

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 2015

TOMATOES





HONOUR ROLL 2015

PRESIDENT Mark O'Brien

VICE PRESIDENTS Peter Gloury
Tim Hanson

SECRETARY Emma Medwin

TREASURER Rod Burt

JUNIOR COORDINATOR Stacey Gloury

COMMITTEE Rob Davis
Daryl Dicker
Matthew O'Brien
Leigh Spicer
Simon Myles
Russell Clarke

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	Tim Hanson

PREMIERSHIPS

A Grade	1953	1957	1962	1988	1991	1996	1999	2003	2007
A Reserve	1984	1996	1998	2003	2004	2006	2008	2014	2015
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 2015 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 the following members were elected as office bearers for 2015

PRESIDENT	Mark O'Brien
VICE PRESIDENTS	Peter Gloury Tim Hanson
SECRETARY	Emma Medwin
TREASURER	Rod Burt
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COACHES

In 2015, the club appointed Ben Laux as Club Coach, with Tim Hanson taking the reigning premiers A2 team. Stuart Adam joined the club and jumped straight in taking the B1 team, and Stephen Schneider managed our B2 team.

Stacey Gloury stepped into the role of Junior Co-ordinator, working with coaches Russell Clarke (Under 13s), Dayle Selleck and Simon Myles (Under 15 Black), and Mark Jones (Under 15 Red). Training night and game day support was supplied by Peter Gloury and Rob Bowen, and Rob Bell provided game day support for our U13s.

TEAM REPORTS

A1

Ben Laux took over the club coaching role after 10 plus years as a player at the Club, and more recently three successful years as head coach in summer at Moorabbin Baseball Club.

Ben instituted some new policies for the players and had some creative and new training regimes for all players to work with. The aim was to take the club from finishing outside the finals to finishing inside the finals and ideally into a Grand Final.

With John Hussey returning to the club for the season start and a great first up win against Dandenong, things were headed in the right direction.

John left to play in the Czech Republic, Nick Veale returned to play in his place and American College player Austin Massey helped to fill the void.



The team continued to work toward the goal of finishing in the finals program and with a last up win against Mornington snuck into 4th place to earn an elimination final at Dingley the following week. With the weight of the season on their shoulders, a loss in their first final ended the season before they could take the next step.

A great result for a team that hasn't played finals baseball for several years, and a great achievement by Ben to reach the goal set at seasons start.

Encouraged by the junior players playing senior baseball, it won't be long before we can legitimately challenge for a grand final position in the A Grade at Frankston.

A2

The 2015 A reserve season commenced with the majority of players returning after winning the 2014 premiership flag.

Tim Hanson remained in the coaching role, with Chris Wilson supporting him. The talk from the players early in the season to win again was strong, however the primary goal for the club was to support new club coach Ben Laux in his endeavor's to have the A grade side play finals baseball.

With this in mind, the Reserve team was willing to play a supporting role where needed. As a result, the team saw several new players to the side from both junior level and accomplished seniors still playing well.

With strong pitching leadership from Scott Baillie, the team played some great baseball and finished the season on top of the ladder.

The first of two home finals saw Mitch Bowen hold Berwick to no score as we qualified for our second straight grand Final.

The Grand Final played at Cheltenham once again saw Mitch hold Berwick down with an excellent pitching display that was well supported by a strong defense.

Back to back Grand Finals was a great reward for players who supported the team throughout the season.

B1

In my first year coaching the team and first year playing at the club, I wasn't really sure what to expect. So to get off to a great start by winning our first 6 games was fantastic and focused our expectations toward some post season action.

Pitching was certainly our strength during this period so special thanks to Tim and Ben for rotating some of their pitchers through my team in order to get some innings under their belt. The team had an inconsistent lineup throughout the year but the core group always consisted of a good mix of age and experience.

Highlights for the year included having 2 father and son combinations in Ben and Rusty Clarke and Josh and Peter Conell, being able to introduce Conor Myles to senior baseball, once he turned 14, along with promoting Even Nisbett from the B2's and seeing him hit a home run with a broken bat!

The consistent hitting of Bevan Smart in the middle of the order and leadership shown by Rob Anderton from behind the plate were pivotal to our success.

At the end of the regular season we had 11 wins, 5 losses and 2 byes, finishing 4th on the ladder, obtaining a spot in the finals.

A fantastically pitched game by Matt O'Brien led us to a convincing 7-3 minor semifinal win over Chelsea while Conor Myles and Ben Clarke were the best of the hitters. Unfortunately, we couldn't back up the next week losing to Dandenong, the eventual grand final winner, 10-0.



