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RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

OFFICE BEARERS – SEASON 2003/04

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Manager Administration	Ian Spencer
Manager Finance	Stuart Newey
Junior Representative	Stuart Minetti
Veterans Representative	Bill Stafford

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Rules Committee Chairman:	Russell Jenzen
Under 18/ Under 21 Manager:	David Beatty
Social Convenor:	Lesley Watson
VMCU Delegate/Outer East Region Rep:	Pat Meehan
Grants Adviser:	Russell Bartlett
Media – Radio and Website	Mark Unternahrer
Match Committee Chairman:	Neil Tull
Umpires Association Secretary/Delegate:	Martien Pruyers

Other Sections

Tribunal Panel Members:	John Macmillan (Chairman), Bill Wilkins and Neil Tucker. Graeme Seymour was seconded.
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Veterans President:	Ken Johnston
Veterans Secretary:	Michael Gavin
Junior President:	Stuart Minetti
Junior Secretary:	John Springett

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2003-04

Cricket administrators know that they are not going to be able to meet everyone's expectations all the time.

Similarly, they know that all their expectations and plans will not come to fruition. Often frustrated with incidents and outcomes, their driving force is a love of the game, and the pleasure of assisting others to participate in a competition that continues to evolve to the benefit of all who want to be involved.

Such is my lot and, while season 2003-04 brought frustrations and challenges that had to be met and overcome, the fact that the Ringwood and District Cricket Association Inc. continues to prosper is a credit to those willing to volunteer their time and energy for the betterment of our Association.

As a group, your executive is continually required to review the progress of the Association and meet the changing needs of players, officials and supporters to ensure that both opportunity and interest is maintained at an optimum level.

The change process introduced last season involved an administrative restructure that, hopefully, was seamless to the majority. Operationally, everything appeared to go to plan – but it is fair to say, there were some minor teething problems that will be addressed going forward.

There were many initiatives that made season 2003-04 special; among them:

- A new cricket ball sponsorship with Kookaburra Sports.
- Our ability to work through the paranoia of one of the local councils and their views on the effect of water restrictions on playing surfaces.
- Introduction of a new Club, Knox Churches, to the competition and their championship season in the 1-day grade.
- Efforts by Clubs to push for better facilities, lift on-ground performances and attain higher honours. In my view highlighted by the enthusiasm at Olinda CC who introduced "Ranga" to the RDCA and included both he and the community in lifting Club profile;
- Templeton's first Chandler Shield in their 21-year history
- Wantirna South in gaining a substantial Grant from Cricket Victoria/VMCU coffers.
- Successful social functions including the Vote Count at Boronia; an inaugural President's luncheon at Montrose and the Annual Presentation Diner at York on Lilydale.
- Finally, truly representative teams were fielded against BHRDCA on a day that was topped off by 3 resounding wins, fantastic hospitality provided by Kilsyth, Montrose and Mooroolbark and exceptional catering by the Watson's and their team.

On the field, the competition for Premier grade finals berths was wide open until the last home and away round.

Finals were keenly fought in all grades and are commented upon elsewhere in this report.

Our umpiring panel welcomed some new and younger members who, together with the training initiatives and guidance introduced by our Umpire Advisor Graeme Lloyd, ensured that the overall standard of officiating and prospects for the future lifted.

A successful season doesn't come easily. It takes considerable effort, dedication and persistence by all appointed office bearers, especially those that serve on the Board of Management who are required to take on a double role.

Names of all office bearers appear elsewhere in the report and, on behalf of all RDCA members, I thank them for their selfless commitment to the improvement of your Association.

The future holds many challenges, the most immediate being how do we:

- Maintain 3 viable Premier Grades
- Contain increasing administrative costs.
- Imbue others to volunteer to take the Association into the future
- Engender appropriate and constant respect by all RDCA members for the spirit of the game, their opposition, teammates and supporters. (Alas, this was not always so in the past season).

With this in mind, and for the first time at senior level, a comprehensive questionnaire was distributed to all senior Clubs seeking feedback on many issues that are regularly under review.

While responsible for the overall direction of the Association, executive bodies are beholden to the wishes of affiliated Clubs and their members and it is anticipated that the input provided via this medium will pave the way for a consolidated progress that meets the needs of all members.

May I propose to all members to set goals for season 2004-05 and beyond that include involving yourselves in wholehearted pursuit of the game, within the Spirit of Cricket and with the view to ensuring that all around you can enjoy their involvement at the level to which you aspire.

Assist where you can, celebrate achievements, console disappointments, strengthen friendships and take ownership of your involvement.

Steve Pascoe

The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket — You do well to love it!

For it is more free from anything sordid, anything dishonourable, than any game in the world.

To play it keenly, honourably, generously, self-sacrificingly is a moral lesson in itself – and the classroom is God’s air and sunshine.

Foster it my brothers, so that it may attract all who can find the time to play it.

Protect it from anything that would sully it, so that it may grow in favour with all men.

(Adapted from the words of Lord Harris; as printed in Don Bradman’s “Farewell to Cricket” – Hodder & Stoughton, 1950)

MANAGER ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Social Rooms of the Kilsyth Cricket Club on Wednesday 20 August 2003.

Recommendations of the "Ralf Committee" had been unanimously endorsed by a vote of the member clubs and this resulted in a major change to the Association leadership structure.

Steve Pascoe was returned as the President of the Association and in this capacity became Chairman of the Board of Management. Others members elected to the "Board" were Ian Spencer (Manager Administration),

Stuart Newey (Manager Finance), Stuart Minetti (Junior Representative) and Brian Gobbi (Veterans Representative). Brian Gobbi subsequently relinquished his position and was replaced by Bill Stafford.

Various committees ran below the Board and, whilst it was reasonably smooth sailing, the new structure is sure to be continually reviewed and refinements implemented as appropriate.

My second year in the role continued to be a learning curve in a number of respects but I didn't have to pester my predecessor, Lindsay Trollope, anywhere near as much. This time around, I also didn't have to call in any temporary replacements and Steve was most pleased about that.

Two major issues that had to be addressed prior to the season were "Impact of Water Restrictions" and "Insurance".

In relation to Water Restrictions, I met with each of the local municipalities, covering the Association, to ascertain what steps they were taking to address this issue and, if things reached a crisis point, would they be likely to curtail use of a ground(s). Cricket Victoria was so concerned about the impact of restrictions that it held a seminar, attended by representatives of Associations, Local Government and Insurer.

Fortunately, the State Government eventually allowed the Water Companies to give concessions to Councils, which resulted in grounds with automatic systems being watered from early December. Some took quite a while to recover but those that were reliant on Mother Nature were in a very sorry state by season end. Unfortunately, this is an issue that is likely to be with us in the future, as insurers put more pressure on councils. It is possible that some grounds may be withdrawn from use, if conditions are considered dangerous, as was faced by some winter users after our season finished.

