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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has again been my pleasure to act as President of the Association during this our 92nd year. Over this time, we have seen many changes in the makeup of our various competitions and this season was no different in this regard.

A Special General Meeting was held in June, which again resulted in clubs supporting a change to the senior competition structure with the top 4 grades now being made up of 10 teams. This understandably led to severe disappointment for some clubs who unexpectedly found their team going down to a lower grade.

We have had a number of changes to the senior competition structure in recent years as we strive to come up with a fair system that allows ALL clubs the opportunity to develop and prosper. It will be interesting over time to see if the new structure is considered to be in the best interest of ALL member clubs, noting that, at some stage, club self-interest should surely give way to the betterment of the competition as a whole.

Our Association is facing a challenging future. In the past few years we have seen a reduction in senior and junior team numbers and if this trend is not arrested we will see our competitions shrink even further. It is pleasing that Under 10 and Under 12 team numbers have shown some resilience this year however it is imperative that every endeavour is made to build on this minor success. This is not the time to sit back and think that things will just happen.

This leads me to mention the GARP committee (Growth and Retention Project). This committee has met regularly during the year and I continue to be greatly impressed by the creativity and dedication that the group members display. Practical outcomes from GARP include the two day split innings format at senior and junior levels, batting and bowling restrictions designed to foster participation, shopping centre leaflet drops and a Junior Manual designed to assist volunteers and club committees in developing their junior programs. Initiatives released post season include a Club Reference Guide and a Club Calendar, both designed to try to make club administration a little easier.

Another initiative coming out of GARP was a meeting of Club Presidents, where constructive conversation took place with indications that clubs may be able to work together cohesively in the areas of promotion and marketing. I would envisage that meetings such as this will take place perhaps twice a year in the future.

For some time there has been discussion and research into the feasibility of appointing a paid Administration Manager or Club and Game Development Officer. A lack of resources, both financial and practical, has proven to be a formidable obstacle. Post season, the RDCA applied for financial assistance from Cricket Victoria under their new Strategic Grants Fund with the application seeking financial assistance so that we could engage the services of a Club and Game Development Officer.

The job description for this person will include liaising with ALL our member clubs with a view to identifying best practice ideas, seeking club views on critical issues requiring attention and marketing and promotional needs. He or she will also attend local schools within our geographic area and prepare a report for the Board that details a forward strategy for growth and development.

This position will be time limited, with completion by the 31 December 2013 to comply with CV's Grants program, however, the Board of Management, besides contributing substantially to this initial period, has determined that an ongoing contribution in this area will be encouraged.

As I write this report (in May), it is pleasing to learn that Cricket Victoria has approved a grant of \$10,000, the equal top amount awarded. Our application was looked upon with great interest by Cricket Victoria and the project will be treated by them as an important test case for this type of activity. This concept is exciting and will require the support of ALL clubs. A significant amount of research and discussion has taken place over an extended period and we now need to concentrate our efforts on maximising outcomes.

Our volunteers, at both club and Association level are the backbone of our competition and are largely the reason we can exist. Thank you to you all and also thank you to your families for their understanding of our love for both the game of cricket and for our local community based organisations. It is, however, disturbing that some of our proud volunteers are faced with negative attacks and comments from people who know little about alleged incidents or actions. Quite simply, let our volunteer officials do their job. Be patient and co-operate if asked. By all means have an opinion but please be careful as to how and in what medium you express it. Remember, the RDCA is administered by VOLUNTEERS. Of course there is always the option of becoming a volunteer yourself. You are welcome to put your hand up!

It was great to see that some of our long serving volunteers were acknowledged by our parent body. Steve Pascoe, Tony Gawne, Peter Gawne, Bill Stafford and John Chapman were hosted by CV at a luncheon to celebrate 50 years involvement in cricket. Congratulations to them all, our Association and clubs are the welcome beneficiaries of their undoubted passion for the game.

The Veterans have had another very successful year with their competition clearly showing that games of cricket can actually be very well run without any of the unsavoury actions that sometimes occur in the senior competition. Well done to Daryl Stephens and his committee.

I had the pleasure of attending the junior competition Presentation Night and it was great to see so many boys and girls thoroughly enjoying themselves. I must take this opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate Timothy Court on his outstanding efforts as Junior President over the last 6 years. Timothy has proven to be a most capable and progressive Junior President and will be sorely missed, however, the demands of a young family are certainly understood. Although stepping down as Junior President, Timothy will continue to represent the Junior Committee on the Board of Management.

This season, the Board welcomed Chris Allan, who replaced Bill Stafford after Bill's retirement as the Veterans Committee representative. We sincerely thank Bill for his valuable contribution and we take the opportunity to warmly welcome Chris.

Congratulations to our friends at Ringwood Cricket Club on an outstanding year with all 5 teams playing in finals.

Well done to Pat Meehan and his colleagues on the Senior Committee for their sterling efforts during the last 12 months. The Committee's efforts have been most appreciated in an environment where it seems to get harder to please all those who rely on it. The amount of time that people dedicate to ensuring the competition runs as efficiently as it does is considerable.

To our umpires, team managers, representative teams, and all those who have contributed in making the season a successful one I extend a sincere thank you. All these people should be getting our greatest respect and thanks. In fact, a lot of respect should be forthcoming right across our Association but it seems that certain elements do not recognise this sentiment.

Congratulations to all the premierships teams, to the players who won batting and bowling awards and to the winners of our various medals.

Well done to Wantirna South with victory for their Firsts and Seconds as well as their success in the Saxon Sports 20/20 competition. The bowling performance by their First Eleven in the Grand Final was as good as you will see at local level.

St Andrews have won the right to play in next season's Trollope Shield competition as well as winning a number of other senior premierships.

Also well done to Wantirna and Knox City whose first elevens' featured in an entertaining Pat Meehan Shield ("A" Grade) Grand Final with Wantirna being successful.

Thank you to those clubs that hosted RDCA games and events.

Congratulations to Bill Stafford and Tony Gawne on being awarded Life Membership of the Association. Both have long and distinguished histories of serving our Association and my sincere congratulations to them for their very well deserved recognition.

In early May, the Board received an application from the Knox City Cricket Club for a clearance that would allow them to join the Ferntree Gully and District Cricket Association. After the club finalised its obligations to our Association the Board of Management approved the clearance application and we wish Knox City well in their future activities.

The off season will be busy for some while others enjoy a break from our game. Either way, I am sure that once pre-season training starts we will all look forward to enjoying another season of our great game.

Ian Dench

SENIOR COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

“We learn something from everyone who passes through our lives. Some lessons are painful, some are painless, but all are priceless.” - Unknown

My second season as senior secretary has presented some different challenges but there is always something new to be learned, problems to be solved and meetings to attend.

Our season started with a new structure of 10 teams in the top four grades, Lindsay Trollope Shield, Bill Wilkins Cup, Stuart Newey Plate and Steve Pascoe Shield (formerly 'A'). 'B' grade down were then renamed 'A' to 'K' and the top two grades were also known as the RDCA Premier Grades.

This decision to change the structure from 12 to 10 teams and introduce it for the current season was voted upon by the club delegates at a Special Meeting held on 18 June..

In keeping with the naming of the grades after Life Members, 'K' grade was named the 'Tony Gawne Shield'.

Communication is important to the success of any organisation and my thanks to all the club secretaries and presidents whom I have dealt with during the season, for without your assistance and support our association would struggle to be effective.

The Senior Committee for season 2012/13 met 11 times and comprised the following members; Pat Meehan (Chair), Gregor Mason (Secretary), Stuart Minetti, Steve Pascoe, Roger Copeland, Brett McKane, Matt Thomas, Michael Finn & Tony Gawne. Andrew Morris, Richard Nixon and Peter Dean did not stand for re election and we thank them for their contributions to RDCA cricket.

The positive feedback for the modified rules for one and two day games resulted in the 4 lowest grades playing under these conditions with the Growth and Retention Project (GARP) committee still discussing ways of increasing participation in our game.

Again the start of the season was affected by rain with many games being washed out and a few games playing more than 15 overs, which under the rules constitutes a started game. (This rule is being reviewed for next season to increase the overs to 25). All other rounds and the seasons' finals were played in ideal weather conditions.

The lack of water affected grounds and a number of surfaces were not suitable for playing finals, which was a contrast to the previous season when most grounds were in good condition all season.

Initial team numbers were 131 which was a positive start but unfortunately we dropped to 129 as clubs decided to withdraw their lower sides.

Nine (9) players were reported for misconduct, which was down on last season but still disappointing and, whilst appropriate suspensions were issued, clubs need to remind their members that unsportsmanlike behaviour is not acceptable.

Yet again a captain's failure to know the RDCA rules of cricket resulted in his team missing out on playing finals. I reiterate the importance of clubs ensuring that their appointed captains understand all the rules relevant to the playing of a game of cricket and make sure every captain is issued with a copy of the match day handbook that is published at the beginning of every season.

Clubs need to think of themselves as a small business and the management of such requires many skill sets, one being finance. Club fines were lower than previous years but out of 27 clubs only 3 did not get a fine during the season. Whilst the RDCA accepts the extra revenue it would prefer that clubs ensured that its members meet the requirements of the rules and avoid the fines. Clubs who receive fines affect their chance of winning the Bob Bissett Best Administered Club Award and they are not hard to avoid.

My Cricket continues to improve its functionality and, as clubs understanding of its features improves, record keeping for clubs becomes easier to manage and provided clubs are diligent with the data input the end of season statistics and awards can be ascertained by simply printing a report. Thanks to the efforts of a number of people, Roger Copeland in particular, this system has proved to be very beneficial.

The Saxon Sports 20/20 competition was again a successful event, thanks to Michael Finn for organising and to Paul Attfield for his Saxon Sport sponsorship. Congratulations to Wantirna South and South Croydon for making it through to the 20/20 grand final. Wantirna South succeeded in being our Saxon Sports 20/20 premiers for 2012/13.

The Charity T20 match against Ringwood Cricket Club was hosted by the Ringwood CC and TLC for Kids was the nominated charity being supported. This year only one game was played at Jubilee Park and whilst the Ringwood RAMS proved too strong for the RDCA it was a successful event. \$1,500.00 was raised for the nominated charity. Thanks to Matt Thomas for his tireless effort to co-ordinate this event and to Marcus Adams who captained our team.

A T20 Challenge event (RDCA v ECA v BHRCA) was hosted by the ECA at MacLeay Park on 2 December 2012. Thanks to Matt Thomas for co-ordinating this event and to Neil Tull and Chris Springett who were our Team Managers. The RDCA Trollope team won both games while the Wilkins/Newey team won one lost one.

The RDCA Under21 representative team was captained by Ben Hastie (Norwood). They played 4 games but with 1 win did not make it through to the finals. Thanks to Josh Browne and Pat Meehan for being the team managers and ensuring that the RDCA had a team in this competition. Thanks again to Paul Attfield (Saxon Sports) for his coaching and allowing the use of Saxon Sports indoor training facility for the squad.

