

ANNUAL REPORT AS AT
30TH JUNE, 1959

I have to report:

The 1958/59 season maintained the satisfactory progress of the Association, with some clubs, namely East Ringwood, Kilsyth and Croydon & Heathmont fielding teams in all four sections. During 1958/59 the following number of teams competed in our Competition:

"A" Grade	-	14 teams
"B" Grade	-	14 teams
"C" Grade	-	12 teams
"D" Grade	-	14 teams
TOTAL		<u>54 teams</u>

This was an increase of 4 teams compared with the previous season.

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD

--- Meetings were held during the 1958/59 season as follows:-

General Meetings	-	4
Executive Meetings	-	7

UMPIRES COMMITTEE

This Committee continued to function successfully during the 1958/59 season. A few new members were welcomed but unfortunately some older ones were lost, leaving the net position as far as numbers were concerned very much the same as in the previous season. It is to be hoped that all members of the Association will do their utmost to increase the membership of this most Committee. During the season many complaints were voiced (including one official protest) over incidents which could not have occurred if official umpires had been in attendance. To alleviate the position only one umpire was allotted to "B" Grade matches, in lieu of the usual two. This allowed twice the number of "B" Grade matches to be umpired officially, but the only really satisfactory solution is for the Umpires Committee to be numerically strong enough to provide umpires at all matches under the control of this Association.

The R.D.C.A. are again indebted to Messrs R. Johnston and R. Evans, President and Secretary respectively of the Committee for their sterling services on our behalf.

INTER ASSOCIATION MATCHES

On Australia Day 26th January, 1959 we played 3 inter-Association matches namely:-

- (1) Against Northern Suburban District Association at Croydon, the team being managed by Mr. R. Bisset and captained by Mr. A. Chandler (Boronia)
- (2) Against Fern Tree Gully Association at Fern Tree Gully, managed by Mr. W. Barkway and captained by Mr. R. Baldwin (Kilsyth)
- (3) Our Juniors against Box Hill Reporter District Association Juniors at Blackburn, managed by Mr. M. Cooper and captained by Brian Hodgson (East).

The R.D.C.A. were unsuccessful in the senior matches, losing the match against the Northern Suburban District by only one run. The Juniors however held up our prestige with a comfortable win.

JUNIOR COACHING SCHEME

During 1958/59 the Junior Coaching scheme sponsored by the Victorian Cricket Association was commenced with Richmond and Camberwell clubs having the responsibility of our districts. Cordial relationships were established with these clubs who each toured our grounds during separate Saturday mornings. A subsequent film evening sponsored by the Richmond Club received very poor report from our juniors and was a disappointment to your Executive who organised the function. At time of writing this report, discussions are taking place between the V.C.A., District and Sub-District Clubs and Junior Associations in an endeavour to assist the coaching scheme and it is hoped that Clubs within the R.D.C.A. will take the opportunity afforded to the juniors by this Scheme.

DONATIONS

The following donors are thanked for their generous assistance

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CRICKET DURING 1958/59

Premiership Pennants were won by the following clubs:-

"A" GRADE	-	Lilydale
"B" GRADE	-	Croydon Footballers
"C" GRADE	-	East Ringwood
"D" GRADE	-	East Ringwood

The Association offers congratulations to the players and officials of these four successful clubs.

In addition we congratulate the following teams who reached the final four in their respective grades:

"A" GRADE	-	Kilsyth (Runners up)
		Croydon
		East Ringwood
"B" GRADE	-	East Ringwood (Runners up)
		South Warrandyte
		Kilsyth
"C" GRADE	-	Croydon Footballers (Runners up)
		Kilsyth
		Wonga Park
"D" GRADE	-	Boronia (Runners up)
		North Ringwood
		Croydon.

TROPHY WINNERS

The Association offers congratulations to the following trophy winners for their performances with the bat and ball:

<u>BATTING</u>			
"A" GRADE	Mr. F. Rogers	(North Ringwood)	71.2
"B" GRADE	Mr. J. Payne	(Croydon Footballers)	50.7
"C" GRADE	Mr. F. Palmer	(East Ringwood)	31.5
"D" GRADE	Mr. P. Cutter	(Croydon United)	62.6

<u>BOWLING</u>			
"A" GRADE	Mr. Laurie Bentley	(Montrose)	7.99
"B" GRADE	Mr. A. Neal	(East Ringwood)	5.81
"C" GRADE	Mr. D. Smith	(Croydon Footballers)	7.02
"D" GRADE	Mr. A. Francis	(Boronia)	3.16

In conclusion I take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to all those who assisted me during the past season and particularly our President, Mr. L. Salvana, our Hon. Treasurer Mr. R. Bisset whose financial summary is the subject of a separate report and all other members of the Executive Committee whose untiring efforts for the Association are unrewarded except for the knowledge of a job well done.

F.V. BIBBY
Hon. Secretary