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&
BALANCE SHEET**

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RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The season just gone saw the Association welcome Heathmont Baptist Cricket Club, to our senior competition. It was pleasing that all our clubs embraced our new member club and we trust that going forward Heathmont Baptists will be a long term and successful member of our Association.

A revised grading structure was implemented for the 2009-10 season after a special meeting of clubs voted to have the top three senior grades comprise 12 teams with the other grades remaining at 8 or 10 teams, as entries necessitated.

A number of Strategic Plan matters received attention during the season. There was a re-structure to the administration of the senior competition with the establishment of a formal Senior Committee, headed most capably by Pat Meehan. The aim of this committee is to place running of the senior competition in the hands of a specific body in the same manner that the Junior and Veterans committees run their competitions. In my opinion, this has proven to be successful and, after some settling in, will only improve further the efficiency of running such a large senior competition. I welcome and thank Keith Wilkins, our new Senior Committee Secretary, for his untiring efforts in what has no doubt been an interesting introduction to the RDCA for him. The other members of the Senior Committee also deserve acknowledgement and thanks for their efforts in administering the playing conditions of the senior competition under this new structure. It is also pleasing to see a number of new faces on this Committee.

I must mention that we have secured an option over some office and administration space at the new Ringwood Soccer Club complex being developed by Maroondah Council at Jubilee Park. This is planned to provide us with a 'home' base, including the use of meeting rooms sufficient to hold our delegates meetings etc. This development should be completed in the early part of 2011.

Moving to the season itself, it is time to acknowledge and thank so many people that contribute in making this competition actually happen.

Congratulations to Timothy Court and Daryl Stephens and their respective Executive members on running such successful Junior and Veteran competitions. I was pleased to attend the Junior Presentation Night and the Veterans Presentation Dinner and both functions served to highlight the success of each competition.

To our umpiring fraternity, thank you for your efforts and dedication during the season. To the Umpires Association executive, thank you for your continuing efforts with training programs and recruiting.

Thank you also to what can be loosely called our 'publicity department', the White family, and to Radio Eastern FM where Justin Nelson, Rod Paisley, Paul Denton and Grant Campbell provided entertainment and information on a Saturday morning.

Senior Representative cricket matches expanded this season with the re-introduction of a representative match against Box Hill Reporter CA. Senior Representative games against Eastern Cricket Association and the annual 20 / 20 game against Ringwood Cricket Club continued and gave players a number of opportunities to play for their Association. I sincerely thank all of the players who took such an opportunity and represented the Association so professionally. I must also congratulate the Under 21 team for their efforts during an interrupted series.

Congratulations to Wonga Park for winning the Club Championship and to Heathmont Baptist for taking out the Spirit of Cricket Award, a fine achievement in their first season with the Association. Fine performances during the season saw Jason Watts (Mooroolbark), Matthew Sazenis (Warrandyte) and Adam Humphries (Olinda) take out the Bill Dean, Steve Pascoe and Stuart Newey Medals respectively.

To all premierships team members, sincere congratulations on your success. I am sure a premierships medal is a most treasured possession, no matter what grade you play in. To Mooroolbark, East Ringwood and Olinda we offer our congratulations on your success in the three most senior grades of the competition.

It was again pleasing to see a number of clubs holding charity functions and supporting their local communities with various activities. This is surely a major way to increase the profile of your club in your immediate locality.

The Saxon Sports 20/20 competition was, from feedback received, again a great success and congratulations to Mooroolbark Cricket Club on again winning this competition. The final of this competition was superbly hosted by Croydon North and Kilsyth Cricket Clubs and our thanks to them for their efforts and hospitality. Well done to Alan Bailey for his tireless efforts in arranging the competition and sincere thanks to Paul Attfield (Saxon Sports) for his continuing support of this competition.

Thanks to all our clubs who hosted finals and representative games and to East Ringwood for hosting the Grand Final Luncheon.

Our association with Ringwood Cricket Club continues to strengthen and we value their support in participating in the annual charity 20/20 game. Ringwood's performance in again winning the Premier Cricket Club Championship is outstanding.

Our major sponsors must be recognized and thanked. Paul Attfield (Saxon Sports) has continued his great support of our Association and of many of our clubs and we thank Paul for his continuing involvement. Our friends at the Community Banks at East Ringwood, Warrandyte, and Mooroolbark, and at Kookaburra Sports have also continued their great support. Local MP David Hodgett came on board this season and we thank him for his support.

A thank you to all of the various Executive, Committee and sub-committee members across the Junior, Veterans and Senior competitions and the Umpires Association. There are too many to individually acknowledge but I am sure they understand who I am referring to and I know that they do not do what they do purely to seek public recognition.

For the last 5 years it has been my privilege to serve on the Association Executive however I have decided that I will not seek re-election for the upcoming season. It is time for a fresh face to provide new ideas. I feel humbled to have been given the opportunity presented to me and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to everyone who made this period such a pleasure. Our Association continues to grow and evolve and I am sure that the future will see it continue to prosper.

At the end of the day, we are all here to celebrate, participate, watch, enjoy and continue to be involved with the great game of cricket and the great community and personal friendships that can evolve through that involvement. I would urge everyone to abide by the 'Spirit of Cricket' and to place emphasis on the positive outcomes that can be achieved through participation in sport.

Ian Dench

SENIOR COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

2009/10 saw a reconstruction of the management of the Association, with the Senior Section being run by a newly formed Senior Committee, which comprised the following persons:

Chairman	Pat Meehan	Secretary	Keith Wilkins
Assistant Secretary	Ben Morris	Umpires' Representative	Steve Pascoe
Registration Secretary	Roger Copeland		
Other members	Alan Bailey, Tony Gawne and Andrew Morris		

The Committee met in each month during the season and always had plenty to discuss as we strived to do our best with the running of this large and well respected suburban cricket Association.

Fortunately, ground tenancy was not so much of a problem as in recent years and East Ringwood, and the Association, were very pleased to see the results of Maroondah Council's work on their oval. Knox, Manningham and Yarra Ranges Councils all provided facilities to the best of their abilities, especially taking into consideration the stage 3 water restrictions. A perusal of over twenty grounds immediately prior to finals showed that most were in excellent condition.

The season started on time and, as usual, a number of grounds were not available that first round as they had not recovered from use by football or other winter sports. No rounds were cancelled due to bad weather or excessive heat, although both came close on at least one occasion.

The final number of teams at the start of the season was 144, an increase of 6 from last season. The withdrawal of two teams after round three left us with a "bye" in two grades. Of concern was the number of forfeits during the season, particularly after Christmas when two clubs forfeited matches in their lowest grade each week. This needs to be addressed, particularly with the bonus points system whereby a club can get a large number of points from a forfeit which, as happened, can affect the final four and relegation. Clubs need to address the possibility of forfeits after Christmas, when a side looks like not making the finals, and perhaps needs to look closely at the number of teams they finally enter for a season.

Immediately after Christmas, the initiative of Norwood and Templeton clubs saw a Chandler Shield match being played in coloured clothing on a Sunday. This appeared to be highly successful and there is the possibility that this could occur on a more regular basis should a proposed rule change be accepted. Other Associations play scheduled one day matches with players using coloured clothing and there seems no reason why this Association should not do the same.

On two occasions, clubs sought permission to change their playing days and venues to allow celebrations of both historical and player value and clubs are reminded that they can apply to play 'scheduled one day games' on a Sunday, as long as they give sufficient notice as required by the Association's rules.

Many thanks to the White family, particularly Clair, for their support of the Association with their willingness to be available each and every Saturday to accumulate the scores and disperse them in such an excellent manner.

Whilst "The Forum" is under the control of the Board of Management, its use caused the Senior Committee a number of problems during the season. There were a number of complaints, all club initiated, which were lodged and this caused unnecessary waste of time for the Committee when we could have been dealing with much more important issues. It was never intended to be a forum for criticising other clubs and/or players and on occasions it got quite out of hand. Clubs are urged to ensure that their members use "The Forum" in the manner in which it was intended.

There was only one player reported by a professional umpire during the season, and this was in a grand final. There were a ten behavioural “namings”, double that of the previous season. At least the message seems to have got through regarding what happens should a player be reported. There were a number of investigations into behavioural problems in matches where there was no professional umpire. This is an ongoing problem in the lower grades and the Association pleads with clubs to make every effort to ensure that player behaviour is of a high level, when there are no umpires.

Considerable time is spent when investigations are necessary and hard working Investigation Officers have better things to do than deal with, mostly, very experienced players who either “must win at all costs” or at the very least cannot set an example to the junior members of teams. The Investigation process saw some problems during the season but this has already been addressed and the Senior Committee hopes that the amended procedures will result in a much cleaner and transparent process.

Also of concern was the number of times that clubs failed to enter their scores into the website, in fact, some teams had still not entered the last couple of rounds when the season finished. This problem should not occur next season with the introduction of “My Cricket” whereby match results cannot be finalised until all details and scores are entered. Similarly, clubs were really lax in registering players. A “spot audit” towards the end of the season could quite easily have cost one club a place in the finals due to them playing incorrectly registered players early in the season. Again, this will not occur with “My Cricket” as clubs will have to put a player’s name on the entered match report. The person appointed at each club to enter details on “My Cricket” may well have to do some extra work until he/she works out just what needs to be done. The end results will be well worth it as you will see during the 2010/11 season. The Senior Committee would like to commend the sub-committee that has worked so hard in preparing us all for the introduction of “My Cricket”.

The Saxon Sports 20/20 competition was again very successful under the management of Alan Bailey and it is hoped that this competition continues to increase in standard and value to all clubs.

Congratulations to all the clubs who won their grades and also to the various trophy winners. There were some outstanding performances during the season.

2009/10 saw a change in the format for trophy presentation night with last season’s suggestion of combining Vote Count and Presentation night being introduced. A near record number of people attended the Annual Dinner/Presentation night at the York on Lilydale on Friday 2 April and the co-operation of that establishment in keeping the cost as low as it was needs to be acknowledged in this report. The efforts of Roger Copeland and Tony Gawne with the preparatory work for this night are specially noted. The Committee felt that the new format was highly successful but, of course, it is always open to constructive suggestions for the future.

This has been my first season with the Association and, after over twenty years with another suburban Association, I can honestly say that it has been a pleasure to have been appointed to the position of Senior Committee Secretary. It was a difficult year, mainly through unforeseen problems with matters that really should not have occurred (investigation and forum) but the co-operation and assistance from Ian Spencer, Ian Dench and Pat Meehan, in particular, has helped me immensely. What has been achieved, however, has not been done without some very important people around this Association, the club Secretary. Each and every one has provided me, and therefore, the Senior Committee with every possible support and I acknowledge that assistance.

I believe the RDCA had a very successful season from the Senior Committee point of view and I, personally, am looking forward to 2010/11 with great anticipation.

