

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 2022





HONOUR ROLL 2022

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 Rod McClelland Paul O'Brien Mark O'Brien Susan Nicolaou Peter Gloury Noel Winther Annette O'Brien Michele Winther Daryl Dicker Mark Anderton Chris Love Geoff Court 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
A4 - 2008
B1 - 2019
B2 - 2022
B Grade - 1957, 1958, 1975, 2000, 2001
C Grade - 1959, 2007
D Grade - 1990
Women - 2005
Under 18 - 2018, 2019
Under 17 - 1983
Under 16 - 1999
Under 15 - 1964, 1965, 1973, 1982, 1987, 2016
Under 14 - 2017, 2018
Under 13 - 1971, 1979, 1980
Under 12 - 1995, 2017
Under 11 - 2013
Club Champion - 1984



Dear Members,

It is my pleasant duty as Secretary of the Frankston Baseball Club Inc. to present the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2022 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 2022.

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I am pleased to report that season 2022 saw a number of changes and additions which combined to ensure the club continued to enhance its success both on and off the field. These included the training lights being fully implemented, the appointment of Mark Richards as our new club coach and just as exciting, the fielding of the women's team for the first time in a while. It was also pleasing to see new faces around the club and the return of some old faces all keen to put on the Frankston uniform. Along with the women's team, the club fielded 4 senior and 2 junior teams. One minor draw back for the season was our inability to recruit enough players to make up a rookie ball team. This is something the club hopes to rectify in the upcoming 2023 season.

The club's continuing success is testament to the hard work and dedication of our committee and supporters whether that be preparing diamonds, canteen duties, organising social events including junior and senior presentation nights or just simply supporting our senior and junior teams throughout the year.

At a social level, the highlights of the year included the 'Past Players Reunion Day' followed at night with our annual \$1,000 draw and to cap off the season, the senior and junior presentation nights. These events would not enjoy the success as they did without the efforts put in by certain individuals and to this our thanks and appreciation go out to Mark and Annette O'Brien, and to our newest member of the club, Wanda Halliday-Scott.

As secretary I would like to thank the committee for their unwavering dedication to the club and to other members who put in that little bit extra which makes my job that much easier. A special mention goes out to Shaun Nielson who this year took on the difficult but rewarding job of junior coordinator. I am confident in saying that the club is in a very strong position and with all this growing support, season 2023 promises to be and even bigger and better year.

Stacey Gloury
Secretary



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

Starting our season with the Covid19 pandemic somewhat behind us, new lights being installed and welcoming new members; the feel was great, we looked sharp and were ready to play some great baseball. We certainly did that achieving a 12/2/1 record, plus a finals berth finishing 2nd behind Dandenong.

Unfortunately, our finals campaign didn't go to plan ending quite quickly losing both games and any chance of playing for that A1 flag we were nicely building for.

Importantly however a strong and fun group of tomatoes formed taking the field each week with pride. We learned valuable lessons for next season, plus igniting a new fire in our bellies to aim even higher again!

18 Players suited up for 2022 A1's, clearly highlighting our depth. We boasted an excellent mix of young talent and older/wiser heads that always works well for a good future and handling many challenging situations.

As a team we had a .338 batting average, scoring 109 runs. Even more impressive however, our pitching staff gave up the least runs in DBA = 27. Our Team ERA was 1.58 which is extremely impressive!

Throughout the season we were lucky to gain sponsorship money for new pre-game shirts from Will Keys and Bowens. Our group watched and cheered on Matt Johnston as he played in State Championships & headed to USA with the Athletics in the series senior league championships! We had a club function combining as a nice send off for a long-term and much-loved tomato Adam Harris heading off on his college adventure. Matt Cameron headed off on a European adventure, Rydge Hogan headed in another direction touring multiple USA ballparks! Plenty of fun and lifechanging trips & adventures!

As our team song states, 'like the tomatoes of old, we're strong and we're bold', we certainly represented ourselves and our club living up to important club traditions!

On and off-field we were excellent in true tomato style!

Richo





A2

The 2022 A2's season was very successful with a great team feel and clique of youth and age mixing together well.

