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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2002/03

Change continues to permeate through our Association, and will continue to do so, as our various administrative bodies strive to provide member Clubs, Officials, Players and supporters with a cricket competition that meets their evolving and growing needs.

Season 2002 – 03 witnessed:

- Adoption of a Premier Grade System with recognition of the prestige associated with representation in the Chandler Shield, Wilkins Cup & Newey Plate competitions;
- Extension of 8 Team grades to all grades except Chandler Shield 1 & 2, where 12 of the most elite teams of the Association were drawn to play each other in 2 day matches, and the One Day Grade – all other grades were drawn to meet their opponents in both a 1 day and 2 day match.
- The Bonus Points was abolished throughout the competition at the insistence of a majority of Clubs (the jury is still out on the success of this move as it tended to encourage matches being abandoned well before the scheduled close of play).
- Introduction of a Representative Team solely selected from the Wilkins Cup & Newey Plate competitions.
- Inaugural Inter Association matches v Victorian Turf Association at U/25 and U/18 levels
- Appointment of 2 VCA Umpires as RDCA Umpires Advisors. David Hansen and Graeme Lloyd are both ex – RDCA players of distinction. They volunteered their services to assist with the development of our Umpiring Panel and act as mentors to individual members. We look forward to their continued involvement building on the groundwork now in place and strengthen the panel in both numbers and expertise.

As a spectator at many matches during the season, I was privileged to witness some exciting and well-fought contests that included some fantastic individual efforts. We continue to benefit from the recruitment of skilled players returning to local cricket from Premier Cricket or other Associations; but it is always a special moment when a youngster, nurtured in our own junior competition, graduates to our Premier Grades and makes his mark.

Not only within our Association. More and more of our young players are being encouraged to try their luck at a Premier VCA Club, and succeeding.

Stuart Minetti, his Junior Executive and Club Officials can be justifiably proud of their efforts in administering the Junior Competition, when they see products of their programme progress to State and National under age representative teams.

The season included many positives and a few negatives; but the disappointment to me was the continued degeneration in general demeanour of players and their on-field behaviour.

Generally, we believe that most matches proceed without untoward incident. To tell the truth, we hope that this is the case. However, in my travels during the season, it was noticeable that in the heat of competition, there is a growing lack of respect for others (be they opposing players, umpires or officials) that is being carried too far on the field.

This was unfortunately on demonstration to all during the Finals Series when some appalling behaviour, on and off the field, was reported through too many grades.

It may have been that, with the involvement of umpires, such behaviour during the finals was acted upon /reported whereas, during the regular season, such occurrences would go unreported by opposition teams as it was viewed as the norm and those affected did not want to create waves.

I assure all RDCA members that this association is not a place for those not willing to abide by the spirit of cricket. Strong action will be taken when it is brought to our attention that misconduct has breached the objective of the RDCA – described in our Constitution – as:

“The playing and fostering of cricket, free from any objectionable features, and the better acquaintance and fellowship of the players of the Association.”

It takes a lot of work to administer an association of the size of the RDCA and I am fortunate to have the backing of a dedicated and conscientious team to look after the senior competition. They are recorded at the beginning of this report and I thank each and every one for a job well done.

Club administrators also deserve recognition for their contribution towards RDCA success. Without your involvement and attention to Club and Association administrative requirements, many may miss the chance of playing this great game. Thanks for your dedication.

As we look to season 2003–04, as in all seasons, there will be more change consider and implement. I trust, dear reader, you will strive to ensure that our adopted objectives are met.

Steve Pascoe
President

The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket – You do well to love it!

For it is more free from anything sordid, anything dishonourable, than any game in the world.

To play it keenly, honourably, generously, self-sacrificingly is a moral lesson in itself – and the classroom is God’s air and sunshine.

Foster it my brothers, so that it may attract all who can find the time to play it.

Protect it from anything that would sully it, so that it may grow in favour with all men.

(Adapted from the words of Lord Harris; as printed in Don Bradman’s “Farewell to Cricket” – Hodder & Stoughton, 1950)

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the association was held in the Social Rooms of the Kilsyth Cricket Club on Wednesday 21 August 2002. Steve Pascoe was returned as the President with yours truly and Russell Bartlett being the new faces to replace Lindsay Trollope and Ann Pascoe.

Whilst I had some idea of what the General Secretary role entailed, having some time back been the Junior representative on the Executive, it was not until I got into the duties that I fully realised what I had been cajoled into by Mr. Pascoe.

I have enjoyed the challenge and it has been an ongoing learning curve, which I expect will continue for some time to come.

My thanks to Lindsay for putting up with numerous calls and a few home visits, to Steve and Stuart Newey for guidance and to the other Executive members for their assistance and understanding.

During the season I experienced some health problems, which prevented me from performing the role for a period. In my absence, Steve Pascoe and Pat Meehan covered for me at what was the business end of the season. Steve was particularly busy and it was most unfortunate that he was also confronted with some behavioural problems, which were of great disappointment to the Executive. (See his earlier comments in Presidents report).

The "RALF Committee", of which I was a member, continued to develop its plan (as outlined in last years report) under the leadership of Steve Pascoe. Significant progress has been made, to the extent that proposals to change the Association leadership structure, and accordingly the Constitution and relative rules, will be circulated to members (clubs) and life members for approval prior to the commencement of new season.

In conjunction with these changes, a sub-committee, headed by Russell Jenzen, has reviewed all of the "Playing Rules" also taking into account submissions from clubs. After obtaining Executive endorsement the changes will also be submitted to members for approval.

Outcome of the proposed changes will be conveyed and discussed at Annual General Meeting.

The season itself saw Lilydale win its first Chandler 1 premiership. South Warrandyte Hawks continued on their merry way, after winning Newey in 2001/02, by taking the Wilkins Cup flag and now progress to Chandler. Chirside Park had a great win in Newey and move into Wilkins Cup next season.

Although the weather during the finals was not great, play proceeded on each of the allotted days, with the exception of a Semi-final in Newey. Whilst we have been blessed to avoid any lost days, it may be of concern to some that sides who progressed direct to the Grand Final from Qualifying Semi-Final, and had the rest the next weekend, were less successful in the ultimate game (only 5 of 15 won).

