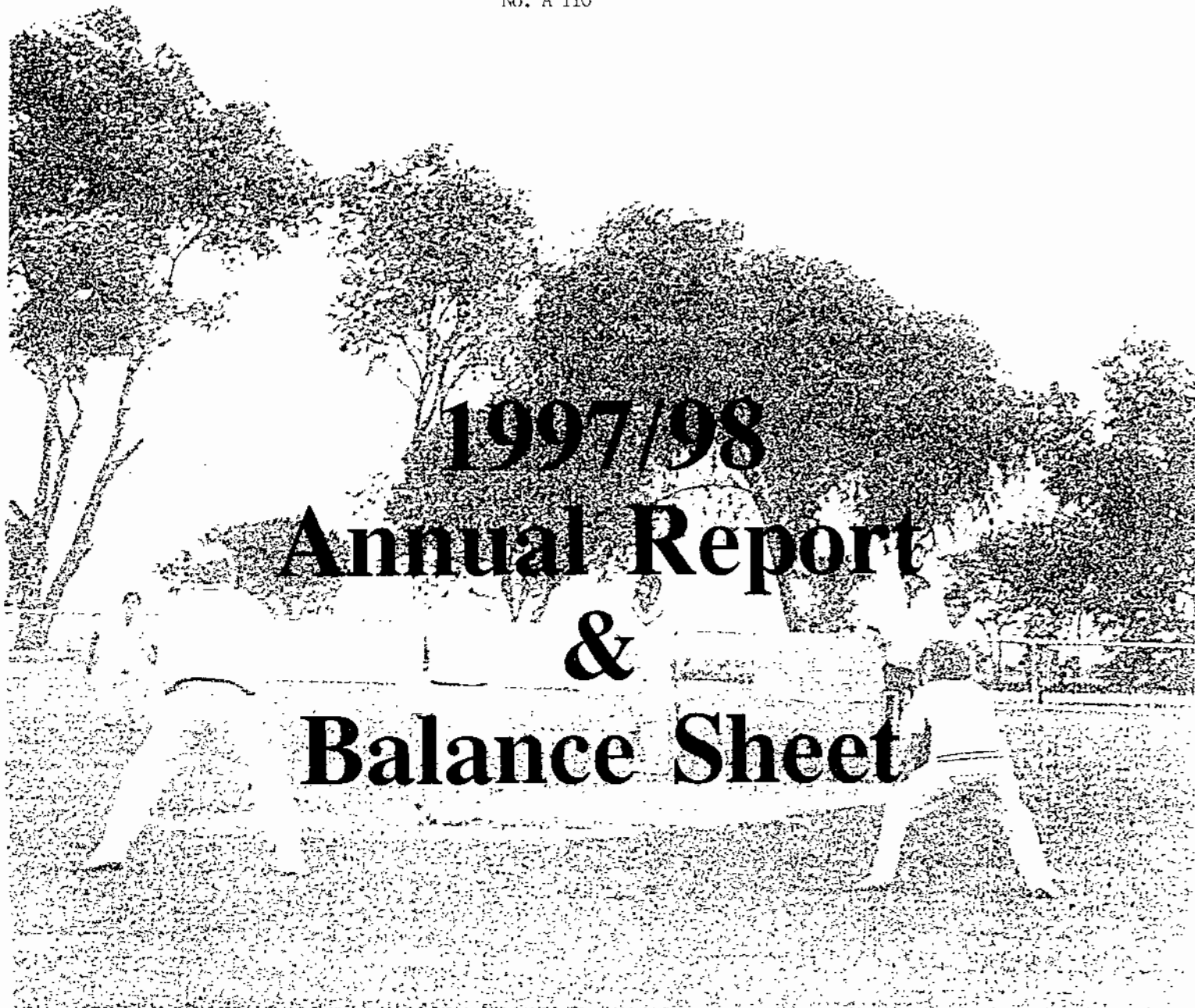


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CHANDLER SHIELD SEMI FINALS ACTION



ON the back foot: Craydon North batsman Adam Hill faces up to South Ringwood bowler Gavin Barr in RDCA Chandler Shield semi-final action on Saturday. Results from the RDCA semi-finals were not available at the time the Express went to print.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 1997/98 cricket season was again one of change to the Association, as we experienced the loss of the senior division of the Scoresby club while the Glen Park members decided to disband. This required a recasting of the grading system from A Grade downwards resulting in three clubs namely Olinda, Eastfield and South Warrandyte having their first eleven competing in B Grade. The balance of the B Grade comprised second elevens from 9 of the A grade clubs. This was considered by the Executive, to be the best least disruptive option to the whole competition.

The three affected clubs accepted their situation and to their credit all finished in the top four of B Grade with Olinda reaching the Grand Final. The grading system which applied in the season under review will continue in the 98/99 season. The decision of Croydon United and Croydon Hockeyers to merge into a new club may create some minor variation to the grading structure.

Congratulations are again extended to Croydon North who came from third place on the ladder to repeat their 1996/97 Chandler 1 success against Ferntree Gully. Templeton earned promotion to Chandler Shield in 98/99 when they defeated East Ringwood in a nail biter A Grade grand final. With great player depth and a strong and virile administration, Templeton will prove a worthy member of the top grade. The final series enjoyed good weather, good cricket and generally an excellent spirit of sportsmanship.

At the end of the season almost 5000 people were registered as players with the RDCA. You will recall that, at the end of the 96/97 season a complete review was made of the membership list which saw some 3000 names being omitted. Those who had not participated in a game in the previous season were deleted. Approximately 1300 new people were added to the player lists in 1997/98, thus indicating a high interest in the cricket in our area.

Much of this comes from our very active junior competition, which showed a substantial increase in its membership base despite a downward trend in some other sports and other cricket associations. All thinking cricketers realise that a strong under age competition is essential for the continued development of cricket at our level and we are indeed fortunate to have a dedicated team of experienced and enthusiastic people on our junior executive and in our clubs.

Ian Spencer has indicated he will not be continuing as President of the Junior section and we extend to Ian our grateful thanks for the wonderful service given to the juniors of the RDCA during his period as President.

Early in the season we expressed disappointment with the coverage given by the local press to the Association. However, following approaches to both main groups the coverage improved vastly as the season progressed. It was good to see one group which did not provide any coverage in the 96/97 season, give reasonable space in their papers, particularly in those printed for the Maroondah and Yarra Ranges municipalities. The Executive will continue to press for this coverage to improve further next season. While there are other ways of distributing information to clubs and players the publicity generated by details provided in the local press is invaluable.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont.

One of the most positive outcomes of the recent changes on local government has been the planning that the Councils are giving to the upgrading of our sporting records, so that maintenance is reduced while the playing surface is improved and better conditions prevail for the whole season.

During the season our fixtures were disrupted while several of our top ovals underwent extensive upgrades. It is understood that a number of other grounds have been listed for major works over the next few seasons. Clubs should make representations to their respective councils to ensure that an appropriate priority is set for the work to minimise the interruption to the cricket season. The Executive will assist where possible with discussions with Councils.

My thanks to members of the Executive for their continued hard work and interest. We welcomed Russell Jenzen on to the Committee and his experience coupled with his enthusiasm enabled him to contribute solidly to the work of the Executive.

I expressed my thanks to the Pascoe family for their continued work for the Association in the social area, score reception, press reporting and in regard to Steve his assistance to me as vice-president. The Newey family are among our hardest workers, covering the registration and financial aspects of the Association with flair and gusto.

We continue to reap the harvest of the steady, reliable organising work of our Secretary. I am certain that our success and good reputation of is assisted by the administration work Lindsay , who makes himself available at all hours to respond to your concerns and queries. We are fortunate to have Lindsay as our secretary, because his wide cricket experience and deep love of the game and his desire to make the game as enjoyable as possible for every member of the Association.

My personal thanks to each of the Executive members for their input at the meetings and to their contribution to the smooth operation of the RDCA.

I look back on the 97/98 season with a warm sense of enjoyment because of the keen competition and good sportsmanship that existed during the season.

I look forward to future cricket seasons with confidence knowing that our administration is the best in the business, we have a solid financial and membership base and perhaps, most importantly, an increasing number of under age players participating in the various grades.

Bill Wilkins

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 78th Annual Meeting held in the Ainslie Park clubrooms on 20 August officially commenced the 1997/98 season of the RDCA. Bill Wilkins was re-elected as President for the 10th successive year.

As indicated in Bill's report the loss of two clubs caused a restructure of all grades below Chandler. In retrospect this probably provided a more competitive season in many of the lower grades. When the last ball was bowled on 15 March, all agreed that this was the least interrupted season, weatherwise, in the past 30 years. It is interesting to note that the one day competition has grown to 16 teams since its inception two seasons ago when 6 teams competed.

The agreement with Kookaburra for the exclusive use of the company's balls reached its third and final year. The number of complaints received was the lowest in the three seasons. The Executive will consider all offers received for the supply of cricket balls for the forthcoming seasons.

One of the major achievements of the season was actually accomplished prior to its commencement. I refer to the revision of the rule book which was officially adopted at the AGM. The new layout makes it far easier to follow.

Croydon North continued its dominance of the Chandler grade with another premiership while Templeton will play in the top grade for the first time in 98/99, following its narrow win in the A Grade grand final. Details of all Grand Finals appear in the appropriate section of this book.