We finished the regular season with 11 wins, 2 losses and 3 Draws. In 2 hour timed games, turning some losses or draws into wins may mean finishing slightly higher than 3rd, but Dingley and Dandenong above us only had one more win each, so they too fell victim to this.

The top 4 teams were miles ahead of the rest of the competition. 5th was 3 games behind 4th so really towards the end it was just a matter of where the top 4 would finish.

Unfortunately like our A1's, our finals campaign finished too quickly going out in straight sets, however we learned a lot of how to push for a DBA flag in coming seasons with a strong squad.

A team hitting average of just under .400, a team very, very LOW ERA demonstrated that our A2 pitching staff were super impressive giving up the leagues least runs against at 36. The closest to this was 2nd place Dandenong with 45. That's very impressive in 16 games!

Other 2022 A2 highlights included;

- multiple BIG home runs hit by Steve Hughes, Ben Walker and Cam Hubbard.
- Lili Cavanagh returning from the UK and going on a hitting rampage!
- Scott Bailey and Steve Hughes shutting teams down on the bump.

Matt Cameron's first season as a tomato showed his talent and ability to get amongst it easily. Matt earned good opportunities in the A1's, was a key defensive thirdbaseman and caught a bunch of games too. Losing Matt to his European adventure just short of finals was pre-planned good fun no doubt, however the team/club missed him on and off the field while he was away!

Good fun season and we know the team will come back hungry again for the 2023 season to see how far they can go!





WOMEN'S TEAM

2022 saw the Tomatoettes re-take the field after a long hiatus. A fantastic group of women with a mix of experienced and newbies to the sport. The spirit of competitiveness, teamwork and good fun was alive with this team and each week was a wonderful example of camaraderie and good sportswomanship.

From donning Big Red for excellence on the field, to supporting team mates as they learnt new skills - these ladies did it all with a smile. The ladies had a fantastic season on and off the field and finished up making the finals. It was brilliant to see women back on the field, representing the Tomatoes and we look forward to the 2023 season to come!

Bron





B1

We started the 2022 season in an unusual position being able to field 9 players in Round 1. We went into the season with 2 rules, if you strike out it will cost you a 6 pack and the pitcher will not throw any longer than 1 hour per game. We lost Buzz early in the season and the bulk of the pitching was shared between Timmy and Pitta, with a very handy cameo late in the season from Junior.

As usual we fielded a team of mostly over 40s, some well over, before injecting a bit of youth mid-season by welcoming Hayden Finney into our team, the same path his brother took. We had a successful and mostly enjoyable season going through the home and away season undefeated, unfortunately falling short in the grand final to a Dandenong team that was completely different to the team we faced a couple of times throughout the season.

Congratulations to Timmy on winning the MVP in a closely run count from Pitta, Junior for winning the batting trophy in not so much a close race and Hayden Finney who won the coaches award, it was great to have a young bloke play with us and play some outstanding baseball. Congratulations to Rusty and his crew for winning the flag and to Richo for having the club up and about and all teams competitive.

Finally, to Arch, thanks for your help this season including providing me with a line up late most Friday nights, looking forward to doing it again in 2023.

Willow





B2

The 2022 Season for the B2 team was a very enjoyable one for obvious reasons and for some that may not have been as obvious. What we had this year was a great mix of veterans, new guys to the sport and juniors. We had a multitude of father/son combinations, with Potto, Stewie, Finns, potentially but not to be, Lukey and myself all being in that position.

The vibe around the team was quietly confident and very comfortable. A good platform for everyone to enjoy their day at the ballpark, improve at their own pace and potentially get promoted, as Hayden did. Our pitching staff wasn't the youngest but our defence was very solid and by the end of the season everyone had improved in the batter's box.

As the season went along, we kept racking up wins but didn't want to think too much as it had been more than a decade since we had visited the postseason. We finished on top and heard that both the Dingley teams thought that we weren't much. We beat one Dingley team in the semi comfortably and in what was appalling conditions on Grand Final day came back from an early deficit to defeat the other Dingley team, in what was a great team effort with some individual brilliance thrown in.



The best team of the season won the premiership. Also, an individual accolade for Stuart Adam who had a great season on the hill and in the batter's box, to take out the O'Brien Medal for the Division.