Over recent years, the cost of insurance premiums particularly in relation to Public Liability, in all spheres (not just cricket), spiralled to quite unreasonable levels. Prior to 2003/04, clubs were compelled to participate in the Group "Player Accident" policy arranged by the Association but were left to make their own arrangements in relation to other aspects that they wanted to cover.

Given the financial implications of premiums on clubs, the Association investigated the alternatives and were close to entering an agreement for multi-purpose cover with a local broker, Sportscover, when Cricket Australia unveiled a National Insurance Program. There were pro's and con's on both sides. It was put to a vote of clubs, who were fairly unanimous in adopting the National scheme, essentially because of premium savings.

One would imagine that the National program will remain more attractive because of its "group buying" power but we will continue to liaise with Sportscover, so that comparative information is available to ensure clubs are getting the best deal.

I would like to say that the season passed without incident, but, disappointingly, a lot of my time was taken up with Reports/Charges and the subsequent convening of Tribunals/Investigation Hearings.

Unfortunately, the co-operation of some clubs left something to be desired and, in some instances, players/clubs did not have the courtesy to attend. You can be guaranteed that Rule Changes will be proposed to strengthen Player/Spectator behaviour, Reporting, Penalties applied to those found guilty and those who do not attend.

The competition for finals positions went right to the wire, in each of the Premier grades, with the inevitable good and hard luck tales applicable to some clubs.

Again, the weather god smiled upon us during the finals but, this time around, that weekend off syndrome had minimal effect, with a large proportion of the teams that had won directly into the Grand Final going on to win the flag. It will rain eventually and I'll be interested to hear the reaction of those that draw the short straw.

Steve has made reference to Templeton winning its first ever Chandler 1 premiership, Croydon North has rebounded to Chandler, albeit later than the club expected, by winning Wilkins and the Newey premier was Croydon Ranges, its first as a merged entity, which will result in a return to Wilkins. My congratulations go to those teams and the premiers in each of the other grades.

Whilst covering a bit of the same ground as Steve, I would also like to extend my thanks and congratulations to all of the people who contributed, at Committee, Representative, Umpiring, Junior, Veterans, Tribunal and Investigation Committee level, for their time and effort on behalf of the Association.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful Season 2004-05.

IAN SPENCER

SENIOR REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Despite the number of queries/problems that were identified within the results system during the season, on balance there was a considerable improvement in the reliability of information supplied to clubs through the Sporting Pulse process.

Bearing in mind the minimal charges we incur for the registration and results facility, together with the ongoing support provided at no cost to the clubs or the association during the season by Timothy Court, I believe that we should appreciate and acknowledge the financial savings to the operating expenses of each and every club that we obtain by using this facility.

Never the less, arrangements have been put in place to enhance the process next season and we ask for your continued support in this matter. It is anticipated that a presentation will be made at the AGM.

For the record, the RDCA administered our association to enable 34 clubs, 130 senior teams and 118 junior teams, together with the players involved in all these teams to participate in the game of cricket during the 2003/2004 season.

There were of course the never-ending number of clearance applications received during the season and despite several initial refusals by the player's current club, in all but one instance, agreement was reached by the clubs involved without redress to appeal.

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

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

Stuart Newey
Senior Registration Secretary

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

The season commenced with David Rashleigh elected as President, Graeme Lloyd re-appointed as Umpires Adviser, and Don Smith re-elected to fill the position of Vice President.

Whilst losing two of the previous seasons umpires, we managed to recruit seven more prior to the start and during of the season, which gave us a total of thirty one. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, we lost one prior to Christmas and this resulted in our association finishing the season with 30 on the panel.

The umpires again officiated at inter association representative games against the BHRDCA in both senior and junior level, the VTCA in U18 and U25 level, the IAJCC Junior competition over Christmas, the Neil Wright U21 competition and the Veteran finals.

I would like to thank the club volunteers who helped with the umpiring in the semi finals and grand finals. It was disappointing that there were only 16 volunteers names put forward by the clubs to help out in the finals of which 4 came from the one club.

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 thank you 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, 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 2004/2005.

Martien Pruyers
Umpires Secretary

MATCH COMMITTEE

Up until this season, the Association has played representative games each year against Box Hill Reporter and the City of Moorabbin Cricket Associations. In the season prior, a team selected from Chandler ranks participated against Box Hill Reporter and the side that played City of Moorabbin was drawn from Wilkins/Newey.

The Executive was concerned with the commitment of the City of Moorabbin and, as a consequence, made arrangements for two matches to be played against Box Hill Reporter this past season. Again, one team comprised Chandler players with the other from Wilkins/Newey.

Neil Tull (Convenor, Team Manager and Scorer) was assisted by Ken Trollope, Tony Gawne, Mark Unternahrer and Cameron Parker (Chandler) together with Russell Jenzen (Team Manager), Bruce Sansom and Glenn Spencer (Wilkins/Newey). Harry Sandford performed the scoring duties for the latter.

David Beatty was again in charge of U.25, U.21 and U.18 representative sides. He was ably assisted by Geoff Stock and Andy Mirams.

Our thanks to Lesley Watson and catering helpers for their efforts. We also appreciate the contribution of members from the Kilsyth, Montrose and Mooroolbark clubs in hosting the representative games.

On the whole, the association was quite successful in this area and details of the games appear in the statistical section.

VMCU (VICTORIAN METROPOLITAN CRICKET UNION)

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

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

On the administrative side the Union produced:

- *An updated Strategic Plan.

- *A Member Protection By-Law (in conjunction with other peak cricketing bodies) covering matters such as health, safety, harassment, abuse, racial vilification, discrimination, screening of officials, etc.

- *Rule Amendments on playing conditions for both senior and junior cricket incorporating updated guidelines on blood rule, health & safety, heat policy, thunderstorms & lightning, professional players, etc.

The VMCU Executive is currently involved in a review being undertaken by Cricket Victoria on various issues affecting Community Cricket including the Pathway Program, role of the Regional Cricket Managers, and the future composition of the U16 Dowling Shield Competition.

The VMCU is also the body, which deals with club or player appeals against penalties imposed by an Association or its Tribunal.

Pat Meehan
RDCA Delegate

OUTER EAST METRO REGION REPORT 2003-04

In its 5th year, the Regional Council again functioned cohesively due to the work of the 3 association representatives: Pat Meehan - Ringwood District, Neil Maxwell - Ferntree Gully, and David Webb - Yarra Valley, together with our Regional Cricket Manager, Andrew Larratt – CV. I wish to record my thanks to these gentlemen for their help and support in both broad areas of operation – Pathway and Administration.

NOTEABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 38 Milo Have-A-Go programmes involving 1400 participants
- Cric Hit for girls commenced in the Yarra Valley with 43 participants
- Mentor umpire programme up and running
- Alignment with Yarra Valley Grammar School as regional facilities base
- Brendan Walsh and Glen Maxwell selected in Vic U15 team
- Daniel King and Tom Stray selected in Vic U17 team
- Matt Gale selected in Vic 2nd XI
- 5 players debut in 1st XI Premier Cricket
- Appointment of part-time Regional Project Officer
- Stuart Minetti (Ainslie Park / RDCA) volunteer of the year

The undoubted highlight of the year was the success of the Under 18 team, winning the state championship, the final being played on the MCG. Well done to the leadership team:

Co-captains Ben Stallworthy (Johnson Park / Hawthorn-Monash) and Nathan Owen (Templeton / Fitzroy-Doncaster) and coach Bryan Reid.

