

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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SEASON 2012





HONOUR ROLL 2012

PRESIDENT Mark O'Brien

VICE PRESIDENTS Peter Gloury
Tim Hanson

SECRETARY Emma Medwin

TREASURER Rod Burt

COMMITTEE Rob Davis
Daryl Dicker
Matthew O'Brien
Chris Wilson
Leigh Spicer

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	Rob Davis

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	2005								
Under 17	1982								
Under 15/16	1973	1982	1987	1999					
Under 13/14	1971	1979	1980	1997					
Under 12	1995								



Dear Members,

It is my duty as duly elected Secretary of the Frankston Baseball Club Inc. to present the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2012 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 14th April 2012, the following members were elected as office bearers for 2012:

PRESIDENT	Mark O'Brien
VICE PRESIDENTS	Peter Gloury Tim Hanson
SECRETARY	Emma Medwin
TREASURER	Rod Burt
JUNIOR COORDINATOR	Rob Davis
COMMITTEE	Daryl Dicker Matthew O'Brien Rob Davis Leigh Spicer Chris Wilson

COACHES

In 2012 the club fielded 4 senior teams and 3 junior teams.

Daryl Dicker took up the role of Club Coach. Mark Anderton stepped in as the A2 coach, as did Paul Dent for the A3 side and Sean O'Halloran for the A4 team. Rob Davis was our Junior Co-ordinator and also the Under 15s coach, along with Peter Gloury looking after our Under 13s and Dayle Selleck leading our Under 17s.



TEAM REPORTS

A1

Daryl Dicker

Firstly I would like to thank our outgoing coach in Mark Jones, who took over as Club Coach on short notice and did an admirable job during his 3 years at the helm. Unfortunately he had to resign from the position due to work commitments.

This season proved to be similar to the previous couple, in that we were missing too many players for too many games for various reasons. Most notably Nick Veale moved to the USA to enter the College ranks midseason after 3 consecutive 3 vote games and we missed him both as a pitcher and our leading hitter. This however opened the door for some younger players to get a taste of A Grade. Adam Love, Tom Snowden, Dave Bonell and Tom Davis all stepped up when given the opportunity and performed very well, which is a good sign for the future. Look for more of our juniors to step into A Grade in the next season or 2.

Matty O'Brien was called on for most of our pitching duties (81 Inns) and hit the odd long ball and clearly won our MVP. He also won the O'Brien Medal for DBA B&F. Runner Up MVP Smyles returned after a few years away and also won the Hitting Award. Other regular vote getters were Mark Jones, Nick Veale, Dayle Selleck, Ben Laux and Russ Anderton. Mitch Barr won the coaches award , 1 of only 2 to play every game. Our regular lead off, he was one of our more consistent players and pulled off a few screamers in RF. Pita only missed 1 game and Scott Baillie joined the club mid season, Barfo played a few games as did Matt Donnelly, Grant Karlsen, Chris Love, Spice and Josh Conell.

All combined it was an enjoyable season with a pretty solid and consistent performance all year, our biggest loss was by 2 runs and we won enough to make the playoffs with confidence of being able to beat all other finalists. Unfortunately we had a bad day at Dandenong in the Semi Final which finished our season. We had bad luck all day as they had several ground balls with eyes, Matty had to limp from the mound and none of our well hit balls landed for us. I always say that the harder you work the luckier you get so maybe we can take that into next season. Thanks to Noel for helping as Base Coach again and Michele for once again taking on the Scoring position

A2

Mark Anderton

The A2 this year had a very even mix of the very young to the very old, almost to the point where you only got a game if you brought your son along or was it a developing young team who had their dads filling in, not sure, but it was great to see the club have a number of promising future players taking their steps for a future A Grade career.

The club gained the services of Matt and Tighe Donnelley (who if he sticks to the sport I am certain will be a long term Tomato A Grade player) as well as later in the season the arrival of Scott Baillie who really strengthened our pitching and if he had come earlier would definitely had taken us well into the finals series.

As it turned out our year was about 50-50 with Dirty holding down the mound until Buzz took over, we had an array of catchers after Tom Snowden went up to the bigs with Willo and Matty Donnelley winding back the clock and everyone else moving around to cover for the availables and unavailables.....

