

# **FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.**

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## ***65TH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT***

### ***SEASON 2010***

# **TOMATOES**





## HONOUR ROLL 2010

**PRESIDENT** Mark O'Brien

**VICE PRESIDENTS** Daryl Dicker  
Rob Davis

**SECRETARY** Sally-Ann Cox

**TREASURER** Rod Burt

**COMMITTEE** Brent Hura  
Paul Dent  
Ben Pittaway  
Matthew O'Brien  
Stephen Schneider

**JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOS** Russell Clark/Brent Hura/Rob Davis

**LIFE MEMBERS**

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

### PREMIERSHIPS

<b>A Grade</b>	1953	1957	1962	1988	1991	1996	1999	2003	2007
<b>A Reserve</b>	1984	1996	1998	2003	2004	2006	2008		
<b>B Grade</b>	1957	1958	1975	2000	2001				
<b>C Grade</b>	1959	2007							
<b>D Grade</b>	1990	2008							
<b>Women's</b>	2005								
<b>Under 17</b>	1982								
<b>Under 15/16</b>	1973	1982	1987	1999					
<b>Under 13/14</b>	1971	1979	1980	1997					
<b>Under 12</b>	1995								



Dear Members,

It is my duty as duly elected Secretary of the Frankston Baseball Club Inc. to present for your consideration and adoption the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2010, along with details and reports covering the activity of the Club over the past twelve months.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

At the Annual General Meeting on the 11/03/2010 the following members were elected as office bearers for 2010:

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Mark O'Brien
<b>VICE PRESIDENTS</b>	Daryl Dicker Rob Davis
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Sally-Ann Cox
<b>TREASURER</b>	Rod Burt
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Brent Hura Paul Dent Ben Pittaway Matthew O'Brien Stephen Schneider

## **Team Management**

In 2010 the club fielded 4 senior teams and 3 junior teams.

Mark Jones took on the role of Club coach for the second year in a row. Stuart Brunton with the help of Russell Clarke took on the role of A Reserve coach, as did Rob Davis for A3, and Sean O'Halloran took up the position for A4.

Rob Davis, Brent Hura and Russell Clarke continued in the role of new Junior Coordinators. Rob Davis coaching the Under 16 team, Murray Bowra with Under 14 team and Russell Clarke with the Under 12 team.



## TEAM REPORTS

### **A Grade**

#### **Mark Jones - Club Coach**

Once again it was a disappointing end to the season having not made it to the finals. With an increase in our win/loss ratio over the previous year we were well in the hunt, but a growing list of injuries and unavailability court up with us creating a form slump and not much went right. I am sure that with a little more luck next year we should make finals.

I would like to thank all our players and supporters and in particular our scorer Michele Winther for making my job easier and more enjoyable.

### **A Reserve**

#### **Stuart Brunton**

The 2nds had a bit of a rough season in 2010. We saw a lot of new players come into the team with little or no experience at senior level. This set a challenge and I am pleased to say that towards the end of the season we saw a lot of improvement and started to take it up to some of the more experienced sides.

To the boys, all the best for the up and coming season, keep the end of the 2010 season form rolling and you will do well.

I would like to place on record my thanks to our scorer Sharyn Hussey and to all those involved in preparing the ground, manning the canteen and generally making game day an enjoyable experience.

### **A.3**

#### **Rob Davis**

2010 started as per normal with a struggle trying to get a team together for the first couple of games and then by the end of the season we could have nearly fielded a footy team with 16 players come grand final day.

We were lucky this year to welcome a few new comers to the thirds with Luke Wallis and Tom Davis joining us for the year. We also welcomed back the old timers with Ando Senior, Chris Ando (but no Russ after deciding Europe was the place for him) Richo, Hallsy, Teiz, Denty, Dirty, Grease all returning for another crack. One newcomer not only to the side but to the game took all before him and even took away the batting trophy; welcome to the club Dan Polson, although the way Dan plays I figure he won't be a thirds player for too long.

As I have already stated we had a shaky start to the season by losing a couple of games early that we should have won and then also dropped another game to Cheltenham, but once we got up and running we remained undefeated for the regular season. But more importantly had great fun and team camaraderie on the way.

As the season drew to a close all the itinerant players who had played up and down through the year came back as did players returning from injury and work commitments which meant our numbers swelled giving us a great team to choose from heading into finals but also meant some hard calls for the manager.



