

This wording is taken directly from the RDCA Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th September 1945 for the 1944/45 season. The writing in the RDCA Minute Book is sometimes hard to read, hence this 'translation'.

Remember that this was during the Second World War and club and team numbers were reduced.

RDCA Annual General Meeting, Town Hall Ringwood, 19th September 1945.

Ringwood District Cricket Association.

Annual Meeting - September. 19 - 1945.
Ringwood Town Hall.

Delegates	Craydon - ——— C. Walden =	Kelleyth. W. Baldum
	S. Bell - Ringwood. R. Bisset.	North Ringwood.
	J. Austin - Maidment. Worsley Park.	C. Kear.
	Wankona. L. Baker - H. O. Schmidt - South Warrandyte.	R. Maroney.
	Warrandyte. S. Millson - F. Y. Gully.	C. Clarke. Abinsdale.
	Mooroobark. J. Hoobey. P. V. Edie - Scoresby.	A. Agami.
	B. Bener. Baywater. H. Pedder ^{my handwriting} of Ringwood.	
	H. Connell. S. A. Brown, Cave Hill	Hilydale. H. King.
	Boronia. R. Allen. A. Chander.	Ringwood Harmony.
	H. Starr. A. Braish.	C. V. M. S. L. Sabrina.

Welcome to Returned Soldiers. The President, Mr. E. Pegler, in extending a hearty welcome to the Delegates, said it was pleasing to see some of the old clubs back again. The large attendance indicated that the advent of Peace would mean a revival of sport in the district. He extended a very warm welcome to Sgt. H. Connell after his absence on active service. He paid a tribute to the members of the RDCA who played their part in the Great War and they would remember those of our boys who not return. The Association had done a great job in keeping the game going during the difficult War years and now. Cricket was going to boom at the outbreak of war, they had three grades operating, but during the war years owing to a lack of players, petrol and transport difficulties they got down to

one grade. He expected three grades to operate this year and hoped they would try to foster an under-age section.

In Memory. In memory of the members of the Association who paid the supreme sacrifice a moments silence was observed.

Sgt. H. Connell in thanking the President and members for their welcome, said he was pleased to be back with the RDCA again and to see his old club, Ringwood East back in the ranks again. The activities of the Association were of great interest to the boys while they were away and they all had one desire, to get back to the good old game once more.

Minutes. The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of P.V. Edie and W. Baldwin.

Presentation of Shield. In presenting the Chandler memorial Shield to last years premiers (Boronia), the President congratulated the club on winning the premiership and said it was fitting that the Chandler Shield should return to Boronia.

Entries. Entries were received from – Crotydon (2), Kilsyth (1 and possibly 2), Ringwood (1), North Ringwood (2, if grounds available), Wonga Park (1), Wantirna (2), South Warrandyte (1), Warrandyte (1), Ferntree Gully (1), Mooroolbark (1), Scoresby (1), Bayswater (2), Ringwood East (2), Cave Hill (1), Boronia (3, possibly 4), Ringwood Harmony (1). An entry was received from the Kil-Stars club (?) but the President ruled the entry out of order on the grounds that the name may convey a reflection on an old and valued club in the competition. The ruling was disagreed with on the motion of J. Austin and A. Agani (?). The Presidents ruling was disagreed with. The motion was lost., eleven voting against and ten for.

The entry was held over pending change of name. The entry of Ringwood Harmony Club was accepted provisionally on a ground being available.

The other entries were accepted and entries held over till September 29. The Executive to meet on September 30 and allot the draw for the season for submission to the adjourned meeting on Tuesday October 2.

Reports. The Secretary submitted the Annual report which was adopted on the motion of J. Austin and A. Chandler.

Memorial Trophy. Mr. F. Emery (?) of Montrose asked the President to accept a Memorial Cup for competition to perpetuate the memory of George Grant and a player in the Association who paid the supreme sacrifice at Weewak (?), also to perpetuate the memory of the other members of the Association who will never return.

In accepting the George Grant Memorial Trophy the President said the members appreciated the nice thought behind the gift which would serve to keep in remembrance the RDCA cricketers who fell in the service of King and Country.

Godfrey Shield. The Secretary reported that Mr. Bert Godfrey had offered to donate a Shield for competition. It was resolved to accept the offer and thank Mr. Godfrey.

