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&
BALANCE SHEET**

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**RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last year I said what an honour it was for me to assume the role of President of the Association. I also said that it had been a personal eye opener in many ways. I can easily make the same comments again this year. I must admit I did not fully comprehend all the things that happen in the 'off season', I certainly do now. Your Executive has very little 'time off' as there is always something to attend to.

Last winter we had the then recently announced re-grading issue causing considerable discussion and that led to a Special General Meeting of club delegates that ratified the new structure.

The 2006 – 2007 season came around quickly and started under this new structure and there is no doubt that discussion will continue about this topic. There will be positives and negatives spoken of but the Executive continues to believe that grades will become more even over time, resulting in more competitive matches throughout the Association. Statistics and results can be interpreted in many ways but it is interesting to note that, of the 16 senior grades, the top team after the home and away season won 12 premierships, and the second teams won the others, with no third or fourth placed teams being successful.

We all had to cope with cricket Victoria's new player registration scheme and I thank everyone for their assistance in this matter, especially Tim Court who facilitated the transfer of information to Cricket Victoria in such an efficient manner.

Congratulations to all premier teams, in particular to South Warrandyte in taking out the Chandler Shield Premiership for the first time and thus completing the marvellous effort of winning the three premier grade flags in just 5 years.

Well done to Gareth Taylor from North Ringwood, Ben Beech from Bayswater Park, and Marc Steiner from Chirnside Park on winning the Bill Dean, Steve Pascoe and Stuart Newey medals respectively. Everyone would agree that all are very worthy winners.

This season again saw an increase in team numbers and, as I mentioned last year, we are fast becoming restricted by a shortage of available grounds on which to play. I would urge all clubs to liaise closely with councils and schools in order to maintain maximum ground availability. Of course the drought had an effect on grounds but we were able to end our season without interruption. Behind the scenes your association maintained close contact with councils in regards to the condition of grounds and we will probably face similar issues next season if significant winter rains are not received.

The unavailability of grounds did however have an impact on our planned representative games. In fact we were only able to have two senior games against the Eastern Cricket Association, noting that we previously had had only one game against them. It is certainly our intention to re-introduce our other representative games next season if facilities are available. Thank you to the players in both of our teams for participating so well, it is much appreciated.

We were fortunate to be able to continue the annual charity 20/ 20 game against Ringwood, this time with the RDCA playing host. Again, thank you to our players for their participation and for recording a memorable win over our district neighbors. Thank you to all those who attended and helped raise significant funds for the Ringwood Aged Lions charity.

I must acknowledge the efforts of all club volunteers and committee people who give so much of their time in enabling our clubs and the Association to operate efficiently. This Annual Report contains the names of the members of the various executive bodies that collectively make up our Association. I offer my personal gratitude to each and everyone of these people who readily volunteer significant amounts of their time in running and representing the Association. I must also thank many other people for their assistance in those somewhat hidden areas such as tribunals and investigation hearings and organizing representative games and presentation nigh. Thank you to Croydon Ranges, Wantirna South and Croydon North Cricket Clubs for their fine hospitality at various functions during the season. In particular, thank you to our ladies and partners for their help and understanding. The work of Ian Spencer can only be described as outstanding and I offer my sincere thanks to Ian for his efforts and support over the last 12 months. Personal thanks also to Stuart Newey who again proved to be a valued confidant and knowledge source.

Sincere thanks to Tim Court and Tyson Heinrich for the significant contribution they make to the RDCA website. The new information posted this year is outstanding and must have taken many hours to produce. To Beau Vass, our press correspondent and scores co-ordinator, thank you for your attention in getting an RDCA exposure into our local press in almost every week of the season.

Our umpiring colleagues deserve our sincere thanks for their contribution to our game. I know that significant work has been undertaken by the umpire's executive and will continue in the future in their endeavors to further improve their already high standards. The introduction of meetings with team captains and coaches was certainly well received and I ask that they continue each year into the future.

However at this stage I must take the opportunity, as I did last year, to express concern at the standard of behavior of, admittedly, a minority of our players. Unfortunately tribunal appearances increased on last season and I will stress again that inappropriate behaviour cannot, and will not, be tolerated. After all, we are playing sport!!!

The Veteran and Junior competitions continue to go from strength to strength with increased team numbers and participation – congratulations to Darryl Stephens, to Josh Browne and their respective committees. Our sponsors must also be thanked and we acknowledge your generous support and trust that we continue to forge and foster our close relationships.

So much for the past and the present, we must now look to the future. The Executive will continue to work during the off season on a number of issues and topics. You will be aware of the player survey and the results that have been published on the website. This information, together with feedback from clubs and other players, will be referred to when we look to consider possible directions that our association may take in the future.

Some 5 or so years ago the Executive formulated a strategic plan covering the period from 2002 – 2006. It is fair to say that in the last couple of years this plan has received little attention from the Executive. It is my intention to facilitate a review and update of the plan in order to re-invigorate and refine its content and to set achievable plans for the future, particularly over the next 5 years. I will be seeking the assistance of a number of people to help in this review process.

The off season will also see commencement of a review of the playing rules of the association and I would urge clubs to become involved and put forward suggested rule changes for consideration.

Finally, congratulations to all the premiers and all those who have contributed to making season 2006 – 7 such a success.

Ian Dench

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER'S REPORT

As was documented in the 2005/06 Annual Report and mentioned in the President's report, the Board had determined that for season 2006/07 there would be a further change in the grading structure of the competition, whereby Chandler would comprise 12 teams and all other grades would be 8 teams, where possible. This structure did away with Reserve sides and meant all teams would stand alone, on the basis of results.

Not unexpectedly, the new structure was not palatable to a number of clubs and this ultimately led to the calling of a Special General meeting, at which a very close vote resulted in the season proceeding in terms of the abovementioned structure.

Shortly thereafter, the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Association was held on 16 August in the Social Rooms of the Kilsyth Cricket Club. Jeff Luscombe, after many years service to his club (North Ringwood) and the association was inducted as a Life Member of the RDCA.

Ian Dench was re-elected as President, thus continuing as Chairman of the Board of Management, whilst Ian Spencer (Manager Administration), Stuart Newey (Manager Finance) and Russell Jenzen (Manager Operations) were elected to continue in their positions. Josh Browne, who had been re-elected President of the junior section, and Bill Stafford, as the Veterans representative, joined the aforementioned as members of the Board of Management.

Among the rule changes, implemented for season 2006/07, were that the grading structure could not be changed in future without the calling of a Special meeting and any proposal would require a two thirds majority approval, bowling restrictions were introduced for players in U.17 and U.19 categories, greater onus was placed on Captains to ensure appraisals of umpires performance were submitted, the Heat Policy was expanded, a new formula was introduced to calculate Club championship and a local rule was introduced for lower grades in relation to the waist high full toss.

Prior to the season commencing, Cricket Victoria threw a spanner in the works by demanding that the personal details of participants (e.g. players, administrators, umpires, volunteers) had to be entered into the "Victorian Cricket Registration" database before they were covered for insurance purposes. Such demand raised a number of issues, the two most important being "Privacy" concerns and the workload it would place on club personnel to complete forms and input details.

It was pleasing that we were able to devise a way of addressing Privacy aspect, whilst also minimising the imposition on club administrators, and I extend thanks to Tim Court and those who assisted at club level to ensure that we met various deadlines in getting details input in a relatively smooth and timely manner.

As flagged in the debate on the merits of the new structure, and the alternatives, the matching of teams, in 12 and 8 team grades, in the use of a ground caused a few headaches and many sleepless nights. After a lot of tweaking it finally fell into place (nearly), save for 5 games which had to be scheduled at available neutral venues.

When the season finally got under way, there were 137 teams competing in 17 grades, being Chandler, Wilkins, Newey and A to N. With a number of grounds scheduled for upgrade, by councils, during the season and a couple unavailable for one reason or another, there was not a spare ground in any of the municipalities that take in our association. As it transpired, 4 teams fell away (N grade was amalgamated with M) and ground upgrades did not proceed due to water restrictions so it provided a little flexibility to address certain situations.

Notwithstanding that we got through ok last season, ground availability will be a major issue in the future and is almost certain to have an effect on the scheduling of play.

Ground conditions could also be put in the same bracket. We saw first hand how grounds deteriorated without regular watering and, should there not be significant rainfall over the winter months, I guess it is possible that we may get to a position where councils determine that grounds can not be used after a certain date and season would have to be curtailed early, similar to what occurred in a country competition last season.

The RDCA is fortunate to have the services of a sizeable panel of umpires, to which Graeme Lloyd (Premier Cricket umpire) acts as an Adviser. The Executive values the contribution of all members of the umpiring fraternity and is hopeful that numbers will increase further in seasons to come.

Whilst mentioned in Ian Dench's comments, I would also like to add my thanks to Beau Vass for his continued efforts as media correspondent and taker of scores of a Saturday evening. There were a couple of instances where telephone line problems created difficulties for all concerned and alternative methods will be considered and implemented, if appropriate, to hopefully avoid any hold up to club personnel getting that information through to media correspondent.

