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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It always feels like a successful season by the time we get to the Presentation nights and the subsequent end of season reviews but there is a lot of hard work before, during and after the season, by those at RDCA Board of Management level and our members and volunteers at club land, all with the sole aim to achieve the ultimate of winning a premiership for your club and with your mates. Thank you for your tireless efforts once again this season.

We need the weather on our side, Councils to have grounds available and we need players wanting to play week in week out. It is quite the challenge, but we do it every season, and we come back for more, because we get, what others don't, about the game of cricket.

This season we had a real focus on communications and branding with a new website, a new RDCA logo, Facebook and the RDCA App. Added to that we engaged the services of Field of View Photography to capture literally thousands of images of the season's action. Jo Fairy and her team did a great job.

Juniors

It was a very successful season for the junior competition. 150 teams in total were fielded and our first ever girls only competition saw 4 teams and 49 girls play. Ringwood won the girls Grand Final against Wonga Park on the last ball of the match. Lilydale and Montrose were the other 2 clubs who entered a team. It was a great first season for the girls only competition and the junior committee look forward to it growing over time.

The rep program was very strong and we produced 10 of the 13 players who made the Outer East under 14 boys side. The two Under 14 RDCA rep sides made the semi-final and grand final respectively, which shows how strong and deep this age group is. Both Under 12 teams made the quarter finals and semi-finals. The under 16's were very competitive but narrowly missed out on the finals. The RDCA also entered an under 18 rep team which was unlucky to miss the finals.

Some great finals were played in the club competition, but none better than the under 16/1 Grand Final which saw Ryan Peter Budge make a brilliant 104* to lead North Ringwood home on the 2nd last ball of the match against Mooroolbark.

North Ringwood also won the under 14/1 premiership whilst Montrose won the under 12/1 premiership.

Montrose was a clear standout as Junior Club Champion, with all 8 of their teams making the finals and they are to be congratulated on this amazing effort.

The length of the pitch was shortened in the 12/5 & 12/6 division and despite some initial hesitancy, it was well received and was a great benefit to the young boys and girls playing in that division. The junior committee will be looking to expand the shortened pitch length into 12/3 and 12/4 next season. The extension of the ball count into 14/1 & 14/2 and was also well received.

It was a great season of junior cricket and the atmosphere surrounding our junior competition is first class.

Seniors

Team numbers totaled 125, five less than last season, however many clubs now have father/son teams in the modified rule grades (split innings) and feedback continues to be positive for this playing structure, especially in retaining senior players and helping transition junior players into senior cricket.

The U/21 representative team made the finals again and this year improved on last season by winning the premiership. Sincere thanks to Craig Staggard, Paul Attfield and Pat Meehan for all their work and commitment to this team. You will read more about this group later in the report.

The U/21 competition is not only an investment in our future players but is also a great opportunity for those eligible players to gain more experience in our game of cricket and develop friendships outside and within the RDCA cricket community.

A decision at a Special General Meeting on 12 October 2016 voted to change the senior competition structure to 8 teams in each grade taking effect from season 2017/18, with all grades playing seven one day and seven two day games.

Congratulations to all grade winners.

Veterans

It was a mixed year for our Veterans. In Representative cricket, our Association was on the front foot, organising a big Carnival day in December, featuring Ferntree Gully, Box Hill, Ringwood and North Metro Cricket Associations. This is a day we hope to see grow and involve other Veteran competitions as we celebrate Veterans cricket.

Congratulations to Ainslie Park, Wonga Park and South Croydon who won Over 40's premierships and to Wonga Park and North Ringwood who were premiers in divisions of the Box Hill reporter Over 50's competition.

It was a tough year for the Veterans committee, as the competition struggles for an identity at a time when 'Modified Rules' has proven to be so successful in Saturday cricket.

For the Veteran's competition to survive, the committee will need the support of all RDCA clubs. From an Association point of view, the committee is anxious to find the right contact from each club who will be prepared to get their club going and organise a team from their club that want to play with and against others in their age group and only playing every second Sunday.

Umpires

Whilst able to cover, from a panel of 37, both Premier Grades with two umpires and the other major grades with, at least, one umpire at all times, the desire is to have a minimum of 40 umpires available for all matches. To do this, there is a need to further expand the numbers on the panel.

The main recruitment source is retirees from Saturday Club cricket and we seek the assistance of all clubs in promoting this further involvement in local cricket to their retirees.

Endeavors' were made to obtain more objective reports on umpires' performances from club captains. Unfortunately the new process introduced did not appear to be embraced by all the captains. It is certainly something to discuss again as we head into next season.

What our Umpire Association needs from Captain's is more meaningful comments providing reasons and direction in specific areas, so the Training Officer can assess whether further review of Laws, Rules or management is required of individual umpires.

A successful Captains' / Umpires' meeting was held early in the season where various aspects of match management, responsibilities and reporting requirements were aired, discussed and clarified. It was a worthwhile exercise that will likely be repeated this coming season.

Generally player behaviour was good, but unfortunately there were a number of occasions where Incident Reports were required.

The recent Umpires Association AGM saw Paul Denton recognised for umpiring 400 matches in the RDCA; Phil Bottaro was named as Best 1st Year Umpire and Ray Baird as Most Improved Umpire.

The RDCA is in a strong financial position and it is the Board of Management's intention to utilise these funds to continue to improve the RDCA's communications next season as well as look at new opportunities of how to improve our great cricket Association. As always, we are happy to take your suggestions as to what the Association can and needs to do.

One thing that will be on the agenda in the off season is succession planning. Many of our RDCA office bearers and committee members have done an amazing job over an extended period. I'm talking 10, 15 or more years, so we all get to play cricket each season. Some have now expressed that the time is coming for them to call it stumps, and this also includes myself. Whilst only serving 3 years in the position as Chairman and President of the RDCA, prior to that I occupied several positions at RDCA and club level during the past 12 years and it is time to dedicate more time to my family and a new job.

For this Association to continue to thrive, the RDCA will need people to come from club land, like I did, and transition into being part of the overall Association management. Keep this in mind because you will start to see plenty of communication about it as we lead in to next season.

I want to thank some of those very people, and in-particular my Board of Management. Sean Flynn (Juniors), Pat Meehan (Seniors), Chris Allan (Veterans), Ian Spencer, Graeme Seymour for all their support during my tenure. It was a rewarding experience thanks largely to their tireless efforts and support. This also applies to the Senior, Junior, and Veterans committees as well as the Umpires Association who have all been a source of great enthusiasm and support during my time.

I would also like to thank all the club Presidents who I communicated with regularly for their support and interaction during my time as President.

Congratulations to all individuals, teams and clubs who were involved during the 2016/2017 season and thank you to our major sponsor, Paul Attfield from Saxon Sports, along with our other very valued sponsors, David Hodgett, Michael Sukkar, Kookaburra Sports, Field of View Photography and Mooroolbark and Ringwood East community banks for supporting the Ringwood & District Cricket Association.

Dale Gilson

SENIOR COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

'Work hard, keep trying, never give up.'

For the second year running, football encroached into the traditional cricket season, which forced Round 1 to start on 8 October. In the few months prior to the start, rain had caused considerable havoc for the councils to get equipment onto grounds resulting in many grounds not being ready for play. A decision to abandon A to L grades, for Round 1, was made and efforts were made to ensure that the top 4 grades played. In brilliant sunshine, all 20 games were played. If the decision to abandon had not been made only 6 matches in A – L grades would have played and 6 matches in the top 4 grades would NOT have played.

Team numbers started at 130, same as last season, but dropped to 125. "F" grade comprised of 5 teams, "G, I and J" grades had 7 each and "K and L" had 6 in each. Early in the season, a decision was made to allow Mooroolbark to withdraw their Pascoe team, thus creating a Bye round, which created other issues during the season, for that grade and below.

A Special General Meeting was called on 12 October 2016, at which club delegates approved a change in the senior grade structure to having 8 teams in each, playing 7 one day and 7 two day games, effective from season 2017/18.

The success of any organisation is dependent on good communication and my thanks to all the 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 for another season.

Congratulations to South Croydon who won the Bob Bissett 'Best Administered Club' award, Ainslie Park 'Senior Club Championship' and Croydon Ranges 2XI (Pascoe) 'Spirit of Cricket Award' for the second consecutive season.

The Senior Committee met 11 times and comprised the following members; Pat Meehan (Chairman), Gregor Mason (Secretary), Stuart Minetti (Minute Secretary), Steve Pascoe, Roger Copeland, Matt Thomas, Tony Gawne, Mat Parker and Wayne Hartley. Michael Finn returned to the committee part way through the season.

Mark Arnot and Brett McKane vacated prior to the season due to work and family commitments.

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

All clubs are experiencing a lack of commitment from players which in turn results in teams being forfeited due to lack of players on a weekend and whilst the number of forfeits was not unusually high it costs clubs financially and causes many players to miss a game of cricket.

Ground shortages for Saturday cricket remain a problem in most council areas and whilst the RDCA is in regular contact with council officers, declining membership can lead to loss of grounds and increasing membership may mean games having to be played on Sunday's.

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. 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.

The Saxon Sports T20 competition format continued to be 5 rounds plus finals and thanks to Paul Attfield for his sponsorship. Congratulations to Kilsyth and Norwood for making it through to the T20 grand final, with Kilsyth winning the T20 premiership for 2016/17.

The Annual T20 Challenge match, RCC v RDCA was again hosted by the Ringwood CC and played at Jubilee Park #2 oval, on 30 November 2016, supporting 'The 'One Punch Kills' campaign. Thanks to Pat Meehan, Mat Parker, Andy Wu and Marc Steiner for their assistance in the selection of the RDCA team. Result was Ringwood CC 8/136 defeated RDCA 8/126.

The T20 Round Robin event (RDCA v ECA v BHRDCA) was hosted by the BHRDCA at Macleay Park on 27 November 2016. For the Trollope team section, RDCA, ECA and BHRDCA won one match each and the overall winner of the perpetual shield was BHRDCA, based upon the net run rate.

For the Wilkins team section, RDCA won both matches and the perpetual shield has been retained for another 12 months.

Thank you to all the players, selectors and umpires (Andy Laws, Warren Gilbert and Leigh Murray) for making themselves available to represent the RDCA. Mat Parker, Andy Wu and Marc Steiner comprised the selection panel, with Pat Meehan co-ordinating.

In the VMCU U/21 Grand Final match, RDCA v Eastern Cricket Association (ECA), played at Harry Trott Oval (St. Kilda CC home ground) on Sunday 29th January 2017, RDCA won 10/187 in 39 overs to ECA 10/128 off 36 overs.

Thanks to Pat Meehan (Co-ordinator), Craig Staggard (Team Manager) and Paul Attfield (Coach), who also made his indoor training facilities available to the squad. Thanks also to our scorers Liz McLelland and Michelle Lockie, together with those parents who supported the team. The premiership is a just reward for all concerned.

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.

The Trollope Grand Final was held at Montrose Reserve, Wilkins Cup was at Cheong Park, Newey Plate at Kimberley #1 and Pascoe Shield at Mooroolbark Heights.

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, 15 different clubs out of 16 grades were premiership winners. Croydon Ranges was the only multiple premiership winner,

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	Jack Dewhurst	(Lilydale)	19 votes
The Bill Wilkins Medal	Sanahasa Fernando	(Wonga Park)	17 votes
The Stuart Newey Medal	Liam Sweeney	(North Ringwood)	15 votes
The Steve Pascoe Medal	Mark Unternahrer	(Kilsyth)	10 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.

Ian Dench was our MC for the night 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.

As with all voluntary committees, our weekend cricket does not magically happen. It requires input from many people who give of their time and effort, so thank you again to all who have helped me this past season and with everyone's contribution the community, our member clubs and participants will continue to benefit in more ways than just playing cricket.

Gregor Mason

REGISTRATION SECRETARY and MYCRICKET ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Once again, season 2016/17 has flown by and many clubs have begun their off season planning.

During season 2016/17 there were 394 transfers and 162 clearances in and around RDCA clubs.

Many RDCA clubs now also field teams in the Mid Year Cricket association, for those players that need cricket all year round.

MyCricket use continues to improve and clubs are seeing the benefits of fully completing their results with the ability to use MyCricket to produce their end of season statistics.

The use of Live Scoring has also increased with almost all Trollope Shield games being live scored each weekend. The live scoring is of great benefit to cricket lovers who can be at one game and check up on the scores from other games of interest. Many finals games were live scored as well.

Using MyCricket Scorer to live score games is also a great double check for the scorer using the traditional scorebook.