The Tribunal and Investigation Committee met on 2 occasions during the season and two players received suspension of 2 matches while a further 2 players accepted a 2 match suspension in lieu of a tribunal hearing. The Investigation Committee suspended 11 players for a total of 44 weeks (4 weeks each) for a breach of the rules in relation to the use of alcoholic drinks during the hours of play. 13 players were named for breaches of the Code of Conduct (the lowest since the code was introduced in 1993/94).

Two clubs sought leave to appeal to the CUOV against decisions of the RDCA Committee. Leave was granted but the Union refused each appeal.

Members of the Executive again managed the affairs of the Association with great professionalism and expertise.

As indicated above, Bill Wilkins completed a decade as President of the Association. As I have mentioned in other reports, Bill's vast experience in local government has proved invaluable to the Association. You will have read in his report the extensive amount of ground worked which have been undertaken and Bill has been able to provide his expertise in many cases. It is hoped that when Bill decides to move from the presidency, he will continue to assist the RDCA in this area. Thanks are extended to Bill for his leadership of the Association and the Executive.

Steve Pascoe remained as Bill's deputy and on a number of occasions stepped into the President's role when Bill was unable to be present. Steve is a strong advocate for players to be given the opportunity to play their cricket in the best possible conditions, but he is also firmly of the view that clubs and their players must follow the rules or suffer the consequences.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT cont.

Ann Pascoe continued with her role as Social Convener and the success of the functions each season is proof of her organising ability. Ann also helps Rachelle with the phone scores.

Joan and Stuart Newey form another family combination as Treasurer and Registration Secretary, although at most times they are assisting each other with their respective roles. Stuart, of course, as part of his role with the Association is in control of the computer. Stuart's business expertise, particular in the finance area, has made his contribution to the RDCA most invaluable over a period now 20 years.

The Match Committee comprises Neil Tull (Chairman), David Beatty, Adrian Brush and Russell Jenzen. David concentrates his activities on the Under 18 and Under 21 squads and he shows exceptional enthusiasm and dedication in relation to the management and training of these two squads. Neil also assists David with the above mentioned squads. Neil with Adrian and Russell have control over the selection and management of the senior squad. They are also responsible for the selection of the All Stars team. Further details are outlined in other sections of the report.

As mentioned in the Presidents report, the Executive appointed one of its number, the Chairman of the RDCA Umpires Association. John Tynan accepted the position without hesitation and members of the Executive were of the opinion that it allowed for a greater exchange of views between the two bodies. John appointment was widely accepted by the umpires. Pat Meehan, although not umpiring in the 97/98 season, continued as Secretary and his contribution to the RDCA Executive and to the umpires over an extended period has been invaluable. Pat has decided to step down from his position but is keen to continue his membership of the Executive.

Ian Spencer continued as Junior Representative in his role as President of that Administration. Ian is a strong advocate of the need for a strong junior group to ensure the future viability of the RDCA. The number of Association activities undertaken by his Committee on behalf of all under-age players is quite remarkable and the success of the representative teams is proof of the commitment provided by Ian and his Committee. Due to some other pressing cricket priorities Ian is standing down from the Presidency at the next AGM. His presence will be sorely missed.

Of course, as well as their concentration on the areas referred to above, all members are part of your elected executive which looks at all matters relating to the operation of the Ringwood and District Cricket Association. I thank them personally for the assistance they give to me as the Secretary of this Association.

Twenty years (1968 - 1988) as President and now ten years as Patron is the record of William Dean OAM JP. Prior to that Bill was Social Secretary and a member of the Executive, so we are approaching 40 years of service to the RDCA. Bill, as well as being Patron, is very active in the Veterans area and also is seen as a strong advocate of the Junior section of our Association. Bill, as he did during his time as President, spends the greater part of his Saturdays during the cricket season at different games throughout all the grades. We look forward to his continued involvement in the Association for many years.

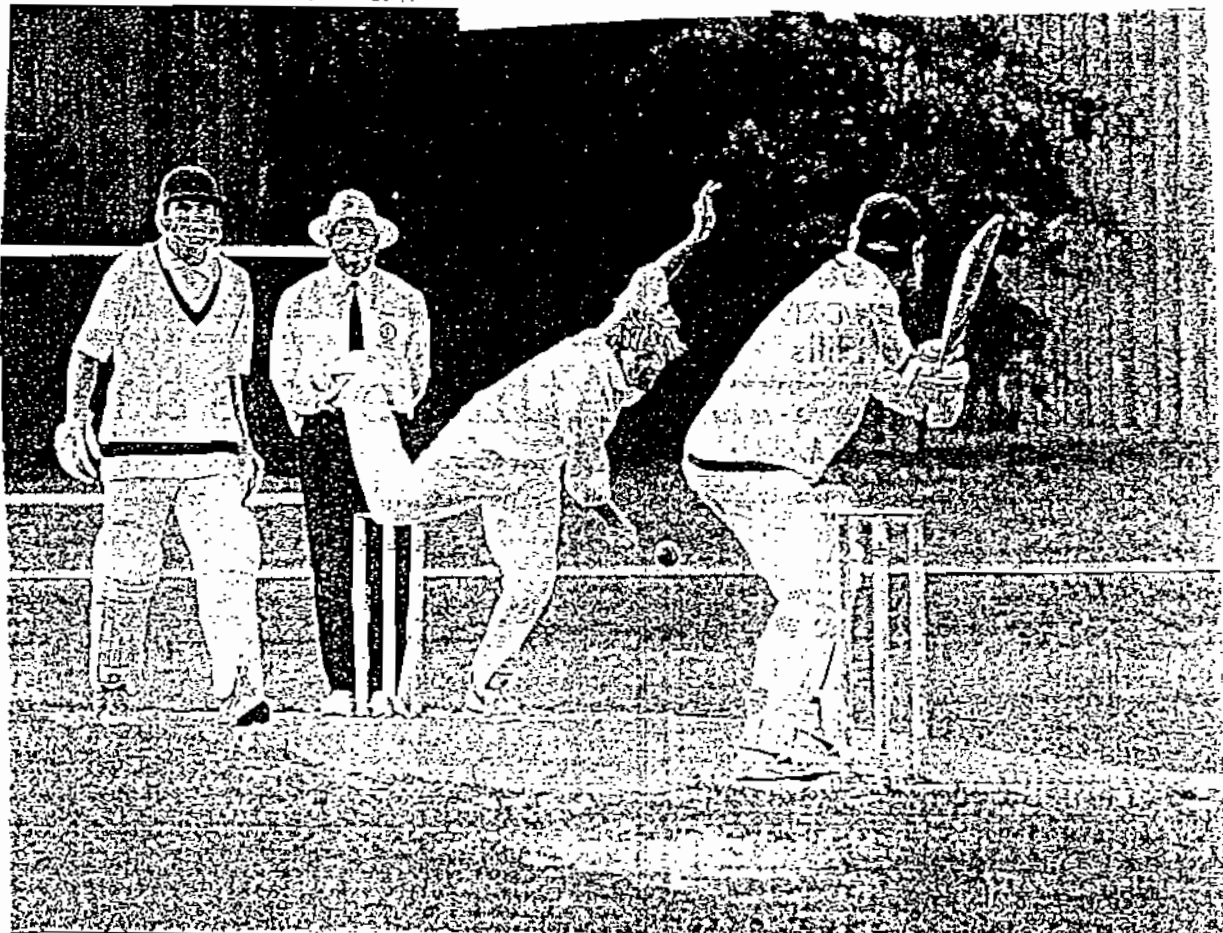
GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT cont.

Ken Johnston and Brian Gobbi were again elected as President and Secretary of the Veterans Association. This competition which now has grown to 4 grades is probably the most successful Veterans Cricket Competition in this state if not Australia. Clubs from other Associations have also joined the Sunday competition and its continued growth is a tribute to those who had the necessary foresight in the earlier years. A separate report is provided elsewhere together with some details of the South African "Golden Oldies" tour.

I express my gratitude to club secretaries and other officials for the assistance during the season and their general adherence to the timetable for the receipt of information required at various times during the season.

We all look forward to the 98/99 cricket season.

Lindsay Trollope



In the attack: Ferntree Gully's Andrew Downs enjoyed a tough battle against Croydon batsman David Jacquier on Saturday. Robert Arbuckle watches on from the non-striker's end. Picture: NICKI CONNOLLY.

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REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

I believe that the standard of service we provided to the clubs during the 1997/89 season was vastly superior to what we have been able to provide over recent seasons. This has been endorsed by the comments I have had passed on to me by club officials and members.

Having said this, the standard of service we deliver to you depends very much on the completeness, timeliness and accuracy of the data provided by you and so, on behalf of the Association, I thank you for your support in this regard.

Some season statistics:

- 34 clubs participating
- 5102 players registered
- 145 senior teams registered
- 147 junior teams registered
- 94 clearances processed
- 1 meeting of the Permit Committee

Again on behalf of the Association and myself, I thank Joan and my family for their support and assistance given to me in the performance of the functions associated with this position.

Stuart Newey



Bats ablaze: Norwood's Nick Williams thrashed a hard hitting 96 against Parkwood on Saturday. Picture: CHRIS EASTMAN.

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

Following a decision by the RDCA Executive to strengthen the relationship between the Executive and the Umpires Association, John Tynan was appointed to the position of Chairperson with Martin Pruyers as his deputy. David Rashleigh continued as Umpires Adviser.