To be selected to play in an RDCA representative side is not only an honour but also an opportunity to be in a team with players who you would normally play against. This can lead to stronger friendships and a chance to play in a team of the best RDCA players so players are urged to embrace the opportunity when it comes.

The Trollope Grand Final was held at Walker Reserve, Wilkins Cup was at Cheong Park, Newey Plate at Guy Turner Reserve and Pascoe Shield at Mullum Reserve.

On behalf of the senior committee thank you to all the clubs who hosted finals at their venue and in some instances the away team for assisting the designated home team with facilities and equipment.

Congratulations to all the grade winners, with 11 different clubs, out of 15 grades, being premiership winners. St Andrews (4) and Wantirna South (2) earned multiple flags.

To all the individual trophy winners, well done and whilst they are individual awards clubs should be proud of their members achievements.

Unfortunately, it came to light after the Presentation night that umpire votes had been entered incorrectly in My Cricket in a Wilkins Cup match (Rd.6), with the confusion emanating from two J. Price's playing for EAR. The senior committee investigated and confirmed that a three way tie, which is a rare occurrence, was the correct result and Jack Price will be presented with his medal at the Annual General Meeting.

Accordingly, Best and Fairest winners were:

Bill Dean Medal – Mark Arnot (APK)

Bill Wilkins Medal - Marc Steiner (KIL), Dwayne Paisley (STA) & Jack Price (EAR)

Stuart Newey Medal – Rob Cranmer (HMB)

Steve Pascoe Medal – Aaron Vinen (TMP).

Our Presentation night was held at Dorset Gardens Hotel on Friday 5 April and attendance was again very good with the night's formalities completed by 10pm. Thanks to Justin Nelson who was our MC and ensured a smooth flow to the program. This was the second year of a 3 year deal with The Dorset Gardens Hotel and thanks to Tony Gawne for all his efforts with the preparations for the night and Roger Copeland for the computer graphics.

Thank you again to all who have helped me this season and I hope that all our clubs can increase their membership and thus the participation in our communities of the game of cricket.

Gregor Mason

REGISTRATION SECRETARY and MYCRICKET ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

In the 2012/13 season, 158 clearances were processed through the MyCricket system. No major issues were encountered with these clearances and clubs are to be commended for their efforts in this area.

The MyCricket system continues to be updated over time by Cricket Australia and we can be sure that there will be further updates prior to the 2013/14 season.

Clubs can continue to reap the benefits of the MyCricket system by fully completing their result input, including details of catches, run-outs etc. Full completion of results means that clubs can use MyCricket reporting features to provide end of season award winners etc.

Full use of the system would mean considerably less effort is required to finalise your end of season awards.

In the coming season, clubs will be encouraged to enter team lists early and use MyCricket to advise their players of the selected teams via the MyCricket email/SMS system or your own clubs website or social media.

Remember to identify your MyCricket helpers early and spread the workload to make life easier.

Congratulations to those clubs successful in 2012/13 and best wishes to all for season 2013/14.

Roger Copeland

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

The 2012/13 season proved to be another challenging year for the Executive & members but I'm pleased to report that the strength of the Umpire's Association continues to grow due to the innovative training programs, commitment and a strong desire for members to improve performance.

This season we lost a number of experienced umpires for various reasons and whilst they were not replaced in full the quality of the new recruits provides a solid background to build from for the future. It's notable we are beginning to attract a number of ex-players to the panel who with their overall cricket experience and knowledge of the rules makes the transition to umpiring much easier. I encourage member clubs to continue to work with the RDCAUA because after all improved performance benefits all concerned.

I acknowledge the assistance of the Board of Management & Senior Committee in supporting our recruiting initiatives. With an expectation of providing umpires for the top four grades a minimum of 40 umpires is required to reach the optimum level of providing two umpires for each game. With only 37 active umpires on our list that was never achieved this season, which impacted on the lower grades who were regularly left with one umpire in charge. Increasing our membership list and level of competency remains our biggest challenge.

The Executive continues to work hard under the innovative leadership of Steve Pascoe and a very experienced group of people who continue to maintain a high level of performance in their portfolios. A special mention to Graeme Lloyd who this season introduced on-line training modules for members in an attempt to involve all members rather than just those capable of attending the monthly meetings during the season.

The one disappointing area is the lack of take up by affiliated clubs in involving the Club Liaison Officer in educating club members on the rules of cricket. Over the past two years there's been a total of 3 clubs who have taken the time and made the effort to work with the RDCAUA to improve the standard of club umpires. The Executive will remain pro-active in this area because in the long term it improves understanding and application of the rules of cricket.

Another challenge being worked on by the Executive is improving the Captain's Report process, which in the main works well. There are times, however, when some captains make assessments without appropriate supporting comment in their reports. These reports form the basis for the Selection Panel to rate performance and justify appointments so the reports are critical in providing feedback and counseling where necessary.

The uptake by members of the Cricket Australia Umpire Level 2 accreditation has improved slightly and now with more than 50% of our members at that level and with the formation of a Trollope Panel (16 Umpires) the overall performance of umpires on match days continues to improve.

Hearty congratulations to the Paul Denton on winning the 'Ken Dunham Award' (Umpire of the Year) which was announced and presented at the Senior Presentation night. Paul has umpired for many years in the RDCA and is a highly respected umpire and well deserved of this recognition.

The Executive is already hard at work in preparation for the 2013/14 season and working on a number of initiatives to continue to enhance communications between members & the RDCA community. The development of the 'Umpires Website' is a high priority as it will not only compliment our administrative operations but will also provide access to users of our training modules.

The Executive has presented a case to the Senior Committee & Board of Management for an increase in umpire fees for next season, which has been supported and will be presented to affiliated clubs for voting at the RDCA Annual General Meeting in August. If approved our payment rates will be equal to or better than most other metropolitan Associations, which hopefully will improve our retention rate and recruitment of new umpires.

Graeme Lloyd has once again accepted the role of Umpires Advisor for 2013/14. His ongoing commitment to the RDCA and umpiring fraternity is greatly appreciated by the RDCAUA Executive and as a 300 game plus umpire at District level his ability to initiate and manage training programs for our umpires will ensure our members are the best informed on the Laws of Cricket and how they should be applied.

We look forward to next season with enthusiasm and a renewed commitment to seek improvement in all aspects of umpiring and a strong desire for club representatives and players to recognize and respect the role we play in our great game.

**Tony Gawne
Secretary**

VMCU (Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union) REPORT

Pat Meehan continued to represent the RDCA as our delegate to this body.

The VMCU consists of a Board made up of the 8 Directors of each Metropolitan Regional Cricket Council, together with delegates from every Metropolitan Cricket Association. Brett McKane (Montrose CC) was nominated to continue as both the RDCA representative on the Outer East Regional Cricket Council, and a Director on the VMCU Board. Brett is to be thanked for his contributions on behalf of the RDCA.

Over the past season the main cricket activities have related to the management and implementation of the State-wide 20/20 competition (Metropolitan component), U21 Neil Wright Shield (Note: The RDCA was able to enter a team this season), and the Junior Shield & Cup Competitions for U16, U14 & U12 in January. This latter competition comprised of a record number of 71 teams from 17 Associations. The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions and was successful in winning the U/12 Mitchell Cup and being semi finalists in U/16 Jim Beitzel Shield and U/16 Keith Mackay Shield.

The most significant matters dealt with during the season were:

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- **Implementation of the establishment of a Victorian Veterans Reference Group.**
- **A successful VMCU Centenary Dinner was held on 26 October 2012, together with the launch of the Centenary Book.**
- **Centenary Shields have been presented to the premier teams in the top grade of each affiliated Association for season 2012/2013.**
- **An Associations Presidents meeting was held in May 2013 with the key issues arising to be investigated by VMCU Board and Cricket Victoria. The RDCA presented some of the GARP issues and the actions undertaken.**
- **The VMCU website is currently being transferred to the CV My Cricket Portal. My Cricket was used for all VMCU representative matches this season.**
- **Matters under consideration are:**
 - **Policy for Universal Clearances.**
 - **Suspect Action Policy with technical assistance from CV staff.**

The VMCU is also the body which deals with club or player appeals against penalties imposed by an Association and after consideration by an Association's independent Tribunal.

Pat Meehan

OUTER EAST METRO REGION (EAGLES) REPORT

The following people formed the committee for the Outer East Metro Region for 2012/2013.

David Beatty – Regional Committee Chairman

Jarrod Leggett – Regional Cricket Manager (Cricket Victoria)

Brett McKane – VMCU Director (RDCA)

Tim Carter – FTGDCA

Brent Watts – YVCA

Tamara Mason – VWCA

Kevin Newman – Ringwood C.C.

General

The RDCA Growth and Retention Project (GARP) continues to evolve and this season incorporated a shopping centre road show. A generic flyer was distributed and a significant number of new participants are now playing cricket within the association as a result of this initiative.

The region once again held a Junior Leadership Program. The program commenced with a night in mid-December where junior cricketers from across the region attended the junior leadership information night. This year's winners were Travis Knightingale from the Yarra Junction C.C. and Jessica Adams from the South Warrandyte C.C.

Unfortunately, the T20 Blast competition did not go ahead this season. Whilst the low registration numbers were disappointing it was always going to be difficult given the well-established and successful under 10 & under 11 competitions within the region.

A 6 week modified competition for Girls aged 12 and under was conducted again this year, within the region, and continues to expand and develop.

VMCU Carnival Review

15 teams from the RDCA, FTGDCA and YVCA represented the region in the VMCU carnival and of these teams 4 played in semi-finals and 2 in grand finals with the FTGDCA successful in the Jim Beitzel Shield Competition.

Pathway Review

Unfortunately, the Outer East Eagles silverware drought continued but the talent on show caught the eye of the Victorian selectors. The region provided more Victorian representatives in the current season than any other region.

Brett McKane
Director Region 14

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

The 2012/2013 season was once again a success for the Junior section of the Association.

At the Annual General Meeting Timothy Court (President), John Springett (Secretary), Rebecca Court (Assistant Secretary) and Justin Hansen (Representative Team Coordinator) were all re-elected. Daniel Walton was elected to the position of Records Secretary. Kerry Walton, Doug Beaton, David Brush and Deon Voss were all elected to the General Committee. Josh Browne and Ian Jones were both appointed to the position of Investigation Officer. Andy Exley joined the Junior Committee after the season commenced.

At the conclusion of the 2011/2012 season, the Junior Committee made it known to Clubs that at that point of time it was unlikely going to be offering Under12's on a Saturday Morning in 2012/13. This was mainly due to the vast number of issues that had arisen from having two small competitions on two different days. At the conclusion of the season, it is pleasing to report that the move to Friday nights has proven to be very successful, not least being that participation numbers for the season increased.

For a number of seasons, the Junior Committee has been keen to run promotional activities in Shopping Centres to promote the RDCA. This year we finally made this happen thanks to some tireless work from John Springett to organize access to Chirnside Park, Eastland and Knox City Shopping Centres. There were many things that worked well with this exercise and others that did not, but we learned a lot, which will go a long way towards ensuring next seasons exercise is better. I extend thanks to all the Club Volunteers who gave up their time to come and hand out brochures promoting the RDCA.

