

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 2019

TOMATOES





HONOUR ROLL 2019

PRESIDENT	Mark O'Brien	
VICE PRESIDENTS	Peter Gloury Tim Hanson	
SECRETARY	Emma Medwin	
TREASURER	Nicole Bald	
JUNIOR COORDINATOR	Stacey Gloury	
COMMITTEE	Daryl Dicker Matthew O'Brien Leigh Spicer Russell Clarke Rob Bowen Dianne Harris Stuart Adam	
LIFE MEMBERS	John O'Brien Rod McClelland Paul O'Brien Mark O'Brien Susan Nicolaou Peter Gloury Annette O'Brien Rod Burt	Michele Winther Noel Winther Daryl Dicker Mark Anderton Chris Love Geoff Court Rob Davis Tim Hanson

PREMIERSHIPS

A Grade	1953	1957	1962	1988	1991	1996	1999	2003	2007	
A Reserve/A1	1984	1996	1998	2003	2004	2006	2008	2014	2015	2016
B Grade	1957	1958	1975	2000	2001	2019				
C Grade	1959	2007								
D Grade	1990	2008								
Women's	2005									
Under 17/18	1982	2018	2019							
Under 15/16	1973	1982	1987	1999	2016					
Under 13/14	1971	1979	1980	1997	2017	2018				
Under 11/12	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 2019 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 2019.

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COACHES

The 2019 season saw the club field four senior teams: A1 and A2, and B1 and B2.

Ricky Wheeler was appointed our Club Coach, ably supported by Craig Kernick looking after our A2 team. Tim Hanson looked after our B1 team and Stuart Adam headed up our B2 team.

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 went with a youthful line-up for most of the season with a few veterans thrown in along the way.

Stacey Gloury remained the Junior Co-ordinator, a role she has made her own.

Stacey secured the services of Ben Smith and Neal Cavanagh for the Under 18s, a team that saw us go back-to-back with the U18 premiership. Gareth Finney and Neil Johnson looked after our Under 16 team, and after previously running our T-ball program, Mark Richards joined us to coach our Under 12s to the Grand Final.

We had just four kids eligible for Under 14s, so we put in a combined team with Mornington to ensure they got to play the winter and do so in Tomatoes colours.

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.

A1

Well to sum up our year would be to say it was a massive learning curve, as we would have been the youngest team by far in the A1 division. At one point our starting 9 line up was 16 or younger. Pretty impressive considering we were playing against teams that had been playing together for up to 10 years or even more, and still winning. Making the finals was a great achievement for our kids and just shows that there is a great future for the Frankston Baseball Club. Our 1s team alone saw 22 players circulate through which also shows the depth in players the club has. Although losing our first final to finish our season, it gave my young group of players the urge to come back as they have unfinished business.

Ricky Wheeler

A2

The Frankston 2nds had a solid season making the Grand Final but unfortunately couldn't win on the day. A number of young players stepped up to senior level and showed they have a bright future ahead.

I'm confident the senior teams will be a formidable opposition in 2020.

Craig Kernick

B1

The B Grade side was successful in winning the 2019 DBA premiership defeating Pakenham 18 runs to 9.

Finishing on top of the ladder and the end of the regular season, the challenge of finals loomed as a hurdle after the team had fallen short the previous two years.

A loss in the first final at home dented the confidence of all involved, however a hard fought 6-5 victory in the preliminary final gave the team a boost it carried into the Grand Final.

The season provided some excellent performances from both young and old players alike, the continued development of our junior players in the senior teams a standout.

Many thanks the team scorer Mark who braved the cold every week to support and score for us.

