

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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68th ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 2013

TOMATOES





HONOUR ROLL 2013

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
Julie Snowden
Mia O'Connor
Russell Clarke

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR Mia O'Connor

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								
Under 11	2013								



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 2011 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	Mia O'Connor
COMMITTEE	Daryl Dicker Matthew O'Brien Rob Davis Leigh Spicer Chris Wilson Julie Snowden Russell Clarke Mia O'Connor

COACHES

In 2013, the Association made a change to competition and divided up the A Grade into A1 and A2, and B1 and B2.

Simon Myles took up the role of Club Coach, with Daryl Dicker looking after the A2 team, Tim Hanson taking the B1 team, and Sean O'Halloran lead the B2s.

Mia O'Connor was our Junior Co-ordinator, and for the first time we fielded an Under 11s team, with Russell Clarke and Peter Conell taking them to the premiership.

Peter Gloury once again looked after our Under 13s; Rob Davis had one more year with our Under 15s, and Dayle Selleck lead our Under 17s.



TEAM REPORTS

B1

With the restructuring of the divisions we became the B1 team and were up against a mix of clubs first's teams and A grade clubs third teams. A bit of phoning around and a few false promises given, we put together a side that would have a crack throughout the season, according to Denty it was a lot better than what he had at his disposal the previous year.

It was also an opportunity for Ben Clarke to be introduced to senior baseball and play with his old man. We also got some game time into Arno and Kyle who started the season in B2s

Fun was definitely a focus for the season with most interest in the questions under the Carlton Draught stubbies a must for all before leaving the ground, the personal battle between Hallsy and Ant was another highlight with Ant getting the upper hand and Hallsy "unavailable" for the last 4 weeks.

With Gareth Finney playing great baseball both defensively and offensively and guest appearances from all (I think Lovey may have even played a couple)we only just missed out on playing finals which showed that we played competitive baseball for most of the season being extremely competitive against the clubs who fielded their firsts teams and winning most of our games against equivalent thirds teams although we dropped a couple during the season which we probably shouldn't have won which cost us in the end.

It was an enjoyable season had by myself and hopefully all that played and I would especially like to thank Mia for scoring all season through all sorts of weather and to Willo for doing a fantastic job in supporting me throughout the season

Under 11

Russell Clarke

In 2013 the DBA decided to reclassify the junior age groups from even years to odd, which gave us the opportunity to enter a team in Under 11s. We were very fortunate as we had a great bunch of kids come down to play for us. Some with not as much experience as others and obviously none of them had played together before.

I tried to keep the accent for the season on learning the game in a fun way and if we won a few games along the way that would be a bonus.

It was great to see the improvement in everybody individually and as a team. It ended up that we did manage to win a few games and made it into the finals where the boys put together two great performances to come out convincing winners, the first junior premiers for this club for some time.

I do hope we see all the boys back for the 2014 season and they bring their friends with them.

Under 13

Peter Gloury

It was great to see all the old disciples back for the new season as well as welcoming two new converts to the team, Jordan and Callum.

Emerging from the old season to the new or a new testament if you like, our expectations for success on the field were high with the pre-season showing enormous development in our pitching and defensive departments not to mention the kids growing a few inches or so. Talent would be the driving



force for the team this year, none of this Old Testament miracles and guardian angles stuff, although manna from heaven was sorely missed...gee those jelly snakes are expensive.

In terms of the draw, perhaps the Gods didn't look on us too favourably as the first three rounds of the season was always going to be difficult which resulted in heavy losses against the power teams of Cheltenham White, Dandenong and Bonbeach, the three teams who eventually finished 2nd, 1st and 4th respectively.

By the 4th round Frankston began to show what it could do with the bat and continued the form with 3 consecutive wins against Berwick, Mornington Gold and Mornington Black as home runs and ground rule doubles became a feature of the batting line up.

A win against Pakenham in the 7th round seemed inevitable but again the Gods turned against us and opened up the heavens to deny us victory and maintain the winning momentum.

The remainder of the season saw mixed fortunes with disappointing losses against Moorabbin and Dingley only to follow up with a satisfying win against 4th place Cheltenham Blue. The draw again played a significant part in determining Frankston's success as three of the last four games matched us against the ladder leaders. Although we suffered 3 straight losses, the team can take heart as this time we were far more competitive particularly taking Bonbeach to the wire in a thriller.

While finishing a disappointing 6th on the ladder this relatively new team to baseball all learned just a little bit more from the experience and we congratulate them for their dedication and the high quality skills shown throughout the season.

