

# **FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.**

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## ***66TH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT***

***SEASON 2011***





## HONOUR ROLL 2011

**PRESIDENT** Mark O'Brien

**VICE PRESIDENTS** Daryl Dicker  
Rob Davis

**SECRETARY** Sally-Ann Cox

**TREASURER** Rod Burt

**COMMITTEE** Leigh Spicer  
Paul Dent  
Tim Hanson  
Matthew O'Brien  
Murray Bowra

**JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR** 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 Secretary of the Frankston Baseball Club Inc. to present for your consideration and adoption the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2011, along with details and reports covering the activity of the Club over the past twelve months.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

At the Annual General Meeting on the 11/03/2011 the following members were elected as office bearers for 2011:

<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>	Leigh Spicer Paul Dent Tim Hanson Matthew O'Brien Murray Bowra

## **Team Management**

In 2011 the club fielded 4 senior teams and 2 junior teams.

Mark Jones took on the role of Club coach for the Third year in a row. Daryl Dicker with the help of Chris Love took on the role of A Reserve coach, as did Paul Dent for A3, and Sean O'Halloran took up the position for A4.

Rob Davis was appointed junior co-ordinator with Dale Selleck, Murray Bowra and Russell Clark taking on the junior coaching responsibilities.



## **TEAM REPORTS**

### **A Grade**

The A Grade Team's season can be summarised by the Coach's last match report

With a finals spot on the line we had to win against Berwick who had already qualified for finals and to keep those Angels from swooping in and claiming our spot. It started off in great fashion with Pitta knocking one over for our first 3 runs and we added another 2 to round out the first innings. With Pitta wanting the ball thinking that he would keep it as a memento for being the last home run at The Patch, we reloaded with the bases full and Disco went one better with a Grand Slam, which ended up being the last home run at The Patch. In the end we scraped out a win and off to the finals we headed

Unfortunately, Berwick proved to be too good at home on the day winning a hard fought match and ending our season.

**Mark Jones - Club Coach**

### **A Reserve**

The main focus for this team was to blood players for both present and future A Grade teams. In this respect I think we were pretty successful, with several current A Grade players using the 2nds to come back from injuries etc... and several future club stars getting a taste of senior baseball. The fact that we got a run of wins at the end of the season and made the playoffs was icing on the cake. In the end we were painfully close to a Grand Final berth. The most exciting part for me was watching the club's youngster's step up and performs well at this level. 16year old Sam Alter, 14 year old Tom Snowden and Adam Love all stepped up and felt at home and are certain to play higher levels in the near future. Also performing well in the futures bracket was Tom Schneider who held down the short-stop position admirably along with a welcome return by John Hussey and James Armstrong. Mitch Barr on rehab from shoulder injury and also Jamie and Ben Tkalcevic for the 1st half season also added strength to our future development.

A host of seasoned veterans, Lovey, Willow, Timmy, Rusty and Finns were our main stalwarts but we had more help from several others during the season. It all added up to a competitive team on the field most weeks, despite our lack of pitching depth. Humphrey stepped up with a blinder in the last game of the season with a 2-1 win over Berwick to get us into the finals. Then an extra inning win over the same team the following week sent us deeper into the playoffs. We finished 3rd, losing the Prelim Final 5-4 against Dandenong.

Well done to all involved with this team, in particular our scorer Emma Medwin and fill in Sharryn Hussey. Also for the support by Club Coach Mark Jones.

Congrats to trophy winners

Hitting Award: Tim Hanson

Coaches Award: for most improved – Adam Love

MVP: Chris Love, who did the bulk of our pitching and made specky plays at 3b when he wasn't pitching, also one of our leading hitters.

**Daryl Dicker**



### **A.3**

The 3rds had a massive change in personnel this year losing 8 of our grand final team from the previous year. We finished towards the bottom of the ladder although we showed at times we were much better than that, losing 5 games by 1 run and also two draws. We welcomed back to the club Gareth Finney who, as always was great company and can still seriously play. He made 34 plays at short stop without an error! Gareth also hit .583 to take out the hitting award. Mark Anderton continues to amaze with his all round skills of the game. He was in our top 3 hitters, led our home runs and pitched at least 7 innings each week. All this even though he turned 107 this year!

