

# Gazette Newsletter 2010



## **SOUTHERN BRAVES WIN TITLE**

Congratulation must go to the Southern Braves for winning the National Under 15 Tournament For the third time and to all the Coaches and Managers. Well done to all from all the Lacrosse WA members.

### **UNDER 15 NATIONAL TORNAMENT BOYS SOUTHERN BRAVES**

L-R Back row- Murray Gates (Coach), Cleveland Bayliss (Bays), Greg Peacock (Assistant Coach), Hamish Cowley (Ph), Michael Vass (Ph), Adam Gracie (Bays), Des Doherty (Manager)

L-R Middle row- Kale Miller (EF), Sam Gosling (EF), Ben Game (Bays), Jack Doherty (Bays), Nick Graham (Bays), Isaac Cahill (Subi)

L-R back row- Ryan Ackland (Subi), Alex Somerville (Subi), Thomas Martella (EF), James Merks (Ph), Shaun Phillips (EF), Chris Bowden (EF)

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Board meeting attendance 2010	
President	10
Vice-President	6
Administration	10
Finance	7
Men's lacrosse	4
Women's lacrosse	7
Development	9
Officiating	7
Promotions	6

Club Representative AGM 2010	
Bayswater	3
East Fremantle	5
Phoenix	0
Subiaco	2
Wanneroo	5
Wembley	6
ALRA	5
Life Members	1
Masters	0
DSR	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>
Apologies	13

Club Members on Board Nov 2010	
Bayswater	1
East Fremantle	2
Phoenix	0
Subiaco	0
Wanneroo	1
Wembley	4
ALRA	1

## Lacrosse WA 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

### LIFE MEMBERS

Mr I.J. Taylor 1932 (dec)	Mr E. Biddle	Mr L. Morley 1998
Mr. W.B. Grace 1932 (dec)	Mrs. D Harwood 1977 (dec)	Mrs F Maunton 1999
Mr. C.E.M. Hickey 1934 (dec)	Mrs. V. Vickridge 1977	Mrs. J. Townsend 1999
Mr. R.W. Elliott 1934 (dec)	Mrs. F. Taylor 1978	Mrs. M Morley 1999
Mr. H.J. Carmichael 1936 (dec)	Mrs. R. Gaunt 1978	Mr M. Hickey 2000
Mr. H.A. Woods 1946 (dec)	Mr W (Bill) Brown 1979	Mr P. Smirk 2000
Mr.A.R.V. Page 1947 (dec)	Mr M. Stokes 1985	Mr C. Milne 2001
Mr W. H. Whiteman 1949 (dec)	Mr P. R. Stratton 1989 (dec)	Mrs M Owens 2001
Mr L. Berry (dec)	Mr C. Mounsey 1990	Mr B Griffin 2002
Mr. H. Horner (dec)	Mrs S Allman 1990	Mrs. K. McBean 2003
Mr R. E. Willot (dec)	Mr I. Toy 1991	Mr L Tiszavolgyi 2004
Mr J.L. Carden (dec)	Ms. F Carke 1991	Mr G Rose 2007
Mr C. Allman (dec)	Mr M. Redfern 1992	Mr D George 2007
Mr A.A. Swan 1961 (dec)	Mr D.Rudderham 1993	Mr K McRae 2008
Mr L Turnbull (dec)	Mr R. Whiteman 1994	Mrs H Goddard 2008
Mrs. B Johnson 1985	Mr R (Bob) Ramsay 1995	Mrs F Beaman 2008
Mrs. R Reid 1968	Mr R. Smith 1997	Mr K Sugars 2010

### DIRECTORS

President	Gary Kennedy
Vice President	Michael Ferguson
Director Administration	Ellen Kennedy
Director Finance	Michael Gates
Director Men's lacrosse	Nathan Rainey
Director Women's Lacrosse	Dennis Banyard
Director Promotions	Karen Mau
Director Development	Peta Hiron
Director Officiating	Evan Walters

### OFFICERS

Commissioner	Ross Whiteman
Minutes Secretary	Ellen Kennedy
Web Master	SportingPulse
Membership Recorder	Ellen Kennedy
LA Rules Co-ordinator	Mark Hickey
Finals & Awards Co-ordinator	Chris Milne
Junior Lacrosse Council	Kevin McRae (Chairman)
Senior Lacrosse Council	Vacant

### Western Australian Lacrosse Foundation

**Trustees:** R. Smith (Chairman), Barry Groves, Ian Misich

### Lacrosse Australia Fellows

H Horner (dec)   L Turnbull (dec)   L Berry (dec)   H Balinski (dec)   A (Russ) Page (dec)  
W (Bill) Brown   M Stokes   D Rudderham   B Griffin

### Australian Lacrosse Directors

Gary Brown - Participation

### Awards

Australian U17 Competition                      Western Australia (Champions)  
Under 15 National Tournament   Southern Braves (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)

### Award Nominations: 2010

Sports Star of the Year	Brad Goddard
Junior Sports Star	Lachlan Walker
Team of the Year	Southern Braves

## **WHO WERE ALL STARS AND PLAYED FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIA?????**

### **Australian Team**

Gareth Allen/Wann; Alex Brown/Wem; Glenn Morley/Bays; Jimmy Watson-Galbraith/ Subi; Sam Williams/Wem; Adam Sear/Wem; Manager Rod Sear; Ass Manager Mareena Sear; Coach John Denic

### **Men's All Stars Team**

GOALS- Ryan Spark/ EF; DEFENCE- Shaun Leavy/ EF; Blair Bentley/ Wem; Dean Lawrence/ Su; MIDFIELD- Alex Brown/ Wem; Brad Goddard/EF; Jessie Bowland-Curtis/ Bays; ATTACK- Nathan Rainey/Wem; Matt Diver/Wem; Lachlan Walker/ Wann; Coach Jeff Kennedy/ EF

### **WA Women's Senior State Team**

Courtney Ackland/Subi; Taylah Ackland/Subi; Tessa Atkinson/Wem; Rebecca Banyard/Wem; Hannah Barnsley/Wem; Sally Banyard/Wem; Elizabeth Hinkes/Wem; Rebecca Bowland-Curtis/EF; Melanie Goddard/EF; Jesse Ingram/EF; Jessica Kennedy/EF, Julie Mau/Wan; Alanna McKinlay/ Wan; Hayley Simpson/ Wem; Hannah Williams/Wan; Coach Dennis Banyard, Manager Faye Beaman.

