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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My first season as President of the RDCA was both rewarding and a learning curve. There were a lot of people to meet and many clubs to talk to.

On behalf of the Board of Management (BOM) I would like to thank all the volunteers at both club and Association level for all the tireless work everyone dedicates week in and week out. This enthusiasm for cricket in our local community is what makes the RDCA such a great Association to be a part of.

I feel very fortunate that the transition from Club President to Association President was relatively easy thanks to taking over from Ian Dench, who along with the Board of Management have implemented a structure that seems to work very well.

Possibly my greatest challenge during the season was being the President of the Association whilst still playing Saturday and some Sundays. I believe it has been some time since the RDCA President was also an active player and it certainly made for some interesting discussion during matches.

It was a new Board of Management team with Sean Flynn representing the juniors, Graeme Seymour becoming the Finance Manager and myself taking on the President role.

Much of the year was about finding our feet and considering what has been done in the past and where we would like to see the RDCA go in the future. Thank you to Sean and Graeme, as well Ian Spencer, Chris Allan and Pat Meehan, whose knowledge and prior experience we referred to regularly.

Thank you to our Association sponsors. To Paul Attfield (Saxon Sports), Michael Sukkar (Federal member for Deakin), David Hodgett (State member for Croydon), Rowan Alexander (Mooroolbark Community Bank), Colin Sharpe (Ringwood East Community Bank), Mark Challen (Warrandyte Community Bank) and Kookaburra Sports, your support is greatly appreciated.

Junior Committee

Our junior numbers rose by 12 teams this season. Most of this growth is at the lower age groups with our under 12 comp growing strongly.

Our under 16 comp only had 17 teams in two divisions. This is the lowest number it has been for some years. In the 2003/04 season we had 32 teams across four divisions, so in the 11 seasons since then we have dropped 15 teams or around 170 participants.

We are hoping the increase in Under12s will resolve that in years to come. We all know how important this is as it filters through to senior ranks.

The introduction of a ball count, in lieu of a certain score, for retirement purposes should assist with the RDCA's player retention strategy and the feedback after its first season is very encouraging. We believe there is a plan to expand the ball count into the under 14 age group next season but this decision will be made by the clubs.

Well done to Sean and his junior committee for all they achieved this season.

Senior Committee

This season the Senior Section comprised of 126 teams, three less than last season. For the four split innings grades the operating guidelines were incorporated as part of the senior rules.

With positive feedback from players in these grades, some clubs have expressed a desire to put additional teams in these grades for next season, as well as the possibility of extending this format further up the grades.

Player behaviour, particularly towards umpires, is still a major concern to both the Senior Committee and the Umpires Association as it results in the loss of good experienced umpires. More effort is needed from the clubs themselves to reduce this problem.

The Metropolitan cricket scene may change over the next two years with the recent release by Cricket Victoria of the Melbourne Metropolitan Turf Task Force Report with the possible formation of five new Metropolitan Leagues to replace all turf associations below Premier Cricket. The report also devolves the responsibilities of the VMCU and the current Regional Cricket Committees to these new bodies. What this means to the non-turf associations, such as the RDCA, is still uncertain at this stage.

Thank you to Pat and your committee for the time and effort you continue to put in each season.

Umpires Association

One major milestone was achieved regarding games umpired when Tony Gawne reached 100 games. Congratulations Tony.

The Umpires Association has been working hard at increasing panel numbers and expertise and, while there were a few hiccups during the season, the general marks awarded by captains in their reports increased to 81.5%, up by 1% on previous year.

Panel numbers were perhaps the highest we have ever had but, with not all available for every match and the 2 umpire policy introduced this season (to be reviewed before 2015-16), the concern was that we were unable to provide official umpires for the top four grades.

The Umpires Association is still looking for more recruits for next season and have noted that recruits with recent playing experience have assimilated easily to umpiring ranks and risen quickly to the top echelon. Club assistance in promoting umpiring to retiring players will help in our recruitment.

Many players still lack a full knowledge of the Laws of Cricket and it has been disappointing that no Clubs took up the offer of a short address by RDCAUA representatives on major Laws / match management and very few individuals completed the RDCA Club Umpire Accreditation course.

Well done to Steve Pascoe and your committee for all your hard work, which is no doubt one of the toughest and thankless roles in the RDCA.

Veterans Committee

We continue to have stable numbers in Over40's, 50s and 60s. The Veterans Committee is looking to eradicate "byes" and is working on the heat policy, particularly for finals.

The Over 50's will continue to play in Box Hill competition as there are enough teams for 4 graded divisions.

Playing O.40's grand finals side by side has proven very successful.

Three of five representative teams were successful in games against Ferntree Gully and Box Hill Associations. The Vets Committee are looking at a 20/20 round robin next year that would also include the Diamond Valley Association.

Thank you to Daryl and your committee for your efforts this past season.

Clubs

Thank you to all the clubs for attending the Presidents meeting and contributing to our future direction.

In the off season the BOM and Strategic Planning Committee has continued to work on the recommendations and implement what we can prior to the season starting.

It is really important that we have strong clubs with strong ties to your local community in order to keep attracting players to each club. The strategic planning committee will certainly consider how the RDCA can assist.

Communications

This season we introduced the RDCA APP. We will continue to encourage everyone to make use of the APP over the coming season.

The Board will also consider the effectiveness of social media and what resources we can add to increase our communications.

Thanks to Roger Copeland and Timothy Court for assisting in this area.

Finally, thank you to everyone who offered their support and words of encouragement during my first year as RDCA President. I look forward to the opportunity of continuing in the future and building on what we achieved during 2014/15.

Dale Gilson

SENIOR COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

My fourth season as senior secretary proved to be more challenging than expected.

At the start of the season increased team numbers were promising but the decisions by clubs to withdraw teams up until Christmas meant many forfeited games, required several fixture adjustments and ultimately created a 'bye' round in 'I' grade. Twelve (12) player's were reported for poor behaviour and three tribunal hearings were convened. Ainslie Park's main Oval was unplayable, all season, due to being redeveloped, ground issues at East Ringwood, Cheong Park, Colman Park, Stintons Reserve and Templeton Reserve, later in the season, meant that these venues were not available for Preliminary or Grand Finals.

The season circulars were less, but more detailed, and information continued to be posted on the RDCA website. We introduced the RDCA APP for Smartphone's and utilised this technology to disseminate information. In the off season we will review this communication method and how it can be improved. No rounds were abandoned due to adverse weather, although some games were called off due to unplayable ground conditions and our revised Heat Policy was not tested. The lack of severe heat this season meant that most grounds remained in good condition and playing days were comfortable.

The success of any organisation is dependent on good communication and my thanks to all 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 continue in the role.

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

The Senior Committee for season 2014/15 met 11 times and comprised the following members; Pat Meehan (Chair), Gregor Mason (Secretary), Stuart Minetti, Steve Pascoe, Roger Copeland, Brett McKane, Matt Thomas, Michael Finn and Tony Gawne. We also welcomed Marc Steiner and Marco DAMico to the committee.

The modified rules were incorporated as Rule 115 and were applicable to the lowest four grades of our competition. Whilst there were occasions of confusion with certain situations the concept of this format has continued to gain support and helped retain players.

Ainslie Park's main oval was redeveloped by Maroondah Council and Griff Hunt was used as their home ground. Fairhills Secondary College was unplayable during the season due to the need to install gates to protect the school grounds and consequently a new synthetic could not be installed, finding suitable spare grounds for Wantirna South's home games was required.

My thanks to Ian Spencer for liaising and meeting with council officers as required during the season.

Initial team numbers were 137, which was an improvement on last season and an encouraging situation, however, we ended up with 126 teams, had to drop 'L' grade, merging those teams into other grades and had a BYE round in 'I' grade.

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

Ground shortages for Saturday teams remain a problem in most council's. For Knox and Maroondah councils they will allow new teams but they must play on Sundays. There were a couple of instances where this deterred a club from entering a new team this season. Scoresby Ferndale continued to have a Sunday schedule for one of their teams.

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

The Saxon Sports 20/20 competition format was increased to five rounds plus finals and this was a positive change. Thanks to Michael Finn for organising and to Paul Attfield for his Saxon Sport sponsorship. Congratulations to Montrose and Mooroolbark for making it through to the 20/20 grand final, with Montrose winning the Saxon Sports 20/20 premiership for 2014/15. The game was played at Mooroolbark Heights Reserve.

Montrose CC went on to compete in the Outer East T20 competition, representing the RDCA, and won, a first for the RDCA.

The Charity T20 against Ringwood Cricket Club was again hosted by the Ringwood CC and played at Jubilee Park on 24 November 2014. No charity was supported this year. Thanks to Marc Steiner for his effort to co-ordinate this event, to David Johnson who captained our team and Ringwood CC who provided the facilities. Ringwood CC 7/139 defeated RDCA 3/119.

The T20 Challenge event (RDCA v ECA v BHRDCA) was hosted by the RDCA at Kimberley Reserve on 8 February. Thanks to Marc Steiner for co-ordinating this event and to David Johnson, Marcus Adams and Paul Attfield for their assistance. Thanks also to Chirnside Park CC for allowing the use of their facilities and the hospitality they provided.

In the T20 challenge, Jake Cairns (St Andrews CC) took a Hat-trick, which was a first for the RDCA and as such Jake was presented with a trophy on Presentation night.

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 death of Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes on 27 November 2014 was a shock to many of us but the club/player tributes were with bats and hats and #408 being painted onto grounds was a fitting tribute.

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

The Trollope Grand Final was held at Kimberley Reserve #1, Wilkins Cup was at Montrose Reserve, Newey Plate at Exner Reserve and Pascoe Shield at Benson Oval.

On behalf of the senior committee thank you to all the clubs who hosted finals at their venue and in some instances the away team for assisting the designated home team with facilities and equipment.

The modified Rules grades played only knockout Semi Finals then Grand Finals due to a rule change at last year's AGM.

Congratulations to all grade winners, 11 different clubs out of the 15 grades were premierships winners, the same stats as the past two seasons but no club gained more than two premierships. Lilydale, Kilsyth, North Ringwood and Scoresby Ferndale won two (2) each.

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

Best and Fairest winners were as follows:

The Bill Dean Medal	Lincoln Wong	(Templeton)	17 votes
The Bill Wilkins Medal	Steve Lindsay	(Sth Warrandyte)	16 votes
The Stuart Newey Medal	Mikel Greenough	(Olinda)	18 votes
The Steve Pascoe Medal	Bruce Sansom	(Norwood)	10 votes

Our Presentation night was again held at Dorset Gardens Hotel on Friday 10 April and attendance was again very good with the night's formalities completed by 10.15pm.

Thanks to Justin Nelson who was again our MC and ensured a smooth flow to the program. This was the start of our new three year deal with The Dorset Gardens Hotel and thanks to Tony and Maree Gawne for all their effort with the preparations for the night and Roger Copeland for the computer graphics.