As has been the trend of recent years, the number of umpires on the panel was reduced to 36. Among the 12 retirees were long serving Chandler umpires in Paul Denton, John Hansen and Pat Meehan while our longest serving umpire Doug Manning also decided to hang up his boots. It is difficult to replace that experience, but it provided the opportunity to many umpires to meet the challenge of standing at the top level. The following new umpires were welcomed - Russell Bennett, Kevin Benson, Russell Davison, Brad Goldfinch, Robert Irving, Bob Larter, Wayne Leech, David Lemin and Ron Wilson. It was good to see Bill Sutherland back after a major operation. Two umpires were provided for all Chandler 1 and A Grade matches.

The umpires again officiated at junior representative games, IACC and Mitchell Shield carnivals. My thanks to those who volunteered for the above matches. Thanks are extended to clubs who provided umpires for the semi-final matches. For the first time in many seasons we were able to provide two umpires in every grade.

Congratulations to all medal winners, trophy winners and premiers on their success this season. I extend our thanks to the captains, ladies and club members for their efforts and hospitality, before, during and after the game. A special thanks to all scorers for their dedication and assistance to umpires. My personal thanks is extended to John Martin, RDCA Delegate Gerald Giles and Training Officer Colin Hill who assisted David Rashleigh in the training of new umpires. Special thanks to David for his tireless outstanding efforts in dealing with appointments, captain's queries, his advice to umpires which included travelling to many games each Saturday. David is appreciated by all involved with the RDCA.

My gratitude is also expressed to the RDCA Executive for their continued assistance (especially Lindsay Trollope). I was also pleased to represent the RDCA on the VCA Eastern Zone Cricket Council.

Lastly, let me thank my fellow umpires for their dedication, enthusiasm, assistance and support during the season. Although players sometimes are critical of performances during the season we must consider how would the matches be without umpires. Their support in attending the monthly meetings in large numbers is also appreciated. I urge all retiring players and/or officials to consider joining the umpire ranks in 1998/99. In most instances retired players make good umpires.

I have decided that I will not be seeking reappointment as Secretary next season (after 10 years with the RDCA umpires) and I wish all involved with the Association all the best for the future. I leave with many fond memories as both a player and umpire.

Pat Meehan

CRICKET UNION OF VICTORIA - DELEGATE'S REPORT

The Union oversees the operation of all junior cricket in Victoria to ensure that the proper recognition is given to Associations such as the RDCA for the work that they play in the development of cricket at the grassroots level.

The Union is active in the organisation of various cricket carnivals ranging from the Under 21 competition played from November to February each season to the under 12, under 14 and under 16 carnivals played during the school holiday period in January. Scorebooks were again provided at a most competitive price but at this stage it is not certain whether this service will continue in 98/99 as many Associations have opted to use other books.

The VCA Facilities Fund is administered by the CUOV and the Association strongly recommends the fund. The Union is also developing its own grant scheme details of which were sent to clubs during the last season.

Lindsay Trollope

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The activities of the Match Committee centre on two things. Selection and management of the representative teams in the senior, under 21 and under 18 divisions. Under the chairmanship of Neil Tull the senior selection is undertaken by Adrian Brush and Russell Jenzen while David Beatty looks after this area for the other two teams.

The senior team played one game against Box Hill Reporter at Hughes Park for the Maddocks Shield and we lost by a very narrow margin.

The Under 21 team played in the CUOV carnival but only had limited success with one win and two losses which meant that they failed to make the finals.

The Under 18 team however won all its three games and the form showed by a number of players augers well for the under 21 and senior teams in future years.

The second thing the Committee looks after is the selection of the All Stars team. The selected players received recognition at the Annual Presentation Dinner.

The work undertaken by all four members of the Committee is greatly appreciated. Special mention must be made to David Beatty who spends countless hours with both the under 21 and under 18 teams and a just reward would be the winning of the Wright Shield for the premier team in the CUOV under 21 competition. David is very keen on the chances in the next couple of years.

Scores in all the games and the players involved are included in a later part of this report.

Lindsay Trollope

**JUNIOR
ASSOCIATION**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Unlike the previous season, the weather god was extremely good to us with only one days play interrupted.

Unfortunately that day was our "grading" rounds and the inability to get results made the determinations on whether teams should be moved to other divisions somewhat clouded. This process is very subjective and at times clubs are not in the respective divisions were relatively even in standard.

Premiership are terrific to win, but in my view junior administrators have an obligation to enter teams in a division which challenges their players ability to prove the level of their game.

When I first joined the junior executive, four seasons ago, cricket was faced with a real challenge from basketball and the number of teams in the competition was diminishing.

It is therefore extremely pleasing to report that in season 97/98 there was an increase of 8 teams (to total of 148) and new registrations were up by more than 100 as compared to 96/97.

Essentially this increase is a spin off from the "Vic Hit/Milo have a go" program and those clubs who have embraced and worked very hard with this concept have and will continue to reap considerable benefits from their efforts. Clubs that have not yet become involved are urged to give it serious consideration.

A consequence of the increase in teams is a shortage of ground availability .Clubs should be on notice that the Junior Committee, perhaps as soon as next season, will have to schedule games on a Friday night and/or Sunday morning.

In keeping with the Rule that it is now compulsory for clubs to have a certain number of accredited coaches we arranged the conduct of courses prior to, and during, the season. The response was again positive and in excess of forty people obtained accreditation. Thanks to the generosity of the RDCA Veterans Association and the VCA there was no cost passed to the clubs and/or participants.

In last years annual report I wrote that a disturbing aspect of the season 96/97 was the number of instances that necessitated a penalty for breaches of the rules and/or procedures and the club administrators were asked to make a big effort to improve in this area. I would like to report that the result was positive but, in fact, it was quite the opposite and extremely disappointing.

Whilst no longer on the Junior Committee , I will continue to have some involvement with juniors at club level and looking forward to continuing contact with many of you in forthcoming seasons.

IAN SPENCER

SECRETARY REPORT

The season opened back in the depths of a cold night in June when the Association revamped the Junior rules to the hardy few who attended the night. The Association appreciates the effort of those in attendance.

The grading committee had another difficult task of placing the teams into the correct grades from the information received from the Junior Administrators. This committee had accessed all the teams and the players within those teams to obtain a balanced competition for the Association.

With the assistance from the Junior Administrators the Association would not be able to run as efficiently as it does . But there were a few isolated instances where this was not the case and the Junior players are the ones that were unable to reach their potential.

To the people who committed there time and effort in administrating the Inter-Association and carnival matches the Association appreciate your dedication. To the players who participated in these squads the experience gained at playing at the next level above club matches has been invaluable. To the players who tried out but did not gain selection don't be disappointed and try again next season.

The season itself ran smoothly with only a minor problem when the weather intervened in the grading round .The number of grounds which were unavailable due to different circumstances made it difficult to program the draw. The evenness of the draw was highlighted where in one division three clubs entered the finals in the last game of the home and away series .

The final series was an outstanding success with the contribution from the volunteer umpires and official RDCA umpires who officiated in the under 16-1. The number of clubs who support the Junior Final series by their seniors volunteering to participate is left to few and this needs to be addressed in the coming season.

In closing I would like to thank the Committee for all the hard work and dedication throughout the season which made the task of secretary much easier . I am not seeking re-election as secretary but will continue in a different role next season . My thanks goes out to all the Junior Administrators for their support through my term as secretary .

Congratulation to all the premierships and the individual RDCA award winners.

JEFF LUSCOMBE

JUNIOR RESULT SECRETARY REPORT

The result sheets were quite good this season . We did have a large proportion of new administrators this season and they performed fairly well. A total of 8 teams had points deducted .One club suffered this fate four times. Late result sheets were still a problem with junior administrators having to delegate the sheets to a another person and they do on deliver the sheets in the specified times. Other mistakes are on the away portion of the result sheets where the away team leaves it to the home side to fill in .

In conclusion I would like to thank all my fellow Junior committee members who have helped so much this season and to congratulate all the premierships and individual RDCA award winners.

JOHN HIGGINS

RDCA RESULT SECRETARY.

ASSOCIATION AWARDS 1997-98

GRADE	BATTING	AVE	BOWLING	AVE
U16-1	Michael Masterson (Boronia)	113.0	Luke Naughtin (Parkwood)	7.25
U16-2	David Bennett (Bayswater Pk)	48.3	Matthew Wall (F.T.G.)	8.30
U16-3	Matthew Doolan (Aquinas)	69.7	David Loonstra (Aquinas)	5.50
U16-4	Allan McKenna (F.T.G.)	34.2	Paul Doughty (Mooroolbark)	7.41
U14-1	Matthew Coughlan (Chirnside Pk)	41.7	Scott Minetti (Ainslie Pk)	4.94
U14-2	Michael Edwards (Croydon Hock)	114.5	Timothy Driscoll (Boronia)	7.50
U14-3	Matthew Gamble (Warrandyte)	60.8	Matthew Gamble (Warrandyte)	4.36
U14-4	Trevor Timmers (Parkwood)	66.5	Adam Manders (Croydon Nth)	4.96
U12-1	Cameron Mitchell (Mooroolbark)	47.2	Darren Jordan (Nth Ringwood)	7.59
U12-2	Luke Corden (Lilydale)	97.5	Matthew King (Ringwood)	3.00
U12-3	David Wildsmith (Nth Ringwood)	87.5	Shero May (Boronia)	5.50
U12-4	Mark Gower (Nth Ringwood)	43.3	Rodney Kaing (Ainslie Pk)	5.70

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

U16-1	Steve Garrett (Parkwood)	U14-1	Stuart Locke (Croydon)
U16-2	David Goody (Heathmont)	U14-2	Stephen Farquar (Lilydale)
U16-3	Michael Addison (Wantirna Sth)	U14-3	Alec Nyhuis (Sth Warrandyte)
U16-4	David George (Templeton)	U14-4	Tom Naughtin (Parkwood)
U12-1	Matt Leckie (Croydon Hock)		
U12-2	Mark Simpson (Scoresby)		
U12-3	Steven Wotherspoon (Sth Warrandyte)		
U12-4	Adam Spink (Nth Ringwood)		

VETERANS

VETERANS REPORT 1997/98

The tenth season has been completed very successfully . Only one forfeit occurred from the 111 games played , and that was due to a mix up of grounds . Thanks to all the coordinators for meeting their commitment to the Veterans competition .