Keith Wilkins

SENIOR REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Season 2009/2010 has come and gone with many players moving clubs or returning to the RDCA after playing in other associations.

To help speed up the process, clubs were able to scan clearances and email them to the Secretary for processing. This process was successful and had players out on the park quicker.

Clubs should continue to communicate with the other club to negotiate the clearance as this helps to speed up the overall process.

All clearances were recorded on the RDCA website for the first time and this was of great benefit to players and clubs, as they were able to instantly see the status of their clearance.

2010/2011 will see the RDCA move to the MyCricket system which will mean that all clubs will be processing ALL clearances online.

Communication between the clubs will be a key factor in making the new process a success.

Information regarding the new process will be conveyed during the MyCricket training sessions to be held closer to the new season.

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

Roger Copeland

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

Feedback received from many RDCA sources at the end of the 2009/10 season suggested that the overall performance of the umpiring panel continued to improve on previous seasons.

While acknowledging that from time to time, and from their personal perspective, certain playing individuals may not agree with that assessment, the umpires Executive are satisfied that the panel continues towards meeting its aims of growing panel numbers through energetic recruitment initiatives, increasing individuals' knowledge via focused training programmes and decreasing judgmental errors by providing increased exposure and mentoring in match day conditions.

There will always be decisions given by umpires with which not all will agree. Players must keep in mind that "the opinion of the umpire" is what counts. While we must provide the appropriate support to our panel members to ensure that they are properly prepared with knowledge and experience to meet the demands placed on them in their official capacity, players must also comply with the Spirit of Cricket whereby the umpire's decision is final and should be accepted in all instances without rancour.

Thanks to the efforts of many members, especially Marty Clohesy and Paul Denton, our Recruitment Officers, the past season saw 48 RDCA Umpires take the field. Including 16 year old Danny Robothan, who indicated a desire to prepare himself for possible future duties in higher competitions, we welcomed 14 new umpires and 3 returning umpires to our panel. All panel members are thanked for making themselves available for appointment to Saturday and some Sunday fixtures, Inter-Association matches and T20 matches during the season.

Unfortunately, for varying reasons, we were unable to get all members on the ground at the same time and, generally, could only cover matches down to Newey Plate with the need to occasionally appoint to lower grade matches for special reasons.

The onerous task of selection fell on John Springett, our Secretary, and Don Smith (also Training Officer) with the former responsible for dissemination of appointments as well as the general management of matters pertaining to the Umpires' Association.

Graeme Lloyd once again provided invaluable assistance as our Umpires' Advisor and continued his commitment to educating all members on matters of cricket laws and match day preparation and experiences.

Paul Denton, of his own volition, became involved in the RDCA Show on Eastern FM 98.1 on Saturdays during the season, providing a point of reference on umpiring queries and promoting umpiring as a natural progression for those wanting to remain involved in the game when their playing days end.

All of the above executive members committed considerable time and energy to ensure that the umpiring area of the association continued to prosper and I thank them on behalf of all RDCA members and supporters for a job well done.

Training was concentrated on new umpires and exceptional experiences that required clarification at our regular general panel meetings.

From an Executive viewpoint, meeting attendance was better than in previous seasons but still far short of the desired level of 100% attendance. These meetings provide the avenue for all panel members to raise areas of concern in match management or Laws / Rules interpretation and obtain the benefit of experience of their advisor and colleagues.

Unfortunately some of our ranks are unable to attend meetings and our challenge for the future is to ensure that lessons learned and problems solved at these meetings reach everyone.

A pleasing initiative last season was the introduction of the Ken Dunham Award for the Umpire of the Year. The naming of this memorial award recognizes Ken's contribution to the RDCA as a player for North Ringwood, Umpiring, administration on umpires' executive, long term RDCA Vice President and the "father" of computerized match results which RDCA was the first to introduce at an association level.

We were honoured that Ken's daughter, Lynne, was able to attend the Presentation Dinner to present the inaugural award to Leigh Murray for an outstanding season.

In planning for next season we will continue to seek additional recruits and provide ongoing training to all. A pre-season series of up to 4 workshop sessions is planned to both review the Cricket Australia umpires accreditation process and assist those not yet accredited to complete the course. These sessions will be made available to any Club officials and players who may want to be involved.

Umpires will, once again, offer to attend Clubs for presentation and discussions on the Laws of Cricket and RDCA Rules at a mutually convenient time.

Season 2010/11 is eagerly anticipated and we trust that the RDCA Umpiring Panel will add to the cricket enjoyment of all.

**Steve Pascoe
Chairman**

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

For the 2009/10 season, RDCA senior representative matches were scheduled with the Eastern Cricket Association (ECA), a 40 overs per side match, the annual 20/20 charity match with Ringwood Cricket Club (RCC) and another 40 overs a side match with Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association.

Against the ECA first up, in late November, a cobbled together Chandler side took on a near full strength Eastern Cricket Association Macgibbon Shield side at Victoria Road Reserve under threatening skies. An equally cobbled together Wilkins/Newey side had formed but was unable to take the field on account of poor ground conditions at Fritsch Holzer Park. In the Chandler match, stop/start wet conditions and the ECA bowling attack played havoc with our batsmen and RDCA wickets fell too easily to be all out for 109 in the 24th over. Not surprisingly the ECA boys surpassed this lowly tally with ease. As in previous years, the game was well hosted by the ECA despite the weather.

The annual T20 charity match between RDCA All-Stars and Ringwood Rams was held on a Wednesday evening in February at Jubilee Park, once again sporting a pristine playing surface. In storm threatened and fluky conditions the RDCA were all out for the moderate total of 112 which unfortunately the Rams passed only 6 down in the 18th over. The fundraiser culminated in donations to the Wesley Mission totalling \$1800.

BHRDCA stepped up to challenge us again in late February, after a three year sabbatical. Being close to finals the match committee needed to open up the selection pool and unfortunately indicate its readiness to penalise clubs for unsubstantiated late withdrawals. The final team selected was an excellent mix of new and seasoned RDCA campaigners from both Chandler and Wilkins ranks. The fact that the RDCA managed to take the chocolates on the day was encouraging and proof of the depth of talent in our premier grades.

This year the selection panel consisted of Andrew Downs, Andy Wu, Tony Wheeler, Chris Springett and myself. Peter Baird introduced electronic scoring to RDCA representative matches this year and Harry Sandford continued his contribution with the traditional pen & paper score book. Thanks to all these people, particularly Andy and Chris because of the extra workload they took on, for their ongoing support.

Many thanks to South Croydon for the facilities provided to make the BHRDCA match a very successful day and special thanks to Ringwood C.C. for helping to make the ongoing challenge a great spectacle.

New kids on the block, Ben Morris and Andrew Morris (no relation) acquitted their respective roles as match organiser and player/selector liaison with distinction.

Further details of games played this season appear in the statistical section of the report.

Neil Tull
Convenor of selectors.

VMCU (Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union) REPORT

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

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

Over the past season the main cricket activities have related to the management and implementation of the Kookaburra Statewide 20/20 competition (Metropolitan component), U.21 Neil Wright Shield and the Junior Shield & Cup Competitions for U.16, U.14 & U.12's in January.

The latter competition comprised of a record number of 72 teams from 18 Associations. The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions and was successful on the playing field with Association representative sides.

Cricket Australia's "My Cricket" computer package for all results, ladders, etc, was used extensively, and very successfully, by all Associations for the Carnival's administration.

Significant matters dealt with during the season were:

- **The Rules Sub-Committee completed and published policy guidelines on suspect bowling actions in conjunction with CV specialist staff.**
- **Involvement with, and submissions to, the CV Game Development Regional Review Sub Committee on regional boundaries and management structures within the metropolitan regions. A final report will be submitted to CV Board for consideration in July 2010.**
- **Developing guidelines for tribunal processes, standard penalties, appeal processes and associated matters.**
- **Lobbying both CA and CV for funding grants to assist in the administration of Associations – unsuccessfully to date.**

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.

Rod Patterson, ECA, was appointed as the new VMCU Administration Manager, replacing Dennis Crook who had been in the position for 7 years.

**Pat Meehan
RDCA Delegate**

OUTER EAST METRO REGION (EAGLES) REPORT

During the 2009-10 year, Region activities continued under the guidance of Regional Cricket Manager (RCM) Rob Elliott, until he took up a senior post with N.T. Cricket in April 2010. Our new RCM, Jarrad Loughman, has quickly demonstrated that he is an able replacement.

The RCM(s) and I have been capably joined by the three Region Council members, John Kilby (RDCA), Tim Carter (FTGDCA) and Brian Williams (YVCA) in ensuring that areas such as the following were well delivered for the betterment of cricket in the Region:

- IN2CRICKET (MILO) at over 40 centres**
- Pathway (State Championships), male and female at U14, U16 (Dowling) and U18 levels**
- Kanga 8s (primary) and Super 8s (secondary) in participating schools**
- provision of coach training and accreditation courses**
- Access all abilities and lifestyle cricket (the work in the all abilities area was outstanding)**
- continued fostering and growth of girls' cricket**
- VPSSA selection trials**

Our unique Junior Leadership Program, of which we are particularly proud, was again popular and successful, and this year's worthy winner, Oscar McInerney of the Croydon Ranges C C, enjoyed his reward as 13th man for the Bushrangers in their final round Shield game at the "G".

We look forward to continuing in the same vein in 2010-11, providing relevant, quality programmes to the benefit of cricket in the Outer East, complementing the work of our 70+ clubs and three associations.

David Beatty - Region Chairman

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

The 2009/2010 season was yet again very successful for the junior section of the Association.

At the Annual General Meeting Timothy Court was re-elected to the role of President and was once again joined by John Springett and Rebecca Court in the Secretary and Assistant Secretary/Registration Secretary roles. John Kilby also continued as the Representative Team Co-ordinator. The Committee welcomed Doug Beaton and welcomed back Josh Browne as a full member. Tim Sweeney, David Brush, Paul Cardwell and Justin Hansen all remained on the committee. The committee was once again well supported by ex-officio members Stuart Minetti, Tony Gawne and Hayden Hill.

The season again kicked off with Team Manager Nights, which on the whole were very well attended and few teams were without representation. At the same time as these nights were being run, there was much action taking place behind the scenes with people organising the start of the season with teams, grading and fixtures.

Fixtures and grading are generally a difficult and thankless task and those involved make every effort to ensure they are as fair and reasonable as possible. This season we had 110 competitive teams (9 under 18's, 34 under 16's, 38 under 14's and 29 under 12's) plus 23 Non-comp sides. We would like that thank Stuart Minetti for doing the fixtures. Re-grading was as always a tough process, however the introduction of a re-grading form provided the committee with additional feedback to aid the process.

2009/2010 saw the introduction of a very successful Under 18 twenty/twenty competition. The competition comprised 9 RDCA teams combined with sides from the Yarra Valley Cricket Association and Knoxfield Cricket Club. The Grand Final was played out at East Ringwood between East Ringwood and Knoxfield with Knoxfield outperforming East Ringwood on the day.