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

Gregor Mason

REGISTRATION SECRETARY and MYCRICKET ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Another Season has come and gone and we all are a little older and wiser, with this in mind our clubs useage of My Cricket continues to improve.

Clubs who have struggled with MyCricket in previous seasons have improved and are to be congratulated on their progress in this area.

Season 2014/15 saw 171 clearances (Senior and Junior) processed into the RDCA or around RDCA clubs and 278 transfers into the RDCA from other Associations.

Many clubs in the RDCA have started to score their higher grades with the MyCricket scorer app which provides a great way of not only double checking their manual scorebook but also provides players and supporters with those all important statistics and live scores.

No doubt, Cricket Australia will continue to make improvements to MyCricket across the system, including the scorer app, which will be of great benefit to all.

In the coming season, I encourage you to identify your MyCricket helpers early and spread the workload.

Enter team lists early and use MyCricket to advise your players of the selected teams via the MyCricket email/SMS system or your own club's website or social media avenues.

Congratulations to those clubs who were successful in 2014/15, to all award winners and best wishes to all for season 2015/16.

Roger Copeland

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

The season commenced on a positive note with nine (9) new umpires, including a 17 year old aspiring to be a career umpire, joining the ranks, making it a start total of 45 active members. The pleasing part was that 7 of the new members have had an extended time in playing cricket, making the transition to umpiring much easier. As in past years, however, the biggest challenge for the Selectors was getting the majority of umpires on the field at any one time.

The Executive continues to work hard in increasing the panel numbers and importantly their expertise. Whilst there were a few performance issues to deal with during the season the overall bench mark for umpires improved based on the captain reports received, however this does not disguise the fact there's still considerable work required to maintain a consistency level acceptable to all parties.

This season a two-umpire appointment system was introduced for the first time and whilst it worked effectively in the top grades it certainly impacted on some of the Newey Plate and Pascoe Shield games, when availability numbers were down. The policy will be reviewed before the start of the 2015/16 season and there may well be a change to enable a better spread of umpires to Newey Plate and below.

Overall, the on-field player behaviour remains a concern and certainly contributed to the loss of three umpires in the early part of the season. The number of reported incidents indicates that club captains need to take a more pro-active role in keeping their players under control. Some players continue to 'double guess' decisions, not accepting they are given impartially based on the umpire's interpretation.

Many players still lack a full knowledge of the Laws of Cricket and it has been disappointing that no Clubs took up the offer of a short address by RDCAUA representatives on major Laws /match management and very few individuals completed the RDCA Club Umpire Accreditation course.

On a positive note Graeme Lloyd continues to work towards on-line training programs, which will make it much easier for members to keep up to date with the rules of cricket. In November, Chris Pietersen was appointed to an umpire observer role, which in time will provide umpires with performance feedback and advice to make better decisions. Importantly there has been a steady increase in Level 2 accredited umpires within the group and the fact it will go on-line before next season will make it much easier for members to complete.

The Umpires' Website is now up and running and this was achieved with the assistance of Roger Dunkley and Timothy Court. The introduction of an SMS messaging service is another new initiative to keep members informed of RDCAUA matters in a timely and efficient manner.

The only major milestone reached this season was for Tony Gawne - 100 games (albeit we have Martien Pruyers fast approaching 500 games which he should surpass before the end of 2015/16).

Congratulations to Duncan Cant on receiving the 'Ken Dunham Award' for Umpire of the year. He joined the RDCAUA only four seasons ago and has moved quickly through the ranks by continuing to perform at the high level and consequently was selected to umpire his second consecutive Trollope grand final.

At the RDCAUA AGM held in March, all current members of the Executive were re-elected for 2015/2016, which helps to maintain a stable and experienced group to continue to work on the development programs and thus become even better in our role.

We are always on the lookout for new recruits and have noted that recruits with recent playing experience assimilated easily to the umpiring ranks and have risen quickly through the grades. Club assistance in promoting umpiring to retiring players will help in our recruitment and allay complaints at the lack of penetration of RDCAUA appointments to the lower grades.

Tony Gawne
Secretary

VMCU (Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union) REPORT

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

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

This latter competition comprised of a record number of 94 teams from 16 Associations (following the merger of the junior Federal District Association with the South East Cricket Association), including U18 boys and U12 girls for the first time. The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions. Regrettably no RDCA sides participated in the finals series in any of the above competitions.

The most significant matters dealt with during the season were:

- Participation by the Turf Associations in discussions and the development of proposals for the possible restructure of turf cricket by CV's Melbourne Metropolitan Turf Task Force. A draft report and favoured proposal was released for comment by CV in February with final considerations due in mid 2015. Under the favoured proposal the role of the VMCU would be devolved to the 5 new League Boards. [Note: The RDCA Board has made a submission relating to the VMCU's current role and the lack of consideration given to the hard wicket Associations roles, responsibilities and futures in the draft report].
- Supporting increasing participation in both girls and women's cricket at both the regional and local club levels.
- The development of a standard clearance/transfer policy for all senior cricket in Victoria with CV and VCCL
- Review of the current Suspect Bowling Action Policy in conjunction with CV and VCCL.
- Inputs and outcomes of CV's Cricket Facilities Survey of all State Cricket Associations and Local Government. This resulted in CV releasing the "Common Ground" Report in November 2014.

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.

The RDCA congratulates our neighbours BHRDCA on celebrating their 125th anniversary this past season.

Pat Meehan
RDCA delegate

OUTER EAST METRO REGION (EAGLES) REPORT

Outer East Metro Regional Report (Region 14)

The following formed the committee for the Outer East Metro Region for 2014/2015.

David Beatty – Regional Committee Chairman

Jarrold Leggett – Regional Cricket Manager (Cricket Victoria)

Brett McKane – VMCU Director (RDCA)

Tim Carter – FTGDCA

Brent Watts – YVCA

Tamara Mason – VWCA

Ian Roberts – Ringwood C.C.

David Chambers – VSDCA

General

Unfortunately our Regional Cricket Manager, Jarrold Leggett is moving on and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jarrold for his commitment and contribution to the development of cricket within the region. He will be sadly missed and I wish Jarrold and his family all the best for the future.

The recently released Metropolitan Turf Taskforce Review Report, whilst not having a direct impact on our regional associations at this stage, will require further consideration moving forward. The establishment of 5 Metropolitan Regions (with a paid administrator, wholly funded by Cricket Victoria) will potentially change the administrative landscape for not only turf cricket but all cricket played in the Metropolitan Melbourne.

The inaugural Outer East T20 Champions Trophy Competition was held at Lucas Oval, Jubilee Park on the 24th of February, with winners of the RDCA (Montrose), FTGDCA (Johnson Park) and YVCA (Worri Yallock) T20 Competitions playing off for the title of Outer East T20 Champions. After three extremely close matches, Montrose CC were the eventual winners. This fantastic initiative was organised and supported by the Ringwood C.C. (our Premier Cricket representative in the region) and a great day was witnessed by all that attended.

VMCU Carnival Review

17 teams from the RDCA, FTGDCA and YVCA represented the region in the VMCU carnivals but unfortunately only one team progressed through to a Grand Final. (YVCA – Mackay Shield). Whilst the overall team results were disappointing there were some outstanding individual performances across the grades. Thankfully the weather was kind this year and most games were completed without disruption.

Pathways Review

Unfortunately the Outer East Eagles silverware drought continued for the boys but there were some outstanding individual and team performances throughout the carnivals. The girls also had some amazing performances highlighted by the East Metro (Combined Outer East / Inner East Team) tasting grand final success in the Under18 championships.

GO EAGLES

**Brett McKane
Director Region 14**

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

It was with a great deal of excitement that I took on the role of RDCA Junior President for the 2014/2015 season. I cherish the memories of my own junior career with Glen Park and Bayswater Park Cricket clubs and I hope I can ensure that other young boys and girls enjoy the game as much as I did.

The season would not have run as smoothly as it did without the huge efforts given by our new secretary, Mandy Dolman. Our clubs love dealing with Mandy and her passion for the game is infectious. Bill Stafford came onboard as our Rep Cricket Co-ordinator and was the Recruit of the year! His enthusiasm for junior cricket rubs off on everyone around him and I love that he sets such high standards. I am sure our Rep Carnival results will improve with Bill leading the way.

With so many changes at committee level, my vice president was going to be vital. Andy Exley stepped into this role and it was re-assuring to know I had someone with great experience and knowledge to bounce ideas off. My entire committee all took their turn to roll their sleeves up and get things done. I thank David Brush, Anthony Crowe, Paul Attfield, Colin Doherty and Timothy Court for their efforts during the season.

The committee implemented some dramatic changes to under 12 cricket which proved to be a great success. We changed the retirement rule from a runs scored number to a balls faced number. In 12/1 a batter retired after facing 40 legal deliveries and in 12/2 and lower they retired after facing 30 legal deliveries. The changes ensured more players got to bat in each game whilst also allowing the better players to score as many runs as possible off the allocated deliveries. I applaud the clubs and coaches for embracing this rule change and well done to all the scorers whose job became a little more complicated when counting the balls faced by each batsman.

Rules were also introduced which ensured more bowlers had to bowl on each day of the game. This was another step to encouraging more participation from more players and the early signs are that both these changes have helped players 'fall in love' with cricket. Our aim is to produce lifelong cricketers and we hope we are on the way to doing this.

Once again our under 10 competition was a huge success with the numbers increasing by 4 to 33 teams. We held two round robin events this year (the latter washed out before it got going) and a big thank you goes to St Andrews and Croydon Ranges for hosting these events. The under 10 comp was complemented by our first ever T.20 BLAST centre operating out of East Ringwood. This was aimed at 7 – 9 year olds and was a big success with East Ringwood doing a great job as hosts.

In total the junior competition grew by 10 teams from the previous summer.

Under 10	up from 29 to 33,
Under 12	up from 41 to 45
Under 14	up from 28 to 34
Under 16	down from 21 to 17

We will continue to try to attract and retain young players and will require the ongoing support of our clubs, as well as strong coaching structures to achieve this. Kids love playing cricket and if we all continue to work together, in the best interests of the kids, we will have a vibrant and strong competition.

Thank you to my wife Maree for enabling and encouraging me to take on this role. It is very time consuming but when I see the joy on my own children's faces, as well as those they play with and against, it is all worth it.

A final thank you to all the junior clubs for trusting me in the role. I only want what is best for the players and I am sure we are on the right track to making the game more enjoyable and accessible to our young players.

In closing, we thank Josh Browne, John Springett and Justin Hansen for their contributions to the junior competition over a number of years.

Sean Flynn

The season of 2014/2015 was a great one for Junior Cricket in the RDCA!

It was a season of significant rule changes to assist in improving and growing our Junior Comp and most importantly help our kids feel confident, encouraged and more involved in their cricket. I would like to acknowledge the delegates who are passionate volunteers that are open to change and not scared of moving with the times to improve this wonderful sport. Thanks also to the Clubs for their support and positive feedback to me personally and the junior committee.

