Moreland, Surrey Park, Williamstown
Division 2	Altona, Caulfield, Chadstone, Eltham, Footscray, Malvern, MCC, Williamstown
Division 3	Bendigo, Camberwell, Chadstone, Eltham, Melbourne University, MCC, Moreland, Surrey Park
Under 18	Chadstone, Eltham, Footscray, Melbourne High,
Under 16 Div 1	Eltham/Surrey Park, Footscray, Malvern/Caulfield, MCC, Williamstown Fearon
Under 16 Div2	Chadstone, Melbourne High 1, Melbourne High 2, Moreland, Northcote, Williamstown Cities
Under 14	Altona, Camberwell, Chadstone, Eltham, Footscray, Malvern, MCC, Melbourne High, Williamstown
Under 12 Crocs	Camberwell Buzzards, Caulfield Cobras, Eltham Russell, Knox, Malvern Red, MCC Red
Under 12 Sharks	Altona Purple, Chadstone Red, Camberwell Scorpions, Camberwell Sting, Eltham Durham, Footscray Green, Malvern Black, Moreland, Surrey Park Red, Williamstown Fearon

REGISTERED MEN & JUNIOR BOYS PLAYERS

Club	Senior	U18	U16	U14	U12	Total Player
Altona	33	2	1	9	15	60
Bendigo	12	3	1	1		17
Camberwell	42	4	4	13	33	96
Caulfield	25	5	3	5	20	58
Chadstone	41	10	9	13	12	85
Eltham	59	12	9	8	23	111
Footscray	37	9	18	10	9	83
Knox				4	7	11
Malvern	35	4	9	13	29	90
MCC	47	1	12	10	17	87
Melbourne Uni	27	16	34	15		92
Moreland	21		8	1	9	39
Northcote			12			12
Surrey Park	47	5	11	5	13	81
Williamstown	54	6	26	10	16	112
Total	480	77	157	117	203	1034

RECORDS – *Women's*

WINTER TEAMS

State League	Altona/Caulfield, Footscray, Newport, Williamstown
A Grade	Caulfield, Chadstone, Eltham, Footscray, Williamstown
B Grade	Altona, Camberwell, Chadstone/Caulfield, Footscray, Malvern, MCC, Melbourne Uni., Newport, Surrey Park
Under 17	Eltham, Footscray, Newport, Williamstown
Under 15	Chadstone, Eltham, Footscray, Newport, Northcote, Williamstown
Under 13	Altona/Chadstone, Camberwell, Eltham, Footscray, Newport, Williamstown 1, Williamstown 2
Under 11	Footscray, Newport, Williamstown 1, Williamstown 2

REGISTERED WOMEN & JUNIOR GIRLS PLAYERS

Club	Senior	U17	U15	U13	U11	VicLax	Total Player
Altona	12	2	3	2	4		23
Camberwell	13	3		9	9		34
Caulfield	21	3	1				25
Chadstone	16	1	4	10	2		33
Eltham	15	4	8	8	9		44
Footscray	25	7	7	13	11		63
Malvern	11		1	2			14
MCC	14						14
Melbourne Uni	15						15
Newport	17	15	8	15	14		69
Northcote			14				14
Surrey Park	11	1	3				15
Williamstown	21	11	15	16	23	1	87
TOTAL	191	47	64	76	72	1	451

REGISTRATION & TEAM NUMBER STATISTICS 2005-2011

Men									Teams	
		Senior	Total Junior	U18	U16	U14	U12	Total Players	Junior	Senior
2011		483	550	75	157	117	201	1033	40	34
2010		502	544	101	120	123	200	1046	45	35
2009		461	588	151	134	108	195	1049	51	33
2008		436	680	185	149	126	220	1116	53	32
2007		415	690	154	201	125	210	1105	51	29
2006		464	646	190	197	129	130	1110	47	28
2005		484	665	141	253	157	130	1149	55	28

Women									Teams	
	Life	Senior	Total Junior	U17	U15	U13	U11	Total Players	Junior	Senior
2011	1	193	260	48	64	76	72	454	21	19
2010	2	185	241	41	66	63	71	428	22	16
2009	1	197	242	37	70	56	79	440	23	18
2008	1	247	244	39	61	67	77	493	20	19
2007	1	203	233	46	53	77	57	437	19	18
2006	1	174	211	44	62	51	54	386	20	19
2005	3	208	204	34	70	48	52	415	21	16

COMPETITION RESULTS

Men

Grade	Premiership
State League	Surrey Park 17 d Williamstown 11
Division 1	Eltham 16 d Williamstown 14
Division 2- George Smith Premiership Cup	Williamstown 16 d MCC 13
Division 3- Hugh Woods Cup	Camberwell 20 d MCC 9
Under 18	Footscray 10 d Eltham 6
Under 16 Div 1	Footscray 11 d Williamstown Fearon 8
Under 16 Div 2	Williamstown Cities 14 d Northcote 9
Under 14	Malvern 20 d Camberwell 4
Under 12	No Premiership Competition

Women

Grade	Winner
State League – Fearon Cup	Newport 10 d Footscray 8
A Grade – Parker Cup	Footscray 9 d Caulfield 5
B Grade- Cheevers Cup	Newport 11 d Surrey Park 6
U17 – Kendall/Pearson Cup	Footscray 14 d Newport 6
U15 Vivienne Parker-Grant Cup	Footscray 10 d Eltham 9
U13	Footscray 7 d Williamstown 5
U11	No Premiership Competition

BEST AND FAIREST – Men (no awards for U14 and U12)
STATE LEAGUE

Name	Club	Votes
Robert Stark	Caulfield	24
Evan Roberts	Surrey Park	20
David Gal	Malvern	17
Chris Plumb	Footscray	17

DIVISION 1

Name	Club	Votes
Daniel Jennings	Williamstown	24
Damien Cliffe	Altona	20
David Carter	Melbourne University	19
Symon Lovett	Moreland	19
Nick Barlow	Camberwell	19

DIVISION 2

Name	Club	Votes
Brendan Freeman	Eltham	15
Patrick McGrath-Campbell	Malvern	15
Jarryd Lee	Chadstone	14
Cameron Fennell	Altona	13

DIVISION 3

Name	Club	Votes
Mitch Wilkinson	Moreland	17
Tallon Tulloch	Camberwell	15
James Sorataworn	MCC	14

UNDER 18

Name	Club	Votes
Liam Kennedy	Eltham	14
Taylor Ryan	Melbourne High	13
Harrison Reed	Chadstone	13
Cameron Wallace	Eltham	13

UNDER 16

Name	Club	Votes
Noah Jenney	Williamstown	32
Alexander Pike	Williamstown	22
Thomas Mollison	Footscray	20
Xavier Fiorentini	Footscray	20

BEST AND FAIREST – Women

STATE LEAGUE

Name	Club	Votes
Hayley Sofarnos	Newport	21
Rachel Kirchheimer	Newport	18
Abbie Burgess	Footscray	16
Melissa Hadden	Williamstown	14
Lyndsey Paton	Newport	13

A GRADE

Name	Club	Votes
Deidre Kelly	Footscray	22
Verity Clough	Chadstone	14
Tara Healy	Caulfield	13
Kelly Prentice	Footscray	11
Ashlee Shacklock	Williamstown	9

B GRADE

Name	Club	Votes
Shana Kukucka	Altona	24
Hayley Carlson	Surrey Park	20
Kaitlin Hughes	Altona	15
Grace Mackie	Camberwell	15
Kelly Sedgeway	Newport	15
Gabrielle Nichols	MCC	14

CLUB REPORTS

ALTONA

This was my first year as President which was also my first year back on to the committee after serving as Secretary in 2008 and 2009. I thought I knew what I was getting in to, but that was not the case – once the season starts it is difficult to come up for air and have a broader view of where we are heading. This is the challenge I would like to set for the club – to develop a plan for the future and to work towards it.

I would like to thank Mark Lewer (President 2006-2010) for his massive contribution to the committee and the club – it's not until I stepped into his position that you appreciate all the things he did for the club. The year as a whole was challenging as the appointment of the new committee was not finalised until February. It was also challenging on the field with no silverware this year and having to drop out of Division 3 after a few rounds into the year. We posted a loss of \$2,445.45 which included an investment of \$3,000 in new nets which should last at least 10 years, when amortising this cost over 10 years, we produced a small profit of \$245.45.

