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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In many ways it was a really successful season for all involved, particularly as the number of teams on the field continued to grow and the RDCA remains financially strong.

When I first joined the RDCA's Growth & Retention Project committee, an initiative created some five years ago by Ian Dench and the Board of Management of the time, it was because I knew my club was struggling, particularly in relation to juniors. Simply put, more needed to be done at all levels, from club and RDCA level through to Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia. I wanted to be part of the drive to guarantee the future of our great Association.

Fast forward to now and the work done by our volunteers, as well some innovative thinking is reaping rewards. While all clubs may not be in this position and experiencing the inevitable ebbs and flows of club membership, there is plenty of inspiration from clubs within the RDCA, who were once short on playing numbers and resources, who are now thriving. Well done to all our clubs and volunteers for another year of working tirelessly behind the scenes.

Thank you to all the clubs for attending the Presidents meeting and contributing to our future direction. In the off season, the BOM and Strategic Planning Committee has continued to work on the recommendations and implement what we can prior to the season starting. It is really important that we have strong clubs with strong ties to your local community in order to keep attracting players to each club.

Juniors

With our junior teams increasing by 23, a pleasing aspect was the increase at Under 16 level. We grew from 17 teams to 22 teams and the early signs are that there will be more growth at this age group leading into next summer. The numbers in the younger age groups are also very strong.

Girl's cricket is a big growth area in our juniors and, thanks to some tremendous financial support from Cricket Victoria this season, our junior committee is keen to consider a girl's only junior competition in the very near future.

The integration of junior and senior clubs is vital to the ongoing growth and success of our competition. With junior numbers growing for many clubs, blending these young players into senior cricketers is an exciting challenge that awaits everyone in the room. Most importantly, bringing them into a senior club, which plays the game in the right spirit and respects all the participants in the game, will be paramount in building a club that people want to be around.

Seniors

Our Senior Competition this season comprised of 130 teams, 4 more than last season. The split innings format was extended to 6 grades at the request of many clubs.

A number of father/son teams, together with teams comprising of more senior experienced players mentoring "top end" junior players from both U/16 and U/14, made up the majority of these grades. These steps appear to be an overwhelming success by retaining more senior players and transitioning more experienced junior players into senior cricket.

The senior T20 competition with the five round preliminary format has been embraced by most clubs. Warrandyte won the Grand Final and also won the Outer East Challenge T20 conducted by Ringwood CC between preliminary competition winners from FTGDCA, RDCA and YVCA.

Our U/21 representative team made the finals for the first time for many years but unfortunately lost their semi-final against Dandenong District CA, who were the ultimate champions once again. Thanks go to Craig Staggard, Paul Attfield and Pat Meehan for all their work and hopefully we can go one better next season.

The Senior Committee has embarked on two major projects over the last 6 months. The first project was a comprehensive survey to help determine the future direction of RDCA senior cricket with inputs from not only the clubs but also any individuals within the RDCA cricket community.

Over 300 responses were received and analysed and the final report will be forwarded to all clubs in the next few weeks. The Senior Committee will consider the overall results over the next months and determine the need for any actions deemed necessary for the benefit of the competition.

The second project was a review of the T20 competition, including format, administration, and the use of guest players. A number of club captain's views were canvassed and together with the results of the survey, will form input for the final report to be prepared for the Senior Committee's consideration. This is expected in the next few months.

Unfortunately, in December 2015 the RDCA fraternity mourned the passing of Lindsay Trollope who was a fantastic servant to the Association over a 17 year period, with that service being recognised a few seasons back with the top grade since carrying his name.

Veterans

It is a challenging time for our Veterans competition due to the success of the modified rules aspect within our senior grades. It is a great thing for our senior grade playing numbers, but it has proven a challenge to playing numbers in Veteran grades. The challenge for the RDCA Vets competition is to adopt and explore venues that will allow it to have its own market and playing conditions, which will see playing and team numbers start to grow again.

Our Veterans Committee is meeting regularly with other Veteran Associations (particularly Box Hill) to streamline Veterans Rules and playing conditions across, ultimately, all Vets competitions. As part of the strategy to involve the wider Vets community, our Association was involved in an Inter-comp day in December, featuring Ringwood, Box Hill, FTG and Diamond Valley.

On the day, the results were:

Over 40s (Capt. Jamie Cornford), two matches for a win and a loss

Over 50's (Capt. Phil Hickleton), two matches for a win and a loss

Over 60s (Capt. Robin Court) played only one game and defeated Box Hill

Our top 4 Veteran teams played in the Box Hill over 40 competition, and we congratulate Croydon on their success. In the Over 50's, Wonga Park lost a very closely fought Grand Final. In our own Competition, the premiers were Mooroolbark and Croydon Nth.

Umpires

Our umpire numbers were strong with Forty (40) individual umpires officiating during the season while 6 had a year off for various reasons. We still need more recruits as not all are available each week and our aim is to stand 2 umpires in all matches in the top 4 grades.

The ranks were swelled by the addition of 8 recruits to our panel, most of whom have extensive playing backgrounds and, although entering the official umpiring fraternity for the first time, have had extensive experience umpiring in lower grades.

During the season Martien Pruyzers reached the 500 match milestone for umpiring in the RDCA, which is a wonderful achievement.

On the other side of the coin, there was a sad loss when Daryl Watson passed away during the season. He was a recent addition to the umpiring panel after a long and strong history as player and administrator with Boronia CC and his enthusiasm and dedication to the umpiring role will be sorely missed.

Paul Denton and Marty Clohesy stood down from the Umpiring Executive at the recent AGM after 6+ years in their roles and the appreciation of RDCAUA was conveyed to them for their considerable input. Austin Acker and Shawn Everitt volunteered to fill their respective roles and were duly elected together with the remainder of the outgoing Executive.

General

The RDCA is in a good financial position and it is our intention to utilise some of these funds to improve our communications next season with so many different platforms available these days.

This should see a more coordinated approach from our committees in how we send out information as well as an improved image bank and changes to the look of our website.

I would like to thank Sean Flynn, Pat Meehan, Daryl Stephens and Steve Pascoe for their respective committee's hard work during the season.

Thank you to the other members of the Board of Management, Ian Spencer, Graeme Seymour and Chris Allan who I have been fortunate enough to play a part with for the past 2 seasons.

Congratulations to all the individual, team and club winners this season.

Thank you once again to our sponsors Paul Atfield (Saxon Sports), Michael Sukkar (Federal member for Deakin), David Hodgett (State member for Croydon), Rowan Alexander (Mooroolbark Community Bank), Mark Challen (Ringwood East Community Bank), Sam Pearce (Warrandyte Community Bank) and Kookaburra Sports, your support is greatly appreciated.

Dale Gilson

SENIOR COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

"Logic will get you from A to Z. Imagination will get you everywhere". – Albert Einstein.

My fifth season as senior secretary, how time goes by quickly and I am still learning.

At the start of the season, team numbers totalled 135 but this eventually dropped to 130 with withdrawals. Initially, an extra grade was required with K and L grades having teams and despite withdrawals they were not able to be merged due to three clubs having teams in both these grades.

Only four (4) players were reported for poor behaviour and there were no tribunal hearings required, which is a significant improvement from last season.

Only two (2) circulars were published but more detailed emails were sent and information continued to be posted on the RDCA website. The RDCA APP for Smartphone's was utilized, when on 19 December 2015 the Heat policy was invoked for the first time. Despite the lack of rain, most grounds remained in good condition and playing days were comfortable.

The success of any organisation is dependent on good communication and my thanks to all club Secretaries and Presidents with whom I dealt during the season for without your assistance and support our association would struggle to be effective. To those first time club secretaries, congratulations on surviving the season and I hope you will continue on for another season or two.

Congratulations to Ainslie Park CC who won the Bob Bissett 'Best Administered Club' award, North Ringwood 'Senior Club Championship' (back to back) and Croydon Ranges (Pascoe) 'Spirit of Cricket Award'.

The Senior Committee for season 2015/16 met 11 times and comprised the following members: Pat Meehan (Chair), Gregor Mason (Secretary), Stuart Minetti, Steve Pascoe, Roger Copeland, Brett McKane, Matt Thomas, Marco DAMico & Tony Gawne. We also welcomed Mark Arnot on to the committee.

Thanks to Ian Spencer and Pat Meehan for their work in liaising and meeting with council officers, as required during the season.

Some clubs forfeited a few times before deciding to withdraw their teams, both incidents generating a financial penalty for the club and many players missing out on a game of cricket. Unfortunately, this resulted in some teams/players not playing for a few weeks due to a BYE and receiving a forfeit, such was our season.

Ground shortages for Saturday teams remain a problem in most council's. For Knox and Maroondah councils they will allow new teams but they must play on Sundays. This again deterred a couple of new teams this season. Scoresby Ferndale CC reverted back to Scoresby CC and the club continued to have their 4XI (H grade) play home games on Sunday's at Exner Reserve.

My Cricket continues to improve its functionality and, as clubs gain a better understanding of its features, improved record keeping for clubs becomes easier to manage and provided clubs are diligent with the data input then the end of season statistics and awards are known by simply printing a report. Thanks to the efforts of a number of people, Roger Copeland in particular, this system continues to be very beneficial and I am pleased to report that most clubs have realised these benefits.

The Saxon Sports 20/20 competition format continued to be five (5) preliminary rounds plus finals and this was positively received. Thanks to Paul Atfield for his Saxon Sport sponsorship. Congratulations to Warrandyte and Wantirna South for making it through to the 20/20 grand final. The game was played at Walker Reserve, with Warrandyte winning the premiership for 2015/16. Warrandyte CC went on to compete in the Outer East T20 challenge on 21 February, representing the RDCA, and won, this is 2 years in a row that an RDCA club has been successful in the challenge.

The Annual T20 game against Ringwood Cricket Club was again hosted by the Ringwood CC at Jubilee Park on 25 November 2015. Thanks to Marc Steiner and Andy Wu for their effort to select the team, to Todd Cordwell who was appointed captain, and Ringwood CC who provided the facilities. In a close game, Ringwood 3/166 (Tom Stray 91no) defeated RDCA 8/164.

The T20 Challenge event (RDCA v ECA v BHRDCA) was not held this season as the host's, ECA, were unable to secure suitable grounds.

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

Pink Stumps day continued to be a feature of the season in February with several clubs participating in raising funds for the Jane McGrath Foundation.

The Trollope Grand Final was held at Cheong Park, Wilkins Cup was at Montrose Reserve, Newey Plate at Mullum Reserve and Pascoe Shield at Lilydale oval.

On behalf of the senior committee thank you to all the clubs who hosted finals at their venue and in some instances the away team for assisting the designated home team with facilities and equipment. Congratulations to all grade winners, 11 different clubs, out of 16 grades, were premiership winners. Warrandyte and Wonga Park (3) and Lilydale (2) were the only multiple premiership winners.

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

The Bill Dean Medal	David Johnson	(Warranwood)	16 votes
The Bill Wilkins Medal	Jack Dewhurst	(Lilydale)	12 votes
The Stuart Newey Medal	Ryan Murray	(Scoresby)	11 votes
The Steve Pascoe Medal	Greg Moorhouse	(St Andrews)	11 votes

Our Presentation night was again held at Dorset Gardens Hotel on Friday 8 April and attendance was again very good with the night's formalities completed by 10.00pm. Thanks to Justin Nelson who was our MC and ensured a smooth flow to the program. This was the second year of a 3 year deal with The Dorset Gardens Hotel and thanks to Tony and Maree Gawne for all their effort with the preparations for the night and Roger Copeland for the computer graphics.

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

Gregor Mason

REGISTRATION SECRETARY and MYCRICKET ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Season 2015/16 was again successful, with clubs use of MyCricket continuing to evolve.

The level of results completion continues to improve. More completed results provides clubs with all the necessary information to do their end of season stats.

Season 2015/16 saw 168 clearances (Senior and Junior) and 341 transfers (Senior and Junior and Veterans) processed into the RDCA or around RDCA clubs.

Congratulations to all the successful teams this past season.