My first year in the role of Secretary was huge, but with the invaluable help and support of Sean Flynn, who also was in his first year as President, it was both enjoyable and rewarding. Sean is a massive asset to the RDCA and we are very lucky to have him. I also extend a big thank you to Andy Exley, Bill Stafford, Colin Doherty, Paul Attfield and Anthony Crowe for all their time and efforts on the Junior Committee.

Introduced for the first time in the RDCA was the T20 Blast Competition. This format of the game is offered to Boys and Girls before they play Under 10's. The T20 Competition grew in numbers and it was great to see the players enjoy the Wednesday night games. Good times were had by U10 players at the Round Robin hosted by St Andrews CC in December 2014 but unfortunately the February Round Robin hosted by Croydon Ranges CC was stopped due to thunderstorms. Thanks and appreciation to those Clubs who hosted events and finals throughout the season.

I would like to congratulate the:
2014/15 Premiership Winners

U12 (5)	Montrose
U12 (4)	Bayswater Park
U12 (3)	South Croydon
U12 (2)	Heathmont Baptist
U12 (1)	North Ringwood
U14 (4)	Scoresby/Ferndale
U14 (3)	South Warrandyte Hawks
U14 (2)	Montrose
U14 (1)	North Ringwood
U16 (2)	South Warrandyte Hawks
U16 (1)	South Croydon

T20 Winners

U.16	Mooroolbark/Kilsyth (composite)
U.14	North Ringwood
U.12	North Ringwood

Congratulations to all individual RDCA award winners, as follows:

Grade	Batting		Bowling	
U16 (1)	Ryan Masters (CNT)	56.80	Luke O'Brien (CNT)	6.81
U16 (2)	Michael Gibbons (SWT)	99.00	Mark Baker (SWT)	7.06
U14 (1)	Ryan Peter Budge (NRI)	129.67	David Maddox (NRI)	4.57
U14 (2)	Cameron Isbel (MOO)	71.25	Liam Storm (MOO)	5.72
U14 (3)	Jackson Braunthal(SWT)	124.00	Heath Disney (TMP)	4.69
U14 (4)	Lachlan Anderson (SBF)	167.00	Brock Franklin (SBF)	3.78
U12 (1)	Matt Beyer (NRI)	137.00	Christopher Rakuscek (WDT)	6.27
U12 (2)	Campbell Mole (HMB)	103.00	Brandon Leonard (MOO)	4.00
U12 (3)	Justin Johnston (SCR)	108.00	Thomas Broadhurst (WWD)	4.11
U12 (4)	Thomas Whitty (BYP)	217.00	Bailey O'Reilly (NOW)	3.75
U12 (5)	Corey Rennison (ESF)	146.33	Cameron Storm (MTR)	4.85

Cricket is a fantastic sport and it's wonderful to see Boys and Girls enjoying healthy competition, learning life skills and making friends, whilst being outdoors. I think the future of the sport is positive and exciting and I'm glad to be part of a Junior Committee that truly embraces and focuses on "Kids playing Cricket!"

I look forward to the coming Season,

Mandy Dolman
RDCA Junior Secretary

VMCU Junior Carnival

This season independent coaches were appointed, this being a move away from relying on dads of players to take on the role. We also entered an U/12 girls team for the first time.

Our coaches and team managers were:

Team	Coach	Team Manager
U/12 Keith Mitchell	Matt Fotia	Mark Castelow
U/12 Josh Browne	Jake Wigney	Matthew Bell
U/14 Des Nolan	Rohan Ervine	Peter Kane
U/14 Russell Allen	Tyson Freeman	Julie Maddox
U/16 Keith Mackay	Josh White	Colin Doherty
U/16 Jim Beitzel	Darren Bersey	Steve Lester
Girls U/12 Claudia Fatone	Ella Austin	

Three teams (U/12 Keith Mitchell, U/14 Des Nolan and U/16 Keith Mackay) made it through to the finals, but lost their quarter finals. Whilst we would have liked a few more wins all teams were very competitive and all players would have benefited greatly from the experience of playing representative cricket and returned to their respective clubs as better players.

Carnival trophy winners:

Team	Best Carnival Player	Coaches Award
U/12 Keith Mitchell	Jack Nichols	Matthew Pipe
U/12 Josh Browne	Liam Storm	Coby Arbuckle
U/14 Des Nolan	Nicholas Walker	Klayton Hughes
U/14 Russell Allen	Jackson Merrett	Jarryd Cameron
U/16 Keith Mackay	Luke O'Brien	Tom Nicoll
U/16 Jim Beitzel	Will Pleming	Connor Dinneen
Girls U/12 Claudia Fatone	Grace Rogers	Alia Choucri

To run a successful carnival over a two week period it requires a lot of effort from coaches, players, parents and clubs. A special thank you goes to:

- Our coaches for all your efforts throughout the selection process, trial matches and the carnival. We received very positive feedback from parents.
- Our team managers and parents for your support during the selection process and on match days.
- Paul Attfield from Saxon Sports for once again making his indoor cricket facilities available for indoor training.
- Bayswater Park, Wantirna South, Lilydale and Heathmont Cricket Clubs for hosting games throughout the carnival and ensuring we always had top class facilities.

Bill Stafford
Junior Representative Coordinator

FINANCE REPORT

It was with some trepidation that I stepped into the RDCA Finance Managers role following the retirement of the long time incumbent, Stuart Newey.

In opening my first report to Members I must acknowledge the assistance and help given to me by Stuart and Ian Spencer, who made the transition from old to new a smooth operation.

As can be seen from the attached financial report, the Association finished the year with a surplus after depreciation of \$16,881. The major reason for the increase over the previous year's surplus of \$3,246 was the 2013/14 Cricket Review net cost of \$15,000. This was a one off cost last year that reduced that year's results.

Some items of interest in the report are:

Club Fines of \$6,819 increased by \$384 from the previous year. This should be a matter of concern for all Clubs as has been mentioned in previous year's reports.

The Ball Purchase program resulted in a profit to the Association of \$4,048 (previous year \$3,689)

Some new items of expenditure for the Association this year were:

- RDCA App Design & hosting costs \$2,670
- The Maroondah CC lease for the Jubilee Park Rooms \$1,440

The big change for the Association this year was the requirement to register for GST with effect from 1 January 2015. This was required by Tax Law as the Association's revenue reached the threshold whereby "Not For Profit Organisations" are required to register for GST.

The impact on the 2014/15 results has been minimal, however for 2015/16 with the Board of Management's decision not to increase affiliation fees, there will be a cost to the Association of approximately \$4,000, which we intend to absorb.

The Association is in an extremely healthy financial position going into the 2015/16 season and it is anticipated that some of the surplus funds will be spent on last season's Cricket Review recommendations.

In closing my report, the Board would like to thank our loyal sponsors being:

Kookaburra Sports

Saxon Sports

The Bendigo Community Banks at Mooroolbark, Ringwood East/Heathmont and Warrandyte.

David Hodgett, MP

Michael Sukkar, MP

We hope that these loyal sponsors will continue their association in the coming season.

Graeme Seymour

Ringwood & District Cricket Association Inc

ABN 33 869 448 061

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

31 May 2015

		\$	\$	\$
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash On Hand				
Cheque Account		35,230		
Veterans Bank Account		3,233		
Cricket Ball Account		4,018		
Undeposited Funds		4,650		
Sandhurst Trustees Term Dep.		23,687		
Total Cash On Hand		70,817		
Debtors - Clubs & Others		870		
GST Refundable		679		
			72,366	
Stocks				
Best & Fairest Medals		1,540		
Cricket Balls		1,632		
Caps & Clothing		3,031		
Premiership Medals		3,444		
			9,647	
Fixed Assets				
Computers and Printers		2,890		
Office Furniture & Equipment		14,000		
Accumulated Depreciation		(7,140)		
			9,750	
Total Assets				91,763
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Trade Creditors		132		
Accounts overpaid		148		
Total Current Liabilities			280	
Non Current Liabilities				
Bonds Held		250		
Guarantee Monies		3,400		
Total Non Current Liabilities			3,650	
Total Liabilities				3,930
Net Assets				\$ 87,833
Equity				
Members funds			70,952	
Current Year Earnings			16,881	
Total Equity				\$ 87,833

Ringwood & District Cricket Association Inc.

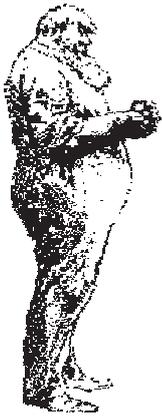
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Income & Expenditure Statement

Year Ended 31 May 2015.

		\$	\$	\$
Income				
Affiliation Fees			44,670	
Umpires Subscriptions			1,380	
Veterans Match fees etc.			1,122	
Fines & Charges				
Fines	6,819			
Credit Card Charges	176			
Late Payment Fines	214			
Total Fines & Charges			7,209	
Junior Raffle			2,000	
Junior Coaching			2,300	
Junior Clothing			5,200	
Donations/Sponsorship			21,827	
Web advertising			2,000	
20/20 Competition Subsidy			1,500	
VMCU Umpire Subsidy			3,640	
VMCU Junior Carnival Subsidy			810	
Tribunal Investigation Officer			91	
Sundry Income			98	
Senior Presentation Night			6,423	
Interest			794	
Player/Public Liability Insurance			15,559	
Sales				
Balls from stock	1,889			
Scorebook Sales	4,284			
Junior Pink Balls	816			
Umpires Equipment	70			
Cricket Ball Sales Orders (Net	111,326			
Total Sales			118,385	
Total Income				235,009
Cost of Sales				
Cricket Ball Sales costs			106,750	
Junior Pink Balls			1,728	
Balls from Stocks			621	
Scorebook Costs			3,840	
Total Cost of Sales				112,940
Gross Profit				122,069

Expenses				
Administration Expenses				
Honorarium	20,600			
Administration Manager	47			
Match Result Secretaries	4,000			
Senior Executive	712			
Junior Secretary	15			
Junior Carnival Expenses	1,389			
Other Junior Expenses	174			
Representative Match Expenses	957			
Advertising	755			
Tribunal Expenses	200			
Total Administration Expenses		28,849		
Operating Expenses				
Postage & Stationery	105			
Telephone & Internet Costs	1,999			
Printing & Typing	1,275			
Computer Maint/Software	658			
Government Charges	217			
Affil. & Registration Fees	200			
Pavilion Expenses	309			
App Design & hosting costs	2,670			
Pavilion Rent	1,440			
Junior Carnival Coaches Fees	3,000			
Umpires Fees	5,765			
Umpires expenses	236			
20/20 competition	1,675			
Depreciation of equipment	2,190			
Pennants, Plaques & Medals	2,954			
Total Operating Expenses		24,692		
Insurance				
Player Insurance	15,559			
Total Insurance		15,559		
Social Expenses				
Senior Presentation Night	11,085			
Junior Presentation Night	2,341			
Catering	3,230			
Vets Expenses	1,766			
Total Social Expenses		18,421		
Equipment, Clothing, Trophies				
Junior Trophies & Medals	3,689			
Caps & Clothing purchased	8,229			
Umpires Clothing Purchased	344			
Senior Trophies & Medals	4,876			
Ball handling expenses	528			
Total Equipment, Clothing, Trophies		17,667		
Total Expenses			105,188	
Net Income for the Year			\$ 16,881	



VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

The Committee in season 2014/15 comprised:

President	Daryl Stephens
Secretary	Liz McLelland
Treasurer and Representative on RDCA Board	Chris Allan
Registration, Results and MyCricket Manager	Ian Leach
VOSCA (O'60's) Representative	Chris Hartrup
Newsletter	Paul Williams
Committee Members	John Rees
	Nick Papadopoulos

Prior to the commencement of the season, the committee decided that with only seven (7) teams available to play in an RDCA Over 50's competition that those teams continue to play in the Box Hill Reporter Veterans (over 50's) competition. Each of the teams represented the RDCA admirably, Ainslie Park and Warrandyte played in the first division, Wonga Park, East Ringwood, Croydon Ranges and South Warrandyte Hawks in second division with North Ringwood playing in the third division. Ainslie Park topped the ladder in their division but failed to progress through to the Grand final. Wonga Park played East Ringwood in their division Grand final and came away with a premiership.