### **Women's All Star Team**

GOALS- Elizabeth Hinkes/ Wem; DEFENCE- Julie Mau/ Wann; Rebecca Banyard/ Wem; MIDFIELD- Mel Goddard/EF; Jessica Kennedy/ EF; Alison Moulin/EF; Tegan Brown/ Wan; Hannah Barnsley/Wem; ATTACK- Courtney Ackland/Su; Meagan Shanks (Gerran)/ Wan; COACH- Geoff Goddard/EF

### **West Australian Under 19**

Luke Everett /Su; James Court/Su; Tim Stone/Sub; Jordan Gillespie/Wann; Joel McCracken/Wann; Josh Pilkington/ Wann; Dean Stampalia/ Wann; Jake Stitt/ Bays; Max Rowse/ Bays; Chris Cowley/Ph; Nils Ossirian/Ph; James Mocin/ EF; Matthew Fisher-Turner/EF; Jaxon Hall /Wem; Lucus Wood/Wem; Reece Edgcombe/Wem; Lachlan Bunbury/Wem; Michael Grove/Wem; Max Sadka/Wem; Afig Jackson/Wem; Scott Diver/Wem Coach Andy Roy

### **West Australian Under 19 All Australian Selection**

Matthew Devoy EF ; Ian Ward Subi; Lachlan Bunbury Wem; Michael Grove Wem; Jaden Mellick EF

### **Tournament All Star selection**

Max Sadka Wembley

### **Mens' Under 17 All Stars Team**

GOALS Cameron McRae; DEFENCE- Drummond Bayliss/Ba; Ferenc Herczeg/Bays; Brendon Chin/ EF; MIDFIELD- Miles Blair/ PH; Ryan Cubbage/ Wann; Ben Thompson/ Su; ATTACK- Lachlan Walker/Wann; Daniel Kennedy/ EF; Dale Kennedy/ EF; COACH Tom Cahill/Su

### **West Australian Men's Under 17**

Austin Fox/Pho; Miles Blair/Pho; Ben Rullo/ Bays; Drummond Bayliss/ Bays; Jack Stirling/Bays; Josh McDavitt/Bays; Matthew Shields/Bays; Michael Anderson/ Bays; Trent Cuthbert/Bays; Ben Thompson/ Subi (Co-captain); Patrick Cahill/Subi; Dale Kennedy/ EF; Daniel Kennedy/EF; Dylan Kerr/EF; Michael Salmond/EF; Dylan Hoyne/Wann; Lachlan Walker/Wann (Co-captain); Cameron McRae/Wem; Coach Murray Gates

### **West Australian Women's Under 17**

Courtney Ackland/Subi; Tayla Ackland/Subi; Rachel Adams/Wem; Connie Ainscough/ Ph; Tessa Atkinson/ Wem; Rebecca Bowland-Curtis/EF; Michelle Carroll/Subi; Claire Ferguson/Wem; Amy Hindley/Ph; Ashtyn Hiron/Ph; Erin Horne/Ph; Jesse Ingram/EF; Ally Luff/Ph; Kira Maunton/Ph; Hayley Simpson/Wem; Hannah Williams/ Wan; Coach Murray Gates, Ass Coach Glenda Magee; Manager Fran Maunton

### **Boy's Southern Braves Under 15**

Cleveland Bayliss/Bays; Adam Gracie/Bays; Ben Game/Bays; Nick Graham/Bays; Jack Doherty/Bays; Kale Miller/EF; Shaun Phillips/EF; Thomas Martella/EF; Sam Gosling/EF; Chris Bowden/EF; Hamish Cowley/Ph; Michael Vass/Ph; James Merks/Ph; Isaac Cahill/Subi; Ryan Ackland/Subi; Alex Somerville/Subi; Coach Murray Gates; Assistant Coach Greg Peacock; Manager Des Doherty

### **Boy's Northern Thunder Under 15**

Nathan Simpson/ Wem; Aiden Shreeve/Wem; Dylan Yates/Wan; Cameron McRae/ Wem; Connor Davies/Wem; Joseph Delich/Wem; Bradley Vogels/ Wan; Tim Watson/Wem; Zac Jones/Wem; Ben Albert/Wan; Zac Rogers/Wan; Cooper Day/Wem; Kyle Yeoman/Wem; Dein Diver/Wem; Tim McAvan/Wan; Martin Allen/ Wem; Coach Mitchell Walmsley

### **Girl's West Stars Under 15**

Carlyn Blair/Ph; Lowri Cox/Subi; Bronwyn Cox/Subi; Maddie Durand/Subi; Rachael Ferguson/Wem; Ashtyn Hiron/Ph; Kate Cooper/Subi; Jesse Ingram/EF; Georgia Johnson/Subi; Riley Magee/Ph; Kerri McEwan/Wan; Georgia McEwan/Wan; Asha Sinclair/Ph; Taryn Sutherland/Wan; Chloe Townsend /Subi; Eleri Williams/Wan; Coach Lyn Johnson; Assistant Coach Perin Breakell; Manager Peta Hiron

## Results and Awards 2010

### State League

Premiers	Wembley	IJ Taylor Shield
Minor Premiers	East Fremantle	Lapsley Cup
Best Player	Brad Goddard (East Fremantle)	Regal Cup
MVP Grand Final	Ryan Spark (East Fremantle)	Kuljak Medal
Highest Goal Scorer	Nathan Rainey (Wembley) 69 Goals	Cann-Griffin Trophy

### A GRADE

Premiers:	East Fremantle	
Minor Premiers:	East Fremantle	
Runner Up:	Wembley	
Fairest and Best:	Hannah Barnsley (Wembley)	
Runner Up:	Alison Moulin (East Fremantle)	
Highest Goal Scorers:	Jessica Kennedy (EF) & Courtney Ackland (Su)	49 Goals
MVP Grand Final	Hannah Barnsley	Kuljak Medal

### Division 2

Premiers	Subiaco	Jubilee Trophy
Minor Premiers	Wembley	Clark Cup
Best Player	Michael Mills (East Fremantle)	Morris & Scott Trophy
MVP Grand Final	Tom Cahill (Subiaco)	Cyril Allman Medal
Highest Goal Scorer	Michael Mills (East Fremantle)	41 Goals

### A RESERVE GRADE

Premiers:	Wembley Rays
Minor Premiers:	Wembley Rays
Runner Up:	Subiaco/Masters
Fairest and Best:	Stacey Swadling (Bayswater)
Runner Up:	Amanda Plummer (Wembley)

### Division 3

Premiers	Wembley	WA Lacrosse Ass
Minor Premiers	Wanneroo	Loyd Paul Perpetual Trophy
Best Player	Joe Rao (Wanneroo)	Keenscreen Brine
Highest Goal Scorer	Joe Rao (Wanneroo)	63 Goals

### C GRADE

Premiers:	Phoenix
Minor Premiers:	Phoenix
Runner Up:	Wembley
Fairest and Best:	Tessa Atkinson (Wembley)
Runner Up:	Chelsea Packham (Wanneroo)

### Under 17

Premiers	East Fremantle	Ramsay Trophy
Minor Premiers	Subiaco	Greg Wheatley Trophy
Best Player	Lachlan Walker (Wanneroo)	Jeff Kennedy U17 Trophy
Highest Goal Scorer	Daniel Kennedy (East Fremantle)	65 Goals

### Under 15

Premiers	Bayswater	Brian Griffin Trophy
Minor Premiers	Wembley	Rob Taylor Trophy
Best Player	Daniel Kennedy (East Fremantle)	Steve Mounsey U15 Trophy
Highest Goal Scorer	Isaac Cahill (Subiaco)	46 Goals

### Under 13

Premiers	Wembley	Premiers Trophy
Minor Premiers	Wembley	Minor Premiers Trophy
Best Player	Christopher Bowden (East Fremantle)	Murray Keen U13 Trophy
Highest Goal Scorer	Christopher Bowden (East Fremantle)	104 Goals

### Spirit of Lacrosse (2010)

Wanneroo

### Centenary Shield (2010)

East Fremantle

## **2010 PRESIDENTS REPORT –GARY KENNEDY**

It gives me great pleasure to present the first presidents report for the newly formed Lacrosse WA (formerly WALA and Lacrosse West) and would like to thank everyone for their support in bringing together the two bodies. While the 2010 year has been a transition year with minimal changes on the surface the board has been mindful of ensuring equity of both groups and respecting the past histories of both associations.