There was no doubt he was our most valuable player. We had Tom Davis again this year and he's going to become a great player for the tomatoes in the coming years- he's a pleasure to coach was the winner of the coaches award. Our biggest highlight of the season came in our final ever game at the patch when we were 8 all in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> & Russell Clarke led off with a home run, then later in the inning after scoring 7 runs and with bases loaded and 2 out Mark Anderton (who was the second out of the inning in his previous at bat) sent one sailing for a game ending GRAND SLAM! One of the great moments at the patch followed by Ando having to "shout the bar" as him being the 2<sup>nd</sup> out resulted in our final out at the patch- yum yum! Thanks to all who played and helped out during the year. Good bye "patch" I'll miss you. Thanks for the privilege of coaching.

### **Paul Dent**

### **A.4**

The A4 Tomatoes entered the season with a couple of goals in mind. One was to continue to play competitive baseball despite several key player omissions, one due to tragic circumstances. The other was to get back to the post season after a disappointing loss in the previous year's semi-final against Mornington. Most of the group had returned including SeanO, Scoop, Gibbo, Rhys, Stevie, Kurt and Hors. New players included Beno, Gareth, James, Isagani, Tom and later in the season Evo.

With all that in mind, the Tommies began the season and promptly got smacked in the opener by the reigning premiers. The year progressed like any other, some good wins, so not so good losses and by season's end we found ourselves in a well-deserved second spot on the ladder. However, the finals were not our finest hour as Dandenong again gave us a whipping in the semi and then Berwick got over us in the preliminary, a team that we had not lost to all year. A disappointing end to what was a pretty good season when looked at over the course of the season.

We had some great performances from most of the group, the battery of Scoop and Gibbo were excellent and Scoop's hitting was a pleasant bonus. Steve continued to do what he always does, defying father time with great offense and defence. Hors was the standout hitter this year, clearly winning our batting award by a country mile, also leading the team in just about offensive category.

The new guys also handled themselves extremely well with Beno and Evo contributing with both the bat and in the field and their absences in our preliminary final loss cannot be overstated. Our resident Kiwi Gareth took to the game like a duck to a pond and was an outstanding performer in every aspect of the game and Tom, who spent several games deservedly in the seconds, is going to be one to watch in the coming years, showing great presence behind the dish and a potent bat.

All of this hopefully means one thing. A steely resolve by all to suit up again in 2012 and see if we can improve on last season and go a couple of steps further. Should be fun to watch.

### **Sean O'Halloran**



## **Under 14**

The 2011 Frankston under 14s had a mixture of players who had played before and some first timers. This mix found us very competitive for 75 % of each game just struggling to finish them off. Our more experienced players were fantastic, extending encouragement and friendship to the new players.

In the end, we won almost 50% of our games just missing out on the finals.

A big thanks to Russel Clarke who ran all the training during the week. Without people like Russ our club would have no juniors. Thanks also to all who scored during the season, and particular thanks to Rob Davis and Sally Cox who tirelessly work behind the scenes.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to coach this season but will still be around lending a hand when available.

As a club we need to install some current senior players to assist with junior development. I believe that we need at least two coaches per team to provide training during the week and direction on game day if we want our club to improve, flourish and do well in the future.

## **Murray Bowra**

## **Under 16**

The 2011 season for the Frankston tomatoes Under 16 team certainly brought some highlights and typically some good times down at the patch. Reflecting back now on it certainly builds the excitement for the coming season, not knowing what lies ahead.

With a great bunch of guys in the team, and great parents to share the season with I couldn't have been happier with what the season brought. A special mention to Sally Cox the team scorer, Julie Snowden coach's dog carer and Rob Davis (team manager/ground organiser/ whatever i didn't want to do). The support from them and a few others was fantastic and the season wouldn't have been possible without their input.

