

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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AFFILIATED DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED - ABN A0005287R

Tomatoes



**59th ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENT**

SEASON 2004



HONOUR ROLL 2004

PRESIDENT: Mark O'Brien

VICE PRESIDENTS: Daryl Dicker
Geoff Court

SECRETARY: Tim Hanson

TREASURER: Rod Burt

COMMITTEE: Peter Gloury Tony Totaro
Floyd Selleck Brent Hura
Paul Dent Russell Clarke
Murray Bowra

LIFE MEMBERS: John O'Brien Noel Winther
Rod McClelland Annette O'Brien
Paul O'Brien Michele Winther
Mark O'Brien Daryl Dicker
Susan Nicolaou Mark Anderton
Peter Gloury Chris Love
Geoff Court

PREMIERSHIPS:

A Grade: 1953, 1957, 1962, 1988, 1991, 1996, 1999 and 2003.
A Reserve: 1984, 1996, and 1998, 2003 and 2004.
B Grade: 1957, 1958, 1975, 2000, and 2001
C Grade: 1959
D Grade: 1990
Under 17: 1982
Under 15/16: 1973, 1982, 1987, and 1999
Under 13/14: 1971, 1979, 1980, and 1997
Under 12: 1995



Frankston Baseball Club Inc.

Members,

It is my duty as duly elected Secretary of the Frankston Baseball Club Inc. to present the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2004 for your consideration. In line with the Club's constitution a vote will be taken to as to whether the report and statement be adopted.

Administration

At the Annual General Meeting the following members were elected as office bearers for 2004:

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COACHES:

In 2004 the club fielded 5 senior teams and 2 junior teams.

Brendan Ratcliffe filled the Club coach position. Floyd Selleck resumed responsibility for the A reserve and Murray Bowra took on the role for the B grade. Steve Schneider handled the E grade, while Chris Anderton returned to coach the women's team.

Anthony Richards coached the under 16s while Tony Totaro and Dayle Selleck coached a team each with the under 12s.



A GRADE – Brendan Ratcliffe - Club Coach

This team once again proved to be one of the class teams of the competition with a good blend of youth, experience and enthusiasm. We had a pitching staff to dream of, led by John Hussey, Brendan Ratcliffe and Ben Smith with Matt O'Brien stepping up with some solid starts.

We showed a high skill level and were constantly challenging ourselves to play a better brand of Baseball

We finished the season a game clear on top of the ladder and faced old rivals Cheltenham at Frankston in the second semi . After a great one run win we were propelled into the grand final. Cheltenham bounced back and gave us a lesson in Baseball in the final. The result was not a good reflection of how well our season had been.

Thank you to Michele Winther for scoring again. Thanks also to all the players for their efforts during 2004. I can't wait for the coming season.

A Reserve- Floyd Selleck

The A res team from winter 2004 enjoyed a very successful season overall, finishing clear on top of the ladder at the end of home and away games by a comfortable margin. Congratulations to Matty O'Brien who dominated all year with his pitching and was a worthy winner of best player in the reserve competition, as well as our MVP and Club Champion Trophy. Dean Stephens won our hitting with a consistent display of power all year, while Scott Stephens showed great improvement to be awarded the most improved player in the team.

Many thanks to the womens team, mainly prue squires paula finch and Kathy voyer for helping out with numbers during the year as they all equitted themselves well and combined with a mixture of B and E grade players we were able to field a consistent and competitive side for the home and away season.

All that said it was a pleasure to be involved with a great bunch of guys most of which have not been named but please remember to win consecutive flags takes a team effort and to win this years final in extra innings was a fantastic result for all players.

As has been hinted in previous years the FAT lady has finally come to see things the way of the TOMATOE, may she stay with us a bit longer.



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B Grade – Murray BOWRA

2004 was a very enjoyable year with a lot of wins by only a run. Having beaten everyone in the top 4 during the season, we were confident of finishing in the top 4 once again. At the conclusion of the home and away season we were clear in fourth position and faced Cheltenham (B) in the first final. Unfortunately we had no petrol left in the tank and were unable to progress any further.

With a team batting average of 340 this was definitely our strong point and kept us in most games.

As B grade coach I would like to thank everyone involved with the team and club for all their encouragement and look forward to another successful year. Go Tomatoes! Any new recruits will be most welcome.

E Grade – Steve Schneider

The club wishes to thank Steve Schneider for his efforts in managing the team. Special mention must also go to Chad Wilson who won the Most Valuable Player award in his first year at the club.

Congratulations to the team for a great year. Some solid hitting from Anthony Richards was a highlight of the year. The E Grade had some great team players this year, special thanks to Billy Dines – junior and senior for helping to get the ground ready for the days play.

