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**ANNUAL REPORT
&
BALANCE SHEET**

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RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been my pleasure to occupy the position of President of the Association for the season just gone. It was a great surprise when I was approached to consider taking on the role – until then I had given no thought to such a move. I am grateful for the support that has been given to me over the last year, especially from the members of the Executive. As a previous some time critic of the RDCA Executive, it is somewhat ironic that I find myself as part of that very Executive, however, I must say that the experience has been most enjoyable and very illuminating. Understanding the amount of work undertaken by all Executive members and countless others has been a real eye-opener and the whole Association should be grateful that so many people work as volunteers in order that we may all enjoy the great game of cricket.

I take this opportunity to make the following observations (amongst many):

- the enthusiasm of those players chosen to represent the Association against other Associations. Thank you to all those who made themselves available and committed to representing us in such a positive manner. Everyone should strive to reach such achievement and consider it an honour to be selected – these opportunities do not come easily. Thank you to Wantirna South, Wantirna and Ringwood Cricket Clubs for their hospitality in providing excellent facilities to allow these games to occur.
- The joy of being a ‘premiership player’ is not known to all of us, but by observation it must be a wonderful feeling and sense of achievement that results in life long friendships. Congratulations to all premiership teams and players, particularly to the three ‘Premier Grade’ winners in Wantirna South (their first Chandler premiership), South Croydon and Olinda.
- Individuals can have a significant effect on their team’s performance and they rely on support from their team and club mates. Sincere congratulations to Paul Payne, Michael Edwards and Robert Henderson on their respective “Premier Grade’ awards.
- Our Junior and Veteran competitions continue to prosper and, again, the amount of work undertaken by volunteers is sometimes not understood by those not directly involved . Thanks and congratulations to Josh Browne and Daryl Stephens and their respective committees on a job well done. We all look forward to the upcoming season with great expectation.
- The appointment of a new “Media Correspondent” after many years of Steve Pascoe’s sterling efforts has been a success. Thanks to Beau Vass for ensuring that his write up and scores were published on a regular basis.
- Tim Court at Sporting Pulse continues to provide first class service in the maintaining of the Association and many club Websites. Tim is always available for consultation and has recently improved the Association Website further by the inclusion of even more information.
- Thank you to those responsible for successful Association functions with the best and fairest at East Ringwood, the President’s Lunch at South Croydon and Presentation Night at York on Lilydale. These functions provide an ideal opportunity to get together with old friends and make new ones.
- Another successful 20/20 game was held against Ringwood Cricket Club and I sincerely thank Ringwood for their hospitality in once again hosting such an occasion. Charity was again the recipient of substantial funds whilst those involved had a great time.

During the season I had the opportunity to attend some meetings of our Umpire fraternity and I can assure everyone that our umpires are dedicated to providing as best a performance as possible. We must all remember that our game cannot take place without umpires and we should all realize that our umpires do a thankless task to the best of their ability. Our umpires deserve respect and support. Thanks to Martien Pruyzers and his committee and to Graeme Lloyd in his role as umpires Advisor.

Player behaviour is of concern to me. I was surprised at the number of reports, namings, incidents etc that were brought to the attention of the Executive during the season. The set penalty system has worked well but there seems to be a belief that some mis-behaviour will be tolerated – let me assure you that will not be the case. The number of reported incidents in lower grades is disturbing and we will be closely monitoring this in the future. Our junior members and players should not be exposed to unacceptable behaviour at any level, let alone at senior levels.

Ground availability is fast becoming an issue with the number of teams increasing faster than the number of grounds. It is incumbent on clubs to deal with Councils as to the availability etc of grounds and your executive will also be involved, where possible.

Towards the end of the season the Executive advised of a new grading structure that is to apply from next season. There has been much discussion (both direct with the Executive and amongst clubs and members) regarding the structure and the method of announcement. I can assure everyone that the discussion at Executive level was considerable and took place over most of the season. Historical information was again considered, some clubs were directly contacted and some other clubs provided unsolicited views of the way in which we should go forward. After much debate, your Executive is of the view that the structure announced will allow maximum participation across all grades with *teams* being graded according to ability and results.

Whilst the Executive makes decisions on the operation of the Association, it is reliant on informed input from the clubs and members of the Association. I urge you all to bring forward suggestions, ideas, complaints etc so that they can be considered. Your feedback is always welcome.

In closing, I must again thank all of the Executive for their efforts and work over the last twelve months – running an Association is not a seasonal event! The names of all the Executive appear in this Annual Report. A personal thank you to Ian Spencer and Stuart Newey in particular, both of whom provided much appreciated guidance to this ‘new boy’ during the year.

Good luck to everyone for the next season and I look forward to competitive and fair cricket continuing to be played in an environment of sportsmanship.

“Being good at a sport does not necessarily mean that you are a good sportsman”

Ian Dench

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER'S REPORT

The 2005 Annual Meeting of the Association was held on 17 August in the Social Rooms of the Kilsyth Cricket Club.

Some months prior to the meeting, Steve Pascoe had indicated that he would not be standing for re-appointment in any capacity. Accordingly, it was necessary to find a replacement and the RDCA was very fortunate that Ian Dench agreed to take the Presidential reins. In becoming President of the Association, Ian also assumed the mantle of Chairman of the Board of Management. Ian Spencer (Manager Administration), Stuart Newey (Manager Finance) and Russell Jenzen (Manager Operations), were re-elected. Josh Browne, who had been re-elected President of the junior section, and Bill Stafford, as the Veterans representative, joined the aforementioned as members of the Board of Management

As documented in the 2004/05 Annual Report, the BoM, on the recommendation of the Operations Committee, decided that for season 2005/06 the structure would be as follows: Chandler 1 and Reserves (12 teams), Wilkins 1 and Reserves (8 teams) and Newey (8 teams). As such, former Newey Reserves teams were interspersed amongst the senior grades.

With the Ferntree Gully club deciding to return to its former association and Wantirna and Boronia seeking to play at a level that would make them more competitive, only three first elevens remained in Newey. Five Chandler clubs agreed to field teams in this grade but their third elevens found it difficult to match the first eleven teams.

The Board of Management, concerned with the imbalance in Newey, requested the Operations Committee to investigate other grading structure options on the proviso that Chandler remained a 12 team grade. In March, the BoM advised clubs of a new structure for season 06/07, whereby 12 teams will play in Chandler (1sts only) and, subject to entries, there will be 8 per grade thereafter with all grades being stand alone (i.e. 2nds not linked to performance of 1^{sts}).

The major rule changes, of those implemented for season 2005/06, saw penalties introduced for slow over rates in One Day matches, lines to be marked for the adjudication of wides therein and "Bonus Points" re-introduced for Chandler, Wilkins and Newey games. To create some form of equality and safety, for those clubs that had issues with ground size and conditions, the rules were amended to allow them to apply to bring boundary marking in from fence line. To this end, the Executive measured the size of each club's main ground to ascertain what constituted a median sized ground within the competition.

When the season finally got under way, there were 128 teams competing in 15 grades. Whether it was by way of interest generated by the Ashes series or some other reason, four clubs sought, within a couple of weeks, to enter an extra team and the final total of 132 gave a net gain of 8. Whilst this was a very pleasing result, after the loss of the Ferntree Gully teams (4), it stretched ground availability to breaking point. If there is a similar increase in the coming season, it will create a major headache for councils, clubs and the Executive.

Our association is one of only a few to have seen umpiring ranks increase over recent seasons. The RDCA is fortunate to have the services of Graeme Lloyd (Premier Cricket umpire) as Adviser to the panel and the Executive values the contribution of the umpiring fraternity each weekend. As mentioned by John Springett, later in this report, the failure of many clubs to submit comments on an umpire(s) performance at the end of each match is very disappointing and a much better response is expected in coming season.

Whilst mentioned in Ian Dench's comments, the good news story of the year to me was the 'recruitment' of a young fellow, Beau Vass, to be the media correspondent and taker of scores of a Saturday evening. Beau had some big shoes to fill and he did a very admirable job. We look to a continuance of that contribution in the coming season.

On the website side of things, Tyson Heinrich continued to assist Tim Court with the posting of "News" items etc. and many more were posted over the season. Clubs are urged to again liaise with Tyson in the coming season to publicise and/or promote items of note. Tim Court has begun a lengthy process to add a lot of historical data to the website which, in due course, will be most beneficial to clubs in terms of a reference point and his efforts are most appreciated by the Executive.

Whilst on the website, it is pleasing to say that the response of most clubs, in relation to result input, was very prompt and we thank those who performed this task. There was, however, also a downside, that being that clubs are not registering players prior to completion of a game and this creates an unacceptable number of "un-registered" entries in the result input. More stringent penalties may be necessary to minimise/eliminate this problem.

The Radio show lost its host from the previous season but Rodney Paisley stepped in to fill the breach, in his own inimitable style, and his efforts were much appreciated. We have had feedback about the Thursday evening timeslot, to the effect that it is not pleasing to some listeners, and I can advise that it will change for the coming season (to be advised). Most clubs availed themselves of the opportunity to be on air and hopefully this participation will continue in coming season.

