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That was the Season that was

RDCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1999/2000

There was a changing of the guard as President of 12 years, Bill Wilkins had announced his decision not to seek re-election. His influence on the RDCA over many years in various leadership roles cannot be overstated nor overpraised, Bill's immediate involvement will be sorely missed.

I was honoured to be elected to the Presidency and fortunate to have the support of an Executive Committee, hardly a new team, which had plenty of experience, enthusiasm and pride of achievement.

Entering its 80th season, the RDCA's immediate challenge was the VCA proposals to change Community Cricket in what was seen as a bid to take control of all cricket from the grass-roots upwards. Without any regard to the history and hard work that had gone before, it was proposed that all current associations would be disbanded and, in the metropolitan area, formed into 8 large Regions based on municipal boundaries.

The manner in which the VCA handled this matter was seen by your Executive, and supported unanimously by our affiliated Clubs, as being an arrogant attempt to control all levels of cricket within Victoria. Yet another example that they do not understand the needs or motivations of community based cricket.

It is probable that regional management will evolve but it must be on terms that will preserve the history and integrity of associations like the RDCA.

We support the "Pathway" project which will allow all talented youngsters the opportunity for those talents to be recognised, developed and challenged with the ultimate "carrot" being selection for first class representation.

Pre-season there was in an air of expectation as Clubs welcomed back a number of high class cricketers who, having tasted the fruits of district and state representation, had returned to their roots.

Surely this is what all Clubs are trying to achieve – teach their charges the basic skills and sportsmanship required for our game, nurture competitive spirit and ambition, promote the benefits of testing the skills in a higher arena and, when the player is ready, reap the rewards as they return to their original club to pass on the knowledge they have gained to the next generation.

Your executive's main aims for the season was to improve communications, foster more involvement in all forms of cricket and to appropriately recognise achievement.

The development of our web site www.rdca.asn.au has proven a great success. We need to encompass all the benefits of modern technology for the betterment of our communication and records processes – our computer guru, Tim Court is on the job.

The introduction of the Topline Knockout Cup got off to a subdued start and ended with a hugely successful final at Mooroolbark where a large crowd saw the home side steal an unlikely win from a competitive South Ringwood team. I urge all Clubs to consider entering a team in this knockout competition, which is open to all. It provides the opportunity for fellowship with Clubs you may not normally compete against and the basis for a good social day.

We want to ensure that the honor of selection in an Association representative team is one that all players in the RDCA will strive for! In our Annual matches vs Box Hill Reporter the responsibility of host club was taken on by Kilsyth who excelled in the manner in which venue and hospitality were managed. Such future occasions will receive the full backing of your Executive, but hey guys! – We want a better result from the senior match. It represents the showcase of our competition and we owe it to the rest of the RDCA to always put our best side on the park and for that team to play to the peak of its ability.

The re-introduction of Medallions for all members of premiership teams and their presentation together with the Player of the Match medals, immediately after the conclusion of the match, was greeted with enthusiasm. Thank you to the Umpires for their involvement, it is a practice, which will continue, and, I trust, recipients will look on these medals with pride.

As an Executive we don't always get things right. We have and are still endeavouring to be open in all our dealings and decisions. The worst thing that can happen is Club delegates not becoming involved in the many decision making processes open to them, then complaining or criticising outcomes. Thank you to those Clubs who pointed out areas where improvements can be made – we will address such issues for next season.

You are lucky to have the services of such a hard working Executive Committee. I thank them all on your behalf.

However, it would be remiss of me not to emphasise the sterling work of :

- Lindsay Trollope who handles the massive workload of General Secretary with a no nonsense, level headed and equitable approach that ensures your administration runs smoothly.
- Stuart Newey (and Joan) whose portfolios cover Registrations, Results, Chairman of Umpires Association (and finances).
- Chris Willman, my able deputy whose management of Junior Association and commitment to cricket in general cannot be questioned. Chris is also or representative of the Regional Cricket Council – keeping the b.....s honest.
- Tim Court for his role in developing our web site, dragging our communication into the 21st century, and as Secretary to the Junior Association.
- David Beatty representative to VMCU, Champion of Under 21 and Under 18 representative cricket and Chairman of the Outer Eastern Regional Cricket Council.

The back up provided by Ann Pascoe, Russell Jenzen, Neil Tull, Brian Gobbi, Mike Watson, Pat Meehan, Martien Pruysers, ensured that season 1999-2000 was completed without too many glitches.

Congratulations to all premiers and individual trophy winners but, more importantly, to all those other participants who turn up every week to enjoy our great game.

Next season will throw up its own challenges. Our aim will always be to make it better than the last.

STEVE PASCOE

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Once again the Social Room at the Badminton Stadium in Kilsyth was the venue for the Annual Meeting of the Association. Held on 18 August 1999, this was the 80th such meeting since the formation of the RDCA. After 11 years as president Bill Wilkins, as he had previously indicated, stepped down from the Presidency and Steve Pascoe was unanimously elected to fill the position. Suitable presentations were made to Bill although, for a number of reasons, it took until the Presentation Dinner in April of this year to physically hand them over.

Ainslie Park won their second Chandler flag when they came from behind to snatch a thrilling one wicket victory over Mooroolbark. The second day of the final was marred by inclement weather but the reserve days were there to allow the game to be completed. In the Wilkins Cup, Montrose caused an upset when they overcame the hot favourites East Ringwood to secure a position in the premier grade in season 2000/01.

The Association renewed its contract with the Platypus Company for the supply of the balls and it is expected that this will continue in the forthcoming season.

Members of the Executive again contributed their time and expertise to assist the Association. As mentioned above Steve Pascoe accepted the onerous task of President and immediately set about leading the RDCA in his own particular style. Steve made himself available to all clubs at any time and will certainly be a "hands on" president. A number of issues arose during the season in which some clubs felt aggrieved by the decisions reached. Steve was able to reach agreement with the particular clubs without compromising the Associations rules and regulations. We look forward to many years of leadership from Steve Pascoe.

I express my appreciation to all Executive members for their work during the year and for the assistance that they gave me in a number of activities of the Association. Steve provided an outline of their contribution in his report so I will refrain from repetition. However I must mention Chris Willman for his assuming the Presidency when Steve was overseas in March. Also to Stuart Newey and Martien Pruyzers for their work as Umpires Chairperson and Secretary respectively under somewhat difficult circumstances in the latter part of the season.

It would appear that player behaviour is of a high standard with only one case being referred to the Independent Tribunal. Two other players accepted a 2 match penalty as provided under the rules while the Executive gave a warning to a team in a one day grade due to the rules relating to the consumption of alcohol during the game was not being observed. The number of players named was the lowest since this procedure was introduced into the RDCA in 1993/94. Three clubs mounted appeals to the CUOV against decisions by the Executive. Although they were unsuccessful the findings by the Executive were modified in two instances following approaches by the clubs concerned. A club also sought a hearing of the Investigation Committee to hear a report on an umpire. Disciplinary action followed this hearing.

Ken Johnston and Mick Gavin were again elected to the positions of President and Secretary of the Veterans Committee. The season, as normal was outstanding with the Presentation Dinner being a most enjoyable evening. The Veterans are hoping to establish a 50+ competition in 2000/01. It is good to hear that the VCA is looking to the RDCA Vets for assistance as they seek to establish Veterans cricket throughout all Associations.

Bill Dean **OAM JP** continued as the Patron of the Association despite not at all times enjoying the best of health. He was a constant spectator and was first spectator at all finals games. Bill enjoys all cricket whether it be played by a non competitive under 10 team or by the best team in the land.