Overall, I thought it was a very successful season and certainly gave us all some motivation to come back in 2016 and push for a spot in the last game of the year.

Thank you to Mark and the committee for their support and providing me the opportunity to manage the B1 team. Also thanks to the other coaching staff Ben, Tim and Steve for their assistance throughout the season and Rob Bowen for helping out with line umpiring for the majority of our home games.

And finally, a big thank you to my family for helping me out this season - Danielle and Ella for scoring and batboy Jaspa.

Stuart Adam

B2

My goal for the season was to give our new and younger team members as much playing time as possible to help develop their skills and knowledge of the game. Having 12-15 players on the bench each game made this a challenge and did at times influence the outcome of games.

It was great to see that after some heavy defeats they maintained their enthusiasm and kept returning each Saturday. It was a full team effort as the older guys were enthusiastic, giving ongoing support for our younger crew. This included extra drills during warm up, chats between innings and constant positive reinforcement. Our skill development is really a work in progress, and built game-by-game as no one could regularly attend training.

Michael 'Scoop' O'Halloran was again called upon to be our main pitcher and he did a great job under some trying conditions. I would like to give a huge thank you to the following people for helping out either as a back-up pitcher or when Scoop was out injured - Matt Burns, Mark Anderton, Rob Bowen, Tom Schneider, Matt O'Brien, Tim Hanson, Russell Clarke, Floyd Selleck, Mitch Bowen, and Gary Douglas.

Each one of these people provided a learning experience for the team.

Sean O'Halloran and I put in a cameo appearance, which provided good fielding practice for all.

Thanks to Gary Douglas, Ned Omar and Mark Jones for joining us also.

I asked Matt to be catcher and he worked tirelessly behind the plate for the majority of games. He gratefully accepted the chance to escape when Sean O'Halloran, Ben Clarke, and Sam Watson helped out. Matt was solid in his defence when at second base, shortstop, and outfield.

Emma Tkalcevic was also strong in defence displaying good clean skills, consolidating her presence in the infield at second and shortstop. A special treat for Emma was having the first 3 outs in the first innings against Bonbeach.

Trent Makin developed his infield skills making the most of his time at third base – his first attempt was 7 outs from 7 plays against Mornington!

Gareth Hardy was our regular enthusiastic infielder going for everything, and he is making a strong push for first base.

Sean O'Halloran was our consistent hitter. He started off the season with home run! Sean moved our runners around and regularly got on base, but unfortunately we didn't always advance him any further.

Throughout the season we worked harder on our batting and placed more value on our time at bat. For the first half of the season we left many runners on base. With encouragement not to swing at the first pitch every time, to use your 3 strikes to your advantage (i.e. not to lose confidence when you had strikes on you), and to make the opposition pitcher throw a number of pitches each innings, we began to produce dividends as our confidence grew.

Kurt Broerman, Gareth Hardy, Trent Makin, Matt Schneider and Emma Tkalcevic made the most of their opportunities when batting, and special mention must go to Stuart McKinlay as he regularly got on base through hits and walks.



Congrats must go to Connor Ramm and Troy Tanzen, as they both developed confidence when batting, and as a result drew some walks and swung at good pitches on a regular basis as the season progressed.

Young Josh McKay from our Under 15s played the second half of the season and immediately brought his confidence into the team. He showed good aggression when batting and was keen to try any position. Josh had some good plays at second base, and had the third out against Chelsea that gave us a win. There was a bit of pressure at the time, as the bases were loaded and the tying run on third. It was good to see our regular hitter and centrefielder Evan Nisbett move onto B1 for the season. Kurt took over, with Connor, Troy and Josh at either side.

Our ladder position – 7th – reflected our ability, but we had a strong finish to the season with some good wins on the back of confident batting and clean, consistent defence. We finished the season with 3 Wins and 1 Draw.

A huge thank you goes to Joanne Greasley for scoring the season. Jo didn't have husband Mark playing, but took up the role, offering to score. On occasion, in horrible conditions – freezing, solo, and in the dugout. Thank you Jo!

In closing, the B2 team made good progress throughout the season, and there is a lot to be positive about. I look forward to seeing them again in 2016.

Stephen Schneider

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

After many years growing up at the Frankston Baseball Club I thought it was time I gave back to the club and I decided to take on the daunting role of junior coordinator, mindful of the excellent job my predecessor had achieved over the previous 2 years. My job was made that much easier by the support I received from the executive and committee particularly Emma Medwin, Peter Gloury and just as importantly, a number of junior parents assisting with junior registrations and uniform distribution.

As with past years, many senior players again came to the fore by attending junior pre-season training providing their expertise and guidance. Their support has become indicative of the commitment to junior baseball within the club. On behalf of all junior players, and myself I thank you all for your efforts.

