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&
BALANCE SHEET**

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RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The season just gone was somewhat “different”, in a number of ways. Clubs elected to have a delayed start to the season because of the Grand Final replay and then there were frequent abandonments/interruptions resulting from the unusually wet weather. My congratulations to the various Committees for their ability to make the right call, in regard to whether play should proceed or not on quite a number of days.

With the support of the clubs, the Executive decided to give more recognition to a number of our Life Members by naming some senior, junior and veteran grades and a number of other trophies in their honour. It was very pleasing to see most of these Life Members in attendance at Presentation Night where they presented trophies to the successful teams and individuals. The input that these people have had in the successful running of our Association over many years cannot be underestimated.

The introduction of the MyCricket system promised to be a challenge for all but the comprehensive preparations undertaken by the MyCricket Working Party together with the support of all clubs and committees, resulted in the implementation proceeding smoothly, perhaps even exceeding expectations. My thanks to all concerned, especially the Working Party headed by Bill Stafford. A tangible demonstration of the success of the MyCricket system is a reduction in fines, levied against clubs, of about 50%. At this time, we must recognise the work of Timothy Court over many years with the creation and maintenance of the Sporting Pulse records system and the magnificent RDCA website.

A sad note, to start the season, was the passing of Life Member Ken Johnston. Ken had been a servant of the Croydon North Cricket Club since 1951 and had also served the Association for many years dating back to 1964. He was a driving force in the establishment of the Veterans competition in 1988/89. He was the Veterans first President and Secretary and later became Patron of the Veterans competition. Ken was passionate in his service to his club and the Association and he is no doubt missed by many people within the local community.

The season commenced with strong team numbers in the Senior and Veteran competitions however there was a softening of numbers in the younger part of the Junior competition. It is pleasing to see all of the competitions being conducted so well and congratulations must go to the respective committees for their sterling efforts.

The third Saxon Sports 20 / 20 competition was again a great success and congratulations to Wonga Park, who denied Mooroolbark their third straight success in this competition. A great result for Wonga Park in their Centenary year and well done to Mooroolbark for maintaining a 100% grand final record since this competition began. Sincere thanks to Paul Attfield at Saxon Sports for his valued sponsorship, both for this particular competition but also to the Association as a whole. Thanks also to Mooroolbark Cricket Club who hosted the final, the Annual RSL game and the luncheon at short notice.

Representative cricket took place across all three of our competitions. The junior carnival was again very successful with the RDCA winning the Under 14 Des Nolan Cup and each of the other teams performed very well. The players looked resplendent in their RDCA uniforms and their behaviour was first class. Thanks to the many volunteer parents who acted as coaches, scorers, taxi drivers etc.

Our Veterans again had matches against the Ferntree Gully and Box Hill Reporter competitions and also represented the Association in a first class manner. The Veterans Association together with the Box Hill Reporter Veterans have introduced “The Colonels Cup”, in memory of the late Ken Johnston. I am sure Ken would be most impressed with such an honour.

The Senior section had games against the Eastern Cricket Association and the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association and I thank the players who were involved in these matches for their representation of the Association and the officials who selected teams and managed matches. Thanks also to Croydon Ranges, for their hosting of the junior carnival and the senior representative games.

The Annual 20/20 match against Ringwood was again curtailed by wet weather, however, more than \$2,000- was raised for the Salvation Army Flood Appeal. Thanks to all at Ringwood Cricket Club for their continued involvement in this game. It is clear our players enjoy the challenge.

Our Under 21 team, again under the excellent management of Kevin Newman, had a weather interrupted competition. Thank you to all who made themselves available and who represented the Association with such a positive attitude. It is interesting to note that our Association made history by selecting and playing the first female participant in the long history of this VMCU run competition and my congratulations to Ashleigh Peck from South Croydon C.C.

Congratulations to all our Premier teams and to our Best and Fairest medalists, all of whom are very worthy winners. To the winners of various other trophies I say well done and to the members of the All Star team please also accept my congratulations. Thanks to all of the clubs who hosted finals and in particular to Montrose, East Ringwood and Scoresby for their efforts with the top three senior grand finals.

Of course, we could not have a competition without our umpiring fraternity and I pass on the thanks of the Senior Committee and the Board for a job well done. It is pleasing to note that the score evaluations and Captain's reports on performance of umpires have evidenced very positive feedback and is vindication of the extensive training being implemented by the Umpire's Executive and adviser.

I must also refer to and congratulate Tom Stray (Ainslie Park junior) who made his debut for Victoria this year and, in doing so, it is another success story for local cricket in this area.

Thanks to volunteers at both club and Executive level. If we were to add up the number of people who freely give their time to ensure our competitions take place it would run into the hundreds. Well done to Pat Meehan, Daryl Stephens, Timothy Court and Steve Pascoe as heads of their respective Committees and, of course, thanks to my fellow Board of Management members. We are very fortunate to have stable and dedicated Executives across all of our competitions.

Special thanks to Keith Wilkins in his role as Senior Secretary for the last 2 years. We were very fortunate to acquire Keith's services and we did not count on having to find a replacement quite so soon. Keith's expertise, willingness to assist and, most importantly, his good humour will be missed.

The Board has been busy this past season dealing with many matters including a Cricket Victoria Regional Review, commencing the implementation of a Business Continuity Plan, co-ordinating our new premises with Maroondah Council and, just recently, approving a review of many matters concerning the future of our competition. This review is vitally important if we are to understand the cricketing desires of our players and clubs as well as the growth of our competition against the many competing factors that exist in today's society.

In the off season there is no doubt that a considerable amount of work will continue both at Executive and club levels and I commend the activities of all those who strive to make our Association an even better place to participate in Australia's 'national sport'.

Ian Dench

SENIOR COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 2010/11 season saw the retention of the same Senior Committee as last season, namely:

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

Meetings were held monthly, as we dealt with many of the different issues that arose during the season.

Ground maintenance was a huge problem, from the outset, with quite a number of grounds undergoing works of varying degrees. Walker Reserve was out of commission for the whole season and, with no replacement ground available, there was some juggling of the fixture that saw various Wantirna South teams play some matches on Sundays. Anticipated work on summer grasses was delayed by wet weather at Hughes Park and Heathmont Reserve and when this was eventually carried out, in November, the respective clubs also had to play on Sundays for a couple of matches. Just prior to Christmas, Maroondah Council decided to withdraw the use of Cheong Park and, in the shuffle up, two of South Croydon's lower graded teams were faced with Sunday play.

The Committee's appreciation goes out to all clubs who had to put teams on the park on Sundays. It would not have been easy for teams in the lower grades to co-operate but, thanks to you all, there were very few problems emanating from this inconvenience.

Ground availability and communications, regarding both pre and during the season work, with Councils will be a priority of the Review Committee.

The start of the season was disrupted not by weather but by the AFL Grand Final replay. Clubs were canvassed early in the week, of the scheduled start, as to whether they wanted to play on the Saturday or on the Sunday or not at all. Eighty percent of clubs indicated that they didn't want to play on the replay weekend. This may be a recurring theme if the AFL continues to encroach into the cricket season and the possibility of play on the occasional Sunday may need to be considered if we are to continue to play the same number of rounds as we do now.

At the start of the season, team numbers totalled 142, down by 2 from previous season, but total was subsequently reduced to 139 with late withdrawals.

Forfeits were not as great in number, compared to previous seasons, but the problem of "late withdrawals", particularly when clubs know on Thursday evening that they don't have enough players but don't forfeit until they see what the weather is like on Saturday morning, was an issue.

Some clubs used the "Sunday play" option for the first two Sundays after the Christmas break so that they could celebrate and recognise special events. Wonga Park is to be congratulated for reaching their 100th anniversary.

The Forum was better used this season but a number of players still had to be banned for a considerable time and there were a number of instances where postings had to be deleted by the website Manager as they were considered to contain unacceptable language or inferences.

“Namings” were down this season but six players were reported and all received appropriate suspensions.

There were only two investigations and both were handled perfectly after Senior Committee instigated better procedures and guidelines for all parties.

I think it fair to say that the transfer to MyCricket for the input of all match data was a success. There were the expected teething problems but thanks to the efforts of a number of people, Roger Copeland in particular, we all obtained the benefits. As an example, in the past clubs have had to submit their average winners and awards were based on the accuracy, with some checks by the Senior Committee, of these submissions. Now all we have to do is to read what is on MyCricket at the end of the season because clubs have to input the information during the season. MyCricket also made the registration and clearance of players much easier and there were no real problems. This was not always the case in the past. There are still some bugs in the system and there are some functions that we believe can improve the system, which aren’t currently there. These will be discussed with Cricket Victoria prior to the start of next season.

The Saxon Sports 20/20 competition was again very successful and the initiative shown by a couple of clubs in playing a “celebrity” player was well received.

The RDCA again participated in the VMCU run Under 21 competition and although the team didn’t make the finals the players performed well under the excellent management of Kevin Newman. Maybe one season all matches will be played without rain interruption.

Senior representative teams were also fielded and coverage is given to these matches later in the annual report. Suffice from me to say congratulations to the selectors for the job that they do. It amazes me that they have to chase players to play in these games. I would have thought that senior players would be jumping at the opportunity to represent the Association and I hope that this attitude can be changed in the future.

The Lindsay Trollope Shield Grand Final was held at Montrose and the facilities and ground conditions were excellent and we acknowledge the Shire of Yarra Ranges for the superb job they have done with that ground. Montrose took full advantage of the situation and hosted both the President’s Lunch and the grand final in the best way possible.

Congratulations to all the grade winners. 14 different clubs took out premierships, in the 16 grades, a great spread across the Association.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners, there were again a number of outstanding personal performances during the season. Again, these can now easily be seen by reference to the MyCricket site.

Presentation Night was held on Friday 8 April and was well attended, despite a necessary increase in cost. Having said that, it disappoints me that a number of clubs do not think it necessary to support the Association once the playing season has ended. If the way the Presentation Night is arranged is not to your liking then please let the Senior Committee know, in a constructive manner, how your club would like to see this night conducted.

My second season with the Association was punctuated by a number of “different” problems, all of which were gradually overcome, even if the result was not always to the satisfaction of the affected party.

Perhaps the most unusual occurred during the A grade elimination final at Montrose. With 69 of the 80 scheduled overs bowled on day one, it was necessary for an Air Ambulance to land on the ground to pick up an injured motor cyclist and rush him to hospital. As it was about to take off, parts of the helicopter's engine blew up and prevented it doing so and there was no further play that day.

Come Sunday, the helicopter remained on the ground and it was necessary to transfer the match to another venue (East Ringwood). The helicopter was eventually repaired and lifted off some 25 hours after it had landed, certainly a unique situation. Congratulations to Montrose for the sporting way in which team members accepted the decision to complete the match at a neutral venue.

By the time you read this, I will be living in Warragul and hopefully enjoying a different type of lifestyle. I will miss my involvement with cricket administration, which has come to an end after my second year with this great cricket Association. What has been done this season has been achieved with the assistance of a number of people, I may offend if I try to name everybody and miss someone out but I must thank three people, in particular. The first is our President, Ian Dench. His support and interest in how I was going with running the senior competition has been invaluable. The second is Senior Committee Chairman Pat Meehan whose support, again, has been of immense assistance. The third, of course, is the inimitable Ian Spencer who is always of great support to anyone involved with this Association. The Senior Committee has fully backed everything I have done and it has been a great pleasure to work with you all.

No season can work properly, however, without the continuous support of the club Secretary. Again, this season it has been fantastic. I cannot think of one occasion when I have not received the assistance I have sought and this has been greatly appreciated.

I believe that this past season has again been very successful and I wish the RDCA every success in the future.

Keith Wilkins

SENIOR REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Preparation for season 2010/2011, began immediately after the conclusion of the previous season, with the formation of the MyCricket working party. The charter was to investigate the possible move to Cricket Australia's MyCricket system.

