

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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AFFILIATED DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED - ABN A0005287R

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***61st ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENT***

SEASON 2006



HONOUR ROLL 2006

PRESIDENT: Mark O'Brien

VICE PRESIDENTS: Daryl Dicker
Geoff Court

SECRETARY: Tim Hanson

TREASURER: Rod Burt

COMMITTEE: Anthony Richards
Stephen Schneider
Floyd Selleck Will Keys
Sharon Hussey Russell Clarke
Kathy Voyer Chris Cox
Emma Medwin

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, 2004 and 2006.
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



Members,

It is my duty as duly elected Secretary of the Frankston Baseball Club Inc. to present the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2006 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 12th of April 2006 the following members were elected as office bearers for 2006:

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COACHES:

In 2006 the club fielded 5 senior teams and 2 junior teams.

Floyd Selleck continued in his role as the Club coach. Tim Hanson took over from Mark Richards as coach of the A reserve and Anthony Richards took over from Murray Bowra as coach of the B grade. Brad Gibson coached the D grade, while Will Keys coached the women's team.

Stephen Schneider continued on as the Junior Coordinator at the Frankston Baseball Club. Stephen also assisted in the coaching of the Under 12 team. We welcomed Chris Wilson to the club as our Under 14 Coach. We were unfortunately unable to field Under 16 or Under 18 teams

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. Finishing in third place on the ladder at the end of the home and away rounds the team had some solid competition from a young Bonbeach going into the finals. Mathew O'Brien put in a great season on the hill and as a catcher and was pretty much untouchable, with support from Brendan Ratcliffe and Ben Smith, the pitching roster was very strong. Our offence was superb during the season with many a close game finishing in our favour. What let us down at the end of the season was poor team hitting and this was evident in a close fought preliminary final that ultimately went Bonbeach's way.



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A vast difference from the previous season when our hitting was the strongest part of our game. Never one to look back, the future looks promising for the Frankston A Grade team with some new and some old players making inroads into a team that has played more than its fair share of finals baseball. Look out for the new generation of young juniors that will push their way up into the team.

A Reserve- Tim Hanson – Premiership Season 2006.

Winners are Grinners. The A Reserve team had a mission to accomplish in season 2006. To win back the flag that Cheltenham had taken off them in 2005. It was very evident from the start of the season that all players were committed to the cause and this made coaching the team an absolute dream. At this level of baseball, the coach is more of a team manager than anything else. With the high level of experience in the team from players such as Mark Anderton, Chris Love and Chris Cox, game day decisions are always well supported.

My thanks as the coach go to these players as well as the entire team including those who had small roles and those who helped out in the finals series for all their support and assistance through the season. It is a team game and the end result of a premiership flag is a direct reflection of that team bonding well together.

Another great year for Chris Love winning the MVP award, and a stunning performance from new player Ben Pittaway throwing a great season culminating in a grand final win. I can't leave out Chris Cox's home run in a grand final, it's moment's like these that make coaches very happy.

Finally, my thanks to Sharon Hussey for her wonderful support of baseball at Frankston and for the perfect scoring and team statistics every week.

I look forward to 2007 and the defence of our flag.



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B Grade – Anthony Richards

The Frankston B grade team went through a season of re building in 2006 and as a consequence did not perform as well on the field as we all would have hoped.

The loss of several seasoned players, the gaining of some new and inexperienced juniors and the lack of a regular pitching roster made the season one more of what could have been rather than one that was.

Never a week went by when the team did not play at 100% and this is evident with Russell Clarke stepping up to pitch many an innings when it seemed we had no one else. Our competition was strong, Cheltenham played two teams in the B grade that ultimately played off in the grand final, not before we went perilously close to beating them at the patch on a day we proved to ourselves that we could play well when supported with enough players.

Thanks to Dayle Selleck, Mark Anderton and Floyd Selleck for their help when it was needed.

We had some new faces to the team who fitted in well, we hope to see them again this year and encourage them to push for selection in the higher grades.

D Grade – Brad Gibson

We were pleased to have the regulars return for another season and we also welcomed some new players

As a first time coach I was going with the flow for the first part of season but as things became more comfortable the team really started to put some great performances into the regular season.