Obviously, a few aspects have arisen that need addressing namely, Grading ("Bye" in Newey needs to be filled), Fixturing (Chandler playing on consecutive Sundays) and the implementation of a "Heat Policy" to address concerns that arose from the extreme temperature experienced one day in January last. I certainly will aim to have these issues resolved before commencement of new season.

In the social area, Lesley Watson took on the responsibility of organising the Vote Count (Best and Fairest) and Presentation nights. Arrangements for hosting of the Vote Count were varied a little, in that the host club ran and took the profit from the bar whilst the RDCA (Lesley) looked after the catering side. It proved very successful on all counts and we thank the Wantirna South members and Lesley for their efforts.

As detailed in expansive report later in this document, the Veterans headed by Brian Gobbi, President, and Michael Gavin, Secretary, enjoyed another successful season.

David Beatty and Neil Tull looked after the Representative sides. David, in his capacity as Selector/Team Manager with the younger brigade (U.25, U.21 and U.18) and Neil, as scorer for all, except where they clash, give up many Sundays and their contribution is most appreciated by Executive members and, I'm sure, the players who participate in these games.

The umpires executive was headed by Stuart Newey and Martin Pruyzers. This season we were most fortunate to have Graeme Lloyd and David Hansen (both of whom are on Cricket Victoria panel) offer their services as Umpires Advisers. It appears David will not be available in coming season but Graeme has indicated a desire to continue and has some thoughts that will be most beneficial to members of the umpiring panel and our association.

In the junior area, Stuart Minetti continued as President and John Springett took over as Secretary. Part way through the season, Stuart stood down as the Junior representative on the Executive and was temporarily replaced by Tim Court who wore two hats as he was already on that body. Unfortunately, Tim also had to forgo his Executive duties, due to study commitments, and John Springett became junior representative.

John Macmillan continued as Tribunal Chairman and, thankfully, was not called upon until after the completion of Grand Finals. It turned out to be a busy night for he and fellow panel members, Bill Wilkins and Graeme Seymour who filled in for Neil Tucker who was unavailable. We appreciate these gentlemen making themselves available for this task and trust that they will again do so in coming season.

Finally, my thanks to all club secretaries and officials for their efforts and assistance to me which helped considerably in easing into the role. May it continue in the new season.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful 2003/04.

IAN SPENCER

SENIOR REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

From a registration and results point of view, the season was somewhat uneventful although we are aware of some problems the complexity of the system imposes on club administration.

Taking these problems into account, we continue to be indebted to Timothy Court for his dedication to ensuring that our system and processes through Sporting Pulse provide details as accurate as possible bearing in mind the support or otherwise given to Timothy in providing all necessary information on a timely basis.

Again last season, we were unable to supply reliable player performance averages data from the system and it is intended to revamp and simplify the season in the coming season and you will hear more about these changes at the AGM. Naturally, club administrators will still be required to support the operational processes of the revised system.

For the record the RDCA administered our association to enable 34 clubs, 133 senior teams, 150 junior teams together with the players involved in all these teams to participate in the game of cricket during the 2002/2003 season.

There were of course the never-ending 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 results in 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
Senior Registration Secretary

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

The season commenced with Stuart Newey being re-appointed as President with David Hansen and Graeme Lloyd appointed as Umpires Advisers, and Don Smith re-elected to fill the position of Vice President.

We commenced the season without losing any of the previous seasons umpires and managed to recruit 3 more umpires prior to the start of the season, which gave us a total of 27. But unfortunately due to illness and family commitments we lost 3 umpires prior to Christmas. During the season another 3 ex players from within the association decided to join the umpiring ranks, unfortunately one of these lasted 3 matches before resigning stating that he did not have to give up his time and put up with the bad behavior of some of the players. This resulted in our association finishing the season with 26 umpires.

The umpires again officiated at inter association representative games in both senior and junior level, the IAJCC Junior competition over Christmas, the Neil Wright U21 competition and the Veteran finals.

I would like to thank the club volunteers who helped with the umpiring in the semi finals and grand 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 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 2003/2004.

Martien Pruyers
Umpires Secretary

MATCH COMMITTEE

As mentioned in President's report, the Executive decided to give Wilkins and Newey players an opportunity to represent the Association.

Hence the team that played against Box Hill Reporter comprised Chandler players, whilst the side that lined up against City of Moorabbin was selected from Wilkins and Newey players.

Those charged with responsibility for selecting these sides were Neil Tull (convenor/team manager/scorer), Russell Jenzen, Ken Trollope and Mark Unternahrer, with assistance from Bruce Sansom and Scott Brasher in relation to Wilkins/Newey team.

David Beatty again devoted his full commitment to the younger representative sides, which this season included an U.25's in addition to the U.21 Neil Wright Shield (VMCU) competition and U.18 games.

Our thanks to Lesley Watson and members of the Kilsyth club for their efforts and hospitality in hosting the games against City of Moorabbin.

In terms of results it was a mixed bag, with the seniors losing to Box Hill and winning against City of Moorabbin. U.25's had a good win over VTCA and U.21's performed really well in getting to semi-finals of competition. The U.18's won one of three games. Details of these games appear in statistical section.

VMCU (VICTORIAN METROPOLITAN CRICKET UNION)

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

The "Union" is seeking to be seen as the leader of community cricket and prior to the season commencing it produced an "Injury Code – Blood Rule" and "Adverse Weather" guidelines which were adopted by the RDCA.

It is also the body to which a player/club can appeal should they consider a penalty, handed down by the Association or Tribunal, to be unjust.

The RDCA gives its full support to the Union but reserves the right to have autonomy in conducting the affairs of the Association.

OUTER EAST CRICKET COUNCIL

David Beatty continued as the Chairman and Regional Director of this body. Pat Meehan acted as the RDCA representative at the Council and Andrew Larratt remained as the Cricket Victoria Manager on this body.

RDCA JUNIORS 2002/03

The season just past, 2002/03, proved to be (as usual) a successful season in most regards. The Junior Committee experienced a significant change with the continued loss of very experienced people. Fortunately, capable people stepped forward to fill the breach, but like all things new, our newcomers took some time to “learn the ropes”. Nevertheless, the junior competition was able to function without any disruption. It should be noted that the loss of these experienced people is not through disenchantment or dissatisfaction, rather through natural attrition, people moving onto other areas of interest or simply needing a rest.