Old Lovey had a stellar year with the bat and all the young 'uns showed good discipline at the plate and all had multiple hit games during the year, very encouraging for next year.

We had some encouraging wins, often, come from behind mixed in with some disasters but in the end after winning enough games to play finals we fell tragically short.

I'd like to thank the guys for their efforts and look forward to seeing them all again next season. Congratulations to those who receive the individual awards however I truly believe the season was a total team effort with very little between many contributors.



A3

Paul Dent

The "Thirds" this season started with optimism. We are an ageing bunch who love each others company and with a couple of young guys joining us we thought we'd go O.K..

The season didn't go to plan to say the least and we finished at the bottom of the ladder in the end, although we did have a great time doing it and there are many memorable moments from the season that will stay with us including presentation night.

Russell Clarke was our MVP and a stand out, Dale Harrison won our hitting trophy and Reece Tippett won the coaches award. He is a player to watch in the future-up the grades.

It is an honour to coach any team at this great club and I've appreciated the club allowing me to do so. I wish next seasons coach the best and hope they can put us back on top in the near future.

Under 13

Peter Gloury

After a 12 month absence, the resurrection of the under 13's was of Biblical proportions surpassed only by that great event nearly 2,000 years ago. It had all the ingredients of the Greatest Story ever told. There was the miracle of the loaves and fishes (BBQ's), bodies rising from the dead, (the coaches, Derbs and Smyles) and parting of the waters (dividing the competition) that climaxed in the team reaching the 'promised land' (The Grand Final).

Well... it doesn't hurt to be dramatic but even the old Under 13 patriarchs of Rus, Muz and Brent would look on admiringly at the achievements of this year's team.

When the call went throughout the land via email, phone calls and newspaper ads, 12 young disciples answered, 11 of whom had never played before. Clearly, the plans for the construction of the Tower of Babel had been drafted. Where it was going and what would be achieved was anyone's guess.

The early part of the season saw heavy losses against Dandenong Blue, Bonbeach and those giants from Pakenham. The competition looked to be overwhelming and it appeared as though a miracle was needed just to get a win on the board.

The miracle came half way through the season via the wisdom of Solomon, i.e. dividing the competition into a major and minor league with Frankston assigned to the minors. Forget miracles, dedication and an improved team saw wins against Boneo, Mornington (Gold) and Berwick and for a time, Frankston took top spot on the minor league ladder. A place in the finals became a reality.

So it came to pass that Frankston was to play the first semi against Mornington Gold and the prophets were predicting an early Frankston exit. Prophets don't play baseball and Frankston went on to a comfortable 10-7 victory.

The preliminary final saw Frankston against the more fancied Cheltenham side. Rather than be over awed by some fast pitching, Frankston maintained their composure with controlled pitching and disciplined batting and took out a 10-6 victory and the right to play in the Grand Final.

While the result of the final against Berwick was disappointing, the fact that they made it in their first year was a remarkable effort and congratulations go to all players for the dedication and enthusiasm they demonstrated throughout the season. What's exciting is that all players are again eligible to play under 13's next season and we look forward to going one better.

Of course, success not only means wins on the field. These kids gained invaluable experience and knowledge thanks largely to the efforts of the guru Simon Myles. Just as importantly, the guardian angel, Mia, oversaw the welfare of the players, organised the player/parent practice matches, kept open the vital communications between the club and parents and each week, provided the manna from heaven in the form of 'Snakes'.



The club also acknowledges Dean, Michael and Rod for their invaluable assistance during Tuesday night trainings making life so much easier for coaches. We thank all parents for their support and encouragement making for a family friendly and enjoyable season.

Anyone who has taken on the job of scoring would know just how difficult it is, particularly at U/13 level. Isn't that right Carina and Jamie? On behalf of players, coaches and parents we extend our sincere thanks to Leah for her scoring excellence and the dedication she put in each week.

We trust that all those involved had an enjoyable season and hope to see you there for the 2013 season.

Under 15

Rob Davis

A mixed 2012 for the under 15's is the best way to describe our season. We had a varied bunch of experience with some first timers mixing it up with some old heads.