We showed to ourselves and the club that we could play solid team baseball and this reflected on our enthusiasm week in week out.

Many of our home games were played up at Robinsons Road and we became quite comfortable with these surroundings as the season wore on, there is nothing like playing at the patch though, I must admit.



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Welcome and thanks to Sean O'Halloran for a great season with the bat, Chris love for his pitching help and to the regular helpers with ground preparation especially at Robinson's Road.

We all maintained a great spirit throughout the season relying 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.

Women - Will Keys

With the same line-up and some gun new recruits we were looking pretty positive - Commitment was our biggest downfall for season 2006, We only managed to have a full squad a few games for the year and we missed our Achilles heal Prue for most of the year to make matters worse. Looking back the overall result may look disappointing (3rd) but the tomatoettes actually had a great year with some great individual performances! Paula was outstanding with the bat, Jackie pitched well on the hill, Nicole won the players choice and Shireen picked up the coaches award. Well done and I hope 2007 is a successful one. Thanks to everyone who came down and gave us support/help during the year!

JUNIOR REPORT

Under 12 – Stephen Schneider

This year the U/12's began with 11 player, but due to numbers in the 14s, Bradley Wade went up for the season. Our experienced players put in a lot of effort to help our '5 first timers' become familiar with the game. They were all a very enthusiastic and our season began well with a win. In the following games, we developed our skills in a range of positions as all boys had a chance to move around. Our batting and fielding improved in each game and it was great to see the confidence of our 'new 5' grow each game.

Although we did not finish in the top four, the team was very proud of their achievement. Training was well attended, but in the second half of the season, we had few games due to holidays, a walk over, a bye and this was a bit of an anti-climax.



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A special thanks must go to Philip Bonell who was a great manger. Nick Bovingdon and Gary Smith were great support at each training sessions also on match day.

Nick Bovingdon also donated one dozen balls and also created a weekly trophy – ‘Play of the Day’.

5 players will be eligible for 14s and 4 will be eligible for 12s. (1 player pulled our during season)

Presentation:

Medallion	all players
Most Valuable Player	David Bonell
Coaches Award	Billy Smith

Under 14 – Chris Wilson

The season started of with a good mix of top age boys and first year boys from the Under 12s although we only had 7 players the night before the first game, we were lucky enough to convince Brad Wade to play Under 14s which gave us 8 players, we then had Chris Mahdi Forsberg turn up 3 games in which gave us 9 players and we even ended up with 10 players for the season with a new player in Aaron Goldfinch.

We had a very successful season finishing the home & Away rounds in 2nd place after winning 9 games and only losing 2 and drawing 1. Unfortunately we then lost both our finals games in tight games which hopefully will help the boys in their future careers. Congratulations to all boys who won awards and with all these boys having exceptional seasons they will hopefully go on to be good players for the Frankston Baseball Club.

Congratulations must also go to - Jake Kenton DBA 14s and - Cody Wilson DBA 16s.

Thankyou to Darren Kenton for assisting me this year, to Sandy Kenton for scoring all year Peter Cross for marking the grounds and all the parents and people from the Frankston Baseball Club for supporting me and the boys all season

Presentation:

Participation award	6 players
Most Valuable Player	Cody Wilson
Batting	Jake Kenton
Fielding	Chris Mosca
Coaches	Thilak Mandhar

<u>Team Numbers:</u>	2006	2007		total
Under 12s	10	5 stay 12s	5 go onto 14s	5
Under 14s	9	6 stay 14s	3 go onto 16s	
Under 16s	6	0 stay		



General:

- typically good support from parents
- equipment is in good condition
- uniforms – good supply for 12s and 14s, - will need to purchase a couple of tops for 16s
- presentation went well with a good response from players and parents

Thankyou:

- Huge thankyou to coaches and managers
- Rod Burt and Mark O'Brien - ground preparation
- Sharon Hussey - running a scoring session for parents before the season began
- Noel and Michelle Winter - managing the canteen during home games
- Annette O'Brien – catering for the 'presentation'
- Chris Love for parent information booklet

2007:

- need to repair/purchase straps/velcro for bases – both sets
- under 16 will be our major concern for numbers
- email schools Primary and Secondary with dates
- run training sessions prior to season at softball or home ground

T Ball- Brad Gibson

T ball in 2006 was another great success with a regular attendance of 10 to 12 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.