The Under 10 Competition once again included the Under 10 Round Robin Carnival round, played at Silcock Reserve. This night was again well attended and a credit to the work of Justin Hansen and Kerry Walton who organized the night. A big thank you to Croydon Ranges members for their assistance with the evening.

Our Wednesday night T20 competition continued again this season. There was insufficient interest for an Under19's competition, but there was enough interest to run an Under 12 competition for the first time. We again played the three finals (U16, U14 and U12) at JW Manson Reserve which made for a great atmosphere and a great evening. John Springett should be congratulated for organizing a great night with the assistance of St Andrews Cricket Club.

As in previous seasons we again entered six teams into the VMCU Carnival. Justin Hansen again took on the role as Coordinator and worked very hard to ensure a great carnival for all involved. The highlight of the Carnival was the winning of the Keith Mitchell Cup. Our thanks must go to: Russell O'Toole, Julie Maddox, Pieter Walker, Sandra Peter-Budge, Justin Hansen, Katrina Palmer, Shane Curley, Jeff Barr, Luke Henderson, Craig Meadows, Adrian Brush and Craig Staggard for their assistance as Coaches and Team Managers.

The finals series progressed with limited interruption and results were reached in all matches. Congratulations to the following premierships teams:

- Under 18-1: Montrose**
- Under 16-1: Wonga Park**
- Under 16-2: North Ringwood**
- Under 16-3: Lilydale**
- Under 14-1: Ringwood**

- Under 14-2: South Warrandyte Hawks
- Under 14-3: KIL/MOO
- Under 12-1: North Ringwood
- Under 12-2: Lilydale
- Under 12-3: Olinda
- Under 12-4: Lilydale

The season was concluded with Presentation night which was again expertly MC'd by Justin Nelson and more importantly after some tweaking of the running sheet, the night was completed in record time. Big congratulations to the following award winners:

Under 18-1	Taylor Gibson Montrose CC 320 runs @ 80.00	Patrick Ford Yarra Valley CA 14 wickets @ 15.4	Zane Fox Boronia
Under 16-1	Ethan Greenhall Olinda CC 416 runs @ 69.33	Jack Meadows Wonga Park CC 15 wickets @ 7.73	Luke Newbegin Templeton
Under 16-2	Evan Smeed North Ringwood CC 469 runs @ 117.3	Evan Smeed North Ringwood CC 15 wickets @ 9.80	Ashley Kearney Ainslie Park
Under 16-3	Joel Bumpstead Warrandyte CC 410 runs @ 102.5	Luke Killey Warrandyte CC 15 wickets @ 8.53	Imogen Hodgkiss Bayswater Park
Under 14-1	Joshua Barr Ringwood CC 311 runs @ 77.75	Joshua Barr Ringwood CC 19 wickets @ 5.68	Douglas Jenner Callum O'Brien
Under 14-2	Michael Gibbons Sth Warrandyte Hawks CC 248 runs @ 62.00	Jessica Adams Sth Warrandyte Hawks CC 10 wickets @ 6.5	Flynn Jacob St Andrews
Under 14-3	Niall Hargreaves Kilsyth CC 336 runs @ 112.00	Matthew Tubb Ringwood CC 12 wickets @ 7.5	Joshua Paynter Lilydale
Under 12-1	Ryan Peter-Budge North Ringwood CC 179 runs @ 179	Matthew Gates Wonga Park CC 13 wickets @ 5.62	Mark Walters Templeton
Under 12-2	Caleb Rickard Croydon North CC 219 runs @ 54.75	Brandon Hempel Lilydale CC 22 wickets @ 3.77	Brent Skewes Lilydale
Under 12-3	Spencer Johnson Olinda CC 158 runs @ 158	Daniel Trembath Mooroolbark CC 15 wickets @ 5.53	Joseph Chamberlin Lilydale
Under 12-4	Jarrold Hartman Lilydale CC 201 runs @ 201	Ethan Alderman Montrose CC 9 wickets @ 3.89	Nicholas Allen Templeton

Under 10 Round Robin Champion: Heathmont Baptists

Jeff Luscombe Volunteer of the Year: Craig Staggard (Lilydale)

Bill Dean Memorial Trophy for the best player leaving Under 16's: Zac Staggard (Lilydale)

Clive Fairbairn Club Championship: Wonga Park

This season also saw the introduction of the RDCA Junior Volunteer Recognition program, which recognizes volunteers who have given 5 years, 10 years and 15 years' service to Junior Cricket in the RDCA. In the inaugural presentation of awards the following volunteers were recognized:

5 Years Service

David Brush	RDCA
Paul Williams	Templeton
Justin Hansen	RDCA
Rebecca Court	RDCA

10 Years Service

John Springett	RDCA
Timothy Court	RDCA

15 Years Service

Bernie Holland	Ringwood
Josh Browne	RDCA

In closing, a big thank you all the Committee members for their assistance and also to the Junior Co-ordinators for their efforts throughout the season. With all the work that is currently going into organizing next season, let's hope that it is bigger and better than the one just gone.

Timothy Court
Junior President

John Springett
Junior Secretary

FINANCE REPORT

It is again pleasing to report that the financial result of the 2012/2013 season recorded a profit of \$9,551, slightly exceeding the profit of \$8,065 declared the previous season.

Clubs and delegates will recall that we undertook a trial of purchasing cricket balls from the supplier and on selling balls to clubs at a discounted rate. Thanks to the tremendous work of Ian Spencer, this trial has been a great success contributing \$3,701 to the above profit.

Fines incurred totaled \$5,220 so there is still room for improvement and removing this administrative cost from each club's season's operating costs.

Clubs will note from the financial statements, forming part of this Annual Report, that we have continued to be extremely well supported financially by way of donations and/or sponsorship from a variety of entities including sporting goods suppliers and four local Bendigo Bank Branches. Donations and or sponsorships to the value of \$26,650 received during the year enabled the RDCA to minimise fees levied on our member clubs during the 2012/2013 season.

Based on our Balance Sheet figures, the RDCA is in a sound financial position as we move into the 2013/14 season and embrace any further costs of setting up our own office at Jubilee Park together with proposed administrative changes aimed at providing further support to clubs and players.

As has been mentioned elsewhere in this report, a significant amount of our funds will, during the coming season, be used to partially fund an investigation into strengthening cricket in the area in which the RDCA and surrounding cricket associations operate.

To partially offset this expenditure, the Board of Management will propose a minor increase in 2013/14 affiliation fees, at the Annual General Meeting.

As shown in the Balance Sheet included in the Annual Report, several clubs have not totally met their commitments for last season. (13 clubs with a total amount outstanding of \$1,986, mostly relating to Presentation Night tickets)

These clubs will start the coming season with a debt that will impose an additional financial burden on the club's 2013/2014 finances.

Again I thank the clubs for their support during the 2012/2013 season which certainly helped make my role easier to fulfill.

Stuart Newey

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 May 2013

Assets

Current Assets

Current Assets

	Cheque Account	\$21,427
	Veterans Bank Account	\$4,451
	Cricket Ball Account	\$741
	Term Deposit	<u>\$22,003</u>
Total Cash On Hand		\$48,622

	Debtors - Clubs	<u>\$1,986</u>
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Total Current Assets		\$50,608
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Non Current Assets

	Stock of Senior Medals	\$2,905
	Stock of Cricket Balls	\$1,854
	Stock of Caps & Clothing	<u>\$2,619</u>

Total Non Current Assets		\$7,378
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Fixed Assets

	Computer and Printer	\$1,900
	Office Furniture & Equipment	\$14,000
	Less Accumulated Dep'nc	<u>-\$1,950</u>

Total Fixed Assets		\$13,950
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Total Assets		\$71,936
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

	Creditors - Clubs	<u>\$610</u>
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Total Current Liabilities		\$610
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Non Current Liabilities

	Bonds Held	\$250
	Guarantee Monies	<u>\$3,500</u>

Total Non Current Liabilities		\$3,750
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Total Liabilities		\$4,360
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Net Assets		\$67,576
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Equity

	Members funds	\$58,025
	Current Year Earnings	<u>\$9,551</u>

Total Equity		\$67,576
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RINGWOOD & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Profit & Loss

Year Ended 31May 2013

Income			
	Affiliation Fees	\$38,400	
	Umpires Subscriptions	\$1,170	
	Junior T20 registration	\$675	
Fines			
	Fines	\$5,120	
	Credit Card Charges	\$52	
	Late Payment Fines	\$100	
Total Fines		\$5,272	
	Junior Raffle	\$2,500	
	Donations/Sponsorship	\$25,650	
	Interest	\$1,111	
	Cricket Ball Sales	\$5,892	
	Scorebook Sales	\$575	
	Umpires Equipment Sales	\$221	
Total Income		\$81,466	
Expenses			
	Administration Expenses		
	Honorarium	\$20,950	
	Administration Manager	\$480	
	Senior Secretary	\$1,236	
	Match Result Secretaries	\$3,700	
	Treasurer	\$300	
	Senior Executive	\$655	
	Junior Secretary	\$529	
	Junior Executive	\$420	
	Junior Carnival Expenses	\$834	
	Advertising	\$1,138	
	Tribunal Expenses	\$500	
	Total Admin. Expenses	\$30,742	
	Operating Expenses		
	Postage & Stationery	\$1,187	
	Telephone & Paging	\$3,696	
	Printing & Typing	\$550	
	Computer Maint/Programming	\$675	
	Bank / Gov't Charges	\$504	
	Affil. & Registration Fees	\$603	
	Pavilion Expenses	\$412	
	Sundry	\$1,500	
	Umpires Fees	\$780	
	Umpires expenses	\$388	
	Depreciation of equipment	\$1,950	
	Pennant & Plaques	\$2,970	
	20/20 competition	\$2,800	
	Total Operating Expenses	\$18,014	
	Social Expenses		
	Senior Presentation Night	\$5,345	
	Junior Presentation Night	\$2,280	
	Catering	\$1,063	
	Vets Expenses	\$1,020	
	Total Social Expenses	\$9,708	

	Equipment		
		Senior Trophies & Medals	\$5,498
		Junior Trophies & Medals	\$3,342
		Life Member Medals purchased	\$720
		Caps & Clothing purchased	\$2,055
		Umpires Equipment purchased	\$1,018
		Miscellaneous equipment	\$818
	Total Equipment	Total Equipment	<u>\$13,451</u>
Total Expenses			<u>\$71,916</u>
Net Profit			<u>\$9,551</u>



VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

The competition comprised 33 teams in 4 divisions representing 15 RDCA clubs plus teams from Mt Evelyn, Yarra Junction and Croydon cricket clubs. We also entered a team in the VOSCA (Victorian Over 60's) competition.

It is always a pleasant bonus to enjoy good weather conditions for our scheduled matches and this season all rounds including finals were able to be played. The majority of teams were competitive in their grading and the finals series keenly contested.