On the website side of things, Tyson Heinrich continued to assist Tim Court with the posting of "News" items etc. and many more were posted over the season. After a valued contribution over 3 seasons Tyson has vacated his post, having decided to travel overseas for about a year, so we are on the lookout for a replacement. Tim Court has added a lot of historical data to the website and has plans to enhance the system in various areas, which if/when they come to fruition will be extremely beneficial to both the Executive and club administrators. The RDCA is very fortunate to have Tim put so much time and effort into the development of electronic methods.

Whilst on the website, it is pleasing to say that the response of most clubs, in relation to result input, was reasonably prompt but there remains room for improvement in the registering of players "prior to completion of a game". The number of "un-registered" entries that appear after result input has reduced but it is clear that clubs need to give more attention to timing of registration input and ensuring that the players name entered in the scorebook mirrors the details entered on the registration database.

The RDCA cricket show on the local radio station became part of a new format and, in so doing, moved to a new timeslot of 8.30 (or thereabouts) on a Saturday morning. The program was hosted by local media identity Justin Nelson, with significant input by Rod Paisley and we thank both gentlemen for putting RDCA cricket information to the listening audience.

I extend thanks to Tony Gawne who gave much appreciated assistance to Stuart Newey, in the documentation of fines, and particularly to me, in that he took on the task of organising and minuting Investigation hearings. Pulling all parties together for a hearing is very time consuming process and, as Tony would attest, frustrating at times, so it was extremely disappointing to the Executive that there was a substantial increase in the number of players who appeared before the Investigation Committee.

Statistics that give rise to the Executive call for players to adhere to the Code of Conduct follow:

- 16 players appeared at Investigation hearings, with 13 being suspended and/or named.**
- 10 players were "named"**

From a social perspective, the RDCA has two major functions, Vote Count night and Presentation night. My thanks to the Wantirna South members for their efforts in hosting the Vote Count, which attracted a very good attendance. It was a bit disappointing that Presentation Night did not generate quite the same response, with some clubs not being represented. The Grand Final luncheon was again a success and our thanks go to the Croydon Ranges people for their contribution in hosting this function.

Congratulations to all at South Warrandyte for their marvellous effort in climbing from Newey and achieving their maiden Chandler victory, in the space of 5 seasons. Well done to Norwood who return to Chandler after a lengthy stint in Wilkins and to North Ringwood which demonstrated its depth, with success in Newey, that will see its second side participate in Wilkins next season. Congratulations also go to the Premiers in the other grades and to all of the trophy winners.

Each season, the RDCA relies on “royalties”, from the sale of balls, as a major source of income to defray the fees imposed on clubs. Now two years into an exclusive three year agreement to use “Kookaburra” balls, we urge clubs to fully comply with the rule that requires an approved (RDCA stamped) Kookaburra ball be used in matches.

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

Best wishes to all for a successful and enjoyable season in 2007/08.

Ian Spencer

SENIOR REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

The RDCA continued to be well supported, at minimal cost by Sporting Pulse, in particular by Timothy Court, with back-up from Tyson Heinrich.

Once again, further enhancements to the process are planned for next season and we ask for your continued support in this matter.

For the record, the RDCA administered our association to enable 35 affiliated clubs, 137 senior teams, 32 veteran teams, 139 junior teams together with the players involved in all these teams to participate in the game of cricket during the 2006/2007 season.

As usual, there were a significant number of clearance applications received during the season and despite several initial refusals by the player's current club, in all instances agreement was reached by the clubs involved without redress to appeal.

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

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

**Stuart Newey
Registration Secretary**

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Season commenced with Martien Pruyzers being re-elected as President, Martin Clohessy was elected as Vice President and Graeme Lloyd being re-appointed as Umpires Advisor, Don Smith once again assisted by commuting around the grounds observing umpires especially those where we have received a report from the captains that an observation of his handling of games was needed and feedback was then personally addressed to the umpire if needed for future games.

The association had 42 active umpires that were active during the season but because of other commitments at given times we had on average 38 umpires officiating at matches each week

Umpires again officiated at the representative games during the season, including the VMCU Carnival and actually officiated on behalf of some of the other Associations that could not fill their umpire obligation.

I would like to thank those volunteers who helped with the umpiring tasks for the semi-finals especially those Chandler Shield players that helped out in the Junior Finals. In the past it was a bit of a struggle initially getting volunteers to assist with the senior umpiring in the afternoon and I would like to thank those that helped.

Congratulations to all medal winners, trophy winners and premiers on their success this season. To the personnel running the clubs behind the players, the ladies and others, we thank you for your efforts and hospitality before and after the games. A mention also for the scorers for their role in keeping accurate records.

On a sour note, during the season there were a few complaints aimed at the umpires in what I believe was an inappropriate manner. My email and letter box is always open for genuine criticism and assistance. I received a few complaints in this manner which were addressed and will be done if received either direct or via RDCA Manager Administration.

This season saw the introduction of new rule regarding lodgement of Umpire Appraisals by the Captain. Even though some of the captains were not happy with it, I am glad to say that the system resulted in a genuine improvement over past seasons and provided the Umpires Executive with a very good idea on how all umpires were handling the situation in general.

**John Springett
Umpires Secretary**

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Unfortunately, drought conditions this season meant we were only able to play against one Association in representative 40 over matches. This was ECA and it involved the Wilkins / Newey group for the first time against that Association as well as the Chandler side.

The games were played on November 19, at Silcock Reserve using both ovals, with mixed success for the home side as the Chandler side repeated their winning effort from last year but the Wilkins / Newey group lowered their colours in a close game.

The annual 20/20 charity match between RDCA All-Stars and Ringwood Rams was able to go ahead, despite Jubilee Park being unavailable, when council agreed to the use of Hughes Park. The game was played on February 7, with this year's charity being RALAC (Ringwood Area Lions Aged Care). Taking advantage of the home "turf" RDCA recorded a reasonably comfortable win, for the first time, and look forward to repeating the dose to even up the series next year.

Again this year selection assistance for representative teams came from Mark Unternahrer, Cameron Parker, Russell Jenzen, Andy Wu and Tony Wheeler with Ben Beech joining the group and Harry Sandford continuing to do a great job with scoring.

Under age games were also limited this year and David Beatty continued to support Kevin Newman in this area.

Thanks to all of the abovementioned people for ongoing support and thanks also to players making themselves available at the last minute to make up for drop outs, namely, Travis Degenhardt, Bryn Griffiths, Michael Helman and Robbie Henderson.

Many thanks to Croydon Ranges and Croydon North for the facilities provided to make the two events a big success with special thanks to Ringwood C.C. for helping to make the ongoing 20/20 challenge a great spectacle.

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

**Neil Tull
Match Committee Chairman**

VMCU (Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union) REPORT

Pat Meehan continued to represent the RDCA as our delegate to this body.

The VMCU consists of a Board made up of the 8 Directors of each Metropolitan Regional Cricket Council, together with delegates from every Metropolitan Cricket Association.

Over the past season the main cricket activities have related to the management and implementation of the U21 Neil Wright Shield, and the Junior Shield & Cup Competitions for U16, U14 & U12 in January. The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions and was successful on the playing field with Association representative sides.

The most significant issues considered during the season were:

- **Cricket Victoria determined to continue with the U/16 Dowling Shield on a State-wide regional based 16 team competition. VMCU again played the U/16 Jim Beitzel Shield games on turf wickets(when possible due to the drought) to allow more U/16 players the opportunity to experience turf cricket conditions.**
- **Cricket Victoria introduced an on-line State-wide registration system (Victorian Cricket Registration), via “Real Sports”, for all players and officials involved in cricket throughout Victoria. Many Associations experienced problems in submitting the required data, and updates were provided at Delegates meetings. In addition Cricket Victoria established a Working Party to overview the implementation of Cricket Victoria’s IT Strategy and provide progress updates on “Real Sports” registration and results system for possible availability for all Associations in Victoria. Improvements are continually being made to the VMCU website.**
- **Umpires Sub-Committee conducted 2 Metropolitan Umpires Seminars in November 2006 on the practical applications of the Laws of Cricket. These were well attended and further Seminars will be considered for 2007 / 2008 season.**
- **The introduction of a VMCU Restricted Membership Category for some minor cricket groups, such as the “Over 60s”Cricket Association.**
- **Drought and water restrictions impacts on cricket, particularly grounds for the finals series.**
- **Proposed rule amendments on suspension of players to be recognised by all affiliated VMCU & VCCL Metropolitan and Country Associations. In addition the Rules Sub-Committee is preparing guidelines to be placed on the VMCU website for heat policy, suspect bowling action, etc.**

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.

The VMCU recognised the death during the season of Lloyd Champion - a Life Member and a long serving Board Member of the former CUOV.

**Pat Meehan
RDCA Delegate**

REGION REPORT – OUTER EAST

I was pleased with achievements within the Region, due to the input of the Regional Council members: Glenn Wilson (RDCA), Murray Wilson (FTGDCA), Brian Williams (YVCA) and Rob Elliott (CV Regional Cricket Manager).

Rob, in his first full year in the position, proved a valuable resource to have at the disposal of the 70 clubs within the Region.

The coaches and managers of the various Pathway squads were again able to work to the benefit of the region's best young cricketers. The formal selection process in place ensures associations are able to nominate their best players for all Pathway squads.