The subsequent decision to move to MyCricket proved to be very successful with the streamlining of the Registration/Clearance/Transfer process. These processes for all players were done online, with clubs transferring players from other Associations and applying for Clearances from other RDCA Clubs. All clubs embraced this process and appreciated that a clearance could be done potentially in only a few hours rather than many days.

In addition, the My Cricket system also provided the Association with the ability to share its workload when creating and adjusting the season fixtures, Timothy Court (Juniors), Ian Leach (Veterans) and myself (Seniors) shared this workload.

The MyCricket introduction to clubs was supported by customised documentation. Presentations on the capabilities of the system were conducted at Ringwood Secondary College and an online Support system was created, whereby problems being experienced could be lodged and answered by Timothy, Ian or myself. All of us also helped many clubs directly.

In moving to MyCricket, the Association endeavoured to keep many of the processes similar to how they worked previously, Match results were phoned through to the White Family, who collated the results and sent them to the Executive contacts who then posted them on the forum and into MyCricket. Our sincere thanks to the White's for their great work during the season.

From a club perspective, the major change was around the input of match details and results. Each club was responsible for entering only the performances of their own team . MyCricket allowed them to delegate their data entry with the ability to assign people to do specific roles for a team or section.

Many clubs had the team captain or another delegated person look after the result input for their side. The more diligent clubs, who entered their team members before the match, and fully entered their results (Batting, Bowling and fielding) saw more complete results on screen, with the added bonus at season's end that player averages etc were complete and could be obtained directly from MyCricket. End of season award calculations were done in a fraction of the time.

Congratulations to all clubs for their embracing of the new system.

The amount of fines that were incurred this season was considerably less than in previous seasons, helped in part by clubs completing result input in a timely manner. The Association was very forgiving in this regard with plenty of time allowed before a fine was imposed. Clubs should continue to make themselves aware of the deadlines and ensure timely entry of details.

In closing, the best way to describe season 2010/11 from my point of view is as a voyage of discovery (using MyCricket), but one that was an enjoyable and rewarding one for the Association and clubs alike.

Roger Copeland

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

The season commenced early as the Umpires' Executive was elected at the March AGM and, immediately the finals were completed, set about planning for 2010-11.

Given the changes to the Laws of Cricket that were scheduled to be introduced from 1 October, Graeme Lloyd, our Umpires' Advisor, committed to incorporating these and other pertinent revisions of Laws and RDCA Rules in four training sessions undertaken prior to the season commencing. Graeme also ensured that all Clubs were fully aware of the changes by enlisting the Senior Committee to promulgate the information.

We believe that the depth and competency of the RDCA Umpiring Panel continues to improve, season on season, and this has been borne out by the many complimentary comments received from clubs and individuals during the season and, especially, during this seasons finals matches.

Whilst acknowledging that there is always room for improvement, it must also be acknowledged that our umpires, as a whole, continue to build on their skills of match management and application of the Laws and Rules adopted by the RDCA.

Significant contribution to this trend can be attributed to Graeme Lloyd and Don Smith (Training Officer) and the support and guidance that we received from the Board of Management and Senior Committee.

An initiative supported, was the offer to fund the cost of a Cricket Australia Umpires Accreditation Course for any panel members wishing to take it on during the season. This accreditation will be a pre-requisite for appointment to the Trollope Shield matches from next season and it is pleasing that 12 of our members took up the offer. We should have 70% of our panel members accredited to level 2 by next season.

The Senior Committee also assisted with advertising for new umpire recruits, guidance on the duty of care to close in fielders, naming and report procedures, procedures for imposition of fines, endeavours to arrange reviews for bowlers with suspect actions (albeit that they received no support from CV/VMCU) and have taken on board suggestions for Rule changes that will be put to the Clubs during the off-season.

Perhaps the most important support received by the Umpires' Association was the development and implementation of the MyCricket match results and report system. We acknowledge the significant work completed by Bill Stafford (BoM) and Roger Copeland (Senior Committee) on the implementation of this project and the management of input. With only one minor exception, MyCricket meets all the needs of the Umpires' Association and has saved considerable administrative time in relation to selection and advice of appointments.

Our panel members, after a few teething problems, have acquired the skills to utilise MyCricket to its optimum extent in relation to availability and match management matters. We were fortunate that Ian Taylor stepped forward to manage the system on behalf of the Umpires' Association and lend solid assistance to John Springett and Don Smith who make up the remainder of our selection committee.

That committee's responsibilities were based on selection of the Trollope Shield umpiring panel and the allocation of all available umpires (via MyCricket) to RDCA competition matches, Inter-Association, Junior Carnival, T20 and Veterans' finals matches.

The Umpires' Executive took the decision at the start of the season to rely on the Captains' Reports on Umpires (submitted via the MyCricket system and thanks to Roger Copeland ensuring all reports were received) for the allocation of umpires to finals matches. With few exceptions, those umpires who received the best individual average scores over the season were appointed from the top grade down. This is an emphasis that we have adopted for future seasons and demonstrates the importance of team captains' attention to the consistent completion of the reports, in terms of the guidelines provided, to ensure that the best performed umpires for the season are appointed to the highest grade.

These results and several other contributing criteria were used as the basis for selecting the Umpire of the Year and, at the Annual Presentation Night, the "Ken Dunham Award" was presented, by Ken's son, Barry, to the stand-out winner, Andy Laws.

On the administrative side, Tony Gawne initially took over the role of Minutes secretary and correspondence promulgation from the hard working John Springett who was responsible for the day-to-day matters involving the Umpires' association.

The administration was thrown into turmoil in mid-January when John Springett was admitted to hospital, seriously ill. Thankfully, he has recovered but it was decided that his workload needed to be eased while also providing John with an avenue to continue a role with the Umpires' Association.

Tony Gawne stepped up to take on the full role as Secretary and John remained involved by taking on a role as Selection Committee Chairman, a role that was ratified at our recent AGM.

We are fortunate that we have been able to spread the responsibilities of administering the Umpires' Association. The aforementioned volunteers were also supported by Marty Clohesy and Paul Denton who were our first point of contact for new recruits, with Paul also putting considerable time into the RDCA Eastern FM radio show and a mid-season social function. Geoff Purcell's involvement as Records Secretary was inhibited by ever increasing work commitments that have seen him unable to continue on the committee for next season.

Not everything went to plan. We were disappointed with the less than satisfactory attendance by Club/Team captains at our Umpires/Captains' seminar and only one Club, Bayswater Park, took up the offer for umpires to attend their club for a presentation on Laws, Rules and match management. These initiatives provide team captains and their team members with the opportunity to gain an insight into Laws/rules interpretations and how our more experienced panel members approach various situations that arise during a match. We will continue to offer these seminars in coming seasons.

Unfortunately, we did have to discipline one of our panel members for inappropriate behaviour and language prior to and during a match. We expect our panel members to set an example to all within the RDCA and ensure that they act with professionalism and decorum at all times when representing the RDCA Umpiring panel. Any departure from these ideals brought to our attention will be dealt with in the same manner with which a player may expect.

Notwithstanding these hiccups, the Umpires' season reflected the success of the Association as a whole and, with extra attention to those few areas that can be improved, we look forward to next season with confidence that the Umpires' Association will continue to contribute that success.

Steve Pascoe (Chairman)

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

In the 2010/11 season, RDCA senior representative matches were scheduled with the Eastern Cricket Association (ECA), Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association (BHRDCA) and the annual 20/20 charity match with Ringwood Cricket Club (RCC).

Against the ECA in November on a weekend when the Saturday was washed out with many grounds underwater, Sundays weather turned out fine and with an absorbent Silcock Reserve surface, the RDCA managed to beat the odds and host two 40 overs per side matches.

In the Trollope match, the RDCA batsmen compiled a respectable score of 8/200 but when it came the ECA turn to bat, wickets did not come easily and the ECA hauled in our score.

The Wilkins/Newey match was a low scoring affair with ECA only amassing 96, a total which the RDCA chased down with 5 wickets and 8 overs to spare..

As in previous years, the game was well hosted by the best administered club for 2010/11, that being, Croydon Ranges.

BHRDCA hosted a challenge to both the RDCA and the ECA to play a couple of 20/20 matches on a Sunday in late January. To begin proceedings a 20/20 match was held between RDCA & BHRDCA at the U21s level, while the BHRDCA open players warmed up with their first 20/20 match against ECA. This was followed by an open grade 20/20 match between RDCA and BHRDCA. Perhaps the revised format was a ploy to attempt to take revenge on us for our stunning win in 2010 in the 40 over format. Whether by design or otherwise, the ploy worked on our open grade players but an impressive performance by the U21s took them to a comfortable win which also gave us a lot of optimism for the future of RDCA representative cricket. Full credit goes to Kevin Newman and his assistant Andy Wu for their great work in developing that talent pool.

The match committee put the threat of penalties for player unavailability back in the holster this year and instead launched a campaign to attract talent to play in this representative match by offering the carrot that selection would also guarantee selection for the Charity 20/20 Match against the Rams a couple of weeks later.

The annual T20 charity match between RDCA All-Stars and Ringwood Rams was held on a Wednesday evening in February at Jubilee Park, once again sporting a pristine playing surface. For the second year in a row, the game commenced in threatening and fluky weather conditions and was ultimately washed out. The fundraiser culminated in donations to the Salvation Army Disaster Relief (Flood Victims) Fund totaling \$2,125.

This year the selection panel consisted of Andy Wu, Ben Beach, Tony Wheeler, Chris Springett, Mark Unternahrer and Neil Tull. Peter Baird, Steve Pascoe and Roger Copeland shared the scoring duties for the RDCA representative matches this year. Our thanks also to the umpires for their willingness to officiate the on-field proceedings. Thanks to all for their ongoing support,, particularly Andy and Ben because of the extra workload they took on.

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

**Andrew Morris
Match Committee Co-ordinator**

VMCU (Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union) REPORT

Pat Meehan continued to represent the RDCA as the 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 Gatorade Statewide 20/20 competition (Metropolitan component), 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 72 teams from 18 Associations.

The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions and was successful in winning the U/14 Des Nolan Cup. The CV “My Cricket” computer package for all results, ladders, etc, was used extensively, and very successfully, by all Associations for the Carnival’s administration.

The most significant matters dealt with during the season were:

- The Rules Sub-Committee completed and published policy guidelines on suspect bowling actions in conjunction with CV specialist staff.**
- Involvement with, and submissions to, the CV Game Development Regional Review Sub Committee on regional boundaries and management structures within the metropolitan regions. A final report was submitted to CV Board in July 2010. Following acceptance of the revised structure regional meetings have been held to investigate and implement the new regional management committees prior to the start of season 2011/2012.**
- Review of the VMCU Standard draw due to the addition of Veterans competitions and impacts on grounds. Also consideration of the impact of AFL Grand Final on 1 October 2011.**
- New Bye Laws on timelines for notification by affiliated clubs to transfer to another Association and adoption by clubs of specific VMCU policies and Government legislation.**
- Preparation for VMCU Centenary in 2012/2013.**

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.

Pat Meehan

OUTER EAST METRO REGION (EAGLES) REPORT

The Committee, which administered the Region's activities during this year comprised of:

JARRAD LOUGHMAN – Region Cricket Manager (RCM), Cricket Victoria (CV)

JOHN KILBY – Ringwood District C A

TIM CARTER – Ferntree Gully District CA

BRENT WATTS – Yarra Valley C A

DAVID BEATTY – Chairman and VMCU Region Director

Jarrad, in his second year with the Region, carried out his duties under the direction of CV and the Committee in a diligent and efficient manner. I was delighted with his efforts.

