



A. (Alan) Reidy - 1967/1968

Alan was born at Kilmore, Victoria and was educated in Kilmore before attending East Kew Central School.

Alan's local cricket career started at East Ringwood at the age of 13 but later, after marrying Eileen, he moved to live in Mount Dandenong Road in Montrose. He joined Montrose Cricket Club where he played until he was 44 years of age. An opening batsman for the Montrose First Eleven, he moved lower in the batting order later in his career. He was a Montrose club delegate to the RDCA for many years in the 1950s and '60s. He won the RDCA 'E' grade batting average in 1969/70. At Montrose, Alan served on the committee for many years and filled just about every Executive position, including President and Secretary. He is a Life Member of Montrose Cricket Club in recognition of his service to the club.

Alan also played Australian Rules football for East Ringwood before moving to play for two seasons at Kilsyth Football Club. In later years Alan has developed a real passion for growing orchids and won countless awards Australia wide.

A strong interest in junior cricket evolved after a visit to Canberra where Alan witnessed Under 10's playing in competitive matches. He was instrumental in establishing the Under 14 competition in 1966 after urging the Executive that this was a way forward for the Association. He served on the Association Executive for around 15 years and, at various times, he filled the positions of Vice President, Executive member and was a selector for 6 seasons. He also managed several RDCA Representative teams over a number of years. His service extended to a long involvement in umpiring junior finals matches over many years as he maintained his passion for junior cricket.

Alan was rewarded for his long service to local cricket and the Association by being awarded RDCA Life Membership in 1967/68 and, as further recognition, the Junior Competition has named the Under 14 (2) premiership trophy the 'Alan Reidy Shield'. Alan passed away peacefully in September 2011.