

# **RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.**

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## **2000/2001 ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET**

**Presented to Club Delegates at the Annual General Meeting  
on Wednesday 15 August 2001**

**RINGWOOD & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION Inc.**

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*That was the Season that was*

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT 2000-2001**

The May Meeting of the Australian Cricket Society saw the launch of Phil McCallum's book "From Paddocks to Parks" which encapsulates the History of Cricket Development of our area.

During the meeting I couldn't help but ponder on the immense number of people who, once bitten by the cricketing bug, dedicate significant time to ensuring that the game they love is made available to all that are lucky enough to be exposed to the virtues, intricacies, emotion and camaraderie this great game offers.

Every cricketer is touched by the "Cricket nut"

Every team involves at least one; every Club – many. We couldn't do without them and I salute their efforts.

At Association Executive level you are fortunate to have a team which works well together in efforts to enhance the experience of your involvement.

We don't always agree on all matters but the general premise of "Is it good for the Whole Association?" is borne in mind for all decisions.

The Executive members at both Senior and Junior level do a wonderful job. They are listed at the front of this report and I thank them all on your behalf. But – whenever you meet them in the coming year, don't be backward in adding your personal appreciation.

I need to highlight the extraordinary efforts of a few senior Executive members which, although unfair to other members, is certainly warranted.

My deputy, Chris Willman, is an amazing man. His tireless efforts as RDCA Junior President, Senior Vice President, Delegate to Regional Council, Milo Have a Go co-ordinator on top of playing and administrative duties at South Warrandyte Hawks, made him a stand out winner of the VCA Metropolitan Volunteer of the Year Award for the last season. It's great to see unassuming dedication being recognised and rightfully rewarded.

What can one say about Lindsay Trollope? As General Secretary Lindsay once again he ensured everything ticked along without too much fuss. Things don't always go to plan but Lindsay's quick actions mean that issues are resolved and there are no significant deviations from his well-worn administrative path.

An extended illness during the season only served to highlight how much we rely on Lindsay to ensure the Association's communication Channels remain open.

Stuart Newey had a frustrating season. He had to temper the enthusiasm of yours truly for the innovative registration and match result system designed by Sporting Pulse and accepted by Clubs at a special pre-season meeting. He was burdened by my enthusiasm to fully implement the system and knew too well that it wouldn't run perfectly from the start. Nevertheless, Stuart did everything in his power to facilitate the transition and worked many hours/days without complaint (Well – not too much!) to confirm results and ladders.

In his spare time, Stuart also acts as President of the RDCA Umpires Association. I think he also holds down a job but where he gets the time I don't know.

David Beattie is the doyen of Under 21 and Under 18 representative cricket in our area. Respected and appreciated by all who have the privilege to be selected, David is always promoting the youth of the RDCA to higher goals.

As an executive member of the VMCA and Chairman of the Outer Eastern Regional Cricket Council, David represents the RDCA with distinction.

Fortunately I was able to visit many Clubs during the season and witness some memorable matches and individual efforts.

I shared players frustration with the soggy start to the season; administrators and captains' battles with the new match result system, a hot summer which saw some incredible achievements and a competitive final series which, once again, was dampened by adverse weather.

But, most of all, I enjoyed meeting the players, officials and their families and supporters and sharing their love of cricket.

We all must have the support of our families to be involved – and I am no exception

I am fortunate that Ann and Rachelle share my love for the game and interest in the people involved in the RDCA at all levels. Ann is an integral part of the RDCA Executive (also means one less meeting at separate venues) and Rachelle looks after the phone scores and media input. Thanks for your support girls.

As we look forward to the RDCA's 82<sup>nd</sup> season please reflect on what has been achieved in the past and revere those who have done so much to make this a great Association.

I thoroughly recommend you obtain a copy of "From Paddocks to Parks" – it puts it all into perspective.

Cheers

**STEVE PASCOE**

**PRESIDENT.**

### GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

One day after the Annual Meeting, several hundred people attended the funeral of Bill Dean, who passed away on August 8 after losing the battle with cancer. The number of people at the service indicated the esteem in which Bill was held, not only in the cricket world, but also in the general community. It was a privilege to speak on behalf of the Association. The middle pages of this document are dedicated to Bill.

The Kilsyth Cricket Club's social room was the venue for the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the RDCA. Held on 16 August 2000, this meeting effectively was the opening "shot" of the 2000/01 season. Ferntree Gully secured their third Chandler flag thus overturning a poor season in 1999/00. In a high class game they set up their win with a strong batting performance on the first day and then fought off a most determined challenge from Kilsyth. East Ringwood took out the Wilkins Cup with a relatively easy win over Bayswater Park who had led the competition since the opening round.

Steve Pascoe continued his leadership of the Association and he made every effort to be seen in that role. He restricted his playing to the veterans and legends, enabling him to spend most Saturdays visiting games of all grades. Steve is also a member of the Outer Eastern Regional Cricket Council, which acts as an arm of the VCA to promote cricket generally, and to introduce various training and development programs to the area. As he mentioned in his own report, Steve is given great support from Ann who combines her role as Mrs President with her work on the Committee with particular emphasis to our social activities.

Steve provided details of the contribution of the Executive members. Without wishing to repeat what Steve has written, it would be remiss of me if I did not express my personal thanks for the assistance given to me over the past 12 months. I must make a particular mention for the incredible contribution made by Stuart Newey during the latter part of the season, when I greatly handicapped in what I could do because of a poisoned leg.

In general the conduct of players on the ground was OK with the Independent Tribunal only being forced to meet on two occasions to hear 6 cases. Suspensions were imposed on four players. Four players accepted a 2-match penalty without the need for a Tribunal hearing.

Ken Johnston and Michael Gavin continued in their respective roles of President and Secretary of the Veterans Committee. A 50+ (Legends) competition was introduced in 2000/01. Michael gives details of the season in his marvellous overview which starts on page . The Executive again obtained a grant which was handed to the Veterans to assist in the further development of cricket for the "oldies".

The Knockout Competition was enjoyed by the clubs who participated and in a high class final game, Wonga Park outlasted Mooroolbark to take the Topline Cup. However, unless there is greater support it is unlikely to continue in the coming season. An under 18 competition was introduced, but the response from clubs was extremely disappointing with only four clubs entering teams. One club was unable to field a team on the allotted days, while another was restricted in the availability of players until later in the season. I understand the junior body is looking further at this development. Possibly, the introduction of a dedicated grade playing at the same time as all other grades could come under consideration.

I note that Steve referred to the Phil McCallum book entitled "From Paddocks to Parks". At the time of writing, approximately 100 have been sold. Seventeen of the clubs have purchased copies.

Stuart Newey and Martien Pruyers continued as President and Secretary of the Umpires Association. Martien report is included in this publication.

Michael and Lesley Watson again excelled themselves in the catering for the representative games against City of Moorabbin. Details of the games are reported on elsewhere.

The Ferntree Gully Club, under the leadership of Steve Flemming, again successfully hosted the function for the counting of the votes in the Fairest and Best awards. Attendance at the Presentation Dinner was one of the best for almost 12 years and Ann was superb with her planning.

I appreciated the support given to me by all clubs during over the past 12 months and it makes the task of administration so much easier. The new administrative procedures, which came into force during 2000/01, had some teething problems and, in conjunction with Sporting Pulse, changes will be made to ensure a smooth passage in the new season.

I suspect the time is coming when the RDCA will need to look at some paid administration. Age catches up with us all and the time needed to administer the Association will preclude people with full time jobs from filling the principal positions.