Remember if you have some new volunteers helping out with your MyCricket next season, get them up and running early and provide them with plenty of support.

Congratulations to all successful clubs in season 16/17 and best of luck for the new season ahead.

Roger Copeland

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

The season commenced full of optimism with Shawn Everitt working hard behind the scenes to attract new members to the Panel. A new advertising initiative through Leader Newspapers seemed to work and attracted increased interest from a number of potential new umpires. That interest waned pretty quickly, when most had little or no past cricket experience and they were unable to accept the challenge, however, it was pleasing to see a number of new umpires emerge from club level and some returning to the ranks after a break.

John Waters was a case in point. He was incapacitated for a couple of seasons with a leg injury but fought his way back to the crease. However in doing so, found the physical challenge too demanding and, after officiating in 423 RDCA matches, reluctantly and sadly decided to call it a day. Thanks are extended to John for his exemplary service to the RDCA Umpires' panel.

The sudden passing of our past Secretary John Springett was very sad news to family and his many friends within the RDCA. He devoted many years at club cricket and Association levels and was an RDCA Life Member, having served for many years as the Secretary of the RDCA Juniors and RDCAUA. Vale John Springett.

There was a concerted effort this season by our Executive to lift the standard of captain reports on umpires. The rules were changed to enable captains to provide more meaningful performance assessments for our Selection Panel and Training Group to continue to improve the overall performance of umpires. A pre-season Captains meeting was held to reinforce these changes and to explain the rationale and the process involved. It's fair to say the results were mixed and whilst some captains provided well thought out and constructive assessments on the ratings others took the easy way out and provided just the basic detail to avoid any enforcement action.

This season \$2550 in fines were issued to clubs for failing to submit umpire reports, a major concern and demonstrates the lack of acceptance of doing what is essentially a very easy task. Captains want a consistent performance from umpires but overall are not prepared to help us seek what they want.

The introduction of on-line training for Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) and Representative Officiating (Level 2) programs had some teething problems and particularly for those working through the Level 2 process. It became very clear to the Executive the Level 2 process is designed for those who wish to consider umpiring at a higher level of cricket. So we reviewed the matter and issued an edict that at a minimum all members are expected to hold Level 1 accreditation and complete Level 2 on a voluntary basis.

Graeme Lloyd and Chris Pietersen are highly valued members of the Executive and keep us up to date with their presentations on match day rules, interpretations and the insight on what we need to do to become better umpires. This season we had a number of suspect action referrals for evaluation and Chris provided valuable support to ensure the Senior Committee had all the relevant information to initiate steps to assist the players concerned.

Congratulations to Paul Denton on surpassing 400 games in the field – a mighty effort. He's been one of our most experienced and best performed umpire, a valuable asset to our group and one who continues to assist in the development of our new breed of umpires.

Sincere congratulations to Leigh Murray, who works very quietly behind the scenes in assisting and mentoring our new umpires using his vast experience and people skills. He capped off a terrific year in receiving the Ken Dunham Award for 'Umpire of the Year'.

Thank you also to the members of our Executive Group, who continue to work extremely hard behind the scenes to make things work administratively for our members. I put that down to having a very committed leader in Steve Pascoe who through his strong leadership has created a group who take their roles seriously and work well together as a group.

Finally, I can now honestly say after 8 years of official umpiring the best umpires are those who have had a background in playing cricket. There's an inherent understanding of the rules that comes with that experience so if you know of anyone who may be interested in taking up umpiring in the future make sure our Recruitment Officer Shawn Everitt gets their details !!!!

Tony Gawne
Secretary



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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. With the retirement of Brett McKane, Pat Meehan became the RDCA representative on the Outer East Regional Cricket Council, and a Director on the VMCU Board.

Over the past season the main cricket activities have related to the management and implementation of CV's State-wide T20 competition (RDCA representative was Warrandyte), U.21 Neil Wright Shield and the Junior Shield and 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. The U14 Nolan Cup side made the grand final but unfortunately was defeated in a close match. Both the U12 Mitchell Shield and U14 Allen Shield sides made the Semi Finals. All sides are continuing their recent performance improvements.

In late January, the RDCA side defeated ECA to be the U/21 Neil Wright Shield premiers for 2016/2017 (our last premiership was in 1989/1990).

The most significant matters dealt with during the season were:

- Continuing participation by the VMCU Board and the five Metropolitan Turf Associations in discussions on the development of proposals for the possible restructure of turf cricket by CV's Melbourne Metropolitan Turf Task Force. The CV Board adopted a final proposal in May 2017 to establish five Metropolitan Cricket Zones to include all forms of cricket. Consultations will now occur with all associations, including synthetic competitions, with a view to forming Working Parties to institute the structures for the 5 new zones. A pilot zone for Cricket Southern Bayside (the former VTCA South) commenced this last season and the experience from this will assist in the development of the other zones. Under this proposal the role of the VMCU may be devolved and taken up by CV and the new Zones Boards. CV hopes that implementation will commence for the 2017/18 season.
- 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 – including a four team grade in the RDCA.
- Continuing negotiations with CV and VCCL on both a standard clearance/transfer policy and a suspect bowling action policy for all senior cricket in Victoria. The VMCU has adopted the current draft policies for associations to utilise in the interim.
- Input to CV Pathway/ State Championships review. A Working Party is to be formed to develop a long term plan and structure – including the VMCU Junior Carnival. This party will include two representatives of the VMCU.
- Input into the trials of CA initiated new formats for junior cricket. WRJCA was the only VMCU affiliate involved over this season. CA and CV are keen to roll out these new formats for all junior cricket as soon as possible. Presentation will be made to all associations.
- Update of the CV/VMCU Member Protection Policy to accommodate the requirements of the new "Child Safety Standards" under the new legislation.

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

VMCU Director Outer East Region and RDCA Delegate

OUTER EAST METRO REGION (Region 14) REPORT

The Outer East Region covers the municipalities of Maroondah, Knox and Yarra Ranges and comprises of clubs in the Ringwood and District Cricket Association, Ferntree Gully District Cricket Association and Yarra Valley Cricket Association. Each Association has a nominated representative on the Regional Committee together with representatives from Ringwood Cricket Club and the Sub District Cricket Association. David Beatty is the independent Committee Chairman with Di Day as the CV Regional Cricket Manager.

Di works closely with the schools and clubs in the region to offer a program of clinics, competitions and activities to increase the availability of cricket in various formats to both male and female participants. She also assists the clubs and Associations with the implementation of their programs and club development matters as required. Participation has increased in some activities over the last 12 months due to Di's enthusiasm, commitment and attention to detail.

In July 2016, the Region Committee held a Cricket Forum at Knox Council Offices for all Associations and clubs covering many topics to assist in the preparation for the forthcoming season. Planning is underway to hold a similar event for the 2017/18 season.

Ringwood C.C. is our Premier Cricket partner for the regional pathway program and plays a significant role in the management and coaching of many of the Outer East Eagles male and female squads in the State Championships, under the guidance of Di Day.

In addition, the club has established an annual Outer East T20 Challenge Trophy competition between the T20 winners of the three Associations, which is normally held at Jubilee Park main oval in February each year. Unfortunately, due to ground availability issues and obtaining matching dates with all parties, this season's competition has been deferred until November 2017 as a lead in to the Premier Cricket T20 matches. Prior to these latter matches RCC also plays practice matches against representative sides from both RDCA and FTGCA.

The Region was strongly represented in the VMCU Junior Carnival held in early January as there were 20 teams entered in the various boys and girls age groups. No premierships were forthcoming in this well managed and highly successful Carnival, however, both the RDCA U/14 Nolan and FTGDCA U/12 Mitchell sides made the grand finals with two other RDCA sides making the semi finals. There were some good individual performances across the grades and these will ensure that success will come in future years.

The region tasted success with the RDCA U/21 team defeating the ECA to be the VMCU U/21 Neil Wright Shield premiers for 2016/17. The last RDCA premiership was in 1988/89. Congratulations to all involved. The enthusiasm and commitment of the players' augers well for the title defence next season.

Women's cricket continues to grow within the region both at Premier Cricket level and the Associations. RDCA commenced a girls competition with four teams participating. All Associations will be looking to increasing participation in this area next season.

Regrettably for the Outer East Eagles, male and female team premiership successes eluded them once again despite some excellent individual performance throughout the State Championships. The Outer East was the only metro region to field a full U/18 female team. No teams made finals, however, three girls represented the region in the SSV U/12 girls team which finished runners up. In addition, one girl represented the region in the Victorian U/15 team with three boys in the Victorian U/17 team and one boy in the Victorian U/19 team.

Pat Meehan
Director

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

The RDCA junior competition continued to thrive in 2016/2017. The introduction of our first ever girls only competition was a huge success and opened our sport up to a whole new playing audience. We had 4 girls teams this season from Wonga Park, Lilydale, Montrose and Ringwood and we look forward to the competition expanding next summer.

In total, 150 teams junior teams were entered, which was an increase of 2 on the previous summer. The last two seasons had seen our numbers increase by 29 teams so we were not surprised that this levelled out slightly. Montrose won our junior club champion award, which was a fitting reward for all their hard work. It was great to see East Ringwood win the 12/3 competition with their only competitive junior side.

The junior committee has been very stable over the last couple of seasons and this has allowed us to achieve a great deal. We are very lucky to have Mandy Dolman as our Secretary and she does a power of work to ensure that the competition runs smoothly. Mandy is the first point of contact for clubs and her professional and common sense approach, ensures that all clubs are well looked after. She also does an amazing job with the help of St Andrews and Croydon Ranges to run the under 10 round robin nights, which are a massive logistical event to pull together. Mandy is quite simply a brilliant person who volunteers her time to ensure that our kids enjoy their cricket.

Our junior rep program continues to improve and this is largely due to the dedicated efforts of Bill Stafford. Bill is into his 3rd season in this role and his work from the nominations, to trials, through to the selection process ensures that we put eight strong teams on the park. As well as rep cricket, Bill looks after the fixturing, grading, rule changes and just about anything else you can think of. He is also heavily involved in the Melbourne All Abilities Cricket Association. In my time in cricket, I cannot think of a better person that I have met.

Andy Exley was the Vice President of the junior committee and he also took on the roles of umpire allocation and my cricket compliance. On top of this, he helps with the round robins, the rep program and he again umpired the under 16/1 grand final this season. His calm nature and positivity is very valuable to our committee and he is a great mentor to many people.

Our junior committee has people from many RDCA clubs who give their time to invest in our competition. I thank Melanie Causer from Bayswater Park, David Brush from Norwood, Luke Henderson from South Croydon, Sean Meehan from Templeton, Steve Toohey from Waranwood and our major sponsor, Paul Attfield from Saxon Sports for their valuable contributions to the day to day running of the competition.

The clubs accepted the trialing of a reduction in the length of the pitch this season in our under 12/5 and 12/6 grades. Despite some initial skepticism, these changes were well received and we feel will produce better cricketers, who gain greater enjoyment out of the game. We would expect this trial to expand in the coming season at the encouragement of Cricket Australia.

We extended the batters ball count into the under 14 competition this season with all under 14 games being played with a 50 ball count. This rule was also used in the 16/3 competition with great success. We now have a ball count in 11 of our 13 grades and club feedback suggests it has increased player enjoyment levels as well as the skill acquisition of all players. We think the benefits will flow into our senior competition with more lifelong cricketers being created.

The T.20 blast was hosted by Croydon North and this is another offering on the cricket menu. Some clubs cover off the 7 to 9 year olds themselves but the 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 increased by two teams and the breakdown is as follows:

Under 10 down from 38 to 35

Under 12 up from 50 to 52

Under 14 down from 38 to 35

Under 16 up from 22 to 24

Girls up from 0 to 4 ☺

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 of that club.

Thank you to my wife, Maree, and my two sons, Harry and Archie, for their support. I really enjoy helping our young players improve and hopefully they fall in love with the game.

I extend a huge thanks to all clubs for trusting me in this role. I am passionate about providing opportunities for players of all abilities to fall in love with the game. I want to create a vibrant competition where young boys and girls make friends with players on both sides. I am confident that we are on the right track to making cricket more enjoyable and accessible to young players and their families.

**Sean Flynn
President**

This Season of the RDCA Junior Comp was again a great one for developing and growing junior cricket for both boys and girls!

After a few years now of simplifying and updating our procedures and processes, the administration side of the competition ran very smoothly and I would like to thank our wonderful Club Coordinators that responded quickly and professionally, which helps me greatly in my role.

All volunteers who give their time, enthusiasm and passion to help our kids enjoy this sport and all the life skills it offers to them, need to be extremely proud of their efforts!!! Thank you to all volunteers and parents.

