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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly let me express my thanks to the members of the Senior, Junior and Veterans committees for their efforts in delivering another successful RDCA season. That also extends to all committee members and volunteers at every club for their efforts in doing the things that make every club live, thrive and survive. Finally to all the players, thank you for your continued support of the RDCA with your ongoing participation. To the premiers of each grade congratulations on your success, cherish the moments you have made as they will stay with you for a lifetime.

Off field, we saw the progression of the Melbourne Metro Cricket Strategy to which we were endorsed by clubs to engage and participate in what we believe to be exciting discussions in deciding what cricket will look like moving forward. We engage in this process with the non-negotiable pillars of retaining our identity and history, retaining our autonomy and retaining our locality.

We had an increased focus on communication through channels such as the RDCA Mobile App and increased presence on social media which are always works in progress and will improve over time.

On field, we saw the seven and seven match format come into play which we believe was a great step forward to ensure that the RDCA promotes all forms of cricket. It was an important step to ensure cricket in the RDCA is attractive to all generations of players coming through and wanting to play all forms of the game.

The Saxon Sports T20 competition adopted a three tier framework which gave all clubs a genuine opportunity to participate competitively and we look forward, with the feedback we received from clubs on how that went, to further develop the T20 competition into the future.

Looking to season 2018/19 we are focused on ensuring that, as an organization, we continually work towards supporting both clubs and players alike to foster an environment where everyone can thrive.

With continual improvement now being the focus, I expect that this coming season will be a great one. I look forward especially to the focus that is now coming into view on the girls and ladies competitions, which all clubs should be considering. I encourage you to start asking questions such as “How can you become involved” and “What are the timelines and strategy around when can we start”. This is one of the key areas of growth that all clubs should be looking to commence in the next two years.

I look forward to seeing the RDCA Juniors going from strength to strength as well as renewing our focus for a thriving Veterans competition.

My thanks to all clubs and personnel who have welcomed me and have been prepared to engage in direct, open and, in many cases, very productive dialogue. My focus has been to be available, accessible and visible in year one of assuming this role, and, whilst it is a work in progress, I look forward to building on those foundations next season.

In closing I would like to acknowledge with great gratitude on behalf of all clubs the efforts of Ian Spencer and Pat Meehan who after many years of service to the RDCA on so many levels have decided to step down from their respective roles. Gentlemen, thank you for your outstanding contributions.

Best of luck to all clubs in what is going to be a great 2018/19 season.

Michael Finn

SENIOR COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

"Respect other people's feelings. It might mean nothing to you, but it could mean everything to them."

Roy T. Bennett.

Our season started with no grounds being unplayable, which is unusual, and the weather was not too hot. This season all grades played 7 limited over games and 7 two day games due to the restructure voted upon last year. Coloured clothing for Trollope and Wilkins limited over matches was compulsory and for 2XI teams it was optional, provided both teams wore coloured uniforms.

Team numbers started at 123, less than last season but dropped to 120 after Round 5 due to the withdrawal of teams in 'D' grade, South Warrandyte and Croydon North and 'E' grade Scoresby.

After Round 6 we lost another team, Eastfield's 'G' grade. Round 7, day 1 was abandoned, on the Friday night, due to heavy rain affecting Victoria that day with more forecasted over the weekend. Round 10 (6 January) was abandoned, on the Friday morning, due to a forecast 41C for Saturday. Day 1 of Round 11 was another challenging day with rain affecting many games and in most cases a One day game was played the following week. The diversity in the weather pattern across the RDCA region was evident here, as while some teams only managed 15 overs others were able to play more than 25, which constitutes a game.

The success of any organisation is dependent on good communication and my thanks to club Secretaries and Presidents, with whom I dealt during the season, for without your assistance and support our association would struggle to be effective. To those first time club Secretaries, congratulations on surviving the season and I hope you will continue for another season, at least.

Congratulations to Warranwood CC who won the Bob Bissett 'Best Administered Club' award, North Ringwood, the Phil McCallum - 'Senior Club Championship', and Warranwood 2XI (Meehan Shield), the Bob Ellis - 'Spirit of Cricket Award'.

The Senior Committee met 11 times and comprised the following members; Pat Meehan (Chairman), Gregor Mason (Secretary), Stuart Minetti (Minute Secretary), Steve Pascoe (Umpires Association President), Roger Copeland (Registration Secretary), Matt Thomas, Tony Gawne, Mat Parker and Wayne Hartley. Michael Finn was elected Senior President and thus stood down from the senior committee in August 2017.

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

All clubs are experiencing a lack of commitment from players which in turn results in teams being forfeited due to lack of players on a weekend. Whilst the number of forfeits was not unusually high it costs clubs financially and causes many players to miss a game of cricket.

Ground shortages for Saturday cricket remain a problem in most council areas and whilst the RDCA is in regular contact with council officers, declining membership can lead to loss of grounds and increasing membership may mean games having to be played on Sunday's.

My Cricket continues to improve its functionality, and as clubs gain a better understanding of its features improved record keeping for clubs becomes easier to manage. Provided clubs are diligent with the data input then the end of season statistics and awards are known by simply printing a report. Thanks to the efforts of a number of people, Roger Copeland in particular, this system continues to be very beneficial.

The Saxon Sports T20 competition format continued to be 5 preliminary rounds, including a Super Sunday round, plus finals. Thanks again to Paul Atfield for his Saxon Sport sponsorship. Grand Finals were played Tuesday 31 January 2018 and Grand Finalists were Montrose and North Ringwood (Trollope), East Ringwood and Warranwood (Wilkins), South Warrandyte and St Andrews (Newey). The winners were Montrose, East Ringwood and South Warrandyte.

The Outer East T20 Challenge Trophy was held on Sunday 4 February at Jubilee Park No.2, with Montrose being the RDCA representative team and ultimately they came out the winner, collecting a \$1,000.00 prize for their club.

The Annual T20 Challenge match, RCC v RDCA was scheduled to be hosted by the Ringwood CC at Jubilee Park No.2 oval, on 15 November 2017. Unfortunately the game was abandoned due to storms that passed across the eastern suburbs around 5pm and rescheduling the game was not possible. The RDCA team that was selected for the game is listed later in the report. Thanks to Pat Meehan, Mat Parker and Michael King for their assistance in the selection of the RDCA team.

The RDCA achieved a “clean sweep” of all the trophies at the annual T20 tournament against BHRDCA and ECA held Sunday 19 November 2017 at Templestowe Reserve (hosted by BHRDCA). Both the Trollope and Wilkins/Newey teams won their matches against BHRDCA and ECA with Jake Tucker (Trollope) and Rob Clarke (Wilkins/Newey) being named “players of the series”.

Again, thank you to all the players for making themselves available to represent the RDCA, to the umpires, Andy Laws and Ray Baird, who officiated and the selection panel of Mat Parker, Michael King, Andy Wu and Marc Steiner, with Pat Meehan co-ordinating.

In the VMCU U/21 carnival, RDCA finished the series with only one win and in 7th place on the final ladder out of 10 associations. A disappointing result as on paper we fielded a competitive team.

On behalf of the Senior Committee our sincere thanks to Craig Staggard, Team Manager, coach, selector and administration before and on match days, Darren (“Russell”) Gilbert for assisting with warm ups, our captain Tristan Webb (WSO), our three scorers – Michelle Lockie (BYP), Liz McLelland (WWD) and Paul Pleming (KIL), Mandy Staggard for lunches for our home game and some family members who supported the players. In addition we are indebted to the RDCA sponsor, Paul Atfield, Saxon Sports, for his ongoing support and to Pat Meehan for his co ordination of the U/21 team.

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 Trollope Grand Final was played at Montrose Reserve, Wilkins Cup at Walker Reserve, Newey Plate at Warrandyte No.1, Pascoe Shield at Kimberley Reserve No.1 and Meehan Shield at Mullum Reserve.

Saturday’s weather variations across the broad geographical spread of the RDCA, whilst not unusual, certainly caused some angst and a lot of sitting around waiting and hoping that the rain would go away and that the ground/pitch would be dry enough to get a game started. Disappointingly only 4 finals out of 10 managed to complete more than 25 overs on the Saturday and there were 6 finals played as one day games on Sunday under blue skies and sunshine.

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 of the grade winners. 9 different clubs, out of 25, across 16 grades were premiership winners. Multiple winners were Mooroolbark and Wonga Park with three and Bayswater Park, South Croydon and North Ringwood won two each.

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

Our Presentation night was again held at Dorset Gardens Hotel on Friday 13 April and attendance was again very good with the night's formalities completed before 10:00pm. Thanks to Justin Nelson for being our MC.

This was the final year of a 3 year deal with The Dorset Gardens Hotel and a big THANKYOU to Tony and Maree Gawne for all their effort with the preparations for the night and to Roger Copeland for the computer presentations.

As with all voluntary committees our weekend cricket does not magically happen. It requires the input from many people who give of their time and effort, so thank you again to all who have helped me this season and with everyone's contribution the community, our member clubs and participants will continue to benefit in more ways than just playing cricket.

Gregor Mason

REGISTRATION SECRETARY and MYCRICKET ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Congratulations to all of the clubs who had successful teams in season 2017/18.

It was great to see a number of clubs embracing the MyCricket Live Scoring app. The live scores were certainly closely watched by many clubs keen to check on how their grade opponents were faring in other games. Many Finals were also live scored.

Season 2017/18 saw 184 clearances (Senior and Junior) and 331 transfers (Senior, Junior and Veteran) processed into the RDCA or around RDCA clubs.

All the best to clubs, for season 2018/19.

Roger Copeland

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

With the lead-up to the 2017-18 season throwing up so many changes and challenges, it was fortunate that the management of the RDCA Umpires' Association was in the hands of a capable and conscientious executive team which is dedicated to expanding both the number and knowledge of the RDCA umpiring panel to provide the best possible service to the RDCA and its players.

The support provided to myself and the RDCAUA in general by Tony Gawne, as Secretary, is immeasurable and the professional manner in which he undertakes this role (and others throughout the RDCA) is also taken on to the field as one of our top echelon umpires. Tony's contribution was rightly recognized this season with the Ken Dunham Award as the "Umpire of the Year".

Contributions by Peter Gawne (Assistant Secretary), Andy Laws (Chairman of Selectors), Shawn Everitt (Recruitment), Austin Acker (Social), Barry Johnson (Property & Membership), Leigh Murray (Umpires' Mentor), Chris Pietersen (Observer / Training) and Graeme Lloyd (Umpires' Advisor / Training) continued the strong leadership and development of panel members in the pursuit of continued raising of standards.

Our panel numbers continue to grow; 42 individuals stood in senior matches this season although there was some attrition as the season progressed. Unavailability stretched our resolve to have 2 umpires standing in each match of the top 5 grades (realistically we are unable to achieve this aim as yet) but the feedback through our Captains' Reports on Umpires' Performance indicated that members are generally exceeding expectations, albeit that the reports overall still lack consistency.

The RDCAUA Selectors heavily rely on the Home & Away match Captains' Reports in the allocation of Finals Umpires. Given concerns as to the consistency of such reports, Trollope Shield team captains were provided with an additional opportunity to "rate" the Trollope Shield panel members and indicate who they thought be given preference to appointment in the top 5 grades. It was disappointing that only 3 of the 8 team captains took up this offer. Nevertheless, the Selection Panel did a great job of allocation based on the information before them.

A Captains'/Umpires' meeting held mid-September 2017 was well received by those Captains attending and their involvement was appreciated. It gave us the opportunity of discussing the many changes to the Laws of Cricket that would be introduced from the beginning of the season and the changes to local rules that had been agreed upon by Clubs. It was disappointing that, although distributed to Clubs by the RDCA Senior Secretary some time before the meeting, this information had not been disseminated to most of those in attendance.

During the year the executive and panel members chalked up many achievements, some of which are recognized here:

RDCA Umpiring milestones were achieved by Shawn Everitt, Jordan Russell (100 games); Tony Gawne, Andy Laws (200 games); Russell Bennett, Ian McCallum (300 games); Lothar Pilz (400 games) and it is worth mentioning that Martien Pruyzers now sits on 550 games as our longest serving current member.

Given the new fixture format including 7 limited over matches with coloured team clothing for the top grades, a limited over match uniform was introduced for RDCAUA panel members.

A minimum accreditation of Community Umpiring and assessment for Working with Children Checks was achieved by all panel members.

Life Membership to the RDCAUA was bestowed on Pat Meehan who, although not currently directly involved with the Umpires' Association, continued to provide great support through his chairmanship of the RDCA Senior Committee following past roles as RDCAUA Secretary for 8 seasons; umpiring 130+ games including 8 top grade grand finals, management of umpires for VMCU Junior Carnivals, plus many other local and representative cricket roles.