The RDCA Veterans season started off with 4 divisions in the Masters competition (over 40's). Unfortunately, South Warrandyte's late withdrawal from Division 1 created a bye in our premier division. Then more withdrawals in Divisions 2 and 3 saw the need to combine the remaining eleven (11) teams into a new draw for the final three rounds.

At the end of the season, the Division 2 finals comprised of teams finishing 1st to 4th on the combined ladder and the Division 3 finals comprised of teams finishing 5th to 8th on the combined ladder.

Division 4 comprised eight (8) teams, six of which were second teams from clubs with teams in higher divisions plus teams from Bayswater Park and South Warrandyte.

The Grand Finals were again played at Chirnside Park and Croydon Ranges Cricket Clubs, both clubs again provided excellent venues and support.

- Ainslie Park defeated Mooroolbark to win the Division 1 Bill Dean Trophy;
- Olinda defeated Croydon Ranges to win the Ken Johnston Trophy;
- Mount Evelyn defeated Eastfield to win the Bill & Marg Stafford Trophy;
- South Warrandyte Hawks defeated Mooroolbark to win the Alan Duffus Shield.

All finals were officiated by RDCA umpires and their participation is always appreciated.

Prior to the Christmas break, Box Hill played host to the RDCA in the annual inter association competition games for over 40's, 50's and 60's. Box Hill won the O.40's and O.60's to regain the "the Colonel's Cup" (The Ken Johnston Trophy).

On Australia Day, RDCA hosted the Over 40's and 50's games at Croydon Oval and Fred Geale Oval respectively against the Ferntree Gully Veterans and both our teams had a win.

The Veterans committee appreciates the efforts of the players who represented our association in all of these matches, just as I know the players enjoy the honor of playing at this representative level.

During the season the Veterans Rules were modified to include responsibilities of Team Captains and the role that they play in fostering the values and objectives of Veterans' cricket. During the 'off season' the Veterans rules and playing conditions will again be reviewed and then presented to all clubs for discussion at the next annual general meeting.

Since there is no longer an annual presentation night, which used to provide the forum to acknowledge the various contributions made, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee who have successfully completed their duties to enable the smooth functioning of our competition. Most of their work goes unnoticed and their conscientious contributions are appreciated.

Likewise, each club and team has people who make sure that everything is prepared for each game and their contribution to the success of "Vet's Cricket" is greatly appreciated.

In completing this report, I wish to acknowledge the Senior Executive of the RDCA, whose officers provide advice, assistance and support whenever it is sought.

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 2014/15

LINDSAY TROLLOPE SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
WARRANWOOD	44	84	
BAYSWATER PARK	44	56	1.0957
AINSLIE PARK	32	56	0.9198
SOUTH CROYDON	16	48	1.1059
NORTH RINGWOOD	24	48	1.0639
WANTIRNA SOUTH	40	48	0.9747
TEMPLETON	32	40	
NORWOOD	16	32	
ST ANDREWS	0	28	
MOOROOLBARK	8	16	

After losing only the first game, Warranwood was a clear leader for most of the season and entering the finals it appeared a matter of how far. The next six teams traded places throughout the season and prior to the last round the order was Wantirna South, Ainslie Park, Bayswater Park, Templeton, North Ringwood and South Croydon.

Bayswater Park won outright against Templeton, Ainslie Park edged past Norwood, Wantirna South fell just short against North Ringwood and South Croydon jumped from 7th with an outright against Mooroolbark.

In a tight tussle, South Croydon (6/119) kept the ball rolling to edge past Ainslie Park (118) in the Elimination final.

The Qualifying final saw Warranwood compile 192 and then its bowlers did a job on the Bayswater Park batsmen, who could only manage 94.

In the Preliminary final, Bayswater Park scored freely but lost wickets in the process to be dismissed for 193 in 52 overs. The extra overs to South Croydon proved to be crucial as it took them 100 overs to reach the target (6/195).

The Grand Final was played at Kimberley Reserve No.1, with Warranwood winning the toss and electing to bat. In perfect playing conditions, the openers plundered runs at will to post a stand of 77 off 16 overs. After taking the first wicket, the South Croydon bowlers turned the game on its head, with Warranwood reduced to 5/84. Wickets fell regularly from that point to see Warranwood all out for 133 in 42 overs. In reply, South Croydon were 2-39 before a match winning partnership pushed the score to 2-135 in the last over of the day, at which point Warranwood conceded defeat.

After some disappointments in recent seasons, it was a fairytale run over the last eight weeks of the season for South Croydon, capped off by it being their first ever top grade Premiership.

Premiership team members:

Michael King (C), Josh Stewart, Olly Brown, Phil Cross, Joel Merrett, David White, Tom Wynne, Clayton Henderson, Daniel Barsenbach, Ash Viney, Glyn James, Steven Hess (12th).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Lincoln Wong (TMP) 599, Josh Stewart (SCR) 462, Aydn Sier (APK) 414, Andrew Jorgensen (WSO) 408, Ben Hastie (NOW) 394, Marcus Adams (BYP) 362.

Leading wicket takers (excluding finals):

David Johnson (WWD) 43, Paul Payne (TMP) 40, Mark Arnot (APK) 31, Ian Garvey (TMP) 28, Drew McKay (WSO) 28, Daniel Dimitriou (MOO) 28.

BILL WILKINS CUP

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
WARRANTYTE	48	88	
KILSYTH	24	68	
MONTROSE	36	60	
SOUTH WARRANTYTE	32	56	
LILYDALE	36	52	
WONGA PARK	24	40	
CROYDON NORTH	16	36	
CROYDON RANGES	16	32	
EAST RINGWOOD	24	24	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	0	8	

Warrantyte only lost one game during the home and away season and won two outright just before the break to clearly be the team to beat. Kilsyth won every game from Rd.5 and Montrose was always thereabouts. South Warrantyte just got over Lilydale in the last round, which saw them exchange places.

The Elimination final saw South Warrantyte (3/123) comfortably account for Montrose (120). In the Qualifying final, Kilsyth (93) let a great opportunity slip, when their last eight wickets fell for twenty, in pursuit of the target (121) set by Warrantyte.

Kilsyth was again staring down the barrel (5/42) in the preliminary final but recovered somewhat to reach 162. In reply, South Warrantyte was always on the back foot after losing early wickets and were dismissed for 77.

In the Grand Final, played at Montrose Reserve, Kilsyth won the toss and batted. At 4/65, Warrantyte seemed to hold sway but the middle and late order hung in to see a final score of 179. In reply, Warrantyte was in a slightly worse position (4/42), after which followed a 105 run partnership. The loss of four quick wickets saw the game delicately placed with two wickets in hand and twenty needed to win. The 9th wicket fell with scores level, there followed a few dot balls before a wide gave Warrantyte the win (180).

Warrantyte will now return to the top grade after a lengthy absence, with the 2000/01 season being the last season the club had a team playing there.

Premiership team members:

Chris Barry (C), Jake Sheriff (Coach), Ayrton Dehmel, Ben Taylor, Justin Cleaves, Matt Gamble, David Mooney, Daniel Barry, Brenton Styles, Campbell Holland, Luke Killey, Mark Baker (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Chris Barry (WDT) 491, Matthew Clark (KIL) 453, Ayrton Dehmel (WDT) 450, Steven Lindsay (SWT) 423, Michael Edwards (MTR) 378 Mitchell Ebeyer (LYD) 378, Jake Sherriff (WDT) 376.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Jake Sherriff (WDT) 42, James Belli (CNT) 35, Cheyne Van Koll (MTR) 34, Jake Crowe (MTR) 31, Campbell Holland (WDT) 29, Steven Lindsay (SWT) 27, Rob Clarke (CSP) 26.

STUART NEWEY PLATE

TEAM		Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
WANTIRNA SOUTH	2NDS	44	84	1.8649
WONGA PARK	2NDS	52	84	1.5598
OLINDA	1STS	32	56	
NORTH RINGWOOD	2NDS	16	48	
EAST RINGWOOD	2NDS	16	44	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	1STS	24	40	
BAYSWATER PARK	2NDS	16	28	0.8419
EASTFIELD	1STS	8	28	0.8123
TEMPLETON	2NDS	24	24	
MOOROOLBARK	2NDS	16	16	

Wantirna South and Wonga Park were the dominant teams, leading the ladder all season, with each only losing one game. Olinda won its last three to grab third, whilst North Ringwood, after losing first four, then won six in a row to snare fourth spot. East Ringwood was probably a bit unlucky to miss out, with two draws, due to the state of their ground, and an outright loss to Olinda, after leading clearly on first innings, all of this after Xmas.

The Elimination final saw North Ringwood (213) make too many for Olinda (154).

Wantirna South (206) always seemed to have the upper hand in keeping Wonga Park to 156 in the Qualifying final.

The Preliminary final was a pretty tight affair as North Ringwood (7/146) took more than eighty overs to chase down the Wonga Park tally of 144.

The Grand final, at Exner Reserve, was a bit of a non event when the Wantirna South bowlers crashed through North Ringwood to dismiss them for 67 in 31 overs. Despite losing three quick wickets, Wantirna South reached the target (3/70), with some ten overs to play on Day 1, when the game was conceded.

Members of the premiership team:

Sam Barnes (C), Ashley Webb, Shaun Crow, Craig Dancey, Steve Gosden, Tom McDonald, Paul Riley, David Ryan, Brendan Sharpe, Ben Stow, Daniel Thurgood, Ian McKay (12th),

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Robert Cranmer (HMB) 535, Rohan Allport (WOP) 458, Mikel Greenough (OLI) 390, Rod Huma (ESF) 347, Ben Stow (WSO) 340, Stuart Dunk (WOP) 316.