As also referred to by Ian Dench, the escalation in the number of instances where player behaviour has gone beyond the bounds of the Code of Conduct is of great concern to the Executive. It reached a point where a Special meeting was called in January to emphasise to clubs that they had a responsibility to all members of the association to ensure that their players adhere to the conditions of the Code of Conduct.

Some club personnel may have viewed this as over the top reaction and a case of the Executive waving a big stick but the following statistics demonstrate why we were and are concerned:

- 20 players "named" (two were named twice and received automatic suspension for 2 matches)**
- 7 players were suspended (one for all of next season) as a result of Reports and/or Investigation hearings and 2 of them missed participation in Grand Finals.**
- Four Investigation hearings were convened, with two more adjourned until the lead up to season 06/07.**

A lot of time and energy is wasted in processing these matters and hearings require quite a number of people to give up their time to sit on panels and be witnesses etc. There is an expectation that clubs address this issue and make sure that there is a significant improvement in the coming season.

From a social perspective, the RDCA has two major functions, Vote Count night and Presentation night. I extend my thanks to East Ringwood for hosting the Vote Count and to Tony Gawne who, in my absence, assisted with the running of Presentation night. Again, it was disappointing that a number of clubs were not represented at the Vote Count night. The Grand Final luncheon was again a success and our thanks go to the South Croydon people for their catering efforts.

My congratulations to Wantirna South on breaking through for their maiden Chandler 1 victory, to South Croydon who now return to Chandler after a short stint there a few seasons back and to Olinda who finally move through to Wilkins, after threatening to do so for a number of seasons, following their success in Newey. Congratulations also go to the Premiers in the other grades and to all of the trophy winners.

Each season, the RDCA relies on “royalties”, from the sale of balls, as a major source of income to defray the fees imposed on clubs. Having renewed an exclusive agreement to use “Kookaburra” balls for the next three seasons, which will provide a valuable contribution to the income of the RDCA, we urge clubs to fully comply with the rule that requires an approved (RDCA stamped) Kookaburra ball be used in matches.

The RDCA (senior and junior executives) is very appreciative of the support provided by Anthony and Russell Dunning from Topline Sports and also to Keith Hudson, from AKT Trophy Centre, who donates trophies for the Wilkins and Newey grades.

Best wishes to all for a successful and enjoyable season in 2006/07.

Ian Spencer

SENIOR REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the season, the improvement in the reliability of information supplied to clubs through the Sporting Pulse process continued. This improvement is a direct result of the accurate and timely input of data by club representatives. Keep up the good work.

The RDCA continues to be well supported at minimal cost by Sporting Pulse and in particular by Timothy Court, with support from Tyson Heinrich. Further enhancements to the process are planned for next season and we again ask for your continued support in this matter.

For the record, the RDCA administered our association to enable 32 clubs, 132 senior teams, 31 veteran teams, 151 junior teams, together with the players involved in all these teams, to participate in the game of cricket during the 2005/2006 season.

I repeat my comments from last years annual report in that, as usual, there were the never-ending number of clearance applications received during the season and despite several initial refusals by the player's current club, in all instances agreement was reached by the clubs involved without redress to appeal.

This resulted in a significant saving of administrative time at both the club and association level and shows that clubs and players are prepared to talk through the issues – something that the association has been advocating for many seasons.

On behalf the RDCA, I thank the players and club administrators for their support during the past season.

Stuart Newey

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

At the beginning of the season, Martien Pruyzers advised that he would not stand for the position of Secretary, due to work commitments, and as such, the Annual General meeting saw the following office bearers elected: President, Martien Pruyzers, Secretary, John Springett and Vice President, Don Smith. Graeme Lloyd was once again re-appointed as Umpires adviser.

The panel lost a few umpires at the beginning of the season but we managed to gain several new members who came across from the Ferntree Gully competition, notably our first lady umpire in Rebecca Denton. A welcome return by Paul Denton and Rebecca's father Ray Baird made it a real family affair. Additional new umpires saw numbers reach 40, however, due to personal commitments and other reasons, the number on the panel at the end of the season had decreased to 33.

Umpires again officiated at Inter Association games, the VMCU carnival and the Neil Wright Shield Under 21 competition and also covered the 20/20 game at Ringwood and the veterans finals.

I would like to congratulate the medal winners, trophy winners and premiers on the achievements, I would also like to thank the volunteers who assisted in umpiring the games in semi finals, where needed, the ladies and club volunteers including the scorers for their dedication and assistance throughout the season.

During the season it was deemed necessary to hold a meeting between all clubs and the RDCA to pass on the message that Umpire reports were not being received from some clubs, it is essential that these be received to give the umpires executive a clearer view as to how umpires are being received and on their own personal ability. Many clubs had the perception that the umpire's executive was running a rotation system, which was never the case. The executive was in fact giving all teams, where possible, the opportunity to have all umpires officiate at games at all levels.

It was stated at this meeting that if umpires reports were received for all games then the executive would look at setting up a panel of umpires strictly to officiate at Chandler Shield firstly then Wilkins and flow on from there. I am sorry to say that some clubs still failed to submit the necessary reports and therefore the executive will have to look at the procedure as to who umpires at what games in the coming seasons.

Generally the umpires executive has been happy with the behaviour of all clubs but were disappointed with the antics of some players during the season, which meant more "namings" and reports than what we deem acceptable, and this is something that clubs and individuals should look at next season.

I would like to thank my fellow umpires for their dedication, enthusiasm and assistance during the season. Although at times players are critical of performances, it must be taken into context as to what games would be like without umpires

The umpires association still needs additional umpires for the coming season and I urge all past/retiring players and officials to still remain in the game and join the umpiring fraternity. It could be a new beginning for you, as it was when you first started playing at the ripe old age of 10 or so, but now being just a little bit older and wiser, the knowledge you now have could be used to advantage.

John Springett
Secretary

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Following a couple of seasons where our only opposition in (forty five over) representative games was Box Hill Reporter, we were offered a (forty over) game against Eastern Cricket Association, to be played before Christmas. Despite reluctance on the part of players in the past, to make themselves available at this time, a very competitive and keen group of players were selected and acquitted themselves well, winning a thriller with a last wicket stand just getting the team over the line.

The annual matches against Box Hill Reporter, also reduced to forty overs this year, were again played in February at Wantirna South and Wantirna grounds and we saw a reversal of last years results with the Chandler Squad lowering their colours and the Wilkins / Newey squad winning an exciting, high scoring game.

The idea of a 20/20 match involving an RDCA All Stars team and Ringwood Rams Cricket Club, to raise money for a charity nominated by each group in turn, was continued on from the previous season, with a game at Jubilee Park to benefit cancer research, as nominated by RDCA. A lot closer result this year, however, it still saw Ringwood come out on top and a successful night was had, despite the game being played a little later in the season than was ideal.

Selection assistance this season came from Cameron Parker, Mark Unternahrer, Russell Jenzen, Tony Wheeler and Andy Wu with Harry Sandford again helping with scoring. David Beatty did his usual great job of organising the U.25, U. 21 and U.18 representative sides. Thanks to all of these people for their continuing help.

Many thanks to the Wantirna South and Wantirna Cricket Clubs for making the day so successful at their respective grounds, providing lunch, drinks and scoreboard attendants to make life easier for RDCA officials.

Details of the games played this season appear in the statistical section.

Neil Tull
Match Committee Chairman

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, one from each Metropolitan Regional Cricket Council, together with delegates from every Metropolitan Cricket Association.

Over the past season the main cricket activities have related to the management and implementation of the U21 Neil Wright Shield, and the Junior Shield & Cup Competitions for U16, U14 & U12 in January.

The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions and was successful on the playing field with Association representative sides.

The most significant issues considered during the season were:

- Cricket Victoria continuing the U/16 Dowling Shield competition on a State-wide regional based 16 team competition as the last year of the trial, instead of the former 24 teams based upon Premier clubs. VMCU played the U/16 Jim Beitzel Shield games on turf wickets to allow more U/16 players the opportunity to experience turf cricket conditions. A decision on the future of the format of the Dowling Shield Is expected to be announced in June / July 2006.**
- A sub-committee was established to monitor the progress of Cricket Victoria's new IT Strategy and provide progress updates on "Real Sports" registration and results system for possible availability for all Associations in Victoria. Improvements are continually being made to the VMCU website.**
- Umpires Sub-Committee undertook a survey on umpiring issues to ascertain any possible actions that the VMCU could take to improve the number of umpires. As a result an umpire's training course could be held in October/ November 2006 (with Cricket Victoria's assistance).**
- Preparation of a Discussion Paper on "Alternative Forms of the Game".**
- The possible introduction of a VMCU Restricted Membership Category for some minor cricket groups.**

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

Pat Meehan

REGION REPORT – OUTER EAST

I was again pleased with achievements within the Region, due to the enthusiastic and effective input of the Regional Council members: Pat Meehan (RDCA), Murray Wilson (FTGDCA), Allan Hughes (YVCA) and Rob Elliott (new CV Regional Cricket Manager).

