

# FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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INCORPORATED - ARN A0005287R

## *ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

### *SEASON 2018*





## HONOUR ROLL 2018

### PRESIDENT

Mark O'Brien

### VICE PRESIDENTS

Peter Gloury  
Tim Hanson

### SECRETARY

Emma Medwin

### TREASURER

Nicole Bald

### JUNIOR COORDINATOR

Stacey Gloury

### COMMITTEE

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

### 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

<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 17/18</b>	1982	2018								
<b>Under 15/16</b>	1973	1982	1987	1999	2016					
<b>Under 13/14</b>	1971	1979	1980	1997	2017	2018				
<b>Under 11/12</b>	1995	2013	2017							

Dear Members,

It is my pleasant duty as Secretary of the Frankston Baseball Club Inc. to present the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2018 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 2018.

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

## COACHES

The 2018 season saw the club field four senior teams; A1 and A2, and B1 and B2. Simon Ratcliffe was once again appointed Club Coach, with Marshall Skinner looking after our A2 team. Chris Wilson once again took the B1 team, and Tim Hanson stepped into the role of B2 team manager.

We continued to encourage juniors to enter senior competition through the B2 and B1 teams by mixing it with our more experienced players, and we kept up the youth movement with more kids coming through the A2 team with just a few seniors for guidance and consistency. Our A1 team stuck with the mixture of young, some younger, and some not-so-young for another solid season.

Stacey Gloury remained the Junior Co-ordinator, a role she has made her own. Stacey secured the services of Craig Kernick for the Under 18s with our import Jeff Guerrero, a duo that saw the U18 Premiership come back to Frankston after a 36-year hiatus. Ben Laux's hard work and experience was once again attained for the Under 16 Red team, and our Under 16 Black team had the benefit of Marshall Skinner's commitment and patience. Simon Ratcliffe continued his successful ways and shared his knowledge of the game with our Premiership-winning Under 14 team.

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**

The Annual Report acknowledges that apart from those supplied, Team Reports have been circulated via Team App and other media throughout the season.

Trophy winners and individual achievements are recognised in Junior Presentation, Senior Presentation, and Association Awards and Premierships.

### **A2**

I could not have been happier with the result from the A2s in 2018, a finals berth was a fantastic achievement from such a young group of players. Aside from the ageless legend Mark Jones the remainder of our finals team was from our Under 18 and Under 16 teams. Unfortunately, Dandenong were too strong on the day, but our kids should be exceptionally proud of their achievement.

When the club decided that we would use the A2s to develop our next crop of senior players we were prepared to take a few losses in aid of development however this young group of players stepped up and continued the fine results our A2s have achieved in recent years.

Hopefully over the next few years this decision proves wise as with an aging senior list and a few guys moving on, the openings will be there for these kids to advance and continue their developmental pathway.

May thanks to Ben Smith for his assistance along with Mark Jones, and to Emma for scoring. Thanks to Simon for his support over the season and I wish him well as moves on to other challenges. Hats off once again to Stacey for her tireless work with our junior program, we have an outstanding crop of juniors which should hold us in good stead for the coming years.

Thanks once again to the Frankston Baseball club for the faith shown in me to help move our club forward over the past few years and for the wonderful support shown to our family.

Other baseball commitments will prevent me from coaching in the 2019 season however I look forward to being able to help in any way I can.

Best of luck to Ricky Wheeler coaching the A1s and Craig Kernick coaching the A2s for the coming season, both great appointments that should help the club continue to move forward.

*Marshall Skinner*

### **B2**

The 2018 season for club's B2 side was again going to be strong on the development of junior players entering senior ranks for their first season. Integrating these players with the existing senior players and making that mix work was the challenge. Success wasn't necessarily going to be gauged by a win / loss ratio but more an ability to be competitive and take on the aspects of the game we as coaches felt would bring future success.

As the season progressed, there were certainly some very pleasing results from the team, setbacks were to be expected but overall the positives definitely outweighed the negatives. By seasons end, the team was playing some good baseball and achieving success on field. The junior players that had been timid and unsure of themselves at seasons start were more confident and assertive, several will most certainly become talented assets to the club as they develop in size and age.

The senior players enjoyed having a role to play in helping these juniors, at the same time showcasing a little of what they still have to offer the club as players and teachers.

All in all, a successful season for the B2 team.

*Tim Hanson*



## **UNDER 18**

The 2018 winter season for the U18 Frankston Tomatoes was a successful one with the team winning the championship for the first time in over 25 years.

With the teams' experience ranging from Australian and Victorian representatives through to first year players both male and female, the junior program run by the Frankston Tomatoes is of an elite standard and as good as any junior program in Victoria. The team was managed by coaches with both elite program experience and representative coaching from the United States.

Other junior teams with the Frankston Tomatoes also have elite Australian and Victoria players which bodes well for the future of the club in any elite competition and domestic leagues in Victoria.

