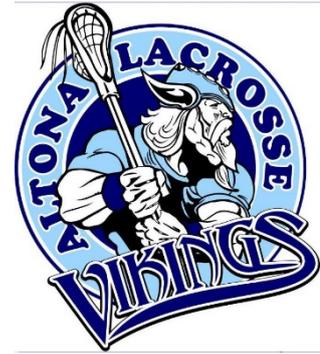


Altona Vikings  
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Hi

My name is Mark Lewer and I am president of one the youngest, most talented and exciting sides in State League in Victoria – the Altona Lacrosse Club. Altona Lacrosse Club has 3 senior mens' sides (State League, Division 2 and Division 3) and junior boys' sides in Under 17, Under 15, Under 13 and Under 11 age groups. We also have a B Grade women's side and hope to add a second women's side and a girl's side in 2020.

State League in Victoria is the highest standard lacrosse in Australia. It is a tough competition with many NCAA Division 1 standard players joining the best Australian players. In this competition, Altona is the youngest side with a huge amount of potential. We are looking for players, of NCAA Division 1 standard, who through their knowledge of the game and by example can help this Altona team reach its potential and become a great team, but even more importantly than your skills, we need you to be a good person, one of integrity who treats people with respect and who our junior players can look up to and learn to love our great game from.

The lacrosse season in Victoria generally runs from late April until early September. We would prefer players be available for the whole season but understand that might not be possible with some players with current NCAA commitments.

**What the Altona Lacrosse Club can offer:**

At Altona, overseas players are treated as one of the family. Players are taken in by a host family, or a senior player, and offered free room and board. When at the club, the players are offered free meals after training on Thursday nights and on many other nights different players and families will invite you round for regular meals to assist the host family. There is also always someone at the club on a Thursday and Saturday night ready to buy you a beer and have a chat. There are also enough single men and women at the club to show you around Melbourne's nightlife.

Overseas players are often provided with a vehicle to enable them to get to lacrosse training, games and clinics and there is plenty of time during breaks in the season to do the tourist things you want to do. Often members of the club of around the same age as the overseas players, will introduce you to some of the great experiences our wonderful country has to offer.

We cannot guarantee jobs but past experience indicates there is an excellent chance we will find one for you. We have contacts with some companies who are

always looking for temporary workers and the club has tradesman who may also be able to assist in work. The club will arrange and pay you to undertake clinics at primary and secondary schools on behalf of our club. There is also often the opportunity of work from Australian Lacrosse Association and Lacrosse Victoria in assisting them with clinics they organise to introduce lacrosse to school children.

### **What we expect from you.**

What we expect from you is to coach or assistant coach one of our junior sides, to attend all club training sessions (Tuesday and Thursday nights) and be a leader on the field as well as a positive role model around the club. We also expect you to undertake school clinics for the Club in attempts to recruit new players. For the clinics, you will be paid by the Club.

We have the capacity to take a maximum of three overseas players, the position you play does not really matter but if possible, we would like to have one of these positions filled by a goalie however, experience has shown us that no matter what position you play, if you are NCAA standard you will be a great asset. In previous years for example, we have recruited defenders when we thought we were strong in that area and those players have just been fabulous.

We are happy to take players from the same program or from different programs and whilst we want players of NCAA Division 1 standard we recognise that you do not need to be playing NCAA Division 1 to be that standard. Also do not underestimate the importance of being a good role model and person.

### **What you will need to do.**

If you wish to play and work in Australia, the most likely visa you will require is a "First Work and Holiday visa" with this visa you can do short-term work in Australia and travel to and from Australia as many times as you want within a 12-month period. To be eligible for this visa, you must have a passport from an eligible country (like the United States or United Kingdom!) be between 18 and 30 years old (inclusive), apply from outside Australia and not have previously entered Australia on a subclass 462 or 417 visa (if you have you will need a different visa like "Second Work and Holiday Visa"). Further details are available at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/work>.

If you are still interested then please send a copy of your playing history to [secretary@altonalacrosse.com.au](mailto:secretary@altonalacrosse.com.au). If you have any questions then please contact me on the above email or phone number.

Also please look up our webpage <https://www.altonalacrosse.com.au/> where you can read testimonials from previous players from University of Virginia and Towson University, or join us on our public facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/altonalacrosse/>

Hope to hear from you soon

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