

# A History of Rosanna Cricket Club

**1925-26 to 1970-71**

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During this period, one of the following performances qualifies a player for a special mention:

- Takes a hat trick
- Takes 7 or more wickets in an innings
- Takes in excess of 40 wickets in a season
- Scores a century
- Scores in excess of 400 runs in a season
- Averages more than 40 runs in the season
- Or any other exceptional effort

## **SEASON 1925-26**

### **ROSANNA'S FIRST SEASON**

The formation of the Rosanna Cricket Club was proposed at a meeting held in the Claremont hall on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1925. At the first general meeting of the Club, Mr. J. A. Mills was elected President and Mr. W. Massey to the position of Secretary.

Permission was granted by the Heidelberg Shire Council for the Club to share the wicket at Heidelberg Park and the Club's first equipment was obtained from the recently disbanded St. Andrews Church of England Cricket Club.

One XI was entered in the Heidelberg District Cricket Association which comprised the following eight Clubs: Alphington, Fairfield, Fairfield Diggers, Fairfield Footballers, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, North Ivanhoe and Rosanna.

Rosanna were beaten outright in their first match by Fairfield; the Rosanna team in batting order being: J. Watson, G. Pearson, R. Curtis, A. Greig, K. Fowler (Captain), F. Biddiscombe, J. S. Mills, O. Gepp, A. Biddiscombe, J. Uren, A. Greenwood.

However, success came in the second match with a first innings win over Ivanhoe and at the end of the season Rosanna finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

On the field the Club was best served by Ken Fowler, Arnold Greig and John Mills with the bat and the most successful bowlers were Dick Curtis and Ken Fowler.

## **SEASON 1926-27**

### **TWO WINS FOR THE SEASON**

Mr. Ken Fowler was elected to replace Mr. W. Massey as the Club's Secretary.

The season got away to a good start with a decisive outright win over Fairfield in the first match but the only other success for the season was a first innings victory against Heidelberg.

New players to appear with the Club during this season were Gilbert, Proctor, Ken and Max MacFarlane, Sid Moore and Oscar Fowler.

The two outstanding players for the season were Dick Curtis who took 57 wickets at an average of 10.9 and Arnold Greig who averaged 34.2 runs from 17 innings. Dick Curtis also performed the two best individual efforts to date by a Club member: in the ninth round against Fairfield he took 7 for 66 and followed up with a score of 76 in the next match against Heidelberg.

## **SEASON 1927-28 HOME GROUND AT ROSANNA**

The Shire Council granted the Club use of the Rosanna Reserve. The Club provided the labour and also £15-0-0 for the construction of a concrete wicket and a further £5-0-0 was donated to the Council towards the cost of a pavilion.

Prominent batsman Arnold Greig's transfer to West Heidelberg was a loss to the Club, however the well-known local cricketing personality Billy Bond was wearing the Rosanna colours for the first time. Other new players were bowler Ted Beare and batsman Alan Mudford.

During the season Ken Fowler resigned as Secretary and John S. Mills was elected to fill the vacancy.

At the end of the season the Club had scored 3 first innings victories and also two walkovers but this wasn't sufficient to gain a place in the finals.

Ken Fowler won the batting average with 25.2 and Ted Beare the bowling with 6.9.

## **SEASON 1928-29 THE CLUB XI FORMED**

The Club's constitution had been changed at the Annual Meeting. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer were now combined and a new office of Assistant Secretary formed.

Whilst the Club was not having a great deal of success on the field it was growing in strength and a second XI, known as the Club XI, was formed to play social matches during the season.

Oscar and Ken Fowler were lost to the Club as they had left the district, but a new player was Clive McWaters whose batting earned him a place along with John Mills in the combined H.D.C.A. team to play Ivanhoe Sub-district XI. Youngsters who played their initial games at Rosanna during the season were Charlie Carter and Clyde Hodgson.

Dick Curtis created Club history with the first 'Hat Trick' which was included in his 6 for 19 against Ivanhoe Footballers.

Despite a very short approach to the wicket, Ted Beare achieved great pace with his bowling and to offset the claim that he threw the ball the Club purchased a leather splint which he wore on his elbow.

**SEASON 1929-30**  
**ROSANNA WIN ONLY TWO MATCHES**

This season the H.D.C.A. formed two grades and whilst Rosanna competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade the Club was still in the doldrums winning only two matches during the year.

Ken MacFarlane had been elected to the position of Secretary at the Annual Meeting and the Committee made a new appointment in that of newcomer Vernon George as Coach for the ensuing season.

Billy Bond had retired as a player but Leo Fitzsimons, a new player performed well with the ball. Reg Stone wore the Rosanna colours for the first time in the last match before Christmas and he proved to be an outstanding allrounder for more than 20 years.

A typical team to represent the Club during this season was in batting order: C. McWaters, J. Mills, R. Stone, L. Fitzsimons, G. Proctor (Captain), R. Curtis, V. George, R. Dixon, A. McCormack, K MacFarlane, E. Beare.

**SEASON 1930-31**  
**ROSANNA RETAINS PLACE IN FIRST GRADE**

The H.D.C.A. had introduced a system of promotion and relegation and Rosanna's three wins for the season narrowly avoided relegation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the 31-32 season.

Reg Stone was the newly elected Secretary of the Club.

Two regulars missing from the team were Dick Curtis and John Mills but amongst the players to appear for the first time were Bill Luby and Tom Tarrant.

Clive McWaters and Reg Stone carried the batting and young Stewart Proctor who became a regular player during the season assisted Leo Fitzsimons with the brunt of the bowling.

## **SEASON 1931-32**

### **ROSANNA FINISH IN SIXTH PLACE**

The Clubs competing in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade had changed considerably since the 1925-26 season. Fairfield Footballers Fairfield had dropped out, Heidelberg had been relegated to the lower grade, Claremont, North Alphington and West Heidelberg had earned promotion and Greensborough and Ivanhoe Footballers were new teams admitted to the competition. The ten 1<sup>st</sup> grade teams were now Alphington, Claremont, Fairfield Diggers, Greensborough, Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe Footballers, North Alphington, North Ivanhoe, Rosanna and West Heidelberg.

Mr. J. A. Mills had resigned as President of the Club and Mr. Gilbert Proctor was elected to the position.

Leo Fitzsimons was missing from the line-up but a number of new players appeared during the season. The most notable were George Gage, Jack Goller, Harry Bell and Joe Johnson.

Two outright wins early in the season saw Rosanna in the Four at Christmas but only one 1<sup>st</sup> innings win followed, and the Club finished the season in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

An outstanding performance was off-spinner Bell's effort in the outright win over Alphington. He captured all 10 wickets for 24 runs in the first innings and 8 for 38 in the second.

## **SEASON 1932-33**

### **ROSANNA IN THE FINAL FOUR**

This was the first season that Rosanna entered two XIs in the H.D.C.A. Mr. Vernon George had taken over as Secretary from Reg Stone.

During the year the Club approached the Council, advocating the shifting of the pavilion to the South West corner of the reserve.

For the first time Rosanna 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished in the final Four. Three outright, two 1<sup>st</sup> innings wins and a tie gained third place for the club but Ivanhoe Footballers proved too good in the Semi-Final.

Early in the season Clive McWaters, bowling leg breaks took 7 for 20 in Claremont's second innings to turn first innings defeat into an outright victory, and later in the season his 81 was the highest score by a Rosanna player to date. Others who performed creditably during the season were allrounders George Gage, Reg Stone, Harry Bell, wicket keeper Bill Luby and newcomer Laurie Williams.

A typical Rosanna 1<sup>st</sup> XI during this season was in batting order: C. McWaters (Captain), R. Stone, J. Johnson, H. Bell, J. Mitchell, T. Tarrant, L. Williams, G. Gage, J. Goller, H. Lee, W. Luby.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 99 and 3 for 133, Ivanhoe Footballers 187.

**SEASON 1933-34**  
**1<sup>st</sup> XI MISSES THE FINAL FOUR BY PERCENTAGE**

Following Mr. G. Proctor's resignation, MR. W. Bond was elected as President of the Club. A precedent occurred on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1933 when a Committee meeting was held at the home of Mr. W. Luby, and this has been the venue of Committee meetings since that date.

After a poor start to the season, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI won every game after Christmas to finish equal fourth but out of the final four on percentage.

George Gage was missing from the team but his place as left hand opening bowler was taken by Fred Stone. Alan Graham established himself as a regular member of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and during the season Stewart Fitton was promoted from the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.