Tim Hanson

B2

Finishing 6th with a record of 4 wins, 2 draws and 2 washouts, it was a tough season for the B2 team however we were able to introduce a number of promising juniors to senior baseball. Hopefully, the memory of getting your first hit in seniors will live on for a while and inspire them to a long future in baseball - Otis Antreou, Jimmy Wallis, Jack Conell, Bailey Quelch, Tyler Memery-Lane and Adam Clarke. Run production was an issue all season as we only reached double figures on 3 occasions (for 3 wins)! Our team batting average was 0.233 while the strikeout average was 0.382, obviously not the statistics required for heavy scoring. The pitching duties were spread amongst the team, but I'd like to thank Ben Pittaway, Tim Hanson and Ben Campbell from the B1s who helped out when we needed some arms. Also, a special mention to Ben Walker who put his hand up to pitch and did a fine job.

Thanks to the veterans on our team Russell Clarke, Peter Conell and Luke Wallis for their on-field support and Mark and the committee for all that you do to get us onto the field.

Stuart Adam



UNDER 16

The U16s had a very good winter. They competed exceptionally well and ended up playing off in the grand final, where we went down to what was probably the better side in Dingley.

We had no real stand outs this season, as all the team were contributing to their success, and as a coach, this was great to see. Consistent pitching, hitting, and defence saw us only drop a couple of games in what was a successful season, and the boys should feel proud of their achievements even if we did fall one win short of the ultimate prize.

It was pleasing to also see that almost all of the team were playing senior ball in the afternoons and adding their worth to many games. The club is well placed moving forward with such talent coming through.

All in all, a great team effort this year. Thanks to Johnno (Neil Johnson) for helping out with coaching, and also to Steph for scoring for us all season.

Gareth Finney

UNDER 12

When many names became unavailable or moved from the age group, we had a large gap to fill and unsure a 2019 team was even possible.

Game 1 came quickly, and we managed to name 7, however last minute another player became available kicking off our season.

I was lucky Gary jumped onboard as assistant coach, and Heidi scored (like their son Ollie) brand new to the sport.

Our team consisted of some good experience, but also a number of new faces and bottom age players.

It has to be mentioned (early on) our very sociable members were more interested in an outfield chat than the game itself as the baseball flew past them!

However, with players such as Will, Ned, and Archer knowing the game well, and when Jet, Charlie and Kian found their feet - a strong team formed, and this showed.

Midway through the season Tommy became eligible, also similar time Zak and Sam joined which strengthened us considerably. We scored many runs each game, worked hard for outs, BUT as the season unfolded, we were clearly the main threat to take it to the undefeated Mornington.

Mornington's team consisted of a good number of talented Mariner and top age players.

One game however later in the season saw them walk us off, but only due to a situation totally out of our control. This highlighted to Gary and I our fun old school way, compared to win at all costs baseball - not of interest to us.

This truly was one of my favourite Frankston coaching seasons. Such a fantastic bunch of kids who were always well behaved, friendly, had a heap of fun, but played the game as it should be and in good spirits.

Unfortunately, we were beaten in the Grand final, but not one player was upset afterwards and all incredibly happy with what they had achieved.

New mates, a wonderful season – A TOMATO!

Mark Richards



JUNIOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Another flag for the Under 18s, a welcome return to under 12s and a case of the 'Curse of the Billy Goat' for the Under 16s. These were some of the features to what I believe was another successful season for our juniors.

As in previous years, the club was again fortunate to gain the services of high-quality Junior coaches. To Ben Smith and Neal Cavanagh, their work with the U18s was a credit to them both bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to a very talented team.

The U16s were also well served with coaches Gareth Finney and Neil Johnson both of whose dedication and knowledge instilled the skills and commitment shown by this team.

Following his work with our T ball team two years ago, Mark Richards with assistance from Gary Sasse moulded quite a formidable U12s team and our thanks go out to them both in providing their expertise and guidance.

As to the teams themselves, I am thrilled to say that once again our juniors were well represented in the finals with all three teams making the grand final. I'm sure that everyone would join with me in saying how proud we were with all our teams and the manner in which they played the game.

The U18s replicated the success of last year to come out Grand final victors in a hard-fought contest against Dandenong. Our congratulations go out to players on their performance throughout the season and the way they represented themselves in the field.

