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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The season just gone has been successful in many ways. Competitive cricket was played through all grades and the finals series produced many close games with eventual premiers coming from all positions within the final four.

From my personal point of view one of the most pleasing success stories of the season was the increase in clubs playing games with a view to charitable fund raising, this surely can serve as a fine example to all clubs within the Association to embrace in the future. The wider involvement in supporting community activities should be encouraged by our clubs, the rewards could be pleasing to all involved. Your Association is already involved through the annual 20/20 game against Ringwood Cricket Club which this year raised \$1,750 for the Monkami Centre and provided great entertainment for all who attended.

More success was achieved through better behaviour. The new policy, whereby a reported person has the ability to accept an early penalty rather than attend a tribunal meeting, has worked well and the number of reported players has fallen. There is still a long way to go in this area, one report a season is one too many!

Last year I mentioned that I was keen to establish an updated Strategic Plan for the Association and I am pleased to say that this has occurred. The Plan has been published on the Association website as has an interim update of matters already undertaken. I am grateful to the members of our cricket community who assisted in the establishment of the Plan and I know that much progress on further implementation will take place in the coming months. As an example, you are likely to see a new player behaviour and tribunal process implemented and the completion of the registration of the Association trade mark. Further enhancements to the website and the introduction of a 'club support and information' section are also likely and I now formally advise that your Executive is looking at the trialing of a club based 20/20 competition that would run on a mid week basis. Further regular updates in regard to the Strategic Plan implementation will be posted on the website from time to time as I am keen that everyone is kept up to date with our progress. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions you may have, several people have taken this opportunity to date and more input is very welcome.

Now some acknowledgements and thank-you's. To all members of the wider RDCA Executive, Senior, Junior and Veterans, a big thank you for your efforts in ensuring our competitions ran so well. The number of people involved at this level is considerable and highlights the work ethic required to operate a large suburban sporting Association. Darryl Stephens and Tim Court have ensured that our Veteran and Junior competitions continue to flourish and I thank them and their committees for their efforts. The continued involvement in Junior representative carnivals and Veterans inter-association games is pleasing to see.

Our umpiring fraternity deserves strong recognition and acknowledgment. They continue to work tirelessly to ensure improved training and performance levels are achieved and the implementation this season of new Umpires Association Constitution will surely assist in this regard.

Thank you to Croydon North Cricket Club for hosting our annual 20/20 match and the excellent Chandler Shield grand final, to Scoresby/Ferndale for hosting the Wilkins Cup final and to Kilsyth for hosting the Newey Plate grand final. The same goes to all the other clubs who hosted Grand Finals and to Chirnside Park for hosting our annual Vote Count night.

To all those players who represented the Association, I say thank you for making your time available and for representing us so well. Victory in the annual 20/20 match against Ringwood was a highlight

**and we again thank Ringwood Cricket Club for their continued participation in this excellent concept.**

**I must again acknowledge the efforts of club volunteers. Without this vast unpaid resource we could simply not operate a competition of our size. I encourage clubs to ensure that players, partners and families are encouraged to participate in improving their facilities and increasing community involvement. If I can single out one group of volunteers, it would be our ladies who give so much time and tolerance to allow us to play the game we love.**

**Our media ‘contingent’ needs to be acknowledged and thanked. Clair White has embraced her first professional journalistic challenge with great maturity and I thank Clair and her family for their efforts. Justin Nelson and Eastern FM have provided us with a valuable opportunity to take our Association to the wider community and Rod Paisley has contributed considerable time in ensuring our weekly radio show can take place.**

**Congratulations to all Premier teams. It does not matter if it is M grade or Chandler Shield, a premiership is the culmination of a season’s hard work and endeavours. Having said that, our congratulations go to North Ringwood, on their first Chandler Shield premiership in 39 years, and to Croydon Ranges, in winning the Wilkins Cup and earning promotion to Chandler Shield for the first time in their short history as a merged entity. Congratulations also to Wantirna and to Knox City Cricket Clubs, both of whose First elevens won premierships and promotions to higher grades.**

**Congratulations to our Medal Winners – John Moulder from Lilydale, Anthony Podesta from Montrose and Marc Steiner from Chirnside Park who won the Bill Dean, Steve Pascoe and Stuart Newey Medals respectively. For Marc it was the second year in a row, well done.**

**I must thank our sponsors for their support towards our Association, their assistance is invaluable. Special thanks must go to Paul Attfield from Saxon Sports, Paul has shown strong support for our Association and has been pro-active in suggesting a number of initiatives that have proven so successful.**

**Now to the future. We are faced with a number of challenges, not the least being playing conditions. The condition of a number of grounds towards the end of the season was of concern and we will need to continue to work closely with Councils with a view to having greater input in regards to ground maintenance and improvements.**

**The Rules Committee has been busy in the off season with a number of current Rules requiring attention and some new ones considered.**

**Elements of the Strategic Plan will receive considerable attention and this will involve a number of people looking at a number of issues, including a focus on club assistance and information.**

**I would like to thank Ian Spencer for his tireless efforts. The workload that Ian copes with is substantial and the issues involved are varied, yet Ian deals with our Association’s needs with integrity and aplomb. Tim Court also deserves individual acknowledgement for his efforts as President of our Junior section and his role as our “Webmaster” in maintaining our website.**

**In conclusion, I look forward to welcoming you all back for the 2008/09 season.**

**Ian Dench**

A new initiative, in the form of an Information Briefing for clubs, was introduced in the lead up to last season. This meeting was held early July and, primarily, it gave clubs the opportunity to voice their thoughts on Rule Change proposals, Playing Dates, the “Draw” and various other issues. It also provided a forum for the Executive to advise the areas that had been actioned over the off season and what was planned for the future. Feed back was positive, so this process will likely continue in coming seasons.

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Association was held on 15 August in the Social Rooms of the Kilsyth Cricket Club. John Springett, after many years service at club level and on the Executives of the Junior section and the Umpires panel, was inducted as a Life Member of the RDCA.

Ian Dench was re-elected as President, thus continuing as Chairman of the Board of Management. and Ian Spencer (Manager Administration), Stuart Newey (Manager Finance) and Russell Jenzen (Manager Operations) continued un-opposed in their positions. Timothy Court, who had just taken over the mantle of President of the junior section, and Bill Stafford, as the Veterans representative, joined the aforementioned as members of the Board of Management.

Among the rule changes implemented for season 2006/07, was a requirement that the grading structure could not be changed in future without the calling of a Special meeting and any proposal would need a two thirds majority approval. With the majority needed likely to make it very difficult to get a change passed, the 2007/08 Rule changes returned the approval requirement to a “simple majority”. Unfortunately that change was not accepted by the Incorporations body and this aspect will have to be re-visited in the amendments for the coming season.

Other Rule changes saw the fixed penalties for certain offences revert to guidelines, within which the Administration Manger could offer a penalty to a reported player. There was also a tweaking of the bowling restrictions relative to U.17 & U.19 players, whereby overs bowled in the morning (juniors) were not recognised as part of the day’s quota.

Given that the introduction of the Victorian Cricket Registration (VCR) procedures in 2006/07, to which insurance cover was linked, had created an additional workload, and some headaches, the Executive endeavoured to be pro-active and initiated a July meeting with Cricket Victoria people to discuss renewal requirements. Unfortunately the discussions did not pan out as hoped and club personnel were ultimately required to do some input to the system. Eventually it all came together, with Timothy Court liaising with CV people to achieve a bulk update of relative participants.

The real positive to come out of the exercise was the premium reduction, which resulted in a rate of \$75 per Senior team and \$35 for Juniors. We trust that the premium can be maintained around this level in coming seasons.

As mentioned in last years Annual Report, the matching of teams in 12 and 8 team grades, in the use of a ground, creates a few anomalies. Added to this, we had the situation of Easter falling as early as is possible and the season had to be completed by mid March. In order to achieve 20 playing days, and avoid scheduling Sunday play, it was necessary to play right up to Christmas (22 December) and resume again on 5 January. Not an ideal situation, but play on the latter date was limited to Chandler, Wilkins and Newey matches.

When the season finally got under way there were 132 teams, which fell neatly into one grade of 12 (Chandler) and 15 grades of 8 teams. In the early rounds, a few teams fell by the wayside but there were sufficient additions to maintain the status quo.

With Councils continuing to upgrade grounds and do maintenance work, a number were out of action for all or part of the season and the availability of grounds was again at saturation point. We have probably been fortunate that the number of teams has remained in the low 130's, for the past three seasons, as any increase on this number would almost certainly necessitate the scheduling of some games on a Sunday.

As it was, there was some Sunday play and one game on a Monday. Wonga Park and Kilsyth sought permission to transfer their early January clash to a Sunday and drew a large crowd, which may prove a fore-runner to other clubs doing likewise to generate income. Vandalism of the pitch at South Warrandyte resulted in an early January fixture being re-scheduled to Australia day (Monday) and another being played the day before, both at Wonga Park to whom we extend our thanks.

Ground conditions could also be put in the same bracket as availability. We have seen how grounds have deteriorated without regular watering, particularly late in the season. As flagged last season, it is possible that we may get to a position where councils determine that some grounds can not be used after a certain date, or at all, and this would create all sorts of headaches in completing a season.

Whilst mentioned in Ian Dench's comments, I also add my thanks to Clair White, a young schoolgirl, who took on the role of media correspondent and, with family assistance, taker of scores of a Saturday evening.

Umpires, unfortunately, sometimes come under the pump from disgruntled players but their services are really appreciated. Numbers were down a fair bit and we are hopeful that this can be rectified by some initiatives being introduced by Umpires body in the coming season. Certainly, we would encourage past players to consider an extension of their involvement by joining the umpiring ranks.

On the website side of things, Timothy Court carried the load and did a fantastic job with a number of new initiatives. The RDCA is very fortunate to have Timothy put so much time and effort into the development of electronic methods.

