

**Victorian Metropolitan  
Cricket Union**



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REPORT**

**SEASON 2004-2005**

# VICTORIAN METROPOLITAN CRICKET UNION INCORPORATED

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have much pleasure in presenting the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual President's Report to the Union.

It is an interesting exercise each year to review what changed during the season and compare it with previous years in order that we can better plan for the future. This season demonstrated how unpredictable life and sport can be and why we need to make the most of every opportunity.

Before the season commenced we were deeply saddened by the passing of two highly respected Directors in Keith Mackay and Allan Oakman. Tributes to both men appear elsewhere and give some indication of their contribution to cricket over a number of years. We not only lost this contribution we lost a couple of quality people in every respect.

Fortunately, each region was able to find willing replacements in Stuart King and Marlene Tate and I am sure both people will bring new and different views to assist in the management of metropolitan cricket. At its first meeting of the year the Board also took the decision to invite the President of the VTCA to join the Board. We believed it was an anomaly of the regional system that such a large association, represented in so many regions, was unlikely to be elected. Tony Isaacs duly took up this appointment and has made an immediate contribution by picking up a project to recruit umpires to our level of cricket and we now feel the Board is truly able to represent all metropolitan associations. In another change Ian Giddons replaced Yin Toe as the Director for Region 11.

Although the early part of the season was affected by poor weather both the Neil Wright Shield and the January carnival were completed in good conditions and both were again great successes. The Wright Shield final was played in ideal conditions at Camberwell and won for the first time by Box Hill Reporter. Congratulations to them on this break through.

With Dowling Shield trialing a regional competition we took the opportunity to convert Beitzel Shield to a turf competition and this proved to be highly successful with 14 associations fielding teams in a quality competition. Dandenong District retained the trophy they won last season and they are to be congratulated on their consistent standard in inter-association competition. It also gave us the opportunity to recognize the contribution of Keith Mackay by naming an under 16 synthetic section the Keith Mackay Cup and 6 associations competed in this section.

The VMCU Shield competition is now a major event for under age cricket and requires a huge commitment from a number of people to make it such an outstanding success. I would like to put on record the Board's thanks to Geoff Gook, chairman of the committee, Josh Browne, Arthur Ince, Pat Mehan, Tim Court and all the other volunteers from the various associations for making it so successful.

Over the Christmas period we were asked to comment on a Bill to be put to the Victorian Government in 2005 called the Working With Children Bill. While we understand the need to ensure children are not put at risk we did have concerns over the likely impact the legislation will have on volunteers putting themselves forward in all sporting clubs. We believe cricket had already addressed the issue by introducing the Member Protection Policy and that some of the proposed measures were not well thought out or appropriate.

A response to the Bill was put forward by Cricket Victoria, along with other sporting bodies, and we await further debate when the Bill is introduced. However we urge all interested parties to gain an understanding of the legislation and make their views known to ensure both children AND our pool of volunteers are both protected.

In closing could I acknowledge the efforts of all Board members in carrying out their various duties, particularly the administrative team of Dennis Crook, Bruce Dowland and David Beatty. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you and hopefully serve our member associations well throughout the year.

Kevin Noy  
President.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Another eventful year for the VMCU saw the phenomenal growth of our representative competitions, particularly the VMCU Shield. That carnival saw the participation of over 900 junior players representing their associations during two weeks in January. The introduction of a turf grade, the Beitzel Shield, as a result in the change in the format of the Dowling Shield, proved very successful. This success however comes at a price, in terms of the need to find extra manpower, grounds, and the increase in the financial costs to the Board, and associations, in supporting these teams.

Some of the challenges we face in the coming seasons are, to increase the pool of volunteers, and to expand our income base to help defray escalating costs. One of the proposals the Board may have to explore is the possibility of private sponsorship for our representative competitions. In this regard, the Board welcomes suggestions and information from its members in pursuing these investigations.

Cricket Victoria's Development Committee has met a number of times this year and has covered a number of wide ranging topics. In particular it contributed to a detailed submission, prepared by Cricket Victoria, in response to the state government's Working With Children Draft Bill. The committee is also considering the consequences of the full integration of the VWCA with Cricket Victoria. The committee is keen to develop strategies to extend this process to the broader cricket community in Victoria. It is also keen to seek feedback on this, and indeed any other issue of interest to the VMCU and its members. This is an excellent opportunity to have direct access to the Board of Cricket Victoria and I welcome your input to enable me to represent your views in this important forum.

This past year has also seen the expansion of the work of the Board with the appointment of an additional Director and the growth of the number of committees. We are always looking for people with particular expertise and interest to join our committee system.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the work of the VMCU, I will be happy to hear from you.

Dennis Crook  
Administrator

# **RULES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

The rules committee had an easy year this season as unfortunately Rule Proposals which were listed for consideration by Associations and the Board fell through due to lack of interest from Associations those being Recommendations for Illegal Bowling Actions and procedures to follow to ensure compliance with current practices within Cricket Victoria together with recommendations for safe Dental Practice in case of injury to the face.

I would ask both the Board and Associations define what they want from the Rules Committee as after two years as chairman with only recommendations being accepted by Associations. I feel there is a perception in the Cricket fraternity as long as you don't interfere with my Association I will support your proposals, this attitude needs to be addressed if the V.M.C.U. is to remain viable as the controlling body of Metropolitan Cricket.