I would like to thank all the club presidents (including ALRA WA) for their support and commitment in working with the LWA board and I'm happy to report that all clubs have now unified. The main focus of the board this year has worked on consolidating the unification and working with our two major sponsors Healthway and Department of Sports and Recreation to ensure that the newly formed body maintained its funding. This has been achieved for the next two seasons thanks to the efforts of Peta Hiron and Ellen Kennedy.

Sporting Pulse has continued as a primary source of keeping the lacrosse community (all over the world) informed of the progress of the competition. For the first time the women's competition is now running under this site although a little slow getting going it is now up and operating. While most clubs embraced the concept some areas of clubs struggled to maintain up to date information which should be a target for clubs to improve in 2011. Special thanks must go to Michael Gates for his tireless work in setting up and maintaining the records on the site.

Phoenix Lacrosse club continued in their return to the competition with the inclusion of women's A Grade team and winning the C Grade women's premiership. There is still a lot of work to be done but under the direction of some very enthusiastic members working with the LWA things are slowly coming together, I cannot understate the need to support the Phoenix club in getting the club back to a strong force in all grades but I think the club need to seriously need to look at relocating to a new area in the south east corridor.

The introduction of a new junior club in the CanningVale area and the second season of the Baldivis club (both under the umbrella of the East Fremantle club) prove that the game can expand to new areas and I encourage other clubs to look at satellite areas to grow the game. I would like to thank all those Under 13 teams that played the CanningVale team during the season in the right spirit and helped them in developing.

The junior council continues to run well and thanks must go to Kevin McRae for his years of tireless effort in maintaining this valuable subcommittee.

One of the great success's for the 2010 year was the awards evening which was held at the Hillary Yacht Club, the venue was excellent and the support from the lacrosse community was outstanding with over 200 people attending, a special thanks needs to go to our co hosts Jane Rowlands and Timothy Kennedy who did an outstanding job hosting the evening and proves we do not need to look outside our own people to run these types of events. I have it on good advice that Tim and Jane have already started planning for next year's presentation. Events like this do not come together without people behind the scenes and I would like to thank Karen Mau (who took holidays and missed out on all her good work) and Ellen Kennedy for putting this all together.

Congratulations to all award winners in the Junior and Senior grades and a special mention to the first Life Member under the LWA banner Ken Sugars I would like to thank Ross Whiteman for his presentation to Ken at the awards night and the due respect shown by all at the evening when the award was presented.

Some of the new initiatives that were introduced this year were the presentation of the Kuljak medal for the Women's A grade grand final, the introduction of the Women's all star team at the presentation evening.

The season on a whole has been very successful with the makeup of the finals not decided to the very last game in some grades, Subiaco and the Director of Women's Operations (through his working party) ran a great finals series with a total of five clubs winning premierships in nine grades (no premiership in women's D grade).

The state and regional teams performed well in national's arena. Congratulations to the Southern Braves winning the Under 15s Australian Tournament (third year in a row) and the Boy's Under 17 state team winning the nationals. Well done to Murray Gates who coached both of these teams as well as the Girls under 21s team. The senior women's team also should be commended on an outstanding effort finishing on top of the ladder at the end of the round robin series and only just fell short in the finals.

One disappointing aspect of the 2010 season was inability to put together a state senior men's team, there are many reasons for this World Series year, finances etc but the game should not revolve around so few players this should be seen as an opportunity for those on the fringe to show they are ready to take the next step.

Congratulation to the WA representatives in the Australian team who travelled to England for the Senior Men's World Championship. While they did not make it to the gold medal game they did win the bronze medal maintaining our world ranking in a competition that is growing at a rapid rate with the minor countries improving challenging our status. The WA contingent was, John Denic Head Coach, Gavin Leavy Assistant Coach, Rod Sear Manager, Adam Sear, Alex Brown, Sam Williams, Glen Morley, Jimmy Galbraith Watson and Gareth Allen.

The major challenge facing lacrosse into the future is combining the processes of running the game, expanding to new areas including regional WA, increasing costs for state and regional teams travelling teams, increase the standard of coaching within WA and increase the number of Referee's/Umpires to list a few .

I would like to thank all the board members for their tireless efforts and support throughout the year. While I will be standing down at the AGM I would like to thank LWA (also the previous WALA boards) for the honor of being the president and I encourage lacrosse members past and present to get behind this great game of ours. I wish the new board all the best and I personally look forward taking on a new challenge within lacrosse in the 2011 season.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a good break, Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and remind you the 2011 season is not that far away and we need to start planning now.

***Final comment: If all lacrosse members put in just 1% of their time to the running of the game we can improve the running of the game by over 1,000% if you leave it to the LWA/Club boards then the game will stagnate.***

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#### **2010 VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT- MICHAEL FERGUSON**

The past year was the first season of a new era for our sport. Lacrosse WA now administers both Women's and Men's Lacrosse in Western Australia, bringing us into line with the International and National bodies and the other major States.

The amalgamation is still in its infancy and we are in many respects still feeling our way. I am confident that with the right people, respect and goodwill Lacrosse WA will be effective in promoting both aspects of our game in the State.

After a year in which increasing work commitments interfered drastically with the amount of time and attention I was able to devote to Lacrosse WA, I have decided that unfortunately I am not able to continue in a role for the association for the next few years. Because of these other commitments, I was unable to adequately assist the President and other directors in running the sport. Particularly, I could not lend support to the critical area of development which must remain our most important focus, but may require a change in emphasis if we are to grow our sport and see it achieve the widespread awareness and popularity that it should have.

In that vein, on Sunday I was privileged to be at a breakfast organised by the City of Fremantle to recognise the contribution that sporting clubs and volunteers make to the community. Various awards were made, including the junior female sports star to Riley Magee, from Phoenix Lacrosse Club. Awards such as these will help in a small way to raise the profile of our sport and I encourage all clubs to seek out opportunities to promote our players and our sport.