The Junior Committee and the clubs have been concerned for a number of seasons about the dropping numbers in the Under 12 age group. With only 29 teams this season, we were only just able to get away with fielding four grades. With this in mind and knowing the importance of recruiting players into cricket at this age, a Junior Forum was held where two representatives from each club were invited to attend. The purpose of the night was to discuss and brainstorm a number of issues and to generate ideas and potential resolutions on how to improve things for the future. Those in attendance were split into small groups allowing for maximum opportunity for everyone to voice their opinion. The Junior Committee found this night very productive and has since produced and distributed the first draft of a document to clubs, containing some initiatives for the coming seasons.

January saw our six representative teams playing in the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU) Carnival. After months of trials and training, all overseen by John Kilby, the players took to the field. All players performed extremely well, even in some challenging weather circumstances.

The Under 12 Josh Browne Plate team was coached by John Eccles who was assisted by Len Bettess in the role of Team Manager. These boys made it to the qualifying finals where they were defeated. The Under 12 Keith Mitchell Shield team was coached by Chris Wilson with Ian Stone as Team Manager. These boys competed in the Grand final for the Keith Mitchell Shield but were defeated by Box Hill Reporter.

The under 14 Des Nolan Cup was coached by Danny Black with David Smeed as Team Manager. These boys played extremely well and made it to the quarter Finals.

The under 14 Russell Allen Shield team was coached by Darren Roth and John Nucifora was their team manager. These boys reached the Grand final but unfortunately lost.

The Under 16 Keith Mackay Shield was coached by Wayne Ferguson and Team manager was Rick Cattanach. These boys made it to the Quarter Finals.

Finally, the Under 16 Jim Beitzel Shield team was coached by John Beale, with Warrick Dickson the Team manager. These boys performed very well and made it to the grand final however were out played on the day.

Thank you to all the coaches and team managers, players and parents and congratulations on a fantastic carnival.

In February, the Junior Committee once again ran a very successful Non-Competitive Round Robin. 17 teams thoroughly enjoyed the night playing four shortened games and finishing with a BBQ. All who participated in the Round Robin had a wonderful time and could not stop raving about the night. Special mention must go to Justin Hansen and John Springett for the organisation of the night and to the Croydon Ranges Cricket Club for their support of the evening.

The one disappointment for the season was the six clubs who made the decision not to participate in the Round Robin Carnival. This was a fixtured night and the date was advised to all clubs well before the season started. Of the teams that did not participate, four pulled out the week of the carnival and the other two simply did not turn up. The absence of these teams caused inconvenience to organisers, players and parents, as fixtures had to be re-organised on the fly and a bye created in one group on the night. The Junior Committee will be taking action in the off season to ensure that clubs who fail to participate are appropriately penalised.

Presentation Night was again held the week after the Grand final and the turn out was fantastic. Justin Nelson added some humour and character to the night as only he can while recognising the highlights of the season. Congratulations to the award winners and Premiers.

Bill Dean Best Player Leaving Under 16's
Jeff Luscombe Volunteer of the Year
Saxon Good Sports Award
Best Non-Competitive Team
Clive Fairbairn Club Championship

Patrick Ashton
Alan Mills and Shelia-Marie Killen
Croydon North Under 16-4's
Boronia
Wonga Park

Premiership teams:

Under 12-4	Mooroolbark
Under 12-3	Wonga Park
Under 12-2	Croydon Ranges
Under 12-1	Mooroolbark
Under 14-4	Kilsyth
Under 14-3	Montrose
Under 14-2	Bayswater Park
Under 14-1	Ringwood
Under 16-4	Olinda
Under 16-3	Wonga Park
Under 16-2	Wonga Park
Under 16-1	Wonga Park
Under 18	Croydon North

Award	Awardee	Club
Under 12-4 Batting	Cooper Coodman	Wonga Park
Under 12-4 Bowling	Zachary Gates	Wonga Park
Under 12-3 Batting	Jeremy Linton	Eastfield
Under 12-3 Bowling	Braeden Gordan	Eastfield
Under 12-2 Batting	Jake Sali	Croydon Rangers
Under 12-2 Bowling	Jake Sali	Croydon Rangers
Under 12-1 Batting	Joshua Exley	Sth Warrandyte
Under 12-1 Bowling	Cooper Grigg	Mooroolbark
Under 14-4 Batting	Mitchell Haag	Kilsyth
Under 14-4 Bowling	Brendan Cooling	Olinda
Under 14-3 Batting	Sibhan Murphy	South Croydon
Under 14-3 Bowling	Josh Barmby	Templeton
Under 14-2 Batting	Lachlan Hapton	Ringwood
Under 14-2 Bowling	Sam Mathews	Wonga Park
Under 14-1 Batting	Jack Blain	Ringwood
Under 14-1 Bowling	Matthew Burt	Ringwood
Under 16-4 Batting	Sean Elis	Olinda
Under 16-4 Bowling	Ryan Rodoni	Wonga Park
Under 16-3 Batting	Joshua Bettess	Ainslie Park
Under 16-3 Bowling	Thomas Logan	North Ringwood
Under 16-2 Batting	Nathan Willoughby	Sth Warrandyte
Under 16-2 Bowling	Mitchell Potts	Wantirna South
Under 16-1 Batting	Patrick Ashton	Croydon
Under 16-1 Bowling	Brendan Leis	North Ringwood
Under 18 Batting	Matthew Jackson	Croydon North
Under 18 Bowling	Gary Carolan	Croydon North
Under 12-4 Encouragement	Bailen Clarke	Wonga Park
Under 12-3 Encouragement	Same Meadows	Wonga Park
Under 12-2 Encouragement	Joshua Moulton	Ainslie Park
Under 12-1 Encouragement	Matthew Cope	Lilydale
Under 14-4 Encouragement	Callan Boyle	Wonga Park
Under 14-3 Encouragement	Corey McIntosh	Chirnside Park
Under 14-2 Encouragement	Mujtaba Safi	Bayswater Park
Under 14-1 Encouragement	Nik Henkes	Wonga Park
Under 16-4 Encouragement	Sriharsh Kotla	St Andrews
Under 16-3 Encouragement	Nicholas Panza	Ainslie Park
Under 16-2 Encouragement	Tim Herald	Lilydale
Under 16-1 Encouragement	Jayden Battaglone	East Ringwood
Under 18 Encouragement	Brayden Beaton	Bayswater Park

The Junior Committee would like to thank everyone involved in the 2009/2010 season, players, parents, officials and families. A special thank you to the Junior Co-ordinators of each club for their hard work and co-operation throughout the season. Thanks must also go to the RDCA Board for their continued support.

We look forward to season 2010/2011 and, with the help of clubs, working hard on making the RDCA Junior Association even better.

Timothy Court
President

John Springett
Secretary

Rebecca Court
Assistant Secretary

FINANCE REPORT

Following the loss incurred during the previous season, the Board of Management took a decision to aim at achieving a financial break even result during the 2009/2010 season.

In taking this decision, some of the matters we took into account were the likely donation and sponsorship monies, income from fines levied while minimising the cost, of playing cricket in the RDCA, to players and clubs.

Although we did not achieve our desired result, I have to report that the financial result for the 2009/2010 season has recorded a loss of \$812, I take the opportunity to advise that this loss has been reduced by the receipt of \$708 being the final payment of the 2009/2010 season's Kookaburra sponsorship in late June that will be included in the coming seasons financial data.

Never the less, based on our Balance Sheet figures, the RDCA is in a sound financial position as we move into the 2010/11 season and embrace the proposed administrative changes aimed at providing further support to clubs and players.

As shown in the Balance Sheet, included in the Annual Report, at the end of the season, several clubs have not totally met their commitments for last season. (9 clubs with a total amount outstanding of \$2050).

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

Again, I thank all the clubs for their support during the 2009/2010 season that has helped make my role easier to fulfill.

**Stuart Newey
Finance Manager**



VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

Wonga Park won the Division 1 premiership for the 3rd consecutive season, Templeton's promotion to Division 2 proved successful and Kilsyth returned to the veteran's competition finishing the season undefeated in Division 3. Warranwood Legends managed to go one better than last season and also finished undefeated.

Wonga Park veterans have now won five premierships in the last six seasons while Kilsyth won their second consecutive premiership, although there was a nine season break!

The Masters and Legends divisions were fixtured to play 7 games + 2 finals. There was a wash out in round 3 (22 November 2009) for which all teams were given the option to play the following week or on 10th of January, if not able to be played a draw was the result. For round 6 (31 January 2010) the veteran's heat policy was invoked and no games were able to be played.

Grand Final results were:

Masters 1 – Bill Dean Trophy

Wonga Park (8/197) defeated Croydon (9/134) played at Croydon Oval (turf).

Masters 2 – Ken Johnson Trophy

Templeton (6/194) defeated East Ringwood (7/191) played at Templeton Reserve.

Masters 3

Kilsyth (6/160) defeated Montrose (10/99) played at Alan Smith Oval.

Legends

Warranwood (4/176) defeated North Ringwood (9/153) played at Quambee Reserve

On 13 December 2009, we hosted the inter association matches against Box Hill Reporter at Croydon and Fred Geale ovals (masters and legends) and the inaugural over 60's game at Cheong Park South Croydon.

Masters – RDCA (10/116) lost to BHDCA (7/118)

Team was: Dale Goldsmith (Capt), Paul Clark, David Werner, Darren Croft, Geoff Chamberlain, Brad Guan, Neale Wood (vc), John Schleuter, Kevin Smith, Jeff Murphy, Barry Williams, Wes Britton

Legends – RDCA (9/106) defeated BHDCA (9/105)

Team was: Peter Rogers (Capt), Gary Cook, Kevin Lewis, Steve Teakel (vc), Rob Ruffle, Cornel Van Dort, Thomas Schumann, Barry Westgarth, Ivan Lyons, Phil Hickleton, Robert Olazabal, Neil Young, Nick Hamer

Over 60's – RDCA (4/120) defeated BHDCA (6/105)

Team was: Alan Duffus (Capt), Michael Gavin, Chris Hartrup, Kevin Dunn, Steve Pascoe, Daryl Stephens, Ian Sharp, Ian Leach, Rob Groat, Terry Dunn, Paul Robinson, Robert Webb, Robert Burgess, Ian Wood

On 24 January 2010, Ferntree Gully hosted the masters and legends matches at the Bayswater ovals.