The season showed us good times, plenty of fun, a few laughs and there was actually some real baseball being played every now and again. I felt as though all players reached a personal milestone and we're given a range of opportunities to play a variety of positions. I was dramatically impressed with the potential the players showed given the experience level from most team members being quite minor with a few debut performances given in different spots.

As the season brought forth many debut performances from the players it also provided one for me as a coach for this age group. Without a doubt I felt as though the team improved greatly through the course of the season with the boys really beginning to show a firm understanding of how the game is played. Not only were they beginning to play ball at a quality level but the off field discipline at times was probably the best I've seen through the competition.

Starting the season with the bare nine players I'm still not too sure how we managed to get nine to every game. Its certainly a credit to the team.

I felt the dramatic improvement shown in the team each week was not only a lesson to the players, but also a lesson to its coach and would like to emphasise what affect I think a strong pre season can have. It would be great to start the season off where we left it at last season.



As baseball is a team game, not only is it your own strengths and limitations that are good to know but also those of your teammates.

I'm certainly looking forward to the coming 2012 season and look forward to seeing some fresh faces along with some familiar ones.

**CARN THE MIGHTY TOMATOES!!!!!!**

**Dayle Selleck**

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

The 2011 season started slowly for the club with us only being able to field two teams, under 14 and under 16. We lost a few of the younger players to the sport coupled with some of the 2010 under 12s going up to under 14. This led to the disappointing scenario of having to turn a couple of kids away as we didn't have a team for them. Once we got started, however, our two teams attacked the season with vigour. In season 2011 we welcomed a new coach to the junior ranks, Dayle "Disco" Selleck who put his hand up for the under 16 job. The guys responded really well to having a respected A grade player teaching them. Dayle certainly showed plenty of dedication and flare and even had the guys training two nights a week. Murray Bowra had the responsibility of the under 14 on game day and the training sessions were run by Russell Clarke who still doesn't mind throwing batting practice to all the kids on cold dark nights.

As we only had two teams we decided to play the season out at the Patch to give the kids one last hurrah on the hallowed turf of Samuel Sherlock which they seemed to enjoy. Both teams performed exceptionally well as they were both quite young for their age groups with both teams' just missing out on finals births. Importantly though all players had an enjoyable season and signs of improvement abound!

The club also had a chance to showcase Robinson's Rd facility by hosting the preliminary finals for all age groups. This ran really well and special thanks to Sally Cox, Murray Bowra, Rod Burt, Mark O'Brien, Matt O'Brien Noel and Michelle Winther, Maree Davis, Julie and Tom Snowden, Luke Wallis, Steve Schneider and Brad Gibson for ground marking, canteen duties, ground repairs, sausage cooking and all other duties.

All in all another good year which we hope to improve on in season 2012 with our move to Robinsons Rd and an early start to Pre season to give ourselves the best chance to attract good numbers to fill all three age groups. To all senior players, if you have any ambition to coach, junior coaching is a great way to learn the ropes and the club will assist you in any way possible, please consider it.

Finally huge thanks to following for their invaluable assistance during the season:

Dayle Selleck: Under 16 Coach

Sally Cox: Under 16 Scorer

Murray Bowra and Russell Clarke: Under 14 coaches

Maree Davis and Michelle Tkalcevic: Under 14 Scorers

Noel and Michelle Winther: Canteen Operators



Rod Burt and Matt O'Brien: Line Markers

All senior players who braved the cold to umpire junior games

We look forward to a successful 2012 junior season.

**Rob Davis – Junior Coordinator**

### **DBA REPRESENTATION**

The club would like to offer their congratulations to the following players and officials for representative selection in 2011. We have received reports on the excellent attitude of representatives and thank them for being fine ambassadors for the club. Congratulations.

#### **Seniors**

Mark Jones

Russell Anderton

Will Keys

Nick Veale

Michele Winther (Scorer)

Noel Winther (EO)

Well done to all of the above and we hope to continue our strong DBA representation in 2012.