As a team we decided to try to maintain giving everyone a fair go but particularly giving precedence with the guys who had been there all year. This was our philosophy and one which I tried to stick to with limited success. In the semi all guys got a run but in Grand Final three guys missed out on a game, To Denty, Lukey and Tommo I would like to thank you for the way you handled yourselves on that day and it is my only regret of the season was seeing you guys miss out on that day.

We played the game of the year in the second semi scoring 14 runs in the second dig to beat Cheltenham to a grand final berth, with Teizo starring in the field and with the bat, Dan Polson also picked up 5 hits for the day with what was a great team effort. We unluckily couldn't repeat it in the Grand Final going down by two runs after giving away too many runs early, but as they say in the classics "stuff happens".

Aside from the GF result it was another great, fun season. Special thanks to our number one scorer Jo Dawes who week after week puts up with us providing great scorebook and stats, and doing it even harder this season due to being ill because of impending motherhood. To the A4 guys who umpired our games, Cheers boys and to the club and committee thanks for making the club run. For 2011 I will be passing on the manager's baton to whoever wants it, please feel free to speak to anyone on the committee if you're interested.

See you at the Patch in 2011!!.

## A.4

### Sean O'Halloran

The 2010 season for the A4 Tomatoes would go down as a successful one despite not being able to bring home the pennant. As in the previous 2 seasons we again would play in the finals, this time bowing out in the semi final in a hard fought game against Mornington.

The team saw regulars Scoop, Hors, Brent, Steve, Gibbo, Sean, Drew and Fee all suit up again whilst we welcomed our new recruits Stewie, Rhys (from the u16's) Lovey, fresh from the seconds and Murray would join the team later on after recovering from yet another back injury.

During the season we would submit to events that all teams have to deal with, injury, unavailability, good and bad performances, games that you should have won but didn't, games you had not right getting over the line in but somehow did. We showed that when we could get everyone on the park and playing well, we were a pretty good unit, highlighted by the late in the season defeat of eventual division winners Dandenong, their only loss of the year. By that stage we were all quietly confident of giving it a real shake, but alas it wasn't to be.

A overall great effort by everyone involved both on and off the field with some standout individual performances. Lovey taking out the batting average award and Drew, Lovey and Scoop sharing the MVP title in a 3 way tie.

A big thank you to all those involved behind the scenes, the sorts of things like, making sure we had the rooms open, a canteen to frequent and all the things that have to happen administratively all the things that have to happen to make my job running the team a little easier. A extra big thank you to Rod who made sure the lines were always freshly marked and ready to go.

Let's make 2011 one to remember, for many reasons but for one big one in particular.



## Under 12

### Russell Clarke

The 2010 Under 12s had a very different look to the 2009 team. As most of the kids were top age in 2009 they went on to Under 14s leaving only Ben Clarke and Mac Hura as the 2 Veteran Under 12s. The first few training sessions were not well attended and it didn't look like we would have enough for a team but gradually the word spread and by the start of the season we had the bare 9 players which made it tough when someone was away.

All players except Ben and Mac had very little baseball experience so it was a development year for most and what they lacked in experience they made up for in enthusiasm. You could see that they were all keen to be there each week and made a large improvement by the end of the season. The key now is to come back for the 2011 season with the foundations laid for another fun season

## Under 14

### Murray Bowra

We started the year off with 5 of our original players from under 12/s, Mel, Harley, Josh, Lauchlan and Emma and throughout the season were joined by Courtenay, Tom, Jimmy, Dylan and Jack. As Frankston didn't have an under 14/s the year before, we had a full side of first year under 14 players and 5 new to the game. We had a great year and improved with every game we played. In most games we were still in the game half way through. We trained every Wednesday with Potto and Dirty and were taken on game day by Muzz. It was so great having an A-Grade Coach and player and Potto to take us for training. Dirty being a very skilled coach made training fun with lots of different drills.

Thanks to all the parents who supported us and for sharing around the scoring duties, Thanks to Dirty and Potto for giving up there time for midweek training, special thanks to Sal and the Junior committee for keeping everything ticking along. Big thanks to Michelle and Noel for turning up every Saturday morning to run the junior canteen and not to forget Matt and Rod for marking the grounds.

