

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 2017

TOMATOES





HONOUR ROLL 2017

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
Russell Clarke
Rob Bowen

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	2016
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	2016					
Under 13/14	1971	1979	1980	1997	2017					
Under 12	1995	2017								
Under 11	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 2017 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 2017.

PRESIDENT	Mark O'Brien
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COACHES

The 2017 season saw the club enter five senior teams; a feat which had been on the cards for a year or two, and one that has not been achieved in quite some time.

Simon Ratcliffe was once again appointed Club Coach. With Tim Hanson moving on from managing, Marshall Skinner and Mark Jones took up the coaching roles for our A2 team.

Chris Wilson took on the 'Olds and Bolds' B1 team, and our B2 team of previous years put themselves into the C2 competition, with Sean O'Halloran at the helm.

The club decided to enter a junior development team into the B2 competition, and we were fortunate to have Daryl Dicker and Ben Smith take the team.

Stacey Gloury stepped into the position of Junior Co-ordinator again, a role she has made her own. We had some great junior coaches in Simon Ratcliffe taking the Under 12 Major team; Rob Bell and Peter Conell with the Under 14 Minors; Ben Laux at the helm of the Under 14 Majors; Marshall Skinner looking after the Under 16s and Mark Jones taking the Under 18s.

A very big thank you goes to all the parents and supporters who helped our coaches at trainings, on game days, and with the scorebooks throughout the season. We appreciate your time and efforts.



TEAM REPORTS

B2

The main focus of this team was to provide a pathway to senior baseball for the growing number of junior players within the club. We had 14 juniors play in this team during the season, 7 or 8 were in the starting line up on a regular basis and several of them moved up into higher grades after solid performances in this team. Ollie Hookey-Rizzo, Kurtis Smith, Jordan Brown, Marshall Hansen and Cooper Hansen were all called up to higher grades and had a taste of senior finals.

As would be expected, most were a little nervous in their first senior games, but all of our junior players showed improvement as the season continued. Other regulars in this team were Max Murphy, Jai Cebular, Ben Walker, Maddi Tolmie, Jarvis Allen and Isaiah Bird.

Also, thanks to Lili Cavanagh, Brad Harris and Callum Bradford-Biggs who played a few games each. We can expect to see several of these players line up in our A Grade in coming years.

There were always a couple of seasoned veterans in the team to guide the rookies. When Ben Smith pitched we were very competitive and Gavin Smith, Luke Wallis and Russell Clarke became regulars in the line-up. Add to this cameos from familiar club names Cavs, Lauxy, Potto, Dirty, Floyd, Trent, Baneth, Timmy, Ash Walker and Ant Richards made a total of 27 players take the field for the season. Also great to see several father- son/daughter combinations too. The Smiths, Walkers and Cavanaghs. We finished with a 6 wins 10 loss record and made a genuine push for the playoffs during the year. Many thanks to our scorer Steph Campbell and base coach Mark Campbell and congratulations to our trophy winners.

Well done to all and thanks for a very enjoyable season, hope to see you all back this year.

Ben Smith and Daryl Dicker

C2

With the 2017 B2 team consisting of mostly our juniors trying their hand at senior ball, a Tomatoes fifths side was placed into the C2 competition with its ranks largely filled with last year's B2 team. Scoop, Boof, Steve, Young Bill, Hyung, Emma, Mark and myself. Add in Fee, Old Bill, Locky, Ugly, who came over from Mornington, young Benny Moscrop, one of our juniors who helped us out a bunch by taking on the demanding role of catcher, and the shy, quiet, unassuming Luke Martin (hahahaha), and we had all the makings of a pretty good squad.

As with any season we won a few and we lost a few but by season's end we had won way more than we lost and earned ourselves a finals berth. Alas that's where it all came crashing down. But it didn't in any way diminish how much fun the season was. Lots of laughs, plenty of good baseball played and the weekly presentation of the pink tutu made post game beers a must to stay for. Roll on 2018.

