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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Each year I take this opportunity to thank a lot of people for their assistance and support given to our wonderful Association and this year is no different. To my fellow members of the Board of Management, to the Senior, Junior and Veterans Committees and sub committees, the Umpires Association and to all those people who have assisted in the many tasks required to run our various competitions I say (again) a sincere thank you to you all. Elsewhere in the Annual Report you will see the names of the people who are on the Board and main committees and this is a small recognition of the efforts that they have made in contributing to our Association. Thanks also to our valued press correspondents, the White family, and to Ray Baird and Paul Denton for their informative Radio Show. Also thank you to all those players and officials who made themselves available to represent the Association.

Of course it also takes financial resources to run an organisation such as ours and I must take this opportunity to thank our major sponsors. Paul Attfield, from Saxon Sports, has again provided us with generous assistance in both monetary and non monetary terms including sponsoring the senior 20/20 competition. Thank you Paul, your assistance is very much valued. At the start of the season, we re-negotiated our cricket ball agreement with Kookaburra Sports and we are delighted to have entered into an agreement that will provide a valuable income stream for the next 5 years. Kookaburra also gave a generous donation towards a trophy and awards presentation cabinet at our new headquarters and that was greatly appreciated. Our association with the Bendigo Community Banks continues and it is pleasing to note that a number of our clubs conduct their business and benefit from an association with one of the Community Banks.

So, to summarise to this point, thank you to our many volunteers and to our valued and generous sponsors. Thanks also to the clubs who hosted the various functions and representative games during the season.

At last year's Presentation Night I spoke of the formation of a group to conduct a review of parts of the Association's operations. That group was to become known as GARP, standing for the Growth and Retention Project. The group has met regularly during the last 12 months and has been very busy in producing a number of initiatives. A new Junior Club Manual and the new 'split innings' concept, with modified rules, that has been used in both the junior and senior competitions are examples of their fine work to date. A sub committee was formed to meet with the highest level of management at Cricket Victoria and a number of 'work in progress' items aimed at further playing ideas are just some of the group's current activities. A further visit to Cricket Victoria will hopefully take place in the near term so that we as an Association can again put forward our strong belief in local, grass roots cricket and our opinion that significant promotional and marketing activity needs to be undertaken before the start of next season. We must make every effort to expand our playing numbers whilst at the same time ensuring that we retain our current player base.

The various committees started the year in our new premises and work is well under way to furnish the room with some of our important memorabilia. If anyone has any knowledge of the existence of any old records or items that could be displayed we would appreciate you contacting one of the Executive.

On the playing side there was another delayed start to the season due to AFL football and we initially experienced damp conditions before later losing more playing time due to rain. Despite this it was pleasing to see that all our sections were able to complete the vast majority of their respective competitions.

In the junior competition, team numbers in total remained fairly stable but a concerning aspect is the reduction of team numbers in the Under 16 and 14 age groups. Whilst an increase in lower age group numbers is pleasing, it is imperative that every avenue to retain these players is explored. Well done to the Under 16 representative side for winning the Beitzel Cup in the VMCU competition.

The Veterans competition continues to be successful and the closeness of a couple of their Grand Finals illustrated the very good standard of cricket being played. An unbeaten season in representative games (5 wins out of 5) against the Box Hill and Ferntree Gully Associations, including the retention of the Ken Johnston Cup, topped off a great year.

The Senior Committee should be congratulated on a job well done over the last 12 months. In its third year, the Committee has again ensured that things have run smoothly in the senior competition. In addition to some of the initiatives I have already spoken about, the Senior Committee has also been active in trying a number of new and different things. Tweaks to the 20/20 competition, embracing the split innings format, a new format for the annual 20/20 game against Ringwood Cricket Club, the first Umpires Shout and, recently, a survey on playing structures are examples of some of the Committee's excellent work over the season.

Thank you to Pat Meehan for his excellent stewardship of the Committee, to Gregor Mason in his first year as Senior Committee Secretary and to all the other members of this committee.

One negative, for the Association, sits not with any committee or volunteer but rather with the few players who step over the line of sportsmanship and compliance with the rules of our Association. Investigations and reports are something we can all do without, they are time consuming and unnecessary. One positive aspect in this area is the willingness of clubs and team captains in the lower grades to bring any unsavoury actions of a very few to the attention of the Senior Committee so that they can be dealt with appropriately.

Our Umpires Association has again provided excellent expertise to the more senior grades and the training regime being continually undertaken is certainly paying dividends. Thank you to all concerned and a special mention to Don Smith who was awarded Life Membership of the Umpires Association after many years of dedicated service. Don of course is already a Life Member of the Association. If anyone is interested in an umpiring career then please pursue it with the Umpires Association.

Congratulations to all our award winners. A special mention and congratulations to the Ainslie Park C.C. for creating their own piece of club and RDCA history by having all 7 of their senior teams reaching Grand Finals with 5 premierships resulting. Congratulations also to Warranwood and South Croydon for their respective pieces of history in making their first Lindsay Trollope Shield final and for producing such a great game of cricket. The effort of Warranwood, after winning the Bill Wilkins Cup last season, in having to beat the other three finalists to win the premiership should not be overlooked, it was a truly wonderful performance. Also pleasing was the fact that every senior club was represented in finals and well done to Heathmont Baptists in winning their first senior premiership since re-joining the RDCA 3 years ago.

Challenges continue to confront us, most noticeably in our junior participation rate, and we are determined to do all that is possible in order for our Association and our clubs to continue to be healthy and vibrant organisations. This will require hard work from us all. The Executive and club officials and volunteers will need to join forces if our future is to be one of positive growth and participation.

Ian Dench

SENIOR COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

"You can learn from all people, be they rich or poor, humble or vain, young or old. Listen and carefully sift the diamonds from the stones". (Anon).

This being my first season as senior secretary has been challenging and I must say thank you to Keith Wilkins whose pre season guidance prepared me for most of the issues that I would face.

During the season guidance and support from Ian Spencer and Pat Meehan was invaluable together with wise words from Ian Dench and Stuart Newey, all of which allowed me to fulfil my role.

Communication is important to the success of any organisation and my thanks to all the club secretaries and presidents whom I have dealt with during the season for without your assistance and support our association would struggle to be effective.

The Senior Committee for season 2011/12 met 11 times and comprised the following members; Pat Meehan (Chair), Gregor Mason (Secretary), Stuart Minetti, Steve Pascoe, Roger Copeland, Brett McKane, Peter Dean, Richard Nixon, Tony Gawne, Andrew Morris. Keith Wilkins and Ben Morris retired from the committee and we thank them for their contributions to RDCA cricket.

Pre season planning included a number of rule changes and the development of modified rules for one and two day games, influenced by the feedback from the Growth and Retention Project (GARP) committee.

Mother nature contributed to the season with some rain that caused unplayable conditions however despite this no round was completely abandoned by the RDCA and the value of having a super sopper was justified.

Initial team numbers were 141 which was a positive start but unfortunately we dropped to 133 and had to eliminate our M grade forcing teams to move into other grades. The final number of teams was eight (8) down from last season and 8 redrafts of the fixture were required.

Based on the GARP committee discussions, modified rules for one and two day games were introduced for the lowest 3 grades which allowed 13 players and a split innings format. Feedback was generally positive and suggestions for improvements have been received.

Thirteen (13) players were reported for misconduct, which was disappointing, and whilst appropriate suspensions were issued clubs need to remind their members that unsportsmanlike behaviour is not acceptable. A number of players will not be participating in the first few weeks of the new season because of their lack of emotional control.

A captain's failure to know the RDCA rules of cricket resulted in his team missing out on playing finals. I reiterate the importance of clubs ensuring that their appointed captains understand all the rules relevant to the playing of a game of cricket in this association.

Clubs need to think of themselves as a small business and the management of such requires many skill sets, one being finance. Club fines were significantly higher than previous years and out of 27 clubs only 4 did not get a fine during the season. Whilst the RDCA accepts the extra revenue, it would prefer that clubs meet the requirements of the rules and avoid the fines.

MyCricket has continued to improve its functionality, as has club personnel understanding of its features thus making record keeping for clubs easier to manage and provided clubs are diligent with the data input then the end of season statistics and awards are known by simply printing a report. Thanks to the efforts of a number of people, Roger Copeland in particular, we should be grateful for this 21st century software.

The Saxon Sports 20/20 competition was again a successful event, thanks to Richard Nixon (NRI) and Peter Dean (OLN) for organising and to Paul Attfield for his company's ongoing sponsorship. Congratulations to Bayswater Park and Mooroolbark for making it through to the 20/20 grand final where Bayswater Park became the Saxon Sports 20/20 premiers for 2011/12.

The Charity T20 against Ringwood Cricket Club was hosted by the RDCA and Wesley Mission was the nominated charity being supported. Two venues were used, Guy Turner and Walker Reserve and to the host clubs our thanks for your support. Two teams proved difficult to fill and in future only one team will be selected. Wesley Mission was the winner with the RDCA contributing \$1,624.00. Thanks to Andrew Morris for his tireless effort to co ordinate this event.

A T20 Challenge event (RDCA v ECA v BHRCA) was hosted by the RDCA at Quambee Reserve. Due to wet weather the events original scheduled date was delayed one week. This was a new concept whereby six games were played on two grounds at the same location. RDCA Trollope team lost both games while the Wilkins/Newey team won one lost one. ECA and BHRCA were the eventual winners. Next year ECA is hosting the event. Thanks again to Andrew Morris for organising this day and to Warranwood CC for managing and hosting the venue.

The RDCA Under21 representative team was withdrawn due to our inability to find a team manager, despite several approaches to individuals. A sign of the times, where finding volunteers is difficult but thanks to those people who have expressed an interest in helping this team for next season.

To be selected to play in an RDCA representative side is not only an honour but also an opportunity to be in a team with players who you would normally play against. This can lead to stronger friendships and a chance to play in a team of the best RDCA players so please embrace the opportunity when it comes.