The main programmes conducted included:

- Milo In2Cricket – 47 club-based centres, 1434 participants (largest in state)
- Pathway – 6 teams – U14, U16 & U18, both male and female
- Coach Education – Level One, Level Two, CCA Fielding & “Skills for Coaches” conducted - new accreditations: 96 Level One & 12 Level Two
- Kanga 8s (Primary schools, year 5/6): 96 boys teams, 66 girls teams; 4 Carnivals conducted.
- Mini Blast 6s (year 3/4) Carnivals conducted as a new initiative
- Super 8s (Secondary Schools): 35 boys teams, 13 girls teams; 2 Carnivals conducted.
- Female Cricket – “Winter Eagles” training programme, Knox Gardens U16 girls only programme, Extension Programme Clinic during September holidays and “Lady Gala Day Clinic in April 2011.
- All Abilities – 4 club-based Special School clinics, 6 week “Play Cricket” programme at Croydon Ranges CC.
- Junior Leadership Programme – 70 attendees at workshop, junior leader of the Patrick Mastertoun (FTGCC).
- Kookaburra Statewide T20 Competition – Mooroolbark CC represented OE Region.
- A Local Government Forum for our 3 municipalities, 3 associations and 3 turf clubs was held.

During April/May 2011, a new Working Party was established, comprising representatives of: RDCA, FTGDCA, YVCA, VMCU, CV, Women's Cricket, Ringwood CC, Croydon CC and Bayswater CC;

The task for this Working Party is to review and identify an appropriate structure, strategy and plan for a re-invigorated Region Committee, from 1 August 2011, involving all cricket stakeholders across the Region.

In recent days we have received news that our RCM, Jarrad, has been promoted within CV to the position of Education and Training Manager. Whilst we are disappointed to be losing such an effective person, we are pleased by this well-deserved career advancement, and look forward to CV again providing an effective replacement.

In conclusion, I wish to thank each Region Committee member for their valued involvement, together with the very many other volunteers who helped us achieve another satisfactory set of outcomes.

Yours in Cricket,
David Beatty - Region Chairman

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

The RDCA season for the Junior Coordinators began back on July 12th 2010, with the first delegates meeting. With the introduction of MyCricket and the desire of the Junior Committee to reduce the significant amount of fines incurred by clubs in the past season, it was important for the Association and Clubs to start working together as early as possible.

The Annual Rules and General Meeting was again straight forward with only minor rule changes introduced and one change to the Committee being the addition of Wayne Hartley from Wonga Park. Timothy Court was re-elected for his fourth season as President, John Springett was elected as Secretary for his ninth season, Rebecca Court continued in the Role as Assistant Secretary for a third season and John Kilby continued in the role of Carnival Coordinator for his fourth season.

At the Annual General Meeting it was announced that a number of the Junior Grades would all be named after living Life Members. As a result of this the following individuals were recognised with shields named after them: Bill Wilkins (Under 16-1), John Springett (Under 16-2), Jeff Luscombe (Under 14-1), Alan L Reidy (Under 14-2), Josh Browne (Under 12-1) and Roy Baldwin (Under 12-2).

It is pleasing to report that the introduction of MyCricket was well received by Clubs and there were minimal issues with its implementation. At season's end, complete full results had been submitted for all matches played in 2010/11. The more pleasing aspect was that as a result of the great work of club administrators, no fines were issued to any club for failure to submit results. There was certainly some extra leniency extended with it being the first season of MyCricket, but regardless the effort from clubs was significantly improved on the past season.

The biggest change for the 2010/11 season was the introduction of a competitive Friday night competition for Under 12's. We ended up with 10 teams being entered, which culminated in a closely fought Grand Final between Kilsyth and Bayswater Park. It is hoped that in the coming season that we will be able to extend the Friday Night competition to two grades, which will provide the opportunity to more suitably grade teams.

With the Friday night grade in operation, the Saturday morning Under 12 competition was reduced to two grades but the total number of teams participating in the RDCA junior section was not too different from the previous season. The under 14's started with four divisions but, after re-grading was completed, it reduced to three, the Under 16's continued to have four divisions while the Under 18 competition reduced to six teams.

The Wednesday night T20 Competition was extended to cater for Under 16's and the Under 18 competition was extended to Under 19's. The rain did its best to dampen the competition but from all reports the matches that got under way were thoroughly enjoyed by all and with some further refinement will only get better next season.

Once again, the RDCA fielded teams in the VMCU carnival during January. A big thanks to Dion Voss, Justin Hansen, John Eccles, Steve Lester, Lincoln Grigg, Andrew Exley, Andrew Catley, David Smead, Peter Bromley, Karen Chittick, John Beale and Brett Mckane for taking on the roles of Team Managers and Coaches during the carnival. Congratulations must also be extended to the Under 14 Des Nolan Cup side who won their Grand Final.

The Non-Comp Round Robin continues to grow and this year we handed over all the hosting responsibilities to Croydon Ranges who were fantastic and ensured that night was once again a great success. The credit for this competition should go to both Justin Hansen and John Springett for their efforts in driving the success of this night.

Rain played a large part in the Home and Away season, but it was good to see that all the final matches were able to be completed without interference. Congratulations to the following premierships teams:

Under 16 T20	Scoresby/Ferndale
Under 19 T20	Bayswater Park
Under 12-1 Friday Night	Kilsyth
Under 12-2 Roy Baldwin Shield	Ainslie Park
Under 12-1 Josh Browne Shield	Wonga Park
Under 14-3	Scoresby/Ferndale
Under 14-2 Alan L Reidy Shield	Boronia
Under 14-1 Jeff Luscombe Shield	Ringwood
Under 16-4	St Andrews
Under 16-3	Eastfield
Under 16-2 John Springett Shield	Templeton
Under 16-1 Bill Wilkins Shield	Ringwood
Under 18-1	Croydon North

The Annual Presentation Night was again held at Yarra Valley Secondary College. Justin Nelson was engaged to MC the evening and he once again ensured the night ran smoothly and finished on time. Congratulations to the following Award Winners

	<i>Batting Average</i>	<i>Bowling Average</i>	<i>Encouragement Award</i>
Under 121F	William Fleming (KIL)	Angus Gelly (LYD)	Sashwat Paparyia (SBF)
Under 12-2	Louis Seal (OLN)	Zack Barmby (TMP)	Mathew Tubb (APK)
Under 12-1	Cooper Goodman (WOP)	Luke Barber (NOW)	Jason Stafford (NRI)
Under 14-3	Aaron Anderson (SBF)	Braedan Gordon (ESF)	Shani O'Briend (SBF)
Under 14-2	Zac Staggard (LYD)	Jordan Zmood (BOR)	Lachlan Dennis (WOP)
Under 14-1	Lincoln Wong (TMP)	Bayley Forbes (WOP)	Liam Pemberton (TMP)
Under 16-4	Nathan Brandsma (STA)	Ryley Jacob (STA)	Thomas Green (HMB)
Under 16-3	Maharshi Pandya (SBF)	Jagger Cheney (WOP)	Tushar Mehta (NOW/APK)
Under 16-2	Joshua Bettes (APK)	Bradley Wadsworth (APK)	Jason Spurrell (WOP)
Under 16-1	Jack Blain (RIN)	Joshua Gray (EAR)	Sam Newell (BOR)
Under 18-1	Daniel Reid (CNT)	Jake Cairns (STA)	Lachlan Braid (SWT)

Non Comp Round Robin: Boronia

Jeff Luscombe Volunteer of the Year: John Kilby (RIN) and Ian Stone (ESF)

Best Player Leaving Under 16's: Mitchell Keedle (WOP)

Clive Fairbairn Club Champions: Wonga Park

When looking back at the season, there is no doubt that the Junior Committee can be proud that 2010/11 was yet another successful and well run season. This is without doubt due to the hard work, not only, of the Junior Committee, but all the Junior Coordinators, Coaches and Team Managers who give up their time to make the RDCA Junior section the great competition that it is.

Timothy Court, John Springett and Rebecca Court

FINANCE REPORT

It is pleasing to report that the financial result of the 2010/2011 season recorded a profit of \$611, following the losses incurred during the previous two seasons.

I am also pleased to report that there was a significant reduction in the amount of fines incurred by clubs during the season. This is a direct result of the changes made to the recording of players and results processes using MyCricket's electronic system. Nevertheless, fines incurred still totalled \$4,580, so there is plenty of room for improvement and a resultant removing of this administrative cost from each club's operating costs.

Clubs will note from the financial statements forming part of this Annual Report that we have continued to be extremely well supported financially by way of donations and/or sponsorship from a variety of entities including Kookaburra, Saxon Sports, four local Bendigo Bank Branches and David Hodgett.

Donations and or sponsorships, to the value of \$19,925, enabled the RDCA to partially offset expenses and keep fees, levied on our member clubs, at the same level as that which applied in the previous season. It is anticipated that last season's excellent results in this area will be replicated during the coming season.

Based on our Balance Sheet figures, the RDCA is in a sound financial position as we move into the 2011/12 season and embrace the cost of setting up our own meeting room at the new Ringwood Sports Complex at Jubilee Park, together with proposed administrative changes aimed at providing further support to clubs and players.

As shown in the Balance Sheet included in the Annual Report, several clubs have not totally met their commitments for last season. (6 clubs, with a total amount outstanding of \$2,597.50)

These clubs will now enter the lead in period to the coming season with a debt that will have to be settled before the season commences and, by so doing, it is likely to impose an additional financial burden on the incoming committee of each of the club's concerned.

Again, I thank the clubs for their support during the 2010/2011 season that has helped make my role easier to fulfill.

**Stuart Newey
Finance Manager**



VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

During the wettest cricket season we have had for many years, the Veterans competition managed to avoid most of the unplayable days.

Highlights were:

Division 1 - Wonga Park beat Croydon to win the premiership for the 4th consecutive season;

Division 2 - Warranwood showed that their relegation was temporary when they defeated Kilsyth:

Division 3 - Montrose won their first Veterans premiership by defeating Norwood.

Legends - North Ringwood, in their third consecutive grand final, won the premiership by defeating Croydon Ranges.

This season, there was a change to the fixture schedule in that five rounds were played prior to Christmas and only two after the break, with a week off between the last round and the semi and then the grand finals.

Grand Final results were:

Masters 1 – Bill Dean Trophy

Wonga Park (8/131) defeated Croydon (10/61) played at Wonga Park.

Masters 2 – Ken Johnston Trophy

Warranwood (5/161) defeated Kilsyth (8/159) played at Alan Smith Oval.

Masters 3

Montrose (7/159) defeated Norwood (10/67) played at Montrose Reserve.

Legends

North Ringwood (5/166) defeated Croydon Ranges (9/152) played at North Ringwood Reserve

On 12 December 2010, our Inter-association games against Box Hill Reporter were played at Kew CC (Victoria Park) grounds and at Macleay Park, North Balwyn.

Masters – Paul Foley © RDCA (10/130) lost to BHDCA (10/162)

Team was: David Werner, Wilson Urrutia, Tony Plöse, Steve Oluc, Paul Campbell, Dale Hudson, Brian I'Anson, Tim Rule, Mick Bellizia, Jim Dodge, Luke Henderson

Legends – Steve Teakel © RDCA (8/178) defeated BHDCA (10/170)

Team was: Kevin Lewis, Peter Rogers, Geoff Chamberlain, Cornel Van Dort, Thomas Schumann, Gregor Mason, Phil Hickleton, Wayne Hartley, Phil Dewar, Bill Artis, Lachlan McMahon

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

Team was: Ian Spencer, Steve Pascoe, Chris Hartrup, Bill Stafford, Barry Johnson, Paul Robinson, Alan McLeish, John Chapman, Graeme Seymour, Terry Dunn, Gary Paget and Robin Court. Emergency: John Rees.

