

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB

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TOMATOES



***64TH ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT***

SEASON 2009



HONOUR ROLL 2008

PRESIDENT	Mark O'Brien
VICE PRESIDENTS	Daryl Dicker Rob Davis
SECRETARY	Sally-Ann Cox
TREASURER	Rod Burt
COMMITTEE	Brent Hura Russell Clarke Tim Hansen Brad Gibson Emma Medwin
JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR	Russell Clarke/Brent Hura/Rob Davis

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, 2003, 2007
A Reserve:	1984, 1996, 1998, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008
B Grade:	1957, 1958, 1975, 2000, 2001
C Grade:	1959, 2007
D Grade:	1990, 2008
Women's Grade:	2005
Under 17:	1982
Under 15/16:	1973, 1982, 1987, 1999
Under 13/14:	1971, 1979, 1980, 1997
Under 12:	1995



COACHES

In 2009 the club fielded 4 senior teams and 3 junior teams.

Mark Jones served as Club coach. Tim Hanson continued as the A Reserve (A2) coach, with Rob Davis looking after C Grade (A3), and Sean O'Halloran and Brad Gibson shared the duties for D Grade (A4).

Russell Clarke, Brent Hura and Rob Davis shared the role of Junior Coordinator, overseeing teams in both of the Under 16 and Under12 competitions. With two U16 teams Peter Cross and Rob Davis took on the responsibility of Under 16 coaches. Russell Clarke looked after the Under 12's.

SENIOR TEAM REPORTS

A Grade (A1)

The 2009 senior team had a distinctly different look than the one that took the field in 2008. With several players injured and others absent for a variety of reasons the team was provided with the opportunity to "blood" a number of young players.

Although only winning four games for the season there were significant signs of a positive future. The club must continue to build on its junior program and encourage younger players to strive for a place in the A Grade.

Mark Jones

A Reserve (A2)

The 2009 season, all things considered, was a successful one for Frankston A Reserve Team. The start of the season saw the exodus of several senior A Grade players from the club for differing reasons. As a result players from the Reserve side were given the opportunity to play in the A Grade. This in turn created spaces for players new to the club and from the lower grades to come in and show us what they were made of.

We welcomed Leigh Spicer to the club and promoted junior players Thor Knight, Gareth Corcoran, Cody Wilson and Nick Veale to senior players. The team was made up of a cross section of experienced and non experienced players and this reflected in our on field performances throughout the season.

A positive note was our late run to the final four, squeezing into Fourth Spot after the last home and away game of the year. We had won six games for the year in a competition of six teams and the first semi final against Berwick was the 1st time all season we lined up together without players in the A Grade side or unavailable to play. The final result went against us with Berwick being too strong.

We have enjoyed a very successful run at the top of tree for a number of years now so it was a little humbling not to be playing off for a premiership. Having said that, the opportunity to promote junior players through to senior ranks was a very rewarding one and brings with it the promise of things to come. See you all in 2010.

Tim Hanson



C Grade (A3)

After having a couple seasons under Ant Richards, the A3 team lined up for 2009 under the guidance of myself (maybe not a good thing!!). The season started as all seasons seemed to, with lots of confusion and short of numbers but we eventually some how managed to pull it all together.

It was refreshing to welcome a couple of new guys to the club through the A3s, Ross Neilson and Dave Atkinson became tomatoes this year. We also welcomed back some retreads namely Denty. We also had a gaggle of Ando's (I not sure what the collective noun is for them but a gaggle will do) with Old man, Chris and Russ and also cousin Dr. Rob all lining up.

When we managed to get all the players on the park we were competitive which all started to click after about round 4. From there we only lost 3 more game for the season. Unfortunately for us; they were the last three games of the season including the two finals.

Without making excuses our run in to the finals was not ideal, we lost Mark Ando who had to undergo a fairly major surgical procedure, Robbie Ando was also struck down with severe appendicitis requiring hospitalisation, and Dave Halls had to work running around saving lives in his ambulance. So that's three of our starting nine gone. But the remaining guys really stood up and even though we lost the preliminary I couldn't have been more proud of the way the guys fought the game out. Matty O'Brien threw 180 pitches on the hill and Russ Ando stood behind the dish for the whole 180 pitches. It was a heart breaker but that's the way it goes sometimes.

It was also a strange year in the higher teams with lot of guys missing week to week which meant some weeks we would have seven guys and some weeks we would have twelve. On the weeks we had seven, Seany from the A4s, and our intrepid secretary Sal would be coaxed in to help fill the numbers, thanks guys.