We have been free of unsociable conduct for ten years , unfortunately Bayswater Park Vets were involved in a dissappointing situation in their Grand Final , which we are assured will not occur again.

The 30 sides (an increase from 24) enjoyed wonderful weather all year and no games were lost from weather . We welcomed new clubs LowerEltham & Panton Hills this year and they fitted in very well . Previous clubs , Croydon North , Norwood and WongaPark all returned .

The Inter-association game is the highlight of the year and many new faces played this year . The results in both the over 40,s and over 50,s were good wins to RDCA . The games were played at Silcock ,and we thank Croydon Hockeyers for hosting the games ,at very short notice, when wet weather caused the Bayswater pitches to be unplayable . Captains Ian Spencer & AvianWilliams led two good sides with both teams playing to a very high standard . Thanks to Bill Stafford , Jeff Luscombe, Steve Pascoe and Alan Duffus for their efforts as managers and selectors.

We again had great sponsorship support from Daryl Stevens from Max Brown Real Estate Croydon ,and our new Division 4 Trophy now carries this name in recognition .We encourage all people to use his services when buying, selling or renting .

Veterans Dinner was at the Lilydale International . We had 200 people this year which was again terrific support from our cricketers, although dissappointly 8 clubs were not represented and over 20 people did not turn up which is a large cost to us if we do not recoup these entrance charges . Bill Dean and his committee were excellent . Thanks for their efforts.

It is this night and a bat raffle, again kindly donated by Callen Sports, that has allowed us to make a profit.. This profit will continue to financially support the core of cricket , (our junior cricketers) at every opportunity, and assist the cricketers that represent our Association either Interstate or Overseas.

Sixteen people represented us in South Africa ,at theGolden Oldies festival . Over 50 teams attended from all around the world. We thank these people for representing RDCA on their three week trip.

The competition standard continued to improve with all the best of the districts over 40's participating in our teams.

In Division 4 , our new division . North Ringwood , the underdogs managed to beat Ely Park at Ely Park , well done .They are the winner of the Max Brown trophy.

In Division 3 , we saw Wonga Park finish on top, undefeated , but lose to a very good team in Norwood. Both very good strong clubs returning to Vets , well done to both teams .

In Division 2, Bayswater Park won the Ken Johnston trophy from undefeated Warrandyte, which was a fine effort .

Our patrons trophy in Division 1 was won Croydon Hockeyers who finished on top . A high standard of cricket was played during the year which was generally dominated by bowlers , the reverse of the previous year . The final was the same, and it was an outstanding effort by Croydon Hockeyers to play in their 8th straight Grand Final and win their 6th Grand Final They defeated North Ringwood winners two years ago . It is hard to see why they are successfull , but this club also is one of the leading clubs socially,thanks to their ladies , and the writer believes firmly that if Veterans is played in a good social atmosphere it helps cricket .

Most clubs are now providing after match dinner which is very satisfying for players and their families, and meeting our aim to build friendships.

Whilst the year went very well , there are now many signs that we will need to look at our structure to ensure that we provide a facility that continues to be attractive to mature age cricketers. We also need to find "new blood", "new ideas" for the committee. This was written in last years report and is becoming more important each year. We will look at an Over 50's competition during the winter .

In summary, all the committee have to be thanked , narnely , Bill Dean , Ken Johnston, Bill & Marg Stafford ,Harry Sandford for his news letters, Michael Gavin , Graeme Seymour and David Stickle . We started presentations to all players that obtain a milestone of 50 games .We believe that eight years of veterans cricket deserves recognition for the support these cricketers have given veterans. We look forward to next year with hope of a further improving the competition played in a great spirit .

Our moto could be :

Strive to do our best , Never give up, and treat people with respect.

Brian Gobbi - Secretary

"OUT OF AFRICA"

Cricket in Capetown

A Ringwood District Cricket Association Veterans Team has recently returned from 22 days in Africa. The main purpose of their tour was to attend the World Golden Oldies (over 40) Cricket Festival in Capetown, South Africa from March 8th-15th. Ken Johnston President of the R.D.C.A. Veterans, was Tour Manager and Steve Pascoe Captain of the Team.

The eight day Festival attracted entries from 69 participating teams representing the following countries:- South Africa, New Zealand, Bermuda, Botswana, Canada, England, USA, Zimbabwe, Argentina, Namibia and of course Australia and in particular Victoria which was represented by two teams. The other team being The Australian Cricket Society who had as a member Phillip Opas QC who is 81 years old. Phil played for Ringwood District by invitation in Game 3 at Hermanus.

All matches were played on excellent turf pitches which resulted in three very close and exciting finishes followed by wonderful hospitality from the hosts, Western Province, Wynberg and Hermanus Cricket Clubs. The match against Western Province was scheduled for the Newlands Stadium but overnight rain and a nervous curator (the Test at Newlands was the next week) transferred the game to their No.2 ground, Impala Park, which had excellent facilities and would compare with our District grounds. The after match festivities were at Newlands where team photos were taken on the oval and the Museum visited prior to partaking of their Braai (BBQ) The RDCA inscribed Boomerang was presented to the Chairman of the Western Province Cricket Club with a request that it be displayed in a prominent position in the Museum.

Both Impala Park and the Wynberg Public High School Ground had the famous Table Mountain backdrop while the third match was played at the picturesque seaside resort of Hermanus, 130 kms south east of Capetown. Also included in the Festival week were an impressive "Opening Ceremony and Marchpast" at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, a Picnic Day at the Spier Estate Winery and the Finale Dinner for 1000 people at the Capetown Civic Centre.

Spare time was used in visiting the Cape of Good Hope, sailing on Table Bay, visiting Robben Island or taking the Cable Car to the top of the mountain. Seven Ringwood players arranged a visit to the black settlement of Langa, where they presented cricket equipment to the Junior Teams coach. They visited the village homes as well and were made most welcome.

Prior to the Cricket Festival, the group (16 in total) visited Zimbabwe, home of the famous Victoria Falls (flown over by helicopter). They cruised the Zambezi River and stayed 3 days at Safari Lodge in the Hwange Game Park where many exciting hours were spent in **very, very** close company with lions & elephants. These as well as the graceful giraffes, kudus, zebras, antelopes and numerous other wildlife were photographed from an open safari vehicle.

The week after the festival was spent travelling the Garden Route from Capetown to Port Alfred via Wilderness and Port Elizabeth. They visited the Ostrich and Cheetah breeding farms, the Cango Caves, took spectacular photos of mountain passes and enjoyed the Eastern Cape beaches before finally arriving in Durban.

Durban is a 24hour city with a holiday atmosphere and a mix of Zulu, Indian and Western cultures. Their hotel was right on the Beachfront amongst the rickshaws and the craft markets. Their final venture was a day trip to Shakaland, a Zulu village created for the filming of "Shaka, King of the Zulus", where the history and culture of the Zulu people was explained and demonstrated.

They returned home exhausted but pleased at the success of "The Tour of a Lifetime".

The next Golden Oldies World Cricket Festival will be held at Rotorua New Zealand in March of the year 2000. There will be an Interstate Carnival at Albury/Wodonga from March 21st -27th 1999.

For further information on Veterans Cricket or the Tours contact the Secretary of the Ringwood District Cricket Association Veterans Competition Mr Brian Gobbi on telephone number 9723 3131.

RDCA VETS (THE POSSUMS) STH AFRICAN TOUR 1998

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Mr Steve Pascoe (Warrandyte) 7 Mopoke Hill Road WARRANDYTE Vic 3113 Phone 9844 1213	Mrs Ann Pascoe 7 Mopoke Hill Road WARRANDYTE Vic 3113 Phone 9844 1213
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TREASURER'S REPORT

It is pleasing to report that the Association recorded a profit of \$599 for the 1997/98 cricket season after allowing \$1,000.00 for depreciation of our computer and printer.

Delegates and Members will recall that we completely reprinted our Rule Book prior to the start of the season and the cost of that exercise was in excess of \$4,000.00. We were able to finance this project without imposing any additional financial burden on clubs due to the amount of Sponsorship monies the Association received relating to the sale of cricket balls during the 1996/97 and 1997/98 seasons.

Again this season, fines and penalty fees incurred by clubs for breaches of rules were significant, representing over 6% of the Association's total income - a matter which I believe should be addressed by each club official in an effort to save club's needless additional expense.

Despite regular submission of accounts to clubs throughout the season and following completion of the season, nine clubs remain in debt to the Association for the amount of \$1,522.00 as at the close of our financial year. This means that next seasons players will have to meet debt's incurred by last seasons players and indicates less that satisfactory management of financial resources by club officials.