Masters – RDCA (7/149) defeated FTGCA (10/121)

Team was: Dale Goldsmith (Capt), Adam Luckman, David Werner, Don Rixon, Mark Unternahrer, Tony Plose, Neale Wood (vc), Michael Bellizia, David Tilker, Jeff Murphy, Kevin Smith, Wes Britton

Legends – RDCA (7/189) defeated FTGCA (10/154)

Team was: Steve Teakel (Capt), Carl Schoonraad, Peter Rogers (vc), Rob Ruffle, Cornel Vandort, Thomas Schumann, Barry Dawson, Gary Cook, Phil Hickleton, Robert Olazabal, Barry Westgarth, Nick Hamer, Gregor Mason

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

The veteran's newsletter continued in its colorful format and was well received plus the accessibility on the RDCA website allowed for a greater readership.

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

Our annual presentation night dinner was held at the Ringwood Bowling Club on Friday 5 March and was hosted by Rob Milne and Warrick Dickson from Wonga Park CC.

Thanks again to Marg Stafford for all her efforts in organizing this event and to the 100+ players and guests who attended.

There were 30 clubs participating in the RDCA competition from which 19 contributed 33 Veteran teams and it is the hope of the committee that this will continue to increase.

The committee met 6 times during the season and comprised:

Ken Johnson (Patron) ex officio

Daryl Stephens (Croydon) (Chairman), Bill Stafford (Croydon Ranges) (Treasurer), Gregor Mason (Warranwood (Secretary), Marg Stafford (Croydon Ranges), Ian Leach (Croydon), Garry Wallis (Ainslie Park), Nat Young (North Ringwood), Chris Hartrup (South Warrandyte), Chris Allan (Ainslie Park) and Rob Milne (Wonga Park).

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

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

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2009/10

CHANDLER SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11
MOOROOLBARK	40.00	64.00
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	40.00	56.00
CROYDON NORTH	32.00	56.00
TEMPLETON	40.00	56.00
BAYSWATER PARK	24.00	56.00
NORWOOD	32.00	56.00
SOUTH CROYDON	8.00	40.00
WONGA PARK	16.00	32.00
NORTH RINGWOOD	16.00	32.00
WANTIRNA SOUTH	24.00	32.00
CROYDON RANGES	16.00	32.00
WARRANWOOD	0.00	16.00

The top four at the break was South Warrandyte, Mooroolbark, Templeton and Norwood and this was to remain pretty well the same for the rest of the season. Last season's premiers, Wantirna South, were off the pace in 7th position and Warranwood and South Croydon were in the hot seats.

By round 9, Mooroolbark and Templeton held the top two positions, closely followed by South Warrandyte, Bayswater Park and Norwood on the same number of points. South Croydon had chalked up two more wins, which, by this stage, had consigned Warranwood to relegation. Round 10 saw Warranwood win their first match for the season, a result that cost Bayswater Park a spot in the final four.

Prior to the start of the last round, Mooroolbark led Templeton by 8pts, with the next four teams all another 8pts back. Mooroolbark lost to Norwood but managed to hold top position. The remaining matches produced results that made the next five positions quite remarkable, with all finishing on the same number of points. South Warrandyte's percentage was 1.36 followed by Croydon North with 1.23, Templeton 1.16, Bayswater Park 1.15 and Norwood 1.13.

Storms affected play in the first week of finals and Mooroolbark (6/76) qualified for the grand final with a draw against South Warrandyte (6/163). In the elimination final, Templeton were dismissed for 96 but outstanding bowling saw Croydon North muster just 55 runs.

South Warrandyte (4/130) overcame Templeton (129) in the preliminary final to earn another crack at Mooroolbark in the grand final.

South Warrandyte batted first and was dismissed for 68, a total which Mooroolbark passed, for the loss of 5 wickets, before going on to reach 5/90 when a halt was called. This was Mooroolbark's third Chandler premiership in the past nine years, a fantastic effort.

Members of premiership team:

Lincoln Grigg (Capt), Mark Ross (V/Capt), Adam Houghton, Brendan Ricci, Danny Walker, Adam Brush, Steve Wallace, John O'Donnell, Daniel Dimitriou, Jason Watts, Callan Stevens, Jarrod Runge (12th man).

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Ross Stewart (SCR) 621, Stuart Welsh (TMP) 527, Nathan Owen (TMP) 496, Chris Noy (CNT) 475, Ben Stallworthy (CRR) 471, Josh Barrett (SWT) 471, Ryan Coutts (WOP) 420 and David Hill (SWT) 414.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Jason Watts (MOO) 39, Paul Payne (WSO) 33, Travis Degenhardt (SCR) 31, Steve Garrett (SWT) 29, Ashley Williams (CNT) 28, Steve Lindsay (SWT) 26, Marcus Adams (BYP) 25.

WILKINS CUP

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11
EAST RINGWOOD	32.00	72.00
LILYDALE	32.00	72.00
WARRANTYTE	40.00	68.00
AINSLIE PARK	44.00	64.00
CHIRNSIDE PARK	48.00	64.00
ST ANDREWS	32.00	56.00
MONTROSE	16.00	32.00
KILSYTH	24.00	32.00
MOOROOLBARK 2NDS	8.00	28.00
NORTH RINGWOOD 2NDS	0.00	24.00
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	8.00	24.00
TEMPLETON 2NDS	8.00	8.00

Chirnside Park (56) led the field, undefeated, at the end of round 7, ahead of Ainslie Park (52), Warrandyte, St Andrews and East Ringwood (all on 40) whilst Lilydale was 6th with 4 wins.

By Round 9, things had changed a little with Chirnside Park losing for the first time and dropping to 2nd, behind East Ringwood, whilst Lilydale was showing good form and had crept into contention just behind Ainslie Park and Warrandyte. St Andrews had some work to do to become a finalist.

An outright by Lilydale in the last round put the cat amongst the pigeons and they were suddenly in 2nd position, marginally behind East Ringwood (by 0.02%) with Warrandyte and Ainslie Park making up the finalists. Chirnside Park, having won their first eight games, were out of the four for the first time all season, after losing the last three games.

East Ringwood (103) thrashed Lilydale (37) in the Qualifying final and Warrandyte (9/104) progressed by eking out a draw against Ainslie Park (140) in a rain interrupted elimination final.

In the Preliminary, Lilydale could only manage 112 in response to Warrandyte's 232 which left Warrandyte to face East Ringwood in the grand final.

East Ringwood set a target of 154 and went on to record a convincing win when they dismissed Warrandyte for 71 in reply. This victory will see East Ringwood return to Chandler Shield, after last participating there in 2005/06 season.

Premiership team members:

Darren Hill (Capt), James Price (V/Capt), Scott Hill, Tim Gray, Nathan Stewart, Daniel Carratelli, Jack Price, Luke Farry, David McIntosh, Matt Crowle, Michael Watt, Liam Fitzgerald (12th).

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Adam White (WDT) 525, David Walker (LYD) 448, Sean Minetti (APK) 442, Michael Edwards (MTR) 402, Chris Moorhouse (STA) 380, Scott Hill (EAR) 358, Jack Ellis (WDT) 348 and Steve Darmody (HMB) 331.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Matthew Sazenis (WDT) 44, Darren Hill (EAR) 36, Sean Toohey (LYD) 35, Adam Bryant (APK) 30, Campbell Holland (WDT) 30, Daniel Crowe (MTR) 29, Michael Watt (EAR) 29, David Walker (LYD) 29 and Jack Price (EAR) 26.

NEWHEY PLATE

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11
OLINDA	36.00	72.00
WARRANTDYTE 2NDS	36.00	72.00
EASTFIELD	32.00	64.00
WANTIRNA SOUTH 2NDS	40.00	56.00
SCORESBY FERNDALE	28.00	52.00
KILSYTH 2NDS	32.00	52.00
CROYDON NORTH 2NDS	24.00	48.00
WARRANWOOD 2NDS	16.00	40.00
NORWOOD 2NDS	16.00	32.00
EAST RINGWOOD 2NDS	20.00	28.00
WONGA PARK 2NDS	28.00	28.00
CHIRNSIDE PARK 2NDS	0.00	12.00

This was quite a competitive grade, except for a couple at the lower end, with many teams in the mix for a finals spot at the break. Wantirna South, after good pre Xmas form, stumbled thereafter but managed to sneak into the four after Kilsyth lost their last couple. The top five rotated places over the last couple of rounds with Olinda winning outright in last round to jump from third to the top.

Eastfield (4/175) disposed of Wantirna South (173) in the elimination final and Olinda (137) earned a week's rest by defeating Warrantdyte (110) in the qualifying game.

In the Preliminary, Eastfield (111) couldn't reach the target set by Warrantdyte (4/196).

After the Semi outcome, another close match was on the cards in the Grand Final. Warrantdyte batted first and scored 7/263, a highly competitive score. Olinda was struggling at 4/51 but a magnificent 5th wicket partnership of 162 put them in a great position. An unbroken 6th wicket partnership of 57 then ensured that a stunning grand final was won with just a few balls to spare (5/270), with Olinda now progressing to Wilkins Cup next season.

Members of the premiership team:

Mikel Greenough (c), Ben Clark (vc), Patrick Rosier, Adam Humphries, Adrian Willoughby, Brin Owen, Callum Beattie, Callum Eade, Dominic Woodfield, Jake Murphy, Thomas Stalder, Ryan Sykes (12th man)

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Ben Clark (OLI) 467, Mikel Greenough (OLI) 413, Steve Goddard (WDT) 404, Blake Morgan (WDT) 400, Patrick Rosier (OLI) 395, Steven Berger (WSO) 391, Adrian Willoughby (OLI) 391 and Dustin Archer (SBF) 373.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Adam Humphries (OLI) 49, Thomas Stalder (OLI) 46, Adam Beardall (WDT) 37, Evan Brookes (SBF) 30, Steve Warr (WDT) 29, Leigh Barley (WOP) 25 and Davey Trueman (CNT) 24

A GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
CROYDON RANGES 2NDS	92.00	144.00
AINSLIE PARK 2NDS	87.50	139.50
BAYSWATER PARK 2NDS	86.10	133.20
MONTROSE 2NDS	72.90	127.60
STH WARRANDYTE 2NDS	56.40	110.90
ST ANDREWS 2NDS	72.90	107.20
TEMPLETON 3RDS	53.40	67.20
LILYDALE 2NDS	31.90	47.80

Croydon Ranges were established at the top for most of the season but Ainslie Park was always close behind. Bayswater park was last after 4 rounds but only lost two games for the remainder of the season, whilst Montrose was in the four for all bar a couple of rounds in mid season.

Bayswater Park (217) defeated Montrose (182) in the elimination final as Croydon Ranges (8/148) escaped with a draw against Ainslie Park (9/261) to qualify directly to the grand final.

In the preliminary final Bayswater Park (4/217) comfortably defeated Ainslie Park (213).

The Grand Final was a bit of a non event as Bayswater Park (200) easily defeated a disappointing Croydon Ranges (48).

Members of the premiership team:

Jamie Devenish (Capt), Tim Hall, Ryan Toye, James Day, Ben Prouse, Josh Temple, Simon Varone, Brendon Trump, Hayden Lambert, Andrew McKenzie, Thomas McDonald, Dave Mitchell (12th).