**SEASON 1934-35**  
**ROSANNA'S FIRST APPEARANCE IN A FINAL**

Consistent performances took Rosanna into the Final Four again. This time we tasted success in the Semi-Final against Heidelberg and looked certain to win the Final against North Alphington after both sides had completed their first innings. At the end of the third day's play, Rosanna needed only 54 runs to win with 8 wickets in hand. However, the next two scheduled days of play were washed out and when the game resumed on the sixth day the water-soaked ground rendered the 54 runs required equivalent to double that in ordinary conditions. Rosanna failed by 5 runs and North Alphington scored their third successive Premiership.

A wicket was laid at the home of Bill Luby where the Club conducted practice on Sunday mornings.

As the Claremont Cricket Club had disbanded, Bob and Parry Hall, Dudley and Don Pritchard and Dick Russell joined Rosanna, and all have since played a big part in the Club's history.

Alan Graham scored the Club's first Century with 103 not out against Alphington and also won the H.D.C.A. batting average. A trophy for the most improved junior was awarded to Stewart Fitton.

Bob Hall and Dudley Pritchard became members of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Max MacFarlane played regularly after finishing his schooling at Geelong College.

The team which represented Rosanna in the Final was in batting order:

M. MacFarlane, H. Bell, S. Fitton, R. Stone, A. Graham, C. McWaters, R. Hall, V. George, Dud. Pritchard, C. Carter, W. Luby (Captain).

**1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 129 and 214, Heidelberg 102 and 1 for 35.

Final: North Alphington 161 and 138, Rosanna 238 and 56.

**SEASON 1935-36**  
**1<sup>st</sup> XI JUST MISSES OUT ON FINAL FOUR**

After a reasonably successful year, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI was displaced from the Final Four when beaten by North Alphington in the last match of the season.

From the previous year's Final side Harry Bell, Stewart Fitton, Max MacFarlane and Clive McWaters were missing and their places were taken by Parry Hall and Don Pritchard from the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and new players Colin Portch and Jack Maxfield.

Young Stewart Fitton, whose classical batting had become a headache to all bowlers, joined the Ivanhoe Cricket Club where he immediately made his presence felt and won the Sub-district Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI batting average.

Alan Graham continued to bat in splendid style and scored his second Century for the Club with 115 not out against Greensborough. His batting was well supported by Colin Portch, Bob Hall and Reg Stone whilst Parry Hall, Reg Stone and the Pritchard brothers did most of the bowling.

**SEASON 1936-37**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> XI REACH THE FINAL FOUR**

After four years as Secretary, Vernon George resigned, and Alan Graham was elected to the position. Mr. T. Pittman who had been the Club's Honorary Auditor since its inception in 1925-26 resigned and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI player Roy Squires was elected to replace him.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished the season in 5<sup>th</sup> place, one point outside the Final Four. However, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI reached the finals for the first time, but were beaten by Ivanhoe the ultimate Premiers in their Semi-Final.

Three young players who earned their promotion to become regular 1<sup>st</sup> XI players were Ted English, Ron McColl and Dick Russell. Fast bowler, Don Pritchard took 7 for 40 against Fairfield during the season.

A typical **Rosanna 1<sup>st</sup> XI** at this time comprised: W. Luby, A. Graham (Captain), R. Stone, W. White, R. Hall, R. Russell, R. McColl, E. English, T. Tarrant, Don Pritchard, H. Dunn.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 109 and 131, Ivanhoe 102 and 4 for 140.

**SEASON 1937-38**  
**BOTH 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs REACH THE FINAL FOUR**

The Club's two XIs both won their way into the respective final fours but were eliminated in the Semi-Finals. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Semi-Final was played against Greensborough and the Rosanna batsman's concentration was affected when the Greensborough ground was over-run by a huge crowd of picnickers. Police were called to control the invaders, but the damage was done, and Rosanna lost.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI were beaten in their Semi-Final by Ivanhoe, who went on to win their second successive Premiership.

Dick Russell showed vast improvement and won both the 1<sup>st</sup> XI batting and bowling averages. The highlights of the season were Dick's first Centuries for Rosanna, being scored in successive innings, 106 against Fairfield Park and 105 against North Alphington.

Frank Haward was a young player to come up from the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to become a regular with the Firsts. Clyde Hodgson who had played with Rosanna as a boy returned with sensational results against North Alphington. Chasing Rosanna's total of 198, North were 7 for 197 when Clyde took a hat Trick to give Rosanna victory by one run and achieved personal figures of 6 for 54. Another player to return for two matches was Harry Bell and his 7 wickets for 29 in North Ivanhoe's second innings helped to turn first innings defeat into an outright win.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 148 and 3 dec. for 120, Greensborough 174 and 7 for 95.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 123 and 40, Ivanhoe 154 and 0 for 10.



**SEASON 1938-39**  
**1<sup>st</sup> XI RUNNERS UP TO HEIDELBERG**

It was decided at the 1938 Annual Meeting that the Captains and Vice Captains would be elected by the General Committee and not as previously, by the players prior to the start of the first match.

Alan Graham relinquished the Secretaryship and Jack Maxfield was appointed to the position.

Once again, the Club approached the Council requesting that the Pavilion at De Winton Park be shifted to the South West corner, but to no avail.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI reached the Final Four and after winning the Semi-Final against I.P.A. by 6 wickets, we went into the Final against Heidelberg full of confidence. However, the services of Dick Russell were lost after the first day and then the match by 4 wickets.

Whilst working for his sporting goods employer, Dick was accidentally shot through the shoulder and the bullet lodged in his skull and consequently he was in St. Vincent's Hospital for the remainder of the Match.

In the game against Ivanhoe Baptists, Dudley Pritchard had the amazing figures of 7 wickets for 0 runs from 13 balls. He missed the Hat Trick although on two occasions he took wickets with successive balls. Don Pritchard who bore the brunt of the attack during the season, also scored his maiden Century when he made 101 against Fairfield Park. Bob Hall also knocked up a Century with 107 against Greensborough and against Eaglemont, Reg Stone took 6 for 33 including a hat Trick.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: I.P.A.: 62 and 80, Rosanna 108 and 4 for 37.

Final: Rosanna 159 and 225, Heidelberg 232 and 6 for 154.

## **SEASON 1939-40**

### **ROSANNA'S FIRST PREMIERSHIP**

This was the second season in which both XIs reached the final four. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI were defeated by St James in their Semi-Final: but the 1<sup>st</sup> XI brought glory to Rosanna by winning the club's first pennant.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI looked to be out of the finals but in the last match Wally Coombe took 7 for 15 in North Ivanhoe's second innings to reverse a first innings loss into an outright win and Rosanna scraped into the Final Four. More excitement followed in the Semi-Final as East Ivanhoe failed by one run to catch Rosanna's score. The Final was also interesting as a tenth wicket partnership of 41 gained a narrow first innings lead for Rosanna and eventually outright victory was ours by four wickets. The highlight of this win was the outstanding performance of Captain Alan Graham who carried his bat in each innings for scores of 60 not out and 78 not out.

Playing his first season with Rosanna, leg spinner Coombe was a prolific wicket taker and included the Hat Trick in his 5 for 40 against East Ivanhoe.

Frank Haward who had shown steady improvement with his batting, joined the Ivanhoe Club and by the end of the season was a regular member of the Sub-District Club's 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

This season Stewart Fitton had left Ivanhoe for Collingwood and the following extract appeared in the 'Argus' on 19th November 1939: "Fitton, the young Collingwood opening batsman continues to impress and might easily open for Victoria in a year or two."

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 137 and 187, East Ivanhoe 136.

Final: I.P.A. 148 and 163, Rosanna 161 and 6 for 151.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 60 and 87, St. James 142 and 1 for 8.

#### **The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

R. Stone, R. McColl, R. Hall, R. Russell, W. Coombe, A. Graham (Captain), Don Pritchard, D. Hayden, Dud. Pritchard, E. English, W. Luby

**SEASON 1940-41**  
**SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR BOTH Xis IN THE FINAL FOUR**

The Club colours were changed from Blue and Gold to Green and Gold and caps in the new colours were presented to the members of the previous year's Premiership team.

Once again both teams reached the Final Four, however the 1<sup>st</sup> XI were defeated in their Semi-Final by Heidelberg and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won their way into the Final for the first time by beating Municipal Officers, but finished Runners Up to Ivanhoe.