Pre-season there was a significant revamp of one area of our rules covering the limitations of batting and bowling within the various age groups and divisions. These appeared to be well accepted as they were aimed at providing the opportunity for the more talented players to spend more time at the crease batting or bowling or in the lower grades, providing more opportunity for participation by all.

Our round robin tournament for our non-competitive grades, so successful last season was unfortunately cancelled due to weather this season. The committee is investigating alternatives to its timing and format for season 2003/04.

The Inter-Association Junior Carnival played in January of each season was revamped somewhat with it now coming under the control of the VMCU. As in seasons past there were two U12s, one U14s and one U16s. Fittingly the founder of this carnival, Josh Browne, has had the second Under 12 competition named after him giving due recognition to the incredible effort put in by Josh over many years. Our boys and girls again acquitted themselves admirably, reflecting both the strength of our Association and the quality of coaching at a club level.

Both our U12s made their respective Grand Finals, but although not taking that final step, performed very well. Our U16s took a couple of games to find their feet and just missed out on making the finals. The U14s proved to be our best performers going through the competition undefeated and walking away with the premiership for the second season in a row. Well done to all players, coaches, team managers, parents and others who continue to make these carnivals enjoyable and successful. Special thanks to Michael Duke for all the (considerable) behind the scenes work necessary for our teams to participate in the carnival.

Presentation Night at Yarra Valley was again successful, running very smoothly for the entire evening. The night commenced with a cornucopia video of some action from our finals series and continued with a similar format to last year with a large screen displaying details of all award recipients. Feedback was again positive.

It would be rare that a season passes without some degree of controversy and certainly this last season had its share. I am pleased to report that we had no need to convene a tribunal, although there was the need for a couple of investigations, which were dealt with competently and without further incident. Our Association is run entirely by volunteers, as most would know. Administering the Association takes a lot of effort both from the Association level and, the work required to be done by Junior Coordinators. The Junior Committee this season decided to enforce a little more rigidly the fines applicable for breaches of established procedures. As usual, in general this was well received, but there is always a small number of clubs that have difficulty in administration. What became evident was that the existing procedures at the Association level were inadequate, communications with clubs needs significant improvement, the level of fines needs review and the process for reviewing appeals against fines requires overhaul.

As such the Junior Committee will undertake an appropriate complete review of this whole contentious area during the off-season. The system of fines is designed purely to ensure clubs understand and accept their responsibilities, and where breaches occur, these are quickly communicated to clubs to maximise their opportunity to correct their mistakes.

Toward the end of last season the Junior Committee undertook a detailed written survey on the clubs' view of our procedures and various topics relevant to our Junior Association. Results are still being collated, but in essence clearly the majority of clubs are very happy with how things are running. However, there have been a few areas highlighted which will require review and possible changes/improvements for the future. These issues will be the focus of our Committee during the off-season.

Finally, thanks to all the committee who put in considerable effort to ensure that, in the main, our Junior Association continues to be run efficiently and effectively. Each of our committee has a role within their own club, so the additional hours volunteered to administer our Association must be highly appreciated. Michael Duke, Kevin Dawson, Jeff Luscombe, Haydn Hill, Julie Mellerick and Timothy Court all contributed in a significant way and everyone should be appropriately grateful.

I would like to leave my last words of thanks to a man who was "thrown in the deep end" at the beginning of the season. John Springett took over as Secretary from our most efficient and effective Timothy Court. John, who was not proficient in the use of computers (and would probably still say he isn't), took on the role with his usual gusto and endeavour. Although there was some early criticism from some clubs, especially around timely communication, John persevered and did a truly fabulous job. Most people are totally unaware of the hundreds of hours of work involved for the secretary spread over a season, but especially so at the beginning and end of the season. John acquitted himself exceptionally well. And of course thanks must go to everyone involved in our junior club cricket. The thousands of volunteer hours put in by club volunteers enables literally thousands of young boys and girls to participate in, enjoy and develop skills in our great game of cricket. Thanks.

Stuart Minetti
Junior President



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Our 15th season was another successful season, with a number of players achieving the milestone of 100 Games, within RDCA Veterans Cricket.

The AGM saw the re-appointment of Brian Gobbi as President. The initiative of 2001 / 2002 to increase the season to 9 games was overturned, with the season being returned to 7 rounds plus 2 finals. This was done to ensure appropriate scheduling of the Masters (40s) and Legends (50s) competition on alternate weeks, plus inter-association games & finals, not to mention the Christmas / New Year break.

The Veterans Executive continued to support RDCA Junior cricket and provided sponsorship of \$750.00 to assist with representative sides cricket shirts. In addition, the Veterans Executive provided response from a Veterans' cricket perspective to the RDCA senior Executives recommendations outlined in their Strategic Plan 2002 – 2006. Veteran's Executive representation has had some discussions with senior RDCA Executives over the future implementation of the Strategic Plan.

From a cricket playing point of view, overall the weather did not severely interfere with the scheduling of matches, though due to the protracted dry summer, some semi-finals games required relocation to ensure superior conditions were enjoyed.

We saw the return to the competition a side from Heathmont to Division 3, after quite a few seasons absence. However Wonga Park [Masters – 40s] and Lower Eltham [Legends – 50s] had to withdraw from the competition due to insufficient core numbers.

This brought the total of number of Clubs to 23, with 36 teams nominated across the Masters four Divisions and the Legends competition. - Four Clubs had three teams and another nine clubs had two sides.

The Legends competition, now in its third season, had six Clubs participating. The Clubs participating were Croydon/Croydon Ranges [composite], Mt. Evelyn, North Ringwood, South Warrandyte, Templeton, and Warrandyte. Many "Legends" players continue to take the opportunity to play Veterans cricket every weekend in both competitions, at times with a range of Legends Clubs. This enhanced the camaraderie amongst the Clubs and players overall.

The competition across all four Divisions continued to be very keen and even throughout the season, with many match results going down to the last over or two. Division one with only six strong teams, resulted in keen interest in the results of every round, and their likely impact on ladder positions. Often the ladders did not project the evenness of the competition, as a number of Clubs failed on the points basis, however were often only beaten in the last over. Positions 3 and 4, in most Divisions, were decided in the last round - percentages determining positions in the four in a number of Divisions.