Through the guidance of Graeme Lloyd and Chris Pietersen, policies were devised and adopted for Lightning, Concussion assessment, Heat Policy for Umpires and we are developing an Assessment and Induction Process for umpires new to the RDCA.

The RDCAUA met all its umpiring commitments by providing umpires for all inter-Association matches, the VMCU Junior Carnival and Wright Shield (U/21) matches and Veterans' Finals series. Thank you to all those panel members who put up their hand.

Given our inability to cover all semi-final matches with 2 panel umpires we opted to seek volunteers this season rather than impose upon clubs to nominate members who, in the past, have tended to be reluctant and non-committed to maintaining standards sought. While this may have left us without sufficient numbers to cover all independent roles required, we were chuffed to receive magnificent support from enough well qualified and performed club individuals to ensure these matches proceeded without a hitch. Thank you all for volunteering and to the RDCAUA panel members for assisting with seamless integration.

An end-of-season BBQ was arranged by Austin Acker to which all umpires were invited and which was financially supported by the RDCA BoM and Senior Committee. A terrific evening was had by those attending (17) and it is likely to become an annual event.

Unfortunately Austin has indicated he is unable to continue in his executive role for next season as too have Leigh Murray (Umpires Mentor) and Chris Pietersen (Observer & Trainer).

The RDCA and the Umpires' Association owes each of these men a huge vote of gratitude for the way in which they have devoted themselves to improving the RDCAUA as a whole. Thank you, you will be sorely missed on the executive committee.

2017-18 has now gone and we turn our attention to next season.

It all starts again: the tweaking of rules; recruitment; training – it doesn't really stop.

Our main focus is expanding our panel numbers. If you are looking for the natural progression from playing cricket while still being involved on-field, or know of anyone who may be interested in joining the umpiring ranks, please get in touch with us.

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of last season and, we trust, we will continue to have your support in future.



**Steve Pascoe
Chairman**

VMCU (Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union) REPORT

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. I am the RDCA representative on the Outer East Regional Cricket Council, and a Director (Outer East) on the VMCU Board.

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

This latter competition comprised of a record number of 101 teams, including 18 girls teams, with about 1200 players from 16 Associations. The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions and entered sides in all grades. Success came our way with both the U12 Mitchell Shield and Josh Browne Plate sides winning their grand finals beating the strong favourites, SECA, in both matches which was an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, team managers and parents involved. The U16 Mackay Shield side was defeated in the semi final with the U/14 Russell Allen Shield side making the quarter final. All other sides continued to improve their results on recent seasons.

The most significant matters dealt with during the season were:

- Participation by the VMCU Board and the Metropolitan Cricket Associations in discussions on the development of proposals for the possible restructure of all cricket as set out in CV's Melbourne Metropolitan Cricket Strategy. This Strategy proposes to establish five Metropolitan Cricket Zones to include all forms of cricket. Consultations have occurred involving CV Chairman and staff with all associations, including synthetic competitions, with a view to forming Collaborative Groups to institute the structures for each of the 5 new zones. The first step is for each association in a zone to sign off on a non binding Memorandum of Understanding to agree to institute the process leading to the formation of the new zone structure and board. For the proposed East Zone, ECA, BHRDCA and RDCA signed the MOU in December 2017 and commenced with the Collaborative Group establishment in February 2018. This Group will determine the appropriate future structure, required staffing, standardising of governance and risk management, etc. [Note that CV has agreed that the three Associations will retain their identity, autonomy, history and management of their competitions.]
- Continuing to increase participation in both girls and women's cricket at local club levels with the formation of junior girls' grades in some associations – including the RDCA.
- Continuing negotiations with CV and VCCL on both a standard clearance/transfer policy and a suspect bowling action policy for all senior cricket in Victoria. The VMCU has adopted the current draft policies for associations to utilise in the interim.
- Input to CV Pathway/ State Championships review. A Working Party has been formed to develop a long term plan and structure – including the VMCU Junior Carnival. Two representatives of the VMCU, including Sean Flynn, RDCA Junior President, are members of the Working Party.
- Review of the trials of CA initiated new formats for junior cricket. WRJCA was the only VMCU affiliate involved over this season. CV are encouraging all associations to adopt these new formats for all junior cricket including for the VMCU Junior Carnival. These will be initiated with the U/12 Mitchell Shield and Josh Browne Plate in January 2019.

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

VMCU Director Outer East Region and RDCA Delegate

OUTER EAST METRO REGION (Region 14) REPORT

The Outer East Region covers the municipalities of Maroondah, Knox and Yarra Ranges and comprises of clubs in the Ringwood and District Cricket Association, Ferntree Gully District Cricket Association and Yarra Valley Cricket Association. Each Association has a nominated representative on the Regional Cricket Council, together with representatives from Ringwood Cricket Club and the Sub District Cricket Association. David Beatty is the independent Committee Chairman with Di Day as the CV Regional Cricket Manager.

Di (supported by Richard Armstrong) works closely with the schools and clubs in the region to offer a program of clinics, competitions and activities to increase the availability of cricket in various formats to both male and female participants. Participation has increased in some activities over the last 12 months, especially in the Schools Entry Level 11,336 (8,013 in 2016/17) and In 2 Cricket Skills 8,550 (4,893).

In addition increases were achieved in clubs cricket for T20 Blast 173 teams (153), Junior Participation 4,297 (2,192) and Seniors/Veterans 5,235 (5,015). Community Female participation saw a significant increase to 5,528 (3,907) with an increase in All Abilities participants to 295 (203) which is a good result for the Region.

Ringwood C.C. is our Premier Cricket partner for the regional pathway program and plays a significant role in the management and coaching of many of the Outer East Eagles male and female squads in the State Championships under the guidance of Di Day. In addition, the club has established an annual Outer East T20 Challenge Trophy competition between the T20 winners of the three Associations which is normally held at Jubilee Park main oval. This season's competition was played on the number 2 ground due to redevelopment works and was won by Montrose CC (RDCA).

In November, as a lead in to the Premier Cricket T20 matches, Ringwood CC plays practice matches against representative sides from both RDCA and FTGCA. Unfortunately due to late storms on Wednesday 15th November the RDCA match was abandoned and could not be rescheduled.

The Region was strongly represented in the VMCU Junior Carnival held in early January as there were 19 teams entered by the three Associations in the various boys and girls age groups. RDCA won both the U/12 Mitchell Shield and Josh Browne Plate with FTGCA finishing runners up in U/18 Arnold Shield and YVCA runners up in the U/14 Nolan Cup. RDCA U/16 Mackay and U/12 Fatone (girls) competed in the semi finals with RDCA U/14 Allen and YVCA U/12 Browne both competing in the quarter finals.

Congratulations to all concerned with these teams. Overall a good performance by the three Associations in this well managed and highly successful carnival

The RDCA U/21 team was the defending champion in the VMCU U/21 NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD but unfortunately could not replicate that performance and did not participate in the finals series.

Women's cricket continues to grow within the region both at Premier Cricket level with RCC and the Associations. The RDCA girls competition grew this season with ten teams (2 in U/15 and 8 in U/12) participating. All Associations will be looking to increase participation in this area next season.

The Outer East Eagles U/18 male team won the State Championship. It was an outstanding performance by all the players, coach and team manager. Josh Hartell, captain, won both the Player of the Series and the grand final man of the match with some outstanding batting performances, including 100 and 163 n.o. in the grand final. Harrish Kennan won the Player of the Series for the U/14 Male team. The remaining squads finished in mid table. These two players also represented Victoria along with Tess Flintoff and Olivia Thomas in the U/15 female team. One boy and four girls represented the region in the SSV U/12 teams.

CV announced on 30th April that the Regional Cricket Councils are "sunsetted". The RDCA would like to acknowledge David Beatty for his outstanding chairmanship of the Outer East Council over 19 years

Pat Meehan
Director

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

From the President

The RDCA junior competition continued to expand in 2017/ 2018. This was driven by the increase in girls teams from 4 to 10 across the 2 age groups. We were pleased to see 8 under 12 teams in the competition. Overall we had 8 clubs enter a girls team as we welcomed Ainslie Park, St Andrews, Mooroolbark, Templeton and Mt Evelyn who joined Wonga Park, Montrose and Ringwood. Credit to Wonga Park who lead the way with under 12 & 15 teams.

The highlight of the summer was the FANTASTIC wins by our two under 12 representative boys sides in the VMCU carnival. These competitions are extremely difficult to win and they bring together the best young talent from across Metropolitan Melbourne. We had 24 young guns who came from 15 different clubs to represent our association. On top of these 24 boys we had Will Bellingham from Croydon Ranges who made the Victorian under 12 side. Our clubs are producing loads of good cricketers and fine young men!!

In total we had 158 teams entered which was 8 more than the previous summer. This may have been slightly helped by the new junior formats and the reduction of the number of players on the ground. Croydon Ranges were a very deserving winner of the club champion award and they were our largest and most successful club over the summer. The premierships were evenly spread with 13 clubs winning a grand final. Templeton and Croydon Ranges both won 3 premierships.

The junior committee has been very stable over the last couple of seasons and this has allowed us to implement some big changes that have helped improve the competition. Mandy Dolman is the Junior Secretary and she is a savior to many of our clubs. She is very patient and helps many clubs get their seasons started smoothly. The under 10 round robin is a major event and it runs so smoothly due to the efforts of Mandy and the help of St Andrews and Croydon Ranges members.

Our junior rep program continues to improve and this was proven with the two under 12 teams winning their competitions this summer. This was largely due to the dedicated efforts of Bill Stafford. Bill is into his 4th season in this role and this was our most successful carnival ever. Bill runs such a professional process from the nominations, trials through to the final selections to ensure that we put nine strong teams on the park. As well as rep cricket, Bill looks after the fixturing, grading, rule changes and just about anything else you can think of. Quite simply our competition would not run as well as it does without Bill Stafford!

Andy Exley is the Vice President of the junior committee and this year he also did a fantastic job arranging our umpires for 16/1 & 16/2. Andy chimes in whenever we need with my cricket compliance, round robins and the rep program. His common sense and calm approach are very valuable to our committee and he is a great mentor to many people.

Our junior committee has a diverse range of people from various RDCA clubs who give their time to invest in our competition. I thank Luke Henderson from South Croydon, Sean Meehan from Templeton, Steve Toohey from Waranwood and our major sponsor, Paul Attfield from Saxon Sports for their valuable contributions to the day to day running of the competition.

David Brush from Norwood has decided to stand down from the committee after over a decade contributing to the RDCA juniors. David has balanced his efforts alongside running the Norwood Milo program and he has brought loads of wisdom to a committee who was sometimes in a rush to change things too quickly!

The clubs expanded the junior formats into 4 under 12 divisions this season which included the reduction of the pitch length as well as 1 day games in all these grades. Despite some initial skepticism, these changes were well received and we feel will produce better cricketers who gain greater enjoyment out of the game. We would again expect the junior formats to expand in the coming seasons at the encouragement of Cricket Australia.

The batting ball count is now in all under 12 & 14 cricket and we feel this is increasing participation but also challenging our better players to score faster and really develop their skills. We now have a ball count in 15 of our 17 grades and club feedback suggests it has increased player enjoyment levels as well as the skill acquisition of all players. We think the benefits will flow into our senior competition with more lifelong cricketers being created.

The under 10 round robins were hosted by St Andrews and Croydon Ranges. These clubs make big sacrifices to host these nights and to be honestthey are a logistical nightmare..... but the joy and pleasure the young players get out of the night make it totally worthwhile.

As mentioned earlier, the competition increased by 8 teams from the previous summer and has increased from 119 teams in 2013/14 to 159 teams in 2017/18, with breakdown for past season being:

Under 10	up from 35 to 38
Under 12	up from 52 to 55
Under 14	down from 35 to 33
Under 16	down from 24 to 22
Girls	up from 4 to 10 😊

We will continue to try to attract and retain young players and will require the ongoing support of our clubs. To assist this goal we will need strong coaching, an atmosphere of inclusion and the understanding that every player in the team has a role to play and in the future of that club.

Thank you to my wife Maree and my two sons Harry and Archie for their support. It is a very time consuming role but I love trying to help our young people improve and giving them the chance to fall in love with the game and their club like I did as a young boy.

A massive thanks to the clubs for trusting me in this role. I am passionate about providing opportunities for players of all abilities to fall in love with the game. I want to change the game to make it better and I always want the game to be played in the right spirit. Every week in summer I see that we are on the right track to making cricket more enjoyable and accessible to young players and their families.

Sean Flynn

From the Secretary

2017/18 was a great season that I will remember as a season that came with a lot of rewards from the new formats and Ball counts that have been implemented to get more kids involved and enjoying the game of Cricket!