Roger Copeland

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

It was very pleasing to see 8 new umpires join our group this season, more so the fact the greater majority had a significant playing history, which complimented their transition to the umpiring ranks. Our active umpire list was around 45 members but because of various reasons (serious illness, holidays etc) match appointments generally involved 30-35 members for majority of the season. The biggest challenge for the selection group is to continue to grow our number to improve our coverage on match days. Two umpires for each Premier Grade is the desired outcome.

The untimely passing of Darryl Watson in November was a shock to us all. Darryl served the RDCAUA for a period of 6 years and until his sudden illness enjoyed the camaraderie and involvement with the umpiring fraternity. He made a significant contribution to cricket at club level and is sadly missed.

The on-field player behaviour saw a marked improvement this season. The number of Incident Reports declined dramatically and only one Tribunal sitting was convened for the whole of the 2015/16 season. It is, however, still important for umpires to remain alert when dealing with on-field issues in a prompt and professional manner to ensure they do not escalate to a situation where a formal report is required.

Club captains remain responsible for the actions of their players and therefore are an important ally in helping to defuse these type of matters. The re-introduction this season of Umpire/Captain pre-season meeting is a forum to reinforce expectations and importantly seek a consistent and precise report on umpiring performance. .

The introduction of on-line training for Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) and Representative Officiating (Level 2) programs had some teething problems early for those members who worked through the new process. By season end and with the practical assistance of Graeme Lloyd the final compliance assessments will be now be performed ‘in-house’ based on the umpires overall season reviews.

Chris Pietersen continues to make an important contribution as Match Observer and Training Officer. His vast experience as a senior umpire at the highest level is an important asset to our group and will assist in our desire to improve performance levels of all umpires.

The only major milestone reached this season was Martien Pruyzers, it being a significant one with him passing 500 games mark, an outstanding effort. His season was interrupted by injury but he did manage to get back on the field late in the season.

Hearty congratulations to Steve Pascoe who capped off a meritorious year for him in receiving the Ken Dunham Award for ‘Umpire of the Year’. Steve has made an outstanding contribution to the RDCAUA since joining the ranks in 2006 and certainly has the respect of all concerned not only on field as an umpire but also for his sound and innovative management initiatives off-field.

At the RDCAUA AGM, held in March, most of the current members of the Executive were re-elected for 2016/2017 season but, after many years of service to the group, Paul Denton (Social) and Marty Clohesy (Recruitment) have taken leave and were replaced by Austin Aker and Shawn Everett.

As a group, the RDCA umpiring panel is always endeavouring to grow in both numbers and expertise. Internal training, individual instruction and mentoring are initiatives that the executive can drive to help in meeting these ends. It is felt that we are heading in the right direction but we do not delude ourselves that errors in judgment do not occur from time to time. All our panel members are committed to performing at the best standard they are able and, with the support of captains / players an enjoyable cricketing experience should be achieved by all.

We welcome constructive feedback and selectors rely heavily on the Captains' Reports on Umpires to ensure we identify any training needs and ensure we have the right umpires in the right matches. Unfortunately the standard of these reports has deteriorated to the point of requiring a review of the whole system; the outcome of which will be promulgated prior to next season.

**Tony Gawne
Secretary**

VMCU (Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union) REPORT

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

Over the past season, the main cricket activities have related to the management and implementation of the CV's State-wide T20 competition (RDCA Outer East representative – Montrose CC), U21 Neil Wright Shield and the Junior Shield & Cup Competitions for U18, U16, U14 and U12 in January.

This latter competition comprised of a record number of 100 teams with about 1200 players from 16 Associations. The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions and entered sides in all grades, including U18 for the first time. The U12 Josh Browne Plate team made the Grand final but unfortunately were defeated in a close match. The U12 Mitchell Shield side was the only other side in the Semi Finals. All sides performed better than previous years.

The most significant matters dealt with during the season were:

- Participation by the VMCU Board and the five Metropolitan Turf Associations in discussions and the development of proposals for the possible restructure of turf cricket by CV's Melbourne Metropolitan Turf Task Force. The CV Board adopted a favoured proposal in mid 2015 and commenced discussions with the relevant bodies with a view to forming Working Parties to institute five new League Boards. Under this proposal, the role of the VMCU would be devolved and taken up by CV and the new League Boards. At this time, work has commenced on the establishment of "South East Bayside Cricket" to replace the VTCA South. Negotiations are continuing on the other possible League Boards. Nothing has been stated on the future of the "hard wicket" associations.
- Continuing to increase participation in both girls and women's cricket at local club levels with the formation of junior girls' grades in some associations.
- Negotiations with CV and VCCL on both a standard clearance/transfer policy and a suspect bowling action policy for all senior cricket competitions in Victoria. The VMCU has adopted the current draft policies for associations to utilise in the interim.
- CA and CV are undertaking ground and facilities audits Australia wide to establish a national data bank for improvements funding and priorities based upon the recently released CA report "Cricket Facilities Guidelines".

In addition, 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
RDCA delegate

OUTER EAST METRO REGION (Region 14) REPORT

The following formed the committee for the Outer East Metro Region for 2015/2016.

David Beatty – Regional Committee Chairman

Di Day – Regional Cricket Manager (Cricket Victoria)

Brett McKane – VMCU Director (RDCA)

Colin Capon – FTGDCA

Brent Watts – YVCA

Tamara Mason – VWCA / Ringwood C.C.

Ian Roberts – Ringwood C.C.

David Chambers – VSDCA

General

Di Day was appointed Outer East Regional Cricket Manager just before the commencement of the season and has brought great enthusiasm to the role. Her commitment and attention to detail has allowed her to make a significant contribution to all aspects of cricket within the region.

The annual Outer East T20 Champions Trophy Competition was held at Lucas Oval, Jubilee Park on the 21st of February, with winners of the RDCA (Warrandyte), FTGDCA (South Belgrave) and YVCA (Worri Yallock) T20 Competitions playing off for the title of Outer East T20 Champions. After three extremely close matches, Warrandyte were the eventual winners. This fantastic initiative was organised and supported by the Ringwood C.C.

The Outer East Region is fortunate to have the Ringwood C.C. as our Premier Cricket partner. Their commitment, ongoing support and co-operation are greatly appreciated. Also Ringwood's commitment to the development and promotion of women's cricket within the region will hopefully be recognised with promotion to the proposed expanded Women's Premier Cricket structure.

VMCU Carnival Review

19 teams from the RDCA, FTGDCA and YVCA represented the region in the VMCU carnivals. Thankfully the weather was kind this year and most games were completed without disruption. Four of our teams progressed to the semi-final rounds and two played off in Grand Finals.

Whilst we were unable to add to our trophy cabinets there were some outstanding individual performances across the grades and our competitiveness in the bottom aged competitions in particular will ensure continued success is just around the corner.

Pathways Review

Unfortunately the Outer East Eagles silverware drought continued for the boys but there were some outstanding individual and team performances throughout the carnivals. Our under 16 group played some fantastic cricket and were rewarded with a grand final birth. Unfortunately they lost a close contest to a strong Northern Rivers outfit.

The girls also had some amazing performances highlighted by the East Metro (Combined Outer East / Inner East Team) tasting grand final success in the Under 18 championships.

GO EAGLES

**Brett McKane
Director Region 14**

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

The RDCA junior committee was thrilled with the success of the 2015/16 season. We again saw an increase in teams, with 19 extra teams fielded. This followed on from the 10 team increase in the previous season.

The season would not have run as smoothly as it did without the huge effort given by our junior secretary in Mandy Dolman. Mandy is the first point of contact for our clubs and her friendly, helpful nature ensures that all clubs needs are dealt with in a professional and timely manner. She also co-ordinates the under 10 round robin nights which is a massive jigsaw puzzle to bring together. Apart from the great job she performs, she is a wonderful person who goes above and beyond to ensure that junior cricket can flourish in our competition.

The junior committee has committed to improving our Rep Cricket program and we saw our results improve dramatically this season. Bill Stafford has been the co-ordinator for two seasons now and the improvement is largely due to his passion and commitment to the role. As well as rep cricket, Bill looks after the fixturing and we can all see the benefits that his efforts have made to junior cricket in the RDCA.

Andy Exley is the vice president of the junior committee and is across everything that goes on. He is always available to help with the rep program, assist at the under 10 round robin and he even umpired the under 16/1 grand final this season. He also took on the role of my cricket monitor this year and if a score had not been entered, Andy was onto it!

Melanie Causer was a new addition to our committee and her focus was on the dramatic increase in girls cricket. Over the duration of the season she became familiar with every under 14 girl in the RDCA and was able to develop a great sense of camaraderie within the competition. We see this growing in the coming seasons and a girls only competition is our next target.

David Brush is our longest serving committee member and he brings a calmness and clarity to our sometimes robust discussions! He has experience across all levels of cricket and this is important as we continue to try and make our game relevant to as many young boys and girls as we possibly can.

Anthony Crowe has recently advised of his decision to step down from the junior committee. He has been a great help at the under 10 round robins as well as at the RDCA Presentation nights. He has helped develop a strong junior club at Wonga Park and has made a great contribution to junior cricket in the RDCA.

We extended the batters ball count into the under 14 competition this season with 14/3 to 14/5 adopting a 50 ball count. This rule was also used in the 16/3 competition with great success. We now have a ball count in 9 of our 13 grades and club feedback suggests it has increased player enjoyment levels.

The T.20 blast was again hosted by East Ringwood and this is another offering on the cricket menu. Some clubs cover off the 7 to 9 year olds themselves but T20 Blast is another option for young players who have outgrown Milo Cricket.

The under 10 round robins were hosted by St Andrews and Croydon Ranges. These clubs make big sacrifices to host these nights and to be honest they are a logistical nightmare but the joy and pleasure the young players get out of the night make it totally worthwhile.

As mentioned earlier, the competition grew by 19 teams from the previous summer, as follows;
Under 10 up from 33 to 38
Under 12 up from 45 to 50
Under 14 up from 34 to 38
Under 16 up from 17 to 22

We will continue to try to attract and retain young players and will require the ongoing support of our clubs. To assist this goal we will need strong coaching, an atmosphere of inclusion and the understanding that every player in the team has a role to play for that team and in the future that club.

Thank you to my wife Maree for supporting me in this role. Cricket season is a 7 day a week activity for me but the most joy I get all summer is from helping our young players improve and hopefully fall in love with the game.

Finally, thank you to the clubs for trusting me in this role. My number one focus is what is best for the players and the long term success of the competition. I am sure we are on the right track towards making the game more enjoyable and accessible to our young players and their families.

**Sean Flynn
President**

Another great Season for the RDCA Junior Comp! Again we saw more growth with numbers of both boys and girls playing Cricket and Clubs growing, developing and improving.

A focus again this year was to keep simplifying and improving our admin processes in order to assist Club Coordinators. I would like to congratulate our Club Coordinators for the great time and effort they put in for their Clubs and thanks for the quick responses and feedback when requested. Without these special volunteers the association would not run so smoothly.

This Season saw the introduction of a Girls Tri Series where we entered an Under 14 team who competed against teams from the Ferntree Gully and Yarra Valley Associations. I was so proud of our team who all tried their best and were awesome team players. A big thank you to the parents of the girls for travelling to the games and supporting their daughter's cricket development. Melanie Causer our Girls Cricket Coordinator did a great job administrating and communicating with all involved.

We had two U10 Round Robin nights, first one hosted by St Andrews Cricket Club and second one hosted by Croydon Ranges Cricket Club. These two Clubs do a fantastic job hosting these nights of fun and I would like to thank them for their continuing support.

I would like to congratulate all of the 2015/16 Premiership Winners, namely:

U16/1	Mooroolbark/Ainslie Park	U12/1	Mooroolbark
U16/2	South Warrandyte Hawks	U12/2	St Andrews
U16/3	Bayswater Park	U12/3	Bayswater Park
U14/1	Montrose	U12/4	South Croydon
U14/2	South Warrandyte Hawks	U12/5	Templeton and Norwood TIED
U14/3	Croydon Ranges	U12/6	South Warrandyte Hawks
U14/4	Bayswater Park		
U14/5	Kilsyth		

Congratulations to all individual RDCA award winners and T/20 competition winners.

