

# FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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## *ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

*SEASON 2016*

# TOMATOES





## HONOUR ROLL 2015

**PRESIDENT**

Mark O'Brien

**VICE PRESIDENTS**

Peter Gloury  
Tim Hanson

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**TREASURER**

Rod Burt

**JUNIOR COORDINATOR**

Stacey Gloury

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Rob Davis  
Daryl Dicker  
Matthew O'Brien  
Leigh Spicer  
Russell Clarke  
Rob Bowen

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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**

<b>A Grade</b>	1953	1957	1962	1988	1991	1996	1999	2003	2007	
<b>A Reserve</b>	1984	1996	1998	2003	2004	2006	2008	2014	2015	2016
<b>B Grade</b>	1957	1958	1975	2000	2001					
<b>C Grade</b>	1959	2007								
<b>D Grade</b>	1990	2008								
<b>Women's</b>	2005									
<b>Under 17</b>	1982									
<b>Under 15/16</b>	1973	1982	1987	1999	2016					
<b>Under 13/14</b>	1971	1979	1980	1997						
<b>Under 12</b>	1995									
<b>Under 11</b>	2013									

Dear Members,

It is my pleasant duty as Secretary of the Frankston Baseball Club Inc. to present the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2016 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 2016

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Mark O'Brien
<b>VICE PRESIDENTS</b>	Peter Gloury Tim Hanson
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Emma Medwin
<b>TREASURER</b>	Rod Burt
<b>JUNIOR COORDINATOR</b>	Stacey Gloury
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Daryl Dicker Matthew O'Brien Rob Davis Leigh Spicer Russell Clarke Rob Bowen

### **COACHES**

In 2016, the club appointed Simon Ratcliffe as Club Coach and Daniel Reeman as Assistant Coach. Once again, Tim Hanson managed the reigning premiers A2 team and Stuart Adam looked after the B1 team, Sean O'Halloran returned from a year's break to manage the B2 team.

Stacey Gloury once again assumed the role of Junior Co-ordinator, working with coaches Simon Ratcliffe and Tim Hanson (Under 13s), Ben Laux and Ben Smith (Under 15 Black), Mark Jones (Under 15 Red), and for the first time in a few years, we had an Under 17 team coached by Rob Bowen and Marshall Skinner.

Training night and game day support was supplied by Peter Gloury, and Rob Bell provided game day support for our U13s.

### **TEAM REPORTS**

#### **A1**

The Frankston A Grade had a challenge set for them for the 2016 season. Go one step better than the year before. Under new coach Simon Ratcliffe who returned to the club coaching position after several years away, the challenge was accepted.

With most of the senior list returning as well as the inclusion of several up and coming junior players, the team got the season away to the perfect start with a win against Dandenong to claim the George Dicker Cup. From this point on, the team played strong competitive baseball and kept themselves in most games throughout the season.

Strong Competition from Mornington, Dingley, Cheltenham and Dandenong made the task of holding onto a top 4 ladder spot a real battle as the season came to an end.

A last game of the season loss to Dingley wasn't ideal, but with 3rd spot on the ladder clinched, all thoughts were on the 1st semi-final against Mornington at home the following week.



Wet field conditions had plagued the club for the latter part of the season, however the use of a huge tarp to protect the field was a master stroke in maintaining a home field advantage for the game.

The team list was stronger than ever and with good support and belief amongst the players a 7-6 win in what was a very good game of baseball propelled the Tomatoes into a Preliminary final against Dandenong to be played at Frankston.

The challenge had been met and achieved.

The preliminary final was a heart breaker for the Tomatoes, the genuine belief was still strong from the week before and everything suggested that they could make the Grand Final game. However, it was not to be, a 6-4 loss after a strong showing all game handed Dandenong a chance to win their first Senior Flag in a long time, and they didn't let that opportunity slip.

## **A2**

The 2016 A Reserve season was another successful one for the Frankston Baseball Club. We commenced the season in defence of our second premierships flag in a row and although it was never mentioned, it was on everyone's mind that we a third flag in a row would be nice.