The club relies upon the help of dedicated people who clearly have a labor of love for the club. I'd like to thank all the coaches for their effort, it was amazing to see the effort our junior coaches go to ensuring we get a full team on the park – going to their houses to pick up and drop off the kids. Seeing the passion they had when presenting their awards at Junior Presentation night is testament to their commitment. Jo Hughes as Secretary and Canteen Manager (as well as part time Treasurer) spent an enormous amount of time at the club and outside of the club – ensuring everything ran smoothly, without her I and the club would have struggled. Graham Mackinnon did the thankless task of ensuring our grounds were always marked out. He also attended many meetings with LV. It was great to see many of our younger members volunteering to assist with events hosted by the club. A big thank you goes to Brendan Howarth who as the entire Social Committee managed to raise a significant amount of money for the club through his social events.

Jessie Mackinnon is another special mention, as Recruitment Manager she has developed lesson plans, nurtured relationships with schools and conducted clinics. I understand that her efforts will see us field more junior teams in 2012 – this is tremendous and we all should thank her as without new members we will not have a club.

I have presented a plan to the committee which should provide a guide for the club to focus on over the next couple of years. The plan is to focus on three key areas of; attracting people to the club, growing them through involvement and retaining them.

We need players to be actively involved in helping to run the club – paying fees and playing is only one aspect of the club. Moving into 2012, we will be asking more people to share some of the workload. Doing so will ensure their fees remain one of the lowest in the competition but more importantly will ensure the longer term success of our club.

Maurice Zicman

BENDIGO

The club is now in its 4th year of existence and 2nd year of competition in Lacrosse Victoria men's competition, playing in Division 3. We have had a few challenges with playing on a Sunday in Bendigo and in Melbourne (away games) on a Saturday. It has been difficult finding committed players for Sunday matches and feel the change to Saturday matches a positive move. This move will give our teams more consistency and cohesion in the competition. Melbourne teams will only be inconvenienced once or at the most twice in the season by competing in Bendigo.

Bendigo continues to recruit and develop our first year recruits with new ball handling skills. As this develops we envisage more success on the field by being more competitive with other teams.

Part of Bendigo's continued growth is the development of our schools program with both primary and secondary schools with the aim of organising in 2012 an inter school competition to recruit more juniors to take over from the old guard.

Bendigo is looking forward to hosting the first round of State League for the Men and Women on April 14th and in doing so we hope to introduce the sport to a wide range of new people. We have had good support from Paul Clough who is a good life line with any issues or queries. Thank you Paul.

The future of the Bendigo Lacrosse Club looks strong and we look forward to starting the 2012 season.

CAMBERWELL

NASA had a few setback on the way to the moon and the same with us, but overall the goal is getting closer. Finding a State League coach has become our biggest hurdle and also primary aim for 2012. The club is continuing on our growth path thanks to Josh Anderson and his junior recruiting team. We met our recruiting and retention target. We added a third Under 12 boy's team and had a very full Under 13 girl's team. We have grown from 100 players in 2009, 121 last year and 140 this year. We entered 9 of our own teams, up 1 from last year.

And the result showed our quality is improving also. Grant Hodder's Division 3 team were the stars winning the premiership this year. Under 14's did great work to get to the grand final and the B grade women, under 16 and under 18's made the finals too. All other teams had some good results over the season.

Thank you to all our coaches, managers and referee's for this year and welcome back to Doug Fox coaching under 12's again.

All our facilities and grounds worked well for us and we continued to have good relationships with the council. As the season ended Eric Raven Rooms were completed and officially opened on the 5th November.

We have received some sponsorship from Bendigo Bank for team players' tops, Vic Health for safety equipment and from Player's Edge for equipment.

The season was busy and included the following functions, Registration Day and Ashburton Street Festival, a junior pasta night, hosting women's rounds, Under 12 lightning Premiership, Under 14 finals and concluded with Junior & Senior Presentation Nights.

This is my last year as president and I have enjoyed the last 3 years running the club with the help of a great general committee, coaches and supporters. Good luck to Philip Churchward for next year. And a special thanks to Helen & Mike in the canteen, and Jennie with the MILL.

Ross Melville
President

CAULFIELD

Congratulations to all members for their individual contributions toward the 2011 Season.

A very special thank you must go to the entire 2011 Committee who have all put in many hours of hard work which has delivered a solid year of building the structure for the club going forward.

The 2011 season has been one of re-building and re-engagement with many new faces to the committee including my position as president. Going forward we need to ensure that the club stays relevant to the members and to do this we need to ensure that as many members get involved in the club to make the club what we want it be. It has been fun and a lot of hard work although it has highlighted that the more people who get involved, the easier it is for everyone to enjoy being a part of the club.

Our member base, like many clubs in Victoria and around Australia has been reducing over the last ten years. This will be the main focus over the coming twelve months with the Caulfield Committee focusing on three main areas, one being past members, two being junior recruitment and three being looking at our local catchment area and identifying new avenues in the local community to attract club members.

As the 2011 committee was relatively new, we set out at the start of season to set a good foundation in terms of structure and setting up a solid knowledge base. Some key highlights over the year are detailed below:

- Key event Calendar set up at the start of the pre season

- Presidents Day function at the first home and away game with a strong emphasis of getting out to past players
- New website with easy on-line payment system to pay subs and event entry - A huge thank you to David Calleja for his efforts and time!
- New E-newsletter and communication tools
- Refreshed club logo and groundwork for the club mission statement to be finalized in 2012
- Start of a 3 Year Club roll out of new uniforms across the club, sponsored by Mt Erica Hotel with an initial contribution of \$1,000
- Setting a format for junior recruitment which has resulted in 4 new schools participating in our junior program with a local scout program starting in 2012 pre season.
- Finalizing of a new instructional DVD to send out to school PE teachers to teach our great sport of lacrosse
- More interest in past club members wanting to be involved with the club

I hope that this enthusiasm and drive continues into the coming seasons and that more people get involved to make the club what you want it to be. I am very excited for the coming season and very pleased with the outcomes of the 2011 season and hope that we can continue to do more and achieve more on and off the field in 2012.

Congratulations to all players that were selected to participate as State and International representatives, and to all those who supported their contribution.

Thank you to the dedicated few who did step up on a regular basis to referee, score and assist with event management. Your contributions are appreciated.

Thank you to all coaches and team managers, without your contributions there is no game.

Finally again, thank you to the 2011 Committee and those who assisted with set up, line marking and all the other voluntary tasks that help us keep things afloat.

I'd like to wish the incoming Committee all the best for 2012 and can't wait to get stuck into the upcoming season with you all.

Take care over the coming festive season. Stay safe and I look forward to catching up again in 2012.

Yours in Lacrosse,

Dave Tzirulnik - President

CHADSTONE

At the conclusion of this season, it would be a mistake to measure Chadstone's success as a club only by focusing on whether or not we added any silverware to the trophy cupboard. There are many more things that define success for us in 2011; we are still a 'Work In Progress', but by continuing on the path we've taken so far our future success is assured.

This year we fielded *eleven teams* - three senior men's teams, two senior women's teams, and importantly, *six junior teams*; in fact, we fielded a team in nearly every junior division, with the only exception being a girls' Under 17 team. This is a fantastic result which doesn't come without hard work, and is evidence that the extensive recruiting efforts of Gregg Osborne (juniors) and Mike Lee (seniors/Monash) over the past few years are now paying off. Junior recruitment will remain a focus for us in 2012.

We made our first foray into State League after a long hiatus without a team at this level, and there was a time some years ago that few people would have thought this possible. Nobody thought this was going to be an easy journey - and they were right. Inexperience at this level of competition meant that the team did not win a game during the season, but as part of the process learnt instead to celebrate small victories such as winning a quarter or a half, or limiting the opposition's goal scoring opportunities. With coach Larry Whiting's persistence and focus on skills development, the team has shown steady improvement against vastly more experienced teams and players that already have several seasons of State League competition under their belts. Our team is fortunate to have youth on its side - something that many other currently successful State League teams do not have the luxury of - plus a widening group of up-and-coming players in lower and junior divisions to increase the depth of the pool. Experience, and consequently success, will come with hard work, dogged determination, and time

We are beginning to see the re-emergence and growth of a Women's program at Chadstone. Of our six junior teams this year two were girls' teams, with the Under 15 team being the first at Chaddy for some years. As one of only a few Eastern Suburbs clubs with a dedicated junior girls program, we can give our girls early exposure to the intricacies and differences in the women's game rather than offering the limited opportunity to play modified men's lacrosse with boys, or to play on permit with another club's established girls' team. It's important that we provide playing avenues for our junior girls, to ensure the ongoing future of our senior women's teams. Our senior A and B Grade women have formed close friendships that will consolidate them on and off the field into a supportive and close-knit unit that will be the great basis for a long-term playing group. Together with the senior women, the Under 13 and Under 15 performances this year show great promise of what's to come in Women's lacrosse at Chadstone in the future, and we can build on the foundations that have already been laid.