I would also really like to thank our ace scorer Jo Dawes who did a great job all year and provided great stats and a great looking score book. Also thanks to Emma for scoring when Jo decided she needed to go overseas to get away from us.

Thanks to the committee for their work through out the year and enabling us to get on the park every week, and to for Netty for manning the canteen ensuring there's hot food and cold drinks for us week after week.

Special thanks to all the guys and girls who played in the A3s and made it a great fun year. We only lost our sense of humour once during the year but the rest of the time you were a pleasure to be around and I looked forward to every game.

Rob Davis

D Grade (A4)

Being the defending 2008 A4 champions, the boys were all very keen to defend their title going into the 2009 season; the side would have a different look about it. Steve Schnieder would be away overseas, Floyd was retired (again), James Canning would succumb to a serious hand injury, Thor would spend the season playing in the higher grades and Adam White would be missing for most of the season. We were able to gain the services of Murray Bowra, Fiona Glover and newbie's Callum Punkett and Jack McEvoy to help pick up the slack.



It's fair to say that we started slow; struggling in the early part of the season, losing some games from seemingly unlosable positions and at the halfway point a grand final defence was the last thing on our minds.

At this point we were able to recruit outfielder and leadoff hitter Robbie Orme from Bonbeach and shortstop/pitcher Drew Tompkins from Chelsea. It had an immediate impact and was the spark we were looking for, as the rest of the team jumped on the back of Robbie and Drew's play contributing offensively and defensively in abundance.

Win after win followed and by the end of the regular season we found ourselves where we wanted to be... in the four with a chance to defend our title. Berwick was our opponent come semi final day and after a tight tussle the game was called due to light with the score tied after 9. A replay the following week went in our favour, eliminating the dodgers and booking us a date with Dingley in the Preliminary Final.

The Prelim was a mighty battle, offense was the name of the game, both sides hitting the ball hard and scoring regularly, but Dingley were fresher than us and by the 8th inning we were struggling to stay in the game having now played 26 innings over the last 3 weeks whilst Dingley had a week off. By the end of the game the Tomatoes had gone down by 3 bringing an end to our season and leaving us with a sense of 'unfinished business', but that sensation would have to be put aside to be brought out at the appropriate time.

Firstly I would like to thank all who help contribute to the success of the season, all those who supported us, those who filled in when we were short and those who helped umpire and score especially Kate Tompkins who became our regular scorer. Secondly I would like to thank the committee for supporting us and assisting with our needs on an administrative level, from making sure that the field was marked to preparing paperwork to get the guys onto the field and everything in between and lastly I would like to thank all the players who made themselves available for the season week after week including Scoop O'Halloran. Brad Gibson, Murray Bowra, Brent Hura, Andrew Horscroft, Drew Tomkins, Callum Plunkett, Robbie Orme, Fiona Glover, Jack McEvoy, Adam White, Mark Greasley, Chris Love, Krystal Cox, Matt Schnieder, Mark Dunn, Potto, John Knight and Sally Ann Cox.

The Brooklyn Dodgers once had a saying "Wait till next year". For us next year can't come quick enough.

Sean O'Halloran



JUNIOR TEAM REPORTS

Under 12

Since taking on the coaching responsibilities 3 years ago with a very young group I have seen a vast improvement in the standard of our Under 12 group. With the return of 5 players from the previous season 4 of whom were from the season before and T-Ball, the experience was beginning to show and together with some good new players we had the makings of a good little team.

After Round 6 we had surpassed the 2 previous years wins put together by being 6 and 0. We ended up only losing a couple for the season and had the other Clubs wondering what our secret was. We ended up making the Finals and played Dandenong in the Semi and played really well to advance to meet Cheltenham in the Prelim. Chelt were too good for us on the day but we gave a really good account of ourselves and represented the Club very well and did it proud.

Russell Clarke

Under 16, Black

This year Frankston had two teams of under 16's, with some under 14's playing up.

The Black team had a great bunch of players who were all good friends. This gave us a mix of those who had been with Frankston since under 12s and some first year players as well. Unfortunately our consistency was not there to match it with the top teams, which had us finishing low down on the ladder.

The boys really appreciated the time and energy Rob Davies put in at training taking both teams on many occasions.

The teams MVP went to Thilak Manohar with the Batting award going to Nick Cross and the Fielding went to Sam Burnham, I awarded my coaches award to Jamie Tkalcevic and my most improved to Will Ould.