The RDCA history book was added to with Ainslie Park having 7 teams in Grand Finals, winning 5 and Warranwood having won the Wilkins Cup in season 2010/11, then the Trollope shield this season after finishing 4th at the end of the home and away games. A fantastic season, for both clubs, and an achievement for the RDCA.

The Trollope Grand Final was held at East Ringwood Reserve, including the now traditional President's lunch, and with the quality of grounds and facilities improving across the association future selection for hosting grand finals will be competitive. Wilkins Cup was held at Mullum Reserve and the Newey Plate was at Walker Reserve.

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

Congratulations to all the grade winners – 10 different clubs, out of 15 grades, were premiership winners. Ainslie Park (5), North Ringwood (2) and Wantirna South (2) earned multiple flags.

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

Our Presentation night was held at Dorset Gardens Hotel on Friday 13 April (superstitious for some) and attendance was very good with some constructive feedback for improvements next year. We have negotiated a 3 year deal with Dorset Gardens so thanks to Tony Gawne for all his efforts with this deal and the preparations for the night.

Thank you again to all who have helped me this season and I look forward to continuing these relationships next season.

Gregor Mason

REGISTRATION SECRETARY/MYCRICKET ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Season 2011/12, our second using the MyCricket system, again proved successful.

The Registration / Clearances / transfer process was again completed using the online system and provided very few issues, if any. Over 160 clearances were processed by the Association.

A reminder that clubs need to communicate with each other to clear any outstanding issues that may stop a clearance, i.e. the player owes fees, early communication will help speed up the clearance of these players.

MyCricket

Many clubs started to increase their usage of MyCricket by entering their players and officials address and contact information into the database. This data can then be used via MyCricket to send out emails or SMS message about events or news and of course the weekly team lists.

In the coming season the RDCA will be looking for an improvement in MyCricket data in the following areas.

- Team Entry, teams to be entered prior to the game starting, as this helps in a fuller completion of players scores and results data especially opposition details.
- Fuller completion of players scores including all players involved in the dismissal, FOW's and fielding details (catches, runouts, stumpings).

Better statistical reporting for your club will be achieved by completing all the details of the match and players scores as suggested above..

Clubs are also encouraged to identify their MyCricket helpers early on in the new season, someone to enter a team's scores and players results, maybe a selector to enter the team lists on a Thursday Night or Friday Morning and then email them out to everyone. Many hands make light work.

Don't forget if you need assistance with anything to do with MyCricket to contact Timothy Court (Juniors), Ian Leach (Veterans) or myself (Seniors).

Finally, Congratulations to all clubs on your efforts this season and best of luck in 2012/13.

Roger Copeland

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

Preparations for 2011/12 commenced from the Annual General Meeting held in March 2011. It was pleasing to fill all RDCAUA Executive positions which allowed an even spread of workload between the group. Apart from the usual positions, Barry Johnson assumed the newly appointed role of Club Liaison Officer and Leigh Murray stepped into a 'Umpire Mentor' role for new umpires.

As is usually the case we lost a number from the group for various reasons – change of employment, movement from the Ringwood area and retirements. However with 8 new umpires joining the ranks for the first time it compensated for those that moved on. The pleasing factor was most of the new group had either umpired elsewhere or recently been involved in cricket, so their assimilation was made all the more easier.

The Board of Management and Senior Committee once again assisted in our recruitment drive for new umpires. We now have 41 active umpires within our group, a solid base to build from so we can continue to spread our appointments into the lower grades.

Once again Graeme Lloyd and Don Smith provided invaluable assistance to members with their preseason education and training program. It provides all members with a proper avenue to continue to build their knowledge and interpretation of the rules. It must be working because the attendance at our General Meetings continues to improve and I seriously believe one of the reasons is the benefit obtained from the quality sessions. One of the highlights this year was the attendance of test umpire Bob Parry, who at the December meeting presented a memorable session on a number of aspects of umpiring.

On the social front Paul Denton took charge of the pre-season and Christmas functions and both drew moderate attendance. It's an area where we can continue to improve on so I'm certain there will be a renewed focus next year to get more members involved.

A big thank you to our Selectors, John Springett, Ian Taylor and Don Smith who even with the advantage of the My Cricket technology spend many hours each week on appointments. At times they needed to manage appointments with only 28 umpires being available and at times last minute adjustments were required to ensure the maximum number of games were covered. Thank you to those members who made themselves available for RDCA Inter-Association matches, Junior Carnival and T20 matches. It's pleasing to see the increased participation in this area.

It goes without saying the highlight of the year was the presentation of life membership of the RDCAUA to Don Smith. He's made an outstanding contribution to local cricket in his lifetime (48 years in the RDCA alone), working with the umpires since 1994, and was justly rewarded for his tireless efforts. He received RDCA life membership in 1986/87 which is now complimented by this award.

The Executive continues to work through important issues that need to be resolved to further assist members. The lack of consistency with some captains in the reporting of performance continues to be point of aggravation. In the past it's these reports that have been the principal guide for match appointments but it's become apparent the lack of consistency and fairness from some can undervalue the performance of some members. It's fair to say the experience within our current Executive will enable us to overcome these matters in the future.

Ian McCallum, was announced at the Senior Presentation Night in April as this year's winner of the 'Ken Dunham Award",. It was a just reward for one of our most experienced umpires, very popular amongst his peers and well respected at club level.

Once again there was a very poor uptake from clubs with regards to improving their knowledge on the rules and umpiring in general. Barry Johnson attended only one session at Wantirna South, which is very disappointing given the number of clubs within the RDCA. That night was well attended and in particular the lower grade players who don't usually get umpires asked many questions which hopefully will enhance their knowledge and minimize some of the problems that occur in player umpired games.

There has been a slow uptake from members to the Level 2 accreditation, which will continue to be addressed by the Executive.

The strength of performance of our group starts at the top. The contribution made by our President Steve Pascoe has been simply outstanding. His knowledge of the competition plays a significant part in how he manages the workload of this Executive. However it's fair to say his commitment to this role, on match day and elsewhere cannot be matched. It was a just reward for both Steve and Paul Denton to be appointed to this year's Trollope grand final, which again demonstrates that he's not only a huge performer off-field his ability to perform as a umpire is appropriately recognised by his peers and the club captains who submit the assessments.

We look forward to season 2012/2013 with enthusiasm and hopefully with a message to the clubs 'that old cricketers never die, they turn into umpires' so they can help the game prosper.

Tony Gawne Secretary

A tribute from Steve Pascoe (RDCA Umpires Association President)

Tony Gawne epitomises the highest level of involvement for a suburban cricket volunteer administrator and supports the theory that, if you want a job done well, give it to a busy person.

Season 2011-12 was Tony's first full season in the role of Secretary to the RDCA Umpires' Association; a role into which he assimilated seamlessly and brought both his passion for cricket and his expertise in sporting administration to ensure that the umpiring arm of the RDCA ran smoothly.

Tony's contribution to the RDCA does not stop there. As well as being Club Secretary to his beloved Devils, Tony has served on the RDCA's Senior Committee, collated and disseminated information pertaining to fines and is an integral member of the GARP sub-committee developing strategies for the future growth of cricket in our area.

Thanks, Tony, for a job well done.

VMCU (Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union) REPORT

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

The VMCU consists of a Board made up of the 8 Directors of each Metropolitan Regional Cricket Council, together with delegates from every Metropolitan Cricket Association. Brett McKane (Montrose CC) was nominated as the RDCA representative on the new Outer East Regional Cricket Council, and thus became a Director on the VMCU Board. Brett is to be thanked for his contributions on behalf of the RDCA.

Over the past season the main cricket activities have related to the management and implementation of the Statewide 20/20 competition (Metropolitan component), U21 Neil Wright Shield (Note: The RDCA did not enter a team this season due to lack of volunteers for management and was subsequently fined by the VMCU Board) and the Junior Shield & Cup Competitions for U16, U14 & U12 in January.

This latter competition comprised of a record number of 72 teams from 18 Associations. The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions and was successful in winning the U/16 Jim Beitzel Shield, runner up in the U/16 Keith Mackay Shield and a semi finalist in the U/14 Russell Allen Shield. In addition, Jackson Guan won the best player award in the latter grade. The RDCA Executive congratulates all those involved with all our participating teams.

The most significant matters dealt with during the season were:

- Implementation and commencement of the Regional Cricket Councils resultant from the regional boundaries and management structures within the metropolitan regions. David Beatty was appointed the inaugural Chairman for the Outer East.
- Involvement with Cricket Victoria on the establishment of a proposed structure for senior cricket with the establishment of a State Reference Seniors Group under the auspices of Cricket Australia.
- Inclusion of social media and basic requirements to be met in the Member Protection Policy
- Detailed preparations for the VMCU Centenary in 2012/2013 season, including a Centenary Dinner on 26 October 2012, compilation of a Centenary Book to be launched at the Dinner and presentation of Centenary Plaques to the premier teams in the top grade of each affiliated Association for season 2012/2013.

In addition the VMCU is also the body, which deals with club or player appeals against penalties imposed by an Association and after consideration by its independent Tribunal.

Pat Meehan

OUTER EAST METRO REGION (EAGLES) REPORT

The following persons formed the committee for the Outer East Metro Region for 2011/2012.

David Beatty – Regional Committee Chairman

Jarrod Leggett – Regional Cricket Manager (Cricket Victoria)

Brett McKane – VMCU Director (RDCA)

Tim Carter – FTGDCA

Brent Watts – YVCA

Tamara Mason – VWCA

Paul Jones – Ringwood C.C.

John Barry – VSDCA

General -

Female Cricket in the region is going from strength to strength. A carnival between the RDCA, FTGDCA, YVCA and DVCA was well attended and a T20 Blast tournament was equally successful and will be expanded this year to incorporate the Yarra Valley Region.

The region once again held a Junior Leadership Program. It commenced with a night in mid-December where junior cricketers from across the region attended the junior leadership information night. The night included cricket leaders talking about their experiences on leadership. This year's winner was Lason Savage from the Healesville C.C.