This season Don Pritchard had transferred to Ivanhoe Sub-District Club and Alan Graham, Ron McColl, Dudley Pritchard were among the many players away on active service, and Dick Russell made only occasional appearances whilst on leave. However, some Clubs had disbanded and Cliff Martin from Alphington and Ben Hall from Macleod joined Rosanna.

Wally Coombe took 7 for 32 against Eaglemont and had the amazing tally of 73 wickets at an average of 9.9 for the season.

A Hat Trick was included in Vernon George's 3 for 15 against Fairfield Park.

Bob Hall scored his second Century for the Club with 107 not out against I.P.A.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 82 and 9 declared for 82, Heidelberg 147 and 2 for 23.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 173 and 5 for 71, Municipal Officers 148.

Final: Ivanhoe 177 and 152, Rosanna 122 and 132.

**SEASON 1941-42**  
**ROSANNA FIELD ONLY ONE XI**

With so many players away on active service the Club was only able to field one XI which finished just outside the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Final Four.

During the season, North Alphington scored 392 against us, which was the highest tally made by any side opposing Rosanna. The most prominent players this season were Ted English with the ball, allrounder Reg Stone, and Cliff Martin and Wally Neilson showed good batting form.

**SEASON 1942-43 TO 1944-45**  
**NO CRICKET**

During these war years competitive cricket stopped in the Heidelberg District Cricket Association and the Rosanna Club went into recess. It was during this period that former Rosanna player and one of Victoria's most promising batsman, Stewart Fitton gave his life for his Country.

## **SEASON 1945-46 CLUB REFORMED**

A meeting was called on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1945 to reform the Rosanna Cricket Club and Mr. W.H. Bond was re-elected as President for his tenth term of office. As the former secretary, Jack Maxfield was still away on military service, Vernon George once again took over these duties.

The H.D.C.A. resumed competitive cricket with one grade and no trouble was experienced in fielding a strong 1<sup>st</sup> XI. A 2<sup>nd</sup> XI was formed to play social matches and some of the lads in this team, Ken George, Barney Luby, Jack Fitzsimons and Alan Bell all followed in their father's footsteps to become members of the Club for many years.

Bob Hall and Wally Coombe were unavailable, but Clyde Hodgson returned to Rosanna for the season and new players were Steve Durant and Paul Donohue and late in the season Alan Graham and Dick Russell resumed.

Rosanna reached the final four and following our defeat in the Semi-Final by I.P.A., we lodged a protest about the eligibility of an I.P.A. player, claiming he lived outside the City of Heidelberg. However, the H.D.C.A. dismissed the protest as Rosanna did not provide sufficient proof of their claim.

Already a legend in the H.D.C.A., Steve Durant wrote his name into Rosanna's record books in his first season. He took 51 wickets at an average of 8.6 runs, his best effort being 7 for 29 against North Ivanhoe. He also scored two Centuries, 100 against North Alphington and 108 against his former Club, Heidelberg.

Reg Stone returned the excellent bowling figures of 7 for 26 against Heidelberg.

The team which represented the Club in the Semi-Final was in batting order: R. Stone, A. Graham (Captain), R. Russell, C. Martin, J. Delaney, S. Durant, P. Donohue, G. Smith, V. George, C. Hodgson, W. Luby.

### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 89 and 4 for 72, I.P.A. 109.

## SEASON 1946-47 TWO XIs AGAIN

This season saw two grades again in the H.D.C.A. and Rosanna entered two XIs.

The first grade was made up of the following Clubs: Eaglemont, Fairfield-Alphington A.N.A., Fairfield Diggers, Greensborough Methodists, Heidelberg, I.P.A., Ivanhoe, Knox Church, Municipal Officers, North Alphington, North Ivanhoe and Rosanna.

During the season all wickets in the competition had changed from matting to malthoid with a resultant higher average score.

Jack Maxfield had returned and was again elected to the position of Secretary.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI reached the Final Four but our colours were lowered to old rivals North Alphington in the Semi-Final.

During the season the 1<sup>st</sup> XI was 5 for 44 chasing North Alphington's 173 but a record sixth wicket partnership of 232 between Dick Russell and Steve Durant helped bring Rosanna's tally to 392. Russell's 170 was the Club's highest individual score and Durant finished with 126.

Ron McColl had returned to the Club and a new player was Val Ellen. Bill Luby, who had been the 1<sup>st</sup> XI wicket keeper since the 1930-31 season stepped down to Captain the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Graham Smith took over behind the stumps.

Once again Steve Durant took the most wickets, 52 at an average of 7.9, and against North Ivanhoe recorded the phenomenal figures of 8 for 9 and 6 for 13. He also scored 466 runs at a 51.7 average.

Medium pacer Dick Russell won the competition bowling average with 6.5 for 27 wickets and he scored 449 runs at a 29.9 average.

During April the Clubs President, Mr. W.H. Bond who was also a Vice-President and Life Member of the H.D.C.A., passed away.

### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: North Alphington 165 and 275, Rosanna 145.

**SEASON 1947-48**  
**ROSANNA CHAMPIONS**

Mr. C.L. Myers was the Club's new President. The steady influx of new residents with young families prompted the Club to suggest to the H.D.C.A. that a competition for Juniors be instigated, but there was little support from other Clubs.

Alan Graham retired as a player, but Don Pritchard returned and Pat Witcher and Kel Vertigan were two new players.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI created a competition record by going through the season undefeated to become Champions. Our rivals North Alphington were overcome in the Semi-Final and we scored our second Premiership when Heidelberg were beaten comfortably in the Final.

This was Dick Russell's year. He scored four Centuries and his aggregate of runs, 822, was the highest in the competition to this date. He averaged 68.5 runs per innings and won the H.D.C.A. average. During the season made 136 against Greensborough, 105 against Knox Church and his performances in the Final series was amazing: 106 and 78 in the Semi-Final and 107 and 70 not out in the Final.

Stalwart Reg Stone scored his first Century for Rosanna when he made 106 against Fairfield Diggers. Ron McColl took 3 for 1 including a hat trick against Greensborough. New skipper Steve Durant's leg breaks took 41 wickets at an 11.2 average and he also scored 511 runs averaging 42.5. His best efforts were 108 against Knox Church and 8 for 92 in the Semi-Final against North Alphington.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 253 and 338, North Alphington 180.

Final: Heidelberg 171 and 300, Rosanna 347 and 2 for 127.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

V. Ellen, R. Stone, R. Russell, S. Durant (Captain), Don Pritchard, N. Witcher  
C. Martin, P. Donohue, B. Hall, R. McColl, G. Smith.

**SEASON 1948-49**  
**BEATEN BY NORTH ALPHINGTON AGAIN**

Due to his ill health Jack Maxfield resigned as Secretary and Barney Luby was elected to this position. In appreciation of his devotion to his duties, the Club elected Mr. Maxfield as its first Life Member. Unfortunately, he passed away late in the season and it was decided that the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Allrounder trophy be known as the "Jack Maxfield Memorial Trophy".

Three prominent players were missing from the previous year: Cliff Martin and Pat Witcher returned to the Alphington Club, which was re-forming, and Dick Russell joined Sub-district ranks with Ivanhoe. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI enjoyed a successful season reaching the Final Four but once again North Alphington were our masters in the Semi-Final, and they went on to win the Premiership.

In the match against A.N.A., Reg Stone opened the innings and carried his bat for an unconquered Century, 109 not out, and he compiled 326 runs for a 54.3 average for the season. Clyde Hodgson was back again and took 8 for 50 against Alphington. In the Greensborough Methodists match, Steve Durant took 7 for 15 in the first innings and Kel Vertigan took 7 for 19 in the second.

The H.D.C.A. award for the best conducted Club during the season was won by Rosanna.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: North Alphington 239, Rosanna 124.

## **SEASON 1949-50**

### **BOTH XIs REACH THE FINAL FOUR**

During this season the Club sponsored an under 15 years of age team which played social matches on Saturday mornings and the Club also erected its striking notice board at the Rosanna railway station.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI reached the Final Four and after failing to win first innings points in the Semi-Final against Fairfield Diggers we won a race against time to snatch an outright win. However, in the Final North Alphington once again proved the stumbling block and Rosanna were Runners-up.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI went through the season undefeated but failed in its Semi-Final against the ultimate Premiers, Fairfield Alphington A.N.A.

Dick Russell had returned from Ivanhoe and two new players to perform creditably were left hand spinner Keith Schou and allrounder Alan Moyes.