BATTING AWARDS

Ryan Peter-Budge (NRI)	552 runs @ 110.4	16/1
Daniel Scholtz (RIN)	270 runs @ 135	16/2
Seth McDonnell (CSP)	249 runs @ 31.1	16/3
Will Parker (NOW)	410 runs @ 102.5	14/1
Mitchell Enright (SBY)	292 runs @ 97.3	14/2
Gilbert Harries (CNT)	229 runs @ 38.2	14/3
Romesh Martinus (BYP)	278 runs @ 278	14/4
Daniel Ivanovic (KIL)	298 runs @ 99.3	14/5
Phoenix Beck (CRR)	166 runs @ 166	12/1
Coby Arbuckle (APK)	162 runs @ 162	12/2
Archie Flynn (NRI)	178 runs @ 178	12/3
Archie Gibson (SCR)	166 runs @ 83	12/4
Noah Thorpe (NOW)	108 runs @ 108	12/5
Isaac Rakuscek (WDT)	186 runs @ 93	12/6

Bill Dean Memorial Trophy	Daniel Thompson (LYD)
Jeff Luscombe Award	Sean Meehan (TMP)
Special Bowling Award	Alex Meehan (TMP)
Best U14 Girl Award	Emily Sharkey (CRR)

BOWLING AWARDS

Ryan Masters (CNT)	22 wkts @ 8.0
Jack Howe (SBY)	8 wkts @ 11.75
Jarrold Rennison (SCR)	20 wkts @ 5.30
Jackson Weatherill (SCR)	20 wkts @ 6.2
Nicholas Walker (SWT)	21 wkts @ 3.3
Alexander Meehan (TMP)	18 wkts @ 5.9
Thomas Whitty (BYP)	12 wkts @ 4.0
Brandon Leonard (MOO)	12 wkts @ 4.8
Cameron Storm (MTR)	11 wkts @ 5.8
Gilbert Harries (CNT)	14 wkts @ 3.6
Archie Flynn (NRI)	10 wkts @ 3.1
Archie Gibson (SCR)	7 wkts @ 5.6
Niraj Patel (TMP)	9 wkts @ 3.3
Samuel Tsoukatos (SWT)	7 wkts @ 5.7

I personally would like to thank Sean Flynn for his support and assistance again this year, Sean is always there to help me especially through the extra busy weeks with lots of encouragement and if he can help with anything he makes the time. Sean gives so much to anything he is involved in and I thank Marie and his beaut boys for supporting him in this role. Our association is very lucky to have such a knowledgeable and passionate cricket loving man!

Bill Stafford is a fantastic committee member who took on more duties this year and that really eased my load, Thanks so much for all you do Bill.

Andy Exley is always there to advise and help also, nothing is too much trouble if he can help and he was the man responsible for keeping track of MyCricket entries.

It's been awesome to have another gal on board and Melanie Causer is great! She took on two roles, the taking of Meeting Minutes and Girls representative Coordinator.

Anthony Crowe was my right hand man during the Round Robin nights and kindly took the photos on Presentation Night. We are sorry to be losing you but a big thank you for the years of service you have given the RDCA juniors.

Thanks also to David Brush thanks for your wise advice on all topics, it's helpful to have you on board!

Finally, many thanks to Paul Attfield for his help and support though out the season.

I enjoy my role and see it as a privilege. I love watching the competition grow and kids getting outside and developing their life skills and of course Cricket skills! I look forward to the coming season.

**Mandy Dolman
Junior Secretary**

VMCU Junior Carnival

This season we entered an U/18 team for the first time. We now have 8 teams playing in the 2 week carnival. We had great support from all clubs nominating their best players. We went through a very rigorous selection process with 2 indoor sessions, one outdoor session and 3 practice games. Overall the quality of players was very strong, allowing us to select our strongest teams.

Our two U/12 and two U/14 teams all went on to play finals with the Josh Browne U/12 going on to the grand final, losing by 7 runs.

Congratulations to our trophy winners.

Team	Best Carnival Player	Coaches Award
U/12 Keith Mitchell	Coby Arbuckle	Brandon Leonard
U/12 Josh Browne	Romesh Martinus	Aiden Maher
U/14 Des Nolan	Chris Rakuscek	Brady Poole
U/14 Russell Allen	Jack Nichols	Jackson Braunthal
U/16 Keith Mackay	Matt Low	Josh McCallum
U/16 Jim Beitzel	Bradley Stewart	Adam Smith
U/18 Phil Arnold	Mitchell Thomas	Jake Sali
Girls U/12 Claudia Fatone	Holly Gray	Emma Mole

Coby Arbuckle (U/12 Mitchell Shield) and Mitchell Thomas (U/18 Phil Arnold) were also awarded by VMCU the best overall players in their respective grades.

Chris Rakuscek in his game against West Gippsland in U/14 Des Nolan, took the amazing figures of 6/12.

Our coaches once again did a great job. They were ably supported off the field by their team managers. We thank them for all for their efforts in making the carnival a great experience for our players.

Team	Coach	Team Manager
U/12 Keith Mitchell	Matt Fotia	Stuart Lynn
U/12 Josh Browne	Tim Sugumar	Jayce McMeeken
U/14 Des Nolan	Travis Nightingale	Steve Downey
U/14 Russell Allen	Corey Dineen	Charmayne Thompson
U/16 Keith Mackay	Josh White	Kerryn Low
U/16 Jim Beitzel	Tyson Freeman	Anthony Willis
U/18 Phil Arnold	Phillip Lovell	Steve Lester
Girls U/12 Claudia Fatone	Jess Adams	

**Bill Stafford
Junior Representative Coordinator**

FINANCE REPORT

The Association has again enjoyed another healthy financial year, finishing with a surplus after depreciation of \$23,407 (last year \$16,881).

The 2015/16 budgetted surplus was \$16,000, however a number of factors contributed to a better result being achieved. These factors were as follows:

Cricket Victoria Grant for development of girls cricket	\$5,000
Additional Sponsorship monies	\$2,335
Forfeited Bonds and Guarantee Deposits	\$ 900

Club fines reduced from \$6,819 to \$6,580, a pleasing trend and the Ball Purchase Program contributed a profit to the Association of \$2,790 on a much reduced turnover from the previous year.

Expenses for the year, after excluding Player Insurance costs which became a direct cost to Clubs this season, were \$88,739 (last year \$89,629) and were in line with budget.

In last year's report I commented on the likely 2015/16 cost to the Association of the requirement to register for GST as being approximately \$4,000. The actual cost was \$5,229 which we absorbed as advised.

As can be seen from the attached Statement of Assets & Liabilities, the Association has ended the year in a healthy financial position with cash assets of \$89,660 available.

The Association is planning to spend considerable sums this current season on Junior Cricket (with an emphasis on developing a Girls cricket program from the VCA Grant monies). Other areas of expenditure will be on upgrading the RDCA website, App and communications in general.

In closing my report, the Board would like to thank our loyal sponsors for their continuing support of the RDCA:

Kookaburra Sports
Saxon Sports
Bendigo Community Banks at Ringwood East/Heathmont, Mooroolbark and Warrandyte.
David Hodgett, MP
Michael Sukkar, MP

Graeme Seymour
Finance Manager

Ringwood & District Cricket Association

ABN 33 869 448 061

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

31st May 2016

	\$	\$	\$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash On Hand			
Cheque Account	10,777		
Veterans Bank Account	2,715		
Cricket Ball Account	2,616		
Club Guarantee Funds	3,000		
Undeposited Funds	2		
Bendigo Bank - Mooroolbark TD	10,064		
Bendigo Bank - Warrandyte TD	10,196		
Bendigo Bank - Warrandyte TD	10,125		
Bendigo Bank - Mooroolbark TD	10,202		
Bendigo Bank - East Ring. TD	30,000		
Total Cash On Hand	89,697		
Debtors - Clubs & Others	3,285		
GST Refundable	791		
Deposit Paid 2017 Presentation	1,850		
Total Current Assets		95,622	
Stocks			
Best & Fairest Medals	1,320		
Cricket Balls	2,573		
Caps & Clothing	6,264		
Premiership Medals	2,217		
Total Stocks		12,374	
Fixed Assets			
Computers and Printers	2,890		
Office Furniture & Equipment	14,000		
Accumulated Depreciation	- 9,090		
Total Fixed Assets		7,800	
Total Assets			115,796
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors	57		
Total Current Liabilities		57	
Non Current Liabilities			
Bonds Held	1,500		
Guarantee Monies	3,000		
Total Non Current Liabilities		4,500	
Total Liabilities			4,557
Net Assets			\$ 111,240
Equity			
Members funds		87,833	
Current Year Earnings		23,407	
Total Equity			\$ 111,240

Ringwood & District Cricket Association Inc.

ABN 33 869 448 061

Income & Expenditure Statement

Year ended 31st May 2016

		\$	\$	\$
Income				
Affiliation Fees			43,673	
Umpires Subscriptions			1,868	
Veterans Match fees etc.			873	
Fines & Charges				
Fines		6,580		
Credit Card Charges		60		
Forfeited Bond/Guarantee Funds		900		
Late Payment Fines		249		
Total Fines & Charges			7,790	
Junior Raffle			2,182	
Junior Coaching fees recouped			2,023	
Junior Clothing costs recouped			3,914	
Donations/Sponsorship			22,550	
Web advertising			2,500	
Cricket Victoria Grant			5,000	
20/20 Competition Subsidy			1,612	
VMCU Umpire Subsidy			3,220	
VMCU Girls Team Exp. Subsidy			500	
Tribunal Investigation Officer			91	
Sundry Income			167	
Senior Presentation Night			6,573	
Interest received			920	
Sales				
Balls from stock		1,113		
Scorebook Sales		4,111		
Junior Pink Balls		371		
Umpires Equipment & Clothing		400		
Cricket Ball Sales Orders (Net)		88,616		
Total Sales			94,611	
Total Income				200,064
Cost of Sales				
Cricket Ball Sales costs			84,370	
Scorebook Costs			3,582	
Total Cost of Sales				87,952
Gross Profit				112,112

Expenses				
Administration Expenses				
Honorarium		20,050		
Administration Manager Expense		374		
Match Result Secretaries		4,100		
Publicity Officer		1,000		
Senior Executive		350		
Junior Secretary Expenses		36		
Junior Co-ordinator		1,000		
Junior Carnival Expenses		2,360		
Representative Match Expenses		482		
Advertising		591		
Tribunal Expenses		300		
Total Administration Expenses			30,643	
Operating Expenses				
Postage & Stationery		63		
Telephone & Internet Costs		1,376		
Printing & Typing		458		
Computer Maint/Software		81		
Government Charges		54		
Affiliations & Registration Fees		200		
Pavilion Expenses		799		
App Design & hosting costs		1,170		
Pavilion Rent		1,856		
Audit Fee		450		
Sundry		249		
Junior Carnival Coaches Fees		5,000		
Umpires Fees		6,340		
Umpires expenses		625		
20/20 Competition-Club Rebates		1,612		
Depreciation of equipment		1,950		
Pennants, Plaques & Medals		2,040		
Total Operating Expenses			24,324	
Social Expenses				
Senior Presentation Night		9,993		
Junior Presentation Night		1,795		
Catering		2,368		
Total Social Expenses			14,156	
Veterans Expenses			871	
Equipment, Clothing, Trophies				
Junior Trophies & Medals		4,806		
Caps & Clothing purchased		7,248		
Umpires Manuals purchased		352		
Senior Trophies & Medals		4,494		
Ball handling expenses		1,423		
Miscellaneous equipment		390		
Total Equipment, Clothing, Trophies			18,713	
Total Expenses				88,706
Net Profit/(Loss)				\$ 23,407



VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

Unfortunately our season again commenced in a similar vein to the previous two, with teams withdrawing after the draw had been completed. The loss of teams in both Divisions 2 and 3 caused us to again combine them in a 10 team division. Division 4 was left with 6 teams.

We had earlier taken steps to remedy the situation in Division 1 when there were only 4 competitive teams remaining. Fortunately, the BHRDCA were in an identical position due to teams leaving to establish the ECA Competition, so a composite Division 1 was formed from both associations.

The end result was that we had twenty Over 40's and six Over 50's teams compared to 2014-15's twenty six and seven, respectively.

Now, if this seems depressing, read on because "Every adversity carries with it the seed of equal or greater benefit" and players did enjoy the season served up to them.