While on the website, it is pleasing to say that the response of most clubs, in relation to result input, was reasonably prompt but there still remains room for improvement. The number of "un-registered" entries that appear after result input, has reduced, maybe with the spectre of our "fines master" looming large.

In regards to room for improvement, you will note from financial report that clubs contributed a significant amount in fines, despite an October moratorium, for failure to meet various aspects of Senior and Junior rules. This is an impost that can be avoided with a bit of extra application.

The RDCA cricket show continued on the local radio station at 8.30 on a Saturday morning. The program was hosted by local media identity Justin Nelson, with significant input by Rod Paisley and Grant Campbell and we thank these gentlemen for putting RDCA cricket information to the listening audience.

As also mentioned by Ian Dench, there was a significant improvement in relation to the Code of Conduct and the following statistics evidence same:

- 2 players (16 the previous season) appeared at Investigation hearings and were suspended.
- 3 players elected to accept the penalty offered to them, under new procedures.
- 6 players (10 the previous season) were "named"

We trust that this behaviour pattern will continue in seasons to come.

**On the social front, Vote Count night was held at the Chirnside Park cricket club social rooms and Presentation Night moved to a new venue in the Chirnside Park Country Club. Presentation night was also changed to a Friday night, in lieu of Wednesday, and this was seemingly well received as there was a larger attendance than in the previous couple of years. Whilst Friday might be popular, it has its pitfalls and it might be appropriate for Executive to suggest to clubs that they encourage attendees to go easy in the hours leading up to the event.**

**The weather god again smiled on the finals series, in fact, it was very hot on a couple of occasions and pushed close to the Heat Policy conditions. Unlike the previous season, when 11 of the 16 who won directly into the Grand Final were successful, this time round only 6 benefited from the weeks rest. Congratulations to clubs who won premierships and to the individual trophy winners.**

**Over the past four or five seasons, the Executives of the RDCA and Ringwood Cricket Club have worked well to improve the communication and relationship between the two bodies. Obviously, the annual 20/20 challenge has contributed greatly in this regard.**

**I think I can speak on behalf the RDCA community and say that we all derived a great deal of pleasure from the success of Ringwood in the Victorian premier competition. Congratulations to the members of that team and to the committee on a wonderful season.**

**Of particular note, was the fact that nine of the Grand Final players had a link back to RDCA clubs and seven of the nine participated in this season's 20/20 game. Ringwood Cricket Club recognised the feeder connections when, at a function in late June, each of the players presented a memento to a representative of the RDCA club, with whom they had played.**

**I take this opportunity to reiterate that the RDCA relies on "royalties", from the sale of balls, as a major source of income to defray the fees imposed on clubs. The agreement to use "Kookaburra" balls has recently been renewed for a further three years and we urge clubs to fully comply with the rule that requires an approved (RDCA stamped) Kookaburra ball be used in matches.**

**Ian Dench mentioned our appreciation of the sponsorship from Saxon Sports (Paul Attfield) and the RDCA is likewise appreciative of contributions from the following organisations: Mooroolbark and East Ringwood Community (Bendigo) Banks, Retravisio (Ringwood), Stockdale and Leggo (Boronia) and HPG Engineering (Paul Jones).**

**Best wishes to all for a successful and enjoyable season in 2008/09.**

**Ian Spencer**



# **SENIOR REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**I repeat the statement I made in my report for 2006/07, "During the season the improvement in the reliability of information supplied to clubs through the Sporting Pulse process continued. This improvement is a direct result of the accurate and timely input of data by club representatives. Keep up the good work", because it is equally relevant to the past season's activities.**

**Enhancements to the RDCA computer system continued during the season, as did the support of Timothy Court and Sporting Pulse in supplying and maintaining the system at minimum cost to the RDCA.**

**Again we ask for your continued support in this matter.**

**For the record, the RDCA administered the association to enable 33 affiliated clubs, 132 senior teams, 32 veteran teams and 143 junior teams, together with the players involved in all these teams to participate in the game of cricket during the 2007/2008 season.**

**There was a small reduction in the number of clearance applications received during the season and despite several initial refusals by the player's current club, in all instances agreement was reached by the clubs involved, without redress to appeal.**

**This resulted in a significant saving of administrative time at both the club and association level and shows that clubs and players are prepared to talk through the issues, something that the association has been advocating for many seasons.**

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

**Stuart Newey  
Registration Secretary**

The Season commenced with Martien Pruyzers being re-elected as President, Martin Clohessy was elected as Vice President and Graeme Lloyd re-appointed as Umpires Advisor. Don Smith once again assisted by commuting around the grounds observing umpires, especially those about whom we had received a report from the captains suggesting an observation of his handling of games was needed. Feedback was then personally addressed to the umpire, if appropriate.

During the season, a special meeting was called to make a few changes to the way that the umpires went about their tasks and at that meeting the Ringwood District Cricket Umpires Association (RDCAUA) was formed. One of the changes was to have the RDCAUA bring forward their AGM to April each year.

Martien Pruyzers decided that due to work commitments he would no longer be able to fill the roll of President. At the AGM, the following members were elected to the RDCAUA Committee: Steve Pascoe (Chairperson), John Springett (Secretary), Martin Clohessy (Recruitment Officer), Don Smith (Training Officer), Josh Browne (Records Secretary) and Graeme Lloyd (Umpires adviser). An operational rules and guidelines procedure was adopted and among business it was decided that there would be an executive committee formed within the RDCUA to handle general business of the operation of the Umpires during the season. The following members were elected to same: Steve Pascoe, Graeme Lloyd, John Springett, Don Smith, Josh Browne and Norm Hennessey. These people will setup and form the operations group of the RDCUA and hold meetings during the season with all the other umpires on a monthly basis.

The association had 38 active umpires during the season but, because of other commitments at given times, we had on average 28 umpires officiating at matches each week.

Following a change in operating structure, where it was requested and adopted that the premier grades have two umpires at their games, we were not able to cover A & B Grade games.

Umpires again officiated at the representative games during the season, including the VMCU Carnival.

I would like to thank the volunteers who helped with the umpiring roles for the semi-finals, especially those Chandler Shield players that helped out in the Junior Finals. In the past it was a bit of a struggle getting volunteers to assist with the senior umpiring in the afternoon and the services of those who helped out were much appreciated.

Congratulations to all medal winners, trophy winners and premiers on their success this season. To the personnel running the clubs behind the players, the ladies and others, we thank you for your efforts and hospitality before and after the games.

A special mention also to the scorers, for their role in keeping accurate records.

There was a login created on the website homepage whereby any player or spectator could seek to have a rule interpretation explained. Due to the success of this initiative, it will be continued in the coming season.

Lodgement of Captains reports saw a great improvement on the previous season and lets hope it continues in coming seasons.

The umpires are always looking for new members to assist during the season and we believe the newly formed RDCAUA, with new procedures that will be put into place regarding training and ongoing assistance, will assist with recruitment. Anybody over the age of sixteen (16) years whether experienced or not in the game of cricket, will be firstly assessed on ability to umpire and, where necessary, be trained to enable them to start with experienced umpires in their allotted games.

**John Springett**  
Umpires Secretary

**Unfortunately, with continuing drought conditions in the past season, and BHRDCA showing a lack of interest in these games, we were again only able to play against one Association in representative 40 over matches.**

**We again played against ECA and it involved the fielding of a Wilkins/Newey group as well as the Chandler side. The games were played on November 25 at Ferndale Reserve and Howard Dawson Reserve, in Glen Iris, with results being reversed from last year.**

**A relatively depleted Chandler side went down to ECA for the first time while the Wilkins/ Newey group turned things around with a great win.**

**The annual 20/20 charity match between RDCA All-Stars and Ringwood Rams was able to go ahead, despite Jubilee Park being unavailable, when it was again transferred to Hughes Park.**

**It was held on February 13, with this year's charity being the Monkami Centre for Intellectually Disabled in Croydon.**

**Taking advantage of the home ground again, and with a full and enthusiastic group to pick from, RDCA recorded another good win to even up the series at two all and the players look forward to getting back onto the turf to show they can win there as well.**

**Again this year selection assistance came from Mark Unternahrer, Cameron Parker, Russell Jenzen, Andy Wu, Tony Wheeler and Ben Beech with Harry Sandford continuing to do a great job with scoring and Doris Sansom looking after the Chandler book this year. Thanks to all these people for their ongoing support.**

**Many thanks to Croydon North for the facilities provided to make the 20/20 event a big success again and special thanks to Ringwood C.C. for helping to make the ongoing challenge a great spectacle.**

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

**Neil Tull  
Match Committee Chairman**

**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 U21 Neil Wright Shield and the Junior Shield & Cup Competitions for U16, U14 & U12 in January. This latter competition comprised of a record number of 64 teams. The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions and was successful on the playing field with Association representative sides.**

**The most significant matters dealt with during the season were:**

- Continuing involvement with the joint Working Party on the implementation of Cricket Victoria's IT Strategy and providing progress updates on "Real Sports" registration and results system now being used by a number of Associations in Victoria. Improvements are continually being made to the VMCU website. In addition the VMCU produced policies on acceptable use of websites by Associations and clubs.**
- Umpires Sub-Committee conducted 2 Metropolitan Umpires Seminars in November 2007 on the practical applications of the Laws of Cricket. These were not as well attended as last year. A review of the need and format of further Seminars in 2008 will be undertaken.**
- Drought and water restrictions impacts on cricket, particularly turf grounds for the finals series.**
- Implementation of suspension of players is now recognised state-wide by Cricket Victoria and all affiliated VMCU & VCCL Metropolitan and Country Associations. Details of suspensions are now available on Cricket Victoria's website.**
- The Rules Sub-Committee completed and published policy guidelines on suspect bowling actions, and is reviewing the rules of all Associations on compliance matters.**
- A meeting of the VMCU, Associations' Presidents and Cricket Victoria was held in November 2007 to discuss the new CV Strategic Plan, financial assistance for the administration of Associations, insurance processes, etc.**
- Undertaking of a survey in May 2008 of all Associations on seeking data on team numbers, rules & policies implemented in recent years, fees & charges, funding for administration, VMCU competitions expenditure, etc.**

