

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 2014

TOMATOES





HONOUR ROLL 2014

PRESIDENT	Mark O'Brien
VICE PRESIDENTS	Peter Gloury Tim Hanson
SECRETARY	Emma Medwin
TREASURER	Rod Burt
JUNIOR COORDINATOR	Mia O'Connor
COMMITTEE	Rob Davis Daryl Dicker Matthew O'Brien Leigh Spicer Simon Myles Russell Clarke Stacey Gloury

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
Rod Burt	

PREMIERSHIPS

A Grade	1953	1957	1962	1988	1991	1996	1999	2003	2007
A Reserve	1984	1996	1998	2003	2004	2006	2008	2014	
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 2014 for your consideration. In accordance 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 29th March 2014 the following members were elected as office bearers for 2014

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COACHES

In 2014, Daryl Dicker once again took on the role of Club Coach, with Tim Hanson looking after the A2 team, Russell Clarke taking the B1 team, and Sean O'Halloran managing the B2s, along with Rob Bowen in the latter half of the season.

Mia O'Connor was our Junior Co-ordinator for the second year, working with coaches Russell Clarke (Under 11s), Peter Gloury and Nick Saleeba (Under 13s), Dayle Selleck and Simon Myles (Under 15s), and Rob Bowen and Tony Totaro (Under 17s).

TEAM REPORTS

A1

Daryl Dicker

A2

Tim Hanson

B1

Russell Clarke



B2

In the absence of the team Romeo (Sean), I have been asked to put together a season wrap.

During the season we had the chance to introduce many young players from the U/17s to their first taste of Senior Baseball and hope that they will expand on that experience to play a lot more in season 2015. Congratulations to the various trophy winners for season 2014.

During the season we did ourselves proud with some stirring victories, none better than when we beat Bonbeach 3 to 1 in what could be called the Anderton family reunion. We had our chances throughout the season, but let ourselves down at crucial times.

Congratulations to Tim Hanson and the 2nds on their success in bringing home the bacon.

I would like to thank all of our volunteer scorers. There were a few along the way, and we would like to thank the players that stuck with us throughout the season.

Rob Bowen

Under 11

Russell Clarke

Under 13

Since our re introduction into the U13 competition three years ago, it still seems that we are unable to shake off the rookie tag. As Jed, Conor, Callum B, Jordan and Kobe moved on to higher duties (sob! sob!) we welcomed nine new faces to the team, six of whom had their first introduction to baseball. The only thing old about the team was the coach, yes him again, so it was fantastic to welcome the return of Nick Saleeba as assistant who brought his experience and knowledge of the game to the team. The coaching staff was further boosted by gaining Dan Kregor who also brought to the table a wealth of experience from his playing days at Sandringham.

By way of introduction, the club welcomed our first year players - Max Murphy, Xavier Hutchinson, Mason Scherleitner, Darcy Loh, Ethan Kregor and Ben Moscrop. To add to our more seasoned players in Jai Cebular, Aidan Fulcher and Callum Guinness, we also gained two talented players from our under 11's in Adam Harris and Ollie Hookey-Rizzo with an added bonus in Will Trevaskus from Springvale.

The season started on a positive note with two strong wins in the opening games against Mornington and Berwick. By season's end the team's performance was a mixed bag of seven losses, four wins and two wash outs. It would not give the team justice in measuring performance purely on win / loss ratio as it's worth noting that most losses were closely fought out contests. A greater measure was to see the more seasoned players support the less experienced and they can be proud of the way in which each player combined to meld into a competitive and sportsmanship like unit. The club and parents can be proud of the way in which the team performed and we congratulate all players for their efforts and trust they had a very enjoyable season.

Of course the team would be incomplete without someone taking on the crucial role of scorer. To this we thank Di Harris who, with some persuasion, was added to the team's rookie list in her first introduction to scoring. Di quickly settled into the job and before long had all the right equipment including some funny looking pills for those more nervous occasions....keeping the pitch counts. Well done Di.

As always, parents play a vital role in the management of the team and on behalf of the coaches and players a big thanks to all parents for their support both on and off the field

Peter Gloury



Under 15

Dayle Selleck and Simon Myles

Under 17

The Club asked me to take on the U/17s this year in what was to be more like a trek around Victoria in the combined MWBL/DBA competition.

From the time we started training to the end of the season, the team improved as one and the end result was to be runners up in the Division 2 section of the competition.

The club can be proud of the young people who represented the club with honour and respect and from a club perspective should see these young players progress from juniors to seniors.