Sean O'Halloran

UNDER 18

Good work by the boys and girls. It was a tough season and at least they kept turning up and presenting. Thanks to our scorer Maddi Tolmie's grandma for her time and effort, and to all the parents who supported their kids by getting them to trainings and games.

Mark Jones

UNDER 16

In 2017, our Under 16 team was one of the most enjoyable group of kids I have had the pleasure to coach. While having 15 players made it exceptionally difficult to give quality playing time to everyone on a weekly basis, the kids understood the position we were in and were incredibly supportive of each other throughout the entire season. At one point even had some feedback from an opposition club about what a wonderful bunch of kids they were, which was really refreshing.



In the end we made it through to the grand final against Cheltenham who got the better of us on the day, but all of our kids could walk away with their heads held high because they competed magnificently right until the very end.

This group of players is incredibly talented and their willingness to work hard on their game and continue to improve will stand them in great stead for the future for themselves and for the long-term success of our club. As a club if we can continue to attract and retain players like this group then we are assured of a long and successful future.

Many thanks to Nicole for scoring and to Stacey for her tireless efforts in running our junior program, and thanks also to the committee and people that set out the fields, umpire, run the canteen and generally make the Patch a great place to be early on a Saturday morning.

Also, many thanks to our parents who were amazingly supportive and understanding and for getting the kids to training and giving them the chance to be as good as they can be at our great game.

A big thanks to Ben Smith as assistant coach, his experience and knowledge was invaluable and helped all our kids become better players.

Marshall Skinner

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The club continues to go from strength to strength and I'm thrilled we were able to field 5 junior teams; the first time in the long and proud history of the club. What a success these teams had with four of the five reaching the finals, resulting in the Under 16s coming runners up, the 14 Minors making the preliminary final and the Under12 Major and Under 14 Major teams bringing home the flags.

I know I shouldn't show favouritism but how proud I was in the performance of our Under 14 Minor side development team. To make the preliminary final was a fantastic achievement and to this, the club extends our thanks and congratulations to the coaches, Rob Bell and Peter Conell. To mentor and instruct a team of relatively inexperienced players would no doubt have been rewarding for both Rob and Potto.

I'm sure our Under 18s would have preferred a better outcome for the season but looking at the competition, particularly the power teams from Cheltenham, Dingley and Dandenong, our 18s can hold their heads high and be congratulated for the competitive spirit in which they played the game. This team could not have been in more capable hands than Mark Jones and we again thank Jones for his continuing commitment to our junior teams.

Just getting pipped in a grand final can be one of sport's most disappointing experiences, but it should not take away the sportsman like behaviour and dedication shown by our very talented Under 16 team. Our admiration and thanks go not only to the players themselves but also to two outstanding coaches, Marshall Skinner and Ben Smith. Their knowledge and expertise not only speaks for itself but their willingness to give all players an opportunity to play in key positions and experience the challenge of pressure situations is a credit to them both.

To our Under 12s. What more can you say about a team who went through the entire season undefeated. What a remarkable performance from clearly a very highly talented team. This team was complemented by some very talented coaches. To Simon Ratcliffe, Rod Patton and Michael Johnson, the club extends our thanks and congratulations.

Apart from a small hiccup in the 2nd semi-final, our Under 14 Major team went undefeated throughout the season and for the second year in a row, Ben Laux brings a flag home to Frankston. Ben has developed an enormous rapport with players he coaches, and this year was no exception. The coaching staff was further complemented in gaining the services of Mark Campbell who took on the role as assistant to Ben. Mark brought a wealth of experience and knowledge and rightly shares the accolades with Ben.

Our Rookie Ball programme continued on from last year's success, and once again our thanks go out to Mark and Olivia Richards. I also wish to acknowledge the assistance given by Marshall and Zak Skinner and of course to all those parents who braved some of those cold Sunday mornings. The club



recognises the importance of this programme of introducing and encouraging youngsters to participate in this great game of ours.