David Beatty – Region Chairman

RDCA JUNIOR REPORT – 2003/04

At the end of season 2002/03 the Junior Committee undertook a comprehensive survey of the various aspects of junior cricket within the RDCA. The purpose of this survey was to get feedback from all our constituent clubs as to what they thought of the administrative performance of the RDCA Juniors and to gauge interest in a number of ideas for improvement.

Key messages from the survey were noted and a meeting held to provide feedback to all clubs of the findings from the survey and provide the opportunity for questions. Part of this included some potential rule changes, which were subsequently proposed and voted on at our season 2003/04 Annual General Meeting. One of the changes passed for this season was to enable the inclusion of “odd” age groups, i.e. Under 13, 15 and 17. Introduction of these age groups in addition to our traditional 12s, 14s and 16s was dependent only on clubs entering teams. Sufficient clubs entered teams for Under 13 to enable a competition to be run in this new age group, which proved as successful as any other age group. Subsequent seasons will no doubt see the introduction of Under 15s and 17s. This new initiative now provides clubs with the flexibility to structure their junior development program to suit their junior player age demographics.

The contentious area of administrative fines was sorted out and where applicable aligned directly with like fines in our senior competition. One major area of imposition of fines from our previous season of supplying umpires for our finals series had the right effect because this season, although we actually had more finals games, we had an oversupply of umpires for the first time in many seasons.

The highlight of season 2003/04 was without doubt the smoothness with which everything ran. We had no tribunals, one quite minor investigation, improved communications between RDCA Administration and clubs, an incident free Junior Carnival, an exceptionally successful Round Robin Tournament and a competitive, incident-free finals series. Our Club Junior Coordinators are, in general, to be congratulated on their dedication to providing the most seamless administration possible to enable our children to enjoy their Saturday morning game of cricket.

Michael Duke and his band of Representative Team coaches and team managers are to again be congratulated on fielding highly competitive teams in the VMCU’s annual Junior Carnival in January. All our teams were well prepared and acquitted themselves accordingly. Every team made it through to at least a semi-final appearance and our Josh Browne Plate U/12s and U/14s were both grand-finalists. A top effort from all involved

After weather caused the cancellation of our Round Robin Tournament for our non-competitives last season, everyone was looking forward to this season. The tournament was held in mid-February, the date most requested by our clubs. Barnegeong Reserve in Croydon North was selected as the best venue with multiple ovals available and we had four separate groups of teams participating. All teams played the initial two rounds, with winners moving through to the afternoon round. Feedback indicated a high level of enjoyment by all (despite the hot weather) and congratulations must go to Jeff Luscombe, his team of helpers and the team managers for making this event so successful.

The highlight of our very successful Annual Junior Presentation Night was the introduction of the RDCA Juniors Volunteer of the Year award. This award has been introduced to recognise our club volunteers who work so tirelessly to enable our children to enjoy their game of cricket. Eight clubs nominated their volunteer of the year and all volunteers were recognised on the night. The inaugural Jeff Luscombe Volunteer of the Year Award went to Keith Smith from Bayswater Park. The naming of this new award after Jeff Luscombe recognises Jeff’s very significant volunteer work spread over multiple decades in Junior cricket, especially at club level, but also at RDCA representative and RDCA Junior administration levels.

The final words of thanks are reserved for the RDCA Junior Committee who again put in many hours to enable our Junior Association to function as smoothly as it does. John Springett, Josh Browne, Michael Duke, Jeff Luscombe, Tony Gawne, Haydn Hill and Kevin Dawson each contributed in one or more significant ways to our successful season.

It is pleasing to note that most of this season's committee are nominating for next season, with only Haydn Hill and myself retiring. I am confident that we can replace this experience and expertise with equally capable people with appropriate dedication to junior cricket to ensure another successful season. Special mentions to John Springett and Michael Duke who put in many long hours to oversee their areas of responsibility. John and Michael you have good reason to be very proud of your efforts and you can be assured it is very much appreciated by all.

Stuart Minetti
Junior President



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Season 2003 / 2004 saw a much closer alignment of the RDCA Veterans Executive and Clubs within the RDCA senior association, as the RDCA 'RALF' Strategic Plan for the Executive structure was implemented.

Following the AGM, and initial Executive meeting, Patron and Past President Ken Johnston resumed the reins as Veterans Executive President. Carl Duncan provided new blood on the Executive for the coming season.

Major changes for the season saw the consolidation of Masters teams to 3 Divisions and the continuation of a seven match round competition pre –finals.

A reduction in Masters team nominations, gave us the opportunity to consolidate and downsize the previous four divisions back to three divisions. This resulted in Division One consisting of 8 teams, and Division 2 became basically a combination of previous Divisions 2 & 3 with 10 sides. Division 3, with 10 sides, was made up of second sides from multiple team Clubs.

The Legends (50s) competition with seven teams continued on alternate weeks.

The three Masters' Divisions and the Legend's Division were made up by the following teams:

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

Congratulations must go to North Ringwood who had 3 Masters sides and 1 Legends side in the competition/s

From a cricket playing point of view, overall the weather did not severely interfere with the scheduling of matches, apart from a number of Legend's games in the first couple of rounds.



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The Legends competition, now in its fourth season, increased to seven clubs with Ainslie Park's nomination. Many "Legends" players continue to take the opportunity to play Veterans cricket every weekend in both competitions, and often with a range of Legends Clubs. This enhanced the camaraderie amongst the Clubs and players overall.

The Masters competition across was keen and even throughout the season, with many match results going down to the last over or two. Positions 3 and 4 in most divisions, were decided in the last round - percentages determining positions three to six in a number of Divisions.

With the exception of "The Legends" competition, which did not have finals, the Semi-Finals were keenly played.

Grand Finals for Divisions One and Two were scheduled to be played on Turf wickets at Croydon and Heathmont. Officials and players anxiously monitored the weather forecasts leading up to the day. The weather was kind allowing uninterrupted play on the day.