Leading bowlers (excluding finals);

Nick Bole-Brown (ESF) 32, Mikel Greenough (OLI) 31, Daniel Thomas (BYP) 28, Robert Cranmer (HMB) 28, Mitchell Harris (OLI) 27, Stuart Dunk (WOP) 26.

STEVE PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
SCORESBY FERNDALE	1STS	36	68	
KILSYTH	2NDS	48	64	1.5158
AINSLIE PARK	2NDS	32	64	1.4525
NORWOOD	2NDS	32	56	
MONTROSE	2NDS	32	48	1.0206
ST ANDREWS	2NDS	24	48	1.0103
WARRANTYTE	2NDS	8	32	
CROYDON RANGES	2NDS	24	24	0.7770
CROYDON NORTH	2NDS	8	24	0.6936
WARRANWOOD	2NDS	0	16	

Kilsyth was out of the blocks early but cooled after the break, before defeating Scoresby Ferndale in the last round to hold second spot. Save for the last round, Scoresby Ferndale played well after Xmas, as did Ainslie, to both enter the finals with some confidence. Montrose needed a percentage boosting win against Croydon North to possibly sneak into fourth but couldn't get it done and Norwood held on despite losing the last game to Ainslie.

At it again in the Elimination final, Ainslie Park compiled 9/197 and had Norwood on the ropes before a last wicket stand of 16 earned the latter a nail biting win (9/199), with one ball to spare. In the Qualifying final, the Kilsyth tally (9/181) was run down by Scoresby Ferndale (7/184), with plenty of overs to spare.

The preliminary final saw Kilsyth's season come to an end (116) when it could not match the target set by Norwood (188).

In the Grand Final, played at Benson Oval, Norwood did well to recover from 6/50 to close at 7/192 but Scoresby Ferndale (4/193) was up to the task as their batsmen picked off the runs in just a little more than 60 overs.

Members of the premiership team:

John Cunningham (C), Maharshi Pandya, Ryan Murray, Henry Cunningham, Daniel Tubb, Aaron Anderson, Richard Miller, Evan Brookes, Laurie Moore, Chris Wullaert, Mitchell Anderson (12th).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Ryan Murray (SBF) 418, Simon Bowyer (WDT) 411, Maharshi Pandya (SBF) 395, Sean Minetti (APK) 350, Angus Redfern (CRR) 339, Luke Johnson (WWD) 322, Jamie Cornford (KIL) 321.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Bruce Sansom (NOW) 28, Mitchell Gaffney (WDT) 28, Cameron Lane (CRR) 27, Daniel Stapelfeldt (KIL) 22, Chris Irvine (NOW) 22, Samuel Hudson (MTR) 21, Chris Wullaert (SBF) 21, Andrew Milton (CNT) 21.

A GRADE – PAT MEEHAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
NORTH RINGWOOD	3RDS	72	112	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	2NDS	52	72	1.3427
WANTIRNA	1STS	40	72	1.2311
WONGA PARK	3RDS	56	64	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	3RDS	40	60	
CROYDON RANGES	3RDS	28	52	
BAYSWATER PARK	3RDS	8	20	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2NDS	4	12	

North Ringwood was the runaway leader, losing only one game and winning two outright just before the break. The next four teams were fairly evenly matched and it came down to a threeway tussle in the last round to determine third and fourth. Wantirna defeated Wonga Park and Wantirna South lost to North Ringwood to maintain the status quo.

Wonga Park (9/172) kept their season alive in the Elimination final by overcoming Wantirna (128). In the other semi, North Ringwood (188) kept up the good work to defeat South Warrandyte (85). Despite a good late order effort, Wonga Park (180) came up short of the South Warrandyte tally (215) in the Preliminary final.

The Grand final was played at North Ringwood Reserve and the South Warrandyte batsmen were on the back foot from the outset, never recovering, to be all out for 66. The boot was on the other foot when, in response, North Ringwood was 6/50 but the next few batsmen held firm (7/131) until a halt was called.

Members of the premiership team:

Matthew Hepburn (C), Ben Lannen, Glenn Ibbott, Lucas Jurey, Luke Ervine, Luke McPhie, Evan Jones, Matthew Nuthall, Sam Ridgwell, Leigh Rigby, James Schultz, Joel Rigby (12th).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Michael Finn (BYP) 452, Steven Berger (WSO) 439, Ben Lannen (NRI) 386, Owen Thorne (WAN) 339, Michael Simpson (CRR) 339, Pratik Ramani (WAN) 277, Greg Houghton (WAN) 274.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Matthew Hepburn (NRI) 41, David Mock (SWT) 31, Jarrod Riley (WSO) 26, Devang Patel (WAN) 26, Jacob Janssen (SWT) 22, Leigh Rigby (NRI) 21, Liam Thomas (SWT) 21.

B GRADE – IAN SPENCER SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
LILYDALE	2NDS	60	84	
SOUTH CROYDON	2NDS	44	76	1.3665
MOOROOLBARK	3RDS	40	76	1.1066
WARRANWOOD	3RDS	40	64	
AINSLIE PARK	3RDS	32	56	
MONTROSE	3RDS	32	52	
SCORESBY FERNDAL	2NDS	24	24	
TEMPLETON	3RDS	16	16	

“B” Grade Cont’d

Lilydale, who had unfortunately remained in this grade after a tie in the Grand Final the previous season, seemed set on atoning for that setback and led the ladder for the most part. The next two were set and, in the last round, Warranwood was playing Templeton so Ainslie seemingly needed to beat Mooroolbark to hold fourth but in losing they dropped out of the race.

The finals series saw some unbelievable finishes, with runs hard to come by in all games. In the Elimination final, Mooroolbark (192) was too good for Warranwood (127). South Croydon (178) had the Qualifying final in their grasp but the last pair for Lilydale (9/178) added an unbroken 15 and a tie was sufficient to earn their team passage to the grand final. The Preliminary final saw Mooroolbark compile 116 and South Croydon had progressed to within sight of victory (5/92), only to lose their last five wickets for three runs and be all out for 95.

In the Grand final, played at Lilydale Reserve, Mooroolbark was always under pressure from the Lilydale attack and struggled to 126, a target which the Lilydale batsmen chased down (5/129) with plenty of overs to spare. Thus, Lilydale now gets the promotion it missed out on last season.

Members of the premiership team:

Scott Cogan (C), Anthony Cliff, Marcus Bree, Braydon Dobinson, Shaun Falkingham, Steve Potts, Daniel Thompson, Nick Hunter, Jarrod Triantafillou, Mickey Goodlet, Lachlan Smith, Christian Cousins (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Scott Cogan (LYD) 503, Darryn Fisk (MOO) 401, Anthony Cliff (LYD) 379, Matthew Rooks (WWD) 367, Chris Dobson (SCR) 331, Jorgen Romjin (WWD) 308, Ken Trollope (MOO) 298.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Tim Aumann (TMP) 24, Scott Cogan (LYD) 22, Daniel Allan (APK) 21, Dave Sherlock (WWD) 20, Nick Hunter (LYD) 19.

C GRADE – DAVID BEATTY SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
KILSYTH	3RDS	72	112	
ST ANDREWS	3RDS	56	88	
EAST RINGWOOD	3RDS	36	60	
WONGA PARK	4THS	44	52	
CROYDON NORTH	3RDS	32	48	
CROYDON RANGES	4THS	28	44	0.9493
NORWOOD	3RDS	20	44	0.7061
OLINDA	2NDS	12	12	

Save for a runaway leader, who went through the home and away games undefeated and was the obvious team to beat entering the finals, most of the other teams had their good moments. Olinda could not put a team on the park in the last two rounds but, fortunately, that did not have an impact on those competing for a finals spot. Entering the last round, the top three were set but Croydon North, who was playing St Andrews, were only four points ahead of Wonga and Norwood and, in losing, they dropped out of the race.

“C” Grade Cont’d

The Elimination final saw East Ringwood (166) keep Wonga Park to 132 to carry the day. In the Qualifying final, the hotpots got knocked over, as St Andrews (115) rolled Kilsyth for 61. Kilsyth (9/196) then bounced back well in the Preliminary final to oust East Ringwood (122).

In the Grand final, played at J.W. Manson Reserve, Kilsyth batted first and posted a challenging 9/245. St Andrews (133) was no match for a team that had a dominant season.

Members of premiership team:

Travis Tyszkiewicz (C), Will Pleming, Shane Smith, Andrew Smith, Justin Smith, Jake Duncan, Andrew Woolhouse, Daniel Caton, David Essig, Luke McPhee, David O'Donnell, Nick Zinghini (12th).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Chris Noonan (CRR) 480, Shane Smith (KIL) 355, Michael Johnson (NOW) 337, Luke Meeve (STA) 316, Justin Smith (KIL) 312, Thomas Rosevear (STA) 307.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Justin Smith (KIL) 36, Anthony Crowe (WOP) 23, Glenn Ellis (EAR) 22, Paul Doevelaar (WOP) 19, David Essig (KIL) 16.

D GRADE – DON SMITH SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WARRANTYTE	3RDS	56	80	
NORTH RINGWOOD	4THS	40	72	1.3770
SOUTH WARRANTYTE	3RDS	48	72	1.2224
MONTROSE	4THS	48	72	0.9955
KILSYTH	4THS	36	52	
AINSLIE PARK	4THS	24	48	1.0750
EASTFIELD	2NDS	40	48	0.9060
WARRANWOOD	4THS	0	8	

This was a fairly competitive grade, with all bar one team winning close to half their matches. That said, the finalists were settled fairly early but the last round saw them competing in a bit of a rehearsal for the finals ahead. Whilst positions did not change, third and fourth, with good wins, demonstrated they were right in the mix.

The Elimination final was low scoring with Montrose (128) holding out South Warrandyte (89). In the other semi, North Ringwood (7/189) edged out Warrandyte (186) in a tight one. The Preliminary final, saw a repeat of the last round result as Montrose (9/184) ended Warrandyte's season (146).

In the Grand final, played at Quambee Reserve No.1, Montrose batted most of the first day to post 160 but North Ringwood (5/162) easily chased down the target, in just over 40 overs.

“D” Grade cont’d

Members of premiership team;

Andrew Shorthouse (C), Nick Short, Brett Wiseman, Bryan Carrucan, Jason Fraser, Alex Simmons, Brian I’Anson, Tom Logan, Rhys Djohan, Jacob Stanyer, Scott Baker, Lachlan Harvey (12th).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Ashley Storm (MTR) 734, Cameron Day (WDT) 510, Jack Hall (SWT) 413, Brett Wiseman (NRI) 403, Greg Gardam (MTR) 397, Ryan Christie (ESF) 360, John Auchterlonie (APK) 324.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Brendan Robnik (ESF) 24, Mark Hayhurst (MTR) 24, Scott Baker (NRI) 23, Bailey Klewer (APK) 23, Jeremy Linton (MTR) 20, John Prangley (WDT) 20, Andrew Shorthouse (NRI) 20.