Andrew Larratt was replaced early in the year, after accepting a position with Cricket Australia, following his 7 excellent years as Outer East RCM. We wish him well in this deserved appointment. Rob handled the challenge of his mid-season appointment well, adopting a watch and listen approach to understand and get on top of the job, proving a worthy replacement.

The coaches and managers of the various Pathway squads were again able to work well with our aligned Premier clubs, Ringwood and Hawthorn-Monash Uni, to the benefit of the region's best young cricketers. The formal selection strategy now set in place ensures associations are able to include their best players in all Pathway squads.

The under 16s progressed to the state (Dowling) final, to be narrowly (and controversially) beaten after a valiant effort. They were well led by Noel King, Brett Cavigan (co-coaches), Mike Dudley (manager) and David King (capt).

Other highlights included:

- Milo Have-A-Go participants increase further;
- Girls' Cric-Hit continues to grow;
- Girls' U16 (combined with Inner East) finish 6th in state championships;
- Brendan Walsh and Glenn Maxwell awarded VIS scholarships;
- Tom Stray - Vic U19 and Aust U19 World Cup rep;
- Youth Leadership initiative with City of Knox, Ringwood and Hawthorn-Monash;
- Kanga 8 programme continues to thrive;
- Premier 1st XI debutants (from FTGDCA): Peter Dunlop (Fitzroy - Doncaster), Andrew Devenish, Simon Anning and Mark Winton (Hawthorn - Monash Uni), Scott Wilcox and Brendan Walsh (Ringwood) and Glenn Maxwell (Richmond) and (from RDCA): Daniel Rawson (Ringwood) and Darren Kimberley (Hawthorn-Monash);
- Steve Pascoe (RDCA) volunteer of the year;

On a sombre note we were saddened by the loss of recent Under 18 rep, Ben Bartolo, following a car accident.

David Beatty
Chairman, Outer East Region Council

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

Another fine season has come and gone. This season we had a slight increase in the number of teams, about 6%, which is a good indication that cricket is continuing to appeal to youngsters in our area. Cricket Australia is predicting a further increase in the next season, with the huge interest in the upcoming Ashes series. Clubs need to start promoting their activities as soon as possible to make this a reality.

The commitment of several clubs to get the 17 & Under competition going, last season, was an outstanding effort. Whilst there were only 8 teams entered, the season went well and the reports from players have been positive. That success led to an Extra-ordinary General Meeting being held in April, where it was decided to expand this competition to Under 18 , for next season. At the same meeting it was decided, unanimously, to retain even age groups, U12, U14 & U16. The clubs, generally, saw no particular benefit in a move to odd age groups.

Once again we have to thank the many volunteers who contributed so much of their time to assist the RDCA and the clubs in conducting a season of local and representative junior cricket. It is not possible to mention every individual who made a contribution, but we must acknowledge the efforts of parents who manage to get the players to where they need to be. Coaches, team managers, scorers and junior administrators also make a huge contribution.

At the Committee level, we have again had tremendous support from some old hands and welcomed some newcomers. John Springett continues to devote a huge amount of time to our association and we are most grateful for his effort. Kevin Dawson, among other things, prepares and presents the best presentation night possible and this year managed to make it all happen in just 2 hours, well done Kevin!

Glenn Wilson, in his second year at the helm, has managed another great result with the representative sides. Gathering together the right team of coaches and team managers and organizing all of the activities from October through to the end of January, is a massive task and Glenn has done a fantastic job.

Congratulations to all of the players who represented the RDCA and also to those who played in the higher grades of Dowling Shield and Hatch Shield. The RM Hatch Shield competition moved to Under 15 this year. That gave several RDCA players from the successful Croydon Hatch team from last season, to have another go. Success again in the final, a great effort.

To all of those who assisted us this season, thank you.

We look forward now to getting another season into shape and we hope that the efforts of all concerned will lead us to another great year.

**Josh Browne
President**

FINANCE REPORT

It is pleasing to report that the financial result for the 2005/2006 season has recorded a significant profit of \$11,937.

This profit improvement is directly attributed to the RDCA's ability to generate significant donation and sponsorship income of in excess of \$14,000 during the season. In addition, the policy of exercising restraint in incurring expenses on behalf of the RDCA continued.

Based on negotiations with supporting organizations, we believe that the level of donations and sponsorship will continue next season and will enable the RDCA to retain the 2005/2006 affiliation fee structures for the 2006/2007 season.

Again, as at the end of the season, several clubs have not totally met their commitments for last season which means that these clubs will start the forthcoming season with debts that will impose an additional financial burden on them.

Finally, let me thank all the clubs for their support during the 2005/2006 season that has helped make my role easier to fill.

**Stuart Newey
Finance Manager**



VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

Season 2005/2006 saw the Veterans Competition (both Masters and Legends) continue with the same format as in prior seasons.

At the 2005 AGM, we saw the appointment of Daryl Stephens as Chairperson and the addition of Nat Young and Marg Stafford to the Executive Committee. Unfortunately, due to work commitments in New Zealand, Stuart Minetti retired after one year on the Committee.

Major changes for the season saw Heathmont return to the Box Hill Reporter Veterans Competition after a number of years with the RDCA, including several premierships in their journey from Division 4 to Division 1. Eley Park also decided to return to their home competition in the Box Hill Reporter League after several successful seasons with the RDCA. Due to lack of numbers, Croydon North was unable to field a side and this late occurrence forced the introduction of a bye in Division 2.

The Legends Competition saw Chirnside Park withdraw, but Croydon and Croydon Ranges fielded separate teams for the first time and we welcomed Research CC back to the RDCA allowing the competition to continue with 8 teams.

The Four Masters' Divisions and the Legend's Division were thus made up by the following teams in 2005/06:

Masters - Division 1	Masters - Division 2	Masters - Division 3	Masters - Division 4	Legends
Ainslie Park	Boronia	Ainslie Park	Bayswater Park	Ainslie Park
Croydon	Chirnside Park	Bayswater Park	Boronia	Croydon
Croydon Ranges	Lilydale	Montrose	North Ringwood	Croydon Ranges
North Ringwood	South Warrandyte	Mt Evelyn	Templeton	Mt Evelyn
Warranwood	Warrandyte	North Ringwood	Wantirna	North Ringwood
Wonga Park		South Croydon	Warranwood	Research
				South Warrandyte
				Warrandyte

The season commenced in fine sunny conditions on 16th October with the first round of the Master's Competition. The Legends followed suit on 23rd October. For one of the few times in recent seasons we got through the year without losing a round to washouts, however the Legend's were forced to cancel round 4 on January 22nd due to the forecast temperature being in excess of 40 degrees.

As in past seasons, all Divisions in the Masters' were keenly contested and final ladder positions, particularly positions 3, 4, 5 & 6 were not decided until the final round and came down to percentages in all Divisions.

The Master's semi finals were played on 26th February with the major surprise being Division 1, where the top side Warranwood was defeated by Ainslie Park (4th). In all other divisions, the top team after the preliminary rounds made it through to the Grand Finals.

Masters Grand Final Results played 5th March 2006.

Division 1 – Bill Dean Trophy – played at Wonga Park Reserve

Wonga Park 3/163 defeated Ainslie Park 10/158

Division 2 - Ken Johnston Trophy – played at Tormore Reserve

Boronia 7/171 defeated South Warrandyte Hawks 10/149

Division 3 – played at Guy Turner Reserve

South Croydon 8/167 defeated Bayswater Park 9/163

Division 4 – Max Brown Trophy – played at Templeton Reserve

Wantirna 6/197 defeated Templeton 7/186

At the conclusion of each Grand Final, pennants were presented to the winning teams with the actual trophy presentations being made on the night of the Annual Dinner

Legends “Grand Finale” played 19th February 2006

Although there are no “finals” for the Legends Competition, as in the previous year there was the Grand Finale play off between teams one and two for the title of Premier with the winner receiving the inaugural Brian Gobbi Trophy and a premiership pennant.

Result Croydon 4/160 defeated Ainslie Park 6/157

Inter Association Games

As in previous years, four inter association games were scheduled to be played this year against the Ferntree Gully Cricket Association and the Box Hill Reporter Association.

Box Hill Reporter Cricket Association played 11th December 2005

Masters Played at Croydon Oval

Box Hill Reporter 9/144 defeated RDCA 10/142

Bowling A Smith 3/18

Batting D Goldsmith 40 retired, G Chamberlain 29

Legends Played at Fred Geale Oval

Box Hill Reporter 4/149 defeated RDCA 4/144

**Bowling A Thatcher 2/16 (6 overs), A Wild 1/14 (5 overs)
Batting A Thatcher 40 retired, R Ruffles 41 retired**

Ferntree Gully Cricket Association scheduled to be played 26th January 2006

Unfortunately these games were cancelled due to the excessive heat forecast for the Australia Day holiday. Because of conflicting dates, we were unable to reschedule these matches

Congratulations should go to those players who gave up their time to represent the RDCA in these representative games. As usual, all players thoroughly enjoyed the honour of playing representative cricket for the RDCA.