Naturally, scorers are a vital part of the team and even they undergo training to enhance their knowledge. Our scorer, Leah was no exception and this year graduated from Michele's school of scorers, a testament of her commitment to the job. On behalf of the coaches and team, thanks again Leah for all your work.

While on the subject of scoring, Mia thought we might go high tech and introduced a baseball scoring App called "Game Changer". Inputting data from the scorebook into the App required patience and perseverance from Mia...don't laugh. Her first attempt was quite disastrous. After spending 2 hours inputting data from one game she did the unthinkable, she hit the delete button...game over and out. It wasn't long before she became an expert and this App became an invaluable tool in instantly extracting player stats. Great initiative Mia and again thanks for continuing the vital work of communication with the U/13 parents.

Another satisfying aspect to the season was the support we received from some of our senior players. A big thanks to Rob (Boof) Bowen, Mitch Bowen and Tom Snowden who donated time to impart their expertise to the team and taking a keen interest in the players progress. The players fully appreciated the mentoring they received.

We were also fortunate to have the services of James Van de Beek, yeah! I know, he's Cheltenham, who assisted the regular coaches each week as an under graduate rookie. Thanks James, we hope you enjoyed the experience and your time at the club.

Finally, thanks again go to the parents for their support and encouragement each Saturday not to mention the additional efforts they put in during training nights and those days in the back yard assisting the kids in honing their skills.

We trust that all those involved had an enjoyable season and hope to see you there in 2014.

Under 15

Rob Davis

Season 2013 was a learning season for the under 15s. We lost a couple of players but also picked up a three new ones who hadn't played before. Blake Anderson Hughes, Callum Hura and Dan Purchase turned up for their first runs as junior Tomatoes. Welcome guys. Two very famous Tomato names with Purchase and Hura, and Blake certainly settled into the club well, even becoming the first's batboy and good luck charm!



We played the whole season with the bare 9 which made it hard when guys went away or had school camps meaning we played a lot of games with 8 or even 7 players, but the boys applied themselves well, losing a couple of close ones but also managing to snare a few wins. The most pleasing aspect of this side is the ability of the boys to keep their chins up and keep having fun even when things aren't going their way or their coach is getting grumpy.

Particular thanks to Mac and Liam who were our main throwers who kept trying always, also to Ben for catching most of the year. Josh Egan really stood up toward the end of the year and became our starting pitcher, so he is showing signs of rapid improvement.

All in all it was a fun year, who knows if a couple of things had fallen our way we might have even made the finals.

A huge thanks as always to Maree who scored while even going through Chemo, a magnificent effort. I hope we can get more parents involved to help spread the load of scoring and canteen etc.

Thanks also go to Noel and Michele for running the Canteen every week, to Rod, Matty and Marko for making sure our grounds were marked and to Smyles who did a power of work every home game, setting up ground etc. We also had great support this year from the Seniors who umpired for us.

Under 17

Dayle Selleck

The Under 17s 2013 season certainly had its ups and downs, but we managed to get through the season with remarkable improvements made from start to finish both with individuals and as a team.

Regardless of the result there were always highlights to make us either gasp with amazement or sometimes laugh hysterically on a weekly basis. Whether it was a game changing hit or catch, or a completely misfielded ugly funny error, I always knew the entertainment value would consistently be there and the kids would take each play in stride.

Going into the season with the minimum amount of players was always going to make it tough, but I was amazed to go through without withdrawing from a single game which I feel is always a good sign of commitment from the players and parents involved. I also feel it hasn't always been easy down at the patch with players somewhat hindered by the normal training facilities, but I feel that has vastly changed with the club location move and continual upgrade of its facilities from the senior members. A big thanks to all involved. I do believe the club is on the right path towards creating a strong junior program and certainly look forward to seeing the current junior tomatoes progress.

A big thank you goes to all players and parents involved, and especially my scorer Julie Snowden for the 2013 season. With the 2014 season nearly here and plenty of improvements looking to be made around the club again I can't help but eagerly anticipate the coming winter season. Go Tomatoes!

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

What a sensational 2013 season! On the back of the success of the previous year, we were able to attract a dozen new excited children, most of whom had no previous tie to our wonderful club – new blood is always a bonus! Frankston was able to field a team in each division – Under 11 Rookie Ball, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17.

The major junior highlight of the season was the Under 11's taking out the inaugural 2013 Premiership, coached by Russell Clarke and Peter Conell. What a fantastic effort for a team of new ball players and congratulations to them all.