Steve referred to the Knockout Competition and I will keep my thoughts to an expression of appreciation to the clubs who participated and also to the Mooroolbark club for their hospitality on the day of the Final. Many thanks to Kilsyth for their hosting of the RDCA matches against the Box Hill Reporter Association

In last year's report I referred to the book written by Phil McCallum entitled "From Paddocks to Parks". It was hoped that the book would have been completed prior to the end of the season under review, but due to circumstances beyond any person's control, this was not possible.

The book details the development of cricket in the Eastern Regions of Melbourne in the latter half of the 19th century leading up to the formation of the RDCA. Due to a number of reasons the number of umpires was below that of previous seasons. Towards the end of the season, Bob Larter found it necessary to resign from the position of Umpires Secretary and Martien Pruyzers stepped into the vacancy. Special recruiting measures are being put into place to increase the number of umpires together with some training to help lift the standard. Help of the veteran players is being sought in the recruitment drive.

Not long after the AGM last year, Bob Bisset who served as Treasurer of the RDCA for a period of 50 years died suddenly. Bob, who retained an interest in the Association after his retirement, was highly respected by all clubs. A large number of Association people attended the funeral.

The Ferntree Gully Club hosted a superb Medals evening for the counting of the voted in the Fairest and Best awards and my special thanks are extended to Steve Flemming for his presentation. Attendance at the Presentation Dinner was one of the highest for many years and Ann again excelled with her planning of the function.

The Association has sought club's opinions on the establishment of an Under 18 competition and whilst the response was somewhat disappointing it is likely that some form of matches will take place during the 2000/01 season. A discussion paper prepared by Paul McGinty and Robert White from the Warrandyte Club on the subject of "One Day Cricket for Local Senior Competitions" has been looked at by the Executive and a copy is available to all at the AGM. We would like all clubs to discuss the paper with their members and come back to us with your thoughts towards the end of next season. It is quite thought provoking.

I appreciated the support given to me by all clubs during over the past 12 months and it makes the task of administration so much easier. With new administrative procedures coming into force in the new season as the Association embraces new technology, I look forward to that support continuing.

May season 2000/01 be one of great cricket and one of significance for the RDCA

Lindsay Trollope



Well done: East Ringwood keeper Stephen Glaze is congratulated by a teammate after catching a Montrose batsman.

Senior Registration Secretary's Report - 1999 / 2000 season

It seems every year that I commence this report with a comment about computer problems that effected our ability to provide accurate information about match results, registered players, ladders and averages at some time during the season. 1999 / 2000 season was no exception with us being unable to recall Round 3 data at year end for the calculation of averages.

In many instances, the accuracy of data ultimately reported was a direct result of the poor quality of input data submitted for processing – the usual poor writing and incorrect spelling were all too prevalent.

By now you are probably aware that we will be using a different data reporting process in the coming season which will place even more emphasis on the need to be accurate and precise in recording data for input into the computer. Changes in the way data will be processed in the coming season will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

1999 /2000 seasons statistics;
6140 players registered to play
32 clubs registered with the RDCA
52 clearances processed during the season

Unfortunately, the Permit Committee did have to meet once during the year to take a decision on two separate rejected clearances. This spoilt our previous year record of no meetings. Hopefully the coming season will be meeting free from the Permit Committee's perspective.

Stuart Newey
Senior Registration Secretary

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

Following a decision by the RDCA Executive Stuart Newey was appointed to the President with David Rashleigh continuing in his position as Umpires Adviser, and Don Smith elected to fill the position of Vice President.

The year began with the Umpires Association losing approx 17 umpires from last years list, but was fortunate to be able to recruit approx 8 new umpires who showed enough promise to be a decided advantage to the Association for a number of years in the future. The season concluded with the secretary (Bob Larter) resigning as secretary of the association and as an umpire on the eve of the final.

The umpires again officiated at inter association representative games in both senior and junior level, IACC and Mitchell Shield Carnivals, and this season they officiated in the One Day competition on Sundays and the Veteran finals.

Congratulations to all medal winners, trophy winners and premiers on their success this season. I extend our thanks to the captains, ladies and club members for their efforts and hospitality, before during and after the game. A special thanks to all the scorers for their dedication and assistance to the umpires.

Lastly, let me thank my fellow umpires for their dedication, enthusiasm and assistance during the season. Although players sometimes are critical of performances during the season we must consider how the matches would be without umpires. I urge all retiring players and/or officials to consider joining the umpire ranks in 2000/2001. In most instances retired players make good umpires.

Martien Pruyzers

MATCH COMMITTEE

Neil Tull agreed to another year as Chairperson of the Match Committee. Russell Jenzen, David Beatty and Mike Watson were the members of the Committee. David did his normal excellent job as sole manager of the Under 21 and Under 18 teams and the success of the both teams is proof of the respect the players have for David. This year the Under 21 team were beaten in the Grand Final of the Neil Wright Shield and probably they beat themselves. Their bowling was good, the batting satisfactory, but for the only time in the season their fielding failed them. However the team still had a highly successful season. The Under 18 team was superb and won all games played with a final victory against the powerful Victorian Turf Association providing David with a great highlight to conclude the 1999/2000 season.

The senior team was easily beaten by a more dedicated side from the Box Hill Association. It would appear we need to select a squad for this game earlier in the season and for them to train together to enable us to have our best team on the ground on the day of the match. This is the third successive season that Box Hill has won the game.

Details of all matches are shown in the statistical section of this report.

VICTORIAN METROPOLITAN CRICKET UNION(VMCU)

The Union(previously known as the Cricket Union of Victoria) oversees the local cricket associations throughout the metropolitan areas. Kevin Smith and Kevin Murphy continued as President and Administrator respectively. Many will remember Kevin as a leading AFL umpire in the 1970's. David Beatty was again elected to the position of Minute Secretary. The Union continued to play a most important role in the development of under age cricket with its promotion and sponsorship of the carnivals played over the holiday period in January.

As for many years the RDCA used the Union scorebook but with so many associations opting to use their own book or leaving it to clubs to choose their preferred book, the books will not be available for the 2000/01 season.

OUTER EASTERN CRICKET COUNCIL

David Beatty was appointed to head the new Outer Eastern Cricket Council. Representatives of the RDCA, Ferntree Gully and Yarra Valley Associations are members of the Council. These were formed as part of the VCA Task Force and the manager of our Council is Andrew Garrett. Andrew's salary is met by the VCA. The Council's main task is to oversee the VCA Pathway. Andrew as you will all recall has been in attendance at several RDCA functions and meetings.

Lindsay Trollope

**JUNIOR
ASSOCIATION**

JUNIOR PRESIDENT

Season 1999/2000.

The new millennium was welcomed by the introduction of technology with our website being established. The communication between the association and affiliated clubs has improved by the way of facsimile. The majority of Junior Clubs through their administration adopted this medium to transmit by Email@ their morning results and player performances, with match results, registrations, clearances and permits made easier by the use of facsimile.

Junior Clubs must be acknowledged for their much improved importance to be responsible. The awareness of "Grass Roots Cricket" and that Junior Cricket is where it all starts, has been accepted, and aggressive clubs have been very active in implementing every possible way for youngsters to play and participate in the game we love so dearly called Cricket.

Very importantly from the clubs, and association, has been the great attitude by club officials to make aware to their team managers, coaches, and players the important rules of behaviour, misconduct, ethics and spirit of the game. We (The Junior Committee) pass on our sincere thanks to clubs that have adopted these policies to delete ugly undesirable situations.

Junior Cricket is growing at a rapid pace as we all realise they are our successful future. Education, awareness, and opportunities are being installed by responsible clubs and their active administration. Our affiliated clubs were well represented at "V.C.A.Pathway" level. Many of our clubs were proudly represented with boys being selected to play **R.M.Hatch**. Under 14's, and **W.J.Dowling** Under 16's. Well done and congratulations on your selections. Our **Mitchell Shield** boys coached by **Graeme Merrett** performed to the best of their ability unable to make the finals, but thoroughly enjoyed the Carnival and the guidance of **Graeme**.

