



Woodville Lacrosse Club



Annual Report 2008

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To be presented at the Annual General Meeting held at the Grange Surf Life Saving Club,
497 Esplanade, Grange, at 7.00pm on Thursday, 20 November 2008.

2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held at Grange Surf Life Saving Club
Monday, 19 November 2007

PRESENT:

Cathy Brooks	Michael Hogan	Janice Manning	James Smith
Peter Burdett	Sue Hogan	Kurt Manning	Terry Smith
Andrew Dinnison	David Inge	Karen Markham	Mark Southwell
Anne Dinnison	James Inge	Merrilyn Matthews	Peter Takos
Anthony Feleppa	Aaron Johns	Lahnee O'Loughlin	Laura Vorrasi
Tracey Feleppa	Kimi Johns	Luke Oswald	Andrew Young
Ken Forrest	Tim Johns	Greg Paull	
Allyson Guerin	Charles Manning	Bianca Parker	
Steve Hodder	Eva Manning	Craig Schicker	

APOLOGIES:

Gary Matheson, Mel Prior & Adam Caldwell

Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

Welcomes, apologies for the late start.

Minutes of previous AGM held on 22nd Nov 2006 read as true account of the meeting and were accepted.

Thank you to the Grange Surf Life Saving Club for hosting WLC AGM. Peter Burdett gave an overview of the Grange SLSC.

Thank you to all our 2007 sponsors

REPORTS

The following reports were verbally overviewed, noted & accepted:

President, Chairman, Treasurer, Junior convenor, Club manager, Men's on field, League men, Social convenor.

All committee positions are declared vacant.

ELECTIONS

President A Guerin nominated **M Southwell**, 2nd L Vorrasi. Accepted.

Chairman Andrew Dinnison nominated **C Manning**, 2nd S Hodder. Accepted.

Treasurer A Guerin nominated **L Vorrasi**, 2nd T Smith. Accepted.

- Secretary** S Hodder nominated L O'Loughlin. Declined.
A Guerin nominated K Markham. Declined.
L O'Loughlin nominated T Smith. Declined.
A Guerin nominated K Johns. Declined.
A Feleppa nominated **L Oswald**, 2nd L O'Loughlin. Accepted.
- Junior Convenor** A Guerin nominated **Andrew Dinnison**, 2nd C Manning. Accepted.
- Social Convenor** L Vorrasi nominated **K Markham**, 2nd L Oswald. Accepted.
- Merchandise** Andrew Dinnison nominated **A Guerin**, 2nd G Paull. Accepted.
- Strategic finance** A Guerin nominated **G Matheson (proxy)**, 2nd C Manning. Accepted.
- Sponsorship** Andrew Dinnison nominated **S Hodder**, 2nd T Smith. Accepted.
- Men's on field (VACANT)** S Hogan nominated G Paull. Declined.
L Vorrasi nominated T Smith. Declined.
- Women's on field (VACANT)** S Hogan nominated C Schicker. Declined.
C Schicker nominated T Feleppa. Declined.

Announcements of coaches,
League men – Peter Burdett
Reserves men – Mark Cappelluti
Women's league – Craig Schicker & Cathy Conaghty.

Chairman mentioned that we need a junior committee for 2008.
Chairman also noted, if we DO NOT fill the men's & women's on field committee positions, WLC will not be entering any senior teams for season 2008. It is not the committee's responsibility to share the extra work load of these two vacant positions.

Seasons greetings.

Meeting closed at 9:50pm.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR SEASON 2008

COMMITTEE

President

Mark Southwell

Chairman

Charles Manning

Treasurer

Laura Vorrasi

Secretary

Luke Oswald

Men's On Field

Michael Elliss

Women's On Field

Giulia Marion (until June)

Sue Hogan (since June)

Junior Teams Convenor

Andrew Dinnison

Social Convener

Karen Markham (until June)

Merrilyn Matthews (since June)

Committee Member (Merchandise)

Allyson Guerin

Committee Member (Sponsorship)

Steve Hodder (until June)

Committee Member (Strategic Finance)

Gary Matheson (until June)

Committee Member

Peter Witcomb (since June)

Auditor

John Swann

CLUB PURPOSE AND KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

Purpose

To provide an opportunity for the community to be involved in a welcoming, enjoyable and successful lacrosse club

Key areas of focus;

Player / Member Development

To provide opportunities for development and success of players, officials and supporters in all aspects of the Lacrosse Club

Social

To provide welcoming, fun, safe and affordable entertainment for members of The Woodville Lacrosse Club and surrounding community

Financial

To be deliberately and sustainably profitable in order to deliver the assets and funds for the ongoing success of our club

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Thank you all for your support in my time as Chairman of our great club, I have really enjoyed the many ups and even the downs of leading our club to success and growth both on and off the field. I do not intend to stand again for the position as I wish to focus my energy on growing our women's program and continuing my work with juniors and recruiting overseas players.

In these two years I feel that I have positioned our club for long term success, both in mens and womens lacrosse, something that is satisfying as we head into the year of our 110th birthday!!

Vision and Future

It should always be remembered that our purpose is **"To provide an opportunity for the community to be involved in a welcoming, enjoyable and successful lacrosse club"** and that this is underpinned by three key areas of focus, "Playing", "Social" and "Financial".