Division 1 teams took up the challenge of the composite grading and enjoyed the challenge each match presented, whether playing against one of their "old RDCA rivals" or meeting new challengers from the BHRDCA. Ainslie Park and Croydon made the final four, with the Grand final between Mt Waverley and Croydon (two Sub District clubs). It was a quality, tense match with Croydon posting 176 and when Mt Waverley batted fortunes fluctuated but with some excellent final overs and two outstanding run outs Croydon won the day by 13 runs.

Most results in Division 2 were that of competitive games and that was further illustrated when before the final round there were 5 teams vying for 4th spot. The final was between Olinda and Mooroolbark with Olinda's strong batting line up being restricted to 4/178. Mooroolbark didn't start well, losing a couple of wickets and a batsman, retired hurt. Slowly a mid-innings partnership got them back on track but then with the loss of 3 quick wickets it seemed that Olinda would win successive premierships. Finally it got down to a dogged last wicket partnership and the last over with Mooroolbark needing 4 to win.....which they did.

Fourth Division is normally composed of club's second teams and this year there were four of them plus Bayswater Park and Croydon North. The three games after Christmas really shook up the ladder and in the final Croydon North met South Warrandyte, where the bowlers were on top, with each side only having 4 batsmen getting into double figures. Consequently fortunes fluctuated during the game. Croydon North were 5/73 but managed to score 8/150cc. The Hawks were coming off recent high scoring innings but were rocked to be 4/46 and then a crash to 7/57 and finally finishing 35 runs short. After missing from the competition for many years Croydon North once again claimed another pennant.

Our seven teams in the Over 50's acquitted themselves well with Ainslie Park, Ringwood East and Wonga Park all making Division 1 finals and Wonga Park uncharacteristically losing a final to the Canterbury team. Warrandyte made the finals in Division 2 but weren't able to repeat their premiership of the previous season.

This season marked a change to inter competition games usually played against FTGDCA and BHRDCA. At a joint meeting of these associations it was agreed to extend an invitation to the Diamond Valley Veterans to compete in a one day four corner competition for both over 40's and Over 50's.

In the first round of both age groups we were drawn to play BHRDCA and needing to win to play off in the final, we unfortunately lost both. In the “losers” final both our teams had a win and enjoyed the chance to fraternise with players from the other three associations. Our Over 60’s also played BHRDCA on that day and won but it was another year of failing to win back The Colonel’s Cup.

There has already been a meeting of these associations to tweak some of the playing conditions and invitations have been made to two other associations to play in a similar event on December 11th 2016.

So in summary, from club, division and association level, veteran’s cricket enjoyed another great year. Since its inception almost 30 years ago the concept of a separate cricket competition for those over 40 years of age has proved very popular. Over 50, Over 60 and now Over70 competitions are growing in numbers throughout Australia.

Veteran’s Cricket is not meant to compete with Saturday competition, but rather to enable clubs to expand their club by retaining past players from both their own club and others who have moved into their area. Many clubs have veteran teams composed of “junior’s fathers” and overall the club benefits from additional members, many of whom will support the club and possibly fill coaching or committee positions.

So why has the RDCA Veterans lost numbers over the past few years?

For the 20+ years I have been involved, teams have come and gone for a variety of reasons, but I feel the Senior Competition’s introduction of modified rules, which has given players the option of playing the “same game” on a Saturday, has caused some clubs to withdraw the option of playing Sunday veterans.

The popularity of these modified rules is good for Saturday competition cricket and any increase in playing numbers is “good for cricket”. I do understand the Club’s position when their veteran team relies almost solely on competition players for their numbers. So to entertain the possibility of a veteran’s team, the club executive should expect it to bring an overall benefit to the club of 12 -20 new members.

The Veterans Committee does have proactive plans to advertise locally for players over 40 years of age who want to play 7-9 games a season , every second Sunday, with players their own age and playing modified rules. A good response will enable us to refer new players to club’s needing additional players and hopefully “real veteran” numbers increase to enable clubs to in the future consider re-entering a team in the veteran’s competition.

In concluding this report , we are most appreciative of the senior executive, all club committees, team captains and managers, the Umpires Association and members of our own Veteran’s committee who have all contributed to the enjoyment of Veteran’s Cricket 2015 -16.

**Daryl Stephens
President
veterans@rdca.com**

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

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2015/16

LINDSAY TROLLOPE SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 10	%
NORTH RINGWOOD	36	68	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	28	56	
WARRANTYTE	36	52	1.6453
WARRANWOOD	28	52	1.4048
NORWOOD	36	52	0.9230
SOUTH CROYDON	20	36	
TEMPLETON	28	28	1.0267
AINSLIE PARK	20	28	0.9327
BAYSWATER PARK	4	28	0.6091
ST ANDREWS	4	4	

As can be seen, all bar two teams were still in the hunt for a finals place at the Xmas break. Thereafter, North Ringwood and Wantirna South won all of their games to snare the double chance spots, while Norwood lost two immediately after the break and narrowly missed out. St Andrews had a barren season and will return to Wilkins in 2016/17.

The Elimination final was a low scoring tussle, with Warrantyte (137) protecting that total by bowling Warranwood out for 117.

Runs were even harder to come by in Qualifying final as Wantirna South (107) held North Ringwood (98) at bay.

The trend continued in the Preliminary final when Warrantyte could only amass 74 and North Ringwood stuttered before reaching 6/83 (55 overs) when a halt was called.

In the Grand Final, played at Cheong Park, North Ringwood won the toss and elected to bat on an overcast day. In early trouble at 2 for 5, a steady partnership took the score beyond fifty but wickets then fell at regular intervals to see the Bulls all out for 94 from 75 overs.

Day 2 was played in brilliant sunshine and an 81 run opening partnership took the game away from North Ringwood, with Wantirna South reaching 2/95 from 55 overs, when a halt was called. Man of the match was Tristan Webb (Wantirna South).



Back (L-R): Kevin Walsh (Team Manager), Jason Walsh, Drew McKay, Tristan Webb, Steve Nicolls, Andrew Jorgensen, Nalaka DeSilva, Jarrod Riley (12th man), Front (L-R): Paul Payne, Cameron Smith (Coach), John Keighran, Michael McDonald (Captain), Troy McGown.

Trollope Shield cont'd

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

David Johnson (WWD) 524, Ben Hastie (NOW) 440, Matthew Clark (STA) 409, Andrew Jorgensen (WSO) 398, Nalaka De Silva (WSO) 326, Tom Robinson (NRI) 318. Matt King (SCR) 315.

Leading wicket takers (excluding finals):

David Johnson (WWD) 37, Mark Arnot (APK) 30, Jake Sherriff (WDT) 29, Drew McKay (WSO) 25, Paul Payne (WSO) 25, Simon Hall (TMP) 25, Gavin Bent (NOW) 25.

BILL WILKINS CUP

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 10	%
LILYDALE	40	64	
MONTROSE	28	60	1.2604
MOOROOLBARK	28	60	0.9962
KILSYTH	28	52	1.5032
WONGA PARK	36	52	1.2913
CROYDON RANGES	28	36	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	16	32	
EAST RINGWOOD	20	28	
CROYDON NORTH	12	12	0.6670
CHIRNSIDE PARK	12	12	0.5333

Lilydale headed the ladder all season while Montrose and Mooroolbark matched points tallies all the way from Rd.5. Wonga Park faltered a little after the break and were pipped for a finals place. Croydon North won in Rd.2 and Chirnside Park won in Rd.3 but the only other points that came their way was via the heat out pre Xmas. As it stands no team will be relegated in season 2016/17.

The Elimination final saw Kilsyth (1/116) easily account for Mooroolbark (109).

In the Qualifying final, Lilydale's 180 proved too many for Montrose (129)

Montrose (207) bounced back in the Preliminary final to oust Kilyth (159).

The Grand Final, played at Montrose Reserve, saw Montrose elect to bat and a steady effort saw them all out for 177 in 78th over. Lilydale lost an early wicket but then consolidated before a middle order collapse saw the score 5/86 at tea. A missed run out proved costly as the next two partnerships saw Lilydale through to 6/178, with 5 overs to spare, winning the Wilkins Cup and earning promotion to Trollope next season. Man of the Match was Mitchell Ebeyer (Lilydale).



Back: Scott Cogan, Solomon Erulkar (Scorer), Ben France, Jack Dewhurst, Daniel Thompson, Zac Staggard, Marcus Bree (12th Man). Front: Mitch Ebeyer, Kiran Kandel, Ronen Erulkar, Marcus Baxter, John Moulder (Captain), Grant Jordan (Coach).

Wilkins Cup cont'd

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Josh McDonell (WOP) 431, Lincoln Grigg (MOO) 430, Jack Dewhurst (LYD) 399, Mitch Ebeyer (LYD) 392, Clint Sharman (KIL) 329, Thomas Hancock (WOP) 324, Sanahasa Fernando (WOP) 322.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Steve Garrett (SWT) 38, Karnel Ahmet (CNT) 32, John Moulder (LYD) 29, Callen Stevens (MOO) 28, Marc Steiner (KIL) 25, Jack Dewhurst (LYD) 23, Daniel Dimitriou (MTR) 22, Jake Crowe (MTR) 22.

STUART NEWHEY PLATE

TEAM		Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
NORTH RINGWOOD	2NDS	28	64	
SCORESBY	1STS	28	60	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	2NDS	24	52	1.6016
EASTFIELD	1STS	36	52	1.1242
EAST RINGWOOD	2NDS	36	44	1.1970
NORWOOD	2NDS	36	44	0.9376
WONGA PARK	2NDS	16	40	
BAYSWATER PARK	2NDS	20	28	0.7066
OLINDA	1STS	20	28	0.6416
TEMPLETON	2NDS	0	0	

North Ringwood held a slender points lead over Scoresby all season while Wantirna South after losing first three picked up two outright in remaining games to come through to a finals place. The early leaders all stumbled but Eastfield just did enough to hold out the other two. Templeton were well off the pace all season but may retain their spot as a result of Olinda's move to another competition.

The Elimination final saw Wantirna South post 7/304 and then dismiss Eastfield (32) in 19.2 overs. In the Qualifying final North Ringwood could only manage 94 but Scoresby then succumbed for 76. The Preliminary final saw Wantirna South nearly bat the day out in making 221 and then, despite a valiant chase, Scoresby (203) came up just short.

The events of the Grand Final, played at Mullum Reserve, are near impossible to fathom and some at Wantirna South may still be having nightmares.

North Ringwood was dismissed for 43 in 23.5 overs. Wantirna South, after being 9/34, managed to eke out a first innings lead by making 53 in 28.5 overs.

North Ringwood then fared much better, the second time around, declaring at 6/158 after 44 overs, leaving Wantirna South 149 to win or 63 overs to survive.

In the hole with the loss of early wickets, it became the survival approach but, despite some good late order resistance, Wantirna South was dismissed for 76 in 60.4 overs and, amazingly, North Ringwood claimed the premiership with a reverse outright victory. Man of the match was Jay Stoikos (North Ringwood)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Ryan Murray (SBY) 484, Brenton Pearce (ESF) 403, Rod Huma (ESF) 356, Rohan Allport (WOP) 308, Glenn Ibbott (NRI) 278, Dominic Woodfield (OLI) 269, Peter Dean (OLI) 264, Leigh Brown (BYP) 264.

Leading bowlers (excluding finals):

Stuart Dunk (WOP) 25, Ashley Webb (WSO) 23, Evan Brookes (SBY) 21, Carey Arthurson (NRI) 20, Jay Stoikos (NRI) 19, Chris Irvine (NOW) 19, Jason Butcher (BYP) 19, Hayden Kelly (NOW) 19.