The under 18s (male) progressed to the state semi finals, to be narrowly beaten by Gippsland after a valiant effort. They were well led by coaches Bryan Reid and Andrew Mirams, and Glenn Maxwell (capt). The under 14 (girls) team represented us proudly, being awarded the state Spirit of Cricket Award.

Other highlights included:

- **Milo Have-A-Go participants (1,328) increase further - 43 registered groups;**
- **Girls' and boys' Kanga 8s and Super 8s team numbers all increase;**
- **Girls' U16 and U14 teams compete in state championships on a stand-alone basis for the first time;**
- **FTGDCA and YVCA conduct Orientation to Coaching Courses;**
- **38 clubs register for, and benefit from, Club Development Programme;**
- **Youth Leadership Programme initiative grows, with James Hall of Johnson Park CC, the inaugural winner of the Junior Leadership Award;**
- **Regional Junior Girls Comp established, to run from Oct to Dec 07, initially with minimum of 4 teams, after trials and grading (registrations welcome);**
- **11 Premier 1st XI debutants:**
 - from FTGDCA,**
Ben Bakker and Scott Huntley (Fitzroy - Doncaster), Adam Thornton (Casey South Melb);
 - from RDCA,**
David and Matt King, Drew Mackay, Ian Holland (Ringwood), Brendan Adams (Richmond), Andrew Field (Northcote), Ben Hanley (Camberwell Magpies), and Nathan Owen (Fitzroy-Doncaster);

David Beatty – Chairman

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

After 25 years of involvement with junior cricket in the RDCA, I am taking a sideways move to become a fringe dweller. I fully intend to stay in touch with developments in the juniors and will be a keen watcher of all of the results in our competitions and in the representative competitions. I will be an avid follower of our U12s in both Mitchell Shield and the Josh Browne Plate, in the coming years.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of the clubs, officials, players and parents who have contributed to the success of the RDCA juniors and hope that the association will continue to flourish. I am also grateful for the support I have received, over that long period, in the running of the Inter Association Carnival which has now passed into the hands of the VMCU. The growth of these important competitions has been amazing and I am confident that it will continue in the future. The RDCA has, since its inception in 1978, been the main driving force of the inter association competitions and I have been proud to be a part of that. Our thanks go to the clubs that hosted carnival matches, especially Boronia CC for making the turf wicket available for our U16s.

The past season saw an innovation in the U18s, with a combined competition with the Box Hill Reporter association. The competition was quite successful and it would appear the players enjoyed the challenge, even though two Box Hill sides played off for the flag. It is likely that Box Hill will have enough teams to run their own competition next season, however, the opportunity still exists for us to work with them again. Our clubs will decide whether or not to continue and in what form.

All in all we had a quite successful season with some outstanding individual performances which were detailed at Presentation Night. Congratulations to all of the successful teams and all of the award winners.

As always we owe our thanks to the parents who help their clubs throughout the season. We hope they continue to provide support.

Time marches on and the association needs a strong junior committee to ensure its continued success. With a number of departures this year, we are looking for volunteers to fill the gaps. All clubs are asked to encourage parents or officials to consider taking on a task with the juniors.

The current members of the committee have worked extremely hard over the past 12 months and I thank them all. In particular John Springett and Ryan Willmott who have done a great job with the paperwork and Glenn Wilson who managed the inter association match development. Those three had the toughest tasks of all.

Finally and most importantly I would like to pay tribute to and express my thanks to several people who have acted as Ex Officio members of our committee. Stuart Minetti, Tony Gawne, Kevin Dawson, Haydn Hill and Tim Court have contributed a great deal to our success and made life much easier for the committee. Fantastic people who do a fantastic job, we really would have struggled without them.

I wish the association and all those who are a part of it, a long and enjoyable and successful future.

**Josh Browne
President**

FINANCE REPORT

It is pleasing to report that the financial result for the 2006/2007 season has recorded a significant profit of \$6,891.

This profit is directly attributed to the RDCA's ability to generate significant donation and sponsorship income of \$12,942 during the season. In addition, the policy of exercising restraint in incurring expenses on behalf of the RDCA has continued.

Based on negotiations with supporting organizations, I believe that the level of donations and sponsorship will continue next season and will enable the RDCA to retain the 2006/2007 affiliation fee structures for the 2007/2008 season.

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

Finally, let me thank all the clubs for their support during the 2006/2007 season which has helped make my role easier to fill.

**Stuart Newey
Finance Manager**



VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

Season 2006/2007 saw the Veterans Competition (both Masters and Legends) continue with the same format as in prior seasons although the Masters Competition was reduced to 3 Divisions of 8 teams each compared with 4 Divisions of 6 teams in the previous season.

There were no new Clubs fielding Veterans teams this season. However Clubs such as Wonga Park entered a second Masters Team and Bayswater Park entered a side in the Legends Competition.

Unfortunately after Round one, Research were forced to withdraw from the Legends and at the same time Warrandyte (Masters 3) informed the Executive that they could not field a side on the same Sunday as Masters 1. This hiccup was overcome by Warrandyte Masters 3 transferring to the Legends Competition to replace Research leaving the Masters 3 Competition with a field of 7 sides thus necessitating a bye for each Club.

After this adjustment the Three Masters' Divisions and the Legend's Division were made up by the following teams for the remainder of the 2006/07 season:

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

The season commenced in fine sunny conditions on 15th October with the first round of the Master's Competition. The Legends followed suit on 22nd October.

As in previous seasons, all Divisions in the Masters' were keenly contested and final ladder positions, particularly positions 3, 4, 5 & 6 were not settled until completion of the final home and away round.

This season no rounds were lost due to inclement weather (heat or rain) although some games in the Legends were curtailed due to rain.

The Master's semi finals were played on 25th February with the major surprise being Division 1, where the previously undefeated top side, Wonga Park, was defeated by Ainslie Park (4th). In all other divisions, the top team after the preliminary rounds made it through to the Grand Final.

Masters Grand Final Results played 4th March 2007.

Division 1 – Bill Dean Trophy – played at Croydon Oval

Croydon 8/184 defeated Ainslie Park 10/109

Division 2 – Ken Johnston Trophy – played at Cheong Park

South Croydon 6/143 defeated Lilydale 10/141

Division 3 – Marg & Bill Stafford Trophy played at Nth Ringwood Reserve

Warranwood 7/185 defeated North Ringwood 7/182

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

Legends “Grand Finale” scheduled for 18th February 2007

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

Unfortunately, due to excessive heat, the Grand Finale was not played between the top 2 sides Croydon and Bayswater Park.

As Croydon finished on top of the ladder after the preliminary rounds, they were deemed the Premiers and Brian Gobbi Trophy winners.

Inter-association Games

As in previous years four inter association games were scheduled to be played against the Ferntree Gully Cricket Association and the Box Hill Reporter Association. In addition another Rep Game was played against the Crusaders

Box Hill Reporter Cricket Association played 10th December 2006

Masters Played at Kew

RDCA 8/178 defeated Box Hill Reporter 6/177

**Bowling C Perrett 3/13
Batting A Smith 41 retired, C Grierson 38**

Unfortunately the Legends match had to be cancelled due to excessive heat.

Ferntree Gully Cricket Association played 26th January 2007

Masters Played at Tormore Reserve

RDCA 5/202 defeated Ferntree Gully 8/176

Bowling B Williams 2/21

Batting B Guan 43 retired, K Newman 40 retired, D Goldsmith 41 retired

Legends played at Chandler Park Boronia

RDCA 7/137 defeated Ferntree Gully 9/130

Bowling C McKenzie 2/23, G Leonard 2/22

Batting R Ruffle 37, P Rogers 26

Crusaders Match played at Croydon Oval 17th December 2006

Crusaders 5/147 defeated RDCA 10/146

Bowling P Hickleton 2/19

Batting N Mitchell 43, C Allan 27

In addition to these scheduled Representative games a game was also played between the RDCA Possums (our overseas touring squad) and the Australian Cricket Society on 5th November 2006. This game was dedicated to the memory of Marg Simkin , one of the stalwarts of the Possums touring parties over the years who sadly passed away in September 2006. It is anticipated that this game will become an annual event in the future.

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

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

Veterans Annual Dinner Night 7th March 2007

The Annual Dinner/Presentation Night was held at Bramleigh Receptions. Approximately 110 attended this evening, which was a similar number to the previous year's attendance. It is still disappointing to the Executive that not all Clubs are represented at this one and only function for the year.

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

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

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

Executive Committee Efforts

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

Darryl Stephens (President), Ken Johnston (Patron), Bill Stafford, Jim Dean, Carl Duncan, Nat Young, Marg Stafford and Chris Allan (who joined the Executive for the first time in 2006/07)

Once again, particular thanks should go to Jim Dean for the continued enormous effort during the year in keeping the results & ladders up to date. The 2006/07 year was another improvement over the previous year as far as Clubs submitting their results on time and in a complete format. There is still room for improvement, but slowly but surely, we are making headway.

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

Season 2007/08 will represent our 20th year of Competition and it is the Committee's hope that for the first time, we will have a Veterans side from all senior RDCA Clubs. Currently there are 10 Clubs that do not field a team in the Veterans Competition and these Clubs have all been contacted to invite them to join our competition.