A big highlight of this season for me was to see our first girl's competition. With the assistance of Cricket Victoria, the "RDCA Stars Girls Cricket League" was born. Ringwood, Wonga Park, Montrose and Lilydale played a fantastic first season and it was wonderful to see these girls all develop and improve their cricket skills as the season progressed. I also would like to acknowledge the great sportsmanship these girls showed and how to have fun, while still taking the comp seriously. Well done to all the players, parents and club volunteers who made this competition such a success. Next season will bring a bigger and even better competition!!!

The U10 Round Robins were again successful and it's so enjoyable to see the kids loving a different form of the game than that they usually play. This season we tried a different format at our two nights and surveyed clubs on the best format to continue on with in the future. St Andrews and Croydon Ranges are to be thanked and congratulated for hosting these nights, as it's a massive effort from all their members to help make these nights run smoothly.

I would like to congratulate all the 2016/17 Premiership Winners:

Stars Girls Cricket League		Ringwood	
U16 (1)	North Ringwood	U16 (2)	Ainslie Park/Croydon North
U16 (3)	Heathmont Baptist	U14 (1)	North Ringwood
U14 (2)	Warrandyte	U14 (3)	South Warrandyte Hawks
U14 (4)	St Andrews	U12 (1)	Montrose
U12 (2)	St Andrews	U12 (3)	East Ringwood
U12 (4)	Croydon North	U12 (5)	Templeton
U12 (6)	St Andrews		

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

U12 Montrose

U14 Mooroolbark

U16 North Ringwood

The RDCA junior section is very lucky to have an awesome Committee, which is headed by Sean Flynn as President. Sean is such an asset to our association, his passion and motivation for growing and improving kid's cricket is undeniable! Sean is always approachable and keen to help wherever he can and I personally want to thank him for always being there to support me in my role. Sean is a fantastic guy and is supported by a wonderful understanding family, Maree and their two lovely son's.

Andy Exley is our Vice President who I also thank for his support of both Sean and myself. Andy will always help wherever he can and has done a great job running the Umpire allocations and MyCricket results this season.

Bill Stafford in my opinion is one of the legends of volunteers! For many years he has given so much to our game through his own club and on our Junior committee. Bill runs our Rep Cricket program, the development squads and does all the fixturing across the whole comp. I don't have an assistant Secretary but Bill certainly lightens my work load as he's always there to assist me with anything he can, thanks so much Bill.

David Brush, Melanie Causer, Steve Toohey, Sean Meehan and Luke Henderson make up the rest of the committee and their input and commitment is invaluable. Thank you all very much. I also would like to thank the Senior Committee and Board of Management for their continuing support.

The future for Junior Cricket is exciting at the moment and I feel privileged to have a small part in its growth and development within our association.

Cheers to a great past season and I look forward to the upcoming one!

Mandy Dolman
Secretary

VMCU Junior Carnival

This season we had our most successful carnival for a number of years. Our two U/12 teams and two U/14 teams all made finals. Keith Mitchell U/12 and Des Nolan U/14 won their quarter finals, with Des Nolan winning their semi-final, but unfortunately narrowly lost their grand final in a very close game against South East CA. Our two turf teams, Jim Beitzel U/16 and Phil Arnold U/18 were both very competitive with 2 wins each, just missing finals.

In addition to the VMCU carnival, we had a further 19 boys and 13 girls play in state carnivals. Also, 13 boys represented Bayswater and Croydon in the GJ Craig U/15 carnival.

Thank you to all our clubs who continue to support and encourage their players to attend trials and make themselves available to play in the carnival.

Congratulations to our trophy winners:

Team	Best Player	Coaches Award
U/12 Girls - Claudia Fatone	Alexandra Sheedy	Hayley McLaughlin
U/12- Josh Browne	Daniel Meehan	Luke Dowling-Horgan
U/12- Keith Mitchell	Keegan Jones	Lachlan Bates
U/14- Des Nolan	Phoenix Beck	Aidan Maher
U/14 - Russell Allen	Jordan Milne	Liam Storm
U/16 - Keith Mackay	Dylan Smith	Callum Tokell
U/16- Jim Beitzel	Jackson Merrett	George Harries
U/18 - Phil Arnold	Jake Sali	Bradley Stewart

Thank you to our coaches and team managers for all their time and effort they put into the selection process, practice games and throughout the carnival. We are very fortunate in the quality of coaches we have been able to appoint.

Team	Coach	Team Manager
U/12 Girls - Claudia Fatone	Jess Adams	
U/12- Josh Browne	Tim Sugumar	Brendan O'Riley
U/12- Keith Mitchell	Matt Fotia	Nathan McFarlane
U/14- Des Nolan	Dale Ingleton	Greg Campbell
U/14 - Russell Allen	Travis Nightingale	Michael Naughtin
U/16 - Keith Mackay	Josh White	Nick Chourci
U/16- Jim Beitzel	Josh Hudson	Anthony Willis
	Mark Thomas/	
U/18- Phil Arnold	Mitch Thomas	Steve Lester

Thank you to Paul Attfield, major sponsor of the RDCA in making his in-door training facilities available to us whenever required.

Bill Stafford
Representative Coordinator

FINANCE REPORT

The Association has enjoyed another successful financial year.

Although the year ended with a Net Loss after depreciation of \$3,865 (last year \$23,407 Surplus), this result was foreshadowed at last year's AGM where I outlined that we would be using some of our accumulated reserves from previous year's to further advance the promotion of junior cricket and girls cricket in particular.

In addition to the above, we have developed a new Website (cost \$3,000), designed and registered a new RDCA Logo (\$1,423), entered into an arrangement with Field of View Photography to provide photographic records of the season (\$3,465 net cost after sponsorship contribution of \$1000). All other expenditure for the season was largely in line with budget forecasts.

On the revenue side, affiliation fees were down by \$2,182 as a result of the withdrawal of Olinda CC from the RDCA last season and a reduced number of Senior and Veterans teams from the previous year.

Club fines were marginally lower at \$6,200, but this is still way to high!

Sponsorships increased overall compared to the previous season largely due to a one off payment from Kookaburra Sports of \$4,000 to cover the Website and App redevelopment.

As mentioned above, Field of View became a new sponsor during the year but the Bendigo Community Bank Branch at Warrandyte did not continue as a sponsor in the 2016/17 season.

Sales of cricket balls to the Clubs contributed a net \$2,430 (last year \$2,823).

The Balance Sheet at year end shows cash reserves of \$93,810 and minimal creditors leaving us in an extremely healthy financial position for the coming 2017/18 season.

In closing, I would like to thank all Club Treasurer's for their co-operation during the season with minimal contact required from myself to ensure that all accounts were settled promptly.

Finally, we have to thank our loyal sponsors, mentioned below, for their continued support of the RDCA, for without them our competition would not be as financially sound as it currently is.

Kookaburra Sports

Saxon Sports

Field of View Photography

Bendigo Community Banks – Ringwood East/Heathmont & Mooroolbark Branches

David Hodgett MP

Michael Sukkar MP

**Graeme Seymour
Finance Manager**

Ringwood & District Cricket Association Inc.

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Income & Expenditure Statement Year Ended 31 May 2017

	2017	2016
Income		
Affiliation Fees	41,491	43,673
Umpires Subscriptions	1,682	1,868
Veterans Match fees etc.	936	873
Fines & Charges		
Fines	6,200	6,580
Credit Card Charges	-	60
Forfeited Bond/Guarantee Funds	-	900
Late Payment Fines	17	249
Total Fines & Charges	6,217	7,790
Junior Raffle	2,000	2,182
Junior Coaching fees recouped	1,955	2,023
Junior Clothing costs recouped	3,391	3,914
Donations/Sponsorship	27,300	22,550
Web advertising	2,500	2,500
Cricket Victoria Grants	5,000	5,000
20/20 Competition Subsidy	1,440	1,612
VMCU Umpire Subsidy	2,630	3,220
VMCU Girls Team Exp. Subsidy	-	500
Investigation Officer Recouped	300	91
Sundry Income	136	167
Senior Presentation Night	6,409	6,573
Interest received	1,179	920
Sales		
Balls from stock	1,184	1,113
Scorebook Sales	3,869	4,111
Junior Pink Balls	-	371
Umpires Equipment & Clothing	161	400
Cricket Ball Sales Orders (Net)	94,568	88,616
Total Sales	99,782	94,611
Total Income	204,348	200,064
Cost of Sales		
Cricket Ball Sales costs	91,072	84,370
Junior Pink Balls	360	-
Balls from Stocks	1,087	-
Scorebook Costs	3,820	3,582
Total Cost of Sales	96,339	87,952
Gross Profit	108,009	112,112
Expenses		
Administration Expenses		
Honorarium	20,250	20,050
Administration Manager Expense	41	374
Match Result Secretaries	4,100	4,100
Publicity Officer	1,500	1,000
Senior Executive	219	350
Junior Secretary Expenses	-	36
Junior Co-ordinator	1,500	1,000

Administration Expenses Cont'd		
Junior Carnival Expenses	1,000	2,360
Representative Match Expenses	1,404	482
Advertising	943	591
Donations	150	-
Investigation Officer Expenses	600	300
Photography Contract	4,465	-
Bad Debt write off	49	-
Total Administration Expenses	36,222	30,643
Operating Expenses		
Postage & Stationery	130	63
Telephone & Internet Costs	1,342	1,376
Printing & Typing	2,093	458
Computer Maint/Software	482	81
Government Charges	56	54
Ground & Hall rental	493	-
Affil. & Registration Fees	250	200
Website Hosting	504	-
Pavilion Expenses	282	799
App Design & hosting costs	1,170	1,170
Pavilion Rent	1,166	1,856
Audit Fee	600	450
Website & Logo Development	3,673	-
Trade Mark registration costs	750	-
Sundry	-	249
Junior Carnival Coaches Fees	5,400	5,000
Umpires Fees	7,250	6,340
Umpires expenses	510	625
20/20 Competition-Club Rebates	1,440	1,612
20/20 Competition Prize Monies	1,750	-
Depreciation of equipment	1,816	1,950
Trophies & Shields	182	-
Pennants, Plaques & Medals	4,340	2,040
Total Operating Expenses	35,678	24,324
Social Expenses		
Senior Presentation Night	10,509	9,993
Junior Presentation Night	2,018	1,795
Catering	4,380	2,368
Total Social Expenses	16,908	14,156
Veterans Expenses	1,334	871
Equipment, Clothing & Trophies		
Junior Trophies & Medals	5,284	4,806
Caps & Clothing purchased	10,421	7,248
Umpires Manuals purchased	211	352
Senior Trophies & Medals	4,295	4,494
Ball handling expenses	1,066	1,423
Miscellaneous equipment	455	390
Total Equipment, Clothing & Trophies	21,732	18,713
Total Expenses	111,874	88,706
Net Income /(Loss) for the Year	<u>(\$3,865)</u>	<u>\$ 23,407</u>

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities As at 31st May 2017

	2017	2016
Assets	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Cheque Account	24,564	10,777
Veterans Bank Account	2,097	2,715
Cricket Ball Account	2,932	2,616
Club Guarantee Funds	3,000	3,000
Undeposited Funds	220	2
Bendigo Bank - Mooroolbark TD	10,330	10,064
Bendigo Bank - Warrandyte TD	-	10,196
Bendigo Bank - Warrandyte TD	-	10,125
Bendigo Bank - Mooroolbark TD	50,666	10,202
Bendigo Bank - East Ring. TD	-	30,000
Total Cash On Hand	93,810	89,697
Debtors - Clubs & Others	775	3,285
GST Refundable	933	791
Deposit Paid 2018 Presentation	1,900	1,850
Total Current Assets	97,417	95,622
Stocks		
Best & Fairest Medals	1,100	1,320
Cricket Balls	2,324	2,573
Caps & Clothing	4,162	6,264
Premiership Medals	246	2,217
Total Stocks	7,831	12,374
Fixed Assets		
Computers and Printers	4,172	2,890
Office Furniture & Equipment	14,000	14,000
Accumulated Depreciation	- 10,906	- 9,090
Total Fixed Assets	7,266	7,800
Total Assets	\$ 112,515	\$ 115,796
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	-	57
Accounts overpaid	640	-
Total Current Liabilities	640	57
Non Current Liabilities		
Bonds Held	1,500	1,500
Guarantee Monies	3,000	3,000
Total Non Current Liabilities	4,500	4,500
Total Liabilities	5,140	4,557
Net Assets	\$ 107,374	\$ 111,240
Members Funds		
Accumulated funds	111,240	87,833
Current Year Earnings	-3,865	23,407
Total Members Funds	\$ 107,374	\$ 111,240



VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

A disappointing outcome of the season was that the number of Over 40 teams has again reduced. In the 2014/15 season, 26 teams participated in this age group and two seasons later it is down to 17. This is compared to a decade ago when there were around 32 teams, spread over four divisions.

