

BHRDCA Heritage – July 2017

Premierships

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Since its formation in 1890-91, the BHRDCA has celebrated 121 completed seasons.

Top Grade Premierships-

The Top Grade is that recognized as the highest level of cricket in the association during any given season. Since 1890-91, the top level has had seven names with the current title; McIntosh Shield – introduced in 1977-78 in recognition of the service of Ray McIntosh as a player from 1922 to the mid 1950's (with 10 years in West Gippsland thrown in) and as association secretary from 1953-54 to 1976-77 (except 1960-61 when Jack Lennox acted in the secretary role)

BELOW SHOWS THE NAME OF THE HIGHEST GRADE IN REPORTER CRICKET

Reporter	1890-91
Gilmore Shield	1891-92
Eastern District Trophy	1892-93
Eastern District Trophy	1898-99 to 1900-01
A Grade	1902-03 to 1968-69
A1 Grade	1969-70 to 1972-73
Reporter Shield	1973-74 to 1976-77
McIntosh Shield	1977-78 to 2013-14
Ray McIntosh Shield	2014-15 to current

- ❖ No competition 1893-94 to 1897-98 inclusive
- ❖ No competition 1901-02
- ❖ A Grade played for the Standard Shield (1920-21 to 1924-25), the Kent Shield (1925-26 to 1934-35) and the Nutting & Young Shield (1935-36 to WWII). The club that was first to win three premierships would keep the shield. This practice appears to have ceased at the start of WWII. Canterbury holds both the Standard and Kent Shield while the whereabouts of the Nutting & Young Shield is unknown.
- ❖ The association changed its name from the Reporter District Cricket Association to the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association (BHRDCA) prior to the start of the 1933-34 season. Whilst the minutes do not detail the following - this may have been done to resolve confusion with the neighbouring Ringwood District Cricket Association (RDCA) which was formed in 1920-21.

BELOW SHOWS HOW PREMIERSHIPS WERE DECIDED EACH SEASON

Ladder Position	1890-91 to 1891-92; 1898-99 to 1900-01; 1903-04 to 1906-07; 1910-11 to 1912-13; 1914-15 to 1915-16; 1919-20
Grand Finals	1892-93; 1902-03; 1907-08 to 1909-10; 1913-14; 1916-17 to 1918-19; 1920-21 to present day

- ❖ In some seasons, fourteen two-day rounds were played that finished in late April. In 1919-20, most teams abandoned the competition after round twelve when it became obvious that Ringwood had won the premiership. The association decided that all premierships would be decided by a final from then on.

TOP GRADE PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

Titles	Club	Seasons
13	Mitcham	1905-06; 1909-10; 1910-11; 1946-47; 1947-48; 1949-50; 1950-51; 1954-55; 1956-57; 1975-76; 1986-87; 1991-92; 1997-98
12	Canterbury	1898-99; 1899-00; 1908-09; 1916-17; 1921-22; 1923-24; 1924-25; 1927-28; 1931-32; 1934-35; 1935-36; 1937-38
11	Nunawading	1957-58; 1958-59; 1960-61; 1965-66; 1966-67; 1968-69; 1973-74; 1976-77; 1979-80; 1981-82; 1983-84
10	Blackburn	1932-33; 1959-60; 1961-62; 1962-63; 1964-65; 1969-70; 1993-94; 1996-97; 2003-04; 2014-15
9	East Burwood	1944-45; 1945-46; 1948-49; 1951-52; 1952-53; 1953-54; 1967-68; 1974-75; 2016-17
8	Heatherdale	1982-83; 1985-86; 1987-88; 1992-93; 2002-03; 2009-10; 2012-13; 2015-16
7	Vermont	1942-43; 1970-71; 1998-99; 1999-00; 2000-01; 2001-02; 2006-07
6	Surrey Hills	1902-03; 1904-05; 1912-13; 1913-14; 1929-30; 1930-31
6	Box Hill	1890-91; 1892-93; 1903-04 (shared); 1922-23; 1925-26; 1926-27
4	East Box Hill	1995-96; 2005-06; 2007-08; 2010-11
4	Templestowe	1911-12; 1918-19; 1928-29; 1984-85
3	Forest Hill	1972-73; 1977-78; 2013-14
3	Box Hill Church of Christ	1938-39; 1939-40; 1940-41
3	Ringwood	1914-15; 1915-16; 1919-20
2	Bulleen-Templestowe	2008-09; 2011-12
2	Eley Park	1989-90; 2004-05
2	Box Hill North	1980-81; 1994-95
2	Bennettswood	1988-89; 1990-91
2	Doncaster Footballers	1955-56; 1971-72
2	Box Hill Methodists	1941-42; 1943-44
2	Doncaster	1917-18; 1920-21
1	Burwood	1891-92
1	Kew	1900-01
1	Old Mitcham	1903-04 (Shared)
1	Doncaster Heights	1906-07
1	Camberwell	1907-08
1	St. Andrew's	1933-34
1	East Doncaster	1936-37
1	Bulleen	1963-64
1	St. David's	1978-79