With the exception of "The Legends" competition, which did not have finals, the Semi-Finals were keenly played.



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Grand Finals for all Divisions started with one eye on the weather, wondering whether they would get a start, or have to relocate to alternate venues.

Divisions 2 and 3 necessitated the relocation of their finals to alternate facilities, due to excessive wet conditions from the Saturday afternoon/evening as well as Sunday morning.

Divisions 1 successfully used the Turf wicket after the meticulous lead-up preparation and pre-match covering of the Turf wicket, by host Club Croydon.

Pennants were presented to the winning captains and teams following the Grand Final. Three of the four premierships clubs were first time premiers in the RDCA Masters competition. Trophies were presented to Club Captains or Club representatives at our Presentation Night.

The premiers for 2001 / 2002 were:

- **Division 4 Premiers** **Max Brown Trophy** – **played at Eley Park**
Eley Park successfully contained North Ringwood to 8/125 and finished at 4 /130, to claim their first RDCA veteran's premiership.
- **Division 3 Premiers** **relocated from Mt. Evelyn to Silcock Reserve**
The top two sides of Mt. Evelyn and Heathmont played out this final. An extremely high scoring game, which went down **to the last over and last ball**. **Heathmont** successfully defended their total of 199 by one run. ***Congratulations to Heathmont on achieving a pennant in their first season back in the RDCA Veterans competition.***
- **Division 2 Premiers** **Ken Johnston Trophy** - **played at Boronia**
Boronia and Ainslie Park, both played off for Division 3 flag in the 2001/2002 season, and meet again in 2002/2003 for the Div. 2 Flag. This time Boronia prevailed after restricting Ainslie Park to 10/117, and passing this total at 7/118. Congratulations to both clubs for being the Grand Finalists in consecutive years, across Divisions 2 and 3.
- **Division 1 Premiers** **Bill Dean Trophy** -**played at Croydon – Town Oval**
Croydon successfully contained **Parkwood** to a moderate score of 10/102 through good tight bowling and excellent fielding. Croydon obtained the necessary runs with a minimum of fuss. Congratulations to Croydon, their first RDCA Veterans flag after being a founding club within the RDCA. The celebration of this premiership is one that was still continuing on the Wednesday Association Dinner...***in fact I don't think it had stopped.***
- **The Legends Premiers**
North Ringwood were the successful team this season, remaining unbeaten.

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.



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A big thank you must go to the RDCA senior Executive for their on-going support. Premiership pennants continue to be provided by the RDCA, as well as initiating successful submissions for financial grants for RDCA Veterans Cricket from the Victorian Cricket Association's pool of funds, during the previous off-season.

Inter-Association Games: This year three games were played by RDCA Veterans. The first game was hosted by the RDCA at Croydon against the veterans from the Box Hill Reporter Association, on 15/12/02, with the RDCA having a very solid win. Monday – Australia Day [26/01/03] saw two representative sides for 40s and 50s+ take on Ferntree Gully District Veterans [FTG] at Boronia. Two keenly fought matches, as usual were played out, with FTG winning the 40s and RDCA winning the 50+s.

.Congratulations to captains – 40s – Steve Pascoe [Warrandyte], and Jim Dean [Croydon] and 50s – Mick Gavin [Mt. Evelyn] and all players who represented the RDCA. Very positive comment is always received on not only the spirit, but also the excellent standard of cricket that is played in these games. The competitive nature results in players going up a cog or two in intensity.

I would like to publicly thank the host Clubs of - Croydon, Boronia and Fair Park Reserve and both the Associations of FernTree Gully District and Box Hill Reporter for the games, facilities and after-match activity.

Additionally, I would like to complement our Selection Panel of Wayne McCrimmon [North Ringwood], Graeme Seymour [Mt. Evelyn] and Ken Johnston [Patron] for their efforts in putting competitive sides on the park.

Veterans Presentation Night: Our Presentation Night returned to **Bram Leigh Reception Centre at Croydon** in the week following the Grand Finals. Approximately 130 attendees enjoyed a very popular evening.

MC – Alan King of Warrandyte Veterans, again did an excellent job, not to mention the unforgettable speech from Croydon winning captain – Barry Jacquier. Timewise it made up for all those previous seasons, when they missed out on being there. ***Realistically though, I think it summed up the enjoyment and enthusiasm we all have for playing the game of cricket, and if we happen to win a premiership at our years, it is a bonus!!!***

The organising committee of Vair Gobbi, Marg Stafford and Graeme Seymour are to be congratulated on their excellent job again and continue to surpass previous years' memorable nights.

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 – this year with covering carnival uniforms, as well as to assist cricketers that represent our Veterans Association either at interstate or overseas carnivals.



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Milestones – 100 Veterans, Club, Games.

The following players joined President Brian Gobbi, as members of the RDCA Veterans 100 Game Club.

Kevin “Bluey” Dunn	-	Mt. Evelyn & Kilsyth
Harry Lakeland	-	Croydon Ranges
John Dewey	-	Croydon Ranges
Bill Stafford	-	Croydon Ranges
Mick Gavin	-	Mt. Evelyn
Charlie Attard	-	South Warrandyte

Congratulations to all of these on this great achievement and commitment to RDCA Veterans cricket over the past 15 seasons.

Carnival Cricket – 16 – 21 March 2003. As well as 2 RDCA sides, many Veterans clubs took the opportunity to enter a team or participate in a composite team, within the Australian Veterans Cricket Carnival, played at facilities within the RDCA and FTG area.

Games were played on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Unfortunately the Friday games were abandoned due to wet weather, but lunch and early after match bar activities were brought forward instead. A number of the teams playing, had travelled from interstate. All players, officials and travelling companions, enjoyed Excellent after match activities.

Executive Committee Efforts:

Finally it would be remiss of me not to thank our hardworking committee for their efforts and commitment throughout the year:

Brian Gobbi (Chairman), Bill Stafford (Treasurer), Jim Dean, Graeme Seymour, Allan Duffus, Ken Johnston and Jeff Luscombe.