The Veterans' committee challenge before next season is to encourage clubs, who are wanting to grow, to consider recruiting more 40+ Y.O's, who only want to play 7-9 games per season, against their own age group, with their mates every second Sunday.

Focusing on growth from outside the club provides some experienced cricketers who may bring extra juniors and themselves fulfill coaching, committee and sponsor/supporter roles. That is one reason 4 clubs have multiple veteran teams and that is the advertorial for next season.

This season, four clubs who had competed in the BHRDCA 40's competition the previous season returned to the RDCA and because of grading issues, Ainslie Park, Croydon, Mooroolbark and Warranwood were scheduled to comprise the top division, playing each other twice. Unfortunately there were a couple of forfeits, due to lack of players. At the end of the season, Ainslie Park stood undefeated and was clearly the best team and they went on prove that by convincingly defeating Mooroolbark in their final.

Division 2 comprised eight competitive teams. Re- formed Wonga Park was undefeated during the season, but most of their games were closely contested. The same could be said for Croydon North, who were promoted from Division 3 the previous year and played plenty of close games but unfortunately for them, only achieved one win. Every round there were "upset results" in a division where players enjoyed the friendly rivalry and social interaction after the game. Mt Evelyn won the right to challenge Wonga in the final where Wonga posted 225 which proved too many for Mt Evelyn against the Wonga attack that managed to dismiss them in 26 overs.

Division 3 started out with six teams but the withdrawal of a team early in the season created a bye and thereby reduced the games available for the remaining five teams. Wonga Park 2 were undefeated and went into the final as favourite against South Croydon who, batting first, had 3 batsmen reach retirement and set up a good score of 189. Unfortunately for Wonga they did not establish any early partnerships due to some excellent bowling, with three bowlers taking 2 wickets each, leaving Wonga disappointed with their innings and South Croydon easy winners.

In the BHRDCA Over 50's competition, our 6 teams continued to perform very well, with four playing in finals. In Legends A, Wonga Park lost one game, spoiling the trifecta of their veteran's teams of being undefeated across the season. They met Koonung Heights in the final, they having beaten East Ringwood in the semi with less than two overs to play. Wonga batted first but didn't complete their 36 overs in posting a sub-par score (for them) of 153. Although fortunes fluctuated during the innings, a great performance in the field saw them restrict their opponents to 9/146 to win the premiership.

In Legends C, North Ringwood topped the ladder and met Forest Hill, who had beaten Yarra Valley in their semi, in the grand final. North batted well to post 5/144 and Forest Hill were in the chase for a long time but was finally dismissed in the 32nd over for 125.

Coincidentally all Premiers batted first in their finals.

Inter competition games were played on December 11th with the Over 40's playing at Chirnside Park, the Over 50's at Reservoir and the Over 60's also at Chirnside Park. In the 40's and 50's, teams representing BHRDCA, FTGCA, NMCA (North Metro) and RDCA played a 24 over innings knockout competition, whilst the 60's played a 36 over a side match against Box Hill Reporter.

Tim Rule captained the Over 40's team that had players from 7 clubs (2xDiv1, 2x Div2 and 3xDiv3) and the Over 50's were captained by Phil Hickleton, with 5 clubs represented, whilst the Over 60's, playing their annual game, were captained by Robin Court with players drawn from the RDCA and the Ringwood and Mt Evelyn "VOSCA" groups.

RDCA Over 40's played FTG in the first round and in high standard close game, they managed to win when FTG just fell short in the last over of their run chase. RDCA then played BHRDCA in the final, where batting second and chasing 136 they comfortably reached 4/139 with 2 overs to spare.

Meanwhile, at Reservoir, RDCA played well to defeat BHRDCA in a very close opening game and so they progressed to play the NMCA home team in the final, who batted well for a score of 142. The RDCA got away to a great start, not losing a wicket until they had reached 70 and completed the chase in the 22nd over for the loss of only 4 wickets.

Back at Chirnside Park, in the Over 60's, BHRDCA had posted a reasonable score but the RDCA middle order were restricted by good bowling and at the end came up 20 runs short.

Despite conceding the Over 60's, the wins by the Over 40's and Over 50's saw the RDCA win back the Colonel's cup. This along with the trophies for both Over 40's and Over 50's tournaments was an excellent result for the RDCA and a credit to the players who participated. I extend special thanks to the captains of the 3 teams for organising their day.

In concluding this report, I wish to thank the members of the Veteran's Committee, especially Ian Leach for preparing the draws and monitoring MyCricket, Chris Allan as delegate to the Board of Management and Paul Williams for publishing the newsletter.

The Veteran's Committee is also appreciative of the support from the Board, all club delegates, team captains and managers and the Umpires Association, who all contributed to the enjoyment of Veteran's Cricket in 2016-17.

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 2016/17

LINDSAY TROLLOPE SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
LILYDALE	20	60	1.4532
WANTIRNA SOUTH	28	60	1.1503
AINSLIE PARK	36	60	1.0415
NORTH RINGWOOD	48	56	
SOUTH CROYDON	12	44	1.0578
WARRANDYTE	36	44	0.9552
BAYSWATER PARK	20	36	
NORWOOD	12	28	0.9009
TEMPLETON	20	28	0.7915
WARRANWOOD	8	24	

Following a Special General Meeting decision in the off season that will see all grades comprise eight teams from the 2017/18 season, all of the clubs were conscious that a last three position at the end of the season would see those teams slip to Wilkins next season. At the mid-point, three were in the hot seat but another three would have been uncomfortable. Fortunes fluctuated for a number of teams but, leading into the last round, the relegation stakes had been determined as had the finalists, although they were playing against each other and positions could change. That they did, as Lilydale jumped from third to top, Ainslie went the other way and Wantirna South exchanged places with North Ringwood.

The Elimination final saw Ainslie Park (8/123) get home, with five balls to spare, over North Ringwood (122)

In the Qualifying final, Lilydale (189 in 73.2) probably rued having to bowl extra overs as Wantirna South reached 6/192 in the 85th over.

Ainslie Park posted 174 in the Preliminary final and Lilydale lost a number of wickets on the first day before being bowled out for 89.

In the Grand final, played at Montrose and umpired by Steve Pascoe and Andrew Tonkin, Ainslie won the toss and elected to bat, being bowled out in the last over but posting a challenging total of 233. In reply, the Wantirna South top order was up for the task and they posted 3/234 to win the game with ten overs to spare.

Members of the premiership team:

Michael McDonald (C), Sam Barnes, Kunaal Chandra, Shaun Crow, Nalaka De Silva, Andrew Jorgensen, Troy McGown, Drew McKay, Cameron Smith (Co), Jason Walsh, Tristan Webb, Jake Barnett (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Jack Dewhurst (LYD) 627, Sean De Kretser (NOW) 573, Ayrton Dehmel (WDT) 444, Michael King (SCR) 428, Oliver Brown (SCR) 378, Josh Barrett (BYP) 370, Lincoln Wong (TMP) 359, Michael Scott (NRI) 339

Leading wicket takers (excluding finals):

Drew McKay (WSO) 30, Tristan Webb (WSO) 28, Michael Scott (NRI) 26, Mark Arnot (APK) 26, Luke Ridgwell (NRI) 26, Marcus Baxter (LYD) 26, Jack Dewhurst (LYD) 25

BILL WILKINS CUP

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
WONGA PARK	44	76	
MONTROSE	40	72	1.5890
KILSYTH	40	72	1.5658
MOOROOLBARK	28	68	
EAST RINGWOOD	28	60	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	16	40	
CROYDON RANGES	20	28	
CROYDON NORTH	12	20	
ST ANDREWS	12	12	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	4	4	

As a flow on from the compacting to eight teams in each of the top four grades from 2017/18, with three down from Trollope and the premier of this grade to be promoted, clubs commenced the season in the knowledge that a bottom four finish at the end of the season would result in those teams participating in Newey in 17/18.

Four clubs were in the danger zone at the break but Chirnside Park had a good post Xmas period and worked clear of that situation. The finalists were pretty much set leading into the last round although places could change. Wonga Park suffered its only loss in that round but kept top spot, Kilsyth, who had been 2nd courtesy of three outright, won but dropped to 3rd when Montrose had a percentage boosting win. Mooroolbark entered the finals on the back of an excellent run.

In the Elimination final, Mooroolbark (2/216) comfortably chased down the Kilsyth target (212). The qualifying final saw Montrose post 159 before Wonga Park reached 6/161 with many overs to spare.

In the Preliminary final, Montrose posted a handy 238 and then bowled Mooroolbark out for 198.

The Grand final was played at Cheong Park, with the game umpired by Andy Laws and Tony Gawne. Montrose batted first and was dismissed in the 80th over for a total of 216. In reply, Wonga Park was on the back foot for most of the innings and could only muster 112. As premiers, Montrose will be promoted to Trollope Shield next season.

Members of the premiership team:

Daniel Dimitriou (C), Michael Edwards, Jake Crowe, Matthew McKane, Keiran Perkins, Daniel Carratelli, Mathew Black, Tyler Sonsini, Hayden Daniell, Bryce Edwards, Cheyne Van Koll, Daniel Crowe, Reece Schelfhout.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Shane Findlay (CNT) 496, Lincoln Grigg (MOO) 475, Sanahasa Fernando (WOP) 459, Stephen Flutter (CSP) 429, Michael Edwards (MTR) 424, Jarrod McPhee (KIL) 418, Dwayne Paisley (STA) 376, Cameron Sharpe (STA) 368.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Callen Stevens (MOO) 33, Daniel Dimitriou (MTR) 28, Alexander Cattanach (SWT) 26, Steven Lindsay (CRR) 25, Joel Smith (KIL) 24, Marc Steiner (KIL) 24, Wayne Ross (MOO) 23, Justin Smith (KIL) 21, Rob Clarke (CSP) 21.

STUART NEWHEY PLATE

TEAM		Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
NORTH RINGWOOD	2NDS	36	76	
NORWOOD	2NDS	28	60	1.2255
EASTFIELD	1STS	36	60	1.1976
AINSLIE PARK	2NDS	36	60	1.1050
SCORESBY	1STS	28	44	1.3175
WONGA PARK	2NDS	28	44	0.8783
WANTIRNA SOUTH	2NDS	12	28	0.8747
EAST RINGWOOD	2NDS	12	28	0.8454
MONTROSE	2NDS	12	20	0.8038
BAYSWATER PARK	2NDS	12	20	0.7371

As there is a current policy which dictates the top two grades will only comprise of first elevens, the flow on affect to this grade, should a 2nd eleven win, was that there would be no promotion and teams finishing 5th to 10th would go down a grade.

With three rounds to go, six teams remained in the race for a finals spot but Ainslie, despite losing last two, hung in there as Scoresby did not win another game and Wonga Park had too much to do. North Ringwood and Norwood loomed as the teams to beat, with excellent post Xmas form.

In the Elimination final, Ainslie Park (8/222) posted a few too many for Eastfield (187)
The qualifying final was a bit of a prelude to what was to come as Norwood (7/223) edged North Ringwood (196)
North Ringwood (208) was a comfortable winner over Ainslie Park (129) in the Preliminary final.

The Grand final was played at Kimberley Reserve and umpired by Leigh Murray and Ian Spencer. After winning the toss, North Ringwood ground out runs until some good late order hitting pushed the total to 9/191 at the close. In reply, Norwood got into a good position but it became a nail biter when runs dried up and wickets fell, however, victory was achieved (7/192) with seven balls to spare.

Members of the premiership team:

Bruce Sansom (C), Hayden Kelly, Dave Raggett, Chris Irvine, Micheal Helman, Mark Wilson, Lloyd Jordan, Dan Mutsaers, Josh Mutsaers, Matthew Schauer, Luke Barber, Wil Parker, Marcus Kane.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Brenton Pearce (ESF) 511, Ryan Murray (SBY) 382, Nicholas Burke (WOP) 269,
Brendan Redfern (NRI) 263, Reece Schelfhout (MTR) 257, Ashane Siriwardane (ESF) 257,
Daniel Thurgood (WSO) 254.

Leading bowlers (excluding finals);

Liam Sweeney (NRI) 34, Evan Brookes (SBY) 28, Trent Atkinson (SBY) 26, Brendan Leis (NRI) 24,
Nuwan Costi (ESF) 22, Jesse Christensen (BYP) 21, Bruce Sansom (NOW) 19,
Jack Humphries (SBY) 18.