Grand Final Results:

Masters 1- Wonga Park (5/208) def Croydon (9/170) - Completing an outstanding achievement of 5 consecutive premierships.

Masters 2- Montrose (9/157) def Ainslie Park (8/154)

Masters 3- Mooroolbark (165) def Mt Evelyn (146)

Legends Ainslie Park (2/148) def Croydon Ranges (8/147)

The grand finals were played at Silcock Reserve and Kimberley Reserve and presentations were made at the completion of the games. Thanks to both Croydon Ranges and Chirnside Park for their co-operation and hospitality.

This past season, the Legends Competition was reduced to 6 teams when Croydon and Mt Evelyn withdrew due to lack of numbers. The reduction of numbers playing in this over 50's competition is affected by two main issues; players over 50 who choose to continue to play in the Masters competition and the VOSCA competition drawing off some of the 60+ age group. There were approximately 500 players who played in our Masters Competition of which about 100 were aged over 50. We regard this as a good natural situation with players choosing to play at the level they are comfortable with and in some cases clubs only have enough players for one team. The number of teams in our competition has been fairly static for the past decade and therefore we are not confident that we can consistently attract sufficient teams to conduct an 8 team division.

We have discussed the matter with the Box Hill Reporter ESCA Veterans Executive and decided to join our two over 50's competition for the coming season, which together can offer two divisions.

In recent seasons, there have been teams in our Legends that haven't been capable of competing with the better teams. We have already met with representatives from clubs who field a Legends team and have their support, so both associations will need to call extraordinary meetings prior to next season to formally endorse this change.

During the past season, the Committee conducted a survey, for all players, which sought their opinions on conditions and regulations of the Vet's competition. There was a very high response, which has resulted in approximately 300 completed surveys being tabulated by a professional analyst who will soon provide us with his report. Obviously there will be differences of opinions, but for the first time we have a broader body of opinion to consider.

There has been keen interest shown in this initiative, by both the Ferntree Gully and Box Hill Reporter Vets as well as a VCA sub-committee looking into senior cricket.

Our representative teams again achieved very good results. Players selected enjoyed the challenge of competing at this higher level and also the camaraderie of meeting again or for the first time, the other competition's representatives.

In December we played Box Hill Reporter Vets at Kew. Our over 40's were captained by Michael Bellizia and the team was Johns, Werner, Barrett, Foulis, Denton, Brasher, O'Dwyer, Raggett, Smith, Bromiley and Britton. They batted first and our team was pleased to restrict them to 131. Our innings was going well at 4/87 but the introduction of their spinner reduced us to 8/98 and a final total of 119.

Our Over 50's team was again led by Steve Teakel and included Lewis, Dewar, Goldsmith, Wright, Hartley, Pitt, Hickleton, Hartman, Williams, Artis, Clark and Wigney. Box Hill batted first and was well contained to finish 7/117. Special mention for Peter Wigney's spell of 6 MAIDEN overs for 3 wickets! In reply our run chase staggered to 5/38, then 7/92 until Williams and Hartman passed their total.

Our Over 60's team was captained by Mick Gavin and included T. Dunn, K Dunn, Spencer, Barsenbach, Webb, Seymour, Stafford, Semple, Hartrup and Paget. Again in this game, Box Hill batted first for 4/149 and we replied with 40's from "Bluey" and "Spanner" and were four wickets down when we passed their score.

Each year we compete for the Ken Johnston Trophy, which is affectionately known as the "Colonel's Cup" and with two wins out of three, we retain the cup for another year.

On the Australia Day weekend we welcomed the FTG Veteran's representative teams to Croydon's two ovals. Michael Bellizia's team included Rod Sutherland and Tim Rule for the unavailable Dave Werner and Wes Britton. Batting first and with 40's from Raggett and Denton the team were satisfied with their total of 156. FTG started slowly and ran out of overs to finish at 6/136.

Across the road at Fred Geale Oval the RDCA batted first and with the Wonga "boys" Goldsmith (41), Hartley (40) and W Knee (24no) leading the way, compiled a very competitive 4/192 and were then able to bowl FTG out for 111 in the 32nd over.

The Veteran's Committee comprises Daryl Stephens (Pres.), Liz McLelland (Sec), Chris Allan (Board Rep and Treas.), Ian Leach (Reg'n and My Cricket mgr.), Paul Williams (Newsletter Ed.), Chris Hartrup (VOSCA Rep) and Nick Papadopoulos.

I wish to thank all these members for their contributions and at the same time appeal to players who would be prepared to join this committee. There are no onerous, time consuming tasks and we keep meetings to a minimum, usually 4 or 5 per annum. Everyone agrees that committees need new personnel to have continued success so for the future of RDCA Vet's please seriously consider offering your services.

In closing, on behalf of all veteran cricketers, I wish to thank the RDCA Board for their continued support.

Daryl Stephens
President
veterans@rdca.com

*RDCA Veterans Motto:
Strive to do our best, never give up,
and treat people with respect*

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2012/13

LINDSAY TROLLOPE SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
SOUTH CROYDON	32	64	1.3892
NORTH RINGWOOD	48	64	1.2318
AINSLIE PARK	24	56	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	36	52	
MOOROOLBARK	28	44	
WARRANWOOD	8	40	1.1106
BAYSWATER PARK	16	40	0.9372
CROYDON NORTH	16	40	0.8263
NORWOOD	16	24	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	16	16	

North Ringwood loomed as the team to beat in winning first eight games but thereafter it was all downhill. South Croydon had a consistent season, Ainslie Park entered the finals in hot form, winning last four games, whilst Wantirna South, despite struggling a bit after Xmas, hung in to grab last finals spot.

In the Elimination final, Wantirna South (9/307) regained form to end the Ainslie Park surge (233).

The Qualifying final saw South Croydon (4/198) somehow escape with a win after North Ringwood had been 5/170, then losing the last three wickets without scoring to come up three runs short (195).

In a Preliminary final, impacted by rain on first day, North Ringwood struggled to 144 which was easily reeled in by Wantirna South (4/146).

The Grand Final saw South Croydon win the toss and elect to bat but they were soon in trouble. Drew McKay (5/60), bowling unchanged, was ably supported by Joel McGown (4/43) and wickets fell at regular intervals to see South Croydon dismissed for 117 (in 40 overs). Travis Degenhardt (59) was the only batsman to put up some resistance.

In reply, Wantirna South lost an early wicket but a century partnership between Matthew King (58no) and Andrew Jorgensen (42) put the result beyond doubt and, when the score was passed. South Croydon conceded to see Wantirna South (2/118 in 33overs) win the premiership in less than a day.

Premiership team members:

Matthew King (C), John Aumann, Andrew Jorgensen, Cameron Smith, Michael McDonald, David Ryan, Jason Walsh, Wayne Ross, Travis Clarke, Joel McGown, Drew McKay, Steve Berger (12th).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Michael King (SCR) 665, Brendan Ricci (MOO) 510, Andrew Jorgensen (WSO) 441, Matthew Stoikos (NRI) 376, Marcus Adams (BYP) 373, Cameron Smith (WSO) 369, Matthew King (WSO) 334, Chris Noy (CNT) 339.

Leading wicket takers (excluding finals):

Mark Arnot (APK) 41, Drew McKay (WSO) 35, Luke Ridgwell (NRI) 27, Tim Hall (WWD) 27, Kamel Ahmet (CNT) 27, Matthew Whitaker (MOO) 26, Leigh Jones (NRI) 24.

BILL WILKINS CUP

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
ST ANDREWS	40	64	1.7203
MONTROSE	32	64	1.4990
KILSYTH	32	64	1.4397
CROYDON RANGES	44	60	1.3575
TEMPLETON	36	60	1.3213
EAST RINGWOOD	20	60	1.2186
LILYDALE	16	32	
WONGA PARK	16	28	
WARRANTYTE	16	24	
EASTFIELD	0	0	

This was an extremely competitive grade, particularly among the top six, as the grid shows. St Andrews lost its last two home and away matches but clung to top spot. Montrose was consistent and Kilsyth tied the last game against Wonga, which cost it top spot. Croydon Ranges had a big win in the last round to jump over Templeton (who beat St Andrews) by narrowest percentage. East Ringwood won every game after Xmas only to fall agonizingly short on percentage.

The Elimination final saw Kilsyth recover from 8/99 to post 204, which proved too many for Croydon Ranges (150).

In the Qualifying final, St Andrews also recovered well from 7/129 to 9/231 in chasing down the Montrose tally (9/229).

Montrose (6/298) then bounced back in Preliminary final to easily account for Kilsyth (198).

The Grand Final saw the St Andrews openers (Paisley 48 & Sharpe 55) post nearly a century before the Montrose bowlers fought back well to restrict the total to 209, Cheyne Van Koll taking 4/48. In reply, Montrose had progressed to 143 with six wickets in hand and about 20 overs to play, only to lose next five wickets for four runs, among which were two magic leg-side stumpings by Matt Harvey. Jake Cairns did much of this damage (4/14) and Montrose was eventually dismissed for 160. This premiership returns St Andrews to the top grade (Trollope Shield) after a long absence.

Premiership team members:

Dwayne Paisley (C), Matthew Harvey, Chris Moorhouse, Tim Moran, Matt Sutherland, Jake Cairns, Daniel Mather, Joel Grumont, Daniel Collier, Michael Campbell, Cameron Sharpe, Brendan Moore (sub), Callum McKenzie (sub).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Michael Edwards (MTR) 556, Lucas Skelton (LYD) 499, Dwayne Paisley (STA) 493, Sean Humphrey (CRR) 493, John Taylor (WOP) 471, Simon Crow (CRR) 469, Michael Campbell (STA) 406.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Cameron Sharpe (STA) 36, Marc Steiner (KIL) 30, Mark Unternahrer (KIL) 29, Jake Crowe (MTR) 27. Tao Collins (CRR) 26, John Moulder (LYD) 24, Jack Price (EAR) 23.

STUART NEWWEY PLATE

TEAM		Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
CHIRNSIDE PARK	1STS	52	92	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	2NDS	40	72	
OLINDA	1STS	36	60	
NORTH RINGWOOD	2NDS	24	40	0.9077
NORWOOD	2NDS	24	40	0.8661
BAYSWATER PARK	2NDS	24	36	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	1STS	12	28	0.8644
WONGA PARK	2NDS	4	28	0.6927
MOOROOLBARK	2NDS	12	28	0.6832
SCORESBY FERNDALE	1STS	16	24	

Chirnside Park won every game during the season to be the hot favourite going into the finals but Wantirna South loomed as a strong challenger having lost only to Chirnside and Scoresby Ferndale (a huge upset in last round). Olinda performed consistently and a number of the remaining teams were in contention for the last finals place.

Brad Bates (100no) saw Olinda (6/225) to victory over North Ringwood (7/222) in Elimination final. Wantirna South posted 185 and then routed Chirnside Park (95) in the Qualifying final. Chirnside Park (162) got back on track in eliminating Olinda (91) in the Preliminary final.