It's awesome to see the continued growth of the Girls Comp and I'm looking forward to seeing this competition expanding again this coming season. I congratulate the Clubs that are proactive and passionate about providing Girls Cricket to their members and community.

Thanks again to all the Junior Coordinators who put so much time and love into their Club's Junior Programs, you all were fantastic to work with this season. Your Clubs are lucky to have you!

We changed the Round Robin Mini Bash this past season by having it split between two venues as the number of teams competing has outgrown one venue. The St Andrews and Croydon Ranges people again did a wonderful job hosting this event and I want to thank you all and also my Assistant Secretary, Hayley Brown, who looked after one venue while I was at the other.

Our Junior Committee was again made up of invaluable individuals that help our association evolve and develop as we all share one common denominator “getting kids out on the Park!” We are very lucky to have Sean Flynn as our President as his enthusiasm and passion for the sport is unfathomable. I want to personally thank Sean for his support of my role this year especially while I battled health issues.

Our weekly fixtured games would not run as smoothly without Bill Stafford whose skills are abundant. The time it takes to Co-ordinate the Rep Teams and Coaches is a huge job and Bill is to thank for that too. Andy Exley our Vice President looks after our Umpire’s and MyCricket Stats every week and also assists where ever he is needed. Hayley Brown stepped up this season to be my assistant which eased my workload and she filled in for me while I was in hospital having surgery.

Sean Meehan, Luke Henderson, Steve Toohey and David Brush are wonderful members of our team and their input, ideas and wisdom is what makes our committee successful in working with our RDCA Clubs.

Presentation Night was a fantastic night where we congratulated and awarded those who won the individual batting and bowling awards and Jeff Luscombe and Bill Dean Awards:

Batting

12/1	Will Bellingham	414 runs @ 138
12/2	Pawaan Dave	272 runs @ 68
12/3	Aydan Baker	266 runs @ 133
12/4	Lachlan Payne	233 runs @ 77.67
12/5	Jayden Lynch	167 runs @ 41.75
12/6	Zac Day	174 runs @ 58
12/7	Tate Hodgson	300 runs @ 300
14/1	Phoenix Beck	271 runs @ 135.5
14/2	Romesh Martinus	423 runs @ 211.50
14/3	Nathan Flinn	192 runs @ 96.00
14/4	Ronan Culloty	208 runs @ 208
14/5	Graham Cameron	198 runs @ 66
16/1	Hayden Daniel	477 runs @ 95.40
16/2	Addison Forbes	516 runs @ 103.20
16/3	Aiden Begg	283 runs @ 141.50

Bowling

Will Bellingham	12 wickets @ 6.75
Pawaan Dave	11 wickets @ 7.45
Isaac Rakuscek	14 wickets @ 4.79
Lachlan Payne	25 wickets @ 4.56
Luke Cobelas	13 wickets @ 5.15
Ethan Holiday	16 wickets @ 5.00
Toby Potter	14 wickets @ 5.71
Will Spencer	21 wickets @ 6.19
Ryan Hogg	16 wickets @ 5.88
Jett Blumeris	14 wickets @ 5.79
Denuka Thalgaswatta	10 wickets @ 3.50
Matthew Haysom	12 wickets @ 7.50
Joseph Chamberlain	14 wickets @ 9.50
Jayden Wright	18 wickets @ 8.33
Max Fiorelli	14 wickets @ 8.14

Stars Girls Cricket League

U12’s	Alex Sheedy	242 runs @ 242	Hayley McLaughlin	16 wickets @ 3.56
U15’s	Chloe Poli	94 runs @ 94	Sky Wilson	5 wickets @ 6.00

Jeff Luscombe Award – Volunteer Award Steve Toohey

Bill Dean Award – Best Leaving U16 Player Will Parker

Congrats to all teams who played this season but especially the following teams who won the Premiership Flag in their grade:

16/1 – Montrose	16/2 – Wonga Park	16/3 – Templeton/Bayswater Park
14/1 – Croydon Ranges	14/2 – Templeton	14/3 – Lilydale
14/4 – Croydon Ranges	14/5 – South Warrandyte Hawks	
12/1 – North Ringwood	12/2 – Templeton	12/3 – Warranwood
12/4 – Croydon Ranges	12/5 – Chirnside Park	12/6 – St Andrews
12/7 – Warrandyte	Stars Girls U12 – Ringwood	

It is a privilege and rewarding role being Secretary of the RDCA Juniors but it does take up a fair amount of my time and I thank my three kids and hubby for their patience and understanding. I am proud of our association and all our club volunteers who do a wonderful service for their communities and I look forward to seeing the continued growth and development in the coming years.

Mandy Dolman

VMCU Junior Carnival

This has to have been our most successful junior carnival of all time. We won two premierships, had two teams make semi-finals and another team made the quarter finals. The VMCU carnivals commenced in 1984/85 and we have now won 9 flags.

Our successful teams were:

- Keith Mitchell U/12 Shield – premiers
RDCA 7/129 defeated South East CA 10/113. Cam Livingstone won player of the match and Archie Flynn was overall player of the series. We were also premiers in 1985 and 2005**
- Josh Browne U/12 Plate – premiers
RDCA 9176 defeated South East CA 73. Lewis Miller was player of the match. This is our first premiership in this grade.**
- Keith Mackay U/16 Shield – semi finalists
RDCA 101 lost to Mornington Peninsular 7/117. Jordan Blair was player of the series.**
- Claudia Fatone U/12 Girls Shield – semi finalists
RDCA 17/155 lost to Box Hill Reporter 12/175**
- Russell Allen U/14 Shield – quarter finalists
RDCA 6/132 lost to West Gippsland 5/134**

This season, a girls U/14 grade was added and the girls won one of the three games they played.

In addition to the VMCU carnival, we had a further 19 boys and 15 girls play in state/national carnivals. Another 20 boys represented Bayswater and Croydon in the GJ Craig U/15 carnival.

Thank you to all our clubs who continue to support and encourage their players to attend trials and make themselves available to play in the carnival.

Congratulations to our trophy winners, as follows:

Team	Best Player	Coaches Award
U/12 Girls - Claudia Fatone	Alexandra Sheedy	Jessie Arbuckle
U/14 Girls – Julie Savage	Sky Wilson	Jazmine Hood
U/12- Josh Browne	Lachlan Quinn	Joseph Humphreys
U/12- Keith Mitchell	Riley Weatherill	James Johnstone
U/14- Des Nolan	Jaylan Ross	Michael Yuan
U/14 - Russell Allen	Daniel Roe	Jacob Bellingham
U/16 - Keith Mackay	Jordan Blair	Charlie Lawson
U/16- Jim Beitzel	Rhys Smith	Jackson Braunthal
U/18 - Phil Arnold	Lachlan Anderson	Jack Meehan

There were two standout individual performances during the carnival:

- **Lachlan Anderson 100no U/18 Arnold**
- **Ethan Alderman hat trick U/16 Mackay**

Thank you to our coaches and team managers for all the time and effort they put into the selection process, practice games and throughout the carnival. We are very fortunate with the quality of coaches we have been able to appoint.

Team	Coach	Team Manager
U/12 Girls - Claudia Fatone	Jas Harrison	
U/14 Girls- Julie Savage	Wayne Hartley	
U/12- Josh Browne	Tim Sugumar	Daniel Sheers
U/12- Keith Mitchell	Matt Fotia	Dave Sherlock
U/14- Des Nolan	Tom Humphries	Debbie Holdsworth
U/14 - Russell Allen	Dale Ingleton	Jayce McMeeken
U/16 - Keith Mackay	Josh White	Nick Chourci
U/16- Jim Beitzel	Jordan Roberts	Charmayne Thompson
U/18 - Phil Arnold	Josh Exley	Melissia Bowyer

Finally, a big thank you, once again, to Paul Attfield, major sponsor of the RDCA, in making his indoor training facilities available to us whenever required.

**Bill Stafford
Representative Coordinator**



FINANCE REPORT

Season 2017/18 was another successful financial year for the Association ending with a small financial loss of \$252 (2017 was \$3865). My original budget for the year was for a loss of \$7,857, so the end result was very pleasing.

The better than budgeted for result came largely from increased ball sales to clubs during the year. My season budget was for sales of \$106,500 and a profit contribution of \$3,500. Actual sales for the year were \$114,321 with a profit contribution of \$6,500. In addition to the increased gross profit, the level of ball sales resulted in a “bonus” royalty payment from Kookaburra Sports of \$1,650.

Operating expenses increased from the 2017 season largely because of our commitment to Jo Fairy (Field of View) whose services were engaged to “market” and promote the RDCA. The full financial impact of this engagement will be more evident in the 2018/19 season with the signing of additional sponsors for the next season. New financial sponsors attracted by Jo during 2017/18 were Fletchers Real Estate Agents and Money Quest Finance.

Club fines saw a significant reduction from \$6,200 in 2017 to \$4,360 in 2018 and this very pleasing, but needs further work by clubs.

At year end, the Association had cash reserves of \$81,616 (2017 \$93,810) and minimal creditors \$1,292 (2017 \$640) leaving us in an extremely healthy financial position going forward into season 2018/19.

I would like to thank all Club Treasurer’s for their co-operation during the last season which made my job easier.

Finally, I would like to thank our loyal financial supporters, both the long term and the newer ones, for their continued support of the RDCA, for without them our competition would not be as financially sound as it is.

The financial supporters during the season were as follows:

- Kookaburra Sports
- Saxon Sports
- Field of View Photography
- Bendigo Community Banks – Ringwood East/Heathmont and Mooroolbark branches
- David Hodgett MP
- Michael Sukkar MP
- Fletchers Real Estate
- Money Quest Finance

Graeme Seymour
Finance Manager

Ringwood & District Cricket Association Inc.

ABN 33 869 448 061

Income & Expenditure Statement Year Ended 31 May 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Income		
Affiliation Fees	42,118	41,491
Umpires Subscriptions	1,773	1,682
Veterans Match fees etc.	1,623	936
Fines & Charges		
Fines	4,360	6,200
Forfeited Bond/Guarantee Funds	1,000	-
Late Payment Fines		17
	63	
Junior Raffle	2,273	2,000
Junior Coaching fees recouped	1,932	1,955
Junior Clothing costs recouped	3,868	3,391
Donations/Sponsorship	29,736	27,300
Web Advertising	2,500	2,500
Cricket Victoria Grants	5,000	5,000
20/20 Competition Subsidy	1,728	1,440
VMCU Umpire Subsidy	2,860	2,630
Investigation Officer Recouped	100	300
Sundry Income	415	136
Senior Presentation Night	6,318	6,409
Interest received	1,360	1,179
Sales		
Balls from stock	944	1,184
Scorebook Sales	4,171	3,869
Umpires Equipment & Clothing		161
	97	
Cricket Ball Sales Orders (Net of Rebates)	113,377	94,568
Total Sales	118,589	99,782
Total Income	227,616	204,348
Cost of Sales		
Cricket Ball Sales costs	107,821	91,072
Junior Pink Balls	-	360
Balls from Stocks	241	1,087
Scorebook Costs	3,927	3,820
Total Cost of Sales	111,989	96,339
	115,627	108,009
Gross Profit		
Expenses		
Administration Expenses		
Honorarium	20,750	20,250
Administration Manager Expense	-	41
Match Result Secretaries	4,100	4,100
Publicity Officer	1,000	1,500

Senior Executive	500	219
Junior Co-ordinator	1,500	1,500
Junior Carnival Expenses	772	1,000
Other Junior Expenses	40	-
Representative Match Expenses	227	1,404
Advertising	120	943
Donations	-	150
Investigation Officer Expenses	100	600
Photography Contract	4,800	4,465
Marketing Expenses	8,673	-
Bad Debt write off	-	49
Total Administration Expenses	42,582	36,222
Operating Expenses		
Postage & Stationery	76	130
Telephone & Internet Costs	1,337	1,342
Printing & Typing	2,157	2,093
Computer Maint/Software	642	482
Government Charges	235	56
Ground & Hall rental	291	493
Affil. & Registration Fees	300	250
Website Hosting	504	504
Pavilion Expenses	308	282
App Design & hosting costs	1,170	1,170
Pavilion Rent	1,833	1,166
Audit Fee	600	600
Website & Logo Development	-	3,673
Trade Mark registration costs	800	750
Junior Carnival Coaches Fees	5,900	5,400
Umpires Fees	6,685	7,250
Umpires expenses	700	510
20/20 Competition-Club Rebates	1,728	1,440
20/20 Competition Prize Monies	682	1,750
Depreciation of equipment	2,302	1,816
Pennants, Plaques & Medals	3,940	4,340
Player Insurance	68	-
Total Operating Expenses	32,258	35,497
Social Expenses		
Senior Presentation Night	10,371	10,509
Junior Presentation Night	1,445	2,018
Catering	4,000	4,380
Total Social Expenses	15,816	16,908
Veterans Expenses	1,490	1,334
Equipment, Clothing,Trophies		
Junior Trophies & Medals	6,227	5,284
Caps & Clothing purchased	11,274	10,421
Umpires Manuals purchased	-	211
Senior Trophies & Medals	4,336	4,477
Ball handling expenses	1,000	1,066
Miscellaneous equipment	896	455
Total Equipment, Clothing,Trophies	23,733	21,914
Total Expenses	115,879	111,874
Net Income /(Loss) for the Year	(\$252)	(\$3,865)