These clubs are reminded that all last season's accounts must be settled prior to the Association's Annual General Meeting.

Joan Newey

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY, 1998

ASSETS

Current Assets:

ANZ Trading account		7509.29
ANZ Investment account		5088.46
ANZ Term Deposit G/tee		3400.00
AQU - Aquinas		230.00
CSP - Chirnside Park		162.00
LYD - Lilydale		110.00
MOO - Mooroolbark		46.60
OLN - Olinda		30.00
STA - St Andrews		60.00
SBY - Scoresby		317.00
WAN - Wantirna		122.00
WDT - Warrandyte		381.00
WOP - Wonga Park		110.00
B & F Medallions		268.00
Cricket Balls		125.00
RDCA Caps		90.00
Rule Book Covers		1250.00
RDCA Ties		243.00
Umpires Counters		8.00
Umpires Badges		<u>55.00</u>
		19510.15

Fixed Assets

Computer & Printer		2000.00
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Other Assets

0.00

Total Assets

21510.00

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

0.00

Long term Liabilities

Bond Monies	100.00	
Guarantee Monies	<u>3400.00</u>	<u>3500.00</u>

Total Liabilities

3500.00

Equity

Retained Earnings	17410.96	
Year to date profit	<u>599.19</u>	<u>18010.15</u>

Total Liabilities and Equity

21510.15

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 1998

INCOME

Affiliation Fees	32775
Computer Fees	7920
Fines Senior Grades	839
Fines Junior Grades	1136
Fines Umpires Reports etc.	995
Interest	197
Donations/Sponsorship	6281
Late Payment fees	280
Rule Book Cover Sales	231
Umpires Subscriptions	312
Scorebook Sales	434

TOTAL INCOME \$ 51,400

EXPENDITURE

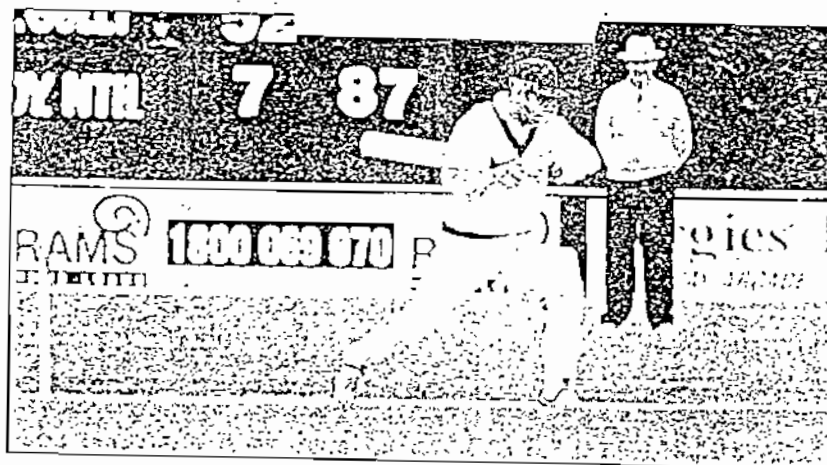
Honoraria	11700
General Secretary	1500
Senior Reg, Secretary	1400
Junior Reg. Secretary	377
Umpire's Secretary	380
Match Result Secretaries	1220
Treasurer	800
Junior Executive	564
Postage & Stationery	1095
Printing & Typing	4456
Computer processing/programming	7972
Photocopying	403
Junior Carnival	275
Ground & Hall Rental	300
Umpires fees/expenses	1830
Telephone/pager	473
Affiliation/registration fees	79
Trophies/shields/pennants	3718
Insurance	894
Bank charges	289
Sundry expense	337
Pres.Night Senior	812
Pres.Night Junior	1923
Vote Count Night	351
Catering	1077
Rule Book Amendments	1990
Miscellaneous equipment	1826
B & F Medals purchased	180
Cricket balls purchased	313
RDCA Caps purchased	1089
RDCA Ties purchased	177
Depreciation on equipment	1000

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 50800
Net income 600

\$ 51,400

1997 - 1998

THIS WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS!



Safety first: Croydon North's Darren Milo lets one pass during the RDCA final against Ferntree

FINAL LADDER

CHANDLER 1		CHANDLER 2		CHANDLER 3		CHANDLER 4	
FERNTREE GULLY	122.2	SOUTH RINGWOOD	104.2	CROYDON NORTH	100.8	WONGA PARK	128.8
SOUTH RINGWOOD	113.7	AUNSLIE PARK	103.8	AUNSLIE PARK	123.3	AUNSLIE PARK	118.0
CROYDON NORTH	110.3	KILSYTH	88.8	WONGA PARK	112.8	CROYDON NORTH	112.0
KILSYTH	88.8	WARRANDYTE	88.8	WANTRINA STH	108.9	SOUTH RINGWOOD	108.8
WANTRINA STH	81.7	CROYDON NORTH	86.5	MOOROODLBARK	108.0	KILSYTH	100.3
NORWOOD	87.8	NORWOOD	88.2	WARRANDYTE	85.1	NORTH RINGWOOD	87.2
WARRANDYTE	81.8	NORTH RINGWOOD	80.8	NORTH RINGWOOD	72.7	MOOROODLBARK	78.8
PARKWOOD	77.7	WANTRINA STH	86.4	FERNTREE GULLY	84.3	WANTRINA STH	71.8
MOOROODLBARK	78.3	WONGA PARK	76.8	NORWOOD	80.5	PARKWOOD	88.8
AUNSLIE PARK	78.2	FERNTREE GULLY	84.8	KILSYTH	80.3	NORWOOD	67.0
WONGA PARK	75.1	PARKWOOD	88.4	SOUTH RINGWOOD	44.8	FERNTREE GULLY	48.2
NORTH RINGWOOD	61.5	MOOROODLBARK	56.1	PARKWOOD	43.3	WARRANDYTE	32.2

A GRADE		B GRADE		C GRADE		D GRADE	
TEMPLETON	124.8	OLINDA	128.3	TEMPLETON	124.8	TEMPLETON	124.8
EAST RINGWOOD	123.0	EAST RINGWOOD	105.0	EAST RINGWOOD	100.2	ST ANDREWS	124.0
LILYDALE	113.2	STH WARRANDYTE	103.9	STH WARRANDYTE	98.7	EAST RINGWOOD	113.8
ST ANDREWS	103.4	EASTFIELD	85.3	WANTRINA	87.5	WANTRINA	111.8
CROYDON UNITED	89.7	TEMPLETON	84.0	KNOX CITY	87.1	KNOX CITY	111.2
MONTROSE	84.7	LILYDALE	89.7	STH CROYDON	84.0	STH WARRANDYTE	108.4
SOUTH CROYDON	84.0	STH CROYDON	80.5	BAYSWATER PARK	72.6	CROYDON HOCKEYERS	80.4
CROYDON HOCKEYERS	73.5	BAYSWATER PARK	78.8	LILYDALE	70.8	MONTROSE	88.0
BAYSWATER PARK	72.1	ST ANDREWS	71.0	OLINDA	66.8	LILYDALE	61.8
KNOX CITY	66.1	CHURNSIDE PARK	67.5	ST ANDREWS	62.8	OLINDA	59.1
WANTRINA	63.7	MONTROSE	60.1	EASTFIELD	51.4	CROYDON UNITED	58.4
CHURNSIDE PARK	58.9	CROYDON HOCKEYERS	45.8	CROYDON UNITED	50.3	CHURNSIDE PARK	33.2

E GRADE		F GRADE		G GRADE		D GRADE	
BORCKIA	122.0	WONGA PARK	136.1	WANTRINA SOUTH	134.8	AQUINAS	89
BAYSWATER PARK	127.8	EGORONIA	128.2	HEATHMONT	120.3	HEATHMONT	81
CROYDON UNITED	105.7	WANTRINA SOUTH	107.6	BAYSWATER PARK	108.9	KILSYTH	88
TEMPLETON	97.8	TEMPLETON	99.8	WONGA PARK	102.7	MONTROSE	86
KNOX CITY	86.4	CROYDON NORTH	89.7	MOOROODLBARK	81.8	MOOROODLBARK	83
EAST RINGWOOD	85.1	ST ANDREWS	88.3	TEMPLETON	82.1	FERNTREE GULLY	80
SOUTH CROYDON	81.5	PARKWOOD	81.2	ST ANDREWS	75.7	AUNSLIE PARK	70
WANTRINA	82.4	SOUTH RINGWOOD	80.5	CROYDON NORTH	85.0	WONGA PARK	64
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	64.6	EAST RINGWOOD	75.7	EGORONIA	51.6	CROYDON NORTH	54
CHURNSIDE PARK	64.6	KILSYTH	55.8	NORWOOD	33.5	PARKWOOD	43
CROYDON HOCKEYERS	49.5	KNOX CITY	38.3			NORTH RINGWOOD	43
MONTROSE	31.8	BAYSWATER PARK	27.1			WARRANDYTE	40
						CROYDON	30
						SOUTH CROYDON	24
						CROYDON HOCKEYERS	16

