

I have to report as follows:

The 1957/58 season maintained the satisfactory progress of the Association. The season unfortunately got away to a bad start owing to the withdrawal of the Mt. Evelyn team from the "B" Grade two days before the season commenced. This necessitated a re-draw in that grade, with subsequent unsatisfactory arrangements with regard to grounds. It is a tribute to Clubs concerned in the Association that this difficulty was endured with a minimum of fuss and bother.

During my first year of office, I was impressed by the high standard of cricket in the District and particularly by the keenness displayed by all clubs, both players and officials alike.

The opening of Ringwood's Jubilee Park was a milestone in the cricket history of the District and it is hoped that in the near future, more turf wickets will be built in the District for the furtherance of the game of cricket.

I wish to thank all Club Secretaries for the excellent co-operation they gave me during the season and would ask them to again help in the running of the Competitions during the 1958/59 season by assisting the Association officials in every way possible. By such assistance and by abiding by the rules of the Association, Club Secretaries will be benefiting not only their own teams and our Association but the game of cricket as a whole.

NUMBER OF TEAMS

During the 1957/58 season, the following number of teams competed in our competition:

"A" GRADE	-	12 teams
"B" GRADE	-	12 teams
"C" GRADE	-	14 teams
"D" GRADE	-	12 teams
TOTAL	-	<u>50</u> teams

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD.

Meetings were held during 1957/58 as under:-

General Meetings	-	5
Executive Meetings	-	7

UMPYRES COMMITTEE

This Committee continued to function with outstanding success in 1957/58 season. The number of members continued to increase and it is hoped that advances will be made by this most important Committee during the coming season. The R.D.C.A. are indebted to Messrs R. Johnston and R. Evans, President and Secretary respectively of the Committee, for their sterling services.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL GAMES.

The R.D.C.A. again participated in the Christmas Carnival conducted by the V.J.C.U. Our team was captained by Mr. E. Barkway (Montrose) and performed remarkably well to reach the finals.

To Mr. W.J. Barkway, the Association extends its thanks for the assistance he rendered in managing the team.

INTER-ASSOCIATION GAME.

Two inter-association games were again played against the Ferntree Gully Cricket Association on Australia Day, one at Ringwood, the other at Ferntree Gully. In each case the home team was the winner after a successful day.

The R.D.C.A. teams were captained by Mr. S. Dobson (Boronia) and Mr. J. Horner (Bedford). The four officiating umpires were appointed by the R.D.C.A. Umpires' Committee.

DONATIONS.

The following Donors are thanked for their generous assistance:

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TROPHIES.

CRICKET DURING 1957/58

"A" GRADE The "A" Grade pennant was won by the Croydon Club, their first "A" flag since 1929. A noteworthy occasion and the Association offers congratulations to the Croydon Club, both players and officials alike.

The "A" Grade final was played at Lilydale under perfect conditions and before a large crowd of spectators. As runners-up Croydon United are to be congratulated on their efforts, both in the final and during the season.

East Ringwood and North Ringwood were the other two teams to comprise the Final Four and are to be congratulated on their efforts in reaching the Semi-finals.

"B" GRADE Heathmont was successful in "B" Grade by defeating Montrose, and both teams are congratulated on a particularly good final game.

Congratulations also to East Ringwood and Croydon Footballers Club who were the other members of the Final Four in "B" Grade.

"C" GRADE The "C" Grade pennant was won by North Ringwood to whom congratulations are extended, also to the other teams in the Four, Croydon North, Montrose and Croydon.

"D" GRADE In "D" Grade, the main congratulations must go to the Croydon team which won its third successive premiership, a meritorious effort.

To East Ringwood, Croydon United and P.B.A. Clubs the Association extends congratulations on reaching the Final Four.

It is hoped that with the assistance of the proposed coaching scheme sponsored by the V.C.A., the "D" Grade lads will continue to make progress and so strengthen their own Clubs and this Association in the years ahead.

TROPHY WINNERS

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

BATTING

"A" Grade	Mr. J. LePoidevan	(Lilydale)	82.14
"B" Grade	Mr. L. Gibbs	(Montrose)	72.85
"C" Grade	Mr. B. Brady	(Nth Croydon)	89.40
"D" Grade	Mr. H. Tankey	(East Ringwood)	168.

BOWLING

"A" Grade	Mr. T. Brooks	(Croydon United)	9.19
"B" Grade	Mr. L. Gibbs	(Montrose)	7.48
"C" Grade	Mr. R. Curnow	(Heathmont)	5.92
"D" Grade	Mr. R. Rodda	(Ringwood 1)	4.45

who In conclusion I take this opportunity to express my thanks to all those/assisted me during the past season and particularly our President, Mr. L. Salvano, the immediate past Secretary, Mr. L. McLeod, The Registration Secretary, Mr. W. Barkway, The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. Bissett, whose financial summary is the subject of a separate report, and all members of the Executive Committee.

F.V. BIBBY
HON. SECRETARY

I wish to express my appreciation to the Executive Committee for their co-operation during the past season. I would especially thank the Honorary Secretary, Mr. F. Gibby, for his untiring efforts in the interests of the Association. We are indeed very fortunate to have his services and trust that he will be able to continue to serve the game of cricket..

A word of thanks is also due to Mr. R. Bissett for his successful handling of the finances.