Women - Chris Anderton

The club would like to thank Chris Anderton for his efforts in managing the Women's team. In a competition that was a little light on for teams our girls played to a very high standard all year and very unlucky not to gain a spot in the finals. Congratulations to Paula Finch for the DBA O'Brien Medal for the Best Player in the Women's Competition.

Under 16 – Anthony Richards

Special thanks to Anthony Richards for coaching this team. The start of the year looked lean with player numbers down. The guys' won some close games and just missed out on some close ones. There is a quantity of real talent in this team so hopefully we can nurture them along and have some promising tomatoes of the future.



Under 12 – Tony Totaro / Dayle Selleck

This team started the season in a very unusual position. We had too many players. After some quick bargaining with association we were able to field two Under 12 teams for the first time in many years. A wonderful sign for the future of junior Baseball at Frankston. The process adopted in separating the players proved successful for the club with Tony Totaro taking his team into the Grand Final. Unfortunately the boys and girls couldn't get past a very competitive Bonbeach.

Dayle Selleck gratefully took on the role of coaching the second Under 12 team and by the end of the season was seeing some definite improvement in skills and understanding of the game of Baseball. Both teams looked good and the players had really started to develop, which is a credit to Tony and Dayle and their faithful band of parents. The club would like to thank Tony and Dayle for their efforts and also all the parents who assisted.

T Ball- Russell Clarke

We ran T ball in 2004 after a year or so's lay off. After a flyer drop to all the local schools we had a good response from kids wanting to learn about T Ball. Tracking down the club's gear proved to be a challenge, but we scraped up enough gear to get the show on the road. We are hoping to run the T Ball again next year as it is a great introduction to Baseball for Kids and parents.

Thanks to all parents who turned up to help, support and watch the kids as they charged around. I hope the grounding we can give them in T ball can bring them back to the club as baseballers in the near future.

DBA Representation

The club would like to offer their congratulations to the following players and officials for representative selection in 2004. We have received reports on the excellent attitude of representatives and thank them for being fine ambassadors for the club.



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Congratulations to the following:

Daryl Dicker (Coach)
Mark Jones
Simon Myles
Brendan Ratcliffe
Simon Ratcliffe
William Keys
Chris Love
Matthew O'Brien

Michelle Winther – Scorer
Noel Winther – Team Manager

Well done to all the above and we hope to continue our strong DBA representation in 2005.

Junior Presentation

A sausage sizzle was the theme of the 2004 junior presentation that was held at the clubrooms.

A large turnout by players and parents ensured a great day was had by all. Thanks to all those who contributed to the running of the junior presentation day it was by all accounts a great success.

The following players were presented with trophies.

Under 16

M.V.P. - Tom Schneider
Batting - Sam Domain (.563)
Improvement Award - Doug Canning
Coach's Award - Billy Dines



Under 12

M.V.P – Jake Kenton
- Anthony Totaro
Coaches Award – Christopher Mahdi – Forsberg
Most Improved – Rhys Tippet
Encouragement Award – Callum Plunkett

Senior Presentation

The now traditional AFL grand final eve date saw the holding of the senior presentation night at the Frankston RSL. The club would like to extend its thanks to Geoff and Lorraine Court again for their efforts in staging a very enjoyable night.

The award winners this year were as follows:

A Grade

Most Valuable Player:	Ben Smith/ Simon Ratcliffe
Batting Award:	John Hussey (.444)
M.V.P. Finals Series:	Ben Smith

A Reserve

Most Valuable Player:	Matthew O'Brien
Batting Award:	Dean Stephens (.500)
M.V.P. Finals Series:	Matthew O'Brien
Most Improved	Scott Stephens
Best Team Member	Paula Finch

B Grade

Most Valuable Player:	Rob Davis
Batting Award:	Murray Bowra (.423)
Fielding Award:	Ben O'Brien



E Grade

Most Valuable Player:	Chad Wilson
Batting Award:	Anthony Richards
Best Team Players:	Bill Dines / Billy Dines
Rising Star Award	Wayne Barr

Women's

Most Valuable Player:	Jenny Dicker
Batting Award:	Prue Squires
Most Improved:	Suzanne Thieman

The John "Rocky" O'Brien Memorial Award for Best Clubman:

Floyd Selleck

Max Klinger Club Champion Award

Matthew O'Brien

O'Brien Medal Night

The club was well represented at the annual association awards nights with 15 members attending to see Frankston players come away with some awards.

Congratulations go to these tomatoes for winning the following awards:

Best player awards:

Womens O'Brien medal winner:	Paula Finch
Golden Arm Award - Best DBA Pitcher	Brendan Ratcliffe

Statistics awards:

Best Earned Run Average:	Brendan Ratcliffe (2.08)
Most Victories (pitcher):	Brendan Ratcliffe (8)



Canteen

The lifeblood of our club is undoubtedly the canteen and bar. Special thanks go again to Annette O'Brien for her work in the canteen. It was also encouraging to see more helpers making their way into the canteen to assist, but more are always needed.

