



*History of the
Gisborne and District
Cricket Association*

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Cricket in the Local Area: (1858 – 1919)

Associations:

Kyneton District Cricket Association
Romsey District Cricket Association
Macedon District Competition
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Clubs: Woodend, Malmsbury, Kyneton United, Macedon, Kyneton Juniors, Lauriston, Drummond, Hesketh Bohemians, Rosenberg (Riddell), Taradale United, Riddell's Creek, Gisborne, Romsey, Bacchus Marsh, Sunbury, Melton, Collegians (Kyneton), New Gisborne, Lancefield, Newham, Defiance (Gisborne), Albion (Gisborne), Gisborne Cricket and Quoit Club, Sunbury Juniors, Sunbury Asylum, Woodend Railways, Newham.

The earliest record of cricket in the local area is from a newspaper article dated 25th March 1858 describing a match between Gisborne C.C. and Kyneton C.C. in which Gisborne was heavily beaten in two innings. As there was no official competition, clubs played a number of social matches against local clubs or visiting clubs from Melbourne. In March 1860, Gisborne played a match against a Melbourne team which included several players who had played in the celebrated "Intercolonial Match". On Good Friday, 6th April 1860, the Albion C.C. (another Gisborne Club) played a match against Riddell's Creek at Gisborne. Other Gisborne clubs playing throughout the 1860's included Defiance C.C. and Cricket and Quoit club. Also in the 1860's, several ministers and members of their congregations from the Romsey area spent Saturday afternoons playing cricket and in 1872 there was a match between the Romsey and South Rochford schools. Woodend C.C. was founded in 1861. Lancefield C.C. founded 1878.

Romsey C.C. was formed at a meeting at the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall on 16th November 1876 where J.C. Riley was elected President, M. Cannon Secretary and R. Furphy Treasurer. Cricket matches between Romsey and Lancefield were arranged. During the same year, Harper's Chicory Mill fielded a side from their strong workforce and challenged Lancefield to a match. It was not unusual for businesses or large farms with large workforces to field their own cricket teams. In 1878, the district benefactor W.J. Clarke, donated a silver cup for a cricket competition in the West Bourke District. Towns taking part were Romsey, Lancefield, Riddell's Creek, Sunbury and Gisborne.

A report in the *Kyneton Guardian* reported on a match held between teams from Woodend and Macedon on Saturday 16th October 1880. Macedon also was to become known as the Alps C.C. (named after the Alps Hotel in Macedon 1888) and the Macedon United C.C. (1892). Another report in the *Kyneton Guardian* lists the following clubs competing in the "McKenzie-Johnson Challenge Cup" in the Kyneton Association: Lauriston, Woodend, Macedon, Kyneton Juniors, Kyneton United, Malmsbury, Drummond and Taradale United.

There are reports in 1895 of Macedon competing against Gisborne, Romsey, Woodend, Bacchus Marsh, Sunbury, Rosenberg's (Riddell) and Melton. On 18th December 1896, Gisborne travelled to Romsey and inflicted the home side's first defeat at their home ground in four years. Some of the teams to travel to the area to play against local teams included teams from Carlton, Murrumbeena, Canterbury, Brunswick, Brighton, Middle Park, Footscray, Mt. Erica, Northcote, St. Andrews and West Melbourne Standard C.C. Often these teams stayed at local hotels overnight.

On the 25th September 1896, there was a move reported in the Gisborne C.C. AGM minutes to form a local competition with clubs from Sunbury, Romsey, Macedon and Woodend but it was decided not to because of the distance to travel between clubs and because "such associations have a tendency to create ill-feeling between different clubs".

On the 29th September 1890, the Macedon and Woodend clubs formed a combine team to compete in the Kyneton Association matches. In 1902, the Romsey District Association had five teams in its cup

competition – Macedon, Gisborne, Romsey, Lancefield and Riddell. Two gold medals were to be presented. One for Best Batting Average (over 8 innings) and one for Best Bowling Average (over 250 balls bowled).

Gisborne were premiers of the Macedon District Competition in 1904/05 and by 1907/08, only four teams were competing – Gisborne, Macedon, Woodend and Colleageians from Kyneton. In 1909/10, clubs competing were Gisborne, Macedon, Woodend and New Gisborne. A trophy was to be presented by Mrs McPerson of the Macedon Family Hotel. Macedon were premiers in 1909/10 and 1910/11. Only three teams competed in this competition in 1910/11 with Gisborne withdrawing. The competition collapsed in 1911/12. Representatives from Gisborne, Riddell and Macedon tried to get an Association going in November 1912 but they needed one more team for it to be successful. Kyneton attended a meeting the following week but Riddell and Gisborne had withdrawn their interest due to the travelling distance to Kyneton and Woodend was unable to get a team.

According to the *Gisborne Gazette* Friday 11th December 1914, a District Competition had been formed comprising Gisborne, Riddell, Macedon and Woodend. However, matches would not commence until after the New Year. Cricket matches were not played in 1916, 1917 and 1918 due to the men of the district being involved in fighting in World War I.

Gisborne and District Cricket Association: (1919 – 2009)

1919/20: Reported in the *Gisborne Gazette* newspaper on 17th October 1919 that six teams were competing in the Gisborne and District Association – Macedon, Riddell, Gisborne, Lancefield, Romsey and Lancefield Junction (Clarkefield). “All have been looking forward to the commencement of hostilities and have been indulging in practice during the past week or two”.

Lancefield C.C. won the premiership.

1920/21: 8th October 1920 – A meeting was held in the Gisborne Mechanics Reading Room on Tuesday evening to decide if the Gisborne and District Cricket Association should continue. Delegates were present from Macedon, Riddell, Gisborne, Lancefield, Romsey and Lancefield Junction clubs. “Continuance” was carried by a unanimous vote. Season to commence Saturday 16th October. Cr. J. A. Beattie has again donated a £5/5s trophy for competition.

The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 23rd February 1920: Selectors met on Tuesday night to pick players to represent Bacchus Marsh-Gisborne Association in the country week matches. The team will play Bendigo on March 5th, Mildura on the 6th and Pyrenees on the 7th.

Lancefield won the premiership.

1921/22: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 21st April 1922:* The cricket season concluded on Saturday, **Lancefield Junction carrying off premiership** honours by defeating Macedon in the final game. Macedon was all out for 137 in their second attempt. Macedon players freely congratulated the victors at the conclusion of the game, which was contested in fine spirit, keen but at all times absolutely sportsman like.

1922/23: Sunbury applied to be admitted to the Association. “..... and while all clubs would welcome the Sunbury Club into the Association, it was found that the draw could not be arranged suitably with an odd club. The motion was eventually put and lost.” *GDCA Minutes 2/10/1922*. Twenty nine names were submitted for selection for Country Week. Selectors were Messrs. Beattie, Whipp, Vance, Brown and Amess.

Players were to have played two matches with their team prior to the semi-finals to be eligible for finals. Mr J. H. Power donates a new bat for the player making the highest score in the semi-final and final matches. This was won by Bernie Young for “topping the century”.

The Association finished with a debit of £4-17-6. This was mainly due to the £3 loss at the wind up concert which was unfortunate to get a rough night and was not supported by all clubs.

Batting Average: Rupert Brown (Romsey) 604 runs @ 43.10 followed by Robert Clarke (Lancefield Junction) 41.10. Bowling Average: Kyneton Allrounder Coutts with 44 wickets @ 5.60 from Gordon Woods (Romsey) 80 wickets @ 5.80 with a best bowling of 9/19 and C. Garlic (Gisborne) 77 wickets @ 7.20.

Kyneton win the premiership by defeating Romsey.

1923/24: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 5th October 1923:* Annual Meeting of Gisborne District Cricket Association – Delegates were present from Lancefield, Romsey, Lancefield Junction, Riddell, Sunbury, Macedon, Kyneton, and Gisborne clubs. Woodend notified that they wouldn't be competing this year. Sunbury were admitted in their place. The rules were revised and, subject to slight alterations, were adopted. It was decided to limit the semi-final to two days and the final to three days. The minor premiers will have the right to challenge. The value of the premiership trophy was fixed at £4/4s. Competition games will commence Saturday 13th October.

The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 4th April 1924: At a meeting of the delegates of the G.D.C.A. representing eight clubs, the President Cr. J. A. Beattie expressed his intention of presenting for competition amongst district clubs a handsome shield mounted on blackwood, to be retained for twelve months by the winning team of the season. The name of the winning team will be inscribed on the shield each year, dating from the inauguration of the association four years ago. At the end of season "Smoke Night", Mr. Beattie announced that he was leaving Gisborne and a presentation was made to honour his six years as President and the advancement of cricket in the area.

The selectors met to pick the following team for Country Week after the Delegates Meeting:

R. Brown, Ellis, B. Young, L. Harrison, C. Gellion, G. Woods, J. Wright, L. Couzens, E. Harvey, Mansfield, R. Clarke, S. Amess, Shannon, Scott, G. Harrison and Bawden.

Semi-finals: Sunbury v Romsey, Gisborne v Riddell. There was debate over where the finals would be played with the Sunbury v Romsey game proposed to be played at Lancefield. *"Mr. McKay moved an amendment seconded Mr. Brocchi that the match be left in the hands of the competing teams as to where they would play by tossing. The amendment was carried. The toss was won by Romsey and therefore played on their ground"* GDCA minutes 13/3/1924.

Romsey won the premiership.

Inter-Association matches were played against Mobsworth which Gisborne won by a small margin and Bacchus Marsh which was drawn. Players were selected from the three Associations to play at Melbourne Country Week. The team defeated Pyrenees by an innings and Bairnsdale by 1 run to head the table going into the final against Benalla at Coburg. The pitch was in bad condition and the combined team lost the toss and batted making only 39. Benalla passed the score at three wickets down before the rain set in.

1924/25: Woodend Railways admitted to competition, replacing Kyneton.. G.D.C.A. President Mr. H. M. White, Vice-President Mr W. McKay, Secretary and Treasurer Mr. G. W. Whipp (Gisborne). it was moved that a levy of 1 shilling be made on all last year's clubs to wipe off the debit balance.

Semi-final and final matches were dropped and the team finishing on top at the end of the home and away matches would be declared premiers providing they were a clear four points ahead of the second team.