If it is to be only representing V.M.C.U. competitions then so be it. However, the role of the Rules Committee should be clearly defined in relation to the V.M.C.U. decision making process.

Paul Reid  
Chairman

## **Appeals Sub-Committee Report**

During 2004/05, as with the previous season, just two matters were ultimately heard by an appeals panel while once again we saw several applications for a hearing rejected because they failed to fulfill pre-requisites under our rules. The two appeals that did warrant a hearing (from Eltham CC and Preston Baseballers CC against Diamond Valley CA and Jika CA respectively) were both upheld.

As with the previous season a panel of three was appointed from Ron Tucker, Daryl Holt, David Beatty and myself to hear each appeal. My thanks to these capable volunteers for their expertise and to our Administrator Dennis Crook for ensuring we were not inundated with further appeals not entitled under our rules to be heard.

John Toogood  
Chairman

## **Information Technology Sub-Committee Report**

For the first time our Board has felt it necessary to provide for information technology within an administrative context by formalizing such a position. It is my privilege to have been 'maneuvered' into this role, which has seen me nominated to Cricket Victoria as the VMCU representative on their IT Project Steering Committee.

In this digital age many of us are bewildered by the pace of change and an ever present need to embrace seemingly alien technology at all levels just to keep up. The internet has totally changed the way we interact with our affiliates and the public in general. E-mail has become the norm for written communication rather than the novelty it still was until just a short time ago.

Whether we like it or not, we now live in a ‘virtual’ world for much of the time and with the advantages this brings we also encounter entirely new problems to solve.

For most of us the immediate problem we will face is that of e-security. For example, relatively minor but annoying glitches related to security enhancements by e-mail providers can play havoc with the novice user. Infection of your system by a computer virus, spyware or hacker attacks are just a few of the more serious potential consequences of our ‘love affair’ with cyber space. In this new age it seems there is one ‘guarantee’, with all the obvious benefits of Information, your computer WILL get infected with a virus and/or spyware and it WILL ‘crash’. At some stage you WILL encounter problems. The chances are that if you are accessing the internet you WILL receive junk email. On the plus side, provided you employ the appropriate safeguards, most of these problems are relatively minor and essentially no more than a nuisance. Nevertheless, in the unlikely event that you do experience a major problem you should periodically save back-up copies of all your important files to a removable disc.

The best safeguard is to make sure you have an effective firewall, particularly with a broadband or cable connection, in addition to anti-virus and anti-spyware programmes installed on your computer and maintained with regular updates. While there is no realistic absolutely fail-safe protection against these abuses of the system, it can be managed and the benefits realized.

John Toogood  
Chairman

## **Umpire Sub-Committee Report**

In November 2004 the VMCU Board established an Umpires sub-committee. The basis for doing so is that the Board assumes that all Associations would agree with the following propositions:

1. Umpires are fundamental to the game
2. The game needs more umpires
3. The game improves as the quality of umpiring improves
4. We need to retain current umpires

The VMCU has established this sub-committee to report on umpiring issues, specifically the current numbers, recruitment and retention of umpires within Associations. We aim to assist Associations in those areas, particularly if we can devise methods for a unified approach.

Initially, the Board sent a questionnaire to all affiliated Associations. We believe that the answers from each Association will enable us to provide feedback and to develop some policies and techniques for recruitment and retention of umpires which will benefit all member Associations.

To date, the response to the questionnaire has been poor. The Board has resolved to resend the questionnaire. With a better response, we can collate the information and move ahead.

Tony Isaacs  
Chairman

# **REGION REPORTS**

## **REGION 9 – WEST METRO**

This past year has once again been busy with the Milo Have a Go Carnival held at Altona and the Tri Series of Under 12 matches held to assist the Melton, W.D.C.A. and the W.M.J.C.A. with their team selections for the Keith Mitchell Shield.

Regular meetings were held with all Associations well represented.

Discussions took place with the view of merging the Junior Associations but little support was received as the issue of travel proved to be the stumbling block.

Various skill programs were held to assist those in the pathway program along with the Under Age trophy winners of the three Associations.

I am appreciative of the work of Carol Jones, Claude Dunn, Phil Thompson, Ivo Havard and Ken Davis for making themselves available for Regional activities in addition to the work they do for their own Associations.

Geoff Gook  
Chairman  
West Metro Region

## **REGION 10 – NORTH WEST METRO**

This year started off on a very positive year with a Sports Forum organised by the Region 10 Regional Council held at the Coburg Town Hall in July with a good attendance of 24 clubs. They were addressed by representatives from VicSport, JLT Insurance, Good Sports, Cricket Victoria and four local councils. Topics discussed were Sport & the Law, Volunteer management, Sports Marketing, Fund raising, Responsible serving of alcohol, councils “new no smoking” policies, and new concepts and ideas. The Regional Council is indebted to the VMCU for their financial support of this concept and also the Regional Cricket Manager who acted as facilitator. It was extremely well received by the clubs and hearted the Regional Council to plan for another similar forum later on in the year.

In September 2004 Alan Oakman was elected to the VMCU Board as Region 10 Director to replace Graham Muir who had decided to retire from cricket and learn to play golf better. Regretfully Alan died on the 22nd October 2004 and the Regional Director position was eventually assumed by Marlene Tate.