I previously suggested that we must double our playing numbers in the next two years, a big ask, as the main barrier to achieving this is having volunteers to recruit, coach and manage teams. We have taken our senior numbers from **48** last season to **60 this season** but must grow this to **100 in 2009**. Our junior numbers have gone from **65** in season '06 to **80** in season '08 and must grow to **130 in season '09! This is a key performance indicator of the long term success of our club and must take all our attention.**

Our **Key Priorities for 2008** were;

- **Engage Parents & Past Players** (Janice Manning)
- **Coach Development** (Mark Southwell)
- **Review Constitution & Club Structure** (Mark Southwell & Dave Inge)
- **Club Refurbishment Options** (Barney (Andrew) Dinnison & Charles Manning)

These were addressed with varying success. The amount of **parent engagement** in our club has gone to a wonderful level and would benefit from some more formalised coordination of this resource. Barney and Janice did host a meeting early in the season to harness some of this expertise and many parents continued to put their hand up to help as the year progressed. We did run three coach education workshops to further develop our coaching talent and there are moves afoot to refurbish the club, including new kitchen, carpet and other fittings. I believe our group of volunteers did a great job in progressing against each of these priorities.

On-field

There a number of on-field points I would like to mention as Chair. Firstly, the men's continued success – winning the inaugural Australian Club Championship and another South Australian Premiership under the leadership of new league coach, **Peter Mathwin**, was a great result. There was also success with the outstanding improvement of our men's reserves under the guidance of **Mark Cappelluti**, they missed out on a grand final berth by one goal to the eventual premiers! It was also important to the club's growth to see our men's B-grade back again, even better that they went onto win the premiership in that grade.

Our women's result may not appear positive but our new league coach, **Craig Schicker**, has begun to build a foundation to leverage from. He took a young squad with some quality American players and pushed a couple of games to the wire. They are only a step away from regular wins, and with the implementation of a strong five-year-plan, competition success. This was all underpinned by the rebirth of our women's reserves team. We do need to grow this further and have a solid league, reserves and B-grade next season – stay tuned for more!

Our Junior Program had great results, with all boys' teams making the finals series for the first time in my memory. All junior grades were fielded this season with all but the U/15 girls playing in the finals – missing out in a heartbreaking game. The season was topped off with a premiership win by the U/13 girls and another grand final berth by the U/18 girls.

We also got to have some fun and earn some dollars playing against a visiting team from Japan, “**Team Help**”. They are meant to be one of the strongest club teams from their region and our men were solid in defeating them 9-6. It also gave Coach Peter Mathwin a chance to play some young talent.

Congratulations & Thanks

A special thanks to all our sponsors. **Steve Hodder** has again done an awesome job of securing sponsorship, without their financial support we would have really been in strife financially. Please continue to utilise our sponsors and mention the club when you do.

Sue Hogan continued her dedicated work as **Club Manager**, a position we would now like to see as a committee member from this point forward. Thanks Sue.

We were again blessed with some fine **American players** this year. We saw four men here from St Michael's College in Vermont. Our first pick, **Mark Agostinelli**, was not able to come as a player after having knee reconstructions on both legs. He did come as a junior coach and what a great job he did with Tom Dwyer and the Under 13 boys. **Jeff Dowling** was the chosen as our long stick option, but after some injury issues in the league it became clear we needed short sticks. Their two team mates, **Mike Boerma** and **Greg Lazarus** came out with all intentions of playing reserves, both ended up playing most of the season in league and were instrumental in our premiership. All three were able to play together in the Australian Club Championship game and also against team “Help” from Japan.

Our women's program was very fortunate to have goalie **Katlyn Scarlett** from Roanoke and Connecticut College duo, **Lindsey Coit** and **Sarah Miner**. All three did a good job coaching our junior girls too and hopefully we will see Lindsey and Katlyn return. Thank you to all those who helped host our American visitors.

Lastly, I would like to thank our 2008 Committee for a great team effort and all the people that volunteered at different times throughout the year to make our club run. I would especially like to thank my family, Janice, Eva and Kurt for their support to me and their commitment to our club and sport.

Go Warriors!