E GRADE – JOHN SPRINGETT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
LILYDALE	3RDS	68	108	
CROYDON NORTH	4THS	44	80	
ST ANDREWS	4THS	48	72	
WONGA PARK	5THS	48	64	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	4THS	40	56	1.0573
BAYSWATER PARK	4THS	32	56	1.0037
MOOROOLBARK	4THS	16	24	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3RDS	0	0	

Lilydale was the benchmark team, losing only one game, and the final four was settled well before the last round. Interest in that round lay with Croydon North needing to defeat St Andrews to claim second and Wonga Park having a test against Lilydale.

The elimination final saw Wonga Park (9/168) hold out St Andrews (138).

It was much the same in the other semi, as Lilydale (155) managed to restrict Croydon North to 120. The Preliminary final was over in a day, with Wonga Park (94) overwhelmed by Croydon North (2/98).

In the Grand final, played at Kimberley Reserve No.2, Lilydale batted most of the first day to set a target of 168 and then rattled through Croydon North (63) in 31 overs.

Members of premiership team:

Dwayne Dobinson (C), Steve McCallum, Travis Cauchi, Trent Cuthell, Christian Bucci, Jeremy Cliff, Blake Hughes, Matthew Goss, Daniel Jones, Jeff Peeler, Aaron Jennings, Jamie Shaw (12th),

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Brendan Moore (STA) 454, Tony Harvey (WOP) 407, Dwayne Dobinson (LYD) 366, Thomas Mills (BYP) 321, Travis Cauchi (LYD) 271, Aaron Jennings (LYD) 265, David Phippard (CNT) 251.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Robert Crawford (CNT) 36, Daniel Jones (LYD) 32, Steve McCallum (LYD) 26, Aaron Jennings (LYD) 25, Michael Kerr (STA) 20, Chris Wood (WSO) 20, Ben Moore (STA) 19.

F GRADE – NEIL TULL SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
KILSYTH	5THS	56	88	1.6298
BORONIA	4THS	56	88	1.4873
NORTH RINGWOOD	5THS	48	72	
CROYDON RANGES	5THS	40	64	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	4THS	32	56	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	2NDS	40	52	
WARRANWOOD	5THS	20	28	0.6110
NORWOOD	4THS	24	28	0.5433

Olinda (3rds) were in this grade up until Rd.3, after which the club withdrew the team. Kilsyth (5ths) were elevated from “I” grade and brought with them 24 points from wins in the first three rounds. Leading into the last round, North Ringwood seemingly needed to beat Kilsyth to retain 3rd, likewise Ranges had to beat Norwood to keep Heathmont Baptist and South Warrandyte at bay and that is how it played out.

The elimination final saw North Ringwood (7/201) oust Croydon Ranges (156).

In a qualifying final that ended after 58 overs, Kilsyth could manage only 74, to which Boronia responded with 1/75 in 17 overs.

North Ringwood used most of their overs to reach 160 in the preliminary final and had Kilsyth under pressure before some lusty late hitting carried the day (7/161).

The Grand final was played at Guy Turner Reserve and, batting first, Boronia was bowled out for 120 in a little over 40 overs. In reply, Kilsyth were seemingly headed for victory before losing their last six wickets for five runs and being all out for 98.

Members of the premiership team:

Dan Kable (C), Steve Oluc, Jayden Gabell, Yohan Jayasinghe, Josh Tsakis, Leigh Blennerhassett, Andrew Arthurs, John Fogarty, Cam Godwin, Vinod Brundavanam, Noah Esposito, Callum Thornton,

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Pat Danaher (HMB) 486, Trevor Nanscawen (CRR) 388, Mark Sfiligoj (KIL) 387, Darren Johnson (SWT) 386, Kane Hartrup (SWT) 375, Joshua Tsakis (BOR) 317, Andrew Haines (NOW) 283.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Pat Danaher (HMB) 25, Peter Ridgwell (NRI) 21, Callum Thornton (BOR) 18, Leigh Blennerhassett (BOR) 16, Steve Bedson (CRR) 16, Chris Furzer (WWD) 15, Ben Hartrup (SWT) 15.

G GRADE – ANN PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WONGA PARK	6THS	64	104	
NORTH RINGWOOD	6THS	48	76	
WARRANTYTE	4THS	40	72	
SOUTH CROYDON	3RDS	20	64	1.2294
LILYDALE	4THS	48	64	1.1179
EAST RINGWOOD	4THS	40	40	
SCORESBY FERNDALE	3RDS	28	36	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	5THS	0	0	

Wonga Park led the ladder clearly from early in the piece and looked to be the team to beat entering the finals. Entering the last round, Warrantyte, Lilydale and North Ringwood were all on 64, with South Croydon 12 points adrift. North Ringwood won outright to jump two spots, Warrantyte won and South Croydon also won outright, while Lilydale lost to Wonga Park and dropped out.

The elimination final saw Warrantyte bowled out for 85 and South Croydon responded with 8/265. In the Qualifying final, Wonga Park (4/154) easily chased down North Ringwood's tally of 152. The preliminary final saw North Ringwood (163) exit when South Croydon (4/166) reached the target with some 15 overs to spare.

In the Grand final, played at Wonga Park, South Croydon posted a competitive 8/204 and were right in the game, with Wonga 7/149, but the Wonga Park late order batsmen held firm to acquire the runs needed for victory (8/205).

Members of premiership team:

Anthony Uhr-Henry (C), David Stevens, Warrick Dickson, Darren Hawley, Peter Wigney, Sam Russell, Ashley Parker, Shaun Foster, Anthony Starnawski, Michael Carusi, Justin Carusi, Richard Semken.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

David Stevens (WOP) 473, Darren Hawley (WOP) 446, Nathan Croft (WDT) 408, Anthony Uhr-Henry (WOP) 380, James Weatherley (WDT) 343, David Molyneaux (WDT) 332.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Shaun Foster (WOP) 26, Ashley Parker (WOP) 21, Jordan Wynne (SCR) 21, Sam Russell (WOP) 20, Michael Carusi (WOP) 19, Dylan Burns (WDT) 18.

H GRADE – KEN JOHNSTON SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
AINSLIE PARK	5THS	64	88	
MONTROSE	5THS	44	80	
ST ANDREWS	5THS	40	76	
CROYDON RANGES	6THS	36	68	
SOUTH CROYDON	4THS	40	60	
WANTIRNA	2NDS	40	48	
TEMPLETON	4THS	16	24	
NORWOOD	5THS	16	16	

“H” Grade Cont’d

This was the highest of the grades that played the modified format. Two day games are played on a split innings basis, team batting first bats second on second day, and there are batting and bowling thresholds.

Rule changes, relative to all of the modified rules grades, saw the two points to first day leader scrapped and the semi-finals (1 v 4, 2 v 3) become knockout games with the winners progressing to the Grand final.

After Rd.3, Bayswater Park (5ths) withdrew and South Croydon was moved up to fill that void. Entering the last round, the top three were set but South Croydon, playing Norwood, had an outside chance of sneaking past Croydon Ranges. Ainslie Park played Montrose, with the latter winning.

Ainslie Park (8/196) bounced back in the semi-final to easily account for Croydon Ranges (76) and the other semi saw Montrose (165) eliminated as St Andrews (4/167) used only a couple of overs in their second split to reach the target.

The Grand final, played at Griff Hunt Reserve, was evenly poised at the end of the first day, with St Andrews 17 ahead and both teams having lost a similar number of wickets. On resumption, Ainslie Park (201) batted through all bar a couple of their second split overs and set a target of 100 to win but St Andrews (166) could not complete the task when bowled out in 65 overs.

Members of premiership team:

Luke Murray (C), Jamie Davison, Phillip Moore, Andrew Moore, Tim Murray, Leigh Walles, Travis Jackson, Glen Thomas, Ryan Willmott, Luke Deacon, Colin Peacock, Gregory Jones, Ben Biggs.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Stuart Wynd (STA) 689, Timothy Hutchison (WAN) 486, Ben Morris (STA) 330, Mark Boehmer (CRR) 329, Chris Williams (TMP) 292, Paul Williams (TMP) 287, Bill Stafford (CRR) 273.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Stuart Wynd (STA) 18, Jason Crisp (MTR) 15, Garry Mangnall (MTR) 15, Dilan Jayasuriya (WAN) 15, Ryan Haynes (MTR) 14, Darren Halton (WAN) 14.

I GRADE – JOHN MACMILLAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
TEMPLETON	5THS	72	104	
AINSLIE APRK	6THS	60	92	
LILYDALE	5THS	48	80	
BORONIA	5THS	44	76	
ST ANDREWS	6THS	36	52	
CROYDON NORTH	5THS	28	36	
MONTROSE	6THS	24	32	

‘T’ Grade Cont’d

This grade underwent a major revamp after Rd.3 and when Mooroolbark (5ths) withdrew after Rd.9, it resulted in a Bye for some teams after Xmas.

Templeton led the way for the whole season, losing only one game, and the other finalists were secure from a long way out, with Lilydale and Boronia exchanging places when they played in the last round.

In the semi’s, Boronia posted a competitive 227 but Templeton (7/229) was able to run it down, with plenty of overs to spare, and Lilydale (6/258) had a lot of runs up their sleeve in dismissing Ainslie Park for 145.

The Grand final, played at Walker Reserve, saw Lilydale bowled out for 184 and Templeton (5/189) reached this target comfortably.

Members of premiership team:

Steve Tasevski (C), Adam Dejager, Stuart Simpson, Brendan Wallace, Matthew Dejager, Sam Bates, Joel Taylor, Jordan Lanham, Garry Pik, Rick Meehan, Davin Malcolm, Vince Ascenzo, Andrew Johnson.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Stephen Schmidtke (BOR) 359, Andrew Johnstone (APK) 352, Rob Foltyn (LYD) 320, Leigh Walles (APK) 318, David Delahunty (APK) 308, Colin Gray (LYD) 295, Matthew Dejager (TMP) 285.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Shane Morgan (APK) 19, Matthew Wilton (LYD) 18, Anthony Miller (BOR) 16, Sean Holden (CNT) 16, Ian Cubitt (APK) 15, Michael Janssen (STA) 14.

J GRADE – TIMOTHY COURT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
KILSYTH	6THS	64	92	
SOUTH CROYDON	5THS	52	84	1.2776
WONGA PARK	7THS	60	84	1.2569
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	3RDS	56	80	
WARRANTYTE	5THS	32	48	
CROYDON RANGES	7THS	0	0	

Eight teams started the season in this grade but many withdrawals (above and below) saw it reduced to a grade of seven from Rd.4, which became six when South Warrandyte (5ths) withdrew at the Xmas break.

The finalists were set a fair way out and it was a matter of who would finish where. In the last round, Kilsyth and Heathmont Baptist had a trial run for a return clash in a semi-final, the latter winning a tight game.

“J” Grade Cont’d

In the semi, it was again tight with Heathmont Baptists being dismissed for 115 but after having Kilsyth (6/119) on the back foot, needing more than forty with six down, the Baptists could not finish the job.