In future I recommend that the role of Vice President should be one in which the holder (while deputising for the President when necessary) has a specific focus for the year. While that focus will change, I cannot emphasise enough that development of our sport is of fundamental importance and warrants the attention of one of the senior offices in the Association.

Finally, I would like to thank the President and other members of the Board during 2010 for their tolerance and support and also mention the sterling efforts of Ellen Kennedy in the Lacrosse office.

#### **2010 DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIONS REPORT-ELLEN KENNEDY**

I would like to thank the board for allowing me to perform the role of “Director of Administration” it has been both a challenge and a rewarding learning experience. 2010 has been a very demanding year for Lacrosse WA with a number of significant changes instigated. I would like to give you a brief overview of the achievements of the year.

##### **Administration**

- It was a challenging process with the amalgamation.
- Sponsorship:  
Healthway, Thanks must go to Peta Hiron for all her work with the Healthway sponsorship report.  
Department of Sport and Recreation, I was lucky enough to have Kendra, who was a fantastic help to me and was always there if I needed help.
- Membership:

CLUB REGISTRATED MEMBERS FROM SPORTINGPULSE AND TEAMS					
CLUB	Members	Teams : Male		Teams : Female	
		Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior
Bayswater	225	3	3	2	1
East Frem.	251	3	5	2	1
Masters	15			1/2	
Phoenix	115	2		2	3
Subiaco	197	3	4	1 1/2	2
Wanneroo	196	3	3	1	1
Wembley	226	3	3	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>21</b>	



## Events

- WALA became LacrosseWA on 12 April 2010 at a Special general meeting which passed all the nominations to be an amalgamated body.
- The administration meeting held in February 2009 to make all the clubs aware of their requirements will need to be more successful next year. The meeting helps clubs understand the process of membership and game scores; it has been made easier by SportingPulse and the hard work of Michael Gates who checks all the game results every week. Thanks Michael.
- Special mention must go to Liz Angwin for every week taking the scores which were phoned through to her and getting them in the paper. Who will be sadly missed next year.
- Junior Council meeting were attended and worked hard to keep the junior lacrosse players abreast of developments throughout the year. Thanks must go to Kevin McRae.
- The Junior Trophy presentation night was a success with the Subiaco Club rooms full of parents and junior lacrosse players, the PowerPoint presentation was done by Gary Kennedy and was great to watch. The Senior Presentations were held at Hillarys Yacht Club. It was a good night with over 200 attending.
- Organisers of the Finals Subiaco lacrosse club did a fantastic job. The event was well organized so, Thank you Subiaco and all your hard workers.

## Development:

- A very big thank you should go to Peta Hiron for work with getting DO's into schools. Lacrosse went into over 40 primary schools and 15 High schools. We also went into after school care, recreation centres and YMCA's to put Lacrosse out to the communities.

## Communications

- Gazette on the website has been called the "Gazette Newsletter" which has been a success and more members are able to read the news from Directors and clubs.
- We have a new improved website with all information being given to the men's and women's members under LacrosseWA.
- This year we had a new logo, it was an exciting year with many changes also to forms and letterheads.

## Lacrosse Centre

- It has been great to see the Referee, Junior and Senior Council, Board, Club Presidents and special meeting held here at the Lacrosse centre. There has also been meetings with DSR and Healthway convened at our lacrosse centre. Any one is welcome to come and view the lacrosse centre and all the trophies which are kept in our Board room.

## WALA Rules

- Every year around February there is a meeting with Club presidents or club official to discuss the Rules of lacrosse it was very successful, please let you club president know if you are interested.

## Acknowledgments

- I would personally like to thank the Lacrosse WA board members for being so understanding, major sponsors DSR (Kendra) and Healthway (Amy), Peta you have taken on development, Karen Mau for organising a Great Senior Presentation night, Michael Gates for doing the DO payments with minimal complaints and lastly my husband Gary Kennedy for all the advice and listening to me. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL LACROSSE MEMBERS.

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### **2010 DIRECTOR OF MEN'S LACROSSE REPORT-NATHAN RAINEY**

I feel it necessary to first congratulate Gary Kennedy on his tenure as president of Lacrosse WA and wish him all the best with his endeavours within the lacrosse community as his role changes and diversify into different areas. His work load and efforts with the merge of the men's and women's lacrosse organisations was largely behind the scenes and unnoticed by the lacrosse community as a whole.

I would also like to thank the complete board of Lacrosse WA for their efforts this year and support given to me, as I took up the role mid-year, also to Bill Barton who undertook the fixtures of the final series and the men's season fixtures. Whilst also being the club president of Subiaco who hosted the finals series, which were a great spectacle to all those who attended. I'm sure Bill's support will be missed by myself (and the board) next year if he does not commit again.

I would like to commend the efforts of all those involved with the representative teams at world level from players through to administration with WA very well represented through all teams, also to coaching and management volunteers who assisted and travelled with the numerous junior and senior teams participating in their respective age groups across state championships, with special mention to Murray Gates for taking out the double of U/15 and U/17 state championship as coach. On the down side was the lack of support from players to the men's senior team this year with WA unable to send a representative side. This will be high on my agenda of areas that require my attention next year and encourage any member of the lacrosse community to offer their opinion, ideas or strategies to rectify the lack of player support in this area.

As Lacrosse continues to evolve and change shape within the club spectrum there needs to be a growing level of communication between clubs and the Lacrosse WA board and administration. There is a stigma which seems to be limiting the growth and evolution of Lacrosse due to this breakdown of communication. As clubs grow (hopefully) their membership and the sport aims to increase its awareness within the community, with school programmes and other initiatives, the need for clarity and review of all processes is of vital importance. This will always come back to the ability of the Lacrosse WA board to carry out its tasks with the knowledge that all clubs have submitted their feedback or that the proposed activities will be supported by clubs. This starts with Lacrosse WA sending out appropriate information to club secretaries and that information is being discussed by club committees and representatives. There is a breakdown at every club with the information coming from Lacrosse WA not making its way to committee members, with the return feedback not making its way back to Lacrosse WA.

I would encourage all club committees and members to utilise the recourse of Lacrosse WA. In particular as junior numbers become harder to maintain and reproduce year after year; Peta Hiron has set new standards with her approaches to gaining broader community awareness of Lacrosse and is devolving strong ties with many schools and organisations within them. These can only be partially managed by DO's etc. but the opportunities for clubs to work in conjunction with Peta in these areas is sorely lacking. There is a lack of support within all clubs with respect to junior recruitment, so my suggestion is team up and increase your junior numbers.

In closing I would like to remind all players and retired players of the fact that all clubs only exist on the support of its members and like most clubs this falls on too few, every club has its hard working groups which seem to do everything, step back take a look and offer your support. We are all here because of the efforts that others have made previously, at club and board level. Many players would not be aware that Lacrosse needs to grow itself, starting from within for the sport to prosper. Everyone is busy.....eventually there will be no one left.