In the meantime however, let us look forward to a great season in 2001/02.

**Lindsay Trollope**

**Senior Registration Secretary's Report - 2000 / 2001 season**

I am sure you do not need me to tell you that our move to the new computer system for recording registration, match results and compiling ladders was less successful than we had hoped.

There were a number of reasons why we had significant problems during the season, the details of which I am sure most of you are aware and so I do not intend to discuss them in this report. Suffice to say, I think we have learnt a lot from the exercise to the extent that we will not fall into similar traps in the coming seasons.

It is still our intention to move as quickly as possible to take on board 'up to date' computer technology but the key words are 'as quickly as possible'. With this in mind, our process for next season has been modified and you will be advised of details at the Annual and Secretaries meetings.

Enough about last seasons problems, despite which we again completed a successful and enjoyable season.

136 senior teams representing 30 clubs competed in 11 normal competition grades and 2 one day competition grades.

There were 6180 players registered to play in the Association during the season and it is pleasing to report that 68 clearances were processed without recourse to appeals to the Permit Committee for a decision.

**Stuart Newey**  
**Senior Registration Secretary**



## UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

The season commenced with Stuart Newey being re-appointed as President with David Rashleigh continuing in his position as Umpires Adviser, and Don Smith re-elected to fill the position of Vice President.

The year began with the Umpires Association being down on numbers after losing approx 16 umpires from last years list, but was fortunate to be able to recruit approx 6 new umpires leaving us with a list of 28. This allowed a number of the less experienced umpires to participate at the top level.

The umpires again officiated at inter association representative games in both senior and junior level, the One Day competition on Sundays and the Veteran finals.

I would like to thank the club volunteers who helped with the umpiring in the semi finals and in some of the junior grand final.

Congratulations to all medal winners, trophy winners and premiers on their success this season. I extend our thanks to the captains, ladies and club members for their efforts and hospitality, before during and after the game. A special thanks to all the scorers for their dedication and assistance to the umpires.

Lastly, let me thank my fellow umpires for their dedication, enthusiasm and assistance during the season. Although players sometimes are critical of performances during the season we must consider how the matches would be without umpires. I urge all retiring players and/or officials to consider joining the umpire ranks in 2001/2002. In most instances retired players make good umpires.

***Martien Pruysers***  
Umpires Secretary

## Match Committee

Neil Tull again accepted the position as Chairperson of the committee. Russell Jenzen, David Beatty and Ken Trollope were members of the Committee. David was again at his best in the management of the under 21 and under 18 teams. The under 21's reached the finals of the Neil Wright Shield for the 3<sup>rd</sup> successive season, but were beaten in the semi final by the Diamond Valley Association. The under 18 team were unbeaten in its three games with a tie against the powerful Victorian Turf Association being a highlight.

The intervention of rain caused the senior game against Box Hill to be abandoned when the RDCA was poised for a comfortable victory game. The second match versus the City of Moorabbin was won most convincingly.

Details of all matches are shown in the statistical section of this report.

## Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union(VMCU)

The Union oversees the local cricket associations throughout the metropolitan area. Over the last 12-18 months, a Task force has been looking at a possible restructuring of the Union. The Association will make a decision on the proposals at the AGM. Kevin Smith remained as president and John Jillard was appointed as administrator. The previous administrator, Kevin Murphy was taken seriously ill and sadly passed away during the last season.

## Outer Eastern Cricket Council

David Beatty continued to chair the Council. Representatives of the RDCA(Steve Pascoe and David Willman), Ferntree Gully and Yarra Valley are members of the Council. Andrew Garrett remains as the VCA manager on the Council.

Lindsay Trollope

## **JUNIOR SECRETARY'S REPORT 2000/01**

The 2000/01 season was certainly one of great change for the RDCA Juniors and consequently proved to be quite testing and challenging. While the season did not progress as smoothly as we all would have liked, it was still very productive in providing a good foundation for us to work on for coming seasons.

The Internet is a medium that is growing rapidly and will continue to do so for many years to come. It is one of the best mediums that a Sport like Cricket has to reach out to its numerous followers and for the providing and sharing of information.

It was only three seasons ago that the RDCA Juniors began to use email as means of distributing information and keeping in contact with clubs. At the time it was only a few people that saw the advantage of this, while others turned their nose up at the mere idea.

This season all except one Junior Club has an email contact and those who turned their nose up at the idea three seasons ago, are now amongst the people embracing this technology.

We are currently living in the information age and for those who take advantage of the new technology are the ones that will find that their lives become simpler. Those that chose to ignore it, will fall behind and will not enjoy the benefits.

At the first delegates meeting the Junior Executive made it quite clear, that with the introduction of the new results and registration system, there would be teething problems and that the ride would undoubtedly bumpy.

While the ride was definitely bumpy the overwhelming positive reaction from the Junior players more than makes up for this. Through the RDCA Website and the new resulting system we now have Junior Players at home and school checking results, ladders and fixtures and consequently generating a larger interest in the local competition than has been possible for a number of years.

With some more time and work the system as whole will become smoother and better, with the game of cricket being the one that benefits through increased availability of information.

The one comment that I heard this season, that to me indicates and sums up the potential and benefit of the Internet, was from a local Secondary School teacher who said, "every time I walk into the computer labs at least half students are looking at their results on the RDCA Website".

As well the change with the resulting and registration system, there was also a change in the approach to how the fixture was put together. In past seasons the focus has been more on ensuring an even number of home and away

matches. This season the focus was to try and provide for a more even competition, with all teams playing each other at least once and eliminating teams playing each other more than once.

In the majority of cases this was achieved, although where regrading occurred there was some repeating in the fixture. However on the whole the fixture was far more even than it had been in past seasons.

As a result of the change in direction with the fixture this created the problem of an uneven amount of home and away matches in some cases. Unfortunately due the way clubs share grounds amongst their sides it is exceptionally difficult to ensure an equal amount of home and away matches, when trying to ensure for an even competition.

While the process is not easy the Junior Executive are determined to ensure that 2001/02 fixture is as even as it was this season, but with a more equal distribution of home and away matches.

On the field the 2000/01 season was definitely again another successful season for the RDCA Juniors. The Representative Sides again performed successfully with the IAJCC Under 12 side making the Semi-Finals under the guidance of Michael Duke and Phil Lovell, the Mitchell Shield side made the quarter finals for the first time ever under the guidance of Graeme Merrett and Chris Foden, the IAJCC Under 14's also made it to the Semi Finals under the guidance of John Springett, and the Under 16's made it to the Grand Final under the guidance of John Higgins and Ian Jones.

Much praise must be directed to the coaches and team managers of these sides who gave up all the Sundays in November and December to select and train these sides, as well as two weeks in January and a couple of Sundays in February for actual playing of matches. They all have done a fantastic job and their efforts are very much appreciated by the players, parents and the RDCA.

Congratulations to all players that played this season, especially to those players that were fortunate enough to make to the finals. Well done also to all players who received awards at the RDCA Junior Presentation Night.

The 2000/01 season did not happen with out the hard work of the Junior Executive. It was the efforts of Peter Kaspar, Jeff Luscombe, Michael Duke, Stuart Minetti, Daryl Watson, John Higgins, Paul Craddock that contributed the success of the season. Without such hard working individuals the RDCA Juniors just would not happen and is something that ALOT of people need to realise.