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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 2006 .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

Ben Pittaway

Simon Myles

Russell Anderton

Mark Richards

Simon Ratcliffe

Michelle Winther – Scorer

Noel Winther – Team Manager

Well done to all the above and we hope to continue our strong DBA representation in 2007.



Senior Presentation

The now traditional AFL grand final eve date saw the holding of the senior presentation night at the Mornington Golf Club. 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 - Brendan RATCLIFFE

Batting Award – Brendan RATCLIFFE. Season Average .440

Best Team Player – Matthew O'Brien

A RESERVE

Most Valuable Player - Chris Love

Batting Award – Neil Barfuss Season Average. 692

Most Valuable Player in a Finals Series – Ben Pittaway.

Best Team Player - Chris Cox

B GRADE

Most Valuable Player - Russell CLARKE

Batting Award – Ben O'Brien Season Average .410
Mark Stinson Season Average .409

Coaches Award – Mitch Barr

D GRADE

Most Valuable Player - Sean O'HALLORAN

Batting Award – Sean O'HALLORAN



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Best Team Player – Bill DINES
The Rising Star Award - Doug CANNING
Nick BOVINGDON

WOMENS GRADE

Most Valuable Player - Jackie OSULKAUS
Paula CREEK
Batting Award – Paula CREEK Season Average .605
Coaches Award – Shireen MAHDI
Players Choice Award – Nicole PLACE

The John “Rocky” O’Brien Memorial Award for Best Clubman:

Annette O’Brien

Max Klinger Club Champion Award

Mathew 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:



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 2006. 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, Tim Hanson, Anthony Richards, Brad Gibson and Will Keys, 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, Chris Wilson and their willing band of helpers for the time and effort they put into managing, training and encouraging our junior teams.

Without doubt the highlight of the season was the A Reserve premiership. Congratulations to Tim Hanson and all those who represented this team.

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.

Throughout the year we continued discussions with Council, their consultants and the Frankston Softball Association with respect to the potential move to Robinsons Road. The feasibility study commissioned by Frankston Council into the proposed re-location was presented to Council with some favourable recommendations. There is however a lot of bureaucratic process to go through before Council approves the necessary funding. 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 2007 season.

MARK O'BRIEN

PRESIDENT

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ending 31 October 2006

INCOME

Subs Jnr.	\$ 1,075.00
Uni Hire	\$ 240.00
Uni sales	\$ 890.00
Merch	\$ 236.00
Subs Snr	\$ 6,794.00
Fundraiser	\$ 2,537.00
Canteen	\$ 9,749.70
Bar	\$ 15,624.55
Mem'ship	\$ 950.00
Misc	\$ 690.00
Social	\$ 917.00
Presentatior	\$ 2,990.90
Interest	\$ 453.96

\$ 43,148.11

Mtce Ground	\$ 705.84
Stationary	\$ 518.75
Uniforms	\$ 1,548.90
Bar	\$ 11,151.67
Utilities	\$ 4,074.91
Umpires	\$ 2,360.00
Canteen	\$ 4,901.80
Mtce	\$ 1,092.70
Merch	\$ -
Eqpt.	\$ 234.31
Misc	\$ 409.24
Ground Ren	\$ 3,795.00
Fundraiser	\$ 1,200.09
Player Rewa	\$ 199.00
Junior Pres	\$ 205.00
Trophies	\$ 834.40
D.B.A	\$ 5,864.60
Other	\$ -
Social	\$ 505.00
T.Ball	\$ -
Presentatior	\$ 2,410.00
Bank Fees	\$ 50.60

\$ 42,061.81

Balance 31/10/2005	\$ 16,568.80
Income	\$ 43,148.11
Expenditure	\$ 42,061.81
	\$ 17,655.10
Net Surplus	\$ 1,086.30