



2015/2016 RDCA Junior Annual Report

Secretary Report

Another great Season for the RDCA Junior Comp! Again we saw more growth with numbers of both boys and girls playing Cricket and Clubs growing, developing and improving.

A focus again this year was to keep simplifying and improving our admin processes in order to assist Club Coordinators. I would like to congratulate our Club Coordinators for the great time and effort they put in for their Clubs and thanks for the quick responses and feedback when requested. Without these special volunteers the association would not run so smoothly.

This Season saw the introduction of a Girls Tri Series where we entered an Under 14 team who competed against teams from the Ferntree Gully and Yarra Valley Associations. I was so proud of our team who all tried their best and were awesome team players. A big thank you to the girl's parents for traveling to the games and the support of their daughter's cricket development. Melanie Causer our Girls Cricket Coordinator did a great job administrating and communicating with all involved.

We had two U10 Round Robin nights, first one hosted by St Andrews Cricket Club and second one hosted by Croydon Ranges Cricket Club. These two Clubs do a fantastic job hosting these nights of fun and I would like to Thank them for their continuing support.

I would like to congratulate all the 2015/16 Premiership Winners:

U12/6	South Warrandyte Hawks
U12/5 TIED	Templeton & Norwood
U12/4	South Croydon
U12/3	Bayswater Park
U12/2	St Andrews
U12/1	Mooroolbark
U14/5	Kilsyth
U14/4	Bayswater park
U14/3	Croydon Ranges
U14/2	South Warrandyte Hawks
U14/1	Montrose
U16/3	Bayswater Park
U16/2	South Warrandyte Hawks
U16/1	Mooroolbark/Ainslie Park

Congratulations to all individual RDCA award winners and T/20 competition winners.

I personally would like to thanks Sean Flynn for his support and assistance again this year, Sean is always there to help me especially through the extra busy weeks with lots of encouragement and if he can help with anything he makes the time. Sean gives so much to anything he is involved in and I Thank Marie & his beaut boys for supporting him in this role. Our association is very lucky to have such a knowledgeable and passionate cricket loving man! Bill Stafford is a fantastic committee member with taking on more duties this year and that's really eased my load, Thanks so much for all you do Bill. Andy Exley is always there to advise and help also, nothings too much trouble if he can help. Thanks for keeping track of mycricket entries Andy. It's been awesome to have another Gal on

board and Melanie Causer is great! Thanks for taking on two roles taking Meeting Minutes and Girls Coordinator. Anthony Crowe was my right hand man during the Round Robin nights and kindly took the photos on Presentation Night, we are sorry to be losing you but a big Thank you for the years' service you have given the RDCA. David Brush thanks for your wise advice on all topics, it's helpful to have you on board! Thanks to Paul Attfield for his help and support though out the season.

I enjoy my role and see it as a privilege. I love watching the comp grow and kids getting outside and developing their life skills and of course Cricket skills!

I look forward to the coming Season,
Regards
Mandy Dolman
RDCA Junior Secretary

Presidents Report

The RDCA junior committee was thrilled with the success of the 2015/16 season. We again saw an increase in teams, with 19 extra teams fielded. This followed on from the 10 team increase in the previous season.

The season would not have run as smoothly as it did without the huge efforts given by our junior secretary in Mandy Dolman. Mandy is the first point of contact for our clubs and her friendly, helpful nature ensure that all clubs needs are dealt with in a professional and timely manner. She also co-ordinates the under 10 round robin nights which is a massive jigsaw puzzle to bring together. Apart from the great job she performs, she is a wonderful person who goes above and beyond to ensure that junior cricket can flourish in our competition.

The junior committee has committed to improving our Rep Cricket program and we saw our results improve dramatically this season. Bill Stafford has been the rep cricket co-ordinator for 2 seasons now and the improvement is largely due to his passion and commitment to the role. As well as rep cricket, Bill looks after the fixturing and we can all see the benefits that his efforts have made to cricket in the RDCA.

Andy Exley is the vice president of the junior committee and is across everything that goes on. He is always available to help with the rep program, assist at the under 10 round robin and he even umpired the under 16/1 grand final this season. He also took on the role of my cricket monitor this year and if a score had not been entered, Andy was onto it!

Melanie Causer was a new addition to our committee and her focus was on the dramatic increase in girls cricket. Over the duration of the season she became familiar with every under 14 girl in the RDCA and was able to develop a great sense of camaraderie within the competition. We see this growing in the coming seasons and a girls only competition is our next target.

David Brush is our longest serving committee member and he brings a calmness and clarity to our sometimes robust discussions! He has experience across all levels of cricket and this is important as we continue to try and make our game relevant to as many young boys & girls as we possibly can.

Anthony Crowe has recently advised of his decision to step down from the junior committee. Anthony has been a great help at the under 10 round robins as well as at the RDCA Presentation

nights. He has helped develop a strong junior club at Wonga Park and has made a great contribution to junior cricket in the RDCA.

We extended the batters ball count into the under 14 competition this season with 14/3 to 14/5 adopting a 50 ball count. This rule was also used in the 16/3 competition with great success. We now have a ball count in 9 of our 13 grades and club feedback suggests it has increased player enjoyment levels.

The T.20 blast was again hosted by East Ringwood and this is another offering on the cricket menu. Some clubs cover off the 7 to 9 year olds themselves but for Blast is another option for young players who have outgrown Milo Cricket.

The under 10 round robins were hosted by St Andrews and Croydon Ranges. These clubs make big sacrifices to host these nights and to be honestthey are a logistical nightmare..... but the joy and pleasure the young players get out of the night make it totally worthwhile.

In total the competition grew by 19 teams from the previous summer.

Under 10 up from 33 to 38

Under 12 up from 45 to 50

Under 14 up from 34 to 38

Under 16 up from 17 to 22

We will continue to try to attract and retain young players and will require the ongoing support of our clubs. To assist this goal we will need strong coaching, an atmosphere of inclusion and the understanding that every player in the team has a role to play for that team and in the future that club.

Thank you to my wife Maree for supporting me in this role. Cricket season is a 7 day a week activity for me but the most joy I get all summer is from helping our young players improve and hopefully fall in love with the game.

A final thank you to the clubs for trusting me in this role. My number 1 focus is what is best for the players and the long term success of the competition. I am sure we are on the right track to making the game more enjoyable and accessible to our young players and their families.

Cheers
Sean Flynn