



### **M. (Merv) Cooper - 1960/1961**

Mervyn Cooper played for Croydon North Cricket Club and was described by the late Ken Johnston (another RDCA Life Member) as being his mentor as well as being a strong supporter and promoter of juniors playing cricket.

Mervyn was a wicket keeper despite having the disability of having a 'club' foot, something that did not prevent him from playing his favourite sport for many years. When batting he was allowed a runner in order to allow him to play. He was a club delegate to the RDCA for a number of years in the 1940's and 50's.

At Association level Mervyn served in several positions over a number of years. Besides being on the Executive from 1956/57, he was a Vice President from 1958/59 until 1964/65 and was a representative team selector and Team Manager for a similar period. Mervyn was a strong proponent of junior cricket and when the Association created the Under 14 competition in 1966 the Executive decided to call the trophy for the new competition the Mervyn Cooper memorial Trophy. Mervyn had died earlier in 1966 and for some seasons his name was attached to the Under 14 (1) premiership trophy.