The RDCA has undertaken a strategic review of cricket in the region and has presented its findings to Cricket Victoria. The GARP Review (Growth and Retention Program) highlights the decrease in participation rates of traditional cricket. A number of the findings have already been implemented within the RDCA Senior and Junior Competitions.

VMCU Carnival Review -

11 teams from the RDCA, FTGDCA and YVCA represented the region in the VMCU carnivals and of these teams 3 played in semi-finals and 3 in grand finals with the RDCA successful in the Jim Beitzel Shield Competition.

Pathways Review -

The Outer East Eagles had a very successful carnival. All male sides reached semi-finals with the U/14s reaching the grand final. Female squads were well represented with all sides having 13 participants.

Brett McKane

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

The 2011/2012 was once again a successful season for the Junior section of the Association. We had competitions running on two nights during the week as well as Saturday morning, with encouraging growth in both our Wednesday and Friday night Competitions.

At the Annual General Meeting, Timothy Court (President), John Springett (Secretary) and Rebecca Court (Assistant Secretary and Records Secretary) were all re-elected. Justin Hansen was elected to the position of Representative Team Coordinator, replacing John Kilby. Wayne Hartley, Kerry Walton, Doug Beaton, David Brush and Tim Sweeney were all elected to the General Committee. Josh Browne and Ian Jones were appointed to the position of Investigation Officers.

It is no secret that over the past two seasons there has been a growing focus on the retention of players and the rejuvenating of the game to make it more appealing for the next generation. The main change that was introduced this season was Split Innings rules. This allows for both teams to bat and bowl on the same day whilst essentially still playing by two day rules. This format has received nothing short of praise from all concerned and it is pleasing to see that other associations are now following the RDCA's lead and adapting to this format in the coming season.

Friday nights is continuing to be very popular for Under 10's and Under 12's, which has now placed us in the situation where we are currently evaluating whether we offer Under 12's on a Saturday or just Friday nights. In conversations with parents and players there is no doubt that Friday night cricket is the way to go with this age group and together with the introduction of coloured balls and an earlier start time for finals we should be able overcome the main issues encountered over the past two seasons.

We once again held the Under 10 Round Robin Competition, which for the first time saw every club, with an Under 10 team, represented. The strong attendance made for a fantastic night and a great reward for Justin Hansen, Kerry Walton and Wayne Hartley who organized it all. A big thank you to Croydon Ranges members for their assistance with the evening.

Our Wednesday night T20 competition seems to be going from strength to strength with the revised format proving popular. This season we opened the competition to Under 14's and Under 12's as well.

Unfortunately, we only got enough numbers to add an Under 14 Division, but it made for a great spectacle at JW Manson Reserve when the final of the Under 19, Under 16 and Under 14 were all playing at the same venue. John Springett should be congratulated for organizing a great night with the assistance of St Andrews Cricket Club.

As in past seasons we again entered six teams into the VMCU Carnival played in January. Justin Hansen took on the role as Coordinator and received a baptism of fire, as the role involved a little more than he expected. At the end of the day, the Carnival was a huge success thanks to his enormous efforts.

The highlight of the Carnival was the winning of the Jim Beitzel Shield (U.16) competition. Our thanks go to: Bill Stafford, Sue Cunningham, Deon Voss, Luke Clarke, Paul Pleming, Steve Lester, Lincoln Grigg, Jeff Barr, Danny Black, Russell O'Toole, Steve Minns and Danielle Hancock for their assistance as Coaches and Team Managers.

The finals series progressed with limited interruption on Saturday morning, however the Friday night finals took the brunt of the weather conditions and lost at least one day, but to the credit of all involved results in all matches were still reached. Congratulations to the following premiership teams:

• Under 18-1: Montrose

• Under 16-1: Ringwood

• Under 16-2: Templeton

• Under 16-3: Olinda

• Under 14-1: Wonga Park

• Under 14-2: Wantirna South

• Under 14-3: Eastfield

• Under 12-1: Wonga Park

• Under 12-2: Croydon North

• Under 12-1F: Croydon Ranges

• Under 12-2F: Mooroolbark

The season was concluded with presentation night which was again expertly MC'd by Justin Nelson and more importantly after some tweaking of the running sheet, the night was completed in record time. Our congratulations to the following award winners:

Under 18-1	Cameron Spaulding	Cheyne Vankoll	Nick Birth
	354 runs @ 70.8	15 wickets @ 7.6	St Andrews
	Yarra Valley composite	Montrose	
Under 16-1	Mark Page	Sachin Halangode	Daynah Hopkins
	391 runs @ 65.17	20 wickets @ 9.2	Croydon Ranges
	Croydon Ranges	Ringwood	
Under 16-2	Jordan Roberts	Patrick Howes	Aidan Kemp
	356 runs @ 71.2	18 wickets @ 8.39	Wonga Park
	Templeton	Wonga Park	
Under 16-3	Sam Power	Mitchell Harris	Nathan Hicks
	333 runs @ 83.25	9 wickets @ 7.22	Olinda
	North Ringwood	Olinda	
Under 14-1	James McCubbin	Isaac Delaney	Douglas Jenner
	298 runs @ 99.33	30 wickets @ 4	Croydon Ranges
	Norwood	Croydon Ranges	
Under 14-2	Lachlan Barr	Tristan Webb	Max Brennan
	261 runs @ 87	Wantirna South	Boronia
	Wonga Park	24 wickets @ 4.17	
Under 14-3	Joshua Mutsaers	Braeden Gordon	David Taylor
	184 runs @ 184	15 wickets @ 2.07	Ainslie Park
	Eastfield	Eastfield	
Under 12-1	Ryan Peter-Budge	Samuel Hennessey	David Maddox
	210 runs @ 210	10 wickets @ 3.1	North Ringwood
	North Ringwood	Wonga Park	
Under 12-2	Eden Champion	Brandon Hagan	Dan McKinney
	133 runs @44.33	15 wickets @ 5.6	Wonga Park
	Wonga Park	South Croydon	
Under 12-	Brett Smart	Jack Lee	Puneet Singh
1F	115 runs @ 57.5	7 wickets @ 4.43	St Andrews
	Lilydale	Croydon Ranges	
Under 12-		Brandon Hempel	Nathan Crowe
2F	125 runs @ 41.67	9 wickets @ 4.4	Wonga Park
	Mooroolbark	Lilydale	

Under 10 Round Robin Champion: South Warrandyte Hawks

Saxon Sports Good Sports Award: Matt Milne

Jeff Luscombe Volunteer of the Year: Ben Morris (St Andrews)

Bill Dean Memorial Trophy for the best player leaving Under 16's: Jack Blain (Ringwood)

Clive Fairbairn Club Championship: Wonga Park

Bayswater Park

This season also saw the introduction of the RDCA Junior Volunteer Recognition program, which recognizes volunteers for 5 years, 10 years and 15 years' service to Junior Cricket in the RDCA. In the inaugural presentation of awards the following volunteers were recognized:

5 Years Service

David Brush
Tomas Fay
Donna Thomas
Ray Kazar
Sandra Kazar
Kylie Southward
Norwood
Bayswater Park
Bayswater Park
Bayswater Park
Bayswater Park
Bayswater Park

John Eccles Boronia
Jo McIntyre Boronia

Paul Trowsdale Croydon Ranges

10 Years Service

Colin Southward

Ivan Lyons Croydon Ranges Kerry Walton Bayswater Park

15 Years Service

Tony Cain Croydon
John Nucifora Croydon
Les Hutchings Kilsyth

Alan Mills Croydon Ranges

In closing, a big thank you to all the Committee members for their assistance and also to the Junior Coordinators for their efforts throughout the season. With all the work that is currently going into organizing next season, let's hope that it is bigger and better than the one just gone.

Timothy Court Junior President John Springett Junior Secretary

FINANCE REPORT

It is pleasing to report that the financial result of the 2011/2012 season recorded a profit of \$8,065, continuing the profit trend of the previous season.

Despite all the prompting over recent seasons for clubs to make an extra effort to avoid/reduce fines, that did not eventuate and the final figure totaled \$5,490 (an increase of \$910). Accordingly, there is huge scope for improvement and removing this administrative cost from each club's operating costs.

Clubs will note from the financial statements, appearing on next two pages, that the RDCA has continued to be extremely well supported financially by way donations and or sponsorship, to the value of \$32900.

Prior to the season commencing, the Board renewed its cricket ball agreement with Kookaburra Sports for a further five years and this relationship will provide a reliable and valued income stream to the association over that period.

Saxon Sports (Paul Attfield) continued to be a generous sponsor to the general competitions and particularly to the senior 20/20 competition. Likewise, the East Ringwood/Heathmont, Mooroolbark, Warrandyte and Wantirna Community (Bendigo) banks, together with local state MP, David Hodgett, continued to provide valued funding to the RDCA.

Funds received during the year enabled the RDCA to maintain the status quo in regard to fees levied on our member clubs during the 2011/2012 season.

It should be noted that the above figure includes specific donations of \$4,000 from Kookaburra and \$1500 from Maroondah Council relating to establishing the RDCA office. The cost of setting up the office, as it now stands, exceeded \$15000 so you can see that the association met a sizeable amount whilst still being able to show a profit at season's end.

Based on our Balance Sheet figures, the RDCA is in a sound financial position as we move into the 2012/13 season. It will also allow the Board to embrace any further costs associated with additions to office at Jubilee Park and any that might be incurred with possible administrative changes aimed at providing further support to clubs and player recruitment/retention.

As shown in the Balance Sheet, which appears on next page, several clubs have not totally met their commitments for last season. (11 clubs with a total amount outstanding of \$1,433)

These clubs will start the coming season with a debt that will impose an additional financial burden on the club's 2012/2013 season's finances.

Again, I thank the clubs for their support during the 2011/2012 season which has helped make my role easier to fulfill.