We saw four of our teams play in finals this year. On a senior level, Division 2 surprised everyone, including itself, by playing a stellar end to the season after a patchy start. From having no dedicated coach at the beginning, the team finally found some direction under

the guidance of Brett Cope, who took over coaching the team part way through the season and ultimately took the team into the first round of the finals.

In junior finals, the Under 13 girls were narrowly beaten in the first round, but played with the implied promise of being positively dangerous next year. Under 16 boys were beaten by a single goal in the Preliminary final, playing against a team comprised of two teams which were separate entities during the season, but mysteriously morphed into one single team for the finals. The Under 18s, with so much potential at the start of the season and a promising lineup of players, completed a year of both impressive wins and puzzling losses, which highlighted the pitfalls of players not training with the team regularly. Despite its inconsistency the team made it to the semi-final where it was beaten by the eventual premiers, Footscray, with a score of 7-10.

Within all six junior teams there is a wealth of talent to be nurtured or realized. As our future senior players, if we encourage and value *every* junior player, Chadstone will be well rewarded with solid succession plan capabilities for the future

ELTHAM

2011 was another fantastic year for the Eltham Lacrosse Club.

The start of the year began with what has become the norm recently, the committee had to actively recruit people to positions. This process takes up valuable time at the time of year which should be better spent planning for Junior Recruitment and coaches etc. However, through persistence a new committee was formed with only a few people with Eltham Lacrosse Club Executive Committee experience. It was obvious from early days that this committee had energy and was ready to make their mark for the Eltham Lacrosse Club.

To kick-start our season, we tendered to host the National Championships for Under 17 Boys, Under 19 Men and Under 17 and 21 Women. We were successful and so began our task of hosting this event.

Although the Eltham fields were in good condition at best, the Eltham Lacrosse Club made the grounds look remarkable. There was a good deal of organisation and co-operation from a wide range of organisations and most importantly, our tireless volunteers. With Victoria victorious in all age groups which included Eltham boys in the Under 17 and Under 19 teams, this capped off a very successful week on and off field.

Season proper began and saw us again field 5 senior teams (4 x men, 1 x women) and junior teams in all age groups except for under 11 girls. Our annual primary schools competition didn't give us our expected recruitment numbers, and we were only able to have two under 12 teams. Again there was a loss of players across all age groups, and we certainly need to address our retention issues and target recruitment of players of secondary school age. A direct result of not retaining a

few players at Under 16 level saw us merge our Under 16 team with Surrey Park. Although this merger worked quite successfully, it certainly is not our club's preferred position. Team highlights would have been the Under 18 boys and Under 15 girl's runners up in their respective Grand Finals, and the Division 1 Men who managed to come from qualifying 4th in finals, to winning the Grand Final convincingly.

Once again, the club could not run without the amazing band of volunteers that give their time tirelessly. They do a fantastic job and are a great support to me.

Brad Kendall
PRESIDENT

FOOTSCRAY

2011 saw many club achievements both on and off the field. A club record six Premierships, hosting of men's semi final day and women's preliminary final day and winning the LV Club of the Year award.

We welcomed our 2011 Major sponsor, Alfa Bakehouse, located in the heart of Yarraville. We had continued support from Biggin Scott Yarraville and first time support from Pink Fencing; supplying the fencing for the finals hosting day.

50th Year Anniversary "1961 – 2011"

Our 50th Year Anniversary and Celebration Day was an outstanding success with many past players attending the luncheon and games. We were blessed with a bright sunny day and delighted to have the Mayor of Maribyrnong, Cr Sarah Carter formally opened the day, with our local councillor, Cr Michael Clarke adding his enthusiasm and compliments of our clubs status within the community over many years. We were also joined by Maribyrnong Council CEO, Mr Vince Haining.

Active After School Communities (AASC) Program

We continue our partnership with the Active After-School Communities program providing primary school children with access to our structured programs.

The ASC manages the AASC program nationally through a network of locally based regional coordinators. The coordinators assist schools and after-school care centre's to facilitate the program, recruit/train community coaches and work with local sporting clubs and organisations to increase junior membership. AASC regional coordinators arrange the delivery of the program in primary schools using local sporting clubs, volunteers, private providers, teachers and senior secondary and tertiary students.

The AASC project is managed by John Morgan and the programs are delivered in a paid capacity by club members.

Spirit West

Schools visited under this program were the St. Albans and Braybrook WELS schools and the Newly Arrived Leadership Group. They visited the club for a carnival game day and were hosted by the FLC U19 Australian players. The group returned on our 50th Anniversary Day for a second 'come and try' day.

Grants / Funding, Maribyrnong Council

In November last year we were successful in receiving a Minor Facilities Grant, from Sport and Recreation Victoria, for the Angliss Reserve Field-Lighting Project. The grant is for \$60,000 with the club contributing \$60,000 as well. The \$120,000 project is currently underway and is scheduled for completion in May 2012. We continue a very good working relationship with Maribyrnong Council and staff.

On field Review

We fielded 14 teams this year. Registered players dropped by 7 to 163. Our off-field personnel of coaches and managers, committee, and regular supporters add another 40-50 making our club of around 200 members.

9 teams made the finals and 6 of those teams won premierships.

Junior Coaching

We are very fortunate to have secured a current senior players or a past player coaching every junior team this year. This is a credit to our playing group for their dedication. Thank you to all coaches as listed.

Canteen and Bar

The canteen and bar continue as our major avenue of fundraising; they also require the highest demand of our volunteer manpower. The purchase of electronic cash registers and the MYOB accounting system, was not only a time saver at the counter, but also a huge assistance in receipting payments for all club purchases and fees. The system also identifies stock movement and cash flow and will reduce the time taken to prepare financial reports.

Food Preparation regulations and Liquor License requirements including, Responsible Serving of Alcohol legislation, demand a high level of compliance equal to commercial establishments.

Victorian and Australian Representatives

We provided a total of 49 players for Victorian team selection this year, as well as 2 coaches and 2 managers.

We also had a total of 9 FLC players represented in Australian teams. Six in the U19 Australian Women's Team for the U19 World Championship in Hanover Germany and three in the U23 Australian Development Teams, for the ASPAC Championship in Auckland NZ.

Operations

The club is well served by many club members and their extended family members who contributed many hours of work throughout the year. These people are fundamental to our success and are very much appreciated.

Paul Mollison

KNOX

Season 2011 was one of survival. Following our first year with a senior men's side in 2010, this next season was rather a let down: the senior side had struggled to field a full team some Saturdays and 2011 started with a number of injuries. The Club therefore decided to withdraw senior side this season and persist with a basic Under 12 team.

Our senior players were to play with Malvern but further injuries meant that few continued to the end of the season. Some Under 12 players did assist with Malvern's Under 16 team which had a quite successful season. Knox is grateful to the Malvern Club for their support in this difficult year. The possibility of a senior team for 2012 depends on the number of players still available and more recruitment to provide more reserves for each game.

The junior team continued this season but player numbers were again unpredictable with new recruits gained but then lost for a variety of reasons. Fortunately the team never played short during the season. The difficulty for season 2012 is that the players now span both Under 12 and Under 14 age groups. Furthermore there are a balance of boys and girls with the latter eager to start an Under 15 girls' team provided they do not have to travel far – again a call for an eastern area junior competition with opportunity to spread down into the Casey area.

Under 12 recruitment became more difficult this year with the two closest Primary Schools losing their 2010 sports teachers and the replacements were only part time (2 days per week) with little opportunity to get involved in local sport.

Despite this, support from more senior members of the Lacrosse fraternity was better than ever. Ken Hickey, lacking a senior side to coach, offered to support the players by transporting them to Malvern practices and games. His occasional visit to local practice sessions on Wednesday evenings gave obvious support to more junior seniors who offered to coach the junior teams. Scott McKissack again coached the Under 12 team and Kane Alexander offered to coach an Under 14 team, Without enough players for his Under 14 team, Kane then turned up to assist Scott with the Under 12 practice sessions. Unfortunately he has since moved to Dandenong and then to Cranbourne so another senior player and great supporter was lost.