Our competition throughout the season came from Dandenong, Dingley, Berwick and Cheltenham, with Dandenong being the minor premiers after a very good season from that team.

We of course, had a strong stable of seasoned players and were able to combine this with some up and coming junior players that showed incredible maturity and ability as the season went on.

We finished the season 2nd on the ladder and lost our first final to Dandenong which forced us back to Frankston for the Preliminary final against Dingley. Both of these games were good tight games and after a win against Dingley we forced our way into the Grand Final to play Dandenong at Dingley.

The team played very well and standout performances from Scott Baillie as our pitcher, Zac Skinner as our catcher and Ben Smith in the outfield made the premierships for the A Reserve grade team a reality. The score line was 7-1 and every player played their role to in the win.

In winning the Grand Final, the A Reserve sides of 2014, 2015, and 2016 created a new club record as the first team to win three Premierships flags in a row at Frankston in any grade.

Congratulations to all involved and to all players who have contributed to the success of this team, they should be very proud of themselves.

*Tim Hanson*

## **B1**

After winning a semi-final last season, expectations for another finals appearance were high however 2016 ended in disappointment after being knocked out of finals contention in the last round of the regular season. We finished 5<sup>th</sup> with a record of 7 wins, 8 losses and 3 byes. It was a very stop start season due to the byes so difficult to get any momentum.

We failed to beat any of the top 3 teams Dandenong, Bonbeach & Boneo but won all of our games against Chelsea, Cheltenham and Dingley. It was this failure to win any games against the top teams that led to our inability to maintain a spot in the top 4. We had a total of 28 players through the team this season so I would like to thank each of them for their contribution. Special thanks to the guys from the 1's & 2's who helped out pitching for us - Jye Nelson, Mac Hura, Ben Laux, Tim Hanson, Mitch Bowen & Ben Smith.

I would like to mention a few highlights of the season. Firstly, Sam Watson's grand slam against Boneo – which ironically was his only extra base hit for the whole season. Nick Coy made a late season cameo hitting 4 home runs and knocking in 14 RBI's in 6 games played. Once again we blooded a number of



juniors Jamie Hafey-Bagg, Jordan Brown, Zac Skinner and Aidan Fulcher. I hope that all of these guys can continue to improve and make the club stronger.

Thanks to the coaching staff, Oz, Reema, Tim & Sean, for all of their support throughout the season and the quality training sessions provided for all seniors.

Thanks also to Danielle and Ella for scoring and my batboy Jaspa along with all the other scorers who filled in for Danielle while she was sick - Sharyn Hussey, Stacey Gloury & Emma Medwin.

### **B1 Batting Award**

This guy was new to the club so started in the B2's but quickly secured a promotion along with a regular starting role. During his 11 games played he racked up 23 hits. He had eight multi-hit games, including one 4 hit game and three 3 hit games. Not only could he hit but he also led the team in stolen bases. I have no doubt that he can excel in the higher grades once he gains more baseball experience. With a .523 average the B1 batting award went to Neil Johnson.

### **B1 Pitching Award**

There were 2 old blokes who threw the majority of innings this season. One of them threw 31 innings, led the team in saves, constantly battled hard having to throw additional outs in nearly all of his outings due to errors in the field and was the only person to play in every game of the season. He was even challenged for best hair by one of our new juniors but his season highlight was an outstanding 6 inning outing against Boneo. The B1 pitching award went to Russell Clarke.

*Stuart Adam*

## **B2**

The 2016 season was one full of challenges, but not the ones you would normally think associated with the lower grade teams. The team played consistently well, with a 10 - 8 record, finishing in 4th position, unlucky to go down in the elimination final against Bonbeach. The challenges stemmed from the amount of players we had in the squad, as in, we had a crazy large amount of them to choose from every week rising from circumstances beyond our control. For me the question was, how can I get everyone in, equally share the playing time around the whole group, yet still keep the team competitive. It wasn't easy but in the end I think we pulled it off and I couldn't have been happier with the effort and commitment of all the team to buy into what we were trying to do.