Pennants were presented to the winning captains and teams following the Grand Final. This enables all winning players to share the moment with their premiership pennant. Trophies were presented to Club Captains or Club representatives at our Presentation Night. The premiers for 2003 / 2004 were:

- **Division 3 Grand Final** *played at Bayswater Park*
Bayswater Park went through the season undefeated and continued this in the Grand Final.
Bayswater Park 8 /127 defeated North Ringwood 107.
- **Division 2 Grand Final** **Ken Johnston Trophy** - **played at Heathmont**
Heathmont, Div. 3 premiers for season 2002 / 2003, set a challenging, but gettable 136 runs target, due to tight bowling by Lilydale.
Lilydale's run chase saw them all out for 80.
- **Division 1 Grand Final** **Bill Dean Trophy** -**played at Croydon – Town Oval**
Croydon on its home turf batted positively to achieve a score of 8/177. **Newcomers to Division 1 - Ainslie Park**, obviously with nothing to loose continued their great batting form of the semi-final to successfully achieve this target with a couple of overs to spare and wickets in hand.
Ainslie Park's efforts over past three seasons are to be congratulated –
2001/02 - Division Three premiers, 2002/03 – Division Two Grand Finalists,
2003/04 – Division One Premiers.
- **The Legends Premiers**
Mt Evelyn was the successful team this season, remaining unbeaten. This makes it three flags out of four seasons.

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.



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Inter-Association Games: This year three games were played by RDCA Veterans.

Monday – Australia Day [26/01/04] saw two representative sides for 40s and 50s+ take on Ferntree Gully District Veterans [FTG] at Heathmont with RDCA as hosts. Two keenly fought matches, as usual were played out, with RDCA winning both games.

The annual pre Christmas game against the Box Hill Reporter Veterans, was deferred to February 2004 and hosted by Box Hill at Mont Albert. On this occasion Box Hill were successful in a closely fought match.

Congratulation to captains – 40s – Neil Mitchell [North Ringwood]], and Jim Dean [Croydon] and 50s – Wayne McCrimmon [North Ringwood] and all players who represented the RDCA. Very positive comment is always received on not only the spirit, but also the excellent standard of cricket that is played in these games. The competitive nature results in players going up a cog or two in intensity.

I would like to publicly thank the host Clubs of - Heathmont and Mont Albert and both the Associations of FernTree Gully District and Box Hill Reporter for the games, facilities and after-match activity. Additionally, I would like to complement our Selection Panel of Wayne McCrimmon [North Ringwood], Graeme Seymour [Mt. Evelyn] and Ken Johnston [Patron] for their efforts in putting competitive sides on the park.

A group of RDCA extra Vintaged Legend players [i.e. 60 years and over] played in the second “North of the Yarra versus South of the Yarra” match at Brighton in early January. Our RDCA Group certainly were the strength of their side equiting themselves very well. This appears to becoming an annual event.

Veterans Presentation Night: Presentation Dinner night was held at Bramleigh Receptions. Approximately 85 attended this evening, which was very disappointing from the Executive and the Social sub-committee’s perspective. Unfortunately the lack of or very late response by Veterans Club Co-ordinators, puts a lot of unnecessary stress and work on the organising sub-committee. This year due to reduced numbers, the previously negotiated package from the reception house had to be down sized to meet the original costs agreed. Pre-dinner drinks were funded by the Veterans Executive and managed by the Sub-Committee members.

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

For next season the Executive will be seriously considering invoking a rule of the RDCA, which requires a minimum attendance by all Clubs, otherwise the Club will be fined for 6 attendees.



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Milestones – RDCA Veterans 100 Game Club.

The 100 games Club has increased from 7 to 12 with a further 5 players playing their 100th Veteran's game throughout the season. The following players were acknowledged and presented with a certificate on reaching this milestone:

Daryl Stephens	-	Croydon
Ross Fitzgerald	-	Croydon Ranges
Wayne McCrimmon	-	North Ringwood
Alan Duffus	-	South Warrandyte
Graeme Seymour	-	Mt. Evelyn

Congratulations to all of these on this great achievement and commitment to RDCA Veterans cricket over the past 16 seasons.

**Congratulations to the players that reached their 50 game milestone –
Certificates were issued to 9 players from a range of Clubs.**

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 (Patron & Chairman), Brian Gobbi, Bill Stafford, Jim Dean, Graeme Seymour, Alan Duffus, Carl Duncan and Jeff Luscombe.

Additionally, many thanks to Marg Stafford for her input into the Social sub-committee, with the organisation of the Presentation Dinner.

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.

Aspirations of the Veterans' Executive would be to receive a Veterans team nomination from every RDCA club, for the coming season/s.

Time will tell on this aspiration coming to fruition.

**Mick Gavin
Secretary**

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is pleasing to report that the financial result for the 2003/2004 season continued in an overall return of profit position that we have achieved in the last three seasons.

The receipt of \$8,298, by way of donations and sponsorship, during the season very heavily influenced the achievement of a profit return.

In this regard we are particularly indebted to Topline Sports, Sporting Pulse, Kookaburra Sport Pty Ltd and AKT Trophy Centre.

Again this year the Board of Management and the various sub committees have exercised restraint in incurring expenses on behalf of the RDCA during the season. Similar restraint will need to be continued next season, as I am sure you are all aware costs in general are on the increase – insurance and ground usage costs are examples.

It is also pleasing to note that fines incurred by clubs for non-compliance with the rules of the RDCA dropped to \$1,224 in the last season.

Unfortunately, several clubs have not totally met their commitments for last season, which means that these clubs will start next season with debts that will impose an additional financial burden on these clubs prior to the start of the coming season.

Finally, let me thank all the clubs for their support during the 2003/2004 season which has helped make the treasurer's role easier to fill.

Stuart Newey
Manager Finance

RDCA Inc.

Statement of Financial Performance

Period ended 31st May 2004

Income				
	Affiliation Fees		\$	41,810
	Fines	Senior/Junior Grades Fines	\$864.00	
		Late Payment Fines	\$360.00	
	Total Fines		\$	1,224
	Donations/Sponsorship		\$	8,298
	Web advertising		\$	450
	Interest		\$	357
	Player/Public Liability Insurance		\$	20
Total Income			\$	52,159
Expenses				
	Administration Expenses			
	Honorarium	\$	12,550	
	General Secretary	\$	526	
	Senior Registration Secretary	\$	750	
	Match Result Secretaries	\$	810	
	Treasurer	\$	950	
	Umpires Secretary	\$	196	
	Senior Executive	\$	936	
	Junior Carnival Expenses	\$	489	
	Representative Match Expenses	\$	953	
	Total Administration Expenses		\$	18,160
	Operating Expenses			
	Postage & Stationery	\$	955	
	Telephone & Paging	\$	3,185	
	Printing & Typing	\$	649	
	Computer Processing	\$	4,872	
	Computer Maint/Programming	\$	1,380	
	Bank / Gov't Charges	\$	138	
	Ground & Hall rental	\$	1,711	
	Affil. & Registration Fees	\$	143	
	Total Operating Expenses		\$	13,033
	Miscellaneous Expenses			
	Umpires Fees	\$	1,590	
	Umpires Insurance	\$	240	
	Depreciation of equipment	\$	1,000	
	Trophies & Shields	\$	2,375	
	Pennant & Plaques	\$	4,038	
	Junior Carnival	\$	5,233	
	Total Miscellaneous Expenses		\$	14,476
	Social Expenses			
	Senior Presentation Night	\$	1,654	
	Junior Presentation Night	\$	1,340	
	Vote Count Night	\$	(1,412)	
	Catering	\$	2,365	
	Total Social Expenses		\$	3,947
	Equipment purchased / sold			
	B.F Medals (profit) / loss	\$	672	
	Cricket Balls (profit) / loss	\$	542	
	Caps (profit) / loss	\$	790	
	Rule Book Covers (profit) / loss	\$	250	
	Score books (profit) / loss	\$	(1,314)	
	Premiership Medals (profit) / loss	\$	938	
	Total Equipment (profit) / loss		\$	1,877
Total Expenses			\$	51,491
Net Profit/(Loss)			\$	667