STEVE PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
KILSYTH	2NDS	36	76	
CROYDON RANGES	2NDS	28	64	
WARRANTYTE	2NDS	28	56	1.2093
ST ANDREWS	2NDS	36	56	0.7086
SOUTH CROYDON	2NDS	28	52	1.4916
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	1STS	28	52	1.0206
SOUTH WARRANTYTE	2NDS	12	36	0.7246
WARRANWOOD	2NDS	20	36	0.6283
NORTH RINGWOOD	3RDS	20	28	

In terms of who would play where next season, it was only the grand finalists who would remain in the grade, save for Heathmont Baptist who would be promoted if they won.

Mooroolbark was granted permission by Senior Committee to withdraw its 2nds from this grade after Rd.2 and this created a bye in each round for the remainder of the season.

Entering the last round, South Croydon was third but a loss, and wins to Warrantyte and St Andrews, saw them miss the finals. St Andrews might have been a little fortunate as, due to a Bye, they received maximum points (12) in a round after the break and the extra four points tipped the scales in the end.

The Elimination final saw Warrantyte post a huge tally (303) and then dismiss St Andrews for 116. In what was a forerunner to the Grand final, the Qualifying final saw Kilsyth dismissed for 110 but Ranges, after being 8/100 at the close on first day, snuck by (119). Kilsyth (7/150) attempted a reverse outright but Ranges saw out time (2/57).

The Preliminary final was another eventful game with Warrantyte being dismissed for 94, Kilsyth making 188, Warrantyte then making a rapid 109 and Kilsyth eventually winning outright (0/19).

In the Grand final, played at Mooroolbark Heights and umpired by Rod Leung and Marty Clohesy, Ranges won the toss and batted but wickets fell steadily to see a final tally of 105. Kilsyth was comfortably placed at 1/51 at the close and still so with the score at 3/84. Then a spate of wickets, including a hat trick, saw the game turned on its head and somehow Ranges recorded an amazing win by three runs. Ranges (1/56) were asked to bat again for a period before a halt was called.

Members of the premiership team:

Brent Crosbie (C), Darren Lappen, Chris Whittaker, Robbie Haines, Charlie Baker, Jake Sali, Vernon Abraham, Mitchell Thomas, Nicholas Balthasar, Austin McInerney, Jake Regester-Hill, Matthew Low (12th),

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Charlie Baker (CRR) 363, Randy Briggs (NRI) 294, Mark Razdan (NRI) 286, Matthew Rooks (WWD) 269, Mark Unternahrer (KIL) 250, Scott Pantlin (WWD) 240, Steve Darmody (HMB) 230.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Tom Ellis (WDT) 26, Hayden Pleming (KIL) 20, Braeden Gordon (HMB) 19, Glenn Oakley (HMB) 18, Pat Danaher (HMB) 17, Campbell Holland (WDT) 15.

A GRADE – PAT MEEHAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
CROYDON NORTH	2NDS	48	80	
WANTIRNA	1STS	48	72	1.2378
LILYDALE	2NDS	40	72	1.1801
AINSLIE PARK	3RDS	32	56	
CROYDON RANGES	3RDS	48	48	0.9388
WONGA PARK	3RDS	40	48	0.9144
WANTIRNA SOUTH	3RDS	24	40	
TEMPLETON	2NDS	8	32	

This was a pretty competitive grade up to the break, with six teams still well in contention to play finals. Thereafter, Croydon Ranges and Wonga Park really fell away, Ainslie clung to 4th despite losing the last two games and it looked to be a battle of three contenders.

In the Elimination final, Ainslie (7/218) put their best foot forward to account for Lilydale (162). Wantirna (6/158) edged past Croydon North (154) in the Qualifying final. It was all over for Croydon North (145) when they could not hold out Ainslie Park (7/148) in the Preliminary final.

The grand final was played at Mullum Reserve and umpired by Paul Denton and Barry Johnson. After winning the toss and batting, Wantirna lasted less than 33 overs in being bowled out for 61. In reply, Ainslie reached 4/116 at the close and Wantirna elected not to return for the second day.

Members of the premiership team:

Andrew Peters (C), Daniel Allan, Marcus Allan, Sean Arbuckle, Cal Gordon, Andrew Johnstone, Jordan Klewer, Dave McKibbin, Anthony Sharp, Dylan Vertigan, Darren Walles, Coby Arbuckle (12th).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Jason Lovell (WOP) 402, Robert Glide (WOP) 343, Mark Thomas (CRR) 330, Neil Trigwell (WAN) 303, Paul Hennessy (WAN) 278, Marcus Bree (LYD) 273, Trent Davison (LYD) 251.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Craig Staggard (LYD) 27, Zahin Tailor (WAN) 25, Mark Thomas (CRR) 21, Daniel Allan (APK) 20, Ed Malin (CRR) 17, Jason Lovell (WOP) 17, Tim Blackwood (CNT) 17.

B GRADE – IAN SPENCER SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
KILSYTH	3RDS	56	96	
WONGA PARK	4THS	56	80	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2NDS	48	64	
BAYSWATER PARK	3RDS	32	48	0.9339
WARRANWOOD	3RDS	32	48	0.8022
ST ANDREWS	3RDS	24	40	0.8781
MONTROSE	3RDS	32	40	0.7394
SCORESBY	2NDS	8	32	

This grade looked a three horse race from fairly early on. Entering the last round, 4th place was still in the balance. Bayswater Park won and Warranwood lost which saw those teams change places.

“B” Grade Cont’d

The Elimination final saw Chirnside Park (162) win comfortably against Bayswater Park (107)
In the Qualifying final, Kilsyth (212) kept Wonga Park (185) at bay in a fairly tight tussle.
Wonga Park (116) then fell to Chirnside Park (4/122) to exit in the Preliminary final.

The Grand final was played at Alan Smith oval and umpired by Shane Cairns and Laurie Keogh.
After winning the toss and batting, Chirnside found runs hard to come by and could only muster 96. Kilsyth was coasting at 1/58 but it was backs to the wall stuff when the next seven went down for twenty runs, however the tail hung tough to get the job done (8/97).

Members of the premiership team:

Travis Tyszkiewicz (C), Paul Pleming, Ben Wal, Dale Gibb, Frank Formston, Jake Powell, Josh McPhee, Scott Nicholson, Anthony Cook, Robert Hutchings, Peter Wright, Dylan Smith (12th).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Craig Osborne (SBY) 320, Scott O’Neil (MTR) 292, Paul Pleming (KIL) 259, Timothy Court (BYP) 253, Jayden Fay (SBY) 248, Warren Ashby (WOP) 241, Samuel Downie (KIL) 218, Adam Merrett (CSP) 218.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Scott Nicholson (KIL) 21, Warren Ashby (WOP) 17, Anthony Crowe (WOP) 16, Cody Andrews (WOP) 15, Lachlan McKenzie (BYP) 15, Jeremy Ford (WWD) 15, Jack Orchard (MTR) 14, Blake Lines (STA) 14.

C GRADE – DAVID BEATTY SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
EASTFIELD	2NDS	64	80	
EAST RINGWOOD	3RDS	32	72	1.8468
MOOROOLBARK	2NDS	48	72	1.3680
WARRANTYTE	3RDS	32	72	1.3475
MONTROSE	4THS	40	56	
NORWOOD	3RDS	24	48	
NORTH RINGWOOD	4THS	32	32	
CROYDON RANGES	4THS	24	24	

Aside from the runaway leader, all teams still had some chance of playing finals when the break arrived.
Entering the last round, East Ringwood and Warrandyte had been going great guns and, with 2nd to 4th all equal on points, a double chance berth was still up for grabs. They all won so the status quo was maintained.

The Elimination final saw Mooroolbark (171) bow out to Warrandyte (6/172).

In the Qualifying final, East Ringwood (187) could not hold out Eastfield (4/190)

East Ringwood (8/223) then easily accounted for Warrandyte (106) in the Preliminary final.

The Grand final was played at Quambee Reserve and umpired by Peter Gawne and Ian McCallum.

On winning the toss, East Ringwood batted and posted a challenging total of 8/209. In response, Eastfield lost four quick wickets and although mounting a recovery of sorts came up short with 146.

Members of premiership team:

Glenn Ellis (C), Mitchell Hansen, Birendra De Saran, James Potter, Adam Swanson, Jacob Cardwell, Tim Christou, Kris Andersen, Jeremy Bell, Daniel Drysdale, Ash Kearney, Mark Jackson (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

James Potter (EAR) 426, Ranga Eknek-Gedera (ESF) 365, Garth Woodford (MOO) 360, Cameron Day (WDT) 331, Brad Wilton (NRI) 301, Stephen Goddard (WDT) 286, Ken Trollope (MOO) 262.

“C” Grade Cont’d

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Gary Peters (ESF) 25, Josh Barrand (MOO) 19, Aaron Closs (WDT) 16, Garth Woodford (MOO) 15, William Lamont (NRI) 15, Stewart Smeed (WDT) 15, Jeffrey Armstrong (ESF) 14, Jett Latchford (NOW) 14.

D GRADE – DON SMITH SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
LILYDALE	3RDS	60	100	
AINSLIE PARK	4THS	56	80	
WONGA PARK	5THS	32	72	
ST ANDREWS	4THS	48	64	
SOUTH CROYDON	3RDS	32	40	
CROYDON NORTH	3RDS	32	32	0.8893
KILSYTH	4THS	8	32	0.6453
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	3RDS	24	32	0.5925

At the break, it seemed like another three horse race but Wonga showed some great form thereafter to loom as a premiership threat. The finalists were locked in with three rounds to go and Ainslie clung to the double chance despite losing the last two games.

Wonga Park (9/174) continued to roll in ousting St Andrews (106) in the Elimination final.

Lilydale (221) made too many for Ainslie Park (116) in the Qualifying final.

In the Preliminary final, Ainslie made just 132 but were able to defend that total in dismissing Wonga for 102.

The Grand final was played at Lilydale main ground and umpired by Phil Bottaro and Darryll Swanson.

After winning the toss and batting, Ainslie batted through to the 70th over before being all out for 159.

Lilydale (5/162) ran down that target with ten overs to spare.

Members of the premiership team:

Jeremy Cliff (C), Matt Goss, Daniel Jones, Steve Potts, Josh Eales, Kieran Hanley, Justin Woolley, Darren Gilbert, Rhys Smith, Aaron Jennings, Matt Browell, Nathan Bailey (12th),

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Aaron Jennings (LYD) 381, Russell Hughes (WOP) 366, Brendan Hooker (SCR) 338, John Ridley (APK) 319, Anthony Cook (KIL) 305, Craig Francis (CNT) 259, Thomas Rosevear (STA) 226, Wayne Hartley (WOP) 221.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Aaron Jennings (LYD) 33, Ryan Willmott (APK) 28, Paul Doevelaar (WOP) 18, Justin Woolley (LYD) 16, Aidan Williams (WOP) 14, Colin Peacock (APK) 13, Taylor Davis (CNT) 13, Antony Pedersen (STA) 13.

E GRADE – JOHN SPRINGETT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WONGA PARK	6THS	40	80	2.0129
EASTFIELD	3RDS	64	80	1.0269
NORTH RINGWOOD	5THS	24	68	1.3893
CROYDON RANGES	5THS	48	68	0.8702
KILSYTH	5THS	40	52	
BORONIA	4THS	24	48	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	4THS	24	40	
WARRANWOOD	4THS	24	24	

“E” Grade Cont’d

The top four were locked in with three rounds to go and all that remained was to determine the finishing order. Wonga jumped to top spot in the second last round while Ranges lost the last game to change places with North Ringwood.

In the Elimination final, Ranges posted 187 but it was not enough as North Ringwood replied with 7/195. The Qualifying final saw Wonga Park (4/261) hold out Eastfield (230). North Ringwood (8/202) kept up the good work in the Preliminary to oust Eastfield (93).

The Grand final was played at Wonga Park and umpired by John Jacob and Mark Bullen. After electing to bat, North Ringwood found runs hard to come by and were dismissed for 122. Wonga Park (5/125) then ran down the target early on the second day.