Stuart Newey

RINGWOOD & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

PROFIT & LOSS Year ended 31 May 2012

Income	_				
		Affiliation Fees		\$38,940	
		Umpires Subscriptions		\$1,420	
	Fines	Junior T20 registration		\$1,000	
	Tilles	Fines	\$5,110		
		Late Payment Fines	\$380		
	Total Fines			\$5,490	
		Junior Raffle		\$2,600	
		Donations/Sponsorship		\$32,900	
		Interest		\$1,405	
		Scorebook Sales		\$405	
Total Income	_		•		\$84,161
Expenses					
Expended	_ Administration Expenses				
	·	Honorarium		\$18,600	
		Senior Registration Secretary		\$533	
		Match Result Secretaries		\$3,500	
		Treasurer Senior Executive		\$400 \$4.502	
				\$4,592	
		Junior Carnival Expenses Other Junior Expenses		\$3,997 \$56	
		Advertising		\$720	
		Tribunal Expenses		\$300	
	Total Administration Expenses		-		\$32,697
	Operating Expenses	Dootogo & Stationary		#20 E	
		Postage & Stationery Telephone & Paging		\$385 \$4,003	
		Printing & Typing		\$895	
		Computer Maint/Programming		\$245	
		Bank / Gov't Charges		\$3	
		Ground & Hall rental		\$2,145	
		Affil. & Registration Fees		\$174	
		Umpires Fees		\$940	
		Umpires expenses		\$904	
		Depreciation of equipment		\$2,994	
		Trophies & Shields		\$6,763	
		Pennant & Plaques		\$4,200	
		20/20 competition refund		\$1,600	
	Total Operating Expenses		=		\$25,250
	Social Expenses				
		Senior Presentation Night		\$4,021	
		Junior Presentation Night		\$4,520	
		Catering		\$1,500	
		Vets Expenses		\$1,222	
	Total Social Expenses				\$11,263
	Equipment	B.F Medals purchased		\$589	
		Cricket Balls purchased		\$574	
		Life Member Medals purchased		\$486	
		Caps & Clothing purchased		\$4,261	
		Premieship Medals Purchased		\$975	
	Total Equipment		-		\$6,885
Total Expenses	_				\$76,095
Net Profit / (Loss)	<u></u>				\$8,065
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RINGWOOD & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

Balance Sheet As at 31 May 2012

Assets					
	Current Assets				
		Cash On Hand			
			Cheque Account	\$11,672	
			Veterans Bank Account	\$9,395	
			Sandhurst Trustees Term Dep.	\$21,500	
		Total Cash On Hand			\$42,567
			Debtors - Clubs	\$1,433	
				_	\$1,433
	Total Current Assets			_	\$44,000
	Non Current Assets				
		Best & Fairest Medallions		\$1,099	
		Cricket Balls		\$2,668	
		Caps & Clothing		\$1,524	
		Premieship Medals		\$1,590	
	Total Non Current Assets				\$6,880
	Fixed Assets				
		Computer and Printer		\$1,900	
		Office Furniture & Equipment		\$14,000	
	Total Fixed Assets			_	\$15,900
Total Assets	_			-	\$ 66,780
Liabilities					
	Current Liabilities				
		Creditors - Clubs		\$60	
	Total Current Liabilities				\$60
	Non Current Liabilities				
		Bonds Held		\$250	
		Guarantee Monies		\$3,500	
	Total Non Current Liabilities			_	\$3,750
Total Liabilities					\$3,810
	_				
Net Assets	_			-	\$62,970
Equity		Members funds		\$54,905	
Equity	_	Current Year Earnings		\$8,065	
Total Equity					\$62,970
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VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT



In my first season as Secretary of the Veterans committee I would like to thank the club coordinators and my fellow committee members for helping me get through another successful season for Veterans Cricket.

With the decision not to have a formal presentation night, the Grand Finals were spread across two weekends with the Masters 1 & 2 being played at Silcock Reserve and then Masters 3 & Legends played the following Sunday at Kimberley Reserve. Presentation of premiership trophies and pennants were done at the conclusion of all games.

Grand Final results were:

Masters 1 – Bill Dean Trophy Wonga Park (8/141) defeated Croydon (10/126)

Masters 2 – Ken Johnston Trophy Kilsyth (4/112) defeated Montrose (10/110)

Masters 3 – Bill and Margaret Stafford trophy Yarra Junction (7/126) defeated Mooroolbark (9/124)

Legends

Croydon Ranges (5/172) defeated Ainslie Park (10/133)

On 11 December 2011, inter-association games against Box Hill Reporter were scheduled to be played at Quambee Reserve and Yarra Valley Grammar school (turf). Due to wet weather making the Quambee back oval unplayable, the Over 60's game was moved to the synthetic ground at Yarra Valley Grammar. The over 50's played on Quambee's main oval as scheduled. Presentations were held at Quambee Reserve and thanks to Warranwood CC for helping to host these games. RDCA won all 3 Games – (40's) 10/122 v 10/78, (50's) 9/180 v 10/111, (60's) 4/147 v 5/140

On 29 January 2012 Ferntree Gully hosted the Masters and Legends matches at Bayswater Oval. In the over 40's (Masters) match, the FTG skipper won the toss and invited RDCA to bat. After the first 12 overs, the score was 4/50 with David Werner (21) and Adam Luckman (11)both batting well but there was a need for a couple of good partnerships to reach a target score of 150. The FTG spinners made scoring difficult and the RDCA innings was then anchored by Dave Raggett (23) and later by Michael Bellizia (18) which at the end of the 36 overs saw the score to 9/116.

Opening bowlers, Mick Bellizia and Tim Rule bowled very well to put a stranglehold on scoring which contributed to a run out and after 8 overs FTG were 2/16. Rob Hill (2/8) then bowled an excellent line to get his 2 wickets (both LBW). FTG then had a good partnership for next 14 overs to take the score to 89 before Rod Knee, who had grassed a hot return catch the ball before, enticed the same shot and made amends to dismiss one of the danger men. Retirement at 40 saw the end of the other but more importantly it left new batsmen to score the last 20 runs. Anthony Crowe and Tim Rule had been withheld to bowl the final 4 overs. Rule took two wickets in his first over and, when it came to him bowling the last over, RDCA needed one wicket and FTG needed 5 runs. Two runs from the third ball was followed by a sharp return catch from the next. Tim Rule was later awarded RDCA Man of the Match for his 4/9 off 5.4 overs.

Over 50's (Legends)

This game was played on the Bayswater No2 Oval and unfortunately the turf pitch had been inadvertently watered after the previous day's game and was very soft early.

Fortunately, RDCA captain Steve Teakel won the toss and elected to bowl. Peter Clark and Dave Keenan opened the bowling and, after 6 overs each, Clark had the incredible figures of 0/1 and Keenan 1/12. As the game progressed, the pitch improved and the FTG batsmen found scoring easier which resulted in a respectable total of 121. Other wicket takers were Warren Knee 1/25, Barry Williams 1/8 (off 6), Geoff Chamberlain 3/16, Gregor Mason 1/45 and Steve Teakel 2/1 (off 3 balls)

RDCA openers Kevin Lewis and Pete Rogers set about the run chase with purpose and after the 6th over the score was 1/44. Dale Goldsmith (27) joined Rogers whose swashbuckling innings of 37 came to an end off only 22 balls when the score was 60. Goldsmith and his Wonga team mate, Chamberlain, then put on a partnership of 57 in ten overs to see RDCA pass the opposition score.

Thanks to all the players, umpires, managers and off field supporters who contributed to the success of these matches.

Also, thanks to Chris Allan and Bill Stafford for coordinating and editing the newsletter plus all the club coordinators and players who contributed after each game, your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Season 2011/12 saw 16 clubs participating in the RDCA Veterans competition.

The committee met 4 times during the season and comprised:
Daryl Stephens (CRO) (Chairman), Bill Stafford (CRR) (Treasurer), Liz McLelland (WWD) (Secretary), Marg Stafford (CRR), Ian Leach (CRO), Chris Hartrup (SWT) and Chris Allan (APK).

On behalf of all Veterans, our thanks to the RDCA Senior Executive for their continued support through the provision of pennants, representative player shirts, balls for finals and caps plus financial support in the hosting of the inter-association games.

Liz McLelland RDCA Veterans Motto:
Secretary Strive to do our best, never give up,
veterans@rdca.com and treat people with respect

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2011/12

LINDSAY TROLLOPE SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
WANTIRNA SOUTH	40	68	1.7099
SOUTH CROYDON	28	68	1.3192
MOOROOLBARK	36	64	
WARRANWOOD	32	60	
NORTH RINGWOOD	36	56	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	20	48	
CROYDON NORTH	20	40	
NORWOOD	12	32	0.9755
BAYSWATER PARK	28	32	0.8482
WONGA PARK	8	28	0.6866
EAST RINGWOOD	24	28	0.6849
CROYDON RANGES	12	16	

The Elimination Final saw Mooroolbark bat first and they were dismissed for 122. Warranwood lost wickets steadily but it was a 6^{th} wicket partnership of 33 that got them to 123 to win the game.

In the Qualifying Final, South Croydon won the toss and batted, finishing all out for 213. After losing their last 5 wickets for 30 runs, Wantirna South were all out for 156 in reply.

Warranwood won the toss and batted in the Preliminary final, finishing the day at 8/272. In reply, Wantirna South were slow to start chasing the runs, and despite a 47 run opening partnership, there was only one lower order contributor of note to see them all out for 211.

The Grand Final was then contested by two clubs that had never been in this position at the top level.

Chasing South Croydon's 146, Warranwood lost a wicket on the first ball of the second day and another in the 4th over to sit at 2-2. An 84 run 3rd wicket partnership got Warranwood back on track, however, the dismissal of these two batsmen and another two shortly thereafter saw Warranwood slip to 6-101. The next pair progressed the score to 130 before a run out was effected. The skipper made a little cameo before the 9th wicket partnership posted the winning runs (8/149) in a very exciting climax.

To win the Wilkins Cup in season 2010/11 then follow that up with a Trollope Shield win is a historical milestone not only for Warranwood but also the RDCA..