At the end of October the Regional Council, again with financial support from the VMCU, organised a Scorers Seminar conducted by former Test scorer Mike Ringham. It was unfortunate that this was not so well attended by the clubs however the Regional Council will try this seminar again next year.

Region 10 has been dismayed that the Moreland City Council is seriously considering a proposal from the Coburg VFL Club to have 12 month access to the City Oval thereby denying Coburg Sub District CC of the occupancy which they have held for over a 100 years. Cricket Victoria through Ken Jacobs has a seat on the working party and we hope that reason and sanity will prevail otherwise it could set a dangerous precedent into the

future. A decision in favour of the football club will create a domino effect forcing clubs off their existing turf wickets and some find it difficult to find alternatives either turf or synthetic.

It has been encouraging for the Regional Council to have the attendance at our meetings of Tony Isaacs from the VTCA and we are seeking to attract other representatives of cricket in the region namely Premier and Women's cricket.

Cricket Victoria through the RCM has also been an invaluable contributor to the work of the Regional Council.

Marlene Tate  
Director  
North West Metro

## **REGION 11 – NORTH METRO**

The number of players participating in junior cricket continues to grow in Jika.

### **Milo**

The numbers involved in the Milo program remain consistent with last year with again a strong participation from both participants (over 450) and Clubs involved in the program.

### **Cricket Victoria Pathway Program**

The development work undertaken in the region continues to see playing numbers grow

Pleasing, kids are making the transition from Milo Have A Go to the first stage of playing competitively. In Jika CA the numbers of Under 11 teams grew to 16 this season, this also included an all girls team, an increase of 4. This trend looks likely to continue for next season.

Our Under 13 coaching program was again delivered in two groups allowing more kids to access quality coaching. This season we introduced a coach mentor arrangement within this program. In practice two experience coaches led the program with two younger coaches.

Arthur Nitsopoulos from Northcote United was selected in the VPSSA side which won the national school exchange competition.

The Under 15 championship suffered because of poor weather. Only 3 of the 5 scheduled games were played. North Metro won one of the three games played.

Season 2004/05 marked the first season of a two season regional Under 16 Dowling Shield pilot. Working closely with Carlton and Melbourne University CC the North had good moments in this excellent competition winning two of the five games played. The teams captain Brad Dean was second in the overall aggregate of runs made.

Our Under 18s made the journey to Mildura and played some excellent cricket over four days winning two out of four games. Grant Baldwin again showed his class by making a flawless century versus Barwon and Stefan Berak scored large half centuries in two games.

In season 2004/05 North Metro in partnership with North East Metro fielded a composite side in the inaugural Under 15 girl's championships. The girls played beyond our expectations to win this competition. This great result was complemented by our Under 17 girls who won their competition for the second season in a row.

For the other age groups (U13, U15'S and U17 Colts), the number of teams in the Jika competition, increased to 56 teams, 2 up from 54 last year with some 21 clubs involved. With some combining to ensure players were provided with an opportunity to play, and still represent their club.

The move from even age groups to odd age groups four years ago is still working very well for Jika. The non-competitive U11s provides a perfect bridge between Milo and the competitive U13s. Also, the introduction of an U17 age group has given many young cricketers one more year in the junior ranks before proceeding with greater confidence, to the seniors. Jika Senior Competition

On the field, it was a challenging year with 96 senior, 70 junior and 6 veteran teams on the participating.

Whilst we are still affected by the low water levels in storage the Jika Board continue to work closely with the local Councils, their staff and the Clubs to ensure grounds are available for cricket.

The Association continues to foster its relationship with other associations and matches were played between representative sides with the Diamond Valley, Heidelberg and North West Associations.

Jika C.A. continues to have a strong working relationship with Cricket Victoria's Regional Manager - North Metro, David Hall. It is anticipated that the growth in the North will continue as we are all working together to achieve this aim.

Ian Giddons  
Regional Director  
North Metro Region

## **REGION 12 – NORTH EAST METRO**

Cricket in the North East Region is both strong and vibrant with over 70% of Clubs now involved in Milo Have Ago Program and the follow up, modified rules form of the game, before being introduced to more structured forms of the game. This ensures a steady flow of Juniors into the Clubs and ultimately to the Seniors.

With the first of two year trial period of Regional Dowling Shield over and a successful team on the field we won three games and gained personal rewards with Tim Buszard winning the player of the series and Michael Hill the leading run getter. The Under 18's playing in Mildura won three out of four games and performed evenly across the tournament. Our Under 15's suffered with the weather but won all of our completed games with two draws. We also fielded a combined girls U15 side with North Metro to win the competition and the U17 Girls won for the second year in succession.

A series of Inter Association games through the regions was well received. So to was a post season "think tank" conducted by the four Northern Associations with a view of integrating appropriate procedures and utilizing each others strengths.

Heidelberg introduced a mix of one and two day games which provided plenty of interest for all concerned. Diamond Valley continued with its policy of all two day matches but watched the results of the Heidelberg experiment with interest

Paul Reid  
Regional Director  
North East Metro Region

## **REGION 13 – INNER EAST METRO**

The Inner East Cricket Region (region 13) encompasses that area of eastern metropolitan Melbourne defined by the Cities of Whitehorse, Boroondara and Manningham municipal boundaries and is effectively administered by the Inner East Cricket Council (IECC). The IECC comprises a Cricket Victoria (CV) Regional Cricket Manager (RCM), a Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU) Regional Director and representatives of community cricket, notably from associations based within the region (Eastern CA and Box Hill Reporter District CA).