Bacchus Marsh were not grouped with the Gisborne Association to form a team for country week. Gisborne were now grouped with the Wallan Association. In his Annual Report to the GDCA, the Secretary Mr. W. Whipp noted: *"Our Gisborne Assn players found it a pleasure to be associated with the players from Wallan Assn. We found them good sports and only out for the best they could get out of the game of cricket. Our popular player Rupert Brown was appointed capt and McDonald of Wallan vice capt. This season the clubs will not have Rupert Brown of Romsey playing against them he is departing from the district. This will not only be a loss to Romsey Club but to the whole assn. For the past 8 years he has been the outstanding batsman in the assn. and one of our best supporters.*

The country week team defeated Yallourn “straight out” but were defeated by Wimmera - Yarrawonga. “.... our team would have done better had we had a good left arm bowler and a batsman or two with solid defence”.

1924/25 Premiershhip Ladder

<i>Team</i>	<i>Outright Win</i>	<i>Ist Inns Win</i>	<i>Draw</i>	<i>Loss Outright</i>	<i>Loss 1st Inns</i>	<i>Points</i>
Riddell	9	5				37
Romsey	10	1		3		29
Sunbury	9	1		1	3	25
Gisborne	5	2		4	3	12
Macedon	4		1	8	3	4
Lancefield	2	2	1	9		2
Lancefield Junction	2	1		11		-3
Woodend Railways	2			12		-6

Riddell were premiers.

1925/26: Rule 3 addition if visiting team is on the ground at 2.30pm and ready to start and the home team is not ready a penalty of 10/- to be levied.

1925/26 Premiershhip Ladder

<i>Team</i>	<i>Outright Win</i>	<i>1st Inns Win</i>	<i>Draw</i>	<i>Outright Loss</i>	<i>1st Inns Loss</i>	<i>Points</i>
Romsey	8	3		2	1	27
Riddell	8	2		2	2	24
Lancefield	8	2			4	24
Sunbury	4	4		6		14
Woodend	3	5		3	3	13
Gisborne	3	2		4	5	4
Macedon	1	2		9	2	-4
Lancefield Junction		1		9	4	-11

Riddell were premiers defeating Romsey in the final.

1926/27: Lancefield Junction to be known as Clarkefield. Gisborne Association grouped with Daylesford to send a team to Melbourne Country Week. A presentation was made to Mr. W.G. Whipp, who had departed the district, for his services as Secretary of the Association.

Premiershhip Ladder: Romsey 16, Lancefield 16, Woodend 13, Macedon 10, Riddell 10, Sunbury 9, Gisborne 4, Clarkefield -10.

Romsey premiers.

1927/28: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 23rd September 1927:* A.G.M. for G.D.C.A. - The Association will be smaller this season owing to the withdrawal of Sunbury and Clarkefield clubs, both of which were unable to obtain representative teams. Season to commence Saturday October 8th. GDCA to play Wallan Association at Romsey to select country week teams.

Romsey premiers.

1928/29: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 28th September 1928:* G.D.C.A. - A.G.M. was held at Gisborne on Tuesday when delegates were present from Romsey, Riddell, Lancefield, Clarkefield, Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend. The association was reformed to comprise those clubs. The President, Mr. H. White, undertook to donate a Cup to be presented to this years premiers.

Some Rules of the Association were: All matches to commence at 2.30pm, visiting team to be allowed half an hour's grace. Play will cease at 6.30pm except for the months of October and March when play will cease at 6.00pm and during the months of April and May when play will cease at 5.30pm. Matches to be decided on points: 4 for a complete win, 3 for a win on first innings, 2 for a tie and 1 for a drawn game. Season to commence on October 6th. All matches to be played on matting wickets and the home team to supply a three seam ball for each innings, such ball to be approved by the opposing captain. A levy of 6 shillings was to be paid by each club to liquidate debts of the previous season.

Gisborne played the Wallan Association and a combined team of 14 players were selected for country week.

Romsey premiers.

1929/30: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 20th September 1929:* G.D.C.A. - A.G.M. was held in the club rooms at the mechanics hall on Wednesday night, the following clubs were represented – Clarkefield, Gisborne, Lancefield, Macedon, Romsey, Riddell and Woodend. The Darraweit and Kyneton clubs wrote applying for affiliation to the association. Kyneton were re-admitted but Darraweit's application was unsuccessful due to the distance to be travelled by opposing teams. The delegates decided that a team be entered into country week but only as Gisborne Association.

At the mid-season Delegates Meeting in January, the second round of the fixture was made with the proviso that if the country week team played on a Thursday, then no matches would be played the following Saturday.

The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 14th March 1930: Semi-final at Riddell. Macedon Captain (Scott) was applauded by those present for his sporting action in calling Jack Wright back when he was given out on a bad verdict by one of the umpires. Riddell players expressed great appreciation on the Macedon skipper's action.

Kyneton defeated Riddell to win the premiership.

1930/31: There were 8 teams in first eleven and 5 teams in second eleven. Macedon premiers of second eleven. A Junior Competition was formed with Riddell, Lancefield, Romsey, Woodend and Macedon competing.

A Special Meeting of Delegates was held on 13th March 1931 to deal with a protest by Lancefield against Riddell being declared winners of their match ending on 7th February. The protest was dismissed but Riddell were fined 10 shillings under rule 3 of the Association.

Kyneton premiers.

1931/32: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 23rd October 1931:* G.D.C.A. RULE 18 Any player residing within a radius of 7 miles of a club, must play for that club. Or make an application to that club for a clearance & obtain a permit from association, before being eligible to play with another club in this association. No application for such a permit will be considered if made later than the end of the first round. A motion to exclude Kyneton from the competition owing to the town being too large a centre in comparison to other towns was put and lost.

Kyneton won their third premiership in-a-row. Riddell won the second eleven premiership.

1932/33: Season to commence on Saturday 1st October with teams consisting of Riddell, Romsey, Clarkefield, Macedon, Woodend, Kyneton, Gisborne and Lancefield.

Kyneton premiers.

1933/34: In the late 1920's, *Romsey Examiner* proprietor H.C. White, who had a great passion for cricket but could not play because of a wooden leg, donated a premiership cup to the Gisborne District Cricket Association. The cup was later presented to the Romsey C.C. for its team had won the trophy twice in 1928/29 and 1933/34. H.C. White's grandson, Jack Iverson, was later to play 5 tests against England in England in 1952.

Romsey premiers.

1934/35: A letter of appreciation to be sent to Mr. A. Boardman for acting as manager for last season's Country Week. Season to commence on 29th September and games to be played through without a break. Recommendation that all players wear uniform cricket flannels where possible and the Association adopt the standard stumps. If the Country Week team made the semi-final or final, then there would be no play in the Association the following day.

Woodend premiers.

1935/36: Woodend make an application for a second team in the association. To be known as the Y.M.C.A. team, this was granted. Kyneton withdraw from the Association. Tea break re-introduced. Woodend is asked to lay a concrete pitch to make pitches uniform throughout the Association.

Gisborne premiers.

1936/37: The association returns to an eight team competition with the inclusion of Heskett. All finals to be played on concrete pitches and leading teams to have choice of grounds. It was moved that two balls be provided by the Association for finals so that each team could have the advantage of a new ball for the first innings of the match. The Country Week team would consist of 8 players and 1 emergency from the Gisborne Association with the remainder being filled with Bacchus Marsh Association players.

Gisborne premiers.

1937/38: A ninth team is included in the competition with "The Hill" (Sunbury) joining on the provision that all players are connected with the The Hill Asylum.

Woodend premiers.

1938/39: There are now 10 teams in the Association with the application of Sunbury to join Gisborne, Heskett, Romsey, The Hill, Woodend, Riddell, Clarkefield, Lancefield and Macedon. *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 20th January 1939:* Bush fires interrupted play, so they will continue the following week, on 27th January.

Gisborne premiers

1939/40: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 22nd September 1939:* Annual delegates meeting. Heskett (Heskett) has not put a team in this season. Balance sheet £4-9-11. It was decided 1938/39 draw be reversed and the last two matches be deleted. Season to start 7th October. Any player absent on Military duties to be permitted to play with his club in any match throughout the season.

Macedon defeat The Hill to win the premiership. They receive the Stan Truman and H.M. White Trophy.

1940/41: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 4th October 1940:* A.G.M. - G.D.C.A. 1940-41 Season. Seven teams will take part The Hill, Sunbury, Gisborne, Macedon, Romsey and Clarkefield. Riddell and Lancefield advise that they would not be competing this season.

In view of the grave national emergency and petrol rationing, serious consideration was given to the question of whether the association should carry on this season. After examining the matter from every standpoint, it was decided to suspend the constitution (which contains certain provisions for any alterations therein) for the duration of the war, to permit of one day matches being held. Under the arrangements, equal batting time

was provided for, which of course, cannot operate if a captain closes his innings before that time is up, or his side is disposed of before that time is up. Following on total was fixed at 40 runs. Two rounds of home and home matches are to be played, and semi-finals and finals games are to be played to a finish – time of starting was fixed at 2.15pm. With 15 mins. grace for visiting teams only, play to cease at 6.30pm. The question of time shall be dealt with by the respective captains. Home teams not prepared to start at 2.15pm, or visiting teams not prepared to start at 2.30pm shall forfeit the time involved from their batting time. Under the new arrangements, a considerable saving in petrol will be effected and it is expected that play generally will be brighter. Teams on the main line will travel by train when possible.

The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 10th April 1941: Despite a great fighting innings by Harold Rutherford, who opened for Macedon and carried his bat after making 80 runs – more than half the total, the Macedon team failed to make the number necessary to defeat The Hill who thus carried off their first premiership in the Gisborne District Cricket Association.

The Hill win the premiership.

1941 – 1945: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 19th September 1941:* It was announced that there was no hope of cricket competition matches being played owing to petrol rationing and players being called up for military training.

1945/46: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 28th September 1945:* A meeting of the Gisborne and District Cricket Association was held in Gisborne on Friday evening September 14th, when delegates from Gisborne, Riddell, Romsey, Lancefield, Macedon, Sunbury, Sunbury Mental Hospital and Woodend were present. The President, Mr. H. M. White, occupied the chair. It was decided to renew activities of the Association, and one round of two-day matches is to commence on Saturday October 20th.