Russell





JUNIOR COORDINATOR REPORT

UNDER 13

With the age group changing from U12s to 13s we had a good number of players for the team, a mixture of experienced and new. We found we had good competition with 3 opposition sides and were fortunate enough to make it to the grand final. Playing against Chelsea which we were 2-1 through the season, we had a great game but unfortunately went down 7-2 in the last innings. Overall, our Under 13 team had a great season and it was a successful season for the league. Looking forward to winter 2023!



UNDER 15

2022 was a great year for our juniors, from developing their skill sets and knowledge for the game, but also having a team compete in the grand final was amazing to see. Not only was it great to see our juniors prevail but to also see them improve each and every week and it couldn't of been done without the amazing coaching staff who enjoyed training our juniors as well as making sure it was fun for everyone. The club is looking forward to what 2023 will bring providing opportunity to be able to coach and help improve new and returning kids in the new season coming.





PRESENTATIONS

SENIOR PRESENTATION

Each year we thank Mark and Annette for their efforts in organising presentation nights at the club but this year we had a break from tradition and saw the night being held at the Grand Hotel in Frankston. It was great to see some new faces organising the event which was well attended thanks to Wanda's promotional work.

Trophy recipients

A1

MVP - Mitch Bowen
Batting - Ben Laux (.588)
Best Finals Player - Ricky Wheeler
Coach's Award - Tyler Ellis

A2

MVP - Steve Hughes
Batting - Neil Johnson (.500)
Best Finals Player - Scott Baillie
Coach's Award - Matt Cameron

B1

MVP - Tim Hanson
Batting - Chris Davies
Coach's Award - Hayden Finney

B2

MVP - Stuart Adam
Batting - James Wright
Best Utility Player - Adam Clarke

Rocky O'Brien Award for Best Club Member - Stuart Adam

Michael Klinger Award for Club Champion - Mitchell Bowen

JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Although it was disappointing to only field 2 junior teams this year it was heartening to see the huge support shown by the parents at the weekly games. This was further evidenced by the fabulous turn out at the junior presentation. Thanks go to Shaun who facilitated the event and for the coaches who gave praise on the manner in which the players applied themselves in both dedication and team comradery.

Trophy recipients

Under 15

MVP - Lachie Wright
Batting - Archer Quelch
Most Improved - Joash Xavier

Under 13

MVP - Cliff Neilson
Best Team Person - Hope Ellis
Most Improved - Alex Millen

Brent Hura Perpetual Award for Best Junior Club Member - Tyler Ellis





ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION AND AWARDS

Congratulations to the following players who were selected to represent the Dandenong Baseball Association in this year's Winter Championships.

Seniors

Scott Baillie
Angelo Reale-Rontos
Rydge Hogan
Matt Cameron
Mitch Bowen
Ben Laux
Tyler Ellis
EO - Stacey Gloury
Scorer - Emma Medwin

Juniors

U14

Cliff Nielson
Joash Xavier
Kian Yates
Lachie Wright

U12

Cooper Bicknell
James Wright

Congratulations also to Stuart Adam on winning the Association's Most Valuable Player in the B2 competition.



CANTEEN & BAR

Another measure of the club's success is how well the canteen and bar are operated. These two core areas are significant contributors to the lifeblood of the club and once again we owe it all to the efforts of a select few. Annette O'Brien again stepped up to the plate to work tirelessly in the canteen.

Serving out breakfast to our juniors and parents and lunches to senior players and spectators every Saturday wasn't her only task; this tireless volunteer spends hours the night before shopping for and preparing a wide variety of food to cater for discerning tastes. Gone are the days of servicing only hot dogs, meat pies and pasties.

Annette has ensured that our canteen meets the stringent requirements of proper food handling and presentation which reflects highly on our club and she has been complimented by the relevant authority governing that area. Her efforts have not gone unnoticed and it was great to see Olivia Richards, Emma Medwin and Wanda Halliday-Scott all pitching in during the busy morning and afternoon times.

To supervise and manage the bar operations is another huge task. In this regard we were well served by Rob Bowen, Russell Clarke and Stuart Adam.