### **Regional Survey - Junior Age Group Options:**

The question of age-grouping options for competition junior cricket has been addressed at association level throughout metropolitan Melbourne for several seasons. At a regional level, the IECC has conducted its own comprehensive investigation in support of a VMCU initiative during the 2004/05 pre-season. Despite only minimal backing for any alternative concept to that of even years U10 to U16 from clubs and associations, with little or no useful statistical data available to support either argument, the issue still manages a perennial revival of sorts. Nevertheless, with a VMCU statement of position on this matter it now rightly remains with associations themselves to each deal with moves by their clubs for any change.

### **Game Development:**

***Dowling Shield*** - Season 2004/05 saw the beginning of a regional concept for the Dowling Shield U16 competition with Premier clubs cooperating to provide support within each region. This change produced an overall reduction in the number of Dowling teams and a supportive move to turf by the VMCU Beitzel Shield, which was in turn supported by a supplementary synthetic fixture (Keith Mackay Cup).

The IECC complimented this process by an innovation of our RCM in consultation with the relevant Premier clubs. This initiative saw team management and coaching staff appointed that were not exclusively aligned with either Premier club while still maintaining a mutually advantageous relationship with both.

***Milo 'Have-A-Go'*** - This most successful of introductory programmes appears to go from strength to strength with more centres than ever before registered during 2004/05. After a concerted effort to increase participation by clubs, the Inner East Region finished just marginally behind our Outer East cohorts for the highest number of registered centers. A situation we hope to reverse in 2005/06 by actively engaging clubs not yet registered and if necessary providing assistance for their establishment of effective Milo centres.

## **A Few Highlights of 2004/05:**

- \* Victoria finished second in The Commonwealth Bank U19 National Championship held in Melbourne from 6-17 December. Our state team included three Inner East representatives, the most from any one region. Congratulations to Jack McNamara (Camberwell Magpies CC), Peter Nevill (Melbourne CC) and James Pearson (Camberwell Magpies CC). Jack McNamara was also invited to attend a training camp at the Commonwealth Bank Centre of Excellence during January 2005.
- \* A combine Inner/Outer East Regional U15 girls' team accounted for all four oppositions in their late November encounters against North West Force, Central Highlands, South East Country and North East Country. Standout performers were Meg Lanning and Laura Mock who both figured prominently in most games. Worthy of particular note however was Meg Lanning's round 3 performance where she produced an innings' top score of 40 after devastating South East Country with memorable bowling figures of 5/2.
- \* The under 18 Eastern Challenge (14 Dec) went down to the wire in a high pressure finish after fluctuating weather conditions were overcome to see a great win by the Inner East Emus at an alternative synthetic venue, Walker Park. Thanks to officers and staff at the City of Whitehorse for accommodating the game at such short notice and to Mitcham Cricket Club for hosting on the day.
- \* The under 15 State Championship saw a credible result by the Emus finishing third overall with just one defeat but notably overcoming our arch rivals, Outer East Eagles, in the process. One outstanding performance was a haul of 5/2 from five overs by Nick Brandon-Jones who helped to crush Southern Rangers in the decider for third and fourth positions.
- \* Our under 18 team competing at Mildura 'steam-rolled' their way through as undefeated leaders in their section only to be humbled by, you guessed it, the Outer East Eagles. However, this setback should not detract from the excellent form enjoyed by our team in lead-up games where they had not scored under 200 runs.
- \* The Emus Dowling under 16 team began their carnival well with three convincing wins in a row only to suffer successive losses in the final two games.
- \* Our region provided the Neil Wright Shield premiers when Box Hill Reporter District CA accounted for all comers and took out the coveted award for the first time ever.

## **Recognition:**

- \* RCM Rhys Miller - for his contribution to community cricket and invaluable assistance generally. Also for his acquiescence to my plagiarizing the Emus' website news items for this report.
- \* David Woodruff - As Regional U15 Coach for the past four years David has also been available for carnival and lead-up games generally giving service far beyond the responsibilities of his position.
- \* Tamara Mason - for her extensive contribution to the Canterbury CricHit introductory programme for girls.
- \* Rebecca Brown and Dr Greg McKay OAM - for their commitment and contribution to our under-age girls' squads ensuring that our young women cricketers have an opportunity to advance themselves.

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John Toogood

Regional Director

Inner East Metro Region

## **REGION 14 – OUTER EAST METRO**

I was again pleased with achievements within the Region, which were entirely due to the enthusiastic and effective input of the Regional Council members:

Pat Meehan (RDCA), Neil Maxwell (FTGDCA), Allan Hughes (YVCA) and Andrew Larratt (CV Regional Cricket Manager).

The appointed coaches and managers of the various Pathway squads complimented this, in particular with Dowling Shield, in its initial year under the Regional format. We were able to work with our aligned Premier clubs, Ringwood and Hawthorn-Monash Uni, to make the transition painlessly, to the undoubted benefit of the region's best under 16 cricketers.

The under 18s again progressed to the state final at the MCG, well led by Bryan Reid (coach), Andrew Mirams (manager) and Tom Stray (capt).