The hon. secretary, Cr. S. Brocchi reported a credit balance of £7. Office-bearers were elected as follows – President, Mr. H. M. White; Vice-President, Mr. Hugh Gilchrist; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Cr. S. Bronchi; umpires and permits committee: President, Vice-President and Secretary.

An offer to donate a premiership trophy was accepted with thanks. Since the meeting, the Clarkefield Club has applied to be included, and the request has been acceded to. There will thus be nine teams in the competition. Semi-finals to be two day matches or until first innings result achieved. Final to be played to the finish.

1946/47: G.D.C.A. Teams in competition were: Macedon, Lancefield, The Hill, Romsey, Gisborne, Sunbury, Clarkefield and Riddell. Points to be allocated were: 5 points outright, 3 points first innings win, 2½ points tie, 2 points draw, 1 point team defeated on first innings. A bank account is to be opened at the Commonwealth Bank and the Secretary authorised to sign. Motion to pay umpires for semi-finals and final match was lost. Mr. Eastgate and Mr. Gilchrist donate trophies for best batting and bowling. Mr. Brocchi donates a trophy for fielding to be adjudged by opposing captains. At the Delegates Meeting in February, the Secretary was instructed to write to the umpire, J. Thompson, in the match Riddell v Lancefield that *on evidence produced, the Delegates of this Association are of the opinion that your conduct at the match was unseemly and we suggest that you refrain from umpiring.*

Team to be entered in Bendigo Country Week. Selectors: Messrs. Eastgate, Scott and Leheurer.

Balance Sheet G.D.C.A. Season 1946/47

Receipts	£ s d	Expenditure	£ s d
Cash on hand	6 12 11	Affiliation Fee V.C.L.	2 2 0
Affiliation Fees	8 8 0	Printing Rules, Fixtures	3 12 6
Refund from V.C.L.	10 6	Score Books	10 6
Donations, Trophies	3 7 0	Balls, Final	1 12 0
Bank Interest	2 5	Suppers, Annual Meeting	1 2 6

	Trophies	3 7 0
	Hire Room Meetings	6 0
	Umpires Semi-finals	1 10 0
	Umpires Finals	3 0 0
	Stamps, Phone	14 6
	Balance on Hand	1 3 10
Total:	£19 0 10	£19 0 10

Macedon defeat The Hill to win the premiership and receive the Stan Truman Shield and H. White Trophy.

1947/48: Riddell withdraws from competition owing to transport and lack of players. G.D.C.A. teams entered into Bendigo and Melbourne country weeks. Bendigo C.W.: G. Sleeman (Capt.), J. Marks (Vice-Capt.) and B. Fitzgerald (Third Selector).

Macedon premiers.

1948/49: Mr. S.R. Brocchi granted life-membership of the GDCA. Levy of £1 on each club to meet the Association's deficit. Teams to be sent to Bendigo and Melbourne country weeks. It was moved to continue the afternoon tea break in matches. Season to commence 16th October with 2 week break over Christmas. At the Delegates Meeting in January Messrs L. Goodear, G. Sleeman, Eastgate and C. Shaw were appointed selectors of the Country Week teams. In recognition of Mr. W. Goodear's service to the Association, he was granted permission to play for Macedon in semi-final and final games.

New Rule: Any ball bowled between matting or striking the leather mid-way or any ball pitched off the sides of the matting to be declared a No Ball. Turnover for the season had hit a staggering £21-1-6 with umpires fees being £7.

Romsey premiers.

1949/50: Mr. H. White steps down as President of the GDCA due to ill health. Mr. S. Brocchi spoke on the excellent work of Mr. White in the efficient manner in which he has managed the affairs of the Association over a period of years. Mr. Shaw supported his remarks and moved that Mr. White be made a Life-Member of this Association.

The Hill withdraws from the competition. Teams to again be entered in Bendigo and Melbourne Country Weeks with a levy of 10/- be made on each club to cover costs. Season to commence on 1st October with a round of two day matches followed by a round of one day matches. The Secretary is authorised to operate a bank account. Any local resident working outside the radius of 7 miles and returning to his home continually for weekends may be permitted to play in this Association without a permit. C. Shaw, B. Fitzgerald and G. Sleeman to select teams for Bendigo and Melbourne. Finals were no longer to be played to the finish but be of 3 day duration and if no first innings result was achieved after 3 days, the leading team at the end of the home and home matches would be declared premiers.

Macedon premiers.

1950/51: One day matches to start at 2.00pm and finish at 6.00pm with 10 minutes break. Each club to be levied a minimum of 10/- to meet the cost of presentations to past President Mr. H. White and Secretary Mr. S. Brocchi. Country Week Selectors: L. Goodear, G. Sleeman and B. Fitzgerald.

Romsey premiers.

1951/52: Competing teams are Sunbury, Lancefield, Macedon, Romsey, Gisborne, Clarkefield and Riddell. One day matches to be played in first round with no break at Christmas to fit the second round of two matches into the fixture. Clubs to inform their umpires to wear coats whilst umpiring. No spikes to be used on matting by either batsman or bowler and captains to see that the players carry it out. At the Delegates Meeting in January, the President Mr. Les Goodear made a presentation of wallet and pipe to both Mr. White and Mr. Brocchi for services rendered to the Association for more than 20 years.

Macedon defeat Romsey to win the premiership.

1952/53: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 3rd October 1952:* AGM – G.D.C.A. Clubs present – Gisborne, Riddell, Sunbury, Macedon, Romsey, Clarkefield, Lancefield and Woodend. On the motion of Mr Ingleton (Romsey) seconded by Mr Ayres (Clarkefield), it was agreed to admit Woodend club to the Association. Mr Sleeman (Sunbury) moved that 2 day matches be played this season – a full round and extra 3 matches which will be drawn for. Mr Taylor (Sunbury) moved that bowling creases be marked with white lines.

With Sunbury now having a turf pitch rule 9 was altered to read: That matches be played on matting or turf wickets. A team was entered in Bendigo Country week only with the selectors to be L. Goodear, G. Sleeman and B. Fitzgerald.

Sunbury reached the final for the first time and went on to win the premiership.

1953/54: Season to start on 3rd October with a break one Saturday at Christmas. Sunbury Club offer the services of their turf wicket for match to be played on 20th December in view of teams being selected for Bendigo Country Week. A levy of 1 guinea to be placed on all clubs.

Romsey premiers.

1954/55: Sunbury Colts apply for affiliation but application was too late under rule 14. Romsey C.C. move that each team be provided with a new ball at 200 runs in all games and the semi-finals be changed from two days to three. The motion was lost. Season to commence on 2nd October with breaks at Christmas and New Year's Day.

A Social Lecture Night is to be held at Gisborne on a date to be fixed for Mr. Ingleton (Romsey) to lecture players on umpiring and the General Rules of Cricket.

Mr. Brocchi spoke of Mr. Goodear and the great work he had done for the GDCA for many years and Delegates from all clubs present also spoke of him in a generous manner. He was then given the highest honour of being granted life membership of the GDCA. Mr. Sleeman donated the President's Cup for season 1954/55. Team entered in Bendigo C.W.

Sunbury premiers.

1955/56: *The Gisborne Gazette, Friday 16th September 1955:* AGM – G.D.C.A. Delegates representing Gisborne, Macedon, Sunbury, Lancefield, Romsey, Riddell and Woodend clubs attended on 6th September 1955. Others present were life members Messer's S.R. Brocchi and Les Goodear. The matter of the printing of the fixture cards was discussed with some delegates desiring something more appropriate and attractive in a folder type, with interesting information to be embodied including club secretary names and phone numbers for quick reference and this was adopted.

The President offered a trophy for competition for 1955/56 to be presented to the premiership team. The Constitution of the GDCA was then amended, the principle alterations include:

- ☞ Players must be bona fide residents for 1 month and reside within 7 miles radius of their local post office before being eligible to play.
- ☞ Players must play at least 2 matches to be eligible to play in finals.
- ☞ All matches to be played on matting or turf wickets, and each team shall provide a new 2 or 4 piece ball for each 1st innings of the match, such ball to be approved by the opposing captain. Semi-final and final matches shall be played on malthoid or matting wickets.
- ☞ Special concessions are to be given to service-men of Her Majesty's Forces, exempting them from residential qualifications.

Teams were entered in Bendigo and Melbourne with a practice match at Sunbury to determine selections. Mr. Goodear and Mr. Bravo to umpire practice match with the selectors being G. Sleeman, L. Goodear and B. Fitzgerald. GDCA win B Grade final at Bendigo Country Week. R. Ingleton was appointed manager after Mr. Eastgate had carried out this duty for the past 11 years.

Romsey premiers.

1956/57: Selectors for Bendigo Country Week team were Messrs. Ingleton, Taylor and Fitzgerald. Season to commence on 16th October. Teams to use a new two or four piece ball The Association made a presentation to Mr. Gordon Sleeman (Sunbury) who had left the district. Sunbury's Stan Truman presented a Premiership Shield to the GDCA and it was later presented to Romsey since they had won the premiership five times in the past nine seasons. The cup and shield were displayed in the Shamrock Hotel for some years then discarded and left in the old stables behind the hotel. Tom Reynolds had them restored and presented to the Romsey and Lancefield District Historical Society's Museum where they are still displayed today.

Romsey premiers.

1957/58: Applications from Kyneton and a second Sunbury team to be admitted to Association granted. Sunbury team to be known as Sunbury Blues. Practice match at Sunbury on December 22nd to select a team for Bendigo Country Week. Premiership trophy to be named the Ingleton Cup in memory of the late GDCA President Ray Ingleton.

Gisborne premiers.

1958/59: Brian Fitzgerald granted Life-Membership of the GDCA. Finals umpires to be sought from the V.C.A.

Romsey premiers.

1959/60: Collection to be taken at semi-final and final matches to be kept for Bendigo Country Week caps the following season. Rules changed to have all finals matches played on matting.

Romsey premiers.

1960/61: Country Week caps to be purchased with caps to be green with gold lettering.

Woodend premiers.

1961/62: Inter-association match to be played against the Bacchus Marsh Association at Gisborne on Labour Day. Semi-finals: Romsey (1st) v Gisborne (3rd), Woodend (2nd) v Sunbury (4th). A collection was taken up on the last day of the semi-final at Romsey raising £2/17/- from the 45 cars in attendance for Association funds.

Woodend premiers.