**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.**

**During the season the VMCU was saddened by the death of the President of the NWCA, and VMCU Board Director for Metropolitan North West Region, Marlene Tate, who over many years had made a significant contribution to Junior and Senior cricket for both Men and Women in Victoria.**

**Pat Meehan  
RDCA Delegate**

**I was pleased with achievements within the Region, due to the input of the Regional Council members who were as follows: Glenn Wilson (RDCA), Murray Wilson (FTGDCA), Brian Williams (YVCA) and Rob Elliott (CV Regional Cricket Manager). These gentlemen are a valuable resource to have at the disposal of the 70-plus clubs within the Region.**

**The coaches and managers of the various Pathway squads were again able to work to the benefit of the region's best young cricketers. The formal selection process in place ensures associations are able to nominate their best players for all Pathway squads. We fielded teams in Under 18, Under 16 and Under 14 levels of both female and male State Championships.**

**Two areas addressed were, increasing understandings with our three constituent Local Government Authorities (Knox, Yarra Ranges and Maroondah) and clarifying the relationship with our two Pathway-aligned Premier clubs, Ringwood and Hawthorn-Monash University.**

**Highlights for the 2007/08 season included:**

- **Milo Have-A-Go programme - 43 registered groups**
- **Kanga 8s: 48 girls teams, 52 boys teams**
- **Super 8s: 9 girls' teams, 20 boys' teams**
- **FTGDCA, YVCA and RDCA all conducted Orientation to Coaching Courses**
- **Over 40 clubs registered for, and benefited from, Club Development Programme**
- **Youth Leadership Programme initiative grows, with Rob Boxell of Yarra Junction CC, winner of the Junior Leadership Award**
- **Regional Junior Girls Comp: Knox Gardens CC hosted, from Oct to Dec on Thursday evenings. 50 girls registered and participated in this strengthening initiative, with players then feeding into Pathway squads**
- **Several Premier 1<sup>st</sup> XI debutants were again provided to Victorian cricket from within the Region**
- **VCCA Regional Coaching Seminar attended by 50 club coaches**
- **All Abilities Cricket: inaugural Carnival held in conjunction with Interchange Outer East, Burke and Beyond, Onemda, Johnson Park CC and City of Knox**

**David Beatty – Chairman**

The 2007/2008 season began with the AGM where Timothy Court took over the role of President from Josh Browne. John Springett continued on in the role of Junior Secretary and was ably assisted by Ryan Wilmot who performed the joint roles of Assistant and Records Secretary. John Kilby became the Representative Teams Coordinator, while Glen Wilson, Paul Cardwell and Tim Sweeney formed the general committee.

There were several members appointed to ex-officio positions, whose assistance throughout the season was invaluable. These people were: Stuart Minetti, Kevin Dawson, Josh Browne and Tony Gawne.

### **Fixturing and Grading**

The area of Fixturing and Grading is never an area short of controversy. This season we experienced few problems thanks to the hard work of the previous season's committee, who undertook a review of this area late last season and put in place steps to ensure this season encountered minimal issues. Once again Stuart Minetti was critical to the success of the fixtures and the association is once deeply in debt for the time Stuart dedicates to this role.

### **Competitions**

It was pleasing to again be able to run an Under 18's competition and once again we are grateful to the clubs from the Box Hill Competition for their support. We have received many queries from clubs about this competition since the end of the season, so we are hopeful we will be able to run a competition with solely RDCA sides in the coming side and ideally with two divisions.

There were 116 competitive sides entered in to the competition in the past season along with 18 non-competitive sides. It is pleasing to see that the number of Milo Have-A-Go Programs is on the increase which seems to be leading to a small increase in non-competitive sides..

### **Representative Sides**

John Kilby was fantastic in his role of coordinator of the representative sides. The time and effort he put in was in enormous and the results reflected this.

Sides were entered into the Josh Browne Plate, Keith Mitchell Shield, Russell Allen Shield and the Jim Beitzel Sheild. The Josh Browne Plate and Jim Beitzel Shield sides both won their group final matches, while the Russell Allen Shield lost their Semi Final match and the Keith Mitchell Shield side lost the runners up Grand Final.

Many thanks go to: Russell O'Toole, John Nucifora, Mark Freeman, Russell Ludgater, Andrew Cately, Wawrick Dickson, Andy Wright, Kelvin Hastie, Boronia CC, Mooroolbark CC, Lilydale CC, Wonga Park CC, the City of Knox and Paul Attfield from Saxon Sports.

### **Presentation Night**

This year there were a few new innovations to Junior Presentation night, which based on the feedback received, so the quality of the night improve. Slide shows at the beginning at the start and end of the night were thanks to the efforts of Rebecca Sheen, and the smooth running of the night was as a result of the MC for the night Justin Nelson.

### **Junior Coordinators**

As always the Junior Competition would not survive without the valuable work of the Junior Coordinators. It is pleasing to report that there were minimal issues this season and this is no small way thanks to the hard work of the Junior Coordinators.

### Premiership Success and Awards

Without a doubt the 2007/2008 season will be remembered by a number of clubs for their premiership success. Olinda for the first time in their Clubs history won the Under 16-1 Premiership, Heathmont Baptists shocked everyone by beating the highly favoured Blackburn North side in their Under 18 competition and not only did they win they won with an hour to spare on the first day without losing a wicket. The star club of the finals was Wonga Park who took out four premierships.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

	<b>Premiers</b>	<b>Batting Average</b>	<b>Bowling Average</b>
<i>Under 18-1</i>	Heathmont Baptists	C. Noy (CNT) 80.8	D. Sverns (HMB) 5.29
<i>Under 16-1</i>	Olinda	M. Fyfe (NRI) 108.4	J. Stoikos (NRI) 7.76
<i>Under 16-2</i>	Kilsyth	A. Mullett (MOO) 137.8	L. Alford (KIL) 8.13
<i>Under 16-3</i>	Bayswater Park	A. Stewart (CRR) 110.25	J. Ellis (WDT) 9.33
<i>Under 16-4</i>	North Ringwood	L. McPhie (NRI) 151.5	C. Troiano (NRI) 4.75
<i>Under 14-1</i>	Warranwood	B. Ashton (CDN) 67.75	S. Keyhoe (CNT) 7.13
<i>Under 14-2</i>	Wonga Park	B. Watson (KIL) 83.5	J. Roth (MTR) 3.30
<i>Under 14-3</i>	Wonga Park	J. Spurrell (WOP) 77.0	Z. Gemenis (RIN) 5.78
<i>Under 14-4</i>	MOO/BOR	B. Keurntjes (CRR) 50.6	D. Hopkins (MOO/BOR) 4.94
<i>Under 12-1</i>	Wonga Park	S. Murray (RIN) 102.5	T. Freeman (RIN) 4.92
<i>Under 12-2</i>	Croydon	J. Singh (NOW) 247.0	J. Holewa (SWT) 7.3
<i>Under 12-3</i>	Mooroolbark	M. Fleiter (LYD) 61.3	B. Briant (MTR) 3.36
<i>Under 12-4</i>	Wonga Park	A. Mackinnon (WWD) 79.0	J. Henderson (SCR) 5.5

Jeff Luscombe Shield for Volunteer of the Year: Justin Hansen

Bill Dean Memorial Trophy for the most promising player leaving Under 16's: Aaron Mullett and Jake Ford

Clive Fairbairn Shield for Club Championship: Wonga Park

### The Future

There are a number of positive signs to come from the previous season and with the continuance of a good working relationship between clubs and the association, this can only lead to a better and stronger Junior Association for all.

Timothy Court  
Junior President

John Springett  
Junior Secretary

**It is pleasing to report that the financial result for the 2007/2008 season has recorded a significant profit of \$16,932.**

**This profit is directly attributed to the RDCA's ability to generate significant donation and sponsorship income of \$21,600 during the season. In addition, the policy of exercising restraint in incurring expenses on behalf of the RDCA has continued.**

**Based on negotiations with supporting organizations, I believe that the level of donations and sponsorship will continue next season. As a consequence, the Board of Management is considering ways in which donation and sponsorship monies can be returned to clubs and ultimately to players by way of reducing the cost of playing cricket in the RDCA.**

**Some reduction in the RDCA affiliation fee structure for the 2008/2009 season is being considered and will be embodied in the recommendations made to the Annual Meeting in August.**

**You will note from the Balance Sheet included in the Annual Report that, at the end of the season, several clubs have not totally met their commitments for last season. (12 clubs, with a total amount outstanding of \$2,175). This means that each of these clubs will start next season with a debt that will impose an additional financial burden prior to the start of the coming season.**

**Finally, let me thank all the clubs for their support during the 2007/2008 season which has helped make my role easier to fill.**

**Stuart Newey  
Finance Manager**





**In 1988 Ken Johnson, Steve Pascoe and Don Smith were encouraged by the late Bill Dean OAM to investigate the possibility of an RDCA Veterans competition. It started that year with the founding clubs, Ainslie Park, Croydon North, Kilsyth and Warrandyte in one division.**

**20 years later the competition is still going strong with 3 Masters Division's and 1 Legends division providing cricket for 32 teams on a regular basis across the summer season.**

**This past season with the Easter break commencing 21 March 2008; the whole season fixture, including representative games had to be squeezed to fit the calendar.**

**The Masters divisions played 7 games + 2 finals and the Legends played 6 games + 1 final.**

***Masters 1 – Bill Dean Trophy***

**Wonga Park (4/208) defeated South Croydon (9/147) played at Wonga Park.**

***Masters 2 – Ken Johnson Trophy***

**Lilydale (7/154) defeated South Warrandyte Hawks (9/150) played at Warrandyte.**

***Masters 3***

**Templeton (4/175) defeated Mt Evelyn (9/172) played at Templeton Reserve.**

***Legends***

**Ainslie Park (6/176) defeated Bayswater Park (6/172) played at Guy Turner Reserve.**

**In addition there were two inter-association matches;**

**On 16 December 2007, against Box Hill Reporter Association, hosted by us at Croydon, the final outcome being wins in both the Masters and Legends for the RDCA.**