## **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 14**

<b>MVP and Batting</b>	Mackenna Hura with an average of 681 awesome!!!!
<b>Most improved</b>	Murray Evans
<b>Best Utility</b>	David Milner
<b>Coach's Award</b>	Josh Eagan

### **UNDER 16**

<b>MVP</b>	Ken Pellosis
<b>Most improved</b>	Jack Graham
<b>Best Utility</b>	Tom Snowden
<b>Coach's Award</b>	Tom Davis

## **SENIOR PRESENTATION**

This year we again held our presentation night at the Patch. 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.

The award winners this year were as follows:

### **A GRADE**

<b>MVP</b>	Dayle Selleck
<b>MVP Runner Up</b>	Nick Veale
<b>Batting Award</b>	Neil Barfus

### **A RESERVE**

<b>MVP</b>	Chris Love
<b>Batting Award</b>	Tim Hanson
<b>Coach's award</b>	Adam Love



### A.3

<b>MVP</b>	Mark Anderton
<b>Batting Award</b>	Gareth Finney
<b>Coach's Award</b>	Tom Davis

### A.4

<b>MVP</b>	Michael O'Halloran - Stephen Schneider
<b>Batting Award</b>	Andrew Horscroft
<b>Rookie Award</b>	Gareth Hardy

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

**Dayle Selleck**

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

**Rod Burt**

### **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 again managed the bar this year, and we thank him for his tireless efforts. We were never short of a drink and appreciate his time in running the bar smoothly, and for his unseen work in re-stocking.

### **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.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2011

	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	2011	2010	2011	2010	
Subscriptions Junior	\$2,120.00	\$2,505.00	Ground Maintenance	\$660.06	\$1,249.04
Uniform Hire	\$160.00	\$160.00	Administration	\$550.35	\$1,102.05
Uniform Sales	\$1,755.00	\$1,235.00	Uniforms	\$946.55	\$2,928.35
Merchandise	\$45.00	\$175.00	Bar	\$12,428.00	\$13,932.98
Subscriptions Senior	\$6,235.00	\$6,698.00	Utilities	\$1,737.09	\$1,734.53
Fundraiser		\$2,936.30	Umpires	\$2,310.00	\$2,265.00
Canteen	\$7,226.10	\$7,667.11	Canteen	\$3,981.64	\$5,139.72
Bar	\$16,334.28	\$19,706.07	Room Maintenance	\$1,546.59	\$2,955.15
Social	\$5,405.00	\$2,600.00	Equipment	\$644.60	\$493.66
Membership	\$675.00	\$650.00	Miscellaneous	\$22.00	\$691.17
Miscellaneous	\$400.00	\$814.00	Ground Rental	\$3,866.00	\$3,630.00
Donation		\$500.00	Fundraiser		\$1,439.90
Presentation Night	\$1,710.00	\$940.00	Junior Presentation	\$518.19	\$716.10
Interest	\$496.71	\$601.96	Trophies	\$392.60	\$411.80
Plaques	\$2,850.00		DBA & Baseball Victoria	\$4,683.95	\$5,184.40
			Social	\$3,487.26	\$2,078.55
			Presentation Night	\$1,094.00	\$717.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$45,412.09</u></b>	<b><u>\$47,188.44</u></b>		<b><u>\$38,868.98</u></b>	<b><u>\$46,699.87</u></b>

Balance 31/10/2010	\$22,151.57
Income	\$45,412.09
Expenditure	\$38,868.98
Balance 31/10/2010	\$26,694.68
Net Surplus	\$6,543.11



## **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 2011. 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, Daryl Dicker, Paul Dent 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, Dayle Selleck, Murray Bowra and Russell Clarke for their efforts in co-ordinating and managing our junior teams.

Like the previous two years, this year will not go down in history as one of our more successful seasons on the field although 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. , During this season we consulted with Council on the design of our new clubrooms on several occasions. Finally, we signed off on agreed plans which were subsequently rejected by Council pending other developments outside our sphere of influence.

Saying good bye to the patch after 66 Years' has been difficult, particularly for someone like me who player their first game of baseball there 50 years ago. But a new journey brings with it new opportunities and we must all work together to make the most of those opportunities, whatever they may be.

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 2012 season.

MARK O'BRIEN  
President