After losing two consecutive Under 16 grand finals in the 2017 and 2018 seasons, hopes were high that this would be the year a very talented Under 16s would bring home the flag. Unfortunately, our hopes were dashed as we went down in the final to an equally dedicated and talented Dingley team. Nevertheless, their performance throughout the season is a credit to players and coaches alike.

What a thrill it was to see our U12s progress from their T Ball days to develop their skills and knowledge the results of which earned them a well-deserved spot in the Grand Final.

I might be showing a slight bias but one of the hardest jobs and one that should be most appreciated is the job of team scorer. On behalf of the teams, our heartfelt thanks go out to Heidi Robinson (U12s), Steph and Jo Campbell (U16s), and Nicole Bald, Kathleen Reale and Yvette Hansen (Under 18s).

Once again my job was made that much easier by the support I received from the executive and committee particularly Emma Medwin and Tim Hanson and just as importantly, a number of junior parents assisting with team coordination and uniform control and distribution, notably, Yvette Hansen, Di Harris and Nicole Bald.

The club is extremely lucky to have others who work tirelessly behind the scenes in supporting junior baseball at the club. To this I extend my appreciation to our grounds staff (you know who you are) and especially a big thank you goes out to Annette and Mark O'Brien and Meaghan Kent for organising the catering for the junior presentation.

For many years, Michele and Noel Winther's work in the canteen has been a valuable asset to the club. Dedication to the job was never more evident this year than Michele who still continued to assist Noel despite being placed on the disability list, serving too many hot dogs over too many years perhaps! Of course, the club is committed to occupational health and safety and provided her own personal chauffeur transporting her from the canteen to the scorers' box. Thanks Kurtis.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all back next year as season 2020 promises to be another exciting and rewarding year for our club both on and off the field.

Stacey Gloury



JUNIOR PRESENTATION

We had a pretty good turn-out of attendees on Junior Presentation night, which was great to see.

A huge thank you to Annette and Mark O'Brien, Rob Bowen, Peter Gloury, and 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

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Kurtis Smith
<i>Utility Award</i>	Lili Cavanagh
<i>Best Team Player</i>	Marshall Hansen
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Sam Skinner

Under 16

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Andrei Smith
<i>Batting Award</i>	Travis Finney
<i>Most Improved</i>	Bailey Quelch
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Ben Campbell

Under 12

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Will Kent
<i>Batting Award</i>	Archer Quelch
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Kian Yates
<i>Utility Award</i>	Zak Stafillis

SENIOR PRESENTATION

A season finale cannot happen without lots of work to make it happen. The club would like to give 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>Hitting Award</i>	Jye Nelson	Avg. 400

A2

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Jed Woodger	
<i>Batting Award</i>	Ben Smith	Avg. .524
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Neil Johnson	

B1

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Neal Cavanagh
<i>Batting Award</i>	Mitchell Barr
<i>Fielding Award</i>	Ben Campbell
<i>Best Finals Player</i>	Stuart Willemsen



B2

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Luke Wallis
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Ben Walker
<i>Rookie Award</i>	Bailey Quelch

Brent Hura Perpetual Award for Best Junior Club Member

Kurtis Smith

Michael "Max" Klinger Club Champion Award

Will Keys

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

Rob Bowen

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

(Pool B Champions)

Emma Medwin	Scorer
Mark Jones	Assistant Coach
Jon Ballantyne	
Scott Baillie	

Under 12

Ben Laux	Coach
Archer Quelch	
Will Kent	

Under 16

Angelo Reale-Rontos
Bailey Quelch
Callum Fulcher
Chris Tsakoumakis
Jack Conell
Tyler Memery-Lane

Under 18

Lili Cavanagh



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Season 2019 saw some great successes on-field, with our Under 12, 16 and 18 teams all in the finals, along with our B1, A2 and A1 teams. No matter the outcomes of those games, I am proud of all the work and effort put in by the players, coaches, scorers and volunteers and I hope all of you are too. Congratulations to our winning teams, our U18s and our B1s on your triumphs.

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 2020 for another great season.

Emma Medwin



FINANCIAL REPORT

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2019



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