One of the greatest individual performances ever in the H.D.C.A. was Steve Durant's effort against North Alphington during the season. Durant took 9 for 23 to dismiss North Alphington for 95 and in reply Rosanna were 9 for 55, but last man Kel Vertigan kept his wicket intact whilst Durant lifted Rosanna's total to 113 and victory, his own contribution being 75 not out.

Reg Stone took 4 for 15 including a Hat Trick against Knox Church and repeated his performance of the previous season by batting through the innings and scoring a Century, 108 not out against A.N.A. again.

Val Ellens' unconquered Century, 101 not out in the Semi-Final against Fairfield Diggers was the highlight of the Final series. Dick Russell, who kept wickets this season, was also back to his old Century making form with 147 against Greensborough and he tallied 506 runs for the season, averaging 38.9. Steve Durant took 44 wickets costing 10.7 runs each, and won the H.D.C.A. batting average with 46.8 from 10 innings.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Fairfield Diggers 222 and 177, Rosanna 201 and 4 for 203.

Final: North Alphington 261 and 131, Rosanna 114 and 180.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 114 and 139, A.N.A. 268.



**SEASON 1950-51**  
**DOUBLE PREMIERSHIP TO ROSANNA**

A record was created in the H.D.C.A. when both XIs won their respective Premierships. The G.F. Pitcher Shield became the property of the club, having been won three times.

As he had started his own business, Barney Luby was unable to carry on as Secretary and Alan Bell was elected to the position. Once again, the Club sponsored a Junior XI to play social matches.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI was perhaps the most talented and best balanced team to ever appear in the H.D.C.A. and after finishing in top place inflicted a crushing defeat to Municipal Officers in the Semi-Final and then beat North Alphington by 437 runs in the Final.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI who were undefeated during the year, beat North Ivanhoe in the Semi-Final and then North Alphington in the Final to become Champions.

New players were batsman Brian Carlton, brilliant keeper Jim Ellis, fast bowler Les Palmer and during the year Alan Bell established himself as a 1<sup>st</sup> XI player.

Captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for the first time, Dick Russell capped a wonderful year with a Century, 129 in the Final. In the same match Steve Durant also turned in an unbelievable performance. He scored 21 and 90 and took 7 for 58 and 7 for 9, including a Hat Trick in each innings. His 42 wickets for the season were captured at the incredible average of 5.6 runs each.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Municipal Officers 93 and 110, Rosanna 265.

Final: Rosanna 354 and 327, North Alphington 183 and 61.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 193 and 245, North Ivanhoe 140 and 41.

Final: Rosanna 242 and 2 for 70, North Alphington 114 and 195.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

A. Bell, V. Ellen, A. Moyes, R. Russell (Captain), R. Stone

S. Durant, J. Ellis, B. Carlton, K. Vertigan, K. Schou, L. Palmer

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

R. Toogood (Captain), G. Smith, K. George, R. Haberman, Don Pritchard,

J. Fitzsimons, E. McCormack, S. Russell, J. Sullivan, C. Hodgson, C. Carter.

## **SEASON 1951-52 BOTH XIs IN FINAL FOUR AGAIN**

At the Annual Meeting in 1951, Messrs V.H. George, W.P. Luby, C.L. Myers and R.B. Stone were elected Life Members of the Rosanna Cricket Club.

The Club was continually embarrassed by the number of players available, and with a view to fielding a 3<sup>rd</sup> XI the Club applied to the Council for a second ground. However, as the Diamond Creek Reserve was the only one vacant it was decided to continue with two XIs as previously.

A "Pie Night" was held in the pavilion after practice on the Thursday night before the Semi-Finals and it proved so successful that each year since a similar function has been arranged.

In previous years the H.D.C.A. Final match was always played to a finish, but a time limit was introduced this season.

Both XIs did well to be in top place at the end of the home round of matches. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI defeated Heidelberg in the Semi-Final and lost the Final to Municipal Officers, but not without some excitement. After scoring 301 in its first innings and needing only 74 in the second to win outright, Municipal looked home and hosed at 2 for 60, but collapsed against the Rosanna spin attack to be 7 for 62 before going on to win. It was ironic that the opposition not-out batsman, Bob Jamieson was to later play with Rosanna for many years.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost their Semi-Final to Heidelberg West.

Les Palmer was missing from the previous year, and his place as opening bowler was taken by Bob Durrant. Val Ellen scored his second Century for the Club with 102 not out against Alphington. Steve Durant whose 44 wickets for the season cost 13.1 runs each, took 6 for 1 including a Hat Trick against West Ivanhoe, the single run being scored when a catch was dropped in the outfield.

### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Heidelberg 108 and 81, Rosanna 123 and 2 for 69.

Final: Rosanna 235 and 139, Municipal Officers 301 and 7 for 75.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Heidelberg West 213 and 204, Rosanna 167 and 131.

## **SEASON 1952-53**

### **FIRST XI REACH FINAL FOUR**

Jack Sullivan was elected to the position of Secretary following Alan Bell's transfer to Ivanhoe Sub-District Club.

Other players missing were Jim Ellis who returned to his former Club, North Alphington, Alan Moyes whose employment took him to Canberra, and Keith Schou to Sydney. Ernie McCormack became 1<sup>st</sup> XI wicket keeper and Captain, and new players to the Club included Bert Baker and Bob Higgs.

Despite the loss of these valuable players the 1<sup>st</sup> XI had no trouble making the Final Four and whilst beaten on the first innings by Heidelberg in the Semi-Final: Rosanna made a great effort to reverse the result, but time did not allow an outright decision.

Dick Russell scored two Centuries, 100 not out against Municipal Officers and 108 in the Semi-Final. He scored 551 runs for the season averaging 42.4. Steve Durant took the most wickets, 48 which cost 12.3 runs each.

1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:

Semi-Final: Rosanna 173 and 4 declared for 203, Heidelberg 276 and 7 for 86.

## **SEASON 1953-54**

### **ROSANNA OUT OF FINAL FOUR**

The ten Clubs comprising the H.D.C.A. first grade this season were Eaglemont, Fairfield Alphington A.N.A., Greensborough, Heidelberg, Heidelberg West, I.P.A., North Alphington, North Ivanhoe, Rosanna and St. James.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished the season in fourth place but was displaced by an amazing decision of the H.D.C.A. executive one hour before the commencement of play in the Semi-Final, and this was due to no fault of Rosanna. At the last minute it was discovered that Greensborough had played an unregistered player against North Ivanhoe and so full points were awarded to the latter Club and this made them equal fourth with Rosanna, but ahead on percentage.

Later that night Rosanna lodged a protest that our percentage was incorrectly calculated. This proved correct but as the Semi-Final had started, the executive's decision was upheld, and this was the first season since the war that Rosanna did not compete in the Finals series.

Darrel Burgin, Clem Cullinan and Kevin Hart were new players to join the Club during the year and all were to be prominent during the following seasons.

Steve Durant provided the most outstanding performances during this season, scoring 108 against Heidelberg and taking 7 for 49 including a Hat Trick against North Alphington.

## **SEASON 1954-55**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> XI WINS ITS FOURTH FLAG**

Jack Sullivan was unable to continue as Secretary and Brian Carlton was elected to this office with Jack continuing as Assistant Secretary. Also, at the Annual Meeting Mr. C. D. Carter was elected a Life Member of the Rosanna Cricket Club.

North Ivanhoe had disbanded leaving Rosanna as the only Club who had played continuously in the first grade since we joined the H.D.C.A. in 1925-26.

On the Thursday night prior to the start of the season a Pie Night was held in the pavilion and this practice has been continued each succeeding year.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI reached the Final Four and trounced North Alphington in the Semi-Final, and in the Final against Fairfield Alphington A.N.A. we were behind on the first innings but recovered to win outright by 5 wickets and notched up our fourth 'A' grade Premiership.

This was Brian Carlton's first year as Skipper, and it is a co-incidence that the last three Rosanna Premierships had been won in the first year of their respective new Captain. Charlie Carter who had previously played in a 1<sup>st</sup> Final in 1934-35 was promoted from the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI for the Final match.

Reg Stone had retired although he did play a couple of games when the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI was short. New players were Geoff Crawford, Max Davies, Roy Hartney, Bob Jamieson and Ron Jones. Dick Russell and Steve Durant both scored three centuries during the season. Dick ran up 127 against Greensborough, 159 versus Alphington and 101 in the Semi-Final against North Alphington. He tallied 738 runs at an average of 56.7 and won the H.D.C.A. average. Steve had only 7 innings to score 490 runs at an average of 70 and his big scores were 134 against Heidelberg West, 124 against Heidelberg and 112 in the Semi-Final.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: North Alphington 163, Rosanna 354.