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Jamie Devenish (BYP) 692, Hayden Lambert (BYP) 449, Dale Owen (SWT) 417, David Tucker (APK) 398, Jason Stafford (CRR) 367, Cameron Head (SWT) 364, Daniel Gauci (CRR) 363, and Shane Biggs (SWT) 355.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Ryan Toye (BYP) 34, Joshua Temple (BYP) 29, Chris Whitaker (CRR) 26, Kane Hartrup (SWT) 26, Josh Crowe (MTR) 25, Jason Paisley (CRR) 22, Jarrod Cooke (APK) 22 and Aidan Williams (STA) 21

B GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
MOOROOLBARK 3RDS	93.70	153.00
WANTIRNA	86.10	145.90
WONGA PARK 3RDS	82.30	144.50
KNOX CITY	64.70	111.20
WANTIRNA SOUTH 3RDS	50.30	105.00
CROYDON NORTH 3RDS	69.80	86.90
SOUTH CROYDON 2NDS	60.50	86.10
NORWOOD 3RDS	27.50	42.50

The top three, who all won 11 matches, established themselves at the head of the ladder fairly early in the season and the rest battled for the final spot in the four. Knox City held 4th spot from Rd.11 and managed to keep Wantirna South at bay despite winning one less game.

B Grade Cont'd

Mooroolbark (4/101) comfortably chased down a meagre Wantirna score (100) in qualifying game and the elimination final saw Wonga Park (8/302) go through per medium of a draw against Knox City (8/146). Wonga (92 & 7/64) could not prevent Wantirna (113) edging to a narrow victory in the preliminary final. In the grand final, Mooroolbark were all out for 143 and Wantirna (7/144) edged past that score.

Members of the premiership team: Mark Whitney (Captain), Lou Cavallo (Vice Captain), Kevin Whitney (Vice Captain) Michael Hutchison, Ben O'Keefe, Brad McLeish, Neil Trigwell, Paul Lane, Paul Hennessy, Thomas Cook, David Orlandi, Scott Andrew.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Brad McLeish (WAN) 660, Warren Knee (WOP) 535, Paul Jones (MOO) 532, Ken Trollope (MOO) 466, David White (SCR) 415, Cameron Ray (KNC) 392.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Kevin Girola (WAN) 48, Glenn Mitchell (KNC) 34, Lou Cavallo (WAN) 31, Shane Archer (MOO) 28, Ken Trollope (MOO) 27, Mark Whitney (WAN) 27.

C GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WONGA PARK 4THS	90.50	152.50
NORTH RINGWOOD 3RDS	94.60	149.10
SCORESBY FERNDALDE 2NDS	71.40	130.20
BAYSWATER PARK 3RDS	55.80	112.90
WARRANWOOD 3RDS	86.40	105.60
KILSYTH 3RDS	63.70	97.10
EAST RINGWOOD 3RDS	50.00	76.40
TEMPLETON 4THS	44.10	62.70

Wonga Park and North Ringwood were the dominant teams over the season with the next four alternating spots. Scoresby Ferndale finished in good style while Bayswater Park jumped over Warranwood in last round.

Scoresby Ferndale (75) collapsed in the elimination final against Bayswater Park (4/78) and North Ringwood (5/234) chased down Wonga Park's 231 in the qualifying game.

Wonga Park (231) defeated Bayswater Park (183) in the preliminary final.

Both sides had one a match against each other during the normal season so the Grand Final promised to be close. It was, with Wonga Park (5/206) surpassing the North Ringwood target (8/205) with a little more than 2 overs to spare.

Members of the premiership team: Shawn Everitt (c), Darren Walton, Paul Doevelaar, Wayne Hartley, Greg Ford, Oliver Twine, James Cordwell, Dylan Matthews, Russell Hughes, Craig Ballingall, Geoff Smith, Shane Jeeves, Warren Ashby, Lochlan Dickson, Matt Fotia

Leading run-getters (including finals): David Raggett (WWD) 619, Craig Buchan (WWD) 493, Ray Kazar (BYP) 479, Shawn Everitt (WOP) 441, Glen Phillips (SBF) 387, Vajinder Taggar (BYP) 386.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Paul Doevelaar (WOP) 38, Ben Lannen (NRI) 26, Ian Birchwood (SBF) 22, Brayden Beaton (BYP) 22, Warren Ashby (WOP) 22, Liam Sweeney (NRI) 21.

D GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
AINSLIE PARK 3RDS	94.20	147.20
CROYDON RANGES 3RDS	104.50	138.80
EASTFIELD 2NDS	70.80	135.10
OLINDA 2NDS	59.70	102.20
HEATHMONT BAPTIST 2NDS	79.40	94.70
SOUTH WARRANDYTE 3RDS	44.00	86.50
WANTIRNA SOUTH 4THS	46.90	81.60
LILYDALE 3RDS	34.30	59.30

Ainslie Park and Croydon Ranges occupied the top spots for most of the season but Eastfield loomed as a danger winning every game after the break. Olinda hurdled Heathmont Baptist in last round to grab 4th spot.

Olinda (75) couldn't maintain form in the elimination final with Eastfield (3/82) winning comfortably. Ainslie Park (8/133) qualified for the grand final with a draw, as weather intervened, against Croydon Ranges (181) The preliminary final was a cliff hanger that saw Croydon Ranges (8/138) edge home chasing Eastfield's 131.

Runs were hard to come by in the grand final as Ainslie Park (128) dismissed Croydon Ranges for 83 in reply.

Members of premiership team:

Ashley Miller (captain), Jamie Davison, David McKibbin, Cody Watterson, Dylan Vertigan, Nick Westgarth, Dave Sykes, Greg Jones, Nathan Hose, Daniel Allan, Clinton Killen, Daniel Van Den Hoek (12th Man).

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Brett Sanderson (ESF) 568, Matthew Jeans (ESF) 417, Wayne Nelson (ESF) 337, Michael Baker (ESF) 319, Sam Williams (ESF) 310, Callum Richardson (CRR) 308.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Daniel Meehan (CRR) 41, Ryan Christie (ESF) 35, Cam Lane (CRR) 29, Nick Westgarth (APK) 26, Patrick Danaher (HMB) 23, Anthony Holloway (OLI) 23.

E GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
MONTROSE 3RDS	93.30	138.90
WARRANDYTE 3RDS	70.60	133.40
ST ANDREWS 3RDS	86.60	129.10
WARRANWOOD 4THS	78.20	113.80
CROYDON RANGES 4THS	61.50	86.10
CROYDON NORTH 4THS	41.80	85.50
BORONIA 3RDS	42.10	76.90
EAST RINGWOOD 4THS	51.90	76.90

The finalists occupied positions in the four from about Rd.5. After the break it clearly became a grade of two halves with the bottom four evenly matched in the struggle to avoid the last two spots. The top four shuffled spots and Warrandyte showed a glimpse of what was to come by winning every game after the resumption.

E Grade Cont'd

The elimination final saw Warranwood (5/252) score an easy win against St Andrews (85) but the remainder of the finals saw very closely fought matches. Warrandyte (9/233) just snuck by Montrose (227) in the qualifying final and, in turn, Montrose (9/156) did the same thing in passing Warranwood (155) in the preliminary final.

Another hard fought affair ensued in the Grand Final too but Montrose (145), after being top dog all season, fell just short of chasing down a moderate target (155) set by Warrandyte.

Members of premiership team; Cameron Day (c), Brett Kline, Tull Greve, Greg Creber, Stewart Smead, Brendan Zach, John Prangley, Luke Warren, Ryan Hoiberg, Mitchell Gaffney, Daniel Barry, Divyesh Rojiwadia (12th)

Leading run-getters (including finals): Matthew Tuddin (MTR) 662, Cam Day (WDT) 581, Paul Keyhoe (WWD) 432, Peter Wright (EAR) 423, Matthew Bell (CRR) 419, Rod Sutherland (MTR) 408, Trevor Nanscawen (CRR) 352.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): John Prangley (WDT) 35, Mitchell Van Koll (MTR) 28, Luke Warren (WDT) 25, Antony Pedersen (STA) 22, Steve Chettle (STA) 21, Ben Grey (MTR) 21, Stewart Smead (WDT) 20.

F GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
MONTROSE 4THS	82.10	134.90
WANTIRNA 2NDS	72.40	129.90
MOOROOLBARK 4THS	81.70	117.60
AINSLIE PARK 4THS	59.80	104.20
BAYSWATER PARK 4THS	64.00	100.10
WONGA PARK 5THS	64.20	98.70
WARRANWOOD 5THS	62.90	92.10
NORTH RINGWOOD 4THS	51.90	84.10

This was a very competitive grade, where all the teams were still in contention for a finals spot at the break. The top three pretty much held their positions throughout the season and Ainslie Park came out of the pack late in the season to grab the final place.

Ainslie Park (107) couldn't keep the run going and were comprehensively beaten by Mooroolbark (317) in elimination final. Montrose (148) was too good for Wantirna (107) in a relatively low scoring encounter. In the preliminary final, Mooroolbark (228) set a challenging score but Wantirna (8/231) was able to chase it down.

The Indian lads from Wantirna struggled to combat the Montrose bowlers in the finals and they could only muster 77 in the Grand Final which Montrose (1/78) hauled in with a minimum of fuss.

Members of premiership team: Brett McKane (c), Peter Bromiley, Tim Eales, Ashley Storm, Lee Brunner, Sean Falkingham, Dale Burley, Geoff Biggs, Nathan Roberts, Mark Howard, Matthew McKane, Josh Bromiley (12th Man).

Leading run-getters (including finals): Pratik Ramani (WAN) 565, Pratiik Shah (WAN) 465, Ash Storm (MTR) 400, Andrew McDonald (MOO) 366, Luke Sheffield (BY) 323, Wayne Hartley (WOP) 302.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Bhavin Sorathia (WAN) 33, Peter Bromiley (MTR) 28, Shane Donovan (MOO) 23, Devang patel (WAN) 22, Justin Barrant (MOO) 20.

G GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
CHIRNSIDE PARK 3RDS	92.30	146.80
KILSYTH 4THS	81.70	134.40
CROYDON RANGES 5THS	64.80	116.20
ST ANDREWS 4THS	68.70	108.60
BAYSWATER PARK 5THS	72.40	107.40
SOUTH CROYDON 3RDS	62.50	90.40
NORWOOD 4THS	35.90	89.00
OLINDA 3RDS	59.40	82.10

The top two led the ladder all season. Bayswater Park faltered in the last two rounds to just miss out, Norwood was the big improver after the break and Chirnside Park entered the finals as raging favourite.

