

ANZAC DAY 2014 - LACROSSE COMEMMORATIVE GAMES

AUCKLAND NZ

24-27 April 2014



Introduction

The Australian and New Zealand associations (ALA & NZALU) have arranged for teams from Australia to visit and play New Zealand teams in the 2014 ANZAC Day Commemorative Games. Teams will also take part in the Auckland, 2014 ANZAC DAY parade and commemorations at the College Rifles Sports Club. This is the same venue where the 2011 ASPAC Championship was held. There will be both men's and women's teams competing.

Background

In 1914 NSW and NZ were set to play a lacrosse game – the game that never was. This match had to be called off because of the outbreak of the Great War (WW1) - and subsequently that was the end of NZ lacrosse (for men) for the next 86 years.

Hence it will become the centenary lacrosse game re-scheduled in 2014, and provides an important moment to acknowledge an important piece of culture and history for both countries.

Below is the link to the paper of the day announcing the cancellation of the scheduled game due to the outbreak of World War 1.

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&cl=search&d=WC19140828.2.61&srpos=3&e=-07-1914--09-1914--100--1----0lacrosse-->

NB: Captain William Alfred Browning was a player for the Ponsonby Club (which NZALU are re-establishing). He left with the first contingent for Samoa - there is a picture at College Rifles rooms of the College Rifles (regiment) who were also part of this contingent. Lots of great connections here and a heritage worthy of further exploration!

From the archives this was the last announcement regarding men's lacrosse apart from obituaries - attached are some extracts from the papers of 1914. Next year will be the 100 year anniversary of the start of the World War 1.

Details

The Australian teams will be ALA ANZAC Commemorative teams.

There will be both men's and women's teams participating.

These ALA Teams will travel on Thursday 24 April 2014 to Auckland. On arrival, the team will have its first training session together.

Both teams will take part in the Auckland ANZAC Day parade (9am on Friday 25th April 2014).

Both teams will play a lacrosse game in the afternoon of the 25 April, being ANZAC Day.

Both teams will have a second game on Saturday 26 April.

Clinics on Coaching & Officiating will be scheduled as agreed with NZALU.

All games will be played on the College Rifles fields (which are also a home to rugby and are artificial turf fields).

There is (dormitory style) accommodation on site at College Rifles which has been pre-booked for 40 ALA ANZAC team members.

On Sunday 27 April, a sightseeing bus tour of the Auckland and Harbor areas is planned for the ALA teams.

The ALA teams will then fly back to Australia on the afternoon of Sunday 27 April.
ALA team members will be required for the 4 days: Thursday 24 – Sunday 27 April 2014.
All NZ arrangements will be made by ALA and travel will be organised via the ALA's travel agent.

Player Costs

A detailed budget is currently being prepared and will be available and published (on the ALA website) prior to the applicants closure date.

ALA Team members will be required to self-fund their travel and accommodation.

Sponsorship is being sought by ALA.

A commemorative playing uniform is being investigated for both ALA teams.

Publicity for lacrosse, both in New Zealand and Australia, will be developed and issued once the teams have been finalised.

Application

Player applications are to be made via the On-Line Application, details at; www.lacrosse.com.au

Player Applications, Closing Date: **Monday 10 February 2014**

Selection will be made by ALA.

Announcement of Teams: **Sunday 23 February 2014**

Player Eligibility

Eligibility is aimed at registered club players who have not previously gained selection in a senior state team. Ideally, younger players from a clubs highest level (SL) and aspiring players from a clubs second level team.

Additionally, a few 'older/senior/experienced' type players for leadership, will be considered.

It is expected that at least one player will be selected from each State Association (LWA, LSA, LV, LTas, NSWL, QLA).

Must be registered and Financial, with Club and State Association.

Selection

16 players will be selected (men, women)

Club president and club coach recommendations must be provided.

Additionally it is important that each applicant state their purpose(s) for applying, both from a lacrosse perspective and/or from any ANZAC commemorative reason.

Please Note: The ANZAC commemorative event will be early in part of the 2014 winter season of club lacrosse competition and also the ALA U18 National Championship, Fri 18 – Mon 21 April 2014 in Victoria.

Team Personnel

One Coach for each team (men, women)

One Manager for each team (men, women)

Note 1: One ALA Director will accompany these ALA teams.

Note 2: NZALU will be asked to provide local trainer/strapper/physio support.

Conclusion

Players required to apply - come and play the NZ National Team Squads

Please make your application for the 2014 ALA ANZAC Commemorative team, as soon as possible.