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities As at 31st May 2018

	2018	2017
Assets	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Cheque Account	8,355	24,564
Veterans Bank Account	-	2,097
Cricket Ball Account	7,905	2,932
Club Guarantee Funds	3,000	3,000
Undeposited Funds	-	220
Bendigo Bank - Mooroolbark TD	10,611	10,330
Bendigo Bank - Mooroolbark TD	51,745	50,666
Total Cash On Hand	81,616	93,810
Debtors - Clubs & Others	3,499	775
GST Refundable	719	933
Rent Prepaid	133	-
Deposit Paid 2018 Presentation	-	1,900
Total Current Assets	85,967	97,417
Stocks		
Best & Fairest Medals	1,392	1,100
Cricket Balls	3,121	2,324
Caps & Clothing	8,985	4,162
Premiership Medals	4,740	246
Total Stocks	18,238	7,831
Fixed Assets		
Computers and Printers	6,054	4,172
Office Furniture & Equipment	14,000	14,000
Other Equipment	2,364	-
Accumulated Depreciation	(13,208)	(10,906)
Total Fixed Assets	9,210	7,266
Total Assets	\$ 113,415	\$ 112,515
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	867	-
Accounts overpaid	425	640
Total Current Liabilities	1,292	640
Non Current Liabilities		
Bonds Held	2,000	1,500
Guarantee Monies	3,000	3,000
Total Non Current Liabilities	5,000	4,500
Total Liabilities	6,292	5,140
Net Assets	\$ 107,123	\$ 107,374
Members Funds		
Accumulated funds	107,375	111,240
Current Year Earnings	(252)	(3,865)
Total Members Funds	\$ 107,123	\$ 107,374



VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

The Veteran's Committee is now only responsible for an Over 40's competition since the Veterans Cricket Victoria Association now conducts the Over 50's, 60's and 70's competitions.

There are 9 teams that play under the VCV banner who originated in the RDCA veterans competition. In the Over 60's, there is a composite group (Ringwood/Mt Evelyn) that uses both Colman Reserve and Mt Evelyn Reserve and Warrandyte fields a standalone team.

The Over 50's competition has 23 teams in 3 divisions with 6 of those teams originating from the RDCA.

In the third division, both Warrandyte and Yarra Valley made the semis, Croydon Ranges and North Ringwood play in the second division and Croydon Ranges made it to the semis. In first division both Wonga Park and East Ringwood made it to the finals with East Ringwood (220cc) winning a very tightly contested game against Koonung Heights (213) in the 34th over. Congratulations to East Ringwood for winning the inaugural Saxon Sports Shield.

The Over 50's had their first Australian Carnival at Orange over Easter and there were 10 RDCA players who participated. Victoria had four teams. Their first team was captained by Eastfield CC's Nick Bole Brown and he led that team to victory over Queensland in the first national championships.

Congratulations Nick. "Victoria" is inscribed on the trophy and you were the captain. The other three teams all performed admirably finishing 2nd, 3rd and 5th in the second division. Congratulations to all those who nominated and got to wear a cap with the big V.

Returning to the RDCA Over 40's competition, there were 15 teams, representing 12 RDCA clubs, divided into two divisions and playing 7 home and away games.

In the First Division, Ainslie Park, Warranwood, Wonga Park and South Warrandyte Hawks finished in the final four. Ainslie Park and Wonga Park played a Grand final that from the first to last ball had changing fortunes. Ainslie Park 7/221 cc def. Wonga Park 8/217.

In Division 2, South Croydon and Warrandyte finished 1&2 and in the semis accounted for South Warrandyte and Wantirna to then play off for the premiership. Batting first, Warrandyte made 8/139 cc and South Croydon seemed to have the chase under control until they went from 5/115 (including one retired) to 8/137 and after some (very) anxious moments managed to score 8/140 at the end of the 35th over.

Both these games were great spectacles and appreciated by the good sized crowd. Ainslie Park and South Croydon players are to be congratulated because both teams have now won back to back premierships.

In December, the RDCA again played a knockout round of the inter comp. games against FTGCA, BHRDCA and NMDCA. Both our over 40's and 50's teams won their first round and in both cases were to play off against FTG.

Both of these games saw RDCA bat first and in a 25 over innings the Over 40's posted 8/185 cc (the best score ever in the 3 years of the competition). The Over 50's innings started well, being 1/72 after 10 overs, but it then lost momentum to finish 131cc.

The FTG response in the Over 40's, saw 81 from first 10 overs, it was 154 from 20 and with wickets in hand they passed our score in the 24th over. (Our record score didn't last long!)

In the 50's, FTG started slowly and were 1/68 from 15 overs and things were looking good, however by the end of their innings, in the 24th over, two had retired, only one more wicket had been taken and their score was 133. In a complete turnaround, their middle order had made 65 runs from the last 9 overs to win the game.

Congratulations to FTGCA and members of their two teams and to our own players for taking the game on and playing lots of entertaining cricket.

In the first year of these games, BHRDCA won both age groups, the next year RDCA won both games and this year FTGCA has done the same.

Off the field, our season started in August 2017 at our AGM which was attended by most clubs and there was a positive response to our plea for some new members. Peter Chamings (South Warrandyte) accepted the Secretary position, Murray Keen (Wonga Park) offered to assist with communication and Dave Sherlock (Warranwood) accepted the role of Veteran's Delegate to the RDCA Board. Ian Leach continued in his role, looking after MyCricket, the draw, rules and he was also Registration Officer. Other committee members were Chris Hartrup, as Over 60's rep, Chris Alan and Ian Coutts.

Both Ian Leach and I have expressed our need to be replaced after 13 years on the committee. It is time for clubs and individuals to seriously consider taking more responsibility for the management of the Veterans. (As mentioned earlier in this report, there are 12 clubs with teams playing and only 3 clubs are represented on the committee)

In concluding this report, I want to thank the RDCA Board for their assistance and support and particularly thank Peter Chamings for his contribution as Secretary. My appreciation also goes to all committee members, inter comp captains, club delegates, team captains and the Umpires Association members who all contributed to our enjoyment throughout the 2017-18 season.

**Daryl Stephens
President
veterans@rdca.com**

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

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2017/18

LINDSAY TROLLOPE SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
NORTH RINGWOOD	43	78	
LILYDALE	40	67	
AINSLIE PARK	45	64	
BAYSWATER PARK	26	45	
MONTROSE	12	43	
SOUTH CROYDON	38	41	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	20	39	
WARRANTYTE	16	19	

With the introduction of eight (8) team grades throughout the senior competition and thus seven one day games and seven two day games, the points allocation was also amended to six for a one day and eight for a two day win and half that in the event of a draw.

Entering the last round, Ainslie was 2nd but a loss to Lilydale saw the latter grab the double chance. Bayswater Park (4th) needed to win to shore up its finals place but lost to Wantirna South. South Croydon (5th) needed to win and hope for a Bayswater Park loss but the win part didn't happen. Montrose (6th), who needed to defeat South Croydon outright and also hope for a Bayswater Park loss, gave it a good shot but was thwarted by loss of some play due to weather and light.

The Elimination final saw Bayswater Park (4/117) comfortably defeat Ainslie Park (116) In the Qualifying final, North Ringwood recovered from 8/126 to total 233 and Lilydale, despite a last wicket stand of 61, came up short (193 in 74). Lilydale, after being 7/46, mustered 121 in the Preliminary final but then claimed four Bayswater Park wickets on the first day. The latter was eventually dismissed for 90 and Lilydale was 4/96 when a halt was called.

The Grand final was played at Montrose Reserve and umpired by Tony Gawne and Andrew Tonkin but there was no play on Day 1 due to the weather and state of the ground, so the match reverted to a One Day game. Lilydale elected to bat and after a good start reached 4/184 at the 40 over compulsory close. In response, North Ringwood got behind in the run rate and then lost 5/20 in the middle of the innings. An unbroken last wicket stand of 29 brought it close but the Lilydale bowlers held steady to restrict North Ringwood to 9/171.

Lilydale last won the top grade (Chandler Shield back then) in the 2002/03 season so this win was a great outcome for the club.

Members of the premiership team:

Brenton Pearce (C), Ronen Erulkar, Ryan Smith, Daniel Thompson, Mitchell Ebeyer, Quinton Hodgkinson, Marcus Baxter, Cameron Spaulding, Ben Spencer, Ben France, Jake Gilbert, Grant Jordon (Coach).

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Michael King (SCR) 623, Oliver Brown (SCR) 549, Ben Taylor (WDT) 419, Michael Edwards (MTR) 407, Jake Crowe (MTR) 405, James Court (BYP) 395, Ryan Smith (LYD) 390, Trent Sier (APK) 371, Aaron Leis (NRI) 361.

Leading wicket takers (excluding finals):

Glyn James (SCR) 34, Luke Killey (WDT) 32, Mark Arnot (APK) 27, Luke Ridgwell (NRI) 26, Daniel Dimitriou (MTR) 25, Will Holmes (MTR) 23, Michael Scott (NRI) 22, Ryan Smith (LYD) 21, Jack Henderson (SCR) 21.

BILL WILKINS CUP

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WONGA PARK	50	85	
EAST RINGWOOD	46	61	
NORWOOD	30	57	
MOOROOLBARK	26	53	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	28	39	0.86
KILSYTH	28	39	0.74
TEMPLETON	26	37	
WARRANWOOD	10	29	

Entering the last round, interest lay in who would fill fourth spot as Mooroolbark (4th) was playing Kilsyth (5th) and the winner would go on. East Ringwood did not have the best lead into the finals when they lost by one run to Warranwood and Wonga Park, who had been dominant for most of the season, got over Norwood.

In the Elimination final, Norwood compiled 9/233 and kept Mooroolbark (212 in 73) at bay. The Qualifying final saw Wonga Park post an imposing 7/297 and then restrict East Ringwood to 222.

In the Preliminary final, Norwood batted all bar a few balls of their 80 overs and totalled 210 but East Ringwood (5/211) reeled the target in with some 25 overs to spare.

The Grand final was played at Walker Reserve, with the game umpired by Steve Pascoe and Marty Clohesy. As was the case with Trollope Shield, there was no play on Day 1 and this became a One Day game.

Wonga Park elected to bat first but it was downhill from very early in the piece as wickets fell regularly to see it 8/59 before the last couple of partnerships batted out the overs to reach 9/106 at the compulsory close. In reply, East Ringwood (3/111) made short work of the target in just under 22 overs.

As Premiers, East Ringwood will return to the top grade after an absence dating back to the 2005/06 season.

Members of the premiership team:

Matt Kershaw (C), Michael Cook, Matt Crowle, Stephen Nichol (also coach), Taylor Gibson, Daniel Collier, Jack Price, James Price, Josh Allison, Nick Kearney, Isaac Delaney, Matt Stevenson (12th),

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Toby Ford (WOP) 557, Sean de Kretser (NOW) 537, Sam Storey (NOW) 488, Lincoln Wong (TMP) 424, Jarrod McPhee (KIL) 399, Lincoln Grigg (MOO) 353, Luke Scott (WWD) 351.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Wayne Ross (MOO) 33, Simon Young (MOO) 31, Marc Steiner (CSP) 31, Tyson Henry (TMP) 29, Isaac Delaney (EAR) 27, Luke Barber (NOW) 27, Sam Mathews (WOP) 26, Michael Letson (WOP) 25.

STUART NEWHEY PLATE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	54	81	
CROYDON RANGES	44	79	
SCORESBY	38	57	1.13
CROYDON NORTH	38	57	1.03
ST ANDREWS	32	43	
EASTFIELD	24	35	
NORTH RINGWOOD	2NDS	4	23
NORWOOD	2NDS	6	17

With two rounds to go, a couple of points separated the top two and it remained that way. Croydon North (57) sat comfortably in 3rd and St Andrews was two points ahead of Scoresby. The latter won its last two matches to jump to third whilst Croydon North and St Andrews both lost in each of those rounds.