The Junior Committee is appointed by the at the Annual General Meeting. We are all volunteers giving up large amounts of our time, just like the numerous club officials, of which many of us are also. It is not our mission to make life as difficult as possible for clubs, we are simply trying to ensure that any decision we make is beneficial to ALL not particular clubs and individuals.

It is very disappointing at times to see people get too caught up in their own clubs affairs and overlook the bigger picture. It becomes even more tragic when members of the Junior Committee are subject to personnel threats and abuse and is something that if it continues will see very few people VOLUNTEER their time.

As I have previously stated we are all here for the same reason, we are all human, we are all volunteers, we are all prone to making mistakes, and most importantly we are all here for Junior Cricket. This is something we ALL need to remember.

In closing I would like to recognise two members of the Executive who have indicated they will not be standing for the coming season.

Chris Willman three seasons ago took over as Junior President from Ian Spencer and in that time has contributed and achieved a great deal. It is not surprising that Chris was the VCA 2001 Volunteer of the Year award. Chris has been heavily involved with changes in the RDCA Resulting system and process and even more heavily involved with Outer East Regional Council. Chris's hard work and leadership will be sorely missed.

Tony Gawne has been on the Junior Committee for too many years to remember. In this time he has held the position of Registration Secretary as well as Assistant Secretary. In both position he has excelled and is one of the main reasons for the Junior Committees improved operational processes and performance in the last three seasons.

On behalf of the RDCA Juniors I would like to thank both Tony and Chris for their enormous efforts in their time on the Junior Committee and personally for their support and their great wisdom and knowledge that they have passed on to myself.

The 20001/02 season is a new season, which will see us take some valuable lessons from the past season. It is most important that we go into the 2001/02 season with an open and concentrate on making 2001/02 a better season and not continue on with dead issues from the past season.

**RDCA Inc. VETERANS CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
2000/2001**



**ANNUAL REPORT 2000 / 2001**

A big year for Veterans Cricket with continued expansion of Clubs and Competition under the umbrella of RDCA Veterans Cricket. The over 40s competition with four Divisions was titled "The Masters" and our new competition for over 50s was titled "The Legends", which was played on alternate weeks to the over 40's competition.

New Clubs from Riversdale, Macleod [both from Greensborough / Heidelberg area], Scoresby joined the over 40s competition, along with the return of Bayswater Park.

This brought the total of number of Clubs to 27, with 42 teams overall across the two competitions. 50% of the participating teams came from 11 Clubs - Four Clubs had three teams and another seven clubs had two sides.

The Legends competition proved very successful for its initial season. The seven Clubs participating were Croydon, Croydon Ranges, Mt. Evelyn, North Ringwood, South Warrandyte, Templeton and Warrandyte. It gave the opportunity for many "Legends" players to play Veterans cricket every weekend in both competitions, along with the introduction of new faces to Veterans Cricket, or the retention of a Club within RDCA Vets such as Templeton. Some weeks Clubs had difficulties putting a full side from their own player list together, so we saw Club co-ordinators using their initiative to network amongst other RDCA Veterans Clubs. This enabled them to take advantage of excess numbers available, no Legends side, Byes or wash-outs, resulting in players filling in at different Clubs to ensure a game was played. Some players may have represented up to 3 sides throughout the season. This proved very interesting for player registration requirements at Sportingpulse.

Another major change this year was the introduction of a computerised Player Registration and Results Reporting System with Sportingpulse. Access to this information for all Clubs was via an Internet Website. Numerous difficulties were encountered with this system at both an input and an output level, the latter being particularly the timeliness of result information. Steps will need to be taken for next season to ensure that the Veterans Executive retains better control of match results information.

Weather was a factor on a number of occasions during the season. A number of grounds were unfit for play in the early rounds, whilst Round 5 of the Masters competition was abandoned due to the forecast of excessive hot temperatures of 43 degrees C.

The competition was very keen and even throughout the season, with positions 3 and 4 in most divisions, being decided in the last round - percentages determining positions in the four in a number of Divisions. With the exception of "The Legends" competition, which did not have finals, the Semi-Finals were keenly played.

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**2000/2001**



Grand Finals for Divisions 1 and 2 were somewhat one sided, with the most exciting Grand Final being in Division 4 where the result was determined in the last over.

Pennants and trophies were presented to the winning captains at our Presentation Night. The premiers for 2000 / 2001 were:

- **Division 4 Premiers      Max Brown Trophy**  
**Parkwood** passed Mt. Evelyn in the last over with one wicket to spare - a very exciting nail biting finish.
- **Division 3 Premiers**  
The two new Clubs – Riverside and Macleod from the Greensborough area fought out a tight game. **Riverside** defeated Macleod.
- **Division 2 Premiers      Ken Johnston Trophy**  
**South Warrandyte** comfortably accounted for Research following first innings collapse by Research.
- **Division 1 Premiers      Bill Dean Trophy**  
**Norwood** comfortably accounted for Parkwood following first innings collapse by Parkwood.
- **The Legends Premiers**  
**Mt. Evelyn** remained clear on top - undefeated with 5 wins, plus a washout and a bye.

All Clubs are providing after match hospitality, and this provides an excellent way of renewing and building friendships amongst players and partners/supporters. All clubs are encouraged to maintain this facet of Veterans cricket.

**Inter-Association Games:** Two games were played with RDCA Veterans hosting these at the excellent facilities at Boronia Cricket Ground. The first game was pre Christmas against the Box Hill Reporter Association, which RDCA won, however the game against the Ferntree Gully Association at the end of the season was not so successful.

Short notice was given for both of these matches and a big thank you must go to Executive Member – Jim Dean for his co-ordination of team selection and management. Additionally special thanks must go to Boronia Veterans co-ordinator – Gary Lewis and the Boronia Cricket Clubs committee for the excellent presentation of their facilities support in making these successful games. Thank you also to Peter White of Eley Park Vets for co-ordinating the Box Hill Reporter Association.

All players really look forward to the honour of representing the RDCA and their Association. Positive comment is always received on how much they all enjoy playing in these games.

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**2000/2001**



**Veterans Presentation Night:** This year our Presentation Night was held at the *Karralyka Centre – East Ringwood* in the week following the Grand Finals. A very popular evening was enjoyed by approximately 150 attendees. MC - Daryl Stephens of Croydon Veterans, again did an excellent job.

The introduction of a Guest Speaker – Graeme “Smokey” Dawson from sports media fame had a number of amusing anecdotes to entertain us all.

The organising committee of Vair Gobbi, Marg Stafford and Graeme Seymour did an excellent job again and continue to surpass previous years’ memorable nights.

Our raffles at this night, has enabled us to improve our bank balance. This will allow us to continue our ongoing financial support of RDCA junior cricket development through sponsorship towards Coaching accreditation program, as well as to assist cricketers that represent our Veterans Association either at interstate or overseas carnivals.

**RDCA Veterans - “Ringwood Possums” - Veterans Carnival Cricket**  
**Gold Coast – March 2001**

Late March a team of 8 flew off to the Gold Coast to enjoy a week of Cricket. Additional players were sourced from the Cricket Society on the Gold Coast. A memorable week was held.

**Vancouver – Canada July 2002**

Planning is well underway with much interest, especially by wives, for this trip. As well as a week of cricket, touring modules are being developed for pre and post the cricket week.

**Executive Committee Efforts:** Finally it would be remiss of me not to thank our hardworking committee for their efforts and commitment throughout the year. Ken Johnston (Chairman), Bill Stafford (Treasurer), Brian Gobbi, Jim Dean, Graeme Seymour, Allan Duffus, David Stickels and Jeff Luscombe. Additionally Marg Stafford and Vair Gobbi, our Social sub-committee experts with Graeme Seymour.