Additionally, many thanks to, Marg Stafford and Vair Gobbi, our Social sub-committee experts, with assistance and guidance from Graeme Seymour.

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

Aspirations of the Veterans’ Executive would be to receive nomination from RDCA clubs, currently not represented in the Veterans competition, for the coming season/s.

Mick Gavin
Secretary

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

Treasurer's Report

It is pleasing to report that the financial result for the 2002/2003 season has improved from a profit of \$410 the previous season to a profit of \$3,817 this season. This improvement can be attributed to the continued restraint exercised in incurring expenses on behalf of the Association, additional fines levied during the season (see next paragraph) and the changed basis of catering for the vote count night .

Unfortunately, fines incurred by clubs for non-compliance with the rules of the RDCA increased significantly from \$930 the previous season to \$2,598 last season. It should be noted last year's fines did not include all the fines that could have been levied as both the Senior and Junior executive took a sympathetic stance on levying fines.

However, it is most frustrating to the Association's administrators when clubs do not make a realistic effort to comply with the rules of the Association and as such incur fines. Obviously, Club administrators have a role to play in this regard to ensure that fines for non-compliance with the rules of the Association are kept to a minimum.

Again this year, several clubs have not totally met their commitments for last season with the result that these clubs will start next season with debts that will impose an additional financial burden on these clubs prior to the start of the coming season.

Clubs falling into this category will have already received an account for the amount outstanding at the end of last season.

Finally, let me thank all the clubs for their support during the 2002/2003 season which has helped make the treasurer's role easier to fill.

Joan Newey
Honorary Treasurer

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2002/03

CHANDLER 1

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	G/F
LILYDALE	4	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
MOOROOLBARK	1	7	8	8	7	4	6	6	4	3	2	2
WANTIRNA SOUTH	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	5	8	6	4	3
WONGA PARK	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	4
SOUTH RINGWOOD	11	8	7	5	5	6	7	7	5	7	5	
TEMPLETON	6	6	6	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	6	
AINSLIE PARK	7	4	3	6	6	7	5	3	6	4	7	
EAST RINGWOOD	12	5	5	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	
FERNTREE GULLY	8	10	10	9	10	9	10	10	10	9	9	
KILSYTH	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	
MONTROSE	5	9	9	10	9	10	9	9	9	11	11	
SOUTH CROYDON	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	

Eight teams were in the running for a finals berth with 2 rounds to go. Wantirna South jumped from 8th to 4th with two excellent wins. Semi-finals saw Mooroolbark rout Lilydale and Wantirna South repeat its last round win over Wonga Park. Lilydale bounced back magnificently, to first overrun Wantirna South and then completely turn the tables on Mooroolbark in a Grand final that comprised less than 70 overs of play. Lilydale celebrates its first Chandler 1 premiership.

CHANDLER 2

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	G/F
WONGA PARK	8	5	3	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	1
MOOROOLBARK	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
AINSLIE PARK	4	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
SOUTH CROYDON	5	3	6	4	4	3	3	3	3	6	4	4
MONTROSE	2	9	10	7	9	7	9	8	5	5	5	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	3	6	9	11	7	8	6	6	6	4	6	
TEMPLETON	9	4	7	8	6	5	5	5	5	7	7	
LILYDALE	12	11	8	9	11	10	7	10	10	8	8	
KILSYTH	1	7	4	3	5	6	8	7	8	10	9	
FERNTREE GULLY	11	8	5	6	8	11	11	9	9	9	10	
EAST RINGWOOD	7	10	11	12	10	12	12	12	11	12	11	
SOUTH RINGWOOD	10	12	12	10	12	9	10	11	12	11	12	

The top four remained unchanged from about the halfway mark, with Mooroolbark and Ainslie Park leading the way. Mooroolbark progressed straight to Grand Final and Wonga Park won a tight Preliminary against Ainslie. Mooroolbark fancied its chances, of back to back premierships, but that weekend off syndrome again surfaced and they were no match for Wonga Park in the Grand Final.

WILKINS 1

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
STH WARRANDYTE	7	8	5	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	1
CROYDON NORTH	2	2	4	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
NORWOOD	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	4	5	5	4	4	3
NTH RINGWOOD	4	3	2	3	5	4	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	4
ST ANDREWS	1	4	3	4	3	5	3	4	2	2	4	4	5	5	
BAYSWATER PARK	6	6	7	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
WARRANDYTE	8	5	6	7	6	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	7	
CROYDON RANGES	5	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	

Croydon North led for most of the season with South Warrandyte, last seasons Newey premiers, making a big impact. St Andrews appeared well entrenched in second but failed to win a game after Christmas and missed the finals. Semi-finals were thrilling affairs, with Croydon North staging a great comeback to just beat South Warrandyte and go straight into Grand final. Norwood prevailed by one run over North Ringwood in a high scoring nail biter. Preliminary final saw South Warrandyte's lower order do well to set Norwood a challenge they were unable to meet. Grand Final saw fortunes fluctuate with Croydon North taking early wickets only to have South Warrandyte batsmen rest the initiative and post an imposing total. Croydon North struggled early but some aggressive middle order batting put them in with a chance only to see a late order collapse that left them well short of the target. South Warrandyte now progress to Chandler Shield.

WILKINS 2

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
NORWOOD	1	3	3	2	1	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
NORTH RINGWOOD	3	1	4	4	5	3	3	2	2	3	4	4	4	2	2
ST ANDREWS	2	2	2	5	4	6	6	6	5	4	3	3	3	4	3
CROYDON NORTH	4	5	5	3	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	4
WARRANDYTE	7	4	1	1	3	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	
STH WARRANDYTE	5	6	6	6	6	4	5	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	
BAYSWATER PARK	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	
CROYDON RANGES	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	

Finalists were evenly matched. Norwood and St Andrews appeared form sides winning all of their games after Christmas, however, North Ringwood won directly to Grand Final and Norwood had to account for St Andrews to earn another shot. Like a number of other grades, the weekend off did North Ringwood no good and Norwood prevailed for a comfortable victory.