**On 27 January 2008, the games were played against the Ferntree Gully Association at Bayswater Oval and unfortunately for us Ferntree Gully managed to win both games.**

**The return of the veterans Newsletter, in a new colorful format, was well received and the accessibility on the RDCA website allowed for a greater readership.**

**Sincere thanks to Daryl Stephens and Chris Allan for coordinating the introduction of this document and to Bill Stafford for editing that last few editions plus all the club coordinators and players who contributed after each game, your efforts were greatly appreciated.**

**The continuing dry conditions in Victoria has resulted in the deterioration of the playing surfaces on most grounds in the district and whilst we did not have to abandon any games due to adverse weather a closer concentration on the ball during fielding was required.**

**Our Annual Presentation Night Dinner was held at the Ringwood Bowling Club on Friday 29 February and attended by 154 guests.**

**Thanks to Margaret Stafford for her organization of this event and to Bill Stafford for being MC for the night.**

**Whilst premiership trophies and certificates for games played were presented of special note were five players who have played continuously for 20 years, namely Garry Walles, Derrick Guye, Les Eaton (all Ainslie Park), Kevin Dunn and Terry Dunn (Mt Evelyn).**

**There are 26 clubs in the RDCA, of which 16 have Veterans teams, and it is the hope of the committee that the other 10 clubs nominate teams for the coming season.**

**For the statistically inclined, four clubs had three teams, 6 clubs had two teams and 6 clubs had one team in the competition.**

**The committee met five times during the season and comprised:**

**Ken Johnson (Patron) ex officio**

**Daryl Stephens (Chairman), Bill Stafford (Treasurer), Gregor Mason (Secretary) Jim Dean, Marg Stafford, Ian Leach, Garry Walles, Nat Young and Chris Allan.**

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

**Gregor Mason  
Secretary  
veterans@rdca.com.au**

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

## CHANDLER SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11
MOOROOLBARK	69.1	124.4
NORTH RINGWOOD	59.5	121.1
TEMPLETON	49.6	113.2
NORWOOD	51.2	95.2
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	42.1	84.4
WONGA PARK	36.7	76.2
CROYDON NORTH	40.1	76.1
WARRANWOOD	58.3	75.6
KILSYTH	32.4	74.2
WANTIRNA SOUTH	42.5	68.9
SOUTH CROYDON	31.9	68.2
LILYDALE	39.3	65.6

Mooroolbark established its spot at the top of the ladder in round 2 and held that position for the remainder of the season. By the halfway point, North Ringwood had moved to second and, from thereon, only a few points separated the two teams. Warranwood had surprised many to be sitting third, Norwood had probably exceeded most expectations to be 4th and Templeton loomed just outside the four. Seven teams had two wins or less and needed some late season success to avoid the danger zone.

After the break, Warranwood began to falter, Templeton continued its push up the ladder and the late season interest centred on the battle for 4<sup>th</sup> spot and the relegation stakes. Norwood clung to fourth spot, South Croydon won its last game to jump off the bottom and Wantirna South breathed easier as Lilydale became the team that will drop down to Wilkins Cup next season.

In the semi-finals, North Ringwood (5/369) made too many for Mooroolbark (275) and moved directly into the Grand Final. Templeton (9/289) did likewise to Norwood (185) and then in the Preliminary final comfortably compiled 5/307 to chase down an imposing Mooroolbark total (7/306) and oust them from the race.

In the Grand Final, Templeton seemingly set the Bulls a fairly challenging task, in making 258, but the North Ringwood top order were untroubled as they reached the target (3/261), with a number of overs to spare. It has been 39 years since the club last tasted success at the highest level and congratulations go to all at North Ringwood for a wonderful season.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Darren Roe (Capt), Gareth Taylor (VC), David Knowles, Matthew Stoikos, Jason Kline, Stuart Moore, Simon Gray, Michael Scott, Carey Arthurson, Leigh Rigby, Roger Leahy, Hagen Shaw (12th Man)

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Brendan Ricci (MOO) 903, Luke Robertson (TMP) 712, Gareth Taylor (NRI) 664, Jason Disney (TMP) 623, Kane Sloan (WOP) 557, Ben Hanley (TMP) 554 and Lincoln Grigg (MOO) 553.

Leading wicket-takers were: Anthony Crowe (WOP) 31, Bryn Griffiths (MOO) 29, Paul Payne (WSO) 28, Ben Spencer (KIL) 26, Steve Vozzo (SWT) 24, Roger Leahy (NRI) 24 and Steve Garrett (SWT) 23.

## WILKINS CUP

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WARRANDYTE	82.1	144.1

BAYSWATER PARK	72.4	125.0
CROYDON RANGES	83.9	118.8
EAST RINGWOOD	68.5	104.2
AINSLIE PARK	58.2	94.5
ST ANDREWS	48.7	84.7
MONTROSE	47.6	83.9
NORTH RINGWOOD	36.5	61.7

**Croydon Ranges, Warrandyte, Bayswater Park and East Ringwood established places in the four early on and, from round four, the ladder divided into top and bottom halves. By midway, Ainslie Park had worked its way back into contention, with St Andrews, Montrose and North Ringwood left to battle it out in the relegation stakes.**

**Entering the final round, Ainslie Park was within a couple of points of East Ringwood but faltered at the last hurdle. North Ringwood, despite being competitive, couldn't lift from last spot and will return to Newey Plate next season.**

**In the semi-finals, Croydon Ranges (220) lifted from a late season slump to oust East Ringwood (171) and Bayswater Park (5/294) accounted for Warrandyte (270) to reach the Grand Final. Fortunes fluctuated in the Preliminary final before Ranges (202) carried the day over Warrandyte (168) in an absorbing game.**

**In the Grand Final, with both clubs looking to break new ground by progressing to Chandler, Croydon Ranges posted a good score (236) and then were able to keep the pressure on and eventually winkle out the Bayswater Park batsmen (for 132) to culminate a remarkable finals series.**

**Members of the premier team were as follows: Andy Wu (Capt), Brent Crosbie, Sean Humphrey, Eamon Costello, Glenn Spencer, Chris Spencer, Simon Crow, Matthew Hanlon, Andrew Mills, Matthew Peisley, Ben Boshier and Ryan Rantall (12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Adam White (WDT) 699, Daniel Carratelli (EAR) 679, Matthew Parker (BYP) 606, Andy Wu (CRR) 597, Ben Beech (BYP) 581 and Brad Valentine (WDT) 492.**

**Leading wicket-takers were: Ben Boshier (CRR) 42, Marcus Adams (BYP) 38, Matthew Sazenis (WDT) 35, Tomas Fay (BYP) 29, Steve Evans (STA) 27 and Eamon Costello (CRR) 26.**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Pts Rd 9</b>	<b>Pts Rd 14</b>
TEMPLETON	95.8	140.1
CHIRNSIDE PARK	75.0	129.6
SCORESBY FERNDALE	55.2	107.3
MOOROOLBARK	66.4	105.9
WONGA PARK	79.3	96.4
EAST RINGWOOD	49.2	95.2
OLINDA	39.6	83.9
EASTFIELD	52.5	80.5

After four rounds, three clubs, Scoresby Ferndale, Olinda and Eastfield, fielding their first eleven occupied the bottom end of the ladder with Templeton, Mooroolbark and Chirnside Park leading the way. By midway, Wonga Park had moved to second, Mooroolbark had experienced a slump but were still fourth, Scoresby Ferndale had lifted to be in contention and it was all to do for Olinda.

Entering the last round, Templeton and Chirnside Park were clear, Scoresby Ferndale had moved to third, whilst Wonga Park, who had not won since prior to the break, clung tenuously to 4th spot just ahead of East Ringwood with Mooroolbark having dropped away to sixth. Eastfield and Olinda were playing each other in the battle to avoid relegation. Mooroolbark won and, with Wonga and East Ringwood losing, claimed a finals position, whilst Olinda triumphed to see Eastfield drop to “A” Grade next season.

In the semi-finals, Mooroolbark (155) ended Scoresby Ferndale’s season (93) and Chirnside Park (4/166) easily accounted for Templeton (162) to progress to the Grand Final. Templeton (174) exited disappointingly when it could not match a resurgent Mooroolbark (262) in the Preliminary.

In the Grand Final, the Mooroolbark charge continued as it posted 229 and then its bowlers tore through the Chirnside Park batsmen to dismiss them for 90. The resounding victory sees Mooroolbark promoted to Wilkins Cup next season.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Paul Brush (Captain), Darren Jackson, Aaron Mullett, Andy Keane, Adam Brush, Kyle Larson, Scott Dimitriou, Matthew Whittaker, Tom Bailey, Ben Woods, Chris Anusich and Daniel Dimitriou (12<sup>th</sup>)

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Brett Gibb (TMP) 480, David Rochford (CSP) 400, Wayne Nelson (ESF) 374, Adam Brush (MOO) 396, Jason Denton (TMP) 354 and Ben Clark (OLI) 346.

Leading wicket-takers were: Marc Steiner (CSP) 31, Chris Anusich (MOO) 31, Tom Bailey (MOO) 30, Aaron Fernando (ESF) 29, Evan Brookes (SBF) 26 and Nathan McFarlane (CSP) 26.

## ***A GRADE***

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Pts Rd 9</b>	<b>Pts Rd 14</b>
WANTIRNA SOUTH	83.0	127.5
AINSLIE PARK	79.6	112.2
CROYDON NORTH	56.1	107.1

WARRANWOOD	74.6	103.3
WARRANTDYTE	65.6	96.9
CHIRNSIDE PARK	49.8	85.4
KILSYTH	59.2	83.5
LILYDALE	31.5	51.1

By midway, Wantirna South loomed as the team to beat, Ainslie Park was going along nicely, Warranwood had gained momentum after a sluggish start and Warrantdyte, after winning first four, had dropped away but still held 4<sup>th</sup> spot.