The other semi saw Wonga Park (188) post too many for South Croydon (133).

The Grand final, played at Silcock Reserve (South), was basically over shortly after tea on the first day when Wonga Park, batting second, was dismissed for 43 in 15 overs. The game went into the second day and Kilsyth compiled 205 before a halt was called.

Members of premiership team:

Brad Milbourne (C), Ben Fisher, Colin Clavan, Craig Downie, Dylan Smith, Matthew Burgess, Jake Powell, Shaun Goodwin, Scott Fulton, Wayne de Vries, Daniel Reynolds, Daniel Marsh, Owen de Vries.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Andy Heaton (CRR) 523, Steve Payne (SCR) 473, Simon Wilkins (SCR) 408, Rupert Gardner (CRR) 371, Ajay Mabian (HMB) 363, Peter Clark (WOP) 303, Brad Milbourne (KIL) 255.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Darren Wright (SCR) 21, Brian Baker (CRR) 21, Ajay Mabian (HMB) 18, Jack Mitchell (SCR) 15, Graham Rees (WDT) 14, Owen Bennett (SCR) 13.

K GRADE – TONY GAWNE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
KILSYTH	7THS	56	88	
AINSLIE PARK	7THS	48	84	
SCORESBY FERNDALE	4THS	40	72	
LILYDALE	6THS	40	64	
NORTH RINGWOOD	7THS	40	56	
EASTFIELD	3RDS	36	52	
ST ANDREWS	7THS	32	32	
CROYDON RANGES	8THS	20	28	

Whilst this grade comprised of eight teams for the whole season, it too underwent a major revamp after Rd.3.

Entering the last round, the finalists were set, providing Lilydale could account for Croydon Ranges, but top spot could change, as they were playing each other, and it did.

The semi-finals saw the top two eliminated, as Lilydale (2/180) easily chased down Kilsyth’s 9/178 and Scoresby Ferndale (4/147) made short work of Ainslie Park (76).

The Grand Final, played at Exner Reserve, was a game of fluctuating fortunes, the last pair for Lilydale (9/217) adding an unbroken 31, however the last pair for Scoresby Ferndale (9/218) was equal to the task and added 27 to get the win with four balls to spare.

“K” Grade Cont’d

Members of premiership team:

Jamie Purdon (C), Paul Franklin, David House, Walter Cook, Cameron Ruglen, Rowan Jennion, Clinton Williams, Ian Birchwood, Paul Omond, Andrew Omond, Stuart Pretty, James Annesley, Michael Perry, Steve Smith.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Paul Franklin (SBF) 395, Phillip Paisley (ESF) 379, Sean Middlemast (LYD) 368, Callum Donaldson (KIL) 339, Walter Cook (SBF) 330, Ryan Willmott (APK) 319, Brad Wood (CRR) 293.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Michael Glenister (ESF) 21, Ryan Willmott (APK) 21, Ian Birchwood (SBF) 18, Brendan Taylor (SBF) 16, Eddie Boal (NRI) 16, Paul Franklin (SBF) 14.

L GRADE

This grade comprised of six teams for the first three rounds but was abolished when many withdrawals across the “Modified Rules’ grades necessitated a major revamp from rd.4 onwards.

HIGH ACHIEVERS DURING 2014/15 SEASON

Trollope Shield:

David Johnson (WWD) realized a bowlers dream by taking all 10 wickets, finishing with the figures of 10 for 20. He also took 8/33 in another match.

Lincoln Wong (TMP) made 125 and 108 before the Xmas break.

Drew McKay (WSO) took 8/26

In Wilkins Cup:

Jake Sherriff (WDT) took 9/34

Stuart Newey Plate:

Kris Andersen (EAR) took 8/41

“A” Grade:

Michael Finn (BYP) made 198no

Matthew Hepburn (NRI) took 8/17

“D” Grade

Cameron Day (WDT) made 212

Ashley Storm (MTR) made 157 and 150no

Garth Woodford (KIL) took 8/72

“F” Grade:

Jordan Thomas (CRR) made 200no

Phil Coats (NOW) took 8/36

“G” Grade:

James Weatherley (WDT) made 190

“I” Grade:

Cameron Sharpe (STA) made 191

Ian Spencer (CRR) played his 600th senior game for the club.

Stewart Gibb (KIL) played his 400th senior game for the club.

AWARD WINNERS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Phil McCallum award

Top 4 in reverse order	Points
Ainslie Park	26.45
Wonga Park	26.64
Kilsyth	28.90
North Ringwood (winner)	29.63

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 **Bayswater Park (1sts) – Lindsay Trollope 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 **Duncan Cant**

FRED HODGKINS ALL STAR TEAM OF THE YEAR

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

David Johnson (Warranwood) - Capt	347 runs @ 31.55 and 43 wickets @ 7.77
Lincoln Wong (Templeton)	599 runs @ 54.45
Josh Stewart (South Croydon)	462 runs @ 46.2
Andrew Jorgensen (Wantirna South)	408 runs @ 40.8
Aydn Sier (Ainslie Park)	414 runs @ 34.5
Michael King (South Croydon)	349 runs @ 34.9 and 19 wickets @ 28.79
Curtis Mitchell (St Andrews)	305 runs @ 30.5, 18 catches and 1 stumping
Marcus Adams (Bayswater Park)	362 runs @ 30.17 and 19 wickets @ 19.37
Mark Arnot (Ainslie Park)	201 runs @ 33.5 and 31 wickets @ 11.97
Drew McKay (Wantirna South)	178 runs @ 22.25 and 28 wickets @ 15.61
Paul Payne (Templeton)	40 wickets @ 12.53

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Lindsay Trollope Shield	Lincoln Wong (17)	Templeton
Bill Wilkins Medal – Bill Wilkins Cup	Steven Lindsay (16)	South Warrandyte
Stuart Newey Medal - Stuart Newey Plate	Mikel Greenough (18)	Olinda
Steve Pascoe Medal – Steve Pascoe Shield	Bruce Sansom (10)	Norwood

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Pascoe Shield:	Ryan Murray (418 runs, 9 assisted and 8 un-assisted wickets, 8 catches and 1 assisted run-out)	(Scoresby Ferndale)	673 points
Newey Plate	Robert Cranmer (535 runs, 12 assisted and 16 un-assisted wickets, 6 catches and 1 assisted run-out)	(Heathmont Baptist)	930 points
Wilkins Cup	Jake Sherriff (376 runs, 20 assisted and 22 un-assisted wickets, 9 catches and 2 un-assisted run-outs)	(Warrandyte)	971 points
Trollope Shield	David Johnson (347 runs, 18 assisted and 25 un-assisted wickets, 7 catches)	(Warranwood)	937 points

Under 21 players of the season	Tom Robinson Ronen Erulkar	North Ringwood Lilydale
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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. 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 other grades, a bowler must deliver not less than 360 balls and take no less than 20 wickets. Where no one has met the full criteria, Senior Committee determines the winner.

Trollope Shield	Bowling	David Johnson (Warranwood) (best 10/20, 8/33, 5/7 & 4/24 – same game)	43 wkts @ 7.77
	Batting	Lincoln Wong (Templeton) (2/100's, 4 /50's, best 125)	599 runs @ 54.45
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Cheyne Van Koll (Montrose) (best 7/21, 5/24, 4/20, 4/32)	34 wkts @ 10.15
	Batting	Matthew Clark (Kilsyth) (1/100, 3 /50's, best 102)	453 runs @ 50.33
Newey Plate	Bowling	Sam Barnes (Wantirna South) (best 5/17, 4/27, 4/30)	23 wkts @ 10.65
	Batting	Robert Cranmer (Heathmont Baptist) (4 /50's, best 93)	535 runs @ 48.64
Pascoe Shield	Bowling	Daniel Stapelfeldt (Kilsyth) (best 4/30, 4/39, 3/16)	22 wkts @ 12.77
	Batting	Simon Bowyer (Warrandyte) (1/100, 3/50's, best 114no)	411 runs @ 58.71
A Grade	Bowling	Matthew Hepburn (North Ringwood) (best 3/14 & 8/26 – same game, 4/26 twice)	41 wkts @ 9.02
	Batting	Cameron Head (South Warrandyte) (1/100, best 108no)	268 runs @ 67.00

B Grade	Bowling	Scott Cogan (Lilydale) (best 5/15, 3/5, 3/25)	22 wkts @ 12.64
	Batting	Scott Cogan (Lilydale) (1/100, 2/50's, best 101)	503 runs @ 45.73
C Grade	Bowling	Justin Smith (Kilsyth) (best 6/17, 5/19, 4/21, 4/23)	36 wkts @ 11.31
	Batting	Justin Smith (Kilsyth) (2 /100's, best 102no)	312 runs @ 62.40
D Grade	Bowling	Scott Baker (North Ringwood) (best 4/52, 3/10, 3/15 & 3/31 – same game)	23 wkts @ 12.57
	Batting	Ashley Storm (Montrose) (3/100's, 3/50's, best 157)	734 runs @ 146.80
E Grade	Bowling	Aaron Jennings (Lilydale) (best 7/4, 7/22, 3/2)	25 wkts @ 7.48
	Batting	Tony Harvey (Wonga Park) (1/100, 1/50, best 162no)	407 runs @ 81.40
F Grade	Bowling	Pat Danaher (Heathmont Baptist) (best 5/41, 3/3, 3/16)	25 wkts @ 10.56
	Batting	Kane Hartrup (South Warrandyte) (1/100, 2/50's, best 107no)	375 runs @ 62.50
G Grade	Bowling	Shaun Foster (Wonga Park) (best 4/68, 3/5, 3/13, 3/24)	26 wkts @ 13.42
	Batting	Anthony Uhr-Henry (Wonga Park) (4/50's, best 61)	380 runs @ 76.00
H Grade	Bowling	Scott Wynd (St Andrews) (best 5/39, 3/16, 3/27)	18 wkts @ 8.72
	Batting	Scott Wynd (St Andrews) (3/100's, 4/50's, best 100no)	689 runs @ 137.80
I Grade	Bowling	Ian Cubitt (Ainslie Park) (best 5/18, 3/24, 3/43)	15 wkts @ 7.13
	Batting	Matthew Dejager (Templeton) (1/100, 2/50's, best 100no)	285 runs @ 285.00
J Grade	Bowling	Ajay Mabian (Heathmont Baptist) (best 4/35, 3/32)	18 wkts @ 15.44
	Batting	Rupert Gardner (Croydon Ranges) (1/100, 2/50's, best 139no)	371 runs @ 92.75
K Grade	Bowling	Ian Birchwood (Scoresby Ferndale) (best 5/22, 4/8, 4/11)	18wkts @ 7.06
	Batting	Walter Cook (Scoresby Ferndale) (1/100, 3/50's, best 100no)	330 runs @ 110.00

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2014/15

Wonga Park	36	(4)	Norwood	20	(3)
Wantirna South	32	(4)	Warranwood	18*	(7)
East Ringwood	31	(6)	Bayswater Park	18	(2)
Mooroolbark	29	(10)	Lilydale	18	(2)
Ainslie Park	29	(4)	Wantirna	17	(5)
North Ringwood	26	(6)	Chirnside Park	14	(5)
Templeton	26	(4)	South Warrandyte	13	(5)
St Andrews	25	(5)	Boronia	11	(0)
Croydon Ranges	24*	(5)	South Croydon	9	(5)
Croydon North	23	(9)	Eastfield	9	(3)
Kilsyth	23	(1)	Scoresby Ferndale	9*	(2)
Montrose	20	(4)	Olinda	6	(3)
Warrandyte	20	(4)	Heathmont Baptist	1	(0)

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.