Final: A.N.A. 285 and 194, Rosanna 248 and 5 for 238.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

V. Ellen, R. Hartney, K. Hart, R. Russell, N. Dare, S. Durant, B. Carlton (Captain)

R. Jamieson, D. Burgin, A. Baker, C. Carter.

**SEASON 1955-56**  
**SECOND SUCCESSIVE PREMIERSHIP TO 1<sup>ST</sup> XI**

Another successful season was climaxed with both teams reaching the Final Four, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI going on to their second successive Premiership, and the Club won the award for the best conducted Club in the H.D.C.A.

At long last the pavilion at De Winton Park was shifted to the South-West corner.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI defeated St. James in the Semi-Final, and in the Final against Heidelberg our Club created a record score of 504 in the first innings which ensured another Premiership for Rosanna.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost its Semi-Final narrowly to Fairfield Alphington A.N.A.

Two former Northcote players, Ken Stephens and Ron Webster who have figured prominently in Rosanna's success joined the Club this season. Another newcomer was allrounder Bill Wilson who was to give great service with the lower XIs and also prove a wonderful acquisition with his assistance in the Club's special efforts to raise funds.

During the Semi-Final Ron Webster took 5 for 20 including a Hat Trick. In the huge score compiled in the Final, Webster contributed a magnificent 177, the Club record score, and Dick Russell made 100.

This was Dick's second Century for the season as he had earlier scored 111 against Bellfield and he also recorded the most runs for the season with 601, to average 37.5. Whilst Webster averaged 51.5 for 9 innings, it was opening bat Geoff Crawford who won the H.D.C.A. batting average with 53.1 from 10 innings.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: St. James 126 and 113, Rosanna 135 and 3 for 107.

Final: Rosanna 504 and 111, Heidelberg 216 and 160.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: A.N.A. 192 and 6 for 118, Rosanna 179.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

V. Ellen, G. Crawford, K. Hart, R. Webster, R. Russell, R. Hartney

S. Durant, B. Carlton (Captain), J. Fitzsimons, D. Burgin, K. Stephens.

**SEASON 1956-57**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> XI RUNNERS UP TO ST. JAMES**

Once again both XIs reached the Final Four and the Club was successful in winning the best Conducted Club award for the second successive year. During the year the Council carried out large extensions to the Pavilion at De Winton Park.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI won its Semi-Final against North Alphington easily. In our first Final encounter with St. James we lead narrowly by 2 runs on the first innings but the opposition proved too good in the second innings and Rosanna lost by six wickets.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI were defeated in the Semi-Final by North Heidelberg.

Ron Webster was unavailable as he returned to Northcote as opening batsman, but we gained a new player in wicket keeper Ron Brasher.

Once again Dick Russell excelled with the bat, scoring two centuries, 108 versus North Alphington and 110 not out against Macleod, and he tallied 584 runs at an average of 48.6. Brian Carlton scored his first Century for the Club with 100 not out against North Alphington and Ron Brasher did likewise with 103 against Bellfield. Darrel Burgin took 55 wickets with his leg breaks at an average of 10.5.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: North Alphington 153 and 143, Rosanna 364.

Final: Rosanna 165 and 157, St. James 163 and 4 for 160.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 146 and 6 for 145, North Heidelberg 238.

## **SEASON 1957-58**

### **SECOND OCCASION CLUB WINS DOUBLE PREMIERSHIP**

The 1950-51 success was repeated when both XIs won their respective Premierships and the Club once again won the award for the best conducted Club.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI's Premiership was its sixth, and we gained permanent possession of the second G.F. Pitcher Shield. Only seven players, B. Carlton, S. Durant, J. Fitzsimons, E. McCormack, Don Pritchard, R. Russell and J. Sullivan were members of both teams associated with the two double Premierships.

During December the Club organised a Christmas Barbeque with the all-important 'Santa', and this set a pattern that has delighted the children of members every year since.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI had a comfortable victory over Heidelberg in the Semi-Final: but then followed an exciting Final against Fairfield Alphington A.N.A. Rosanna were 2 runs behind on the first innings but a tense ninth wicket stand of 36 brought victory in the second innings.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI defeated A.N.A. in the Semi-Final and gained their second pennant by beating I.P.A. in the Final.

Val Ellen retired during the season, but his loss was offset by the return of Ron Webster and new players Hugh Lawler, Bob Tuttleby and the Freeman brothers, Brian and Michael.

Webster scored 137 against Heidelberg and also won the H.D.C.A. batting average with 402 runs at a 44.6 average. Two other Century makers were Brian Carlton with 127 versus Macleod, and Brian Freeman with 100 not out against Alphington. Accurate leg break bowler Bob Tuttleby took 44 wickets for the season at an average of 12.5 and excelled in the Final taking 8 for 44 and 4 for 72. Darrel Burgin included a Hat Trick in his 5 for 32 against Greensborough.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 283, Heidelberg 196.

Final: A.N.A. 148 and 158, Rosanna 146 and 8 for 164.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 207 and 4 for 140, A.N.A. 128.

Final: Rosanna 185 and 294, I.P.A. 154 and 192.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

G. Crawford, K. Stephens, R. Webster, M. Freeman, R. Brasher, R. Russell (Captain)

B. Carlton, S. Durant, H. Lawler, D. Burgin, R. Tuttleby.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

Don Pritchard (Captain), M. Davies, E. Slater, R. Jamieson, W. Wilson,

J. Fitzsimons, B. McCormack, R. Durrant, J. Sullivan, C. Cullinan, I. Tainsh.

**SEASON 1958-59**  
**1<sup>st</sup> XI LOSE EXCITING FINAL TO ST. JAMES**

Both XIs did well during the season and reached their Final Four.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI scored a crushing victory over North Alphington in the Semi-Final and for the second occasion in three years Rosanna was beaten by St. James in the Final. Rosanna held a comfortable lead after the first innings, but St. James fought back to gain an outright win by 13 runs.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost an exciting Semi-Final by 4 runs to North Alphington.

Through the foresight and efforts of the Luby family, the Club scoreboard was introduced and in the following years this has proved a popular asset at De Winton Park and also during the Final series at Heidelberg Park.

One of the Club's stalwarts, Ernie McCormack died during the year and it was decided that the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI batting trophy would be known as the 'E. McCormack Memorial Trophy'.

Darrel Burgin who had been a member of three Premiership sides left the district and was unavailable but two new players were batsman Graham Goudy and the versatile Bernie Bryer.

Two outstanding bowling performances were recorded during the season; Steve Durant took 8 for 7 against West Heidelberg and Bob Tuttleby's 6 for 12 caused North Alphington's collapse for 44 in the Semi-Final.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 256, North Alphington 44.

Final: St. James 163 and 193, Rosanna 203 and 140.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: North Alphington 161, Rosanna 157.



## **SEASON 1959-60**

### **ANOTHER DOUBLE PREMIERSHIP**

For the third time in 10 years the Club won a double Premiership. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI easily defeated West Heidelberg in the Semi-Final and turned the tables on St. James in the Final to win outright by 10 wickets and gain their seventh Premiership.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI notched their third pennant with convincing wins over West Ivanhoe in the Semi-Final and East Ivanhoe Methodists in the Final.

Rosanna President, Mr. C.L. Myers moved from the district and relinquished the position he had carried out so capably for the last 12 years. Mr. W. Luby ably stepped into the Presidency and Mr. Myers continued as a Vice President.

Two members who had joined the Club in 1934, Don Pritchard and Dick Russell were elected as Life Members.

There was a number of changes in the personnel of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Dick Russell had retired, Steve Durant dropped down to the Seconds, and Geoff Crawford had been transferred interstate. Jack Fitzsimons came into the firsts for the Final series and new players who performed well were former Northcote batsman Ron Beel and allrounder Kevin Rowe.

Ron Webster won both the H.D.C.A. batting and bowling averages. He scored 506 runs in 7 innings to average 72.2 and took 42 wickets at an average of 11.7. Three Centuries were scored during the season, Ron Webster getting 105 not out against A.N.A., Brian Carlton knocked up 123 not out in the Semi-Final against West Heidelberg, and in the Final against St. James Graham Goudy scored 103.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 6 declared for 285 and 3 for 79, West Heidelberg 157.

Final: St. James 147 and 210, Rosanna 350 and 0 for 12.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: West Ivanhoe 87 and 119, Rosanna 184 and 4 for 24.