In the Grand Final, Wantirna South got off to a steady start, mainly due to Michael Jones (53), but Rob Clarke (6/43) changed the complexion of the game to see Wantirna South reduced to 9/91. Sam Barnes (36) then found a willing ally in Jacob Collings (4no) to push the final total to 131 (66 overs).

Chirnside lost three wickets in the remaining overs to be 3/13 at the end of day one. David Green (38), who opened, was involved in a couple of twenty odd partnerships in the middle of the innings but Chirnside was always on the back foot in the run chase. When Green was last man out, Chirnside was dismissed for 98 and Wantirna South had capped a magic finals series.

As the new structure introduced in 2012/13 dictates that only club first eleven's can play in Trollope Shield and Wilkins Cup, Wantirna South will not be promoted and the Senior Committee will determine whether Eastfield and Chirnside Park change grades for 2013/14 season.

Members of the premiership team:

Sam Barnes (C), Michael Jones, Ben Stow, Adam Gawne, Shaun Crow, Andrew Jones, Ashley Webb, Steven Gosden, Andrew Gawne, Kunaal Chandra, Jacob Collings, Daniel Thurgood, Darcy Smith.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Matt Cousins (CSP) 649, Ryan Murray (SBF) 411, Michael Jones (WSO) 379, Robert Cranmer (HMB) 341, Henry Cunningham (SBF) 329, Justin White (WOP) 320, Adrian Binns (SBF) 320.

Leading bowlers (excluding finals):

Rob Clarke (CSP) 33, Robert Cranmer (HMB) 30, Shane Walliker (CSP) 29, Blake Swanson (OLI) 28, Magnus Vaisnys (CSP) 26, Evan Brookes (SBF) 25, Leigh Rigby (NRI) 25.

STEVE PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
TEMPLETON	2NDS	44	84	
EAST RINGWOOD	2NDS	40	64	1.3112
MONTROSE	2NDS	32	64	1.1556
CROYDON RANGES	2NDS	40	48	1.1722
WARRANWOOD	2NDS	16	48	0.8212
AINSLIE PARK	2NDS	28	36	
KILSYTH	2NDS	8	32	
ST ANDREWS	2NDS	24	24	0.9377
CROYDON NORTH	2NDS	8	24	0.7279
WARRANTYTE	2NDS	0	16	

After a draw in the first round, Templeton won all of their following home and away games to demonstrate that they were the team to beat. East Ringwood was in hot pursuit but staggered a bit after the break to just cling to second ahead of a very consistent Montrose. Warranwood came with a rush after Xmas but just failed to catch Ranges for fourth spot.

In the Elimination final, Ranges could only muster 92 but had Montrose on the ropes at 8/49 and then 9/81 before last wicket stood firm to reach 105.

The Qualifying final saw East Ringwood (311) set a tally that Templeton (229) could not chase down. Templeton (245), with Arron Vinen (100) to the fore, bounced back in the Preliminary final over a gallant Montrose (177).

In the Grand Final, East Ringwood could not re-produce the batting effort from the semi-final and after being 6/43 were all out for 136 (Callum Richardson 45no, Hudson 4/18, Henry 3/3). Templeton, with Matthew Weerden (53no) leading the way, comfortably chased down the target to reach 5/138 after 48 overs and thus earn promotion to Newey Plate.

Members of the premiership team:

Arron Vinen (C), Stuart Simpson, Matthew Weerden, Andrew Uren, Jamie Baker, Jason Denton, Ryan Dennis, Sam Carter, Joshua Hudson, Peter Miller, Tyson Henry, Ryan Sweetten (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Arron Vinen (TMP) 549, Cale Nelson (APK) 293, Bryce Edwards (MTR) 290, Brent Crosbie (CRR) 258.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Matthew Delahunty (APK) 27, Scott Turner (WWD) 22, Kris Andersen (EAR) 21, Arron Vinen (TMP) 20, Jake Tucker (EAR) 20.

A GRADE – PAT MEEHAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WANTIRNA	1STS	60	100	
KNOX CITY	1STS	40	84	
SOUTH WARRANTYTE	2NDS	36	68	
WONGA PARK	3RDS	36	60	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	3RDS	44	52	
BAYSWATER PARK	3RDS	28	44	
SCORESBY FERNDAL	2NDS	12	20	0.6076
MOOROOLBARK	3RDS	12	20	0.5992

“A” Grade cont’d

Wantirna lost only one game (to Knox City) and drew the first in heading the ladder to enter the finals as a warm favourite. Wantirna South loomed as a strong contender at Xmas, only to lose the four games immediately thereafter and miss a finals spot. Knox City was always in the mix but had a couple of blips post Xmas whilst South Warrandyte showed some good form after the break and Wonga Park hung in for fourth.

Runs were very hard to come by in all finals in this grade.

In the Elimination final, Wonga Park (129) managed to hold out South Warrandyte (109).

The Qualifying Final saw Wantirna restricted to 101, which Knox City passed, six down, in reaching 133.

In the Preliminary final, Wonga Park could only muster 90 but there was a lot of fingernail biting, when Wantirna went from 6/82 to 9/85 before staggering over the line (9/95).

The Grand Final saw Knox City struggle to 107 and then Wantirna be comfortable at 3/85 when the wobbles set in and another four wickets went down before victory was achieved (7/111).

Members of the premiership team:

Owen Thorne (C), Mark Whitney, Ben O’Keefe, Louie Cavallo, Kevin Girola, Paul Hennessy, Devang Patel, Ankit Desai, Greg Houghton, Pratik Ramani, Paul Lane.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Craig O’Brien (KNC) 481, Mark Whitney (WAN) 461, Paul Jones (MOO) 451, Pratik Ramani (WAN) 360, Ken Trollope (MOO) 305, Owen Thorne (WAN) 296, Bryce McGrath (KNC) 285.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Mark Whitney (WAN) 33, Steven White (BYP) 32, Matthew Beckett (KNC) 28, Jonathon Trend (WOP) 24, Kevin Girola (WAN) 22 Devang Patel (WAN) 21, David Mock (SWT) 21.

B GRADE – IAN SPENCER SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2NDS	44	84	
NORTH RINGWOOD	3RDS	36	72	
CROYDON RANGES	3RDS	36	60	0.9257
TEMPLETON	3RDS	44	60	0.9027
WARRANWOOD	3RDS	36	60	0.8981
EAST RINGWOOD	3RDS	52	48	1.1720
LILYDALE	2NDS	20	36	
CROYDON NORTH	3RDS	20	20	

This was a very competitive grade amongst the top six teams. East Ringwood had loomed as the benchmark up to Xmas but lost their way thereafter. In a bit of a sensation, they also had 12 points deducted when the team did not play out the designated overs in second last round and, as can be seen, this led to missing a finals place. The top six rotated places, seemingly after every round, in the early part but Chirnside and North Ringwood were the form sides in the run to the finals.

The Elimination final saw Croydon Ranges (207) make too many for Templeton (113).

In a tight Qualifying final, Chirnside Park recovered from 4/14 to 7/162 in overhauling North Ringwood (157).

A rain impacted Preliminary final saw North Ringwood post 199 and Ranges, after being comfortably placed, had to rely on the 9th wicket to add 13 to achieve victory (8/205).

The Grand Final was a game of fluctuating fortunes with Ranges recovering from 5/75 to reach a total of 233.

In pursuit, Chirnside Park lost three early wickets before a good partnership steadied the ship. The breaking of that stand opened the floodgates as Chirnside lost 7/33 to be all out for 103.

“B” Grade Cont’d

Members of the premiership team:

Angus Redfern (C), Amos Redfern, Matthew Bell, Michael Simpson, Charlie Baker, Evan Woods, Glenn Spencer, Shaun Ison, Steve Ward, Blair Collinge, Darcy Carrigan, Ryan Trowsdale (12th), Jake Sali, Mel Hobbs (scorer).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

James Butler (EAR) 366, Angus Redfern (CRR) 336, Glenn Synan (CSP) 332, Matthew Rooks (WWD) 300, Mark Spencer (LYD) 292, Michael Simpson (CRR) 284.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Jeremy Ford (WWD) 25, Troy Harris (CSP) 21, Luke Hands (LYD) 21, Angus Redfern (CRR) 21, Matthew Hepburn (NRI) 20.

C GRADE – DAVID BEATTY SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
SOUTH CROYDON	2NDS	56	88	
MONTROSE	3RDS	56	80	
NORWOOD	3RDS	36	68	1.2882
KILSYTH	3RDS	44	68	1.1573
OLINDA	2NDS	52	68	0.8569
AINSLIE PARK	3RDS	28	52	
WARRANWOOD	4THS	4	12	0.6540
WANTIRNA	2NDS	12	12	0.4596

This was another grade where six teams were in the hunt beyond the halfway mark. South Croydon carried on the good form, Montrose had a couple of down games after the break but had set themselves up early, whilst Norwood came on well to jump a few rungs. Kilsyth did enough to hold out Olinda, who won only two of last six.

In the Elimination final, the Norwood captain, having declared at 9/146 off 64 overs, breathed a huge sigh of relief when his bowlers took the last 4 wickets for 12 runs to tie Kilsyth (146) and go through. The qualifying final saw South Croydon post 168 and then rout Montrose (45).

In the Preliminary final, Montrose (143) earned another crack when they rolled Norwood (91).

The Grand final proved to be a complete reversal of the semi-final, with Montrose batting first and compiling a very challenging 8/269. In reply, South Croydon lost early wickets and never recovered, to be dismissed for 104.

Members of premiership team:

Scott O’Neil (C), James Gibson, Ryan Laphorne, Damian Ford, Daniel Henderson, Justin Podesta, Matthew Lowe, Jack Bell, Hudson Samuel, Robert Strugnell, Hayden Harris, Taylor Samuel (sub), Ben Grey (sub).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Scott O’Neil (MTR) 416, Shane Bartlett (SCR) 388, Nigel Foden (KIL) 374, Thomas Wynne (SCR) 357, David Irvine (NOW) 356, Timothy Hutchison (WAN) 334, Joel Merrett (SCR) 315.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Thomas Wynne (SCR) 24, Travis Tyszkiewicz (KIL) 24, Steven Hess (SCR) 22, Ben Kelly (NOW) 20.

D GRADE – DON SMITH SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
ST ANDREWS	3RDS	72	96	
CROYDON RANGES	4THS	40	72	1.5153
WONGA PARK	4THS	40	72	1.3695
WARRANTDYTE	3RDS	44	64	
EASTFIELD	2NDS	40	60	
SOUTH WARRANTDYTE	3RDS	28	44	0.8354
MONTROSE	4THS	20	44	0.8015
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	2NDS	12	12	

St Andrews appeared invincible in the first part of the season but lost a couple after the break to give the other teams heart. Ranges and Wonga showed good form after the break and loomed as dangers. Warrantdyte and Eastfield were a bit up and down with the former clinging to fourth spot.