Other highlights included:

- \* 40 Have-A-Go groups with 1581 participants (most in the state)
- \* Girl's Cric-Hit started in Yarra Valley
- \* Matt Gale - state rookie contract
- \* Tom Stray - Vic U19 rep/ Aust U19 World Cup squad member
- \* Steve Seymour - Vic U19 rep
- \* Bronte Stray - Vic U17 rep
- \* Glen Maxwell - Leader Press Victorian Sports Star of the Year
- \* 15 new schools join Kanga 8 programme
- \* 32 attend Junior Bushrangers' Camp with specialised coaching from Peter Roach and Jason Arnberger
- \* Premier 1st XI debutants: David Knowles (Fitzroy - Doncaster), Ben Stallworthy (Hawthorn - Monash Uni) and Daniel King (Ringwood)
- \* Michael Manders (Croydon North) volunteer of the year

David Beatty

Chairman

Outer East Metro Region

## REGION 15 - SOUTH EAST METRO

The success for Region 15 for the 2004/05 season was extremely pleasing in the following areas.

- \* Milo Have –A-Go, with 27 clubs involving some 900 participants enrolled in the program. (4 clubs increase on 2003/04)
- \* Our regional team, the Seagulls under 15 team, won their first State Championship since regional competition began in 1999/20. Congratulations to all the boys who participated in this championship.
- \* The Under 16 Dowling Shield team, representing Melbourne and St.Kilda Premier Cricket Clubs finished 6th with four wins and one loss. The loss was in the quarter final. This was another fine effort by some very gifted young men.
- \* The Under 18 team was disappointing finishing last in their part of the draw.
- \* The Dolphins, a combination of the Seagulls region 15 and the Rangers region 16 girls competition, had a very successful season with the under 15 Girls finishing third in the State in their first year in this competition.
- \* The under 17 Girls also finished third in their competition after finishing last and second last in the previous two years.

The region this year has shown its depth of talent with the following players receiving the following awards:

### STATE REPRESENTATIVES.

Under 13 Boys VPSSA	Michael Singh	Bentleigh A.N.A. C.C.
Under 15 Boys VSSSA	Daniel Forbes	Glen Waverley C.C.
	Clive Rose	Cavaliers C.C.
Under 17 Boys	Andrew McGuinness	Bentleigh Uniting
	Rees Thomas	Mulgrave C.C.
	Mathew Wilkie	St.Pauls C.C.
Under 19 Boys	James Wild	Toorak Prahran C.C.
Under 15 Girls	Lauren Wood	Valkstone P.S.
Under 17 Girls	Penny Cula-Reid	Washington Park C.C.

### AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

Under 15 boys	Daniel Forbes
	Clive Rose
Under 17 Boys	Mathew Wilkie

## OTHER INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

Under 15 Boys	Maurice Clayton	Player of State Final
Under 15 Boys	Clive Rose	Seagulls Player of the Series
Under 16 Boys	Simon Richards	Seagulls Player of the Series
Under 17 Girls	Penny Cula-Reid	Player of the Championships

Congratulations to the entire region on their success and to all team managers and volunteers, thank you for your time and expertise.

To Paul Montgomery, our regional manager, many thanks for your effort in the team organization and for the many hours you dedicate to region 15.

Stuart King  
Chairman  
South East Metro Region.

# NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD REPORT

Once again 12 teams drawn from affiliated associations were fixtured for the 3 pre-finals rounds. Box Hill Reporter re-entered after a short absence, replacing Williamstown who requested a year to re-consolidate. Round 2 and the final were played on Premier Club grounds, round 1 and semi finals at VSDCA grounds, whilst round 3 was fixtured on VMCU-club turf grounds.

The pre-finals rounds were conducted with enthusiastic, quality competition being the order of the day. The common theme running through post-match reports was the high standard of umpiring and the excellent spirit in which games were played.

Moving through to the semi-finals were Dandenong and Diamond Valley at Brighton, while Eastern met Box Hill Reporter at nearby Moorabbin. Diamond Valley and Box Hill were successful in making their way through to the Final at Camberwell Oval on January 30th.

The hospitality and conditions provided by Camberwell C C were fitting for the important occasion. Box Hill reached 6/189 from its allotted 45 overs. Diamond Valley were dismissed for 136 to see the 2004-05 Neil Wright Shield presented to Box Hill Reporter C A in their first finals appearance since the competition began in 1913. Man-of-the-Match was Box Hill captain Steve Alderton for his 76 runs.

Congratulations to all involved in this premier VMCU turf competition, for their input ensured a series of which all can be proud and we look forward to seeing several players progress on to Premier Cricket after proving themselves in this high standard competition.

David Beatty  
Chairman  
Wright Shield  
Match Committee

# UNDER 21 CHALLENGE - VMCU v VCCL

Due to the interstate series v NSW now being conducted biennially, one representative match was played against a VCCL under 21 team on Feb 6th, bringing together the best Under 21 cricketers across the state, below Premier level.

This was an entertaining game held in ideal conditions at Mulgrave Reserve, where the pitch was a credit to the Mulgrave CC and City of Monash

## VMCU team:

Steve Alderton ©	BHRDCA	Brad Angus (vc)	DDCA
Jason Berthet	DVCA	Phil Carroll	BHRDCA
Shaun Farrell	ECA	Adam Howard	JIKA
Brad Lockhart	CMCA	Wes Nicholas	DDCA
Marco Sticca	JIKA	Nick Talevski	BHRDCA
Mark Teofilo	RDCA	Robert Tongue	ECA
Coach: Jorge Onasis	BHRDCA	Scorer: Peter Howarth	VTCA

After a high standard contest, VMCU 5/115 def VCCL 110 all out.