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#### **2010 DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S LACROSSE- DENNIS BANYARD**

2010 was a challenging year for Lacrosse in WA being the first year of the amalgamation and the myriad of adjustments this has entailed. My aim was to ensure that we had a well run Women's competition which did not show any negatives from the amalgamation. This was not a complete success. This role requires a very hands on approach with availability during the week and I was unable to consistently achieve this with some tasks unfulfilled and some late.

Routines at Board level are very established and it has generally been that if there are differences in policy or practice between the two halves of the game it is assumed that the men's processes will continue because that has been "the way we do it". Generally this has not been a major problem and I'm sure is not a conscious decision but we run the risk of our smaller women's game becoming a very junior partner.

Part of this process is fine tuning the Board's role which now should only be dealing with matters which affect both halves of the game (e.g. Relationship with ALAL, Promotion of the game,

Development processes etc) and not the day to day processes involved in each half of the game. We haven't had time this year to put together the combined approach we need for many of these processes. This needs to be the Board's priority for the off-season.

I would like to thank the Women's subcommittee for the all their efforts this year which has made my role manageable. Thank you to Faye Beaman for looking after a very large part of the day to day business particularly managing Light St, Angie Somerville for looking after the Junior programme, Adele Ackland managing State team issues, Suzanne Kirkby running all Umpiring business, Peta Hiron with the biggest job on the Board (Development) and also a myriad of tasks at every level of women's lacrosse and finally Karen Mau who was also on the Board (Promotions) and continued to do lots for the running of the women's side. Thank you all for your awesome commitment to Lacrosse.

Summary of 2010 Season: Women's Lacrosse

#### CLUB LACROSSE:

The highlight of Club lacrosse this year was the emergence of Phoenix as a senior club jumping in with teams at both A Grade and A Reserve level. This is a wonderful achievement and a great result for all those who have worked so hard at Phoenix in the last few years. Congratulations and thank you to all those involved. (Congratulations on the C Grade Premiership too.)

D GRADE : Played at 9.30am, managed by Angie Somerville. Four teams competed each week with full teams from Subiaco (with one Wembley girl), Bayswater and Phoenix who almost had two full teams (great job) often making up a fourth team for two games. No finals this year which seems sensible at this development level.

C GRADE: Played at 10.40am.

Teams: Phoenix : Minor Premiers and Premiers.

Wembley : Runners up.

Subiaco

East Fremantle

Wanneroo

A Reserve : Great to see addition of Phoenix at this level.

Teams: Wembley Rays : Minor Premiers and Premiers

Subiaco/Masters : Runners up.

Wembley Dolphins

East Fremantle

Bayswater

Wanneroo

Phoenix

A Grade : Addition of Phoenix at both A Grade and A Reserve level this year was absolutely fantastic and a truly awesome achievement by all involved. We welcome them to seniors.

Also great that Bayswater was able to field a team and after some struggles initially brought a number of players back to the game.

Teams : East Fremantle : Minor Premiers and Premiers

Wembley : Runners up

Wanneroo

Subiaco

Phoenix

Bayswater

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS :

UNDER 17s : Played in Sydney in April. Coaches: Glenda Magee and Murray Gates. Manager: Fran Maunton. Runners up. WA Umpire : Steph McRae

UNDER 21s : Unfortunately not able to field team in this age group which has been a problem for WA for some time.

UNDER 15s : Played in Adelaide in Sept./Oct. Coach: Lyn Johnson, Ass't Coach: Perrin Breakell. Manager: Peta Hiron. Third place overall. WA Umpire: Carole Bowland

SENIORS : Played in Melbourne in October. Coach: Dennis Banyard. Manager: Faye Beaman. Ass't Manager: Jen Banyard. Runners up. WA Umpires : Steph McRae and Nicole McKenna.

Other than our problems at U21 level 2010 was generally a positive year for State lacrosse with competitive teams and creditable results in all the competitions but unfortunately no Championships.

We also fielded teams (Seniors and U19) in the WA CUP run at Floreat Oval in conjunction with the U17 and U19 Men's National Champs. A visiting team from the US competed and the week was a success with the WA Senior team finally running out winners. Thank you to all involved particularly Adele Ackland (Coach/Manager: U19s), Karen Mau (Manager: Seniors), Faye Beaman (Liaison for US team) and umpires Suzanne Kirkby, Bruce Banyard and Nicole McKenna. Thank you also to Wembley and particularly Mark Bowman for running these games.

There are a number of issues regarding the future management of Women's Lacrosse that need to be resolved in 2011 or relatively soon at least. These include:

1. Development of standard management processes in common with the Men's game and when a common standard is not possible a clear understanding as to where and why they differ.
2. The Women's subcommittee needs refining with defined portfolios with particular emphasis on ensuring we all have roles which are clear, specific and manageable.
3. A long term plan for Light Street which includes continuing evolution of fixturing and the game generally.

A final thank you to Gary and Ellen and the Board generally and to all the Lacrosse WA contributors.

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#### **2010 DIRECTOR OF OFFICIATIONS REPORT – EVAN WALTERS**

2010 has been another big year in Australian Lacrosse with the amalgamation of Women's and Men's Lacrosse in Western Australia and the Men's World Championships

The new Board of Lacrosse in WA this year has had a momentous task at hand and I congratulate them on a job done well

This year has been tough for the Men's Referee's with their numbers dropping by 3 members and no new people coming through, the Women's Referee's are a group that never seem to change with clubs doing their bit to get a thankless job done and I take my hat off to them in doing this well yet again

With the Men's World Championships held in Manchester, England we took a bit of a tumble in numbers left behind in the local competition with 2 Referee's Officiating and 1 Referee Assessor travelling for this event

It was positive year with 2 Women's Umpires and 2 Men's Referee's in the same accommodation in Melbourne where the joint Women's / Men's Australian Lacrosse Championships were held at Footscray Hockey Club and what a wonderful spectacle of lacrosse it was with Women and Men sharing a common goal of competing in lacrosse at an elite level of competition

The week for me was a great experience as you get to see after many years away from Women's Lacrosse the game being played (different to what I remember) and how the Women's Umpires are treated and respected by the players from other states as well as seeing how their process of assessment and on field communication is so much different to the Men's game

I spoke with ALA Director Shelley Maher and how she sees the Women's Umpiring of Lacrosse developing in Australia and what sort of format they would like to see the Women adopt from the Men's game in the assessment process to game management and the game mechanics for Women's Umpires in Australia after the 2011 Women's Under 19 World Cup

From all reports I believe that the women's Grand Final was a great game to watch and had a great deal of skill and talent involved not only from the players but from the Umpires as they let them play a thrilling game

All in all it has been another great year of lacrosse and look forward to another exiting year next year with the challenges of getting Women Lacrosse Umpire's at a level where the rest of the states want to come here and umpire

The Men's finals were held at the Subiaco Lacrosse Club, ALRA WA was there to support the junior Referee's as bench officials

The State League Grand Final was won by Wembley in a great encounter of lacrosse with rivals East Fremantle, this game was well supported by the lead up games in which Subiaco took the spoils in Div 2 ,Wembley again triumphant in Div 3 , Wanneroo in the 17's , Bayswater in 15's and Wembley 13's

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### **2010 DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT- PETA HIRON**

This year has been a busy year for the development of lacrosse with the amalgamation of men's and women's associations, the preparation of two funding acquittal reports for Lacrosse West and WALA, and the application for new funding from Healthway for Lacrosse WA.