Notes:-

Where two or more clubs have the same number of premierships, the club that won their most recent premiership later is listed first.

- ✚ Kew (1900-01) won a premiership in its only complete season in the Reporter Association
- ✚ Old Mitcham and Box Hill shared the 1903-04 premiership after finishing on equal points on the ladder. By then it was late April 1904 and the competition had run out of time to play a deciding match. The association vowed to not let this situation occur again.
- ✚ Surrey Hills lost three successive grand finals from 1924-25 to 1926-27
- ✚ Box Hill Church of Christ (1938-39; 1939-40; 1940-41) and East Burwood (1951-52; 1952-53; 1953-54) are the only clubs to win three successive premierships.
- ✚ From 1944-45 to 1954-55, eleven premierships were shared between Mitcham (5) and East Burwood (6).
- ✚ From 1957-58 to 1966-67, nine premierships were shared between Nunawading (5) and Blackburn (4) with only Bulleen (1963-64) breaking the sequence
- ✚ Vermont is the only club to win four successive premierships from 1998-99 to 2001-02.
- ✚ Boroondara (1892-93), Mitcham District, Blackburn South and Vermont South are the only clubs to finish runners-up, but not win a premiership. East Burwood-Bennettswood is in the same situation, but won premierships as separate clubs before their merger.
- ✚ This list includes premierships won during WWI and WWII. Although Shields were 'retired' during these years, BHRDCA Heritage is of the view that the standard of matches and players continuing during these years justifies inclusion on any premiership list.

Total 'Saturday' premierships

The definition of Saturday premierships includes open-age two day and one day grades (introduced in 2005-06) that are played almost exclusively on Saturday's. This list excludes Veterans, Twenty20, Mid Week, Twilight, Under 18's and Junior competitions.

A total of 719 premierships have been available to clubs under this definition since 1890-91. The following clubs have won nine or more premierships during their affiliation with the BHRDCA.

Titles	Club
44	Nunawading (inc 1 as Tunstall)
39	Blackburn
38	Mitcham* (inc 2 as Old Mitcham*)
37	Heatherdale* (inc 1 as Parkview)
32	Vermont
27	East Box Hill (inc 4 as Box Hill Adelphians)
25	Box Hill North Super Kings (inc 17 as Box Hill North and 7 as St. Peters)
23	Eley Park (inc 4 as E-Bees)
	Forest Hill*
21	Bulleen-Templestowe
	Vermont South*
	Burwood District (inc 2 as Burwood Socials)
20	Templestowe; Koonung Heights
17	Canterbury
	Blackburn South (inc 11 as Blackburn South High School*)
	Doncaster (inc 12 as Doncaster Footballers*)
16	Elgar Park (inc 13 as Box Hill Church of Christ)
	Blackburn North (inc 2 as Meadow)
	Yarraleen
15	East Burwood (pre merger and 2016-17)
13	St. David's
12	East Doncaster
11	Box Hill*
	Laburnum (inc 8 as Nunawading Church of Christ and 2 as Blackburn Church of Christ)
	East Burwood-Bennettswood
	Park Orchards (inc 2 as Donvale District)
	Kerrimuir Utd
	Deakin (inc 4 as Surrey Park and 1 as Parks)

Notes:-

2016-17 Premierships

- ❖ East Burwood won their first top grade premiership since 1974-75.
- ❖ Yarraleen and Koonung Heights both won two premierships.
- ❖ Koonung Heights played in four grand finals.