In the Elimination final, Wonga Park posted 199 to oust Warrantdyte (111). The Qualifying final saw Ranges battle to 120, which St Andrews (5/127) comfortably chased down. Wonga Park recovered well to reach 211, then crashed through Ranges (76) in the Preliminary final.

The Grand final saw Wonga Park bat solidly, for almost 70 overs, to reach 175. St Andrews were then made to work very hard to attain victory (7/178) with only two overs remaining.

Members of premiership team;

Rohan Smith (C), Nathan Brandsma, Ryan Catterall, Wayne Closter, Steve Cross, Shaun Foster, Steve Howard, Abid Khan, Ben Morris, Aidan Williams, Mark Williamson, Harley Sheedy (12th), Robert Deluca (sub).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Darcy Price (SWT) 559, Abid Khan (STA) 545, Ben Morris (STA) 434, Brett Haines (CRR) 390, Wayne Hartley (WOP) 374, Julian Paterakis (ESF) 337, Ash Storm (MTR) 312.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Brendan Robnik (STA) 35, Shaun Foster (STA) 28, Luke Killey (WDT) 22, Paul Doevelaar (WOP) 20, Jason Paisley (CRR) 20.

E GRADE – JOHN SPRINGETT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
KILSYTH	4THS	56	72	
WONGA PARK	5THS	36	68	1.3164
NORTH RINGWOOD	4THS	52	68	1.1121
BAYSWATER PARK	4THS	48	68	1.0052
CROYDON NORTH	4THS	28	60	
KNOX CITY	2NDS	36	52	
EAST RINGWOOD	4THS	28	44	
TEMPLETON	4THS	12	28	

“E” Grade Cont’d

Kilsyth, North Ringwood and Bayswater Park looked to be major contenders, from early in the season, but their form after the break was a little indifferent. Wonga Park loomed as a threat, with good form after Xmas, whilst Croydon North came on strongly but had too much to do and just missed out.

In the Elimination final, North Ringwood (166) exited at the hands of Bayswater Park (4/167). The Qualifying final saw Kilsyth post a very big total (340) that Wonga Park (200) could not match. Bayswater Park (7/152) carried their good form in to the Preliminary final in easily accounting for Wonga Park (68).

In the Grand final, Kilsyth lost a number of early wickets and could not recover, being dismissed for 107. Bayswater Park continued their great finals form to post 6/143 and claim victory.

Members of premiership team:

Ray Kazar (C), Thomas Mills, Joel Margenberg, Jordan Margenberg, Eoin Fay, Lachlan Walker, Kyle Colosimo, Dasun Ruwandeniya, Daniel Thomas, Frank Costantino, Cameron Ray, Peter Colosimo (12th), Keith Boldiston (scorer)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Russell Hughes (WOP) 461, David Rickard (CNT) 413, Paul Williams (TMP) 389, Paul Fleming (KIL) 372, Greg Ford (WOP) 346, Bart Hoggett (KNC) 345.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Matthew Duguay (KNC) 34, Matthew McMahon (CNT) 25, Warren Ashby (WOP) 21, William Lamont (NRI) 20, Tim Aumann (TMP) 20.

F GRADE – NEIL TULL SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
AINSLIE PARK	4THS	68	100	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3RDS	52	76	
ST ANDREWS	4THS	44	72	
NORTH RINGWOOD	5THS	36	68	
LILYDALE	3RDS	44	64	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	4THS	28	28	0.7667
CROYDON RANGES	5THS	12	28	0.6237
WARRANWOOD	5THS	8	24	

Ainslie Park was a clear leader right through the season, losing only one game, and was the team to beat. The next four teams rotated places in most rounds and the finishing order was only determined in the last game. Chirnside Park won to go from 3rd to 2nd, St Andrews won outright to jump from 5th to 3rd, North Ringwood lost and dropped from 2nd to 4th, whilst Lilydale lost and dropped out.

The Elimination final saw St Andrews set a sizeable target (8/238) and North Ringwood, after being well placed at 1/130, fell away to be out for 221.

In the Qualifying final, Ainslie Park posted 4/265 before Chirnside Park put up a great chase, only to lose last five wickets for 29 and be all out for 234.

Continuing the trend, the Preliminary final went right to the wire with Chirnside Park posting 198 and St Andrews losing 9th wicket with scores level. Victory (9/199) was attained in 70th over.

The Grand Final saw a bit of a boilover when the hot pots, Ainslie Park, could only muster 142 and St Andrews (3/147) ran that down with plenty of overs to spare.

“F” Grade Cont’d

Members of the premiership team:

Ben Moore (C), George Billam, Nathan Charlton, Steve Chettle, Simon Cornelius, Andrew Croucher, Michael Dow, Steve Ibrahim, John O’Callaghan, Antony Pedersen, Matthew Sawyers, Rhys Lines (12th).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Steve Ibrahim (STA) 395, Marcus Bree (LYD) 394, Ian Spencer (CRR) 376, Scott McKibbin (APK) 358, David McKibbin (APK) 352, Andrew Johnstone (APK) 328, Brian I’Anson (NRI) 318.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Dwayne Dobinson (LYD) 30, Ben Moore (STA) 22, Clinton Killen (APK) 18, Nathan Hose (APK) 18, Stewart Campbell (CSP) 18.

G GRADE – ANN PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	4THS	60	92	
MOOROOLBARK	4THS	44	76	
NORWOOD	4THS	32	64	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	5THS	36	52	
WONGA PARK	6THS	32	48	
TEMPLETON	5THS	36	44	
WARRANDYTE	4THS	20	36	
MONTROSE	5THS	24	32	

South Warrandyte won seven on the trot in the run to Xmas to establish a break at the top. Mooroolbark were consistent across the season, whilst Norwood came from last after six rounds. Wantirna South lost 16 points for playing an un-registered player in Rds 10 & 11 but beat Wonga Park in the last round to grab a place in the finals.

In the Elimination final, Norwood (8/176) was too good for Wantirna South (123).

The Qualifying final saw Mooroolbark (8/315) have a big win over South Warrandyte (155).

A close tussle played out in the Preliminary final when Norwood (8/174) ran down South Warrandyte (9/172) with a couple of overs to spare.

In the Grand final, Norwood (2/120) capped a fantastic recovery from last to the top of the tree when they overwhelmed Mooroolbark (119).

Members of premiership team:

Steve Lester Snr (C), Adin Short, Adam Kent, Phillip Coats, James McCubbin, Sean Nathan, Nathan Lester, Joshua Barber, Devon Frost, Luke Barber, Ryan Bytschkow, Andrew Haines (12th).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Mark Mott (WSO) 554, Darren Johnson (SWT) 501, Scott Adams (SWT) 466, Rakesh Khattry (WDT) 421, Nigel Murray (WOP) 410, Jeffrey Matthews (MOO) 398, Adin Short (NOW) 373, Greg Warren (WDT) 365.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Simon Adams (SWT) 40, Ray Noon (WSO) 19, Haran Gangatharan (TMP) 19, William Sharp (MOO) 19, Greg Warren (WDT) 19, Peter Clark (WOP) 19, Garry Harwood (WOP) 18.

H GRADE – KEN JOHNSTON SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
BORONIA	4THS	52	98	
SOUTH CROYDON	3RDS	70	86	
OLINDA	3RDS	42	76	
NORTH RINGWOOD	6THS	40	70	
SCORESBY FERNDALE	3RDS	28	60	
NORWOOD	5THS	36	56	
CROYDON RANGES	6THS	30	32	
CROYDON NORTH	5THS	22	30	

This was the highest of the grades that played the “split innings” format in two day games, wherein the team scoring most runs after the first split earned two points. For the first three rounds it comprised of 10 teams but reverted to the above group thereafter.

Boronia only lost once during the season and loomed as the testing material. South Croydon had bolted from the blocks, in not losing up to the break, but faltered to lose last three games. Olinda was always thereabouts whilst North Ringwood was a bit up and down but showed good late season form to earn a finals spot.

The Elimination final saw North Ringwood (9/201) prove too good for Olinda (154).

In the Qualifying final, Boronia (7/205) continued their winning way over South Croydon (9/196).

Runs were pretty hard to come by in the Preliminary final where North Ringwood (9/95), after being 9/75, just managed to sneak by South Croydon (92), to end a miserable late season period for the latter.

The Grand final was also a low scoring affair, where Boronia (104) managed to protect that tally by bowling North Ringwood out for 76.

Members of premiership team:

Michael Kogelman (C), Robert Phillips, Luke Biddau, Jacob Smith, Lachlan Begg, Jordan Zmood, Gavin Webb, Daniel Kable, Jeremy Blackman, Vinod Brundavanam, Dilhan Oluc, Jarryd Seagrave, James Gilfedder.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

John Masters (CNT) 608, Brendan Hooker (SCR) 534, Aaron Blanchfield (BOR) 387, Tom Dawson (OLI) 384, Dan Whitty (NRI) 379, Andy Greenall (OLI) 376, Mark Boehmer (CRR) 365.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Emmett Harrington (NOW) 28, Nathan Browne (NRI) 22, Dan Whitty (NRI) 22, Kane Dalton (SCR) 20, Damin Rohlfs (NOW) 18.

I GRADE – JOHN MACMILLAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
AINSLIE PARK	5THS	64	100	
ST ANDREWS	5THS	54	92	
LILYDALE	4THS	58	84	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	5THS	36	64	
KNOX CITY	3RDS	40	60	
OLINDA	4THS	22	50	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	4THS	32	40	
CROYDON RANGES	7THS	20	20	

‘T’ Grade Cont’d

This grade consisted of 12 teams for first three rounds before being revised to the above group. The top three had cemented their places in the four by the break and it was then only a matter of the order in which they would finish. The fourth spot was a battle between two and South Warrandyte did best to claim that position.

In the Elimination final, Lilydale posted 7/241 and then dismissed South Warrandyte for 136. Similarly, Ainslie Park’s tally of 9/242 proved far too many for St Andrews (115) in Qualifying final. The Preliminary final was a whitewash as St Andrews (2/123) bounced back to oust Lilydale (121).

The result of the Grand final was a reversal of that in qualifying final, with Ainslie Park being dismissed for 162, which was chased down by St Andrews (4/165) with plenty of overs to spare.

Members of premiership team:

Ray Witchell (C), Brett Cairns, Shane Cairns, Joel Cox, Pat Kellett, Michael Kerr, Shaun Landwehr, Dean Marshall, Matt Millar, Brenton Millott, Shane Rixham, Mitchell Sweeney, Andrew Williams.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Cameron O’Donnell (CSP) 386, Sean Middlemast (LYD) 357, Mal Grift (CSP) 337, Mark Robinson (OLI) 325, Glen Thomas (APK) 325, Jake Robb (SWT) 308, Rob Foltyn (LYD) 304.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Mitchell Sweeney (STA) 22, Matthew Wilton (LYD) 20, Matt Thomas (APK) 17, Liam Clarkson (OLI) 15, Andre Massih (APK) 15, Lachlan McMahon (SWT) 15.