Wantirna South maintained top spot comfortably, Ainslie held second a few points ahead of Croydon North who had won 7 in a row, after losing first four, and Warranwood edged past Warrantdyte in the last round to claim fourth.

In the Semi's, it was Croydon North (9/143) narrowly over Warranwood (113), and Ainslie Park (307) had a big win over Wantirna South (151). The latter (5/243) got back on track with a comfortable win over Croydon North (241) in the Preliminary. In the Grand Final, Wantirna South posted a big total (8/343), which proved too many for Ainslie Park (238)

Members of the premier team were as follows: Ashley Webb (Capt), Steven Hobbs (Vice-Captain), Shaun Crow, Michael Cullen, Andrew Gawne, Andrew Gellatly, Michael Jones, Troy McGown, Paul Riley, Brendan Sharpe, Damian Sullivan and Ben Stow (12th).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Ryan Hayres (CNT) 457, Matthew Price (WWD) 376, Steven Hobbs (WSO) 355, Scott Minetti (APK) 343, Cameron Carson (CNT) 342, Dylan Vertigan (APK) 324 and Lewis Davison (APK) 324.

Leading wicket-takers were: Ashley Webb (WSO) 30, Ian Cubitt (APK) 24, Andrew Gawne (WSO) 23, Ryan Toohey (CNT) 22 and Davey Trueman (CNT) 22.

### ***B GRADE***

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Pts Rd 9</b>	<b>Pts Rd 14</b>
ST ANDREWS	74.9	118.2
NORWOOD	73.5	115.2
BAYSWATER PARK	59.4	110.1
MOOROOLBARK	59.0	96.2
SOUTH WARRANTDYTE	68.8	93.5
MONTROSE	67.7	92.2
TEMPLETON	65.0	90.4
SOUTH CROYDON	49.8	73.1

### **B GRADE (Cont'd)**

St Andrews, after a flying start dropped a couple but still led the way at the break. Norwood was close behind, with South Warrantdyte finding form to move through to third whilst Montrose, Bayswater Park, Mooroolbark and Templeton were still in the hunt.

In the run to the finals, St Andrews and Norwood held the top two spots, Bayswater Park won every game after Christmas to finish a clear third and Mooroolbark jumped from 7<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the last round to just edge out other contenders in what was another very competitive grade.

In the Semi's, it was Bayswater Park (218) narrowly over Mooroolbark (203) and likewise St Andrews (251) over Norwood (239). The Preliminary saw Norwood (314) have a big win over Bayswater Park (110) and they repeated the dose in the Grand Final when they posted 362, to which St Andrews replied with 111.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Cameron Fitzgerald (Capt), Ben Sansom, Ben Hastie, Ben Heazlewood, Miles Rayner, Damian Olenczuk, Brad Leary, Dale May, Glen Salisbury, Darryn Glanvill, David Irvine and Ben Trend (12<sup>th</sup>)

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Dale Owen (SWT) 434, Brad Kesters (MOO) 409, Brad Leary (NOW) 394, Simon Moore (SCR) 370, Glen Salisbury (NOW) 363 and Rohan Smith (STA) 332.

Leading wicket-takers were: Miles Rayner (NOW) 32, Scott Dimitriou (MOO) 28, Damien Olenczuk (NOW) 26, Luke Henderson (SCR) 25 and Richie Armstrong (STA) 23.

### ***C GRADE***

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Pts Rd 9</b>	<b>Pts Rd 14</b>
CROYDON RANGES	73.5	124.6
WANTIRNA	72.3	105.2
WARRANWOOD	54.1	95.3
WONGA PARK	59.7	92.1
KILSYTH	66.1	89.8
WANTIRNA SOUTH	55.3	88.1
CROYDON NORTH	55.8	78.8
EAST RINGWOOD	49.7	70.4

A very competitive grade wherein Croydon Ranges and Wantirna headed the ladder midway, with Kilsyth close behind and all other teams still in contention for a finals place. In the end, Croydon Ranges finished well clear at the top, Wantirna comfortably held second, Warranwood had a good post Christmas period to move to third and Wonga Park claimed the last spot just ahead of Kilsyth and Wantirna South, who had been third entering the last round.

In the Semi's, Wonga (98) crashed out to Warranwood (6/119) and Croydon Ranges (5/148) accounted for Wantirna (147). Wantirna (1/84) stormed back in the Preliminary to overwhelm Warranwood (70) and thus enter a third consecutive Grand Final.

Wantirna did well to restrict Ranges (199), who had a great start, and then they chased down the target fairly comfortably (6/203). Wantirna had lost the previous two G/finals and this win should go some way towards erasing those disappointments.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Jamie Mewett (Capt), Kevin Girola (VC), Michael Hutchison, Brad McLeish, Brett Duncan, Frank Sama, Rodney Ross, Paul Hennessy, Lou Cavallo, Mark Whitney, Greg Houghton and Sam Fowless (12<sup>th</sup>).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Michael Hutchison (WAN) 427, Danny Griffin (EAR) 418, Chris Spencer (CRR) 384, Brad McLeish (WAN) 360 and Geoff Chamberlain (WOP) 312.

Leading wicket-takers were: Mark Whitney (WAN) 33, Stewart Gibb (KIL) 22, Matthew Burgess (KIL) 21, Mark Sanderson (CRR) 21, Ivan Chepa (CRR) 20, Darren Lappen (CRR) 20 and Kevin Girola (WAN) 20.

### ***D GRADE***

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
KNOX CITY	85.2	132.9
WONGA PARK	76.7	118.8
BAYSWATER PARK	47.9	97.0
NORWOOD	75.2	88.9
AINSLIE PARK	66.1	87.9
LILYDALE	55.4	82.1
TEMPLETON	40.6	72.0
BORONIA	42.5	68.8

**Knox City led the way throughout the season and entered the finals as the team to beat, with Wonga Park seemingly the main challenger. Bayswater Park won every game after the break to come through for third and Norwood just held out Ainslie Park and Lilydale for 4<sup>th</sup> spot.**

**In the Semi-finals, Norwood (3/222) were easy winners over Bayswater Park (221) and Knox City (122) went down to Wonga Park (6/128) in a low scoring encounter. Knox City (176) then held out Norwood (135) in a tight Preliminary final to earn another crack at Wonga Park.**

**In the Grand Final, Knox City (5/219) comfortably chased down a competitive Wonga target (217) to earn long awaited promotion.**

**Members of the premier team were as follows: Steve Roberts (Capt), Brodie Reid (VC), Leigh Perry, Garth Ballantine, Cameron Ray, Bryce McGrath, Glen Mitchell, Scott Miller, Corey Styles, Kris Styles, Cameron Maes and Jason Martinho (12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Bryce McGrath (KNC) 699, Leigh Perry (KNC) 426, Russell Hughes (WOP) 423, Andrew Johnstone (APK) 353 and Steven Roberts (KNC) 300.**

**Leading wicket-takers were: Paul Doevelaar (WOP) 39, Brodie Reid (KNC) 30, Glenn Mitchell (KNC) 29, Steven Roberts (KNC) 25 and Paul Dodd (BYP) 24.**

## ***E GRADE***

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
NORTH RINGWOOD	77.7	119.9
SCORESBY FERNDAL	73.7	113.4
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	57.7	108.2
WANTIRNA SOUTH	67.5	90.1
CROYDON RANGES	52.5	82.5
OLINDA	44.4	74.7
MONTROSE	52.1	74.4
MOOROOLBARK	56.2	69.2

**By midway, North Ringwood and Scoresby Ferndale had established themselves as leading contenders. All of the other teams remained within striking distance of the four.**



When the home and away rounds were completed, the top two remained unchanged, South Warrandyte, with good late season results, had moved to third and Wantirna South clung to the last finals place.

In the Semi's, it was Wantirna South (128) narrowly over South Warrandyte (119) and North Ringwood (7/146) edged past Scoresby Ferndale (138) in a tight game. With Wantirna South having played an ineligible player in the Semi, South Warrandyte was given a reprieve but was no match (107) for Scoresby Ferndale (9/224) in the Preliminary.

In the Grand final, Scoresby Ferndale (177) dug deep, when North Ringwood (157) seemingly had the upper hand for a large part of the game, and was able to run out the winner in a tight finish.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Chris Wullaert (Capt), Matthew Howard, Richard Miller, Andrew Charnock, Colin Groom, Glen Phillips, Mark Groom, Joe Sawyer, Kristian Collins, Ian Birchwood, Tim Nancarrow and Jamie Purdon (12<sup>th</sup>)

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Chris Howgate (NRI) 455, Matthew Nuttall (NRI) 401, Darren Jackson (MOO) 368, Glen Phillips (SBF) 332, Scott Adams (SWT) 302 and Ian Donaldson (NRI) 290.

Leading wicket-takers were: Tim Nancarrow (SBF) 23, Scott Adams (SWT) 21, Scott Nicoll (NRI) 19, Chris Wullaert (SBF) 19, Ed Malin (CRR) 17 and Richard Cutler (SWT) 17.

## *F GRADE*

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WARRANWOOD	74.1	115.3
WARRANTDYTE	61.9	104.1
EAST RINGWOOD	56.3	99.9
WONGA PARK	65.5	97.7
ST ANDREWS	72.4	97.7
AINSLIE PARK	65.4	97.3
CROYDON NORTH	59.5	90.1
CHIRNSIDE PARK	28.5	42.1

Warranwood and St Andrews headed the way at the break, with all bar Chirnside Park still in contention for a finals berth. When the home and away games concluded, Warranwood had maintained top spot, Warrandyte had come through to second, with third (East Ringwood) to sixth (Ainslie Park) separated by less than 3 points. St Andrews thought they may have claimed 4<sup>th</sup> with a last round win, only to be denied on percentage when they finished equal on points with Wonga Park.