## Under 16

### Rob Davis

The under 16 2010 team was a carry over from our "junior" team in 2009 where we didn't win a game for the whole season. We decided to kick off training much earlier this year to try to get the guys up to speed. This looked like paying dividends as by our last training session before the first game we looked a million bucks.

That all crumbled in the first game when Mornington gave us a right touch up. We went back to the drawing board at training and then the next week faced a well polished Berwick side, although beaten the signs started to show that we could really have something and then come round 3 we belted Carrum Downs to record our first victory in 18 months!!!

It was like someone had then flicked a switch as from there we never looked back, winning more games than we lost and even the ones we lost we were truly competitive. We even had ladder leaders Berwick tied up at 2 all at the top of the last innings in the second last game of the season in what was a top standard ball game, we were all very proud. We missed out on a finals berth by 1 point only.



A few of our guys begin their senior journey this year and I wish them well. We have a great group of guys in our juniors and I hope they stay on to become great senior players.

A huge thanks to Jenny and Hildy for scoring and thanks also to Phil and Gary for their help at training and game day. Thanks also to Rod Burt and Matt O' Brien for their help in preparing the grounds, and to Noel and Michelle for manning the canteen on those cold winter mornings. Thanks also to Sally for your help running the junior program.

I hope we can keep most of the team together for season 2011 because if we keep progressing the way we did I think we can go long way. Good luck to the guys who go up to seniors in 2011.

***A great season and great team, Thanks guys***

### **JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The 2010 junior season started off well by the club deciding to run its pre season program for 4 or 6 weeks prior to the season commencing. This gave us the best chance of making sure we could field teams in every age group. This paid dividends as we were able to, for the first time in a few years, field an under 12s, under 14s and under 16s.

The under 12s were again ably coached by Russell Clarke with great assistance from Brent and Maree. This was a team that had a combination of old stagers like Mac and Ben and some young new comers to the club. For a relatively inexperienced bunch they had a great year just missing out on the finals.

The under 14s were coached by Murray Bowra on game day and were ably trained by Peter Connell and Daryl Dicker mid week. Again this was mix of old and new where while the results weren't always there were a lot of close games and the team and players showed a lot of potential.

The under 16s were again coached by Rob Davis and we were able to field a strong team which competed hard all year missing out on a finals berth by half a game. This was a great foundation year for our junior program and it's up to the club now to keep the growth going. We always need new coaches and helpers so please feel free to assist in any way possible.

Thanks to Noel and Michelle Winther for manning the canteen and a warm cuppa, to all the coaches and scorers and to all the great parents who assisted when ever they could. Also to Matty O and Rod for ensuring that the grounds were marked every week. We also ran a great clinic mid year for the junior players and also parents who were taught some scoring basics by Michelle. Thanks to the senior guys and Michelle for the help with that. Lets keep up the momentum for 2011.

***On one last sad note, may I say that my Saturday mornings at the baseball will never be the same after the passing of my fellow junior coordinator and best mate Brent in October. Our club is much better off for you having been involved, we miss you.***



## **DBA REPRESENTATION**

The club would like to offer their congratulations to the following players and officials for representative selection in 2010. We have received reports on the excellent attitude of representatives and thank them for being fine ambassadors for the club. Congratulations.

### **Seniors**

Mark Jones  
Mark Anderton  
Chris Anderton  
Neil Barfus  
Michele Winther (Scorer)  
Noel Winther (EO)

### **Under 18**

Nick Veale

### **Under 14**

Emma Tkalcevic  
Tom Snowden

### **Under 12**

Ben Clarke

Well done to all of the above and we hope to continue our strong DBA representation in 2011.