J GRADE – TIMOTHY COURT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
AINSLIE PARK	6THS	52	106	
BORONIA	5THS	52	82	
ST ANDREWS	6THS	30	70	
BAYSWATER PARK	5THS	46	64	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	3RDS	40	60	0.9645
SOUTH CROYDON	4THS	44	60	0.7795
WANTIRNA	3RDS	40	40	
EASTFIELD	3RDS	14	30	

There were 13 teams in Rd.1, then 14 in next two rounds before being revised to above group.

This was a pretty even grade, bar one, in the period to Xmas but Ainslie Park were in hot form thereafter and clearly the team to beat. Boronia was always in second spot, whilst St Andrews had a purple patch to jump many places. Bayswater Park won its last game to jump over Heathmont Baptist and South Croydon.

St Andrew’s batsmen queued up to make runs (3/363) when eliminating Bayswater Park (116)

In the Qualifying final, Ainslie Park (4/151) comfortably reeled in the Boronia tally (141)

The Preliminary final saw St Andrews (170) protect that score by bowling Boronia out for 141.

In the Grand Final, St Andrews (169) could not hold out Ainslie Park (6/172) which clinched victory with less than two overs to spare.

“J” Grade Cont’d

Members of premiership team:

Garry Walles (c), Chris Allan, Kane Arnold, Luke Bullen, Glenn Childs, David Delahunty, Tim Flahavin, Scott Hills, Jordan Hochkins, Alan Moss, Luke Murray, Anthony Sharp, David Wright.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Thomas Rosevear (STA) 524, Tim Hutchison (WAN) 381, Matthew Allard (STA) 341, David Wright (HMB) 311, Gordon Lloyd (BOR) 301.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

John Loonstra (STA) 30, Don Kuruwita (HMB) 20, Owen Bennett (SCR) 20, Thomas Rosevear (STA) 17.

K GRADE – TONY GAWNE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
LILYDALE	5THS	72	116	
AINSLIE PARK	7THS	54	92	
CROYDON NORTH	6THS	48	76	
KILSYTH	5THS	46	72	
ST ANDREWS	7THS	56	66	
WARRANWOOD	6THS	20	56	
NORTH RINGWOOD	7THS	28	46	
MOOROOLBARK	5THS	28	36	
CROYDON RANGES	8THS	16	32	

This grade comprised of 11 teams in Rds 1 & 2 and Mooroolbark came in at Rd.3. Withdrawals across the board left the above nine with all, bar Mooroolbark, in this grade from the outset.

Aside from a draw (washout) in Rd.1, Lilydale went through the season undefeated.

Ainslie Park was very solid after Rd.6, Croydon North was always thereabouts and Kilsyth won its last game to jump over St Andrews for fourth spot.

In the Elimination final, Kilsyth (180) lost its last three wickets for 11 runs to come up just short of Croydon North’s tally of 184.

The Qualifying final saw Lilydale (3/150) not required to bat its second stint in accounting for Ainslie Park (111).

Ainslie Park (6/144) bounced back in the Preliminary final when it reached Croydon North’s tally of 137 with plenty of overs to spare.

The Grand Final was akin to the Qualifying final as Lilydale (5/116) comfortably reeled in the Ainslie Park total (93).

Members of premiership team:

Adrian Gillespie (C), Gavin Gillespie, Peter Skewes, Kyle Skewes, Matthew Goss, Stephen Oxley, Gary Dans, Scott McIntosh, Paul Dolman, Ben Civelli, Kaine Wagner, Lalmani Gautam, Nathan McColl.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Chris Smith (CNT) 475, David Caton (KIL) 384, Shane Cairns (STA) 378, Brett Cairns (STA) 364, Mark Cairns (STA) 346, Adrian Gillespie (LYD) 335, Stefan Callow (STA) 333.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Ryan Willmott (APK) 23, Colin Clavan (KIL) 18, Lalmani Gautam (LYD) 15, Mark Cairns (STA) 15.

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2012/13

Wonga Park	34	(4)	Chirnside Park	14	(5)
Wantirna South	31	(4)	Lilydale	14	(2)
East Ringwood	30	(6)	South Warrandyte	13	(5)
Mooroolbark	28	(10)	Boronia	10	(0)
Ainslie Park	26	(4)	Eastfield	9	(3)
St Andrews	25	(5)	South Croydon	8	(4)
Croydon Ranges	24*	(5)	Knox City	7	(3)
Templeton	24	(3)	Scoresby Ferndale	7*	(1)
Croydon North	23	(9)	Olinda	6	(3)
North Ringwood	22	(6)	Heathmont Baptist	1	(0)
Montrose	20	(4)			
Norwood	20	(3)			
Kilsyth	19	(1)			
Warrandyte	18	(3)			
Wantirna	17	(5)			
Bayswater Park	17	(2)			
Warranwood	16*	(6)			

Figures in brackets are premierships won by first eleven teams.

- Croydon Ranges totals include premierships won by Croydon United and Croydon Hockeyers.
- Warranwood totals include premierships won by South Ringwood and Parkwood
- Scoresby Ferndale totals include premierships won by Scoresby.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Phil McCallum award

Top 4 in reverse order		Points
	Wantirna South	23.60
	St Andrews	24.01
	Ainslie Park	24.01
Winner	North Ringwood	27.55

SPIRIT OF CRICKET TROPHY – Ron Ellis award

(Professional Umpires rate teams that compete in the top four grades, in 5 categories, at end of each match)

Winner Mooroolbark (2nds) – Stuart Newey Plate grade

BEST ADMINISTERED CLUB – Bob Bissett award

(Senior Committee introduced this award in season 2010/11 and it selects the winner)

Winner South Croydon

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR TROPHY – Ken Dunham award

(based on the ratings given by team captains after each round)

Winner Paul Denton

AWARD WINNERS

FRED HODGKINS ALL STAR TEAM OF THE YEAR

(Player statistics do not include finals games). In batting order:

Andrew Jorgensen	Wantirna South	441 runs
Marcus Adams	Bayswater Park	373 runs and 18 wickets
Brendan Ricci	Mooroolbark	510 runs
Michael King	South Croydon	665 runs and 11 wickets
Cameron Smith	Wantirna South	369 runs
Nasir Shafiq	Croydon North	325 runs and 11 wickets
Michael McDonald	Wantirna South	276 runs & 22 dismissals (Keeper)
Mark Arnot (Capt)	Ainslie Park	41 wickets and 236 runs
Timothy Hall	Warranwood	27 wickets
Luke Ridgwell	North Ringwood	27 wickets
Drew McKay	Wantirna South	35 wickets

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Lindsay Trollope Shield	Mark Arnot	Ainslie Park
Bill Wilkins Medal – Bill Wilkins Cup	Dwayne Paisley Mark Steiner Jack Price	St Andrews Kilsyth East Ringwood
Stuart Newey Medal - Stuart Newey Plate	Robert Cranmer	Heathmont Baptist
Steve Pascoe Medal – Steve Pascoe Shield	Arron Vinen	Templeton

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Pascoe Shield: Arron Vinen (Templeton) -799 points	(549 runs, 19 assisted and 1 un-assisted wicket and 9 catches)
Newey: Robert Cranmer (Heathmont Baptist) – 751 points	(341 runs, 15 assisted and 15 un-assisted wickets, 6 catches and 1 assisted run-out)
Wilkins: Dwayne Paisley (St Andrews) – 758 points	(493 runs, 20 assisted and 2 un-assisted wickets, 6 catches and 1 assisted run-out)
Trollope: Michael King (South Croydon) – 835 points	(665 runs, 5 assisted and 6 un-assisted wickets, 3 catches and 3 assisted run-outs)

Under 21 player of the season	Keiran Perkins	Montrose
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BATTING and BOWLING AVERAGES

(Qualifying criteria is as follows: Batsmen must bat and Bowlers must bowl in at least half the games played by their team in the grade for the season. Batsmen must score more than 250 runs and bowlers must deliver not less than 480/420/360 balls and take not less than 20 wickets)

Trollope Shield	Bowling	Drew McKay (Wantirna South) (best 6/64, 6/70, 5/39, 5/46)	35 wkts @ 12.49
	Batting	Michael King (South Croydon) (2/100's, 4 /50's, best 120no)	665 runs @ 110.83
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Simon Hall (Templeton) (best 7/2, 5/36, 4/33)	21 wkts @ 10.00
	Batting	Michael Edwards (Montrose) (2/100's, 4/50's, best 112)	556 runs @ 69.50
Newey Plate	Bowling	Magnus Vaisnys (Chirnside Park) (best 7/32, 4/5)	26 wkts @ 8.08
	Batting	Matt Cousins (Chirnside Park) (3/100's, 2/50's, best 202)	649 runs @ 59.00
Pascoe Shield	Bowling	Matthew Delahunty (Ainslie Park) (best 7/65, 6/29, 4/17)	27 wkts @ 10.67
	Batting	Arron Vinen (Templeton) (7/50's, best 94)	549 runs @ 54.90
A Grade	Bowling	Devang Patel (Wantirna) (best 5/17, 5/47, 4/38)	21 wkts @ 10.48
	Batting	Craig O'Brien (Knox City) (1/100, 3/50's, best 158)	481 runs @ 60.13
B Grade	Bowling	Jeremy Ford (Warranwood) (best 5/36)	25 wkts @ 14.84
	Batting	Ben Lannen (North Ringwood) (1/50, best 69no)	264 runs @ 52.80
C Grade	Bowling	Thomas Wynne (South Croydon) (best 4/25, 4/56)	24 wkts @ 13.38
	Batting	David Irvine (Norwood) (1/100, 2/50's, best 152no)	356 runs @ 71.20
D Grade	Bowling	Paul Doevelaar (Wonga Park) (best 7/25, 4/30)	20 wkts @ 10.85
	Batting	Darcy Price (South Warrandyte) (2/100's, 3/50's, best 122no)	559 runs @ 69.88
E Grade	Bowling	Matthew Duguay (Knox City) (best 9/10, 6/23, 4/48)	34 wkts @ 8.94
	Batting	Russell Hughes (Wonga Park) (2/100's, 2/50's, best 113no)	461 runs @ 115.25
F Grade	Bowling	Dwayne Dobinson (Lilydale) (best 5/32, 4/13, 4/38)	30 wkts @ 10.37
	Batting	Marcus Bree (Lilydale) (2/100's, 1/50, best 112)	394 runs @ 49.25

G Grade	Bowling	Simon Adams (South Warrandyte) (best 7/24, 7/51, 5/19)	40 wkts @ 12.70
	Batting	Darren Johnson (South Warrandyte) (1/100, 2/50's, best 151no)	501 runs @ 45.55
H Grade	Bowling	Dan Whitty (North Ringwood) (best 6/24, 3/13)	22 wkts @ 12.91
	Batting	Daniel Redfern (North Ringwood) (1/50, best 96)	252 runs @ 63.00
I Grade	Bowling	Mitchell Sweeney (St Andrews) (best 4/8, 4/35)	22 wkts @ 8.05
	Batting	Jake Robb (South Warrandyte) (4/50's, best 67no)	308 runs @ 154.00
J Grade	Bowling	Don Kuruwita (Heathmont Baptist) (best 5/15, 3/23)	20 wkts @ 7.45
	Batting	Timothy Hutchison (Wantirna) (1/100, 2/50's, best 154)	381 runs @ 95.25
K Grade	Bowling	Ryan Willmott (Ainslie Park) (best 4/16, 4/19)	23 wkts @ 9.96
	Batting	David Caton (Kilsyth) (1/100, 4/50's, best 102no)	384 runs @ 96.00