POSITION OF YOUR TEAM ROUND BY ROUND

CHANDLER 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Ferntree Gully	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
South Ringwood	9	5	5	6	7	5	3	3	2	2	2
Croydon North	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Kilsyth	4	4	4	5	8	4	6	6	5	4	4
Wantirna South	5	6	3	3	6	9	4	4	6	6	5
Norwood	6	3	7	4	3	3	5	5	4	5	6
Warrandyte	12	9	9	8	5	8	8	8	7	7	7
Parkwood	8	12	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	8
Mooroolbark	2	8	8	9	9	6	10	10	10	10	9
Ainslie Park	10	7	6	7	4	7	7	7	8	8	10
Wonga Park	7	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	11
North Ringwood	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
A GRADE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Templeton	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
East Ringwood	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Lilydale	4	3	3	3	3	6	4	4	3	3	3
St Andrews	10	11	8	5	9	3	7	7	6	5	4
Croydon United	11	5	7	10	10	7	5	5	7	7	5
Montrose	8	10	11	11	7	9	6	6	5	4	6
South Croydon	2	4	5	4	4	4	3	3	4	6	7
Croydon Hockeyers	7	9	10	9	12	11	11	11	9	10	8
Bayswater Park	9	7	6	7	5	5	8	8	8	8	9
Knox City	5	6	4	6	6	8	9	9	10	9	10
Wantirna	6	8	9	8	8	10	10	10	11	11	11
Chirnside Park	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12

GRAND FINALISTS 1997/98

GRADE	PREMIER	RUNNER-UP
CHANDLER 1	CROYDON NORTH	Ferntree Gully
CHANDLER 2	AINSLIE PARK	South Ringwood
CHANDLER 3	AINSLIE PARK	Croydon North
CHANDLER 4	AINSLIE PARK	Wonga Park
A GRADE	TEMPLETON	East Ringwood
B GRADE	EAST RINGWOOD	Olinda
C GRADE	EAST RINGWOOD	Wantirna
D GRADE	TEMPLETON	St Andrews
E GRADE	BORONIA	Croydon United
F GRADE	WONGA PARK	Wantirna South
G GRADE	WANTIRNA SOUTH	Bayswater Park
D GRADE	KILSYTH	Heathmont

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 - 1997/98

YEAR	CHANDLER 1	A GRADE	B GRADE
81/82	Warrandyte	Sth Croydon	Bayswater Park
82/83	Croydon United	Sth 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	Sth Croydon	Knox Gardens
89/90	Croydon North	Croydon United	Westwood
90/91	Croydon North	Wonga Park	Knox City
91/92	Croydon North	Wantirna Sth	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	Nth Ringwood	Knox City
96/97	Croydon North	Sth Ringwood	N/A
97/98	Croydon North	Templeton	East Ringwood

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS

UNDER 16

1. Sth Warrandyte
2. Bayswater
3. Lilydale
4. Mooroolbark

UNDER 14

1. Ringwood
2. Croydon North
3. Warrandyte
4. Parkwood

UNDER 12

1. Parkwood
2. Ringwood
3. Boronia
4. Nth Ringwood

VETERAN PREMIERSHIPS

SECTION 1

Croydon Hockeyers

SECTION 2

Bayswater Park

SECTION 3

Norwood

SECTION 4

North Ringwood

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES)
1966/67 - 1997-98

EAST RINGWOOD	21	[4]
WANTIRNA STH	19	[9]
CROYDON NORTH	18	[8]
WONGA PARK	18	[4]
AINSLIE PARK	17	[2]
ST ANDREWS	16	[4]
KILSYTH	16	[1]
VERMONT	15	[0]
MOOROOLBARK	14	[6]
MONTROSE	12	[3]
MT EVELYN	12	[2]
NORTH RINGWOOD	11	[4]
WARRANTYTE	11	[3]
HEATHMONT	11	[2]
BAYSWATER PARK	10	[1]
TEMPLETON	9	[2]
GLEN PARK	8	[3]
NORWOOD	8	[2]
WANTIRNA	8	[2]
CROYDON UNITED	7	[3]
BORONIA	7	[0]
LILYDALE	6	[0]
SOUTH RINGWOOD	6	[2]
CROYDON HOCKEYERS	6	[1]
SCORESBY	5	[1]
PARKWOOD	5	[2]
STH WARRANTYTE	4	[2]
KNOX CITY	4	[2]
FERNTREE GULLY	4	[2]
AQUINAS	3	[3]
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3	[2]
STH CROYDON	3	[1]
KNOX GARDENS	3	[1]
CROYDON	3	[0]
OXLEY	2	[2]
EASTFIELD	2	[1]

FIGURES IN [BRACKETS] ARE PREMIERSHIPS WON BY 1ST ELEVEN TEAMS

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Senior Team

RDCA 7/192 D.Mooney 30no, R. Knee 37no, A Luckman 37, M Unternahrer 27
Box Hill 7/193 A.Luckman 2/26, R. Knee 2/20
Box Hill won by 3 wickets to regain the Maddacks Shield

Under 21 CUOV Competition

RDCA 175 D Rochford 59, S. Moran 38, S. Johnston 23
Diamond Valley 223* D.Rochford 3/46, G. Gardam 3/27
* Diamond Valley were 2/180 at one stage.
Diamond Valley won by 48 runs

RDCA 7/162 S Johnston 36*, G. Gardam 21
City of Moorabbin 122 D.Rochford 3/15, G. Wright 3/31
*Opening stand of 87
RDCA won by 40 runs

Dandenong DCA 5/223 D.Rochford 2/42
RDCA 191 S. Johnston 59*, D.Mathias 28
* Opening stand of 87 (again)
Dandenong won by 32 runs

Under 18 Matches

Box Hill 114 C. Gunn 3/16, B. Springett 3/19, A.Williams 2/22
RDCA 5/192 R. Coutts 100no
RDCA won by 78 runs

YVCA 159 S.Barnes 3/14, W. Kiely 3/42, A. Nichol 2/15, C.Brownlee 2/29
RDCA 5/221 R.Coutts 59, L. Egan 38, > Bower 34, G.Stock 29no,
A. Davey 29, A.Hill 21,
RDCA won by 62 runs

Ringwood C.C. 9/151 A. Nichol 4/15, A. Williams 3/30
RDCA 9/236 T.Moran 108, D.Junkeer 33, L. Bowyer 26, G. Stock 26
RDCA won by 85 runs

PARTICIPATING PLAYERS

OPEN

Russell Jenzen(Capt)
Nick Bote Brown
Jason Sheppard
David Werner
Adam Luckman
Mark Unternahrer
Mark Edmonds
Andrew Spittle
Andrew Downs
David Rooney
Rod Knee
Paul Payne

UNDER 21

Steve Johnston(Capt)
Simon Moran
Brent Zerafa
Hayden Nichol
Dave Rochford
Adam Houghton
Greg Gardam
James Clyne
Dale Mathias
Sean Toohey
Ashley Waters
Gavin Wright
Mick Alderman
Paul Beatty
Scott Hill
Andrew Pennington
Ryan Coutts

UNDER 18

Ryan Coutts (Capt)
Wayne Kitley
Adam Hill
Luke Bowyer
Tim Moran
Adrian Woods
Daniel Junkeer
John Moulder
Ashley Williams
Ashley Nichol
Chris Gunn
Ben Springett
Adam Davey
Geoff Stock
Luke Egan
Cooper Brownlee
Robbie Dinezza
Sam Barnes
Paul Beatty

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

BATTING

Chandler	1	Adam Luckman	KIL	46.5
	2	Ben Springett	MOO	50.2
	3	Shane McDonnell	WOP	63.8
	4	Gary Maidment	WOP	86.8
A Grade		Chad Rogers	MTR	62.2
B Grade		Michael Scott	OLN	51.1
C Grade		Stuart McLean	STA	52.1
D Grade		Trevor Nanscawen	CHQ	51.8
E Grade		Matthew Crawley	BOR	109.6
F Grade		Keith Smith	TMP	120.0
G Grade		Tony Guy	MOO	52.5
O Grade		Greg Maclin	AQU	92.0

BOWLING

Chandler	1	Graham Salan	FTG	12.1
	2	Mark Davis	WDT	11.2
	3	Evan Lay	WOP	11.4
	4	Gary Maidment	WOP	10.0
A Grade		Craig Staggard	LYD	9.4
B Grade		Cameron Bolt	SWT	8.2
C Grade		Adam O'Neill	KNC	10.6
D Grade		Ray Wittchell	STA	10.2
E Grade		Paul Deller	KNC	6.3
F Grade		David Wood	BOR	4.6
G Grade		Peter Berkley	WOP	7.9
O Grade		Robert Dean	MTR	8.0

CHANDLER CHAMPION PLAYER

Mark Unternahrer

Croydon North

UNDER 21 BEST PLAYER

Steve Johnston

Templeton

UNDER 18 BEST PLAYER

Ryan Coutts

Wonga Park

ALL STARS TEAM

Graham Salan (C)	FTG	★
Adam Luckman	KIL	
Matt Rooks	SRW	
Ash Henry	FTG	
Mark Unternahrer	CNT	★
David Jacquier	CNT	

ALL STARS TEAM

Travis Rowe	WSO
Andrew Downs	FTG
Nick Bole Brown	WSO
Brendon O'Riley	NOW
Jim Page	SRW

FAIREST AND BEST AWARDS

BILL DEAN MEDAL (CHANDLER)

1.	T. Rowe	WSO	17
2.	M.Unternahrer	CNT	12
	A. Luckman	KIL	12
	A. Henry	FTG	12

FAIREST AND BEST AWARDS

STEVE PASCOE MEDAL (A GRADE)

1.	J. Disney	TMP	17
2.	C. Rogers	MTR	13
3.	A. Mirams	MTR	10
4.	C. Baxter	LYD	10

VOTES OBTAINED BY EACH CLUB IN FAIREST AND BEST AWARDS

BILL DEAN MEDAL

Croydon North, Ferntree Gully	40
Norwood, Wantirna South, Sth Ringwood	39
Kilsyth	39
Parkwood	34
Wonga Park	31
Warrandyte	27
Mooroolbark	24
Ainslie Park	23
North Ringwood	17

STEVE PASCOE MEDAL

Templeton	50
Lilydale	47
East Ringwood	39
Montrose	38
Croydon United	36
St Andrews	35
Bayswater Park, South Croydon	31
Knox City	24
Chirnside Park	23
Wantirna	22
Croydon Hockeyers	20

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. TEMPLETON	10.12	4. AINSLIE PARK	9.62
2. WONGA PARK	9.87	5. CROYDON NORTH	9.52
3. EAST RINGWOOD	9.63	6. SOUTH RINGWOOD	8.52

PAUL'S TOP AWARD

Popular Bayswater Park Secretary, Paul Dodd became a winner of one of the two major awards in the inaugural VCA Volunteer Awards.