We decided to split the roster up into groups, Infielders (Gareth, Steve, Luke, Emma, Trent, SeanO), Outfielders (Kyle, Billy, Mark, Conner, Ollie,) and our pitching group (Scoop, Boof and Hyung) with Josh taking the catching role for pretty much the entire season. In fact, Josh was our rock, usually catching juniors in the morning, then backing up in the afternoon with all us knuckleheads. Occasionally we would change it up and players would get time almost anywhere in the field but for the most part all stayed within their groups and it wasn't long before everyone understood their role within the team, and they all came together as a single unit, the results speaking for themselves.

In a great season overall, there were some particular highlights.

- Hyung's 1 hit shutout win played on a makeshift diamond in an area of the Robbo Rd complex that I'm sure should've had its own postcode.
- Boof and Emma battling it out to see who would have the most walks and HPB's (both with .636 and .483 OBP respectively, Emma leading the team in BB's) without actually recording a hit for the season, made for an interesting and amusing game within a game for everyone including them. For the record, Boof blotted his copy book by getting a safe hit in the second last game of the season.
- New player Mark Baneth (recruited from last year's Brent Hura day against the Stone Cats) supplying a powerful and consistent bat in the line-up right from the get-go.



- Our 11 - 7 win at home against Bonbeach during the season was one of the best wins to come out of the Tomatoes B2 comp in many a year, sticking to our game plan perfectly, coming from behind twice, Emma plating what would be the go ahead run, the mental resolve of the guys not to let the pressure get to them at any stage of the game was outstanding.
- Scoop defying old Father Time (again!!) with another outstanding season on the hill and lastly but by no means least,
- Our contingent of junior players who that stepped up to play senior ball. (Kyiell Wareena, Ollie Hookey-Rizzo and Josh McKay) and acquitted themselves wonderfully well.

Outstanding efforts across the season were rewarded at our annual presentation night with Billy (M.V.P.), Scoop (E.R.A.), Mark (Silver Slugger), Luke (Gold Glove), Emma (Batting Eye) and Josh (Coaches Award) all being recognised for their efforts. Also, the team can't run on all cylinders without the efforts of those who volunteer their time to help out, which makes my job a whole lot easier. To Jo for scoring, Ebony for jumping in and assisting with the scoring when Jo was not able to do so and her enthusiastic yelling and screaming of support and to Bill Snr for taking on the 1st Base coaching role, I and all of the team, thank you. Also to Derbs, Rod, Matty and Marko for having the field, prepped, lined and ready to go every time, we thank you also.

Roll on 2017, Go Tomatoes

Sean O'Halloran

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

What a fantastic year it was. Each year, the club goes from strength to strength and 2016 was an exceptionally good one for us as the club gained many new junior players. Perhaps it was good fortune or maybe, just maybe, the construction of the new diamond fulfilled a message "build it and we will come". You know the movie.

It was great to see the return of all our old faces and by way of introduction, the club also welcomed the following new and first time players-

UNDER 13  
Jack Ratcliffe  
Luke Hanson  
Liam Bald  
Kale Sutton  
Judd and Louis Moore  
Otis Antreou  
Max O'Niel

UNDER 15  
Kurtis Smith  
Sam Skinner  
Jacob Bald  
Marshall and Cooper Hansen  
Max Charlesworth  
Ned Hayat  
Kye Chesterfield  
Harrison Smith  
Luke Gray

UNDER 17  
Zak Skinner  
Kyiell Wineera  
Rose Crosby  
Jamie Hafey-Bagg

As with past years, many senior players again came to the fore by attending junior preseason 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, thank you for your efforts.

One of the great strengths of the club is the high quality of our junior coaches. We were again fortunate to retain the services of Ben Laux whose knowledge and dedication to Frankston and our junior program instilled the skills and enthusiasm we saw in our juniors. We were also thrilled to gain the services of Marshall Skinner who added that extra degree of expertise. Our coaching staff was further complemented with Mark Jones, Tim Hanson, Simon Ratcliff, Rob Bell, and Rob Bowen and for the short time he was here, Austin Massey.