Such was not to be, as Kilsyth (4/144) comfortably accounted for Chirnside Park (140) in the qualifying final whilst Croydon Ranges (215) overwhelmed St Andrews (36) in the elimination final. Chirnside had easily beaten Ranges late in the season but the preliminary final was a different scenario as Chirnside could only muster 111, to which Croydon Ranges responded with 5/115.

Croydon Ranges (3/137) continued their roll to record a very convincing Grand final victory over Kilsyth (132).

Members of the premiership team: Rob Haines (c), Brett Haines, Sean Middlemast, Marcus Stirling, Bill Stafford, Simon Bowyer, Michael Simpson, Michael Bosman, Adam Swanson, Aaron Benson, Mark Boehmer, Karl Boehmer, Charlie Baker.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Daniel Caton (KIL) 608, James Bennett (CSP) 495, Grattan Stephens (CSP) 490, Rob Haines (CRR) 453, Brett Haines (CRR) 438, Bill Stafford (CRR) 421.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Colin Clavan (KIL) 30, Adam Swanson (CRR) 22, Scott Cooper (STA) 20, Ryan Beale (KIL 20), Matthew Ramsden (STA) 20.

H GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
KNOX CITY 2NDS	84.50	135.10
NORTH RINGWOOD 5THS	62.30	125.30
WARRANTDYTE 4THS	87.40	117.80
MONTROSE 5THS	61.70	110.80
EAST RINGWOOD 5THS	56.80	107.40
TEMPLETON 5THS	69.40	81.00
CROYDON NORTH 5THS	46.70	72.50
BORONIA 4THS	46.30	71.80

Knox City and Warrantdyte led the grade for much of the season whilst North Ringwood had a good post Xmas period to match it with them. Templeton fell away, not winning a game after the break, and Montrose kept North Ringwood at bay over the last three rounds.

“H” GRADE (Cont’d)

North Ringwood (8/129) got over Knox City (108) in the qualifying final as Warrandyte (103) eliminated Montrose (85) in what were very low scoring semi-final matches. Knox City (113) was another to exit in straight sets as they came up well short of the target set by Warrandyte (6/191).

The grand final was almost a non event as North Ringwood could only manage 52 in reply to Warrandyte’s 149.

Members of premiership team: Nathan Croft (c), Geoff Zach, Luke Revell, Brendan Baker, Mike Bowen, Greg Warren, Matt Mulhall, Jack Wright, Graham Rees, Tom Ellis, Craig Lincoln, Dylan Burns (12th).

Leading run-getters (including finals): Jason Fraser (NRI) 549, Nathan Croft (WDT) 436, Steven Habbenschuss (MTR) 315, Joel Rigby (NRI) 313, Mickey White (KNC) 307.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Craig Lincoln (WDT) 34, Andrew Shorthouse (NRI) 31, Barry Dawson (EAR) 28, Graham Rees (WDT) 27, Joel Rigby (NRI) 26, Matthew Hepburn (NRI) 26, Tyson McCamley (TMP) 26.

I GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WONGA PARK 6THS	93.70	156.60
SOUTH WARRANDYTE 4THS	89.80	149.70
SCORESBY FERNDALE 3RDS	83.40	123.60
WANTIRNA SOUTH 5THS	85.20	117.80
CHIRNSIDE PARK 4THS	62.20	99.20
TEMPLETON 6THS	67.30	70.00
NORWOOD 5THS	19.20	42.40
LILYDALE 4THS	28.00	28.00

The grade was disrupted somewhat with the withdrawal of Lilydale and Templeton forfeited a number of matches towards the end of the season. Wonga Park was the dominant side, losing only one game but South Warrandyte had a great post Xmas period to loom as the big danger. Finalists were pretty much locked in at the break.

South Warrandyte (9/135) went directly to grand final when they edged past Wonga Park (132) and the elimination final saw Scoresby Ferndale (221) comfortably oust Wantirna South (174). In the preliminary final, Scoresby Ferndale again scored 221 but fell well short of the Wonga Park target (5/295).

The grand final saw the tables turned from the Semi-final as Wonga Park (7/146) hauled in the South Warrandyte tally (144).

Members of premiership team: Nigel Murray (capt), Ross Bickford, Mick MacLennan, Peter Clark, Brendan Clark, Garry Harwood, Kyall Harwood, Damien Attard, Thomas Hancock, Haydn Spurrell, Jayson Spurrell, Samuel Johnson, Andrew Julian, Mitchell Rudderham, Murray Johnson

Leading run-getters (including finals): David Lochey (WSO) 459, Nigel Murray (WOP) 381, Aaron Kinghorn (WSO) 381, Jayson Hughs (NOW) 376, Tony Biggs (SWT) 313.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Aaron Kinghorn (WSO) 36, Ross Bickford (WOP) 26, Peter Clark (WOP) 24, Andrew Craigie (SBF) 23.

J GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WANTIRNA 3RDS	116.20	168.90
KNOX CITY 3RDS	77.10	136.00
WANTIRNA SOUTH 6THS	87.20	120.50
CROYDON RANGES 6THS	68.20	114.60
NORTH RINGWOOD 6THS	76.50	113.30
KILSYTH 5THS	34.50	70.20
MOOROOLBARK 5THS	44.90	64.30
CROYDON NORTH 6THS	34.40	61.60

The Wantirna batsmen, as can be seen in figures below, queued up to make runs and the team totalled nearly 1000 more runs than any other in the grade. They only lost one match for the season, that being to their eventual grand final opponents, Wantirna South. The only interest after the break was in which team would claim 4th spot and Ranges beat North Ringwood in last game to do so.

Wantirna South (8/270) comfortably ousted Croydon Ranges (199) whilst Wantirna (297) easily accounted for Knox City (66). Knox City (160) then exited when they could not keep Wantirna South (4/165) at bay.

In the Grand Final, the Wantirna run machines produced 4/334 and Wantirna South (185) fell well short in the chase.

Members of premiership team: Jamie Mewett (Captain), Greg Houghton (Vice Captain), Tim Hutchison, Carl Lutz, Rodney Ross, Craig McDonald, Alan McLeish, Darren Halton, Kerion Kennedy, Michael Whitney, Jerry Coe, Steven Haack, Ben Beveridge, Bert Curtain.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Jamie Mewett (WAN) 830, Bradley Matthews (WSO) 707, Rodney Ross (WAN) 568, Tim Hutchison (WAN) 526, Dan Whitty (NRI) 524, Greg Houghton (WAN) 515.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Michael Cuffe (CNT) 30, Paul Trowsdale (CRR) 28, Tom Anderson (NRI) 27, Shayne Thomas (KNC) 26, Paul Clifton (CNT) 26, Greg Houghton (WAN) 26.

K GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
EASTFIELD 3RDS	80.40	151.40
SOUTH WARRANDYTE 5THS	81.70	137.40
HEATHMONT BAPTIST 3RDS	78.60	131.80
ST ANDREWS 5THS	76.30	119.10
CROYDON RANGES 7THS	72.30	97.10
SCORESBY FERNDAL 4THS	66.10	92.80
WARRANWOOD 6THS	44.20	91.20
OLINDA 4THS	17.40	17.40

Whilst Heathmont Baptist and St Andrews were not too far back, it looked to be a two horse race going into the finals and Eastfield and South Warrandyte were seemingly evenly matched, each having defeated the other during the season.

“K” GRADE (cont’d)

Alas, such was not to be the case. South Warrandyte (5/231) made too many for Eastfield (160) and St Andrews (5/145) comfortably ousted Heathmont Baptists (141) in the elimination final. The old two strikes and you’re out syndrome also got Eastfield as St Andrews (2/130) easily reeled in the target (128).

St Andrews (108) could not keep the momentum going in the Grand final but they certainly made South Warrandyte (6/111) work hard for the victory.

Members of premiership team: Luke Brouwer, John Cleary [capt], Jackson Cleary, Sam Cleary, Jahn Holewa, Lachlan McMahon, Matthew Sheppard, Justin Tucker, Barry Williams, Sam Williams Morgan Williams, Michael Sweeney (12th).

Leading run-getters (including finals): Brett Cairns (STA) 502, Shane Cairns (STA) 432, Steve Payne (ESF) 417, Amos Redfern (CRR) 395, David Pennington (SBF) 357, Shaun Landwehr (STA) 352.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Brendan Robnik (ESF) 23, Marc Hughes (CRR) 20, Rod Smith (STA) 20.

L GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WONGA PARK 7THS	100.10	164.00
AINSLIE PARK 5THS	109.20	150.60
WARRANTYTE 5THS	83.70	139.10
SOUTH CROYDON 4THS	79.30	132.40
MONTROSE 6THS	64.50	119,70
WARRANWOOD 7THS	58.30	101.90
BORONIA 5THS	33.40	83.60
EASTFIELD 4THS	39.40	67.40
CROYDON RANGES 8THS	52.00	65.40

This grade started the season with 10 teams but Norwood withdrew very early in the piece. Wonga Park and Ainslie Park dominated in the lead up to Christmas but the latter lost their way after the break to leave Wonga the hot favourite for the flag. Warrandyte and South Croydon had occupied the other spots in the four since Rd.4.

In the qualifying final, Wonga Park (4/159) did it fairly easily over Ainslie Park (146) while there was plenty of action in the other Semi before South Croydon (165 & 1/23) eliminated Warrandyte (115 & 5/166 dec.) It happened to a few and Ainslie Park (115) was another to exit in straight sets as they lost a very tight one to South Croydon (8/117).

The grand final looked to be Wonga Park’s for the taking but the outsider got the prize in an absolute thriller as South Croydon (9/129) staggered over the line chasing the Wonga Park total of 126.

Members of premiership team: Nick Hamer, Steve Hickman, Darryn Pace, David Chapman, Darren Wright, Roger Copeland, Fletcher Heyward, Ian Duguid, Leon Johnson, Tim Foulkes, Jeff Perry, Jacob Mason

Leading run-getters (including finals): Rod Linton (ESF) 443, Gary Lisle (WOP) 408, Rakesh Khattry (WDT) 360, Stephen White (WOP) 354, Andrew Kelly (ESF) 348, Kieren Purtle (WOP) 336.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Nick Hamer (SCR) 50, Grant Hartman (WDT) 25, Reece Williams (WOP) 18, Greg Warren (WDT) 18, Bryan Parsons (WWD) 18.

M GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
ST ANDREWS 6THS	95.70	154.80
AINSLIE PARK 6THS	98.20	136.90
KILSYTH 6THS	65.30	136.10
WANTIRNA 4THS	81.70	132.60
SOUTH WARRANDYTE 6THS	86.30	131.90
WANTIRNA SOUTH 7THS	73.60	100.70
NORTH RINGWOOD 7THS	55.60	98.00
HEATHMONT BAPTIST 4THS	14.20	71.80
KNOX CITY 4THS	47.80	60.00
SOUTH CROYDON 5THS	31.80	55.70

St Andrews worked their way into the top two by Rd.5 and as the season progressed it became obvious that they were the team to beat. Ainslie dropped away a bit after the break and just held out Kilsyth who won every game post Xmas. Nip and tuck battle for the remaining spot and, as can be seen, Wantirna had a very small margin to spare over South Warrandyte.