The one aspect I wanted to achieve with this young team was to get them all to experience playing senior ball which was achieved at some stage during the season. I would like to thank the support of Peter Gloury and Mia O'Connor in my first year of junior coaching at Frankston. I would also like to thank the support of all the parents who every Saturday morning through rain, fog and long road trips made the Saturday morning more enjoyable, and more importantly, I would like to thank the volunteer scorers.

Lastly I would like to thank the support of the Frankston Baseball Club for the help that was offered throughout the season. Without that support it does make the season longer than what it really is.

Rob Bowen

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Another great season for the Junior Tomatoes!

With just over 50 players, Frankston was again able to field a team in each division – Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17. I'm not sure if it is a record, but 26 of our juniors were new to the club, most of whom had never played baseball before!

The 2014 season saw our Under 17 team not only joining the Melbourne Winter League, but also making it to their respective Grand Final - an awesome effort by the team and their coach.

Again this season, there were a number of players who were DBA representatives and we are proud of them all.

U14	Aiden Fulcher
	Adam Harris
	Kobe Hughes
	Conor Myles
U12	Tyler Ellis

We also had two of our juniors selected for the Southern Mariners Little League team which played in the State Championships. Congratulations to Jed Woodger and Conor Myles.

This report would not be complete with the "thank you" list: Mark O'Brien, Peter Gloury, Simon Myles, Emma Medwin and Rod Burt for being around when I needed something from you; 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.



Rob Bowen U/17 Coach
Dayle Selleck U/15 Coach
Simon Myles U/15 Assistant Coach
Peter Gloury U/13 Coach
Nick Saleeba U/13 Assistant Coach
Russell Clarke U/11 Coach
Rod Burt & Matt O'Brien Line Markers

All of the senior players who umpired each week.

It is with some regret that I hand over the reins going forward and I hope to see the Junior Club continue to grow as it has in the last few years.

Mia O'Connor

DBA REPRESENTATION

The club would like to offer their congratulations to the following players and officials for representative selection in 2014. We thank them for being fine ambassadors for the club.

Seniors

Mark Jones Coach
Russell Anderton
Mitch Bowen
Ben Laux
Scott Baillie
Michele Winther Scorer

We would also like to congratulate all of our Senior DBA representatives for winning the SWC for 2014. We had quite a few Tomatoes in the team who worked hard over the Queen's Birthday long weekend to come away with the title of State Champions, and we wish them every success to go back-to-back in 2015.

Under 14

Aiden Fulcher
Adam Harris
Kobe Hughes
Conor Myles

Under 12

Tyler Ellis

Well done to all of the above and we hope to continue our proud history of DBA representation in 2015.



JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Junior Presentation was held at our new clubrooms on Saturday 30th August, and we had a great turn out of players, parents and supporters.

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

Thank you to all those who attended. We hope you enjoyed the day

The award winners this year were as follows:

Under 11

All players received participation medallions to commemorate the season.

Under 13

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Aidan Fulcher
<i>Best Utility Player</i>	Adam Harris
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Max Murphy
<i>Batting Award</i>	Jai Cebular (Avg.500)

Under 15

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Conor Myles & Jed Woodger
<i>Most Improved</i>	Josh McKay
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Blake Anderson-Hughes

Under 17

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Josh Egan
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Connor Ramm & Harley Milne
<i>Batting Award</i>	Mackenna Hura (Avg.367)

SENIOR PRESENTATION

2014 saw the club able to host presentation night in comfort and style in our new rooms. A huge thank you goes to Bill and Jan O'Brien for cooking and dishing up a great meal, and to Megan Kent for her amazing desserts. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to setting up and cleaning up the rooms, as well as all the food service and bar work through the night. It was a great evening, made all the better by your contributions.

The award winners this year were as follows:

A1

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Dayle Selleck
<i>Batting Award</i>	Russell Anderton



A2

Most Valuable Player	Scott Baillie
Batting Award	Steven Fox
Coach's Award	Mackenna Hura
Best Finals Player	Scott Baillie & Mark Richards

B1

Most Valuable Player	Tom Schneider
Batting Award	Tom Schneider
Best Team Player	Anthony Richards

B2

Most Valuable Player	Mark Greasley
Best Team Player	Evan Nisbet
Coach's Award	Stuart McKinlay
Encouragement Award	Emma Tkalcevic

Brent Hura Perpetual Award for Best Junior Club Member

Mackenna Hura

Michael "Max" Klinger Club Champion Award

Scott Baillie

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

Simon Myles

Life Membership Awarded

Presentation night also saw an addition to our list of Life Members in Rod Burt. Rod has served as Treasurer for the past 13 years, not to mention the countless hours he has given to the club before and during this time.