Paul was the principal instigator of the proposal to extend the pavilion and improve the oval at Guy Turner Reserve which has culminated in the completion of both, bringing to the club top quality facilities.

Paul initiated the proposal when he became President of the club in 1991. Work included written and verbal communication with the Council, the co-ordination of a sub-committee to meet during construction of the pavilion and to organise volunteers. Once the pavilion was completed Paul turned his attention to the upgrading of the oval.

Paul was presented with a cheque by Bill Lawry at a function held at the MCG on 13 March.

Congratulations to Paul.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

All care has been taken in the compilation of the following information. It has been extracted from the computer records but no machine or person is infallible.

HIGHEST SCORE FOR THE SEASON

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Chandler 4	A. Buceto	Wonga Park	199

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE IN SINGLE INNINGS

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
"F"	M. Clohessy	Wantirna South	9/22

BATSMAN WHO SCORED 3 CENTURIES

M Crawley Boronia

BATSMEN WHO SCORED 2 CENTURIES

A. Luckman	Kilsyth	S. Price	Sth Ringwood
S. Mc Donell	Wonga Park	G. Maidment	Wonga Park
G. Wain	Sth Ringwood	C. Mc Gregor	Ainslie Park
B Rutz	Parkwood	T. Scott	Olinda
T. Nanscawen	Croydon Hockeyers	F. Sama	Wantirna
K. Smith	Templeton	M. Hickinbotham	Bayswater Park

8 WICKETS OR MORE IN 1 INNINGS

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
"F"	M Clohessy	Wantirna South	9/22
	S. Smith	Croydon North	8/18
	N. Whelan	Kilsyth	8/21
	R. Coon	Sth Warrandyte	8/24
Chandler 1	G. Salan	Ferntree Gully	8.37
"A"	R. Lawrence	St Andrews	8/46
	C. Downie	Kilsyth	8/68

10 WICKETS OF MORE IN 1 MATCH

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
"F"	M. Clohessy	Wantirna South	13/43
"G"	Berkeley P	Wonga Park	13/69
"E"	P. Deller	Knox City	11/56
Chandler 1	K. Trollope	Mooroolbark	11/95
"E"	B. Keys	Templeton	10/25
Chandler 1	N. Bole-Brown	Wantirna South	10/37
"D"	K. Girola	Wantirna	10/51
"D"	M. Glen	Knox City	10/75
Chandler 2	M. Davis	Warrandyte	10/77
"G"	K. Taylor	Wantirna South	10/98

CENTURIES SCORED IN EACH GAME

CHANDLER 1	6	A	9	E	10
CHANDLER 2	13	B	4	F	11
CHANDLER 3	21	C	15	G	7
CHANDLER 4	19	D	14		

TOTAL 129

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5 WICKETS OR MORE IN 1 INNINGS IN EACH GRADE

CHANDLER 1	36[4]	A	37[3]	E	22[2]
CHANDLER 2	43[5]	B	27[3]	F	30[4]
CHANDLER 3	22[2]	C	18[2]	G	22[2]
CHANDLER 4	32[3]	D	28[1]		

Figures in [brackets] indicate 6 wickets or more

In the one day grade, batsmen were compulsorily retired at 50 and bowlers restricted to a maximum of 7 overs. The following were achieved:-

No. of 50's	79	3 - 4 wickets	33	5 wickets	5
6 wickets	1 (T. Dillow, Aquinas 6/17)				
7 wickets	1 (G. Leonard, Ainslie Park 7/14)				

A COMPARISON

	95/96	96/97	97/98
Centuries	310	166	129
5 wickets +	346	353	317
200+	8	4	0
More than 1 century (no. of players)	29	8	13
8 wickets +	15	16	7
7 wickets +(more than once)	1	4	0
Highest individual score	255	256	199
Best bowling	8/36	10/56	9/22
Registered no. of players*	6519	6704	5102
Number of teams*	287	291	292

* Includes under-age teams and registered players.

THIS HAPPENED DURING THE SEASON

What again!	Croydon North comes from a losing position to repeat last season's victory over Ferntree Gully. The Northerners have now won 7 of the last 11 Chandler 1 Premierships.
This time we did it.	After the disappointment of 1996/97, Templeton win a thrilling A Grade flag against East Ringwood and will compete in Chandler for the first time in 1998/99.
Wickets and Runs	In the 2nd round Chandler 1 between Kilsyth and South Ringwood, 16 wickets fell for only 181 runs on the first day. The second day produced an incredible 434 runs for the loss of only 15 wickets. Kilsyth's Adam Luckman blasted 151 n.o. in less than even time but Sth Ringwood held on to win an amazing game.
First Season Triumph: (well almost)	South Ringwood's 2nd position in the Chandler 1 ladder at the end of the home & home series was the best performance from a team in its first season after being promoted since Croydon United's first place in 1990/91.
300 Games & more to come	Bayswater Park's Con Mc Loughlin has served the club as President, Junior Coach and committee person since he joined the club in 1969. In the final round of the 97/98 season Con played his 300th game with the club.

THIS TAIL WAGGED

In the final round of the season Mooroolbark Chandler 1 team needed to win to make certain of remaining in the top grade. When the 9th wicket fell the score stood at 126 but an unfinished 10th wicket stand took the score to 222 at stumps, which proved too many for Norwood.

THIS ONE DID NOT.

In the under 12 [1] semi final Parkwood versus North Ringwood, North Ringwood were 1/151 chasing 8/167 and the game was seemingly all over. Not so as in an amazing collapse North Ringwood lost 9/16 to tie the game. As Parkwood were the higher team on the ladder they moved into the Grand Final in which they scored a convincing victory over Wonga Park.

(Reported by John Anderson in the Herald Sun of 27/3)

BY THE WAY

- of the 12 teams which headed the ladder at the end of the home and home series, 10 went on to play in the Grand Finals, but only 5 were successful in winning the premiership.
- the difference in premiership points between the top and bottom teams in Chandler 1 was 60.7 compares with 83.2 in 96/97
- Croydon North led the Chandler ' ladder after the first round but Ferntree Gully took over the position and held it till the end of the normal rounds. In A Grade Templeton led the field for the first 3 rounds and also at the end of the 11th round, East Ringwood was number 1 for rounds 4 to 10
- Ferntree Gully and Croydon North were in the top four at the completion of each round of Chandler 1, while Templeton and East Ringwood achieved a similar performance in A Grade. In this grade Lilydale were in the top four for all but one round while St Andrews only time in this group was at the completion of round 11. In Chandler 8/12 teams were in the top for at least one week, while in A Grade it was 6/12. In both grades 3 of the 4 teams in the final four were in the four at the end of Round 1.
- North Ringwood became the 9th club since 1980/81 to return to A Grade after winning promotion to Chandler.
- Croydon North's premiership was their 11th Chandler 1 flag, all won in the period 70/71 - 97/98
- of the teams that competed in the RDCA in the 1980/81 season, fifteen have either disbanded or transferred to another competition

HOW WAS IT IN 1906

Rule 23 of the 1905/6 South Suburban Churches Cricket Association Rule Book read as such:-

Selection of Umpires - Umpires shall be chosen on the ground by the captains as from time to time required, but no umpire shall be appointed or changed without the consent of both captains. Should, in the opinion of THE PLAYERS, the decision of the umpire be unfair, he will be reported to the association with a view of preventing him umpiring in the future.

(I suspect players would like this rule to be included in the RDCA).

In the same year the games commenced at 2.45 and concluded sharp at 6. If the game had not started within 15 minutes of that time the offending team automatically lost the game, except for games played in the way out suburb of Oakleigh where an additional 20 minutes grace was given..

It was also interesting to note that, unless teams were level on points at the end of the season, the team on top would be awarded the premiership. Balls cost 8/6 (85 cents) which would be equivalent to at least \$65 today.

LET US REMEMBER THEM

W.R. (BOB) MOYES

Bob Moyes was the Parkwood Cricket Club's first Life Member. Bob was the scorer for the first eleven for as long as anyone can remember. He scored for the last time only ten days before his death. Club scorer was the role most people saw Bob in, but his involvement in the club was far greater than that.

Bob was not a young man - he was in his mid seventies and up until the last couple of years was always at the annual preseason uncovering of the pitches. This is a time at all clubs where the gathering is small and Bob made sure that he always had his shovel with him.