The Semi's saw East Ringwood (295) have a big win over Wonga (100) and Warrandyte (7/267) won narrowly over Warranwood (260). East (178) continued its roll by swamping Warranwood (79) in the Preliminary and made it a clean sweep when they (9/257) easily accounted for Warrandyte (161) in the Grand final.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Rob Baulman (Capt), Danny Black, Dan Gray, Alistair Montagnat, Cliff Lyng, David Hoven, Barry Dawson, David Newman, Chris Graham, Matt Costello, Tom Gavens and Jack McDonald (12<sup>th</sup>)

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Nigel Murray (WOP) 460, Rob Baulman (EAR) 442, Matt Sutherland (STA) 442, Tulloch Grieve (WDT) 380, Joel Guye (APK) 371 and Dale Gilson (WWD) 337.

Leading wicket-takers were: Ryan Campbell (WWD) 32, Alan Edwards (WOP) 26, Steve Chettle (STA) 24, Craig Pratt (CNT) 21 and Jack Ellis (WDT) 20.

## ***G GRADE***

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Pts Rd 9</b>	<b>Pts Rd 14</b>
EASTFIELD	83.3	129.8
NORTH RINGWOOD	76.0	126.1
CROYDON RANGES	85.4	125.0
CHIRNSIDE PARK	58.2	104.6
KILSYTH	62.0	95.6
BAYSWATER PARK	55.9	80.2
MOOROOLBARK	35.2	55.0
WANTIRNA	31.9	43.8

As can be seen, Croydon Ranges and Eastfield led the way at mid season, with North Ringwood having a break over a number of sides who were battling for 4<sup>th</sup>. By seasons end, Eastfield, North Ringwood and Croydon Ranges were separated by but a few points and Chirnside Park had come through to fourth.

In the Semi's, Chirnside Park (201) claimed a cliffhanger over Ranges (199) and Eastfield (9/403) had a huge win over North Ringwood (109). Chirnside (7/147) continued its good form when it edged past North Ringwood (144) in the Preliminary but couldn't maintain the run as Eastfield (5/174) comfortably chased down 172 in the Grand final.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Brett Sanderson (Capt), Matthew Jeans (VC), Jarrod Bell, Jason Cox, Cameron Gale, Cameron Fletcher, Mark Nelson, Ryan Christie, Stephen Walsh, Pete Cawood, David Killian and Phil Paisley (12<sup>th</sup>)

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Steve Razdan (NRI) 411, Paul Conheady (NRI) 410, Cameron O'Donnell (CSP) 393, Cameron Fletcher (ESF) 378, Shaun Ison (CRR) 326 and Craig Downie (KIL) 315

Leading wicket-takers were: Grattan Stephens (CSP) 22, Peter Ridgwell (NRI) 22, Ryan Christie (ESF) 22, Colin Clavan (KIL) 21, William Lamont (NRI) 21 and Travis Tyszkiewicz (KIL) 19.

## ***H GRADE***

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Pts Rd 9</b>	<b>Pts Rd 14</b>
WARRANWOOD	81.8	126.2
NORWOOD	83.6	118.5
MONTROSE	75.7	117.7
CROYDON RANGES	58.3	108.3
SOUTH CROYDON	70.2	83.9
CROYDON NORTH	36.9	81.3
TEMPLETON	57.4	71.4
LILYDALE	23.5	43.4

By midway, Norwood and Warranwood headed the table, Montrose was close up and South Croydon, Croydon Ranges and Templeton were in contention. In the end, Warranwood was clear at the top, Norwood just held second from Montrose and Ranges showed good late season form to claim 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the Semi's, Montrose (230) ended Ranges (108) run and Norwood (9/248) won well over Warranwood (195). The latter (211) remained in the hunt with a narrow in over Montrose (187) in the Preliminary but again came up short (165) as Norwood (200) prevailed in a hard fought Grand Final.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Neil Eastman (Capt), Scott Hickox, Cameron Fernandez, Stuart Gibbs, Christopher Bruce, Shaun Lucas, Jack Organtzogolou, Andrew Haines, Stephen Dimanno, Lucas Ryder, Chris Gold and Hayden Pike (12<sup>th</sup>)

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Stephen Anderton (WWD) 500, Jack McCoy (CRR) 437, Rob Haines (CRR) 419, Dan Crowley (MTR) 389, Neil Eastman (NOW) 368 and Scott Hickox (NOW) 338.

Leading wicket-takers were: Jim Page (WWD) 39, Scott Hickox (NOW) 26, Nicholas Reid (WWD) 20, Jack McCoy (CRR) 18 and Michael Howson (SCR) 18.

### *I GRADE*

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
OLINDA	98.4	139.1
ST ANDREWS	88.1	129.2
TEMPLETON	77.6	118.7
BORONIA	53.1	85.9
EAST RINGWOOD	43.2	75.4
BAYSWATER PARK	51.3	74.7
NORTH RINGWOOD	58.9	74.1
WANTIRNA SOUTH	31.7	70.4

Olinda reached the break without having lost a game to sit at the top of the table with St Andrews hot on their heels. Templeton was clear in third while Boronia had slipped out of the four after early success. By seasons end, the top three remained unchanged with Boronia picking up to claim 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the Semi's, Templeton (8/204) just overcame Boronia (200) and St Andrews (8/239) comfortably defeated Olinda (162). The latter (9/236) earned a Grand Final spot by ousting Templeton (183). The Grand Final went the same way as the semi, with St Andrews (232) running out winners over Olinda (183) by a similar margin.

Members of the premier team were as follows: Shane Cairns (Capt), Mark Cairns, Brett Cairns, Jake Cairns, Don Allen, Todd Knight, Stuart Knight, Warwick Knight, Steve Carroll, Shane Rixham, Tibor Feher and Adam Rixham (12<sup>th</sup>)

Leading run-getters (inc. finals) were: Craig Jennings (OLI) 628, Rob Shakes (TMP) 479, Shane Cairns (STA) 475, Paul Williams (TMP) 461, Glenn Taylor (OLI) 400 and Steve Tasevski (TMP) 382

Leading wicket-takers were: Tibor Feher (STA) 31, Darren Baker (WSO) 22, Christian Martin (OLI) 22, Andrew Shorthouse (NRI) 18, Sg May (BOR) 18 and Paul Williams (TMP) 18.

## ***J GRADE***

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Pts Rd 9</b>	<b>Pts Rd 14</b>
WARRANTDYTE	91.2	135.7
AINSLIE PARK	83.1	107.2
MONTROSE	73.7	106.6
SOUTH WARRANTDYTE	56.4	100.0
WONGA PARK	46.1	96.1
WANTIRNA SOUTH	45.1	75.5
NORWOOD	60.8	74.8
KNOX CITY	36.5	60.7

Warrantdyte, Ainslie Park and Montrose established themselves at the top early on and by the break it was a matter of who would sneak the final spot. By the end, Warrantdyte had broken clear, with Ainslie edging Montrose for second and South Warrantdyte claiming 4<sup>th</sup> just ahead of Wonga Park, who won every game after Christmas.

Montrose (6/135) beat South Warrantdyte (84) and Ainslie (236) couldn't match Warrantdyte (8/365) in the Semi's. Ainslie (292) then had a good win over Montrose (240) but the Grand Final saw Warrantdyte (6/146) prevail again, albeit somewhat closer, as they chased down Ainslie Park's total (115).

Members of the premier team were as follows: Graeme Rees (Capt), Geoff Zach, Chris Carver, Vin Pettigrove, Nathan Croft, Brendan Zach, Peter Sharpe, Ryan Pascoe, Craig Lincoln, Mitch Gaffney, Tom Standing and Lachlan Dougherty (12<sup>th</sup>).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Vin Pettigrove (WDT) 380, Ryan Pascoe (WDT) 378, Garry Walles (APK) 355, Bradley Matthews (WSO) 340, Brendan Zach (WDT) 335 and Chris Allan (APK) 330.

Leading wicket-takers were: Dale Beachley (NOW) 26, Craig Lincoln (WDT) 23, Peter Michaux (WSO) 19, Cameron Maes (KNC) 18, Nathan Robbins (MTR) 18 and Murray Johnson (WOP) 17.

## ***K GRADE***

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Pts Rd 9</b>	<b>Pts Rd 14</b>
NORTH RINGWOOD	91.8	140.1
SCORESBY FERNDALE	81.4	122.9
WARRANWOOD	61.5	91.5
KILSYTH	44.1	87.7
WANTIRNA	60.1	80.7
CROYDON NORTH	52.5	76.6
MONTROSE	54.4	75.8
CROYDON RANGES	39.3	64.4

Scoresby Ferndale set the pace early on, with North Ringwood close behind. By midway, the positions had been reversed, albeit narrowly, and they were well clear of the others headed by Warranwood and Wantirna. Kilsyth came from second last at the break to edge out Wantirna, in the last round, for 4<sup>th</sup> spot.

In the Semi's, Kilsyth (85) couldn't keep up the good work and were ousted by Warranwood (109 & 7/215) and North Ringwood (5/367) had a big win over Scoresby Ferndale (252) who then bounced back (4/230) to end Warranwood's (218) season. North Ringwood (9/266) again proved far too good in the Grand Final as they ran out big winners over Scoresby Ferndale (91).

Members of the premier team were as follows: Andy Wright (Capt), Brad Green, Damien Ziino, Brad Moore, Flavio Xantidis, Michael Wright, Hamish Paterson, Brendan Redfern, David Marsh, Ryhs DJohan, Daniel Xantidis and Riley Paterson.

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Timothy Hutchison (WAN) 710, Brendan Redfern (NRI) 478, Chris Sorrell (SBF) 478, Hamish Paterson (NRI) 438, Andrew Omond (SBF) 425 and Damian Ziino (NRI) 370.

Leading wicket-takers were: Bradley Green (NRI) 36, Paul Barker (WWD) 25, Chris Sorrell (SBF) 23, Tim Blackwood (CNT) 23, Matthew Oliver (SBF) 22, Nathan Rees (MTR) 18 and Andrew Omond (SBF) 18.