Final: Rosanna 311 and 7 declared for 198, East Ivanhoe Methodists 196 and 2 for 71.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

B. Bryer, K. Stephens, G. Goudy, E. Stanes, R. Beel, R. Webster (Captain)

B. Carlton, R. Jamieson, K. Rowe, J. Fitzsimons, R. Tuttleby.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

Don Pritchard (Captain), M. Davies, N. Cairns, C. Cullinan, H. Lawler

J. King, S. Durant, W. Wilson, J. Sullivan, R. Jones, W. Alford.

## **SEASON 1960-61**

### **ROSANNA FIELDS FOUR TEAMS**

1960-61 was a big year for Rosanna as the Committee in its wisdom decided to field an extra two teams; a 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and also a Junior team to compete in the under 16 years competition. Further, the Club Undertook to erect a Practice wicket at the North end of the ground at De Winton Park. These decisions bore fruit immediately as the three senior teams all reached their Final Four, and the Club won the best conducted Club award for the fifth time in six years. All Rosanna members were saddened by the loss of Jack Fitzsimons who died during the year.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI won their Semi-Final against North Alphington comfortably, but in the Final, St. James proved superior and Rosanna were Runners-Up for the seventh time.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI also accounted for North Alphington in the Semi-Final but lost to North Heidelberg in the Final.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI had their colours lowered by Heidelberg in their Semi-Final.

New player Dick Legge won the H.D.C.A. batting average with 47.8 from 7 innings, and Bob Tuttleby won the Competition bowling average with 50 wickets costing 9.3 runs each. Two Centuries were scored during the season, Ron Beel getting 110 not out against West Heidelberg and Ron Webster 101 not out against North Alphington.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 9 declared for 316 and 2 for 54, North Alphington 224.

Final: St. James 214 and 249, Rosanna 124 and 185.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: North Alphington 148 and 8 for 221, Rosanna 324.

Final: Rosanna 157 and 162, North Heidelberg 201 and 5 for 119.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 172 and 81, Heidelberg 228 and 3 for 23.

## **SEASON 1961-62**

### **ROSANNA WINS TRIPLE PREMIERSHIP**

This was Rosanna's greatest year: H.D.C.A. history was created when the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> XIs all won their respective Premierships and the Club also won the best conducted Club award.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI won only two games before Christmas but after the break took every match in its stride to make the Final Four, and after winning the Semi-Final against St. James narrowly by 5 runs, they easily defeated West Heidelberg in the Final to win their eighth flag.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI did well throughout the season and won comfortably against North Alphington in the Semi-Final and Heidelberg Soccer in the Final to record their fourth Premiership.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI's first pennant was achieved after an exciting 2 wicket victory in the Semi-Final against Greensborough and a 1 run win in the final against Fairfield Alphington A.N.A.

This season saw Brian Carlton stepping down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and the first appearance of Des Flynn who proved an acquisition as an allrounder.

There were few outstanding individual efforts during the season, the most notable being that of veteran Steve Durant, who was recalled to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for the latter half of the season and showed he had lost little of his old skill by winning the bowling average with 29 wickets at a 10.9 average and averaging 36.5 in 8 innings with the bat.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: St. James 137 and 7 declared for 177, Rosanna 142 and 3 for 134.

Final: Rosanna 332 and 186, West Heidelberg 173 and 129.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 293, North Alphington 163.

Final: Rosanna 310 and 296, Heidelberg Soccer 169 and 239.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Greensborough 107 and 134, Rosanna 122 and 8 for 122.

Final: Rosanna 256 and 95, A.N.A. 143 and 207.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

B. Bryer, G. Goudy, R. Brasher, R. Beel, R. Webster (Captain),  
D. Flynn, R. Legge, K. Moorcroft, S. Durant, R. Rowe, P. Booth.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

Don Pritchard (Captain), A. McQueen, R. Jones, R. Jamieson, R. Tuttleby  
B. Carlton, C. Cullinan, H. Lawler, L. Broom, E. Grindal, J. Dean.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

W. Wilson (Captain), R. Higgs, W. Piper, Barney Luby, R. Durrant  
R. Earnshaw, K. Perrem, Brian Luby, G. Pope, N. Sicree, G. Winterton.

## **SEASON 1962-63**

### **NINTH PREMIERSHIP TO 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

In recent years the Clubs comprising the H.D.C.A. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade had not varied greatly, the ten teams during 1962-63 being; Alphington, Fairfield Alphington A.N.A., Greensborough, Heidelberg, I.P.A., Macleod, North Alphington, Rosanna, St. James and West Heidelberg.

Mr. R. Squires, who had audited the Club's books since 1937, retired and Mr. R. Tuttleby was appointed to the position of honorary Auditor.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Junior XIs all reached their respective Final Fours.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI had a convincing win over A.N.A. in the Semi-Final and then scored a 10 run first innings victory over Macleod in the Final to win their ninth Premiership.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI was defeated by A.N.A. in the Semi-Final.

The Junior XI were lucky to draw their Semi-Final against Ivanhoe, but as they had been in fourth place at the end of the home and away matches, they did not appear in the Final.

During the season the Junior XI Captain, John Newham, was promoted to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and he played a vital part as opening bowler in the Premiership team. Veteran Don Pritchard, who had not played with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI since 1950-51 was recalled to side as opening bat for the Final match.

Ron Beel notched a Century with 106 against Greensborough and totalled 613 runs for the season at an average of 51 per innings. Bob Tuttleby, who took 35 wickets at an average of 9.4, won the H.D.C.A. bowling average.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 7 declared for 157 and 2 for 26, A.N.A. 88.

Final: Rosanna 182 and 4 for 119, Macleod 172.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 127, A.N.A. 239.

#### **Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals**

Semi-Final: Ivanhoe 310, Rosanna 8 for 70.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

Don Pritchard, B. Bryer, R. Webster (Captain), R. Beel, D. Flynn, R. Legge  
K. Stephens, K. Rowe, J. Newham, S. Durant, R. Tuttleby.

## **SEASON 1963-64**

### **ALL FOUR TEAMS REACH FINAL FOUR**

The Club's four XIs reached their respective Final Four, three of them going onto the Final, and two Premierships were won. This had been Brian Carlton's tenth successive year as Secretary and the Club had notched fourteen Premierships during his record term of office.

After defeating North Alphington in the Semi-Final: the 1<sup>st</sup> XI played off in its tenth successive Final. For the fifth time in eight years we played St. James, and despite a fighting seventh wicket stand which ended when Graham Goudy was run out for 91 and Eddie Grindal following soon after for 78, our opponents proved the better team and Rosanna was Runner-Up.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI had an outstanding team for this grade and went through the season undefeated, beating East Ivanhoe Methodists in the Semi-Final: and West Ivanhoe in the Final to become Champions.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI defeated West Heidelberg Footballers in their Semi-Final: and, after trailing in the first innings recovered to win outright the Final against A.N.A. to register their second Premiership.

The Junior XI won their way into the Final Four but lowered their colours to Rosanna Presbyterians in the Semi-Final.

This season Bernie Bryer was missing as he had been transferred to Western Australia and his place as opening batsman was taken by Kevin Fahey who scored a Century, 121, against West Heidelberg. Ron Webster scored 512 runs for the season including two Centuries, 108 against Greensborough and 102 in the Semi-Final against North Alphington and finished with an average of 42.6.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 273 and 5 for 51, North Alphington 145.

Final: St. James 362 and 2 for 72, Rosanna 282.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 269 and 8 for 182, East Ivanhoe Methodists 120.

Final: Rosanna 270 and 8 for 336, West Ivanhoe 191.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 247 and 7 for 45, Heidelberg West Footballers 127 and 163.

Final: A.N.A. 226 and 115, Rosanna 139 and 6 declared for 258.

#### **Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 121, Rosanna Presbyterians 6 for 215.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

Don Pritchard, R. Jones, R. Earnshaw, A. Bell, K. Hobba, R. Jamieson (Captain)

C. Cullinan, H. Lawler, S. Durant, K. Lambert, L. McDonald.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

R. Higgs (Captain), A. McQueen, R. Brasher, R. Durrant, W. Wilson

R. Parker, J. Webster, J. Sullivan, Brian Luby, R. Elsegood, R. Barkas.

## **SEASON 1964-65**

### **THREE SENIOR TEAMS REACH FINAL**

After a record breaking 10 years as Secretary, Brian Carlton resigned from this office and Bob Durrant was elected as his successor. Life Membership was bestowed upon Brian Carlton, Steve Durant and Barney Luby.