Every winter Bob would repair the boundary flags, carry out maintenance on the scoreboards and numbers and, if a scoreboard was beyond repair, he would make a new one.

Bob served on the Parkwood committee for over ten years and was secretary for many years, he regularly painted the creases on the pitches and made sure the stump boxes were always full of soil.

Both Senior and Junior ladders were continually brought up to date and displayed in the clubrooms by Bob.

These were just a few of the ways he helped the club, but there was more than that to Bob.

Bob was a special person, one who never said a bad word about anybody, a gentleman, highly respected not only by the members of our club, but by all who met him throughout the RDCA and many other sporting and community groups.

The Parkwood Cricket Club is the richer for having known Bob.

LAURIE FLYNN

Laurie Flynn was a member of the Wonga Park Cricket Club until he moved to North Ringwood when he was brought to the Parkwood Cricket Club by Andrew Tonkin.

Laurie while not a stylish player was determined and prepared to put himself on the line when opening the batting for the first eleven. Having played most of the 1995/96 season in the first eleven he was made twelfth man for the semi final against Ferntree Gully. There was no moaning from Laurie, he just turned up with his whites to help the team any way he could.

It was after the 1995/96 season that Laurie became ill and after treatment he was well enough to play in the 5th XI after Christmas the following season. It was during this time that Laurie made two centuries - 107 v Croydon North and 106 n.o. v Kilsyth, Laurie's only centuries.

Laurie always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell, the last time he visited Parkwood for a beer was late in November 1997, just a couple of weeks before his premature death.

In recognition of his involvement with both the Wonga Park and Parkwood Cricket Clubs, the Laurie Flynn Memorial Trophy has been provided by both clubs to be held by the winners of Parkwood versus Wonga Park first eleven games.

The above tributes were provided by long time Parkwood player and administrator, John Jacob.

THE FINALS WERE GRAND

Croydon North met on the spacious East Ringwood oval to decide the premier team in the premier grade. Croydon seeking their 2nd successive premiership and their 7th in the past 11 seasons while Ferntree Gully were trying to remove the disappointment of 96/97. At 9/96 it seemed all lost for the Northerners but a last wicket stand lifted the score to 141. A couple of wickets late in the day followed by an early one on the Sunday, put Croydon North in a favourable position but slowly the tide seemed to turn with a couple of partnerships until Mark Unternahrer and Russell Jenzen assumed control and when the last wicket fell Croydon North had conquered again.

Cheong Park was the venue for the A Grade Grand Final and it turned out to be a game that those with weak hearts were advised to go home. With the ball restricting the normal free flowing batsmen of both teams East, looking for their third 97/98 flag finished with 9/151 at the end of their 80 overs. The second day saw a titanic struggle with first on side then the other seizing the initiative. When Templeton's 9th wicket fell they were 9/149. The next ball went for 3 byes and Templeton had taken out the A Grade premiership for 1997/98 and with it promotion to Chandler next season.

Chandler 2 saw Ainslie Park again represented and their opponents were the "new" team to Chandler in South Ringwood who had done a remarkable job by finishing on top of the ladder. However Grand Final nerves took over and Ainslie took complete control of the game to register a most decisive victory and make it 3/3 for the final series.

First and second on the ladder played off for the Chandler 3 premiership and after Croydon North had posted a most competitive 252, the odds had shortened for the Barneong team to be celebrating at the end of the game. However a marvellous batting display by Ainslie resulted in victory by 7 wickets and resultant premiership.

The favourite backers had their money on Wonga Park in the Chandler 4 Grand Final. At the end of their first day they felt home and hosed with Ainslie Park out for a disappointing 136. However a huge effort from bowlers and fieldsmen alike saw the Ainslie Park team score a narrow but very convincing win and the first home game next season will see the flagpole decorated by the Chandler 4 flag.

Olinda were red hot favourites to take out their first senior pennant in 75 years when they faced up to East Ringwood at the impressive Alan Smith oval in Kilsyth. East battled determinedly on the first day to register 213, but this did not seem enough to overcome Olinda. However the bowlers took that extra step and made it 2/2 for the boys from Mt Dandenong Road.

East Ringwood started off the Grand Final weekend hoping to make it 3/3 and they got the right start when their C Grade were too powerful for a determined Wantirna eleven East Ringwood batting strength came to the fore and then the bowlers took over to ensure another flag will adorn the East Ringwood rooms.

The tipsters were in some trouble picking the likely winner of the D Grade as both Templeton and St Andrews looked evenly matched. Only 8 points separated the two teams on the final ladder and both had good wins in the semi finals. However the Saints powerful batting failed on the one day it mattered and Templeton were able to record a reasonably easy victory.

Boronia and Croydon United journeyed over to Ferntree Gully to battle out the E Grade pennant. Boronia who had finished well clear on top of the table were very warm favourites and on this occasion favourite backers would have come home with the money as they scored a well deserved win against the Croydon team.

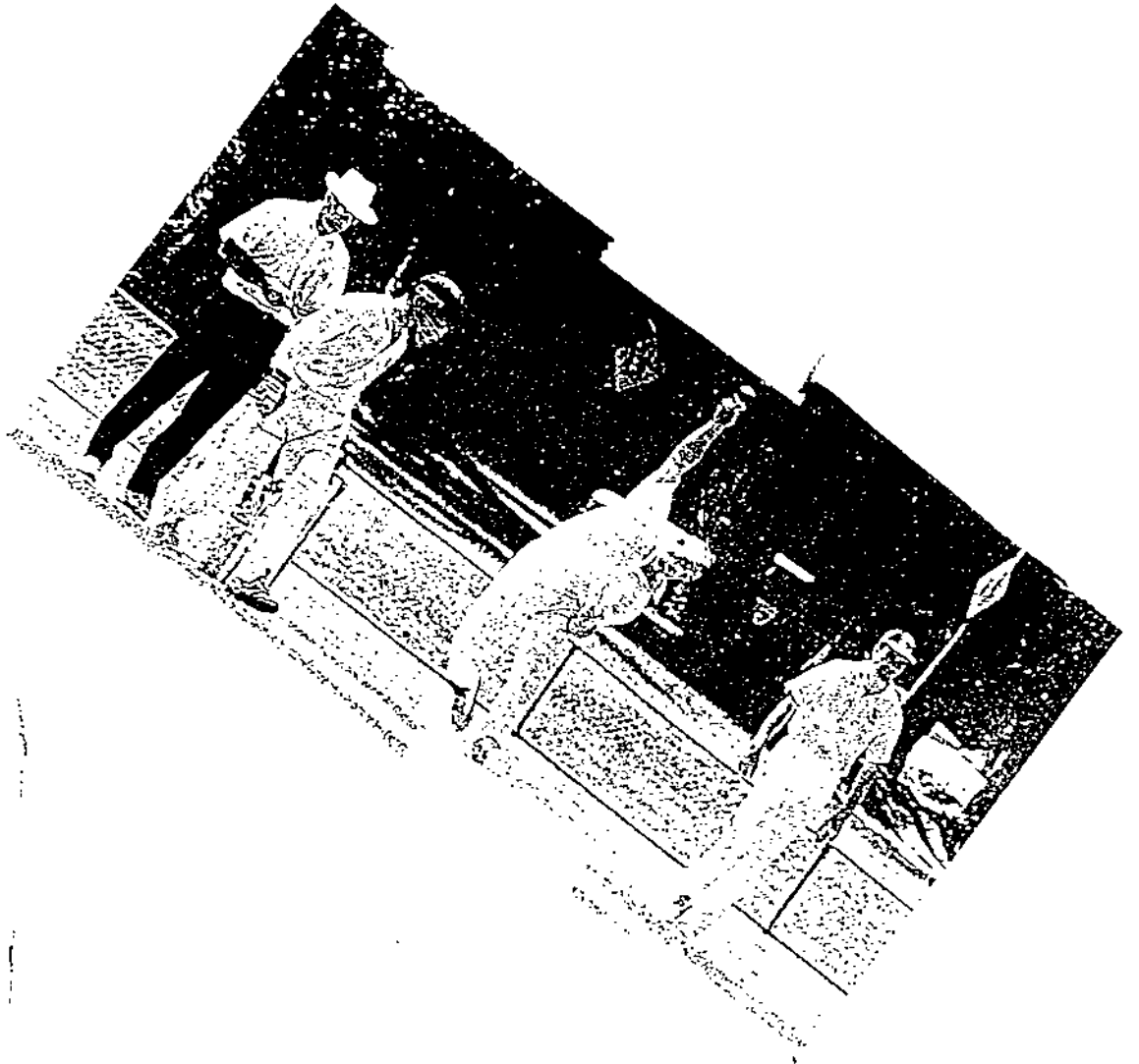
THE FINALS WERE GRAND cont.

Wonga Park who seem to win premierships in the lower grades with almost monotonous regularity took out another as their bowlers stormed through Wantirna South to record a most decisive victory and capture the F grade pennant.

On the well grassed Walker Reserve, Wantirna South and Bayswater Park did battle for the G Grade. With an imposing total of 9/269 Wantirna South were always going to be difficult to beat and this proved to be the case and Wantirna South were worthy winners of the pennant.

In the one day grade Heathmont battled first and scored a competitive 143. However Kilsyth who grew in stature as the season progressed were never in trouble and cruised to victory with the loss of just one wicket.

THE PRESS WERE PRESENT



ON THE 4TH OF JULY
**North shines on
day of drama**

**Parkwood surprise,
finals race wide open**