NEWHEY 1

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2	3	4	2	4	6	3	4	4	5	3	3	3	2	1
PARKWOOD	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
EASTFIELD	3	2	3	4	3	3	5	3	3	4	5	4	4	4	3
NTH UNITED LYONS	5	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	4
OLINDA	4	6	7	6	6	5	4	5	5	3	4	5	5	5	
WANTIRNA	6	7	5	5	5	4	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	
SCORESBY FERNDAL	7	5	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	

Parkwood dominated the home and away season, progressing to the finals undefeated. Chirnside Park lifted after the Christmas break to sneak past North United Lyons into second spot. In Elimination Semi-final Eastfield accounted for North United. The other semi was thwarted by ground conditions and Chirnside Park were consigned to Preliminary Final where they had a big win and earned the right to again challenge Parkwood.

In the Grand Final, on a very slow ground, albeit with difficult fielding conditions, Chirnside Park ground out a very competitive score. What transpired on the second day could only be described as a major shock with Parkwood being routed.

Chirnside Park earned the right to play in Wilkins Cup next season.

NEWHEY 2

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
PARKWOOD	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
CHIRNSIDE PARK	1	4	5	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
SCORESBY FERNDAL	7	6	6	6	4	5	5	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	3
WANTIRNA	3	3	2	5	2	2	2	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	4
EASTFIELD	2	1	4	3	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	
NTH UNITED LYONS	6	2	3	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
OLINDA	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	

Chirnside Park and Parkwood alternated spots at top of ladder during season. Parkwood bowlers routed Chirnside Park in semi but Chirnside bounced back for another go by easily accounting for Scoresby Ferndale in Preliminary final. After making a moderate score. Parkwood bowlers again held sway and kept Chirnside to a lowly tally to record a comfortable Grand Final victory.

A GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
WONGA PARK	6	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	4	1
MOOROOLBARK	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
TEMPLETON	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
CROYDON NORTH	2	3	5	4	3	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	4
AINSLIE PARK	1	4	3	5	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	
LILYDALE	8	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	
WANTIRNA SOUTH	5	6	6	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	
EAST RINGWOOD	7	8	8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	

Mooroolbark and Templeton were clear leaders at conclusion of home and away with Wonga Park just clinging to a finals berth having posted only one win after Christmas. Mooroolbark progressed to Grand Final (and thoughts of back to back flags - Chandler 3 previous season). Wonga Park discovered form with wins over Croydon North and Templeton. In the Grand Final, Wonga Park bowlers did the trick, restricting Mooroolbark to 135 in pursuit of 179.

B GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
KILSYTH	2	1	4	4	2	3	2	4	3	3	4	5	4	4	1
BORONIA	5	3	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
NORWOOD	3	5	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
FERNTREE GULLY	1	6	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	2	3	4
ST ANDREWS	7	7	5	2	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	5	5	
MONTROSE	4	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
PARKWOOD	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	
SOUTH RINGWOOD	6	4	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	

Boronia were the fancied side and progressed to Grand Final with easy Semi win. With only one win post Christmas, Kilsyth was the outsider but they overcame Ferntree Gully and Norwood to earn a spot in Grand Final, which was closely fought, but Kilsyth prevailed to cause an upset.

C GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
SOUTH CROYDON	4	6	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1
WONGA PARK	1	1	1	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2
BAYSWATER PARK	3	2	4	1	3	4	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	4	3
MOOROOLBARK	8	5	3	6	5	6	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	4
TEMPLETON	2	3	2	3	1	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	
NORTH RINGWOOD	7	4	6	5	6	5	3	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	
CROYDON RANGES	6	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
WARRANTYTE	5	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	

Wonga Park and South Croydon were clearly the better sides in this grade.

After South Croydon won the Semi, Wonga Park worked through to Grand Final where South Croydon again prevailed in a low scoring affair.

D GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
EAST RINGWOOD	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
WANTIRNA SOUTH	4	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
AINSLIE PARK	1	6	6	7	7	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	3	3
CROYDON NORTH	5	7	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	4	4
SOUTH RINGWOOD	8	3	5	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	
LILYDALE	6	4	3	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
KILSYTH	3	5	7	5	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
FERNTREE GULLY	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	

Wantirna South and East Ringwood were the dominant teams throughout the season. Wantirna South scored a narrow win in semi to go straight to Grand Final whilst East Ringwood earned another crack by defeating Ainslie Park in Preliminary. East Ringwood reversed earlier result with a comfortable win to take the flag

E GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
BORONIA	4	2	5	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	1
STH WARRANTYTE	2	6	4	6	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	2
WONGA PARK	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
NORTH RINGWOOD	6	5	6	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	3	4
NORWOOD	5	3	2	4	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	
CROYDON RANGES	1	4	3	3	2	3	3	3	5	5	5	6	6	6	
BAYSWATER PARK	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
ST ANDREWS	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	

South Warrandyte entered finals as form side and accounted for Wonga Park to progress to Grand Final. Boronia who were probably least favoured overcame Nth Ringwood and Wonga Park to challenge. Boronia bowlers protected a score of 107 in Preliminary Final and after making only 116 in Grand Final they did it again to restrict South Warrandyte to 110. Great effort.

F GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
KNOX CITY	8	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
MOOROOLBARK	1	2	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	2
PARKWOOD	5	8	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3
BORONIA	4	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4
NTH UNITED LYONS	3	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	
CROYDON RANGES	2	5	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	
SOUTH CROYDON	6	7	8	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
NORTH CROYDON	7	4	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	

After entering the competition a couple of rounds into the season, Knox City dominated this grade. The other final participants were evenly matched and it was Mooroolbark who progressed to Grand Final where Knox City recorded a resounding victory.

G GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
TEMPLETON	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
WONGA PARK	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	2
WANTIRNA SOUTH	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3
AINSLIE PARK	7	6	5	5	7	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3	4	4	4	4	6	7	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	5	7	7	6	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	7	7	6	
CROYDON NORTH	8	5	6	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	6	7	
CROYDON RANGES	6	8	8	8	6	7	6	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	

Very even competition. Templeton progressed to Grand Final by defeating Wantirna South and Wonga Park overcame Ainslie Park and Wantirna South to join them. Templeton bowlers overwhelmed Wonga Park batsmen to record an easy victory and take flag.

H GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	G/F
WANTIRNA SOUTH	7	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
EAST RINGWOOD	10	5	5	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
SCORESBY FERNDALE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	3
MONTROSE	2	3	6	9	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	3	4
NORTH RINGWOOD	4	2	2	2	2	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	5	5	
MOOROOLBARK	9	8	3	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	
TEMPLETON	5	6	8	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	
PARKWOOD	6	9	9	7	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	
KILSYTH	3	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	
BAYSWATER PARK	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	

Wantirna South were the benchmark for most of the season, losing only one game. After easily accounting for East Ringwood in Semi and progressing to Grand Final they again met East Ringwood in the decider and were victorious in a closely fought game

ONE DAY GRADE

TEAM (after round)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	G/F
SOUTH CROYDON	10	11	11	9	10	10	9	9	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	3	3	1
WONGA PARK 1	3	4	3	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	4	3	2	1	3	2	2	2	2
TEMPLETON	1	2	4	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	3
AQUINAS OC	11	1	2	4	4	5	4	4	4	3	2	1	1	3	2	4	4	4	4
WONGA PARK 2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	5	4	3	5	5	
WARRANTYTE	7	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	3	5	5	4	3	4	6	6	6	6	
CHIRNSIDE PARK 1	6	10	7	6	6	6	7	7	6	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
KNOX CITY	5	9	10	11	9	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	
CHIRNSIDE PARK 2	8	6	6	7	7	8	6	6	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	
BAYSWATER PARK	12	12	12	12	12	12	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
SCORESBY FERNDALE	9	8	9	8	8	9	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	
NORWOOD	4	7	8	10	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	

After being mid table at Christmas, the footballers from South Croydon won every game thereafter and accounted for favoured teams Wonga Park 1 and Templeton in the finals to claim the flag.

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) 1966/67 – 2002/03

Wonga Park	27	(4)	South Ringwood	7	(2)
East Ringwood	25	(5)	Parkwood	6	(2)
Mooroolbark	22	(7)	South Croydon	6	(2)
Croydon North	20	(8)	Eastfield	5	(2)
Wantirna South	20	(1)	Knox City	5	(2)
Ainslie Park	18	(2)	Scoresby Ferndale	5	(1)
St Andrews	17	(4)	Chirnside Park	4	(3)
Kilsyth	17	(1)	Aquinas Old Collegians	3	(3)
Croydon Ranges	15*	(3)	Croydon	3	(0)
Montrose	14	(4)	Olinda	1	(1)
Templeton	14	(2)			
North Ringwood	12	(4)			
Warrandyte	11	(3)			
Norwood	11	(2)			
Lilydale	11	(2)			
Bayswater Park	11	(1)			
Sth Warrandyte Hawks`	9	(4)			
Wantirna	9	(2)			
Boronia	8	(0)			
Ferntree Gully	7	(3)			

Figures in brackets are premierships won by first eleven teams.

- includes premierships won by Croydon United and Croydon Hockeyers.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Following a suggestion by a club member, the Executive reviewed and changed the calculation method.

The calculation is now based on wins per team (all grades included) with various points ratios for the grades. Whilst all clubs are included, it will be difficult to win Club Championship unless a club has at least 4 teams. Essentially, the bulk of the points are earned through teams in Chandler through to D grade

WINNER 2002/03	Mooroolbark	28.661 pts
followed by	Wonga Park	27.776
	Croydon North	24.614
	Wantirna South	22.893

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Chandler 1	Paul Payne	(Templeton)
	Brett Albert	(South Ringwood)
Steve Pascoe Medal – Wilkins Cup	Ben Osborne	(Croydon Ranges)
	Bruce Sansom	(Norwood)
Stuart Newey Medal – Newey Plate	Joel Cordwell	(Parkwood)

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2002/03

YEAR	CHANDLER 1	WILKINS	NEWHEY
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

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS 2002/03

	UNDER 16	UNDER 14	UNDER 12
1	Ringwood	Croydon North	North Ringwood
2	Warrandyte	Templeton	Kilsyth
3	Croydon North	North Ringwood	Mooroolbark
4	Chirnside Park	Montrose	Norwood

VETERANS PREMIERSHIPS 2002/03

MASTERS SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	SECTION 4
Croydon	Boronia	Heathmont	Eley Park

LEGENDS

North Ringwood

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

SENIORS

Played Box Hill Reporter at East Burwood Reserve (Team selected from Chandler players)

TEAM

C. Parker
B. Ricci
D. Caratelli
J. Rothall
C. O'Donnell
L. Skelton
C. Smith
B. Albert
C. Rogers
C. Anderson
M. Butters
J. Kennedy

Box Hill batted first and with tons to B.Cullen and ex RDCA player Paul Henry were able to post a formidable 7/295 off 45 overs.
Best bowling – C.Parker 3/18, M.Butters 2/48.

RDCA innings started well with Daniel Carratelli making a quick fire 62 but the only other contributors were Skelton with 52 and Rogers 39, resulting in a final tally of 226 all out on last ball.

Played City of Moorabbin at Kilsyth (Team selected from Wilkins Cup and Newey Plate players)

TEAM

G. Spencer
J. Cordwell
D. Garoni
B. Osborne
C. Head
B. Beech
M. Harvey
S. Garrett
C. Springett
C. Holland
I. Donaldson
C. Snaidero

Game started in farcical manner with RDCA bowling by default to allow latecomers from Moorabbin to turn up. Late start resulted in game being reduced to 40 overs per side.
Moorabbin were contained to 127 all out with Garrett 2/18 and Snaidero 2/20 leading the bowlers.
After some excellent hospitality from Kilsyth club members, RDCA achieved target with 7/129 off 27 overs. Spencer 30, Head 26 and Cordwell with 25 were the main contributors.
Selectors were appreciative of the contributions of Bruce Sansom and Scott Brasher in selection of this team.

TEAM (U,25's)

R. Coutts
H. Shakespeare
G. Coutts
B. Griffiths
L. Bowyer
G. Wright
D. Wright
M. Steiner
D. Rochford
S. Charles
S. Moore
N. Court

Played Victorian Turf Cricket Association

RDCA 5/247 defeated VTCA 6/246
Batting - R. Coutts 80, Bowyer 51, Steiner 39 and Rochford 32no.
Bowling – Steiner, Griffiths, Shakespeare, Court and R. Coutts one wicket each.