Charles Manning
Woodville Lacrosse Club
Chairman 2008

FINANCIAL REPORT

WOODVILLE LACROSSE CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT 2008

RECEIPTS		2008	2007	PAYMENTS		2008	2007
		\$	\$			\$	\$
Subs -	Men	8,955.00	8,242.50	Lacrosse SA -	Men	5,500.00	4,730.00
	Women	2,065.00	2,250.00		Women	3,600.00	1,870.00
	Juniors - Boys	3,155.00	2,545.00		Juniors - Boys	1,320.00	1,507.00
	Juniors - Girls	3,105.00	2,850.00		Juniors - Girls	1,939.00	2,079.00
					Transfers	60.00	100.00
					State Levy	465.00	252.00
					Affiliation	60.00	66.00
					Fines	25.00	
				Coaches	Men	3,000.00	3,000.00
					Women*	500.00	1,000.00
					Juniors	1,200.00	2,250.00
				Team Costs	Seniors	765.40	675.55
					Juniors	779.46	594.50
				Trophies		1,015.00	750.00
				Workshops		430.00	
Aust-Active Comm Program			560.00	Aust-Active Comm Program - Coaches			560.00
Junior Development Program		967.00		Junior Development Program		760.00	
Memberships		380.00	260.00	Lacrosse SA -	Finals Tender	563.00	
Grants		4,500.00		Promotions	Sponsors	660.00	130.00
Sponsorships		7,850.00	4,375.00	Aust Club Championship	Medals	702.10	
Aust Club Championship	Prize Money**	2,500.00					
Donations			250.00				
CUB Rebate		237.60	O/S	Sports Club Shortfall		5,130.40	3,123.16
				Telephone		331.69	649.18
				Cleaning		1,500.00	1,689.00
Sales	Canteen	11,097.15	11,335.77	Purchases	Canteen	8,332.98	7,373.72
	Merchandise	2,686.00	3,823.00		Merchandise	3,059.00	5,930.00
	DVDs/Photos	605.00	230.00		DVDs/Photos	800.00	600.00
Fundraising		4,696.85	4,809.00	Fundraising		764.40	791.15
Interest		31.90	19.12	Pay Pal Fee		124.56	
Hire	Equipment	515.00	700.00	Hire	Ground		150.00
	Grounds 2007	600.00	O/S	Maintenance -	Equipment	234.70	495.99
	Grounds 2008	300.00			Ground	558.74	297.50
	Clubrooms		150.00		Clubrooms		282.00
LAX SA Dinner		288.00	288.00	LAX SA Dinner		288.00	360.00
Presentation Dinner		2,990.00		Presentation Dinner		3,312.00	
Sundry				Sundry	Stationary	14.85	110.80
					Postage	123.25	175.00
					Miscellaneous		180.00
					Gifts	100.00	106.60
				Capital	Equipment	4,075.95	999.90
					Uniforms	2,100.00	250.00
Total Receipts		57,524.50	42,687.39	Total Payments		54,194.48	43,128.05
Opening Balance 1/11/2007				Closing Balance 31/10/2008			
Cheque A/C		1,820.24		Cheque A/C		4,750.26	
Floats and Petty Cash		700.00		Floats and Petty Cash		1,100.00	
Total		2,520.24		Total		5,850.26	
Balance Total		60,044.74		Balance Total		60,044.74	

* Additional \$2000 paid by STX Women's League Sponsors

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**PROFIT AND LOSS REPORT
YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2008**

	2008		2007	
Canteen Sales	11,097.15		11,335.77	
Plus Closing Stock	550.00		550.00	
Less Purchases	-8,332.98		-7,373.72	
Less Opening Stock	-550.00		-350.00	
Trading Profit		2,764.17		4,162.05
Merchandise Sales	2,686.00		3,823.00	
Less Purchases	-3,059.00		-5,930.00	
Trading Profit		-373.00		-2,107.00
DVD/Photo Sales	605.00		230.00	
Less Purchases	-800.00		-600.00	
Trading Profit		-195.00		-370.00
Plus Other Income				
Subs / Membership		17,660.00		16,147.50
Australian Club Championship Prize Money		2,500.00		
Sponsorships & Grants		12,350.00		4,375.00
Donations				250.00
CUB Rebate		237.60		
Fundraising		3,932.45		4,017.85
Interest		31.90		19.12
Grounds Hire		900.00		
Equipment Hire		515.00		700.00
Junior Development Program		207.00		
GROSS OPERATING INCOME		40,530.12		27,194.52
Less Expenses				
Lacrosse SA Payments		12,969.00		10,604.00
Coaches & Umpires		4,700.00		6,330.00
Finals Tender		563.00		
Equipment		4,075.95		999.90
Uniforms		2,100.00		250.00
Team Costs		1,544.86		1,270.05
Australian Club Championship Medals		702.10		
Presentation Dinner		322.00		
Sports Club Shortfall		5,130.40		3,123.16
Telephone		331.69		649.18
Cleaning		1,500.00		1,689.00
Promotions		660.00		130.00
Maintenance/Ground, Equipment & Clubrooms		793.44		1,075.49
Administration Costs		262.66		285.80
Trophies		1,015.00		750.00
Workshops		430.00		
Sundry		100.00		278.60
TOTAL EXPENSES		37,200.10		27,435.18
NET INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE		3,330.02		-240.66

**WOODVILLE LACROSSE CLUB
SUMMARY 2008**

Fundraising	\$1000 Draw	2,320.00
	Lamington Drive	529.65
	Karaoke Night	113.30
	Quiz Night	673.10
	Jackpot Draw	140.40
	Entertainment Books	156.00
		3,932.45
Sponsorships	Face The World	2,000.00
	Norton Security	1,000.00
	G&M Contractors	1,000.00
	K P Sales	500.00
	Longreach Tele Conv	500.00
	Hills Robes & Screens	500.00
	Royal Hotel	350.00
	Fulham Funerals	350.00
	Jaffers	350.00
	Pack & Send/Kiwi	300.00
	Inglis & Rowe	250.00
	Colin Johns Chemist	200.00
	Scooter World	150.00
	Specialist Doors & Windows	150.00
	Conquest Tyre & Brake	150.00
C J Cunningham & Associates	100.00	
	7,850.00	
Floats	Petty Cash	200.00
	Canteen	900.00
		1,100.00

WOODVILLE BASEBALL LACROSSE CLUB

TRADING STATEMENT OCT'07-SEPT'08

		BASEBALL		LACROSSE		TOTAL	
SALES		45592.75		12056.89		57649.64	
OPENING STOCK		1880.00		1641.00		1880.00	
PURCHASES - SEATON	17920.33		4081.40				
	3185.40	21105.73	1907.89	5989.29		27095.02	
CLOSING STOCK		1641.00		1443.00		1443.00	
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COST OF SALES		21344.73		6187.29		27532.02	
		-----		-----		-----	
PROFIT		24248.02	53.18%	5869.60	48.68%	30117.62	52.24%
		=====		=====		=====	
BUDGET 1/2 YEAR	11000.00		11000.00			22000.00	
ADVANCE	13248.02		0.00			13248.02	
CONTRA		24248.02	-3411.05	7588.95		-3411.05	
		-----		-----		-----	
SURPLUS/OWING		0.00		-1719.35		-1719.35	
		=====		=====		=====	

CANTEEN / BAR REPORT

To all our volunteers who helped in canteen with meals, game day, finals and bar, without your help the canteen and bar would not be able to operate. In particular I would like to thank Maggie Richardson who without her I would not have been able to do meals and run the bar.