We started off the season well with good numbers with 11 players in the line-up and started the season with high hopes, however after a couple of games it became clear we probably wouldn't be in the hunt as most of our oppositions were quite polished outfits with a much deeper level of experience and knowledge, so our season became about learning the fundamentals of the game and trying to sort the mechanics of the team out. As can happen a lot in this age group we can train very well then when the pressure of a game situation arises, and the fundamentals we learn at training cannot be re-enacted in the game. This happened for most of the season, but in our last couple of games the team started to click and we even ended up winning our last game against Boneo, who only a couple of weeks before had beaten us by 7 runs. So the signs are there we have at least moved forward, and I am expecting much better things this season.

Well done to the award winners:

Emma Tkalcevic: MVP

Liam Davis & Murray Evans: Batting Average

Ben Clarke: Coach's Award

Special thanks to Rusty for being my assistant coach, Michelle and Penny for scoring, Rod for making sure all the grounds were marked, Noelly and Michele for running the canteen and making sure the coffee was hot. Thanks also to the senior players who umpired our home games.

I am seeking a new coach for this season as I have work commitments which will mean I will be out of the scene until at least Queen's birthday. Please consider helping out the junior club and gain valuable experience by coaching

Under 17

Dayle Selleck

The 2012 season brought along some dramatic changes for the Frankston faithful and I thought some early hurdles were overcome through hard work to see the Tomatoes settle into its new patch at Robinsons Road. The training nights were probably the first initial hurdle as throwing baseballs in the dark is a bit dangerous as it turns out, but thanks to some generous work performed by Rusty and Willo and maybe a few others, we were able to provide an environment where seeing the baseball was once again possible. Cheers fellas.

I don't think I could have enjoyed the season as much if it weren't for the incredible efforts and coordination given by that of the Davis family, with Rob also taking on the job to coach the U15 side. And to all the other people involved that helped out their bit when they could (not Potto), I am very thankful.



As for the U17 playing group involved I can only hope that if I am given the job again I get a group somewhat similar to last years. Even though we started the season with less than the full 9 players, they stuck it out with friends and siblings filling in from one week to the next. I think it was mostly the end of game cookies that kept them coming back. I believe the team enjoyed a bit more success in 2012 than from the previous year which was great to see as it showed great improvement which was noticeable at training. One notable change that I personally really enjoyed was the involvement of our current juniors starting to step it up into the senior grades with 5 players doing so continually. Something i believe had been missing from this club for a while now and couldn't help but feel proud of what they had achieved and the manner in which they did so.

With the 2013 winter season nearly upon us I can only anticipate what I believe will be another fantastic year down at the patch with the young familiar faces hopefully stepping up and perhaps even a few new faces as well. An improved training facility will hopefully translate into improved training sessions, improved game performances and more fun. Looking forward to seeing everyone for a game down at 'The Patch'.

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The 2012 junior season was certainly a pivotal one for the junior club. With the club only able to field two teams in 2011 action was needed to ensure we were able to enter teams in all age groups. Then along came Erin O'Connor (aka Mia), who had had drummed up a whole under 13 Team, with coach and scorer, a fantastic effort and has set the club's junior footing for the next years to come.

The club also had a chance to showcase the Robinsons Road facility by hosting the Grand Finals for all age groups. This ran really well and special thanks to Emma Medwin, Tim Hanson, Rod Burt, Mark O'Brien, Matt O'Brien, Noel and Michele Winther, Will Keys, Daryl Dicker, Josh Connell, Simon Myles, Steve Schneider, Russell Clarke, Pete Gloury, Julie and Tom Snowden and all others who I have neglected to mention here.

Probably the highlight of the year was the awesome Under 13's coached by Pete Gloury and Simon Myles making the division 2 finals of the under 13 competition , a fantastic effort for a first time team . Derbs should never have retired from coaching as he has lost nothing!

Special mentions must also be made to Dayle Selleck (Under 17 coach) who was awarded the Rocky O'Brien award for outstanding service to the club during season 2012. Emma Tklacevic, Conor Myles and Tom Snowden were also DBA representatives and the club is very proud of them.