The I.A.J.C.C. Carnival in January 2000 was again well represented by our R.D.C.A. boys. Under 12's coached by **Rod Cardwell** and assisted by **Ian Letson**, were tenacious during a hard fought battle to make the finals. Just unable to win enough games, the boys must be congratulated for their gutsy determination, and fine leadership from **Rod and Ian**.

Our Under 14's coached by **Ian Jones** and assisted by **Ed Garner** won the 1999/2000 Premiership. This team of potential champions lost only one game on their mission of being recognised as the best team of the Carnival. Again thanks to **Ian** and **Ed** for an excellent job of inspiring and encouraging this wonderful team of young cricketers.

The Under 16's coached by **Shane Harrop** and **John Higgins** excited us all by making the Grand Final. Just unable to match their opponent on the day, they were gracious in defeat. Proving to us all that they were the best side, they played Boxhill Reporter in an invitation challenge, and gave them a belting. Huge thanks to **Shane** and **John** for a job well done.

Parkwood, Croydon North and North Ringwood performed magnificent efforts to make available grounds and canteens, to host the I.A.J.C.C. Carnival matches. A special mention to Croydon North who moved quickly and made available the venues for the 14's and 16's, Grand Finals after heavy overnight rain had washed out Parkwoods Ground where the Finals of all Under 12's, Under 14's and Under 16's were fixtured to be played.

Again Presentation Night was well attended with many young Cricketers, along with their parents, coaches, team managers and club officials. Special guests **Mr W. Dean** and the Senior Association joined with our proud sponsors and guest speaker to distribute the well rewarded accolades that our Juniors had so hard earned during the past Cricket season. Congratulations to all the award winners and the Premiership Teams in making season 1999/2000 so memorable, as we commence the preparation for the new millennium season. Thank you to the Yarra Valley Grammar School for making this magnificent venue available.

Committee's and officials often absorb a lot of criticism and sledging from people that have plenty to say, but can't be bothered, or have no intention to make a voluntary commitment. Proudly and sincerely I would like to thank our Junior Committee for their outstanding and dedicated commitment to our RDCA Junior Cricket and it's forever lasting future existence. The only reward these people receive is the delight of seeing youngster enjoying Cricket.

Some very special Port-Folios this season were filled by the never exhausted following. Secretary: **Timothy Court**, Assistant Secretary: **Tony Gawne**, Registration Secretary: **Jeff Luscombe**, Results Secretary: **Ian Letson**, and Collater of Special Awards: **Peter Kasper**. General Committee members have contributed to complement the seasons great team. **John Higgins, Daryl Watson, Shane Harrop and Paul Craddock**. Well done to everyone.

In Cricket there is always someone who stands out, and we are fortunate enough to have one amongst us. **Timothy Court** must be congratulated and applauded for his sensational contribution to Cricket within "The Ringwood and District Junior Cricket Association". **Tim** is so humble as to his achievements, and have never seen him seeking attention or wanting thanks for any of his honoury, voluntary, workloads that he inherits so gracefully. As President I would like to pass on the sincere thanks from all of the affiliated clubs, and include a very sincere special thanks from the R.D.C.A. Junior and Senior Administration.

Grand Final day this season was made very special by the new introduced Winner Medals. Grand Final Winner Badges & Medals, Finalist Badges, and Player Of The Final Awards. Players and officials from both sides congregated together to receive these inaugural awards. The response from Junior Clubs was outstanding, and many thanks to our Senior President was passed on to Umpires and R.D.C.A. Officials in appreciation of making available and implementing this wonderful new tradition, that captured the Grand Final Atmosphere.

Attendance at Junior matches is on the increase, with many parents being involved with Junior Cricket. I was so pleased to see the magnificent crowds at Semi and Grand Final venues, proving to us all that "Cricket" will continue to be the Premier Summer Sport. Parents are showing plenty of interest, and being made aware and educated by active Junior Clubs informing them of our Association Pathway and the possible potential and exciting opportunities that are available for young Cricketers that are learning and improving.

In closing can I thank you all for supporting, participating and promoting this great game, and look forward to enjoying your company and challenges for the coming season.

Kind regards,
Chris Willman.

JUNIOR SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1999/2000 season was again a most rewarding and enjoyable one. The start of the season saw a number of exciting changes technology wise. The introduction of a fax facility for the submission of results and registration forms eased the pressure on clubs while the introduction of the RDCA Web Site provided the association with a medium for posting results, fixtures and ladders. These additions have undoubtedly seen an improvement with the administration of the association.

A season such as the one just gone does not happen without the tireless work of numerous volunteers, donating their spare time to ensure the smooth running of the Juniors. These people include Chris Willman as Junior President, Jeff Luscombe as Registration Secretary, Ian Letson as Results Secretary and Peter Kaspar who supervised the collating of averages and awards as well as the appointment of finals umpires. Tony Gawne is also one of these people and warrants special mention for the amount of time he puts into the Juniors and especially for the support he provides me throughout the season in his role as Assistant Secretary.

It is sad to report that there was a slight increase in the use of the investigation committee and the tribunal in the season just gone. When required we were always able to call on the assistance of John Rookes, Kevin Brown, Ian Spencer, John Tynan, Ian Dench and Neville Bradshaw, who quite generously gave up their spare time to assist us in settling the various matters brought before them.

Once again in January the Association fielded sides in the IAJCC competition and as usual performed at a very high level. The Under 12s made it to the Semi Final, the Under 14s after only losing one game for the carnival went on to win the premiership, with the Under 16s made it to the Grand Final undefeated, but unfortunately were defeated by the better side on the day. Much thanks must go to John Higgins, Shane Harrop, Ian Jones, Ed Garner and Rod Cordwell for their efforts with these teams.

As well as participating in the IAJCC we again fielded a side in the Mitchell Shield, which had a mixed carnival with some narrow loses on top of some great victories. As usual Graeme Merrett did an outstanding job with this side, ably assisted by Chris Foden.

With the 1999/2000 season now behind us the Junior Committee is presently reviewing the past season and have already identified a number of areas which require improvement for the coming season. It is important that clubs realise that the Junior Committee is made up of volunteers donating their time to ensure the smooth running of the Junior Association. While at times clubs may believe that the RDCA is sometimes against them, it is important to remember that the RDCA is quite often caught in the middle and in a no win situation. We are always looking to administer the game in the best way possible and it is important that clubs look at the bigger picture and judge situations from the perspective of the RDCA as well as their own club's.

In closing I would like to congratulate all award winners and premiership teams. I strongly believe that we have all gained a lot from the season past and are already working hard to ensure that next season is even better than the one just gone.

**VETERANS
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Veterans Cricket in the RDCA continues to grow in popularity and strength. Two new Clubs in Research and Boronia joined the Association, bringing the total of number of Clubs to 26. Eight Clubs fielded two sides, which enabled us to make Division 4 consist solely of second sides.

A snippet of statistical information from our Registration Secretary, was that **approximately 550 players participated across the seven home and away rounds for all four divisions.**

Weather was a factor at the beginning of the season, with Round 2 only achieving 3 or 4 results prior to interruption. However the later part of the season and for the finals, we were blessed with perfect weather. The competition was very keen and even throughout the season, with positions 3 and 4 in most divisions, being decided by the last round - percentages determining fourth position in Divisions 1, 2 & 3. The Grand Finals were keenly played and most games went down to the last or second last over to determine a result. Pennants and trophies were presented to the winning sides immediately following the grand final, by our patron Bill Dean and other Executive members. The premiers for 1999 / 2000 were:

Division 4 Premiers Max Brown Trophy
South Warrandyte beat North Ringwood by 3 runs, in a very exciting nail biting finish.