For VMCU the better performers were:

Sticca 56, Alderton 24 no, Lockhart 23 no,

Tongue (man-of-match) 5/39 & Carroll 2/19.

For VCCL, J Babbs (Barwon) 23, A Pappin (Northern Rivers) 20 & 2/23,

D Schuppan (Central Highlands) 2/26.

A feature was the catching of both teams, 13 of the 15 wickets to fall being caught.

All concerned are very much looking forward to next year's Challenge, to be played at a VCCL venue.

David Beatty  
Manager  
VMCU  
U/21 Team

# VMCU SHIELD REPORT

A very important part of the VMCU calendar, each year, is the Shield Competitions held over 2 weeks in January. 2005 saw an increase in the number of participating teams. In all, 55 teams, representing 17 associations, played almost 200 matches, in the school holidays, culminating in finals series in all five grades.

The introduction of a turf competition for Under 16s proved successful and has attracted the attention of the senior bodies in cricket with the VMCU Competitions being recognized as an integral part of the Pathway for junior development.

Early indications are that further growth in size and importance will follow into 2006.

The VMCU Shield Match Committee has met and plans are well under way for the new season with work on providing an early Turf Draw which will hopefully enable Associations time to make arrangements with Councils and Turf Clubs for the 2005 -2006 Season. With the likelihood of the acceptance of new Associations the issue of travel will need to be reviewed with the possible introduction of East/West zones.

The VMCU Shield Match Committee is most grateful for the efforts of all of the volunteers, coaches, team managers, scorers and mums and dads who, each year, make a huge contribution to the successful running of these competitions.

We would also like to thank, most sincerely, the clubs within the associations that hosted competition matches and made their facilities available for our promising youngsters. In particular, the crew at Banyule Flats Res., where the U14 and Under 16 synthetic competition finals were played. Thanks also to Ivanhoe Grammar School for hosting all three Under 12 finals and Ivanhoe Cricket Club for hosting the Under 16 turf final. Grand Final Day is a real day out for players and spectators alike and having such excellent facilities available is huge bonus.

The Keith Mitchell Shield was introduced in 1984 as an elite competition for under 12 cricketers and has been, over the years, an outstanding competition. The continued support from all of the participating associations has made this competition a significant part of junior development for young boys and girls. The VMCU decision, 3 years ago, to introduce the additional competitions has been well justified by the commitment of the associations and the high standard of cricket played.

We look forward, with enthusiasm, to the continued success of the VMCU Shield Competitions in 2006 and beyond.

Finally, it would be remiss of me if I did not acknowledge the work of Arthur Ince, Josh Browne, Pat Meehan and Tim Court whose untiring work ensures that the carnival is a success.

Geoff Gook  
Chairman  
VMCU Shield  
Match Committee

## KEITH MITCHELL SHIELD/CUP – UNDER 12

In Under 12s, the Keith Mitchell Shield is the elite competition for metropolitan juniors and this season saw matches of a very high standard. The finals series was one of the most exciting for some time. The format for this competition is a 16 team competition with 5 home and away rounds. After 5 rounds the ladder is divided into 2 divisions. Teams finishing 1-8 play off for the Keith Mitchell Shield and teams 9-16 play off for the Keith Mitchell Cup. Quarter finals determine the final four for each group.

In season 2005 the ladder after the home and away matches was:

- |                      |                                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. City of Moorabbin | 9. Eastern                        |
| 2. North West        | 10. Dandenong                     |
| 3. Ringwood          | 11. Ferntree Gully                |
| 4. Jika              | 12. Federal District              |
| 5. Diamond Valley    | 13. Southern Districts & Churches |
| 6. Gisborne junior   | 14. Melton Junior                 |
| 7. Williamstown      | 15. Heidelberg                    |
| 8. Box Hill          | 16. West Metro Junior             |

After the quarter finals settled the final four in the two groups, Moorabbin (9/155) defeated Diamond Valley (10/126) in the first semi final and Ringwood (8/112) defeated North West (10/111) in a nail biter in the second semi final, of Mitchell Shield.

In the grand final Moorabbin and Ringwood turned on a match that those present are unlikely to forget, ever. An extraordinary tied result with both teams scoring 133. Moorabbin are no strangers to finals in Mitchell Shield and have an outstanding record, Ringwood, on the other hand had their first flag since 1984 when they won the first ever Mitchell Shield.

Best player of the finals J. Want Ringwood

**The Lloyd Champion Award** for Best player of the series J. Guercio, North West, tied with S. Flinn, Jika.

In the Mitchell Cup semi finals, Eastern (5/163) accounted for Southern Districts (10/143) and Dandenong (2/114) defeated Ferntree Gully (10/109).

In the final, Eastern (3/181) easily accounted for Dandenong (10/170).

Best player of the finals A. McMahon, Eastern.