The great news for season 2011 was the marvellous support the Club received from the parents in fund raising endeavors. Special congratulations are due to Joanne Gannon and partner Steve and Rick Richards and partner Tash. Besides a successful season for the Canteen, a Bunning's Friday sausage sizzle in Term 2 raised over \$600 (and the later pre-Christmas Saturday raised over \$1,400). Scott and Kane assisted at the first event and Jody Ingram, Adrian Hubbard, Con and Paul Loulatzis assisted at the later. (A pity that the last event can't count in the season 2011 financial report). Generous support for all BBQ efforts was provided by our local butcher at Mattash Meats in Ferntree Gully Rd.

Season 2011 awards:

Jasmine Boulter: B & F Under 14 Girls

Skye Inwood: Best Field Coverage

Jessie Knight: Best Rookie

Ashleigh Mulraney: B & F Under 12 Girls

Aleysha Ratcliffe: Most Improved Player

Darien Richards: B & F Under 14 Boys

Dylan Simpson: Goalkeeping award

Bailey Tanski: B & F Under 12 Boys

Isabella Williams: Coach's Award.

Thanks to Ken Hickey and family we also now have an up-to-date website and a couple of expressions of interest have already reached the Club for next season.

Graham Lee

MALVERN

This season was another good year for the club fielding eight teams with the growth in junior numbers and the re-inclusion of the Women's team. On field success was headlined by Malvern's Under 14 team being Premiers and Champions but it was disappointing that our Division 2 team were unable to finish off a great home and away season.

The club hosted an American Quartet who added depth and helped with coaching younger players. Their inclusion saw the State League team narrowly missing the finals. The State League also added some silverware to the trophy cabinet; the Stonnington Shield (v Chadstone), and Bob Russell Cup (v Eltham). The pressure will now be on keeping them in 2012.

The club was also well represented with the Victorian Senior Men's team including LV Coach of the Year awarded to Glenn Meredith. The club had numerous players involved with other Victorian junior teams as well as the women representative teams including Rod Ansell on the coaching staff.

The Malvern Lacrosse Club is delighted that our senior coach, Glenn Meredith, has been appointed the Australian Senior Men's coach for 2014. It is a great reward for Glenn's focus and dedication to lacrosse.

Over last summer the council resurfaced the playing field and it is hoped that it will be a great surface to play on in 2012. New and full field ground lighting has been installed which increases the area for training and opens the possibility of twilight games. The biggest improvement for the club was the increased numbers in the 12's and 14's and we have some of the most exciting junior talent for considerable time coming through the junior ranks. We finished with 32 registered U12 players and hopefully the work that was done in the City of Stonnington sponsored "Grow With Us" program we can maintain the growth in this area.

Malvern considers the recruitment of junior players as one of its most important activities. A great deal of time, effort and funds has been allocated to this task and the tireless energy of Graeme Minniece's coordination cannot be underestimated. Graeme has introduced countless players to lacrosse and the ongoing success of Malvern is largely attributable to him. The role of junior coordinator will now be passed on with Graeme taking a well earned rest.

The Malvern Lacrosse Club is providing a great environment for all our players and members, especially our juniors; as they are the future of our club. For this the club is thankful for the work of our retiring president, Jeff Campbell. Hopefully the club will continue with the rebuilding, continue to contribute on and off the field, continue to enjoy one another's friendship and company.

MCC

First I must record at the outset how much our club owes the committee for their tireless efforts, there has been much time, effort and considerable debate, which has contributed to a thoroughly enjoyable season.

It is my pleasure to report on our 116th season, it has been especially gratifying to see our club continue to consolidate our progress, this year has been another step towards success for our club, and we have fielded 3 junior teams. This year after last year's temporary pause in State League, we all had high hopes of a better year and ending than our last. Our performance this year of 9 wins and 7 losses to score enough points is another step forward. Our ladies had a competitive season, have consolidated on numbers and gained more experience, I hope next year is terrific.

Our Division Two team almost repeated last year's brilliant premiership but it was not to be, thanks to Eddie Caulfield for coaching as well as refereeing. Our Division Three team really got going this year and got a great set of players each and every week, and should be congratulated for making the grand final again, but I feel the pain of another loss. To Vaughan Comley thanks for the unenviable task of week in week out chasing players to field a team.

Thanks again to Gino Iuliano for organising our referees week in week out, I hope more players and past players take up the whistle and help the club out.

Our juniors were not as successful on the field but have taken some good steps in consolidating their lacrosse experience and knowledge. I would like to thank Fran Nichols, the junior coaches and the junior parents for their efforts this season.

I would also like to congratulate all of our juniors that achieved state or regional selection this year, it is a great indicator of the strength of players that are to come.

We had three representatives selected in the Australian Men's Box lacrosse team, Jake Egan, Marty Hyde and Daniel Mentiplay. Senior Victorian State team representatives were Jake Egan and Marty Hyde.

It has been another season for individual achievement in this club and for all those that have passed significant game milestones congratulations; I hope there are many more games in store for you all.

To Richard Ellingworth, congratulations on receiving life membership it is an honour well deserved.

To Marty Hyde congratulations on winning "The Gunner's Shield".

I would congratulate all those that received awards at our presentation night and also thank the MCC President Paul Sheahan and his committee and MCC staff for their efforts during the year.

A special thanks to Scott West for his unrivalled ground preparation to make our ground what it is today – the best.

I would like to again thank all of our club coaches, assistants, team managers, scorers and all parent helpers for their contribution to another fine season. I would also like to recognise the administration and support provided to all the clubs by Lacrosse Victoria. This is my last year as chairman of the section, it has been eight great years and an honour and privileged to be a part of such a great club.

Barry Nugent

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

Season 2011 again saw growth with the reintroduction of a women's team. Several recent past players returned to the club to assist rebuild what is a vital component of what makes a strong university club. We were fortunate that we had a number of experienced American lacrosse players who formed a terrific base to build, one of whom, Kerrie Sachs was good enough to coach the team. Kerrie was an enthusiastic coach (to say the least) and she embraced the role and created a fun learning environment which provided a great start to the new team.

Our men's teams continued under the guidance of Craig Coffey. Craig had supposedly retired from playing however due to a lack of numbers occasionally had to pulled on the boots once again and show that he was still very capable. The men's squad grew this year with several new players, players from other clubs, and a number of juniors stepping up to play Division 1. Once again numbers at training were strong early although numbers thinned throughout the season. On many occasions the Division 1 team was competitive even against the traditionally strong clubs but we seemed to lack the experience and confidence to take the game to the next step.

The Division 3 team was again coached by Sean Williams who was the backbone of the team in goals. We had many new players and a number of juniors that contributed so it was a great learning curve for everyone. Encouragingly the guys had a number of wins throughout the season and were still in contention for the finals late in the season but unfortunately missed out mostly due to having to give a couple of walkovers late in the season. Interestingly we had 40 plus registered men yet still have this issue of walkovers, bizarre to say the least!

The juniors didn't have a great season in regard to games won and lost however it was an awesome year for growth. We had the same number of teams as previous years but the numbers across the four teams were very strong which is positive and shows that players are enjoying the game. I coached the U14 team which comprised of all brand new players. Whilst we only had one win for the year, their development from the start of the season to the end was remarkable. I would like to thank the coaches for giving up their time and provide a wonderful and fun learning environment for our juniors to develop. Thanks to Gus Kirby and David Carter for coaching one of the two U16 teams and Roman Boyer for coaching the other. Gus and Dave's team was made up of first year players and Roman's team was all second year players. Also thank you to Floyd Baragwanath for coaching the U18's.

Socially more happened informally away from the club than within which is not necessarily a negative as the club is very healthy in that respect. Aside from some fundraising through t-shirt sales on pub crawls, we unfortunately did not have any social functions. These are vital to the club as they provide sense of community but importantly assist to reduce the financial strain on members through club fees. In a relatively small club like ours, ALL committee and club members are responsible for contributing to how our club is run.

Intersarsity continued this year with two Melbourne University teams (one men's and one women's) traveling to Adelaide. The competition grew with the inclusion of UNI SA and Monash and Flinders Universities. Whilst there was mixed success over the weekend, the social aspect was again the highlight of the weekend!

Congratulations to Taylor Ryan and Tom Li who were recently named in the U19 Australian team to play in the World Championships in Finland in mid 2012.

MORELAND

The start of 2011 saw Moreland Lacrosse move from Clifton Park back to our original home ground of Fleming Park and into new club facilities. Moving from the red shed to the new facilities was rewarding after years of being nomads. On moving /cleaning up day it was wonderful to see lots of familiar faces and new ones who's children had yet to start playing and with everyone pitching in the move didn't take long. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Shane and Sally for organising this day and working so hard. Having the club rooms has allowed us to run a few social events and family days which were all successful. Next year hopefully there will be more of these and player dinners on Tuesday nights.