## **JUNIOR PRESENTATION**

The Junior Presentation evening was held this year on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August at the Clubrooms, and 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	Ben Clarke
Batting Award	Mac Hura
Coaches Award	Murray Evans

In addition participation trophies were awarded to all players

### **UNDER 14**

Most Valuable Player	Thomas Snowden & Emma Tkalcevic
Most Improved	James Baptist

### **UNDER 16**

Most Valuable Player	Kenneth Pellosis
Fielding Award	Sam Alter
Batting Award (hitting .583)	Tom Davis
Coach's Award	Bill Smith



## **SENIOR PRESENTATION**

This year we returned to "The Patch" for our presentation night. This proved to be highly successful with everyone enjoying the night and the club benefiting financially. Thanks to all those people who contributed to the success of the evening and in particular Leanne Cox for her effort in preparing the meal

The award winners this year were as follows:

### **A GRADE**

Most Valuable Player	Dayle Selleck
Batting Award	Neil Barfuss

### **A RESERVE**

Most Valuable Player	Russell Clarke Chris Wilson
Batting Award	Cody Wilson
Most Improved	Ben Tkalcevic

### **A.3**

Most Valuable Player	Mark Anderton
Batting Award	Dan Polson
Coach's Award	Mark Greasley

### **A.4**

Most Valuable Player	Michael O'Halloran
Most Valuable Player	Chris Love
Most Valuable Player	Drew Thompkins
Batting Award	Chris Love

### **Michael Klinger Club Champion Award**

Mark Jones

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

Rob Davis



## **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 – her efforts week in and week out are a pivotal part of this club and are greatly appreciated. The efforts of Sharyn Hussey assisting Annette through the season were also appreciated.

Thanks also to Noel and Michele 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 and CLUBROOMS**

Mathew O'Brien and Sally-Ann Cox operated the bar this year, and we thank both for their tireless efforts. We were never short of a drink and appreciate their efforts in running the bar smoothly, and for their unseen work in re-stocking. Sally and Rod also gave their time to do the other unseen and sometimes under-appreciated work of cleaning the clubrooms. This is an area in which we need to improve in the future

## **WEBSITE and NEWSLETTER**

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

## **GOOD SPORTS – LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION**

The Frankston Baseball Club was recognised this Year for its longstanding commitment to reducing alcohol problems, as part of the Australian Drug Foundation's *Good Sports* program.

The club was rewarded with a Level 3 accreditation for its long term commitment to *Good Sports*, which requires adherence to liquor licensing laws; club members to be Responsible Serving of Alcohol trained; policies to be implemented relating to safe transport; smoke free clubrooms and changing the way functions involving alcohol are conducted. This framework encourages a safer, healthier and more family-friendly club.

Victorian *Good Sports* Manager, Rod Glenn-Smith stated;

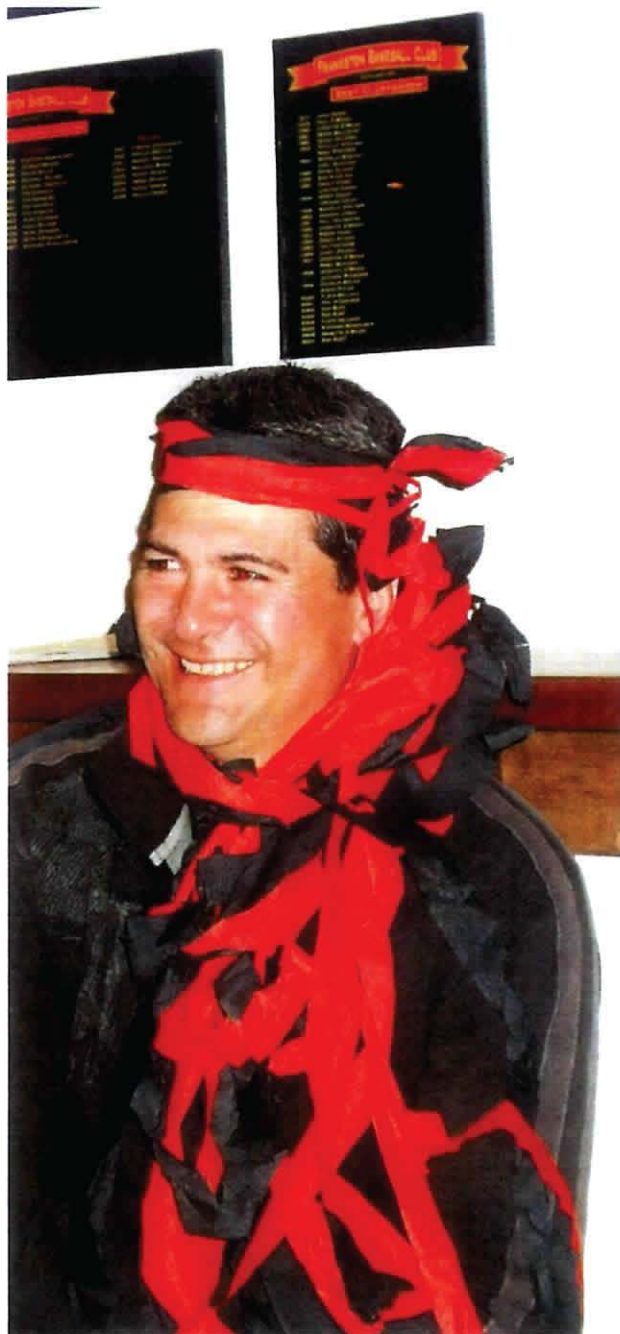
"I'm very excited that Frankston Baseball Club has achieved this significant milestone. The club has consistently demonstrated, over a number of years, that it is committed to promoting responsible attitudes towards alcohol, attitudes which are then passed on to players, supporters, and their families, benefiting the whole community."