Division 3 Premiers
Kilsyth, following being runners-up the previous season, defeated Research by 74 runs.

Division 2 Premiers Ken Johnston Trophy
Mt. Evelyn with 4/178 defeated Chirnside Park by 13 runs, in another exciting nail biting finish, right down to the last over.

Division 1 Premiers Bill Dean Trophy
Norwood were able to attain the 145 runs set by Croydon Ranges in 35 over, but not without some worries and concerns in their chase.

All Clubs are providing after match hospitality, and this provides an excellent way of renewing and building friendships amongst players and partners/supporters. All clubs are encouraged to maintain this facet of Veterans cricket.

Inter-Association Games: On a perfect day for cricket, we finally got to play these games on turf at Bayswater after previous two years matches had to be rescheduled to synthetic wickets. In addition to the two games against Ferntree Gully Association, we also had our initial game against a veteran's side from the Box Hill Reporter Association. RDCA sides were successful in two of the three matches, with the RDCA over 50s side going down to Ferntree Gully for the first time for a few years.

All players really look forward to the honour of representing the RDCA and comment on much they enjoy playing in these games. Thanks must go to team managers and selectors for their efforts – Jim Dean, Brian Gobbi, Mick Gavin, David Stickels and Jeff Luscombe.

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VCA Cricket Grant: The RDCA must be thanked for putting in a proposal to the VCA Masters Cricket Grants Scheme for the ongoing development of Veterans cricket in the area. The grant of \$1250.00 will be put to very good use.

Veterans Dinner Dance: This year our Dinner Dance returned to a previous popular venue in Bramleigh Receptions of Croydon.

This was pre finals this season with approximately 150 attending. All had an enjoyable night, dancing & catching up with friends. A number of couples were reminiscing on their weddings, or being involved in wedding parties, at this venue some years earlier.

The organising committee of Vair Gobbi, Marg Stafford and Graeme Seymour did an excellent job again, along with Daryl Stephens for his MC role.

Our raffles at this night, has enabled us to improve our bank balance. This will allow us to continue our ongoing financial support of RDCA junior cricket development through sponsorship towards Coaching accreditation program, as well as to assist cricketers that represent our Veterans Association either at interstate or overseas carnivals.

New Zealand Touring Party - RDCA Veterans - "Ringwood Possums"

On the Tuesday, following our Grand Final, a party of 22 (12 players and their partners) flew off to New Zealand for a fortnight of cricket and touring. A number of the party are permanent tourists, with trips to England and Zimbabwe over previous years. From all reports it was a most enjoyable trip, with 3 wins from the 3 games in the "Golden Oldies" international carnival against 2 NZ sides, plus one from Hollywood – USA.

Over 50s competition: A survey of many Clubs' playing personnel indicates possibly more than 50% are 50 years or over. A proposal to form an over 50s competition / division was discussed at our AGM pre season. This was deferred on the basis that commencement of this competition on the same weekend as the normal veterans competition, could have a decimating effect on a number of Clubs; with their over 40s side disappearing and these players dropping out of Veterans cricket.

A further draft proposal, with varying playing conditions and playing schedule is to be canvassed amongst all Clubs, in an endeavour to get this competition started, possibly in season 2000/2001.

E-Mail Technology: The Executive Committee this year has embraced the use of E-mail as a tool to despatch newsletter information to the bulk of our 26 Club Co-ordinators and Executive Committee members. This has proved very successful in getting not only newsletters, but also immediate communiqués to the Clubs in a quick and efficient manner.

We must take the opportunity to thank the RDCA and Tim Court for incorporating the Veterans as a section of the RDCA web site. Comments have been very favourable for not only the Club contact details, but also for checking on fixtures, results and ladders. I am sure this web site can only benefit Veterans Cricket through interest by potential players for future years. We have had contact from the UK through this web site and our E-mail contact details.

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Executive Committee Efforts: Finally it would be remiss of me not to thank our hardworking committee for their efforts and commitment throughout the year. Ken Johnston (Chairman), Jeff Luscombe (Registration), Bill Stafford (Treasurer), Brian Gobbi, Jim Dean, David Stickels, Graeme Seymour, Allan Duffus, as well as Marg Stafford and Vair Gobbi on sub-committees. Additionally Bill Dean, our Patron, for his support and availability of advice and assistance.

The Veterans Executive continues to look forward with great anticipation, that all Veterans cricket continues to be played in a friendly and positive spirit, with the renewing of many old friendships.

Mick Gavin
 Secretary

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

Treasurers Report - 1999 / 2000 season

I am sure that all Club Treasurers will recall that, as a result of the failure of our existing computer accounting package, we changed our accounting package to MYOB in the very early part of the season. This change over was effected with a minimum of disruption once the inevitable 'system bugs' had been dealt with. The result of this change has been that I can now provide more meaningful statements to Clubs and also provide reports in greater detail to the Executive Committee.

In line with the statement made at our last Annual Meeting, the Executive kept affiliation fee increases to a minimum and endeavoured to trade for the season within the amount of income generated.

Unfortunately, we did incur significant costs that were unforeseen when our season's budget was prepared and approved with the result that we incurred a loss of \$4,841 for the season.

Unforeseen costs included:	\$
Catering – increase	1,450
Premiership Medals -- new item	953
Computer Fees – increase	1,026
Insurance – increase	486
Telephone – increase	530
Trophies, Pennants etc – increase	498
Printing, Stationery – increase	1,653

The Executive will be recommending affiliation fees for the coming season at the Annual Meeting and in framing this recommendation, due cognisance will be taken of the anticipated savings relating to changes to our computer results processing process.

Joan Newey
Honorary Treasurer.

Balance Sheet

as at 31st May 2000

Assets		\$	\$	\$
Current Assets				
	Cheque account	2999		
	Savings account	5088		
	Guarantee Fund	3400		
	Debtors			
	Aquinas College	1		
	Croydon Ranges	20		
	Eastfield	45		
	Heathmont	6		
	Kilsyth	20		
	Knox City	78		
	Montrose	20		
	Scoresby	92		
	Wantima South	353		
	Best & Fairest Medals	550		
	Premiership Medals	100		
	Cricket balls	594		
	Caps	756		
	Rule Book Covers	819		
	Umpire Counters	6		
	Umpire Badges	<u>12</u>		
	Total Current Assets		14959	14959
	Fixed Assets			
	Computer & Printer	2790		
	Total Fixed Assets		<u>2790</u>	
	Total Assets		17749	
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
	Ainslie Park	86		
	Boronia	4		
	Chimside Park	32		
	East Ringwood	18		
	Lilydale	61		
	Mooroolbark	70		
	Norwood	40		
	Olinda	100		
	Parkwood	22		
	South Croydon	7		
	South Ringwood	66		
	St Andrews	6		
	Wonga Park	<u>57</u>		
	Total Current Liabilities		569	
	Non Current Liabilities			
	Bonds held	500		
	Guarantee Monies	<u>3400</u>		
	Total Non Current Liabilities		<u>3900</u>	
	Total Liabilities		<u>4469</u>	
Net Assets				<u>13280</u>
Equity				
	Retained Earnings		18121	
	Current Year Earnings		<u>-4841</u>	
				<u>13280</u>