This year thanks to Sallie's and Nick's hard work we had an under 12 side that had a great season learning what lacrosse is all about,- the skills, team work etc. They finished the season as runners- up in the lightening premiership.

Unfortunately this year we were unable to field a under 14 team due to lack of numbers and so had to clear 4 players to Footscray. We are hoping to get these players back in 2012.

The under 16 Moreland team started the year with insufficient players but with persistence and some sweet talking by Mitch Wilkinson a few of his friends came down and made up the team. The team ended up playing against our other under 16 Northcote High School team in the finals. Northcote eventually played in the grand final against Williamstown in a great game going down by a couple of goals. Hopefully next year between both sides we will have the nucleus of a good Under 18.

Div 3 side had an up and down season relying on a number of junior players to play each week. Shane did a great job especially over the later part of the season to find players to make up the side and not giving a walkover. This side just missed out on the finals. The Div 1 side started the season with 10 players and a win under trying circumstances when their face off player went down with a major hamstring problem. Jack had to stay on the field in the forward half so we didn't go offside. The team played some very good exciting games early in the season but as the season went on the lack of numbers took its toll and saw the team slip out of the top four. I would like to thank Symon for taking on the role of senior coach for the past couple of years and to Ken Guthrie for helping him out on Saturdays.

The theme of this year seems to have been a lack of playing numbers at all levels especially at under 16 and under 18 level which is going to impact the club over the next few years as we try and recruit the young age group and develop these players through each age group. To do this our senior players have to be as dedicated as they have been in the past remembering that these young men are now starting working lives and families so it is not as easy for them to do the clinics required to recruit juniors. As a club we may have to start thinking differently about how we recruit and develop players.

Clive Sheppard along with Sallie Longo are working on to recruit players by going into schools and trying to create school base teams that will then play under the Moreland banner on a Saturday, the same as the Northcote High School team as done for the past 2 years.

In the near future I would like to see the club develop into a great place for the community to be involved. I would like to see a lot of juniors, a women's team, and our senior sides with a minimum of 16. I would like us to develop coaches, referees, umpires and volunteers. To this end I would like to see the club develop a strategic plan before the council and LV impose one on us.

But for now, I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year and look forward to that support in 2012.

Anne Lovett

NEWPORT LADIES

Newport Ladies' Lacrosse Club had another successful season in 2011, with our two senior teams, State League and B Grade winning their 21st and 12th premierships, respectively, while our goal of fielding Junior teams at all four underage levels of competition was achieved.

We had players from Senior and Junior levels participating in all Victorian representative teams throughout 2011, and supplied coaches at Senior (as well as manager), Under 21 and Under 15 levels. Having our players and club members represent our club at State and International levels is something we encourage, and are very proud of that at Newport. This can be seen in the individual achievements of Steph McNamara, who was a member of the Silver medal winning Under 19 Australian Team that competed at the 2011 Under 19 World Championships in Germany. She was also named in the All-World Team as a defender, which is an incredible achievement for someone who has only been playing lacrosse for the past 6 years! We are also extremely proud of Marlee Paton's achievements playing for Loyola in Division 1 NCAA competition in the US, and the fact we have 5 players in the 2013 Australian World Cup Squad – Stacey Morlang, Lyndsey Paton, Marlee Paton, Hayley Sofarnos and Steph McNamara.

We also congratulate Bree Hussey and Steph McNamara, and Lyndsey Paton, Rachel Kirchheimer, and Hayley Sofarnos on being named in the 2011 Australian Championship Teams for Under 17 and Senior competitions, respectively. It was a great end to the 2011 season also for Hayley Sofarnos, who won the Lacrosse Victoria's State League Best and Fairest – Jeannie Matthews Award.

Our other notable Club Award recipients are as follows:

Simpson Family Junior Outstanding Achievement Award – Steph McNamara
Di Stern & Fiona Moore Outstanding Achievement Award – Jamie-Lee Selvidge
Jeannie Matthews Best Club Person Award – Kate Simpson
State League Best and Fairest – Hayley Sofarnos

B Grade Best and Fairest – Ashleigh Botica and Sharni Brady
Under 17 Best and Fairest – Steph McNamara

Newport's long and proud history of both on and off field achievements makes us one of the most successful sporting clubs in Australia. The fact that our State League team has played in 39 consecutive Grand Finals and winning twenty-one Premierships is an amazing achievement, even in a small sport such as ours! Our club's success is due to the support of all our club members and volunteers, who help recruit, coach, and fundraise throughout the year, so we can remain connected and supportive of each other. Our fundraising efforts and club social calendar has developed strongly through 2011, with our Sunday post-game "family nights", which has paved the way for a strong start in 2012. With many players and families getting involved in extra activities within the Club, we were able to grow our Newport Community.

The club launched a new look in 2011 with new Under Armour playing uniforms, which we were very excited about, and we look to continue to add to our club apparel in 2012. We hope to continue to do things better on and off the field in 2012, as we aim to lift our coaching accreditation levels, and extend our volunteer program in our local schools such as Westbourne Grammar and Newport Gardens Primary, where we will be running an Active After Schools Program in Term 2 this year. We also look forward to hosting our first home game in many years in 2012.

All in all, everyone at Newport is looking forward to an even bigger and better 2012 season.

HONOR ROLL

Victorian Representatives

Under 15 Ice – National Champions - Hannah Walker, Sharni Brady

Under 15 Fire – Tori Naylor, Ellen McGuirk,

Under 17 – National Champions – Alysha Barlow, Elise Hussey, Bree Hussey, Veronica Katilius, Steph McNamara, Loren Naylor, Brigid Virtue

Under 21 – National Champions – Hayley Barlow, Hayley Sofarnos (Assistant Coach)

Seniors – Kate Baynes, Rachel Kirchheimer, Lyndsey Paton, Hayley Sofarnos, Sue Sofarnos (Head Coach), Gail Sedgeway (Manager)

Australian Representatives

Under 19 – Silver medallists – Steph McNamara

SURREY PARK

During the 2010 season the committee stated the following: "Working together, contributing consistently, we will continue to achieve great things & lead the State as one of the most admired & successful lacrosse clubs." Didn't we achieve just that in 2011? What a great effort from our State League team after 16 (long) years to finally take out the Premiership!

Thank you to Gary Tillotson & Dave Spreadborough Jnr for "stepping up" at the beginning of the season to take on the SL Coaching role when our nominated Coach was unable to perform the role. Ash Davidson, Rochelle Cody & Laura Tillotson have all

made enormous contributions throughout the year. Also a huge “thank you” on behalf of the Club to the Green Family & the Handley family for hosting our overseas’ visitors. Both families did a sterling job & the boys thoroughly enjoyed their stay, due mostly to the wonderful hospitality extended by those two families.

We had some notable performances on-field this season from our “senior” teams including strong finals performances from our Men’s SL, Women’s B grade, & Div 1 teams. On an individual note, Evan Roberts was recognized for his outstanding performances in the State League Grand Final by taking out the coveted MVP award & also the runner up in the Association B & F. Hayley Carlson was recognized for her outstanding performances in the women’s team by taking out the “runner up” award for the Association B & F.

Not to be outdone by the senior members, some of our junior players showed great skills and improvement during the season. Our reps at the National championships demonstrated many of the skills they’ve learned during their playing experience at SPLC. It was pleasing to see the loyalty shown by the junior members and their families as they experienced the weekly challenges brought on by a lack of player numbers & they continued to give their best for SPLC.

The success of our iPlay Lacrosse junior development initiative continued to be a very rewarding experience for all those involved. We were able to re-enter a team into the LV U12 competition and they represented the club extremely well. The merger between SPLC & ELC into one team for the U16 comp proved a great success and ensured our boys stayed together to enjoy a competitive game each week.

I’d like to recognise the off-field efforts from a number of key club contributors. Nick Farley was instrumental in continuing the iPlay Lacrosse initiative as well as “overseeing” the U12 team on Saturday mornings. Danny Whitbourn did a wonderful job with his overseas recruiting & came up with two outstanding U.S. players to join us this year.

I greatly appreciate the efforts from all of the committee members, coaches, managers, referees, players, sponsors, administrators, cooks & “behind the scenes” contributors for the roles they have played within the club this year. We look forward to 2012 and another successful year.

WILLIAMSTOWN MEN

For the 2011 season we entered 9 teams, unfortunately we had to withdraw our under 18 team due to lack of numbers, all but 3 of the 18’s played seniors all year. Due to a shortage of under 14 players we asked 4 or 5 of the older under 12 boys to play up and I thank them and their parents for this.