On a personal note, I'd like to say thank you all players and members who assisted in some way, be it large or small, during the 2010 season. Your help made 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 look forward to working with you again in 2011.

**Sally-Ann Cox**  
**Secretary**



## Vale Brent Hura



On October 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 Frankston baseball club lost one of its favourite sons with the passing Brent Hura.

Brent was a much loved part of our club, playing and integral since 1977 when he started as an under 13. A talented junior player and pitcher Brent quickly became well regarded within our club and by 1982 was well entrenched in the senior sides. Brent led the A Reserve side by pitching to a win in the Grand Final in 1984, which was the start of the club's resurgence as a powerhouse on field through the 80s, and into the 90s.

Brent stopped playing seniors in 2002 and in the last couple of years made his comeback with the A4 side which he thoroughly loved and looked forward to every week. But it's not only for his playing that Brent will be remembered. A consistent committee member since the late 1980s, holding positions including Treasurer, Bar manager and more recently Junior co – coordinator, Brent was finding a new lease of life with his baseball by running the juniors and by watching his son Mac tear up the baseball field with the Tomatoes.

More importantly Brent helped shaped who we are as club today, his humour (never letting anyone get ahead of themselves!), his love of the club and the people in it, his friendship to us all and just his presence made the Patch a great place to be. The club, without his laugh, comments from the sidelines, his input and work will never be the same. We are lucky to have Brent's family still involved in the club and we will always be there to help in anyway we can. Brent is survived by his partner Deb and children Mac, Callum and Tess.

The club has lost a truly great mate.

**Rest in peace Brent, sadly missed never forgotten.**



## FINANCIAL REPORT

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

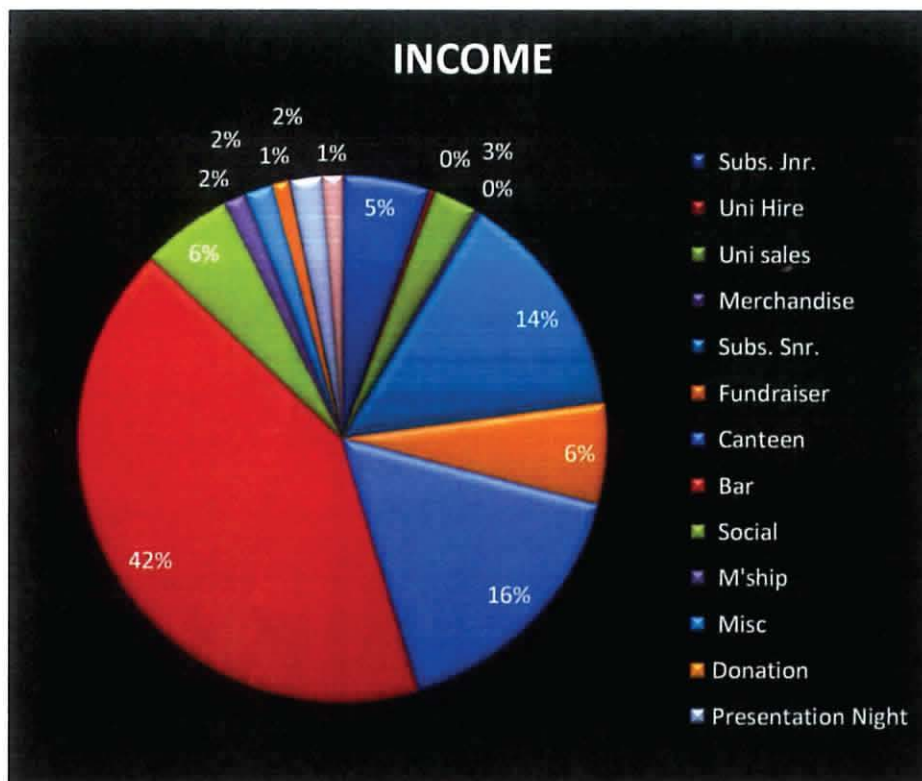
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2010