1962/63:

Woodend premiers.

1963/64: Use of malthoid pitches to be added to the rules of the Constitution. Compulsory closures introduced for the end of the first day's play. The team with the most number of runs wins. Results to be sent to the GDCA Secretary by the Tuesday after the completion of the match. Bendigo Country week team: D. McIntyre (Romsey) Capt., C. Shaw, N. Shaw, T. Reynolds (Romsey), J. Forbes, B. Davidson, W. Morrison, D. Rush (Sunbury), R. Hayes (Gisborne), J. Clifford (Macedon), D. Wheeler, J. Shaw (Woodend), W. West (Lancefield).

Woodend premiers.

1964/65: Affiliation fees were raised to £3-3-. Trophies for the best batting and bowling averages were donated by Mr. Forbes and Mr. Gilligan. Players to win trophies were to have bowled at least 40 overs and batted in 6 innings for a minimum of 150 runs. Batting Ave: J Godden 343 runs @ 68.60ave. Bowling Ave: R. Harding 20 wkts for 113 runs @ 5.65ave.

Woodend premiers.

1965/66: A letter to be sent to Trentham CC inviting them to join the association.

Macedon win premiership.

1966/67: A suggestion from Sunbury CC regarding junior cricket was discussed. Clubs were asked to try to amalgamate teams to get a competition going:- Macedon & Woodend, Romsey, Lancefield & Riddell

Macedon Premiers.

1967/68: Cliff Shaw awarded GDCA Life-Membership. The rule regarding eligibility to play for a club was changed from a seven mile radius from the local post office to a ten mile radius from the local post office of his house in which he resides. Two-day matches commenced at 2.00pm and finished at 6.00pm with the tea interval at 4.00pm. One-day matches were to be completed at 6.15pm. Visiting teams were allowed 15 minutes grace. A new ball could be taken after each 200 runs or 60 overs (8 ball overs) in any one innings.

Rules of Play: No.12. Each team joining the Association each year shall pay the sum of \$10.00 as an affiliation fee towards the expenses of such Association.

Rules of Play No. 9. The captain of the each winning team is to send a report of the result of the match together with a list of players names to the Association Secretary not later than the Thursday after the match. Any club infringing this rule shall be fined \$1.00 for the first offence and \$2.00 for the second.

Woodend premiers.

1968/69: Affiliation fees set at \$10.00 per club. Appreciation be given to Mr. West for the work he does in writing cricket news in the local paper. Mr. West was later made Publicity Officer for the GDCA. Presentation Night to be held at the end of the season at Reg Bebes. Batting Ave: J. Godden 80.70, Bowling Ave: D. Murphy 6.70.

Lancefield premiers.

1969/70: Semi-finals to be played over two days with the final to be played right out. Sunbury to be allowed to enter three teams for the season. Application from Wallan to enter the GDCA was granted. Presentation Night to be held at Gisborne Golf Club. In round four of competition, Romsey's Doug McIntyre takes all ten Riddell first innings wickets finishing with the figures of 10 for 21 off 11.2 overs. On the same day, Lancefield's Miles Johnstone takes 9 for 33 against Wallan, six of his victims bowled.

Sunbury premiers.

1970/71: Heskett to be re-admitted to the competition. Match against Daylesford Association on 10th January to be used as practice for Bendigo Country Week. Presentation Night to be held at Gisborne Golf Club, admission \$1.00 with John Clifford M.C. Bottle of champagne to be raffled for 20c a ticket.

Woodend premiers.

1971/72: Second Gisborne team admitted to the competition. Les Kays granted GDCA Life-Membership. Association to advertise in local papers for umpires to join an independent panel. Umpires to be paid \$5.00 per match. Golf Day to be held with a Perpetual Shield to be named after J.A. Forbes. Batting Ave: K. Sullivan 50.28, Bowling Ave: W. Morrison 6.55.

Gisborne premiers

1972/73: New B Grade formed with promotion and relegation to exist between A and B Grade. Season to consist of nine two-day matches and three one-day matches. Club umpires to wear dust coats when umpiring. J. Forbes and D. McIntyre to be awarded Life-Membership of the GDCA.

One-day matches consisted of 200 balls (25 eight ball overs) each. In two-day games, if the innings of the side batting first was compulsory closed, the side batting second were entitled to bat for the same number of balls as had been bowled to the side batting first.

Special dispensation was given to Sunbury to change venues if there was insufficient time to prepare their turf wicket. Throughout the 1960's and 70's, visiting teams often found if they were batting on the second day, quite often the sprinklers had been left on overnight (accidentally of course) or the lead for the roller had been mysteriously cut.

The semi-final and final matches were still of three days duration each with semi-finals played between first and third, second and fourth teams and the two winning teams playing in the final. There was no compulsory closure, so the top team would often win the toss and bat for the three days if they could.

Woodend won many finals through the 1960's and 70's with this tactic. For all finals matches, times of play

were: 1.00pm to 3.30pm and 3.45pm to 5.45pm. Batting Ave: A Grade W. West 58.29, B Grade J Godden 117.04. Bowling Ave: a grade w. Morrison 8.86, B Grade J. Godden 6.05.

Woodend premiers.

1973/74: Bulla Village CC and Sunbury Centrals CC (later to be Sunbury United) join the Association with Centrals playing home matches at the Evan's Street Oval in Sunbury. Promotion and relegation between grades rescinded. A Grade to consist of twelve teams with eight teams in B Grade. GDCA Life-membership awarded to Miles Johnstone. V.C.A. umpires to be appointed for A Grade finals. Local umpires to receive \$3.00 per day for finals.

GDCA Averages: A Grade: Batting R. Milne 310 runs @ 62.00, Bowling D. Wheeler 32 wkts @ 6.03
B Grade: Batting L. Benjamin 398 runs @ 33.10, Bowling G. Barlow 27 wkts @ 5.92

Final Four: A Grade: Woodend 58, Wallan 54, Gisborne 50, Romsey 49
B Grade: Romsey 74, Woodend 64, Lancefield 50, Sunbury 46

Woodend premiers.

1974/75: Playing conditions were amended to include times of two-day matches: 1.45pm to 6.15pm, and 6.00pm as the completion time for finals matches. One-day matches were extended to 224 balls (28 eight ball overs) a side. Compulsory close of the first innings at the tea interval on the second day was introduced to semi-final matches. Finals matches had no compulsory closure but additional time could be added to achieve a first innings result. For the first time, A Grade teams were to use a four-piece ball only. Clubs are to be encouraged to have scoreboards to be displayed at grounds. Caps of dark blue, red and white to be purchased for Bendigo Country Week team. Presentation night to be held at the Log Cabin Restaurant.

Team to be entered into Melbourne Country Week and the association to affiliate with the VCCL. Team to be also entered into Ballarat Country Week with the emphasis on selection of Under 23 players. Team Managers: W. West (Ballarat), L. Cousins (Bendigo), A. Williams (Melbourne).

Finals umpires to receive \$4.00 per day. GDCA wins Ballarat Country Week.

GDCA Averages: A Grade: Batting G. Notman 398 runs @ 99.50, Bowling R. Mau 46 wkts @ 6.20
B Grade: Batting K. Beatson 72.40, Bowling P. Breen 16 wkts @ 5.50

Final Four: A Grade: Gisborne 71, Lancefield 51, Sunbury(1) 48, Romsey 46
B Grade: Gisborne Red 66, Gisborne White 60, Wallan 57, Romsey 51

Gisborne premiers.

1975/76: Bacchus Marsh CC admitted to the GDCA. B Grade to be split into East and West divisions. Two-day matches were to start at 1.30pm and finish at 6.00pm with the tea interval at 3.45pm. One-day matches were to commence at 1.15pm and be of 240 balls (30 eight ball overs) an innings.

GDCA Averages: A Grade: Batting J. Hill 460 runs @ 65.71, Bowling K. James 19 wkts @ 4.78
B Grade West: Batting H Williams 253 runs @ 36.14, Bowling D. Smith 56 wkts @ 7.80
B Grade East: Batting M. McMahon 378 runs @ 47.25, Bowling G. Skinner 30 wkts @ 7.83

Final Four: A Grade: Gisborne(1) 57, Woodend 54, Sunbury 52, Lancefield 50
B Grade West: Sunbury 70, Bacchus Marsh(2) 60, Bacchus Marsh(3) 53, Woodend 52
B Grade East: Bacchus Marsh 65, Lancefield 51, Romsey 51, Centrals 58

Gisborne premiers.

1976/77: Craigieburn admitted to the competition. Competition to consist of A, B and C Grades. The 10 mile radius rule governing where a player must play is dropped. Players could register with the club of their choice. Fines were raised for failing to send in a result or team registration by the required time from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Affiliation fees were raised to \$20.00 for each team. Each team was to supply a grey dustcoat for their umpire or pay a fine of \$10.00.

GDCA Averages: A Grade: Batting A. Jennison 88.33, Bowling J. Hennessy 7.25

B Grade: Batting T. Griffin 57.50, Bowling M. Deverall 6.00
C Grade: Batting J. McCallum 73.00, Bowling A. Webster 5.59

Final Four: A Grade: Bacchus Marsh 66, Sunbury 62, Bulla 56, Riddell 52
B Grade: Gisborne 70, Bacchus Marsh(3) 62, Bacchus Marsh(2) 53, Sunbury(2) 53
C Grade: Gisborne 76, Craigieburn 62, Wallan 46, Bacchus Marsh 42

Bacchus Marsh premiers.

1977/78: Clubs start looking at synthetic pitch surfaces to replace the three different surfaces currently used in the competition. Sunbury, Bulla and Craigieburn play on turf. Wallan, Romsey, Lancefield, Macedon, Sunbury Centrals (United) and Woodend have malthoid pitches whilst Riddell, Gisborne and Bacchus Marsh play on matting. Sunbury Centrals transfer to Langama Park after being relegated from A grade. Association to write to the Australian Cricket Control Board expressing support for their stand in the present Packer controversy. Tom Reynolds granted Life-Membership of the GDCA.-

Bacchus Marsh premiers.

1978/79: Six ball overs were introduced as per V.C.A. Rules. One-day matches were still 240 balls an innings but were now 40 six ball overs. A new ball could be taken after 80 overs in any one innings. All A Grade teams had to field an Under 16 team for 1978/79. Affiliation for these teams was set at \$10.00.