Premiership team members:

Andrew Spittle (Captain), Troy Anderton, Joel Cordwell, Todd Cordwell, Tim Hall, Davie Johnson, Evan Johnson, Cameron Moore, Luke Scott, Brett Van Duppen, Andy Wu, Michael Mahy (12th), Lachlan Maughan, Jason Sharp

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Matt King (WSO) 648, Stuart Moore (NRI) 498, Davie Johnson (WWD) 400, Steve Lindsay (SWT) 374, Will Evans (BYP) 355, Michael McDonald (WSO) 323, Nick Chamberlain (WOP) 298, Steve Garrett (SWT) 296.

Leading wicket takers (excluding finals):

Travis Degenhardt (SCR) 33, Josh Holden (NOW) 30, Luke Ridgwell (NRI) 30, Jarrod Runge (MOO) 29, Steve Garrett (SWT) 26, Tao Collins (CRR) 26, Matthew Whitaker (MOO) 25, Glyn James (SCR) 25, Drew McKay (WSO) 25.

BILL WILKINS CUP

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
TEMPLETON	36	80	2.1375
AINSLIE PARK	40	80	2.1144
WARRANDYTE	32	60	1.2223
MONTROSE	40	60	1.1768
KILSYTH	36	60	1.0397
LILYDALE	20	48	1.0694
ST ANDREWS	24	48	1.0694
WANTIRNA SOUTH 2nds	16	36	
NORTH RINGWOOD 2nds	12	32	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	16	24	
OLINDA	12	16	
MOOROOLBARK 2nds	8	8	

In the Elimination Final Montrose scored 135. Warrandyte resumed day 2 at 8/110 but two quick wickets saw them all out for 121. Montrose batted again to compile 7/147 earning a first innings win and a place in the preliminary final.

A low scoring Qualifying Final saw Ainslie Park 109 & 6/74 defeat Templeton 58, with the bowlers holding sway for the whole game.

In the Preliminary Final, Montrose won the toss and sent Templeton in and they compiled a healthy 222 all out. In reply, Montrose could only manage 188.

The Grand Final was another tight low scoring match. Templeton won the toss and batted compiling 133 with Adam Parker (60) and Josh McMullen (6/59) the mainstays of their teams. Ainslie took 65 overs to reach victory at 7/134 with Rob Arbuckle (51) the main contributor, whilst Nathan Owen (3/50) & Ian Garvey (3/44) kept the pressure on.

Ainslie Park will now participate in Lindsay Trollope Shield in the 2012/13 season.

Premiership team members: Mark Arnot (Captain), Robbie Arbuckle, Sean Arbuckle, Cameron Eustice, Jason Foulis, Josh McMullen, Scott Minetti, Scott Panozza, David Ruffulo, Aydn Sier, Trent Sier, Mark Francis (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Jason foulis (APK) 385, Stuart Welsh (TMP) 382, Michael Campbell (STA) 373, Trent Sier (APK) 363, Marc Steiner (KIL) 334, Steve Ryan (KIL) 324, Campbell Holland (WDT) 319.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Nathan Owen (TMP) 42, Campbell Holland (WDT) 39, Mark Arnot (APK) 36, Marc Steiner (KIL) 32, Magnus Vaisnys (CPK) 31, John Moulder (LYD) 31, Blake Swanson (OLI) 30.

STUART NEWEY PLATE

TEAM		Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
SCORESBY FERNDAL	_E	36	72	
EASTFIELD		36	60	
NORWOOD	2nds	28	56	
WONGA PARK	2nds	20	52	
BAYSWATER PARK	2nds	28	48	
HEATHMONT BAPTIS	T	40	44	
WARRANDYTE	2nds	12	40	
EAST RINGWOOD	2nds	12	36	0.9987
ST ANDREWS	2nds	20	36	0.8952
KILSYTH	2nds	32	36	0.8411
WARRANWOOD	2nds	24	36	0.7369
TEMPLETON	2nds	16	28	

The Elimination Final saw Wonga Park win the toss and elect to bat but they could only manage 64 and Norwood reached 2/66 to win the game.

In the Qualifying Final, Eastfield won the toss and asked Scoresby Ferndale to bat and kept Scoresby to 148. After a great start, Eastfield then had difficulty chasing the runs and were all out for 120, losing their last 9 wickets for 46 runs.

In the Preliminary final, Eastfield batted first, being all out for 158. Norwood's batsmen struggled and came up short with a total of 147.

The Grand Final saw Eastfield win the toss and on the back of a great opening contribution from Darren Van Koll (91) post a final score of 268. In reply, Nicholas Perger (59) and Ryan Murray (58) made good contributions but it was not enough as Scoresby Ferndale fell 8 runs short.

Eastfield will now be promoted to Bill Wilkins Cup in 2012/13.

Members of the premiership team:

Darren Van Koll (Captain), Luke Kernaghan, Chris Bateman, Jake Blackwell, Shayne Blackwell, Rob Brosnan, Ryan Brown, Aaron Fernando, Stuart Gruchy, Rod Huma, Jared Stewart, Rhys McKean (12th), Luke Gaudiano.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Luke Bullingham (SBF) 333, Greg Moorhouse (STA) 329, Christopher Bateman (ESF) 311, Jason Denton (TMP) 310, Michael Dimanno (NOW) 296, Bruce Sansom (NOW) 270.

Leading bowlers (excluding finals);

Christopher Bateman (ESF) 37, Robert Cranmer (HMB) 30, Jake Blackwell (ESF) 28, Michael Curtis (HMB) 27, Evan Brookes (SBF) 24, Glenn Oakley (HMB) 23, Sam Carter (TMP) 21.

A GRADE – STEVE PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
CROYDON RANGES	2nds	56	80	1.6463
AINSLIE PARK	2nds	60	80	1.3586
MONTROSE	2nds	36	72	
CROYDON NORTH	2nds	36	64	
KNOX CITY	1sts	44	56	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	2nds	24	44	
WANTIRNA	1sts	20	40	
WONGA PARK	3rds	12	16	

The top two teams held those spots from the outset. Montrose had only 12 points after six rounds but performed really well thereafter, Croydon North was always thereabouts and Knox City, who had a good patch either side of Xmas, fell away at the end. The others were always a little off the pace.

Montrose (109) could not continue the run in the Elimination final and went down to Croydon North (6/118). Ainslie Park and Croydon Ranges won a game each during the season and the Qualifying final was tight with Ranges (163) going direct to Grand Final when they kept Ainslie to 135.

Ainslie Park (164) then easily accounted for Croydon North (51) in the Preliminary.

In the Grand Final, Ranges only mustered 142 on a slow ground and this total was hauled in by Ainslie (6/144) with about 8 overs to spare.

Members of the premiership team:

Davin Mulready (Captain), Josh Bettess, Jarrod Cooke, Matt Delahunty, Troy Harris, Ashley Miller, Sean Minetti, Ben Springett, Adam Stone, Brad Wadsworth, Darren Walles, Andrew Peters (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Owen Thorne (WAN) 486, Josh Bettess (APK) 303, Tony Harvey (WOP) 297, Daniel Gauci (CRR) 295, Glenn Spencer (CRR) 291, Viral Patel (WAN) 289, Cam Eustice (APK) 286.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Chris Whitaker (CRR) 26, Daniel Meehan (CRR) 25, Darren Lappen (CRR) 23, Lou Cavallo (WAN), 22, Matthew Beckett (KNC) 21, Jeremy Neagle (SWT) 20.

B GRADE – PAT MEEHAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
SCORESBY FERNDALE	2nds	72	100	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	3rds	56	72	1.2701
BAYSWATER PARK	3rds	40	72	1.0821
MOOROOLBARK	3rds	32	60	
NORTH RINGWOOD	3rds	20	56	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2nds	28	40	
TEMPLETON	3rds	20	28	
CROYDON NORTH	3rds	20	24	

The top three occupied those same spots for the whole season, with Scoresby Ferndale appearing the dominant team. Wantirna South snuck back to 2^{nd} with a win in the last round when others had to settle for a draw due to the weather. Mooroolbark came through well, late in the season, to snare the other spot.

"B" Grade - Cont'd

Bayswater Park (150) ousted Mooroolbark (101) in the Elimination final.

Wantirna South (4/212) caused a huge upset by downing Scoresby Ferndale (207) in the Qualifying final. Scoresby Ferndale (4/140) earned another crack when they comfortably accounted for Bayswater Park (124) in the Preliminary.

Wantirna South (1/76) continued their great late season form by thrashing Scoresby Ferndale (68) in the Grand Final.

Members of the premiership team:

Steven Gosden (Captain), Michael Jones, Steven Berger, Joel Cameron, Ethan Chittick, Travis Clarke, Jake Collings, Ian McKay, Allen Raj, Darcy Smith, Chris Wood, Tom Slater (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Darren Wardley (MOO) 382, Craig o'Brien (SBF) 376, Steve Gosden (WSO) 360, Michael Jones (WSO) 346, Jeffrey Matthews (MOO 290, Andrew Hathaway (TMP) 261 Cameron Ruglen (SBF) 261.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Craig O'Brien (SBF) 28, Andrew Eustace (BYP) 23, Ian Birchwood (SBF) 22, Matthew Jeffery (MOO) 20, Tim Aumann (TMP) 19.

C GRADE – IAN SPENCER SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
CROYDON RANGES	3rds	56	84	1.3356
EAST RINGWOOD	3rds	52	84	1.3165
WARRANWOOD	3rds	40	76	
LILYDALE	2nds	60	72	
NORWOOD	3rds	12	40	
SOUTH CROYDON	2nds	24	36	
KILSYTH	3rds	32	32	
MONTROSE	3rds	16	28	

Croydon Ranges and East Ringwood alternated in top two spots for most of the season. Lilydale also had a brief period at the top but fell away a bit after the break whilst Warranwood started slowly but did not lose a game from midway. Kilsyth did well early but did not win after round six whilst Norwood showed some great form in the last four games to jump up the ladder.

Lilydale (248) returned to early season form to defeat Warranwood (181) in the Elimination final. Croydon Ranges (9/201) overcame East Ringwood (106) to go direct to Grand Final. The preliminary final saw East Ringwood (2/134) bounce back with an easy win over Lilydale (129).