Stuart Newey Plate cont'd



Back: Brendan Redfern, Glenn Ibbott, Daniel Tucker, Leigh Rigby, Carey Arthurson (C) Matthew Nuthall, Liam Sweeney. Middle: Nat I'Anson, Jag Singh, Ben McPhee, Jay Stoikos. Front: Brendan Leis (12th)

STEVE PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 10	%
MONTROSE	2NDS	40	72	
AINSLIE PARK	2NDS	36	68	
KILSYTH	2NDS	40	60	
NORTH RINGWOOD	3RDS	28	44	
ST ANDREWS	2NDS	20	36	
CROYDON RANGES	2NDS	20	28	1.0366
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	2NDS	8	28	0.8884
MOOROOLBARK	2NDS	20	28	0.7106
WARRANDYTE	2NDS	16	24	
CROYDON NORTH	2NDS	12	20	

It was a three way tussle for the most part but Montrose did not lose a game (two draws) in heading the table. Most of the teams below the top three found it hard to win after the break but South Warrandyte and Mooroolbark won in Rd. 9 and Croydon Ranges in Rd.10 to stay clear of the relegation zone.

In the Elimination final North Ringwood (5/173) ran down Kilsyth (172) with two overs remaining. Ainslie ((9/294) set a big total in the Qualifying final and Montrose (157) fell well short in the chase. The Preliminary final saw Montrose (8/214) bounce back in dismissing North Ringwood for 159.

The Grand Final was played at Lilydale. Ainslie batted first and after being in trouble (5/45) the latter order did well to take the final score to 140 (74.5 overs). In reply, Montrose too lost early wickets (4/44) and then it became an arm wrestle, with the game in the balance at 8/134, but the next partnership eked the necessary runs for victory (8/141) in the 79th over.

Members of the premiership team:

Matthew Smith (C), Daniel Crowe, Joshua Crowe, Matthew Gardener, Andrew Mirams, Joshua Bromiley, Connor Thrall, Mitchell Felstead, Andrew Walker, Jake Motteram, Mark Garthwaite, Javier Mastronardi (12th)

Steve Pascoe Shield cont'd

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Sean Minetti (APK) 406, James Fasan (SWT) 298, Greg Moorhouse (STA) 291, Ken Trollope (MOO) 272, David Ruffolo (APK) 257, Mark Garthwaite (MTR) 243, Ross Brown (WDT) 242.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Matthew Hepburn (NRI) 25, Justin Lawlor (APK) 24, Ross Brown (WDT) 23, Daniel Stapelfeldt (KIL) 23, Daniel Crowe (MTR) 19, Justin Smith (KIL) 18, Shane Donovan (MOO) 18.

A GRADE – PAT MEEHAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	1STS	40	72	
WARRANWOOD	2NDS	36	68	1.5558
CROYDON RANGES	3RDS	44	68	1.1196
LILYDALE	2NDS	40	64	
WANTIRNA	1STS	44	52	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	3RDS	20	48	
WONGA PARK	3RDS	16	36	
BAYSWATER PARK	3RDS	16	16	

This was a very competitive grade up to the Xmas break but Wantirna dropped away thereafter, leaving the other four to sort out their positions.

The Elimination final saw Ranges (162) lose last 3 for 0 but just hold out Lilydale (9/153) who were 9/103. Heathmont Baptist (4/116) comfortably chased down Warranwood's 113 in Qualifying final. In the preliminary final, Ranges (118) could not hold out Warranwood (6/119)

The Grand final was played at East Ringwood. Heathmont Baptist found runs very hard to come by and were eventually dismissed for 104 in 62 overs. After a steady start, it unraveled for Warranwood (6/65) before the next partnership edged the score to 91 but the Baptist bowlers held firm to claim the last four wickets for 9 runs and snare a memorable victory.



Back row: Gary Fenigan, Richard Gordon, Michael Curtis, Mitchell Wright, Glenn Oakley, Don Kuruwita, Pat Danaher, Dwayne Smith, Front row: Ajay Mabian, Andy MacCartney, Nishith Dave, Paul Bremner (C), Steve Darmody, Andrew George

“A” Grade cont’d

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Devang Patel (WAN) 412, Steve Darmody (HMB) 369, Blake Hughes (LYD) 365, Chris Noonan (CRR) 306, Braydon Dobinson (LYD) 272, Paul Hennessy (WAN) 266, Andrew George (HMB) 254, Shaun Falkingham (LYD) 254.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Glenn Oakley (HMB) 28, Dan Turner (WWD) 23, Pat Danaher (HMB) 23, Lou Cavallo (WAN) 22, Nick Hunter (LYD) 20, Sam Hennessy (LYD) 18, Kevin Girola (WAN) 18.

B GRADE – IAN SPENCER SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
SOUTH CROYDON	2NDS	60	100	
AINSLIE PARK	3RDS	52	84	
KILSYTH	3RDS	28	68	
WARRANWOOD	3RDS	44	44	0.9875
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2NDS	12	44	0.8984
MONTROSE	3RDS	32	40	
SCORESBY	2NDS	28	36	
MOOROOLBARK	3RDS	0	0	

South Croydon marched through the season undefeated (one draw) and was clearly the team to beat entering the finals. Ainslie was always in the mix, Kilsyth got on a roll post Xmas but it was a tight race for the last finals place which Warranwood managed to somehow hold on to despite not winning a game after the break.

The Elimination final saw Kilsyth (8/215) continue their good run to oust Warranwood (125)

South Croydon (4/72) easily accounted for Ainslie Park (71) in the Qualifying final.

The Preliminary final didn’t last long with Kilsyth (52) bundled out in 35 overs and the mercy rule invoked with Ainslie (3/72) from 27 overs.

One of South Croydon’s leading lights had to go overseas a few days before the Grand final so interest lay in what impact that would have. The game was played at Ainslie Park and although under pressure for most of the day the Ainslie batsmen toughed it out to be dismissed for 138 in the last over. The hot favourites were on the back foot at 4/40, more so at 8/93 with number 11 yet to arrive at the ground, but South Croydon got the runs, without the loss of a further wicket (8/142).



Back: Ryan Lacey (12th), Tony Wheeler, Keenan Scott, Tom Edwards, Mitch Crozier, David White, James Kelly. Front: Barsenbach jnr (standing in for dad - Daniel), Tom Wynne, Matt Wynne, Wayne Barrett, Steven Hess, Chris Dobson (C)

“B” Grade cont’d

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Tom Edwards (SCR) 401, Wayne Barrett (SCR) 345, Paul Burley (MTR) 323, Matthew Rooks (WWD) 304, Daniel Caton (KIL) 297, David White (SCR) 287, Scott Luckhurst (CSP) 284, Dale McDonald (WWD) 271.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Paul Keyhoe (WWD) 18, Daniel Barsenbach (SCR) 17, Dean Schickerling (MTR) 17, Hayden Pleming (KIL) 16, James Freeman (KIL) 15, Ben Nicoll (KIL) 15, Daniel Allan (APK) 15, Charlie Funder (MTR) 15.

C GRADE – DAVID BEATTY SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
EAST RINGWOOD	3RDS	52	84	
ST ANDREWS	3RDS	52	68	
CROYDON RANGES	4THS	40	64	
WONGA PARK	4THS	36	52	
NORWOOD	3RDS	24	48	
NORTH RINGWOOD	4THS	24	40	
CROYDON NORTH	3RDS	16	32	
MONTROSE	4THS	12	28	

East Ringwood and St Andrews matched it until the latter faltered in the last two rounds. The next two were comfortably entrenched for most of the season although Wonga staggered late and just made it. They were obviously saving their best until last as can be seen below.

In the Elimination final Wonga Park (272) got back on track to overwhelm Ranges (104)

The Qualifying final saw St Andrews (6/211) defeat East Ringwood (71)

In the Preliminary, great late order work saw Wonga post 173 and that was too many for East Ringwood (128)

The Grand final, at Manson Reserve, saw Wonga Park get into a good position (2/77) but the St Andrews bowlers then did very well to dismiss them for 142. The St Andrews innings stuttered from the start (8/50) before they were dismissed for 90.



Back: James Kimpton, Lachlan Barr, Callan Boyle, Jason Lovell, Anthony Crowe, Rob Glide,
Front: Eugene Kear, Warren Atkinson, Warren Ashby, Shane Jeeves (12th), Addison Forbes,
Craig Meadows (C), Absent: Tony Harvey (C), Will Harvey.

“C” Grade cont’d

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Tony Harvey (WOP) 507, Mark Thomas (CRR) 438, JL McDonald (EAR) 383, Wayne Closter (STA) 330, Joel Lindeman-Collins (MTR) 322, Greg Gardam (MTR) 317, David Irvine (NOW) 305.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Mark Sanderson (CRR) 21, Glenn Ellis (EAR) 19, Peter Ridgwell (NRI) 18, Anthony Crowe (WOP) 17, Jordan Kearney (EAR) 16, Ashley Kearney (EAR) 13, Matthew Steiniger (CRR) 13, Mark Hayhurst (MTR) 13.

D GRADE – DON SMITH SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
KILSYTH	4THS	44	80	
EASTFIELD	2NDS	44	72	
LILYDALE	3RDS	36	68	1.4699
WARRANTYTE	3RDS	36	68	1.4645
AINSLIE PARK	4THS	44	68	1.4061
SOUTH WARRANTYTE	3RDS	28	36	
OLINDA	2NDS	20	28	

This grade had 8 teams up until the Xmas break but Croydon North withdrew its team at that point. The top five separated from the other two after the break and rotated places during that period. Warrantyte had been very good during this time but a slip up in the last round nearly cost a finals place.

The Elimination final saw Warrantyte (9/305) oust Lilydale (165).

Eastfield (207) was too good for Kilsyth (130) in the Qualifying final.

In the Preliminary, it was out in straight sets for Kilsyth (49) when in pursuit of Warrantyte’s 151.

The Grand Final reverted to a one day game when the ground at Quambee Reserve was unplayable on Day 1. Eastfield had a good start but then the tide turned before they mustered 7/117 in their 35 overs. Warrantyte was backed into a corner at 6/59 but steady late order partnerships saw them claim victory (8/118) with one over to spare.



Back L-R: Matthew Chapman, Mitch Canham, Shaun Ison, Campbell Holland, Stuart Haworth, Ben Jackson, Chris Jackson, Front: Dean Gidley, Cameron Day, Stuart Smead (C), Tom Ellis, Bailey Bowyer (12th).

“D” Grade cont’d

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Cam Day (WDT) 565, Julian Paterakis (ESF) 331, Tyson Heinrich (OLI) 327, Anthony Cook (KIL) 321, Jack Hall (SWT) 299, Kieren Kemm (OLI) 295, Trent Davison (LYD) 274, Craig Elliott (OLI) 270.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Cal Gordon (APK) 25, Aaron Jennings (LYD) 21, Ryan Willmott (APK) 20, Ben Jackson (WDT) 18, Tom Ellis (WDT) 17, Andrew Donis (SWT) 17, Lachlan Meloni (KIL) 17.

E GRADE – JOHN SPRINGETT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
WONGA PARK	5THS	56	88	
ST ANDREWS	4THS	44	68	1.3102
KILSYTH	5THS	44	68	1.1234
CROYDON RANGES	5THS	40	64	
WARRANWOOD	4THS	44	52	
NORTH RINGWOOD	5THS	20	36	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	4THS	12	28	
BORONIA	4THS	4	20	

Wonga Park was out of the blocks early and was on top the whole way. The next four were very evenly matched until Warranwood inexplicably lost its last four matches to fall away from contention.

In the Elimination final, Kilsyth (136) held out Ranges (113).

The Qualifying final saw Wonga Park (7/130) edge past St Andrews (129)

St Andrews made the same score (129) in the Preliminary but fell just short of the Kilsyth target (136)

The Grand final was over in a day when Kilsyth was bowled out for 59 in 32 overs and Wonga Park had reached 4/96 by the close of play, at which point Kilsyth conceded.



Back: Michael MacLennan, Greg Ford, Russell Hughes, Paul Doevelaar (C), Nathan Jellett, Anthony Starnawski, Dan McKinney, Front: Wayne Hartley, Flynn Guerin, Blake Portbury, Liam Hubbard, Matt Milne (12th), Bailey Mullens.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Russell Hughes (WOP) 447, Brad Harrington (WSO) 372, Nathan Browne (NRI) 361, Dan Whitty (NRI) 353, Matthew O’Dwyer (WWD) 326, Thomas Rosevear (STA) 312, Ron McKendry (BOR) 251.