No teams are complete unless someone takes on the crucial role of team scorer. To this we extend our thanks to all those who took on what some describe as one of the difficult task in the team.

My role as Junior Coordinator would not have run as smoothly as it did if it wasn't for the support I received from parents. To Nicole Bald and Yvette Hansen, your work behind the scenes was of enormous help and I extend my heartfelt thanks to you both.

I would also 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. I'm sure Noel and Michele welcomed the extra assistance this year.

To all our junior parents, the club recognises the vital role you play of support and encouragement to our juniors.

With all this growing support, I have no doubt the season 2018 promises to be even bigger and better year.

Stacey Gloury and Peter Gloury



JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Junior Presentation saw a great turn out of players, parents and supporters for our first ever Tomatoes Survivor Challenge. A fantastic idea of Stacey's, the teams participated in a baseball-themed obstacle course competition. Participants and onlookers thoroughly enjoyed the morning's activities.

A big thank you goes Stacey for all her efforts arranging the activities and the presentations, and to everyone who assisted on the day with the set-up of the course, 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 18

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Jordan Brown
<i>Runner Up Most Valuable Player</i>	Zak Skinner
<i>Most Improved</i>	Ben Walker

Under 16

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Adam Harris
<i>Batting Award</i>	Jacob Bald
<i>Most Improved</i>	Olly Hookey-Rizzo
<i>Finals MVP</i>	Kurtis Smith

Under 14 Major

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Bailey Harvey
<i>Pitching Award</i>	Callum Fulcher
<i>Most Improved</i>	Adam Clarke
<i>Finals MVP</i>	Tyler Ellis

Under 14 Minor

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Jack Conell
<i>Most Improved</i>	Lachlan Smith
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Otis Antreou

Under 12

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Jack Ratcliffe
<i>Runner Up Most Valuable Player</i>	Jarvis Harvey
<i>Most Improved</i>	Will Kent
<i>Pitching Award</i>	Liam Bald
<i>Finals MVP</i>	Nicholas Booth



SENIOR PRESENTATION

We had a great turn out for Presentation this year, and it a big thank you to Annette O'Brien, Meagan Kent, Mark O'Brien and Matt O'Brien for providing the tasty soup entrees and the yummy desserts on the night, and for arranging the room, the drinks and the main meal. A good night was had by all.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

A1

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Will Keys	
<i>Batting Award</i>	Ricky Wheeler	Avg. .522
<i>Pitching Award</i>	Mitchell Bowen	ERA 3.29
<i>Most Improved</i>	Jye Nelson	Avg. .367

A2

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Scott Baillie	
<i>Batting Award</i>	Mark Jones	Avg. .471
<i>Rising Star Award</i>	Jacob Bald	

B1

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Tim Hanson	
<i>Batting Award</i>	Neal Cavanagh	Avg. .489
<i>Pitching Award</i>	Ben Pittaway	ERA 4.32
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Ben Galpin	

B2

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Ben Walker	
<i>Batting Award</i>	Jordan Brown	Avg. .342
<i>Golden Glove</i>	Cooper Hansen	

C2

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Michael O'Halloran and Rob Bowen	
<i>Batting Award</i>	Billy Dines	Avg. .543
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Luke Martin	

Brent Hura Perpetual Award for Best Junior Club Member

Zak Skinner

Michael "Max" Klinger Club Champion Award

Will Keys

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

Stacey Gloury



ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION, AWARDS AND STANDINGS

The club would like to offer their congratulations to the following players and officials for their selection and success within the Association. We are proud to have so many people represent our club and commend each of our teams on their efforts and achievements throughout the season.