Members of the premiership team:

Anthony Uhr-Henry (C), Justin Carusi, Matthew Falls, Shaun Foster, Darren Hawley, Ashley Parker, Alex Petrovic, Angelo Poli, Richard Semken, David Stevens, Glen Uhr-Henry, Thomas Uhr-Henry, Zachary Parker.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Robert Brosnan (ESF) 319, Wayne De Vries (KIL) 297, Ron McKendry (BOR) 293, Darren Hawley (WOP) 274, Nigel Foden (KIL) 266, Ryan Christie (ESF) 243, Nam Ngo (NRI) 229.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Lachlan Harvey (NRI) 20, Steve Ward (CRR) 20, Matthew Burgess (KIL) 18, Mark Wells (KIL) 18, Alex Petrovic (WOP) 17, John Fogarty (BOR) 17, Jason Paisley (CRR) 16, Ethan McKim (BOR) 16.

F GRADE – NEIL TULL SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WARRANTYTE	4THS	60	100	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	2NDS	44	76	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3RDS	56	72	
SOUTH WARRANTYTE	4THS	32	48	
LILYDALE	4THS	28	44	

Originally, there were six teams in this grade but Warranwood withdrew after Rd.2 and the remaining five saw plenty of each other. Warrantyte was the dominant team and there were only two challengers.

The Elimination final saw Chirnside Park (4/306) post far too many for South Warrantyte (98).

In the Qualifying final, Warrantyte (6/230) did much the same to Heathmont Baptist (142).

Heathmont Baptist (179) then just managed to keep Chirnside (160) at bay in the Preliminary final.

The Grand final was played at Warrantyte main ground and umpired by Mick Baker and Roger Dunkley. Warrantyte, electing to bat, posted an excellent total of 8/250 and although Heathmont Baptist battled hard they could only muster 170.

Members of the premiership team:

Dean Gidley (C), Stephen Goddard, David Molyneux, James Weatherley, Daniel Wellesley, Brett Kline, Shaun Ison, John Prangley, Stephen Warr, Joshua Huntly, Daniel Woodhead, Drew El Mousalli, Danny Weatherley.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Daniel Wellesley (WDT) 321, Michael Cuffe (LYD) 305, Beau Wilson (CSP) 301, Dale Owen (SWT) 301, James Weatherley (WDT) 296, Craig Noske (HMB) 229.

“F” Grade Cont’d

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

John Prangley (WDT) 17, Stephen Warr (WDT) 16, Nicholas Graham (HMB) 13, Dean Gidley (WDT) 13, Mark Caminiti (CSP) 12, Daniel Woodhead (WDT) 11.

G GRADE – ANN PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
SCORESBY	3RDS	44	84	
LILYDALE	5THS	44	76	
ST ANDREWS	5THS	44	68	
AINSLIE PARK	5THS	36	60	
BAYSWATER PARK	4THS	40	56	0.8850
NORWOOD	4THS	48	56	0.8163
EAST RINGWOOD	4THS	28	44	

This grade started with eight teams but North Ringwood withdrew after Rd.2

As can be seen, all bar one team was in contention for a finals spot at the break. Norwood and Bayswater Park fell away and Scoresby won all of their games to enter the finals as the team to beat.

This was the highest of the modified rules grades, wherein it is knockout semi finals.

Scoresby (178) made too many for Ainslie Park (112).

Lilydale (1/188 in 35 overs) had a huge win over St Andrews (149).

The grand final, played at Exner Reserve and umpired by Ray Baird and Keith Richardson, saw Lilydale win the toss and bat first. Scoresby eventually set a target of 162 and was then able to bowl Lilydale out for 135.

Members of the premiership team:

Munish Kohli (C), Harpreet Singh, Manpreet Sandhu, Kanwal Singh, Lankhinder Singh, Abuzar Faisal, Navjot Singh, Gurpreet Randhawa, Simranjeet Singh, Mark Phillips, Paul Franklin, Harmandeep Saggi, Gagandeep Singh.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Harpreet Singh (SBY) 320, Colin Gray (LYD) 301, Dale Latham (EAR) 285, Adin Short (NOW) 278, Manpreet Sandhu (SBY) 246, Joshua Fox (APK) 215, Kanwal Singh (SBY) 213, Andrew Buruma (LYD) 209

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Patrick Fitzgerald (BYP) 16, Colin Gray (LYD) 15, Steve Atkinson (EAR) 15, Brad Horsfall (NOW) 14, Matthew Wilton (LYD) 13, Simon France (LYD) 13, Adin Short (NOW) 13

H GRADE – IAN DENCH SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
TEMPLETON	3RDS	52	84	
CROYDON RANGES	6THS	56	80	
SOUTH CROYDON	4THS	44	76	
MONTROSE	5THS	40	72	
SCORESBY	4THS	40	64	
KILSYTH	6THS	20	36	
MOOROOLBARK	3RDS	28	28	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	5THS	12	12	

“H” Grade Cont’d

The top five separated from the remainder fairly early in the piece. The top two changed places in the last round whilst South Croydon and Montrose entered the finals in good form.

In the semi-finals, Templeton (342) was able to hold off Montrose (6/296) and Croydon Ranges (7/330) posted too many for South Croydon (171)

The grand final was played at Walker Reserve and umpired by Russell Bennett and David McBride. Croydon Ranges won the toss and asked Templeton to bat. A number of wickets fell early for few runs and Ranges had a strong grip on the game at end of day one. Ranges eventually compiled 222 and then bowled Templeton out for 95.

Members of the premiership team:

Glenn Spencer (C), Will Spencer, Michael Dellaca, Jack Dellaca, Michael DeNavi, Chris DeNavi, Sam Gibson, Ben Gibson, Michael Downes, Rohan Schulties, Craig Glennie, Paul Williams, Harrison Low.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Ashley Storm (MTR) 492, Glenn Spencer (CRR) 394, Andrew Hathaway (TMP) 325, Jordan Livanidis (TMP) 318, Michael Dellaca (CRR) 283, Rohan Schulties (CRR) 274, Duncan Tull (SCR) 262, Sam Gibson (CRR) 247, Devansh Singh (MOO) 242.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Rohan Schulties (CRR) 25, Kieren Ambrose (TMP) 18, Travis Formaini (SBY) 18, Aaron Williamson (SCR) 15, Jay Dimitrov (SCR) 13, Jack Mitchell (SCR) 13, Braden Harvey (MTR) 12

I GRADE – JOHN MACMILLAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
CROYDON NORTH	4THS	60	100	
AINSLIE PARK	6THS	48	64	
WARRANTYTE	5THS	44	60	1.0606
WONGA PARK	7THS	36	60	0.9922
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	3RDS	28	60	0.9802
BORONIA	5THS	52	60	0.6132
ST ANDREWS	6THS	20	44	

This grade comprised the above seven teams for the whole season with each team having two byes. Entering the last round, eight points separated 2nd to 6th, with the order then being Wonga Park, Boronia, Ainslie Park, Warrantyte and Heathmont Baptist. The runaway leader had the bye. Wonga Park lost but just scraped in, Boronia also lost and missed out, whilst the others shuffled places.

In the semi finals, Croydon North (3/271) were easy winners over Wonga Park (8/145) and Ainslie Park (179) were run over by Warrantyte (3/184)

The Grand final was played at Barnggeong Reserve and umpired by Clarke Kennedy and Rodney Paisley. After winning the toss, Warrantyte elected to bat first and last. Croydon North eventually set a sizeable target (7/241) which proved insurmountable for Warrantyte (146).

Members of the premiership team:

Michael Ramadan (C), Cameron Anderson, Jacob Billing, Chris Borg, Josh Duthie, Tim Fernando, Michael James, Matt Nott, Brad O'Neil, Dane Romano, Chris Smith, Jake Smith.

“T” Grade cont’d

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

David Sykes (APK) 330, Darren Walton (WOP) 313, Shawn Everitt (WOP) 305, Mason Storr (BOR) 295, Graham Storr (BOR) 252, Bradley Lalor (CNT) 250,

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Michael Carusi (WOP) 17, Garry Harwood (WOP) 13, Matt Nott (CNT) 11, Zach Walton (WOP) 11, Kayne Priest (CNT) 10, Kyle MacCartney (HMB) 10, Michael MacLennan (WOP) 10, Harry Brown (WDT) 10.

J GRADE – TIMOTHY COURT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
TEMPLETON	4THS	52	92	
EASTFIELD	4THS	52	76	
CROYDON RANGES	7THS	40	64	
ST ANDREWS	7THS	36	60	1.0694
SCORESBY	5THS	44	60	0.9273
MONTROSE	6THS	36	60	0.7286
SOUTH CROYDON	5THS	20	28	

This grade comprised eight teams at the outset but Kilsyth withdrew its team after Rd.5.

Entering the last round, the top three were assured of their places, Templeton having the bye, but St Andrews, Scoresby and Montrose were all sitting on 52 points. St Andrews defeated Eastfield to keep the other two, who also won, at bay.

The semi finals saw two upset results with Croydon Ranges (7/235) posting too many for Eastfield (186) and St Andrews (3/239) easily running down the Templeton target (238).

The grand final was played at Silcock Reserve and umpired by Martien Pruyzers and Jimmy Harrington.

After St Andrews were asked to bat first, Day 1 finished pretty even. Day 2 saw Ranges, after being in a handy position, lose its last four wickets for only two runs and finish with 228. The St Andrews innings progressed in much the same fashion but wickets then fell steadily and it was 9/217 with just under three overs to go. With some bold running, the last wicket carried the day to win on the second last ball (9/232).

Members of the premiership team:

Peter Lai (C), Connor Brooks, Joel Cox, Viet Duong, Michael Howells, Ryan Jukes, Rory Leavey, Shane Mayoh, Mitchell Plant, Shane Rixham, Raj Singh, Samuel Wong, Nick Wunsch, Sunny Matharu, Callum Leavey.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Michael Howells (STA) 442, Brad Wood (CRR) 380, Shane Rixham (STA) 292, Phillip Paisley (ESF) 290, Mark Boehmer (CRR) 243, Matthew Miller (CRR) 227, Lee Brunner (MTR) 219.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Shane Rixham (STA) 17, David Graham (TMP) 15, Flynn Orchard (MTR) 14, Michael Howells (STA) 13, Ben Horluck (MTR) 11, Owen Bennett (SCR) 11, Cameron Ruglen (SBY) 10, Ben Barnard (ESF) 10.

K GRADE – TONY GAWNE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
NORTH RINGWOOD	7THS	40	72	
BAYSWATER PARK	5THS	36	68	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	4THS	36	60	1.1983
WANTIRNA	2NDS	44	60	0.9023
WARRANTDYTE	6THS	40	48	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	4THS	20	28	

The six teams listed comprised the grade for the whole season and obviously saw a bit of each other. Only one team seemed out of contention at the break but Warrantdyte then struggled and, amazingly, the only points they earned came from tied matches against Heathmont Baptist in consecutive games (Rds. 10 & 11). Wantirna defeated Warrantdyte in the last game to snare 4th place.

In the semi final, Wantirna brought their “A” game making (9/319) to defeat North Ringwood (212) and the other semi saw Chirnside Park (9/296) easily account for Bayswater Park (117).

The Grand final was played at Kimberley Reserve main ground and umpired by Doug Dowling and Craig Chappel. Chirnside won the toss and asked Wantirna to bat first and last which probably proved helpful in a tight game. Chirnside set a target of 195 and Wantirna (7/198) used all bar three overs to run that down.

Members of the premiership team:

Ben Beveridge (C), Alan McGlaughlin, Stephen Haack, Dhruvin Patel, Rukshan Suranga, Tom Ai, Michael Tufvesson, Ronak Shah, Dilpal Singh, Cameron Tomecek, Vicky Patel, Eddie Boal, Joseph Garbellini.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Darren Cameron (CSP) 480, Cameron O'Donnell (NRI) 439, David Singleton (BYP) 282, Michael Tufvesson (WAN) 275, Peter Green (HMB) 264, Stephen Grocott (WDT) 263, Tom Ai (WAN) 256.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Ben Beveridge (WAN) 14, Cameron O'Donnell (NRI) 12, Peter Colosimo (BYP) 12, Mal Grift (CSP) 12, Mark Caminiti (CSP) 11, Damian Closs (WDT) 11, Steve Roberts (HMB) 10.

L GRADE

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WARRANWOOD	5THS	60	100	
WONGA PARK	8THS	44	68	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	5THS	28	60	
ST ANDREWS	8THS	36	44	
EASTFIELD	5THS	20	36	
CROYDON RANGES	8THS	12	12	

Six teams started the season in this grade but Scoresby withdrew its team after Rd.3. South Warrandyte stepped up to the plate and entered its team at Rd.5 and did extremely well after giving the others a head start. The finalists were settled prior to the last round and Warranwood, which was the only team in the whole competition to not lose a game (3 draws), were hot favourites to take the prize.

The semi finals saw Warranwood (2/152 in 35 overs) easily defeat St Andrews (124) and South Warrandyte (9/203) did the same to Wonga Park (76).

