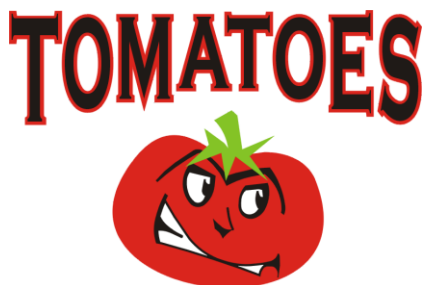


FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

ESTABLISHED 1945
INCORPORATED - ARN A0005287R

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 2021





HONOUR ROLL 2021

PRESIDENT Mark O'Brien

VICE PRESIDENTS Peter Gloury
Tim Hanson

SECRETARY Stacey Gloury

TREASURER Stuart Adam

COMMITTEE Daryl Dicker
Matthew O'Brien
Leigh Spicer
Russell Clarke
Rob Bowen
Emma Medwin

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/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 2021 for your consideration. In accordance with the Club's constitution the report will be presented to members at the Annual general meeting for consideration and adoption.



ADMINISTRATION

At the Annual General Meeting the following members were elected as office bearers for 2021.

PRESIDENT	Mark O'Brien
VICE PRESIDENTS	Peter Gloury Tim Hanson
SECRETARY	Stacey Gloury
TREASURER	Stuart Adam
COMMITTEE	Daryl Dicker Matthew O'Brien Leigh Spicer Russell Clarke Rob Bowen Emma Medwin

COACHES

The 2021 season saw the club field four senior teams: A1 and A2, and B1 and B2. Ricky Wheeler was again 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 young players 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.

Due to the obliteration of the 2020 season and the uncertainty of a viable season in 2021 as a consequence of the Covid pandemic, junior numbers were significantly down on previous years. We were however able to field a full Under 14 team lead by Mark Richards and had a handful of Under 12s who joined forces with Bonbeach to get as many Tomato kids on the field as possible.

Many thanks to Mark and his coaching team, made up of supportive fathers. We couldn't have done it without you.

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.

A1

After missing a year of baseball our A grade team took the field in 2021 with plenty of enthusiasm and a strong mix of senior and junior talent. The acquisition of a named starting pitcher was ideally going to give the team a strong start in every game before handing over relieving duties to our future stars.

The Team started the season well, however struggled to finish in several games often suffering from just one bad innings that took our chances away.

Some less-than-ideal season shutdowns combined to make the 8 games we eventually played enjoyable but somewhat disappointing results wise. We finished the season in 5th position after an early total shutdown due to Coronavirus.

A2

The A reserve side in 2021 had a season they perhaps were happy to forget. High on enthusiasm and support and positive thought, the team just couldn't buy a win and ended the season last on the ladder winning 2 of their 8 games.

A mixed balance of old, new and inexperienced players combined to do their best each week but in a strong competition were outgunned by more complete line ups.

Onwards and upwards for 2022 with plenty of thought being given to the best structure for this team.

B1

The 2021 version of the famous old's and bolds team of the 90's, our B grade team could do no wrong in season 2021 seemingly cruising toward a grand final playoff against a number of quality opposition clubs. A late season slip up lost top spot on the ladder and a do or die final away from home beckoned to defend the flag won back in 2019.

However, it wasn't to be, the season shutdown cancelled all games. We now wait for 2022 to see how the team shapes up and what lies ahead.

B2

The B reserve team of 2021 was perhaps the surprise packet for the 2021 season. With a reduction in junior numbers, it was left to a more senior group to step onto the field each week.

And that they did, several new names, some having never played before took to the game like ducks to water, supporting some returning legends and showing them a new level of enthusiasm!

A great fun year, with laughs and plenty of smiles made the team a joy to watch early on a Saturday afternoon



Junior Coordinator Report

As covid restrictions saw a halt to the 2020 season, the club looked forward to a busy 2021 schedule of junior activities but as covid restrictions were again put in place, it was naturally disappointing to see the season come to a premature end.

Unfortunately, our junior numbers were considerably down from previous years due to the season having a degree of uncertainty because of the covid pandemic. We did however manage to field a very young but talented U/14 team and, with the assistance of the Bonbeach club, a combined U12 team.

Coming from little league into the Under 14 competition is a significant jump in skill levels and for our u14's to be introduced to this level for the first time and for them to perform so well is a credit to their coaches, Dave Brodie and Chris Rouse. The team was also ably managed by Mark Richards and Sean Nielson and the club thanks all of the team's support staff for their guidance and expertise.

Due to shortage of numbers, the little league team for this year was a mixture of Frankston and Bonbeach 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 Drew from the Bonbeach club and our own Tyler Ellis for managing the team each Saturday and their willingness to give all players an opportunity to play in key positions.

As has been the case for many years, the club is extremely lucky to have others who work tirelessly behind the scenes in supporting junior baseball and this year was no exception. To this we extend our appreciation to our grounds staff and especially a big thank you goes out to our canteen staff with Annette O'Brien working overtime in the canteen, (morning and afternoon shifts) and Olivia Richards who has turned into a great barista.

To all those involved with our juniors, your continuing support will put the club in a strong position as we move into season 2022.

UNDER 14

Like all grades/levels (juniors & seniors) our U14's dealt well with a broken lead up & cut short season, no thanks to the Covid19 pandemic.

We were blessed with 14-15 kids, meaning each week we started with minimum of 12-13, often needing to start kids on the bench and rotating 1 or 2 in and out each game. While this made it tough on the kids, it was our prime focus to ensure that all players got a fair go.