Income and Expenditure Statement

For Year Ended 31st May 2000

		\$	\$
Income			
	Affiliation Fees	37900	
	Umpires Subscriptions	200	
	Fines	2447	
	Computer Fees	7836	
	Donations/Sponsorship	4497	
	Interest	75	
	Rule Book Covers sold	25	
	Scorebooks sold	<u>941</u>	
	Total Income		<u><u>53921</u></u>
Expenses	Administration		
	Honorarium	13850	
	Senior Executive	1840	
	Junior Executive	1881	
	Secretarial	3824	
	Other Administration	692	
	Treasurer	<u>950</u>	
	Operating		23037
	Telephone & Paging	1232	
	Printing & Stationery	6113	
	Computer Processing	9542	
	Bank Charges	300	
	Ground & Hall Rental	870	
	Affiliation & Registration Fees	48	
	Sundry	<u>195</u>	
	Total Operating		18301
	Miscellaneous		
	Insurance	1086	
	Umpires fees	2250	
	Trophies & Shields	3234	
	Pennants & Plaques	2748	
	Junior Carnival	243	
	Senior Presentation / Vote Count Night	1381	
	Junior Presentation Night	1062	
	Catering	<u>1786</u>	
	Total Miscellaneous		13791
	Equipment		
	B F Medals purchased	67	
	Premiership Medals purchased	953	
	Cricket Balls purchased	274	
	Caps purchased	715	
	Ties purchased	110	
	Umpires Badges purchased	33	
	Sundry purchases	482	
	Depreciation on Equipment	<u>1000</u>	
	Total Equipment		3633
	Total Expenses		<u><u>58762</u></u>
	Net Profit / - Loss		<u><u>-4841</u></u>

1999 - 2000

**THIS WAS THE
SEASON
THAT WAS!**

POSITION OF YOUR TEAM ROUND BY ROUND

CHANDLER 1

TEAM After round>>>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
MOOROOLBARK	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1
AINSLIE PARK	12	6	5	4	8	5	4	4	5	4	2
WONGA PARK	5	9	6	5	4	2	2	1	1	2	3
KILSYTH	4	5	3	7	5	3	3	2	3	3	4
SOUTH KINGWOOD	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	5	4	5	5
CROYDON NORTH	8	11	8	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	6
LILYDALE	7	3	4	3	6	6	7	8	7	7	7
FERNTREE GULLY	10	8	9	8	9	9	9	11	11	8	8
WANTIRNA SOUTH	1	4	7	7	6	7	8	7	8	9	9
TEMPLETON	6	10	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	11	10
WARRANTYTE	11	7	10	10	10	11	10	9	9	10	11
PARKWOOD	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12

WILKINS

TEAM After round>>>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
EAST RINGWOOD	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	1	1	1
CROYDON RANGES	6	5	4	2	3	2	O	2	2	2	2
MONTROSE	4	3	5	3	2	3		4	3	3	3
BAYSWATER PARK	7	7	7	7	8	7	P	5	6	4	4
NORTH RINGWOOD	5	4	7	5	4	5	I	8	8	8	5
ST ANDREWS	8	8	8	8	1	7	A	3	4	6	6
SOUTH CROYDON	3	6	6	6	7	6	Y	7	5	5	7
NORWOOD	2	2	2	4	6	8		6	7	7	8
KNOX CITY	10	9	10	9	9	9		9	9	9	9
CHIRNSIDE PARK	9	10	9	10	10	10		10	10	10	10

GRAND FINALISTS

GRADE

CHANDLER 1
CHANDLER 2
CHANDLER 3
CHANDLER 4

WILKINS

B GRADE
C GRADE
D GRADE
E GRADE
F GRADE
G GRADE
H GRADE
I GRADE

PREMIER

AINSLIE PARK
LILYDALE
WONGA PARK
WONGA PARK
MONTROSE
OLINDA
BAYSWATER PARK
EASTFIELD
WONGA PARK
MOOROOLBARK
MOOROOLBARK
NORWOOD
MONTROSE

RUNNER-UP

MOOROOLBARK
SOUTH RINGWOOD
WANTIRNA SOUTH
MOOROOLBARK
EAST RINGWOOD
EAST RINGWOOD
EAST RINGWOOD
MOOROOLBARK
WANTIRNA SOUTH
TEMPLETON
TEMPLETON
WONGA PARK

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 - 1998/99

YEAR	CHANDLER 1	WILKINS	B GRADE
81/82	Warrandyte	Sth Croydon	Bayswater Park
82/83	Croydon United	Sth 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	Sth Croydon	Knox Gardens
89/90	Croydon North	Croydon United	Westwood
90/91	Croydon North	Wonga Park	Knox City
91/92	Croydon North	Wantirna Sth	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	Nth Ringwood	Knox City
96/97	Croydon North	Sth Ringwood	N/A
97/98	Croydon North	Templeton	East Ringwood
98/99	Ferntree Gully	Lilydale	East Ringwood
99/00	Ainslie Park	Montrose	Olinda

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS

	UNDER 16	UNDER 14	UNDER 12
1.	Ringwood	Templeton	Nth Ringwood
2.	North Ringwood	Lilydale	Templeton
3.	Kilsyth	Sth R'Wood/Heathmont	Boronia
4.	Templeton	North Ringwood	Parkwood

VETERAN PREMIERSHIPS

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	SECTION 4
Norwood	Mt. Evelyn	Kilsyth	Sth Warrandyte Hawks

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) 1966/67 - 1999/00

East Ringwood	23	[4]	Croydon North	20	[8]
Wonga Park	23	[4]	Wantirna South	19	[0]
Ainslie Park	18	[2]	St Andrews	16	[4]
Mooroolbark	18	(6)	Vermont	15	(0)
Kilsyth	16	[1]	Montrose	14	[4]
Mt Evelyn	12	[2]	North Ringwood	11	[4]
Warrandyte	11	[3]	Heathmont	11	[2]
Bayswater Park	11	[1]	Templeton	10	[2]
Lilydale	[9]	(1)	Norwood	9	(2)
Glen Park	(8)	(3)	Croydon Ranges	14*	(3)
Wantirna	(8)	(2)	Boronia	7	(0)
South Ringwood	6	[2]	Scoresby	5	[1]
Parkwood	5	[2]	Ferntree Gully	5	[3]
Sth Warrandyte Hawks	5	[2]	Knox City	4	[2]
Aquinas	3	[3]	Chirnside Park	3	[2]
Sth Croydon	3	[1]	Knox Gardens	3	[1]
Croydon	3	[0]	Oxley	2	[2]
Eastfield	3	[1]	Olinda	1	(1)

Figures in [brackets] are premierships won by 1st eleven teams

- Includes premierships won by Croydon United & Croydon Hockeyers.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

SENIOR TEAM

RDCA	8/169	S. Arbuckle 32, B. Albert 31 no
BOX HILL	3/170	Paul Murray 1/21, Brett Albert 1/20

Box Hill won by 7 wickets

UNDER 21 NEIL WRIGHT CUOV COMPETITION

Round 1	RDCA	6/166	P.Henry 96,G.Stock 28
	BOX HILL	119	G.Wright 3/23
Round 2	RDCA	1/144	P.Henry 102no A. Stevens 30no
	DVDA	143	P.Henry 4/19
Round 3	RDCA	4/127	P.Henry 40, A.Stevens 25
	JIKA	6/112	D.Wright 2/9
Grand Final	RDCA	106	T.Degenhardt 27, R.Coutts 22
	VTA	9/171	C.Box 3/24, G.Wright 2/24

R.D.C.A. Runners Up

Semi final was abandoned due to the state of the wicket following heavy rain

UNDER 18 MATCHES

RDCA	8/188	R.Joseph 33no, M.Ross 33, M. Mitchell 31
BOX HILL	182	R.Hayres 3/30,M.Mitchell 3/42
RDCA	192	G.Coutts 131, S.Hustwaite 24no
YVCA	130	M.Ross 4/26, R.Newell2/20
RDCA	6/131	J.Swanton 53, G.Coutts 39
VTA	119	B.Rutz 4/27