The Grand final took place at Quambee Reserve and was umpired by Austin Acker and John Waters. South Warrandyte elected to bat first and last and, at one point in their innings, both teams were in an identical position (6/96). Warranwood went on to post 7/204 and this proved too many for South Warrandyte who finished with 9/145.

Members of the premiership team:

Jorgen Romijn (C), Patrick Romijn, Andrew Begg, Aiden Begg, Murray Cray, Bradley Cray, Wayne Berryman, Thomas Broadhurst, Nick Rice, Baylin Fittolani, Scott Hayes, Douglas Heath, Steve McCartney, Mark Whitaker.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Shane Mayoh (STA) 393, Andrew Begg (WWD) 381, James Farmer (STA) 376, Kevin George (SWT) 288, Nick Rice (WWD) 287, Jackson Fasan (SWT) 273, Jorgen Romijn (WWD) 250.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

William Fasan (SWT) 17, Lucas Bridger (SWT) 16, Aiden Begg (WWD) 16, Hemang Shukla (STA) 14, Warwick Baker (CRR) 11, Bradley Gray (WWD) 11, Kyan Brasher (SWT) 10, Liam Rooks (CRR) 10.

AWARD WINNERS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Phil McCallum award

Top 4	Points
Ainslie Park	31.93
Wonga Park	28.68
Croydon Ranges	25.33
North Ringwood	25.15

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 **South Croydon**

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR TROPHY – Ken Dunham award

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

Winner **Leigh Murray**

FRED HODGKINS ALL STAR TEAM OF THE YEAR

(Player statistics do not include finals games).

Jack Dewhurst (Lilydale)	Capt	627 runs and 25 wickets
Sean De Kretser (Norwood)		573 runs
Ayrton Dehmel (Warrandyte)		444 runs
Michael King (South Croydon)		428 runs and 3 wickets
Michael Scott (North Ringwood)		339 runs and 26 wickets
Jake Sherriff (Warrandyte)		316 runs and 20 wickets
Oliver Brown (South Croydon)		378 runs and 13 wickets
Michael McDonald (Wantirna South)		281 runs, 16 catches, 2 stumpings
Mark Arnot (Ainslie Park)		63 runs and 26 wickets
Luke Ridgwell (North Ringwood)		159 runs and 26 wickets
Drew McKay (Wantirna South)		78 runs and 30 wickets

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Lindsay Trollope Shield	Jack Dewhurst (19)	Lilydale
Bill Wilkins Medal – Bill Wilkins Cup	Sanahasa Fernando (17)	Wonga Park
Stuart Newey Medal - Stuart Newey Plate	Liam Sweeney (15)	North Ringwood
Steve Pascoe Medal – Steve Pascoe Shield	Mark Unternahrer (10)	Kilsyth

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Pascoe Shield:	Charlie Baker (363 runs, 8 assisted and 4 un-assisted wickets, 5 catches)	(Croydon Ranges)	528 points
Newey Plate	Brenton Pearce (511 runs)	(Eastfield)	511 points
Wilkins Cup	Sanahasa Fernando (459 runs, 12 assisted and 8 un-assisted wickets, 3 catches)	(Wonga Park)	714 points
Trollope Shield	Jack Dewhurst (627 runs, 23 assisted and 2 un-assisted wickets, 2 catches)	(Lilydale)	897 points

Under 21 player of the season	Lincoln Wong	Templeton
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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 the 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	Michael Scott (North Ringwood) (best 7/8, 5/47, 3/13)	26 wkts @ 8.38
	Batting	Jack Dewhurst (Lilydale) (2/100's, 1 /50, best 154)	627 runs @ 78.38
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Joel Smith (Kilsyth) (best 4/12, 4/27, 4/30, 4/32)	24 wkts @ 12.29
	Batting	Lincoln Grigg (Mooroolbark) (1/100, 4/50's, best 107)	475 runs @ 47.50
Newey Plate	Bowling	Liam Sweeney (North Ringwood) (best 6/61, 5/31, 5/35)	34 wkts @ 10.88
	Batting	Brenton Pearce (Eastfield) (1/100, 3/50's, best 140)	511 runs @ 63.88
Pascoe Shield	Bowling	Tom Ellis (Warrandyte) (best 6/22, 5/23, 5/48)	26 wkts @ 11.50
	Batting	Mark Razdan (North Ringwood) (2/50's, best 96)	286 runs @ 31.78
A Grade	Bowling	Craig Staggard (Lilydale) (best 7/12, 5/50, 4/19)	27 wkts @ 8.26
	Batting	Mark Thomas (Croydon Ranges) (1/100, 1/50, best 118)	330 runs @ 47.14
B Grade	Bowling	Scott Nicholson (Kilsyth) (best 3/29, 3/32 twice)	21 wkts @ 16.38
	Batting	Paul Pleming (Kilsyth) (1/50, best 95)	259 runs @ 43.17

C Grade	Bowling	Gary Peters (Eastfield) (best 8/58, 4/26)	25 wkts @ 10.44
	Batting	James Potter (East Ringwood) (3/50's, 2/100's, best 111no)	426 runs @ 71.00
D Grade	Bowling	Ryan Willmott (Ainslie Park) (best 7/17, 5/26, 3/7)	28 wkts @ 6.46
	Batting	Russell Hughes (Wonga Park) (1/50, 1/100, best 155no)	366 runs @ 52.29
E Grade	Bowling	Lachlan Harvey (North Ringwood) (best 5/33 & 4/15 same game, 4/51)	20 wkts @ 8.90
	Batting	Robert Brosnan (Eastfield) (4/50's, best 61)	319 runs @ 45.57
F Grade	Bowling	John Prangle (Warrandyte) (best 3/17, 3/43)	17 wkts @ 20.18
	Batting	Daniel Wellesley (Warrandyte) (3/50's, best 91)	321 runs @ 64.20
G Grade	Bowling	Patrick Fitzgerald (Bayswater Park) (best 5/11, 3/33)	16 wkts @ 13.00
	Batting	Joshua Fox (Ainslie Park) (1/100, best 100no)	215 runs @ 53.75
H Grade	Bowling	Rohan Schulties (Croydon Ranges) (best 4/3, 4/5, 4/8)	25 wkts @ 6.60
	Batting	Ashley Storm (Montrose) (3/100's, 3/50's, best 117no)	492 runs @ 164.00
I Grade	Bowling	Michael Carusi (Wonga Park) (best 4/16, 3/24, 3/37)	17 wkts @ 21.06
	Batting	Bradley Lalor (Croydon North) (3/50's, best 74)	250 runs @ 83.33
J Grade	Bowling	Shane Rixham (St Andrews) (best 5/31, 4/17)	17 wkts @ 12.12
	Batting	Phillip Paisley (Eastfield) (1/100, 1/50, best 102no)	290 runs @ 72.50
K Grade	Bowling	Ben Beveridge (Wantirna) (best 3/16, 3/18, 3/31)	14 wkts @ 19.21
	Batting	Michael Tufvesson (Wantirna) (1/100, 1/50, best 102no)	275 runs @ 91.67
L Grade	Bowling	Lucas Bridger (South Warrandyte) (best 5/14, 3/16, 3/19)	16 wkts @ 10.31
	Batting	Nick Rice (Warranwood) (1 /100, 3/50's, best 100no)	287 runs @ 287.00

HIGH ACHIEVERS DURING 2016/17 SEASON

Trollope Shield:

Jack Dewhurst (LYD)	154, 146no
Ayrton Dehmel (WDT)	135, 118no
Michael Scott (NRI)	7/8
Ben Sansom (NOW)	7/64
Jake Sherriff (WDT)	7/65

Stuart Newey Plate:

Leigh Rigby (NRI)	7/21
Nuwan Costa (ESF)	7/28
Tyler Sonsini (MTR)	7/46
Daniel Mutsaers (NOW)	7/49

“A” Grade:

Zahin Tailor (WAN)	8/22
Craig Staggard (LYD)	7/12
Andrew Gawne (WSO)	7/34

“C” Grade:

James Potter (EAR)	111no, 107
Ranga Eknek Gedera (ESF)	115, 102no
Gary Peters (ESF)	8/58
Luke Barber (NOW)	7/17

“E” Grade

Matthew Burgess (KIL)	9/28 & 6/13 (same game)
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“G” Grade

Matt Thomas (APK)	6/9
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“I” Grade:

Chris Smith (CNT)	101no, 100no
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Wilkins Cup:

Sanahasa Fernando (WOP)	112, 108
Shane Findlay (CNT)	126, 102
Callen Stevens (MOO)	8/52, 7/31
Isaac Delaney (EAR)	7/27
Daniel Crowe (MTR)	7/30

Steve Pascoe Shield:

Jack Anderson (SCR)	7/21
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“B” Grade:

Joel Gibb (KIL)	8/59
Jack orchard (MTR)	7/28

“D” Grade:

Russell Hughes (WOP)	155no
Craig Francis (CNT)	151
Ryan Willmott (APK)	8/54, 7/17
Aaron Jennings (LYD)	7/8, 7/35

“F” Grade:

Steve Garrett (SWT)	222no
Brent Gordon (HMB)	7/33
Stephen Warr (WDT)	7/48

“H” Grade:

Ashley Storm (MTR)	117no, 107no, 101no
Michael Dellaca (CRR)	101no, 100no
Braden Harvey (MTR)	6/17
Mitchell Felstead (MTR)	6/21
Jordan Wynne (SCR)	6/36

”L” Grade:

Andrew Begg (WWD)	114, 100no
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PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2016/17

Wonga Park	40	(4)	Norwood	21	(3)
Wantirna South	34	(6)	Lilydale	21	(3)
East Ringwood	32	(6)	Bayswater Park	19	(2)
Mooroolbark	29	(10)	Warranwood	18*	(7)
Ainslie Park	30	(4)	Wantirna	17	(5)
North Ringwood	27	(6)	Chirnside Park	14	(5)
Templeton	26	(4)	South Warrandyte	13	(5)
St Andrews	26	(5)	Boronia	11	(0)
Croydon Ranges	26*	(5)	South Croydon	10	(5)
Kilsyth	25	(1)	Eastfield	10	(3)
Croydon North	24	(9)	Scoresby	10*	(2)
Warrandyte	24	(4)	Heathmont Baptist	2	(1)
Montrose	22	(5)			

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	NEWHEY
81/82	Warrandyte	South Croydon	Bayswater Park
82/83	Croydon United	South Ringwood	Scoresby
83/84	Warrandyte	Ainslie Park	Sth Warrandyte
84/85	East Ringwood	Mt Evelyn	Johnson Park
85/86	Mooroolbark	Scoresby	Academy
86/87	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Templeton
87/88	Croydon North	Parkwood	Eastfield
88/89	St Andrews	South Croydon	Knox Gardens
89/90	Croydon North	Croydon United	Westwood
90/91	Croydon North	Wonga Park	Knox City
91/92	Croydon North	Wantirna South	Glen Park
92/93	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Chirnside Park
93/94	Ainslie Park	Kilsyth (A East)	Ferntree Gully(A West)
94/95	Croydon North	St Andrews	Aquinas
95/96	Ferntree Gully	North Ringwood	Knox City
96/97	Croydon North	South Ringwood	N/A
97/98	Croydon North	Templeton	East Ringwood
98/99	Ferntree Gully	Lilydale	East Ringwood
99/00	Ainslie Park	Montrose	Olinda
00/01	Ferntree Gully	East Ringwood	Eastfield
01/02	Mooroolbark	South Croydon	Sth Warrandyte Hawks
02/03	Lilydale	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	Chirnside Park
03/04	Templeton	Croydon North	Croydon Ranges
04/05	Mooroolbark	North Ringwood	Chirnside Park
05/06	Wantirna South	South Croydon	Olinda
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 2010/11-2016/17

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)
16/17	Wantirna South	Montrose	Norwood (2nds)	Croydon Ranges (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 third season of the 5 games format and the ninth 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.

22 teams entered and they were divided into 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.

Several innovations were tried this year to promote the 20/20 competition, the highlight of which included a Super Sunday Quarter Finals round of games held at Chirnside Park.

Out of the Super Sunday we were able to gain great feedback from the participating clubs as well as establish some key takeaways that will stand us in even better stead moving into the 2017/18 Season to better support all participating clubs.

This year's 20/20 competition was not without its organisational challenges, however the season was successfully concluded in great spirits and we now look forward to a period of consideration and improvement of both structure and processes so that we can hit the 2017/18 season with a much improved version.