Again this season, there were a number of players who were DBA representatives and we are proud of them all – we had players in all age groups: U17 – Tom Snowden, U16 – Ben Clarke, U14 – Kobe Hughes, Jarvis Allen, Conor Myles, and U12 – Jed Woodger, Jai Cebular.



Now for the thank-yous..... a very special mention goes to Peter Gloury who was always available when I needed to whinge, cry or just discuss something – thanks Derbs! Also, a special mention to Emma Medwin and Rod Burt for being around when I needed something from you, and of course Noel and Michele Winther for doing a brilliant job of running the canteen. Thank-you to all the scorers, parents and supporters who came out each week to watch our wonderful junior teams.

Last and not least, the biggest thank-you goes to the following people. If not for them, the junior program would not be possible. You are all amazing to give so much of your time to our club.

Dayle Selleck	Under 17 Coach
Rob Davis	Under 15 Coach
Peter Gloury	Under 13 Coach
Simon Myles	Under 13 Assistant Coach
Russell Clarke	Under 11 Coach
Peter Conell	Under 11 Assistant Coach
Rod Burt & Matt O'Brien	Line Markers

The senior players who umpired each week.

The junior program is continuing to grow which is great news for the club. We are fortunate to have a number of extremely talented young players coming up through the junior ranks which can only strengthen the future of our senior teams and the future of the club.

Go Tomatoes!

Mia O'Connor
Junior Coordinator

JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Junior Presentation was held this year on Friday 13th September at the Taj Tomato, and we had a great turn out of players, parents and supporters.

Thank you to everyone who assisted on the night with the set-up of the rooms, supplying and cooking the food, and manning the bar. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you to all those who attended, we hope you enjoyed your night.

The award winners this year were as follows:

Under 11

All players received participation awards.

Under 13

Most Valuable Player	Jed Woodger
Best Utility Player	Jarvis Allen
Coach's Award	Callum Guinness
Batting Award	Conor Myles

Under 15

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Ben Clarke
<i>Most Improved</i>	Josh Egan
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Blake Anderson-Hughes
<i>Best Defensive Player</i>	Mac Hura



Under 17

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Tom Snowden
<i>Most Improved</i>	David Milliner
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Brandon Benson
<i>Best Defensive Player</i>	Sam Watson

SENIOR PRESENTATION

After another difficult season without permanent rooms, we decided to reduce costs and hold Senior Presentation at the Taj Tomato (aka the clubrooms).

Attendance was fantastic for such a small space, and we must say a very big thank you to Peter Conell's mum for cooking our sensational roast dinner.

There was plenty of food left over, even after some had seconds, and we really appreciate the work she put in. Peter, please thank her for us again.

Thanks also to everyone who helped to clean and set-up the rooms, prepare the food, serve at the bar (Matt O'Brien), and then clean it all up again when the night was over.

The award winners this year were as follows:

A1

Most Valuable Player	Matthew O'Brien
Batting Award	Jon Ballantyne (0.420 avg) Dayle Selleck (0.420 avg)
Coach's Award	Mark Jones

A2

Most Valuable Player	Scott Baillie
Batting Award	Josh Conell 0.451 avg)
Coach's Award	Tom Davis

B1

Most Valuable Player	Gareth Finney
Batting Award	Gareth Finney (0.525 avg)
Best Defensive Player	Anthony Richards

B2

Most Valuable Player	Kyle Hardy
Rising Star Award	Arno Swart
Manager's Award	Gareth Hardy



Brent Hura Perpetual Award for Best Junior Club Member

Josh Conell

Michael "Max" Klinger Club Champion Award

Matthew O'Brien

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

Daryl Dicker

DBA REPRESENTATION

The club would like to offer their congratulations to the following players and officials for representative selection in 2013. We thank them for being fine ambassadors for the club. Congratulations.

Senior Men

Mark Jones (Coach)
Russell Anderton
Mitch Bowen
Dayle Selleck
Scott Baillie
Jon Ballantyne
Michele Winther (Scorer)

Under 18

Tom Snowden

Under 16

Ben Clarke

Under 14

Jarvis Allen
Kobe Hughes
Conor Myles

Under 12

Jai Cebular
Jed Woodger

Well done to all of the above and we hope to continue our history of DBA representation in 2014.



O'BRIEN MEDAL NIGHT

Many players polled well for the season across all senior teams, and while we didn't have anyone take out their competition's top honour, we did have our largest number of attendees in a long time. This was possibly because Mike Brady was the entertainment for the evening, but whatever the reason it was great to have so many people representing our club.