PARTICIPATING PLAYERS

SENIOR

B. Hopkins
R.Allport
A.Luckman
B.Ricci
C.Anderson
M.Unternahrer
S.Reeves
S.Arbuckle
B.Albert
T.Jackson
P.Murray
P.Lovell

UNDER 21

R.Coutts
A.Gawne
P.Henry
G.Stock
S.Barnes
S.Moore
J.Swanton
D.Wright
C.Box
T.Degenhardt
C.Gunn
C.Williams
G. Wright
A.Stevens
W.Kiely
B.Springett
A.Hill

UNDER 18

J.O'Donnell
A.Stevens
J.Swanton
S.Hustwaite
M.Ross
B.Rutz
M.Mitchell
G.Coutts
R.Joseph
A.Harry
R.Newell
R.Hayres
F.Spackman
B.Johnston
G.Hasan

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

BATTING			BOWLING		
Geoff Chamberlain	WOP	71.6	CHANDLER 1	Andrew Downs	FTG 8.5
Garry Dans	LYD	65.8	CHANDLER 2	Andrew Baxter	LYD 10.4
Brett Kline	WDT	66	CHANDLER 3	Neil Bolan	LYD 12
Luke Miller	MOO	118	CHANDLER 4	David Gee	WDT 7.9
Greg Moorhouse	STA	70.5	WILKINS	Kevin Smith	MTR 7.8
Dwayne Paisley	CRR	82.1	B GRADE	Adam Humphries	OLN 10.6
Lucas Davies	SCR	84	C GRADE	Blair Cattin	EAR 9.6
Stuart Collins	EAR	65.3	D GRADE	Dwight Tuffnell	EAR 11.4
Ian Dell	WOP	64.6	E GRADE	Peter Berkley	WOP 9.1
David Taggart	WSO	56.2	F GRADE	Keith Wilburn	KIL 9.6
Peter Walliker	EAR	88.8	G GRADE	Steve Wilkins	EAR 10.2
Adrian Willoughby	WAN	87	H GRADE	David Finch	KIL 9.1
Richard Cutler	SWT	78	I GRADE	Brendan Lidgerwood	OLN 8.6

CHANDLER CHAMPION PLAYER

Andrew Downs Ferntree Gully

UNDER 21 BEST PLAYER

Paul Henry Wantirna South

UNDER 18 BEST PLAYER

Greg Coufts Wonga Park

ALL STARS TEAM

Chris Anderson	APK	Simon Reeves	APK
Adam Luckman	KIL	Andrew Downs	FTG
David Jacquier	CNT	Russell Jenzen	CNT
Jason Disney	TMP	Barry Pendleton	LYD
Andrew Wildsmith	WOP	Brendan Ricci	MOO
Jason Walsh	WSO		

FAIREST & BEST AWARDS**BILL DEAN MEDAL (CHANDLER)**

Andrew Downs FTG 20

STEVE PASCOE MEDAL (WILKINS)

Paul Cornell NRI 15

VOTES OBTAINED BY EACH CLUB IN FAIREST AND BEST AWARDS**BILL DEAN MEDAL (CHANDLER)**

MOOROOLBARK	48
FERN TREE GULLY	38
AINSLIE PARK/KILSYTH	37
WONGA PARK/WANTIRNA SOUTH	37
CROYDON NORTH	33
SOUTH RINGWOOD	31
TEMPLETON	30
LILYDALE	29
WARRANTYTE	18
PARKWOOD	24

STEVE PASCOE MEDAL

EAST RINGWOOD	45
MONTROSE	39
CROYDON RANGES	37
ST ANDREWS	35
NORTH RINGWOOD	33
BAYSWATER PARK	30
NORWOOD/SOUTH CROYDON	29
CHIRNSIDE PARK	11
KNOX CITY	9

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. EAST RINGWOOD	11	4	SOUTH RINGWOOD	9.22
2. WONGA PARK	9.91	5.	AINSLIE PARK	8.90
3. MOOROOLBARK	9.36			

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

All care taken in compiling this information. It was extracted from computer records, but no machine or person is infallible.

HIGHEST SCORE FOR THE SEASON

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
G Grade	K.Smith	Templeton	306

SCORES OF 180+

NAME	CLUB	SCORE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
K.Smith	Templeton	306	S.Toohy	Lilydale	213*
B.Ricci	Mooroolbark	228*	A.Storm	Montrose	187
P.Walliker	East Ringwood	217			

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE IN SINGLE INNINGS

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
Chandler 1	B.Griffin	East Ringwood	9/21

8 WICKETS OR MORE IN ONE INNINGS

NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE	NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
P. Griffin	East Ringwood	9/21	S.Wilkins	East Ringwood	8/42
A.Downs	Ferntree Gully	9/60	S.Wilkins	East Ringwood	8/47
W.Ashby	Wonga Park	8/25	W.Ashby	Wonga Park	8/64
K.Smith	Templeton	8/29	J.Goodlet	Lilydale	8/139

BATSMEN WHO SCORED 2 CENTURIES

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
A.Lockman	Kilsyth	A.Gillespie	Lilydale
B.Kline	Warrandyte	G. Moorhouse	St Andrews
T.Johnston	Croydon Ranges	M.Greenough	Olinda
S.Collins	East Ringwood	J.Guye	Ainslie Park

10 WICKETS OR MORE IN ONE MATCH

NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
D.Schmid	Boronia	11/59
M.Glen	Knox City	10/48
S. Hartman	Lilydale	10/80

CENTURIES SCORED IN EACH GAME

CHANDLER 1	13	WILKINS	16	E GRADE	13
CHANDLER 2	9	B GRADE	15	F GRADE	6
CHANDLER 3	18	C GRADE	8	G GRADE	11
CHANDLER 4	15	D GRADE	15		
TOTAL	139				

5 WICKETS OR MORE IN 1 INNINGS IN EACH GRADE

CHANDLER 1	26[7]	WILKINS	25[7]	E GRADE	18[8]
CHANDLER 2	26[12]	B GRADE	17[8]	F GRADE	12[8]
CHANDLER 3	20[9]	C GRADE	22[12]	G GRADE	19[9]
CHANDLER 4	15[6]	D GRADE	26[10]		
TOTAL	226[96]				

Figures in [brackets] indicate 6 wickets or more.

In the one day grades, batsmen were compulsorily retired at 50 and bowlers restricted to a maximum of 7 overs. The following were achieved:-

No. of 50's	60	R.Crossley from Montrose took 7/17 in a single innings, probably the best performance since the inception of the one day grades. D.Finch(Kilsyth) and
3 - 4 wickets	83	R.Long(Sth Croydon) took 6/9 and 6/15 respectively. T. Hutchinson from
5 wickets	5	Wantirna scored five scores of 50.
6 wickets	2	
7 wickets	1	

BOWLERS WHO TOOK 5 WICKETS OR BETTER ON MORE THAN TWO OCCASIONS

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
P.Berkley	Wonga Park(4)	N.Alste	Bayswater Park(3)
R. Jenzen	Croydon North(3)	M.Glen	Knox City(3)
N. Ogden	East Ringwood(3)	B.Albert	Parkwood(3)
A. Downs	Ferntree Gully(3)	A.Humphries	Olinda(3)

A COMPARISON	97/98	98/99	99/00
Centuries	129	128	139
5 Wickets +	317	320	226
200+	0	2	4
More than 1 Century	13	12	8
8 wickets +	7	6	7
Highest individual score	199	216	306
Best Bowling	9/22	10/76	9/21
Registrations*	5102	5667	6104
Number of teams*	291	294	288

- Includes under-age teams and registered players.