Peter Cross

Under 16 Red

The Under 16 red team was a "junior" team out of the two under 16 teams we fielded this year. We didn't have enough numbers for a stand alone under 14 team so we combined our younger under 16s with our under 14s players to form under 16 red.

We all knew it would be a hard ask for the team to be successful as far as results were concerned as we were very young and came up against much older and slicker competition. The team were well aware of this and to their credit they stuck it out all year. In all honesty we copped a couple beltings during the season, but the attitude of the guys was outstanding and we kept training and kept trying. As the season progressed we became more competitive and were in a winning position in games until really deep into the game.

I have never felt prouder than on our last game at Dingley where we threw everything at it to try to win the game but were pipped at the post.



A huge thanks to Sara for scoring and to Jenny for filling in when Sara couldn't make it. Thanks also to Phil and Gary for their help at training and on game day. Thanks also to Peter Cross for his help in preparing the grounds, and to Noel and Michelle for manning the canteen on those cold winter mornings. Also thanks to Sally, Brent and Russ for their help in running the junior program. I hope we can keep most of the team together for season 2010 because if we keep progressing the way we did I think we can go long way. A great season and great team, Thanks guys.

Rob Davis

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Recommendations for 2010

- More senior player involvement – e.g. more coaching clinics throughout the season
- Re-stocking of equipment for ground setup, i.e. bases, tools etc.
- Advertise registration through local schools
- Review existing uniform stocks
- Review existing equipment stocks
- Numbers for 2009 were very good –. Special thanks to the junior coaches Russell Clarke, Peter Cross and Rob Davis.

Overall the season did not reflect much joy on the scoreboard other than the Under 12's coming in third overall just missing out on the Grand Final.

The atmosphere and enthusiasm from week to week was a good indication that all players were having fun developing not only their baseball skills, but their team ethics as well. All junior players who started completed the season.

Thanks also to Michele and Noel Winther for their canteen duties.



DBA REPRESENTATION

The club would like to offer its congratulations to the following players and officials for representative selection in 2010. Congratulations to those of you who represented your club and association with respect and consideration.

Seniors

Ben Laux (Latrobe Valley)
Chris Anderton
Michele Winther

Under 18

Cody Wilson
Nicholas Veale

Under 12

Emma Tkalcevic

Well done to all of the above and we hope to continue our strong DBA representation in 2010.

JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Junior Presentation was held this year on Friday 21st August at the Clubrooms. We had a great turn out of players, parents and supporters. Thank you to all those who attended, we hope you enjoyed your night.

The award winners this year were as follows:

UNDER 12

Most Valuable Player	Mac Hura
Batting Average	Josh Connell

Participation medals were also awarded to all players

UNDER 16 Black

Most Valuable Player	Thilak Manohar
Batting Award	Nick Cross
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Jamie Tkalcevic
Most Improved	William Ould

UNDER 16 Red

Most Valuable Player	Sam Alter
Most Improved	Kenneth Pellosis
Fielding Award:	Tom Davis
Coaches Award:	Dave Bonnell



SENIOR PRESENTATION

The traditional Grand Final Eve celebrations were back this season, with senior Presentation Night again held at the Frankston RSL. The club would like to extend its thanks to Geoff Court and Rod Burt for their efforts in arranging a very enjoyable night. Special thanks also to our MC Rob Davis.

The award winners this year were as follows:

A GRADE (A1)

Most Valuable Player	Neil Barfuss
Batting Award	Neil Barfuss
Rookie Award	Mitch Barr

A RESERVE (A2)

Most Valuable Player	Chris Wilson
Batting Award	Daryl Dicker
Pitching Award	Nick Veale

C GRADE (A3)

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Mark Anderton
<i>Batting Award</i>	Matt O'Brien
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Rob Anderton

D GRADE (A4)

Most Valuable Player	Andrew Horscroft
Batting Award	Sean O'Halloran
Managers Award	Brad Gibson

Michael Klinger Club Champion Award

Neil Barfuss

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

Sally-Ann Cox & Matthew O'Brien



CANTEEN

The lifeblood of our club is undoubtedly the canteen and bar. Special thanks go once again to Annette O'Brien for her work in the canteen – her efforts week in and week out are a pivotal part of this club and are greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to Noel and Michele Winther for their efforts in running the canteen during the early morning junior games - the coaches, players and parents especially appreciate your efforts.

BAR and CLUBROOMS

Matthew O'Brien operated the bar this year, and we thank him for his tireless efforts. We were never short of a drink and appreciate his efforts in running the bar smoothly, and for his unseen work in re-stocking. Thanks also to Rod Burt and Sally-Ann Cox for assisting Matthew in the stocking and running of the bar during the season.