*Craig Kernick*

## **UNDER 12**

This season we had just 5 Under 12s who were itching to take the diamond, so to make sure we could get players on the field, we combined with Dandenong Baseball Club who had similar numbers.

Two Dandenong players volunteered to coach, and we were able to supply the team's scorer. The split meant that training together was difficult, but the kids enjoyed their games and had a fun season, and the club was proud to see them work hard to improve each week.

## **JUNIOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Coming off a successful 2017 season, our expectations for the 2018 season were high and once again our juniors and coaching staff did the club proud. A major feature of the season was that for the first time in the club's history, our under 18 team brought home the flag in what was a thrilling and high-quality Grand Final. The team was well complimented with our two coaches, Jeff Guerro, all the way from the US and Craig Kernick. The club extends our thanks to them both for imparting their knowledge and expertise to this talented team.

Our under14 team also shared the accolades with their premiership win. The victory was that much sweeter in that two of their key players were absent for the final leaving a team comprising mainly last years successful little league players. To perform so well at a level most were unaccustomed to is a credit to their coaches, Simon Ratcliffe and Michael Johnson

We were thrilled to field two teams in the under 16 competition, a Frankston Red team and what may be referred to as a rookie Frankston Black team. While the Black team struggled for wins, what impressed the club was the manner in which the players applied themselves to the game both in dedication and team comradery. Who better to instil these qualities into this team than their coach, Marshall Skinner to who we owe a great deal of thanks and admiration?

An under 16's flag seems to have become elusive for the club. Having been pipped in the Grand Final the year before, I'm afraid to say that the same applied this year to our Frankston Red team. I'm sure it was a disappointment to players and coaches alike but despite this, I can say with good authority the club was treated to some very high-quality baseball from this highly talented team. Once again, our thanks go out to our coaches, Ben Laux and Ben Smith who both have, for some years now, enhanced the club's reputation in developing junior baseball.

Due to shortage of numbers, the little league team for this year was a mixture of Frankston and Dandenong players. It was a thrill for both clubs to work cooperatively in ensuring these young players were given the opportunity of taking the field. Our thanks go out to the Dandenong club for managing the team each Saturday.



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

Frankston was well represented by the following Juniors and coaching staff in the State Winter Championships (as listed in Association Representation, Awards and Standing), Australian Teams and the new MLB Showcase (held in Lismore NSW):

**Australian U15 World Cup Team**

Jacob Bald

**Australian U12 Rubberball Team**

Jack Ratcliffe

Simon Ratcliffe                      Coach

**MLB Showcase**

Tyler Ellis

Wesley Ka

Congratulations to these juniors and coaches. The club is extremely proud of you.

I know I say it each year, but I can't thank enough the work parents do to make my job that much easier. To Nicole Bald, Yvette Hansen and Belinda Ratcliffe, your work behind the scenes was of enormous help and I extend my heartfelt thanks to you all. 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. To all our junior parents, the club recognises the vital role you play of support and encouragement to our juniors both on and off the field.

*Stacey Gloury*

**JUNIOR PRESENTATION**

We changed things up a bit this year and ran a Presentation Night for the 2018 season. We had a great turn out of Tomatoes and parents and were joined by our teammates-in-a-different-uniform Dandenong, the Under 12 coaches, and their club secretary.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up of dinner, and to Megan Kent for her amazing cake-making skills. We've been lucky to enjoy your desserts and appreciate the work you put into them.

Another big thank you goes Stacey for all her efforts arranging the evening and the presentations, and to everyone who assisted with the set-up of the rooms too. We couldn't have done it without you all.

The award winners this year were as follows:

**Under 18**

*Most Valuable Player*

Aidan Fulcher

*Best Finals Player*

Donnie Poole

*Hitting Award*

Zak Skinner

*Utility Award*

Lili Cavanagh

**Under 16 Black**

*Most Valuable Player*

Tyler Memery-Lane

*Batting Award*

Bailey Quelch

*Best Team Player*

Ryan Lewandowski



**Under 16 Red**

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Sam Skinner
<i>Batting Award</i>	Mitchell McGrath
<i>Most Improved</i>	Angelo Reale-Rontos
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Kurtis Smith

**Under 14**

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Kody Taylor
<i>Runner Up Most Valuable Player</i>	Jack Ratcliffe
<i>Batting Award</i>	Tyler Ellis
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Jarvis Harvey

**Under 12**

Combined with Dandenong	All players received participation medals with their club's colours
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**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>	Ricky Wheeler	
<i>Pitching Award</i>	Jeff Guerrero	ERA 3.73
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Donnie Poole	

**A2**

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Adam Harris	
<i>Batting Award</i>	Donnie Poole	Avg. .529
<i>Best Team Player</i>	Jamie Hafey-Bagg	