Lacrosse WA was successful in securing Healthway funding for the next 3 years to continue the school modcrosse program. There have however, been some changes to Healthway sponsorships. Some of our responsibilities to Healthway include providing smoke free environment, reducing harm from alcohol and preventing overweight and obesity. Along with these responsibilities come some restrictions. For example, any co-sponsorship with alcohol and food companies will be carefully scrutinised to ensure that it is appropriate, and Healthway must approve any proposal to enter into any new sponsorship during our term of agreement with Healthway.

Lacrosse WA must also address Healthway's target populations, some of which include youth, rural areas, indigenous and disadvantaged populations. Lacrosse WA must engage with these priority groups, otherwise further funding may not be granted. Yearly reporting on our progress is mandatory before our next funding is allocated. Clubs must consider these areas when looking at target groups for their club, and must also be open to sending their development officers out of their area. Many clubs do have members who live out of the area, so this may be achievable.

Currently Lacrosse WA does satisfy most of Healthway's requirements and priority groups, but there is room to improve in some areas.

Lacrosse WA also received a small funding grant from Celebrate WA for WA Week in October. This was used to run a modcrosse carnival in Canning Vale. Thank you to Anne Mare Hall for her assistance with this day. I encourage clubs to access these types of grants themselves to run their own lacrosse day.

A forum in May with club members interested in developing our modcrosse and junior numbers provided good feedback and gave an opportunity for clubs to share ideas.

Development officers presented modcrosse sessions in approximately 50 primary schools and 11 high schools this year. Other activities included:

- Lightning carnivals – Tompkins Parks, Sutherland Park Canning vale, Troy Park, Kingsway (3), Atwell, Cambridge Cup Floreat.
- Country work –Pinjarra, Mundijong, Byford, Toodyay Corporate Cup.
- Vacation/Holiday Clinics –Joondalup ECU, Kingsway, Challenge, Forrestfield, Craigie, Quinns.
- Canning Vale Modcrosse Day-with shopping centre display at Livingstone Shopping Centre.
- Junior Sports Expo Kwinana, Rockingham, Bayswater.
- Edmund Rice Centre –lacrosse sessions with newly arrived refugees.
- Communicare- lacrosse sessions with Islamic school.
- Student teacher training at ECU Joondalup.

I would like to thank all the development officers who conducted sessions at schools and carnivals. Special thanks go to Anne Marie Hall, Matt Devoy and Pauline Donaldson who did various work around the whole metropolitan area and some country areas. Many schools request lacrosse sessions and it is important we try to reach those areas outside club boundaries to increase our exposure to the general population.

All clubs must provide development officers to support the introduction of modcrosse in schools. We need enthusiastic role models who can promote our sport. It is the responsibility of all clubs to encourage young people to take up coaching roles and give back to the sport be it in paid or unpaid roles. Clubs also need to support any coaching clinics for coaches which are run with through our association.

My recommendations to clubs for the 2011 season include:

1. Encourage and nurture more development officers and support from club members, to increase our membership base.
2. To plan and prepare for 2011 season in January/ February with advertising for registrations before children enrol in other sports.
3. To be in regular contact with Director of Development in regard to target schools and groups, development officers, and issues and ideas which arise.

Finally, I encourage any enthusiastic person with new ideas for developing our great sport to apply for this position in the future.

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#### **2010 DIRECTOR OF PROMOTIONS REPORT – KAREN MAU**

**2010** was an extremely busy year for Western Australian Lacrosse in general. Certainly it has been a year of learning and development for all.

Investigations into how best to promote our sport of lacrosse are ongoing. Negotiations are in play with a community radio station to air a half hour segment per week promoting lacrosse as a whole as well as allowing clubs the chance to encourage, recruit players.

**Awards Presentation Night:** This year Lacrosse WA held a combined senior women's and men's presentation evening at Hillarys Yacht Club. I am pleased to report the evening was a success with strong representation from both men and women. There is always room for improvement with events such as this although I believe Lacrosse WA is moving in the right direction.

The junior presentation day was held and hosted by the Subiaco Lacrosse Club with a good all round attendance from both the girls and boys on the day.

The Under 15' Boys and Girls National Tournament is set for Perth for 2011 which offers an opportunity for lacrosse to be showcased and for our junior players to gain invaluable experience pitting their skills against some of the best in Australia.

I would like to thank my fellow directors for their support and patience this year. I look forward to a successful and productive 2011.

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#### **2010 BAYSWATER LACROSSE CLUB ANNUAL REPORT- PRESIDENT GLENN MORLEY**

The 2010 season was a successful one for the Bayswater Lacrosse Club; we had many projects on the go from the previous season and managed to keep them moving forward. We have also added a few new and exciting initiatives which are detailed below.

I want to acknowledge the work of the Committee this year, many of the Committee was new to their positions and all have done a fantastic job. The transition was also made smoother through the good work done by the 2009 committee.

I would specifically like to thank past president Ian Misich for staying on board the committee as Director of Special Projects, having Ian remain on the committee made the transition much smoother and allowed for a better transfer of information.

#### **Successes**

Over the course of the year we had many successes as a club, namely maintaining both Senior Women's teams and fielding a third senior men's team for the first time in many years. We had team Success with the Under13's playing in the Grand Final, and the Bayswater/Phoenix combined Under 15's winning the Premiership.

On a club front we have launched a new website which we hope will enable members to stay in touch with club information and happenings, we saw the delivery of the first run of Bayswater Lacrosse Club number plates and new uniforms for the senior women.

We also had a renewed investment in the Gym facilities which is now fully functional with some exciting proposals for future use and development.

### **Challenges**

As a club we will have a few challenges as we move forward with the impending lease that the City of Bayswater is requesting the Club sign on to. The lease presents great opportunities for the club in regards to development and maintenance of our facilities, but needs to be weighed up against the historical ownership and investment we have had in the building.

The challenge will be to ensure the best long-term deal for the club at the lowest lease rate possible, which includes fair terms for maintenance and utilities fees.

We are also still pursuing the redevelopment; with the design for stage one being drawn up currently.

### **2011 Focus**

Along with the Building redevelopment, and Lease a major focus for 2011 will be developing a new strategic plan to guide the club for the next few years. The process for developing the plan will be consultative with an open meeting held shortly after the AGM to determine the focus areas on the plan.

Junior recruitment should feature heavily in the plan with a subcommittee meeting in advance of the AGM to begin developing the framework around our recruitment strategies for 2011 and beyond.

Another key to the Strategic plan will be the marketing and branding of the club, we had success this year recruiting new sponsors through a marketing/sponsorship plan which we will build on in 2011 with a new/updated club logo and imagery which can be used across the board from uniforms, clothing, merchandise, club website and in school recruitment.