## *L GRADE*

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
ST ANDREWS	84.1	124.8
OLINDA	66.3	114.7
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	83.6	104.2
EAST RINGWOOD	65.5	100.4
EASTFIELD	65.2	99.7
SOUTH CROYDON	56.4	96.9
CROYDON RANGES	38.9	69.6
WARRANWOOD	32.4	47.4

St Andrews established position at the top early in the piece and maintained that spot through to the finals. Four sides (Olinda, Sth Warrandyte, East Ringwood and Eastfield) battled it out for the other three places with Eastfield eventually missing out by less than one point and South Croydon came with a big finish to be close up in sixth.

St Andrews (112) just beat Olinda (106) in a low scoring semi and East Ringwood (190) won narrowly over South Warrandyte (183). Olinda (5/116) then ousted East (111) and they too (6/192) reversed the semi result with a hard fought win over St Andrews (190) in Grand final.

Members of the premier team were as follows: David Meadows (Capt), John Decoite, Hank Kuys, Thomas Stalder, Matthew Michalos, Mitchell Meadows, Callum Beattie, Jamie Beattie, David Roger, Peter Strauss, Shaun Kuys and Olly Wienmann (12<sup>th</sup>).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Hank Kuys (OLI) 721, Steve Payne (ESF) 634, Thomas Stalder (OLI) 370, Dan Oliphant (STA) 343, Bradd Hill (ESF) 337 and Roger Copeland (SCR) 322.

Leading wicket-takers were: Matthew Michalos (OLI) 25, Roger Anderson (STA) 23, Matthew Sawyers (STA) 22, Adam Condie (ESF) 22, Stephen Hickman (SCR) 21 and Troy Knox (STA) 19.

## ***M GRADE***

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Pts Rd 9</b>	<b>Pts Rd 14</b>
AINSLIE PARK	98.4	158.5
CHIRNSIDE PARK	66.3	112.9
NORTH RINGWOOD	58.0	109.1
MOOROOLBARK	79.4	101.7
SCORESBY FERNDALE	58.0	86.8
NORWOOD	35.0	58.7
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	31.8	48.0
ST ANDREWS	29.5	36.8

After a couple of withdrawals and additions, the composition of the grade settled from Rd 3. With quite a number of Forfeits during the season, coupled with two washouts, the most games actually played by any team was nine (9). Ainslie Park won the five games it played and, with six forfeits received, clearly headed the ladder. Chirnside Park was always thereabouts, North Ringwood came through for third with Mooroolbark edging out Scoresby Ferndale for 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Ainslie Park (70 & 205) beat Chirnside Park (62 & 183) outright in the major Semi and North Ringwood (6/250) ousted Mooroolbark (6/244) in the other. Chirnside (3/195) easily defeated North Ringwood (175) in the Preliminary and then turned the tables (from semi) to comfortably (5/184) defeat Ainslie (182) in the Grand final.

Members of the winning team were as follows: Leigh Hughes (Captain), Sid Kypee, David Booth, Ethan Shaw, Troy Harris, Nicholas Mammolitti, Blair Gray, Adam Peterson, Luke Mowat, Timothy Wallace, Nathan Brown and Murray Loughland (12<sup>th</sup>).

Leading run-getters (incl. finals) were: Leigh Hughes (CSP) 508, Dane Smith (NRI) 401, Joel Rigby (NRI) 251, Ron Smith (NRI) 251, Troy Harris (CSP) 249 and Rhys Djohan (NRI) 235.

Leading wicket-takers were: Troy Harris (CSP) 24, Matthew Swan (APK) 18, Dylan Williamson (MOO) 16, Alastair Fisher (MOO) 14 and Liam Sweeney (NRI) 13.

## PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2007/08

Wonga Park	31	(4)	Bayswater Park	12	(1)
East Ringwood	27	(5)	South Warrandyte	11	(5)
Mooroolbark	26	(8)	Wantirna	11	(3)
Croydon North	23	(9)	Boronia	8	(0)
Wantirna South	23	(2)	South Croydon	7	(4)
Templeton	21	(3)	Ferntree Gully	7	(3)
Croydon Ranges	20*	(5)	Eastfield	7	(2)
Kilsyth	19	(1)	Scoresby Ferndale	7*	(1)
North Ringwood	18	(6)	Knox City	6	(3)
St Andrews	18	(4)	Olinda	5	(2)
Ainslie Park	18	(3)	Aquinas Old Collegians	3	(3)
Norwood	18	(3)	Croydon	3	(0)
Montrose	16	(4)	Knox Churches	1	(1)
Warranwood	14*	(4)			
Warrandyte	14	(3)			
Chirnside Park	13	(4)			
Lilydale	12	(2)			

Figures in brackets are premierships won by first eleven teams.

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

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

This award is based on wins per team and whilst all teams are included, it is difficult to win Club Championship unless a club has at least 4 teams.

Calculation formula (points per win) is as follows: Chandler (6), Wilkins (4), Newey, A & B (3), C-F (2) and others (0.5)

Top 4 in reverse order	Warrandyte	79.5
	North Ringwood	91.75
	Mooroolbark	97.00
Winner	Templeton	101.50

## BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Chandler	John Moulder	(Lilydale)
Steve Pascoe Medal – Wilkins Cup	Anthony Podesta	(Montrose)
Stuart Newey Medal – Newey Plate	Marc Steiner	(Chirnside Park)

## AWARD WINNERS

### ALL STAR TEAM

<b>Scott Vozzo (Capt)</b>	<b>Sth Warrandyte</b>	<b>430 runs and 26 wickets</b>
<b>Luke Robertson</b>	<b>Templeton</b>	<b>571 (712) runs</b>
<b>Lincoln Grigg</b>	<b>Mooroolbark</b>	<b>506 (553) runs and 16 (17) wickets</b>
<b>Brendan Ricci</b>	<b>Mooroolbark</b>	<b>619 (903) runs</b>
<b>Gareth Taylor</b>	<b>North Ringwood</b>	<b>480 (664) runs and 12 (15) wickets</b>
<b>Kane Sloan</b>	<b>Wonga Park</b>	<b>557 runs and 12 wickets</b>
<b>Jason Kline (keeper)</b>	<b>North Ringwood</b>	<b>429 (484) runs, 12 catches &amp; 2 stumpings</b>
<b>John Moulder</b>	<b>Lilydale</b>	<b>375 runs and 22 wickets</b>
<b>Mark Unternahrer</b>	<b>Kilsyth</b>	<b>356 runs and 25 wickets</b>
<b>Ben Spencer</b>	<b>Kilsyth</b>	<b>26 wickets and 185 runs</b>
<b>Anthony Crowe</b>	<b>Wonga Park</b>	<b>31 wickets</b>

(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 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)

<b>M Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Dylan Williamson (MOO) * 16 wkts @ 11.50</b> (best 3/17 & 3/18)
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Leigh Hughes (CSP) 450 runs @ 75.00</b> (2/50's, 2/100's – best 155)
<b>L Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Matthew Sawyers (STA) 21 wkts @ 13.33</b> (best 6/33, 4/10)
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Stephen Payne (ESF) 634 runs @ 105.67</b> (2/50's, 3 /100's – best 181no)
<b>K Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Bradley Green (NRI) 32 wkts @ 6.78</b> (best 6/9 & 6/25 in the one game)
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Timothy Hutchison (WAN) 710 runs @ 101.43</b> (1/50, 3/100's – best 247)
<b>J Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Craig Lincoln (WDT) 20 wkts @ 15.15</b> (best 4/30, 3/34)
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Brendan Zach (WDT) 316 runs @ 52.67</b> (1/50 – best 109)
<b>I Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Tibor Feher (STA) 25 wkts @ 14.36</b> (best 6/38, 4/10)
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Craig Jennings (OLI) 642 runs @ 58.36</b> (2/50's, 3/100's – best 123)
<b>H Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Jim Page (WWD) 31 wkts @ 9.32</b> (best 7/43, 6/12, 4/16)
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Jack McCoy (CRR) 434 runs @ 62.00</b> (2/100's – best 208no)



<b>G Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Grattan Stephens (CSP)</b> (best 5/54, 3/34)	<b>22 wkts @ 14.50</b>
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Paul Conheady (NRI)</b> (2/50's – best 106)	<b>409 runs @ 58.43</b>
<b>F Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Ryan Campbell (WWD)</b> (best 5/23, 5/46)	<b>31 wkts @ 10.29</b>
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Nigel Murray (WOP)</b> (3/50's – best 157)	<b>438 runs @ 73.00</b>
<b>E Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Tim Nancarrow (SBF)</b> (best 5/50, 4/28)	<b>21 wkts @ 16.95</b>
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Ian Donaldson (NRI)</b> (2/50's, – best 75)	<b>263 runs @ 52.60</b>
<b>D Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Paul Doevelaar (WOP)</b> (best 6/39, 5/81, 4/6)	<b>32 wkts @ 9.88</b>
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Russell Hughes (WOP)</b> (4/50's – best 117no)	<b>368 runs @ 92.00</b>
<b>C Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Mark Whitney (WAN)</b> (best 6/32, 5/17)	<b>23 wkts @ 12.04</b>
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>David Raggett(WWD)</b> (3/50's – best 87no)	<b>264 runs @ 52.80</b>
<b>B Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Miles Rayner (NOW)</b> (best 5/33, 4/34)	<b>28 wkts @ 14.18</b>
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Jamie Devenish (BYP)</b> (2/50's, – best 100no)	<b>311 runs @ 77.75</b>
<b>A Grade</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Anthony Bird (WWD)</b> (best 7/79, 4/47)	<b>20 wkts @ 16.50</b>
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Ryan Hayres (CNT)</b> (3/50's – best 141)	<b>387 runs @ 55.29</b>
<b>Newey Plate</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Adam Humphries (OLI)</b> (best 6/28, 5/9)	<b>22 wkts @ 11.32</b>
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>David Rochford (CSP)</b> (1/50, 2/100's – best 150no)	<b>396 runs @ 49.50</b>
<b>Wilkins Cup</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Dwayne Paisley (STA)</b> (best 6/29, 3/17)	<b>24 wkts @ 13.25</b>
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Adam White (WDT)</b> (5/50's – best 135)	<b>673 runs @ 51.77</b>
<b>Chandler Shield</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Anthony Crowe (WOP)</b> (best 7/22, 6/27)	<b>31 wkts @ 14.23</b>
	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Brendan Ricci (MOO)</b> (2/50's, 3 /100's – best 150no)	<b>619 runs @ 103.17</b>

\* M Grade Bowling awarded to player with most wickets and best average, despite not meeting all criteria.