Special thanks should also go to the Selectors (Ken Johnston, Jim Dean and Nat Young) and team coordinators for ensuring that the RDCA fielded competitive sides in both completed games. Thanks also to Ray Dean & Harry Sandford for their scoring contributions.

Veterans Annual Dinner Night 8th March 2006

The Presentation Dinner night was held at Bramleigh Receptions. Approximately 110 attended this evening, which although up on the previous year's attendance numbers, was still disappointing from the Executive and the Social sub-committee's perspective. Unfortunately the lack of, or the very late response by Club Coordinators, puts a lot of unnecessary stress and work on the organising sub-committee.

The people who did attend had a great evening, not only catching up with their own Club members and partners, but also the friends they have made over the many years of Veterans competition.

Club's who chose not to attend have been billed by the Association for the cost of 2 tickets.

Many thanks to Marg Stafford for her organisation of the Annual Dinner Night, in conjunction with Carl Duncan.

Golden Oldies Tour to Sri Lanka & India in April/May 2006

In April/May a party of some 30 RDCA Veterans players, wives and supporters, together with 11 members of the Australian Cricket Society undertook an arduous, but nevertheless enjoyable tour to India and Sri Lanka. The Golden Oldies tournament was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 23rd -30th April.

All matches were played in very trying conditions; however for the first time ever (excluding trips to New Zealand) the RDCA Veterans aka "the Possums" were successful in all 3 games played.

A special thank you goes to Bill Stafford for all the work he put into the organising tour, with special mentions to his wife Marg and also Marg Simkin

Executive Committee Efforts

Finally it would be remiss of me not to thank our hardworking committee for all their efforts and commitment throughout the year:

Darryl Stephens (President), Ken Johnston (Patron), Bill Stafford, Jim Dean, Michael Gavin, Carl Duncan, Nat Young, Marg Stafford and Don Simkin (who unfortunately had to retire during the year).

Particular thanks should also go to Jim Dean for the continued enormous effort made during this year and prior years in keeping the results & ladders up to date. 2005/06 was a vast improvement over the previous year as far as Clubs submitting the results on time and in a complete format. There is still room for improvement, but at least we are making headway.

The Veterans Executive continues to look forward with great anticipation that all Veterans cricket continues to be played in a friendly and positive spirit, with the renewing of many old friendships made in our previous cricketing lives.

Good luck to all Clubs and players for the forthcoming 2006/07 season.

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

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2005/06

CHANDLER 1

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 PTS	G/F
WANTIRNA SOUTH	12	5	4	2	5	4	4	4	3	2	1 103.4	1
WONGA PARK	2	8	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 99.4	2
STH WARRANDYTE	8	4	8	6	6	7	5	6	4	4	3 93.2	3
MOOROOLBARK	11	12	11	10	12	9	7	8	6	5	4 89.6	4
TEMPLETON	3	6	5	7	4	3	2	2	2	3	5 89.3	
CROYDON NORTH	5	3	2	4	2	2	3	3	5	6	6 87.8	
LILYDALE	4	10	10	9	8	10	8	5	7	7	7 87.5	
NORTH RINGWOOD	1	1	3	1	3	5	9	9	8	8	8 76.3	
WARRANWOOD	6	11	12	12	10	11	11	11	11	11	9 73.4	
KILSYTH	7	2	1	5	7	8	6	7	9	9	10 70.4	
AINSLIE PARK	9	7	9	11	9	6	10	10	10	10	11 65.7	
EAST RINGWOOD	10	9	7	8	11	12	12	12	12	12	12 53.3	

At the Christmas break, Wonga Park led the ladder closely followed by Croydon North, Templeton and Wantirna South. South Warrandyte and Mooroolbark, who again started slowly, held seventh and ninth respectively whilst Warranwood and East Ringwood were in the danger zone with only one win apiece.

Ainslie Park and Kilsyth could only manage one win each, from this point, and dropped out of contention. As eight teams battled for finals places, both South Warrandyte and Mooroolbark did not lose a game after the break and came through to claim a berth along with Wonga Park and Wantirna South, which had shown some ominous post Christmas form. Templeton had been in the four for much of the season but lost the last game to miss out by 0.3 of a point with Croydon North and Lilydale less than two points adrift. North Ringwood had a good return to Chandler and Warranwood picked up to win its last two. East Ringwood could not manage another win and will be relegated to Wilkins Cup next season.

The finals saw Mooroolbark eliminated at the hands of South Warrandyte in a very close and high scoring game and Wantirna South easily accounted for Wonga Park to progress to the Grand Final and a chance to win their first Chandler flag. In the Preliminary final, South put up a good fight but went down to Wonga Park, who advanced to the big one hoping to bring home its first flag in the grade in about thirty years.

In the Grand Final, the Wantirna South batsmen worked the team into a very sound position and eventually set Wonga Park a challenging target of 227. After starting the chase well, Wonga Park (151) lost some quick wickets and despite a mid order recovery the task proved too great against an excellent Wantirna South attack, which carried the team to a well deserved first premiership in Chandler Shield.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Paul Payne (c), Adam Gawne, Scott Charles, Michael Gawne, Stuart Rodie, Jason Walsh, Lanka De Silva, Andrew Jones, Daniel Lear, Sam Barnes, Drew McKay and Steve Hobbs (12th).

WILKINS CUP

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
SOUTH CROYDON	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 143.7	1
NORWOOD	3	2	4	4	3	4	4	5	5	5	3	3	2	2 113.6	2
BAYSWATER PARK	8	7	7	6	5	3	3	2	3	4	4	4	4	4 104.0	3
CROYDON RANGES	4	4	3	1	4	5	5	4	4	2	2	2	3	3 107.4	4
MONTROSE	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	5	5	5	5 102.8	
ST ANDREWS	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	6	6	6	6 79.1	
WARRANTDYTE	5	6	5	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	7 77.5	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	6	5	6	5	6	6	6	6	7	8	8	8	8	8 66.8	

Prior to the start of the season, South Croydon, per medium of some prized recruits, loomed as the team to beat and by the break was established at the top, with a clear margin. Montrose, Bayswater Park and Croydon Ranges were separated by only a couple of points, with Norwood a game back, whilst Warrantdyte, Chirnside Park and St Andrews were looking likely to fight out the relegation stakes.

South kept up the good form to expand its lead and Norwood produced some good form to come through to second. Montrose faltered, with only one win post break, to drop out of the four and Croydon Ranges and Bayswater Park fared only marginally better to fill the other finals spots. The battle to avoid relegation went right to the wire with St Andrews edging clear and Warrantdyte and Chirnside Park playing each other in the last round with the winner surviving. Unfortunately for Chirnside it is consigned to returning to Newey Plate next season.

South Croydon progressed to the Grand Final at Norwood's expense and Croydon Ranges was eliminated in a high scoring, closely fought semi. In the Preliminary, Bayswater Park couldn't keep up the good work and crashed dismally to Norwood who earned another crack at the South juggernaut.

In a Grand Final dominated by the bowlers, South Croydon crashed through Norwood (52) but then only fared marginally better (98) to lead by forty odd. Norwood didn't muster many more (89) in its second go and South (0/47) went on to win outright by ten wickets and earn another crack at Chandler Shield next season.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Wayne Barrett, Chris Stringer, Matthew Dench, Ross Stewart, Andrew Hood, Michael Viney, Glenn McCallum, Lucas Davies, Russell Jenzen, Michael Izzard, Ashley Viney, Tony Wheeler, Rod McArthur, Brad Davies, Glynn James and Daniel James

NEWHEY PLATE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F	
OLINDA	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150.5	1
EASTFIELD	4	4	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	144.9	2
SCORESBY FERNDALE	2	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	124.6	3
MOOROOLBARK	7	7	7	6	5	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	115.0	4
EAST RINGWOOD	6	6	4	4	4	5	5	6	5	6	6	5	5	5	97.0	
WONGA PARK	5	5	6	8	8	8	7	5	6	5	5	6	6	6	86.7	
TEMPLETON	3	3	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	81.0	
KILSYTH	8	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	59.9	

With a couple of clubs dropping down to lower grades, only Olinda, Eastfield and Scoresby Ferndale had their first elevens playing in this grade. Mooroolbark, East Ringwood, Templeton, Wonga Park and Kilsyth fielded their third elevens in the grade and it presented a very challenging task for those teams.

Olinda proceeded to the break without losing a game to establish a clear lead at the top. Eastfield, Scoresby Ferndale and Mooroolbark made up the four with a gap to the next three and Kilsyth struggling at the rear. Eastfield gained some ground on Olinda and they finished the season well clear in the top two places with Scoresby Ferndale and Mooroolbark having a clear margin in taking up the other finals positions.

Olinda easily accounted for Eastfield to move directly to Grand Final while Scoresby Ferndale had a comfortable win to eliminate Mooroolbark. In a cliffhanger Preliminary Final, Eastfield chased a sizeable tally to win in the last over with one wicket in hand to set up a rematch.