**B1**

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Scott Baillie
<i>Batting Award</i>	Chris Davies
<i>Fielding Award</i>	Neal Cavanagh
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Travis Finney

**B2**

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Russell Clarke
<i>Best and Fairest</i>	Andrei Smith
<i>Fielding Award</i>	Ben Campbell

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

Adam Harris

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

Ricky Wheeler

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

Daryl Dicker and Peter Gloury (joint winners)



**Division Premiers**

**Under 18**

Frankston 5 def Dandenong 3

**Under 14**

Frankston 4 def Cheltenham 3

**Division Runners Up**

**B1**

Pakenham 7 def Frankston 6

**Under 16**

Mornington 6 def Frankston Red 2

## 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  
Neil Johnson

**Under 12**

Will Kent  
Fiona Glover            Coach

**Under 16**

Ben Campbell  
Tyler Ellis  
Bailey Harvey  
Mitch McGrath  
Andrei Smith  
Sam Skinner            *MVP, Under 16 State Winter Championship*  
Ben Laux                Coach  
Marshall Skinner      Coach

**Under 18**

Donnie Poole  
Lili Cavanagh  
Aiden Fulcher



## AWARDS

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

### ***O'Brien Medal for A1 Competition Most Valuable Player***

Ricky Wheeler 20 Votes

### ***A2 Competition Most Valuable Player***

Scott Baillie 15 Votes

### ***A Grade Batting Award***

Ricky Wheeler 0.587 Average

### ***A Grade Home Run King***

Ricky Wheeler 4 Home Runs

### ***A Grade Most Victories***

Mitchell Bowen 5 Wins

### **Competition MVP Top Ten Votes**

<b>A1</b>	Ricky Wheeler	20 Votes	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Will Keys	11 Votes	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>A2</b>	Jacob Bald	8 Votes	Equal 7 <sup>th</sup>
	Ben Smith	8 Votes	Equal 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>B1</b>	Scott Baillie	16 Votes	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Tim Hanson	9 Votes	Equal 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Neal Cavanagh	7 Votes	Equal 5 <sup>th</sup>
	Chris Davies	7 Votes	Equal 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>B2</b>	Andrei Smith	5 Votes	Equal 8 <sup>th</sup>
	Russell Clarke	5 Votes	Equal 8 <sup>th</sup>

## STANDINGS

Frankston teams' final ladder standings for the 2018 season.

Grade	A1	A2	B1	B2	U18	U16 Red	U16 Black	U14	U12
Ladder Position	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>



## **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, Peter Gloury 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**

After a successful and busy season, things slowed down off-field when we hosted the Junior Grand Finals at the end of the season. Once again, the event ran like clockwork after great amounts of work put in behind the scenes by our committee members and volunteers, and the hard work put in on field by our Under 14 and Under 18 teams saw them come away with the Premierships.

We are fortunate to be able to say year after year that we have an amazing group of people who work hard and give their time to support and grow our club, and once again, to them all I say thank you.

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.

Our fantastic committee and coaches continue to make running our club look easy, which is no mean feat! 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 thank you for all that you do.

I hope to see our players and members back at the club in 2019 for another great season.

*Emma Medwin*



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2018

##### Income

Canteen & Bar	26,290.23
Player Rego – Senior & Junior	9,002.47
Membership Fee	425.00
Uniform Hire	240.00
Uniform Sales	1,295.00
Merchandise	720.00
Fundraising	5,445.00
Sponsorship/Grants	10,333.00
Presentations	1,205.00
Interest – ING	230.88
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$55,186.58</u></b>

##### Expenses

	<b>COGS -</b>		
	Canteen & Bar	16,250.80	
	Merchandise	375.00	
	Uniforms	2,225.64	
DBA Expenses		3,125.00	
Umpires		4,350.00	
Ground Expenses		11,005.95	
Clubroom Expenses		1,751.62	
Equipment		1,699.75	
Fundraising		2,972.75	
Presentations		1,955.35	
Trophies		686.66	
Utilities		2,787.43	
Stationary / Post Box		389.50	
Ground Rental		3,430.71	
Security Expenses		1,034.04	
Licences/ATO		425.57	
Miscellaneous		280.84	
Junior Development Program		1,378.48	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b><u>\$56,125.09</u></b>	
	<b>NET</b>	<b><u>-\$938.51</u></b>	

Add Opening Bank Balance - NAB	10,527.36	
Add Opening Bank Balance – ING	16,027.84	
Add Outstanding Withdrawals	-	
Less Outstanding Deposits	700.00	Cash in hand

**BANK BALANCE** **\$24,916.69**



## **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 2018. We are grateful for the efforts of Emma Medwin and Nicole Bald 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, and Tim Hanson, 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 Jeff Guerro, Craig Kernick, Ben Laux, Ben Smith, Marshall Skinner, 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 2019 season.

*Mark O'Brien*