AROUND THE CLUBS AS PROVIDED BY CLUBS**Ferntree Gully**

- Wayne Pretty was awarded life membership after 20 years at the club in which he has served as a committee member including a period as Secretary. On the playing field Wayne scored his 4000th run during the season.
- Barry Manning retired after 40 years of outstanding service.
- Andrew Downs won his 6th best and fairest award in 10 seasons with the club. During the season he became the first eleven's highest run scorer in the club's history.
- Dean Glare took his 300th senior wicket.

Lilydale

- Round 9 Chandler 2 v Parkwood at Parkwood, Glen Peters joined Gary Dans at the crease and were separated 297 runs later making this the highest partnership for any wicket in the history of the Lilydale. In the 98/99 report it was reported that Glen, in scoring 203no in Chandler 4 had established a record for the highest individual score for the club. Opposition players in Chandler had better look out in season 2000/01
- F Grade wicketkeeper, Colin Lavelle, was involved in 8 dismissals(7 catches and a stumping) in the semi final match against Wantirna South.

Bayswater Park

- In the D Grade semi-final against Eastfield, Bayswater were "gone" with the score at 6/105 chasing a mammoth 318. However Peter Ruddock (123no) and 16 year old Jason Batcher(44) had other ideas and added 150 for the 7th wicket(a club record)to bring the team right into contention. In the end the team finished 30 runs short, but provided more proof to the saying " it is not over until the fat lady sings".
- Barry Woods with a brilliant 129no and 15 year old Hayden Lambert with a solid unbeaten 44 produced a club record partnership of 181 for the first eleven.

Mooroolbark

- The clubrooms were packed to capacity at a function in February when "Mooroolbark's Finest Team" was announced for the period 1960 to 2000. The team selected was as follows Peter Ricci Sr, Steve Clark, John Salter, John Vine, Michael Piggott, Ken Trollope, John Kemp, Bill Baker, Brad Guan, Colin Perrett, Bruce Legrew and David Baker.
- 10 of Mooroolbark's teams made the finals with seven proceeding through to the Grand Finals.
- Ken Trollope took his 300th wicket in his capacity as wicketkeeper during the season with a high of 42 dismissals in the 1987/88 season. Ken has played 275 games with Mooroolbark of which some 230 have been with Chandler 1.

LETS PLACE OUR PRIORITIES IN THE CORRECT ORDER

North Ringwood under 12 opening batsmen Andrew Cicutto had a highly successful season and finished with an average of 223 and was due to receive trophies from both his club and the Association. As would be the normal situation, his father wished to be at both presentations. However Andrew's father is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Australia Bank and was in Sydney in regard to the bank's purchase of MLC. However, first things first and Mr Cicutto made certain he was at the two functions.

INAUGURAL KNOCKOUT CUP

Although the number of clubs who entered the competition was slightly disappointing, each of the games played were closely fought contests with the Grand Final at Mooroolbark being an outstanding success.

Mooroolbark did a great job in the hosting of the game and in a low scoring game the host side got home from South Ringwood to take out the **TOPLINE KNOCKOUT CUP**.

BY THE WAY

- Of the 13 teams that headed the ladder at the end of the home and home series, only 3 went on to win the premiership.
- The difference in premiership points between the top and bottom teams in Chandler 1 was 61 compared with 63.8 in 98/99.
- Mooroolbark was the leading team for 8/11 rounds. Wantirna South (after round 1) and Wonga Park (rds 8 and 9) were the other leaders. In an interesting twist premier team Ainslie Park was in 12th position at the end of Round 1. In Wilkins, East Ringwood was on top all season.
- Mooroolbark and East Ringwood were the only teams who retained their spots in the top fours for the whole season. In Chandler 7/12 teams were in the four for at least one round while in Wilkins it was 8/10.
- Parkwood will move to the Wilkins Cup in 00/01 for the first time since being promoted to Chandler in 88/89.
- Montrose will be promoted to Chandler following its Wilkins Cup Premiership. Montrose were previously in Chandler in season 1993/94.
- Andrew Downs was a clear winner of the Champion player in Chandler and became the seventh player to win the coveted trophy for the second time.
- Templeton's Chandler 4 team was struggling in their match against Ferntree Gully with its score at 7/91, when Scott Shaw strode to the wicket. At stumps he was 131 no of a mere 20 overs including a staggering 40 runs off one over which included a no ball. This performance rated a mention in Jon Anderson's column in the Herald Sun.
- Of the 13 Grand Finals Mooroolbark and East Ringwood competed in 9

THEY WERE CERTAINLY GRAND FINALS

When tea was reached on the second day of the match it appeared as though Mooroolbark would be celebrating another Chandler 1 premiership in their clubrooms that evening. However, rain and some determined batting from Ainslie Park saw the game having to go into the third day where Ainslie park snatched a thrilling victory by one wicket. This was Ainslie's first premiership since 1993/94 and their second in the top grade. While the weather conditions probably suited the batting side it was still a great fightback by the team. In reflecting on the game Mooroolbark can look back on the period just before and after tea on the first day when they went from chocolates to boiled lollies in the space of about 4 overs as the period in which they lost the game.

Cheong Park was in superb condition for the Wilkins Cup Grand Final where it was expected that hot favourites East Ringwood would be too strong for Montrose. Montrose had other ideas and came out with all bats blazing to reach 2/210 at tea after being invited to bat. However, East fought back to put themselves in a winning position by tea on the second day. Rain stopped play for the remainder of that day and the first hour on the third day did not change the likely outcome of the game. Then Montrose picked up a couple of wickets and got their "second wind". Their bowlers took over and East were 30 runs short when the 10th wicket fell.

Unbeaten throughout the home and home games and then a good win in the semi final, saw Lilydale at unbackable odds in the Chandler 2 Grand Final. They were opposed to a confident South Ringwood following their impressive semi final victory. Lilydale, however, established a grip on the game early in the match and a flag will be flying at the Lilydale ground during season 2000/01; A great performance by Lilydale in their first season back in Chandler.

Wonga Park and Wantima South, after winning semi final games against more favoured teams in Chandler 3 met in a game which was difficult to pick the likely winner, but a top performance by their batsmen on the first day practically ensured victory for Wonga Park. Their bowlers continued their dominance on the second day and a comfortable victory followed.

In Chandler 4 Mooroolbark journeyed to Quambee Reserve yet to suffer defeat in season 1999/00. Playing Wonga Park whom they had defeated easily in the final round, they looked forward to coming home with the premiership medallions around their necks. It was not to be as Wonga put a stranglehold on the game on the first day and went on to record a well deserved win.

Olinda without a senior premiership in their 70 years in the RDCA faced East Ringwood who were striving for their 5th successive B Grade pennant at Templeton. Olinda who had made a practice of making huge scores during the season looked in trouble when they were dismissed for only 199. A great days play by both teams on the second day had the crowd enthralled but Olinda were able to do that little extra and the celebrations were loud and long that night in the mountains.

C Grade proved to be a thriller with East Ringwood being dismissed for a disappointing 158 on the first day. Bayswater Park were 1/30 overnight and appeared to be heading for an easy victory. However the second day proved to be of heart attack material and the Bayswater boys had lost nine wickets before they scored the winning run.

It can be said a score of 329 will win most games in the RDCA and particularly when scored on the first day of a Grand Final. When East Ringwood totalled that figure in the D Grade, the bookmakers put them at unbackable odds. Eastfield took to the batting creases the next day and calmly set about to better that total and the fact that a flag now flies on the flagpole at Benson Oval is proof they succeeded.

Wonga Park, who have a great reputation for winning lower grade premierships with regular monotony, showed no mercy to Mooroolbark in the E Grade Grand Final and when the game finished early on the second day, it meant the Wonga team had additional time to plan a night of celebrations.