In the Grand Final, Olinda was in deep trouble mid innings but a solo effort from one batsman, with great support from the tailenders, eventually saw it post a very competitive total of 246. In pursuit, Eastfield was similarly placed, but it did not have someone to produce the big innings, and despite a good last wicket stand, that made the Olinda faithful somewhat nervous, it came up 26 runs short of the target. Olinda had atoned for an agonizing loss the previous season and will now be promoted to Wilkins Cup in 06/07.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Keir Leone, Adam Borg, Craig Elliott, Andy Greenall, Mick Greenough, Matt Holloway, Adam Humphries, Peter Manaert, Scott Tonkin, Adrian Willoughby, Ranga Yasalal and Gavin Maslen.

CHANDLER RESERVES

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 PTS	G/F
NORTH RINGWOOD	2	1	5	7	8	5	6	4	3	3	2 98.8	1
AINSLIE PARK	9	6	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	5	3 97.8	2
MOOROOLBARK	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 119.2	3
EAST RINGWOOD	3	5	3	2	3	3	3	3	6	6	4 95.8	4
WONGA PARK	5	2	6	3	7	7	7	7	7	2	5 92.1	
TEMPLETON	1	7	4	5	4	6	4	5	4	4	6 88.5	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	11	12	9	8	5	4	5	6	5	7	7 85.0	
WARRANWOOD	7	4	7	9	6	8	8	9	9	9	8 72.9	
CROYDON NORTH	10	10	11	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	9 66.7	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	8	9	10	11	10	9	10	10	8	8	10 66.2	
LILYDALE	6	8	12	10	11	12	9	8	10	10	11 60.8	
KILSYTH	12	11	8	6	9	10	11	11	11	11	12 58.4	

Mooroolbark was the dominant team throughout the season and entered the finals as the team most likely. North Ringwood came through in the latter half to sneak second just ahead of Ainslie Park and East Ringwood with Wonga Park a couple of points back in fifth.

Ainslie Park got home in a cliffhanger against East Ringwood whilst North Ringwood upset Mooroolbark to progress to the Grand Final. Ainslie Park had an emphatic win over Mooroolbark, who bowed out in disappointing fashion. Ainslie Park (180) could not keep up the good work as North Ringwood (253) set a big target and ran out comfortable winners.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Matthew Bellizia, Brian I'Anson, Tim Rule, David Kay, David Knowles, Matthew Stoikos, Michael Scott, Carey Arthurson, Mark Dunk, Roger Leahy, Hagen Shaw and Daniel Tucker.

WILKINS RESERVES

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
CHIRNSIDE PARK	6	5	3	2	3	3	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	1 127.4	1
BAYSWATER PARK	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2 123.4	2
SOUTH CROYDON	7	7	8	6	6	4	4	4	3	2	4	4	3	3 117.4	3
MONTROSE	1	1	4	3	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	4 109.1	4
WARRANDYTE	4	4	2	4	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	5 104.5	
NORWOOD	3	2	5	5	4	6	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6 89.0	
ST ANDREWS	8	8	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7 67.0	
CROYDON RANGES	5	6	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8 65.5	

Chirnside Park and Bayswater Park led the way for much of the season, with South Croydon close behind, and Montrose came through to edge past Warrandyte in the last round.

South eliminated Montrose and Chirnside had a big win over Bayswater Park who was then able to regroup and oust South in a very close tussle. Bayswater Park (174) put up a better fight in the Grand final but was still no match for a very good Chirnside Park team, who compiled 2/175.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Steve Paul ©, Paul Bennett, James Bennett, David Green, Luke Mitchell, Ray Bartoli, Magnus Vaisnys, Ash Parsons, Stuart Lane, Tom Wall, Nick O'Meara and Rob Waghorn (12th).

A GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F	
WONGA PARK	1	2	4	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	112.1	1
WANTIRNA	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	122.6	2
WARRANWOOD	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	2	3	106.9	3
CROYDON NORTH	3	5	3	2	3	5	3	2	2	4	3	4	4	4	101.1	4
AINSLIE PARK	7	7	7	6	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	87.7	
BAYSWATER PARK	5	8	8	8	8	7	6	6	6	7	6	5	5	6	80.1	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	6	6	5	5	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	69.5	
BORONIA	8	4	6	7	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	8	8	8	63.3	

Wantirna headed the ladder throughout the season and entered the finals as the team to beat. The other finalists, Wonga Park, Warranwood and Croydon North occupied spots in the four for the last 5 or 6 rounds.

Croydon North exited at the hands of Warranwood and Wantirna overcame Wonga Park in a close game. Wonga bounced back to end Warranwood's hopes and when seemingly down and out, in the Grand Final, a great late order partnership (7/130) snatched the game from Wantirna's grasp (129).

Members of the premier team were as follows: Paul Doevelaar ©, Shawn Everitt, Andrew Jones, Dave Ireland, Peter Buceto, Matt Rea, Dallas Roberts, Brad Price, Nasi George, Greg Knee, Aaron Potter and Ross Bickford.

B GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14PTS	G/F	
NORWOOD	1	1	4	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	117.8	1
TEMPLETON	7	6	5	3	4	6	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	97.9	2
KNOX CITY	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	122.0	3
ST ANDREWS	4	2	1	4	2	2	4	5	5	4	5	4	3	3	102.7	4
SCORESBY FERNDALE	3	3	6	7	8	7	5	4	4	5	3	5	5	5	85.5	
MOOROOLBARK	5	5	3	5	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	79.0	
MONTROSE	6	7	7	6	5	8	8	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	72.7	
LILYDALE	8	8	8	8	7	4	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	61.9	

Knox City set the pace pre Xmas but faltered thereafter, having only one win, and Norwood finished hot on their heels with St Andrews and Templeton being the other finalists.

Templeton ended St Andrew's run while Knox City lost to Norwood and then Templeton for a disappointing exit. Norwood (5/118) kept up their good form to comfortably chase Templeton's (117) in the Grand Final.

Members of the premier team were as follows: B. Paterson ©, S. Orr, G. Martin, D. Glanvill, A.Haines, M.Biggs, N. Eastman, S.Greatrex, J.Armstrong, D.Olenczuk, M.Rayner, and C. Fernandez

C GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14PTS	G/F
OLINDA	4	4	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1 119.5	1
WANTIRNA SOUTH	8	8	7	4	4	2	3	4	4	5	5	6	5	4 92.9	2
CROYDON RANGES	2	3	5	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2 115.7	3
EAST RINGWOOD	6	6	4	7	7	6	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 109.5	4
WARRANWOOD	3	2	6	2	2	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	5 90.7	
NORTH RINGWOOD	1	1	3	6	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	5	6	6 85.7	
WONGA PARK	5	5	2	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7 73.8	
AINSLIE PARK	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8 68.5	

At the break, Olinda and Croydon Ranges set the pace followed by East Ringwood and Wantirna South and those teams went on to maintain their positions at seasons end.

Wantirna South ended East Ringwood's hopes and Olinda progressed to the Grand Final. Ranges went out, in straight sets, to Wantirna South. Seemingly having the flag in their hands, chasing Olinda's 105, Wantirna South were subjected to a magnificent fightback and had the game snatched from their grasp, as they could only manage 85.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Matt Burgan, Jamie Beattie, Ian Begg, Cameron Eade, Jarrod Ham, Neil Jobson, Anthony Holloway, Kieren Kemm, David Ruyter, Blake Swanson, Paul Willoughby, Dean McCashney, David Gelbert and Ryan Harris.

D GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	3	4	1	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2 126.5	1
WARRANDYTE	7	6	5	6	5	5	5	7	7	5	6	6	6	4 100.4	2
CROYDON NORTH	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 138.5	3
SOUTH CROYDON	6	5	3	5	6	2	4	6	6	4	3	3	4	3 109.4	4
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2	2	6	4	3	6	6	4	4	6	4	4	3	5 100.3	
CROYDON RANGES	1	1	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	6 99.8	
MOOROOLBARK	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	5	5	7	7	7	7	7 72.4	
KILSYTH	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8 30.7	

Croydon North and Sth Warrandyte led the way for much of the season with four sides locked in battle for the remaining places. South Croydon showed some good form late to claim third and the last round saw Warrandyte jump from sixth to sneak in by 0.1 with a further 0.5 to sixth.

