



R. (Reg) Johnston - 1960/1961

Reg was born in 1918 and moved with his family from Brunswick to Croydon in the mid-1920s.

Reg commenced his cricket career at Croydon North Cricket Club in the 1930s and was the club Secretary when it went into war recess in 1941. He remained as Secretary until the late 1940s and was the club's first Premiership Captain - 1948/49 in C Grade. He was a club delegate to the RDCA for several years and was made a Life Member at Croydon North in 1950.

In 1951 he turned to umpiring and became the Foundation President of the RDCA Umpires Association in 1955. He umpired Carnival matches for the Under 23 National Championships and went on to become the RDCA Umpires Advisor and later became the Umpires Association first Life Member in 1974. Minutes of the RDCA Executive Meeting held on 12th December 1958 noted Reg's appointment as an umpire for the VJCU (Victorian Junior Cricket Union) versus South Australia to be played at the Junction Oval on the 29th and 30th of December 1958. Reg also served as an Association selector and managed Representative Teams in the early 1960s.

After joining the RDCA Executive in the mid-1950s he served as a Vice President during the 1959/60 to 1962/63 seasons and was awarded Life Membership of the Association during the 1960/61 season as recognition for his dedicated service over several years. This service continued as he became President of the Association for 5 years between 1963 and 1967.

Reg passed away in June 1982.

Reg's son Ken Johnston is also an RDCA Life Member as is his brother-in-law Alby Westcott.