By the season's start, we managed to field an U13 and two U15's although it was disappointing not to field an U11 and U17.

Although all age groups failed to make the finals, our praises go to the U15 black team who narrowly missed the four by half a game. Our congratulations go to all players and to the coaches, Dayle Selleck and Simon Myles and of course a big thank you to Laura Myles in taking on the scorer's job.

I'm sure that everyone would join with me in saying how proud we all were with our U15 Red team and the manner in which they played the game. From all accounts this team, comprising mainly of first year players, put in a very commendable and gutsy performance throughout the season. Their strength of character reflects well on the team coaches, Mark Jones, Peter Gloury and Rob Bowen and to each we thank. Our thanks also go to the rookie scorers, Judy Scherleitner and Virginia Rizzo and a big thank you to Emma Medwin who scored most of the Red team's games.

Our U13's were of a similar vein; Rookies on the diamond if you like and although they did not notch up many wins, as team scorer, I was proud in the way they conducted themselves throughout the season. I'm confident in saying that season 2016 will be a big year for them. As a member of this team, I cannot thank enough the work put in by the coaches, Russell Clarke and Robbie Bell.

Congratulations go to our DBA representatives and as was the case the previous year, Frankston players were well represented in all age groups. The players selected include-

U18's- Mac Hura, Ben Clarke, Ned Omar with Ben Laux as Head coach



U16's- Conor Myles

U14- Adam Harris, Jai Cebular

U12- Tyler Ellis, Tyler Memory-Lane, Adam Clarke, with Simon Myles as head coach and me as EO

I'm not sure how long it's been since Noel and Michele Winther first started running the canteen on Saturday mornings (Noel will let me know) but you can be assured that their services over the years including this year has been a remarkable and my cup of tea on those cold winter mornings is the best and very much appreciated. Thankyou both for the amazing effort you put in every season.

I would also like to recognise Michele's work in conducting a series of scorers clinics for beginners and it was pleasing to see a number of Frankston parents attending. I trust the knowledge gained will be put to good use next year.

The club is continuing to develop a strong core of talented players which can only augur well for our senior teams. It is our hope that in the coming 2016 season, we can for the first time in some while field a senior team comprising predominately of junior players.

Go Tomatoes!

Stacey Gloury

DBA REPRESENTATION

The club would like to offer their congratulations to the following players and officials for representative selection in 2015. We thank them for being fine ambassadors of the club.

Seniors

Mark Jones	Coach
Michele Winther	Scorer
Chris Anderton	
Russell Anderton	
Jon Ballantyne	
Scott Baillie	
Ben Laux	

Under 23

Emma Medwin	Scorer
Mitch Bowen	
Nick Coy	

Under 18

Ben Laux	Coach
Emma Medwin	Scorer
Ben Clarke	
Mackenna Hura	
Ned Omar	

Under 16

Conor Myles

Under 14

Jai Cebular
Adam Harris



Under 12

Simon Myles Coach
Stacey Gloury Executive Officer (EO)
Adam Clarke
Tyler Ellis
Tyler Memrey-Lane

Well done to all of these players and volunteers. We hope to continue our proud history of DBA representation in 2016.

JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Junior Presentation saw a great turn out of players, parents and supporters. This year we included a 'Parents vs Kids' game, which was enjoyed by all.

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

Also, thank you to everyone who assisted on the day with the set-up of the rooms, supplying and cooking the food, and manning the bar. We couldn't have done it without you. The award winners this year were as follows:

Under 13

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Tyler Ellis
<i>Rookie Award</i>	Riley Upton
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Adam Clarke
<i>Batting Award</i>	Noah King

Under 15 Black

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Conor Myles
<i>Most Improved</i>	Ben Walker
<i>Golden Glove Award</i>	Aiden Fulcher
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Lili Cavanagh

Under 15 Red

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Mason Scherleitner
<i>Most Improved</i>	Oliver Hookey-Rizzo
<i>Rookie Award</i>	Sophie Upton
<i>Batting Award</i>	Jordan Brown

SENIOR PRESENTATION

2015 saw the club host presentation night at home. A huge thank you goes to Russell and Nicole Bald for cooking and dishing up a great meal, and to Megan O'Brien for her amazing desserts. Thanks too 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>	Simon Myles
<i>Batting Award</i>	Dayle Selleck – Avg. 0.375

A2

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Scott Baillie
<i>Batting Award</i>	Chris Wilson
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Mitchell Bowen



B1

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Rob Anderton
<i>Batting Award</i>	Bevan Smart – Avg. 0.526
<i>Rookie Award</i>	Conor Myles

B2

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Sean O'Halloran & Matthew Schneider
<i>Skills Award</i>	Emma Tkalcevic
<i>Best Team Player</i>	Gareth Hardy

Brent Hura Perpetual Award for Best Junior Club Member

Joshua McKay

Michael "Max" Klinger Club Champion Award

Simon Myles

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

Tim Hanson

Life Membership Awarded

Presentation night also saw an addition to our list of Life Members in Tim Hanson. Tim has served as Secretary in previous years, and most recently as Senior Vice President. His input, commitment and service to the club has been unwavering over this time, and this is a well-deserved achievement. Congratulations Tim, and thank you again for everything you've done.