**Most Promising Under 21 player:**

**Josh Barrett**

**South Warrandyte**

## ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Newey: Wayne Nelson (ESF) - 629 points (374 runs, 1 un-assisted and 2 assisted wickets, 32 catches and 6 stumpings)

Wilkins: Adam White (WDT) – 793 points (673 runs, 5 assisted, 3 un-assisted wickets and 5 catches)

Chandler: Scott Vozzo (SWT) – 790 points (430 runs, 10 assisted, 16 un-assisted wickets and 4 catches)

## MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2007/08

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)

## JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS 2007/08

	UNDER 18	UNDER 16	UNDER 14	UNDER 12
1	Heathmont Baptists	Olinda	Warranwood	Wonga Park
2		Kilsyth	Wonga Park	Croydon
3		Bayswater Park	Wonga Park	Mooroolbark
4		North Ringwood	Mooroolbark/Boronia (composite)	Wonga Park

## REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

### **Versus Eastern Cricket Association at Ferndale Reserve - Chandler squad**

**Wayne Barrett (C)  
Matt Stoikos  
Andrew Jorgensen  
Paul Henry  
Damien Vozzo  
James Swanton  
Rod McArthur  
Gavin Bent  
Roger Leahy  
Dan Turner  
Bryn Griffiths**

**A depleted RDCA team, with only 11 players, chose to bat first but seemed to have trouble with the white match ball chosen by ECA with only Stoikos (16), Henry (34), Vozzo (24) and Barrett (34) reaching double figures in a total of 140 from 38 overs. Bowled and caught behind seemed to be the order of the day. Unfortunately our bogey man Clift returned to form for ECA and led the way to an easy win with 73n.o. of 3/149 made in only 28 overs. Bowling for RDCA – Griffiths 1/38 from 7.5 overs, Bent 1/33 from 6, Turner 1/36 from 6 and Leahy 0/40 from 7.**

### **Versus ECA at Howard Dawson Reserve - Wilkins/Newey squad**

**Ben Beech(C)  
Andy Wu  
Cam Eustice  
Matt Parker  
Eamon Costello  
Scott Hill  
Steven Craigie  
Marcus Adams  
Ben Springett  
Matt Chapman  
Tomas Fay  
Ben Boshier**

**RDCA again chose to bat first, with Wu leading the way, as usual, with a lusty 57, followed by Eustice 18, Parker 15, Costello 26, Hill 43 no, Craigie 16 and Ben Springett 11. The total after the full 40 overs was 8/208, a good effort.**

**Good bowling and fielding saw the home side restricted to 148 from 38 overs with 6 caught, 1 stumped and a run-out. Bowling for RDCA – Costello 2/37 from 7 overs, Adams 1/14 from 8, Boshier 2/48 from 8, Springett 2/19 from 8 and Fay 2/27 from 7. A good even team performance all round and a well deserved first win over ECA.**

## NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

The following twenty players represented the RDCA in the Under 21 competition played in November/December:

Tim Hall	Bayswater Park	Stuart Lane	Chirnside Park
Ash Parsons	Chirnside Park	Kris Anderson	East Ringwood
Ryan Jarratt	Kilsyth	Leigh Rigby	North Ringwood
Sam Ridgwell	North Ringwood	David Beagley	North Ringwood
Jordan Buckingham	North Ringwood	Luke Ridgwell	North Ringwood
Josh Barrett	South Warrantdyte	Matthew Ott	Wantirna South
Ben Stow	Wantirna South	Justin Cleaves	Warrantdyte
Jake Sherriff	Warrantdyte	Ross Brown	Warrantdyte
Evan Johnson	Warranwood	Luke Raggett	Warranwood
Luke Scott	Warranwood	Luke Barker	Wonga Park

Three games were scheduled against Heidelberg, Mercantile and Southern District Churches cricket associations.

The opening game was to be played at the Croydon Oval but unfortunately, was washed out when heavy overnight rain seeped under the covers. As the other games continued, it was going to be difficult for us to make the final with just a drawn result.

The second game was played at the Punt Road Oval where Mercantile CA were off to a good start and at 2 for 101 they were set for a large total. RDCA were able to bowl tightly in the middle overs and eventually bowled out Mercantile for 159. Captain Josh Barrett was the stand out bowler with 3 for 18 and fast bowler Leigh Rigby 3 for 19. In reply, RDCA batted very intelligently with Luke Barker starring with 67no, Evan Johnson 40 and Josh Barrett 29. The total was passed after 42 overs with 7 wickets down.

Going into game 3, we needed to win well to have any chance of playing off in the final. Southern Districts won the toss and batted at Central Oval and were dismissed in the 50th over for an excellent total of 199. Josh Barrett with 5 for 40 and Justin Cleaves 3 for 48 were the best of the bowlers. In response, RDCA slumped to 9 for 106 with only Josh Barrett (56) and Evan Johnson (22) having any impact on a slow and low pitch. An amazing last wicket partnership almost swung the game our way when Ash Parsons, who batted superbly for 64, and Ross Brown (5) put on 75 but alas, we fell just 18 runs short.

The large squad represented 10 clubs and were very well led by Josh Barrett, Luke Barker and Leigh Rigby. Many players gained valuable experience at representative level which will hold them in good stead at club level. I look forward to next season with a young group in the hope that we can go one better.

The Under 21 "Player of the Year" was Josh Barrett.

Following the U.21 carnival, Josh was selected in the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union side which played against a Victorian country representative team in February.

Kevin Newman.  
Manager/Coach

## **CHARITY MATCH**

### **RDCA (SELECT TEAM) v RINGWOOD RAMS (FIRSTS SELECT)**

**20/20 game played at Hughes Park (Croydon North) on Wednesday 13 February 2008**

The coin fell the right way and Mark Unternahrer, deputising for Brendan Ricci, had no hesitation in deciding the RDCA would bat. Lincoln Grigg was out to Drew McKay in the first over and not many came from the first couple. Andy Wu hit his straps thereafter, and Ricci joined in, as the RDCA moved to 44, from 5 overs. The pair upped the ante further and had taken the tally to 100, when Ricci (34) was out in the 10th over. The introduction of Dan King slowed the scoring and only thirty odd were added in next 5 overs for the loss of Gareth Taylor (20). Wu (60) and Evan Johnson were out soon after but a dashing innings from Kane Sloan (33) and a little cameo from Travis Degenhardt (11no) saw the tally to 7/187 at the close. McKay (2/35) and Michael King (2/29) were multiple wicket takers for Ringwood.

The Ringwood chase started sensationally when Matt Gale smashed consecutive sixes off Degenhardt and 20 came from the over. Gale (20) skied a catch off Ben Spencer and Michael King and Tom Stray followed soon after to see Ringwood 3/40 from 5. Sean Flynn and Ben Osborne were going along nicely before the introduction of Sloan saw Osborne (24) caught at short third man. The RDCA appeared to have the upper hand, when Ringwood reached the 15 over mark at 6/128, and some good bowling from Matt Sazenis and Sloan contained the batsmen to the point where 27 were needed from the last over. Flynn (81no) and Ryan Wilson (12no) had a dash but the RDCA ran out convincing winners as the total finished at 8/176. Degenhardt returned 2/35, Spencer 2/21, Steve Garrett 0/20, Grigg 0/11, Sloan 2/28, Sazenis 1/32 and John Moulder 1/22.

Man of the match for the RDCA was awarded to Andy Wu and for Ringwood it went to Sean Flynn.

The Executives of the RDCA and Ringwood CC were most appreciative of the efforts of the players and the Croydon North members for their catering and contributions in other areas. It was also very pleasing to have a large number of spectators in attendance at the game.

Contributions (\$1750) from the event were donated to the Monkami Centre for the Intellectually Disabled in Croydon.

Our thanks to the umpires (Graeme Lloyd and Steve Pascoe), Scorers (Barry Purse and Lindsay Howard) and the following sponsors for their contribution to the event:

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## SCORECARD

### RDCA innings

A. Wu	b Wilson	60
L. Grigg	c McDonald b McKay	0
B. Ricci	c Flynn b M. King	34
G. Taylor	b D. King	20
E. Johnson	c Stray b Wilson	2
K. Sloan	c D. King b McKay	33
M.Unternahrer	b M. King	6
T. Degenhardt	Not Out	11
S. Garrett	Not Out	1
J. Moulder		
B. Spencer		
M. Sazenis		
Extras		20
Total		7/187

Bowling: D. McKay 4-2/35, S. Gilmour 3-0/39, R. Wilson 4-2/41, M.King 4-2/29, Daniel King 3-1/13, M. Gale 2-0/20

### Ringwood innings

M. Gale	c Garrett b Spencer	20
M. King	b Degenhardt	2
T. Stray	c Unternahrer b Spencer	2
S. Flynn	Not Out	81
B. Osborne	c Johnson b Sloan	24
B. Walsh	b Moulder	7
D. Rawson	b Degenhardt	1
S. Gilmour	s Unternahrer b Sazenis	14
Daniel King	b Sloan	1
R. Wilson	Not Out	12
D. McKay		
Extras		12
Total		8/176

Bowling: T. Degenhardt 4-2/35, B Spencer 3-2/21, S. Garrett 2-0/20, L. Grigg 1-0/11, K. Sloan 3-2/28, M. Sazenis 4-1/32, J. Moulder 3-1/22