Next season should see the formation of a Veterans competition within the Diamond Valley with the nucleus coming from those Clubs participating in our RDCA Veterans Competition.

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

**Mick Gavin**  
**Secretary**

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



**Treasurers Report - 2000 / 2001 season**

I am pleased to report that from an administration point of view, we had no problems at all with our financial accounting computer package during the season.

Judging from the lack of account queries received, clubs also did not experience any problems with the package.

This is the first time for several seasons I have been able to make such a statement.

I am also pleased to report that the loss reported last in last years annual report has been reduced by more than 50% to \$2,302. This was achieved despite incurring significant increases in the costs associated with printing, pennants and flags and we did not receive any profits on the sale of cricket scorebooks this season.

All Clubs would be aware that the computer costs were reduced by 30% from last season and because of the problems experienced with the computer registration and results service, Clubs were not fined for irregularities early in the season. This resulted in a reduction in our income from fines of \$850.

In framing next seasons budget, the Executive will be endeavouring to separate junior and senior expenses to ensure that costs associated with both competitions are more equitably apportioned when affiliation fees for juniors and seniors are determined.

**Joan Newey**  
**Honorary Treasurer**

# Income and Expenditure Statement

For Year Ended 31st May 2001

		\$	\$
Income			
	Affiliation Fees	40900	
	Umpires Subscriptions	260	
	Fines	1600	
	Computer Fees	5380	
	Donations/Sponsorship	4299	
	Interest	305	
	Sundry	71	
	<b>Total Income</b>		<u>52815</u>
Expenses			
	<b>Administration</b>		
	Honorarium	13850	
	Senior Executive	2171	
	Junior Executive	1110	
	Secretarial	4430	
	Other Administration	201	
	Treasurer	<u>1000</u>	
	<b>Operating</b>		22762
	Telephone & Paging	1444	
	Printing & Stationery	6690	
	Computer Processing	5795	
	Bank Charges	261	
	Ground & Hall Rental	180	
	Affiliation & Registration Fees	453	
	Sundry	<u>252</u>	
	<b>Total Operating</b>		15075
	<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
	Insurance	991	
	Umpires fees	1960	
	Trophies & Shields	2614	
	Pennants & Plaques	4804	
	Senior Presentation / Vote Count Night	1584	
	Junior Presentation Night	296	
	Catering	<u>1665</u>	
	<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>		13914
	<b>Equipment</b>		
	B.F Medals purchased	143	
	Premiership Medals purchased	485	
	Cricket Balls purchased	517	
	Caps purchased	1015	
	Umpires Badges purchased	37	
	Sundry purchases	239	
	Depreciation on Equipment	<u>930</u>	
	<b>Total Equipment</b>		<u>3366</u>
	Total Expenses		<u>55117</u>
	<b>Net Profit / - Loss</b>		<u>-2302</u>

## Balance Sheet

as at 31st May 2001

Assets		\$	\$	\$
	<b>Current Assets</b>			
	Cheque account	3439		
	ANZ Trustees	3200		
	Guarantee Fund	3300		
	Debtors			
	Bayswater Park	144		
	Croydon North	186		
	Croydon Ranges	2		
	East Ringwood	422		
	Olinda	165		
	Parkwood	88		
	Soth Warrandyte Hawks	250		
	Wantima South	40		
	Best & Fairest Medals	407		
	Premiership Medals	87		
	Cricket balls	682		
	Caps	750		
	Rule Book Covers	580		
	Umpire Counters	6		
	Umpire Badges	<u>25</u>		
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>		13773	13773
	<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
	Computer & Printer	1860		
	<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<u>1860</u>	
	<b>Total Assets</b>		15633	
	<b>Liabilities</b>			
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
	Aquinas College	27		
	Boronia	37		
	Croydon	100		
	Chirnside Park	2		
	Eastfield	91		
	Heathmont	10		
	Knox City	40		
	North Ringwood	40		
	North United Lyons	34		
	South Ringwood	97		
	Templeton	85		
	Wonga Park	52		
	Paddocks to Parks	<u>440</u>		
	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		1055	
	<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
	Bonds held	100		
	Guarantee Monies	<u>3300</u>		
	<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>		<u>3400</u>	
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>4455</u>	
<b>Net Assets</b>				<u><u>11178</u></u>
<b>Equity</b>				
	Retained Earnings		13480	
	Current Year Earnings		<u>-2302</u>	
				<u><u>11178</u></u>



**Bill Dean**

On 8 August 2000, the marvellous life of William David Dean came to a premature end, thus concluding a time of service to the Ringwood and District Cricket Association which began in the late 1950's when he was first elected to the Executive. Even in the days just prior to his passing, Bill was working to ensure that information be supplied to Phil McCallum to enable, a favourite hobby horse, the book on the history of the RDCA to be completed.

In 1963, he was appointed Social Secretary of the Association, the same year he assumed presidency of the Heathmont Cricket club. Before this time, presentation functions had been somewhat low-key, but Bill made certain it was one of the big events of the cricket calendar. When Reg Johnston decided to retire from the position of President at the AGM in 1968, delegates elected Bill in an overwhelming display of confidence. Twenty years later he decided to bow out gracefully, but he quickly accepted the invitation to become the RDCA's first patron.

Bill presided over the Association in a time of remarkable growth and from the late 70's to the time he relinquished the position, the RDCA was the largest Association in Victoria and probably in Australia. Bill Dean was primarily a player's president and all decisions reached by the Executive were for the betterment of the players within the RDCA. However, he was also a man who believed you abided by the rules of the organisation and you played the game in a highly respectful manner. He was quite severe on players and/or officials who went outside the set boundaries.

In 1991, Bill received the "Medal of the Order of Australia" for service to sport, in particular local cricket administration. As I was heavily involved in obtaining the information submitted to the responsible authority, it was wonderful to comperre the dinner hosted by Bill to celebrate the occasion. It was quite remarkable to discover the work that Bill did in the community apart from his cricket.

In January 2000, the City of Maroondah accorded Bill one of its highest honours by naming him its Citizen of the Year. In the same year, he was presented with a Commonwealth Recognition Award for senior citizens.

Bill Dean's name will live on while the RDCA survives. The best player award, the veterans top grade shield and the under 18 game RDCA v Ringwood shield all bear his name. His love of cricket was exemplified by the numberplate on his car "CRIKET", spelt without the second C because you are only allowed six numbers or letters on a plate.

The number of people who attended his funeral was a clear indication of the affection and respect felt for him by members of the association. It was an honour to have known him and a privilege to be called a good friend.