All teams put in a highly competitive performance and of course the highlight being our under 15's Black team taking out the flag in a very thrilling 1 run ball game against Cheltenham.



For the first time in many years, a "rookie ball" programme was put in place and thanks to the efforts of Mark Richards with the support of Olivia Richards I'm pleased to report the 6 week programme was a huge success. We look forward to it continuing in season 2017.

The infusion of new players allowed the club to field 4 junior teams comprising an under 13's, two under 15's and a welcome return of an under 17's.

Although just missing the final four, our under 13's put in a creditable performance but most pleasing of all was the performance of our four rookie players who embraced the game with enthusiasm. This team could not have been in more capable hands and our thanks go out to the three coaches, Tim Hanson, Simon Ratcliffe and Rob Bell.

The club is again proud of our U15 red team. Under the guidance of their coach for the last 2 years, Mark Jones, this team has gone from baby steps the previous year to giant strides finishing a creditable 7th in a high standard competition.

Although a disappointing season for our under 17's, it must be remembered that the majority of players had their first introduction in this age group coming from under 15's. Under the guidance of Rob Bowen and Marshall Skinner, this team gained valuable experience and knowledge and no doubt, this will hold them in good stead in 2017.

Of course you leave the best to last and our congratulations go to Ben Laux's under 15 Black team for bringing home the flag. Ben took two of his week nights out to train and teach a group of highly talented individuals into a winning team. I'm sure nobody could be more thrilled than Ben, and his team would be proud that they presented him with the rewards he justly deserved.

No teams are complete unless someone takes on the crucial role of team scorer. To this we extend our thanks to;

- Belinda Ratcliffe
- Nicole and Russell Bald
- Emma Medwin
- Fiona Glover
- Jo Hafey

A club's strength is not only measured by success on the ground but the work conducted behind the scenes. I would personally like to thank the executive committee and particularly Emma Medwin for all their support. To Noel and Michele Winther for their Saturday morning work behind the canteen and especially to all our junior parents who play a vital role of support and encouragement to our juniors.

Season 2017 promises to be an exciting year for our juniors and with this crop of talented players, the club looks forward to once again watching them display their skills not only in their respective age groups but for some, representing the club at senior level.

Finally, 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-

U16- Lili Cavanagh, Aiden Fulcher, Adam Harris, Zak Skinner

U14- Jacob Bald, Marshall Hansen, Sam Skinner, Kurtis Smith

U12- Liam Bald

*Stacey Gloury – Junior Coordinator*



### **DBA REPRESENTATION**

The club would like to offer their congratulations to the following players and officials for representative selection in 2016. 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	
Nick Veale	

#### **Under 16**

Adam Harris  
Aiden Fulcher  
Lili Cavanagh  
Zak Skinner

#### **Under 23**

Mitch Bowen  
Jye Nelson  
Mackenna Hura

#### **Under 18**

Ben Laux	Coach
Stacey Gloury	Scorer

#### **Under 14**

Jacob Bald  
Marshall Hansen

#### **Under 12**

Liam Bald

Well done to all of these players and volunteers. We hope to continue our proud history of DBA representation in 2017.

### **JUNIOR PRESENTATION**

Junior Presentation saw a great turn out of players, parents and supporters. 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>Batting Award</i>	Callum Fulcher
<i>Utility Award</i>	Liam Bald
<i>Fielding Award</i>	Luke Hanson
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Teaghan Crynes

#### **Under 15 Red**

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Max Murphy
<i>Batting Award</i>	Kye Chesterfield
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Luke Gray
<i>Most Improved</i>	Sophie Upton

#### **Under 15 Black**

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Aidan Fulcher
<i>Pitching Award</i>	Jacob Bald
<i>Golden Glove</i>	Adam Harris
<i>Most Improved</i>	Max Charlesworth
<i>Finals MVP</i>	Adam Harris