On 26 January 2011, with help from Boronia CC, RDCA hosted Ferntree Gully DCA masters and legends matches at Tormore Reserve and Chandler Park respectively.

Masters – Paul Foley © RDCA (6/135) defeated FTGCA (7/133)

Team was: Dale Hudson, Wilson Urrutia, Tony Plose, Paul Campbell, Steve Oluc, Brian I’Anson, Tim Rule, Michael Bellizia, Rod Knee, Luke Henderson

Legends – Steve Teakel © RDCA (3/98) defeated FTGCA (10/93)

Team was: Kevin Lewis, Peter Rogers, Dale Goldsmith, Geoff Chamberlain, Cornel Vandort, Thomas Schumann, Phil Hickleton, Gregor Mason, Phil Dewar, Bill Artis and Warren (Jack) Knee

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

Our thanks to Chris Allan and Bill Stafford, for co-ordinating and editing the newsletter and to all the club co-ordinators and players who contributed after each game. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Our annual presentation night dinner was held in the new Montrose Cricket Club rooms on Friday 4 March and masters of ceremonies were Chris Allan and Brendan Kane from Ainslie Park CC. The Trivia questions tested the players memories of events during the season across the divisions and winners were rewarded for their knowledge. The Montrose club rooms are the envy of many clubs.

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

In September 2010 we sadly said farewell to our founder and cricket enthusiast Ken ‘The Colonel’ Johnston who passed away. His legacy to the Ringwood District Cricket Association will always be remembered and his dedication to our game will be sadly missed.

In Ken’s honor, the ‘The Colonel’s Cup’ has been created, for representative competition between RDCA and Box Hill Reporter association with the trophy going to the association that wins the most matches (from Masters, Legends and Over 60’s) on game day. It was fitting that the RDCA was the inaugural winner of this cup by defeating BHDCA in the Legends and Over 60’s.

This season, there were 30 clubs who participated in the RDCA competition, 19 of which contributed to 32 Veteran teams and it is the hope of the committee that this will continue to increase.

The committee, which met 4 times during the season, comprised: Daryl Stephens (CRO) (Chairman), Bill Stafford (CRR) (Treasurer), Gregor Mason (WWD) (Secretary), Marg Stafford (CRR), Ian Leach (CRO), Nat Young (NRI), Chris Hartrup (SWT), Chris Allan (APK) and Rob Milne (WOP).

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

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

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2010/11

LINDSAY TROLLOPE SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
MOOROOLBARK	40	64	1.6863
NORTH RINGWOOD	24	64	1.4895
WANTIRNA SOUTH	32	64	1.1439
WONGA PARK	40	56	
STH WARRANDYTE	28	52	
CROYDON NORTH	20	44	
BAYSWATER PARK	16	40	
EAST RINGWOOD	20	36	
SOUTH CROYDON	20	32	
NORWOOD	24	28	0.7646
CROYDON RANGES	12	28	0.6866
TEMPLETON	16	24	

Mooroolbark, Wonga Park, Wantirna South and South Warrandyte established themselves at the top fairly early in the piece and this order remained much the same for most of the season. North Ringwood, however, stormed home with seven wins in a row to finish just behind Mooroolbark in second position. Newcomers East Ringwood had hung tough and the relegation battle went down to the last round, where the bottom four were all in the hot seat. Templeton was to be the unlucky one.

In the Elimination Final, Wantirna South compiled 5/280 on day one (Troy McGowan 91 and Scott Charles 74) and Wonga Park, despite Brad Greer's 82, came up just short, with 254.

The Qualifying Final saw North Ringwood's Carey Arthurson take 5/18 as they routed Mooroolbark for just 68. North Ringwood replied with 3/71.

In the Preliminary Final, Mooroolbark scored only 120 but got through to Grand Final when Wantirna South was 7/68 in reply and rain stopped play for the day.

The Grand Final saw Mooroolbark bat first and at the tea break it was 2/122, thanks mainly to Lincoln Grigg with 63. At the end of day one, Mooroolbark had collapsed somewhat to be all out for 179 with North Ringwood 0/17 in reply. Day two saw some spectacular bowling from Mooroolbark's Jason Watts whose figures were 24 overs, 15 maidens, 5 wickets and 17 runs. He was well backed up by Matthew Whittaker (4/40) and North Ringwood was dismissed for 113.

Premiership team members:

Lincoln Grigg (c), Mark Ross (v/c), John O'Donnell, Adam Houghton, Danny Walker, Brendan Ricci, Adam Brush, Matthew Whittaker, Daniel Dimitriou, Jarrad Runge, Jason Watts, Andrew Keane (12th).

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Gareth Taylor (NRI) 454, Michael Scott (NRI) 406, Lincoln Grigg (MOO) 358, Adam Waite (BYP) 348, Sean Humphrey (CRR) 337, Brad Greer (WOP) 330, Andrew Jorgensen (WSO) 320, Brendan Ricci (MOO) 317, Steven Lindsay (SWT) 290, Andrew Downs (NOW) 288.

Leading wicket takers (including finals):

Paul Payne (WSO) 39, Matthew Whittaker (MOO) 30, Steve Garrett (SWT) 29, Ben Neagle (SWT) 27, Marcus Adams (BYP) 27, Ross Little (WOP) 26, Luke Ridgwell (NRI) 24, Travis Degenhardt (SCR) 24, Steven Lindsay (SWT) 23, Mark Ross (MOO) 23.

BILL WILKINS CUP

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
WARRANTDYTE	48	80	
WARRANWOOD	36	68	
AINSLIE PARK	32	64	1.6367
MONTROSE	24	64	1.4243
KILSYTH	24	60	
ST ANDREWS	24	48	
CHIRNSIDE PARK	20	36	
OLINDA	28	28	
NTH RINGWOOD 2 ^{NDS}	8	24	0.7053
MOOROOLBARK 2 ^{NDS}	16	24	0.6712
LILYDALE	12	20	
EASTFIELD	8	16	

Warrantdyte led the ladder for the whole season and loomed as the team to beat. Warranwood and Ainslie Park were never far back. Olinda jumped out of the blocks but fell away whilst Montrose won every game after the break to edge into fourth position just ahead of Kilsyth which won outright in the last round. Again, there were a number of teams in the relegation zone right up to the last round.

In the Elimination Final, Ainslie Park scored 9/288 to which Montrose could only reply with 112. Mark Arnot, Ainslie Park's captain, had a great match scoring 78 and taking 5/32.

The Qualifying final saw Warranwood, with Evan Johnson scoring 90* and Andrew Spittle 50, amass 8/255 and Warrantdyte managed only 190 in response.

The Preliminary final was impacted by very heavy rain on the second day with Ainslie Park eliminated after being 4/61 in response to Warrantdyte's 173 when play was abandoned for the day.

The Grand Final rematch between Warranwood and Warrantdyte provided the same result as their two earlier meetings with Warranwood scoring 181 (David Knowles 71) and then bundling Warrantdyte out for 108. Warranwood therefore return to Trollope Shield next season.

Premiership team members:

Andrew Spittle, Brett Van Duppen, Evan Johnson, David Johnson, Luke Scott, Tim Hall, David Knowles, Todd Cordwell, Dan Turner, Cameron Moore, Sam Gibson, Jason Sharp.

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Dwayne Paisley (STA) 446, Jack Ellis (WDT) 435, Trent Sier (APK) 426, Adam White (WDT) 366, Michael Edwards (MTR) 352, Chris Barry (WDT) 350, Jason Foulis (APK) 340, Nick Brisbane (MTR) 305, Steve Ryan (KIL) 277, Alex McIntosh (WDT) 277.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Chad Rogers (MTR) 38, Mark Unternahrer (KIL) 36, Campbell Holland (WDT) 31, Matthew Sazemis (WDT) 28, Daniel Turner (WWD) 27, Daniel Ruffolo (APK) 26, John Moulder (LYD) 25, Mikel Greenough (OLI) 24, Mark Arnot (APK) 24, Adam Humphries (OLI) 23.

STUART NEWEY PLATE

TEAM	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11	%
WANTIRNA SOUTH 2 ^{NDS}	48	80	
NORWOOD 2 ^{NDS}	40	72	
WARRANTDYTE 2 ^{NDS}	32	56	
WONGA PARK 2 ^{NDS} XI	24	48	1.2589
HEATHMONT BAPTIST	32	48	1.0145
SCORESBY FERNDALE	24	40	
BAYSWATER PARK 2 ^{NDS}	20	36	0.8746
KILSYTH 2 ^{NDS}	20	36	0.8106
WARRANWOOD 2 ^{NDS}	16	32	1.0176
EAST RINGWOOD 2 ^{NDS}	0	32	0.9552
TEMPLETON 2 ^{NDS}	8	24	0.8224
CROYDON NORTH 2 ^{NDS}	24	24	0.7754

Wantirna South and Norwood occupied the top two spots all season. The next four were all in contention for a finals position and Wonga Park showed some good late season form to claim 4th spot. At the other end, East Ringwood had a great post Xmas run to lift away from the danger zone, Templeton won its last round match to sneak past Croydon North, who did not win a match after having won the first three.

In the Elimination Final, Shannon Small, with 108, helped Wonga Park score 6/285 and this was far too many for Warrantdyte which could only manage 74 in reply.

The Qualifying Final saw Norwood on the back foot from the outset and their total of 63 was easily passed by Wantirna South (3/65).

In the Preliminary Final, rain curtailed play and probably saved Norwood, who were 6/61 in response to Wonga Park's 8/185.

The Grand Final saw another rematch and Wantirna South, having won the two earlier clashes again prevailed but not without drama. In a thrilling final, Wantirna South's 7th wicket had fallen at 101 but an unbeaten stand between David Ryan and Daniel Thurgood saw their team (7/157) edge past Norwood's tally of 156.

Members of the premiership team:

Ben Stow, Steven Berger, Shaun Crow, Cameron De Bono, Andrew Gawne, Michael Gawne, Leigh Latham, Mitchell Potts, David Ryan, Daniel Thurgood, Matthew Wheare, Darcy Smith (12th man), Ashley Webb (13th man).

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Michael Dimmano (NOW) 266, Daniel Tubb (SBF) 257, Jason Sharp (WWD) 256, Jason Cant (WWD) 253, Matthew Sedgeman (HBT) 247, Steve Orr (NOW) 234, Shannon Small (WOP) 229, Jason Crowe (WOP) 226, Steve Darmody (HBT) 211, Toby Ford (WOP) 204.

Leading bowlers (including finals):

Henry Cunningham (SBF) 27, Anthony Crowe (WOP) 25, Chris Irvine (NOW) 24, Robert Cranmer (HBT) 24, Glenn Oakley (HBT) 23, Jim Dodge (KIL) 22, Davey Trueman (CNT) 20, Nick Kearney (EAR) 19, Ryan Pascoe (WDT) 19

A GRADE – STEVE PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
AINSLIE PARK 2 ^{NDS}	52	92	
CROYDON RANGES 2 ^{NDS}	56	72	
MONTROSE 2 ^{NDS}	32	60	
ST ANDREWS 2 ^{NDS}	40	56	
STH WARRANDYTE 2 ^{NDS}	36	52	
WANTIRNA	32	48	
MOOROOLBARK 3 ^{RDS}	12	36	0.8599
CHIRNSIDE PARK 2 ^{NDS}	28	36	0.5016

Croydon Ranges and Ainslie Park were at the head of the table for the majority of the season. St Andrews and South Warrandyte also occupied 3rd and 4th positions for most of that time but Montrose's outright win in the last round propelled them to 3rd, with South Warrandyte being edged out.

The Elimination Final will be remembered for an ambulance helicopter landing on the oval towards the end of day one and the match being transferred to another venue for completion. St Andrews, after being in real trouble at 6/117, managed to scrape home with 9/220 in response to Montrose's 217.