Many new rules were introduced in the 1978/79 season:

Rules of Play. No. 25: Each club not competing in A Grade had to supply 2 umpires for finals matches.

Rules of Play: No. 27: In all matches the grass may not be cut during the progress of a game if one side gains advantage by such action.

Rules of Play. No. 29: Clubs not paying officiating umpires will be fined double the fees, balance to go to GDCA funds. Umpires fees \$15.00 per Saturday per man.

Rules of Play. No. 30: Promotion and relegation applies to A and B Grade with one team up and one team down.

Rules of Play. No. 31: Matting is not considered an approved playing surface – effective 1st January 1980 – for A Grade.

Rules of Play. No. 36: Scores shall be displayed at all grounds.

GDCA premiers Melbourne Country Week “C” Grade.

Final Four: A Grade: Bacchus Marsh 58, Bulla 51, Gisborne 50, Woodend 48
B Grade: Bacchus Marsh(2) 61, Gisborne(2) 57, Bacchus Marsh(3) 52, Sunbury(2) 52
C Grade: Gisborne 72, Craigieburn 66, Bacchus Marsh(4) 58, Sunbury Centrals 46

Gisborne premiers.

1979/80: Sunbury Training Centre and Clarkefield teams were included in the lower grades of the competition which brought the total number of teams to 37.

GDCA Averages: A Grade: Batting S. Waites 63.00, Bowling G. Nolan 12.08
B Grade: Batting J. Coustley 55.28, Bowling C. Salathiel 9.66
C. Grade: Batting P. Tidswell 65.10, bowling D. Symonds 6.00

Gisborne premiers.

1980/81:

Bacchus Marsh premiers.

1981/82:

Woodend premiers.

1982/83: Centrals C.C. changes its name to Sunbury United C.C. and adopt the gold and black colours. Matches were cancelled on Saturday 19th February due to the bushfires that swept through the area last week.

for the past three years were destroyed.

Ladder: Bulla Village 57, Romsey 54, Gisborne 45, Macedon 42.

Romsey premiers defeating Bulla Village in the final.

1983/84: Craigieburn C.C. threatens legal action against the GDCA over suspension of player A. Cann. Delegates vote to disaffiliate Craigieburn from the Association.

Gisborne premiers.

1984/85:

Gisborne premiers.

1985/86: Competition consists of 12 teams in A Grade, 10 teams in B Grade, 12 teams in C Grade and 10 teams in D Grade playing 9 two-day games and 2 one-day games for the season.

Macedon premiers.

1986/87:

Sunbury premiers.

1987/88:

Riddell premiers

1988/89: Diggers Rest C.C. and Bulla Village C.C. amalgamate. Parwan elevated to A Grade to make up 12 teams.

Riddell premiers.

1989/90: Wallan unable to field an A Grade team. Clarkefield elevated to take their place. Riddell wins their third 'A' Grade Premiership in three seasons to equal Romsey's hat trick of premierships in the late 1920's. . GDCA Premiers Melbourne Country Week Division 6.

Riddell premiers.

1990/91: Rupertswood C.C. admitted as 15th club into the Association. GDCA Premiers Melbourne Country Week Division 5.

Gisborne premiers.

1991/92:

Gisborne premiers.

1992/93:

Sunbury premiers.

1993/94: Wallan returns to A Grade competition. Clarkefield drops to B Grade.

Sunbury United premiers

1994/95: Competition consists of A, B, C and D Grades with 12 teams in each grade.

Sunbury United premiers

1995/96: At the GDCA A.G.M., Lancefield C.C. Notifies the Association that it feels it would not be able to field a competitive A Grade team and wishes to drop down a grade. As this would create a bye, and feeling a 10 team structure would not work, delegates decided to change the grading to an 8 team competition which would allow 7 two-day matches and 7 one-day matches to be played during the season.

It was decided to call the top competition the "McIntyre Cup" after the McIntyre family from Romsey for their contributions to the GDCA as players and administrators. Sunbury, Parwan (later Darley), Woodend, Romsey, Bacchus Marsh, Gisborne, Sunbury United and Macedon teams formed the top grade whilst

Grade division having finished in the bottom four places of the ladder from the previous season.

The competition was now made up of 8 teams in McIntyre Cup, 8 teams in A Grade, 8 teams in B1 Grade, 6 teams in B2 Grade, 8 teams in C1 Grade, 8 teams in C2 Grade and 8 teams in D Grade. A total of 54 teams. Heskett C.C. joins the GDCA. as the 16th club.

Ex-Romsey leg spinner, Peter McIntyre, makes his test debut for Australia against England at Adelaide on Monday 26th January 1995. He becomes the first and only player from the GDCA to play test cricket.

Woodend premiers.

1996/97:

Woodend premiers.

1997/98:

Woodend premiers.

1998/99: After many years of applications to join the GDCA, St. Anthony's C.C. (Melton) is admitted into the Association.

Bacchus Marsh premiers.

1999/2000: Clarkefield C.C. goes into recess and withdraws from competition.

Sunbury United premiers.

2000/01 Parwan changes its name to Darley C.C.

Bacchus Marsh premiers.

2001/02:

Woodend premiers.

2002/03: Darley C.C. is cleared to the Ballarat Cricket Association. Thoroughbreds C.C. enters the competition playing at Rockbank. Mrs. Diana Reddan is elected Secretary of the Association and the position is to have a remuneration for the first time. Gisborne D Grade team score 5/637 against Romsey at the small Romsey Primary School oval. Jason Goodall 297.

Wallan premiers.

2003/04: After being formerly known as The Hill C.C., Sunbury Mental Hospital C.C., Sunbury Training Centre C.C. and Caloola C.C., Royale C.C. changes its name to Ashfield C.C. GDCA enters Bendigo Country Week again and are Premiers Division 3.

Woodend premiers.

2004/05: GDCA ties final at Bendigo Country Week in Division 2. Promoted to Division 1.

Bacchus Marsh premiers.

2005/06: GDCA withdraws from the Central Highland Zone's "Kenmac Shield" competition. Rob McIntyre granted GDCA Life-Membership. GDCA commences annual matches against Bendigo and Ballarat Associations. Riddell's Heath Wadden scores a century and takes seven wickets in the final against Woodend.

Riddell premiers defeating Woodend.

2006/07: Mick Barker awarded GDCA life-Membership. Brenton Hanson (Wallan) scores a double hundred against Riddell. 62 senior teams in competition.

GDCA Premiers Bendigo Country Week Division 2.

Bacchus Marsh premiers defeating Woodend in the final.

2007/08: Second grade of competition to be changed from 'A' to 'B' Grade. Grades to be: McIntyre Cup, B Grade, C Grade, etc. Proposal for top three grades to be made up of ten teams and more two day

matches defeated at the AGM. Where a first innings result has been reached, both captains must agree before stumps can be called prior to the scheduled finishing time, but not before the tea break on day two. Garry Wilson (Sunbury United) and Bruce Thomas (Bacchus Marsh) granted life membership of the Association for their work as Registration Secretary and Disputes Committee Chairman respectively.

Bacchus Marsh premiers.

2008/09: Mrs. Diana Reddan steps down after holding the Secretary's position for 6 years. Tylden CC admitted to the competition in place of the disbanded Thoroughbreds CC. Eight grades comprising 61 senior teams with 60 teams in the junior competition.

Gisborne premiers.

2009/10: New club East Sunbury is admitted to the association. Senior teams: 63, junior teams: 63. Kevin Sullivan elected GDCA Treasurer for the 30th season. All finals, with the exception of D and H Grade, completed within two days.

Sunbury United premiers.

Gisborne District Junior Association

In 1973, Mick Jensen and Mick Geyer reformed the Sunbury Junior Cricket Association after it had gone into recess in 1972. Clubs in the Association were Centrals, Sunbury High School, Salesian College, Mt. Carmel, Lancefield and Wallan.

At a meeting held at Sunbury on 12th September 1977, the Gisborne District Junior Cricket Association was formed, replacing the Sunbury Association. Mick Jensen was elected President, Secretary and Treasurer. The ten team under 16 competition consisted of Centrals, Sunbury, Mt. Carmel, College Blue, College Gold, Riddell, Romsey, Lancefield, Wallan and Woodend. A nine round fixture was made up of 6 two-day matches and 3 one-day matches. Match times were 9.15am – 11.45am with one-day games to be approximately 16 overs a side. The top two teams played off in the final with College Gold defeating Sunbury by six runs with two overs to spare.

G.D.J.C.A. Representative side selected to play Coburg District Junior Cricket Association at Brearly Reserve, Coburg on Sunday 4th December 1977:-

W. Brew	Lancefield	T. Curwood	Sunbury
R. Thomas	Riddell	A. McKenzie	Sunbury
B. Breen	Wallan	S. Purdy	Sunbury
S. Gumley	Wallan	C. La Franchi	Sunbury
D. Palmer	College Blue	M. Grossman	Woodend
D. White	College Blue	P. Heizer	Woodend
G. Stone	College Gold	B. O'Keefe	Woodend
K. Broughton	College Gold	G. Ingleton	Romsey
J. McEncroe	Mt. Carmel		

Gisborne D.J.C.A. 108 defeated Coburg D.J.C.A. 44

At the AGM of 1978, Gisborne Red, Gisborne White, Macedon, Bulla and Craigieburn were added to the competition whilst Mt. Carmel withdrew. Mick Jensen was again elected to hold all three executive positions. Affiliation fees were set at two dollars for each club.

Coburg 5/111 defeated Gisborne 70 in their representative match at Langama Park. Gisborne also entered a team in Geelong Country Week beating Bellarine on the first day but going down to the 2 Geelong teams in their next two matches.

In the under 16 final, Romsey 75 were defeated by Riddell 0/89.

Clarkefield was the new team in 1979/80. Affiliation fees were raised to \$10.00 per team. In the final, Craigieburn 155 were defeated by Riddell 2/158 with R. Thomas 83 and D. Croft 65n.o.

In representative matches, Gisborne 6/174 defeated Coburg 4/172 at Coburg. At Geelong C.W., Gisborne won all three matches to advance to the final where they met Bacchus Marsh Association.

Gisborne 7/116 defeated Bacchus Marsh 23.

An under 19 team was selected to play the under 19 team from Northern Territory at Sunbury on 2nd and 3rd January 1980.