Our 3 senior teams and 2 under 16 teams played off in the grand final, congratulations to Division 2 and under 16 City for winning.

This year we had 2 new coaches in charge of State League, Jai Carroll and Scott Garnsworthy, well done on making the grand final in your first year, many thought we would struggle from the loss of some very good players. to Daniel Jennings thanks for taking on Division 1 and Josh Ardossi for taking charge when Danno was called up to State League for the second half of the season. Matt Stephenson for being in charge of Division 2 and winning the flag, all those Thursday night phone calls paid off. Stephen Pike and Daryl Wilkinson for the under 16 season, Daryl's team taking the flag and Stephen's team runners up. Matthew Price, what a great job with the limited number of players you had and Joel Williams first year coach and a great job with the Under 12's (I don't know who had the most fun Joel or the players)

To all who helped with umpiring during the year, thank you

To our bar manager Mick, barman Colin and Bryan Smith for picking up the barrels thank you for a job well done.

All the women who worked in the kitchen during the year and Ann & Ben Williams Thursday night food a big thank you.

To our Secretary Jock Garnsworthy, Treasurer Colin Taylor and the Committee thank you for a great year.

To our Sponsors and Eddie the Butcher (meat raffle) we thank you for your continued support.

Robert Speakman

WILLIAMSTOWN WOMEN

The Williamstown Women's Lacrosse Club was pleased to have 8 teams competing in 2011 with the majority of our player numbers made up of juniors under the age of 15. The club fielded the following teams: 2 x Under 11, 2 x Under 13, 1 x Under 15, 1 x Under 17, A Grade and State League. Our Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, A Grade and State League teams made it into the Preliminary finals, with our U13 team making it through to the Grand Final. The U13 team went down to a very strong Footscray outfit.

This year saw our club celebrate our 75th Anniversary. The day was a huge success with approximately 90 of our past and present members in attendance. We look forward to many more years, successful at that, ahead of us.

We appreciate all the efforts of our club members throughout the year. The club runs successfully through the efforts of our volunteers. I thank everyone for such a fantastic year and look forward to a great 2012!

Sarah Nobbs

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE REFEREES ASSOCIATION (A.L.R.A)

The year has indeed been an opportunity for the referee group to put into place some very important initiatives. It commenced with a very well attended weekend at Torquay. This weekend is becoming more and more important to put into place the key themes for the season ahead. We welcomed into our ranks Steve Green and Chris Brown. Both have brought their own ideas and a level of energy, which many of us can only just remember.

The year had a few incidents on the field that were not what we would want to see but we took a positive approach and developed a couple of policies. These have been well received by both ALA and Lacrosse Victoria. The policy on “Injured Players” has been adopted at ALA level. The policy regarding the application of penalties for serious offences has seen several iterations and much discussion. We have been approached by Lacrosse Victoria with a view of supporting the policy and I am hopeful to have this in place for the 2012 season.

We took a slightly different approach to Club referee training this year by holding the sessions at two neutral venues; each being well equipped for the task. The feedback has been very positive and I extend my appreciation to Don Lovett for all his efforts in making them a success. These training sessions cannot happen without the support of the ALRA members and your efforts are also very much appreciated. Don has handed the event over to the very capable hands of Chris Brown for 2012 and we all look forward to see what he will bring to the task. Chris was instrumental in arranging a Sunday Training session at MCC where several ALRA and club referees attended. He also invited the State Coaching panel and this brought out some interesting discussions. We look forward to a similar session in 2012, to take the opportunity to talk further with Club Coaches.

We were again well represented at all levels of the National’s. To the credit of our coaching program and the efforts of the Assessment team we took a prominent role on the final days with several people being awarded Head Referee of “Gold Medal” games. Of particular note is the performance of some of our newer members and also club referees. Each displayed their very capable abilities behind a whistle. This is encouraging for the future and in particular for the 2014 World’s, where Australia will be asked to provide in the order of 15 referees, a situation that Neville has been pushing very hard ever since returning from Manchester.

The ASPACs were held in New Zealand and Chris Brown and Steve Green took part and showed us that they will be in the running for 2014. Towards the end of the year we were invited to send a couple of referees to Thailand to referee an international game. Jason Lawrence and Alan Frost took on this role and from all reports did a great job and extended the relationship to this important region.

At ALRA National level John Sedgeway has to be congratulated on his efforts, patience and calm influence. There have been several confrontational issues which he has had to address and he has done so like a true diplomat, with all parties having a positive

outcome. We have agreed to a new Accommodation policy which we look forward to supporting over the next few years.

At an NTC level congratulation must go to Alan Chiron for being appointed to the role of Referee in Chief. Mike Slattery has vacated the RIC role to take on the role of President of the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union. Congratulations to Mike and we wish him well in his new role, I am sure that he can count on all of us to support him in this new role.

In an effort to make us all look more like a team Jason took on the task of sourcing a golf shirt and jacket, with the ALRA and “Zebra” logos. These have been well received and become very popular not only in Victoria but in other States as well.

While the year has seemed to pass without too many waves this is very much a consequence of the support I have had from the “executive team”. Their dedication and advice is always welcome and to the point. Christine has often taken on the role of mediator, to channel our thoughts and discussion back on track. We all appreciate Christine’s tireless efforts and work. I have very much enjoyed the opportunity to be your President over the last five years, but I believe it is now time to look to the future and a new face in the chair. I agreed to nominate again this year with the understanding that a successor will have the next 12 months to put a new team in place.

In concluding I extend our appreciation to the small but very knowledgeable group of assessors who’s guidance helps us to be better each week and ensures that we continue to enjoy our role in the game we all love.

Kelvin Minerds

VICTORIAN PAST PLAYERS AND SUPPORTER'S ASSOCIATION

In our 10th year of operation, the committee of the VPPSA met on a bi-monthly basis at MCC & Caulfield clubrooms. Our membership has grown, and at this time we stand at 98 members as at March 2012.

We continue to provide our members with the Lacrosse Calendar of Events, keeping them up to date with what is happening in the Lacrosse world.

The VPPSA golf trophy was awarded this year at the 37th Annual Lacrosse Victoria Golf Day held at Box Hill.

Once again the VPPSA awarded trophies for the MVP in the Men's and Women's Grand Finals, the Les Goding/Ken Nichols Trophy was awarded to Evan Roberts (USA) of the Surrey Park Lacrosse Club.

The Jan Jackson Trophy was awarded to Stephanie McNamara of the Newport Women's Lacrosse Club.

Neil Duffy's book "The Spirit of The Stick" (a story of a young man's development of his lacrosse skills) is available from the Lacrosse Victoria office at \$15.00. It makes a good present for any young lacrosseur.

The aim of the VPPSA remains to provide information to the lacrosse community, male and female, past and present players; and supporters and officials.

If you know of anyone we can contact and bring back into the fold of the lacrosse community, please do not hesitate to contact us via Lacrosse Victoria on (03) 99261390.

Allan Gandy

President

Celebrating 50 Years of Women's Lacrosse in Victoria

On Saturday 26th March 2011, the day prior to the 50th successive season opener at Altona, one hundred and forty four lacrosse enthusiasts attended a celebratory luncheon at Moonee Valley Racecourse to reacquaint themselves with past and present team mates and friends and reminisce about lacrosse days gone by.

The day began with an overview of the fledgling start women's lacrosse had in 1962 with just four teams from three clubs. Then three panellists from each of the five eras entertained the crowd with stories and funny anecdotes from that era. The stories were assisted by lots of visuals which had been supplied by members and Clubs and were shown on a big screen throughout the day. Shelley Maher did a fantastic job compiling the statistics from the last fifty years of women's lacrosse in Victoria, which included founders, office bearers, premierships teams, members and photos of all Senior State teams (with the exception of one team from 1986). Many of the representatives in the photos from the 60's and 70's were present on the day and were chuffed to see themselves up on screen, looking 40 odd years younger!

We were very lucky to obtain the services of Lina Caneva to act as MC for the day. Lina, together with her husband Ian McGill, kindly compiled a DVD of the day which involved a short film clip of interviews, segments and photos which Ian had recorded at the luncheon. Many attendees purchased the DVD as a wonderful keepsake of the reunion. Anne Tattersall also did a great job in capturing the event with her camera and took many club, team, friends and family shots over the course of the afternoon.

Memorabilia sales from the day went very well with embossed wine glasses, tea towels, t shirts and shopping bags nearly selling out, thanks to Steve Mackey's design skills.