For the second year in succession the three senior teams not only reached the Final Four but played in their respective Final and gained two Premierships for Rosanna. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI defeated Macleod in a low scoring Semi-Final and then in a most exciting Final we were beaten when North Alphington's last man skied the ball for 4 runs and victory only seconds before stumps.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI beat Alphington in the Semi-Final and won their second Premiership on end by defeating West Ivanhoe in the Final. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI did likewise by defeating North Alphington and then Y.C.W.

Players missing this season were Dick Legge who had retired and left-hand fast bowler John Newham who joined the Northcote District Club where he showed great promise as their 1<sup>st</sup> XI opening bowler. Bill Lambert became the 1<sup>st</sup> XI wicket keeper and Alan Bell returned as opening bat. Dick Russell also returned to the team making 97 in his comeback innings and averaging 51.7 runs. Ron Webster scored a Century against North Alphington when he notched 102 and tallied 565 runs for the season to average 51.3. Graham Goudy had the splendid average of 70 in 9 innings to win the batting average. Off spinner Des Flynn was the main wicket taker with 41 at a cost of 12.7 runs each.

15 year old Ross Parker had a phenomenal year with both the Junior and Senior XIs and was sought by number of District Clubs before deciding to join Melbourne next season.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 163 and 5 for 154, Macleod 102.

Final: Rosanna 258 and North Alphington 9 for 262.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 249, Alphington 229.

Final: West Ivanhoe 196 and 126, Rosanna 148 and 6 for 178.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 137 and 8 declared for 179, North Alphington 173 and 86.

Final: Rosanna 151 and 9 declared for 261, Y.C.W. 154 and 239.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

M. Davies, R. Jones, G. Winterton, K. Hobba, R. Jamieson (Captain), C. Cullinan  
B. Carlton, H. Lawler, S. Durant, R. Barkas, G. Tannock

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

R. Higgs (Captain), R. Parker, R. Brasher, R. Durrant, F. Brasher, B. Wildsmith  
R. Earnshaw, B. McColl, K. Rowe, W. Wilson, L. McDonald.

**SEASON 1965-66**  
**1<sup>st</sup> XI MISS FINAL FOUR**

In an endeavour to give as many players as possible the opportunity of playing cricket the Committee decided to enter another XI in the H.D.C.A. and so Rosanna was represented in each of the four senior and junior grades.

After playing in the Final match for eleven consecutive seasons the 1<sup>st</sup> XI slipped during the year to finish in fifth place.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won their third successive Premiership by beating East Ivanhoe Methodists in the Semi-Final and North Alphington in the Final.

Much of the credit for this outstanding achievement must go to the Captain Bob Jamieson and Clem Cullinan, Steve Durant, Ron Jones and Hughie Lawler who were members of the successful team each year.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI defeated West Heidelberg Villagers in their Semi-Final but lost the Final to North Alphington.

An encouraging performance was put up by the new 4<sup>th</sup> XI in their first year as they finished just outside the Four.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI had lost slow bowler Bob Tuttleby who retired and left-hander Ken Stephens, but gained a new leg spinner in Duncan Pollock, and former junior Geoff Winterton became an established member of the side. Dick Russell scored his first Century for eight years with 101 against Greensborough and he averaged 45 for 11 innings. Brian Carlton's 171 not out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Semi-Final was the highest individual score made by a Rosanna player in the second grade.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 339, East Ivanhoe Methodists 198.

Final: Rosanna 384, North Alphington 283.

**3<sup>rd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 174 and 188, West Heidelberg Villagers 124 and 8 for 140.

Final: North Alphington 361 and 7 for 194, Rosanna 155.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

M. Davies, G. Pope, A. McQueen, R. Jones, R. Jamieson (Captain),  
S. Durant, B. Carlton, H. Lawler, C. Cullinan, R. Barkas, G. Tannock.

## **SEASON 1966-67**

### **FIVE TEAMS REACH THE FINAL FOUR**

An outstanding season for the Club was climaxed when the five teams reached their respective Final Fours. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI which ranks with the 1950-51 side as Rosanna's best was 10 points clear of the second team at the end of the season. In the Semi-Final, Y.C.W. was trounced and we won our tenth Premiership when North Alphington was outclassed in the Final. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI who won their Semi-Final against Heidelberg but was Runners-up to West Heidelberg Footballers. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI lost their Semi-Final to A.N.A. The 4<sup>th</sup> XI was beaten by St. James in the Semi-Final. The Junior XI won their Semi-Final against West Heidelberg and then scored their first Premiership by defeating Heidelberg.

1966-67 will be remembered as the year of Centuries. Alan Bell set the fashion early in the season with 111 not out against A.N.A. Then followed Ron Beel with 108 against Greensborough, Ron Webster with 129 not out against Alphington, Beel again with 101 versus Macleod and Kevin Fahey 127 and 103 in successive innings against Macleod and Y.C.W. Bell scored 107 in the Semi-Final against Y.C.W. and in the Final against North Alphington Dick Russell ran up 118. Several Centuries were scored in the other XIs, the most notable being Bruce Wildsmith's tally of 195 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI which is the highest individual score by a Rosanna player. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI's leading wicket taker in recent seasons, Des Flynn had been transferred to Bendigo, but this loss was offset by the improved form of left hand spinner Geoff Winterton, the return of John Newham, new pace bowler Ray Lake and former Junior XI Captain John McKenzie who was available after captaining the Ivanhoe Grammar team. These players helped to provide a versatile and well-balanced attack to support a strong batting line up which averaged 330 runs an innings. Kevin Fahey scored 647 runs as an opening bat to average 53.9 and Ron Webster 509 runs for an 84.8 average.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 424, Y.C.W. 220.  
Final: Rosanna 434, North Alphington 140.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 273, Heidelberg 120.  
Final: Rosanna 142 and 9 declared for 223, Heidelberg West Footballers 254 and 4 for 113

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 211, A.N.A. 305.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: St. James 163 and 6 for 306, Rosanna 136.

#### **Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 176 and 2 for 72, West Heidelberg 120.  
Final: Heidelberg 79, Rosanna 148.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

K. Fahey, A. Bell, J. McKenzie, R. Beel, R. Russell, R. Webster (Captain)  
G. Winterton, D. Pollock, K. Lambert, J. Newham, R. Lake.

#### **Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

P. Jarvis, M. Luby, J. Bryant (Captain), K. Howe, P. Dowley, G. Durrant  
T. Lloyd, P. Sailah, G. Carlton, G. Davis, Dennis Hartney.



## **SEASON 1967-68 JUNIOR XI CHAMPIONS**

When it was decided to enter another team in the Junior competition, Rosanna became the first Club in the H.D.C.A. to field six teams in the one season.

There were many changes in personnel and three Rosanna teams reached the Final Four. Brian Carlton, Clem Cullinan, Steve Durant, Bob Jamieson, Dick Russell and Jack Sullivan were amongst the many players who had retired since the previous season. However a number of new players were attracted to the Club, including former North Alphington Captain and opening batsman Kevin Pyers.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI were the top side for most of the year but failed with the bat against an enthusiastic young Heidelberg team in the Semi-Final.

The Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI improved on their Premiership form of the previous year to go through the season undefeated, beating Macleod in the Semi-Final and I.P.A. in the Final to become Champions.

The newly formed Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> XI did extremely well to reach the Finals but were defeated by Greensborough in the Semi.

Whilst there were not many outstanding performances during the season, Geoff Winterton's form continued to improve and he won the all-rounder award, Kevin Fahey scored freely to get 421 runs in 13 innings and Duncan Pollock had the best batting average with 41.8 from 11 innings.

To mark the retirement of Steve Durant and Dick Russell as players, the Club tendered them a Complimentary Dinner at the Templestowe Hotel and the wonderful attendance by past and present Club members at this function was a worthy tribute to possibly the two greatest players the H.D.C.A. has produced.

### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Heidelberg 257, Rosanna 116 and 85.

### **Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 8 for 234, Macleod 137.

Final: I.P.A. 41, Rosanna 6 for 129.

### **Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Greensborough 9 declared for 285, Rosanna 151.

### **Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

Dennis Hartney, K. Howe, M. Luby, P. Jarvis, G. Durrant (Captain), P. Dowley, T. Lloyd, P. Sailah, G. Davis, R. Catanach, Rod Webster.