In the Qualifying Final, Croydon Ranges could only manage 115 in pursuit of Ainslie Park's 9/186.

The Preliminary final saw St Andrews (6/141) just get past Croydon Ranges (132) before the heavens opened.

In the Grand Final, St Andrews kept the roll going when it dismissed Ainslie Park for 80. Although it took some time to reach the target (4/82) St Andrews turned in a great effort to come from fourth position to win the Premiership.

Members of the premiership team:

John O'Callaghan (c), David Browne, Greg Moorhouse, Tim Moran, Matthew Harvey, Cameron Sharpe, Matt Sutherland, Rohan Smith, Matthew Stephens, Steven Evans, Mitchell Sweeney, Robert Deluca (12th man), Richard Armstrong (13th man).

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Mark Garthwaite (MTR) 528, Nathan Croot (APK) 431, Greg Moorhouse (STA) 352, Cameron Eustace (APK) 346, Greg Gardam (MTR) 323, Glenn Spencer (CRR) 320, Matthew Harvey (STA) 296, Anthony Podesta (MTR) 289, Davin Mulready (APK) 266.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Karl Boehmer (CRR) 23, Daniel Vandenhoeck (APK) 21, Andrew Peters (APK) 21, Matthew Delahunty (APK) 21, Josh Crowe (MTR) 21, Daniel Meehan (CRR) 21, Steven Evans (STA) 20, Mark Whitney (WAN) 20

B GRADE – PAT MEEHAN SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
KNOX CITY	48	92	
CROYDON NORTH 3 ^{RDS}	48	80	
WONGA PARK 3 ^{RDS}	48	72	
NORTH RINGWOOD 3 ^{RDS}	44	68	
WANTIRNA SOUTH 3 ^{RDS}	28	44	
TEMPLETON 3 ^{RDS}	36	36	
LILYDALE 2 ^{NDS}	24	32	
SOUTH CROYDON 2 ^{NDS}	12	28	

Knox City, Croydon North, Wonga Park and North Ringwood were the four dominant teams in this grade and finished the home and away season that way.

B Grade Cont'd

In the Elimination Final, Wonga Park (5/169) won easily, with North Ringwood managing a disappointing 48. Croydon North could only accumulate 82 in response to Knox City's 105, in the Qualifying Final.

The Preliminary final saw the trend of low scores continue as Croydon North could only manage 46 in response to Wonga Park's 69 and 0/26.

Knox City had defeated Wonga Park twice during the home and away season but the Grand Final saw a change of fortunes as Wonga Park (151) routed Knox City for 71.

Members of the premiership team:

Justin White (c), Rod Knee, Warren Knee, Paul Doevelaar, Oliver Twine, Brett Laird, Dallas Roberts, Jackson Ford, Jayson Spurrell, Phil Ballagh, Michael Williamson (12th man).

Leading run-getters (including finals): Bryce McGrath (KNC) 429, Justin White (WOP) 334, Matthew de Jager (TMP) 332, Warren Knee (WOP) 301, Rod Knee (WOP) 284, Matthew Nuthall (NRI) 265,

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Glenn Laidlaw (CNT) 24, Chad Mitchell (KNC) 24, Rod Knee (WOP) 22, Brett Laird (WOP) 20, Daniel Wilson (CNT), Tom Anderson (NRI), Steve McCallum (LYD) all 18.

C GRADE – IAN SPENCER SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
BAYSWATER PARK 3 ^{RDS}	48	88	
SCORESBY/FERNDALE 2 ^{RDS}	32	64	
CROYDON RANGES 3 ^{RDS}	44	60	1.0597
WARRANWOOD 3 ^{RDS}	36	60	1.0361
NORWOOD 3 ^{RDS}	40	56	
KILSYTH 3 ^{RDS}	24	48	
WONGA PARK 4 ^{THS}	40	40	
AINSLIE PARK 3 ^{RDS}	24	32	

This was a very competitive grade, where Bayswater Park led the ladder all season. The other teams changed places regularly and Warranwood won its last round to sneak 4th spot from Norwood. Wonga Park, after a good start, fell away.

Croydon Ranges (5/138) defeated Warranwood (136) in the Elimination Final and in the Qualifying Final Bayswater Park (223) soundly defeated Scoresby/Ferndale (77)

Rain affected the Preliminary Final as Croydon Ranges were 5/91 chasing Scoresby/Ferndale's 203.

Bayswater Park had defeated Scoresby/Ferndale twice during the home and away series and they completed the hat trick in the Grand Final when scoring 3/80 in response to their opponents 76.

Members of the premiership team:

Frank Constantino (c), Ray Kazar, Gareth Winsper, Leigh Brown, Tomas Fay, Gareth Bailey, Justin Laughlin, Aaron Swincer, Muhammad Yudha Verdian, Chris Gibson, Ryan Toye, Vajinder Taggar (12th man).

Leading run-getters (including finals): Mark Wilson (NOW) 299, Mark Phillips (SBF) 286, Andrew Tonkin (WOP) 260, Aaron Swincer (BYP) 249, Leigh Brown (BYP) 235, Gareth Winsper (BYP) 218, David Raggett (WWD) 214, Russell Hughes (WOP) 203.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Steve Ward (CRR) 23, Scott Turner (WWD) 18, Nigel Foden (KIL), Shem Joseph (CRR), Ashley Miller (APK), Ben Trend (NOW), all on 17.

D GRADE – DAVID BEATTY SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WARRANTYTE 3 ^{RDS}	48	88	
MONTROSE 3 ^{RDS}	48	72	1.4605
EASTFIELD 2 ^{NDS}	56	72	1.3427
EAST RINGWOOD 3 ^{RDS}	48	64	
SOUTH WARRANTYTE 3 ^{RDS}	32	60	
OLINDA 2 ^{NDS}	32	48	
TEMPLETON 4 ^{THS}	16	32	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST 2 ^{NDS}	8	16	

Four teams established themselves at the top early in the piece. Eastfield fell away a bit after the break, Warrantyte lost only two games, whilst Montrose was consistent. South Warrantyte, despite an outright win in the last round, fell just short of catching East Ringwood.

In the Elimination Final, East Ringwood (151) defeated Eastfield (117), a disappointing exit for Eastfield. The Qualifying final saw Montrose (8/113) beat Warrantyte (109) and proceed straight to the Grand Final.

The rain did not interfere with this Preliminary Final as Warrantyte's 107 was easily passed by East Ringwood (1/115).

In the Grand Final, East Ringwood (181) completed a great finals series when it restricted Montrose to 114.

Members of premiership team:

Robert Tubb (c), James Butler (v/c), Scott Hill, Matthew Heriot, Matthew Stevenson, Taylor Gibson, Chris Shaw, Jarryd Ferguson, Jordan Ellis, Jacob Cardwell, Caleb Delaney, Joshua Gray (12th man).

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Scott O'Neill (MTR) 415, Scott Hill (EAR) 358, Matthew Stevenson (EAR) 356, Pat Danaher (HBT) 329, Stewart Smead (WDT) 325, James Butler (EAR) 319, Geoff Zach (WDT) 272.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Caleb Delaney (EAR) 31, John Prangley (WDT) 27, Ben Grey (MTR) 22, Scott Hill (EAR) 21, Brendan Robnik (ESF) 21, Craig Lincoln (WDT) 20, Stephen Walsh (ESF) 20.

E GRADE – DON SMITH SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WARRANWOOD 4 ^{THS}	52	88	
WANTIRNA 2 ^{NDS}	56	80	
ST ANDREWS 3 ^{RDS}	40	72	
CROYDON NORTH 4 ^{THS}	36	68	
MONTROSE 4 ^{THS}	36	52	
CROYDON RANGES 4 ^{THS}	36	44	
LILYDALE 3 ^{RDS}	24	24	0.6792
WANTIRNA SOUTH 4 ^{THS}	8	24	0.5534

The top two headed the ladder all season. After the break the ladder became a grade of two halves and the top four shuffled spots in the run to the finals.

E Grade cont'd

In the Elimination Final, St Andrews (4/131) accounted for Croydon North (126). Warranwood could only manage 131 in response to Wantirna's 162, in the Qualifying final.

Runs were hard to come by in the Preliminary Final and although Warranwood only scored 85, it was enough to beat St Andrews who could only manage 57.

The grand final saw Warranwood (126) bat first and Wantirna took the flag by responding with 5/127.

Members of premiership team;

Sanket Kakkad, Nirav Shah, Pratik Shah, Parag Shukla, Viral Patel, Pratik Ramani, Devang Patel, Ronak Shah, Hemang Shukla, Abhi Pandya, Chintan Bhimajiyani.

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Viral Patel (WAN) 521, Jason Paisley (CRR) 360, Darren Gilbert (LYD) 326, Devang Patel (WAN) 315, Ben Morris (STA) 314, Steve Ibrahim (STA) 295, Stephen Hassell (WWD) 255.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Matthew Sawyers (STA) 23, Anthony Baker (WWD) 23, David Abbott (WWD), Matthew Snowball (WWD), Sanket Kakkad (WAN), Viral Patel (WAN), Devang Patel (WAN) and Ian McKay (WSO) all took 19 wickets.

F GRADE – JOHN SPRINGETT SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WONGA PARK 5 ^{THS}	52	76	1.2787
BORONIA 3 ^{HDS}	52	76	1.2207
BAYSWATER PARK 4 ^{THS}	48	64	1.3933
EAST RINGWOOD 4 ^{THS}	32	64	1.3695
CROYDON RANGES 5 ^{THS}	40	64	1.0605
KILSYTH 4 ^{THS}	40	56	
AINSLIE PARK 4 ^{THS}	12	36	
MOOROOLBARK 4 ^{THS}	12	12	

This was a very competitive grade. Six teams were in contention for a finals spot at the break and a bit of luck was likely to be the decider. The top three maintained their spots and East Ringwood slipped into fourth place with some good late season wins.

The Elimination Final provided an unusual score line in that East Ringwood, batting first, made 25. Bayswater Park was dismissed for 91 and East Ringwood was routed again, being all out for 65. In the Qualifying Final, Boronia (9/156) was too good for Wonga Park (121).

In the Preliminary Final, Bayswater Park was 7/110 in reply to Wonga Park's 8/146 when rain stopped play for the day.

The Grand Final saw Wonga Park dismissed for 115 and Boronia took out the flag with a score of 6/117.

Members of premiership team:

John Fogarty (c), Trent Bryant, Michael Kogelman, Aaron Blanchfield, Jordan Begg, Jordan Coupar, Kerein Cantwell, Connor McIntyre, Leigh Blennerhassett, Ben Herbert, Jarryd Seagrave, Rob Phillips(12th Man).

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Rob Haines (CRR) 363, Warren Lechner (BYP) 343, Jordan Coupar (BOR) 334, Guy Smith (BYP) 297, Wayne Hartley (WOP) 270, Matthew Richardson (KIL) 258, Mark Jackson (EAR) 254, Barry Dawson (EAR) 253

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Lachlan McKenzie (BYP) 27, Warren Lechner (BYP) 24, James Cordwell (WOP) 16, Jonathon Trend (WOP) 16, James McHardy (WOP) 15, Ben Herbert (BOR) 15

G GRADE – NEIL TULL SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
NORTH RINGWOOD 4 ^{THS}	64	104	
KNOX CITY 2 ^{NDS}	40	84	
BAYSWATER PARK 5 ^{THS}	36	76	
WARRANWOOD 5 ^{THS}	40	64	
ST ANDREWS 4 ^{THS}	40	56	
CHIRNSIDE PARK 3 ^{RDS}	32	32	
WARRANTYTE 4 ^{THS}	24	24	
SOUTH CROYDON 3 ^{RDS}	12	12	

North Ringwood was the outstanding side in this competition, going through the home and away matches undefeated. Knox City won every game after the break, as did Bayswater Park, with Warranwood hanging on to 4th spot.