GROUND & CLUBROOM MAINTENANCE

The start of every season presents a challenge in terms of getting our grounds prepared for the commencement of competition matches. So, we are indebted to all those who came to the preseason working bee to prepare the main diamond and tidy up the general area of the ground. The ground gurus of Chris Love, Daryl Dicker and Tim Hanson provided the expertise to ensure the diamond looked an absolute treat for the opening game. Tim also needs to be congratulated for organising the council to finally shape the outer perimeter of the skin diamond which improved the drainage and prevented pooling at the edges.

It is also worth mentioning that at times it's good to have 'old guys' still associated with the club, long after their playing days are over. They may whinge a lot and tell boring stories of what it was like in the 'good old days' but they can be useful around the club especially preparing diamonds each week. Anyway, their efforts are most appreciated by players. No need to mention names, they know who they are.

Maintaining the clubrooms is another important function particularly in terms of keeping them clean. Not an easy task following a big weekend of activity or socialising after Thursday night training. Here we record our thanks to Annette O'Brien, Derbs (aka Sadie) and a very small band of helpers.

WEBSITE & PROMOTION

The success of a club can be measured by many things but one important aspect in achieving success is the ability to effectively communicate with its members and supporters. The Frankston club is no exception to this and for many years now Chris Love has been instrumental in ensuring that our web site, honour board and memorabilia is informative and up to date.

To compliment Chris' work the club is also fortunate to have other 'Content Managers' who provide weekly bulletins through 'Team App' and 'Facebook'. For this we appreciate the efforts of Tim Hanson, Emma Medwin, Bronwyn James and Wanda Halliday-Scott whose promotional work has been quite a bonus for the club.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Maybe it was the magnificent culinary delights served up by chefs Stacey and Jonesy or perhaps the new training lights that ensured that this year's Thursday night dinners were well attended. It was great to see players from all grades staying back after training to enjoy a lasagne or taco and some refreshment from the bar.



FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2022

Frankston Baseball Club Inc. Financial Statement			
Year End 31 October 2022			
Income		Expenses	
Bar	21,469.91	Bar	11,289.65
Canteen	13,705.35	Canteen	8,331.55
Player Rego	13,585.00	Uniforms	2,888.00
Membership Fee	925.00	DBA - Expenses	3,520.00
Uniform Hire	200.00	Umpires	4,095.00
Uniform Sales	1,980.00	Ground Expenses	632.99
Merchandise	1,265.00	Clubroom Expenses	1,453.73
Fundraising	7,430.00	Equipment	1,008.00
Sponsorship/Grants	1,500.00	Fundraising	2,986.27
Presentations	2,970.00	Presentations	2,775.38
		Trophies	1,011.03
		Utilities	563.97
		Stationary / Post Box	291.50
Total Income	\$65,030.26	Security Expenses	473.86
		Licences / ATO	918.20
		Player Development	500.00
		Miscellaneous	272.18
		Bank Charges	913.55
		Coaching Expenses	1,900.00
		Total Expenses	\$45,824.86
		NET	\$19,205.40
		Add Opening Bank Balance	\$23,471.09
		Add Outstanding Withdrawals	0.00
		Less Outstanding Deposits	0.00
		BANK BALANCE	\$42,676.49



PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Once again it is my pleasant duty to add my comments to this report as a conclusion to a very busy season.

In my addendum to the Annual Report last year, I wrote *"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.*

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, we must now accept the challenge and work together to overcome the contest it presents. We need to learn from this experience and implement strategies to overcome the adversities of Covid."

This year, I am delighted to place on record our success in overcoming those adversities during the 2022 season. Although we struggled to acquire sufficient junior players to field three teams, our senior teams attracted several new players ensuring that four teams took the field every week. The most significant achievement however was the reinstatement of a Women's team after an absence of fifteen years. Wow! Now five teams.

A key feature of our success was our field lighting which was installed over the summer and became operational early in the season. 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.

A measure of the club's success over the 2022 season was the fact that we had our most successful year financially for more than a decade.

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 Mark Richards, Adam Harris, Chris Wilson, Russell Clarke and Bronwyn James 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 Shaun Neilson and his band of coaches and support staff for their efforts in coordinating and managing our junior teams.

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 2023 season.

Mark O'Brien
President