In closing, I would like to say good luck to all Clubs and players for the forthcoming 2007/08 season

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

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2006/07

CHANDLER SHIELD

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	56.2	115.1
TEMPLETON	51.0	109.7
CROYDON NORTH	55.5	103.7
KILSYTH	58.1	101.3
NORTH RINGWOOD	54.6	96.6
SOUTH CROYDON	57.3	91.9
MOOROOLBARK	51.4	90.2
WANTIRNA SOUTH	38.1	87.7
WARRANWOOD	47.0	76.3
LILYDALE	37.4	66.9
WONGA PARK	41.9	66.0
AINSLIE PARK	29.0	59.9

When six rounds had been completed at the Christmas break, the ladder evidenced a very competitive situation. Kilsyth, newcomers South Croydon, South Warrandyte, Croydon North and North Ringwood were leading the way with 4 wins whilst three others were one win behind. Every team had registered a win, with last year's grand finalists, Wantirna South and Wonga Park, well down the list with Lilydale (2 wins). Ainslie Park brought up the rear but was still in with a chance to avoid the relegation spot.

After Christmas, Templeton moved through to the top four whilst South Croydon and North Ringwood found wins hard to come by and Wantirna South lifted from the danger zone. Prior to the last round the four was virtually settled, save for North Ringwood winning outright. That did not eventuate and South Warrandyte finished at the top, Templeton edged ahead of Croydon North and Kilsyth made up the final four, just in front of North Ringwood, South Croydon and Mooroolbark. Unfortunately for Ainslie Park, the team was relegated to Wilkins Cup next year, after well over 20 years in Chandler.

The semi finals saw Croydon North (246) defeat Kilsyth (161) comfortably whilst South Warrandyte (7/284), went straight to Grand Final, by edging out Templeton (280) in a high scoring game that went down to the last few balls. Templeton and Croydon North then met in the Preliminary final for the right to challenge for the premiership. In a see-sawing game, Croydon North rallied after some mid innings jitters to post a competitive score (6/253) and, although given a great start, Templeton (208) fell short in the chase.

The Grand Final saw South Warrandyte bat first and post a challenging total (9/236), due to some excellent mid-innings partnerships. Croydon North (172) started well in their chase, however some quick wickets put them on the back foot and South Warrandyte eventually wrapped up an excellent grand final victory, by a comfortable margin. In so doing, South Warrandyte attained its third premiership in 5 years, climbing from Newey and Wilkins in consecutive seasons and then taking the ultimate prize after three seasons in the top grade.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Steve Garrett ©, Chad Rogers, Damien Vozzo, Michael Vozzo, Josh Barrett, Nick Barrett, Brett Careedy, Cam Head, John Eldridge, Jeremy Neagle, Ben Garner, Chris Jones (12^{th man}).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Gareth Taylor (NRI) 681, Rob Arbuckle (CNT) 561, Steve Alderton (KIL) 529, Jason Disney (TMP) 505, John Taylor (WOP) 498, Michael Vozzo (SWT) 497, Ryan Hill (CNT) 453.

Leading wicket-takers were: Eugene Kommissarenko (CNT) 39, Mark Unternahrer (KIL) 38, Chad Rogers (SWT) 38, Tao Collins (CNT) 34, Simon Denton (TMP) 34, Danny Lear (WSO) 33, Jason Watts (WWD) 32.

WILKINS CUP

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
NORWOOD	82.0	148.3
BAYSWATER PARK	77.7	141.4
CROYDONRANGES	69.7	119.9
WARRANTDYTE	50.7	110.5
ST ANDREWS	58.6	100.8
EAST RINGWOOD	67.3	100.6
MONTROSE	54.0	91.9
OLINDA	31.9	62.3

From early season, Norwood appeared the team to beat although strong competition was expected from the likes of Bayswater Park and Croydon Ranges. At the Christmas break, these three occupied the top spots followed by East Ringwood but it promised to be a tight race to the finals. With one round to go the top three were unchanged and seemed certain finalists. St. Andrews and East Ringwood were next but Warrantdyte loomed large with a game against Olinda, who had been struggling. Warrantdyte went on to record a second outright victory, in consecutive games, to jump into fourth spot and set up a semi final against Croydon Ranges. Olinda, who had struggled all season, finished at the bottom and returns to Newey next season.

The elimination final turned out to be a thriller with the lower order of Croydon Ranges setting a formidable total (255) for Warrantdyte to pursue and they achieved the target in the last over, with just one wicket in hand (9/256). Norwood aimed to record their first win over Bayswater Park for the year, in the other semi-final. A strong batting performance (5/308) set the game up and, despite a late flurry from Bayswater Park (245), Norwood proved too strong and progressed to the grand final. In the Preliminary final, the Bayswater Park batsmen found some form (8/268) to compile a testing target and Warrantdyte (9/245), despite a valiant effort, was unable to match their semi final performance.

In the Grand Final, Bayswater Park, after a steady start, began to struggle and a steady fall of wickets left them with a total (148) that was going to be hard to protect. So it turned out, as Norwood, after an early set back, cruised to a comfortable win (2/150) and clinched the Wilkins Cup, after being runner up last year.

With this victory, Norwood has earned promotion to Chandler Shield, in which the club last participated in 1998/99.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Andrew Downs ©, Cam Fitzgerald, Michael Dimanno, Bruce Sansom, Steve Orr, Mick Ewison, Michael Helman, Mark Hodgson, Rob Heazlewood, Anthony Dykes, Chris Snaidero, Julian Armstrong and S. Lester (jnr).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Andrew Downs (NOW) 760, Ben Beech (BYP) 705, Michael Dimanno (NOW) 664, Adam White (WDT) 547, Bruce Sansom (NOW) 530, Matthew Parker (BYP) 513, Greg Moorhouse (STA) 505.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Chris Snaidero (NOW) 37, Matt Sazenis (WDT) 37, Justin McConchie (BYP) 31, Andrew Downs (NOW) 30, Chris Wain (BYP) 27, Gerald Walshe (WDT) 27, Adam White (WDT) 26.

NEWHEY PLATE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
NORTH RINGWOOD	100.2	160.4
WONGA PARK	82.7	144.3
EASTFIELD	89.6	125.8
CHIRNSIDE PARK	53.1	119.3
MOOROOLBARK	59.5	97.1
SCORESBY FERNDALE	43.0	83.4
EAST RINGWOOD	41.3	79.4
AINSLIE PARK	27.8	70.7

A re-vamped Newey Plate competition saw the grade comprise three first eleven teams and five former Chandler reserves sides.

At the Christmas break. North Ringwood was the clear leader, being unbeaten, followed by Eastfield, Wonga Park, Mooroolbark and Chirnside Park. Scoresby/Ferndale and East Ringwood remained in the hunt but faced a difficult task whilst Ainslie Park had fallen well behind.

Post Christmas, the top three cemented their spots with Chirnside Park rallying to edge ahead of Mooroolbark, to snare the fourth position. Ainslie Park was unable to lift itself away from the bottom and the team will compete in A Grade next season.

The semi final between Eastfield and Chirnside Park (314) was a high scoring affair with Eastfield (6/316) reaching the target with 7 overs to spare. In the other game, North Ringwood (295) had a comprehensive win over Wonga Park (137) to go straight through to the grand final.

Wonga Park (181) then exited the race, as Eastfield (7/184) prevailed in a tight Preliminary final.

The Grand Final saw North Ringwood recover from a shaky position early to post a total (231) that would challenge the Eastfield batsmen. After a good start, followed by a slump, the Eastfield lower order moved towards the required total but eventually fell short (188), as North Ringwood wrapped up the premiership, which earned the team promotion to Wilkins Cup next season.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Matthew Bellizia ©, Dan Tucker, Matthew Stoikos, David Knowles, Ian Donaldson, Carey Arthurson, Michael Harvey, Michael Bellizia, Luke Ridgwell, Matthew Scott, Michael Scott and David Kay (12th).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Simon Bowyer (ESF) 829, Shane McDonell (WOP) 537, Marc Steiner (CSP) 468, Rob Brosnan (ESF) 458, Michael Scott (NRI) 453, Scott McCall (ESF) 451.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Scott McCall (ESF) 37, Rob Henderson (ESF) 30, Marc Steiner (CSP) 27, Luke Ridgwell (NRI) 26, Jason Dines (WOP) 24.

A GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
TEMPLETON	91.1	158.5
WANTIRNA SOUTH	69.4	142.0
CHIRNSIDE PARK	63.6	113.2
LILYDALE	74.0	109.2
WARRANWOOD	70.4	106.3
KILSYTH	32.3	82.8
CROYDON NORTH	42.3	81.9
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	44.9	69.0

In the re-vamped structure, this grade comprised the remaining seven former Chandler reserves team plus the premier of the previous seasons former Wilkins reserves grade.

Templeton led the way throughout the season but Wantirna South, with an unbeaten post Christmas run, loomed as a big danger for the flag. Chirnside Park ousted Warranwood and jumped to third, with an outright in last round, while Lilydale struggled into 4th spot. South Warrandyte, in finishing at the tail, will be relegated to B grade next season.

Chirnside Park (248) prevailed over Lilydale (202) in a tight encounter and Templeton (6/173) were too good for Wantirna South (173). In the Preliminary final, Wantirna South (5/185) then got off the floor to eliminate Chirnside Park (182). In an enthralling Grand final, between the near neighbours, Wantirna South posted just 104, but seemingly had the game in their grasp, only for the Templeton last wicket pair to add more than twenty (9/105) to snatch a memorable premiership and earn promotion to Newey next season..