Bayswater Park carried their good form into the Elimination Final by scoring 148 to which Warranwood could only respond with 65. Knox City (123) was too good for North Ringwood (73) in the Qualifying Final.

In the Preliminary Final, Bayswater Park (9/198) had the upper hand, with North Ringwood 6/76 in reply, when the heavens opened thus allowing North Ringwood to proceed.

North Ringwood (9/158) hit their straps when it counted in the Grand Final and Knox City's response (84), resulted in North Ringwood being worthy winners after such a strong season.

Members of the premiership team:

Matthew Hepburn (c), Steve Razdan, Jag Singh, Jason Fraser, Randy Briggs, Tom Robinson, Luke Ervine, Joel Rigby, Peter Jane, Michael Houston, Will Lamont, Andy Shorthouse, Lucas Jurey.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Robin Court (BYP) 325, Randy Briggs (NRI) 317, Timothy Court (BYP) 304, Steve Razdan (NRI) 272, Andrew Graham (BYP) 249, John Harford (BYP) 241, Brendan Baker (WDT) 236.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Cameron Maes (KNC) 27, Matthew Hepburn (NRI) 26, Jim Page (WWD) 23, Andrew Eustace (BYP) 20, Jack Dwyer (WWD) 20, Sean Milton (STA) 19, Michael Houston (NRI) 19, Pat Kellett (STA) 18.

H GRADE – ANN PASCOE SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
NORTH RINGWOOD 5 ^{THS}	56	88	
MONTROSE 5 ^{THS}	52	76	1.6924
SOUTH WARRANTYTE 4 ^{THS}	52	76	1.3284
WONGA PARK 6 ^{THS}	40	64	
TEMPLETON 5 ^{THS}	32	60	
NORWOOD 4 ^{THS}	28	52	
OLINDA 3 ^{RDS}	24	24	
EAST RINGWOOD 5 ^{THS}	4	12	

North Ringwood, Montrose and South Warrantyte were the dominant teams throughout the season. Wonga Park was always thereabouts and Templeton got close to a finals spot with an outright in the last game.

Wonga Park (9/198) comfortably defeated South Warrandyte (81) in the Elimination Final and Montrose (5/274) did the same against North Ringwood (131) in the other Semi-final.

North Ringwood (176) had Wonga Park 5/82 when the dreaded rain again caused an early finish to the Preliminary final.

In the Grand Final, the Montrose bowlers completely demolished North Ringwood, who could post just 46 runs. Montrose had reached 3/170, on day one, when North Ringwood conceded.

Members of premiership team:

Mark Hayhurst (c), Ben Christou, Jarrod Rutley, Peter Wellins, Brett McKane, Ben Leversha, Dave Stevens, Jordan Roth, Mark Lumsden, Ashley Storm, Luke Thomas, Hudson Samuel.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Ashley Storm (MTR) 480, Tom Robinson (NRI) 369, Greg Ford (WOP) 342, Flavio Xantidis (NRI) 281, Dwayne Lawless (TMP) 260, Brett Barmby (TMP) 222, Mitchell Hansen (EAR) 222.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Jordan Roth (MTR) 26, Greg Ford (WOP) 23, Josh Barmby (TMP) 20, Alan Kenworthy (WOP) 20, Josh Krishnakumar (TMP) 19.

I GRADE – KEN JOHNSTON SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WANTIRNA 3 ^{RDS}	48	80	
CROYDON NORTH 5 ^{THS}	52	68	
CHIRNSIDE PARK 4 ^{THS}	28	60	1.6000
WANTIRNA SOUTH 5 ^{THS}	28	60	1.3127
BORONIA 4 ^{THS}	44	60	1.2819
CROYDON RANGES 6 ^{THS}	40	56	
KNOX CITY 3 ^{RDS}	16	32	0.6463
SCORESBY FERNDAL 3 ^{RDS}	32	32	0.5690

Croydon North, early, and Wantirna, later, were clear at top for most of the season. Entering the last round, any of the next four could make the last two spots. Wantirna South was the only one to win and jumped from 6th to 4th with a narrow percentage margin over Boronia.

In the Elimination Final, Wantirna South (134 & 2/56) defeated Chirnside Park (108) and the Qualifying Final saw Wantirna (189) just prevail over Croydon North (181).

Wantirna South (5/150) comfortably accounted for Croydon North (148) in the Preliminary final.

Wantirna maintained their dominance in the Grand Final by dismissing Wantirna South for 86 and then amassing 5/176 before a halt was called.

Members of premiership team: Jamie Mewett (c), Thomas Cook, Todd Balcombe, Tim Hutchison, David Orlandi, Rodney Ross, Travis Agars, Scott Andrew, Bert Curtain, Darren Halton, Joel Jenkins, Mark Wilson (12th man), Kieran Kennedy, Karl Lutz, Glen O'Brien..

Leading run-getters (including finals): Matthew McMahon (CNT) 500, Nick Chapman (WSO) 452, Tim Hutchinson (WAN) 426, Jamie Mewitt (WAN) 401, David Lochey (WSO) 332, James Bennett (CSP) 279, Grattan Stephens (CSP) 276, Bill Stafford (CRR) 266.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Jamie Mewett (WAN) 26, Matthew McMahon (CNT) 24, Travis Formaini (WSO) 21, Joel Jenkins (WAN) 20, Robbie Mallinson (CSP) 20.

J GRADE – JOHN MACMILLAN SHIELD

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
WANTIRNA SOUTH 6 ^{THS}	52	92	
NORTH RINGWOOD 6 ^{THS}	52	76	
ST ANDREWS 5 ^{THS}	56	68	
SOUTH WARRANDYTE 5 ^{THS}	36	64	1.3466
EASTFIELD 3 ^{RDS}	20	64	1.1995
KILSYTH 5 ^{THS}	28	44	
NORWOOD 5 ^{THS}	40	40	

This grade was disrupted by the withdrawal of Mooroolbark, after Rd 3. St Andrews was at the top of the tree before losing the last three games, Wantirna South won every game after the break to sweep to the top, whilst South Warrandyte just held out Eastfield, who also won all post Xmas games, including an outright.

St Andrews (149) defeated South Warrandyte (108) in the Elimination Final, whilst Wantirna South (235) comfortably defeated North Ringwood (165) in the Qualifying Grand Final.

In the Preliminary Final, St Andrews were 4/88 in reply to North Ringwood's 166 when rain curtailed play.

The Grand Final saw Wantirna South score 3/135 in response to North Ringwood's 131.

Members of premiership team:

Robert Mott (c), Marcus Clohesy, Norman Lee, Ray Noon, Glen Marshall, Brad Matthews, Mark Mott, Darren Mehmet, Brad Sweeten, Eddie Ralph, Shaun Tolliday, Steven Cardilini (12th man).

Leading run-getters (including finals): Dan Whitty (NRI) 389, Mark Mott (WSO) 382, Cameron Rodger (ESF) 264, Brian I'Anson (NRI) 249, Marcus Clohesy (WSO) 243, Brad Matthews (WSO) 208.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Ray Noon (WSO) 25, Eddie Ralph (WSO) 22, Troy Knox (STA) 20, Christian Carmichael (ESF) 19, Andrew Kelly (ESF) 17.

K GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
AINSLIE PARK 5 ^{THS}	56	92	
WONGA PARK 7 ^{THS}	60	84	
WARRANDYTE 5 ^{THS}	32	56	1.2709
CROYDON NORTH 6 ^{THS}	32	56	0.9541
SOUTH CROYDON 4 ^{THS}	40	56	0.8432
CROYDON RANGES 7 ^{THS}	20	44	
MONTROSE 6 ^{THS}	32	40	
HEATHMONT BAPTIST 3 ^{RDS}	16	24	

Wonga Park and Ainslie Park dominated this grade throughout the season and it was no surprise that they played off in the Grand Final. South Croydon got off to a good start but fell away to just miss a spot in the finals.

K Grade cont'd

In the Elimination Final, Warrandyte (8/175) was a little too good for Croydon North (160) and the other semi saw Wonga Park (8/233) chase down Ainslie Park's tally of 226.

Ainslie Park (2/116) easily accounted for Warrandyte (112) in the Preliminary Final.

In the Grand Final, a good overall performance by Ainslie Park's bowlers kept Wonga Park to 173 and their batsmen then did the job with 4/176 to take out the premiership.

Members of premiership team:

Glen Thomas (c), Jamie Davison, Scott McKibbin, Andrew Johnstone, Leigh Walles, Garry Walles, Andre Massih, Matt Thomas, Nathan Swee, Prashant Mishra, Kane Arnold, Dillon Bettes, David Killen.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Daniel Wellesley (WDT) 535, Peter Bail (WOP) 481, Chris Smith (CNT) 417, Andrew Johnstone (APK) 382, Grant Hartmann (WDT) 360, Nigel Murray (WOP) 351, Peter Clark (WOP) 348, Ross Bickford (WOP) 337.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Nick Hamer (SCR) 34, Peter Clark (WOP) 31, Andre Massih (APK) 27, Michael Cuffe (CNT) 21, Matt Thomas (APK) 20.

L GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
SOUTH WARRANDYTE 6 ^{THS}	60	92	
ST ANDREWS 6 ^{THS}	48	76	
WONGA PARK 8 ^{THS}	40	64	
WANTIRNA 4 ^{THS}	44	52	
WARRANWOOD 6 ^{THS}	24	48	0.9528
EASTFIELD 4 ^{THS}	32	48	0.7402
CROYDON RANGES 8 ^{THS}	32	40	
AINSLIE PARK 6 ^{THS}	8	32	

South Warrandyte was always the top team and St Andrews maintained second spot throughout the season. Wonga Park was consistent, whilst Wantirna, who lost the last four games, clung to 4th spot.

The Elimination Final saw Wonga Park (1/126) continue their good form with a big win over Wantirna (122) and the other semi saw South Warrandyte (172) easily account for St Andrews (98).

In yet another rain affected Preliminary Final, St Andrews were in a comfortable position, at 3/109, chasing Wonga Park's 8/115, when their Grand Final spot was thwarted by rain washing out any further play.

The Grand Final was a close encounter, with St Andrews being dismissed for 134. South Warrandyte (7/136) had three wickets intact when they achieved the win.

Members of premiership team:

Steve Russell (c), Shane Hansen, Michael Sweeney, Andrew Exley, Richard Cutler, Lachlan McMahon, Luke Williams, Andrew Walker, Andrew Hall, Michael Chappell, Oliver Hansen, Jake Sammartino, Peter Nettlebeck.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Shane Hansen (SWT) 373, Richard Cutler (SWT) 357, Blair Collinge (CRR) 273, Tim Flahavin (APK) 215, Shane Cairns (STA) 206.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Warwick Knight (STA) 32, Ryan Prior (WOP) 23, Andrew Dilley (WWD) 23, Nikolas Henkes (WOP) 19, Richard Cutler (SWT) 16, Jagger Cheney (WOP) 15.

M GRADE

TEAM	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14	%
LILYDALE 4^{THS}	56	96	
BAYSWATER PARK 6^{THS}	48	84	
NORTH RINGWOOD 7^{THS}	52	68	
BORONIA 5^{THS}	36	64	1.5165
WANTIRNA SOUTH 7^{THS}	36	64	1.1854
KNOX CITY 4^{THS}	32	36	
CROYDON RANGES 9^{THS}	16	32	
SOUTH CROYDON 5^{THS}	8	28	

Lilydale led the ladder all season but were closely pressed by North Ringwood, early, and then Bayswater Park, later in the season. North Ringwood dropped away a bit after the break while Boronia and Wantirna South rotated in 4th and 5th spot and this position was finalized when Boronia had a win in the last round.