In a football sense, Wantima South were 6 goals ahead with 10 minutes to play in the F Grade Grand Final against Mooroolbark. Translated to cricket Mooroolbark were 30 runs behind when the 9th wicket fell, but dedicated batting from the last pair saw the boys from Kiloran Park snatch a marvellous win.

Templeton took to the field in the G Grade Grand Final firm favourites but their powerful batting did not come up to their usual standards and they were all out for 197. The Mooroolbark team with the ideal balance of youth and age, paced themselves very professionally to set up a comfortable win.

In the H Grade one day division Templeton scored what was an excellent total for their maximum 35 overs, but top batting from Norwood allowed the team to get up and win its first ever one day flag.

Before a good crowd at the Roy Baldwin oval, Wonga Park and Montrose played out a great game in the other one day grade. Probably the more experience of the Montrose team proved the difference and the medallions went to their players. This win was the start of a good final series for the Montrose club.



LET US REMEMBER THEM

All RDCA people were shocked to hear of the deaths of Kilsyth players Michael Fulton and Dean Andrewartha in the Swiss canyoning disaster at Interlaken in July 1999. The RDCA expressed its deepest sympathy to the families of Michael and Dean and to the Kilsyth Cricket Club

FINAL LADDERS**CHANDLER 1**

Mooroolbark	113.8
Ainslie Park	105.1
Wonga Park	104
Kilsyth	101.5
South Ringwood	95.2
Croydon North	84.3
Lilydale	83
Ferntree Gully	80.9
Wantirna South	77.4
Templeton	69
Warrandyte	61.9
Parkwood	52.9

CHANDLER 2

Lilydale	120.8
Sth Ringwood	111.1
Ainslie Park	103.4
Croydon North	94.2
Templeton	83.7
Wonga Park	81.8
Kilsyth	75
Wantirna South	74.8
Mooroolbark	74.3
Ferntree Gully	61.4
Warrandyte	50.9
Parkwood	38.3

CHANDLER 3

Lilydale	130.8
South Ringwood	109.4
Wonga Park	99.5
Wantirna South	95.8
Mooroolbark	90.7
Templeton	82.4
Ainslie Park	75.7
Croydon North	66.8
Parkwood	62
Warrandyte	56.9
Ferntree Gully	55.6
Kilsyth	47.9

CHANDLER 4

Mooroolbark	132.9
Wonga Park	104.9
Sth Ringwood	103.9
Lilydale	102.4
Kilsyth	99.4
Croydon North	99.3
Templeton	80.5
Ainslie Park	68
Wantirna Sth	66.1
Ferntree Gully	49.4
Warrandyte	44.4
Parkwood	42.6

WILKINS

East Ringwood	127
Croydon Ranges	116.5
Montrose	94.2
Bayswater Park	90.8
North Ringwood	86
St Andrews	85.2
South Croydon	82.7
Norwood	74
Knox City	45.7
ChirnsidePark	40

B

Olinda	128.7
East Ringwood	107.4
Wantirna	107
Croydon Ranges	99.4
South Croydon	98.7
Eastfield	91.4
Sth Warrandyte	82.1
North Ringwood	67
Norwood	63
Montrose	53
Chirnside Park	48.5
St. Andrews	48.2

C

East Ringwood	124.1
South Croydon	103.1
Bayswater Park	94.7
Olinda	94.1
Sth Warrandyte	88.5
Knox City	84.6
Norwood	82.7
Croydon Ranges	68.5
Boronia	66.8
St Andrews	64.3
Montrose	58.7

D

East Ringwood	126.5
Eastfield	110.1
Bayswater Park	108.5
North Ringwood	103.3
Wantirna	98.2
South Warrandyte	80.8
Knox City	72.9
Croydon Ranges	71.4
Montrose	38.1

E

Wonga Park	129.8
Norwood	122.8
Mooroolbark	107.8
Templeton	101.3
East Ringwood	96.1
Boronia	93.7
Croydon Ranges	61.5
North Ringwood	51.2
Knox City	44.9
Bayswater Park	34.5

F

Ainslie Park	111.5
Wantirna South	100.6
Lilydale	99.8
Mooroolbark	77.8
Kilsyth	69.6
Boronia	56.3
Croydon North	30.3

G

East Ringwood	112.2
Wonga Park	111.8
Templeton	100.8
Mooroolbark	84.4
South Ringwood	69.9
Croydon Ranges	60.4
Croydon North	49
Kilsyth	43

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Kilsyth	105
Templeton	103
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Norwood	99
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Wantirna South	59
St Andrews	40
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Bayswater Park	11
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Olinda	123
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Number 1.

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BILL DEAN, of Croydon, admits he was a pretty average sort of a cricketer in his day, but he loved the game enough to devote a good part of the past 50 years to it.

Now in his 70s, Mr Dean has been a patron of the Ringwood District Cricket Association for the past 10 years and was president of the association for the 20 years before that.

"I was a very, very ordinary cricketer. I was a better administrator than a player although I enjoyed the game," Mr Dean said.

Long-time friend and RDCA secretary Lindsay Trollope confirmed Mr Dean's self-assessment. Mr Trollope said his friend was an excellent administrator and a well-known and respected member of the Ringwood cricketing community.

In his roles as association president and patron, Mr Dean also enjoyed encouraging and supporting young players and working to provide them with better facilities.



Players' president: *Bill Dean, now association patron.*

"He was known as the players' president," Mr Trollope said.

Mr Dean said he was surprised but pleased recently to be awarded a Commonwealth Recognition Award for Senior Australians. Mr Dean was one of 12 older Australians from the Casey electorate to receive his

award from local member Dr Michael Wooldridge at a ceremony before Christmas.

Mr Dean, who has also served as secretary at the Croydon RSL for 10 years, is no stranger to awards ceremonies. In 1990 he received an Order of Australia for his services to cricket.

Number 2

On 26 January, local residents attended in great number at the Ringwood Lake to celebrate the Australia Day celebrations organised by the Maroondah Council. A number of activities took place including the presentation of the Maroondah Australia Day Awards. The principal award was the Citizen of the Year which was awarded to Bill Dean. As well as Bill's involvement in the RDCA for over 40 years, Bill has been active in other community activities including assistance to the Donwood Nursing Home and the Maroondah Hospital.

SOME NOTES OF INTEREST OF PAST YEARS

- On 29 September 1920 at a meeting in the Ringwood Mechanics Hall, the RDCA was established with the following 5 clubs agreeing to commence the season on 23 October, Montrose, Ringwood, Ringwood Diggers, Mooroolbark and Croydon. (Wonga Park was also issued an invitation to compete in the newly formed body. Unfortunately the opening day was washed out by torrential rain which was so bad that the bridge over Mullum Creek in Warrandyte Road was washed away.
- In a game in 1936 between Valley and North Bayswater the first day was played on a ground covered with blackberries. North Bayswater cleared the ground for the second day when they were to bat. The opposition fired in a protest on the grounds that the conditions were not equal and the Executive of the day upheld the protest and awarded the game to Valley.
- The number of teams participating in the RDCA peaked in 1985/86 when 343 teams went onto the field each Saturday. The highest number of senior teams was in the following season when 180 teams were entered while the biggest entry of under age teams was in the previously mentioned season with 171.
- In 1946/47 matches started at 3pm and were played until 6pm



WE HEARD IT ON THE RADIO

Each Friday evening during 1999/00, Trevor McPhee hosted the RDCA Cricket Show with Ray Gale providing the expert comment. Starting off as the Kilsyth Show, the club generously agreed to make it an Association information time. Both Trevor and Ray are to be congratulated for their input and with a excellent guest list it became a "must" each week, even if some of the guests were a little astray with their views on the operations of the RDCA.

It is hoped the show will continue in 2000/01 and be even bigger and better.

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