It is worth noting that our U14's had many players still eligible for Little League and it's pleasing to see how keen they were to meet the new challenge particularly when playing teams with more top aged players such as Dingley & Chelsea.

Within our list of 14-15, we boasted quite a bit of fire power with our seasoned players putting in their usual high standards but just as thrilling was to see our first-year players meet their new challenges gaining significant improvements in skills and baseball knowledge by the end of the season. The efforts from all the players earned them a spot in the finals only to see our hopes been dashed by the premature ending of the season.

Our season could not have been successful as it was without the dedication and enthusiasm of the team's support group. My thanks go out to our game day coach, Dave Brodie who made my job that much easier. Dave also received fabulous support with mid-week training from Chris, Tyle, Trif and Sean. One of the hardest jobs on the team is the role of team scorer and to this my heartfelt thanks go out to Brad Yates for a job well done.

It's been a pleasure to be associated with a great bunch of kids and I'm impressed by the manner in which they applied themselves to the game both in dedication and team comradery. A big shout out also goes to our parents for the vital role they play in support and encouragement. This team has now developed a strong base and I'm confident in saying that season 2022 will be bigger and better.

Mark Richards



JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRESENTATIONS

Due to Covid delays and lockdowns, and a very premature end to the season we were unable to run our usual presentation nights for both juniors and seniors. It was decided that these events would be held as a precursor to the 2022 season.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION, AWARDS AND STANDINGS

Season 2021 saw a cancellation of all finals games and State Winter Championships due to Covid restrictions. We hope that 2022 will see us back on the diamond representing our association once again.

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!

After many years of dedication to running the canteen for the juniors, Michele and Noel Winther stepped down at the end of the 2020 season. Our driving force in the afternoons, Annette O'Brien, gave even more of her time and effort and took over the reins in the mornings. It makes for a long day in the cold, and we thank you again for your dedication.

The committee had plans to include junior parents on the roster to assist, but Covid and changing fixtures saw this to be too difficult to achieve for this season. We hope to get this up and running for 2022.

Annette O'Brien, Mark O'Brien, Matt O'Brien, Daryl Dicker, Tim Hanson, Peter Gloury, Rob Bowen 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?!"



FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2021

Financial Statement Year End 31 October 2021

Income

Bar	7,859.20
Canteen	4,335.40
Player Rego	9,695.00
Membership Fee	650.00
Uniform Hire	280.00
Uniform Sales	1400.00
Merchandise	1855.00
Sponsorship/Grants	1000.00
Interest - ING	570.79

Total Income **\$27,645.36**

Expenses

	COGS -		
		Bar	6,366.48
		Canteen	2,921.64
		Merchandise	3,197.15
		Uniforms	3,346.80
DBA - Expenses			1,050.00
Umpires			2,170.00
Ground Expenses			439.56
Clubroom Expenses			356.75
Equipment (Baseballs)			375.00
Presentations			0.00
Utilities			2,125.07
Stationary / Post Box			280.75
Ground Rental			3,859.09
Security Expenses			315.91
Licences / ATO			173.15
Bank Charges			325.45
Coaching Expenses			2,200.00

Total Expenses **\$29,540.53**

NET **(\$1,895.14)**

Add Opening Bank Balance - NAB	8,060.83
Add Opening Balance - ING	17,298.00
Less Outstanding Deposits	0.00

BANK BALANCE **\$5,594.90**

Bank Balance - NAB	5,594.90
Bank Balance - ING	17,868.79
Float - Cash on Hand	500.00



PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Once again it is my pleasant duty to add my comments to this report as a conclusion to a interrupted and prematurely truncated season.

There is no doubting the significant effect of Covid 19 and the impact it had on the lives and livelihood of millions of people throughout the world. This devastating impact was also experienced within local community sporting organisations throughout Victoria and particularly in that area classified as metropolitan Melbourne. Like many of those community sporting organisations the Frankston Baseball Club experienced its share of the frustration generated by the pandemic.

Over the past two seasons the club was only able to participate in competitive sporting activities on eight occasions punctuated by lock downs, abandonment and early termination of seasonal activities. Frustrated by these occurrences which caused a great deal of uncertainty, many players started to lose interest which will no doubt result in a reduction of players and particularly junior players for the forthcoming season. Another downside created by the pandemic was the substantial loss of income that the club experienced over the past two years.

Nevertheless, the pandemic remains, and we must now accept the challenge and work together to overcome the contest it presents. We need to learn from the experience of the past two years and implement strategies to overcome the adversities of Covid 19.

A key to this will be making the most of our field lighting which was installed over the summer and should be operational by the time we resume activities in 2022. The lights did not materialise overnight but rather through the tireless efforts of a team led admirably by Rob Davis and supported by some dedicated committee members over a substantial period of time. On behalf of the club, I place on record our sincere thanks to Rob and the team. I must also acknowledge the contribution of the Federal Government and in particular the former member for Dunkley Chris Crewther in securing funding for this project. I would also like to recognise the assistance we received from the current member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy who advocated on our behalf and the councillors from the City of Frankston who came to the rescue when the project exceeded our Commonwealth funding grant.

Throughout the challenging year, 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 Rick Wheeler, Craig Kernick, Tim Hanson and Stuart Adam 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 Richards and his band of assistant coaches and support staff for their efforts in co-ordinating and managing our junior teams.

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 2022 season.

Mark O'Brien