

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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AFFILIATED DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED - ABN A0005287R

Tomatoes



**60TH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENT**

SEASON 2005



HONOUR ROLL 2005

PRESIDENT: Mark O'Brien

VICE PRESIDENTS: Daryl Dicker
Geoff Court

SECRETARY: Tim Hanson

TREASURER: Rod Burt

COMMITTEE:

Peter Gloury	Tony Totaro
Floyd Selleck	Linda Selleck
Paul Dent	Russell Clarke
Murray Bowra	Chris Cox
Paul Dent	Russell Clarke

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
Women's Grade 2005
Under 17: 1982
Under 15/16: 1973, 1982, 1987, and 1999
Under 13/14: 1971, 1979, 1980, and 1997
Under 12: 1995



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Members,

It is my pleasant duty as duly elected Secretary of the Frankston Baseball Club Inc. to present the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2005 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 on the 30th of March 2005 the following members were elected as office bearers for 2005:

PRESIDENT: Mark O'Brien

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COACHES:

In 2005 the club fielded 5 senior teams and 3 junior teams.

Floyd Selleck filled the Club coach position. Mark Richards returned to the club as coach of the A reserve and Murray Bowra continued with his role as coach of the B grade. Stephen Schneider, with the assistance of his son, Matt coached the new D grade, while Chris Cox and Will Keys jointly coached the women's team.

Stephen Schneider undertook the newly formed role of Junior Coordinator at the Frankston Baseball Club. Stephen also assisted in the coaching of the Frankston / Tyabb Under 16 team. Tony Totaro was our Under 14 coach whilst one of our fathers, Peter Cross took on the job of coaching the under 12's.

A GRADE – Floyd Selleck - Club Coach

This team once again proved to be one of the class teams of the competition with dominance all season long and finishing clear on top of the ladder at the end of the home and away rounds. Brendan Ratcliffe put in half a season on the hill and the other half earning a living and was pretty much untouchable when available, with Mark Richards having some quality mound time in closing a lot of games combined with Ben Smith and Matthew O'Brien picking up the remaining innings.

Our offence was superb during the season with many a close game finishing in our favour through nothing more than powerful and timely hitting when needed, Russell Anderton picked up the hitting award this year with consistent powerful at bats and was followed closely by all team members with all players exceeding 20 hits for the season.



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The finals saw us beat Berwick comfortably in the Semi to go straight into the Grand final.

Once again we came up against Cheltenham at their home ground plus the added bonus of winter deciding to take part in proceedings. Unfortunately we went down in a close fought struggle to not quite finish the season the way we would have liked. A fantastic effort from the boys who once again lived up to the reputation of the mighty Tomatoes being feared on the field and loved by the bar.

A Reserve- Mark Richards

Not many baseball players can say they have been involved in a 17 innings grand final!

If ever there was a reason to hand over a flag, this was it. Although the result didn't go our way on the day, we can hold our heads pretty high with the efforts that were put in by all. Players seem to come and go in a reserves team, moving within club teams or availability, but a big key to our success was the support from our women's players, in particular – Kathy Voyer, Prue Squires and Linda Selleck, who all played very well.

Our experienced team members – Floyd Selleck, Chris Love, Tim Hanson and Mark Anderton all played very important roles in our success this season.

They offered me regular advice and help throughout the winter and for this I thank them. The team proved to have a very successful year both defensively and offensively, with special mention to Floyd Selleck for pitching most of the season and finals and for Tim Hanson receiving the batting award with an average of .520.

Other Highlights were Stuart Capel's fine first year as a tomato and the always awesome power and fitness from Neil Barfuss. Overall I enjoyed coaching the reserves and being amongst this great team.



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B Grade – Murray BOWRA

B grade had another successful year reaching the preliminary final in a season where we struggled at times for numbers and especially pitchers.

Thanks to Matthew O'Brien and Chris Love for their help when it was needed.

We had some new faces to the team who fitted in extremely well.

We hope to see them again next season and encourage them to push for selection in the higher grades.

To all the regulars I hope to see you all down at the patch again this year to go one step further.

D Grade – Steve Schneider

We were pleased to have the regulars return for another season and we also welcomed new players, James Canning, Graham Wilson, Phillip Bonell, Glen Cullimore, Gary Corcoran, Jason Gardner, Nick Clarke and Andrew Horscroft. James, Phillip, Gary and Nick, are parents of boys in our junior teams, and Graham is the father of Chad, who spent time with us and finished the season in B grade.

We were also keen to have some enthusiastic members of our Under 16s - Adrian Clarke, Doug Canning, Mitch Barr and Tom Schneider - for a number of games in the second half of the season.

2005 was a challenging year, as we lost our two main pitchers, Ben Stewart and Sam Dunkley after the first game through injury. Ben tried to make a return, but injured himself again so he had to have a complete rest for the season. This gave the rest of us an opportunity to have time on the mound, and relieve Mark Stinson, who consistently gave his all in each game.