REPRESENTATION

Seniors

Michele Winther Scorer
Scott Baillie
Jon Ballantyne
Mitch Bowen
Mark Jones
Ricky Wheeler

Under 18

Conor Myles
Zak Skinner

Under 16

Mark Campbell EO
Ben Campbell
Lili Cavanagh
Oliver Hookey-Rizzo

Under 14

Tournament Champions
Tyler Ellis
Lachlan Smith

Under 12

Fiona Glover Assistant Coach
Liam Bald
Nicholas Booth
Jarvis Harvey
Matthew Johnston



AWARDS AND PREMIERSHIPS

O'Brien Medal night saw the following Tomatoes come away with awards. Congratulations go to:

MVP Under 12 State Winter Championship

Jarvis Harvey

MVP 2017 A2 Competition

Scott Baillie 15 Votes

Division Premiers Frankston Under 14 Major
Frankston Under 12 Major

Division Runners Up Frankston B1
Frankston Under 16

O'Brien Medal and Division MVP Top Ten Votes

A1	Mitchell Bowen	11 Votes	9 th
A2	Scott Baillie	15 Votes	1 st
	Simon Ratcliffe	8 Votes	Equal 10 th
	Mark Jones	8 Votes	Equal 10 th
B1	Tim Hanson	12 Votes	Equal 5 th
	Matt O'Brien	11 Votes	Equal 6 th
B2	Ben Smith	8 Votes	Equal 10 th
C2	-		

STANDINGS

Frankston teams' final ladder standings for the 2017 season.

Grade	A1	A2	B1	B2	C2	U18	U16	U14 Major	U14 Minor	Under 12 Major
Ladder Position	5	1	2	5	3	4	1	1	3	1



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, honour boards, and club memorabilia.

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

The 2017 season saw the club grow to five senior teams, and the biggest number of juniors we've seen in a long time. Additionally, Baseball Victoria gave us the Under 14 State Winter Championships again, and for the first time in recent history the DBA gave us the Senior Grand Finals.

Neither of these events could have happened and been so successful without the immense amount of work put in behind the scenes by the committee. We are fortunate to have an amazing group of people who work hard and give their time to support and grow our club, and to them all I say thank you.

With the amount of work required for both the carnival and the finals we needed all the volunteers we could get, and I'm proud to say that we had a brilliant turn out. We couldn't have achieved all that we did without them. Thank you to everyone who came to help over the three days.

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.

A personal thank you to Mark O'Brien for the season too. Your unwavering dedication and commitment to the club never ceases to amaze me, and I am grateful for the support you've given me over the years.

I look forward to seeing the club go from strength to strength in 2018.

Emma Medwin



FINANCIAL REPORT

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2017

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions. Jnr.	7,655.00	Maintenance Grounds	8,953.76
Uniform hire	500.00	Administration	663.10
Uniform sales	3,020.00	Uniforms	2,439.80
Merchandise	1,530.00	Bar	13,522.30
Subscriptions. Snr.	8,090.00	Utilities	789.74
Canteen / Bar	41,808.30	Umpires	5,080.00
Fundraiser	7,085.50	Maintenance Rooms	4,147.63
Social	831.50	Presentation Night	1,099.03
Membership	625.00	Fundraiser	2,579.82
Advertising	2,600.00	Social	215.00
Presentation Night	1,360.00	Trophies	989.50
T-Ball	720.00	Equipment	3,587.85
Miscellaneous	2,479.48	Ground Rental	3,298.76
Interest	246.16	Canteen	10,407.99
		DBA/BV	12,036.00
		Junior Presentation	291.28
		Merchandise	1,659.90
		Miscellaneous	1,683.32
		T Ball	420.00
Total	<u>\$78,550.94</u>	Total	<u>\$73,864.78</u>
Balance 31/10/2016	\$22,569.04		
Income	78550.94		
Expenditure	73864.78		
Balance 31/10/2017	\$27,255.20		
Surplus	\$4,686.16		



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 2017. 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, Marshall Skinner, Chris Wilson, Daryl Dicker 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 Mark Jones, Marshall Skinner, Ben Laux, Rob Bell and Simon Ratcliffe, 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 2018 season.

MARK O'BRIEN
President