



N.J.R. (Norm) Taylor - 1968/1969

To his family he was Rees Taylor, to his associates within the RDCA he was known as Norm and he formed an important part of RDCA history as a player, administrator, and mentor to many people, young and old, who were privileged to know him.

Norm's love of cricket led him to be a founding member of Boronia Methodists C.C. in 1948 with the view to providing the youth of the church with a common sporting outlet in the fellowship of a team environment. In 1952/53 he captained the C Grade premiership team of St. John's Cricket Club in the Ferntree Gully Cricket Association. He was Vice President of the Ferntree Gully District Cricket Association in 1953/54.

With a sense of community spirit, Norm brought his administrative expertise to the role of RDCA Honorary General Secretary in 1961/62 and he held that position for the next 14 seasons.

The RDCA history "Paddocks to Parks" describes Norm as having a clear view of his job, forcefully implementing the decisions of the Executive, always in control and not afraid to do the Executive's 'dirty work'. His efforts played a major part in ensuring the Association stayed together during a difficult period and earned him the respect of clubs and their office bearers. Norm was awarded Life Membership of the Association in 1968/69.

Norm's enthusiasm for the job at hand and commitment to developing the future of the RDCA had a significant influence on where the Association is today. His involvement within the RDCA circles will always be honoured and respected.

NOTE: Most of the above testimonial was taken from the 2003/04 RDCA Annual Report.