Special mention again to Tom Snowden for being the inaugural recipient of the newly created "Brent Hura Trophy" for outstanding contribution to the club by a junior player. Thank you to the following for really making the junior club run:

Dayle Selleck	Under 17 Coach
Russell Clarke	Under 15 Assistant Coach
Peter Gloury	Under 13 Coach
Simon Myles	Under 13 Assistant Coach
Mia O'Connor	Under 13 Team Manager and Organiser of Everyone
Noel and Michele Winther	Canteen Operators
Rod Burt & Matt O'Brien	Line Markers

All senior players who braved the cold to umpire junior games

We look forward to a successful 2013 junior season.

We are also keen to add to our coaching stocks to all senior players please consider helping put with a junior team to ensure we maintain and grow our junior program.

Rob Davis

Junior Coordinator



JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Junior Presentation was held this year on Friday 31st August at the Taj Tomato, 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 13

All players received medallions and photos to commemorate their season

UNDER 15

Most Valuable Player	Emma Tkalcevic
Batting Award	Liam Davis Murray Evans
Coach's Award	Ben Clarke

UNDER 17

Most Valuable Player	Josh Connell Tom Davis
Batting Award	David Bonell
Coach's Award	James Baptist

SENIOR PRESENTATION

After a difficult season without permanent club rooms, we held Senior Presentation at the Frankston Cricket Club. We had a good turn out and were glad to see some familiar faces from interstate join in the celebrations.

We also introduced a new award for the Best Junior Club Person, named the Brent Hura Perpetual Trophy. This award was introduced by Rob Davis and proudly given out by Mac and Debbie Hura on the night.

Life Memberships are not easily achieved, and when they are it's done by respected, vital and loyal members of the club. We were in a position to award a Life Membership at this season's Presentation, and we wish to recognise and congratulate **Rob Davis** on his many years of service to the club in all facets. Thanks for everything Davo – you're a very deserving recipient.

The award winners this year were as follows.

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Most Valuable Player	Matt O'Brien
Batting Award	Simon Myles (avg. 0.400)
Coach's Award	Mitch Barr



A2

Most Valuable Player	Chris Wilson
Batting Award	Chris Love (avg. 0.513)

A3

Most Valuable Player	Russell Clarke
Batting Award	Dale Harrison
Coach's Award	Rhys Tippett

A4

Most Valuable Player	Jamie Tkalcevic
Batting Award	Thilak Manohar (avg. 0.577)
Most Improved	Jarryd Ward

Brent Hura Perpetual Award for Best Junior Club Member
Tom Snowden

Michael "Max" Klinger Club Champion Award
Matthew O'Brien

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



DBA REPRESENTATION

The club would like to offer their congratulations to the following players and officials for representative selection in 2012. We thank them for being fine ambassadors for the club. Congratulations.

Senior Men

Mark Jones Assistant Coach
Russell Anderton
Michele Winther Scorer

Under 16

Tighe Donnelly
Emma Tkalcevic

Under 12

Conor Myles

Well done to all of the above and we hope to continue our history of DBA representation in 2013.

O'BRIEN MEDAL NIGHT

Many players polled well for the season across all Senior teams, and congratulations go to **Matt O'Brien** for winning the O'Brien Medal for the A1 Most Valuable Player for the second time. Well done Matt, it's great to see a Tomato come away with the top honour.

CANTEEN, BAR and CLUBROOMS

The lifeblood of our club is undoubtedly the canteen and bar. Special thanks go 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 truly valued.

Thanks also to Noel and Michele Winther for their equally important work in running the canteen during the early morning junior games (including the Junior Grand Final). The club, coaches, players and parents appreciate your work and commitment.

Matt O'Brien looked after our bar this season, and while we didn't have the patronage of previous years, the fridge was always well stocked and the bar always open. Thanks Matt.

Rod Burt and Annette O'Brien and Mark O'Brien gave their time to do the other unseen and sometimes under-appreciated work of cleaning the clubrooms and marking the lines. Thank you both, we are grateful for your time and effort.