The Senior Committee is committed to the continuous improvement and refinement of our 20/20 competition to provide further opportunity for all clubs to play a brand of cricket which is indisputably a magnet to the next generation of RDCA cricketers. We are determined to meet the market as we know many of the next crop of senior players to come up from the juniors will have known nothing but 20/20 cricket, We see our 20/20 competition as an essential part of our retention strategy for all clubs moving forward.

After some issues arose with Super Sunday outcomes, the final six played an elimination round based on rankings, as follows:

- (1) Kilsyth 2/141 defeated (6) St Andrews (139) and progressed straight to Grand final.
- (2) Norwood 2/129 defeated (5) Croydon North 125
- (3) Warrandyte received a forfeit from (4) Ainslie Park

In the Preliminary final, Norwood (9/160) just kept Warrandyte (9/157) at bay.

The Grand Final was played at Alan Smith Oval with Martin Clohesy and Barry Johnson as the officiating umpires. Kilsyth won the toss and sent Norwood into bat. Norwood posted a respectable score of 9/130 off their 20 overs but the thinking was they would need to bowl very well to make the game competitive.

Kilsyth lost an early wicket but then through the batting efforts of Downie (47 from 31 balls) and Thomson (63 from 39 balls) took the game away from Norwood and Kilsyth cruised to an easy victory in 13.2 overs.

Our congratulations to Kilsyth and members of the winning team who were:
Justin Perkins (C), Nick Zinghini, Jarrod McPhee, Sam Downie, Craig Thomson, Marc Steiner, Mark Unternahrer, Ben Wal, Jamie Cornford, Luke McPhee, Rhys McKean, Joel Smith.



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

As I came on board after the competition had commenced, a special thanks to members of the Senior Committee, in particular Matt Thomas, for all their effort and support of this competition.

Michael Finn
T20 Co-Ordinator

NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

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

Dillon Bettess	Ainslie Park	Tristan Webb	Wantirna South
Joel Merrett	South Croydon	Jackson Ford	Wonga Park
David Killen	Ainslie Park	Wil Fleming	Kilsyth
Josh Kazar	Bayswater Park	Mitchell Thomas	Croydon Ranges
Kyle Colosimo	Bayswater Park	Kiran Kandel	Lilydale
Lincoln Wong	Templeton	Jake Gilbert	Lilydale
Tyson Henry	Templeton	Max Moss	Ainslie Park
Daniel Mutsaers	Norwood	Jesse Christiansen	Bayswater Park

Match Results

Round 1 – played at Merv Hughes Oval

RDCA 7/181 (Merrett 66, Bettess 31, Fleming 30) def SECA 132 (Colosimo 3/20, Webb 2/24, Gilbert 2/21)

Round 2 – played at Yarra Valley College

RDCA 4/81 off 24.1 overs (Ford 27, Wong 21 no) def DVCA 78 (Kazar 2/11, Henry 2/11, Thomas 2/8)

Round 3 - played at Crofts Res. Altona

RDCA 112 (Killen 22, Kazar 21) lost to VTCA 195 (Gilbert 3/40, Kandel 2/21, Kazar 2/31)

Semi Final - played at Keysborough

RDCA 201 (Merrett 68, Wong 60, Moss 22 no, Bettess 23) def DDCA 142 (Webb 3/37, Henry 3/27)

This season saw our U/21's take the final step forward in establishing the RDCA as a force in the Neil Wright Shield. WE WON THE SHIELD (score sheet appears on next page).

With consistently strong performances from the team with old and new players forming a strong bond to take us to the final and bring home the shield we, the RDCA, can be very proud of our future young stars. I make special mention of Joel Merrett, Lincoln Wong and our Captain this year, Jackson Ford, for again leading from the front with the bat. They received great support from Dillon Bettess, Max Moss, David Killen, Wil Fleming, Josh Kazar and Tyson Henry.

With the ball we had an even spread of contributors with Jake Gilbert, and Tristan Webb leading from the front. Great support was provided by Josh Kazar, Kyle Colosimo, Mitch Thomas, Kiran Kandel and Tyson Henry, all lads were multiple wicket takers during the carnival.

First year players, Jesse Christensen, Wil Fleming, Mitch Thomas and Daniel Mutsaers all acquitted themselves well.

Thanks to Paul Attfield for coaching the boys once again and his continued support through Saxon Sport with the training facilities and generosity to the boys. Thanks to Pat Meehan, who spends countless hours behind the scenes working to ensure the boys get to play on the best grounds available, not only for the U/21's but the whole RDCA junior involvement in carnivals. Thanks also to the parents who assisted with making lunches and assisting 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. In closing, the biggest thanks goes to the clubs for getting behind the competition and the players themselves for committing to the competition and to each other in winning the Shield.

Grand final was played at Harry Trott Oval

RDCA Innings

Bettess	b Padbury	0
Killen	c Devine b Quartermain	15
Wong	b Nagpal	54
Merrett	b Quartermain	2
Moss	c Townsend b Padbury	19
Ford	lbw Chandran	25
Kazar	c Padbury b Townsend	16
Henry	b Townsend	20
Thomas	Not Out	10
Gilbert	c Quirk b Townsend	9
Webb	run out	4
Extras		13
Total (38.5 overs)		187

ECA Innings

Eccles	lbw Kazar	0
Devine	st Merrett b Colosimo	24
Caplikas	c Wong b Webb	9
Adgemis	b Webb	0
Chandran	c Merrett b Thomas	6
Quartermain	lbw Colosimo	19
Guley	b Gilbert	43
Townsend	b Colosimo	1
Padbury	c Killen b Colosimo	6
Nagpal	b Gilbert	8
Wigg	not out	0
Extras		12
Total (35.1 overs)		128

Bowling:

Gilbert 6.1 overs, 2/12, Kazar 3 overs, 1/9, Webb 8 overs, 2/26, Henry 4overs, 0/10, Thomas 2 overs, 1/14, Killen 4 overs, 0/17, Colosimo 8 overs, 4/37



Craig Staggard
Team Manager

ECA /BHRDCA/RDCA Representative Matches

RDCA took part in the Annual T20 challenge this season against BHRDCA and ECA on Sunday 27 November 2016. Each association fielded two teams with RDCA selecting one team of Trollope players and the other team combined of Wilkins/Newey players. ECA hosted the event in Balwyn North. Unfortunately there was a slight delay in commencement of play due to the weather which reduced each innings to a maximum 15 overs.

Trollope group:

GAME 1

BHRDCA 6/118 (Ben Sansom 2/19, Luke Ridgwell 1/24, Ayrton Dehmel 2/10, Jake Tucker 1/20) were defeated by RDCA 8/120 (Dehmel 39, Michael Dimanno 20).

We chased down the score with 11 balls remaining and were always in a strong position.

GAME 2

RDCA 9/98 (Matt Ebeyer 31, Michael Scott 22) were defeated by ECA 4/100

Our score was below par and required a special bowling performance. ECA chased the score easily and were clearly the better team.

As RDCA, ECA, BHRDCA won one match each the overall winner of the shield was BHRDCA based upon the net run rate.

Wilkins/Newey group:

GAME 1

RDCA 6/179 (Jarrod McPhee 41, Michael Edwards 58, Cameron Sharp 27) defeated BHRDCA 8/118 (Marc Steiner 2/9)

GAME 2

ECA 1/140 were defeated by RDCA 3/142 (McPhee 49no, Edwards 55, Jake Crowe 17)

As the RDCA won both matches the shield was retained by the RDCA.

Thanks to all the players for making themselves available (some at short notice due to selected player unavailability and injuries on the Saturday). Thanks also to my fellow selectors Andy Wu and Marc Steiner and Pat Meehan for assisting with match arrangements.

Mat Parker

Players Representative, Senior Committee

Annual RDCA “All Stars” v Ringwood Rams

The RDCA team comprised: Ayrton Dehmel (Capt), Oliver Brown, Lincoln Wong, Sean De Kretzer, Michael Edwards, Jarrod McPhee, David Mooney, Marcus Baxter, Andy Wu, Luke Ridgwell, Jay Stoikos, Drew McKay.

Ringwood Innings

D.Johnson	b Stoikos	13
D.King	Run Out	14
J.Freeman	Run Out	1
P.Ashton	LBW b Ridgwell	23
J.Toohey	c Wu b Stoikos	1
J.Kilby	c Brown b Ridgwell	14
B.Hastie	c Ridgwell b McKay	7
J.Hartill	c Baxter b Edwards	20
H.Cowling	Not Out	9
J.Roberts	Not Out	20
C. Henderson		
Extras		14
Total (20 overs)		8/136

Bowling: Baxter 0/37, McKay 1/30, Stoikos 2/13, Edwards 1/30, Ridgwell 2/23

RDCA Innings

Dehmel	b Johnson	26
Brown	c Cowling b Freeman	4
Wong	b Johnson	7
De Kretser	c Hartill b Roberts	1
Edwards	c Hastie b Henderson	17
McPhee	c Kilby b Ashton	18
Mooney	b Roberts	1
Baxter	b Ashton	12
Wu	not out	18
Ridgwell	not out	12
McKay		

Extras	10
Total (20 overs)	8/126

RDCA lost the toss and Ringwood decided to bat first. After 7 overs, it was 4/39 with 2 run outs. The run rate was kept under 6 an over for most of the innings with a steady flow of wickets. It was a solid effort in the field and it gave a good chance to reel in 137 for victory.

After 4 overs, going at a good clip, it was 1/39. Ringwood wrestled back the momentum and had restricted the score to 5/68 after 11 overs. The lower order kept on chipping away and, with one over remaining, required 20 runs for victory. Unfortunately we fell short, however the players put up a good fight and should be proud of their efforts.

Thank you to all players that made themselves available and also to my fellow selectors Andy Wu and Marc Steiner and Pat Meehan for assisting with match arrangements

Mat Parker

Senior Premiership teams



Wantirna South "Trollope Shield"



Montrose "Wilkins Cup"



Norwood "Newey Plate"



Croydon Ranges "Pascoe Shield"



Ainslie Park "A" Grade



Kilsyth "B" Grade



East Ringwood "C" Grade



Lilydale "D" Grade



Wonga Park "E" Grade



Warrandyte "F" Grade



Scoresby "G" Grade



Croydon Ranges "H" Grade



Croydon North "I" Grade



St Andrews "J" Grade



Wantirna "K" Grade



Warranwood "L" Grade

Vale ROY BALDWIN

At Kilsyth Cricket Club Roy built an enviable record of achievement and involvement, both on the field and off.

In a career spanning some 38 years, Roy played over 400 games, was Captain of the First Eleven for 8 seasons, and was on the Committee for an extraordinary 44 years, including one season as President (1970/71) and 26 years as Secretary (1971/72 to 1996/97). He was the club delegate to the RDCA for 28 years. On the field Roy was a competitive player and in the late 1970's and through the 1980's he won a number of club batting awards from the Third Eleven to the Sixths. Roy was awarded Life Membership of the Kilsyth Cricket Club in 1971.

Roy has also been a keen contributor to the RDCA. Besides many years as a Club Delegate, Roy played a number of representative games for the Association, including captaining an RDCA team against a combined District team on the MCG. He was on the Junior and Senior Executives for three and one year respectively. He was a selector for the senior representative teams for 3 years and was also Manager of the Association's Indoor Centre at Kilsyth for a year.

Roy was awarded Life Membership of the Association in 1984/85 and, as recognition of his support of junior cricket, the Under 12 Division One competition is named 'The Roy Baldwin Shield'.

The Roy Baldwin Oval at Kilsyth was so named to acknowledge the significant contribution Roy has made to the Kilsyth Cricket and Football Clubs.

Roy was also awarded the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to Sport and the Community.

Roy's other love was football. He played with Mitcham Under 18's from where he progressed to Hawthorn in 1944 playing 16 reserves games before playing his first senior game against North Melbourne in Round 17. He won the Reserves Best & Fairest in that season. In 1945 Roy played 17 of the first 18 games in the seniors before enlisting in the Army. He returned to Hawthorn in 1948, playing all but one game for the year. Thereafter, Roy played mainly in the reserves through to the end of the 1950 season when he decided to retire from VFL football.

In 1951 Roy returned to playing local football at Kilsyth where he was to play around 400 games over 22 seasons. His service to Kilsyth Football Club has been extensive – committee member for 23 years, EFL Delegate for 10 years, Secretary from 1975-81 and Best and Fairest from 1951 to 1955 and again in 1957. He was also Captain Coach of the Reserves Premiership team in 1967. Roy had a long and successful EFL career, winning the Division One Reserves Best and Fairest 5 times in the 1960's and being recognised as an EFL 300 game plus Life Member.

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