Lindsay

**2000/01**

**THIS WAS THE  
SEASON  
THAT WAS!**

## Position of your team round by round

## Chandler 1

TEAM After round>>>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TEMPLETON	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
FERNTREE GULLY	9*	12	11	11	10	7	4	4	4	3	2
LILYDALE	9*	3	3	5	2	5	3	3	2	2	3
KILSYTH	1	6	9	7	9	6	6	6	8	6	4
SOUTH RINGWOOD	9*	4	4	2	2	4	2	2	3	4	5
CROYDON NORTH	9*	5	5	8	5	9	10	10	6	5	6
AINSLIE PARK	2	7	2	6	7	11	5	5	7	9	7
WANTIRNA SOUTH	6	8	10	12	11	8	8	8	5	7	8
WARRANTYTE	8	11	12	9	6	3	9	9	10	8	9
MOOROOLBARK	3	9	8	4	8	10	11	11	11	11	10
MONTROSE	4	2	7	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	11
WONGA PARK	7	10	6	3	4	2	7	7	9	10	12

## WILKINS

TEAM After round>>>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
BAYSWATER PARK	1	2	1	1	1	1	N	1	1	1	1
EAST RINGWOOD	2	3	3	2	2	3	o	2	2	2	2
SOUTH CROYDON	2	5	2	5	5	4		3	3	3	3
CROYDOM RANGES	2	1	4	3	3	2	P	4	5	5	4
NORTH RINGWOOD	12	4	5	4	4	5	L	5	4	4	5
ST ANDREWS	8	10	8	6	6	7	A	6	6	6	6
NORWOOD	2	8	10	190	10	10	Y	8	7	7	7
PARKWOOD	2	7	7	8	8	6		7	8	8	8
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2	9	6	7	7	8		9	9	9	9
OLINDA	2	6	9	9	9	9		10	10	10	10

## GRAND FINALISTS

GRADE

Chandler 1  
 Chandler 2  
 Chandler 3  
 Chandler 4  
 WILKINS  
 B Grade  
 C Grade  
 D Grade  
 E Grade  
 F Grade  
 G grade  
 OD 1 Grade  
 OD 2 Grade

PREMIER

Ferntree Gully  
 Templeton  
 Ferntree Gully  
 Mooroolbark  
 East Ringwood  
 Eastfield  
 St Andrews  
 East Ringwood  
 Sth W'dyte Hawks  
 Templeton  
 Croydon Ranges  
 Norwood  
 Olinda

RUNNER-UP

Kilsyth  
 Ainslie Park  
 Wonga Park  
 Wonga Park  
 Bayswater Park  
 East Ringwood  
 South Croydon  
 St Andrews  
 St Andrews  
 Wonga Park  
 Wonga Park  
 Wantirna  
 Aquinas

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2000/01

YEAR	CHANDLER 1	WILKINS	B GRADE
81/82	Warrandyte	Sth Croydon	Bayswater Park
82/83	Croydon United	Sth 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	Sth Croydon	Knox Gardens
89/90	Croydon North	Croydon United	Westwood
90/91	Croydon North	Wonga Park	Knox City
91/92	Croydon North	Wantirna Sth	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	Nth Ringwood	Knox City
96/97	Croydon North	Sth 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

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS

	UNDER 16	UNDER 14	UNDER 12
1.	Croydon North	Ainslie Park	Croydon north
2.	Montrose	Sth Ringwood	Ferntree Gully
3.	Warrandyte	Parkwood	Boronia
4	Mooroolbark	Wantirna South	Warrandyte

VETERAN PREMIERSHIPS

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	SECTION 4
Parkwood	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	Riversdale	Norwood

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES ) 1966/67 – 2000/01

East Ringwood	24	[5]	Croydon North	20	(8)
Wonga Park	23	[4]	Wantirna South	19	[0]
Ainslie Park	18	[2]	St Andrews	17	[4]
Mooroolbark	19	(6)	Vermont	15	(0)
Kilsyth	16	[1]	Croydon Ranges	15*	(3)
Montrose	14	(4)	North Ringwood	11	(4)
Warrandyte	11	[3]	Heathmont	11	[2]
Bayswater Park	11	[1]	Templeton	12	[2]
Lilydale	9	(1)	Norwood	9	(2)
Wantirna	8	(2)	Boronia	7	(0)
South Ringwood	6	(2)	Scoresby	5	(1)
Parkwood	5	(2)	Ferntree Gully	7	(3)
Sth Warrandyte Hawks	6	(2)	Knox City	4	(2)
Eastfield	4	(2)	Aquinas	3	(3)
Chirnside Park	3	(2)	South Croydon	3	(1)
Croydon	3	[0]	Olinda	1	(1)

Figures in [brackets] are premierships won by 1<sup>st</sup> eleven teams

- Includes premierships won by Croydon United & Croydon Hockeyers.



## Senior Representative Matches

4 February 2001 v Box Hill Reporter at East Burwood

Team

Graeme Salan(c)	RDCA
Russell Jenzen	2/57(Brendan Ricci 37no)
Brendan Ricci	Box Hill
Rowan Allport	161(Russell Jenzen 3/33)
Andrew Luckman	(Andrew Spittle 3/39)
Andrew Downs	(Andrew Downs 2/16)
Ken Trollope	
Cameron Parker	match abandoned due to inclement weather
Andrew Spittle	
Brett Albert	
Sean Arbuckle	

18 February 2001 v City Of Moorabbin at Kilsyth

Team

Graeme Salan(c)	RDCA 9cc 269
Brendan Ricci	(Brendan Ricci 112, Tony Plose 36
Andrew Luckman	Cameron Parker 30, Andrew Luckman 24)
Steve Johnston	CMCA 197
Tony Plose	(Travis Jackson 3/56, Brett Albert 2/20
Brett Albert	Drew McKay 2/46)
Cameron Parker	
Andrew Downs	RDCA won by 72 runs
Andrew Spittle	
Sean Arbuckle	
Travis Jackson	
Drew McKay	

### Grand Finals

Twenty six teams participated in the 13 grand finals. There were 6 scores of 200 or more with 288 being the highest while there were 2 scores of less than 100 with 84 being the lower. Eight of the winning teams batted first.

Kilsyth's losing score of 247 was the second highest score in any grand final since 1992.

1 at EAST BURWOOD FEB 4th

RDCA 5/220 DREW BOX HILL REPORTER C.A. 8/92  
 BEN BEECH (BYP) 72 EUGENE KOMISSARENKO (CNT) 3/14  
 JAMES SWANTON (CNT) 28 MARK CATHIE-SMITH (CNT) 3/21  
 JOEL GRUMONT (STA) 27NO  
 HAGAN SHAKESPEARE (WOP) 27  
 RANDALL JOSEPH (FTG) 24NO

2 at KILSYTH FEB 18th

RDCA 3/225 DEF CITY of MOORABBIN C.A. 10/222  
 JAMES SWANTON (CNT) 70NO RYAN MULLETT (MOO) 3/29  
 RYAN MULLETT (MOO) 65 EUGENE KOMISSARENKO (CNT) 2/31  
 BEN BEECH (BYP) 44  
 RYAN HAYRES (CNT) 25

3 at BENTLEIGH FEB 25th

RDCA 9/114 TIED VIC TURT CRICKET ASSOC. 10/114  
 RYAN MULLETT (MOO) 38 CRAIG MAUDSLEY (CRR) 4/18  
 ROBBIE DREW (WOP) 25 MARK CATHIE-SMITH (CNT) 2/22  
 BEN BEECH (BYP) 13 EUGENE KOMISSARENKO (CNT) 2/31

Other U/10 Players to Represent RDCA this Season:

MATT THATCHER (TMP)  
 BEN JOHNSTON (TMP)  
 JOHN O'DONNELL (MOO)  
 BEN MULLETT (MOO)  
 REG HASSAN (WOP)

RDCA U/21 DETAILS 2000/01

1 at FITZROY-DONCASTER NOV 19th

RDCA 9/133 lost to DIAMOND VALLEY CA 3/135  
 RYAN COUTTS (WOP) 29  
 MARK GALAKOS (FTG) 22no  
 TRAVIS DEGERHARDT (SCR) 19  
 GEOFF STOCK (EAR) 16