A key part of the branding process will be to look at what we currently offer as a club to our members and how we can build on that to make membership more enticing. This includes offering new types of membership and reinvigorating club social life with a functioning social committee.

### **Acknowledgements**

Clubs such as ours cannot run without the tireless work of volunteers and I would like to sincerely thank on behalf of the Committee and the players all of the volunteers who did so much work for us this year, namely;

- Liz and Sue-Anne Game in the Canteen
- Lloyd Morley and Wayne Hollingbery for marking the fields
- Sue Kirkby and Nicole McKenna for the women's umpiring
- Evan Walters, Ian Misich and John Keesing for refereeing the Men's games,
- Ken MacLennan as Bar Manager
- Maryanne Stirling for helping out with the School Clinics
- Carol Bowland and Dave Curtis for running the downstairs bar and helping out everywhere.
- Liz Doherty for organizing the Trophies

Also thanks to all of the junior umpires, coaches, managers and timekeepers for helping our teams get on the fields each week, without your work nothing would get done.

I want to congratulate all the players who were selected to representative teams this year, and the individual trophy winners for each team. Keep working hard so that your individual success can become team success in future years.

I would like to acknowledge Trudy Savage as best Club-person, this is the highest honour in the club, and I want to thank her for her tireless efforts not just this year but also for all the previous years, the award is well deserved – congratulations.

Lastly I want to thank the club for electing me President this year it is a role I enjoy the challenge of and I hope that I have represented the wishes and best interests of the club at all times.

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#### **2010 EAST FREMANTLE LACROSSE CLUB ANNUAL – PRESIDENT TIMOTHY KENNEDY**

The 2010 season for East Fremantle Lacrosse Club was a success on many fronts whilst emphasising the challenges we will face in the coming years.

A priority of the club was to continue to field teams in all grades and with the exception of D Grade, whose participants formed part of our Modcrosse program, we were able to do so which was a particularly outstanding result given that we started the year with very few Under 15s and C Grade players.

We were also able to continue to expand into the southern suburbs, with Baldivis playing in a second season and Canning Vale participating for the first time, both in the Under 13s competition.

On a playing front, the highlight of 2010 was our A Grade womens team winning what was a grand final for the ages and ending an 11 year drought. Congratulations to our Under 17s team who won a hard fought game against Wanneroo which was a terrific result for the club given the young age of the team.

The overall strength of the club continued to improve with a particular emphasis on the Modcrosse program and outstanding development work, which was made possible with the support of Peta Hiron and LWA, yielding increased Modcrosse participation which we hope will not only continue to grow but also filter into our youth teams.

A particular note, is that 2010 marked the first time East Fremantle was awarded the Club of the Year award, which is terrific outcome for the many members who contributed to recruitment, development and coaching. I congratulate all members for their contribution for this award.

On an individual front, congratulations to the 2011 Regal Lacrosse Cup winner Brad Goddard and Chris Bowden for winning the Under 13 LWA Fairest and Best. Also, I wish to congratulate Matt Devoy and Susan Milne on their awards as club people of the year. Matt worked tirelessly as a development officer and joined the committee mid-year and Susan Milne took on the challenging role of canteen manager and did a terrific job. I look forward to both continuing in similar roles next year.

2011 promises to be exciting with our first major changeover of committee since amalgamation resulting in several new faces to the 2011 committee. The “honeymoon” period of amalgamation is definitely over and as a club we look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in our 112<sup>th</sup> year as a club.

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#### **2010 SUIACO LACROSSE CLUB ANNUAL REPORT – BILL BARTON**

During the season there were many challenges to deal with as a club. We had an awesome 2009 season and there were a lot of expectations about this season.

I am really proud of the club members and their dedication to the club. It is fair to say that we as a club really support and contribute to the club above and beyond expectations.

We sort of have to because unfortunately there are very few middle aged people around the club to take on the work. I think these needs to be addressed and addressed quickly. I also think current



players need to realise that it is important to maintain connections with the club and to take on a role after retiring from playing.

### **Highlights**

Highlights for season 2010 include:

- A premiership via our Men's Division 2 side.
- Despite State league Men's not making the finals nearly all other teams did and most made it to the preliminary final stage. Showing that we have a lot of depth in our junior player pool that will hold the club high in future years.
- The continuing expansion of our numbers across the club, division 3 really filled out this year and I expect that many of the U17s moving to seniors will continue to play next year;
- Jimmy Galbraith-Watson coming home with a bronze medal from the men's world championships.

### **Volunteers – Thank you**

I would like to thank everyone that has done any task from as little as putting the bins out to being a director of the club.

Your contribution means everything to the club, and to be honest it is one of the things that sets us apart from every other club, the level of participation and ownership, we have as a group, and have for our club is unprecedented and you should be proud to be involved in resetting the standard for members in community based clubs.

I have enjoyed every moment of leading this club and although, there are still some major issues to deal with in moving into next year such as collection of fees from our members. I believe this club is well ahead of where it was four years ago when I first took on this role.

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### **2010 PHOENIX LACROSSE CLUB ANNUAL REPORT – PRESIDENT LUKE McCALLUM**

The start of the year for Phoenix was one of trepidation and anxiety. With a crew of people overworked and time poor it looked like curtains for our club yet again. Nevertheless with an emergency meeting and some raised hands fired the starter's gun for a renewed vigour to the new season. We regained momentum despite suffering early losses.

Girls' teams have gone from strength to strength. Phoenix fielded a team in every woman's grade. This is an achievement unmatched by any other club in the Association competition. On many occasions, we had two teams in 'D' grade, an excellent result. A grade battled on through a tough season with few wins. With about half the team being 'C' graders, albeit talented C graders 2010 will be remembered as the season that built our character. In years to come this team will be able to withstand any competition thrown at them. A reserve, a team filled with brand new players and a couple of oldies, were staunch in their resolve to get through the game each week. It is fair to say that the team that finished the season had improved out of sight from the very first games – a fact opposition teams complimented them on each week. Our amazing 'C' grade came away with a comprehensive win to bring home the premiership and an unbeaten record for the year. While it was reasonable for us to be quietly confident of a win in the grand final, what was really impressive is that every single girl on the team played their best game of the season in the Grand Final. Supporters and Parents present at the game were justifiably proud of our talented and lovely junior girls.

The Women in our club this year set a benchmark for combined committee in their organisational skills and support. It is obvious within our club that as a combined force the club has a huge future.

Our U/15 boys' team combined with Bayswater to start the season shakily. The run home to the Grand final was incredible – showing that a hybrid team can be a force to be reckoned with. Bayswater Phoenix combined U/15 boys team won a premiership. Thanking Bayswater and all those

involved for their stewardship and guidance of our young boys. They all grew visibly from the experience.