In the Grand Final, East Ringwood posted 9/201 and Ranges (180) came up just short in reply.

Members of the premiership team:

Robert Tubb (Captain), James Butler, Tim Christou, Adam Crowhurst, Alex Cox, Darcy Forrester, Dan Gray, Tom McCoy, Ash Nichol, Adam Swanson, Dwyght Tuffnell, Matt Katoa (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Scott O'Neill (MTR) 421, Mark Wilson (NOW) 344, Scott Boyce (LYD) 336, Jeremy Cliff (LYD) 319, Anmol Singh (NOW) 298, Scott Hill (EAR) 288, Anthony Cliff (LYD) 287.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Mark Sanderson (CRR) 20, Ronan Erulkar (LYD) 18, Paul Young (WWD) 17, Steve McCallum (LYD) 17.

D GRADE – DAVID BEATTY SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WARRANWOOD	4ths	56	68	1.6482
WANTIRNA	2nds	40	68	1.1112
OLINDA	2nds	48	68	1.0029
AINSLIE PARK	3rds	28	56	
EASTFIELD	2nds	36	52	
WONGA PARK	4ths	36	48	
WARRANDYTE	3rds	24	44	0.9609
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	3rds	20	44	0.5100

Warranwood led the ladder all season but faltered somewhat after Xmas. Wantirna won only two of first six but was the form side thereafter. Olinda was always thereabouts whilst Ainslie snared the last spot with good late season form.

In the Elimination final, Ainslie (195) kept the run going to oust Olinda (97). The Qualifying final was a nailbiter with Wantirna (139) edging out Warranwood (138). In another tight game, Warranwood (9/110) exited to Ainslie (7/114) in the Preliminary final.

The Grand Final saw Ainslie Park (145) culminate its great run with victory over Wantirna (93).

Members of premiership team:

Nick Westgarth (Captain), Daniel Allan, Josh Hammen, Brendan Harvey, Gregory Jones, Nick McKenzie, Max Moss, Cale Nelson, Rowan Peters, Connor Scott, Josh White, Connor Phelan (12th) Marcus Allan.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Wayne Hartley (WOP) 386, Greg Houghton (WAN) 358, Stewart Smead (WDT) 296, Paul Lane (WAN) 288, Roderick Huma (ESF) 278, Nick McKenzie (APK) 276.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Stewart Smead (WDT) 26, Darren Halton (WAN) 25, John Prangley (WDT) 24, Jim Page (WWD) 23, David Allan (APK) 20, Paul Doevelaar (WOP) 19, Peter Dean (OLI) 19.

E GRADE – DON SMITH SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
ST ANDREWS	3rds	64	96	
MONTROSE	4ths	40	76	
WONGA PARK	5ths	52	64	1.2799
CROYDON RANGES	4ths	44	64	1.0042
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	2nds	20	52	
CROYDON NORTH	4ths	28	44	
BAYSWATER PARK	4ths	32	36	
TEMPLETON	4ths	16	28	

The top four separated from the rest fairly early in the piece, with St Andrews seemingly the dominant team. Montrose did very well after the break, whilst Wonga faltered and Croydon Ranges held their own.

"E" Grade Cont'd

The Elimination Final saw Croydon Ranges (210) prevail over Wonga Park (199) in a tight game. Montrose (2/119) kept up their good form against St Andrews (115) to proceed direct to Grand Final. St Andrews (4/121) returned to their best to account for Croydon Ranges (76) in the Preliminary.

The Grand Final saw a reversal of the Qualifying final result when St Andrews (5/123) comfortably defeated Montrose (77).

Members of premiership team;

Wayne Closter (Captain), Ben Morris, Nathan Brandsma, Ryan Catterall, Robert Deluca, Steve Evans, Sean Milton, Travis Roberts, Harley Sheedy, Aidan Williams, Andrew Williams, Chris Orgill (12th), Pat Kellett.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Greg Ford (WOP) 437, Dwayne Lawless (TMP) 397, Ash Storm (MTR) 373, Russell Hughes (WOP) 346, Travis Roberts (STA) 340, Steve Ward (CRR) 310, Andrew George (HMB) 287.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Mitchell Wright (HMB) 27, Mark Hayhurst (MTR) 25, Pat Danaher (HMB) 21, Aidan Williams (STA) 20, Aaron Fisher (MTR) 19, Kevin Moore (TMP) 19

F GRADE – JOHN SPRINGETT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
NORTH RINGWOOD	4ths	64	104	
KNOX CITY	2nds	60	80	
KILSYTH	4ths	44	64	0.9787
EAST RINGWOOD	4ths	52	64	0.9193
WANTIRNA SOUTH	4ths	32	60	
LILYDALE	3rds	16	36	
CROYDON RANGES	5ths	12	32	

This grade was disrupted by forfeits and byes, with Bayswater Park eventually withdrawing its team around Xmas. The top four separated from the others pretty early on and whilst Wantirna South put in a late charge they came up just short of a finals spot.

East Ringwood (182), who had struggled post Xmas, ended Kilsyth's season (95) in elimination game. North Ringwood (7/118) had to battle hard to get over Knox City (115) in the Qualifying final. In the Preliminary final, East Ringwood (159) kept up its good form to down Knox City (79).

The Grand final saw North Ringwood (2/155) easily chase down the East Ringwood target (153).

Members of premiership team:

Matthew Hepburn (Captain), Jason Fraser, Randy Briggs, Bryan Carrucan, Rhys Djohan, Christian Feher, Michael Houston, Steve Razdan, Joel Rigby, Alex Simmons, Evan Smeed, Luke Ervine (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Alex Simmons (NRI) 314, Mason Smith (WSO) 303, Mark Spencer (LYD) 267, Jason Fraser (NRI) 228, Steve Razdan (NRI) 221.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Matthew Hepburn (NRI) 29, Glenn Ellis (EAR), 25, Ian Burns (KNC) 21, Michael Houston (NRI) 19, Joel Rigby (NRI) 18.

G GRADE – NEIL TULL SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
AINSLIE PARK	4ths	64	92	
NORTH RINGWOOD	5ths	36	76	1.6683
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3rds	44	76	1.4588
ST ANDREWS	4ths	48	72	
WARRANWOOD	5ths	40	60	
MONTROSE	5ths	20	32	
MOOROOLBARK	4ths	20	24	0.5370
WONGA PARK	6ths	16	24	0.3869

Ainslie Park led clearly for the whole season, with the next four all in contention until Warranwood faded a little, post Xmas, to miss out. North Ringwood and Chirnside both performed very well after Xmas.

Chirnside Park (166) proved too good for St Andrews (95) in the Elimination final. The Qualifying final was another nail biter with North Ringwood (9/214) sneaking past Ainslie (210). Ainslie Park (6/99) was then made to work hard to get past Chirnside (94) in the Preliminary final.

The Grand final saw Ainslie Park (5/133) reel in the North Ringwood target (9/130).

Members of the premiership team:

David McKibbin (Captain), Jason Eaton, Andrew Johnstone, Clinton Killen, Andre Massih, Scott McKibbin, Prashant Mishra, Ashley Moore, Luke Murray, Lucas Rutherford, Leigh Walles, David Taylor (12th), Morgan Brecel.

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Brian I'Anson (NRI) 545, David McKibbin (APK) 399, Jason Eaton (APK) 347, Matt Marsh (MOO) 327, Andrew Johnstone (APK) 323, Aaron Brooks (MTR) 323, Matthew Ramsden (STA) 295.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Peter Ridgwell (NRI) 35, Jason Eaton (APK) 22, Steve Chettle (STA) 22, Brett Corris (CSP) 20, Luke Murray (APK) 19, Tyson Harris (WWD) 19, Justin Lawlor (WWD) 19.

H GRADE – ANN PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
TEMPLETON	5ths	68	96	
NORWOOD	4ths	64	92	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	4ths	32	60	
WANTIRNA	3rds	40	52	
WARRANDYTE	4ths	12	48	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	5ths	28	44	
SOUTH CROYDON	3rds	24	32	
CROYDON NORTH	5ths	20	24	

Templeton and Norwood established themselves early as the dominant teams, with Wantirna and South Warrandyte seemingly assured of the next two spots. Wantirna struggled after the break but just held out a charging Warrandyte who took all before them in the last five rounds.

"H" Grade Cont'd

South Warrandyte (1/75) put a fairly swift end to Wantirna's season (74) in the elimination game. Norwood (227) had a big win over Templeton (135) to progress to the Grand final. Templeton (174) then narrowly held out South Warrandyte (170) to have a crack at the main prize.

In the Grand final, the bowlers held sway but it was Templeton (125) that saved its best until last to overcome Norwood (52 & 5/68).

Members of premiership team:

Craig Henry (Captain), Brett Barmby, Josh Barmby, Luke Cosgrove, Philip Dewar, Mick Elliott, Tyson Henry, Josh Hudson, Brad Letson, Scott Lawson, Matthew Syer, Stephen Mikecz (12th)

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Brett Barmby (TMP) 482, Nick Chapman (WSO) 481, Grant Hartman (WDT) 432, Adam Tuppenney (NOW) 428, David Lochey (WSO) 405, Luke Cosgrove (TMP) 402< Pratik Shah (WAN) 373.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Josh Barmby (TMP) 31, Neel Shah (WAN) 22, Peter Howell (CNT) 18, Michael Elliott (TMP) 17, Tyson Henry (TMP) 17.

I GRADE – KEN JOHNSTON SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
CROYDON RANGES	6ths	48	88	
NORTH RINGWOOD	6ths	60	80	
EAST RINGWOOD	5ths	56	76	
BORONIA	4ths	32	60	
OLINDA	3rds	36	48	
SCORESBY FERNDALE	3rds	12	40	0.7927
ST ANDREWS	4ths	28	40	0.7619
CHIRNSIDE PARK	5ths	16	20	

North Ringwood, East Ringwood and Croydon Ranges set up in the top three early on and, rotating places, stayed there the whole season. Boronia was in the mix for a finals spot at the break and good late season form cemented that position.