G.D.C.A. Under 19 Team

Tony Curwood (capt.)	Sunbury
Chris Neilson (v.c.)	Bulla
John Catterson	Bulla
Wayne Khrono	Bulla
John McIntyre	Romsey

Peter Aggarwaal	Sunbury
Robert Thomas	Riddell
Ron Howard	Riddell
Shane Ronchi	Centrals
Andrew Marks	Centrals
Glen Hopkins	Centrals
Mark Opie (12 th)	Centrals.

On the first day, Gisborne made 162 with Northern Territory 4/62 in reply. Steady rain overnight meant the second day was washed out. However, a one-day fixture was arranged. Northern Territory 111 (41 overs) were defeated by Gisborne 3/131 (25.5 overs).

In 1980/81, a new under 12 competition was implemented. Playing times were changed to 9.00am to 11.30am with bowlers restrictions introduced. Under 16: 10 overs maximum, Under 12: 5 overs maximum. All Under 12 matches to be 20 over-a- side one day games. Under 12 teams were: Centrals, Clarkefield, Sunbury, Bulla, Romsey, Riddell and Wallan.

Under 16 final: Gisborne 9/164 defeated College Gold 113.

Under 12 final: Wallan 8/55 defeated Sunbury 52.

At Geelong country Week, Gisborne again advanced to the final playing Geelong C.A.(4).

Gisborne 7/174 defeated Geelong (4) 45 with D. Croft taking 7/17 for Gisborne.

G.D.C.A. Umpires Association

G.D.C.A. EXECUTIVE

<i>Season</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	
1919/20	J.A. Beattie	H.M. White	W.G. Whipp	W.G. Whipp	
1920/21	J.A. Beattie	H.M. White	W.G. Whipp	W.G. Whipp	
1921/22	J.A. Beattie	H.M. White	W.G. Whipp	W.G. Whipp	
1922/23	J.A. Beattie	H.M. White	W.G. Whipp	W.G. Whipp	
1923/24	J.A. Beattie	H.M. White	W.G. Whipp	W.G. Whipp	
1924/25	H.M. White	G. McKay	W.G. Whipp	W.G. Whipp	
1925/26	H.M. White	A. Bayliss	W.G. Whipp	W.G. Whipp	
1926/27	H.M. White	A. Bayliss	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1927/28	H.M. White	A. Bayliss	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1928/29	H.M. White	K. Harper	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1929/30	H.M. White	K. Harper	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1930/31	H.M. White	N. Nicholls	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1931/32	H.M. White	N. Hall	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1932/33	H.M. White	A. Seddon	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1933/34	H.M. White	A. Oakley	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1934/35	H.M. White	A. Oakley	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1935/36	H.M. White	J. Thompson	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1936/37	H.M. White	J. Thompson	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1937/38	H.M. White	J. Thompson	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1938/39	H.M. White	J. Thompson	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1939/40	H.M. White	J. Thompson	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1940/41	H.M. White	H. Scott	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1941 – 45	Competition Suspended During World War II				
1945/46	H.M. White	H. Gilchrist	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1946/47	H.M. White	H. Gilchrist	S. Brocchi	S. Brocchi	
1947/48	H.M. White	H. Gilchrist	W. Brocchi	W. Brocchi	
1948/49	H.M. White	L. Goodear	W. Brocchi	W. Brocchi	
1949/50	C. Shaw	L. Hansen	B. Fitzgerald	B. Fitzgerald	
1950/51	C. Shaw	L. Hansen	B. Fitzgerald	B. Fitzgerald	
1951/52	L. Goodear	C. Shaw	B. Fitzgerald	B. Fitzgerald	
1952/53	L. Goodear	L. Hansen	B. Fitzgerald	B. Fitzgerald	
1953/54	L. Goodear	G. Sleeman	B. Fitzgerald	B. Fitzgerald	
1954/55	G. Sleeman	L. Wheeler	B. Fitzgerald	B. Fitzgerald	
1955/56	G. Sleeman	L. Wheeler	B. Fitzgerald	B. Fitzgerald	
<i>Season</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>		<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
1956/57	R. Ingleton	L. Wheeler	W. Brocchi	B. Fitzgerald	B. Fitzgerald
1957/58	R. Ingleton	L. Wheeler	A. Douglas	B. Fitzgerald	B. Fitzgerald
1958/59	L. Wheeler	C. Shaw	A. Douglas	L. Kays	L. Kays
1959/60	L. Wheeler	A. Douglas	C. Shaw	L. Kays	L. Kays
1960/61	A. Douglas	L. Wheeler	C. Shaw	L. Kays	L. Kays
1961/62	A. Douglas	C. Shaw	L. Wheeler	L. Kays	L. Kays
1962/63	J. Forbes	G. Bracker	C. Shaw	L. Kays	L. Kays
1963/64	J. Forbes	C. Shaw	G. Bracker	L. Kays	L. Kays
1964/65	D. McIntyre	J. Forbes	C. Shaw	L. Kays	L. Kays
1965/66	W. Rose	J. Forbes	D. McIntyre	L. Kays	L. Kays
1966/67	W. Rose	D. McIntyre	J. Forbes	L. Kays	L. Kays
1967/68	W. Rose	J. Forbes	T. Reynolds	L. Kays	L. Kays
1968/69	J. Forbes	W. Rose	H. Richardson	L. Kays	L. Kays
1969/70	J. Forbes	H. Richardson	T. Reynolds	L. Kays	L. Kays
1970/71	T. Reynolds	J. Forbes	M. Johnstone	L. Kays	L. Kays
1971/72	T. Reynolds	M. Johnstone	J. Clifford	B. Davidson	B. Davidson

Season	President	Vice-Presidents		Secretary	Treasurer
1972/73	T. Reynolds	M. Johnstone	J. Clifford	B. Davidson	B. Davidson
1973/74	T. Reynolds	J. Clifford	D. Bremner	W. West	W. West
1974/75	T. Reynolds	O. Rose	L. Cousins	D. Bremner	D. Bremner
1975/76	T. Reynolds	O. Rose	W. West	D. Bremner	D. Bremner
1976/77	T. Reynolds	W. West	C. Dean	D. Bremner	D. Bremner
1977/78	W. West	O. Rose	C. Dean	D. Baguley	D. Baguley
1978/79	W. West	C. Dean	M. Cairns	D. Baguley	D. Baguley
1979/80	D. McIntyre	W. West	C. Dean	J. Bryant	J. Bryant
1980/81	D. McIntyre			A. Williams	K. Sullivan
1981/82	D. McIntyre			A. Williams	K. Sullivan
1982/83	B. Mundy			K. Wrest	K. Sullivan
1983/84	B. Mundy			B. Clarke	K. Sullivan
1984/85	B. Mundy			B. Clarke	K. Sullivan
Season	President	Vice-President		Secretary	Treasurer
1985/86	D. McIntyre	O. Rose		B. Clarke	K. Sullivan
1986/87	D. McIntyre	O. Rose		D. Ingram	K. Sullivan
1987/88	D. McIntyre	M. Jensen		J. Currie	K. Sullivan
1988/89	D. McIntyre	M. Jensen		J. Currie	K. Sullivan
1989/90	D. Ingram	M. Jensen		J. Currie	K. Sullivan
1990/91	D. Ingram	M. Jensen		J. Currie	K. Sullivan
1991/92	D. Ingram	M. Jensen		J. Currie	K. Sullivan
1992/93	R. Parks	M. Jensen		J. Currie	K. Sullivan
1993/94	R. Parks	M. Jensen		J. Currie	K. Sullivan
1994/95	I. Goss	R. Parks		R. Coustley	K. Sullivan
1995/96	I. Goss	K. Cartwright		R. Coustley	K. Sullivan
1996/97	K. Cartwright	M. Jensen		I. Goss	K. Sullivan
1997/98	K. Cartwright	M. Jensen		R. Coustley	K. Sullivan
1998/99	M. Jensen	D. Hilton		R. Coustley	K. Sullivan
1999/2000	M. Jensen	D. Hilton		T. McCarthy	K. Sullivan
2000/01	M. Jensen	G. Clark		T. McCarthy	K. Sullivan
2001/02	G. Clark	E. Streat		T. McCarthy	K. Sullivan
2002/03	J. Code	E. Streat		D. Reddan	K. Sullivan
2003/04	J. Code	M. Williams		D. Reddan	K. Sullivan
2004/05	J. Code	M. Williams		D. Reddan	K. Sullivan
2005/06	J. Code	M. Williams		D. Reddan	K. Sullivan
2006/07	J. Code	M. Williams		D. Reddan	K. Sullivan
2007/08	J. Code	M. Williams		D. Reddan	K. Sullivan
2008/09	J. Code	M. Williams		R. McIntyre	K. Sullivan
2009/10	J. Code	M. Williams		R. McIntyre	K. Sullivan
2010/11	J. Code	M. Williams		R. McIntyre	K. Sullivan

G.D.C.A. PREMIERSHIPS

<i>Season</i>	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B Grade</i>
1919/20	Lancefield	
1920/21	Lancefield	
1921/22	Lancefield Junction	
1922/23	Kyneton	
1923/24	Romsey	
1924/25	Riddell	
1925/26	Riddell	
1926/27	Romsey	
1927/28	Romsey	
1928/29	Romsey	
1929/30	Kyneton	
1930/31	Kyneton	Macedon
1931/32	Kyneton	Riddell
1932/33	Kyneton	
1933/34	Romsey	
1934/35	Woodend	
1935/36	Gisborne	
1936/37	Gisborne	
1937/38	Woodend	
1938/39	Gisborne	
1939/40	Macedon	
1940/41	The Hill	
1941-45	Competition Suspended During World War II	
1945/46	The Hill	
1946/47	Macedon	
1947/48	Macedon	
1948/49	Romsey	
1949/50	Macedon	
1950/51	Romsey	
1951/52	Macedon	
1952/53	Sunbury	
1953/54	Romsey	
1954/55	Sunbury	
1955/56	Romsey	
1956/57	Romsey	
1957/58	Gisborne	
1958/59	Romsey	
1959/60	Romsey	
1960/61	Woodend	
1961/62	Woodend	
1962/63	Woodend	
1963/64	Woodend	
1964/65	Woodend	
1965/66	Macedon	
1966/67	Macedon	
1967/68	Woodend	
1968/69	Lancefield	
1969/70	Sunbury (1)	
1970/71	Woodend	
1971/72	Gisborne (1)	
	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B Grade</i>
1972/73	Woodend (1)	Woodend (2)
1973/74	Woodend (1)	Woodend (2)
1974/75	Gisborne	Gisborne Red