Our U/17 men's team also combined with another club in Subiaco to start the season. The young men clocked up many wins throughout the season despite the upset to routine and training venue. Again we thank Subiaco for their concerted effort in making our young men feel welcome. Great concern was felt early in the season from the committee of the possible loss of identity and club ethos with both of our U/15 and U/17 team members. We need not have worried. If anything our club is stronger because of it. Again we thank our symbiotic clubs in both Subi and Baysie for the merger.

Division 3 were in the finals also with many a tired old warrior donning the armour for another season of crashing and crunching.

State league were relentless with their dogged determination, notching a win late in the season. This is just what we needed, our USA import helping out immensely.

Socially we had a number of occasions that are worth remark. A Bowling night was successful in bringing Men's and Women's Lacrosse closer together within the club early in the season. A Heroes and Villains party and many a night after training were spent with a slice of Pizza as an informal Players Tea.

We forged ourselves a new identity this year with brand new "Hoodies", beware of cheap imitations. 3 of our players made the "All stars" and many represented the state throughout the year.

Our Modcrosse is developing and we hope to improve this next year with set programs and assistance from other clubs.

We have had recent developments with thoughts of moving away from our core demographic but these are undefined, slow moving and require more input and feedback from shires in the later stages of this year.

Despite our overall situation early in the season there has been a marked improvement in the culture at Phoenix. With structured sharing of workloads, consistent committee communication, socialisation, openness to new ideas and sufficient nurturing within the club, Phoenix will be well placed to start next season better prepared.

I would like to take this opportunity as acting President to thank all of our committee members for their efforts as we survived through a long and harsh winter. See you all next year.

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#### **2010 WANNEROO LACROSSE CLUB ANNUAL –PRESIDENT NATHAN CLAY**

Overall 2010 was a successful year for Wanneroo both on field and off. Our membership numbers for all teams were good and the on field results from some teams exceeded our expectations. Whilst all of our teams qualified for the finals this year only our under 17's and division 3's made it through to a grand final. Whilst neither team was successful on the day both finished the season as minor premiers.

The Majority of committee members have elected to continue for next year and there are a few new faces as well, we have some big projects coming up over the next 12 months so it is going to be a busy year. Fundraising will be another key area we will focus on, we had a lot of success running sausage sizzles at Bunning's and Harvey Norman during the pre season and a quiz night midyear was also very rewarding both financially and socially.

The Wanneroo Clubs focus for the 2010 season and heading into 2011 is rebuilding and growing as a club. Resources are being pushed towards developing strong foundations in our juniors, The Modcrosse club is booming thanks to the dedication and hard work of Darren sugars and we have quality coaches for our junior teams which will benefit the club in future years as the players advance through the grades. We started the year with only 8 under 13's and finished with 19 so we are pleased to be in the position of possibly fielding 2 under 13 teams in 2011. The successful introduction of a Division 3 has also tempted some of our members to return to the game so our numbers in seniors are also looking healthy for next season.

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## **2010 WEMBLEY LACROSSE CLUB ANNUAL REPORT- PRESIDENT MARK BOWMAN**

The 2010 lacrosse season has again been an outstanding year for the Wembley Lacrosse Club. Our teams have had good numbers and competed well in all divisions, with strong representation in regional, state and national teams. Winning premierships in both men's and women's competitions is a good result and great reward for all the players, supporters, coaching staff.

The year started well for both the men's State League and the women are A grade teams. Both teams having too blood a couple of young players due to some of our senior players from both teams being unavailable for different reasons. However I think the club can take this as a positive with the depth of the young talent we have coming up each year.

In both Division 2 competitions we again fielded teams with good numbers on a weekly basis. With the girls having two teams which proofed to be very competitive and evenly matched. The men's Division 3 was a great success as it was good to see some faces that we have not seen around for a few years come back to the club and have a positive impact on the playing and social aspects of the club.

Our junior girls had a mixed year with the C grade team going all the way to the Grand Final but being out played by a better team on the day.

Our junior boy's teams had some mixed results with the Under 13 boys having a great year taking the premiership in what was a great finals series. The Under 15 also had a good year but was beaten in the Grand Final by 1 goal. Under 17 boys were a struggle for numbers each but thanks to the Under 15 boys were able to play out the whole year.

In 2010 Wembley women's team ventured to Adelaide to play in the ACC, it was a great weekend that was enjoyed by all that went over. We also had strong representation from Wembley at the World Lacrosse Championships that were held in Manchester. Congratulation must go to Alex Brown, Sam Williams and Adam Sear. Also we had a strong representation off the field with John Denic as Head Coach and Rod and Marina Sear being heavily evolved in the Team management. The team brought home a Bronze Medals, well done from all at Wembley.

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## **2010 ALRA ANNUAL REPORT- STEVE MCRAE**

Congratulations to Ian McRae, Evan Walters and Laslo Tiszavolgyi on their selection as members of the Australian referee contingent to the 2010 World Championships held during July in Manchester, England.

ALRA WA also took the bulk of the referee assignments to ensure the successful management of the Australian U/17 and U/19 Championships held here in Perth during July, during the week leading up to the World's. We extend thanks to club referees Tim Kennedy, George Walker and David McRae for also assisting with the task and taking time away from work.

David backed up for the U/15 Tournament in Adelaide (finishing as 1<sup>st</sup> ranked referee – which is a welcoming sign for our Junior Referee Development), along with 2009 recruit, Blair Fraser and Bayswater junior referee, Thomas Graham.

The number of ALRA referees in WA remains stagnant, which is disappointing considering the increase in the number of games being played each week with the re-introduction of Division 3. Clubs do need to be pro-active in retaining members to the game when they cease playing. The use of Player Referees is only a stop gap measure. Enjoyment of the game, as well as ensuring a safe environment for the players, are concerns with allowing games to be officiated by inexperienced referees.

ALRA has been successful in the past 3 years in securing Federal Government grants for the purchase of training aids to assist in referee education. We have willingly made them available to LWA for use in the Lacrosse Centre for any future education programs/courses. This year, with co-funding from LWA, we purchased an electronic interactive whiteboard.

In concluding, congratulations are extended to those clubs which enjoyed success with teams in the 2010 LWA Grand Finals, and in particular, to Tom Cahill, the recipient of the Cyrill Allman Medal, donated by ALRA WA, as the best on ground in the Division 2 Grand Final between Subiaco and Wembley.

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**WA LACROSSE FOUNDATION: ROGER SMITH**  
**REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

The Foundation Trustees met with LWA President and Vice President in January with a view to reviewing the role of LWA and WALF in the long term, with the aim of benefiting the lacrosse community.

As had been indicated in the previous two year's there is a need for projects to be initiated by the lacrosse community for consideration that are beneficial to the game and assist all in our Lacrosse community .

On this issue , there is a laid down Application process to follow and this has always been available on the WALA web site and this should be retained on any revamped Lacrosse WA web site for all to access and utilize.

During the past twelve months the foundation has reviewed three projects which have been approved in principle and only require formalizing and completion of detailed information.

A special thank you to fellow trustees, Barry Groves and Ian Misich for their continued support.