‘E’ Grade cont’d

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Paul Doevelaar (WOP) 23, Mitchell Sweeney (STA) 20, Lecia Baldry (KIL) 19, Stephen Harrington (WSO) 18, Steve Ward (CRR) 17, Dayne Downward (BOR) 16, Daynah Hopkins (CRR) 16, Alex Browne (NRI) 16.

F GRADE – NEIL TULL SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
SOUTH CROYDON	3RDS	60	104	
WONGA PARK	6THS	56	88	
WARRANTYTE	4THS	48	68	
SOUTH WARRANTYTE	4THS	32	48	1.1061
LILYDALE	4THS	24	48	0.8647
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3RDS	24	48	0.8355
NORTH RINGWOOD	6THS	8	16	
WARRANWOOD	5THS	12	12	

This South Croydon team was also dominant going through the season without losing (one draw) but Wonga was always hot on their heels. Warrantyte was a bit up and down but twice won outright to bolster points tally. South Warrantyte, after losing previous two, won in the last round to stagger into 4th spot.

The Elimination final was a tight tussle with Warrantyte (176) dismissing South Warrantyte for 153.

In the Qualifying final South Croydon posted 7/292 and Wonga could only muster 173 in response.

The Preliminary final saw Warrantyte dismissed for 64 (31 overs) but the game went into the second day before victory was conceded with Wonga Park 8/167.

In the Grand final played at Benson Oval (Eastfield), Wonga Park were 3/7 before a partnership took the score to 80 only to see a crash that saw them out for 108. In the chase, the South Croydon batsmen could not form a reasonable partnership and lost wickets regularly, the last three for four runs, to finish with 103.



Back: Alex Petrovic, Sam Russell, Anthony Uhr-Henry (C), Marcus Walker, Justin Carusi, Richard Semken (12th), Darren Hawley, Front: Michael Carusi, David Stevens, Zach Parker, Warrick Dickson, Ashley Parker Angelo Poli.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Brendan Hooker (SCR) 442, David Stevens (WOP) 336, Connor Haworth-Hooker (SCR) 330, Ryan Hoiberg (WDT) 309, Anthony Uhr-Henry (WOP) 286, Ben Hartrup (SWT) 282,

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

John Prangle (WDT) 23, Sam Russell (WOP) 22, Dylan Burns (WDT) 22, Michael Carusi (WOP) 21, Justin Carusi (WOP) 20, Prakash Adapa (CSP) 18, Daniel Woodhead (WDT) 18, Luke Philpott (WDT) 18.

G GRADE – ANN PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
BAYSWATER PARK	4THS	60	96	
ST ANDREWS	5THS	60	84	
AINSLIE PARK	5THS	28	72	
SCORESBY	3RDS	44	68	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	2NDS	40	40	
EAST RINGWOOD	4THS	20	36	
NORWOOD	4THS	12	28	
MOOROOLBARK	4THS	4	12	

Bayswater Park only tripped up once (Rd.11) and led all season. St Andrews kept pace, courtesy of a couple of outrights, Ainslie lost 4 of first 6 but did not lose thereafter and Scoresby, who were matching it with St Andrews, lost last two but comfortably held 4th from Heathmont Baptist, who really fell away after the break.

This was the highest of the modified rules grades and in these grades it was knockout semi-finals (1 v 4, 2 v 3) and a Grand final.

Scoresby batted first and were under the pump (6/75) in first split. Bayswater Park then had an even contribution to set a target of 241. Scoresby recovered to 6/202 only to lose last four for 8 runs.

In the other semi, St Andrews (8/246), who batted second, always had the upper hand over Ainslie Park (91).

The Grand final, played at Guy Turner Reserve, saw St Andrews, who had batted first, chasing a Bayswater Park target of 143 (57.2). Bayswater Park held the whip hand, with St Andrews 9/129, but the last partnership edged the score to 140 before the last wicket fell.



Back: Ray Kazar, Frank Costantino, Ben Podger, Eoin Fay, Andrew Robbins, Peter Huggett, Ralph Wellington, Phil Sankey, **Front:** Bailey Foran, Chris Robbins, Tom Mills, Chris Gibson (C) Tim Ewan.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Stuart Wynd (STA) 649, Ray Kazar (BYP) 383, David Delahunty (APK) 365, Peter Green (HMB) 361, Jason Rooney (MOO) 335, Chris Gibson (BYP) 317, David Wright (APK) 303, Jamie Purdon (SBY) 298.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Troy Knox (STA) 20, Steve Chettle (STA) 19, Colin Peacock (APK) 18, Chris Robbins (BYP) 17, Matt Thomas (APK) 16, Chris Gibson (BYP) 15, Ralph Wellington (BYP) 14.

H GRADE – KEN JOHNSTON SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
MONTROSE	5THS	52	84	1.5562
LILYDALE	5THS	52	84	1.4812
TEMPLETON	3RDS	44	60	
CROYDON RANGES	6THS	40	56	
SOUTH CROYDON	4THS	20	48	
SCORESBY	4THS	36	44	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	5THS	12	36	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	5THS	4	12	

At the break, it seemed only five teams were in contention and while the top two separated themselves from the rest, South Croydon, who had lost their first five games, came into the mix with a winning run. Losing in Rd.12 and on a reverse outright in the last round ended that run. Scoresby struggled, winning only the last game, and that allowed Croydon Ranges to cling to 4th spot.

Montrose posted a total of 191 and Croydon Ranges was in the game at 6/155, only to lose last four wickets for six runs.

In the other semi, neither side batted near their allotted overs as Lilydale (8/190 in 46) were made to battle in chasing down the Templeton target of 186 (47 overs).

The Grand final, played at Kimberley Reserve (Chirnside Park), saw the Lilydale bowlers hold sway from early on and Montrose struggled to 124 in 62 overs. The Lilydale batsmen (1/127) needed only four overs of the second split to reach the target.



Back: Nick Batra, Steve Potts (C), Harrison Goss, Rob Foltyn, Simon France, Matt Wilton, Col Gray (C),
Front: Andy Buruma, Matt Cliff, Luke Falkingham, Josh Gray, Brett Smart, Adir Erulkar.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Ryan Sweeten (WSO) 426, Cameron Day (MTR) 382, Brad Sweeten (WSO) 361, Rob Foltyn (LYD) 353, Russell Jenzen (SCR) 335, Daryl Emery (SWT) 327, Colin Gray (LYD) 298, Jai Beaton (SCR) 294.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Mitchell Anderson (SBY) 22, Zac Jenzen (SCR) 20, Tim Aumann (TMP) 16, Ben Alexander (MTR) 16, Jason Crisp (MTR) 15, Ray Noon (WSO) 15, Harrison Goss (LYD) 14, Neel Shah (CRR) 14.

I GRADE – JOHN MACMILLAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
ST ANDREWS	6THS	60	92	
KILSYTH	6THS	44	84	
BORONIA	5THS	28	68	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	3RDS	48	56	
WONGA PARK	7THS	32	48	
AINSLIE PARK	6THS	20	36	
CROYDON NORTH	5THS	0	8	

This was another grade where a club withdrew its team, Norwood doing so after Rd.10.

St Andrews had only one hiccup during the season (Rd.11) and Kilsyth lost twice in being the dominant teams in this grade. Boronia came through strongly after winning only two of first six and Heathmont Baptist won in the last round to retain its finals place. Wonga, who had been right in contention lost the last two to miss out.

St Andrews (6/176) chased down Heathmont Baptist's 169 to win their semi-final.

The other semi saw a nail biter, when Boronia set a target of 182 and had the upper hand with Kilsyth 7/123. A partnership of fifty odd turned the game but with four still needed there was hope for Boronia. It was not to be as Kilsyth (9/183) got home losing their 9th wicket at that score.

The Grand final, played at Manson Reserve, saw Kilsyth bat first and although not making many runs in their split they set a platform by only losing two wickets. St Andrews could not do the same and were all out for 91 in 43 overs. Kilsyth (2/94) only needed four overs to get the win.



Back Row from left: James Scott, Jake Powell, Ryan Nangle, Daniel Foden, Nigel Foden, David Hogarty, Russell Hutchings, Craig Downie, Front Row: Les Hutchings (14th Man & Scorer), Shane Merrett, Ben Fisher, Dylan Smith, Shaun Goodwin and Scott Fulton (C)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Hayden Sharpe (STA) 409, Stephen Schmidtke (BOR) 333, Michael Pitts (WOP) 296,
Stefan Callow (STA) 284, Nathan Sharpe (STA) 282, David Sykes (APK) 278, Scott Fulton (KIL) 275,
Nigel Murray (WOP) 267.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Matt Millar (STA) 22, Nigel Foden (KIL) 13, Nicholas Graham (HMB) 13, Shane Merrett (KIL) 11,
Anthony Miller (BOR) 11, Michael Syme (HMB) 10, Michael Eccles (BOR) 10, Jordan Burke (WOP) 10.

J GRADE – TIMOTHY COURT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
WARRANTYTE	5THS	56	100	
SOUTH CROYDON	5THS	44	76	
TEMPLETON	4THS	36	72	
MONTROSE	6THS	52	60	
SCORESBY	5THS	28	44	
KILSYTH	7THS	28	36	
CROYDON RANGES	7THS	20	28	
WANTIRNA	2NDS	8	16	

This grade became a four horse race soon after the break and although Montrose staggered they comfortably held a finals place. Warrantyte was the hot favourite going into the finals, having not lost a game during the season (there was a heat out draw), but Templeton had good late season form and loomed as a danger.

Warrantyte (8/102) received a shock in just escaping the clutches of Montrose (100) in their semi-final. South Croydon (215) lost their last five wickets for 17 runs but made Templeton (7/218) work hard for the win, in the other semi.

The Grand final, played at Warrantyte, saw Templeton bat first and runs were hard to come by but in then dismissing Warrantyte for 125 (in 64 overs) they were right in the game. When thirty odd were needed with six wickets in hand it seemed the game was Templeton's for the taking but those wickets fell for just 22 runs to see Warrantyte win by ten runs.



Back L-R: Nathan Croft (C), Adam Lawson, Peter Hanson, Drew El Moussalli, Ryley Reardon, Josh Huntly, Stephen Grocott, Lachlan McAlary, Aaron Dean, Front: Ben Sproat, Damian Closs, Rohan Bansal, Patrick Grocott.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Glenn Spencer (CRR) 561, Nathan Croft (WDT) 410, Adam Dejager (TMP) 343, Steve Payne (SCR) 295, Les Hutchings (KIL) 282, Mark Phillips (SBY) 278, Brendan Wallace (TMP) 264, Matthew Dejager (TMP) 252.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Craig Rackham (KIL) 23, Darren Halton (WAN) 18, Ben Beveridge (WAN) 18, Lachlan McAlary (WDT) 16, Glen Dobson (SCR) 15, Jack Mitchell (SCR) 15, Damian Closs (WDT) 15.

K GRADE – TONY GAWNE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
EASTFIELD	3RDS	56	88	
ST ANDREWS	7THS	52	86	
CROYDON RANGES	8THS	28	52	
NORTH RINGWOOD	7THS	28	44	
WARRANWOOD	6THS	24	40	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	4THS	12	20	

This grade started the season with eight teams but Montrose and Lilydale withdrew after Rd.1. As a result the remaining teams saw each other reasonably frequently over the course of the season. The top two set themselves apart fairly early in the piece and it became a three way battle for the other two spots. Ranges fared best after the break and North Ringwood slipped past Warranwood in second last round.

There was a bit of a sensation when North Ringwood did not have enough qualified players available for the semi-final and they had to forfeit to Eastfield. In the other semi, Ranges (9/88 dec) were on the back foot from early on and were no match for St Andrews (175 and 5/118).

The Grand final was played at Benson oval and batting first Eastfield set a cautious tone which continued in the St Andrews innings. The trouble for both teams was that wickets fell during the process. St Andrews (96) was dismissed 8 overs into second day but they then pushed Eastfield to bat near sixty overs before passing target with seven down, eventually finishing with 8/102.