O'BRIEN MEDAL NIGHT

This year we had quite a few players' names in the vote count for each competition, but no one was quite close enough to win outright.

We did, however, have two Tomatoes come away with statistic awards from the A1 competition.

Home Run King	Simon Myles	4HR
ERA	John Hussey	0.25 ERA from 36 innings

Congratulations to Simon and John on their achievements.

A huge congratulation also goes to our A2 team, winning their second premiership in a row. Well done boys and we wish you every success in the 2016 season.



CANTEEN, BAR and CLUBROOMS

The lifeblood of our club is undoubtedly the canteen and bar.

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 open. 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, Simon Myles and many others 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. Your efforts help the club present itself to the world, and help answer the question "who are the Tomatoes?!"

SECRETARY'S REPORT

In 2015, Frankston Baseball Club added another string to its bow by hosting the Under 14 State Winter Championships. This was the first time in quite a few years that the tournament was played in metropolitan Melbourne, and we were given the opportunity to showcase our club to the state.

With the coordinating talents of Tim Hanson, and the work of many club members, parents, partners, and supporters, we hosted a brilliant weekend that showed off our club. It was fantastic to see so many people helping, from the regular faces to former regulars and supporting parents and members. The end result of all that work saw congratulations pour in from other teams, our association and Baseball Victoria. Well done, and thank you to everyone who put in effort towards the preparation and execution of a memorable weekend.

I'd also like to thank all the players and members who assisted in the week-to-week running of our club 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 run the way it does 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.

I look forward to seeing the club go from strength to strength both on and off the field in 2016.

Emma Medwin

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2015

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	2015	2014		2015	2014
Subscriptions Junior	5,380.00	5,310.00	Ground Maintenance	2,981.27	1,200.52
Uniform Hire	240.00	600.00	Administration	1,036.27	1,560.24
Uniform Sales	1,185.00	1,545.00	Uniforms	2,443.65	1,730.15
Merchandise	1,752.00	370.00	Bar	15,949.35	16,133.00
Subscriptions Senior	7,330.00	6,155.00	Utilities	2,379.09	621.42
Canteen / Bar	34,188.16	31,953.00	Umpires	4,140.00	3,550.00
Sponsorship	2,500.00	-	Canteen	10,176.20	6,804.68
Social	800.00	2,965.00	Room Maintenance	890.84	3,583.01
Membership	700.00	775.00	Equipment	737.40	771.30
Miscellaneous	900.00	132.00	Miscellaneous	613.85	677.50
Presentation Night	1,328.00	1,470.00	Ground Rental	2,996.07	2,854.00
Junior Presentation	134.00	-	Junior Presentation	524.00	671.90
Interest	248.64	411.55	Trophies	347.00	400.50
Donation	100.00		DBA & Baseball Victoria	6,589.80	6,147.65
			Social	1,056.20	1,618.93
			Presentation Night	1,253.55	1,100.42
			Merchandise	2,310.00	-
TOTAL	56,785.80	\$53,916.55		56,424.54	\$49,425.22

Balance 31/10/2014	25,061.89
Income	56,785.80
Expenditure	56,424.54
Balance 31/10/2015	25,423.15
Net Surplus	361.26



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 2015. 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 Ben Laux, Tim Hanson, Stuart Adam and Steve Schneider, 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 Dayle Selleck, Simon Myles, Peter Gloury, Mark Jones, Russell Clarke, Rob Bell and in particular Stacey Gloury 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 Stacey 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.

I would also like to place on record thanks on behalf of the Club to all those people who gave up their time to assist with the running of the Under 14 State Championships. Tim Hanson did an exceptional job in coordinating our efforts and was well supported from a fabulous group of people, too many to name in this short addendum. It would probably be easier to list those people who were unable to attend. Unfortunately for them they missed one of the Club's proudest moments. At the end of that weekend we received an amazing amount of praise from so many people.

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.

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 arranging a \$ 2,500 sponsorship from Bowens Hardware,

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 2016 season.

MARK O'BRIEN
President