Figures for bar:

Sales	\$12,056
Cost	\$ 6,187
Total profit:	\$ 5,869 = 48% profit

Canteen made approximately \$3,000 profit (refer to Treasurer report for further details)

The shortened season certainly had an impact on the club. We commenced games for senior men the third week of April and finals were over by 30 August for both junior and seniors. Previous years' juniors and women did not finish until the second week of September. This year in particular June/July we had 3 weeks where there was nothing at the club at all, including a two week break midseason and the Australian Club Championship being held at another venue. Considering when adding it all up we only had approximately three months in which to make money. Even though we had a B grade side they only played at the club twice.

This year we also trialled a special members' price for bar and canteen in a hope to increase paid membership. Unfortunately this did not work. Meal prices were kept the same as 2007 with \$1 discount for members. As a result of rising food costs and the discount on meals canteen shows less profit than previous years. However, meals have continued to be a great success, even though with small profit it has encouraged members to stay on at the club and utilise facilities and has created a family friendly atmosphere eg families bringing games to the club to play on a Saturday night.

Bar prices were kept the same for members, until the end of the year, and to note that 50% profit was not made on spirits until the end of the season.

Also to note that the canteen would normally cater for junior presentation but this was included as part of their subs.

Low bar takings were attributable to:

- members feeling the financial strain as a result of rise in interest rates and petrol,
- shortened season with breaks in the middle of the season,
- lack of social functions,
- very cold weather experienced this season (which saw low numbers on game days),
- the major social function (\$1000 draw) included alcohol in the price.

The profit for canteen was attributable to:

- meals being served, even though drop in numbers on a Thursday night.
- preliminary finals being hosted at the Club,
- catering for Japanese touring team

Game days for both junior and senior games saw little takings and this was attributable to:

- junior home games not being played on the same day as seniors on a lot of occasions. When we did have junior games we were lucky to take \$20,
- members feeling the financial strain as a result of rise in interest rates, petrol (last year we saw large numbers of junior parents for meals on Thursday night but this year they could only afford to attend one night and that normally was a Saturday night,
- very cold weather experienced this season (which saw low numbers on game days, not only Woodville spectators but also from other clubs),
- shortened season with breaks in the middle of the season.

Congratulations and thanks also to the following people who completed the **Responsible Serving of Alcohol** course as part of the Club's obligations to the **Good Sports** program:

Andrew Dinnison
Elle Dinnison
Tom Dwyer
Allyson Guerin
Stefan Guerin
Michael Hogan
Sue Hogan
James Smith
Andrew Young

Sue Hogan
Club Manager

WOMEN'S ON-FIELD REPORT

Due to the vacancy of the Women's Teams Convenor position this season, there are individual reports for the two senior women's teams.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE COACH'S REPORT

My first year as Woodville Women's League coach was somewhat of a learning experience, for both myself and the playing group. I was appointed co-coach along with Cathy Conaghty who had been with the girls the previous year as playing coach.

2007 wasn't all that fruitful in that the girls hadn't come close to a victory. The team morale was down, and there really wasn't any light at the end of the tunnel (that anyone could see). There were great concerns that Woodville wouldn't even enter a 2008 STX League Women's side. I heard a lot of "what's the point?", "there's no use" and "I can't be bothered"...

Pre-season was very slow to start with. Poor attendance and a general lack of interest were the common culprits. Sure enough everyone was working a Sunday shift, and homework nights quickly became preseason running nights. Cathy had some last minute personal commitments that meant her time at the club was going to be at a minimum during the season of 2008. And to make matters worse the club had three or four "women's on-field reps" come and go, for various reasons.

It was obvious to me, we needed to wipe the slate clean.

So with a very young core group of girls, and plenty of exciting talent within the club's junior ranks, I needed to start from the very beginning. Why are we playing Lacrosse?

We play because we enjoy it. I wanted to bring back the excitement of rocking up to training and having a good time whilst improving personally. I thought if everyone were enjoying what they were doing and learning new things along the way, that the team would benefit from it in the long run. We managed to recruit three girls from the US college system. Katlyn Scarlett came to us from Roanoke University playing as goaltender. Katlyn had just come from her best year for Roanoke, being awarded All-American goalie for her division. She was a great addition to the team both on and off the field. Lindsey Coit and Sarah Miner were both Seniors at Connecticut College, and Lindsey had also been named in her conference All-American team. Both Lindsey and Katlyn were great performers for Woodville in 2008. Katlyn was under fire for most of her time in the cage, but her all round goal tending was a major part of our improvement this year. As was Lindsey, she had a tireless work ethic that could only be learnt from those who played with her, from face-off, to the first one into defence, and usually the one clearing the ball on a turnover to the attack end. Along with her team high 18 goals for the year, Lindsey was MVP for our season. Sarah found the going a little tougher. She failed to adapt to the Aussie style of game, which saw her spend time on the sidelines. In the end an early departure for Sarah was opted for; she left the girls mid-season to holiday overseas.