East Ringwood (6/116) put an end to the Boronia surge (113) in the elimination match.

North Ringwood (3/267) did extremely well to chase down the Croydon Ranges target (9/263) in Qualifying final.

Fortunes fluctuated as Croydon Ranges (203) just held out East Ringwood (193) in the Preliminary.

North Ringwood (3/79) ended the Grand Final early when they overwhelmed Croydon Ranges (78).

Members of premiership team:

Dale Gaskell (Captain), Dan Whitty, Tom Barton, Simeon Barut, Nathan Browne, Jamie Dickman, Scott Edwards, Brad Moore, Matt Mullan, Richard Nixon, James Shultz, Scott Baker (12th)

Leading run-getters (including finals):.

Dan Whitty (NRI) 566, Craig Osborne (SBF) 447, Danny Griffin (EAR) 406, Richard Nixon (NRI) 396, Bill Stafford (CRR) 350, Matthew Bell (CRR) 328, Matthew Micholas, (OLI) 323.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Nathan Browne (NRI) 20, Matthew Moss (OLI) 20, Jamie Dickman (NRI) 20, James Schultz (NRI) 19, Paul Basford (CSP) 19, Marc Hughes (CRR) 19.

J GRADE – JOHN MACMILLAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
AINSLIE PARK	5ths	66	90	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	6ths	56	88	
CROYDON RANGES	7ths	40	70	
NORWOOD	5ths	34	62	
EASTFIELD	3rds	50	60	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	5ths	36	56	
WONGA PARK	7ths	22	46	0.9274
KNOX CITY	3rds	32	46	0.6126

This was the highest of the grades to which modified rules applied, incorporating batting and bowling restrictions in one and two day matches and split innings in two day games, with two points to the leader of first day split in the latter.

Ainslie Park and Wantirna South were seemingly the standouts, whilst Croydon Ranges came through after the break and Eastfield fell away in that period to just lose a finals spot to Norwood.

The Elimination final ended on the first day as Norwood (41) crashed in pursuit of Ranges (2/69). In a very competitive Qualifying final, Ainslie (6/161) accounted for Wantirna South (160). Wantirna South (3/132) then bounced back to record a comprehensive win over Ranges (103).

The Grand final saw a reversal of fortunes from the qualifying game when Wantirna South (5/115) comfortably chased down the Ainslie Park target (114).

Members of premiership team:

Ray Noon (Captain), Steve Cardilini, Marcus Clohesy, Damian Green, Norman Lee, Glen Marshall, Brad Matthews, Darren Mehmet, Mark Mott, Rob Mott, Peter Nash, Brett Noon, Eddie Ralph, Lou Saunders, Brad Sweeten.

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Marcus Clohesy (WSO) 391, Damien Attard (WOP) 385, Brad Guan (WOP) 322, Mark Mott (WSO) 314, Garry Walles (APK) 297, Tyler Attard (WOP) 267, Mark Corcoran (APK) 263.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Brad Guan (WOP) 22, Christian Carmichael (ESF) 16, Kane Arnold (APK) 14, Eddie Ralph (WSO) 14, Mark Corcoran (APK) 13.

K GRADE – TIMOTHY COURT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
LILYDALE	4ths	64	104	
AINSLIE PARK	6ths	54	98	
SOUTH CROYDON	4ths	56	74	
WONGA PARK	8ths	52	72	
ST ANDREWS	6ths	42	60	
EASTFIELD	4ths	38	56	
WANTIRNA	4ths	24	44	
KILSYTH	5ths	16	28	

This was quite a competitive grade up to the break but the two leaders then set themselves apart from the remainder, whilst South Croydon and Wonga Park kept the others at bay to maintain their positions.

"K" Grade cont'd

The Elimination final saw a tie between South Croydon (125) and Wonga Park (125) with the former going on. Lilydale (120) was no match for Ainslie Park (2/123) in the qualifying final.

The Preliminary saw Lilydale (3/109) soar back into contention with an easy win over South Croydon (104)

In a much closer encounter than the qualifying game, the Grand Final saw Ainslie Park (6/132) again assert its superiority as it chased down the Lilydale target (127).

Members of premiership team:

Trevor Panozza (Captain), Chris Allan, Jackson Becker, Nick Berry, Dillon Bettess, David Corcoran, Mark Corcoran, Jamie Davison, Lewis Davison, Daniel Perry, Mark Sealey, Nathan Swee, Matt Thomas, Luke Deacon.

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Trevor Double (STA) 409, Tim Blanche (LYD) 324, Brett Cairns (STA) 310, Dwayne Dobinson (LYD) 304, Shane Cairns (STA) 286, Lewis Davison (APK) 279, Bradley Gibbs (LYD) 263.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Aaron Jennings (LYD) 22, Greg Lean (WAN) 20, Sam Henkes (WOP) 19, Ryan Clark (WOP) 18, Daniel Perry (APK) 16, Matt Thomas (APK) 16, Shane Gower (KIL) 15.

L GRADE

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
AINSLIE PARK	7ths	64	94	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	3rds	46	78	
BORONIA	5ths	46	68	
NORTH RINGWOOD	7ths	46	62	1.2398
WARRANWOOD	6ths	38	62	1.0061
CROYDON RANGES	8ths	24	38	

"L" Grade started the season with 8 teams and there were 7 teams in "M" Grade but a large number of withdrawals early in the season saw the two grades amalgamated and only the above six remained. Ainslie Park was the clear leader all season but Croydon Ranges was the only team not in contention.

Boronia (9/189) ended the season for North Ringwood (163) in the elimination game. Ainslie Park (5/72) prevailed over Heathmont Baptist (67) on a slow ground in Qualifying final. The Preliminary final saw Heathmont Baptist (5/233) have a big win over Boronia (116).

Runs were again hard to come by in the Grand Final and somehow Heathmont Baptist (87) was able to hold out Ainslie Park (81), who had recovered from 7/38 only to lose their last three wickets for three runs.

Members of premiership team:

David Wright (Captain), Peter Green, Ezra Bond, Silas Bond, Luke Bremner, Cameron Duck, Thomas Green, Ajay Mabian, Neil Pitt, Fredric Ranjit, Praveen Sharma, Greg Sheath, David Syme, Matthew Williams.

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Silas Bond (HMB) 297, Neil Pitt (HMB) 289, Peter Green (HMB) 288, Nam Ngo (NRI) 287, Brad Wood (CRR) 282, Steven Young (APK) 258, Jakob Smith (BOR) 252.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Ryan Willmott (APK) 18, Mark Whitaker (WWD) 12, Luke Bremner (HMB) 12, Daynah Hopkins (CRR) 10, Scott Baker (NRI) 10, Brad Wood (CRR) 10.

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2011/12

Wonga Park	34	(4)	Chirnside Park	14	(5)
East Ringwood	30	(6)	South Warrandyte	13	(5)
Wantirna South	29	(3)	Lilydale	13	(2)
Mooroolbark	28	(10)	Eastfield	9	(3)
Ainslie Park	25	(4)	Boronia	9	(0)
Croydon North	23	(9)	South Croydon	8	(4)
Croydon Ranges	23*	(5)	Knox City	7	(3)
Templeton	23	(3)	Scoresby Ferndale	7*	(1)
North Ringwood	22	(6)	Olinda	6	(3)
St Andrews	21	(4)	Heathmont Baptist	1	(0)
Montrose	19	(4)			
Norwood	19	(3)			
Kilsyth	19	(1)			
Warrandyte	18	(3)			
Warranwood	16*	(6)			
Wantirna	16	(4)			
Bayswater Park	16	(2)			

Figures in brackets are premierships won by first eleven teams.

- Croydon Ranges totals include premierships won by Croydon United and Croydon Hockeyers.
- Warranwood totals include premierships won by South Ringwood and Parkwood
- Scoresby Ferndale totals include premierships won by Scoresby.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - Phil McCallum award

Top 4 in reverse order	Warranwood	19.3
	North Ringwood	21.0
	Wantirna South	22.45
Winner	Ainslie Park	25.75

SPIRIT OF CRICKET TROPHY - Ron Ellis award

(Professional Umpires rate teams that compete in the top three grades, in 5 categories, at end of each match)

Winner Wantirna South – Lindsay Trollope Shield team

BEST ADMINISTERED CLUB - Bob Bissett award

(Senior Committee introduced this award in season 2010/11 and it selects the winner)

Winner Warranwood

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR TROPHY - Ken Dunham award

(based on the ratings given by teams captains after each round)

Winner Ian McCallum

AWARD WINNERS

FRED HODGKINS ALL STAR TEAM OF THE YEAR

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

Matthew King Wantirna South 648 runs

Davie Johnson Warranwood 400 runs & 13 wickets

Will Evans Bayswater Park 355 runs Stuart Moore North Ringwood 498 runs

Michael McDonaldWantirna South323 runs & Wicket KeeperSteven LindsaySouth Warrandyte374 runs & 12 wicketsSteve Garrett (C)South Warrandyte)296 runs & 26 wicketsTravis DegenhardtSouth Croydon249 runs & 33 wickets

Matthew WhittakerMooroolbark25 wicketsJosh HoldenNorwood30 wicketsLuke RidgwellNorth Ringwood30 wickets

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Lindsay Trollope Shield Travis Degenhardt South Croydon

Steve Pascoe Medal - Bill Wilkins Cup Mark Arnot Ainslie Park

Stuart Newey Medal - Stuart Newey Plate Christopher Bateman Eastfield

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Newey: Christopher Bateman (Eastfield) - 756 points (311 runs, 30 assisted and 7 un-assisted wickets,

6 catches and 2 run-outs)

Wilkins: Campbell Holland (Warrandyte) – 824 points (319 runs, 20 assisted and 19 un-assisted wickets,

and 4 catches)

Trollope: Matthew King (Wantirna South) – 713 points (648 runs, 2 assisted wickets, 6 catches

and 3 run-outs)