Thanks also to Noel and Michelle Winther for their efforts in making sure the canteen was open during the early morning junior games, the coaches, players and parents especially appreciate your efforts for that hot coffee!!!

Bar

Rod Burt ran the bar again this year. We were never short of a drink and thank Rod for his tireless efforts in keeping the bar operating.

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Chris Love again used his considerable computer and publishing talents to maintain the Frankston web site and also publish "Tomato Talk" the eagerly awaited weekly journal of club goings on. Chris also commenced work on the History of the Frankston Baseball Club which can be viewed on the website. We thank you Chris for your ongoing commitment to these tasks, which helps separate the tomatoes from other clubs.

Conclusion

The 2004 season was demanding, trying, hard work but most of all successful on and off the field, due to a band of highly dedicated and committed people. To all those on the committee I thank you for your efforts and help. To all fellow club members, tonight is the night where you can have your say and help shape the club for its future. Please do not take this lightly and leave it to "someone else" if you feel you can help no matter how small, just say so. Believe me every little bit helps.

I wish all of you a successful 2005 season.

Tim Hanson
Secretary - Frankston Baseball Club
30th March 2005.



Presidents Addendum

Once again it is my pleasant duty to add my comments to this report as a conclusion to another busy season.

The foregoing Annual Report and Financial Statements compiled by our Secretary and Treasurer acknowledge the extent of activity within our club during Season 2004. I am particularly grateful for the efforts of Tim Hanson, who in his first year as Secretary demonstrated leadership qualities and a great vision for the future of the Club. I am also equally grateful to Rod Burt for diligently performing the role of Club Treasurer. On behalf of the Club I congratulate both Tim and Rod for their efforts in maintaining our records and presenting this report.

The general running of the club has of course revolved around the Committee members, all of whom spent many hours in discussing and forming the principals for current activities and the future development of our club. To all members of the Committee I extend my grateful thanks for their untiring efforts without which the club could not operate.

To Brendan Ratcliffe, Floyd Selleck, Murray Bowra, Steve Schneider and Chris Anderton I say thank you for your efforts and outstanding achievements in managing our senior teams throughout a very successful season. May I also place on record the club's sincere thanks to Anthony Richards, Tony Totaro and Dayle Selleck for the time and effort they put into managing, training and encouraging our junior teams.

It was most pleasing to see the continuation of Tee Ball during the season and our thanks go to Russell Clarke and Peter Gloury for giving up their Sunday mornings in the pursuit of nurturing future Tomatoes.

As an amateur organisation proper compensation can never be given to those who spend so much time in giving of their efforts so liberally. I trust however that their reward is gained in the knowledge that they have achieved a result, which is appreciated not only by club members, but also by all who attend our club as guests.

My addendum would be incomplete without the acknowledgement of those people who assisted the club, those who worked so unselfishly behind the scenes and in particular, Annette O'Brien, Noel and Michele Winther and our willing band of bar attendants.

I congratulate all individual trophy winners especially Paula Finch on winning the O'Brien Medal in the Women's division.

In conclusion my thanks are extended to each official who helped administer the club and to each individual member who co-operated in the common objective of enhancing our sporting and social activities. I thank you all for your support and wish everyone well for the 2005 season.

MARK O'BRIEN
President

**Statement of Income and Expenditure
To 31st October 2004**

INCOME

Subs Jnr.	\$ 1,433.00
Uni Hire	\$ 431.00
Uni sales	\$ 917.00
Merch	\$ 1,229.00
Subs Snr	\$ 4,527.50
Fundraiser	\$ 1,536.00
Canteen	\$ 7,142.15
Bar	\$ 13,480.75
Mem'ship	\$ 1,085.00
Misc	\$ 125.00
Social	\$ 1,310.00
Presentation Night	\$ 2,638.75
Interest	\$ 0.88

Total \$ 35,856.03

EXPENDITURE

Mtce Ground	1915.25
Stationary	\$ 483.46
Uniforms	\$ 1,067.00
Bar	\$ 8,962.90
Utilities	\$ 1,300.40
Umpires	\$ 1,995.00
Canteen	\$ 4,357.29
Mtce	\$ 1,034.50
Merch	\$ 2,589.01
Eqpt.	\$ 2,061.25
Misc	\$ 765.78
Fundraiser	\$ 999.91
D.B.A	\$ 5,353.20
Ground Rental	\$ 2,341.57
Social	\$ 1,020.00
Jnr. Presentation	\$ 386.26
Snr. Presentation	\$ 2,426.60
Bank Fees	\$ 50.60

\$ 39,109.98

Balance 31/10/03	\$ 16,503.90
Income	\$ 35,856.03
Expenditure	\$ 39,109.98
Balance 31/7/04	\$ 13,249.95
Deficit	\$ 3,253.95