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2009/10

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

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 2010/11-2014/15

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

	TROLLOPE	WILKINS	NEWAY
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	NEWAY	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

SAXON SPORTS CHALLENGE – RDCA 20/20 COMPETITION

2014/15 was the seventh season of this competition. After consultation with the clubs, the Senior Committee decided to vary the format such that each club played five games in the preliminary phase of the competition.

Costs rose as a result of the increased number of games but the generous sponsorship of Paul Attfield enabled clubs to be reimbursed to about 50% of the umpire fees incurred during the course of the competition. The Saxon Sport sponsorship also extended to the provision of the white balls used, including those for finals matches, and we thank Paul for his contribution to this competition.

Twenty four clubs entered a team and they were placed in 4 groups of 6 teams, with each playing the other teams in their group in the preliminary rounds. The top two teams in each group progressed to the quarter finals, where their ranking, based on points earned and net run rate, where applicable, determined who would play whom (e.g.1 v 8 and so on), results were:

- (1) Mooroolbark 8/200 (S Kelton 79) def Norwood 101 (C Grigg 3/18, J Runge 3/20)
- (2) Montrose 7/190 (M Edwards 74, D Carratelli 55) def Templeton 113 (M Edwards 3/22)
- (3) Warrandyte 6/211 (A Dehmel 66, T Webb 3/31) def Wantirna South 125 (L Killey 3/18)
- (4) East Ringwood 6/120 (M Kershaw 66, J Belli 3/11) lost to Croydon North 9/130

The Semi-finals played out as follows:

Mooroolbark 6/130 def Croydon North 9/129 (J McDonagh 49, C Stevens 6/18)
Montrose 4/172 (M Edwards 106no) def Warrandyte 7/167 (J Sherriff 67, A Dehmel 53, C Van Koll 3/28)

The Senior Committee determined that the highest ranked grand finalist (Mooroolbark) should host the game at Mooroolbark Heights Reserve. Andy Laws and Ian McCallum umpired the game.

Montrose won the toss and elected to bat first but lost Mirams and Edwards early. Perkins (22) helped Carratelli (45) to take the score to 66 but, again, two quick wickets changed the balance. When Carratelli was the middle pin of three wickets for a handful of runs, with the score just over 100 and overs running out, Mooroolbark appeared to have the upper hand. Enter Cheyne Van Koll (39no) who struck the ball to all parts, including a number of sixes, and with support from Evans they took the final total to a challenging 8/154. Best of the Mooroolbark bowlers were Daniel Dimitriou 3/38 and Wayne Ross 2/26.

When Mooroolbark slumped to 3/14, the task appeared forlorn but an excellent partnership between Andrew Keane (57) and Wayne Ross (35) took the score to 120 to give their side some hope, albeit that the remaining runs needed to be scored off only a couple of overs. The breaking of the partnership saw wickets crash in pursuit of quick runs and Mooroolbark were 8/125 when the twenty overs were completed. The Montrose attack was led by Jake Crowe (3/9), Tyler Sonsini (3/30) and Matthew McKane (2/14)

Our congratulations to Montrose and members of the team who were:

Michael Edwards (C), Kieran Perkins, Andy Mirams, Daniel Carratelli, Jake Crowe, Matthew Lowe, Matthew McKane, Ryan Evans, Cheyne Van Koll, Jake Motteram, Tyler Sonsini.

My thanks and appreciation go to all who volunteered their time to ensure the competition ran smoothly. Without the volunteers from all clubs we would not have the 20/20 competition we do.

Michael Finn - T20 Co-ordinator

Details of Representative Matches

In the 2014/15 T20 Challenge event between RDCA/BHRDCA/ECA, each Association again fielded two teams with RDCA selecting one comprising Trollope players and another from Wilkins/Newey group.

Trollope group:

ECA 9/123 cc (David Johnson 3/16, Andy Wu 2/15, Marcus Adams 2/22, Luke Raggett 2/31) were defeated by RDCA 7/124 (Sam Storey 43 no, Olly Brown 20)
12 runs were required off the last 3 balls of the match and Sam Storey did the business (an outstanding effort)

BHRDCA 8/146 cc (Jake Cairns 3/19 including a hat trick, Raggett 2/36, Luke Scott 1/29) were defeated by RDCA 8/150 (Brown 48, Storey 38no, Joel Merrett 20).
3 runs were required from the last over and 2 wickets fell before Jake Cairns hit the winning four.

The umpires awarded the Player of the Series to Sam Storey for outstanding batting contributions.

Wilkins group:

ECA 8/130 cc (Rob Clarke 3/12, Marcus Baxter 2/13, Jake Sherriff 2/22, Marc Steiner 1/26) were defeated by RDCA 4/132 in 15 overs (Baxter 65 no, Taylor Gibson 20)

BHRDCA 10/133 (20TH over) (Clarke 3/30, Steiner 2/16, Grant McInerney 2/34, Sherriff 1/28) were defeated by RDCA 3/134 in 16th over (Baxter 49 no, Gibson 38, Clarke 30 no)

The umpires awarded the Player of the Series to Marcus Baxter for a great all round performance.

On behalf of the Senior Committee I would like to sincerely to extend our thanks to:
players for making themselves available, some at short notice on Saturday night/Sunday morning.
Marc Steiner (Player Representative Senior Committee) for his organization with ECA, BHRDCA and the host club.

The RDCA Selection Panel comprising: Marc Steiner, Dave Johnson, Marcus Adams and Paul Attfield.

Saxon Sports (Paul Attfield) for sponsorship by way of providing match balls and trophies.

The RDCA Umpires, Lothar Pilz and John Jacobs, Roger Copeland for scoring and Chirnside Park CC Committee and club members for hosting, including lunches etc.

It was an outstanding effort enjoyed by all Associations.

ECA/BHRDCA/RDCA have agreed that the 2015/2016 Challenge Series will be hosted by ECA and played on Sunday 6th December 2015.

Pat Meehan, Chairman, RDCA Senior Committee.

NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

The following players represented the RDCA in the Vic Metro Cricket Union's Under21 competition played in November/December:

Joshua White (C)	Ainslie Park	Joshua Bromiley	Montrose
Ronen Erulkar	Lilydale	Tom Robinson	North Ringwood
Ryan Murray	Scoresby Ferndale	Cheyne Van Koll	Montrose
Joel Merrett	South Croydon	Zac Staggard	Lilydale
Josh Kazar	Bayswater Park	Jayden Battaglone	Eastfield
Andre Eramo	Eastfield	Mitch Ebeyer	Lilydale
Akash Tatikonda	Kilysth	Kesh Kandel	Lilydale
Kyle Colisimo	Bayswater Park	Dillon Bettess	Ainslie Park
Lincoln Wong	Templeton		

Match Results

Round 1 (played at Greenvale Kangaroos main oval).

RDCA 7/183 (Robinson 44, Ebeyer 30, Battaglone 30, Erulkar 18) were defeated by DVCA 8/194 (Erulkar 4/28, Kazar 2/46).

Round 2 (at Bulleen Oval)

RDCA 9/129 (Robinson 61no, Bromiley 23) were defeated by ECA 5/249 (Kandel 2/34).

Round 3 (at Fitzroy-Doncaster main oval)

RDCA 3/180 (Bettess 73, Merrett 43no, Erulkar 22) defeated BHRDCA 10/159 (Colisimo 5/17, White 4/26).

The team missed the finals, finishing 6th of 12 sides but, except for the Round 2 disaster, performed very well and should have beaten DVCA, who finished runner up to Dandenong CA in the Grand final held at Jubilee Park. The lads were a great and enthusiastic group of young men who learnt a lot from the turf wicket experience and were true representatives of the RDCA. The majority of the players will form the core of next season's squad. We thank you gentlemen, for your efforts and comradeship.

My thanks to Paul Atfield as coach and also for providing the training facilities for 5 weeks on Tuesday nights at Saxon Sports Indoor Centre at Bayswater North. In addition, thank you also to Craig Staggard and Peter Bromiley for assisting me with the players and on match days, Liz McLelland for scoring at all matches (Paul would have got lost without her) and especially the parents for transport and general support. Personally, it was an honour to be involved with you all and I look forward to making the finals next season.

RDCA Representative in VMCU U/21 Team

Tom Robinson was selected for the VMCU U/21 Team that played against the VCCL U/21 Team at Merv Hughes Oval (Footscray Edgewater home ground). For the first time in many years the VMCU won by chasing down 190, but only on the last ball of the match. Tom made a significant contribution with 32 runs, being the second top scorer. On behalf of his U/21 RDCA squad colleagues, and the Senior Committee, we congratulate Tom on his outstanding effort.

Pat Meehan, Chairman of Selectors and Team Manager

Annual RDCA “All Stars” v Ringwood Rams – 24 November (Jubilee Park)

The RDCA team comprised:

David Johnson, Ayrton Dehmel, Ben Hastie, Lincoln Wong (wkt), Marcus Adams, Andrew Keane, Cameron Moore, Daniel Dimitriou, Michael Kitson, Luke Ridgwell, Jake Sherriff.

Ringwood Innings

P Jefimenko	c Johnson b Ridgwell	30
I Holland	c Keane b Dimitriou	12
T Stray	b Dehmel	32
T Sugumar	c Wong b Johnson	3
E Smeed	not out	19
J Freeman	run out Hastie	4
J Ludgater	c Dehmel b Moore	10
P. Ashton	not out	20
Extras		9
Total	(20 overs)	6 / 139

Bowling: Moore 1/25, Sherriff 0/26, Dimitriou 1/19, Adams 0/17, Ridgwell 1/35, Johnson 1/6, Dehmel 1/11.

RDCA Innings

D Johnson	c Smeed b Wigney	21
A Dehmel	c Smeed b J. Freeman	3
L Wong	b J. Freeman	43
B Hastie	not out	27
A Keane	not out	9
Extras		16
Total	(20 overs)	3/119

Bowling: M Fotia 0/19, T Freeman 0/18, J Wigney 1/20, J Freeman 2/19, J Morrison 0/13, P Ashton 0/13, T Sugumar 0/5.

Special thanks to Marc Steiner, David Johnson and Paul Attfield for the organization and selection.

Pat Meehan

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