	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B Grade West</i>	<i>B Grade East</i>					
1975/76	Gisborne	Bacchus Marsh (1)	Romsey					
	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B Grade</i>	<i>C Grade</i>					
1976/77	Bacchus Marsh	Sunbury						
1977/78	Bacchus Marsh	Sunbury	Macedon					
1978/79	Gisborne	Bacchus Marsh	Craigieburn					
1979/80	Gisborne	Centrals	Romsey					
1980/81	Bacchus Marsh							
1981/82	Woodend							
1982/83	Romsey							
1983/84	Gisborne							
1984/85	Gisborne							
1985/86	Macedon	United	Romsey					
	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B Grade</i>	<i>C Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>				
1986/87	Sunbury			United				
1987/88	Riddell							
1988/89	Riddell		United					
1989/90	Riddell							
1990/91	Gisborne			United				
1991/92	Gisborne		United	United				
1992/93	Sunbury		United					
1993/94	United		Royales					
1994/95	United	Rupertswood		United				
	<i>McIntyre Cup</i>	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B1 Grade</i>	<i>B2 Grade</i>	<i>C1 Grade</i>	<i>C2 Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>	
1995/96	Woodend							
	<i>McIntyre Cup</i>	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B1 Grade</i>	<i>B2 Grade</i>	<i>C Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>		
1996/97	Woodend	Macedon	Parwan	Macedon	United			
	<i>McIntyre Cup</i>	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B Grade</i>	<i>C1 Grade</i>	<i>C2 Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>		
1997/98	Woodend	Riddell	Hesket			Hesket		
	<i>McIntyre Cup</i>	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B1 Grade</i>	<i>B2 Grade</i>	<i>C Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>	<i>E Grade</i>	
1998/99	Bacchus Marsh	Parwan	United			Romsey	United	
1999/2000	United		Romsey		United			
	<i>McIntyre Cup</i>	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B Grade</i>	<i>C Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>	<i>E Grade</i>	<i>F Grade</i>	
2000/01	Bacchus Marsh		Hesket	United	United		Romsey	
	<i>McIntyre Cup</i>	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B Grade</i>	<i>C Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>	<i>E Grade</i>	<i>F Grade</i>	<i>G Grade</i>
2001/02	Woodend	Macedon			United		United	
	<i>McIntyre Cup</i>	<i>A Grade</i>	<i>B Grade</i>	<i>C Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>	<i>E Grade</i>	<i>F Grade</i>	
2002/03	Wallan	Riddell	Diggers Rest	Rupertswood	Macedon	St. Anthony's	Riddell	
2003/04	Woodend	Macedon	Woodend	Macedon	Gisborne	Thoroughbreds	Gisborne	
2004/05	Bacchus Marsh	Rupertswood	United	Diggers Rest	Riddell	St. Anthony's	Sunbury	
2005/06	Riddell	United	United	United	Gisborne	Rupertswood	United	
2006/07	Bacchus Marsh	Romsey	Riddell	Romsey	Gisborne	Wallan	Bacchus Marsh	
	<i>McIntyre Cup</i>	<i>B Grade</i>	<i>C Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>	<i>E Grade</i>	<i>F Grade</i>	<i>G Grade</i>	
2007/08	Bacchus Marsh	Macedon	St. Anthony's	Macedon	Lancefield	Rupertswood	Hesket	
	<i>McIntyre Cup</i>	<i>B Grade</i>	<i>C Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>	<i>E Grade</i>	<i>F Grade</i>	<i>G Grade</i>	<i>H Grade</i>
2008/09	Gisborne	Bacchus Marsh	Rupertswood	Gisborne	St. Anthony's	Rupertswood	Rupertswood	Macedon
2009/10	United	Wallan	United	Hesket	Rupertswood	BachusMarsh	East Sunbury	St. Anthony's
	<i>McIntyre Cup</i>	<i>B Grade</i>	<i>C Grade</i>	<i>D Grade</i>	<i>E Grade</i>	<i>F Grade</i>	<i>G Grade</i>	<i>H Grade</i>
2010/11	United	Woodend	Bacchus Marsh	Lancefield	Gisborne	Hesket	St. Anthony's	Riddell
								Romsey

GDCA Players to have Played District First XI:

Bacchus Marsh Gisborne	E. Bronca (Nth Melbourne), J. Dickinson (Essendon), L. Wilson (Essendon) D. McDonald (Footscray/Nth. Melbourne), S. Sanders (Melb. Uni), D. Trevillian (Nth. Melbourne). L. McKenna (Carlton)
Lancefield	J. Markham (Nth. Melbourne), J. Shannon (Essendon/Nth. Melbourne). V. Cann (Dandenong).
Riddell Romsey	A. Retallick (Hawthorn East Melbourne), B. Sniegowski (Carlton). P. McIntyre (Essendon/Victoria/Sth. Australia/Australia), S. Jones (Footscray/Prahran).
Rupertswood Sunbury	L. Brennan (Nth. Melbourne/Footscray) A. Ward (Footscray/Nth. Melbourne/Collingwood), A. Pizzaro (Footscray/ Nth. Melbourne).
Woodend	D. Salpietro (Nth. Melbourne/Prahran)

District Players to have Played in GDCA:

Gisborne	R. Harry (Nth. Melbourne), S. Waites (Collingwood), G. Sanders (Fitzroy), J. MacWhirter (Sth. Melbourne), M. MacWhirter (Sth. Melbourne),
Riddell Romsey	J. Hennessy (Northcote), R. McLennan (Essendon), G. Pitts (Prahran/Essendon). D. Jones (Carlton/Melbourne/Victoria/Australia), G. Watts(FitzroyDoncaster/Victoria)
Sunbury	J. Ingleton (Essendon)

Kevin Sullivan Medal:

2000/01	S. Paterson (Gisborne)
2001/02	M. Loughnane (Woodend)
2002/03	S. Huddle (Bacchus Marsh)
2003/04	S. Paterson (Riddell), T. McCaskill (Gisborne)
2004/05	S. Paterson (Riddell)
2005/06	M. Graham (Riddell), M. Loughnane (Woodend), A. Chew (Woodend)
2006/07	S. Huddle (Bacchus Marsh)
2007/08	S. Grey (Sunbury United)
2008/09	S. Harman (Gisborne)
2009/10	J. Hughes (Sunbury United)
2010/11	J. Hughes (Sunbury United), D. O'Loughlin (Bacchus Marsh)

GDCA First XI Individual Awards:

<i>Season</i>	<i>Batting</i>	<i>Bowling</i>	<i>All - Rounder</i>
1999/2000			C. Ganim (Macedon)
2000/01			
2001/02			
2002/03	B. Gardner (Woodend)	P. Tyler (Sunbury)	S. Huddle (B/Marsh)
2003/04	B. Gardner (Woodend)	S. Huddle (B/Marsh)	S. Huddle (B/Marsh)
2004/05	R. Belcher (Macedon)	B. Cue (Sunbury)	S. Huddle (B/Marsh)
2005/06	M. Loughnane (Woodend)	D. Warner (Woodend)	H. Boffey (Sunbury)
2006/07	B. Hanson (Wallan)	D. Warner (Woodend)	B. Hanson (Wallan)
2007/08	P. Lalor (Bacchus Marsh)	J. Hughes (Sunbury United)	S. Harman (Gisborne)
2008/09	S. Harman (Gisborne)	P. Sankey (Gisborne)	S. Harman (Gisborne)
2009/10	S. Grey (Sunbury United)	J. Hughes (Sunbury United)	J. Hughes (Sunbury United)
2010/11	D. Fisk (Riddell)	S. Bell (Wallan)	J. Hughes (Sunbury United)

GDCA Life-Members:

S. Brocchi (dec)(Gisborne), H. White (dec.)(Romsey), Brian Fitzgerald (dec.)(Gisborne), Les Kays (Gisborne), Cliff Shaw (dec.)(Romsey), Les Goodear (dec.)(Macedon), John Forbes (dec.)(Sunbury), Doug McIntyre (dec.)(Romsey), Miles Johnstone (Lancefield), Tom Reynolds (Romsey), Owen Rose (Macedon), William West (Lancefield), Kevin Sullivan (Woodend), Mick Jensen (Sunbury United), Gary Sanders (Gisborne/Woodend), Robert McIntyre (Romsey/Riddell), Mick Barker (Woodend), Garry Wilson (Sunbury United), Bruce Thomas (Bacchus Marsh).

INTER-ASSOCIATION MATCHES:

The Gisborne and District Cricket Association was one of the few Associations in Victoria to send teams to all three Country weeks. Only four players from within the Association have competed in all three Country Weeks in the same season. They are: Alan "Pud" Williams (Woodend/Bulla Village), Bill Morrison (Sunbury/Bulla Village), Rob McIntyre (Romsey/Riddell) and Russell Pattinson (Lancefield).

Melbourne Country Week:

Gisborne was originally grouped with the Bacchus Marsh Association in 1920 to send a combined team to Melbourne Country Week. Gisborne was also grouped with Mobsworth Association and Wallan Association throughout the 1920's and 1930's. Practice matches were organised against these associations, usually in January, and a combined team was selected from these matches. GDCA selectors were usually the President, Vice-President and Secretary.

Bendigo Country Week:

Gisborne had a mascot with their successful teams in the early 1980's. Whilst playing a match at the Kennington Oval, players noticed an old man searching through the rubbish bins and duly named him "Kennington Kev". "Kev" was banned from entering the QEO by local authorities who thought it was not appropriate to have someone searching through the bins of the town's premier ground. So, when Gisborne made the final on Friday, it was decided to smuggle "Kev" in the back of the bus and he feasted on half-eaten pies and hot dogs whilst Gisborne went about winning the final.

The drought of 1983 forced Country Week to be shifted to towns along the Murray River with Gisborne playing in 'A' Grade at Swan Hill. Matches on Wednesday and Thursday were played at "Shamrock Park" which had one tree 100 metres from the oval and a corrugated iron shed with chicken wire divider and front, no toilets or showers. But it did have a big, old fridge which was emptied at the end of each day's play after temperatures in the mid 40's.