In the Elimination final, Croydon North bounced back to post a challenging 6/287 and, apart from a handy 2nd wicket partnership, the Scoresby batsmen struggled for runs before being all out for 137. The Qualifying final saw Croydon Ranges post a huge total (8/418) before dismissing South Warrandyte (150) in less than 40 overs.

In the Preliminary final, Croydon North batted all bar nine balls of their allocation before being dismissed for 207. In reply, South Warrandyte was on the back foot at 6/108 but got over the line (7/209) with ten balls to spare.

The Grand final was played at Warrandyte Reserve and umpired by Paul Denton and Phillip Bottaro. This game also reverted to a One Day game when the ground was ruled unfit for play on the first day.

After electing to bat, South Warrandyte was in early trouble and consistently lost wickets to be 9/64 before the last partnership pushed it to 9/102 at the close. In reply, Croydon Ranges (4/103) reached the target in just over 27 overs and will return to Wilkins Cup next season.

Members of the premiership team:

Michael Crosbie (C), Steve Lindsay, Glenn Spencer, Andy Wu (also coach), Blake Smith, Michael Hendley, Matthew Manuell, Charlie Baker, Vernon Abraham, Darcy Carrigan, Grant McInerney, Jake Regester-Hill (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Shane Findlay (CNT) 560, Dwayne Paisley (STA) 434, Michael Crosbie (CRR) 427, Dylan Cuthbertson (STA) 423, Maharshi Pandya (SBY) 416, Micheal Helman (NOW) 398, Tom Peter-Budge (SWT) 388, Josh Barrett (SWT) 370.

Leading bowlers (excluding finals):

Steven Lindsay (CRR) 32, Dylan Cuthbertson (STA) 30, Karnel Ahmet (CNT) 29, Alexander Cattanach (SWT) 26, Trent Atkinson (SBY) 24, Maharshi Pandya (SBY) 24, Josh Barrett (SWT) 24, Liam Thomas (ESF) 23, Luke O'Brien (CNT) 23.

STEVE PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WANTIRNA SOUTH	2NDS	46	73	
BAYSWATER PARK	2NDS	46	65	
EAST RINGWOOD	2NDS	24	59	
AINSLIE PARK	2NDS	32	51	
KILSYTH	2NDS	34	45	
WONGA PARK	2NDS	30	41	
MONTROSE	2NDS	16	35	
CROYDON RANGES	2NDS	20	23	

Entering the last round, the top two were level pegging and playing each other, in what was to become a regular occurrence over the finals journey, as were East Ringwood and Ainslie Park. Kilsyth only needed to defeat Montrose to take the losers place but couldn't get the job done.

The Elimination final saw East Ringwood (8/200) again account for Ainslie Park (128)

In the Qualifying final, Bayswater Park crashed for 76 in 32 overs and Wantirna South knocked up 3/135 before a halt was called late on the first day.

The Preliminary final was a tight low scoring affair as East Ringwood could only muster 119 and it took Bayswater Park 75 overs to run the target down (8/123).

The Grand final, played at Kimberley Reserve and umpired by Barry Johnson and Darryll Swanson, saw no play on Day 1, due to the state of the ground, so it also became a One dayer.

Wantirna South accumulated 9/146 in their 40 over allocation and Bayswater Park (6/150) was able to reverse the outcome of all earlier encounters when victory was achieved with five balls to spare.

Members of the premiership team:

Brendon Trump (C), John Harford, Ben Beech, Josh Temple, Stephen Craigie, Simon Varone, Phil Leach, Gareth Bailey, Jesse Christensen, Jason Butcher, Peter Eagles, Bailey Cowman (12th),

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Jackson Ford (WOP) 412, William Killen (APK) 347, Michael Jones (WSO) 339, Nick Jane (WOP) 284, Philip Leach (BYP) 274, Daniel Thurgood (WSO) 274, Brendon Trump (BYP) 261.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Caleb Delaney (EAR) 26, Mark Unternahrer (KIL) 22, Peter Eagles (BYP) 22, Darren Walles (APK) 21, Andrew Jones (WSO) 20, Dean Schickerling (EAR) 20.

PAT MEEHAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
SOUTH CROYDON	2NDS	60	95	
LILYDALE	2NDS	48	71	
WARRANWOOD	2NDS	40	51	1.03
CROYDON NORTH	2NDS	32	51	0.95
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	2NDS	18	45	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	1STS	24	35	
WARRANDYTE	2NDS	14	33	
ST ANDREWS	2NDS	8	19	

Pat Meehan Shield Cont'd

South Croydon was dominant throughout the season, not losing a game, with Lilydale seemingly the only threat. South Warrandyte won only one of first seven but came with a rush only for it to end in 2nd last round with a loss to the bottom side. The finalists were settled prior to the last round but third and fourth could change places, however both lost.

In the Elimination final, Croydon North (9/307) posted far too many for Warranwood (230).

The Qualifying final saw South Croydon total 173 and then have Lilydale on the ropes at 6/30 but late order partnerships pushed it to a tight finish (154).

In the Preliminary final, Croydon North (122) struggled for runs and Lilydale (1/124) ran the target down early on 2nd day.

The Grand final was played at Mullum Reserve and umpired by Laurie Keogh and Jordan Russell. Despite the weather, the game got under way later in the afternoon, with 53 overs bowled. South Croydon had reached 3/111 at the close and went on to post 9/184 from 80 overs. Lilydale was on the back foot from early on and after being 7/46 could only scrap their way to 126.

Members of the premiership team:

Chris Dobson (C), Jai Beaton, Jack LeBrun, Bradley Stewart, Wayne Barrett, Jack Anderson, Matthew Pickard, Lachie Barrett, Jackson Weatherill, Tyson Lacey, Daniel Barsenbach

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Craig Alexander (CNT) 404, Bradley Stewart (SCR) 319, Jai Beaton (SCR) 304, Rhys Smith (LYD) 299, Dale McDonald (WWD) 293, Blake Hughes (LYD) 289, Cameron Head (SWT) 289, Anthony Cliff (LYD) 281

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Craig Staggard (LYD) 39, Braeden Gordon (HMB) 31, Troy Donis (SWT) 23, Mickey Goodlet (LYD) 22, Fraser Kenny (SCR) 21, Tim Blackwood (CNT) 21, Gerard McIlroy (WWD) 20.

“A” GRADE – IAN SPENCER SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
NORTH RINGWOOD	3RDS	46	73	
AINSLIE PARK	3RDS	28	55	1.30
WONGA PARK	3RDS	36	55	0.88
CROYDON RANGES	3RDS	24	51	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2NDS	38	49	1.08
WANTIRNA SOUTH	3RDS	22	49	0.99
WANTIRNA	1STS	32	43	
KILSYTH	3RDS	14	17	

With three rounds to play, seven teams were still in the hunt. Chirnside Park was equal leader but did not win another game and Croydon Ranges were seventh and won all three. By the last game, North Ringwood and Wonga were safe but the latter lost to Wantirna South to slip to 3rd. Ainslie (4th) were playing Chirnside (3rd) with the loser likely to miss out as Ranges were up against Kilsyth.

The Elimination final was over in one day with Ranges (100) conceding to Wonga Park (8/103)

In the Qualifying final, North Ringwood (8/205) made Ainslie Park (5/210) work until the 69th over for victory North Ringwood (299) bounced back in the Preliminary final to easily account for Wonga Park (214).

The Grand final was played at Ainslie Park and umpired by Shawn Everitt and Andy Laws. North Ringwood won the toss and invited Ainslie Park to bat. This game also had a delayed start and 52 overs were eventually bowled on day one, with Ainslie reaching 8/128. Day two saw them bat another 12 overs and finish with 152. In response North Ringwood was 3/90 but it was downhill thereafter and they came up short (120).

“A” Grade Cont’d

Members of the premiership team:

Jimmy Hunter (C), Cameron Hunter, Justin Lawlor, Coby Arbuckle, Phil Moore, Jordan Hochkins, Mark Francis, Troy Harris, Rick Forster, John Ridley, John Auchterlonie,

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Randy Briggs (NRI) 503, Glenn Synan (CSP) 405, Mark Razdan (NRI) 370, Jason Stafford (CRR) 317, Armaan Brar (WAN) 303, Daniel Caton (KIL) 290, Paul Hennessy (WAN) 276

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Leigh Rigby (NRI) 25, James Hunter (APK) 22, Brad Malbon (CSP) 21, Paul Riley (WSO) 19, Travis Tyszkiewicz (KIL) 19, James Willoughby (WAN) 18

“B” GRADE – DAVID BEATTY SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
MOOROOLBARK	2NDS	54	81	
TEMPLETON	2NDS	46	69	
MONTROSE	3RDS	40	67	1.31
EASTFIELD	2NDS	48	67	1.29
WARRANWOOD	3RDS	20	39	
BAYSWATER PARK	3RDS	20	31	
ST ANDREWS	3RDS	6	25	
EAST RINGWOOD	3RDS	6	17	

The finalists were locked in from the Xmas break and thereafter it was only a matter of what order they would finish in. All held their positions over the last couple of rounds.

The Elimination final saw Eastfield (8/214) post a good score but Montrose (4/216) ran it down with a few overs to spare.

In the Qualifying final, it was a reversal of the final round fortunes as Templeton (149) restricted Mooroolbark to 105.

It was back on track in the Preliminary final for Mooroolbark (8/228) as they ousted Montrose (145)

The Grand final was played at Templeton Reserve and umpired by Mark Bullen and Russell Bennett.

This was again a rain impacted late start although it must have stopped earlier in this area as Mooroolbark sent down 64 overs on day one, with Templeton reaching 7/126, eventually being bowled out (135) with an over to go. In reply, Mooroolbark (5/136) ran down the target in just 33 overs.

Members of premiership team:

Garth Woodford (C), Shane Kelton, Jackson Merrett, Justin Uilderks, Joel Nathan, Ken Trollope, Alex Marsh, Paul Hilder, Jordan Trollope, Sam King, Jack Thomas

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Mark Farrell (MTR) 436, Timothy Christou (EAR) 334, Haran Gangatharan (TMP) 329, Dave Sherlock (WWD) 308, Rod Huma (ESF) 304, Michael Dowling (EAR) 292, Shane Kelton (MOO) 286,

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Ryan Christie (ESF) 24, Haran Gangatharan (TMP) 24, Garth Woodford (MOO) 22, Christopher Holland (TMP) 20, Jackson Merrett (MOO) 17, Ryan Gill (TMP) 16, Bradley Felstead (MTR) 16

“C” GRADE – DON SMITH SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
SCORESBY	3RDS	42	81	
LILYDALE	3RDS	52	79	
NORTH RINGWOOD	4THS	51	78	
WARRANTYTE	3RDS	29	60	
NORWOOD	3RDS	32	51	
MONTROSE	4THS	22	25	
WONGA PARK	4THS	6	17	
EASTFIELD	3RDS	- 3	- 3	

You will note that Eastfield finished with a negative points tally and that came about as a result of a rule change which saw a points penalty applied for a forfeit with the timing of advice to Senior Secretary dictating whether it was a 4 or 8 point penalty and Eastfield had one of each.

Entering the last round, Scoresby was 3rd but an outright against Montrose saw them leap above Lilydale and North Ringwood, even though both won.

The Elimination final was a nailbiter with North Ringwood (8/267) taking the last three Warrantyte wickets, without addition to the score, to win by two runs, with two balls remaining. The last of the wickets was a direct hit run-out and along with Houdini escapes became a repetitive theme as you will see when you read on.

In the Qualifying final, Lilydale (199) kept Scoresby (172) at bay.

The Preliminary final saw North Ringwood compile 129 and then bowl Scoresby out for 127, the last wicket again being a direct hit run out.

The Grand final was played at Lilydale and umpired by Martien Pruyzers and Ian Spencer. Play eventually started mid afternoon and North Ringwood had compiled 4/84 from 50 overs when darkness brought a halt. North Ringwood (120) was eventually dismissed in the 70th over, which left Lilydale plenty of time to receive its full allocation. Things went awry from fairly early on and, at 6/62, North Ringwood had the upper hand. The last pair came together at 9/96 and eked the score to 113, in the 65th, before another direct hit run out capped a fantastic and somewhat unbelievable finals series for North Ringwood.