Back Row: Jamie Benson, Bruce Ross, Liam Burns, Cameron Rodger, Damien Westcott and Myles Tyshing.
Middle Row: Gordon Foster, Matthew Barnard, Ben Barnard, Josh Baker, Sacha Peters and Justin Reimers Smith. **Front:** Leigh Henham (C).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Michael Howells (STA) 424, Adam Rixham (STA) 381, Wayne Berryman (WWD) 345, Nick Rice (WWD) 313, Bruce Stafford (NRI) 312, Jason Livingstone (NRI) 271, Myles Tyshing (ESF) 264.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Shane Rixham (STA) 14, Bruce Ross (ESF) 12, Marcus Stirling (CRR) 11, Gordon Foster (ESF) 10, Rod Stuart (NRI) 10

L GRADE

TEAM		Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 13	%
WARRANTYTE	6THS	40	64	
EASTFIELD	4THS	28	60	0.9857
BAYSWATER PARK	5THS	36	60	0.9526
OLINDA	3RDS	28	52	1.4939
ST ANDREWS	8THS	36	52	1.0366
CROYDON RANGES	9THS	28	28	

The six teams above comprised the grade for the whole season so they too saw a fair bit of each other. As can be seen, Croydon Ranges couldn't fire a shot after the break but the others were pretty evenly matched. Warrantyte were close to top most of the way, Eastfield were good after the break but lost top spot when losing in the last round and Olinda, who also lost last round, held on to 4th place courtesy of an exceptional percentage.

In their semi final, Olinda (83) was handicapped by the lack of qualified players (only 9) and was swamped by Warrantyte (4/269).

Eastfield (2/178 in 35 overs) overwhelmed Bayswater Park (79) in the other semi.

The Grand final was played at Mullum Reserve and Warrantyte got off to an excellent start, losing only one wicket in their split. In reply, Eastfield absorbed 62 overs in reaching 171 but Warrantyte (2/176) was up to the task in attaining victory with nine overs to spare.



Back L-R: Greg Warren, Andrew Thomas, Graham Rees (C), Bill Stubbs, Dan Weatherley, Sophie Day, Travis Jackson, Bailey Dixon, Front: Bailey Thomas, Claire O'Brien, Brady Poole, Max Coutts, Harry Brown.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Brad Wood (CRR) 429, Phillip Paisley (ESF) 407, David Puissesseau (STA) 382, Tim Scott (OLI) 373, Graham Rees (WDT) 356, Shane Mayoh (STA) 336, Travis Jackson (WDT) 334, Rory Leavey (STA) 317.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Robin Court (BYP) 15, Douglas Fisher (BYP) 15, Jonty Scott (OLI) 14, Sunny Matharu (STA) 14, Brendan Robnik (ESF) 13, Greg Warren (WDT) 13, Brad Wood (CRR) 12.

AWARD WINNERS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Phil McCallum award

Top 4 in reverse order	Points
Croydon Ranges	23.90
Montrose	26.61
Kilsyth	27.08
North Ringwood	34.56

SPIRIT OF CRICKET TROPHY – Ron Ellis award

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

Winner **Croydon Ranges (2nds) – Steve Pascoe Shield Grade**

BEST ADMINISTERED CLUB – Bob Bissett award

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

Winner **Ainslie Park**

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR TROPHY – Ken Dunham award

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

Winner **Steve Pascoe**

FRED HODGKINS ALL STAR TEAM OF THE YEAR

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

David Johnson (Warranwood)	524 runs @ 58.22 & 37 wickets @ 11.89
Ben Hastie (Norwood)	440 runs @ 55.00
Andrew Jorgensen (Wantirna South)	398 runs @ 49.75
Matthew Clark (St Andrews)	409 runs @ 37.18
Tom Robinson (North Ringwood)	318 runs @ 39.75
Matthew King (South Croydon)	315 runs @ 31.50
Mark Arnot (Ainslie Park) - (Capt)	138 runs @ 17.25 and 29 wickets @ 10.86
Jake Sherriff (Warrandyte)	256 runs @ 28.44 and 29 wickets @ 11.62
Matthew Reyment (North Ringwood)	36 runs @ 12.00 and 21 wickets @ 9.48
Luke Ridgwell (North Ringwood)	58 runs @ 9.67 and 21 wickets @ 10.43
David Mooney (Warrandyte)	152 runs @ 30.40, 17 catches and 1 assisted run out.

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Lindsay Trollope Shield	David Johnson (16)	Warranwood
Bill Wilkins Medal – Bill Wilkins Cup	Jack Dewhurst (12)	Lilydale
Stuart Newey Medal - Stuart Newey Plate	Ryan Murray (11)	Scoresby
Steve Pascoe Medal – Steve Pascoe Shield	Greg Moorhouse (11)	St Andrews

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Pascoe Shield:	Ross Brown (242 runs, 11 assisted and 12 un-assisted wickets, 4 catches)	(Warrandyte)	552 points
Newey Plate	Ryan Murray (484 runs, 3 assisted and 8 un-assisted wickets, 4 catches)	(Scoresby)	654 points
Wilkins Cup	Jack Dewhurst (399 runs, 15 assisted and 8 un-assisted wickets, 1 catch)	(Lilydale)	674 points
Trollope Shield	David Johnson (524 runs, 19 assisted and 18 un-assisted wickets, 6 catches)	(Warranwood)	1014 points

Under 21 player of the season **Joel Merrett** **South Croydon**

BATTING and BOWLING AVERAGES

(Qualifying criteria is as follows: A batsman must bat in at least half the matches played by the team in the particular grade for the season and score more than 250 runs in that grade (for Modified grades it is 200 runs). A bowler must bowl in at least half the matches played in the particular grade. In Trollope, Wilkins, Newey and Pascoe, a bowler must deliver not less than 480 balls and take not less than 20 wickets, In Modified grades it is 300 and 15 and all other grades it is 360 and 20. The Senior Committee may vary these conditions under special circumstances).

Trollope Shield	Bowling	Matthew Reyment (North Ringwood) (best 5/16, 4/20, 4/33)	21 wkts @ 9.48
	Batting	Nalaka De Silva (Wantirna South) (1/200, 1/50, best 206no)	326 runs @ 65.20
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Steve Garrett (South Warrandyte) (best 7/49 and 4 fa, five times)	38 wkts @ 13.16
	Batting	Marc Steiner (Kilsyth) (3/50's, best 73)	300 runs @ 50.00
Newey Plate	Bowling	Stuart Dunk (Wonga Park) (best 6/29, 6/33, 4/36)	25 wkts @ 10.08
	Batting	Ryan Murray (Scoresby) (2/100's,2/50's, best 117)	484 runs @ 69.14
Pascoe Shield	Bowling	Ross Brown (Warrandyte) (best 6/23, 4/51)	23 wkts @ 9.04
	Batting	Sean Minetti (Ainslie Park) (4/50's, best 90)	406 runs @ 58.00
A Grade	Bowling	Glenn Oakley (Heathmont Baptist) (best 4/15, 4/34)	28 wkts @ 12.39
	Batting	Steve Darmody (Heathmont Baptist) (3/50's, best 82)	369 runs @ 46.13
B Grade	Bowling	No winner (Senior committee determined that a trophy would not be awarded as no player took 20 wickets)	
	Batting	Wayne Barrett (South Croydon) (1/100, 2/50's, best 100no)	345 runs @ 115.00

C Grade	Bowling	Mark Sanderson (Croydon Ranges) (best 3/14, 3/22)	21wkts @ 12.29
	Batting	Tony Harvey (Wonga Park) (1/100, 4/50's best 133)	507 runs @ 50.70
D Grade	Bowling	Aaron Jennings (Lilydale) (best 5/16, 3/15, 3/27)	21 wkts @ 9.43
	Batting	Julian Paterakis (Eastfield) (2/50's, best 94no)	331 runs @ 47.29
E Grade	Bowling	Mitchell Sweeney (St Andrews) (best 6/19, 4/12)	20 wkts @ 10.00
	Batting	Russell Hughes (Wonga Park) (1/100, 2/50, best 139no)	447 runs @ 111.75
F Grade	Bowling	Sam Russell (Wonga Park) (best 4/25, 4/29)	22 wkts @ 12.23
	Batting	Brendan Hooker (South Croydon) (3/50's, best 76no)	442 runs @ 63.14
G Grade	Bowling	Troy Knox (St Andrews) (best 5/18, 4/13)	20 wkts @ 9.65
	Batting	Stuart Wynd (St Andrews) (3/100's, 5/50's, best 105no)	649 runs @ 162.25
H Grade	Bowling	Mitchell Anderson (Scoresby) (best 5/16, 3/2, 3/19)	22 wkts @ 9.59
	Batting	Russell Jenzen (South Croydon) (1/100, 3/50's, best 102no)	335 runs @ 83.75
I Grade	Bowling	Matt Millar (St Andrews) (best 5/21, 3/33, 3/44)	22 wkts @ 16.14
	Batting	Hayden Sharpe (St Andrews) (1/100, 3/50's, best 101no)	409 runs @ 68.17
J Grade	Bowling	Lachlan McAlary (Warrandyte) (best 3/10, 2/8)	16 wkts @ 9.19
	Batting	Glenn Spencer (Croydon Ranges) (2/100's, 4/50's, best 109no)	561 runs @ 140.25
K Grade	Bowling	Shane Rixham (St Andrews) (best 3/9, 3/40)	14 wkts @ 16.86
	Batting	Nick Rice (Warranwood) (2/100's, 1/50, best 103no)	313 runs @ 104.33
L Grade	Bowling	Robin Court (Bayswater Park) (best 3/18, 3/28, 3/41)	15 wkts @ 14.07
	Batting	Tim Scott (Olinda) (2 /100's, 1/50, best 106no)	373 runs@ 186.50

HIGH ACHIEVERS DURING 2015/16 SEASON

Trollope Shield:

Nalaka De Silva (WSO)	206no
David Johnson (WWD)	162
Aydn Sier (APK)	150
Jake Sherriff (WDT)	8/41 and 42 wickets for the season
Gavin Bent (NOW)	7/28

In Wilkins Cup:

Karnel Ahmet (CNT)	8/24
Marc Steiner (KIL)	7/27
Steve Garrett (SWT)	7/49

Stuart Newey Plate:

Brenton Pearce (ESF)	185
Jeffrey Armstrong (ESF)	8/34

Steve Pascoe Shield:

Matthew Hepburn (NRI)	7/11
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“C” Grade

Mark Thomas (CRR)	209no
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“D” Grade

Tom Chrisfield (SWT)	7/26
Tom Ellis (WDT)	7/43

“F” Grade:

Travis Andrikopoulos (NRI)	168
Ross Stewart (SCR)	161

Martien Pruyzers umpired his 500th game in the RDCA.

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2015/16

Wonga Park	39	(4)	Norwood	20	(3)
Wantirna South	33	(5)	Lilydale	20	(3)
East Ringwood	31	(6)	Bayswater Park	19	(2)
Mooroolbark	29	(10)	Warranwood	18*	(7)
Ainslie Park	29	(4)	Wantirna	17	(5)
North Ringwood	27	(6)	Chirnside Park	14	(5)
Templeton	26	(4)	South Warrandyte	13	(5)
St Andrews	25	(5)	Boronia	11	(0)
Croydon Ranges	24*	(5)	South Croydon	10	(5)
Kilsyth	24	(1)	Eastfield	10	(3)
Croydon North	23	(9)	Scoresby	9*	(2)
Warrandyte	23	(4)	Olinda	6	(3)
Montrose	21	(4)	Heathmont Baptist	2	(1)

Figures in brackets are premierships won by first eleven teams.