Members of the premier team were as follows: Paul Taylor ©, Stuart Simpson, Jason Denton, Brett Gibb, Tim Lee, Arron Vinen, Sam Bates, Scott Anderson, Tim Aumann, Ian Garvey, Matthew Groat and Leigh Boyle (12th).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Aaron Vinen (TMP) 492, Andy Uren (SWT) 369, Jason Denton (TMP) 353, Paul Taylor (TMP) 337, Stuart Simpson (TMP) 336, Evan Johnson (WWD) 332, Matthew Wheare (WSO) 309.

Leading wicket-takers were:

David Ryan (WSO) 34, Scott Anderson (TMP) 31, Tim Aumann (TMP) 27, Andy Uren (SWT) 25.

B GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
WARRANDYTE	79.4	150.0
BAYSWATER PARK	87.0	131.9
NORWOOD	58.2	110.1
MONTROSE	38.6	103.4
ST ANDREWS	51.4	101.2
SOUTH CROYDON	58.0	98.4
MOOROOLBARK	54.3	85.6
CROYDON RANGES	51.8	81.2

B GRADE (Cont'd)

Bayswater Park and Warrandyte led the way clearly for most of the season but, at the break, the other six teams were all in contention for a finals spot. Warrandyte edged to the top with some very good form and Norwood eventually snared third whilst Montrose came from last (at midway mark) to grab 4th just in front of St Andrews. As last placed, Croydon Ranges will participate in C grade next season.

Norwood (242) ended the Montrose (192) run while Bayswater Park (201) claimed a narrow win over Warrandyte (189) to progress to Grand Final. Warrandyte (4/168) returned to form to eliminate Norwood (164) and in a closely fought Grand Final, reduced to a limited overs affair (due to state of ground on the Saturday), Warrandyte (176) proved too good for Bayswater Park (143) to claim the flag, thus earning promotion to A Grade next season.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Jason Graf ©, Marc Centofanti, Ben Taylor, Daniel Wellesley, Cam Day, Andrew Jarvis, Stuart Howarth, Campbell Holland, Jake Sherriff, Tim Hookey, Luke Salton, Tyson Rees, Adam Beardall and Steve Goddard.

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Daniel Wellesley (WDT) 505, Marc Centofanti (WDT) 485, Leigh Brown (BYP) 453, Jason Graf (WDT) 429, Andrew McKenzie (BYP) 410, Adam Tuppenney (NOW) 394.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Brendan Trump (BYP) 30, Steve Warr (BYP) 30, Jake Sherrif (WDT) 27, Ben Sansom (NOW) 24, Peter Bromiley (MTR) 23, Ivan Chepa (CRR) 23.

C GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
TEMPLETON	92.3	130.3
WANTIRNA	68.2	129.0
WONGA PARK	81.7	120.7
WARRANWOOD	60.9	116.6
EAST RINGWOOD	42.9	89.6
CROYDON NORTH	52.1	82.7
KILSYTH	40.1	76.4
NORWOOD	47.7	66.9

As can be seen, teams in the four at the break went on to participate in the finals. Templeton narrowly held top spot from the form side, Wantirna, with Wonga Park and Warranwood not far back. Norwood is consigned to D Grade next season after finishing at the foot of the table.

In the semi's, Warranwood (2/164) easily accounted for Wonga Park (158) and Templeton (9/283) held on to record a narrow win over Wantirna (277), in a high scoring game. In the Preliminary, Wantirna (6/137), after dismissing Warranwood (135), bounced back but not without a fight to earn another crack at Templeton. With a preference to chase, Wantirna was faced with a mediocre tally but came up well short (72) as Templeton (143) claimed the premiership and earned promotion to B grade.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Adam Dejager ©, Steve Dewar, Brett McIlroy, Matthew Halbert, Matthew Dejager, Scott Gibson, Andrew Teakel, Carrick Fitzgerald, Jamie Baker, Haran Gangatharan, Matthew Weerden and Ben Camfield (12th).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Geoff Chamberlain (WOP) 764, Adam Dejager (TMP) 503, Steve Thompson (WOP) 465, Justin White (WOP) 432, Ben O'Keefe (WAN) 428, David Sherlock (WWD) 422.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Kevin Girola (WAN) 32, Lou Cavallo (WAN) 32, Jamie Mewett (WAN) 27, Matthew Weerden (TMP) 27, Ben Camfield (TMP) 24, Paul Keyhoe (WWD) 23.

D GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
WANTIRNA SOUTH	101.3	138.7
BORONIA	59.2	122.9
AINSLIE PARK	64.3	112.8
WONGA PARK	70.3	104.7
BAYSWATER PARK	52.1	92.3
TEMPLETON	46.6	78.1
KNOX CITY	52.8	72.4
OLINDA	35.8	57.8

At the break, Wantirna South had a big lead, after winning every game to that point, whilst the remaining teams were all still in the hunt for a finals spot. Boronia came through with some great form while Ainslie Park and Wonga Park clung to the other finals places. Olinda will drop back a grade.

In the semi'e, Ainslie Park (8/264) was too good for Wonga Park (238) and Wantirna South (301) had a huge win over Boronia (116) to progress to the Grand Final. Boronia (163) went out in straight sets as Ainslie (8/165) won a closely fought preliminary final. Wantirna South (4/164) continued its dominating season, after having dismissed Ainslie Park (163), to record a convincing win and take the flag. This team will step up a grade next season.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Brendan Helme ©, Michael Jones (vc), Brendan Sharpe, Matthew Tynkkynen, Peter Symons, Ben Stow, Steven Gosden, Paul Riley, Daniel Connolly, Andrew Gellatly, Shaun Crow and Randeep Sahota (12th).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Paul Wilcock (APK) 479, Bryce McGrath (KNC) 370, Michael Jones (WSO) 365, Shawn Everitt (WOP) 342. Jamie Davison (APK) 316, Shane Larmour (WOP) 314.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Paul Dodd (BYP) 35, Josh Ingram (BOR) 32, Jarrad Cooke (APK) 29, Paul Doevelaar (WOP) 28, Daniel Connolly (WSO) 23.

E GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
LILYDALE	77.5	125.4
CROYDON RANGES	69.8	118.0
SCORESBY FERNDALE	75.3	114.3
MOOROOLBARK	60.3	109.1
MONTROSE	65.8	103.0
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	54.5	84.7
WANTIRNA SOUTH	44.8	84.6
ST ANDREWS	37.9	57.6

E GRADE (Cont'd)

An evenly matched grade, up until the Christmas break. Thereafter, five sides edged away with Montrose falling short at the death, which left Lilydale, Croydon Ranges, Scoresby Ferndale and Mooroolbark to fight for the spoils.

The semi's saw Mooroolbark go out, as they crashed (for 23) in pursuit of a small Scoresby Ferndale target (89), whilst Lilydale (189) had a big win over Ranges (71). Scoresby Ferndale (140) came up short in Preliminary which left Ranges (204) with another chance. The Grand Final went the same way as the semi-final with Lilydale (9/192) dismissing Ranges cheaply (72) and demonstrating that they were the best side and deserving premiers, for which they earn promotion to D grade next season.

Members of the premier team were as follows: A. Gillespie ©, Russell Cowan, Andrew Morris, Jeremy Cliff, Scott Cogan, Ben Civelli, Glenn Phelan, Mark Spencer, Craig Steele, A. Walton, Matthew Browell, Stephen Oxley and Bradley Hancock.

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

David Tilker (CRR) 453, Colin Groom (SDF) 386, Scott Adams (SWT) 383, Ray Page (MOO) 349, Richard Cutler (SWT) 325, Ben Civelli (LYD) 314.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Richard Cutler (SWT) 26, Edward Malin (CRR) 26, Chris Wullaert (SBF) 26, Antony Pedersen (STA) 23, Avinash Krishnan (WSO) 23, Tibor Feher (NRI) 22, Brett McKane (MTR) 21

F GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Rd 8 Pts	Rd 14 Pts
EAST RINGWOOD	88.8	138.8
NORTH RINGWOOD	70.1	129.5
WARRANTDYTE	70.1	118.3
WONGA PARK	52.9	110.7
WARRANWOOD	62.7	91.4
CROYDON NORTH	63.2	88.1
AINSLIE PARK	49.2	70.8
CHIRNSIDE PARK	23.4	56.4

After a fairly even pre Christmas competition, East Ringwood, North Ringwood, Warrantdyte and Wonga Park worked their way clear to occupy the finals spots.

Wonga Park (168 & 5/90) ousted Warrantdyte (89) and North Ringwood (223) accounted for East Ringwood (172) in the semi's. In a closely fought Preliminary, East Ringwood (7/231) bounced back to edge past Wonga Park (229). East Ringwood (120) struggled to mount a challenge in the Grand Final after North Ringwood had posted a big score (283). This commanding premiership victory earns the team promotion to E grade.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Matthew Hepburn ©, Mark Razdan, Danny Fantin, Matthew Nuttall, Andrew Gleeson, Tim Rule, Alex Simmons, Ben Lannen, Mark Dunk, Daniel Robinson, Sam Ridgwell and Brad Wilton (12th)

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Nigel Murray (WOP) 680, Peter Bail (WOP) 488, Alex Simmons (NRI) 419, Peter Wright (EAR) 417, Barry Dawson (EAR) 410, Danny Fantin (NRI) 402.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Adrian Trig WWD) 25, Matt Costello (EAR) 23, Sam Ridgwell (NRI) 21, John Prangley (WDT) 21, Lucas Shah (APK) 20, Jack Ellis (WDT) 20, Leigh Walles (APK) 20.

G GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
EASTFIELD	103.3	147.9
CHIRNSIDE PARK	88.5	141.0
NORTH RINGWOOD	84.6	125.0
BAYSWATER PARK	53.5	116.5
MOOROOLBARK	59.5	85.9
CROYDON RANGES	41.9	69.6
WANTIRNA	29.9	66.3
SOUTH CROYDON	31.9	52.3

As the season progressed, Eastfield and Chirnside Park demonstrated that they were clearly the sides to beat. North Ringwood and Bayswater Park finished a good margin back but were well clear of the remainder.

Bayswater Park (171) was eliminated by North Ringwood (272) and Eastfield (201 & 1/45) prevailed over Chirnside Park (167 & 8/171) to proceed to Grand Final. North Ringwood (46) crashed dismally, in pursuit of a small target (101), which gave Chirnside Park another opportunity. In the game that counted, Chirnside Park came up with the goods as they protected a mediocre score (144) by dismissing Eastfield (108) to claim the flag. The Chirnside Park F Grade side finished at the foot of the table so the club will, next season, still have teams in F and G grades.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Darren Cameron ©, Mal Grift, Simon O'Donnell, Cameron O'Donnell, Adam Best, Grattan Stephens, Jason Cahill, Craig Barbour, John Caulfield, Ryan Gromadovski, Adam Peterson and Timothy Nickolds.

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Renato Paciocco (MOO) 582, Cameron O'Donnell (CSP) 536, Wayne Nelson (ESF) 482, Adam Best (CSP) 458, Bill Stafford (CRR) 395, Andrew Gleeson (NRI) 388, Paul Adams (ESF) 383.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Adam Best (CSP) 30, Grattan Stephens (CSP) 23, Carl Dikschei (NRI) 22, Thomas Feher (NRI) 21, Steve Howard (CRR) 21, Chris Gibson (BYP) 20, Jim Cheshire (BYP) 20.

H GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
KILSYTH	84.9	145.1
MONTROSE	88.1	138.6
TEMPLETON	70.6	137.8
CROYDON RANGES	79.2	105.4
CROYDON NORTH	40.5	84.1
LILYDALE	52.1	77.7
NORWOOD	40.2	74.0
OLINDA	27.3	51.2

H GRADE (Cont'd)

This was another grade where the finalists had established themselves prior to the break. Kilsyth, Montrose and Templeton all finished with 10 wins. Croydon Ranges clung to 4th spot but was ousted (89) by Templeton (2/92) on first day of semi-final whilst Kilsyth (9/319) had a big win over Montrose (143) to go through to Grand Final. Templeton ((1/195) then continued their great form to easily eliminate Montrose (188) but unfortunately saved their worst until last (68) as Kilsyth (2/120) recorded a very easy premiership victory and thus earn promotion to G grade.

Members of the premier team were as follows: David O'Donnell ©, Colin Clavan, Craig Downie, Clinton Nanscawen, John Ladson, Ben Nicoll, Robert Rich, Jarrod McPhee, Robert Hutchings, Stuart Gibb, Travis Tyszkiewicz, Daniel Stapelfeldt and Matthew Bruton.

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Ian Spencer (CRR) 479, Barry Mealings (TMP) 449, Jarrod McPhee (KIL) 430, Craig Downie (KIL) 385, Carl Duncan (CRR) 384, Robert Rich (KIL) 368, Dean Gascoyne (TMP) 355.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Rob Hutchings (KIL) 30, Peter Meade (MTR) 28, Barry Mealings (TMP) 25, Damien Burgess (MTR) 24, Travis Tyszkiewicz (KIL) 21, Dean Gascoyne (TMP) 20.

I GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
WARRANWOOD	79.0	132.0
BORONIA	67.5	127.7
NORTH RINGWOOD	78.1	126.3
ST ANDREWS	78.9	118.7
WANTIRNA SOUTH	44.2	77.8
BAYSWATER PARK	48.9	75.9
TEMPLETON	37.5	71.2
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	41.8	69.7

The finalists had established a clear break by midway and the post Christmas period was a matter of establishing positions. Warranwood claimed top spot but Boronia appeared the form side as it won every game after the break. North Ringwood and St Andrews were close up with all appearing a possibility to claim the main prize.

St Andrews (9/216) went out to North Ringwood (8/221) in a very tight game and Warranwood (7/318) went through with a big win over Boronia (9/208). In a closely fought Preliminary final, Boronia (5/217) kept North Ringwood (201) at bay to earn another crack. Runs were hard to come by in the Grand Final, as Warranwood (110) struggled past a meagre Boronia tally (69) to claim the premiership and thus move to H grade next season.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Dale Gilson ©, Gary Semple, Brady Sharp, Matthew Paull, Jim Pumpa, David Perry, Danika Rajapaksa, Scott Turner, Dion Paull, Drew Semple, Chris Turner and Martin Keuken.

Leading run-getters (inc. finals) were:

Brett Cairns (STA) 624, Mark Cairns (STA) 527, Paul Conheady (NRI) 500, Shane Cairns (STA) 441, Rommie Redlich (NRI) 331, Brian Livingstone (BOR) 329, David Taggart (WSO) 325.

Leading wicket-takers were:

David Taggart (WSO) 26, Scott Turner (WWD) 25, Warwick Knight (STA) 25, B. Hillard (BOR) 22, Rod Stuart (NRI) 22, Mark Cairns (STA) 21, Dion Paull (WWD) 21

J GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
EAST RINGWOOD	86.6	146.1
AINSLIE PARK	73.9	121.1
MONTROSE	84.7	112.8
KNOX CITY	59.9	109.0
WANTIRNA SOUTH	49.3	104.4
WONGA PARK	49.4	89.9
NORWOOD	46.7	62.8
SCORESBY FERNDALE	17.4	33.3

East Ringwood was at the top for most of the season. Ainslie Park was thereabouts whilst Montrose, after a great pre Christmas effort, fell away but clung to third and Knox City snuck a finals place, over Wantirna South, with an outright win in last game.

Montrose (1/116) easily eliminated Knox City (109) and East Ringwood (2/197) marched into the Grand Final with an emphatic win over Ainslie Park (193). Montrose (6/248) continued the good work to eliminate Ainslie Park (96) but could not repeat the effort (171) against East Ringwood (242), who comfortably claimed the flag to earn promotion to I grade..

Members of the premier team were as follows: Danny Black ©, Blair Catlin, Stuart Collings, Mark Jackson, Rean Mulder, James Crowle, Ben Gorfine, Tom Gavens, Jed Pullen, Shane Rixham, Matthew Katoa and James Potter.

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Daniel Black (EAR) 630, Stuart Collings (EAR) 512, Mark Jackson (EAR) 453, Blair Caitlin (EAR) 340, Ray Newman (KNC) 330, Paul Barnes (WSO) 323, Warrick Dickson (WOP) 316.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Shane Rixham (EAR) 27, Peter Michaux (WSO) 23, Shaun Tolliday (WSO) 21, Ben Matthews (WOP) 21, David Clarkson (MTR) 20.

K GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
WARRANTYTE	93.9	152.3
OLINDA	73.8	140.4
KILSYTH	55.9	119.4
WANTIRNA	71.3	109.6
WARRANWOOD	63.8	101.0
CROYDON RANGES	52.9	85.1
MOOROOLBARK	49.6	66.7
NORTH RINGWOOD	36.1	60.7

K GRADE (cont'd)

Warrandyte and Olinda held the top two spots for the most part. Kilsyth won every game after the break to come through to third whilst Wantirna hung on to claim the other finals place.

The latter (218) went out to Kilsyth (337) in semi, with Warrandyte (7/312) earning the week off with a comfortable win over Olinda (208) who then bounced back (9/314) with a big win over Kilsyth (171) in Prelim. The Grand Final was a close tussle but Warrandyte (7/170) chased down Olinda (169) to claim the premiership and earn promotion.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Graham Rees ©, Geoff Zach, Tull Grieve, Josh McKellar, James Logan, Adam Maltman, Josh Eyre, Eric Blyth-Elvin, Daniel Barry, Alex McIntosh, Chris Carver and John Barry (12th)

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Shane Colee (OLI) 579, Craig Jennings (OLI) 575, Darren Evans (WAN) 570, Malcolm Moyes (WWD) 433, Tulloch Grieve (WDT) 432, Jeffrey Matthews (MOO) 422, Brendan Ryan (WWD) 419, Glenn Taylor (OLI) 414.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Adam Gawronski (OLI) 33, Kevin Brickley (OLI) 26, Jerry Coe (WAN) 24, Josh McKellar (WDT) 22, Paul Barker (WWD) 22, Darren Evans (WAN) 21, Graham Rees (WDT) 21.

L GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
NORTH RINGWOOD	75.8	138.0
CROYDON NORTH	89.1	132.5
WARRANWOOD	71.7	123.4
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	55.4	102.1
MONTROSE	65.0	101.4
EAST RINGWOOD	51.6	90.2
SOUTH CROYDON	40.8	63.4
WARRANDYTE	7.2	24.5

North Ringwood and Croydon North alternated in top two spots for most of the season with Warranwood not far behind. Sth Warrandyte snuck fourth, from Montrose, with an outright in the last round.

Warranwood (270) sent Sth Warrandyte (117) packing and Croydon North (249) progressed comfortably to G/F over Ainslie Park (178). North Ringwood (7/208) earned another crack, with a big Prelim win over Warranwood (110). Croydon North (4/104) claimed the flag in easy fashion after dismissing North Ringwood for 96..

Members of the premier team were as follows: Shane Harrop ©, Steven Coombe, Anthony Byrnes, Robert Milton, Stuart McLean, Josh Grimwood, Ryan Toohey, Matthew Jackson, Grant Rawson, Matthew Carson, Nick Grey, Rob Sandy and Andrew Milton.

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

Stuart McLean (CNT) 530, Steven Wright (NRI) 478, Stephen Anderton (WWD) 475, Paul Hewer (EAR) 428, Anthony Sharp (WWD) 395, Joel Fenton (NRI) 363, Andrew Hall (SWT) 358

Leading wicket-takers were:

Ryan Toohey (CNT) 26, Tom Hall (SWT) 21, Nicholas Gray (CNT) 18, Stephen Anderton (WWD) 18, Geoffrey Biggs (MTR) 17.

M GRADE

TEAM (after round)	Pts Rd 8	Pts Rd 14
NORTH RINGWOOD	86.4	144.0
EASTFIELD	83.4	136.6
OLINDA	62.5	112.2
ST ANDREWS	74.8	111.0
CROYDON RANGES	73.2	108.2
CROYDON NORTH	72.2	104.7
AINSLIE PARK	72.0	96.2
MOOROOLBARK	51.3	71.1
LILYDALE	23.7	57.5

This grade started with 7 teams but became 11, from Rd 4, when it was amalgamated with N Grade (which originally had 6). A further withdrawal after Rd 6 and another after Rd 8 saw teams inconvenienced with forfeits and a Bye. When all was settled after the break, North Ringwood and Eastfield established themselves in top two spots and they were joined in the finals by Olinda and St Andrews.

In the Semi's, the latter (197) went out to Olinda (7/235) and North Ringwood (282) went straight through over Eastfield (177). Olinda (197) came up short against Eastfield (237) in the Preliminary which resulted in a Grand Final rematch between North Ringwood and Eastfield. In a reversal of earlier final, Eastfield protected a score of 107 (and 3/116) to defeat North Ringwood (78) to take the premiership.

Members of the winning team were as follows: Steve Payne ©, Dave Brown, Scott Andrew, Bradd Hill, David Spafford, Philip Paisley, Chris Ozols, Adam Condie, Bruce Ross, Jarrod Bell, Stephen Walsh, Jeremy Ozols, Matthew Holland and Chris Edyvane.

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were:

John Decoite (OLI) 555, Steve Payne (ESF), David Meadows (OLI) 427, Scott Andrew (ESF) 308.

Leading wicket-takers were:

Adam Condie (ESF) 24, Paddy Gautam (LYD) 22, Stephen Walsh (ESF) 21, Andrew Shorthouse (NRI) 21.

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2006/07

Wonga Park	31	(4)	Bayswater Park	12	(1)
East Ringwood	26	(5)	South Warrandyte	11	(5)
Mooroolbark	25	(8)	Wantirna	10	(2)
Croydon North	23	(9)	Boronia	8	(0)
Wantirna South	22	(2)	Ferntree Gully	7	(3)
Templeton	21	(3)	South Croydon	7	(3)
Croydon Ranges	19*	(4)	Eastfield	6	(2)
Kilsyth	19	(1)	Scoresby Ferndale	6*	(1)
Ainslie Park	18	(2)	Knox City	5	(2)
St Andrews	17	(4)	Olinda	4	(2)
North Ringwood	16	(5)	Aquinas Old Collegians	3	(3)
Montrose	16	(4)	Croydon	3	(0)
Norwood	16	(3)	Knox Churches	1	(1)
Warranwood	14*	(4)			
Warrandyte	13	(3)			
Chirnside Park	12	(4)			
Lilydale	12	(2)			

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 Ferndale totals include premierships won by Scoresby.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The calculation is based on wins per team (all grades included) with various points ratios for the grades.

Whilst all clubs are included, it is difficult to win Club Championship unless a club has at least 4 teams.

Essentially, the bulk of the points are earned through teams from Chandler through to F grade.

Prior to commencement of this season the Rule relative to calculation formula was amended and points per win are now as follows: Chandler (6), Wilkins (4), Newey, A & B (3), C-F (2) and others (0.5)

The WINNER for 2006/07 was	Templeton	111.00
followed by	North Ringwood	110.75
	Wantirna South	96.50
	Wonga Park	87.00

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Chandler	Gareth Taylor	(North Ringwood)
Steve Pascoe Medal – Wilkins Cup	Ben Beech	(Bayswater Park)
Stuart Newey Medal – Newey Plate	Marc Steiner	(Chirnside Park)

AWARD WINNERS

ALL STAR TEAM

Chad Rogers © (SWT)	38 wickets 296 runs – finals participant
Mark Unternahrer (KIL)	448 runs 38 wickets – finals participant
Jason Disney (TMP)	505 runs 11 wickets – finals participant
Gareth Taylor (NRI)	681 runs
John Taylor (WOP)	498 runs
Rob Arbuckle (CNT)	561 runs – finals participant
Ryan Hill (CNT)	458 runs – finals participant
Travis Degenhardt (TMP)	31 wickets – finals participant
Jason Watts (WWD)	32 wickets
Stephen Alderton (KIL)	529 runs – finals participant
Eugene Kommisarenko (CNT)	39 wickets – finals participant

BATTING and BOWLING AVERAGES

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

M Grade	Bowling	Paddy Gautam (LYD) (best 5/36, 4/24)	22 wkts @ 9.45
	Batting	David Meadows (OLI) (2/50's, 2/100's – best 106no)	354 runs @ 70.80
L Grade	Bowling	Ryan Toohy (CNT) (took 3 wickets on 4 occasions)	* 19 wkts @ 14.26
	Batting	Stuart McLean (CNT) (3/50's, 1/100 – best 164)	491 runs @ 70.14
K Grade	Bowling	Adam Gawronski (OLI) (best 5/17, 5/57)	31 wkts @ 12.65
	Batting	Craig Jennings (OLI) (3/50's, 2/100's – best 143)	537 runs @ 59.67
J Grade	Bowling	Shaun Tolliday (WSO) (best 4/62)	21 wkts @ 13.71
	Batting	Darren Roth (MTR) (2/50's - best 90no)	251 runs @ 83.67
I Grade	Bowling	David Taggart (WSO) (best 5/71)	27 wkts @ 13.67
	Batting	Brett Cairns (STA) (4/50's, 1/100 – best 142)	613 runs @ 87.57
H Grade	Bowling	Robert Hutchings (KIL) (best 4/12, 4/26)	23 wkts @ 9.22
	Batting	Jarrold McPhee (KIL) (1/50, 2/100's)	335 runs @ 83.75
G Grade	Bowling	Carl Dickshei (NRI) (best 5/20)	21 wkts @ 12.38
	Batting	Wayne Nelson (ESF) (4/50's, 1/100 – best 135)	505 runs @ 80.33

F Grade	Bowling	Adrian Trigt (WWD) (best 6/25, 4/10, 4/11)	25 wkts @ 14.44
	Batting	Nigel Murray (WOP) (4/50's, 1/100 – best 118)	562 runs @ 56.20
E Grade	Bowling	Brett McKane (MTR) (best 4/21)	21 wkts @ 12.76
	Batting	Richard Cutler (SWT) (1/50, 1/100 – best 140)	315 runs @ 45.00
D Grade	Bowling	Josh Ingram (BOR) best 6/18, 6/50, 5/56 in Semi)	25 wkts @ 10.72
	Batting	Paul Wilcock (APK) (4/50's – best 81)	377 runs @ 47.13
C Grade	Bowling	Kevin Girola (WAN) (best 5/21, 4/12)	29 wkts @ 7.79
	Batting	Geoff Chamberlain (WOP) (5/50's, 2/100's – best 139)	720 runs @ 72.00
B Grade	Bowling	Brendan Trump (BYP) (Best 6/59, 5/19)	28 wkts @ 14.29
	Batting	Daniel Wellesley (WDT) (1/50, 2/100's – best 171no).	479 runs @ 79.83
A Grade	Bowling	Scott Anderson (TMP) (best 7/55, 5/35)	27 wkts @ 12.11
	Batting	Brett Gibb (TMP) (2/50's – best 89no)	294 runs @ 49.00
Newey Plate	Bowling	Jason Dines (WOP) (best 6/24)	20 wkts @ 11.55
	Batting	Simon Bowyer (ESF) (6/50's, 2/100's – best 156no)	750 runs @ 83.33
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Chris Snaidero (NOW) (best 6/6, 6/22)	30 wkts @ 11.23
	Batting	Ben Beech (BYP) (4/50's, 2/100's – best 114no)	659 runs @ 54.92
Chandler Shield	Bowling	Jason Watts (WWD) (best 6/24, 5/39)	32 wkts @ 13.72
	Batting	Gareth Taylor (NRI) (3/50's, 3/100's – best 138no)	681 runs @ 85.12

* L Grade Bowling awarded to player with most wickets and best average, despite not meeting all criteria.