In the Elimination final on the small Greenwood Park, Boronia (313) had a big win when they dismissed North Ringwood for 132. In the Qualifying Final, a match dominated by Craig Staggard, Bayswater Park was dismissed for 75 and Lilydale responded with 5/125 when play was called to a halt.

The Preliminary Final saw Bayswater Park again bat first and accumulate 154 but this was not enough to hold Boronia (5/162) at bay.

Lilydale's father and son duo, Craig (3/7) and Zac Staggard (4/12) turned the Grand Final into a bit of a non event when they demolished Boronia for 62 and Lilydale then responded with 2/65 to take the flag.

Members of premiership team:

Craig Staggard (c), Simon France (v/c), Aaron Jennings, Braydon Dobinson, Matthew Donald, Steve Donald, Tim Blanche, John Blanche, Ben France, Mickey Goodlet, Zac Staggard, Patirck Morse.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Craig Staggard (LYD) 475, Dwayne Swincer (BYP) 377, Mark Harris (BOR) 359, David Singleton (BYP) 351, Brad Wood (CRR) 327, Phillip Faella (BOR) 274, Sean Dooley (CRR) 253.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Craig Staggard (LYD) 25, Zac Staggard (LYD) 22, Alistair Grieve (BOR) 17, Christian Feher (NRI) 14, Ryan Morris (WSO) 13, Brad Wood (CRR) 13

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2010/11

Wonga Park	34	(4)	Chirnside Park	14	(5)
East Ringwood	29	(6)	South Warrandyte	13	(5)
Mooroolbark	28	(10)	Lilydale	13	(2)
Wantirna South	27	(3)	Boronia	9	(0)
Croydon North	23	(9)	South Croydon	8	(4)
Croydon Ranges	23*	(5)	Eastfield	8	(2)
Templeton	22	(3)	Ferntree Gully	7	(3)
North Ringwood	20	(6)	Knox City	7	(3)
St Andrews	20	(4)	Scoresby Ferndale	7*	(1)
Ainslie Park	20	(3)	Olinda	6	(3)
Montrose	19	(4)	Aquinas Old Collegians	3	(3)
Norwood	19	(3)	Croydon	3	(0)
Kilsyth	19	(1)	Knox Churches	1	(1)
Warrandyte	18	(3)			
Wantirna	16	(4)			
Bayswater Park	16	(2)			
Warranwood	15*	(5)			

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 – Phil McCallum award

(Calculation basis changed again, prior to the start of season, but it is too complex and lengthy to list here)

Top 4 in reverse order	Warrandyte	20.70
	North Ringwood	23.30
	Wantirna South	25.70
Winner	Wonga Park	27.85

SPIRIT OF CRICKET TROPHY – Ron Ellis award

(Professional Umpires rate teams that compete in the top three grades, in 5 categories, at end of each match)

Winner Montrose – Bill Wilkins Cup

BEST ADMINISTERED CLUB – Bob Bissett award

(Senior Committee introduced this award in season 2010/11 and it selects the winner)

Winner Croydon Ranges

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR TROPHY – Ken Dunham award

(based on the ratings given by teams captains after each round)

Winner Andy Laws

AWARD WINNERS

ALL STAR TEAM

Adam WAITE	BAYSWATER PARK	348 runs
Sean HUMPHREY	CROYDON RANGES	337 runs
Gareth TAYLOR (Capt)	NORTH RINGWOOD	432 (454) runs, 22 (22)wickets
Ben NEAGLE	SOUTH WARRANDYTE	256 runs, 27 wickets
Michael SCOTT	NORTH RINGWOOD	369 (406) runs, 8 (11) wickets
Steven LINDSAY	SOUTH WARRANDYTE	290 runs, 23 wickets
Shane FINDLAY	CROYDON NORTH	176 runs, 5 catches, 9 stumpings, 2 run outs
Steven GARRETT	SOUTH WARRANDYTE	107 runs, 29 wickets
Travis DEGENHARDT	SOUTH CROYDON	193 runs, 24 wickets
Paul PAYNE	WANTIRNA SOUTH	174 (212) runs, 35 (39) wickets
Matthew WHITAKER	MOOROOLBARK	40 (46) runs, 22 (30) wickets

(Figures in brackets reflect finals performances)

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Lindsay Trollope Shield	Gareth Taylor	North Ringwood
Steve Pascoe Medal - Bill Wilkins Cup	Campbell Holland	Warrandyte
Stuart Newey Medal - Stuart Newey Plate	Henry Cunningham	Scoresby Ferndale

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Newey: Anthony Crowe (Wonga Park) - 428 points (138 runs, 14 assisted and 8 un-assisted wickets, 4 catches and 2 run-outs)

Wilkins: Dwayne Paisley (St Andrews) – 681 points (446 runs, 13 assisted and 4 un-assisted wickets, 7 catches and 2 run-outs)

Trollope: Gareth Taylor (North Ringwood) – 707 points (432 runs, 19 assisted, 3 un-assisted wickets 4 catches and 4 run-outs)

Under 21 player of the carnival Tim Hall Warranwood

BATTING and BOWLING AVERAGES

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

M Grade	Bowling	Brad Wood (Croydon Ranges) (best 3/21 & 3/27)	13 wkts @ 24.46
	Batting	Craig Staggard (Lilydale) (2/100's 2/50's, best 118)	399 runs @ 66.50
L Grade	Bowling	Warwick Knight (St Andrews) (best 6/21 & 6/29 – same game)	20 wkts @ 9.30
	Batting	Richard Cutler (South Warrandyte) (1/100, 3/50's, best 102no)	331 runs @ 82.75

K Grade	Bowling	Nick Hamer (South Croydon) (best 7/10, 6/23, 5/8)	34 wkts @ 8.00
	Batting	Daniel Wellesley (Warrandyte) (2/100's, 3/50's, best 116)	420 runs @ 70.00
J Grade	Bowling	Ray Noon (Wantirna South) (best 3/30, 3/44)	16 wkts @ 12.13
	Batting	Mark Mott (Wantirna South) (2/50's, best 72no)	326 runs @ 40.75
I Grade	Bowling	Matthew McMahon (Croydon North) (best 3/15, 3/21, 3/31)	18 wkts @ 16.61
	Batting	Nick Chapman (Wantirna South) (1/100, 1/50, best 127no)	311 runs @ 62.20
H Grade	Bowling	Greg Ford (Wonga Park) (best 4/7, 3/9, 3/21)	18 wkts @ 14.00
	Batting	Thomas Robinson (North Ringwood) (2/100's, 1/50, best 180no)	365 runs @ 73.00
G Grade	Bowling	Jim Page (Warranwood) (best 6/20, 3/23)	22 wkts @ 10.00
	Batting	Randy Briggs (North Ringwood) (1/100, 2/50's, best 164)	307 runs @ 43.86
F Grade	Bowling	Warren Lechner (Bayswater Park) (best 7/15, 3/11, 3/31)	20 wkts @ 10.15
	Batting	Jordan Coupar (Boronia) (3/50's, best 93)	287 runs @ 47.83
E Grade	Bowling	Ian McKay (Wantirna South) (best 4/13, 3/51)	19 wkts @ 19.84
	Batting	Viral Patel (Wantirna) (1/100, 4/50's, best 100no)	471 runs @ 78.50
D Grade	Bowling	John Prangle (Warrandyte) (best 4/6, 4/35)	26 wkts @ 11.15
	Batting	Scott O'Neill (Montrose) (3/50's, best 73)	388 runs @ 38.80
C Grade	Bowling	Steve Ward (Croydon Ranges) (best 5/14, 4/28)	22 wkts @ 10.86
	Batting	Mark Wilson (Norwood) (best 44)	299 runs @ 27.18
B Grade	Bowling	Chad Mitchell (Knox City) (best 6/26)	20 wkts @ 12.20
	Batting	Bryce McGrath (Knox City) (1/100, 2/50's, best 101no)	414 runs @ 51.75
A Grade	Bowling	Matthew Delahunty (Ainslie Park) (best 5/30, 4/5)	20 wkts @ 10.70
	Batting	Mark Garthwaite (Montrose) (2/100's, 3/50's, best 107no)	528 runs @ 58.67

Newey Plate	Bowling	Anthony Crowe (Wonga Park) (best 5/12, 4/26)	22 wkts @ 7.59
	Batting	Daniel Tubb (Scoresby Ferndale) (1/50, best 68)	257 runs @ 28.56
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Matthew Sazenis (Warrandyte) (best 6/23, 5/11)	27 wkts @ 7.44
	Batting	Adam White (Warrandyte) (1/100, 1/50, best 113no)	313 runs @ 52.17
Trollope Shield	Bowling	Paul Payne (Wantirna South) (best 6/63 and 4 wickets on 5 occasions)	35 wkts @ 8.91
	Batting	Gareth Taylor (North Ringwood) (1/100, 2/50's, best 128no)	432 runs @ 54.00

(Note! With the season disrupted by wet weather, there were a number of instances whereby a bowler did not achieve all of the qualification criteria and the Senior committee used its discretion to determine the winner)

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2010/11

YEAR	CHANDLER <small>(name changed in 2010/11 – see below)</small>	WILKINS	NEWAY
81/82	Warrandyte	South Croydon	Bayswater Park
82/83	Croydon United	South Ringwood	Scoresby
83/84	Warrandyte	Ainslie Park	Sth Warrandyte
84/85	East Ringwood	Mt Evelyn	Johnson Park
85/86	Mooroolbark	Scoresby	Academy
86/87	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Templeton
87/88	Croydon North	Parkwood	Eastfield
88/89	St Andrews	South Croydon	Knox Gardens
89/90	Croydon North	Croydon United	Westwood
90/91	Croydon North	Wonga Park	Knox City
91/92	Croydon North	Wantirna South	Glen Park
92/93	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Chirnside Park
93/94	Ainslie Park	Kilsyth (A East)	Ferntree Gully(A West)
94/95	Croydon North	St Andrews	Aquinas
95/96	Ferntree Gully	North Ringwood	Knox City
96/97	Croydon North	South Ringwood	N/A
97/98	Croydon North	Templeton	East Ringwood
98/99	Ferntree Gully	Lilydale	East Ringwood
99/00	Ainslie Park	Montrose	Olinda
00/01	Ferntree Gully	East Ringwood	Eastfield
01/02	Mooroolbark	South Croydon	Sth Warrandyte Hawks
02/03	Lilydale	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	Chirnside Park
03/04	Templeton	Croydon North	Croydon Ranges
04/05	Mooroolbark	North Ringwood	Chirnside Park
05/06	Wantirna South	South Croydon	Olinda
06/07	South Warrandyte	Norwood	North Ringwood (2nds)
07/08	North Ringwood	Croydon Ranges	Mooroolbark (2nds)
08/09	Wantirna South	Bayswater Park	Chirnside Park
09/10	Mooroolbark	East Ringwood	Olinda
In 10/11, the top grade became known as the Lindsay Trollope Shield			
10/11	Mooroolbark	Warranwood	Wantirna South

SAXON SPORTS CHALLENGE – RDCA 20/20 COMPETITION

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

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

In the first of the preliminary rounds, Kumar Sarna (Wonga Park) batted through the innings to score an astonishing 228no. Sean Humphrey (CRR) and Mark Garthwaite (MTR) were other century makers during the competition, both with 110no.

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

- (1) Templeton 107 lost to Warrandyte 5/137
- (2) Mooroolbark 6/155 defeated St Andrews 127
- (3) South Croydon 75 lost to Wonga Park 2/79
- (4) North Ringwood 8/186 lost to Montrose 6/191

Semi-final results were:

Mooroolbark 5/184 defeated Warrandyte 9/135

Montrose 128 lost to Wonga Park 6/198

As is the on-going intention, the Grand Final was played on Australia Day and the Executive determined that the venue, on this occasion, would be Alan Smith Oval (Kilsyth) but last minute ground renovation by the Shire saw the match transferred to Mooroolbark Heights Reserve.