South Warrandyte went through with Warrandyte ending South Croydon's run and then continuing the good form to oust Croydon North in a tight one. The fairytale did not continue, however, as South Warrandyte (200) accumulated too many for Warrandyte (131) to claim the flag by a comfortable margin.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Barry Williams (c), Darren Johnson, Damien Smart, Shane Hanson, Barry Rawson, Jarrod Witnish, John Rushgrove, Mace Rushgrove, Adrian Smith, Richard Cutler, Scott Adams and Simon Adams (12th)

E GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14PTS	G/F
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3	4	5	5	5	6	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	4 102.4	1
WANTIRNA	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 137.6	2
EASTFIELD	6	6	4	2	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2 113.9	3
NORTH RINGWOOD	1	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3 111.3	4
LILYDALE	2	2	2	3	4	3	3	5	5	5	5	4	5	5 96.2	
TEMPLETON	7	8	8	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6 73.1	
NORWOOD	8	7	6	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7 67.9	
BORONIA	5	5	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8 49.1	

Wantirna entered the finals series as the standout, having only lost one game to that point, in a grade where the finalists occupied places in the four from prior to Christmas, Wantirna easily won its semi, as did Chirnside Park to eliminate North Ringwood. Chirnside kept up the good work, as Eastfield bowed out in straight sets, and then finished the job in style by accumulating 163 and easily accounting for Wantirna (94) in the Grand Final.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Darren Cameron ©, Mal Grift, Simon O'Donnell, Cameron O'Donnell, Tom Peters, Shaun Monck, Luke Danello, Brad Malbon, Michael Tucker, Marcus Bayer and Paul Hayes.

F GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
BAYSWATER PARK	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 136.0	1
MONTROSE	4	4	1	3	2	3	4	6	6	3	3	2	2	2 116.6	2
OLINDA	2	1	3	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3 107.6	3
CROYDON RANGES	7	8	8	6	6	5	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	4 101.6	4
WARRANWOOD	3	3	4	5	5	7	7	5	5	5	5	4	4	5 99.9	
WONGA PARK	8	7	6	8	7	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	6 89.6	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	6	6	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	6	6	6	6	7 83.2	
SCORESBY FERNDAL	5	5	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8 41.3	

Bayswater Park headed the ladder from start to finish whilst all bar one of the other teams remained in contention until the last couple of rounds. Montrose showed good late season form to come through for second, with Olinda close behind and Croydon Ranges snuck in at Warranwood's expense, in the last round.

Ranges went out in a tight low scoring game while Bayswater Park went through with an easy win. Montrose bounced back, to account for Olinda, but was no match (137) for a dominant Bayswater Park (9/198) in the Grand Final

Members of the premier team were as follows: Ralph Wellington ©, James Cheshire, Frank Costantino, Daren Lechner, Tim Hall, Ian Barlow, Chris Gibson, Andrew Eustace, Ian Hughes, Ash Legate, Colin Southward and Curtis Foran (12th)

G GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
CROYDON NORTH	5	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3 116.8	1
ST ANDREWS	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 129.1	2
TEMPLETON	1	1	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	3	2	2	2	2 127.2	3
NORTH RINGWOOD	2	3	1	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4 100.2	4
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	6	5	7	5	6	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	7	5 79.7	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	3	2	5	6	7	6	5	5	5	6	6	5	6	6 78.2	
MONTROSE	8	8	6	7	5	5	6	7	7	5	5	6	5	7 71.2	
AINSLIE PARK	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8 61.6	

St Andrews set the pace, not losing a game up to the break, but faltered a bit thereafter and only narrowly held on to top spot from a hot Templeton with Croydon North and North Ringwood, who finished well clear of the remainder, making up the finalists.

St Andrews progressed direct to the Grand Final whilst Croydon North comfortably ousted North Ringwood and then kept up the good work to end Templeton's season. In the big one, St Andrews (124) came up a long way short of Croydon North (259), who had an excellent finals series.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Vic Pullar (c), Craig Alexander, Luke Butler, Adam Crowhurst, Brad Gale, Len Gale, Andrew Grants, Scott McMahon, Paul Marovic, Phillip Morgan, Daniel Rae, Russell Strong, Andrew Taylor and Daniel Wilson

H GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	PTS	G/F
BAYSWATER PARK	6	7	7	5	5	5	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	116.4	1
EAST RINGWOOD	5	5	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	143.4	2
KNOX CITY	3	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	114.2	3
WARRANDYTE	4	4	2	1	4	3	3	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	98.6	4
WARRANWOOD	7	6	3	3	1	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	98.3	
WANTIRNA	1	3	6	7	7	8	7	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	75.5	
CROYDON RANGES	2	1	5	6	6	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	66.3	
MOOROOLBARK	8	8	8	8	8	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	65.7	

East Ringwood led the ladder clearly at the end of home and way followed by Bayswater Park and Knox City with Warrandyte moving ahead of Warranwood (by 0.3) in the last round.

In the semi-finals, East Ringwood was upset by Bayswater Park and Warrandyte went out. East Ringwood bounced back, to defeat Knox City easily, but Bayswater Park (7/134) again proved too good in the Grand Final, where East Ringwood had set a target of 132.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Adrian Elder ©, Shane Albon, Liam Fay, Donall Fay, Eoin Fay, Jaydan Murphy, Dave Mitchell, Mick Robbins, Ben Macdonald, Gareth Bailey, Philip Leach and Timothy Mills (12th)

I GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	PTS	G/F
NORWOOD	6	6	5	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	121.3	1
KILSYTH	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	119.0	2
WONGA PARK	5	4	6	5	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	116.0	3
NORTH RINGWOOD	2	3	1	1	1	4	4	6	6	5	5	4	4	4	110.3	4
EAST RINGWOOD	1	1	4	6	7	7	6	7	7	7	4	5	5	5	99.9	
WARRANTYTE	4	5	3	4	5	5	7	5	5	4	6	6	6	6	95.4	
CROYDON NORTH	7	8	10	8	6	6	5	4	4	6	7	7	7	7	93.7	
SOUTH CROYDON	8	7	8	9	9	10	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	81.4	
OLINDA			9	7	8	9	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	49.6	
KNOX CITY			7	10	10	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	43.9	

This grade started with 8, but became 10 teams after two rounds.

At the break, Kilsyth led the ladder with Wonga Park, Norwood and Croydon North close up.

Norwood came through to narrowly head the ladder from Kilsyth and Wonga whilst Nth Ringwood filled the final spot.

Norwood proceeded to Grand Final with a win over Kilsyth whilst North Ringwood went out at the hands of Wonga. Kilsyth just got over Wonga Park in a tight one but then came up a little short (190) as Norwood (222) prevailed in the Grand Final.

Members of the premier team were as follows: J. Kent ©, D. Beachley, D. Gridley, J. Hughan, G. Gamble., S. Lester (snr), S. Lester (jnr), T. Wing, J. Flynn, S. Taylor, T. Holman, S. Ramsay and B. McCoy.

J GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	PTS	G/F
CHIRNSIDE PARK	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	138.4	1
SOUTH WARRANTYTE	7	7	4	3	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	129.4	2
OLINDA	3	2	5	6	6	5	3	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	128.6	3
MONTROSE	4	3	2	2	1	4	5	4	4	5	5	5	4	4	126.8	4
WARRANWOOD	6	6	3	5	5	3	4	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	122.7	
NORTH RINGWOOD	2	4	6	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	6	96.4	
AINSLIE PARK	5	5	8	9	9	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	7	90.2	
CROYDON NORTH			10	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	62.6	
CROYDON RANGES			7	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	57.3	
EASTFIELD	8	8	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	36.6	

Another grade that started with 8 teams but, by demand, another two were added to the mix after two rounds. Chirnside Park finished a game clear at the top, with the next three, South Warrandyte, Olinda and Montrose, separated by only a couple of points and Warranwood close up.

Come finals, Chirnside easily accounted for South Warrandyte and Olinda did likewise to Montrose, which was eliminated. South Warrandyte bounced back to oust Olinda, but in the Grand Final they came up well short (171) of the Chirnside Park tally of 7/250.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Brett Wheeler ©, Glenn Gromadovski, Brant Gromadovski, Ryan Gromadovski, Daniel Cousins, Jason Ince, Gary Wilkinson, Glenn Haley, Brad Waters, David Lobo, Derrick Lobo and Josh Knoop (12th)

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2005/06

Wonga Park	31	(4)	Lilydale	11	(2)
Mooroolbark	25	(8)	South Warrandyte	10	(4)
East Ringwood	25	(5)	Wantirna	10	(2)
Croydon North	22	(9)	Boronia	8	(0)
Wantirna South	21	(2)	Ferntree Gully	7	(3)
Ainslie Park	18	(2)	South Croydon	7	(3)
Croydon Ranges	19*	(4)	Scoresby Ferndale	6	(1)
Templeton	19	(3)	Eastfield	5	(2)
Kilsyth	18	(1)	Knox City	5	(2)
St Andrews	17	(4)	Aquinas Old Collegians	3	(3)
Montrose	16	(4)	Croydon	3	(0)
Norwood	15	(2)	Olinda	4	(2)
North Ringwood	14	(5)	Knox Churches	1	(1)
Warranwood	13*	(4)			
Bayswater Park	12	(1)			
Chirnside Park	11	(4)			
Warrandyte	11	(3)			

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

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The calculation is based on wins per team (all grades included) with various points ratios for the grades. Whilst all clubs are included, it is difficult to win Club Championship unless a club has at least 4 teams. Essentially, the bulk of the points are earned through teams from Chandler through to D grade.