Honoured guest Mrs. Lorna Rolley of Williamstown was on hand with her daughter, daughter in law and grand- daughters, making the occasion more memorable. Lorna played lacrosse in the 1930's prior to it being disbanded due to World War 2 and when lacrosse resumed in the 1960's was a Treasurer and Committee member.

Vivienne Parker-White (Patron) gave the farewell address, concluding what fun her late mother Joy Parker would have enjoyed at seeing "all the girls", but more importantly the healthy state of women's lacrosse in Victoria fifty years on. Vivienne and Lorna had the honour of cutting the celebratory cake which had been made and decorated beautifully by Barb Imlach.

It was fantastic to have so many passionate lacrosse people in one room, several making the trip from interstate, celebrating the game that had brought them together and the friendships they had made along the way.

A time capsule containing memorabilia from the day will be stored at Lacrosse Victoria to be opened on the celebration of seventy five years of women's lacrosse in Victoria.

My thanks go to an outstanding Committee for their work over the five months to bring everything together: Shelley Maher, Sue Gandy, Fran Nichols, Narelle D'Alberto, Amy Basile and Jan Jackson.



Kendrea Kendall

Chair 50th Anniversary Committee

STATE TEAMS and RESULTS – *Men*

AUSTRALIAN SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Adelaide – Sunday 10th- Saturday 16th July 2011

2011 SENIOR MEN'S VICTORIAN TEAM	RESULTS
Troy Butson Oliver Casey Jake Egan Joel Easson Tim Forbes Alistair Gloutnay Andrew Ham Marty Hyde Anthony Jenkinson Tim Lane James Lawerson William Lettieri Michael McInerney Chris Miles Josh Naughton Chris Plumb Anthony Rodrigues Joel Williams Huw Wilson Glen Meredith-Coach Murray Keen- Coach Graham Rodrigues- Manager	Day 1 SA 17 def Vic 5 Day 2 Vic 21 def US Starz 5 Day 3 Vic 26 def Aust U19-1 3 Day 4 Vic 16 def Aust U19-2 4 Grand Final Victoria 10 def SA 8 Allstars Team Members Alistair Gloutnay Tim Lane Anthony Rodrigues Glenn Meredith (Coach)



AUSTRALIAN U19 MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
 Melbourne – Sunday 17th - Saturday 23rd April 2011

<p>2011 UNDER 19 MEN'S VICTORIAN TEAM Callan Ahrens Davis DiPietro Tim Dobson Luke Egorov Joel Fanner Callum Gerrard David Hallatsch Jaime Harvey Matthew Harvey Tomislav Jackicic Anthony Jenkinson Griffin Jenney Steven Kukucka Luca Lettieri Nicholas Longo Ross Morgan Sam Sheedy Jack Wilkinson Hayden Wiles Coach – Eric Jenney Defense Coach – Joey Castle Offence Coach – Nathan Hunter- Gerber Manager – Patrick Hinds</p>	<p>RESULTS Day 1 – Sunday 17th April BYE Day 2 – Monday 18th April Western Australia 13 def. Victoria 11 Day 3 – Tuesday 19th April Victoria 16 def. South Australia 8 Day 4 – Wednesday 20th April BYE Day 5 – Thursday 21st April Western Australia 13 def. Victoria 8 Victoria 11 def. South Australia 6 Day 6 – Friday 22nd April REST DAY Day 7 – Saturday 23rd April CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Victoria 16 def. Western Australia 9</p> <p>ALL STARS TEAM MEMBERS Callan Ahrens Mathew Harvey Anthony Jenkinson Hayden Wiles Coach – Eric Jenney</p>



UNDER 17 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Melbourne – Sunday 17th - Saturday 23rd April 2011

2011 UNDER 17 BOY'S VICTORIAN TEAM Brian Bach James Butler Xavier Fiorentini Noah Jenney Liam Kennedy Jarryd Lee Campbell MacKinnon Steven Miller Hayden Pinkerton Taylor Ryan Nicholas Sheedy Kenneth Speak Angus Thompson- Pritchard Dylan Trewern Michael Van Weel Cameron Wallace Bryce Wiles Coach – Brad Kendell Asst. Coach – Jai Arambatzis Asst. Coach – Tim Lane Asst. Coach – Steven Newall Manager – Kerri Wallace	RESULTS Day 1 – Sunday 17th April Victoria 30 def. Presidents 3 Day 2 – Monday 18th April Victoria 11 def. Western Australia 6 <i>MVP – Brian Bach</i> Day 3 – Tuesday 19th April Victoria 21 def. New Zealand 5 Day 4 – Wednesday 20th April Victoria 17 def. Western Australia 11 Day 5 – Thursday 21st April Victoria 17 def. New Zealand 5 Day 6 – Friday 22nd April REST DAY Day 7 – Saturday 23rd April CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Victoria 14 def. Western Australia 10 ALL STARS TEAM MEMBERS Noah Jenney Jarryd Lee Campbell MacKinnon Steven Miller Dylan Trewern



UNDER 15 BOYS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Perth – Sunday 2nd - Saturday 8th October 2011

2011 UNDER 15 BOY'S REGIONAL TEAMS

<p>Northern Warriors Pius Bonjui Callum Brace Harry Caddy Jordan Catela Evan Cleazy Luke Dobson Jake Garner Sam Green Kyle Hayes Richard Lai Ben Maher Josh Scott Harry Potocnick Nick Sunderland Andrew Tran</p> <p>Coach – Tim Dobson Manager – Clive Sheppard</p>	<p>Southern Cross Angus Anderson- McKenzie Lachlan Avery- Jackson Joe Blakeney Darcy Campbell Jordan Campbell Nicholas Chapman Ben Greenwood Aaron Hussain Paul Loulatzis Robert Lowe Eddy Mizrahi Kale Murfett Nicholas Pennell Ryan Perry Callum Smythe Angus Thompson- Pritchard Coaches – Colin Molloy & Tanner Smith Managers – Con Loulatzis & Amy Thompson</p>
<p>Western Metro Joel Adams Sean Clarke Gil Cordell- Radford Matthew Davies Riley Fanner Brandon Farrugia Bayley Guymer Cameron Keenan Kyle Latch Nicholas Marriner Matthew Morgan Joel Pante Nathan Quarrier Jacob Splatt Kosta Tripitiris Adam Webster Coach – Peter Morgan Assistant Coach – Alex Farrugia Manager – Sue Morgan Assistant Manager – Maria Farrugia</p>	<p>Results</p> <p>Day 1 - Western Metros 9 def Northern Warriors 4 Southern Crosse 12 def Reds 11</p> <p>Day 2 Southern Braves 14 def Southern Crosse 8 Northern Thunder 8 def Northern Warriors 5 Western Metros 14 def Reds 6</p> <p>Day 3 Western Metros 10 def Northern Thunder 5 Southern Crosse 17 def Northern Warriors 2</p> <p>Day 4 Southern Braves 14 def Northern Warriors 2 Southern Crosse 13 def Western Metros 6</p>

	<p>Day 5 Western Metros 11 def Southern Braves 7 Southern Crosse 13 def Northern Thunder 7 Reds 13 def Northern Warriors 8</p> <p>Finals</p> <p>Grand Final</p> <p>Southern Braves 12 def Southern Crosse 10 (Overtime)</p> <p>3rd v 4th - Western Metros 11 def Reds 7</p> <p>5th v 6th - Northern Thunder 8 def Northern Warriors 5</p>
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STATE TEAMS and RESULT – *Women*

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Adelaide – Sunday 10th - Saturday 16th July 2011

2011 SENIOR WOMEN'S VICTORIA TEAM Romy Ansell Kate Baynes Rhiannon Birch Abbie Burgess (captain) Sarah Butler Kiara DiPietro Melissa Hadden Rachel Kirchheimer Susanna Mullner Dani Norman Lyndsey Paton Anna Roberts Hayley Sofarnos Abbie Speakman Kristen Stone Coach – Sue Sofarnos Asst. Coach – Rod Ansell Manager – Gail Sedgeway	RESULTS Day 1- South Australia 19 def Victoria 15 Day 2- Victoria 15 def Western Australia 12 Day 3- Victoria 18 def South Australia 15 Day 4- Aust U19 Team 12 def Victoria 8 Day 5- Western Australia 14 def Victoria 9 Day 6 Aust U19 team 17 def Victoria 56 Grand Final: Western Australia 17 def Victoria 13 Allstars Team Rachel Kirchheimer Dani Norman Lyndsey Paton Hayley Sofarnos
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AUSTRALIAN U17 & U21 GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP
 Melbourne – Sunday 17th - Saturday 23rd April 2011