**The Arthur Ince Award** for Best player of the series S. Bandaranayake, Dandenong.

## JIM BEITZEL SHIELD – UNDER 16

In our first turf competition for Under 16s, the Jim Beitzel Shield six home and away rounds were followed by semi finals and finals. This was a very competitive and high standard competition and augers well for the future of the VMCU Shields. The ladder after 6 rounds was:

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Ringwood           | 8. Federal         |
| 2. Dandenong          | 9. Ferntree Gully  |
| 3. Southern Districts | 10. Melton         |
| 4. Box Hill           | 11. Eastern        |
| 5. North West         | 12. Heidelberg     |
| 6. Williamstown       | 13. Diamond Valley |
| 7. Yarra Valley       | 14. West Metro     |

In the semi finals, Box Hill (9/109) defeated Ringwood (10/108) in a cliff hanger and Dandenong (0/131) had a 10 wicket win over Southern Districts (10/130).

Dandenong (4/201) continued their great form with a win over Box Hill (10/112) in the final.

Best player of the finals D.Tormey, Dandenong

**The Fred Barling Award** for Best player of the series K. Farna DDCA

## KEITH MACKAY CUP – UNDER 16

A second division of Under 16s was introduced this season. The Keith Mackay Cup, played on synthetic, honours the memory of a great contributor to junior cricket and the VMCU. 6 teams entered the competition and after 7 home and away rounds the ladder was:

1. Ringwood
2. Eastern
3. Diamond Valley
4. North West
5. President's X1
6. Ferntree Gully

The President's X1 was a combined side from Box Hill and Ringwood, brought together to fill a bye.

In the semi finals, Eastern (2/176) defeated Diamond Valley (10/170) and Ringwood (9/139) defeated North West (10/75).

In a very exciting final, Eastern (6/197) defeated Ringwood (10/175)

Best player of the finals M. Fuller, Eastern,

**The Keith Mackay Award** for Best player of the series, M. Rogneda, Diamond Valley.

## RUSSELL ALLEN SHIELD – UNDER 14

The Russell Allen Shield is an Under 14 competition and this season we had 11 teams entered. After 7 home and away rounds the ladder was:

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Ringwood       | 7. Box Hill           |
| 2. Ferntree Gully | 8. Yarra Valley       |
| 3. Federal        | 9. Southern Districts |
| 4. Dandenong      | 10. North West        |
| 5. Eastern        | 11. West Metro        |
| 6. Diamond Valley |                       |

In the semi finals, Ringwood (3/205) defeated Dandenong (10/138) and Ferntree Gully (9/136) defeated Federal (10/103).

In the final, Ringwood (7/139) reversed the previous season's result by defeating Ferntree Gully (10/108).

Best player of the final J. Ford, Ringwood.

**The Des Nolan Award** for Best player of the series J. Fitzgerald, Dandenong.

## JOSH BROWNE PLATE – UNDER 12

The third division of under 12s is the Josh Browne Plate and this season we had 8 entries. After 7 home and away rounds the ladder was:

1. Eastern
2. North West
3. Diamond Valley
4. Williamstown
5. Ringwood
6. Box Hill
7. Ferntree Gully
8. Yarra Valley

In the semi finals Eastern (2/96) accounted for Williamstown (10/74) and North West (8/115) defeated Diamond Valley (10/86).

In the final, Eastern (2/86) had a comfortable win over North West (10/85).

Best player of the finals A. Eldridge, Eastern.

**The Alan Bailey Award** for best player of the series, M. Culliver, Williamstown

# OBITUARIES

## KEITH MACKAY – END OF AN INNINGS

The passing of Keith Mackay on 17 September 2004 brought to an end a life in Cricket that endured for over 60 years.

Keith's career in cricket crossed over generations. His first game at South Melbourne was the last game for Australian sporting Legend Laurie Nash. His last official function at the end of season 2003-04 was to present premiership medallions to Under 11 cricketers.

Keith played for three Clubs, South Melbourne, (12 seasons), Oakleigh, (4 seasons), and McKinnon (two seasons as Captain Coach). He held various administrative positions at South Melbourne and Princes Park Cricket Clubs, the Oakleigh District Cricket Association and the Southern District & Churches Cricket League.

He also umpired for the Oakleigh District Cricket Association and the Southern District & Churches Cricket League for 17 seasons.

Keith's involvement with the VMCU started as a Delegate for the Oakleigh District Cricket Association. He went on to be elected a Member of the Executive, Chairman of the Executive and was the Director for the South East Metro Region at the time of his death.

Keith deserved all he received from his contribution to our game – a rewarding playing career, an administrative career of distinction and countless friends at all levels of the game.

## ALLAN OAKMAN – “A ROBUST MAN WITH A BIG SMILE”

Allan, 46 passed away very suddenly and very sadly on 22nd October, 2004 at the Footscray Private Hospital.

Allan's playing career began at St Mary's Cricket Club and included stints at Moonee Ponds and Ascot Vale Cricket Clubs. However, Allan was one of those highly desired and valued people who realised that an equally important contribution could be made off the field. His long and busy career as an administrator included:

- \* EBCCA - Club Delegate/ Records Secretary/Secretary – 1980 – 1996
- \* MMVCA – Board Member/Secretary/Administrator – 1996 – 2004
- \* NMCC – Administrator – 2000 – 2004
- \* VMCU – Delegate/Board Member/Region 10 Director – 2004
- \* Shortly prior to his death, Allan joined his local cricket club at Caroline Springs

In 1988 Allan was awarded the esteemed Australian Sports Medal for his long standing service to community sport.

Allan not only enjoyed cricket and its administration, it was very much part of him and was very much one of the main passions in his life. His other great passion was his family, his partner Fatima and her daughters Roali and Temisan.