Batting first, Mooroolbark, through Lincoln Grigg and John O'Donnell, got off to a good start. Grigg (65) was the mainstay but his partners chipped in with good support to see their side to 6/146 at the end of 20 overs. They were perhaps a tad unlucky not to get a bigger total as, at least, two batsmen were caught by fieldsmen positioned as close to the boundary line as possible.

Wicket-takers for Wonga Park were Mark Dunk 3/19, Stuart Dunk 2/28 and Michael Letson 1/21.

In reply, Wonga's Kumar Sarna (21) and John Taylor (14) set the platform for a well paced chase. Upon Taylor's dismissal, Ryan Coutts arrived at the wicket and immediately signalled his intent. Jake Ford (31no) and Coutts took their side to 2/141, with an over to go, and Coutts (66no) sealed a great win with a six from the first ball of that over.

With the win, Wonga Park go on to represent the RDCA in an area playoff, next season, that may lead to participation in the Cricket Victoria run Fosters VB 20/20 regional competition.

Members of the winning team were: John Taylor (Capt), Kumar Sarna, Ryan Coutts, Ross Little, Brad Greer, Jake Ford, Stuart Dunk, Shaun McBride, Lochlan Dickson, Michael Letson, Mark Dunk and Toby Ford.

Our thanks to the Mooroolbark people for their assistance in what was a successful conclusion to another season of the RDCA 20/20 competition.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

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

RDCA won the toss and decided to bat, opening up with Andy Wu and Ryan Baker. Wu was relatively subdued in the partnership and fell for 8 in the ninth over with the score at 28. Baker was next to go for 25 at 57 and Sean Humphrey joined Brendan Ricci to move the score along to 71 before Ricci was caught for 20. Humphrey was going along nicely and he saw Chris Noy come and go for 13, at 107, Ross Sedgeley for 2, at 113, Eamon Costello for 7, at 121, and Marcus Adams for 25, at 181, before he lost his wicket for a well made 63, at 196. Ben Sansom and Leigh Rigby took the score to 8/200, a competitive total and a target sought by the Captain in his pre-game address to the team.

An early wicket to Leigh Rigby when the score was only 10 lifted the spirits of the home side but despite wickets at 59 and 67 the visitors were in control for much of their innings and reached the target with an over to spare, helped by 25 wides, some of which sparked a bit of controversy. Leigh Caulfield was the other successful bowler with 2 wickets for 28. Other bowling figures were Costello 0/42, Rigby 1/38, Adams 0/42, Sansom 0/22, Humphrey 0/14 and Wu 0/12.

Scorer Peter Baird did another great job with both pen and mouse to keep everyone up to date with match progress and Croydon Ranges did another excellent job of hosting a couple of really good games of cricket. Thanks to all involved, including umpires and players but it was another year of some stepping up at the last minute because of a general lack of interest.

WILKINS/NEWY SELECT against Eastern Cricket Association (drawn from Burt Shield)

RDCA sent ECA in to bat and the opening stand had seen off 10 overs (for 26) before Justin Perkins (2/14) claimed his two wickets in as many overs. A wicket to Chad Rogers and a run-out had seen the game change complexion in the space of 5 overs (4/36). Runs were then hard to come by and wickets fell at regular intervals. Rogers (2/18) took another, Nathan McFarlane (3/19) did his bit and two more run-outs saw the ECA innings end in the last over for a total of 96, which included 17 wides. Other figures were: Andrew Spittle 0/5, Marc Steiner 0/9, Matt Sazenis 0/20 and Michael Edwards 0/6.

Things did not start too well for the RDCA, with Jack Ellis, Steiner and Michael Campbell back in the shed inside 10 overs, with only 16 on the board. Jason Foulis (35), with good support from Matt Clarke, then took to the bowling with some lusty strikes to move the score along to 70 when he was dismissed just past the 20 over mark. Edwards went a couple of balls later, before Chris Moorhouse (3 no) played the anchor whilst Clarke (36no) did the scoring to see victory (5/99) achieved with 8 overs to spare.

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

At the proposal of the Box Hill Reporter Association, this game and an U.21's match were played under 20/20 conditions. The RDCA selectors made it known that any player who wished to be considered for selection in the annual game against Ringwood had to make himself available for this match and, as a result, we fielded what was thought to be a very good side but things did not eventuate as hoped.

Box Hill, aided by good innings from Staddon (33) and Damian Yze (62no) accumulated 5/161, after being 5/97 with six overs to go. Bowling figures were: McKay 1/32, J Neagle 0/22, Garrett 1/26, Whitaker 1/13, Caulfield 1/15, Lindsay 1/22 and Adams 0/18.

In the RDCA innings, five batsmen (Barrett, Noy, Adams, Garrett and Findlay) reached double figures but the maximum number of balls faced by any batsman was only 13 and we were all out for 120 in 16.5 overs. Yze completed a fine match with figures of 4/16.

NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

Fifty three players were nominated by their clubs this season, a record. My thanks to the club secretaries and coaches for getting so many players interested in representative cricket.

A squad of eighteen players represented the RDCA in the Vic Metro Cricket Union's Under 21 competition played in December 2010.

The squad members were:

Todd Cordwell (capt)	Warranwood	Tim Hall (v.c)	Warranwood
Adam Waite	Bayswater Park	Ross Sedgely	Bayswater Park
Josh Temple	Bayswater Park	Andrew Smith	Kilsyth
Nathan Rees	Montrose	Andrew Keane	Mooroolbark
Matthew Fyfe	Norwood	Steve Lester	Norwood
Ashleigh Peck	South Croydon	Jake Cairns	St. Andrews
Ryan Baker	Templeton	Steve Dewar	Templeton
Troy McGown	Wantirna Sth	Cam Moore	Warranwood
Luke Scott	Warranwood	Toby Ford	Wonga Park

Three games were scheduled against Heidelberg, Williamstown and Victorian Turf cricket associations with mixed results.

The Round 1 game was washed out due to heavy overnight rain.

The second game was played at the Northcote City Oval against Williamstown District CA. Led by Todd Cordwell, RDCA posted a thrilling win. In what was a first for the VMCU competition, the RDCA selected a female player in its 12. Ashleigh Peck from South Croydon was selected to play and bowled exceptionally well during a very tight period during the match.

Going into game 3 against the very strong VTCA North (they field 2 teams), we needed to win to have a chance of going through to the semi final. Our effort was good but VTCA had the result well in hand for most of the game, passing our score with 5 overs to spare.

Highlights for the carnival came from Ryan Baker (54), Steve Dewar (28), Troy McGown (22 & 1/21), Jake Cairns (3/29) and Cam Moore (3/16). The Under 21 "Player of the Carnival" was Tim Hall from Warranwood. Tim had an excellent carnival, in which he scored 43 and 35no, bowled very tight off spin and took 2 catches.

Many players gained valuable experience at representative level, which will hold them in good stead at club level. Some of our players were as young as 16 which gives our squad everything to look forward to in the coming seasons.

RDCA v Box Hill Reporter Association - 20/20 game - played at Templestowe Reserve.

Led by Chris Barry making 40, the team outplayed BHRDCA to post a formidable 8/142 off it's 20 overs. Box Hill were unable to put any pressure on our bowlers with Cam Moore (2 wickets) and Tim Hall (4 wickets) the best of our bowlers who restricted them to just 8/94 off the 20 overs.

RDCA 8/142 (20 overs)

Adam Waite 22(17), Steve Dewar 13(12), Ryan Baker 0(1), Chris Noy 6(8), Chris Barry 40(25), Todd Cordwell 16(15), Ross Sedgely 20(18), Tim Hall 5*(10), Toby Ford 0(2), Steve Lester 0*(2), Cam Moore dnb, Daniel Crowe dnb

defeated

BHRDCA 8/94 (20 overs)

Daniel Crowe 3/0/1/13, Cam Moore 4/0/2/17, Steve Lester 4/0/0/14, Tim Hall 4/0/4/20, Toby Ford 3/0/0/19, Ryan Baker 2/0/1/10

**Kevin Newman
RDCA Under 21 Coach**

Annual RDCA “All Stars” vs Ringwood Rams

On this occasion, it was agreed that each team could comprise 13 players with two designated bowlers. The game, as it had done the previous season, commenced under threatening skies, which were later to bring the game to an early halt.

Ringwood elected to bat and had 66 on the board in 8 overs before Adams claimed the first wicket. Mark Ross got another soon after but near 60 came from the next 6 overs before Caulfield snared two wickets to have Ringwood 4/127 after 15 overs. Jason Disney took 3 wickets in the late overs but the Ringwood batsmen had kept the runs flowing, such that it was 7/189 at the close of the innings.

RDCA lost a wicket on the second ball and, with rain falling, it seemed only a matter of time before play was curtailed. That finally happened after 4 overs with RDCA being 1/18.

Many thanks go to the Ringwood Rams for hosting the event and the RDCA committee members who assisted in making the event possible. Our thanks also to the sponsors in Kookaburra, Saxon Sports and others, the donations from a number of local MPs and the contributions by the spectators who came to see the match.

The fundraiser culminated in an amount of \$2125 being passed on to the Ringwood Salvation Army chapter, to go towards its flood relief appeal.

Ringwood innings

David King	c Whitaker b Adams	34
D. Coghlan	c Whitaker b Ross	28
I. Holland	s Findlay b Caulfield	44
B. Osborne	c & b Caulfield	21
A. Dehmel	s Findlay b Disney	2
D. Rawson	c Findlay b Disney	35
P. Ashton	s Findlay b Disney	1
M. Gale	not out	17
Extras		7
Total		7/189

Bowling: D. McKay 3-0/22 M. Whitaker 3-0/30, M. Adams 4-1/23, J. Disney 4-3/47, M. Ross 3-1/31, L. Caulfield 3-2/31

RDCA innings

L. Grigg	b Gilmour	0
D. Paisley	not out	1
A. Waite	not out	15
J. Barrett		
B. Ricci		
C. Noy		
J. Disney		
S. Findlay		
M. Adams		
M. Ross		
D. McKay		
Extras		2
Total		1/18

Bowling: S. Gilmour 1-1/5, S. Nicholls 1-0/5, M. Crozier 1-0/4, P. Ashton 1-0/4

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VALE KEN (THE COLONEL) JOHNSTON

As has been mentioned earlier in the President and Veterans reports, the RDCA lost a great friend, cricket enthusiast and servant, with Ken's passing just prior to the season commencing.

Ken joined Croydon North in 1951 (aged 10), he served on the committee and was an RDCA delegate for many years, which led to him being awarded Life Membership of the club in 1971.

He followed in the footsteps of his father (Reg) and uncle (Alby Westcott) in serving on the RDCA Executive, including a stint as manager of U.21 representative teams, and, like his father and uncle, was recognized with Life membership of the Association in 1990.

With the Senior Committee electing to name Shields after life members this past season, "I" Grade will bear Ken's name for a period of time.

Ken was a founder of the RDCA Veterans competition in 1988, he was President of that section for 15 years and became the Patron in 2001.

His contribution to cricket was recognised by Cricket Australia/Cricket Victoria in 2006, with the presentation of an award for 50 years volunteer service to club cricket.

VALE NEIL ARMSTRONG

Neil Armstrong was the father of current St Andrews coach, and Life member, Richard Armstrong.

He served as President for three seasons from 2005/06 to 2007/08 and his specialty was in the off-field running and administration of the club, which under his leadership, was thorough and efficient.

Neil also enthusiastically promoted the "one club, one team" movement within St Andrews, which has contributed to the increased strength and growth of the club today.

He would spend equal time watching and supporting all grades of cricket and despite never playing cricket for the club, became a true Saint with his enthusiasm, commitment and love towards the club and those involved with it.