<p>2011 U21 WOMEN'S VICTORIAN TEAM</p> <p>Romy Ansell Hayley Barlow Sarah Butler Jacinta Fuzy Linda Ho Whitney Jennings Darcy Justice- Allen Ruth Kelly Danielle Lane (captain) Danielle Miller Danelle Mollison (captain) Katelyn O'Callaghan Anna Roberts Vicki Ryan Erin Stozkycki Coach – Kristen Stone Asst. Coach – Dani Norman Asst. Coach – Hayley Sofarnos Manager – Colleen Hunter</p>	<p>RESULTS</p> <p>Day 1 – Sunday 17th April Victoria 17 def. Western Australia 10</p> <p>Day 2 – Monday 18th April Victoria 19 def. South Australia 14</p> <p>Day 3 – Tuesday 19th April BYE</p> <p>Day 4 – Wednesday 20th April Victoria 18 def. Western Australia 3</p> <p>Day 5 – Thursday 21st April Victoria 18 def. South Australia 14</p> <p>Day 6 – Friday 22nd April BYE</p> <p>Day 7 – Saturday 23rd April CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Victoria 17 def. South Australia 9</p> <p>ALL STARS TEAM MEMBERS</p> <p>Lauren Hunter Danelle Mollison Katelyn O'Callaghan Danielle Lane Darcy Justice- Allen Coach – Kristen Stone</p> <p>UNDER 21 BEST & FAIREST Danelle Mollison</p>



AUSTRALIAN U17 & U21 GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Melbourne – Sunday 17th- Saturday 23rd April 2011

<p>2011 UNDER 17 GIRL'S VICTORIAN TEAM</p> <p>Alysha Barlow (captain) Bree Hussey Elise Hussey (captain) Stella Justice- Allen Veronica Katilius Theodora Kwas Naomi Lane Rebecca Lane Abbey McGowan Eliza Morgan Stephanie McNamara (captain) Kelly Prentice Loren Naylor Emily Smith Sarah Smith Jayd Temby Coach – Cliff Jennings Manager – Wendy Jennings</p>	<p>RESULTS</p> <p>Day 1 – Sunday 17th April Victoria 19 def. South Australia 6</p> <p>Day 2 – Monday 18th April BYE</p> <p>Day 3 – Tuesday 19th April Victoria 19 def. Western Australia 9</p> <p>Day 4 – Wednesday 20th April Victoria 13 def. South Australia 4</p> <p>Day 5 – Thursday 21st April BYE</p> <p>Day 6 – Friday 22nd April Victoria 16 def. Western Australia 5</p> <p>Day 7 – Saturday 23rd April CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Victoria 14 def. South Australia 5</p> <p>ALL STARS TEAM MEMBERS Bree Hussey Rebecca Lane Stephanie McNamara Stella Justice- Allen Theodora Kwas Coach – Cliff Jennings</p> <p>UNDER 17 BEST & FAIREST Rebecca Lane</p>



UNDER 15 GIRLS & BOYS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
 Perth – Sunday 2nd - Saturday 8th October 2011

2011 UNDER 15 GIRL'S REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

<p>Team Ice</p> <p>Rocharne Brady Katie-Jane Clark Emma Comeadow Taylah Comeadow Isabella Greed Laura Hulley Serena Keegan Alex Klepner Rebecca Lane Jessica Pham Sasha Pollnitz Emily Prentice Hanna Seers Madelyn Smith Katie Turner Hannah Walker Head Coach – Sue Sofarnos Team Coaches – Nella Lane & Hayley Sofarnos Manager – Di Prentice</p>	<p>Team Fire</p> <p>Bridget Bassett- Smith Claudia Bowman Audrey Fithall Ursula Fithall Elisha Hodges Steph Kelly Esther Lavelle Ellen McGuirk Stella McInnes Ruby Mileto Tori Naylor Madeline Patterson Sarah Smith Ella Speak Danielle Wiles Katarina Zmijarevic Head Coach – Sue Sofarnos Team Coaches – Nella Lane & Hayley Sofarnos Manager – Rosie Awad</p>
<p>Results</p> <p>Day 1- Flames 11 def Fire 9 Ice 10 def Lightning 7 Day 2- Ice 10 def Stars 8 Storm 13 def Fire 9 Day 3- Ice 13 def Fire 12</p>	<p>Day 4- Ice 9 def Storm 8 Lightning 17 def Fire 7 Day 5- Ice 14 def Flames 9 Fire 15 def Stars 3 Finals- Grand Final Ice 12 def Lightning 5th v 6th- Fire 14 def Stars 4</p>

VICTORIAN LACROSSE FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Victorian Lacrosse Foundation

Annual Report 2011

The Victorian Lacrosse Foundation is a joint initiative of the previous parent bodies, Victorian Lacrosse Association and the Women's Lacrosse Victoria. The Foundation was established to support the sport of lacrosse in Victoria specifically in the areas of junior development, administration and publicity and promotion of the game.

The Foundation, which commenced in May 1999, is charged with the responsibility of raising, holding and administering a trust fund, which has an initial target of \$1 million. Once the target is reached, the fund earnings will be available to support projects in the above areas.

The firm of Chartered Accountants Noel Melville & Associates generously prepares Annual Financial Statements for the Foundation and arranges for an annual audit of the accounts, all on an honorary basis. Noel Melville & Associates have prepared draft accounts covering the 12 months to 30 June 2011.

The draft accounts show accumulated funds at 30 June 2011 of \$ 113,023 (30 June 2010 was \$ 101,187). This amount has increased to approximately \$125,000 at the current time.

The Trustees are currently working on a necessary amendment to the Trust Deed to recognize the change in Trust beneficiaries from VLA and WLVA, to LV Inc. At the same time a number of changes will be made to improve the operations of the Foundation including incorporating Lacrosse Victoria as a Trustee, and permitting the Trustees to spend the interest earned on investments on appropriate projects, prior to the Fund achieving its dollar target.

Since the last report, contributions have been received, via the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) from, Doug Fox, Chris Brown, Ferg & Libby Stewart, Bill Taylor, Noel McDonald, Ken Stewart, and directly from Colwyn (Pud) Martin, Rob Pettit, and the LV Golf Day.

During the year a significant donation was received from Mr Keith Jackson a member of the Surrey Park State League Premiership Team of 1981. Keith has been absent from Australia and working Singapore for the last 25 years, but clearly retains fond memories of the sport of his youth. We are delighted to welcome Keith as a Gold Supporter" of the Foundation.

The attached Schedule of Donations includes these additions and lists Supporters to date. The Trustees are pleased to report the progress of the Foundation.

For the Trustees

*Fergus Stewart
April 2012*

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2011**

Note	2011	2010
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
*National Australia bank	42991.15	31154.71
*Esanda Ltd Debenture Stock	70032.48	70032.48
	<u>113023.63</u>	<u>101187.17</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>113.23.63</u>	<u>101187.19</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>113023.63</u>	<u>101187.17</u>
PROPRIETOR'S FUNDS		
Foundation Funds	101187.19	89860.01
Add:		
Profit for the year	<u>11836.44</u>	<u>11327.18</u>
TOTAL PROPRIETOR'S FUNDS	<u>113023.63</u>	<u>101187.19</u>

**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011**

Note	2011	2010
	\$	\$
INCOME		
General Donations		10100.00
ASF Donations	6924.50	
Golf Day Income	503.00	953.50
Interest Received	4409.94	273.68
	<u>11837.44</u>	<u>11327.18</u>
NET OPERATING PROFIT	<u>11836.44</u>	<u>11327.18</u>

VICTORIAN LACROSSE FOUNDATION

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011**

		2011	2010
		\$	\$
1	Statement of Significant Accounting Policies		
	The financial statements are a special purpose report prepared for use by the principal. The principal has determined that the business is not a reporting entity.		
	 The statements are prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.		
	 No Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been intentionally applied.		
2	Interest Received:		
	Essanda	4406.04	271.50
	NAB	3.90	2.18
		4409.94	273.68
3	Esanda Ltd Term Deposit:		
	9843 92958	70,032.48	70,032.48
		70,032.48	70032.48

Victorian Lacrosse Foundation

A Joint Initiative of the VLA and WLV

Schedule of Donations

At 2ND APRIL 2012

Patrons

(\$ 100,000 and over)

Fellows

(\$65,000 and over)

Benefactors

(\$ 40,000 and over)

Major Donors

(\$ 20,000 and over)

Platinum Supporters

(\$ 10,000 and over)

Gold Supporters

(\$ 5,000 and over)

Silver Supporters

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