In 1985, Gisborne played Donald at the QEO on the Tuesday on the pitch near the main gates, a match which would go down in country cricket folklore. The QEO had a centre pitch and two pitches at either end of the ground so that two matches could be played at once with the boundary lines overlapping. If you were fielding on the deep mid-wicket boundary you had to keep a careful eye on the match behind you so that a cover drive wouldn't hit you in the back.

Donald batted first and, after losing their opening batsmen, a big bloke by the name of Jim Steele strode to the crease. The Gisborne off-spinner was bowling and John McCallum (Craigieburn) was in good form as he had taken six wickets on the Monday. Steele hit the last ball of a McCallum over for six and then his partner faced a maiden the following over. Steele then hit six sixes in six balls off the next over from McCallum, some cleared the grandstand and out into View Street, others hit the front door of the caretaker's residence square of the wicket. His partner then took a two off the following over and Steele then hit the first ball of McCallum's next over for six giving him the distinction of hitting eight sixes off eight balls faced. He was later out for 82 without having to make a run between wickets hitting 9 sixes and seven fours. He earned the

nickname BHP Steele (Big Hitting Prick) from the Gisborne players. McCallum took six wickets on Wednesday but a meeting with the Donald boys at a Golden Square pub on Wednesday night saw Steele destroy him again and he was not fit to play on Thursday due to a severe hangover.

After failing to field teams from 1998, Gisborne re-entered a team in 2004 after the collapse of Ballarat Country Week. Gisborne won the Division 3 final and was promoted to Division 2. The team tied the final the following year and, as both finalists are promoted, Gisborne were again back in the top division in just three years. However, after one season in Division 1, the team was relegated but won the Division 2 final in 2007 to be promoted again.

Ballarat Country Week:

Kenmac Shield:

The Kenmac Shield Competition consisted of a series of matches between the Associations within the Central Highlands Zone. These teams were: Ballarat, Bendigo, Maryborough, Grampians, Gisborne, Daylesford and Castlemaine. The GDCA first fielded a team in the Kenmac Shield in season 1981/82 with the first match played against the Grampians Association at Ararat. Although the team consisted of several former District players, the GDCA was bowled out for only 55 on a lively pitch. Henry Gunston (the Bradman of the Bush) then knocked up a quick 50 and retired to the clubrooms wishing the GDCA all the best and Grampians won the match comfortably.

Gisborne was very competitive throughout the 1980's and 1990's without winning the Shield. They continually beat one of the top teams in Bendigo but struggled to overcome Ballarat. In the mid '80's, Gisborne travelled to Stawell in the final round of matches and, after winning, returned by bus at 11pm and continued their "rehydration session" in Gary Sander's Gisborne Sports Store awaiting the result of the Maryborough-Bendigo match. A Maryborough win would have given Gisborne the shield for the first time however, Bendigo won the match and took the shield. Whilst the team was awaiting the results in the sports store, a young couple, after seeing the lights on, came into the store looking for directions to the nearest petrol station as their car had run out of petrol. On entering the premises, they were confronted by a GDCA selector holding a gun he had taken down from the rack and the opening bowler having intimate relations with a store mannequin. Needless to say they left very quickly.

The better performers in this competition were selected in the Central Highlands team to compete in matches against first class teams. In 1982/83, John MacWhirter (Gisborne), Gary Sanders (Gisborne), Chris Neilson (Bulla Village) and Peter McIntyre (Romsey) were selected to play against the Victorian State team in a two-day match at Maryborough but the match was abandoned due to wet weather. In February 1985, Gary Sanders, Rob McIntyre (Romsey) and Gerrard Nolan (Riddell) were selected in the team to play against Sri Lanka at Maryborough. Sanders was named vice-captain. Sri Lanka batted first and amassed 8/303 in their 50 overs with Rob McIntyre taking 2/48 off his allotted 10 overs. Central Highlands replied with 205 in 46.3 overs with Sanders scoring 33. The following season, Gary Sanders was named captain of the zone team which included Rob McIntyre. The match against the VCA Colts team was played at Ararat with the Colts including a young opening bowler named Paul Reiffel. In 1987, the zone team played against the Victorian One-Day team at the Eastern Oval in Ballarat. Rob McIntyre was named vice-captain and Kingsley Stanley (Sunbury United) was the opening batsman against an attack including Merv Hughes, Dennis Hickey and Simon O'Donnell. The zone team competed admirably, batting out their allotted 50 overs and receiving praise from the Victorian co-coaches Ian Redpath and Keith Stackpole.

Gary Sanders and John Markham (Sunbury United) were regularly selected in the Victorian team at the Annual Australian Country Championships. Markham was selected in the 1995/96 All Australian Country team

By the turn of the century, only four Associations remained in the competition and, after Grampians forfeited

a match against Gisborne in 2004/05 the GDCA withdrew from this competition. Currently the Association plays against the Bendigo Association annually.

Kirton Shield:

The Kirton Shield was firstly an Under 21 competition played amongst the Associations of the Central Highlands Zone. From these matches the Zone Team was selected to compete in the then “International Harvester Cup” against other zones of country Victoria. Peter McIntyre (Romsey), Chris Neilson (Bulla Village) and David Jones (Woodend) were some of the first players selected from this Association. The GDCA continues to play in the Kirton Shield which is now an Under 17 competition and players are now selected from these matches to represent the Central Highlands Zone in State Under 18 matches.

Tom Reynolds Shield:

The Tom Reynolds Shield was donated by Tom Reynolds, former GDCA President and player, for matches played annually against the neighbouring Daylesford and District Cricket Association. It was first contested in 1970/71 and played alternately at each Association's grounds as a warm-up to Bendigo Country Week usually on the first Sunday in the new year. As the GDCA ceased sending a team to Bendigo CW in 1998/99, the Shield has not been contested since.

<i>Season</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Winner</i>
1970/71	Daylesford	1984/85	Gisborne
1971/72	Gisborne	1985/86	Gisborne
1972/73	Gisborne	1986/87	Gisborne
1973/74	Gisborne	1987/88	Gisborne
1974/75	Daylesford	1988/89	Gisborne
1975/76	Daylesford	1989/90	Gisborne
1976/77	Gisborne	1990/91	Gisborne
1977/78	Daylesford	1991/92	Gisborne
1978/79	Daylesford	1992/93	Gisborne
1979/80	Gisborne	1993/94	Daylesford
1980/81	Gisborne	1994/95	Gisborne
1981/82	Gisborne	1995/96	Daylesford
1982/83	Gisborne	1996/97	Gisborne
1983/84	Gisborne	1997/98	Gisborne

1923-24 Secretary - Treasurer's Report

I herewith hand you my Balance Sheet and report for cricket season 1923-24.

The past season has again been a very busy one besides completing our own matches the team of this assn(*sic*) had to play Mobsworth. This match was played at Bacchus Marsh and provided one of the most exciting matches I have witnessed. Gisborne won by a small margin owing to Stuart Amess of the Riddell Club playing a very safe and careful innings This gave us the right to play Bacchus Marsh at Gisborne. This game provided good cricket and was a drawn game.

The team was picked out of Mobsworth, Gisborne and Bacchus Marsh Assn to play at Country Week. I was again manager of the team Rupert Brown was again elected captain with S. Farrow as vice capt. The first match was against Pyrenees. They batted first and were out for 55 our bowling being very good. Our team batted and compiled 154. Farrow 20 Fairbank 25 and Bence 30 being the performance scores. Pyrenees in their 2nd innings could only make 85 leaving us winners by an innings.

We played Bairnsdale the second day and this provided a most exciting match our team winning by 1 run. Bob Clarke batted well for 39 Young 21 Bawden 23 and Mayo 19. The last 2 we must give credit for winning this match both being young players and batted with great coolness. Bairnsdale made 132 which was one less than our score. The honours of the bowling was with Grattage who took 7 wickets for 53 runs.

This left our team at the head of the section and with any ordinary luck we should have again won our section when we had to meet Benalla a strong team. When we got to the Coburg ground we found that Grattage and Farrow had not turned up, this took the heart out of the players when on top of this the wicket was inspected and found to be in a very bad state but it was decided to play on. We unfortunately lost the toss and were sent in to bat.

Our side not being used to these bad conditions could only put on 39 runs. Hansen being top score with 13 runs. Benalla then went to the wicket and had 3 wickets down for 42 when the rain came down and play could not again be resumed. Thus you can see we were unlucky to lose. I consider the ground was not fit to play on as other matches had to be abandoned.

This finished our visit to the city as far as cricket was concerned. We all felt disappointed but the team did their best and I think was equal of anything in its section.

Coming back to our own assn the season was again a long drawn out one and something should be done to remedy this. We finished well into the football season. Sunbury I am pleased to say did very well in their first season finishing minor premiers. But the premiership was eventually won by Romsey.

We wound up the season by holding a smoke night, this proved to be a huge success everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and I consider that the wind up night should take this form this next year. At this evening the trophy and the shield presented by Mr Beattie was handed to the Romsey club. This season ended the presidency of Mr Beattie and it is with feeling of regret that he has had to leave Gisborne and thus sever his connection with our Assn. He has put his whole heart into the advancement of cricket.

At the smoke night we made him a presentation from the assn and this was greatly appreciated by him. I would like it recorded in our minutes showing our esteem for him as President and for what he has done for cricket in our assn.

In closing I would like to thank all clubs for their assistance and the good feeling prevailing amongst everyone.

Yours faithfully,
W.G. Whipp

Balance Sheet Season 1924-25

Receipts	£ s d	Expenditure	£ s d
Entry fee from Clubs	8 8 0	Debit Balance Last Year	4 17 6
Donation towards trophy		Loss Smoke Night	3 1
J.A. Beattie donation	4 4 0	Printing rules fixture	2 0 0
Entertaining Bacchus Marsh	1 6 0	Trophy	4 4 0
		Balls	2 15 0
		Entertaining Bacchus Marsh	2 15 0
		Score Book Country Week	1 6
		Postage telegrams	1 2 0
		Sundry Expenses	0 6 0
	<u>£13 18 0</u>		<u>£18 4 1</u>
Dr Balance	<u>£ 4 6 1</u>		
	<u>£18 4 1</u>		

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