Members of the premiership team:

Jason Fraser (C), Ben Lannen, Dan Whitty, Mitch Court, Peter Daly, Nathan Browne, Matthew Nuthall, Matthew Hepburn, Alex Browne, Lachlan Reymont, Dale Gaskell, Rod Stuart (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Matthew Goss (LYD) 449, Ben Lannen (NRI) 444, Ryan Hoiberg (WDT) 402, Mark Wilson (NOW) 316, Adam Tuppenney (NOW) 306, Cameron Day (WDT) 280, Greg Gardam (MTR) 278

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Ryley Reardon (WDT) 20, Mark Wilson (NOW) 19, Dan Whitty (NRI) 18, Mitchell Anderson (SBY) 17, Ethan Ward (WDT) 17, Matthew Hepburn (NRI) 15

“D” GRADE – JOHN SPRINGETT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
SOUTH CROYDON	3RDS	64	103	
ST ANDREWS	4THS	60	79	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	2NDS	28	55	
KILSYTH	4THS	18	37	
CROYDON RANGES	4THS	20	31	
NORTH RINGWOOD	5THS	- 3	- 3	

“D” Grade Cont’d

This grade started with 8 teams but Croydon North and South Warrandyte both forfeited in Rds 3,4 &5 and withdrew their teams at this point. North Ringwood forfeited three times and were penalized 20 points in total, resulting in the negative end tally. South Croydon were the dominant team from early on and did not lose a game, with St Andrews seeming the only challenger. The last round saw Kilsyth defeat Croydon Ranges to claim a finals place.

In the Elimination final, Kilsyth (8/200) posted a good total but could not hold out Heathmont Baptist (6/202) The Qualifying final got barely 10 overs into the second day, as St Andrews was dismissed for 76 and South Croydon reached 3/133 before a halt was called.

The Preliminary final saw Heathmont Baptist total 196 and then restrict St Andrews to 9/144 at the close.

The Grand final was played at Cheong Park and umpired by Ray Baird and Peter Gawne.

Again another game that got underway mid afternoon with Heathmont Baptist being dismissed for 71 in 51 overs and South Croydon were 2/15 when stumps was called. The game did not go long into the second day as South Croydon (4/75) picked off the target in 24 overs.

Members of the premiership team:

Brendan Hooker (C), Duncan Tull, Jay Winneke, Jacob Mason, Connor Haworth-Hooker, Tarran Van Egmond, Chris Brown, Jordan Wynne, Ryan Lacey, Stephen Laurie-Sanders, Jay Dimitrov, Chris Le (12th)

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Brendan Hooker (SCR) 480, Amos Redfern (CRR) 277, David Bailey (STA) 231, Craig Noske (HMB) 227, Patrick Moilanen (KIL) 198, Jay Winneke (SCR) 198, Dave Cann (STA) 198

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Phillip Hall (STA) 22, Michael Kerr (STA) 17, Brenton Millott (STA) 17, Ben Pietz (KIL) 16, Lecia Baldry (KIL) 15, Christopher Brown (SCR) 14

“E” GRADE – NEIL TULL SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WONGA PARK	5THS	64	99	
CROYDON RANGES	5THS	48	70	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3RDS	20	55	
BORONIA	4THS	42	53	1.34
WARRANDYTE	4THS	34	53	0.87
WANTIRNA SOUTH	4THS	18	37	
ST ANDREWS	5THS	18	29	

Originally, there were eight teams in this grade but Scoresby withdrew after Rd.5 and thus there was a “bye” in each following round. Wonga Park was another team to not lose during the season, Croydon Ranges held their ground and Chirnside Park showed some impressive late season form. Boronia’s only post Xmas points came from the heat out draw and a “bye” but that was sufficient to just hold fourth spot.

Chirnside Park (203) continued on in the Elimination final to oust Boronia (9/179)

The Qualifying final saw the mercy rule invoked at end of day one as Croydon Ranges (73) were overrun by Wonga Park (2/114)

In the Preliminary final, Croydon Ranges (129) made Chirnside Park (8/133) use 75 overs to reach the target

The Grand final was played at Wonga Park and umpired by Ian McCallum and Keith Richardson.

Day one was aborted after a handful of overs due to bowlers slipping in their delivery stride so it reverted to a One day match. Chirnside Park (99) was bowled out in 35 overs and the Wonga Park top order batsmen wasted no time in scoring 2/100 from less than 12 overs.

“E” Grade Cont’d

Members of the premiership team:

Anthony Uhr-Henry (C), Alex Petrovic, Paul Doevelaar, Peter Clark, Wayne Hartley, Glen Uhr-Henry, Chris Kent, Shaun Foster, Ashley Parker, Thomas Uhr-Henry, Darren Hawley, Matthew Falls, Craig Meadows

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Glen Uhr-Henry (WOP) 547, Darren Hawley (WOP) 508, Aaron Corris (CSP) 379, Shaun Foster (WOP) 346, Anthony Uhr-Henry (WOP) 311, Jason Paisley (CRR) 309, Trevor Nanscawen (CRR) 285

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Glen Uhr-Henry (WOP) 21, Paul Doevelaar (WOP) 18, Steve Chettle (STA) 18, Steve Ward (CRR) 17, Peter Clark (WOP) 15, Thomas Uhr-Henry (WOP) 15

“F” GRADE – ANN PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
AINSLIE PARK	4THS	54	89	
BAYSWATER PARK	4THS	36	71	
WARRANWOOD	4THS	34	61	
LILYDALE	4THS	42	53	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	4THS	26	37	
NORWOOD	4THS	22	25	0.81
MONTROSE	5THS	6	25	0.80
SCORESBY	4THS	8	11	

During the season, Scoresby lost 20 points due to forfeits. As can be seen, the finalists were nearly set at the Xmas break and that played out in ensuing games, with a little shuffling of positions.

This was the highest of the modified rules grades, wherein two day games are split innings and it is knockout semi finals, followed by a Grand final. As such, this and following grades finished a week earlier than those above and were not impacted by the weather that came in the following Saturday.

Ainslie Park, who had defeated Lilydale in the last round, repeated that result when they set a target (9/309) that Lilydale (182) could not match. The other final saw Bayswater Park (7/227), batting first and last, chase down the Warranwood total of 8/223 cc, with five overs to spare.

The Grand final was played at Ainslie Park and umpired by Keith Richardson and Rodney Paisley. Ainslie Park was asked to bat first and when eventually chasing the target set by Bayswater Park (9/244cc) they were dismissed for 216 in the 68th over.

Members of the premiership team:

Ray Kazar (C), Thomas Mills, Timothy Court, Bailey Foran, Mick Robbins, Christopher Robbins, Aalap Gandhi, Eoin Fay, Ralph Wellington, Romesh Martinus, Brad Sweeten, Cooper Bevis, Peter Colosimo

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Adin Short (NOW) 368, Thomas Mills (BYP) 315, Matthew Rooks (WWD) 288, Michael Cuffe (LYD) 269, Eoin Fay (BYP) 246, Brett Smart (LYD) 243, John Ridley (APK) 243

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Ryan Willmott (APK) 18, Reid Allsopp (SWT) 17, Michael Cuffe (LYD) 16, David Woolley (LYD) 16, Adin Short (NOW) 13, Mitchell Goetz (SWT) 13

“G” GRADE – IAN DENCH SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
MOOROOLBARK	3RDS	57	84	
SOUTH CROYDON	4THS	46	80	
TEMPLETON	3RDS	40	75	
LILYDALE	5THS	28	55	
EAST RINGWOOD	4THS	23	34	
CROYDON RANGES	6THS	12	31	
KILSYTH	5THS	12	15	

This grade comprised of 8 teams at the outset but Eastfield withdrew after Rd.6, which created a Bye in ensuing rounds. Lilydale lost 12 points and Kilsyth 4 due to forfeits. Mooroolbark and South Croydon rotated places at the top over the last few rounds and Templeton had good late season form, including a last round win against South Croydon.

Mooroolbark (5/173), after electing to bat first, ran down the Lilydale target (170) with many overs in the bank. The other semi was a closely fought tussle with Templeton (7/134), batting last, having to use 74 overs to get past South Croydon (133 in 65 overs).

The grand final was played at Montrose Reserve and umpired by Craig Chappel and Chris Dey. Templeton asked Mooroolbark to bat first and last but was then unable to defend their tally of 179 as Mooroolbark reached 6/184 with plenty of overs up the sleeve.

Members of the premiership team:

Brynn Jones (C), Darryn Fisk, Paul Jones, Brent Smith, Jack Woodford, Joel Nathan, Aden Higgins, Tim Meredith, Damien Meilak, Ron Taylor, Aaron Leonard, Bryce Woods

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Darryn Fisk (MOO) 336, Andrew Hathaway (TMP) 327, Ken Trollope (MOO) 285, Jack Larkin (SCR) 267, Mark Jackson (EAR) 239, Jamie Atkinson (EAR) 239

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Aaron Williamson (SCR) 21, Ken Trollope (MOO) 20, Aaron Leonard (MOO) 19, Matthew Wilton (LYD) 18, Ben Camfield (TMP) 13, Jack Dellaca (CRR) 13

“H” GRADE – JOHN MACMILLAN SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WONGA PARK	5THS	48	83	
ST ANDREWS	6THS	32	67	
WARRANTYTE	5THS	34	61	
WANTIRNA	2NDS	32	55	
BORONIA	5THS	30	41	
CROYDON NORTH	4THS	14	25	
AINSLIE PARK	5THS	14	21	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	3RDS	12	19	

Croydon North was penalised 16 points and Boronia 8 points, for forfeits, yet the latter was still in finals contention with a couple of rounds to go. The top two were clearly the form teams entering the finals.

Wonga Park made short work of their semi when dismissing Wantirna for 68 (26 overs) and then compiling 1/69 in 21 overs to end proceedings.

“H” Grade Cont’d

The other semi went right to the last wicket, with St Andrews posting 161 then Warrandyte, after being 6/150, had to rely on the last wicket to eke out three runs to get over the line, all out 162.

The Grand final was played at Wonga Park and umpired by John Jacob and Roger Dunkley. Warrandyte won the toss and asked Wonga Park to bat first and last. Warrandyte (202) used all bar an over and a bit to post their total and the game went down to three overs to go before Wonga (6/204) ran out victors.

Members of the premiership team:

Darren Walton (C), Zach Walton, Bailey Walton, Jackson Colledge, Garry Harwood, Justin White, Michael MacLennan, Phil Ballagh, James Thomas, Gareth Curran, Michael Carusi, Marcus Walker, Jason Dines

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Stuart Wynd (STA) 685, Drew El Moussalli (WDT) 419, Justin White (WOP) 406, Chris Jackson (WDT) 379, David Sykes (APK) 364, Stuart Dunk (WOP) 331, Neil Pitt (HMB) 300.

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Bradley Walton (WOP) 22, Stuart Wynd (STA) 21, Ben Beveridge (WAN) 19, Phil Ballagh (WOP) 18, Anthony Miller (BOR) 17, Stuart Dunk (WOP) 15.

“I” GRADE – TIMOTHY COURT SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WARRANWOOD	5THS	54	77	
NORTH RINGWOOD	6THS	46	65	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	5THS	36	59	
TEMPLETON	4THS	34	57	
CROYDON RANGES	7THS	20	47	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	5THS	26	41	
MONTROSE	6THS	16	38	

This grade comprised of only seven teams from the outset so there was a Bye each round. Montrose and Wantirna South incurred four point penalties for forfeiting. Croydon Ranges and Montrose had a bit more success after the break but the top four comfortably held their positions.

Warranwood (8/224) put Templeton (175) in to bat first and then comfortably kept them at bay. North Ringwood (246) employed the same tactic and also was able to hold out Wantirna South (213)

The grand final was played at Quambee Reserve and umpired by Colin Dandridge and Noel Gilbert. North Ringwood (6/232cc) again asked the opposition to bat first and looked to be heading to a comfortable victory when Warranwood was 9/175. The last pair did a great job to push the score to 220 before the innings ended after 67 overs.

Members of the premiership team:

Colin Rule (C), Nicholas Rule, Cameron O’Donnell, Lachlan O’Donnell, Gavan Rodda, Nathan Rodda, Faysal Soufi, Daniel Roe, Jett Carter, Keagan Jones, Corey Rennison, Lachlan Stewart.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Andrew Begg (WWD) 547, Cameron O’Donnell (NRI) 490, Jorgen Romjin (WWD) 347, Mark Boehmer (CRR) 299, Brad Wood (CRR) 293, Sean Meehan (TMP) 273, Nishith Dave (TMP) 262

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Cameron O’Donnell (NRI) 16, Bradley Cray (WWD) 16, William Fasan (SWT) 14, Lachlan Felsch (MTR) 14, Russell Gray (WWD) 13

“J” GRADE – TONY GAWNE SHIELD

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
SOUTH CROYDON	5THS	46	81	
MOOROOLBARK	4THS	54	73	
EASTFIELD	5THS	22	45	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	4THS	20	39	
ST ANDREWS	7THS	24	31	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	4THS	14	25	

The six teams listed comprised the grade for the whole season and obviously saw a bit of each other. After Xmas, interest lay in who might make up third and fourth on the ladder as the top two teams were dominant. Entering the last round, St Andrews needed to defeat Mooroolbark (they didn't) and hope Eastfield lost to Heathmont Baptist (they didn't). Chirnside seemed safe with reasonable percentage, but it wasn't needed when they too lost.