The robust man with a broad smile, a big soul and a soft heart will be missed by all who knew him.

**VICTORIAN METROPOLITAN CRICKET UNION**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR SEASON 2004-2005**  
**12 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2005**

<b>2003-2004</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2004/2005</b>
\$1,000.00	Affiliation Fees .....	\$950.00
	Affiliation Fees in Advance .....	\$50.00
\$46,050.00	Grants – Cricket Victoria .....	\$12,000.00
\$1,000.00	Entrance Fees VMCU Shield.....	\$1,125.00
\$1,411.82	Bank Interest.....	<u>\$647.44</u>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$14,772.44</u></b>

**EXPENDITURE**

**H NEIL WRIGHT UNDER 21 YEARS SHIELD**

\$445.00	Catering .....	\$1,812.50	
\$121.00	Ground Hire.....	\$256.00	
\$2,570.00	Umpire Fee Reimbursement.....	\$2,540.00	
\$240.00	Umpires Fees .....	\$500.00	
\$ —	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	\$110.00	
\$ —	Trophies .....	<u>\$91.50</u>	\$5,310.00

**VMCU SHIELD**

\$211.92	Catering .....	\$136.93	
\$353.00	Trophies .....	\$966.00	
\$220.00	Ground Hire.....	\$750.00	
\$486.20	Printing .....	\$558.80	
\$2,100.00	Umpires Fees .....	\$2,450.00	
\$12,840.00	Umpire Fee Reimbursement.....	\$14,360.00	
\$361.91	Administrative Expenses .....	<u>\$629.69</u>	\$19,851.42

**HONORARIA**

\$12,000.00	Administrator.....	\$12,000.00	
\$1,500.00	Treasurer .....	\$1,500.00	
\$3,000.00	Administrative Assistant.....	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	\$16,500.00

**REPRESENTATIVE MATCH V VCCL**

\$ —	Catering .....	\$1,242.70	
\$ —	Trophies .....	\$82.50	
\$ —	Ground Hire.....	\$120.00	
\$ —	Uniforms.....	\$514.40	
\$ —	Caps .....	<u>\$463.65</u>	\$2,423.25

**ADMINISTRATION**

\$986.20	Printing .....	\$1,070.30	
\$ —	Hire Of Premises .....	\$44.00	
\$515.00	Website Operation .....	\$200.00	
\$ —	Memorials.....	\$269.72	
\$25.00	Postage.....	\$93.10	
\$33.00	Office of Fair Trading - Annual return.....	\$33.00	
\$798.46	Telephone Charges.....	\$1,357.89	
\$2,309.90	Region Expenses.....	\$3,224.70	
\$4,140.63	Computer Expenses .....	<u>\$4,549.69</u>	\$10,842.40

**GOVERNMENT CHARGES**

\$97.40	Debits		
	Tax .....	<u>\$97.00</u>	\$97.00

**DEPRECIATION OF FIXED ASSETS**

	Filing Cabinet .....	\$6.00	
	Photocopier.....	\$32.00	
	Computer & Printer .....	\$142.00	
	Answering Machine.....	\$36.00	
	Document Scanner.....	\$11.00	
	Document Shredder.....	\$9.00	
	Lap Top Computer.....	\$115.00	
	Internet Server .....	\$218.00	<u>\$569.00</u>

	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....</b>	<b><u>\$55,593.07</u></b>	
	<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</b>		<b><u>\$(40,820.63)</u></b>

**VICTORIAN METROPOLITAN CRICKET UNION**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2005**

	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2003-04</b>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		
ANZ CURRENT ACCOUNT.....	\$24,161.05	\$63,242.88
COMPRISING		
GENERAL FUNDS.....	\$14,615.95	\$53,697.78
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT FUND.....	\$9,545.10	\$9,545.10
<b><u>NON CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		
VMCU TIES (190@\$12.75).....	\$2,422.50	\$2,524.50
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS (at depreciated value)</u></b>		
FILING CABINET .....	\$51.00	\$57.00
PHOTOCOPIER .....	\$129.00	\$161.00
COMPUTER & PRINTER.....	\$570.00	\$712.00
LAP TOP COMPUTER.....	\$461.00	\$576.00
TELEPHONE/ANS.MACHINE/FAX.....	\$142.00	\$178.00
DOCUMENT SCANNER .....	\$43.00	\$54.00
DOCUMENT SHREDDER.....	\$38.00	\$47.00
INTERNET SERVER.....	\$872.00	\$1,090.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$28,889.55</b>	<b>\$68,642.38</b>
<b>AFFILIATES EQUITY .....</b>	<b>\$28,889.55</b>	<b>\$68,642.38</b>

# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members and committee of the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union.

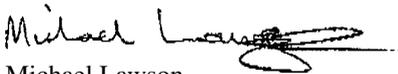
## Scope

I have audited the Treasurer's report, being the Statement of Income & Expenditure, Balance Sheet and supporting notes to, and forming part of, the financial report of the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union for the financial year ended 30 June 2005.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the Financial Report has been presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards, and statutory requirements, so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Union's financial position and performance, as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

## Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the Financial Report of the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union presents fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act, the Assets and Liabilities at 30 June 2005, the Receipts and Payments and the Statement of Income & Expenditure of the Union for the year then ended.



Michael Lawson

CPA

8 July 2005



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