RDCA Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st May 2004

Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash On Hand			
	Cheque Account	\$	4,080
	Sandhurst Trustees	\$	10,256
	Total Cash On Hand		\$ 14,336
	Debtors - Trade	\$	3,019
	Total Current Assets		\$ 17,538
Equipment			
	Best & Fairest Medallions	\$	819
	RDCA Caps	\$	250
	Premiership Medals	\$	125
	Total Equipment		\$ 1,194
Fixed Assets			
	Computer and Printer	\$	1,000
	Total Fixed Assets		\$ 1,000
Total Assets			\$ 19,732
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Non Current Liabilities			
	Nil		
	Bonds Held	\$	200
	Guarantee Monies	\$	3,600
	Total Non Current Liabilities		\$ 3,800
Total Liabilities			\$ 3,800
Net Assets			\$ 15,932
Equity			
	Retained Earnings	\$	15,365
	Current Year Earnings	\$	667
Total Equity			\$ 15,932

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2003/04

CHANDLER 1

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 PTS	G/F
TEMPLETON	6	2	2	7	4	3	3	3	2	2	3 59	1
LILYDALE	11	9	7	5	1	1	1	1	3	3	2 63	2
FERNTREE GULLY	2	4	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1 70	3
WANTIRNA SOUTH	7	7	6	4	3	4	6	4	5	5	4 51	4
WONGA PARK	8	10	9	9	11	9	7	8	7	7	5 51	
MOOROOLBARK	3	1	4	2	6	7	5	7	8	8	6 48	
KILSYTH	4	6	3	1	5	6	8	6	4	4	7 44	
AINSLIE PARK	12	8	11	12	10	8	9	10	9	9	8 43	
EAST RINGWOOD	5	5	8	6	7	5	4	5	6	6	9 43	
SOUTH RINGWOOD	1	3	5	8	12	10	10	9	10	10	10 27	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	10	11	12	10	8	11	11	11	11	11	11 15	
MONTROSE	9	12	10	11	9	12	12	12	12	12	12 12	

Whilst Lilydale, Ferntree Gully and Templeton occupied the top three spots for most of the season, there were still six or seven teams in contention for a finals berth entering the last round. Lilydale won outright, in a thriller, to oust Kilsyth and jump over Templeton to second, whilst Wantirna South snuck in when it counted. Ferntree Gully entered the finals as the front-runner but were routed in the semi-final by Lilydale. Templeton easily accounted for Wantirna South in the elimination final. Templeton kept the good form going in the preliminary final as Ferntree Gully made a disappointing exit. In the Grand Final, the Templeton batsmen stood up again (9/230) to set Lilydale (164) a target that they could not overcome. Congratulations to Templeton on winning its first ever Chandler 1 premiership.

CHANDLER RESERVES

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 PTS	G/F
TEMPLETON	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1 71	1
WONGA PARK	3	2	5	6	4	3	3	4	3	3	3 59	2
FERNTREE GULLY	5	4	6	5	7	6	5	3	2	2	2 66	3
MOOROOLBARK	9	6	4	3	5	4	4	5	4	4	4 59	4
SOUTH RINGWOOD	12	8	10	8	6	8	6	6	6	6	5 46	
AINSLIE PARK	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	5	5	6 46	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	4	5	3	4	3	5	7	8	7	7	7 38	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	10	12	9	11	9	7	8	7	8	8	8 35	
KILSYTH	6	7	7	10	11	9	11	9	10	10	9 27	
MONTROSE	7	11	8	7	8	10	10	11	9	9	10 27	
LILYDALE	8	9	12	9	10	11	9	10	11	11	11 22	
EAST RINGWOOD	11	10	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12 14	

Templeton were the benchmark all season. Ainslie Park was up there but fell away late to miss altogether. Ferntree Gully improved steadily through the season to join Wonga Park and Mooroolbark as finalists. In the semi's, Templeton were much too good for the Gully and likewise with Wonga over Mooroolbark. Wonga continued its good form through the preliminary to eliminate Ferntree Gully. In the Grand Final, Templeton set a healthy target (9/226) and, despite a late order recovery by Wonga (178), ran out handy winners.

WILKINS 1

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
CROYDON NORTH	5	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 67	1
WARRANTYTE	6	6	7	7	8	6	6	4	5	4	3	3	5	3 62	2
NTH RINGWOOD	7	7	6	6	5	5	7	7	7	5	5	4	3	1 67	3
ST ANDREWS	1	5	4	4	6	7	4	3	4	6	6	5	4	4 62	4
SOUTH CROYDON	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5 62	
NORWOOD	4	2	5	5	4	3	3	5	3	3	4	6	6	6 59	
BAYSWATER PARK	3	1	1	1	3	4	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	7 38	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8 17	

Croydon North led the ladder comfortably at the Christmas break but thereafter it got a bit wobbly. North Ringwood were the opposite, but excellent post Christmas form saw a jump from seventh to top leading into finals. Six teams were still in the running entering the last round and results saw a huge re-shuffle of positions with South Croydon, who occupied first or second all season, being the major casualty in dropping to fifth spot. In the semi-finals, Croydon North returned to their best to easily account for North Ringwood and Warrantyte were able to overcome St Andrews in a tight game. Fortunes fluctuated in the preliminary final but the last Warrantyte pair held their nerve and, in a nail-biter, got home to leave North Ringwood very disappointed. The Grand Final saw Croydon North (182) prove far too good (Warrantyte 92) and the club will return to Chandler Shield in season 2004/05.

WILKINS RESERVES

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
CHIRNSIDE PARK	4	2	2	2	4	5	4	4	5	3	2	3	3	4 57	1
NORWOOD	2	5	4	4	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	1	1	1 74	2
CROYDON NORTH	1	4	5	5	6	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	3 65	3
NORTH RINGWOOD	5	3	3	3	5	6	5	5	4	5	5	4	4	4 61	4
WARRANTYTE	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	4	4	5	5	5 52	
ST ANDREWS	6	6	6	6	3	4	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	6 49	
SOUTH CROYDON	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	7 49	
BAYSWATER PARK	7	8	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8 17	

Norwood and Croydon North entered the finals as favourites after alternating at the head of the table for most of the season. North Ringwood and Chirnside Park were the other contenders and they fought out a high scoring elimination final with Chirnside prevailing. Croydon North was no match for Norwood and fared no better in the preliminary final where the Chirnside late order staged an excellent recovery. The Chirnside Park surge continued in the Grand Final as they knocked over Norwood (137) and comfortably compiled the runs (5/138) to take the premiership.