All pre-merger premierships are listed against the original club.

- ✚ Box Hill North Super King premierships include those won by St. Peter's before 1968. BHRDCA Life Member, Angus Falla, confirmed that when the Box Hill North junior cricket players joined St. Peter's, the senior club decided to adopt the name of the suburb instead of the church.
- ✚ Blackburn and Nunawading have met in 14 grand finals, with Blackburn winning nine.
- ✚ Until 2014-15, Yarraleen won 14 premierships and has never lost a Saturday grand final. Unfortunately they lost three in 2015-16, but won two from two in 2016-17. From 1988-89 to 1990-91, their first XI won three successive premierships.
- ✚ Shared or Tied premierships are included against totals for both sides involved (indicated by *)
- ✚ East Burwood and Bennettswood have won a combined 35 premierships as separate or merged entities. Since 2015-16, East Burwood premierships have been recorded against the original East Burwood entity.

Veterans Premierships

This includes all Veteran premierships played for since 1997-98. This list includes Legends (Over 50)

There have been 91 premierships awarded in Veterans cricket with eight in 2015-16. Of these 91, BHRDCA Heritage is missing the details of two premierships. The following table shows all clubs that have won more than two premierships.

Titles	Club
11	Mont Albert
7	Surrey Hills; Canterbury
5	Vermont
4	Mazenod OC; Mitcham;
3	Doncaster (inc United Eagles); Richmond City; Notting Hill/Brandon Park

Junior Premierships

This includes all Junior premierships played for since 1948-49. This list includes Under 18's which was introduced in 2007-08. NOTE: Under 10 'Anklbyters' are not awarded premierships along with Under 12C grade from 2016-17

There have been 467 premierships awarded in junior cricket with fourteen grades in 2015-16. Of these 467, BHRDCA Heritage is missing the details of eleven premierships. The following table shows all clubs that have won more than ten premierships.

Titles	Club
42	Blackburn
41	Heatherdale (inc 2 shared premierships)
24	Nunawading
23	Box Hill North; Eley Park
20	Burwood Districts
19	Vermont South; Forest Hill; Bulleen Templestowe
18	Vermont
15	St. David's
13	East Box Hill; Mitcham
12	Doncaster (ex Doncaster Footballers)
11	Glen Waverley Hawks
10	Laburnum; Blackburn South; East Burwood (pre merger with Bennettswood)

Notes:-

Age Group details

- The Under 16 competition commenced in 1948-49 and was split into two sections from 1963-64.
- The Under 14 competition commenced in 1964-65
- The Under 12 competition commenced in 1971-72
- The Under 18 competition commenced in 2007-08
- Alpha Gradings (A, B, C) were introduced in 1977-78.

2016-17 Premierships

- ❖ Glen Waverley Hawks, Templestowe and Bulleen Templestowe all won two premierships.
- ❖ Blackburn finished runners-up in three Under 12 grades.

Overall

- ✚ Premierships won by combined teams from two different clubs are not included in individual club tallies
- ✚ Donvale, Heathmont, and Vermont South have all won two Under 18 premierships
- ✚ Blackburn (21) has won the most Under 16 premierships, followed by Heatherdale (14), Nunawading (9), and Doncaster (7)
- ✚ Heatherdale (16) has won the most Under 14 premierships, followed by Blackburn (11) and Eley Park, Nunawading, and Forest Hill who have all won 9
- ✚ Burwood Districts (13) have won the most Under 12 premierships, followed by Vermont South (12), Bulleen Templestowe (12), Blackburn (10), and Heatherdale and Box Hill North who have both won 9
- ✚ The Box Hill Technical School and Box Hill High School won three premierships each during the first dozen years of junior competition