It was a slow process to being with, one step backwards, two steps forward. Our trainings needed to be intense, with a high level of stick skill required. We walked through and through new plays and procedures that were new to all the girls. It felt like a long time, but before too long it was happening naturally. Ball control was an area we needed to improve on, and we did as the season grew on. By the time of the last minor round game, we had turned from a team with no vision of winning a game, or even competing in a game, to be a Club who was in a position to beat last year's Premiers, and then a team who could compete

against the stand outs, both Brighton and Wilderness. Our final game of the year was one against Burnside. We went into that match with a firm belief of achieving our goal of winning our first match for the past three years. However we went down, but the feelings and showing of huge disappointment was something Woodville Women's League team hasn't felt in some time.

Season 2009 will be a totally new ball game once again. We will again very carefully select two to three Americans, finding the right ones that will help us in the transition to becoming a better Club. There are also some excellent youth coming through via a grand finalist Under 18 team. We now have the right people in the right places to help take this side of the Club to the next level. I'm currently working with next year's women's on field rep going through a sound five-year plan, that will deliver finals lacrosse with the grand prize at the end of it – a Premiership.

Looking forward to the future

Craig Schicker

Women's League Coach 2008

WOMEN'S RESERVES COACH'S REPORT

Season 2008 could easily be seen as an unsuccessful season, but that would be to denigrate the achievements of those who played in this team. Mel Prior and Hayley Blanch began the season looking after the team as joint coach/manager. It appeared that they would have a reasonably strong group to work with: some experienced players, some junior players and some newcomers to the game.

Unfortunately, only a couple of weeks into the season, the team was hit by work commitments and illness, then Mel and Hayley realised that with their playing, work and family commitments, they simply did not have the time to give to a team which was about to require a lot of effort just to get it on the track, before any coaching was done. After a last minute forfeit, I rushed in, where angels would fear to tread.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Mel and Hayley, in particular Mel who played a couple of reserves games after pulling out of the league team.

We won just the single game for the season, but it resulted in the season ending on a real high. Our last game was against Wilderness, at home, and we had looked forward to this since our first meeting with them.

In the mud of Warrior Park, we ran out easy victors! Highlight of the game was watching the Wildy girls refuse to chase the Green and Gold through the mud patch.

I had a lot of support during the season, notably from Jo Dinnison who was a tower of strength on the field, Jenny Williams who played and ran some training sessions for us (taught us all a lot), and "Harpo" (Carolyn Pickering) who played most of the season and was invaluable.

My thanks to all who played, coached and made the season so enjoyable.

A special mention must go to Amber Dalton-Osborne, well-deserved winner of the Association Best & Fairest award and both fastest and muddiest player in the team.

Mark Southwell

Women's Reserves Coach 2008

MEN'S ON FIELD REPORT 2007

The 2008 SA lacrosse season started with a Superleague competition which was cut short due to hot weather. The field season saw Woodville enter teams at all senior grades, with the B grade bringing together some of the big names of past Warriors teams.

Night matches on the astro-turf were introduced to attract a larger audience to watch the big matches, which may have been effective, but was a logistical problem for most, it seems.

The league team started the season with a new coach, Peter Mathwin, at the helm and lost several matches early by the smallest of margins, gaining momentum through the season, and with the arrival of four American players, powering into the finals to take the flag in a blinder on the astro-turf.

Mid-season, the inaugural Australian Club Championship was introduced to bring all state league premiership teams together to battle it out, with WA a no-show, the Warriors defeated Eltham in a tough match, apparently.

The Reserves-B Grade competition combined to allow B grade teams to play more matches as compared to the 2007 season. The problem had arisen due to forfeits in a 4 (or 6) team B grade competition resulting in half the number of games being played. University lobbied the association for a combined competition, which saw Brighton enter two Reserves nominated teams and the season commenced with 12 teams, which was then separated after the fourth round.

This initiative was completely futile in the sense that the forfeiting B team(s) continued with this practice, and the Reserves comp was contaminated by incomplete rounds, resulting the Warriors playing in two must-win games to gain a finals berth ahead of Uni, against whom we had not played even once that season. Nevertheless, these matches were won convincingly with cameo appearances from our American players. A one goal win in the semi v Sturt, followed by a one goal loss v Brighton saw a respectable third place.

The B grade team showed a strong start to the season, in the combined competition, with a one goal loss to the eventual Reserves premiers, Brighton, charging through the second part of the season undefeated, to take the flag in fine style.

Support Roles

Thanks to all of the people that contributed to the success of the season and thanks to the coaches, scorers and managers.

And thanks to all those club members that participated in officiating, umpiring and field preparation roles.

Bench Officials: Terry Smith, Maggie Richardson, Lahnee O'Loughlin

Umpires: Scott Retallick, Michael Hogan, Nigel Chapman, Ignazio Marchesan

Grounds: Michael Hogan, Andrew Young, and Graham Sinfield

And the Americanos: Jeff Dowling, Mike Boerma, Greg Lazarus and Mark Agostinelli

Michael Elliss

Men's On-Field Convenor 2008

MEN'S LEAGUE COACH'S REPORT

Firstly may I say that it has been a pleasure to be part of a great club with a magnificent history and a great bunch of players, supporters and club members. Rarely, if ever, were there any issues with commitment to training, game plans and almost to a person, if I asked for something to be done, it was done – from a Coach's point of view, it doesn't get much better than that.