	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	2010	2009	2010	2009	
Subscriptions Junior	\$2,505.00	\$2520.00	Ground Maintenance	\$1,249.04	\$912.10
Uniform Hire	\$160.00	\$490.00	Administration	\$1,102.05	\$584.78
Uniform Sales	\$1,235.00	\$330.00	Uniforms	\$2,928.35	\$990.00
Merchandise	\$175.00	\$315.00	Bar	\$13,932.98	\$9,631.87
Subscriptions Senior	\$6,698.00	\$5688.00	Utilities	\$1,734.53	\$1,502.90
Fundraiser	\$2,936.30	\$1992.50	Umpires	\$2,265.00	\$2,080.00
Canteen	\$7,667.11	\$8092.05	Canteen	\$5,139.72	\$5,084.83
Bar	\$19,706.07	\$13,556.86	Room Maintenance	\$2,955.15	\$2,319.79
Social	\$2,600.00	\$3,355.00	Equipment	\$493.66	\$852.94
Membership	\$650.00	\$725.00	Miscellaneous	\$691.17	\$558.77
Miscellaneous	\$814.00		Ground Rental	\$3,630.00	\$3,630.00
Donation	\$500.00		Fundraiser	\$1,439.90	\$1,499.84
Presentation Night	\$940.00	\$2,237.00	Junior Presentation	\$716.10	\$332.35
Interest	\$601.96	461.46	Trophies	\$411.80	\$282.00
			DBA & Baseball Victoria	\$5,184.40	\$5,452.33
			Social	\$2,078.55	\$3,234.33
			Presentation Night	\$717.47	\$2,088.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,188.44</b>	<b>\$39,762.87</b>		<b>\$46,699.87</b>	<b>\$41,036.83</b>

Balance 31/10/2009	\$21,633.00
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$47,188.44</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>\$46,699.87</b>
<b>Balance 31/10/2010</b>	<b>\$22,151.57</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$518.57</b>



## WHERE OUR REVENUE COMES FROM



Source	Amount	% of Income
Subs. Jnr.	\$ 2,505.00	5.31%
Uni Hire	\$ 160.00	0.34%
Uni sales	\$ 1,235.00	2.62%
Merchandise	\$ 175.00	0.37%
Subs. Snr.	\$ 6,698.00	14.19%
Fundraiser	\$ 2,936.30	6.22%
Canteen	\$ 7,667.11	16.25%
Bar	\$ 19,706.07	41.76%
Social	\$ 2,600.00	5.51%
M'ship	\$ 650.00	1.38%
Misc	\$ 814.00	1.72%
Donation	\$ 500.00	1.06%
Presentation Night	\$ 940.00	1.99%
Interest	\$ 601.96	1.28%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,188.44</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### INTERESTING POINTS

The Bar and Canteen account for 58% of our total Revenue. Between them they raised \$8,300 in net revenue.