2 at CROYDON NOV 26th

RDCA 6/159 DEF JIKA CA 10/112  
 JAMES SWANTON (CNT) 42no CHRIS PIGGOTT (MOO) 4/29  
 CASEY CORDWELL (PWD) 37no CASEY CORDWELL (PWD) 2/15  
 MARK GALAKOS (FTG) 21 MARK ROSS (MOO) 2/10  
 MARK ROSS (MOO) 18  
 RYAN COUTTS (WOP) 10

3 at BIRSWOOD DEC 3rd

RDCA 4/170 & 3/92 DEF BOX HILL REPORTER CA 10/90  
 JAMES SWANTON (CNT) 73no CHRIS PIGGOTT (MOO) 3/20  
 MARK GALAKOS (FTG) 61 ASHLEY RICHIE (EAR) 2/9  
 GEOFF STOCK (EAR) 10no

second Innings:

MARK ROSS (MCC)  
 GEOFF STOCK (EAR)

SEMI at BALRYN JAN 19th

RDCA 10/163 lost to DIAMOND VALLEY CA 7/195  
 JAMES SWANTON (CNT) 36 CASEY CORDWELL (PWD) 2/25  
 GEOFF STOCK (EAR) 34 CARENON BOX (CNT) 2/27  
 RYAN COUTTS (WOP) 29 CHRIS PIGGOTT (MOO) 5/48  
 DAVID WRIGHT (FTG) 16  
 CHRIS PIGGOTT (MOO) 14

Other U/21 Players to represent RDCA this season:

BEN MULLETT (MOO)  
 GREG COUTTS (WOP)  
 ANDREW STEVENS (CNT)  
 SCOTT CHARLES (WSP)  
 CHRIS GUNN (CSP)

**INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES**

<u>BATTING</u>			<u>BOWLING</u>		
Barry Pendleton	LYD	59.9	CHANDLER 1	Andrew Wildsmith	WOP 13.3
Gavin Barr	SRW		CHANDLER 2	Jason Dines	WOP 10.8
Steven De Strang	APK	89.2	CHANDLER 3	Lee Thompson	FTG 10
Warren Groenewald	TMP	62.8	CHANDLER 4	Jason Allison	LYD 13.3
Ross Stewart	SCR	79.1	WILKINS	Craig Hexter	BYP 13.1
Jason Summers	SWT	53	B GRADE	Gerard Wright	EAR 6.7
Scott Gale	SWT	113.5	C GRADE	Rod Smith	STA 10.6
Phil Coats	NOW	91.2	D GRADE	Cameron Ross	KNC 8.3
Robert Winnen	EAR	192.3	E GRADE	Warrick Knight	STA 8.1
Shane Champion	WOP	93.6	F GRADE	Peter Berkley	WOP 11.2
Craig Ballinall	WOP	52.5	G GRADE	Matt Cunningham	MOO 14.1
Troy Behm	WAN	234	OD 1 GRADE	Steve Geramia	TMP 9.3
Paul Cooper	MTR	58.7	OD 2 GRADE	Jonathan McKeown	AQU 11.7

CHANDLER CHAMPION PLAYER

Andrew Wildsmith Wonga Park

UNDER 18 BEST PLAYER

James Swanton Croydon North

UNDER 21 BEST PLAYER

Geoff Stock East Ringwood

Special Under 21 Award

Chris Piggott

**ALL STARS TEAM**

Andrew Downs	FTG	Scott Boyce	LYD
Craig Williams	CNT	Russell Jenzen	WDT
Barry Pendleton	LYD	Cameron O'Donnell	APK
Brett Albert	SRW	Andrew Wildsmith	WOP
Sean Arbuckle	APK	Paul Payne	TMP
Stuart Rodie	TMP		

**FAIREST & BEST AWARDS**BILL DEAN MEDAL (CHANDLER)

Andrew Wildsmith WOP 20

STEVE PASCOE MEDAL (WILKINS)

Michael Walker BYP

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

- 1 Wonga Park
- 2 Templeton

**Things Change**

In 1999/00 Mooroolbark(1), Ainslie Park(2) and Wonga Park(3) headed the Chandler 1 ladder. Ainslie Park went on to defeat Mooroolbark in the Grand Final. This season Mooroolbark finished 10<sup>th</sup>, Ainslie Park 8<sup>th</sup> while Wonga Park finished in 12<sup>th</sup> position and will play in Wilkins next season. On the other hand Ferntree Gully came from 8<sup>th</sup> in 99/00 to be premiers, Templeton rose from 11<sup>th</sup> to head the ladder after the home and home season and Lilydale came from 7<sup>th</sup> to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kilsyth completed both seasons in 4<sup>th</sup> position and, of course were runners up to Ferntree Gully

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Due to difficulties with the computer system, the statistics have been taken from information from clubs who responded to the RDCA request and from the telephone scores. Some performances may not have been recorded.

### HIGHEST SCORE FOR THE SEASON

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
F Grade	D. McDougall	Knox City	238

### SCORES OF 180+

NAME	CLUB	SCORE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
D.McDougall	Knox City	238	S.Monk	Chhirnside Park	212
C.Andrews	Eastfield	235	M. Tennant	Sth Ringwood	208
P Coats	Norwood	227	C. Holwell	Mooroolbark	183
A.Callahan	Croydon Ranges	227	C.O'Donnell	Ainslie Park	180
R.Sharp	Eastfield	212			

### BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE IN SINGLE INNINGS

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
Wilkins	W.Barrett	East Ringwood	9/49

### EIGHT WICKETS OR MORE IN ONE INNINGS

Name	Club	Performance	Name	Club	Performance
W. Barrett	East Ringwood	9/49	P.Maruli	Ainslie Park	9/79
C.Hughes	Chirnside Park	8/17	S.Adams	Knox City	8/56
M. Berry	Eastfield	8/125*			

Took 5 wickets or more on 5 occasions

### BATSMEN WHO SCORED TWO OR MORE CENTURIES

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
R.Winnen*	East Ringwood	S.Dinnell	Croydon Ranges
R.Stewart	South Croydon	L.Smith	South Croydon
C.Whitcombe	Croydon Ranges	B.Pendleton	Lilydale
D.Smart	Sth W'dyte Hawks	T.Penaloon	Wonga Park
R.Catherall	Croydon Ranges	R.Brosnan	Eastfield

\* four centuries

### CENTURIES SCORED IN EACH GAME

Chandler 1	15	Wilkins	12	E Grade	13
Chandler 2	16	B Grade	17	F Grade	9
Chandler 3	17	C Grade	12	G Grade	8
Chandler 4	15	D Grade	16		
Total	150				

### FIVE WICKETS OR MORE IN 1 INNINGS IN EACH GRADE

Chandler 1	25[4]	Wilkins	22(6)	E Grade	19(4)
Chandler 2	20[7]	B Grade	29[9]	F Grade	19[4]
Chandler 3	24[8]	C Grade	21[5]	G Grade	17[2]
Chandler 4	19(6)	D grade	22(9)		
TOTAL	237[64]				

Figures in [brackets] indicate 6 wickets or more.