WEBSITE

Chris Love again used his considerable computer and publishing talents to maintain the Frankston Baseball Club web site. Thank you Chris for your ongoing commitment to this, and the assistance you provide to the Secretary and members of the committee.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 2012 season started with a rush, but soon settled down into everyday running with the assistance and prior hard work of our coaches, assistants (that's you Mia), volunteers and committee.

With the assistance of the coaches, we aimed to gather and update our players contact details to ensure all the necessary information was reaching our members. I'd like to thank them for helping me with this.

This record keeping will assist us in ensuring all our players and members are entered into the MyClub system Baseball Victoria use for registrations and insurance, and will help us to keep track of who we have paid for and how much we have paid.

Some of you will be aware of the difficulties we had during the season with entering and keeping our MyClub information up to date. I'd like to thank the committee for their support and Tim Hanson for his help in working with the association to rectify the matter.

Having been finally moved from our old ground to our new home, we faced some off-field challenges this season such as adjusting to our reduced and limited canteen facilities, and trying to encourage members and opposition players to stay at the club after games and trainings with our rather unwelcoming rooms. Thanks go to Peter Conell, Dayle Selleck, Daryl Dicker and everyone else who helped to make our temporary rooms a little more 'homely'. I hope that we won't be spending too many more winters in the Taj Tomato, and will be warm and comfortable in our new rooms soon.

In the next couple of years we will go through some more changes to our ground and facilities, and if given the opportunity I'd like to introduce some new merchandise, as well as organising some junior functions and getting our social spirit back. This is a great club, with great people; we deserve to be the best in the association, both on and off the diamond.

I would also like to say thank you all the other players and members who assisted in some way, be it large or small, during the 2012 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 2013.

Emma Medwin
Secretary



FINANCIAL REPORT

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2012

	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Subscriptions Junior	\$2,720.00	\$2,120.00	Ground Maintenance	\$1,891.55	\$660.06
Uniform Hire	\$280.00	\$160.00	Administration	\$597.02	\$550.35
Uniform Sales	\$475.00	\$1,755.00	Uniforms	\$1,630.00	\$946.55
Merchandise	\$360.00	\$45.00	Bar	\$7,394.80	\$12,428.00
Subscriptions Senior	\$5,850.00	\$6,235.00	Utilities	\$323.05	\$1,737.09
Fundraiser	\$2,050.00		Umpires	\$2,390.00	\$2,310.00
Canteen / Bar	\$16,911.00	\$7,226.10	Canteen	\$3,817.40	\$3,981.64
Bar		\$16,334.28	Room Maintenance	\$1,281.76	\$1,546.59
Social	\$2,495.00	\$5,405.00	Equipment	\$922.20	\$644.60
Membership	\$450.00	\$675.00	Miscellaneous	\$350.00	\$22.00
Miscellaneous		\$400.00	Ground Rental	\$2,862.00	\$3,866.00
Sponsorship	\$1,100.00		Fundraiser	\$1,499.85	
Presentation Night	\$1,553.00	\$1,710.00	Junior Presentation	\$706.15	\$518.19
Interest	\$722.32	\$496.71	Trophies	\$330.65	\$392.60
Plaques		\$2,850.00	DBA & Baseball Victoria	\$5,895.80	\$4,683.95
			Social	\$1,152.45	\$3,487.26
			Presentation Night	\$1,050.00	\$1,094.00
			Relocation Costs	\$750.00	
			Player Sponsorship	\$1,000.00	
			Merchandise	\$900.00	
TOTAL	34,699.32	45,412.09		36,744.68	38,868.98

Balance 31/10/2011	\$28,694.68
Income	\$34,699.32
Expenditure	\$36,744.68
Balance 31/10/2012	\$26,916.32
Net Deficit	\$1,778.36



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 2012. We are grateful for the efforts of Emma Medwin 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 Daryl Dicker, Mark Anderton, 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, Russell Clarke, Peter Gloury, Simon Myles and Mia O'Conner for their efforts in co-ordinating and managing our junior teams.

Like the previous few 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 and now look forward to enjoying our new amenities toward the end of the 2013 season.

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 2013 season.

MARK O'BRIEN
President