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

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2009/10

YEAR	CHANDLER	WILKINS	NEWY
81/82	Warrandyte	South Croydon	Bayswater Park
82/83	Croydon United	South Ringwood	Scoresby
83/84	Warrandyte	Ainslie Park	Sth Warrandyte
84/85	East Ringwood	Mt Evelyn	Johnson Park
85/86	Mooroolbark	Scoresby	Academy
86/87	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Templeton
87/88	Croydon North	Parkwood	Eastfield
88/89	St Andrews	South Croydon	Knox Gardens
89/90	Croydon North	Croydon United	Westwood
90/91	Croydon North	Wonga Park	Knox City
91/92	Croydon North	Wantirna South	Glen Park
92/93	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Chirnside Park
93/94	Ainslie Park	Kilsyth (A East)	Ferntree Gully(A West)
94/95	Croydon North	St Andrews	Aquinas
95/96	Ferntree Gully	North Ringwood	Knox City
96/97	Croydon North	South Ringwood	N/A
97/98	Croydon North	Templeton	East Ringwood
98/99	Ferntree Gully	Lilydale	East Ringwood
99/00	Ainslie Park	Montrose	Olinda
00/01	Ferntree Gully	East Ringwood	Eastfield
01/02	Mooroolbark	South Croydon	Sth Warrandyte Hawks
02/03	Lilydale	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	Chirnside Park
03/04	Templeton	Croydon North	Croydon Ranges
04/05	Mooroolbark	North Ringwood	Chirnside Park
05/06	Wantirna South	South Croydon	Olinda
06/07	South Warrandyte	Norwood	North Ringwood (2nds)
07/08	North Ringwood	Croydon Ranges	Mooroolbark (2nds)
08/09	Wantirna South	Bayswater Park	Chirnside Park
09/10	Mooroolbark	East Ringwood	Olinda

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 2010/11-2015/16

There was a name change for the top grade in 2010/11 with 12 teams playing in each of top three grades

	TROLLOPE	WILKINS	NEWY
10/11	Mooroolbark	Warranwood	Wantirna South (2nds)
11/12	Warranwood	Ainslie Park	Eastfield

2012/13 saw the creation of an additional major grade with 10 teams in each grade

	TROLLOPE	WILKINS	NEWY	PASCOE
12/13	Wantirna South	St Andrews	Wantirna South (2nds)	Templeton (2nds)
13/14	Warranwood	Templeton	North Ringwood (2nds)	East Ringwood (2nds)
14/15	South Croydon	Warrandyte	Wantirna South (2nds)	Scoresby Ferndale
15/16	Wantirna South	Lilydale	North Ringwood (2nds)	Montrose (2nds)

SAXON SPORTS CHALLENGE – RDCA 20/20 COMPETITION

The T20 competition continued with the 5 game plus finals format due to the favourable feedback from players and clubs. This was the second season of the 5 games format and the eighth season of sponsorship from Paul Attfield of Saxon Sports to whom we say thank you for his continued support of this competition and cricket in the RDCA.

With only 22 teams entered there were three (3) pools of six (6) and one (1) pool of 4 and, again, as best we could, the pools were based on club geographic locations. The draw had 3 Clubs in each pool with 3 home games and 3 Clubs with 2 home games and to ensure fairness the draw will be reversed in season 2016/17 to accommodate those clubs who only played 2 home games so they have 3 home games next season. As in prior years the top two teams in each group progressed to the quarter finals, where their ranking, based on points earned and net run rate, determined which teams would play against each other.

The Quarter Final results were as follows:

Kilsyth 3/114 defeated Ainslie Park 110

Warrandyte 8/149 (Sherriff 63) defeated South Croydon 148

Wantirna South 176 (De Silva 64) Won on a Super over Montrose 5/176 (Edwards 81)

East Ringwood 190 (Burns 64) defeated North Ringwood 174 (MA Scott 56).

The Semi Final results were as follows:

Warrandyte 7/242 (Gamble 75) defeated Kilsyth 9/97.

Wantirna South 8/128 defeated East Ringwood 120

The Grand Final was played at Walker Reserve, Leigh Murray and Andy Laws were the umpires.

Warrandyte who won the toss and elected to bat posted a score of 5/153 off their 20 overs with Jake Sherriff 64 the best of the batsmen. Wantirna South were challenged with the loss of wickets early, before Jason Walsh (44) and Andrew Jorgensen (27) helped the run chase but it was not enough and the Devils were dismissed for 140 off 19.3 overs with Jake Sherriff taking 4/20 off 3.2 overs. Congratulations to Warrandyte on winning the Saxon Sports T20 trophy and to Jake Sherriff who was named the Player of the match.



Back L-R: Ann Pascoe (scorer), Ben Taylor, Justin Cleaves, Dave Mooney, Brenton Styles, Tim Baker, Neil Brown, Front: Dan Barry, Jake Sherriff, Ayrton Dehmel (C), Matt Gamble, Chris Barry.

Warrandyte then went on to represent the RDCA in the Ringwood CC Outer East Challenge, held on Sunday 21 February 2016 at Jubilee Park, and won by defeating Woori Yallock (YVCA) and South Belgrave (FTGDCA)

Thanks again to Paul Attfield, all our umpires, club volunteers and the players for supporting this format of cricket in the RDCA.

**Gregor Mason/Matt Thomas/Pat Meehan
T20 Organisers**

NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

The following players represented the RDCA in the Vic Metro Cricket Union's Under 21 Competition this season,

Zac Staggard (C)	Lilydale	Dillon Bettess	Ainslie Park
Rohan Peters	Ainslie Park	Taylor Gibson	East Ringwood
Joel Merrett	Sth Croydon	Jackson Ford	Wonga Park
Kaiden Smith	Mooroolbark	David Killen	Ainslie Park
Josh Kazar	Bayswater Park	Tyson Lacey	Sth Croydon
Kyle Colosimo	Bayswater Park	Kiran Kandel	Lilydale
Dan Thomas	Bayswater Park	Sam Beagley	Sth Warrandyte
Lincoln Wong	Templeton		

Match Results

Round 1 – Played at Brighton Beach Oval

RDCA 7/192 (Merrett 87, Ford 26, Kazar 20no, Smith 19. Defeated Mercantile 8/178 (Colosimo 3/22)

Round 2 – Played at Jubilee Park Ringwood

RDCA 5/170 (Wong 37, Smith 35, Merrett 28, Gibson 24) lost to DDCA 173 (Kazar 4/23, Beagley 2/26, Colosimo 2/43)

Round 3

RDCA won on forfeit from Williamstown

Semi Final Played at Caulfield Park

RDCA 141 (Merrett 37, Ford 17, Bettess 16, Wong 16) lost to DDCA 7/142 (Kazar 4/30)

This season saw our U/21's take another step forward in establishing the RDCA as a force in the Neil Wright Shield competition. With consistently strong performances, we narrowly missed out on playing in the Shield Grand Final.

Solid team efforts throughout the carnival with plenty of players stepping up under pressure ensured that the RDCA were one of the stronger teams in the competition. With continued improvement and new talent stepping up, success is not far away.

The efforts of Joel Merrett and Josh Kazar were recognized by being selected to represent the VMCU against VCCL at Benalla, with both acquitting themselves well.

Thanks to Paul Atfield for coaching the boys once again and his continued support through Saxon Sport with the training facilities and Pat Meehan (Chairman of Selectors).

Thanks also to the parents who assisted with making lunches and other tasks when asked.

Once again it was great to be involved with the boys and to watch their growth as young cricketers and future stars of our competition.

**Craig Staggard
Team Manager**

ECA /BHRDCA / RDCA Representative Matches

ECA was scheduled to host the two teams/associations round robin matches on Sunday 6 December 2015 but unfortunately the relevant ground bookings and arrangements were not undertaken. The RDCA endeavoured to reschedule the matches for late January/early February with both or either association(s), however, Veterans and T20 finals fixture matches took precedence for ground availability and management arrangements. ECA/BHRDCA/RDCA have scheduled Sunday 27 November 2016 for the 2016/2017 matches with ECA to host.

Annual RDCA “All Stars” v Ringwood Rams – 25 November (Jubilee Park)

The RDCA team comprised:

Todd Cordwell (C), David Johnson, Marc Steiner, Ayton Dehmel, Ben Hastie, Ollie Brown, Joel Merrett, Jake Sherriff, Mark Arnott, Troy Gstrien, Luke Ridgwell and Drew McKay.

This was probably the best performance by an RDCA team in these annual matches, but unfortunately our “nemesis” won the match for the Rams with a spectacular batting performance once again. Thanks to the players for making themselves available for the twilight fixture.

RDCA Innings

D Johnson	c Roberts b Fotia	11
M Steiner	c Cowling b Ashton	37
A Dehmel	c Ashton b Cowling	17
T Cordwell	c Blain b Ashton	39
B Hastie	b Wigney	44
O Brown	c Campbell b Ashton	1
J Merrett	b Ashton	0
J Sherriff	c Ludgater b Wigney	1
M Arnot	not out	5
T Gstrien	not out	2
Extras		7
Total	(20 overs)	8/164

Bowling: M Fotia 1/33, J Wigney 2/24, J Roberts 0/24, H Cowling 1/19, PAshton 4/31, J Kilby 0/29.

Ringwood Innings

P Jefimenko	c Merrett b Sherriff	0
M Campbell	lbw Sherriff	57
T Stray	not out	91
J Blain	c & b Dehmel	3
C Dineen	not out	4
Extras		10
Total	(off 19.4 overs)	3 / 165

Bowling: J Sherriff 2/13, D McKay 0/12, D Johnson 0/21, M Arnot 0/55, T Gstrien 0/27, L Ridgwell 0/31, A Dehmel 1/4.

Special thanks to Andy Wu, Marc Steiner and Paul Attfield for the selection, organization and assistance.

Pat Meehan, Chairman, RDCA Senior Committee.

Vale Lindsay Trollope

In December, the RDCA fraternity mourned the passing of Lindsay Trollope.

Lindsay had a connection with Mooroolbark before joining the RDCA Executive and on leaving that area he became a scorer and then a keen spectator, following his beloved Mooroolbark.

He played for Mooroolbark for near thirty years, his time as a player coming to a close at the end of the 91/92 season, and also filled roles of President (one year) and Secretary (21 years). When he stopped playing he became the first eleven scorer for the next eleven seasons. Lindsay was awarded Life membership of the club in 1982 and was recognized with Legend status in 2003.

While still playing and being an administrator at Mooroolbark, Lindsay found the time to volunteer his services to the RDCA Executive, filling the roles of Vice President, Manager of the RDCA Indoor Centre at Kilsyth (now the badminton centre) before settling in for a long haul (17 years) as Association Secretary. In the latter role he also represented the RDCA at Cricket Union of Victoria meetings. Lindsay was awarded life Membership of the RDCA in 89/90 season.

When Lindsay decided to call it a day at the end of the 2001/02 season Steve Pascoe, who had been on the Executive with Lindsay for many years and was President at the time, wrote the following testimonial:

Lindsay Trollope rocked our comfortable world when at the 2001 Annual General Meeting he announced that the coming season would be his last as General Secretary of the Association. 17 years of unstinting service has seen Lindsay's common sense and no nonsense approach guide the RDCA through a period that saw the momentum of change gathering pace throughout.

And what change there was.

It is testimony to Lindsay's expertise as an administrator that he has been able to guide the introduction of many groundbreaking innovations both on and off the field without too much fuss and always to the betterment of cricket in our area.

The footprint of Lindsay Trollope on the RDCA is, and always will be, indelible.

On behalf of all those in RDCA circles who have been touched by the dedication of the man. I thank Lindsay for a job well done.

When, in 2010/11, the Board decided to have the various grades carry the names of then living life members, such was the high esteem in which Lindsay was held, it was decided that the association's top grade should carry his name.

Lindsay was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for his services to cricket.

Vale Lindsay

Vale John Springett

Just prior to this report going to print, the RDCA fraternity also mourned the sudden passing of the association's longest serving Junior Secretary.

Similar to Lindsay, John had a long connection with the RDCA community that spanned more than 40 years.

John's first involvement was as a foundation member of Eastfield in 1973, where he also coached juniors and filled positions of President, Secretary and general committee member at various times.

Over the ensuing years, John was involved at a number of clubs, Ainslie Park, Mooroolbark and Ferntree Gully among them. John was Ainslie Park's representative in the early years of the Veterans competition.

John was a member of the umpire's panel for quite a number of years and served on the Executive of that group.

With a great interest in junior cricket John became a member of Junior Executive and eventually took on the role of Secretary, a position he occupied for 12 years up to the end of the 2013/14 season.

In appreciation of his service to the Association over many years, John was recognised with Life Membership in 2007/08. He also had the honour of the Under 16 Division 2 Premiership Trophy being named after him.

When, in 2010/11, the Board decided to have the various senior grades carry the names of then living life members, it was determined the Senior "F" Grade competition should compete for the "John Springett Shield". With a subsequent shuffle of the structure, "E" grade now carries his name.

Vale John

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