Bit of a common theme to finals in this grade, as all teams that batted first won and all of the games saw a result achieved within less than an hour on the second day.

South Croydon (7/137) edged past Chirnside Park (131)
Mooroolbark (4/120) easily chased down the Eastfield target (114)

The Grand final was played at Cheong Park and umpired by John Hall and Austin Acker. Runs were a bit hard to come by in this game and although South Croydon recovered from 7/40 to total 86, it was always going to be a tall order and so it proved with Mooroolbark (5/87) running out victors.

Members of the premiership team:

Justin King (C), Bolek Harbuz, Jarrod McDowell, Jeffrey Matthews, Jimmy Bent, Salman Faiz, Adrian Danisch, John Cameron, Shane Donovan, Matthew King, Sam Bucello, Jaylan Ross

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

Stewart Walker (ESF) 484, Viet Duong (STA) 466, Dwayne Smith (HMB) 453, Dale Mathias (SCR) 383, Paul Taylor (ESF) 324, Mark Warne (HMB) 315, Justin King (MOO) 299, Robert Brosnan (ESF) 298

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Shane Donovan (MOO) 22, Patrick McChrystal (MOO) 18, Matthew Paull (SCR) 18, Brendan Robnik (ESF) 17, Jaylan Ross (MOO) 16, Jack Raukola (SCR) 15.

“K” GRADE

TEAM		Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WARRANTYTE	6THS	56	83	
WONGA PARK	7THS	50	81	
CROYDON RANGES	8THS	28	51	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	5THS	20	39	
ST ANDREWS	8THS	22	25	
BAYSWATER PARK	5THS	0	11	

This grade also comprised the same six teams for the season and Bayswater Park lost 12 points early in the season as a result of forfeits. The top two were dominant and the other four on another level, with all bar Bayswater Park still in the finals race with two rounds to go.

Captain's winning the toss decided to go the other way and in each game put the opposition in to bat. Warrantyte (9/215) was able to defend that score in dismissing Chirnside Park (170)
Wonga Park rubbed it in when amassing 3/310 in reply to the Croydon Ranges target of 107.

“K Grade Cont’d

The Grand final was played at Warrandyte main ground and umpired by Lothar Pilz and Doug Dowling. Warrandyte (9/168cc) would have fancied their chances when they had reduced Wonga Park to 7/130 but the next partnership changed the game and Wonga got over the line (8/169) with five balls to spare.

Members of Premiership team:

Tim George (C), Harrison George, Michael Larder, Thomas Larder, Nick Daniel, Dylan Daniel, Michael Brendle, Jarrod Brendle, Scott Parker, Tyler Parker, Damien Osborn, Jordan Osborn, Paul Rollo.

Leading run-getters (excluding finals):

John Cuthbertson (STA) 506, Daynah Hopkins (CRR) 304, Travis Jackson (WDT) 294, Bailey Thomas (WDT) 289, Dennis Tanzen (TMP) 284, Dylan Daniel (WOP) 274, Glenn Wyngaard (CSP) 250

Leading wicket-takers (excluding finals):

Graham Rees (WDT) 15, Dennis Tanzen (STA) 15, Jarrod Hillam (BYP) 14, Nick Daniel (WOP) 14, Halley Simpson (WDT) 14, Paul Basford (CSP) 14, Warwick Baker (CRR) 13.

HIGH ACHIEVERS DURING 2017/18 SEASON

(includes finals performances)

Trollope Shield:

Ryan Smith (LYD)	8/102
Sam Ridgwell (NRI)	7/38
Kyle Colosimo (BYP)	7/88

Wilkins Cup:

Toby Ford (WOP)	110, 106no
Sam Storey (NOW)	108, 106
Wayne Ross (MOO)	7/26
Tyson Henry (TMP)	7/103

Stuart Newey Plate:

Shane Findlay (CNT)	161no, 117no, 109
Dwayne Paisley (STA)	103, 103
Tom Peter-Budge (SWT)	143no
Lucas Williams (SWT)	7/52

Steve Pascoe Shield:

Jackson Ford (WOP)	122, 104
Jesse Christiansen (BYP)8/87	

Pat Meehan Shield

Jai Beaton (SCR)	144
Gerard McIlroy (WWD)	8/23
Braeden Gordon (HMB) 7/34	

“A” Grade:

Mark Razdan (NRI)	124, 117
Leigh Rigby (NRI)	8/50
Travis Tyszkiewicz (KIL)	7/27
Matthew Reyment (NRI) 7/27	

“B” Grade:

Mark Farrell (MTR)	109no, 107
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“C” Grade:

Ryan Hoiberg (WDT)	135no, 108, 100
Warren Ashby (WOP)	183
Matthew Goss (LYD)	144
Daniel Jones (LYD)	7/9
David Irvine (NOW)	7/26

“E” Grade

Luke Warren (WDT)	7/42
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“F” Grade:

Jamie Purdon (SBY)	8/38
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“G” Grade

Andrew Hathaway (TMP)	112no, 100no
Aaron Leonard (MOO) 5/14, 5/23	

“H” Grade

Stuart Wynd (STA)	117no, 105no
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“I” Grade

Cameron O’Donnell (NRI)	115no, 105no
Andrew Begg (WWD)	100no, 100no
Nishith Dave (TMP)	103, 100no

AWARD WINNERS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Phil McCallum award

Top 4	Points
North Ringwood	23.20
Wonga Park	22.94
Lilydale	22.93
Ainslie Park	20.05

SPIRIT OF CRICKET TROPHY – Ron Ellis award

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

Winner Warranwood Pat Meehan Shield

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 team captains after each round)

Winner Tony Gawne

FRED HODGKINS ALL STAR TEAM OF THE YEAR

(Player statistics do not include finals games).

Michael King (South Croydon)	Capt	623 runs
Oliver Brown (South Croydon)		594 runs
Ryan Smith (Lilydale)		390 runs and 21 wickets
Jake Crowe (Montrose)		405 runs and 17 wickets
Michael Edwards (Montrose)		407 runs
Aaron Leis (North Ringwood)		361 runs, 12 catches and 5 stumpings
Michael Scott (North Ringwood)		304 runs and 22 wickets
Mark Arnot (Ainslie Park)		27 wickets
Glyn James (South Croydon)		34 wickets
Luke Ridgwell (North Ringwood)		26 wickets
Luke Killey (Warrandyte)		32 wickets

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Lindsay Trollope Shield	Michael King (18)	South Croydon
Bill Wilkins Medal – Bill Wilkins Cup	Sean De Kretser (16)	Norwood
Stuart Newey Medal - Stuart Newey Plate	Maharshi Pandya (17)	Scoresby
Steve Pascoe Medal – Steve Pascoe Shield	Mark Unternahrer (12)	Kilsyth
Pat Meehan Medal – Pat Meehan Shield	Craig Staggard (13)	Lilydale

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Meehan Shield **Craig Staggard** **(Lilydale)** **625 points**
(65 runs, 9 assisted and 30 un-assisted wickets, 4 catches)

Pascoe Shield: **Mark Unternahrer** **(Kilsyth)** **488 points**
(198 runs, 17 assisted and 5 un-assisted wickets, 9 catches)

Newey Plate **Dylan Cuthbertson** **(St Andrews)** **788 points**
(423 runs, 23 assisted and 7 un-assisted wickets, 4 catches, 1 un-assisted run-out))

Wilkins Cup **Toby Ford** **(Wonga Park)** **752 points**
(567 runs, 22 catches, 6 stumpings, 1 assisted and 1 un-assisted run-out)

Trollope Shield **Michael King** **(South Croydon)** **678 points**
(623 runs, 4 catches, 3 assisted and 2 un-assisted run-outs)

Under 21 player of the season **Luke Killey** **Warrandyte**

BATTING and BOWLING AVERAGES

(Qualifying criteria is as follows: A batsman must bat in at least half the matches played by the team in the particular grade for the season and score more than 250 runs in that grade (for Modified grades it is 200 runs). A bowler must bowl in at least half the matches played in the particular grade. In Trollope, Wilkins, Newey, Pascoe and Meehan, a bowler must deliver not less than 480 balls and take not less than 20 wickets, In the Modified grades it is 300 and 15 and all other grades it is 360 and 20. The Senior Committee may vary these conditions under special circumstances).

Trollope Shield	Bowling	Michael Scott (North Ringwood) (best 5/8, 3/22, 3/29)	22 wkts @ 11.95
	Batting	Michael King (South Croydon) (8 /50's, best 76no)	623 runs @ 69.22
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Wayne Ross (Mooroolbark) (best 7/26 & 4/10 same game, 4/32)	33 wkts @ 7.94
	Batting	Thomas Hancock (Wonga Park) (2/50's, best 88no)	312 runs @ 62.40
Newey Plate	Bowling	Liam Thomas (Eastfield) (best 6/83, 5/17, 4/23)	23 wkts @ 10.43
	Batting	Shane Findlay (Croydon North) (2/100's, 2/50's, best 117no)	560 runs @ 46.67
Pascoe Shield	Bowling	Andrew Jones (Wantirna South) (best 4/23, 3/13, 3/34)	20 wkts @ 12.20
	Batting	Jackson Ford (Wonga Park) (2/100's, best 122)	412 runs @ 45.78
Meehan Shield	Bowling	Craig Staggard (Lilydale) (best 5/22 and 4 fa five times)	39 wkts @ 8.49
	Batting	Jai Beaton (South Croydon) (1/100, 1/50, best 144)	304 runs @ 38.00

A Grade	Bowling	Leigh Rigby (North Ringwood) (best 8/50, 3 fa three times)	25 wkts @ 15.80
	Batting	Mark Razdan (North Ringwood) (1/100, 3/50's, best 117)	370 runs @ 74.00
B Grade	Bowling	Ryan Christie (Eastfield) (best 6/35, 4/10, 4/19, 4/28)	24 wkts @ 12.17
	Batting	Mark Farrell (Montrose) (1/100, 3/50's, best 107)	436 runs @ 48.44
C Grade	Bowling	Ryley Reardon (Warrandyte) (best 4/11, 3/11)	20 wkts @ 20.10
	Batting	Matthew Goss (Lilydale) (1/100, 3/50's, best 144)	489 runs @ 69.86
D Grade	Bowling	Phillip Hall (St Andrews) (best 4/20, 3 fa four times)	22 wkts @ 13.32
	Batting	Brendan Hooker (South Croydon) (1/100, 3/50's, best 120)	480 runs @ 48.00
E Grade	Bowling	Glen Uhr-Henry (Wonga Park) (best 5/13, 4/28)	21 wkts @ 10.62
	Batting	Anthony Uhr-Henry (Wonga Park) (3/50's, best 73no)	311 runs @ 103.67
F Grade	Bowling	Ryan Willmott (Ainslie Park) (best 5/15, 3/11, 3/12)	18 wkts @ 8.28
	Batting	Thomas Mills (Bayswater Park) (4/50's, best 81)	315 runs @ 63.00
G Grade	Bowling	Aaron Leonard (Mooroolbark) (best 5/14, 4/12)	19 wkts @ 9.63
	Batting	Andrew Hathaway (Templeton) (2/100's, 1 /50, best 112no)	327 runs @ 81.75
H Grade	Bowling	Phil Ballagh (Wonga Park) (best 3/4 , 3/12, 3/19)	18 wkts @ 8.00
	Batting	Stuart Wynd (St Andrews) (2/100's, 6/50's, best 117no)	685 runs @ 171.25
I Grade	Bowling	Cameron O'Donnell (North Ringwood) (best 4/16, 3/6)	16 wkts @ 15.88
	Batting	Andrew Begg (Warranwood) (2/100's, 5 /50's, best 100no)	547 runs @ 273.50
J Grade	Bowling	Patrick McChrystal (Mooroolbark) (best 3/14, 3/15, 3/25)	18 wkts @ 9.44
	Batting	Dale Mathias (South Croydon) (1/100, 3/50's, best 102no)	383 runs @ 76.60
K Grade	Bowling	Graham Rees (Warrandyte) (best 3/2 , 3/20, 3/24)	15 wkts @ 9.93
	Batting	John Cuthbertson (St Andrews) (1/100, 6/50's, best 106no)	506 runs @ 72.29

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2017/18

Wonga Park	43	(4)	Lilydale	22	(4)
Wantirna South	34	(6)	Norwood	21	(3)
East Ringwood	33	(7)	Bayswater Park	21	(2)
Mooroolbark	32	(10)	Warranwood	18*	(7)
Ainslie Park	31	(4)	Wantirna	17	(5)
North Ringwood	29	(6)	Chirnside Park	14	(5)
Croydon Ranges	27*	(6)	South Warrandyte	13	(5)
St Andrews	26	(5)	South Croydon	12	(5)
Templeton	26	(4)	Boronia	11	(0)
Kilsyth	25	(1)	Eastfield	10	(3)
Croydon North	24	(9)	Scoresby	10*	(2)
Warrandyte	24	(4)	Heathmont Baptist	2	(1)
Montrose	22	(5)			

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 totals include premierships won by Scoresby Ferndale.