In the qualifying final St Andrews scored an impressive 299 and Ainslie Park could only manage 185 in reply whilst Wantirna (7/170) brought an end to the season for Kilsyth (169) in the other Semi. In the preliminary final Ainslie Park again scored 185 but this time it was enough to beat Wantirna (148).

The grand final was worthy of the closeness of the two teams throughout the season. Ainslie Park batted first and scored a very creditable 237 but St Andrews (9/239) got home in a nail biter, to win the flag.

Members of premiership team: Matthew Allard (c), Cameron Loveless, Chris Pantlin, Adam Lambert, Jason Seaton-Stewart, Jarrod Watters, Brenton Millott, Daniel Potenza, Steve Cross, Pat Kellett, Michael Kerr.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Craig Downie (KIL) 690, Chris Pantlin (STA) 651, Adam Lambert (STA) 516, Jordan Ludgater (KIL) 500, Steve Donald (APK) 444, Akash Tatkenda (KIL) 387.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Greg Lean (WAN) 35, Matt Thomas (APK) 33, Barry Williams (SWT) 30, Robert Curley (KIL) 25, Adam Lambert (STA) 24, Craig Colverson (APK) 21.

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2009/10

Wonga Park	33	(4)	Wantirna	14	(4)
East Ringwood	28	(6)	South Warrandyte	12	(5)
Mooroolbark	27	(9)	Lilydale	12	(2)
Wantirna South	25	(3)	South Croydon	8	(4)
Croydon North	23	(9)	Eastfield	8	(2)
Croydon Ranges	23*	(5)	Boronia	8	(0)
Templeton	22	(3)	Ferntree Gully	7	(3)
North Ringwood	19	(6)	Knox City	7	(3)
St Andrews	19	(4)	Scoresby Ferndale	7*	(1)
Norwood	19	(3)	Olinda	6	(3)
Ainslie Park	19	(3)	Aquinas Old Collegians	3	(3)
Kilsyth	19	(1)	Croydon	3	(0)
Montrose	18	(4)	Knox Churches	1	(1)
Warrandyte	18	(3)			
Bayswater Park	15	(2)			
Chirnside Park	14	(5)			
Warranwood	14*	(4)			

Figures in brackets are premierships won by first eleven teams.

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

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Calculation is based on points per win per team, with all teams included.

Formula is based on points per win, which are allocated as follows:

Chandler (6), Wilkins (4), Newey, A & B (3), C-F (2) and others (0.5)

Top 4 in reverse order	Bayswater Park	98.50
	Ainslie Park	106.50
	Mooroolbark	111.00
Winner	Wonga Park	115.00

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Chandler Shield **Jason Watts (Mooroolbark)**

Steve Pascoe Medal – Wilkins Cup **Matthew Sazenis (Warrandyte)**

Stuart Newey Medal – Newey Plate **Adam Humphries (Olinda)**

AWARD WINNERS

ALL STAR TEAM

Ross STEWART	SOUTH CROYDON	621 runs
Ben STALLWORTHY	CROYDON RANGES	471 runs, 15 wickets
Chris NOY	CROYDON NORTH	475 (475) runs
Josh BARRETT	SOUTH WARRANDYTE	431 (471) runs
Stuart WELSH	TEMPLETON	525 (527) runs
Matt JONSON	NORWOOD	396 runs, 23 wickets
Sean HUMPHREY	CROYDON RANGES	340 runs, 14 catches, 3 stumpings
Nathan OWEN (Capt)	TEMPLETON	479 (496) runs, 13 (20) wickets
Travis DEGENHARDT	SOUTH CROYDON	263 runs, 31 wickets
Paul PAYNE	WANTIRNA SOUTH	168 runs, 33 wickets
Jason WATTS	MOOROOLBARK	59 runs, 31 (39) wickets

(Figures in brackets reflect finals performances)

BATTING and BOWLING AVERAGES

(Eligibility criteria is as follows: Batsmen must bat and Bowlers must bowl in at least half the games played by their team in the grade for the season. Batsmen to score more than 250 runs and bowlers to deliver not less than 80 overs and take not less than 20 wickets)

M Grade	Bowling	Barry Williams (South Warrandyte) (best 6/22 & 5/40)	30 wkts @ 9.10
	Batting	Adrian Willoughby (Wantirna) (1/100, best 102)	304 runs @ 101.30
L Grade	Bowling	Nick Hamer (South Croydon) (best 7/44, 5/49)	32 wkts @ 10.41
	Batting	Rodney Linton (Eastfield) (3/100's, best 112)	443 runs @ 63.29
K Grade	Bowling	Brendan Robnik (Eastfield) (best 6/15)	21 wkts @ 13.42
	Batting	Brett Cairns (St Andrews) (1/50, 2/100's, best 124)	385 runs @ 96.25
J Grade	Bowling	Paul Trowsdale (Croydon Ranges) (best 6/20)	25 wkts @ 13.28
	Batting	Jamie Mewett (Wantirna) (3/50's, 2/100's, best 147)	669 runs @ 74.33
I Grade	Bowling	Andrew Craigie (Scoresby Ferndale) (best 6/36)	20 wkts @ 10.50
	Batting	Nigel Murray (Wonga Park) (1/50, 1/100, best 120)	308 runs @ 77.00
H Grade	Bowling	Graham Rees (Warrandyte) (best 4/15)	22 wkts @ 10.86
	Batting	Jason Fraser (North Ringwood) (4/50's, 1/100, best 151)	521 runs @ 52.10

G Grade	Bowling	Scott Cooper (St Andrews) (best 5/10)	20 wkts @ 10.00
	Batting	Daniel Caton (Kilsyth) (4/50's, 1/100, best 214)	586 runs @ 293.00
F Grade	Bowling	Peter Bromiley (Montrose) (best 4/24, 4/29)	22 wkts @ 10.90
	Batting	Warren Lechner (Batswater Park) (2/50's, best 73)	264 runs @ 37.71
E Grade	Bowling	John Prangle (Warrandyte) (best 4/32)	29 wkts @ 10.03
	Batting	Matthew Bell (Croydon Ranges) (1/50, 2/100's, best 125)	419 runs @ 83.80
D Grade	Bowling	Daniel Meehan (Croydon Ranges) (best 9/11, 6/27, 5/10)	36 wkts @ 8.22
	Batting	Wayne Nelson (Eastfield) (3/50's, best 81)	328 runs @ 54.67
C Grade	Bowling	Paul Doevelaar (Wonga Park)) (best 5/23, 5/50, 5/51)	30 wkts @ 12.13
	Batting	Matthew Howard (Scoresby Ferndale) (4/50's, best 77)	311 runs @ 51.83
B Grade	Bowling	Kevin Girola (Wantirna) (best 7/43, 5/24)	39 wkts @ 12.26
	Batting	Ken Trollope (Mooroolbark) (1/50, 1/100, best 105)	420 runs @ 105.00
A Grade	Bowling	Ryan Toye (Bayswater Park) (best 5/32)	25 wkts @ 12.84
	Batting	Dean Barber (Croydon Ranges) (1/50, 1/100, best 229)	305 runs @ 61.00
Newey Plate	Bowling	Adam Humphries (Olinda) (best 7/29, 6/20, 5/20, 5/43)	47 wkts @ 10.23
	Batting	Dustin Archer (Scoresby Ferndale) (3/50's, best 87)	402 runs @ 44.67
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Jack Price (East Ringwood) (best 5/21, 5/37)	25 wkts @ 7.56
	Batting	Adam White (Warrandyte) (1/50, 1/100, best 158)	426 runs @ 53.25
Chandler Shield	Bowling	Jason Watts (Mooroolbark) (best 7/26, 5/26)	31 wkts @ 13.65
	Batting	Ross Stewart (South Croydon) (3/50's, 2/100's, best 126)	621 runs @ 69.00
Most Promising Under 21 player	Adam Waite	Bayswater Park	

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Newey: Darren Van Koll (Eastfield) - 611 points (311 runs, 11 un-assisted and 11 assisted wickets, 5 catches)

Wilkins: David Walker (Lilydale) – 739 points (444 runs, 23 assisted and 1 un-assisted wickets, 10 catches)

Chandler: Matthew Jonson (Norwood) – 711 points (396 runs, 12 assisted, 11 un-assisted wickets and 6 catches)

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

SAXON SPORTS CHALLENGE – RDCA 20/20 COMPETITION

In the second season of the 20/20 Competition, the Executive again kept the entry fee to a minimal \$25, which was ultimately donated to the Croydon and Lilydale branches of the RSL.

Aside from the entry fee, clubs did not incur any cost as the generous sponsorship of Paul Attfield (Saxon Sports) extended to the donation of ALL of the white balls used, including finals matches, and a cash contribution that enabled clubs to be reimbursed for umpire fees incurred during the course of the competition.

Twenty five clubs entered a team (Wantirna and Boronia abstained). With a desire to maintain 8 groups, and have the top team in each go through to quarter finals, one group had four teams and the remainder each had three, with each club playing the other teams in their group in the preliminary rounds.

For Quarter final matches, ranking determines who plays who (e.g.1 v 8 and so on) and results were:

- (1) St Andrews 6/119 defeated (8) East Ringwood 7/109
- (2) Mooroolbark 2/126 defeated (7) Croydon North 9/125
- (3) Warranwood 10/89 lost to (6) Warrandyte 3/90
- (4) Bayswater Park 9/116 lost to (5) Norwood 9/136

Semi-final results were:

- St Andrews 8/172 lost to Warrandyte 4/193
Mooroolbark 3/125 defeated Norwood 8/121

As is the on-going intention, the Grand Final was played on Australia Day and the Executive determined that the venue, on this occasion, would be Hughes Park (Croydon North).

Warrandyte batted first and the early wickets of Campbell Holland and Ben Taylor, both to Lincoln Grigg, gave Mooroolbark the initial advantage. Adam White (18) and Tulloch Greve then put together a handy partnership and that was followed by mid teen contributions from Stu Haworth, Dave Mooney and Blake Morgan, assisted by some fumbling Mooroolbark catching efforts. Greve had reached 28 when he ambled up the pitch and was caught, unsuspectingly, short of his ground by a magnificent throw to the keeper from long off. When 7 wickets were down with overs in hand, the late order had to change tack and the runs slowed. At the completion of 20 overs the tally was 8/133, somewhat short of what might have been expected midway through the innings. Jason Watts (2/16) and Grigg (2/28) led the wicket takers.