NEWBY 1

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
CROYDON RANGES	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	95	1
PARKWOOD	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	3	74	2
OLINDA	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	85	3
SCORESBY FERNDAL	3	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	66	4
NTH UNITED LYONS	6	7	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	63	
EASTFIELD	5	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	35	
WANTIRNA	8	4	4	4	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	19	
BORONIA	7	8	8	8	8	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	15	

This division lacked the depth of Chandler and Wilkins but nonetheless the composition of the final four was not determined until the last round. Croydon Ranges and Olinda had led the way for most of the season and were entrenched in first and second. North United Lyons, which was fifth, had to overcome Olinda to displace the loser of Parkwood and Scoresby Ferndale (third and fourth). An exciting tie, which left the North United boys lamenting what might have been, saw Scoresby Ferndale earn a reprieve and another crack at Parkwood in the elimination final. The result was the same, with Parkwood winning comfortably. The other semi was closely fought but Croydon Ranges prevailed. In the preliminary final, fortunes fluctuated but the Parkwood lower order held firm under pressure and Olinda exited. In the Grand Final, Parkwood set a competitive target (186). In a day of sensations, where each team had the upper hand at various stages, fortune favoured the brave and the Croydon Ranges late order (8/190) took the side to a memorable win.

Croydon Ranges will return to Wilkins Cup in season 2004/05.

NEWBY RESERVES

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
CROYDON RANGES	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	94	1
SCORESBY FERNDAL	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	4	2	2	2	89	2
OLINDA	3	3	2	2	3	4	4	3	3	2	4	4	4	74	3
PARKWOOD	1	1	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	66	4
BORONIA	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	54	
EASTFIELD	6	8	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	31	
NTH UNITED LYONS	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	29	
WANTIRNA	8	6	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	

As can be seen above, the finalists in this grade occupied positions in the four from round one.

Croydon Ranges led the ladder for most of the season but were hotly pressed by Scoresby Ferndale. Olinda proved too good for Parkwood in the elimination final and Scoresby Ferndale advanced direct to Grand Final by winning the other semi. Croydon Ranges bounced back to win a closely fought preliminary final and then turned the tables (6/155) on Scoresby Ferndale (150) with a convincing victory in the Grand Final.

A GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
MOOROOLBARK	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	118.3	1
WONGA PARK	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	107.4	2
TEMPLETON	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	118.1	3
WANTIRNA SOUTH	7	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	5	5	4	4	4	104.4	4
AINSLIE PARK	8	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	98.6	
KILSYTH	3	2	3	3	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	69.5	
CROYDON NORTH	5	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	54.0	
LILYDALE	6	7	6	6	6	6	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	48.4	

This was another grade where finals teams were determined with a number of rounds to go.

Mooroolbark and Templeton headed the ladder clearly and were the teams to beat.

Wonga eliminated Wantirna South in a very close tussle and Mooroolbark advanced to the grand final at the expense of Templeton. The preliminary final was very competitive with Wonga just edging out Templeton who exited. Wonga Park was hopeful of achieving back-to-back premierships but could not match it (131) with Mooroolbark's experienced campaigners (168).

B GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
WONGA PARK	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	123.1	1
KNOX CITY	5	7	7	7	7	7	5	5	5	5	4	3	3	110.3	2
MONTROSE	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	5	5	100.8	3
EAST RINGWOOD	8	5	6	6	6	6	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	105.0	4
NORWOOD	7	6	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	93.0	
FERNTREE GULLY	4	3	4	4	4	5	7	7	6	6	7	7	6	77.5	
ST ANDREWS	2	4	5	5	5	4	6	6	7	7	6	6	7	68.0	
SOUTH CROYDON	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	38.5	

Wonga Park led for most of the season with Knox City advancing up the ladder courtesy of excellent post Christmas form. Montrose, after good early season form, had to win a last round eliminator against Norwood to regain a finals spot. That form was carried into the semi final where they eliminated East Ringwood. In the other semi, Wonga Park easily accounted for Knox City who then bounced back in a very closely fought preliminary final to oust Montrose. The Grand Final went much the same way as the semi final with Wonga Park (5/85) proving far too good for Knox City (82).

C GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
MOOROOLBARK	2	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	106.9	1
EAST RINGWOOD	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	128.9	2
BAYSWATER PARK	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	117.8	3
NORTH RINGWOOD	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	102.2	4
TEMPLETON	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	97.1	
SOUTH RINGWOOD	7	8	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	65.3	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	8	6	8	8	8	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	63.2	
PARKWOOD	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	41.2	

Finalists in this grade were unchanged from round two. East Ringwood entered the finals as a clear leader and progressed to the grand final with a narrow win over Bayswater Park. Mooroolbark accounted for North Ringwood in a high scoring elimination final and then overcame Bayswater Park in a nail biting preliminary, courtesy of the last wicket partnership. Mooroolbark's best, however, was saved till last (8/219) when they had a convincing win over East Ringwood (151) in the Grand Final.

D GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
WONGA PARK	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	138.6	1
CROYDON NORTH	8	8	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	94.1	2
AINSLIE PARK	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	138.8	3
WARRANTYTE	1	5	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	90.8	4
CROYDON RANGES	7	7	5	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	82.3	
SOUTH WARRANTYTE	5	4	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	78.3	
NORTH RINGWOOD	4	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	49.2	
LILYDALE	6	3	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	31.1	

Ainslie Park and Wonga Park were clearly the better sides in this grade during the home and away rounds and the finalists occupied positions in the four from round three. Warrantyte bowed out in the semi against Croydon North and Ainslie Park, after losing semi to Wonga Park, surprisingly suffered the same fate in the preliminary final. Croydon North (156), which had done well to reach the decider, battled hard but could not overcome Wonga Park (9/196) in the Grand Final.

E GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
NORWOOD	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	141.4	1
CROYDON RANGES	2	3	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	116.3	2
MOOROOLBARK	8	7	6	6	4	3	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	93.2	3
KILSYTH	5	6	8	8	8	7	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	93.0	4
KNOX CITY	3	2	2	2	6	6	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	76.4	
BORONIA	7	5	5	5	3	5	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	72.7	
FERNTREE GULLY	6	8	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	59.4	
PARKWOOD	4	4	3	3	5	4	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	54.5	

Norwood dominated this grade and progressed directly from qualifying semi with a convincing win over Croydon Ranges. Mooroolbark won a closely contested elimination final to oust Kilsyth but then lost narrowly to Croydon Ranges in the preliminary final. In the Grand Final, Croydon Ranges (111) were no match for Norwood (4/246), which went through the season undefeated.

F GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
TEMPLETON	8	8	6	6	4	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	3	114.0	1
BAYSWATER PARK	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	4	4	4	111.9	2
WANTIRNA SOUTH	3	4	3	3	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	118.0	3
WONGA PARK	1	1	2	2	5	3	2	2	1	1	2	5	5	107.6	4
CROYDON RANGES	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	106.7	
AINSLIE PARK	5	7	8	8	8	7	7	8	6	6	6	6	6	74.2	
ST ANDREWS	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	54.0	
NTH UNITED LYONS	7	5	7	7	7	8	8	6	8	8	8	8	8	49.1	

This was a very competitive grade, with none of the contenders assured of a finals berth entering the final round. The form side, Wantirna South, went down to Templeton , then bowed out in straight sets, when they could not match Bayswater Park, who had beaten Wonga Park in the elimination final. Templeton (8/196), which proved to be finals dominant, was far too good for Bayswater Park (66) in the Grand Final.

G GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
SCORESBY FERNDAL	5	4	3	3	4	3	3	2	1	1	3	2	1	146.7	1
CHIRNSIDE PARK	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	124.3	2
WANTIRNA SOUTH	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	3	2	3	2	137.9	3
CROYDON NORTH	2	6	5	5	5	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	111.0	4
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	3	3	4	4	3	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	102.5	
EAST RINGWOOD	9	5	7	7	6	4	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	82.5	
NORTH RINGWOOD	6	7	6	6	7	8	9	9	9	9	7	7	7	60.9	
BAYSWATER PARK	7	9	9	9	9	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	57.2	
NORWOOD	10	10	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	55.2	
SOUTH CROYDON	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	44.8	

Entering the finals, Scoresby Ferndale and Wantirna South appeared to be the teams to beat, however, Wantirna South's form slipped in the finals and it exited after successive losses. In the Grand Final, Chirnside Park (143), which had also accounted for Croydon North in the elimination final, could not match Scoresby Ferndale (6/151) who were another to go through the season undefeated.

H GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 PTS	G/F
MONTROSE	5	6	5	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	129.3	1
TEMPLETON	10	10	6	6	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	5	5	104.9	2
OLINDA	4	4	4	4	5	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	119.2	3
WARRANDYTE	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	5	5	5	6	6	106.1	4
CROYDON RANGES	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	4	4	4	3	3	100.5	
MOOROOLBARK	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	98.3	
KILSYTH	9	9	7	7	6	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	69.7	
PARKWOOD	8	5	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	65.6	
CROYDON NORTH	7	8	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	65.6	
KNOX CITY	6	7	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	38.9	

Montrose led for most of the season but Olinda entered the finals in good form. In the semi's, Templeton, who got into the four for first time in last round, easily accounted for Warrandyte as did Montrose over Olinda. Templeton continued the good form, to Olinda's demise and progressed to Grand Final where they (114) were no match for the Montrose boys (3/122).

ONE DAY GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 PTS	G/F
KNOX CHURCHES	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	129	1
LILYDALE	3	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	70	2
OLINDA	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	86	3
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	86	4
SOUTH RINGWOOD	6	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	41	
SCORESBY FERNDALE	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	11	

Unfortunately, there were only four regular competitors in this grade.

Semi-finals were both closely fought with Knox Churches accounting for Olinda and Lilydale overcoming Chirnside Park. Chasing a modest target, Olinda self destructed in the preliminary final against Lilydale.

In the grand Final, Lilydale was no match for Knox Churches which, in its first season in the association, was another team that went through the season undefeated.

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) 1966/67 – 2003/04

Wonga Park	29	(4)	South Ringwood	7	(2)
East Ringwood	25	(5)	Parkwood	6	(2)
Mooroolbark	24	(7)	South Croydon	6	(2)
Croydon North	21	(9)	Scoresby Ferndale	6	(1)
Wantirna South	20	(1)	Chirnside Park	5	(3)
Ainslie Park	18	(2)	Eastfield	5	(2)
St Andrews	17	(4)	Knox City	5	(2)
Croydon Ranges	17*	(4)	Aquinas Old Collegians	3	(3)
Templeton	17	(3)	Croydon	3	(0)
Kilsyth	17	(1)	Olinda	1	(1)
Montrose	15	(4)	Knox Churches	1	(1)
North Ringwood	12	(4)			
Norwood	12	(2)			
Warrandyte	11	(3)			
Lilydale	11	(2)			
Bayswater Park	11	(1)			
Sth Warrandyte Hawks`	9	(4)			
Wantirna	9	(2)			
Boronia	8	(0)			
Ferntree Gully	7	(3)			

Figures in brackets are premierships won by first eleven teams.

- includes premierships won by Croydon United and Croydon Hockeyers.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Whilst all clubs are included, it is difficult to win Club Championship unless a club has at least 4 teams. Essentially, the bulk of the points are earned through teams in Chandler through to D grade.

WINNER 2003/04	Wonga Park	28.443
followed by	Templeton	24.068
	Mooroolbark	22.775
	Croydon Ranges	20.732

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Chandler 1	Matt Black	(Ferntree Gully)
Steve Pascoe Medal – Wilkins Cup	Russell Jenzen	(Croydon North)
	Bruce Sansom	(Norwood)
	Adam White	(Warrandyte)
	Chris Springett	(Bayswater Park)
Stuart Newey Medal – Newey Plate	Ben Osborne	(Croydon Ranges)

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2003/04

YEAR	CHANDLER 1	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

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS 2003/04

	UNDER 16	UNDER 14	UNDER 13	UNDER 12
1	North Ringwood	Templeton	Warrandyte	North Ringwood
2	Croydon Ranges	Parkwood		North Ringwood
3	St Andrews	Croydon North		Parkwood
4	Parkwood	Kilsyth		Lilydale
5				Boronia/Ringwood

VETERANS PREMIERSHIPS 2003/04

MASTERS SECTION 1

Ainslie Park

SECTION 2

Heathmont

SECTION 3

Bayswater Park

LEGENDS

Mt Evelyn

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

SENIORS

Played Box Hill Reporter at Kilsyth (Team selected from Chandler players)

C. Parker (c)	Box Hill batted first and were under pressure at 4/13 but recovered and
L. Skelton	the next wicket did not fall until total was 72. Thereafter, wickets fell steadily
M.Unternahrer	and they were all out for 117 in 41 overs. Wickets were shared – Parker 2/22,
A. Wu	Garrett 2/34, Disney 2/17, Payne 2/11, and Spittle 1/11.
D. Lear	
A. Spittle	RDCA began shakily, and were 3/30, but Foulis (37no) was supported by
Disney	(36) and Downs (18) to achieve victory in 31 overs.
D. Carratelli	
J. Foulis	
P. Payne	
J. Disney	
A.Downs	
S. Garrett	

Played Box Hill Reporter at Montrose (Team selected from Wilkins Cup and Newey Plate players)

G. Spencer (c)	RDCA was given an enterprising start by Hood (19) and Williams (20) and
R. Arbuckle	this was complemented by a swashbuckling Ranga Yasalal who contributed
I. Donaldson	87, which included 6 sixes. With support from Rochford (27) and Spencer (15)
D. Aders	the tally reached 207, an excellent result on a slowish ground.
M. Viney	
R. Yasalal	Box Hill was always on the back foot and were all out for 113 in 31 overs.
N. McFarlane	Wicket takers were Aders 3/17, Bird 2/35, with Viney, Rochford and
D. Rochford	McFarlane taking one each.
A. Hood	
C. Williams	
R. Bird	
A. Dykes	

TEAM (U,25's)

G. Stock	Played Victorian Turf Cricket Association
M. Dimanno	VTCA 7/222 defeated RDCA 40
M. Galakos	
N. Stewart	Bowling: Neagle 3/44, Grumont 2/30, Field 1/30, Butters 1/33
B. Neagle	Batting: Suffice to say no one made an impact.
J. Grumont	
M. Butters	
D. Kilbey	
P. Eagles	
C. Holland	
M. Eames	
A. Field	

UNDER 21's SQUAD

Participated in VMCU Neil Wright Shield competition
(All of whom qualified to play in finals).