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2009/10

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

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 2010/11-2017/18

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

	TROLLOPE	WILKINS	NEWHEY
10/11	Mooroolbark	Warranwood	Wantirna South (2nds)
11/12	Warranwood	Ainslie Park	Eastfield

2012/13 saw the creation of an additional major grade with 10 teams in each grade

	TROLLOPE	WILKINS	NEWHEY	PASCOE
12/13	Wantirna South	St Andrews	Wantirna South (2nds)	Templeton (2nds)
13/14	Warranwood	Templeton	North Ringwood (2nds)	East Ringwood (2nds)
14/15	South Croydon	Warrandyte	Wantirna South (2nds)	Scoresby Ferndale
15/16	Wantirna South	Lilydale	North Ringwood (2nds)	Montrose (2nds)
16/17	Wantirna South	Montrose	Norwood (2nds)	Croydon Ranges (2nds)

2017/18 saw the creation of and additional major grade with 8 teams in each grade.

	TROLLOPE	WILKINS	NEWHEY	PASCOE	MEEHAN
17/18	Lilydale	East Ringwood	Croydon Ranges	Bayswater Park (2nds)	South Croydon (2nds)



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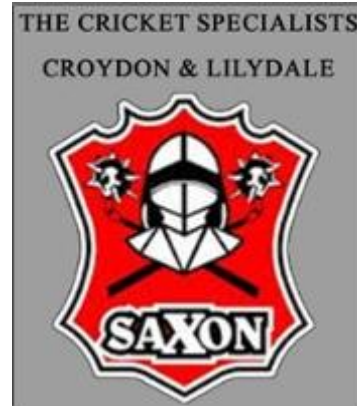
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SAXON SPORTS CHALLENGE – RDCA 20/20 COMPETITIONS



The RDCA's Senior T20 competition continued again this season with some significant changes to its structure. This is also the 10th Season of Saxon Sports sponsorship of this format so thank you again to Paul Attfield and all the team at Saxon Sports for not only their tremendous support of this competition but of the RDCA in general.

This season saw a move away from four geographically located pools all competing for one trophy to three graded divisions – Trollope, Wilkins & Newey competing for their grade trophies. This change led to a more even competition which saw the majority of clubs have at least one win and one loss during the four preliminary rounds.

We also saw for the first time since the 2010/2011 season all clubs with a 1st XI participating in the competition. The feedback on these changes has been positive and the Senior Committee has received plenty of other suggestions which will be considered for this constantly evolving competition moving forward.

This season saw the teams arranged by their 1st XI grades of eight which were then divided into two pools of four based on geography. These teams played each other once in the preliminary Tuesday night rounds with the top 6 teams from the combined pools progressing to the 'Super Sunday' round.

This saw a 1v6, 2v5 & 3v4 draw all on the same day with the top four progressing to the semi-finals in a 1v4 & 2v3 scenario. The winner of the Semi's progressed to the Grand Final.

Trollope

The Semi Final results were as follows:

North Ringwood 3/82 defeated Ainslie Park 78 (S Ridgwell 4/18, S Gray 3/17)

Montrose 4/106 defeated Wantirna South 104

Grand Final – Montrose 4/136 defeated North Ringwood 6/135

The Trollope Grand Final was played at Montrose Reserve with Barry Johnson and Leigh Murray as umpires. North Ringwood won the toss and elected to bat and got off to a good start not losing their first wicket until 49. From there they struggled to regain momentum and despite a 41 from Glenn Ibbott they ended up 6/135 after their 20 overs. In response Montrose batted with confidence and with Michael Edwards 40 not out and Matt McKane's 33 they chased down the Bulls score four down with twenty balls to spare.

Wilkins

The Semi Final results were as follows:

Warranwood 3/125 (J Spurrell 48, C Moore 39) defeated Wonga Park 8/124 (J McDonell 32, M Barca 3/12).
East Ringwood 1/137 (M Crowle 44*, M Cook 39*, S Nichol 31) defeated Norwood 134 (W De Krester 40, S Nichol 3/20).

Grand Final – East Ringwood 7/133 defeated Warranwood 6/132

The Wilkins Grand Final was played at East Ringwood with Steve Pascoe and Shawn Everitt umpiring. The toss was won by East Ringwood who sent Warranwood into bat. East Ringwood struck early with Warranwood finding themselves 2/12 early in the innings. A great innings from Brendan Moore of 47 not out and a 44 from Andrew Spittle saw Warranwood recover to post 6/132 after their 20 overs. In reply East Ringwood also found themselves in trouble early being 2/9 but a solid 57 run partnership from Michael Cook and Taylor Gibson saw them get back into the match. Warranwood then took 3/2 to regain the ascendancy with East now at 5/68. Enter Daniel Collier whose match winning performance of 46 not out saw East Ringwood win the flag with nine balls and three wickets to spare.

Newey

The Semi Final results were as follows:

South Warrandyte 6/200 (J Fasan 69, B Kulasena 31, T Peter-Budge 30, S Lindsay 3/38) defeated Croydon Ranges 115 (S Lindsay 37, G Spencer 32*, T Peter-Budge 5/36).

St Andrews 6/133 (M Sutherland 40, R Murray 3/25) defeated Scoresby 8/131 (A Anderson 38, K Croxford 38*, M Plant 3/12).

Grand Final – South Warrandyte 5/128 defeated St Andrews 7/127

The Newey Grand Final was played at JW Manson Reserve with Martin Clohesy and Andy Laws umpiring. St Andrews won the toss and elected to bat first. The Saints started off with a solid 39 run partnership but then lost 3/6. They then put on another 27 runs before losing another 3/2 and ended up 7/127 at the end of their 20 overs. In reply South Warrandyte also got off to a solid start until losing their first 2 wickets at 44. From that point on the match remained incredibly tight with a premiership winning 53 not out from Josh Barrett proving the difference and seeing the Hawks win the flag with 1 ball to spare.

Congratulations to Montrose, East Ringwood and South Warrandyte on their premierships this season. Thanks again to Saxon Sports, Paul Atfield, all our umpires, club volunteers and the players for supporting this format of cricket in the RDCA.

Matt Thomas
T20 Co-ordinator



NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

The following players represented the RDCA in the Vic Metro Cricket Union's Under 21 Competition this season:

Dillon Bettess	Ainslie Park	Tristan Webb	Wantirna South
Joel Merrett	South Croydon	Zac Staggard	South Croydon
David Killen	Ainslie Park	Wil Fleming	Kilsyth
Lincoln Wong	Templeton	Jake Gilbert	Lilydale
Tyson Henry	Templeton	Jai Beaton	South Croydon
Mitchell Crozier	South Croydon	Michael Hendley	Croydon Ranges
Luke Killey	Warrandyte	Aaron Anderson	Scoresby
Jack Henderson	South Croydon	Braden Taeuber	Eastfield
Aaron Leis	North Ringwood		

We started the competition as the hunted after winning the shield the year before. Our squad saw some familiar faces and some new talent introduced and keen to step up.

Match Results

Game 1 was at Schrams Reserve, against VTCA, who have been a stumbling block for us in recent times. We hit the ground running being sent in to bat with a steady flow of runs before we lost some valuable wickets to be 4/53 with Hendley and Beaton coming together. What followed was an entertaining 50 run partnership of which Jai Beaton got 37 at better than a run a ball to give us a platform to post a competitive score. Michael Hendley batted well to finish on 68n.o but it was his 40 run partnership with Zac Staggard (11no) at the end that enabled us to post a very good 8/191. Our bowlers were superb after the lunch interval and consistently took wickets and kept pressure on. We were entertained by a great bowling partnership of Luke Killey 4/23 and Jake Gilbert 5/29 who ripped the heart out of the opposition bowling them out for 141.

Game 2 was at Bayswater against West Gippsland. It was the complete opposite to our previous effort with the boys unable to adapt to conditions while batting and throwing away starts to put too much pressure on batsmen down the order to be all out 125 (Merrett 26, Henry 20, Fleming 18, Anderson 14). To compound things we were out in the 31st over, unable to bat our overs. When we bowled we were unable to build pressure with the lack of runs and a couple of dropped catches we were always up against it as West Gippsland reached 4/130 (Merrett 1/6, Killen 1/11, Killey 1/23, Webb 1/27)

Game 3 was against ECA at Ian Johnson oval and it saw a much improved effort restricting ECA to 145 with Killey 3/19, Webb 2/23 and Crozier 2/31 all bowling well. Unfortunately we were only able to make 131 in reply and narrowly go down. Jai Beaton in his first year once again played well and finished with 42, Jake Gilbert 23n.o and Luke Killey 13 had a last ditch crack to get us over the line but we fell just short.

A Special mention to Braden Taeuber who turned up each week, while injured, and fielded when needed and made sure he was part of the team and helped where he could. Congratulations also go to Luke Killey on his selection in the Team of the Carnival.

Thanks to Saxon Sport for their continued support with the training facilities and generosity to the boys. That is also extended to Pat Meehan who spends countless hours behind the scenes, working to ensure the boys get to play on the best grounds available. Not only the U/21's but the whole RDCA Junior involvement in junior carnivals. Thanks also to the parents who assisted with making lunches and assisting with other tasks when asked.

Once again it was great to be involved with the boys and to watch their growth as young cricketers and future stars of our competition. In closing, the biggest thanks goes to the clubs for getting behind the competition and the players themselves for committing to the competition.

Craig Staggard
Coach/Team Manager

ECA /BHRDCA/RDCA Representative Matches

RDCA competed in our annual T20 challenge against BHRDCA and ECA on Sunday 19 November 2017 with Box Hill Reporter CA hosting the event at Templestowe Reserve.

Trollope group was:

Ollie Brown, David Mitchell, David Killen, Ryan Smith, Michael Scott, Todd Cordwell, Marcus Baxter, Luke Ridgwell, Marcus Adams, Jake Gilbert and Jake Tucker.

Wilkins/Newey group was:

Marc Steiner, Lincoln Wong, Rob Clarke, Glen Gromodovski, Matt Nelson, Blake Smith, Will Fleming, Andy Wu, Brian Kulasena, Jamie Bliss, Charlie Baker

Trollope team

Game 1

BHRDCA 6/157

J Gilbert 2/31, R Smith 2/12, L Ridgwell 1/29, M Adams 1/18

RDCA 5/159 after 17 overs

J Tucker 50, D Killen 41, M Baxter 34, R Smith 21

Game 2

RDCA 9/154

J Tucker 43, R Smith 38, D Mitchell 18

ECA 7/131 after 20 overs

J Tucker 2/16, L Ridgwell 2/24

Wilkins/Newey team

Game 1

BHRDCA all out for 105

R Clarke 3/6, M Steiner 3/14, B Kulasena 2/31

RDCA 3/106 after 15.5 overs

B Smith 57 no, J Bliss 33 no

Game 2

ECA 8/141

M Nelson 2/14, A Wu 2/13

RDCA 5/145 after 15 overs

W Fleming 35, L Wong 49, B Kulasena 29

Annual RDCA “All Stars” v Ringwood Rams

The match was to be played on Wednesday 15 November but was unfortunately abandoned just prior to the start of play due to heavy storms.

The RDCA team selected was Aryton Dehmel (captain), David Killen, Jack Henderson, Jake Gilbert, Jarrod McPhee, Lincoln Wong, Luke Ridgwell, Marcus Baxter, Michael Edwards, Oliver Brown, Todd Cordwell and Tristan Webb.

Thanks to all the players that made themselves available and to my fellow selectors Marc Steiner and Andy Wu, Michael King and Pat Meehan for assisting with match arrangements with Ringwood CC.

Mat Parker
Players Representative Senior Committee

Senior Premiership teams



Lilydale – Trollope Shield



East Ringwood – Wilkins Cup



Croydon Ranges – Newey Plate



Bayswater Park – Pascoe Shield



South Croydon – Meehan Shield



Ainslie Park – "A" Grade



Mooroolbark – "B" Grade



North Ringwood – "C" Grade



South Croydon – “D” Grade



Wonga Park – “F” Grade



Bayswater Park – “F” Grade



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