Under 21 player of the carnival RDCA did not participate in 2011/12 season

BATTING and BOWLING AVERAGES

(Qualifying criteria is as follows: Batsmen must bat and Bowlers must bowl in at least half the games played by their team in the grade for the season. Batsmen must score more than 250 runs and bowlers must deliver not less than 480/420/360 balls and take not less than 20 wickets)

Trollope Shield	Bowling	Chris Irvine (Norwood) (best 4/19)	23 wkts @ 9.83
	Batting	Matthew King (Wantirna South) (3/100's, 2/50's, best 166)	648 runs @ 64.80
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Nathan Owen (Templeton) (best 7/23, 5/11, 5/22, 5/25)	42 wkts @ 8.45
	Batting	Adrian Willoughby (Olinda) (2/50's, best 74)	294 runs @ 42.00

Newey Plate	Bowling	Jake Blackwell (Eastfield) (best 5/28, 4/13)	28 wkts @ 10.71
	Batting	Greg Moorhouse (St Andrews) (3/50's, best 73no)	329 runs @ 41.13
A Grade	Bowling	Chris Whittaker (Croydon Ranges) (best 6/22, 5/33, 4/26)	26 wkts @ 11.65
	Batting	Daniel Gauci (Croydon Ranges) (2/100's, best 117)	295 runs @ 42.14
B Grade	Bowling	Ian Birchwood (Scoresby Ferndale) (best 6/18)	22 wkts @ 7.91
	Batting	Michael Jones (Wantirna South) (1/100, 1/50, best 162)	346 runs @ 49.43
C Grade	Bowling	Mark Sanderson (Croydon Ranges) (best 4/17, 4/23)	20 wkts @ 18.20
	Batting	Scott Boyce (Lilydale) (4/50's, best 88no)	336 runs @ 67.20
D Grade	Bowling	John Prangley (Warrandyte) (best 5/23)	24 wkts @ 10.79
	Batting	Paul Lane (Wantirna) (2/50's, best 52no)	288 runs @ 41.14
E Grade	Bowling	Mitchell Wright (Heathmont Baptist) (best 4/13, 4/25)	27 wkts @ 10.41
	Batting	Russell Hughes (Wonga Park) (1/100, 3/50's, best 101)	346 runs @ 43.25
F Grade	Bowling	Matthew Hepburn (North Ringwood) (best 4/27, 4/32)	21 wkts @ 14.43
	Batting	Alex Simmons (North Ringwood) (2/50's, best 67)	314 runs @ 44.86
G Grade	Bowling	Peter Ridgwell (North Ringwood) (best 6/43, 4/30, 4/55)	35 wkts @ 10.63
	Batting	Brian I'Anson (North Ringwood) (2/100's, 4/50's, best 121)	545 runs @ 60.56
H Grade	Bowling	Josh Barmby (Templeton) (best 4/25, 4/26)	31 wkts @ 11.29
	Batting	Luke Cosgrove (Templeton) (1/100, 3/50's, best 149)	402 runs @ 67.00
I Grade	Bowling	Nathan Browne (North Ringwood) (best 3/34, 3/35)	20 wkts @ 16.75
	Batting	Dan Whitty (North Ringwood) (1/100, 3/50's, best 109)	566 runs @ 43.54
J Grade	Bowling	Brad Guan (Wonga Park) (best 4/13, 3/2, 3/20)	22 wkts @ 8.09
	Batting	Damien Attard (Wonga Park) (4/50's, best 82no)	385 runs @ 48.13

K Grade	Bowling	Aaron Jennings (Lilydale)	22 wkts @ 9.64
		(best 3/15, 3/16, 3/17)	
	Batting	Trevor Double (St Andrews)	409 runs @ 102.25
		(1/100, 2/50's, best 139)	
L Grade	Bowling	Ryan Willmott (Ainslie Park)	18 wkts @ 7.67
		(best 3/2, 3/6, 3/8)	
	Batting	Neil Pitt (Heathmont Baptist)	289 runs @ 72.25
		(1/100, 1/50, best 100)	

(Note! In some instances a bowler did not achieve all of the qualification criteria and the Senior committee used its discretion to determine the winner)

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2011/12

YEAR	CHANDLER (name changed in 2010/11 – see below)	WILKINS	NEWEY
81/82	Warrandyte	South Croydon	Bayswater Park
82/83	Croydon United	South Ringwood	Scoresby
83/84	Warrandyte	Ainslie Park	Sth Warrandyte
84/85	East Ringwood	Mt Evelyn	Johnson Park
85/86	Mooroolbark	Scoresby	Academy
86/87	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Templeton
87/88	Croydon North	Parkwood	Eastfield
88/89	St Andrews	South Croydon	Knox Gardens
89/90	Croydon North	Croydon United	Westwood
90/91	Croydon North	Wonga Park	Knox City
91/92	Croydon North	Wantirna South	Glen Park
92/93	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Chirnside Park
93/94	Ainslie Park	Kilsyth (A East)	Ferntree Gully(A West)
94/95	Croydon North	St Andrews	Aquinas
95/96	Ferntree Gully	North Ringwood	Knox City
96/97	Croydon North	South Ringwood	N/A
97/98	Croydon North	Templeton	East Ringwood
98/99	Ferntree Gully	Lilydale	East Ringwood
99/00	Ainslie Park	Montrose	Olinda
00/01	Ferntree Gully	East Ringwood	Eastfield
01/02	Mooroolbark	South Croydon	Sth Warrandyte Hawks
02/03	Lilydale	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	Chirnside Park
03/04	Templeton	Croydon North	Croydon Ranges
04/05	Mooroolbark	North Ringwood	Chirnside Park
05/06	Wantirna South	South Croydon	Olinda
06/07	South Warrandyte	Norwood	North Ringwood (2nds)
07/08	North Ringwood	Croydon Ranges	Mooroolbark (2nds)
08/09	Wantirna South	Bayswater Park	Chirnside Park
09/10	Mooroolbark	East Ringwood	Olinda
10/11 (name change)	TROLLOPE	WILIKINS	NEWEY
10/11	Mooroolbark	Warranwood	Wantirna South
11/12	Warranwood	Ainslie Park	Eastfield

SAXON SPORTS CHALLENGE – RDCA 20/20 COMPETITION

2011/12 was the fourth season of this competition and the momentum moved with the times as T20 cricket was extremely popular from young to old. As in previous years, clubs did not incur any cost as the generous sponsorship of Paul Attfield (Saxon Sports) extended to the donation of ALL of the white balls used, including finals matches, and a cash contribution that enabled clubs to be reimbursed for umpire fees incurred during the course of the competition.

Twenty four clubs entered a team, which fitted nicely into 8 groups of 3 teams with each playing the other teams in their group in the preliminary rounds. The top placed team in the group progressed to the qualifying finals, where ranking determines who plays whom (e.g.1 v 8 and so on), results were:

- (1) Mooroolbark 1/137 (B Clark 73no) defeated Warranwood 6/134 (T Hall 48no)
- (2) Montrose 5/169 (M Edwards 62) defeated Warrandyte 134 (M Lowe 3/19)
- (3) Bayswater Park 1/125 (Evans 72, Garoni 43no) defeated Wantirna South 124 (M Adams 3/15)
- (4) South Croydon 2/111 (T Degenhardt 50) defeated Croydon Ranges 110 (D Barsenbach 3/33)

The semi finals saw four of the favourites playing against one another for a spot in the grand final and in true T20 form it resulted in some exciting spectacles.

Mooroolbark 151 (B Clark 82, G James 4/21) defeated South Croydon 91 (J Runge 5/14) Bayswater Park 7/159 (A Waite 61no, M Adams 44, A McKenzie 24) defeated Montrose 156 (B Edwards 31, B Trump 5/39))

The Senior Committee determined that the highest ranked grand finalist (Mooroolbark) should host the game and this decision paid dividends as the crowd size was reported to be larger than previous years. We thank the Mooroolbark members who were extremely hospitable and made everyone feel welcome.

Mooroolbark won the toss and chose to bat first, which in Grand Finals is presumed to be advantageous, provided the batsmen apply the pressure to set a decent total and they posted a challenging score of 7/144.

The Bayswater Park innings got off to a very strong start with the opening pair contributing 93 (D.Garoni 54, W Evans 39) and this was followed with a handy 34no by Andrew McKenzie which saw Bayswater Park (3/146) to victory with three overs to spare.

Our congratulations to the club and members of the team who were: Darren Garoni, Will Evans, Marcus Adams, Andrew McKenzie, Adam Waite, Ben Beech, Aaron Swincer, Trent Pitts, Taylor Leggatte, Brendan Trump, Joshua Kazar, Lachlan McKenzie

With the win, Bayswater Park go on to represent the RDCA in an area playoff, next season, that may lead to participation in the Cricket Victoria run Fosters VB 20/20 regional competition.

I believe the competition was well received by each club and feedback before the competition commenced revealed teams enjoy playing against teams they may not compete against during the regular season.

Finally, I extend my appreciation to all who volunteered their time to ensure the competition ran smoothly.

Richard Nixon T20 Coordinator

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VALE - ALAN REIDY

Alan's local cricket career started at East Ringwood at the age of 13. Later he joined Montrose Cricket Club where he played until he was 44 years of age. Alan was a Montrose club delegate to the RDCA for many years in the 1950's and 60's. He won the RDCA 'E' grade batting average in 1969/70. At Montrose Alan served on the committee for many years and filled just about every position, including President and Secretary. He was awarded Life Member of Montrose Cricket Club in recognition of his service to the club.

Alan was instrumental in establishing the RDCA Under 14 competition in 1966. He served on the Executive for around 15 years and, at various times, he filled the positions of Vice President, Executive member and was a selector for 6 seasons. He also managed a number of RDCA Representative teams over the years.

Alan was rewarded for his long service to local cricket and the Association by being awarded Life Membership in 1967/68 and, as further recognition, the Junior Competition has named the Under 14 (2) premiership trophy the 'Alan Reidy Shield'. Alan passed away peacefully last September.