### FIVE WICKETS OR MORE ON TWO OR MORE OCCASIONS

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
M Berry	Eastfield	J.Dines	Wonga Park
J.Allison	Lilydale	G.Wright	East Ringwood
K.Bolt	Sth W'dyte Hawks	S.Adams	Knox City
L.Thompson	Ferntree Gully	J.Paisley	St.Andrews
D Garner	Sth W'dyte Hawks	A.Wildsmith	Wonga Park
S.Hanson	Croydon North	M. Griffin	East Ringwood
S.Dissanayake	Chirnside Park	M.Adams	Norwood

In the one day grades, batsmen were compulsorily retired at 50 and bowlers restricted to a maximum of 7 overs. The following were achieved:-

No. of 50's	77	No of 4wickets +	79
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AROUND THE CLUBS AS PROVIDED BY CLUBSFerntree Gully

- The oldest life member, Alan Kirkpatrick passed away in the early part of the season. Alan had been elected a life member in 1953. After commencing as a player in 1936
- In its 75<sup>th</sup> year of competition the two premierships won brought the number of senior pennants to 43.
- John Franchi and Steve Flemming passed 250 and 200 games respectively.
- Andrew Downs and Ash Henry played in their sixth first eleven premiership team, While Andrew took his tally of runs in the senior eleven to 5000.
- Jason Goldsmith became the first wicketkeeper in the history of the club to pass 250 dismissals.
- Randall Joseph missed a golden opportunity to be rewrite club records when he put down two relatively easy catches after taking four earlier in the innings.

Knox City

- popular secretary, Bob Birtig decided to bring his playing career to a finish at the young age of 48. With a history of six broken or dislocated fingers and knuckles, 2 knee operations and countless other injuries, Bob considered it time to go.
- Darren McDougall scored his maiden century (and double) with 238, which also established a new highest score for the club.
- In the same F Grade game Darren and Mohan Abraham put on an amazing partnership of 336.
- Shane Adams secured his best ever figures with 8/56.

Eastfield

- In a one day game M.Nelson and S.Riddock put on an unbeaten opening stand of 245.
- D Grade established an RDCA record with an incredible 8/851 in their round 10 game against Croydon including 632 runs on the second day.
- M.Berry took 29 wickets over a four-match period.
- In the game against Croydon the partnership between R.Sharp and C.Andrews for the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket was 327.
- M.Nelson and R.Brosnan were elected as life members.

By the Way

- Only four of the 13 teams that headed the ladder at the end of the home and home series went on to win the premiership.
- The difference in premiership points between the top and bottom teams in Chandler 1 was 57 compared with 61 in 99/00.
- Templeton led the ladder from the second to 11<sup>th</sup> round. Kilsyth were in the coveted position after the first round. Premiers Ferntree Gully were in 12<sup>th</sup> position at the end of Round 2 and were in 10<sup>th</sup> position at the conclusion of Round 5. In Wilkins Bayswater Park led the competition after all rounds except round 2 when they relinquished the position to Croydon Ranges.
- In Chandler not one team occupied a place in the four for the whole season. Ten of the twelve teams were placed in the four for at least one week. In Wilkins, Bayswater Park and East Ringwood stayed in the in the four for the whole season, while all other clubs were there for at least one round.
- After Round six, Wonga Park were in second place on the Chandler ladder, but lost their final five games to finish in last position.

- East Ringwood, pre-match favourites to take out the Wilkins cup premiership in the previous three seasons, finally made it and will return to Chandler in 2001/02
- Andrew Wildsmith, a previous winner of the VCA Ryder Medal won the Bill Dean medal and the Champion player award. Andrew would certainly be the oldest player to achieve this feat awards.
- John Macmillan was appointed as a Life Member of the Association at the 2000 Annual General Meeting and was presented with his medal at the Presentation Dinner. For the past 10 years, John has been Chairperson of the Independent Tribunal. He was heavily involved in the administration of the Association in the 1970's and before that was a principal mover in the creation of the St Andrews Cricket Club of which he was captain for many years.
- Only three clubs have managed to win three or more successive premierships in the top grade. Ringwood hold the record with six 51-52/56-57. Kilsyth(3) from 32-33/34-35 and Croydon North(3)89-90/91-92 are the other two. In the lower grades St Andrews(CH3)87-88/89-90 Wonga Park(Ch3)94-95/95-96, Ainslie Park(Ch4)85-86/87-88, Warrandyte(Ch4) 93-94/95-96, Wantirna South(A2) 87-88/89-90 and East Ringwood(B)97/98-99/00 have achieved a hat trick of pennants. In the veterans top division, Croydon Hockeyer/Ranges won six out of seven from 92-93 to 98-99. Ringwood's under 16 team emulated their senior team when the club scored six consecutive flags from 49-50 to 54-55. Other under age team to win three premierships in a row are Croydon(U16)55-56/57-58, Ringwood(U16) 71-72/73-74, Croydon(U14)70-71/72-73 and Lilydale(U12)85-86/87-88
- Seven players have taken out the Chandler Shield Champion player since its inception in the 1970/71 season. Russell Hall(Heathmont), John Kirby(Norwood), Ray Gale(Croydon North), Brad Guan(Mooroolbark), Nick Bole Brown(Ainslie Park), Andrew Downs(Ferntree Gully) and Mark Unternahrer(Croydon North and Kilsyth)
- Trevor, Ray and Jason and their guests entertained us each Friday evening on the local community radio with the RDCA Cricket Show. The increase in the time from 30 to 60 minutes allowed some more in-depth discussion on matters relating to the Association. It is hoped the show will continue in 2001/02.
- In the period 1946 to 1960, the Association had seven secretaries. In the other 67 years of its life only 4 people have served in that position. (Ted Sleeman, Norm Taylor, Steve Pascoe and Lindsay Trollope) Ted holds the record for the longest serving secretary with 19 years with yours truly heading into my 17<sup>th</sup> year. Ted's record is safe.
- In 1981/82, the four grades of Chandler were introduced. Of the clubs in Chandler in that year only Croydon North, Mooroolbark and Warrandyte have remained in the grade for the 20 seasons.
- North United Lyons is the first new club into the Association since Ferntree Gully came in 1993/94, although the Gully had been a member in the early days of the RDCA. North United will be hoping top enjoy similar success.
- Wonga Park entered 8 teams in season 2000/01 and seven of those finished in the final four, with 5 leading the field. This would certainly be an RDCA record. However, in the finals the gods did not smile on the club as it failed to secure a premiership. A consolation prize, however, was the Club Championship.

## The Last Game of the Season

As with most grades, the Chandler 1 Grand Final was washed out on the first scheduled day. After a reasonable start, the Ferntree Gully batsmen moved into top gear and by the end of the day had posted a daunting total of 9/288, the highest total since 1990/91. Kilsyth's experienced batting line up put the team in a strong position, but the loss of two wickets just prior and after tea saw the game turn to the Gully's advantage. A magnificent rear guard action lifted Kilsyth's hopes but, in the end 288 was 43 runs too many. Ferntree Gully's third flag in seven years will be flying from the flagpole at the Lysterfield Road reserve

Cheong Park was in fine condition for the match between the standout teams of Wilkins to decide both the premiers and promotion to Chandler in 2001/02. East Ringwood found runs hard to come by against the tight Bayswater Park attack and 229 seemed a "gettable" target. However East's bowlers and fieldsmen reached great heights to dominate play and dismiss the opposition for 84.

In Chandler 2 the game was in the balance until the final ball. First Ainslie Park seemed to have the initiative only to see it wrested back by Templeton and then the reverse would occur. In the end Templeton's steadiness got them over the line to record their first-ever Chandler 2 pennant.

Ferntree Gully was confident they had the team to defeat the more highly fancied Wonga Park eleven in the battle for Chandler 3 honours. After dismissing Wonga for the disappointing total of 123, the game appeared to be all over. Wonga fought back in great style, but in the end, the total was not enough to defend and the Gully boys made it two for the season.