A surprised Rod humbly accepted the award in front of his wife Gay and we once again thank him for everything he's done for the club. Truly a well deserved achievement. Congratulations Rod.



O'BRIEN MEDAL NIGHT

The annual DBA Awards night was once again at the Frankston RSL, and was well attended by member clubs.

As usual, Frankston Baseball Club was well represented in the vote counts for each grade. While we didn't have any players fortunate enough to take home the O'Brien Medal, we were proud to see Ben Laux win MVP of the State Winter Championships held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

CANTEEN, BAR and CLUBROOMS

The lifeblood of our club is undoubtedly the canteen and bar. After a couple of seasons of difficulty for the club due to our temporary rooms, we were finally in a position to make the most of our new facilities.

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 and effort that you give. We are renowned for our chicken schnitzel rolls and Tomato burgers, and it's all because of you!

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. It makes for a long day in the cold, but you do it week after week, year after year. Thank you.

Matt O'Brien looked after our bar again this season and, as usual the fridge was always well stocked and the bar was always well managed. Thanks for all of your time and unseen efforts that go in to giving us such a great facility.

Rod Burt, Annette O'Brien, Mark O'Brien, Matt O'Brien, Daryl Dicker and Simon Myles all 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, and your work does not go unnoticed.

WEBSITE and PROMOTION

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. Some of you may have noticed we have upgraded our look online, which was again down to Chris. Your efforts help the club present itself to the world and help answer the question "Who are the Tomatoes?"!

A special mention goes to Will Keys for producing an amazing video that showcases our club and what we are about. Will, your care, professionalism and drive for the success of our club has had a big impact on our visibility in baseball circles, and in the wider community. We thank you.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

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 2015 will be our 70th year. I look forward to seeing the club celebrate this milestone in true Tomato style, and go from strength to strength both on and off the field.

Emma Medwin



FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2014

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	2014	2013		2014	2013
Subscriptions Junior	\$5,310.00	\$4,340.00	Ground Maintenance	\$1,200.52	\$8,124.12
Uniform Hire	\$600.00	\$270.00	Administration	\$1,560.24	\$754.11
Uniform Sales	\$1,545.00	\$1,455.00	Uniforms	\$1,730.15	\$3,258.20
Merchandise	\$370.00	\$735.00	Bar	\$16,133.00	\$9,152.04
Subscriptions Senior	\$6,155.00	\$5,760.00	Utilities	\$621.42	\$152.53
Fundraiser		\$713.65	Umpires	\$3,550.00	\$3,650.00
Canteen / Bar	\$31,953.00	\$21,351.85	Canteen	\$6,804.68	\$3,620.25
Social	\$2,965.00	\$3,702.00	Room Maintenance	\$3,583.01	\$3,260.32
Membership	\$775.00	\$575.00	Equipment	\$771.30	\$1,631.90
Miscellaneous	\$132.00		Miscellaneous	\$677.50	\$447.00
Presentation Night	\$1,470.00	\$1,376.00	Ground Rental	\$2,854.00	\$2,980.00
Interest	\$411.55	\$426.35	Junior Presentation	\$671.90	\$562.15
Plaques	\$1,230.00	\$1,250.00	Trophies	\$400.50	\$353.30
Grant	\$1,000.00		DBA & Baseball Victoria	\$6,147.65	\$6,122.45
			Social	\$1,618.93	\$2,048.66
			Presentation Night	\$1,100.42	\$482.08
TOTAL	\$53,916.55	\$41,954.85		\$49,425.22	\$48,300.61

Balance 31/10/2013	\$20,570.56
Income	\$53,916.55
Expenditure	\$49,425.22
Balance 31/10/2014	\$25,061.89
Net Surplus	\$4,491.63



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 2014. 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, Tim Hanson, Russell Clarke 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 Bowen, Dayle Selleck, Simon Myles, Peter Gloury, Nick Saleeba Russell Clarke and Mia O'Conner for their efforts in co-ordinating and managing our junior teams. This year realised a significant increase in junior players representing a fitting tribute to the efforts of Mia O'Connor and our junior coaches. We must now continue to place great 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 so many years of discussions with Council we were finally able to take possession of our new clubrooms at the beginning of the season. We are extremely pleased with the outcome as our new facilities have enhanced our operational activities and present our club favourably. Special thanks to Chris Love and Darryl Dicker who set up the rooms as a real Tomato showpiece.

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. I would also like to place on record sincere thanks to Will Keys for the outstanding promotional video he arranged for the club.

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 2015 season.

MARK O'BRIEN
President