We got off to a slow start with only one win from the first four games. The turning point of our season was the game against Eltham whom we defeated 13 – 11 to become the very first Australian Club Champions – a great Team achievement

After that, our Season improved. We finished the minor round in 3rd place. In the 1st Semi we defeated ETP 15-4. In the Prelim we defeated Glenelg. We then progressed to the Grand Final against Brighton. Despite their confidence, we defeated them again in the Grand Final, the third time for the year.

A great feeling for all and a great result for the Club.

As if that wasn't enough, we played a visiting Japanese Team, "Help" Lacrosse. Despite being very rusty we overcame them to post that win also. Overall, by any measure, this was another successful season for the Woodville Lacrosse Club Men's League Team.

I was also very pleased to have been able to play some of our younger players during the Season

Jesse Whinnen played every game this season

Tom Philp played some early games, and ended playing some great Reserves games

Matt Tansell – played his first League game this year

Matt Ryan – played his first League game this year

Finally, Aaron Johns and Lyndon Southwell played in the Japanese Game

I congratulate Craig Schicker and James Smith on their Association "All Star" selections. A fantastic achievement for them both and particularly for James as this was his first of many selections.

A few "Thank Yous" for the 2008 Season:

Andrew Young – a great support. His input was invaluable as Assistant Coach

Terry Smith and Maggie Richardson who did our scoring for the season

René Wallis – who attended every game this year and did a great job as our water boy

Paul Scott –his commitment and contribution was invaluable. He was also awarded the Trainer of the Year by the Lacrosse Assoc of SA – congratulations Paul

Our visiting Americans Jeff, Greg and Mike. Their contributions were fantastic during the year. We look forward to seeing what Mark is made of next Season.

The Leadership Group for their support and encouragement.

Finally our Trophy winners

MOST IMPROVED - James Smith

COACH'S AWARD - Paul Zammit

BEST AND FAIREST - Craig Schicker

Thanks and roll on Season 2009

Peter Mathwin

Men's League Coach 2008

MEN'S RESERVES COACH'S REPORT

In last year's coach's report I outlined the objectives I had set for myself to be able to self-appraise my performance as a coach. Again I've outlined these objectives as I believe they are the building blocks to success for the Men's Reserves team. They are also the key milestones in achieving one of the core goals of the club in having Men's Reserves players apply pressure to the A Grade squad for their weekly position in the team.

- Instil a higher level of discipline into a squad that includes a considerable percentage of junior players
- Ensure developing players learn the fundamentals of the game
- Maintain a positive environment for the players
- Provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere
- Be successful as a team – measured by at least making the finals

Season 2008 was thrown into turmoil when the association decided to combine the Reserve and B Grades. The result of this decision was many of our players suitably qualified for Reserves decided to play B Grade. The two enticing factors driving this thought process was the reduction in subs to \$150 - down from \$315 - and the fact training was not compulsory.

Due to the loss of player stocks to our B Grade, our training sessions were thrown into disarray. The majority of the training sessions did not have sufficient numbers to run any constructive drills, hence as a senior men's group on many occasions we decided to stay as one group with Reserves players getting a limited run with the A Grade general play. As much as it is good for junior players to get exposure at A Grade level, as a club this is not an ideal position to be in.

In regard to the season outcome, we were still able to develop as a group with the majority of the development work being undertaken during games. Our success is primary measured on our ability to be competitive and make the finals campaign. This year we were successful in reaching the preliminary final only losing by one goal to the eventual premiers (also worth mentioning they played an illegal player to beat us). Third place in season 2008 was an improvement by two positions on the ladder compared with season 2007. This was a fantastic result for the club providing valuable finals experience to a core group of developing junior players.

Personal milestones included the evergreen Mick Elliss taking out the Association Best and Fairest award along with the Woodville Best and Fairest.

Moving forward to season 2009; as a club I believe the senior men's coaching staff and committee need to meet to discuss either a player acquisition drive or other means of disciplinary measures to ensure we have maximum attendance at trainings, and to ensure we bolster the player stocks for season 2009.

With the committee's endorsement, I look forward to the opportunity to continue in my position of Men's Reserves Coach for season 2009.

Regards

Coach Cappa

MEN'S B GRADE REPORT

I took on the role of the B Grade team coordinator this year, I say coordinator rather than coach as coach indicates some knowledge of the game. The idea for the B Grade team this season was to provide a team for those players for whom training was not an option due to babies, study or just laziness.

We managed to put together a fairly strong team with a good mix of former league and reserve players and a few first timers or returnees. We did see a drop off in players from the beginning of the season as is usually the case although we believe the confusion regarding the competition and the scheduling of only two games at home played a big part in this.

There were many positives for the season with the team bonding very well and it showed in the performances, the premiership of course being the year's biggest positive! The only disappointment for the year was the lack of players outside of the core group who were consistently available to play. This was especially evident when playing teams like Glenelg or Burnside who fielded large teams with a lot of juniors.

Looking forward, there has already been some talk from this year's group about playing on again next year which is great. I believe a B Grade team is a vital cog for overall success as it allows the Reserves and League coaches more flexibility in their team selections. If as expected the majority of players from this year's group play on, and the premiership stirs some interest amongst others who were thinking about playing, 2009 should be another great year.