WINNER 2005/06	Mooroolbark	21.894
followed by	Croydon North	20.268
	Wonga Park	20.232
	South Croydon	18.352

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Chandler 1	Paul Payne	(Wantirna South)
Steve Pascoe Medal – Wilkins Cup	Michael Edwards	(Montrose)
Stuart Newey Medal – Newey Plate	Rob Henderson	(Eastfield)

AWARD WINNERS

ALL STAR TEAM

Paul Payne (capt)	Wantirna South	57 wickets and 280 runs (including finals)
Luke Robertson	Templeton	417 runs
Gareth Taylor	North Ringwood	489 runs
John Taylor	Wonga Park	610 runs (including finals)
Mark Unternahrer	Kilsyth	401 runs and 26 wickets
John O'Donnell	Mooroolbark	293 runs (including finals)
Scott Brasher	South Warrandyte	291 runs and 32 wickets (including finals)
Chad Rogers	South Warrandyte	36 wickets and 186 runs (including finals)
Jason Watts	Warranwood	36 wickets
Mark Sacristani	Croydon North	40 wickets
Lanka De Silva (wk)	Wantirna South	353 runs, 15 catches, 7 stumpings and 2 run outs (including finals)

BATTING and BOWLING AVERAGES

(Eligibility criteria was amended prior to the season, to be as follows: Batsmen must bat and Bowlers must bowl in at least half the games played in the grade for the season. Batsmen to score more than 250 runs and bowlers to deliver not less than 80 overs and take not less than 20 wickets)

J Grade	Bowling	Tony Biggs (South Warrandyte)	36 wkts @ 8.78 (best 6/70 & 5/23)
	Batting	Craig Jennings (Olinda)	700 runs @ 50.00 (includes 3 x 50's and best 240)
I Grade	Bowling	Rob Hutchings (Kilsyth)	24 wkts @ 12.17 (best 5/21 & 5/26)
	Batting	Dennis Gridley (Norwood)	620 runs @ 68.89 (7/50's and best 125)
H Grade	Bowling	Matthew Duguay (Knox City)	38 wkts @ 10.05 (best 6/16 & 5/24)
	Batting	Matthew Crowle (East Ringwood)	327 runs @ 65.40 (2/50, best 95)
G Grade	Bowling	John Gordon (Montrose)	22 wkts @ 7.54 (best 7/22 & 5/33)
	Batting	Ken Morton (South Warrandyte)	421 runs @ 60.14 (3/50's and best 111)
F Grade	Bowling	Adrian Trigt (Warranwood)	25 wkts @ 9.52 (best 6/38 & 4/8)
	Batting	Ray Page (Croydon Ranges)	460 runs @ 38.33 (1/50, 2/100's – best 126)
E Grade	Bowling	Ian Donaldson (North Ringwood)	24 wkts @ 9.26 (best 5/38 & 4/20)
	Batting	Craig Scott (North Ringwood)	701 runs @ 70.10 (3/50's, 3/100's – best 115)

D Grade	Bowling	Darren Wright (South Croydon)	29 wkts @ 9.38 (best 7/12 and 6/24)
	Batting	Stuart Smead (Warrandyte)	262 runs @ 52.40 (2/50's, best 85)
C Grade	Bowling	Jamie Beattie (Olinda)	41 wkts @ 9.71 (best 7/24 & 7/30)
	Batting	Marcus Clohesy (Wantirna South)	340 runs @ 42.50 (3/50's, best 101no)
B Grade	Bowling	Philip Alexander (Knox City) (Best 5/46 & 4/33 –including h/trick)	32 wkts @ 10.56
	Batting	Brad Kesters (Mooroolbark)	311 runs @ 34.56 (3/50's, best 61)
A Grade	Bowling	Mark Whitney (Wantirna)	33 wkts @ 9.64 (best 5/11 & 5/28)
	Batting	Ben O'Keefe (Wantirna)	466 runs @ 51.77 (2/50's and 2/100's – both 106no)
Newey Plate	Bowling	Kier Leone (Olinda)	22 wkts @ 8.50 (best 4/34 & 3/9)
	Batting	Gavin Maslen (Olinda)	537 runs @ 107.40 (4/50's, 2/100's, best 104)
Wilkins Res	Bowling	Rod Sutherland (Montrose)	26 wkts @ 12.92 (best 6/52 & 5/63)
	Batting	Mark Wilson (Norwood)	291 runs @ 41.57 (2/50's, best 68)
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Chris Stringer (South Croydon)	36 wkts @ 8.81 (best 5/15 & 6/34)
	Batting	Michael Edwards (Montrose)	510 runs @ 56.66 (2/50's and best 136)
Chandler Res	Bowling	Lewis Davison (Ainslie Park)	20 wkts @ 10.10 (best 4/47)
	Batting	Adam Parker (Templeton)	274 runs @ 45.67 (1/50 and a best 109)
Chandler Shield	Bowling	Paul Payne (Wantirna South) (best 8/54, 6/30, 6/34 with two 5 wkt hauls)	44 wkts @ 8.35
	Batting	Gareth Taylor (North Ringwood)	489 runs @ 61.13 (5/50's and a best 108)

Most Promising Under 21 player

Matthew Sazenis

Warrandyte

Most Promising Under 18 player

Paul Flynn

East Ringwood

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Newey: Rob Henderson (Eastfield) – **1225 points** (620 runs, 24 unassisted wickets, 23 assisted wickets and 3 catches)

Wilkins: Andrew Downs (Norwood) – **854 points** (449 runs, 16 unassisted wickets, 13 assisted wickets, 5 catches, 2 run out assists)

Chandler: Paul Payne (WSO) – **789 points** (244 runs, 16 unassisted wickets, 28 assisted wickets and 5 catches).

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2005/06

YEAR	CHANDLER 1	WILKINS	NEWHEY
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

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS 2005/06

	UNDER 17	UNDER 16	UNDER 14	UNDER 12
1	Croydon North	Ringwood	North Ringwood	Croydon North
2		Bayswater Park	Warranwood	East Ringwood
3		Heathmont Baptists	Montrose	Lilydale
4		Olinda	Olinda	East Ringwood
5			South Warrandyte/ Norwood (tie)	Warranwood

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Played Eastern Cricket Association at Hawthorn East

M. Unternahrer (C) ECA were sent in to bat and scored well from the third over
A. Wu losing the first wicket at 41 and the next at 155 in the 26th
R. Arbuckle over. Things slowed a little after this and the third wicket
R. Allport fell at 162 the fourth at 186 and the innings closed at 4/229.
K. Drennan Best of the bowlers was Mark Unternahrer with 3/42 off 8
J. Taylor overs with Steve Garrett taking the other wicket for 1/21.
G. Stock
S. Garrett RDCA batted steadily but a middle order collapse saw them
B. Greer looking a bit shaky at 7/125. Brad Greer joined Rohan Allport
C. Rogers who was holding things together and RDCA steadied. After
D. Turner some lusty hitting by these two it was left to Chad Rogers
A Gottliebse and Dan Turner to guide us home. Final score 10/231
Best batting, Wu 20, Arbuckle 15, Allport 74, Drennan 21,
Greer 40, Rogers 17 and Turner 14 no.

Played Box Hill Reporter at Wantirna South (Chandler Squad)

M. Unternahrer (C) Box Hill were sent in and batted steadily but were restricted
D. Carratelli to 185 off 35 overs by good bowling from Dan Turner 4/47,
R. Arbuckle Jason Watts 3/31 and Mark Unternahrer 3/14.
K. Drennan
C. Williams RDCA had the ball at their feet but lost the plot with a late
B. Albert collapse after some good early work to be all out for 165.
C. Rogers Some controlled big hitting saw Kevin Drennan finish with
A. Bell 66 but apart from Robbie Arbuckle on 28 and Chad Rogers
D. Turner on 27 there was little other support.
J. Watts
L. Rigby

Played Box Hill Reporter at Wantirna (Wilkins / Newey Squad)

A. Wu (C) RDCA started well and after losing Ben Beech for 15 in the
B. Beech ninth over at 42 were 2/152 in over 28 when Wu went
M. Parker for 65. Parker went on to make 86 before being caught in
R. Yasalal over 36 with the score 208. Ranga Yasalal kept the score
R. Henderson ticking over, being out in over 39 for 31. Final score was
M. Garthwaite 6/245, a very competitive total.
T. Moran
A. Downs Box Hill batted extremely well and was on target to run down
E. Costello the big total but a couple of run outs slowed things down and
S. McCall they fell short, finishing all out for 217. Best of the bowlers
M. Peisley were Russell Eagles 2/44, Ranga Yasalal 3/23 and Andrew
R. Eagles Downs 2/34 and 3 catches. Wu managed 2 runouts and a catch.

NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

The following players represented the association:

Matt Sazenis - Warrandyte (c)	Matt Stoikos - North Ringwood
Marcus Adams - Bayswater Park	Dwayne Kelly - Wonga Park
Matt Kershaw - East Ringwood	Josh Barrett - South Warrandyte
Leigh Rigby - North Ringwood	David Beagley - North Ringwood
Ash Onley - East Ringwood	Glynn James - South Croydon
Ben Lannen - North Ringwood	Scott Dimitriou - Mooroolbark
Damian Sullivan - Wantirna South	Steve Patterson - Wonga Park
John Cunningham - Scoresby-Ferndale	Luke Barker - Wonga Park
Paul Flynn - East Ringwood	

The RDCA was competitive in all 3 matches without being able to notch a win.