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The guys maintained great spirit throughout the season, even though we knew each game would be tough and we relied on our fielding and batting to keep us in the game. We had some good wins and the new guys developed their skills with plenty of practise in different positions.

The whole team needs to be thanked for their effort getting the diamond ready for each home game, putting up the net and providing plenty of support to each other throughout the season.

Women - Chris Cox and Will Keys

The drought may be affecting farmers but in 2005 it ended for the Frankston Tomatoettes.

We had a great mix of girls working together in a successful season to capture our first ever women's flag. With the inclusion of some new faces as well as the seasoned professionals, the Tomatoettes gained in confidence as the season progressed ultimately culminating in a crushing grand final victory. There were many outstanding performances throughout the season, Kathy Voyer took out the league/Club M.V.P while Jackie Osulkulas won the finals M.V.P.

Well done to the team and coaches! Let hope they can go back-to-back in 2006.

Under 12 – Peter Cross

This year the U/12's had twelve players; with eight of the players having played previously. The season started slowly with the first two games both against eventual finalists. Once we started playing teams more at our level, some wins started coming. After winning three in a row we then had three close loses, then a draw and then another two close loses, also to eventual finalists.

The coaching policy for the season was to give all players as equal a time on the field as possible and for everyone to have fun. This of course meant we did not always have our strongest team on the field. We did however have a very happy



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group of players. Of the twelve players, six will still be eligible for under 12s again next season and the other six will make very good under 14 players.

Under 14 – Tony Totaro

We had 9 really keen and enthusiastic players, but were short for a number of games due to injury and Gareth Corcoran playing cricket in the UK. We filled the gap with players from under 12s, but did play with less than 9 in some games. The team was really switched on when we had a full team and didn't lose a game, even having a thrilling draw against the top team. When short, they lacked some drive and we ended up 4 wins, 2 draws and 6 losses. Our team was a strong team, displaying developed skills and plenty of potential, and we had some good wins. We will maintain 6 players and 3 will move up to 16s.

Under 16 - Stephen Schneider

We had 4 players and after making contact with a number of teams, we combined with Tyabb Baseball Club. Tyabb had entered a team and Adam Simpson (coach) made our players feel welcome. Training was on a Tuesday at Tyabb, and most of the team were able to attend, with some missing due to work commitments. The team consisted of a number of first time players and Adam's priority was to enjoy the games/season. This provided an opportunity to try out a number of positions, with many having valuable experience on the mound. The team mixed well, they worked hard and won a couple of games. The Frankston players developed their skills, and Adrian Clarke, Mitch Barr, Doug Canning and Tom Schneider have played in 'D' grade during the later part of the season. All are keen to return for seniors next year, and with some guidance, they would be able to play at a higher level. We had a presentation night at Tyabb on Friday 5th and the team also attended our Junior Presentation.

Thanks to, Wayne Barr for scoring and transporting the players to/from training & James Canning for the support on a Saturday morning.



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T Ball- Russell Clarke

T ball in 2005 was another great success with a regular attendance of 10 to 15 kids each Sunday morning. A pre season flyer drop to all the local schools generated a good response from kids wanting to learn about T Ball.

We picked up from last year and soon had a fun and enjoyable, if not a little cold, mornings entertainment with plenty of enthusiasm being the major ingredient.

We will run the T Ball again next year as it is a great introduction to Baseball for kids and parents. Any support you can offer is always greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to all parents and club members 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 2005. We have received reports on the excellent attitude of representatives and thank them for being fine ambassadors for the club.

Congratulations to the following:

Daryl Dicker (Coach)

Mark Jones

Brendan Ratcliffe

William Keys

Chris Love

Matthew O'Brien

Russell Anderton



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Mark Richards
Chris Cox
Simon Ratcliffe

Sharon Hussey – Scorer
Noel Winther – Team Manager

Well done to all the above and we hope to continue our strong DBA representation in 2006.

Junior Presentation

A sausage sizzle was the theme of the 2005 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.

Under 12 Presentation:

Medal	all players
Most Valuable Player	Thilak Manohar Tegan Daley-Driscoll

Under 14 Presentation:

Participation	5 players
Most Valuable Player	Anthony Totaro
Batting	Gareth Corcoran
Most Consistent	Jake Kenton
Encouragement	Codey Wil

Under 16 Presentation:

Coach	Matthew Eager	(Tyabb)
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Batting	Adrian Clarke	(Frankston)
Fielding	Tom Schneider	(Frankston)
Fly ball	Mitch Barr	(Frankston)

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:	Matthew O'Brien
Batting Award:	Russell Anderton
Pitching Award	Mark Richards
The Floyd Selleck Outstanding Achievement Award:	Brendan Ratcliffe

A Reserve

Most Valuable Player:	Tim Hanson
Batting Award:	Tim Hanson
Coaches Award	Chad Wilson
Best Team Member	Stuart Capel