Toby Caldow

JUNIOR REPORT

Well another year of lacrosse at Woodville has wound up and I would say it was a great year. The fact that we managed to field teams in all junior grades is a credit to us all. It is imperative that we field teams in all the grades to enable our junior players to develop their Lacrosse skills and keep the flow of players moving through to our senior teams.

Thank you to Dalton Osborne who was our senior umpire and gave great assistance to our junior umpires. Also a thank you to Bianca Parker, Lauren Guerin, Emily Matheson, Tara Parker, Don Paull, Steven Fisher, Peter Witcomb, Nigel Chapman, Ignazio Marchesan & Michael Hogan for umpiring junior games. I would really like to thank all the coaches & managers that volunteered their time so that we can have junior teams.

Boys

U11 Coach Aaron Johns with assistance from Mike Boerma

U13 Coach Tom Dwyer & Mark Agostinelli with early assistance from Rhett Vormelker

U15 Peter Witcomb and early assistance from Steven Fisher and Greg Lazarus

U18 Coaches Stefan Guerin & Jeff Dowling with early assistance from David Inge.

Girls

U11 Coaches Lauren Guerin & Bianca Parker

U13 Coaches Hannah Dinnison, Tara Parker & Sarah Miner

U15 Coaches Neil Parker & Katlyn Scarlett

U18 Coaches Jo Dinnison, Lindsey Coit & Mark Southwell

The vast majority of our junior teams played finals this year all putting in great efforts. Our Under 11 girls went through the season undefeated and secured the trophy for this grade. Our Under 13 girls won the grand final for their grade and the Under 18 girls also played in the grand final but were overpowered by a very strong Brighton team.

Our boys teams also had a good season with lots of development of their skills. Our U13, U15 and U18 boys teams all played finals and acquitted themselves very well.

For the continued development of our junior players the most imperative area that we need to tackle is that of our junior coaches. We have a group of helpful and very generous coaches that are willing to help the club field these teams; as a club we will be working hard to ensure we support the coaches particularly in the area of coaching skills. We will be working on developing the skills of our coaches in season 2009.

I would like to also thank all our Team Managers who were great in their assistance to all the teams. I am hoping they will all be back in one way or another, as I know all the Team Managers had fun throughout the season.

I will be nominating to continue the role in 2009 and look forward to working with all the players, coaches, team managers and players' parents.

Once again thank you to all that have assisted me over the last year.

Barney Dinnison

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

	2008
Life Members (living)	14
Senior Members	56
Junior Members	76
Social Members	21

Total 167

(Includes 7 American guest players. Does not include 8 unfinancial members or the 20 players (mostly women's reserves who quit during the season))

LIFE MEMBERS

S Branford [†]	Lyndsay Clews [†]	Don Paull
W Wilson [†]	Ralph Turner	Brian Neil
C Hutchison [†]	Frank Coggins	Mark Southwell
A Weir [†]	Ken Forrest	Michael Hogan
Dr L O Betts OBE [†]	Graham Shaw	Ross Pollard
J T Martin [†]	Anne Fowler (WWLC)	David Inge
H M Plaisted [†]	Graham Lines	Sue Hogan
Gordon Luxton [†]	John Swann	Laura Vorrasi

SENIOR PLAYERS

Shane	Abbott	Stefan	Guerin	Matthew	Ryan
Susan	Barnes	Brett	Howe	Michael	Santi
Hayley	Blanch	Danni	Hunter	Katlyn	Scarlett
Kerry	Blanch	James	Inge	Craig	Schicker
Michael	Boerma	Peter	Inge	Danni	Senior
Toby	Caldow	Peter	Kretschmer	James	Smith
Adam	Caldwell	Greg	Lazarus	Matthew	Smith
Mark	Cappelluti	Charles	Manning	Michael	Smith
Nigel	Chapman	Chris	McGirr	Dominic	Vorrasi
Lindsey	Coit	Sarah	Miner	Jason	Vorrasi
Joanne	Dinnison	Mark	Noble	Jesse	Whinnen
Jeffrey	Dowling	Robyn	Noble	Krissy	Wilson
Tom	Dwyer	Luke	Oswald	Mark	Wilson
Michael	Elliss	Jarrad	Pangrazio	Daniel	Winkless
Anthony	Feleppa	Neil	Parker	Peter	Witcomb
Richard	Feleppa	Tara	Parker	Andrew	Young
Steven	Fisher	Greg	Paull	Ben	Zammit
Matthew	Flaherty	Lauren	Perry	Paul	Zammit
Brett	Forrest	Melissa	Prior		

JUNIOR PLAYERS

Connor	Bacalso	Morgan	Inglis	Brittany	Reid
Reece	Bacchus	Cameron	Irish	Briana	Richards
Eleanor	Bishop	Michael	James	Jordan	Richards
Laura	Boseley	Aaron	Johns	Liam	Russack
Liam	Braini	Emily	Johns	Eleanor	Smith
Ruby	Brock-Maddiford	Tegan	Johns	Lyndon	Southwell
Lachlan	Buchanan	Dylan	Lanc	Victoria	Southwell
Emma	Burrige	Sophie	Loxton	Matthew	Tansell
Gemma	Cochrane	Eva	Manning	Amy	Urbank
Jade	Cochrane	Kurt	Manning	Karl	Vormelker
Olivia	Cocker	Clayton	Margante-Fox	Caitlin	Wallis
Charlotte	Cocks	Nathan	Margante-Fox	Rene	Wallis
Eloise	Cocks	Emily	Matheson	Tenzin	Wallis
Amber	Dalton-Osborne	Hamish	Mathwin	Jack	Webber
Alex	Daly	Janita	Matthews	Kai	Wheeler
Mackenzie	Dinan	Paige	McKay	Reuben	Wheeler
Callum	Dinnison	Tyson	Negerman	Charlotte	Whinnen
Hannah	Dinnison	Bianca	Parker	James	White
Charlie	Ellis	Olivia	Parker	Hayley	Williams
Belinda	Fisher	Jayden	Pena	Dylan	Wood
Mitch	Gauvin	Kayla	Pena	Joshua	Wood
Jack	Gracie	Sarah	Philp	Lachlan	Wood
Lauren	Guerin	Tom	Philp	Adam	Young
Courtney	Harris	Marcus	Politis	Janie	Young
Josh	Harvey	Lincoln	Potter		
Alex	Hunt	Cormac	Priest-Luker		