## SEASON 1968-69 NO FINAL FOUR

The H.D.C.A. executive decided that there would be no Final Fours this season. The two teams with the most points in each grade would play Final match to decide the Premiership. Rosanna lodged a strong protest against this decision and also sought legal advice, but the executive would not reconsider the matter. However, the dissatisfaction expressed by nearly all Clubs ensured that this rule would not apply in future years.

After representation to the Heidelberg Council, two enclosed practice wickets were provided at De Winton Park, our share of the cost being \$333. A brick amenities block including showers, toilets, store and kitchen, was a welcome addition to the Pavilion during the year.

Four Rosanna teams reached the Final match, gaining one Premiership and three Runners-Ups, but the 1<sup>st</sup> XIs indifferent form earned them only 5<sup>th</sup> place on the ladder.

After a most successful year the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI collapsed in its final against Greensborough to lose outright. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI was beaten outright by Rosanna Presbyterians in its Final. However, the 4<sup>th</sup> XI defeated Knox Presbyterians outright to win their first Premiership. The Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI were beaten on the first innings in their Final against Greensborough.

The Club lost the services of fast bowler John Newham whose teaching duties took him to the country, and promising left-handed allrounder Mark Luby was promoted to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Another former North Alphington player to join Rosanna was Brian Murphy whose batting earned him a Century, 105 not out against I.P.A. An illness prevented Kevin Fahey from playing and his batting was sadly missed. John McKenzie had a successful season, his sound batting averaging 41.4 from 10 innings.

Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain, Phillip Jarvis had an outstanding year. A left hander, this 14 year old scored a prolific number of runs with the Juniors, and also with the senior 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> XIs.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Final: Greensborough 284, Rosanna 55 and 222.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Final: Rosanna 227 and 163, Rosanna Presbyterians 256 and 3 for 138.

### **4<sup>th</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Final: Rosanna 159 and 182, Knox Presbyterians 110 and 9 for 183.

### **Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI Scores in Finals:**

Final: Greensborough 205 and 1 for 88, Rosanna 94.

### **4<sup>th</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

W. Wilson (Captain), M. Davies, P. Bohan, R. Higgs, R. Durrant, R. Hartney  
H. Lawler, G. Davis, M. Renwick, R. Groom, P. McBean.

## **SEASON 1969-70 ANOTHER THREE PREMIERSHIPS**

A further milestone was reached in the Club's history when another senior team, the 5<sup>th</sup> XI was fielded, giving Rosanna representation in 7 grades of the H.D.C.A. and it is interesting to note that 101 players represented the Club during the season.

After 5 years as Secretary, Bob Durrant relinquished this position and Bob Higgs was elected in his stead and Bob Durrant became Assistant Secretary. The Clubs constitution had been altered at the Annual Meeting to create the office of Treasurer and Ron Webster was elected to this position. Life Membership was also conferred upon Bob Durrant and Ron Webster.

During September the De Winton Park oval was dug up and reseeded by the Council and the Club was forced to play all matches away until after Christmas. However, this inconvenience did not stop the Club from enjoying outstanding success as 5 XIs reached their Final Matches and three Premierships were gained.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI returned to their mantle as the top team in the H.D.C.A. A good win against Fairfield Alphington A.N.A. in the Semi-Final took Rosanna into another Final against St. James. Unfortunately, the weather prevented a decision being reached in this match, but Rosanna were in a commanding position and our place as the top side prior to the Final series endorsed us as Premiers. This being the 11<sup>th</sup> occasion that Rosanna has achieved this honour in 42 competitive seasons.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI also defeated A.N.A. in their Semi-Final and gained their 8<sup>th</sup> Premiership with an exceptional effort to dismiss cheaply the strong Northcote Park team in the Final.

The 4<sup>th</sup> XI had two close matches in the Finals, beating Heidelberg Soccer in the Semi-Final and achieving a 4 run win over Macleod in the Final to win their second successive Premiership.

The 5<sup>th</sup> XI did exceptionally well in its first year to reach the Finals, beating Ivanhoe Methodists in the Semi-Final and finishing Runners-Up to West Heidelberg Y.C.W. in the Final.

The Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI won their Semi-Final against Y.C.W., but rain prevented a decision in the Final against A.N.A. and as Rosanna had scored less points during the season we finished Runners-Up.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI was in a good position at the Christmas break but this was considerably strengthened by the return of John Newham from the country. His devastating fast bowling earned him 25 wickets at an average of 8.4. However, it was Ron Webster who won the H.D.C.A. bowling average, gaining 33 wickets at an average of 10.8. Two players who had been with the Club for some years and played in their first 1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team were wicket keeper Max Davies and hard hitting batsman Bruce Wildsmith. Another player to consolidate his position in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI after starting in the Junior XIs and gaining promotion was left-handed batsman Dennis Hartney. Early in the season Graeme Pope created a Club 1<sup>st</sup> XI wicket keeping record with 7 dismissals in an innings against North Alphington. Opener Kevin Pyers batted consistently to score 454 runs at an average of 34.7 and Ron Beel scored 427 runs, averaging 26.6.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 9 declared for 248, A.N.A. 206.

Final: Rosanna 255, St. James 7 for 124.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 250, A.N.A. 117.

Final: Rosanna 112 and 6 for 61, Northcote Park 79.

**4<sup>th</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Heidelberg Soccer 151 and 122, Rosanna 161 and 7 for 115.

Final: Rosanna 120, Macleod 116.

**5<sup>th</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 219, Ivanhoe Methodists 144.

Final: Y.C.W. 274 and 0 for 0, Rosanna 129.

**Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Y.C.W. 164, Rosanna 202.

Final: A.N.A. 5 for 69.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

K. Pyers (Captain), M. Davies, J. McKenzie, R. Beel, B. Wildsmith  
Dennis Hartney, B. Murphy, D. Pollock, R. Webster, M. Luby, J. Newham.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

R. Jones, P. Bohan, A. Richardson, K. Bowe, A. Hore (Captain), P. Frost  
K. Lambert, I. Ditcham, G. Durrant, J. Ditcham, P. English.

**4<sup>th</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

David Hartney, N. Butterworth, R. Durrant (Captain), B. Vangeyzel  
G. Davis, W. Shea, R. Hartney, D. Fyfe, H. Collins, R. Groom, G. Frost.

## **SEASON 1970-71**

### **1<sup>st</sup> XI RUNNERS UP**

Whilst we were unable to win the coveted 1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership, this season proved to be another successful year in the Club's history as four XIs reached the final series and two Premierships were won.

After 11 outstanding years as President, Mr. Bill Luby decided to relinquish this position. Mr. Brian Carlton was elected as his successor and Mr. Luby continued as a Vice President.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI won an interesting Semi-Final against Northcote Park, but in the Final Rosanna was outplayed by North Alphington. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI reached the Final Four but lost their Semi-Final to West Heidelberg. The 4<sup>th</sup> XI was undefeated during the season and after a most convincing Semi-Final win against Northcote Park, scored a record 548 in the Final to annihilate Rosanna Methodists and register their third successive Premiership.

The Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI narrowly won their Semi-Final against Northcote Park and after looking to be a beaten side at tea on the last day, fought back to win the Premiership from Fairfield Alphington A.N.A.

Kevin Pyers who tallied 436 runs at an average of 36.3 scored 115 against Greensborough and Dennis Hartney blossomed into a top batsman, scoring 126 against North Alphington, and his 430 runs averaged 35.8. Duncan Pollock bowled well to take 45 wickets with his leg spinners at an average of 12.9. A new player, tall fast bowler Ian Brown took 8 for 31 against Macleod and another former Junior to establish himself as a 1<sup>st</sup> XI player was David Hartney. Don Pritchard who began as a player 36 years earlier decided to retire and did not wear the Club colours this season.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 195, Northcote Park 179.

Final: Rosanna 215, North Alphington 300.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 120 and 97, West Heidelberg 151 and 2 for 63.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Northcote Park 130, Rosanna 351.

Final: Rosanna Methodists 156, Rosanna 548.

#### **Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI scores in Finals:**

Semi-Final: Rosanna 128 and 1 for 48, Northcote Park 121.

Final: Rosanna 8 for 156 declared, A.N.A. 135.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

D. Groom, R. Jones, P. Bohan, P. Rowan, R. Barkas, H. Collins, B. Crump  
M. Legge, A. Wildsmith, G. Frost, R. Hartney (Captain).

#### **Junior 1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership team in batting order:**

L. Dudman (Captain), I. Hobba, N. Anderson, J. Atkinson  
P. Cullinan, M. Legge, A. Wildsmith, P. Atkinson, A. Jones, G. Frost, L. Zelvys.