Undefeated throughout the season, it seemed a matter of how far for Wonga Park in the game to decide the Chandler 4 team of the year. On a slow outfield, Mooroolbark batted well to reach 214. Most experts were tipping it would not be enough but the Barker bowlers took complete control and Wonga were all out for only 90. Mooroolbark was able to avenge the 99/00 result when Wonga Park inflicted Mooroolbark's only defeat for the season in the Grand Final.

The battle for B Grade honours saw East Ringwood looking to win its fourth successive title. Opposing them was Eastfield who had finished in top position after the home and home games. Eastfield continued its form and recorded a comfortable 6-wicket victory to take out its first RDCA flag since 1987/88.

St Andrews C grade team went through the season without defeat and were clear favourites to overcome South Croydon to enable celebrations to be held at Manson Reserve. After being dismissed for a moderate 185, the caterers were told to put the celebrations on hold. However, the bowlers rose to the occasion and when the 10<sup>th</sup> wicket fell the Southerners were 39 runs in arrears

A thriller was the best description of the D Grade Grand Final between East Ringwood and St Andrews where fortunes ebbed and flowed throughout the two days. When the umpires declared the season over on the second day, the boys from Mt Dandenong Road had stumbled over the line by a mere five runs.

The smart money was on St Andrew to take home the E Grade pennant, but after the first day with only 151 runs on the board, favourite backers' money looked to be in trouble. South Warrandyte Hawks lifted in confidence on the second day and the wall at the Coleman Reserve pavilion had the number of flags hanging increased by one.

Templeton and Wonga Park F Grade teams had similar seasons with only two defeats and it was difficult to choose a winner. Templeton were able to apply the correct amount of pressure at the appropriate time and another pennant will be unfurled at their ground before the start of the 2001/02 season.

Wonga Park went into the G Grade Grand Final with an unblemished record and was the hottest favourite in all the grades. Finishing 32 points clear of their opponent, Croydon Ranges, on the ladder, it was seen as an "over the line" game. Ranges through caution to the wind and, in a match where spectators with weak hearts were advised to leave, Ranges sneaked home by a mere nine runs. A check of records indicated that for only the second time in RDCA history, a Grand Final had been finished on a different ground from where it started.

Olinda who took out their first senior premiership in the RDCA last season (B Grade) was looking to make it two when they faced up to Aquinas in OD 2. It was a battle royal and in the end, Olinda scraped home to make it two flags. They even had to survive a protest to hold the pennant.

Roy Baldwin reserve was the scene for the only game played on the scheduled first day of the grand finals. Norwood, opposed to Wantirna, was aiming to secure back to back one-day flags. In a high-class game, Norwood chased a highly competitive 182. With solid contributions from their top order batsmen, they were able to achieve their aim.

## How Long Since Each Club's First eleven has won the Flag

Club	Premiership Year/Grade
Ainslie Park	2000(C)
Aquinas	1995(B)
Bayswater Park	1982(B)
Boronia	1966(C)
Chirnside Park	1993(B)
Croydon	1958 (C)
Croydon North	1998 (C)
Croydon Ranges	1990(W)
Eastfield	2001(B)
East Ringwood	2001(W)
Ferntree Gully	2001(C)
Kilsyth	1994(W)
Knox City	1996(B)
Lilydale	1999(W)
Montrose	2000(W)
Mooroolbark	1993(C)
North Ringwood	1996(W)
North United Lyons	-
Norwood	1981(C)
Olinda	2000(B)
Parkwood	1988(W)
St Andrews	1995(W)
South Croydon	1989(W)
South Ringwood	1997(W)
South Warrandyte	1984(B)
Templeton	1998(W)
Wantirna	1981(W)
Wantirna South	1992(W)
Warrandyte	1984(C)
Wonga Park	1991(W)

C = Chandler and its earlier names

W = Wilkins and its earlier names

B = B Grade



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Final Ladders

**Chandler 1**

Templeton	125.9
Ferntree Gully	96.8
Lilydale	96.3
Kilsyth	87.8
South Ringwood	86.9
Croydon North	86.2
Ainslie Park	81.1
Wantirna South	76.5
Warrandyte	71.5
Mooroolbark	70.2
Montrose	70.2
Wonga Park	68.9

**Chandler 2**

Wonga Park	118.5
Ferntree Gully	112.9
Templeton	106.3
Ainslie Park	106.2
Mooroolbark	98.4
South Ringwood	91.8
Kilsyth	83.1
Wantirna South	79.3
Lilydale	75.5
Croydon North	70.8
Warrandyte	66.8
Montrose	37.9

**Chandler 3**

Wonga Park	123.6
Mooroolbark	117.4
Ferntree Gully	105
Wantirna South	101.7
Templeton	95.4
Ainslie Park	87.8
Kilsyth	61.4
South Ringwood	56.9
Lilydale	56.3
Warrandyte	51
Croydon North	45.4
Montrose	37.1

**Chandler 4**

Wonga Park	116.4
Templeton	115
Mooroolbark	100.4
Lilydale	95.1
Montrose	91.4
Ainslie Park	72.3
Kilsyth	72.1
Wantirna south	71.6
Croydon North	62.7
South Ringwood	55.8
Ferntree Gully	43.9
Warrandyte	39.2

**WILKINS**

Bayswater Park	117.1
East Ringwood	112.8
South Croydon	91.2
Croydon Ranges	89.9
North Ringwood	89
St Andrews	67.7
Norwood	55.6
Parkwood	54.7
Chirnside Park	49.5
Olinda	42

**B**

Eastfield	111
Wantirna	97.7
East Ringwood	97.2
Croydon Ranges	92.3
South Croydon	89.2
Nth United Lyons	76.6
Bayswater Park	75.7
Knox City	71.2
North Ringwood	61.7
Sth W'dyte Hawks	61.7
Norwood	52
Parkwood	46.4

**C**

St Andrews	112.2
South Croydon	105.5
East Ringwood	94.9
Olinda	92.2
Bayswater Park	84.7
Sth W'dyte Hawks	82.6
Norwood	78.7
Croydon Ranges	74.8
Parkwood	73.6
Chirnside Park	73.2
Boronia	53
Nth United Lyons	27.1

**D**

East Ringwood	130.1
Eastfield	126.8
St Andrews	109.1
North Ringwood	107.5
Knox City	106.7
Norwood	73.7
Wantirna	64
Croydon Ranges	63.9
Croydon	59
Nth United Lyons	37.9
South Croydon	35.5
Parkwood	19.3

**E**

St Andrews	111.3
Chirnside Park	94.4
Sth W'dyte Hwks	91.5
Boronia	86.1
East Ringwood	82.8
Knox City	78
Mooroolbark	74.8
North Ringwood	67.2
Croydon Ranges	57.2
Nh Unit Lyons	

**F**

Wonga Park	116.4
Templeton	105.8
Kilsyth	79.5
Knox City	76.6
Wantirna South	75.3
Ainslie Park	73.1
Mooroolbark	55.8
Croydon North	54.3

**G**

Wonga Park	120.5
Croydon Ranges	88.6
Templeton	79.8
Mooroolbark	64.9
Bayswater Park	63.1
South Ringwood	37.4

**OD1**

Templeton	126
Wonga Park	98
Wantirna	97
Norwood	93
St Andrews	57
Bayswater Park	52
Sth W'dyte Hawks	52
Wantirna South	49
Ferntree Gully	49
Parkwood	17

**OD2**

Olinda	97
Aquinase	92
Wonga Park	84
Montrose	76
Parkwood	71
Chirnside Park	65
Eastfield	49
Croydon North	23

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