Unfinancial

Seniors

Louise Merrigan
Richard O'Loughlin
Amanda Reese
Lorie Smith

Juniors

Jessie Bull
Darinka Mitrovic
Aman Quensier
Jack Woolford

SOCIAL MEMBERS

Cathy	Brooks	Kim	Johns	Trevor	Noble
Andrew	Dinnison	Tim	Johns	Dalton	Osborne
Anne	Dinnison	Ron	Letford	Maggie	Richardson
Tracey	Feleppa	Janice	Manning	Nigel	Smith
Allyson	Guerin	Ignazio	Marchesan	Terry	Smith
Anne	Hunt	Merrilyn	Matthews	Joanne	Vorrasi
Pauline	Inge	Peter	Mathwin	Karin	Webber

AWARD WINNERS

WOODVILLE LC AWARD WINNERS

League Men

Best & Fairest Craig Schicker
Most Improved James Smith
Coach's Award Paul Zammit

Golden Axe Paul Zammit (20 minutes)

Reserves Men

Best & Fairest Michael Elliss
Most Consistent Mark Noble
Most Improved Shane Abbott

B Grade Men

Best & Fairest Anthony Feleppa
Most Consistent Toby Caldow
Most Improved Mark Wilson

U18 Boys

Best & Fairest Matthew Tansell
Most Consistent Tom Philp
Most Improved Lyndon Southwell

U15 Boys

Best & Fairest Jack Webber
Most Consistent Tenzin Wallis
Most improved Marcus Politis

Plaisted Trophy (U19 Male)

Jesse Whinnen
Tenzin Wallis (joint winners)

Club Person of the Year

Andrew Young

Junior Club Person of the Year

Donna & Gavin Wood

League Women

Best & Fairest Lindsey Coit
Most Consistent Danielle Senior
Most Improved Hannah Dinnison
Coach's Award Emily Matheson

Red Axe Hannah Dinnison
Danielle Hunter
(31 minutes each)

Reserves Women

Best & Fairest Amber Dalton-Osborne
Most Consistent Jo Dinnison
Most Improved Lauren Perry

U18 Girls

Best & Fairest Hannah Dinnison
Most Consistent Olivia Cocker
Most Improved Sarah Philp

U15 Girls

Best & Fairest Morgan Inglis
Most Consistent Amber Dalton-Osborne
Most Improved Eva Manning

Presidents Trophy (U19 Female)

Lauren Guerin

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

James Inge 300 League Games
James Smith 100 League Games

LACROSSE SA AWARD WINNERS

League Reserve Men	Best & Fairest Most Valuable Player	Michael Elliss Michael Elliss
League Reserve Women	Best & Fairest	Amber Dalton-Osborne
Under 18 Boys	Best & Fairest	Tom Philp
Sports Trainer of the Year		Paul Scott (Men's League Team Trainer)
Men's League All Star Team		Craig Schicker James Smith

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

U15 Girls

Amber Dalton-Osborne
Belinda Fisher
Morgan Inglis
Eva Manning
Tegan Johns (alternate)

U15 Boys

Alex Hunt (Eastern Reds)
Marcus Politis (Eastern Reds)
Tenzin Wallis (Eastern Reds)
Clayton Margante-Fox (Western Reds)
Jack Webber (Western Reds)
Reubin Wheeler (Western Reds)

U17 Girls

Lauren Guerin
Emily Matheson
Bianca Parker

U17 Boys

Aaron Johns
Lyndon Southwell
Matthew Tansell

U19 Men

Jesse Whinnen (co-captain)
Tom Philp

U21 Women

Tara Parker

OTHER LACROSSE SA AWARDS

Service Award (Players)

Michael Hogan 500+ Senior Games
James Inge 300+ League Games
Charles Manning 500+ Senior Games

Administrator of the Year

Luke Oswald

UMPIRING REPRESENTATIVES

Scott Retallick – Under 19 Men's Lacrosse World Championships, Coquitlam, BC, Canada

Dalton Osborne – U15, U17 and U21 Women's National Championships

The 2008 committee would like to thank all members for a great season.

Congratulations to the Men's League and B Grade teams, plus the Girls' U13 and U11 teams for winning their respective premierships.

A big congratulations also to the Men's League Team for winning the inaugural Australian Club Championship this year.

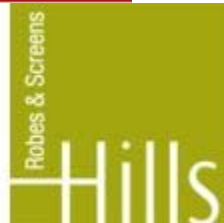
Thank you to all the volunteers around the club, Without your help our club would not survive.

Thank you to the committee for your hard work & commitment.

Have a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

See you all in season 2009!

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