#### **Under 17**

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Conor Myles
<i>Golden Arm</i>	Jarvis Allen
<i>Batting Award</i>	Zak Skinner
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Rose Crosby



## **SENIOR PRESENTATION**

2016 saw the club host presentation night at home again. 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>	Dayle Selleck
<i>Best and Fairest</i>	Will Keys
<i>Batting Award</i>	Dayle Selleck – Avg. 0.429
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Nick Veale
<i>Club Coach Encouragement Award</i>	Conor Myles

### **A2**

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Zak Skinner
<i>Batting Award</i>	Zak Skinner – Avg. 0.586
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Ben Smith and Scott Baillie

### **B1**

<i>Pitching Award</i>	Russell Clarke
<i>Batting Award</i>	Neil Johnson – Avg. 0.523

### **B2**

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Bill Dines
<i>Batting Award</i>	Mark Baneth – Avg. 0.538
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Hyung Sohn

### ***Brent Hura Perpetual Award for Best Junior Club Member***

Jamie Hafey-Bagg

### ***Michael "Max" Klinger Club Champion Award***

Dayle Selleck

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

Mark Jones

## **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 a couple of outstanding Tomatoes who come away with a statistic awards from the A1 competition, and SWC Representative MVP for Under 14s

<b>Home Run King</b>	Dayle Selleck	3HR	(Joint winner)
<b>Under 14 MVP</b>	Jacob Bald		

Congratulations to Dayle and Jacob on their achievements.

Our A2 team coach was awarded the Premiership shield for the third season in a row. Well done to Tim and the boys on your threepeat.



### **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 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, Tim Hanson 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?!"

In conclusion, 2016 was another great season for the Tomatoes, on and off-field.

I'd 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 over the years. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing the club go from strength to strength in 2017.

*Emma Medwin*  
*Hon. Secretary*



## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2016

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>		<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Subscriptions Junior	5,420.00	5,380.00	Ground Maintenance	4,440.77	2,981.27
Uniform Hire	400.00	240.00	Administration	597.83	1,036.27
Uniform Sales	1,205.00	1,185.00	Uniforms	3,109.30	2,443.65
Merchandise	2,490.00	1,752.00	Bar	14,315.59	15,949.35
Subscriptions Senior	8,111.38	7,330.00	Utilities	1,094.25	2,379.09
Canteen / Bar	30,596.70	34,188.16	Umpires	4,610.00	4,140.00
Advertising	1,000.00	2,500.00	Canteen	6,288.71	10,176.20
Social	1,558.00	800.00	Room Maintenance	2,011.46	890.84
Membership	725.00	700.00	Equipment	2,254.04	737.40
Miscellaneous	540.15	900.00	Miscellaneous	648.29	613.85
Presentation Night	2,180.00	1,328.00	Ground Rental	3,145.87	2,996.07
Junior Presentation	-	134.00	Junior Presentation	461.65	524.00
Interest	343.68	248.64	Trophies	781.70	347.00
Donation	-	100.00	DBA & Baseball Victoria	9,919.06	6,589.80
T. Ball	600.00	-	Social	720.00	1,056.20
Fundraiser	3,030.50	-	Presentation Night	1,650.00	1,253.55
			Merchandise	3,206.00	2,310.00
			Fundraiser	1,800.00	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58,200.41</b>	<b>56,785.80</b>		<b>61,054.52</b>	<b>56,424.54</b>

<b>Balance 31/10/2015</b>	<b>25,423.15</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>58,200.41</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>61,054.52</b>
<b>Balance 31/10/2016</b>	<b>22,569.04</b>
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b>2,854.00</b>



### **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 2016. 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 Ratcliffe, Dan Reeman, Tim Hanson, Stuart Adam 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, Marshall Skinner, Ben Laux, Mark Jones, Tim Hanson, Simon Ratcliffe, Rob Bell, Peter Gloury, and in particular Stacey Gloury for their efforts in co-ordinating and managing our junior teams. Once again, we realised a significant increase in junior players this year 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.

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 success of our on-field activities and those 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 2017 season.

MARK O'BRIEN  
President