J. Grumont ©	M. Adams	S. Lindsay
H. Shakespeare	P. Flynn	S. Dinnell
M. Edwards	M. Teofilo	A. Flynn
D. Kelly	M. Eldridge	S. Garrett
D.Hill	D. Kilbey	B. Beech
L. Carratelli	D. Walker	

RESULTS

Rd.1	RDCA 3/137 (Grumont 56no, Shakespeare 40, Edwards 23) defeated, MERCANTILE 64 and 96 (Edwards 3/24 & 2/17, Lindsay 2/18 & 1/14)
Rd.2	RDCA 7/125 (Carratelli 34, Edwards 24, Kelly 16) defeated, VTCA-Sth 90 (Walker 3/13, Edwards 2/14, Lindsay 2/18, Kilbey 1/16)
Rd 3	RDCA 2/188 (Shakespeare 110no, Edwards 48no, Grumont 22) defeated JICA 186 (Edwards 4/25, Garrett 2/33, Kilbey 2/53)
Semi-Final	RDCA 163 (Shakespeare 85no, Teofilo 42) lost to ECA 5/212 (Adams 2/40, Kilbey 1/22, Shakespeare 1/37, Edwards 1/38)

Congratulations go to Hagan Shakespeare, Mark Teofilo and Steve Lindsay, who were selected in VMCU Representative side which was successful in a series against NSW counterparts, and to Luke Carratelli who was a member of the Outer East U18 championship team which which won the State final at the MCG.

UNDER 18's

SQUAD

D. Kelly ©	D. Hill	D. Letson	J. Barrett
C. Jones	B. Frazer	T. Cloke	M. Cochrane
M. Adams	J. Cleaves	G. James	C. Pantlin
N. MacDonald	J. Masronardi	B. Trump	
B. Stow	L. Selkrig	N. Newhouse	

RDCA 6/124 (Hill 44, Adams 23no, Frazer 19, Kelly 16) defeated
BOX HILL REPORTER 122 (Cleaves 5/8, James 2/13, Hill 2/32)

RDCA 7/215 (Selkrig 54, Kelly 43, Newhouse 23no, Letson 23) defeated
BOX HILL REPORTER 210 (Selkrig 3/35, Mastronardi 2/22, Adams 2/25, James 2/39)

RDCA 1/178 (Hill 92no, Selkrig 42no, Kelly 35) defeated
VTCA 9/166 (James 3/18, Cleaves 2/29, Adams 2/36)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

BATTING

Chandler 1	Daniel Lear	Wantirna South	76.00
Chandler Reserve	Paul Milne	South Warrandyte	69.00
Wilkins 1	Adam White	Warrandyte	67.14
Wilkins Reserve	Russell Bartlett	Croydon North	39.28
Newey 1	Ben Osborne	Croydon Ranges	72.75
Newey Reserve	Chris Spencer	Croydon Ranges	70.00
A Grade	Dean Letson	Wonga Park	58.75
B Grade	Shawn Everitt	Wonga Park	59.00
C Grade	Barry Dawson	East Ringwood	56.00
D Grade	Ian Dell	Wonga Park	57.38
	Michael MacLennan	Wonga Park	57.38
E Grade	Gavin Bent	Norwood	111.00
F Grade	Ian Spencer	Croydon Ranges	67.33
G Grade	Robert Jones	South Warrandyte	56.29
H Grade	Rob Ruffle	Parkwood	150.00
One Day Grade	Dirk D'Silva	Knox Churches	69.00

BOWLING

Chandler 1	Damien Franken	Ainslie Park	12.72
Chandler Reserve	Glenn Morrison	Templeton	10.60
Wilkins 1	Russell Jenzen	Croydon North	12.67
Wilkins Reserve	Phil Coats	Norwood	11.24
Newey 1	David Aders	Parkwood	8.68
Newey Reserve	Anthony Cullen	Boronia	11.93
A Grade	Kristian Raukola	Wantirna South	9.61
B Grade	Paul Doevelaar	Wonga Park	11.70
C Grade	Michael Martin	Bayswater Park	10.65
D Grade	Eddie Cauchi	Warrandyte	9.03
E Grade	Scott Hickox	Norwood	10.33
F Grade	Paul Dodd	Bayswater Park	12.35
G Grade	Darren Baker	Wantirna South	8.93
H Grade	Andrew Johnson	Templeton	14.86
One Day Grade	Luke Vandenberg	Knox Churches	11.90

Chandler Allrounder	Mark Unternahrer	Kilsyth
Under 21 Best Player	Hagan Shakespeare	Wonga Park
Under 18 Best Player	Luke Carratelli	East Ringwood

ALL STAR TEAM

Jason Disney	(Templeton)	Paul Payne	(Templeton)
Jason Foulis	(Ainslie Park)	Daniel Carratelli	(East Ringwood)
Matt Black	(Ferntree Gully)	Mark Unternahrer	(Kilsyth)
Jason Kline	(Wonga Park)	Luke Skelton	(Lilydale)
Ben Spencer	(Lilydale)	Andrew Spittle	(South Ringwood)
Steve Johnston	(Templeton)		

LET US REMEMBER

NORMAN JOHN REES TAYLOR

To his family he was Rees Taylor, to his associates within the RDCA he was known as NORM and he formed an important part of RDCA history as a player, administrator and mentor to many people, young and old, who were privileged to know him.

Norm's love of cricket led him to be a founding member of Boronia Methodists C.C. in 1948 with the view to providing the youth of his church with a common sporting outlet in the fellowship of a team environment.

With a sense of community spirit, Norm brought his administrative expertise to the role of RDCA Honorary General Secretary in 1961/62 and held that position for the next fourteen seasons.

The RDCA history "Paddocks to Parks" describes Norm as having a clear view of his job, forcefully implementing the decisions of the Executive, always in control and not afraid to do the Executive's "dirty work"

His efforts played a major part in ensuring the Association stayed together during a difficult period and earned him the respect of clubs and their office bearers. Norm was awarded Life Membership of the Association in 1968/69.

Norm's enthusiasm for the job at hand and commitment to developing the future of the RDCA had a significant influence on where the Association is today.

His involvement within RDCA circles will always be honoured and respected.