B Grade

Most Valuable Player	Russell Clarke
Batting Award	Lachlan Renwick



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Coaches Award

Jamie Grey

D Grade

Most Valuable Player:

Mark Stinson

Most Consistent Player award

Bill Dines / Matthew Schneider

Rising Star Award

Philip Bonell

Women's

Most Valuable Player:

Kathy Voyer

Batting Award:

Kathy Voyer

Coaches Award

Suzanne Thieman

Most Valuable Player in a Grand Final Jackie Osulakaus

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

Stephen Schneider

Max Klinger Club Champion Award

Mark Richards

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:

Ross McKenry Award for the best DBA Player - Simon Ratcliffe



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Golden Arm Award for The Best DBA Pitcher - Matthew O'Brien

Statistics awards:

Most Victories (pitcher): Matthew O'Brien (7)

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.

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.

Bar

Rod Burt operated the bar this year. We were never short of a drink and thank Rod for his tireless efforts in keeping the bar operating and for bringing us new and exciting drinks from which to choose.

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Chris Love again used his considerable computer and publishing talents to maintain the Frankston Baseball Club web site and also publish "Tomato Talk", the eagerly awaited weekly journal of club goings on. Chris spent considerable time renewing and updating club photo's for display around the rooms. As you look around, Chris is responsible for the fantastic memories that hang from the walls of the tomato patch! We thank you Chris for your



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ongoing commitment to these tasks, and the assistance you provide to the Secretary and members of the committee.

Tim Hanson
Secretary - Frankston Baseball Club
12th of April 2006.

Statement of Income and Expenditure Year End 31st October 2005

INCOME

	2005	2004		2005	2004
Subs Jnr.	\$ 1,627.50	\$ 1,433.00	Mtce Ground	\$ 644.05	1915.25
Uni Hire	\$ 430.00	\$ 431.00	Stationary	\$ 378.95	\$ 483.46
Uni sales	\$ 723.00	\$ 917.00	Uniforms	\$ 805.00	\$ 1,067.00
Merch	\$ 337.00	\$ 1,229.00	Bar	\$ 11,391.36	\$ 8,962.90
Subs Snr	\$ 5,980.00	\$ 4,527.50	Utilities	\$ 674.87	\$ 1,300.40
Fundraiser	\$ 3,076.50	\$ 1,536.00	Umpires	\$ 2,152.50	\$ 1,995.00
Canteen	\$ 7,070.60	\$ 7,142.15	Canteen	\$ 4,867.89	\$ 4,357.29
Bar	\$ 17,910.63	\$ 13,480.75	Mtce	\$ 1,536.44	\$ 1,034.50
Mem'ship	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,085.00	Merch		\$ 2,589.01
Misc		\$ 125.00	Eqpt.	\$ 1,634.60	\$ 2,061.25
Social		\$ 1,310.00	Misc	\$ 570.07	\$ 765.78
Players Auction	\$ 1,687.50		Ground Rental	\$ 2,310.00	\$ 2,341.57
Presentation Night	\$ 2,617.00	\$ 2,638.75	Fundraiser	\$ 2,805.75	\$ 999.91
Interest	\$ 1.25	\$ 0.88	Player Rewards	\$ 359.00	
			Junior Presentation	\$ 380.96	\$ 386.26
			Senior Trophies	\$ 699.50	
			D.B.A	\$ 5,365.60	\$ 5,353.20
			Family Day	\$ 385.87	
			Social	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,020.00
			T.Ball	\$ 77.12	
			Presentation Night	\$ 2,152.00	\$ 2,426.60
			Bank Fees	\$ 25.60	\$ 50.60
				\$ 39,292.13	39109.98
	\$ 42,610.98	\$ 35,856.03			
Balance 31/10/04	\$ 13,249.95				
Income	\$ 42,610.98				
Expenditure	\$ 39,292.13				
Balance 31/10/2005	\$ 16,568.80				
Surplus	\$ 3,318.85				



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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 2005. We are grateful for the efforts of Tim Hanson and Rod Burt 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 Floyd Selleck, Mark Richards, Murray Bowra, Steve Schneider, Will Keys and Chris Cox 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 Steve Schneider, Peter Cross, and Tony Totaro for the time and effort they put into managing, training and encouraging our junior teams.

Without doubt the highlight of the season was our first ever woman's premiership. Congratulations to Chris Cox, Will Keys and the wonderful bunch of Tomatoettes.

As an amateur organization 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.

With the invasion of the skate park our Club's future has now passed the cross roads and our future away from Samuel Sherlock reserve is imminent. Much work and consultation with Council and consultants have taken place over the past few months. The feasibility study commissioned by Frankston Council into the proposed re-location to Robinsons Road is due for completion by the end of May 2006. Currently our position appears to be reasonably satisfactory. We will however need to be mindful that a lot of work and possible frustration lie ahead in the pursuit of a new patch.



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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 those people who gave so freely of their time to ensure the operational success of our canteen and bar facilities.

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 2006 season.

MARK O'BRIEN

PRESIDENT