**UNDER 21's
SQUAD**

Participated in VMCU Neil Wright Shield competition
(All of whom qualified to play in finals).

B. Mullett	M. Stephens	S.Lindsay
R. Mullett	B. Beech	R. Hill
E. Komissarenko	S. Varone	R. Joseph
M. Steiner	J. Kimberley	S. Ryan
N. Stewart	C. Holland	M. Dimanno
M. Ross	M. Donald	J. Grumont
C. Jones	C. Piggott	B. Adams
A. Jones	H. Shakespeare	S. Garrett
D. Walker	G. Coutts	B. Neagle
B. Woods	M. Edwards	C. Mawdsley

RESULTS

Rd.1	RDCA 4/159 (Beech 49no, Stephens 42, Dimanno 29) Defeated, MERCANTILE 126 (Grumont 2/18, C. Jones 2/16 with S.Varone wkp- 5 dismissals)
Rd.2	RDCA all out 225 (Dimanno 85, Holland 26, A.Jones 20) Defeated, CITY of MOORABBIN 9/198 (Grumont 5/40, Holland 3/20)
Rd 3	Received a forfeit from Box Hill Reporter
Semi-Final	RDCA batted first and with contributions from Shakespeare 30, Coutts 23, B.Mullett 23no, Stephens 19 and Grumont 15 accumulated 169 before being all out with one over to go. With one of the leading bowlers (A. Jones) injured, Ross 4/14, Grumont 1/19, B. Mullett 1/19 and Holland 1/30 did a great job, but were unable to prevent the DIAMOND VALLEY batsmen reaching 8/173 with one over remaining.

Our congratulations go to Joel Grumont and Andrew Jones who were selected in VMCU representative side, which played against a Vic. Country U.23 team at Geelong.

UNDER 18's

SQUAD

M. Adams	D. Trueman	RDCA 217 (M. Adams 42, C. Jones 41no, B. Adams 34
N. MacDonald	B. Trump	Bonner 21, Kelly 19 and Sullivan 16) lost to BOX HILL
M. Teofilo	A. McKeown	REPORTER 5/280 (B.Adams, Sullivan and James one wicket).
D. Kelly	B. Laird	
A. Cowan	B. Adams	RDCA 4/193 (Sullivan 59no, M.Adams 33, Kelly 27) defeated
M. Clark	G. James	CITY of MOORABBIN 180 (M. Adams 4/34,B.Adams 3/18)
P. Caldwell	C. Jones	
M. Cochrane	B. Bonner	RDCA 8/228 (Teofilo 72, Sullivan 27) lost to
D. Sullivan		VTCA 4/233 (Cowan 2/70, McKeown 1/47)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

BATTING

Chandler 1	Paul Payne	Templeton	66.42
Chandler 2	Tim McKenzie	Wonga Park	53.42
Wilkins 1	Cameron Head	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	56.27
Wilkins 2	Martin Smith	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	52.20
Newey 1	Joel Cordwell	Parkwood	60.89
Newey 2	Mark Phillips	Scoresby Ferndale	39.14
A Grade	Sean Meehan	Templeton	47.57
B Grade	Nigel Foden	Kilsyth	48.50
C Grade	Nick Foden	South Croydon	64.22
D Grade	John McCarthy	Wantirna South	87.67
E Grade	Ian Spencer	Croydon Ranges	70.67
F Grade	Ray Newman	Knox City	70.20
G Grade	Manny DeBono	Wantirna South	101.25
H Grade	Peter Wright	East Ringwood	71.25
One Day Grade	Robert Wallace	Templeton	67.75

BOWLING

Chandler 1	Andrew Jones	Wantirna South	13.38
Chandler 2	Peter Bromiley	Montrose	9.82
Wilkins 1	Peter Ciardulli	Croydon North	9.30
Wilkins 2	Cam Fitzgerald	Norwood	16.09
Newey 1	David Aders	Parkwood	11.80
Newey 2	Robert Clarke	Chirnside Park	9.09
A Grade	Colin Perrett	Mooroolbark	11.30
B Grade	Anthony Hart	Kilsyth	13.35
C Grade	Don Hassan	Wonga Park	14.67
D Grade	Dylan Moore	East Ringwood	10.86
E Grade	Steven Russell	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	17.36
F Grade	Adam Morse	Parkwood	12.65
G Grade	Nick O'Meara	Chirnside Park	12.67
H Grade	Peter Michaux	Wantirna South	7.85
One Day Grade	Dale Morrison	Templeton	10.46

Chandler Allrounder	Paul Payne	Templeton
Under 21 Best Player	Joel Grumont	St Andrews
Under 18 Best Player	Mark Teofilo	Ferntree Gully

ALL STAR TEAM

Cameron Parker	(Lilydale)	Paul Payne	(Templeton)
Brett Albert	(South Ringwood)	Daniel Carratelli	(East Ringwood)
Cameron O'Donnell	(Ainslie Park)	Andrew Wilsdsmith	(Wonga Park)
Jason Kline	(Wonga Park)	Chris Anderson	(Ainslie Park)
Brad Guan	(Mooroolbark)	Brendan Ricci	(Mooroolbark)
Jamie Rothall	(Lilydale)		

LET US REMEMBER

ALAN BONNETT

Alan was a Life Member of the Ringwood and District Cricket Association.

He had a lengthy playing involvement with East Ringwood Cricket Club prior to joining the umpiring ranks. Alan served as the President of the Umpires Executive for a number of years.

For a lengthy period, he was the Umpires Adviser in the Yarra Valley Cricket Association.

In his later years, Alan returned to umpiring in the RDCA and, in his eighties, was still officiating up until twelve months prior to his passing.

NEIL HUSTWAITE

Neil passed away in July after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was a Life Member and past President of the North Ringwood Cricket Club.

His involvement with the club commenced in 1981 and after playing for seven or eight years he devoted his attention to assisting with teams in which his sons played. He had a prominent role in the significant growth of the number of junior teams in the club.

Neil made an impact on everyone he met and had many friends throughout the cricketing community in this association.

The Association extends its deepest sympathies to the families and friends of both Alan and Neil.