CANTEEN, BAR and CLUBROOMS

The lifeblood of our club is undoubtedly the canteen and bar. The past couple of seasons have been difficult for the club due to having temporary rooms, which made it hard to generate our usual level of income. Despite this, Annette O'Brien continued to work hard for the club each and every week. Her efforts are a pivotal part of this club and are truly valued. Annette, thank you for all that you do and the time that you give.

Thanks also to Noel and Michele Winther for their equally important work in running the canteen during the early morning junior games. The club, coaches, players and parents appreciate your work and commitment, smoothly running the canteen before making your way to the A Grade games in the afternoon.

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, Annette O'Brien, Mark O'Brien, Matt O'Brien, Daryl Dicker and Simon Myles gave their time this season to do the other unseen and sometimes under-appreciated work of cleaning the clubrooms, marking the lines and maintaining the ground (amongst many other tasks). Thank you, 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

Season 2013 saw a major change at the club – the building of our new rooms. From the end of March, we saw the ground marked out, the slab go down, and everything just took off from there. It was exciting to know that this would be our last season in our temporary accommodation and the start of something big.

As the building of the rooms progressed, so did our season. Players and members worked hard on and off the field to ensure our club ran smoothly, and performed to the best of its ability, given our 'homeless' circumstances.

While the bottom line of the financial report may show a loss, it is in no way a reflection on the effort and work put in by many.

I'd like to thank all the players and members who assisted in some way, be it large or small, and gave the club their time, for canteen work to ground-keeping and everything else in between. This club wouldn't have achieved what it did without you.

Once again I was fortunate enough to work with great people on our committee and our fantastic coaches. Thanks to all of you for your help and communication through the year, and your assistance in managing both teams and players. It was greatly appreciated.

I'd also like to say a personal thank you to Mark O'Brien for the season. Your dedication and commitment to this club is inspiring, and I am grateful for the support you've given me in the past few years. Thank you.

Season 2014 will be an exciting time to be part of our great club, and I look forward to seeing the Tomatoes go from strength to strength.

Emma Medwin
Secretary



FINANCIAL REPORT

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2013

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	2012			2012	
Subscriptions Junior	\$4,340.00	\$2,720.00	Ground Maintenance	\$8,124.12	\$1,891.55
Uniform Hire	\$270.00	\$280.00	Administration	\$754.11	\$597.02
Uniform Sales	\$1,455.00	\$475.00	Uniforms	\$3,258.20	\$1,630.00
Merchandise	\$735.00	\$360.00	Bar	\$9,152.04	\$7,394.80
Subscriptions Senior	\$5,760.00	\$5,850.00	Utilities	\$152.53	\$323.05
Fundraiser	\$713.65	\$2,050.00	Umpires	\$3,650.00	\$2,390.00
Canteen / Bar	\$21,351.85	\$16,911.00	Canteen	\$3,620.25	\$3,817.40
Bar			Room Maintenance	\$3,260.32	\$1,281.76
Social	\$3,702.00	\$2,495.00	Equipment	\$1,631.90	\$922.20
Membership	\$575.00	\$450.00	Miscellaneous	\$447.00	\$350.00
Miscellaneous			Ground Rental	\$2,980.00	\$2,862.00
Sponsorship		\$1,100.00	Fundraiser		\$1,499.85
Presentation Night	\$1,376.00	\$1,553.00	Junior Presentation	\$562.15	\$706.15
Interest	\$426.35	\$722.32	Trophies	\$353.30	\$330.65
Plaques	\$1,250.00		DBA & Baseball Victoria	\$6,122.45	\$5,895.80
			Social	\$2,048.66	\$1,152.45
			Presentation Night	\$482.08	\$1,050.00
			Relocation Costs		\$750.00
			Player Sponsorship	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
			Merchandise	\$951.50	\$900.00
TOTAL	\$41,954.85	34,699.32		\$48,300.61	36,744.68

Balance 31/10/2012	\$26,916.32
Income	\$41,954.85
Expenditure	\$48,300.61
Balance 31/10/2013	\$20,570.56
Net Deficit	\$6,345.76



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 2013. 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 Simon Myles, Daryl Dicker, Tim Hanson 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.

After many years of discussions with Council we finally saw the first sod turned at the beginning of our season culminating in the completion of our new clubrooms following the conclusion of the season. We are extremely pleased with the outcome and now look forward to many successful seasons in our new home.

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 2014 season.

MARK O'BRIEN
President