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2012/13

YEAR	CHANDLER <small>(name changed in 2010/11 – see below)</small>	WILKINS	NEWAY	
81/82	Warrandyte	South Croydon	Bayswater Park	
82/83	Croydon United	South Ringwood	Scoresby	
83/84	Warrandyte	Ainslie Park	Sth Warrandyte	
84/85	East Ringwood	Mt Evelyn	Johnson Park	
85/86	Mooroolbark	Scoresby	Academy	
86/87	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Templeton	
87/88	Croydon North	Parkwood	Eastfield	
88/89	St Andrews	South Croydon	Knox Gardens	
89/90	Croydon North	Croydon United	Westwood	
90/91	Croydon North	Wonga Park	Knox City	
91/92	Croydon North	Wantirna South	Glen Park	
92/93	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Chirnside Park	
93/94	Ainslie Park	Kilsyth (A East)	Ferntree Gully(A West)	
94/95	Croydon North	St Andrews	Aquinas	
95/96	Ferntree Gully	North Ringwood	Knox City	
96/97	Croydon North	South Ringwood	N/A	
97/98	Croydon North	Templeton	East Ringwood	
98/99	Ferntree Gully	Lilydale	East Ringwood	
99/00	Ainslie Park	Montrose	Olinda	
00/01	Ferntree Gully	East Ringwood	Eastfield	
01/02	Mooroolbark	South Croydon	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	
02/03	Lilydale	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	Chirnside Park	
03/04	Templeton	Croydon North	Croydon Ranges	
04/05	Mooroolbark	North Ringwood	Chirnside Park	
05/06	Wantirna South	South Croydon	Olinda	
06/07	South Warrandyte	Norwood	North Ringwood (2nds)	
07/08	North Ringwood	Croydon Ranges	Mooroolbark (2nds)	
08/09	Wantirna South	Bayswater Park	Chirnside Park	
09/10	Mooroolbark	East Ringwood	Olinda	
10/11	<small>(name change in top Grade with 12 teams in each)</small>			
	TROLLOPE	WILKINS	NEWAY	
10/11	Mooroolbark	Warranwood	Wantirna South (2nds)	
11/12	Warranwood	Ainslie Park	Eastfield	
12/13	<small>(an additional major grade created with 10 teams in each grade)</small>			
	TROLLOPE	WILKINS	NEWAY	PASCOE
	Wantirna South	St Andrews	Wantirna South (2nds)	Templeton (2nds)

SAXON SPORTS CHALLENGE – RDCA 20/20 COMPETITION

2012/13 was the fifth season of this competition and the momentum moved with the times as T20 cricket was extremely popular from young to old. As in previous years, clubs did not incur any cost as the generous sponsorship of Paul Attfield (Saxon Sports) extended to the donation of ALL of the white balls used, including finals matches, and a cash contribution that enabled clubs to be reimbursed for umpire fees incurred during the course of the competition.

Twenty five clubs entered a team, which resulted in 1 group of 4 and 7 groups of 3 teams with each playing the other teams in their group in the preliminary rounds. The top placed team in the group progressed to the qualifying finals, where ranking determines who plays whom (e.g.1 v 8 and so on), results were:

- (1) Wantirna South 3/221cc (M McDonald 99no, A Jorgensen 74) def Chirnside Park 7/128cc
- (2) South Croydon 2/131 (9.2 overs – S Staddon 46) def Templeton 128 (N Owen 58, A Viney 5/15)
- (3) St Andrews 8/163 (19.4 overs – A Willoughby 3/29) def Olinda 8/161cc (P Rosier 46)
- (4) Warranwood 6/179cc (L Scott 72, T Cordwell 42)) def Norwood 120

The semi finals saw three strong Trollope clubs and a Wilkins Cup leader vying for a spot in the grand final and the top dog in Trollope prevailed as follows:

Wantirna South 3/143 (15.4 overs – A Jorgensen 39, M McDonald 33no) defeated Warranwood 8/136cc (A Spittle 32, C Smith 3/20)
South Croydon 6/118 (17.4 overs – T Rickarby 51, M Sutherland 3/11) defeated St Andrews 117 (C Moorhouse 37, C Carson 3/20))

The Senior Committee determined that the highest ranked grand finalist (Wantirna South) should host the game and that decision proved to be good one with a strong crowd attending. Special thanks to all the volunteers at Wantirna South Cricket Club for their help on the day to make it a great success.

South Croydon won the toss and decided to bat first hoping this would be a great start to get a competitive score on the board. Things proved hard going and wickets fell regularly with some very sharp and accurate bowling spearheaded by Drew McKay, who not only struck early but finished with the great bowling figures of 4/8 off 4 overs. The only resistance came from Phil Cross who top scored making 38. South Croydon ended up 9/110 after 20 overs.

Wantirna South came out to bat and felt it had a great chance of winning the 20/20 flag as 110 runs should be achievable. This proved to be exactly the case, headed up by Matt King opening the batting with a great 63, and Wantirna South cruised to a well deserved victory in 13.5 overs.

Our congratulations to the Wantirna South club and members of the team who, in batting order, were: Matt King, David King, Andrew Jorgensen, Michael McDonald, John Aumann, Cameron Smith, Michael Jones, Andrew Jones, David Ryan, Sam Barnes and Drew McKay.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank both officiating umpires Paul Denton and Andy Laws for a job well done.

Feedback has been great from all clubs involved and games have been played in great spirit with a high level of sportsmanship. I thank all the clubs for setting a great example to all who came to see all games.

Finally, I extend my appreciation to all who volunteered their time to ensure the competition ran smoothly. Without the volunteers from all clubs we would not have the 20/20 competition we do.

Michael Finn - T20 Co-ordinator

Details of Representative Matches

In the T20 Challenge event between RDCA/BHRDCA/ECA, each Association fields two teams with RDCA selecting one comprising Trollope players and another from Wilkins/Newey group.

The Trollope group comprised: Marcus Adams (C), Matthew King, Davie Johnson, Leigh Jones, Chris Noy, Glyn James, Tim Hall, Luke Ridgewell, Brad Wadsworth, Nasir Shafiq, Jarryd Hotchkins, James Belli.

RDCA 7/151 (Matt King 57, Dave Johnson 33) defeated BHRCA 9/106 (Luke Ridgewell 4/19, Nasir Shafiq 3/20)

RDCA 7/111 (Chris Noy 44, Leigh Jones 20) defeated ECA 9/92 (Tim Hall 3/18, Dave Johnson 2/18, Nasir Shafiq 2/21)

Player of the Tournament in this section was Luke Ridgewell from North Ringwood CC.

The Wilkins group comprised: Henry Cunningham, John Cunningham, Craig O'Brien, Andy Evans, Rob Clarke, Blake Smith, Chris Moorhouse, Marcus Baxter, Chris Springett, Ryan Sykes, Sean Humphrey, Keiran Perkins.

BHRCA 9/143 (Rob Clarke 4/27, Blake Smith 2/23) defeated RDCA 7/115 (Blake Smith 40, Chris Moorhouse 22no)

RDCA 2/114 (Chris Springett 53no, Keiran Perkins 44) def ECA 7/112 (Blake Smith 2/9, Rob Clarke 2/21)

NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

The following players represented the RDCA in the Vic Metro Cricket Union's Under 21 competition played in November/December.

Ben Hastie (capt)	Norwood	Matthew Sansom	Norwood
Jake Cairns	St. Andrews	Cameron Sharpe	St Andrews
Callum McKenzie	St Andrews	Ryan Murray	Scoresby Ferndale
Justin Laughlin	Bayswater Park	Keiran Perkins	Montrose
Jackson Ford	Wonga Park	Jayden Bishop	Croydon North
Troy Gstrein	Bayswater Park	Brendan Leis	North Ringwood
Brad Wadsworth	Ainslie Park	Daniel Xantidis	North Ringwood
Lincoln Wong	Templeton	Joshua White	Wonga Park
Jack Pollard	Templeton		

Results

Rd.1 RDCA 7/218 (McKenzie 79, Perkins 52, Hastie 26) defeated Diamond Valley 9/157 (Murray 2/8, Xantidis 2/15)

Rd.2 RDCA 5/170(Hastie 49, Laughlin 43no) lost to Dandenong 9/174 (Gstrein 3/32, Laughlin 2/28)

Rd.3 RDCA 98 (Perkins 27, Laughlin 22) lost to Southern District & Churches 4/188

Rd.4 RDCA 9/119 (Ford 46) lost to Eastern 0/121

Annual RDCA “All Stars” vs Ringwood Rams

The RDCA team comprised: Marcus Adams (c), Matthew King, Davie Johnson, Josh Barrett, Cam Smith, Michael King, Leigh Jones, Michael McDonald, Glyn James, Tim Hall, Luke Ridgwell, Ben Hastie and Justin Maconchie.

Scorebook read as follows:

Ringwood innings

A. Dehmel	s McDonald b Adams	46
J Freeman	s McDonald b Adams	37
T Stray	c Johnson b Adams	25
JBlain	s McDonald b Hall	12
J Loorham	not out	17
T Baker	not out	11
Extras		8
Total		4/156

Bowling: Ridgwell 2-0/21, Johnson 2-0/9, James 3-0/20, Jones 2-0/18, Hall 4-1/31, Maconchie 3-0/25, Adams 4-3/26

RDCA innings

Johnson	caught behind	0
Matt King	caught behind	6
Barrett	bowled	37
Smith	caught behind	0
Michael King	lbw	0
Hastie	caught	7
Adams	caught	13
Jones	caught	1
McDonald	caught & bowled	2
Hall	not out	3
James	bowled	8
Extras		2
Total		85

Bowling: Topp 2-1/3, Fotia 2-1/9, Baker 2-0/13, Cuthbert 2-2/1, King 3-0/17, Ashton 3-2/24, Freeman 2-1/4, Stray 2-2/13, Dehmel 1-1/2

Acknowledgement

The Board of Management of the Ringwood & District Cricket Association extends its congratulations to Bill Wilkins for the recognition (Order of Australia – OAM) bestowed upon him in the 2013 Queens Birthday Honours List.

Bill received the award for services to the community and the City of Maroondah and by extension we think that takes into account his long involvement with the RDCA, where his contribution to the Association has extended to many areas and been greatly appreciated.

In the eyes of the extended RDCA cricket family, Bill is a recognized institution and I am sure all join with us in saying that he was thoroughly deserving of the OAM.

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