The Fundraiser (chocolate sales) raised \$1,500

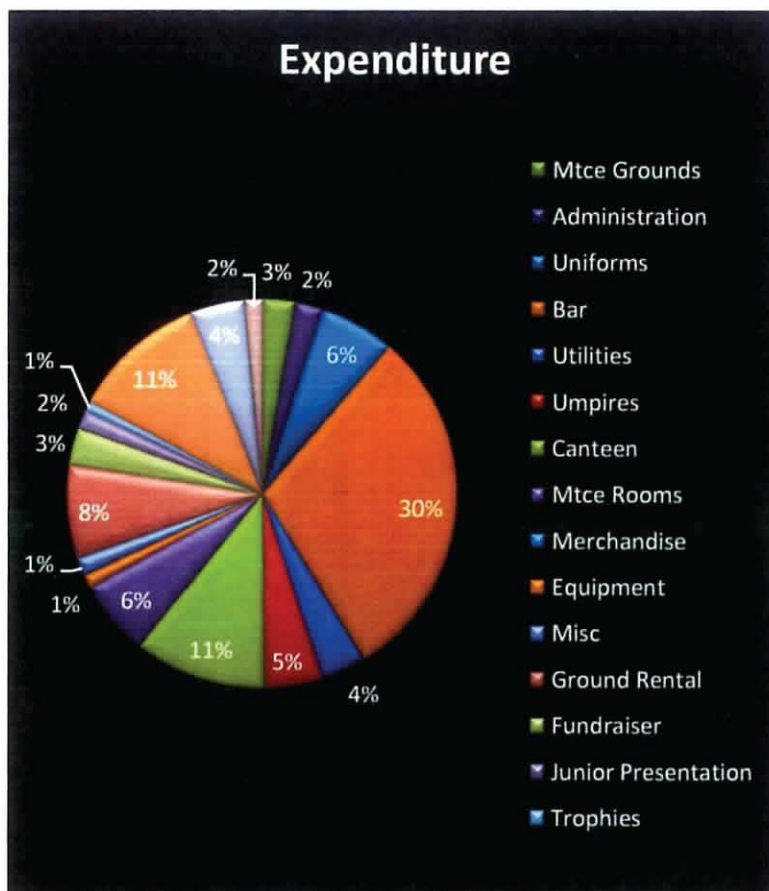
Other profits generated include

- Social \$521
- Presentation Night \$222

Uniform sales resulted in a net loss for the year of \$1693



## WHERE OUR MONEY IS SPENT



Source	Amount	% of Exp
Ground Maintenance	\$ 1,249.04	2.68%
Administration	\$ 1,102.05	2.36%
Uniforms	\$ 2,928.35	6.27%
Bar	\$ 13,932.98	29.85%
Utilities	\$ 1,734.53	3.72%
Umpires	\$ 2,265.00	4.85%
Canteen	\$ 5,139.72	11.01%
Mtce Rooms	\$ 2,955.15	6.33%
Equipment	\$ 493.66	1.06%
Misc	\$ 691.17	1.48%
Ground Rental	\$ 3,630.00	7.78%
Fundraiser	\$ 1,439.90	3.09%
Junior Presentation	\$ 716.10	1.53%
Trophies	\$ 411.80	0.88%
D.B.A	\$ 5,184.40	11.11%
Social	\$ 2,078.55	4.45%
Presentation Night	\$ 717.47	1.54%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,669.87</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### INTERESTING POINTS

The cost of putting our teams on the field for the season ;

Ground Maintenance	1,249.04
Administration	1,102.05
Umpires	2,265
Equipment	493.66
Ground Rental	3,630.00
DBA & Baseball Victoria	5,184.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,924.15</b>

The amount raised from Subscriptions;

Senior Subscriptions	6,698.00
Junior Subscriptions	2,505.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,203.00</b>



## **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 2009. 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, Stewart Brunton, Rob Davis and Sean O'Halloran, I say thank you for your efforts and outstanding achievements in managing our senior teams throughout the season.

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 Rob Davis, Murray Bowra, Daryl Dicker, Peter Connel and Russell Clarke and their willing band of helpers for the time and effort they put into managing, training and encouraging our junior teams.

Like 2009 this year will not go down in history as one of our more successful seasons on the field there were again several signs of a promising outlook. We must now continue to 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 move to Robinsons Road. With 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 occurring back in 2008, our attention has focussed on the design and construction of new clubrooms. During this season we consulted with Council on the design of our new clubrooms on several occasions. At this stage several design plans have been presented along with cost estimates. The design that we agreed to was estimated to cost in excess of \$1.2M and was considered too expensive by Council. A subsequent plan presented by Council was considered inadequate by the Club and referred back to Council along with a list of our issues. We will continue to report to members on the progress of future discussions with Council.

What we can report at this point in time is that season 2011 will be our last at the patch. It will also be a season in which we will all need to work together to generate substantial income as we will be required to contribute a considerable amount toward the cost of the new clubrooms.

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 2011 season.

MARK O'BRIEN  
President