Firstly, v Eastern CA, 9/99cc was not enough for ECA's 5/101. Dimitiou (35), Beagley (22), Onley (2/17) and Rigby (1/19) were better contributions.

In round 2 v VTCA-South at Frankston, again batting first, our 137 was overtaken with 10 overs to spare. Sullivan (42) and Barrett (19) were the better scores and Sazenis (3/24) stood out with the ball.

The final round v DVCA at Ringwood saw us chasing 7/188. In the full 45 overs, we fell short at 9/131. Flynn (27 & 1/18), Sullivan (19 & 5/56) and Stoikos (17) did well.

UNDER 18's

Chris Moorhouse – St Andrews	Tao Collins – Croydon North
Ben Grey – Montrose	Ash Onley – East Ringwood
Daniel Dimitriou – Mooroolbark	Jarrod Runge – Mooroolbark
Paul Flynn – East Ringwood	Chris Doubleday – Montrose
Adam Ewart – Mooroolbark	Matt Kershaw – East Ringwood
Stuart Blackham – East Ringwood	Tom Bailey – Mooroolbark
Trent Ward – Croydon North	

In the one match played, on turf at Yarraville, VTCA (6/217) turned the tables after our good win at the same venue last year. In the RDCA total of 84, Moorhouse, Ewart, Kershaw and Onley reached double figures. Flynn complemented his impressive RDCA Under 21 and Outer East Metro U18 State Championship performances with 3 wickets while Collins and Bailey picked up one each.

UNDER 25s

This group also played just the 1 game, the annual match v VTCA, on turf at Yarraville, adjacent to the Under 18 game. After an encouraging opening partnership of 55 in 11 overs between Ash Wellington (22) Montrose, and Henry Cunningham (24) – Scoresby-Ferndale, we finished with a disappointing 9/131 from our allocated 45 overs. Michael Edwards (22) – Montrose and Matt Kershaw (28) – East Ringwood were the others to make double figures.

In reply, VTCA attained their target in the 21st over, for the loss of 2 wickets. Michael Edwards completed a creditable game with both wickets.

The common theme running through 6 games was the failure to post a competitive score. Too few demonstrated the batting technique required to compete at this level.

CHARITY MATCH

RDCA (SELECT TEAM) v RINGWOOD RAMS (FIRSTS SELECT)

20/20 game played at Jubilee Park on Wednesday 1 March 2006

In very good conditions for cricket, an RDCA twelve took on a Ringwood Rams team that contained most of the first X1 from recent rounds, with the addition of David Saker as skipper.

Ringwood batted first and Saker and Sean Flynn got the team off to a good start with 32 coming from first four overs. Flynn was first to go when a deflection from the bowler left him stranded and when Drew McKay, who bowled quite sharply, dismissed Tom Stray and Matt Gale (both for nought) in the next over it was 3/32. Saker and Daniel Rawson doubled the tally before Jason Disney claimed Rawson in the ninth over. When Justin Box was run-out, in a mix up with the skipper, followed soon after by Saker (47) and Daniel King it was 7/89 with six and a bit overs to go. Michael King, on joining Brett Hampton, immediately set about the bowling and, making the most of a life, he accumulated an excellent 46no as the pair (Hampton 24no) took the tally to 7/160 at the completion of the 20 overs. Ranga Yasalal and Mark Unternahrer bore the brunt of the late charge, with 0/39 and 0/18 respectively from 2 overs apiece, whilst McKay 2/21, Andrew Spittle (late replacement for Paul Payne) 0/30, Jason Disney 2/23 and Chad Rogers 1/24 (all with 4 overs) bowled well and reasonably economically.

Andy Wu and Luke Robertson opened the RDCA innings and Wu ticked the score along before Gale dismissed Robertson in the third over (1/14). Daniel Carratelli (17) hit a couple of sixes as he and Wu (31) took the score to forty from seven overs but the introduction of spin, Daniel King (2/10) and Brendan Walsh (4/35), saw the runs dry up. Wickets fell regularly in the attempt to put the bowlers over the top and, at 7/86 (from 15), some heroics were needed from the late order batsmen. Unternahrer (18 with 3 sixes) provided the spectators with a few opportunities to win a prize (not taken) whilst Rogers and Anthony Cliff clipped a few but it was not to be, as the innings ended in the 18th over for a total of 110. Brenton Pearce picked up the last three to finish with 3/21.

The Umpires determined that Brendan Walsh was Man of the match for Ringwood Rams and a couple of prized wickets earned Drew McKay that accolade for the RDCA. Each received tankards courtesy of AKT Trophy Centre.

Two spectators who managed to catch the ball after it sailed over the boundary line were beneficiaries of a pair of batting gloves from HUNTS (Regent Sporting Goods), Mr.Unternahrer's employer, and we thank them for the donation.

Other sponsors, who we thank for their contributions to the event, were: Kookaburra Sport, Penguin Books (Peg Tull), Iveco, Bakers Delight Heathmont, Maddocks Sport, Manhattan Hotel and Topline Sports.

It was another successful event and we thank the spectators, who were in attendance, for their support to the charity beneficiary, the Australian Cancer Research Foundation.

Thanks also to the Ringwood members (Committee and players) together with those on the RDCA executive for their efforts on the night.

And finally, thank you to the players and the umpires, Graeme Lloyd and Rebecca Denton

SCORECARD

Ringwood innings

S. Flynn	run out	21
D. Saker	c Robertson b Rogers	47
T.Stray	b McKay	0
M. Gale	lbw McKay	0
D. Rawson	b Disney	5
J. Box	run out	5
B. Hampton	not out	24
Daniel King	lbw Disney	0
M. King	not out	46
B. Pearce		
B. Walsh		
David King		
Extras		12
Total		7/160

Bowling: McKay 4-2/21, Spittle 4-0/30, Disney 4-2/23, Rogers 4-1/24, Yasalal 2-0/39 and Unternahrer 2-0/18

RDCA innings

A. Wu	c Gale b Walsh	31
L. Robertson	c Hampton b Gale	1
D. Carratelli	c Box b Daniel King	17
R.Ar buckle	c Saker b Daniel King	4
J. Disney	c Flynn b Walsh	6
R. Coutts	st Hampton b Walsh	9
R. Yasalal	c Pearce b Walsh	2
M.Unternahrer	c Walsh b Pearce	18
C. Rogers	c Flynn b Pearce	10
A. Cliff	b Pearce	7
A. Spittle	not out	0
D. McKay		
Extras		5
Total		110

Bowling: Gale 3-1/12, Saker 2-0/14, D.King 4-2/10, M.King 2-0/17, Walsh 4-4/35, and Pearce 3-3/21

LET US REMEMBER

FRED HODGKINS

Fred Hodgkins, who passed away in September 2004, began his cricket career at the age of ten (playing his first game in a Senior team) when East Ringwood Cricket Club was formed in 1928.

He went on to play cricket with East Ringwood for over 60 years and in that time his aggressive approach to batting won him an Association batting average on six occasions. He also sent down wily leg spinners that gained him the bowling average three times.

Fred played in early RDCA teams and scored two centuries in these games.

He became a local legend in the competition and East Ringwood sources claim that he holds the record for the fastest century, in just over four (8 ball) overs. (Note! The gentleman named below also has claims to the record). Fred also achieved the phenomenal feat of scoring more than 100 centuries during his career.

Fred Hodgkins was the first RDCA cricketer to be awarded Life membership, solely for his on field performances, and his modest, gentlemanly manner made him a worthy recipient of that honour.

TREVOR MCPHEE

Trevor McPhee, who passed away in April after a lengthy struggle with illness, entered the cricket playing ranks aged 13, with Colchester Cricket Club, at which time he also took on the duties of Secretary of the club.

When that club disbanded after two seasons, Trevor joined Kilsyth where he participated in a number of then "A" Grade (now Chandler) premierships and was captain of the successful side in 1960/61. Over the years, he also represented the Association at U.23 and Senior level.

Trevor was an opening bowler who could also swing the willow, as evidenced by him scoring 101 not out, in 23 minutes in an A Grade game in 1949/50, with the runs coming from 23 balls (how many did he block?) which also gives him claim to the fastest ever RDCA century.

After 25 years at Kilsyth, Trevor retired to take up bowls but he maintained close links with Kilsyth and Croydon Hockeyers (come Ranges), where his son has played for many years.

In 1994, Trevor joined the Local Community Radio Group (Eastern FM 98.1) where he hosted music and sport programs. In that capacity, Trevor was responsible for implementing the RDCA Cricket Show, which runs for an hour each week of the season, and he played assistant host and panel operator up until health issues saw him relinquish the role midway through 04/05 season.

Trevor was involved in many community groups and the RDCA Executive acknowledges his contribution to cricket in the area, both as a player and through the radio station.