Most Promising Under 21 player

Marcus Adams

Bayswater Park

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Newey: Simon Bowyer (ESF) – 820 points (750 runs, 1 assisted wicket, 4 catches and 4 stumpings)

Wilkins: Andrew Downs (NOW) – 935 points (590 runs, 9 unassisted, 14 assisted wickets, 8 catches, 2 run out assists and one direct hit)

Chandler: Mark Unternahrer (KIL) – 918 points (443 runs, 20 unassisted, 15 assisted wickets and 5 catches).

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2006/07

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

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS 2006/07

	UNDER 18	UNDER 16	UNDER 14	UNDER 12
1	Blackburn Green	Croydon North	Warranwood	Croydon Ranges
2		Warranwood	Wonga Park	Boronia
3		Olinda	Warrandyte	Wonga Park
4		Kilsyth	South Warrandyte	Croydon Nth/Warranwood (tie)
5				Heathmont

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Versus Eastern Cricket Association (at Silcock Reserve) - Chandler squad

**Cam Parker (C)
Rob Arbuckle
Luke Robertson
John Taylor
John O'Donnell
Ryan Hill
Mark Unternahrer
Danny Lear
Chad Rogers
Dan Turner
Bryn Griffiths
Jason Watts**

ECA batted first and a second ball wicket to Griffiths slowed procedures so when Clift, the danger man from last year, departed early from Turner's first ball it looked good for the home side. Steady batting saw them reach a modest total (8/167). Best bowling came from Unternahrer, with 3 late wickets for 24, Rogers snared a couple of early wickets and Watts, Griffiths and Turner picked up one each. RDCA batting began with Arbuckle looking to win in 20 overs and Robertson joining in the fun and taking 59 off 15 overs. At 1/105 it looked like a cruise in the park but Arbuckle was next to go for 40 and a slump saw us at 6/119 and needing to steady. Lear (16), Parker (18) and Rogers (11 n.o.) saw us through for a very good win in only 30 overs.

Versus Eastern Cricket Association at Silcock Reserve - Wilkins/Newey squad

**AndyWu (C)
Scott Hill
Ben Beech
Matt Parker
Eamon Costello
Rob Henderson
Michael Helman
Marcus Adams
Anthony Dykes
Marc Steiner
Matthew Sazenis
Matthew Peisley**

A depleted but keen RDCA side was put in to bat and made a respectable 162. Openers Wu (28) and Beech (20) started well then Helman (42) and Adams (24) made valuable contributions, with all others in single figures. ECA batted steadily when their turn came. Adams capped off a great match with 3 wickets to keep things interesting until a couple of well struck boundaries with a couple of overs to go brought about a sudden end (5/163) to a good game of cricket. Sazenis and Hill took one apiece to complete the picture for the RDCA.

NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

The following players represented the association:

Marcus Adams	Bayswater Park	Ash Parsons	Chirnside Park
Stuart Lane	Chirnside Park	Daniel Gauci	Croydon Ranges
Matt Kershaw	East Ringwood	Paul Flynn	East Ringwood
Brodie Ried	Knox City	Matt Stoikos	Nth Ringwood
David Beagley	Nth Ringwood	Leigh Rigby	Nth Ringwood
Ben Lannen	Nth Ringwood	Luke Ridgwell	Nth Ringwood
John Cunningham	Scoresby/Ferndale	Josh Barrett	South Warrandyte
Chris Jones	South Warrandyte	Glyn James	Sth Croydon
Blake Morgan	Warrandyte	Luke Raggett	Warranwood
Todd Cordwell	Warranwood	Luke Barker	Wonga Park

This season saw the above 20 players represent the RDCA in the Under 21 competition during December 2006. Three games were played against Western Suburbs, Moreland/Moonee Valley and Mercantile cricket associations, with good results.

The opening game was played at the Camberwell Oval with RDCA batting first and posting 7 for 183 off its 45 overs. Matt Stoikos (52), Daniel Gauci (30) and Luke Barker (42 off 30 balls) leading the way. Tight fielding and bowling restricted Western Suburbs to be all out for 169. Best of the bowlers were Luke Ridgwell (2 for 10 off 9 overs), Chris Jones (2 for 26) and Glynn James (2 for 26).

The second game was played at Bayswater Oval where Moreland/Moonee Valley were off to a flying start but RDCA was able to reign the total back to 8 for 178 off the 45 overs. Marcus Adams was the stand out bowler with 5 for 26. In reply, RDCA could only manage 139 all out with Luke Barker making 33 and Daniel Gauci 24.

Going into game 3, we needed to win well to possibly play off in the final. Mercantile won the toss and batted, at Ringwood Oval, and were 6 for 171 at the end of their allotted overs. Glynn James (2 for 31) and Ben Lannen (2 for 41) were the best of the bowlers. RDCA was able to overhaul the total with a score of 8 for 172. Marcus Adams scored 68, David Beagley (27) and Matt Stoikos (21) gave us the victory but unfortunately, we had lost 3 too many wickets in doing so and missed out on making the final, on percentage.

The large squad of 20 players represented 13 clubs and were very well led by Josh Barrett from South Warrandyte and David Beagley from North Ringwood. Many players gained valuable experience at representative level which will hold them in good stead at club level. I look forward to next season, with many of the same group available, in the hope that we can go one better.

**Kevin Newman.
Manager/Coach**

CHARITY MATCH

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

20/20 game played at Hughes Park (Croydon North) on Wednesday 7 February 2007

On a cool and overcast evening at Hughes Park, the RDCA All Stars took on Ringwood in the Annual Charity 20/20 game, this year in aid of the Ringwood Area Lions Aged Care.

The RDCA won the toss and batted and were off to a flying start as Andy Wu square cut a 6 from the first (no) ball of the game. The score board ticked along at a quick rate with the score at 2/100 from the first 10 overs. Robbie Arbuckle, with 71 from 46 balls, and John Taylor (37 from 14) together with Brendan Ricci (27) laid a strong foundation but some late wickets limited the score to 192 from the 20 overs. Drew McKay, Brent Gale and Daniel King all took a wicket for Ringwood and were well supported by Matt Newman, who took two. The star of the Ringwood bowlers however was David King who took 4/16 (from 4 overs) and he bowled superbly. The fielding and throwing of the Ringwood team was excellent and set a standard that the RDCA team would strive to emulate.

Ringwood were off to a shaky start with the loss of Hagan Shakespeare and Sean Flynn (to an excellent Arbuckle slips catch) but David King completed a great game with 54 from 47 balls. Matt Gale (27) and Sean Humphries (13 n.o.) provided some support however the RDCA bowling and fielding kept the pressure on to restrict Ringwood to 7/150 at the close. Cam Rogers and Danny Lear each took 2 wickets and were well supported by Travis Degenhardt, Ben Spencer Dan Turner and, wicketless, skipper Mark Unternahrer.

A well deserved win to the RDCA team and excellent entertainment for the large crowd.

We must thank the Ringwood club and players for their continued support of this annual event and thanks and congratulations to the RDCA All Stars on a great victory. Thanks to our umpires, Graeme Lloyd and Rebecca Denton, scorer Barry Purse and all at Croydon North for a tremendous effort in hosting this special game.

Of course we must also thank the following sponsors for their contributions:

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SCORECARD

RDCA innings

A. Wu	c Newman b B Gale	10
R. Arbuckle	c McKay b Newman	71
B. Ricci	b David King	27
J. Taylor	b Newman	37
M. Parker	c Flynn b McKay	10
T. Degenhardt	c Flynn b Daniel King	0
M.Unternahrer	c Rawson b David King	12
B. Spencer	c Daniel King b David King	4
C. Rogers	run out	5
D. Lear	c M Gale b David King	1
D. Beagley	not out	1
D Turner		
Extras		14
Total		192

Bowling: D. McKay 3.3-1/32, B.Gale 2-1/13, B. Osborne 3-0/36, David.King 3-4/16, M.King 2-0/13, Daniel King 3-1/44, S. Flynn 1-0/15 and M. Newman 2-2/15

Ringwood innings

S. Flynn	c Arbuckle b Spencer	12
H. Shakespeare	c Beagley b Degenhardt	10
David King	c Lear b Turner	54
B. Osborne	b Rogers	7
M. Gale	c Ricci b Rogers	21
D. Rawson	c Rogers b Lear	11
M. King	c Rogers b Lear	8
S. Humphries	not out	13
Daniel King	not out	7
B. Gale		
M. Newman		
D. McKay		
Extras		7
Total		7/150

Bowling: T. Degenhardt 4-1/24, B Spencer 3-1/28, C. Rogers 4-2/21, D. Turner 4-1/25, D. Lear 2-2/21 and M.Unternahrer 3-0/25