WEBSITE and NEWSLETTER

Chris Love's considerable computer and publishing talents assisted the club in maintaining the Frankston Baseball Club web site and also publishing 'Tomato Talk', the eagerly awaited weekly journal of club goings on. Thank you Chris for your ongoing commitment to these tasks, the time and effort you give and the assistance you provide to the committee and members.

On a personal note, I'd like to say thank you all the other players and members who assisted me in some way, may be it large or small, during the 2009 season. Your help made my life and other people's jobs that much easier, and along with all those who put their hand up for official duties you helped to contribute to a smooth and happy season. I would like to thank the members for their patience, care and dedication to the committee and the club. I look forward to the year 2010.

Sally-Ann Cox

Secretary

March 2010



FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER 2009					
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>		<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Subs Junior	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 1,565.00	Maintenance Ground	\$912.10	\$ 687.56
Uniform Rental	\$ 490.00	\$ 395.00	Administration	\$ 584.78	\$ 830.75
Uniform Sales	\$ 330.00	\$ 290.00	Uniforms	\$ 990.00	\$ 598.89
Merchandise	\$ 315.00	\$ 840.00	Bar	\$ 9,631.87	\$ 11,871.87
Subs Senior	\$ 5,688.00	\$ 5,810.00	Utilities	\$ 1,502.90	\$ 1,526.21
Fundraiser	\$ 1,992.50	\$ 1,869.00	Umpires	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 1,966.76
Canteen	\$ 8,092.05	\$ 8,339.59	Canteen	\$ 5,084.83	\$ 4,874.18
Bar	\$ 13,556.86	\$ 17,136.68	Maintenance	\$ 2,319.79	\$ 2,223.07
Membership	\$ 725.00	\$ 875.00	Merchandise		\$ 2,101.00
Miscellaneous			Equipment	\$ 852.94	\$ 931.04
Social	\$ 3,355.00	\$ 1,560.00	Miscellaneous	\$ 558.77	\$ 452.12
Sponsorship		\$ 2,656.56	Ground Rental	\$ 3,630.00	\$ 3,620.00
Presentation Night	\$ 2,237.00	\$ 3,382.50	Fundraiser	\$ 1,499.84	\$ 1,200.09
Interest	\$ 461.46	\$ 873.47	Player Exp		\$ 890.00
			Junior Presentation	\$ 332.35	\$ 698.12
			Trophies	\$ 282.00	
			D.B.A & Baseball Vic.	\$ 5,452.33	\$ 5,375.85
			Licences		
			Social	\$ 3,234.33	\$ 823.32
			Insurance Claim		
			Presentation Night	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 3,290.00
			Bank Fees		
			Junior Training		
Total	<u>\$ 39,762.87</u>	<u>\$ 45,592.80</u>		<u>\$ 41,036.83</u>	<u>\$ 43,960.83</u>
Balance 31/10/2008	\$ 22,906.96				
Income	\$ 39,762.87				
Expenditure	\$ 41,036.83				
Balance 31/10/09	\$ 21,633.00				
NET DEFECIT	\$ 1,273.96				



PRESIDENT'S 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 2008. We are grateful for the efforts of Sally Ann Cox 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 Mark Jones, Tim Hanson, Rob Davis and Sean O'Halloran, I say thank you for your efforts and outstanding achievements in managing our senior teams throughout the season. Without distracting from the efforts of the others, I particularly thank Mark Jones for stepping up to take on the mantle of club coach in difficult circumstances given the absence of so many senior players.

May I also place on record the club's sincere thanks to Rob Davis, Brent Hura and Russell Clarke for their efforts in co-ordinating our junior teams and to Peter Cross, Rob Davis and Russell Clarke and their willing band of helpers for the time and effort they put into managing, training and encouraging our junior teams.

Although 2009 will go down in history as one of our least successful seasons on the field there were several signs of a promising future. We must now place more emphasis on our junior programs to ensure the strength of our senior teams into the future.

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.

Throughout the year we continued discussions with Council and the Frankston Softball Association with respect to the potential move to Robinsons Road. In 2008 we saw the implementation of stage one of the developments which realised the erection of a back net, protective fencing, batting cage and base path construction for our new ground. During this season we consulted with Council on the design of our new clubrooms. Drawings detailing 2 options were presented to us in July. With the assistance of Chris Love we presented a third option which did not compromise the Council's options. No further advancements or communication have occurred since that time.

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 2010 season.

MARK O'BRIEN
President