Election of Office Bearers. *President* – Mr. E. Pegler. *Patrons* – A. T. Miles, F. Clota, H. V. Pearson, H. Donahoo, Crs. Parker (Lilydale), A. Gilmour (Gully), H. E. Parker (Ringwood), Dr. W.L. Colquhoun, Hon. G.H. Chandler MLC, Sir William Angliss MLC, Sir George Knox MLA, Hon. W. Everard MLA, Mr. R.J. Gray MLA, Mr. W. J. Hutchinson, MHR, Mr. Frank Emery, Mr. B. Godfrey.

Vice Presidents – P.V. Edie, L. Salvana, W. Baldwin, A. Chandler, S. Brown. *Executive* – P. V. Edie, L. Salvana, W. Baldwin. *Wet Weather Committee* – J. Moore, W. Baldwin, A. Dinsdale.

Hon. Secretary – C.E. Sleeman, *Assistant Secretary and Treasurer* R. Bisset, *Auditor* – Mr. K. Pratt

Delegate to V.J.C.U. E. Pegler, Proxy L. Salvana.

Application to V.J.C.U. It was decided to affiliate with the V.J.C.U.

Rule Amendments. *Rule 3* – delete Registration Secretary, add Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. *Rule 4* altered to three Delegates, *Rule 8* matches to commence October 6th 1945. *Rule 27* altered to read a new leather ball shall be provided by the team on whose ground the match is drawn (in A Grade each team shall provide a new ball). *Rule 38* as from October 2nd 1945, *Rule 8* Professional umpires to be engaged in A Grade. Other Rule amendments were held over till the adjourned meeting on October 2.

Grounds. It was resolved to form a deputation to the Council on the matter of grounds for competing teams. Mr. Mallingby (?) stressed the need to make the approaches to the wicket in good order before the season started.

Meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

Executive Meeting 30/9/45. (included here for information and interest purposes – meeting was held between the Annual Meeting and the Adjourned Annual Meeting)

Entries - 27 entries received, one, Harmony Club doubtful. Grades – three – A, B, C.

Allotted - A grade 8, B grade 10 or 11, C grade 8

A Grade – Boronia, Croydon, Ringwood, North Ringwood, Wantirna, Kilsyth, Wonga Park, Cave Hill.

C Grade – Boronia, Croydon, Ringwood, North Ringwood, Wantirna, Kilsyth, Bayswater, Ringwood East.

B Grade - Boronia, Bayswater, Ringwood East, F.T.Gully, South Warrandyte, Warrandyte, Colchester, Montrose, Mooroolbark, Scoresby.

Draw. A draw of 11 matches, ending March 9, 1945, was made.

Ringwood East entry. In view of the forfeiture of Ringwood East's deposit in 1941, it was ruled that a guarantee of 10/- (ten shillings) must be paid with their entry fees.

Adjourned Annual Meeting, October 2nd 1945, Ringwood Town Hall.

Delegates - Bayswater – R. Walter, C. J. Mattingley; Boronia – A. Chandler, R. Allen; Croydon – R. Espie; Colchester – G. Fiedler, M. Godfrey; Cave Hill – A. Binstead, J. Black; Gully – C. Clarke, D. Dinsdale; Kilsyth – S. Bell, W. Baldwin; Mooroolbark – F. Reid; Montrose – P.V. Edie; North Ringwood – J. Austin,

J. Maidment; Ringwood – V. Morphett, R. Bisset; Ringwood East – S. Brown, A. Connell; Scoresby – A. Ajani (?), E. Exney; Wonga Park – C. Kear, R. Kear; Warrandyte – J. Mc Auley, E. Millsom; Wantirna – L. Baker, H. Dehnel(?).

The President, in opening the meeting, extended a hearty welcome to Ron Kear, a returned P.O.W. following his 4 years in Germany. Ron was given an ovation.

Draw. The draw as submitted by the Executive was adopted comprising 3 grades with 8 teams in A Grade, 10 in B Grade and 8 in C Grade with a round of 11 matches.

Rules. *Rule 2* – Permit Committee to consist of the Executive. *Rule 12*, clause 5 – providing for extension to February 28 for schoolteachers. *Rule 18* – was altered to read the last day of January.

Umpires. Resolved to allot professional umpires for A Grade and the appointments to be left in the hands of the Executive.

Wind Up Social. It was resolved to hold a Wind Up social at the end of the season at which the trophies would be presented.

The President, in closing the meeting, wished the clubs an enjoyable season.

The above Minutes were read
and confirmed this 3rd September 1946.
B. Pegler
President