The Mooroolbark innings got off to a rapid start as John O'Donnell and Grigg set the game up for their team. When O'Donnell (19) went, Brendan Ricci joined Grigg and they took their side to within sight of victory. The dismissal of Grigg (48), caught in the outfield, saw a bit of controversy when there was a debate, which lasted a number of minutes, as to whether the fieldsman had got his hands under the ball before it touched the ground. Ricci (43) was out to a smart leg-side stumping before Adam Brush and Mark Ross took their team to victory (3/136) with 3 overs to spare. Holland (2/22) and Morgan (1/25) were the wicket takers whilst Matt Sazenis was economical with 0/17 from 4 overs.

Lincoln Grigg, in his acceptance speech, stated that Mooroolbark approaches the competition very seriously and that has been very evident in the club winning back to back 20/20 titles.

In doing so, Mooroolbark will go on to represent the RDCA in an area playoff that may lead to participation in the Cricket Victoria run Fosters VB 20/20 regional competition, which Mooroolbark reached last season.

Members of the winning team were: Lincoln Grigg (Capt), Brendan Ricci, John O'Donnell, Mark Ross, Adam Bruschi, Danny Walker, Adam Houghton, Andrew Keane, Daniel Dimitriou, Jason Watts, Callan Stevens.

Our thanks to all at Croydon North for their assistance, in what was a successful conclusion to the second season of the RDCA 20/20 competition.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

CHANDLER SELECT against Eastern Cricket Association (drawn from Macgibbon Shield)

Fortunately Chris Springett, the “new boy” on the selection panel this year, was organised enough to have spare players from the Wilkins / Newey group to top up the Chandler side when 3 players pulled out on Saturday night.

The cobbled together side took on a near full strength Eastern Cricket Association side and brief periods of rain caused the game to be reduced to 30 overs per side.

With Steve Garret pulling out injured, Marcus Adams stepped up as captain, winning the toss and electing to bat. The stop/ start situation didn't help player's concentration and wickets fell regularly with Sean Humphrey the steadying influence before he was out for 45 with the score at 7/96. The RDCA innings closed soon after, using only 24 overs of the allotted 30, with the final total being 109. Apart from Humphrey, only Chris Noy and Adams reached double figures.

The decision to open the bowling with spinner Matt Sazenis, who was involved in the first three wickets including a very smart slips catch off the bowling of Adams, gave some hope but our nemesis, Greg Clift was again in sparkling form, despite being dropped twice in Dan Turner's first over, and he saw his side through to an easy win. Adams and Sazenis were the only wicket takers in what turned out to be a miserable day's play.

Other members of the team were: Ben Stallworthy, Mark Wilson, Danny Walker, Steve Lindsay, Cam Holland and Hagen Shaw.

WILKNS/NEWAY SELECT against Eastern Cricket Association (drawn from Burt Shield)

This match was abandoned, due to the state of the ground, before any play was possible.

Team members were to have been: Chris Springett (C), Nathan McFarlane, Rob Waghorn, Glenn Synan, Marc Unternharer, Chris Piggott, Ben Spencer, Darren Hill, Dave McIntosh, Scott Hill and Dave Walker.

Many thanks to Chris Springett, all the players, umpires, scorers and supporters who made the trek on the day to support us when we could have been embarrassed as an Association by having to cancel at the last minute.

RDCA (CHANDLER/WILKINS/NEWAY Select) v Box Hill Reporter Cricket Association

This rivalry was renewed again after having last been played in 2006.

An early start saw a few late arrivals, including our captain, so Marcus Adams stepped up for the toss that saw us win and choose to bat. Starting slowly, we lost a wicket at 2 when Brendan Moore was caught in the 6th over. Sean Humphrey moved things along with Michael Crosbie until the latter departed at 35 bringing captain Ryan Coutts to the crease. When he was out shortly after it was 3/44 but Adam Brush helped push the score past 60 before Humphrey went for a good 31. David Walker was looking good but was next to go at 78. A spritely partnership saw us reach 106 before Nathan McFarlane was caught for 19 and Brush went at 113, after a much needed 24 runs. Todd Cordwell (20 no) then saw the side through to a respectable score of 148.

Marcus Adams took the first wicket at 20 but the score rattled along until the second wicket fell at 62, to Matt Sazenis. Thereafter, things slowed considerably, with the spinners controlling one end, and wickets fell at 68, 68, 78 and 97 as McFarlane made his mark. A surge by the visitors saw the score move to 119 but three wickets at this total and the last at 122 saw the trophy back where it belongs after a game played in great spirit. Man of the Match McFarlane led the bowling figures with 4/17 and he got support from Adams 3/38, Leigh Rigby 1/25, Sazenis 1/13 and Ben Sansom 1/23.

Thanks to Todd Cordwell for accepting a late call up and for all players, including emergencies, umpires, scorers and others who made themselves available so close to finals time.

Many thanks also to the South Croydon Cricket Club for a great venue and excellent catering. We hope this game will be the re-start of what has been a great competition between our Associations.

NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

This seasons Under 21 squad to play in the VMCU saw 18 players selected to represent the RDCA in the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU) Tier 1 carnival played in December and January.

The squad members were:

Luke Raggett (Capt)	Warranwood	Shane Findlay	Croydon North
Todd Cordwell	Warranwood	Adam Waite	Bayswater Park
Chris Noy	Nth Croydon	Alan Dowdell	Montrose
Daniel Crowe	Montrose	Nathan Rees	Montrose
Chris Howgate	Nth Ringwood	Daniel Humfrey	Nth Ringwood
Jay Stoikos	Nth Ringwood	Sam Ridgwell	Nth Ringwood
Cam De Bono	Wantirna Sth	Troy McGown	Wantirna Sth
Cam Moore	Warranwood	Luke Scott	Warranwood
Scott Nelson	Warranwood	Chris Parker	Wonga Park

The first 2 rounds were washed out making Round 3 a must win game to enable us to play in the finals.

The RDCA won the toss and batted, at Jubilee Park in Ringwood. Leading from the front were openers Shane Findlay (46) and Adam Waite (153). Chris Parker chipped in with 38 and we set Heidelberg an imposing 7/273 of 45 overs. Waite's score of 153 was majestic, smashing the bowlers to all parts of the ground.

Our bowlers did the rest dismissing Heidelberg for 159 with Sam Ridgwell impressive, with 4/14 off 7 overs. Luke Scott (3/24), Daniel Crowe (2/40) and Daniel Humfrey (1/8) were the other wicket takers in an excellent display.

The Semi Final was played in January against last years' Tier 1 winner Dandenong District CA at Bayswater Oval. Winning the toss again, we batted and started really well with Waite (33) and Findlay (57) adding 96 for the first wicket. We then proceeded to lose 10 for 52 with only Chris Parker (16) giving any resistance. We were eventually bowled out for a disappointing 148. Early wickets were the only way we could progress to the final and whilst Daniel Crowe (3/47) and Troy McGown (2/17) bowled well, we were unable to impress with Dandenong passing our total at 5/151.

It was a great effort by our boys to make the semi-final, after winning the Tier 2 final last season.

The squad is still only young with some excellent prospects coming up from the Under 18 and Under 16 competitions. Congratulations on your efforts lads and looking forward to seeing you all at the try-outs for next season.

**Kevin Newman
RDCA Under 21 Coach**

CHARITY MATCH

RDCA “All Stars” vs Ringwood Rams - 20/20 Charity Match - 10 February 2010

The RDCA All Stars turned out, on a storm threatened Wednesday evening and took on Ringwood Cricket Club (the Rams) at Jubilee Park in the annual T20 Charity match.

For this year’s game, the Rams nominated Wesley Mission Ringwood as the beneficiary of the fund raiser.

The RDCA All Stars batted first but were on the defensive early on. Fluky conditions and some tight bowling from the Rams opening bowlers, Daniel King and Michael Topp, yielded 2 wickets (Ben Stallworthy for 9 and Josh Barrett for 1) and a mere 20 runs came from the first 5 overs. A 60 run partnership was then forged, the steadying influence of which came from opener Adam Waite (31 off 43) before his demise at the hands of the King dynasty (bowled Daniel, caught Michael). By using attack as the best form of defence, Sean Humphrey found the boundary well enough, notching up 36 off 28 before being trapped LBW, from the bowling of Ayrton Dehmel. Daniel King continued to strike, picking up Chris Noy and Stuart Welsh cheaply. Going into the 18th over RDCA had only amassed a little over a hundred runs and the pressure for a last-ditch flurry was mounting. An eventful 19th over saw a couple of run-outs (Jason Disney for 11 and Marcus Adams for a Diamond Duck) and Steve Lindsay bowled for a duck. Heading into the final over 9 down the 1st ball saw Ben Beech caught for 5 and Paul Payne was left stranded on zero with the RDCA All Stars all out for 112.

When the Ringwood Rams took to the crease, they managed a run a ball over the first 5 overs before David King (17) was caught behind by Sean Humphrey off a fair ‘wobblor’ from Matt Sazenis in the 6th over. Undeterred, the Rams pushed on with the same pace, passing 50 in the 8th over. Jason Disney then picked up the wicket of Daniel Coghlan (8) per medium of a fine catch by Adam Waite in the 9th over. Ayrton Dehmel (who eventually made 42 off 30) had his eye in and was scoring freely by this stage and Ian Holland joined in to lend support (making 21 off 23). Jason Disney then managed to have a fair impact with Dehmel’s demise, a stumping by Sean Humphrey, followed by the wickets of Holland (caught Beech), Matthew Gale (bowled for 6) and Matthew King (LBW for 3), which saw him finish with a very tidy 5 for 15 from his 4 overs. The evening belonged to the Rams as they passed the target in the 18th over with 4 wickets to spare (Michael McDonald and Daniel King were the unbeaten batsmen on 1 and 11 respectively).

Many thanks go to the Ringwood Rams for hosting the event and the RDCA volunteers, Umpire - Leigh Murray, Selectors – Andy Wu, Tony Wheeler, Chris Springett and Andrew Downs, Team manager – Neil Tull, Announcer – Ian Spencer and other RDCA committee members who assisted in making the event possible. A special mention to Peter Baird for scoring and providing the RDCA website with a link to the electronic scoreboard for the match (an innovation we would like to see continued).

Our thanks also to the sponsors in Kookaburra, Saxon Sports and others, the donations from a number of local MPs and the contributions by all the spectators who came to see the match.

The fundraiser culminated in an amount of \$1800 being passed on to the Wesley Mission.

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VALE CLIVE FAIRBAIRN

Shortly after the season ended we heard the sad news of the passing of Clive Fairbairn OAM, at the age of 90.

Clive was a friend to many clubs and players within our Association for a long time and his contribution to sport, particularly cricket, was immeasurable.

Many mature age club members and players would have visited his shop in Little Bourke Street, a business he ran for over 30 years, or his bat factory on Maroondah Highway in Croydon, which came to an end when destroyed by a fire in the 80's.

Clive was the recipient of an Order of Australia for services to cricket and was a Life Member of the Melbourne Cricket Club.



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