

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 2023





HONOUR ROLL 2023

PRESIDENT	Mark O'Brien
VICE PRESIDENTS	Peter Gloury Tim Hanson
SECRETARY	Stacey Gloury
TREASURER	Stuart Adam
COMMITTEE	Daryl Dicker Matthew O'Brien James Wright 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, 2023
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, 2023
Under 14 - 2017, 2018
Under 13 - 1971, 1979, 1980, 2023
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 2023 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 2023.

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I promised that season 2023 would be bigger and better than the success we achieved over previous years and how thrilled I was to look back with a sense of pride at what we accomplished this year. For our juniors, it was exciting to see numbers increase and what a fabulous season it turned out to be. Fielding an under 13, and two under 15 teams set the stage for an exciting year of junior baseball for the club resulting in the under 13's and under 15 Red team playing in and winning their respective Grand finals. Congratulations to our dedicated group of volunteer coaches, scorers and parents who made this a memorable year.

Once again, we were strongly represented at the senior level with all grades participating in finals with A1 semi final and A2, B1, B2 and our women's teams making the Grand Final, an achievement that has not been seen at the club for some time. This result was not only a fine reflection on the commitment of our playing group but to our coaches and to this we commend Mark Richards (club coach) Dave Morris A2, Chris Wilson B1 Bronwyn James (women's) and a special shout out to Rusty for back-to-back flags in the B2.

The ongoing contributions made by our coaches, scorers, the playing group and supporters is valued, appreciated and essential to what we achieved throughout the year. Of course, our challenge for next year is to identify and fix any shortfalls and not to rest on our laurels but rather build on the success we had this year.

On the social side, a great night was had at the clubrooms when Richo and his band TAUNT got the joint jumping. Thanks all those who assisted in putting up the fabulous decorations.

In terms of fund raising, this year we broke with tradition and decided to replace our usual \$1,000 draw with an old and trusted fund raiser, the "Chocolate Drive". To this we owe our thanks to Emma Medwin who organised and distributed the Chocolates.

It has been my pleasure working with our committee and playing group throughout the year and I'm sure with their support we will continue to grow in season 2024 and beyond.

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

This season saw a strong list of players returning providing us with a powerful hitting and defensive outfit. With our A2 and junior squads growing and being blessed with multiple longer-serving experienced club members, this set us up well to tackle the season ahead in the A1's and all teams we entered.

Adam Harris returned from college mid-season providing great impact and also enabling us to help prepare young Travis Finney for his new adventure joining Adam at the same college later in August.

Twenty Players suited up for the 2023 A1's. this year. It is always a great sign when players from the A2's or lower grades get called up and compete well as it shows the true strength of our club. We are also extremely proud as this Included the first female to play in our A1's Lili Cavanagh. Lili had multiple at bats hitting .250, made an incredible forward diving catch in leftfield, however her biggest achievement was representing the Australian Emeralds in Taiwan. Amazing work Lili!

As a team we combined for a .316 hitting average with four players hitting well over .400. A very impressive achievement.

A huge highlight for our season was the addition of Ulrich Bojarski. A Current Perth Heat ABL player, A Team Australia World Baseball Classic outfielder, and former professional at the Detroit Tigers. Ulrich after getting his eye back exploded hitting .333 with some towering home runs not seen in the DBA for many years. He also spent some time on the bump letting loose his high 80's fastball & nasty hook at some quality hitters.

A great season with a lot to build on for season 2024.

Mark Richards





A2

The 2023 season was very successful, with the team making the Grand Final. Unfortunately, the final did not go our way, with a tight loss to Mornington.

We finished the regular season with 12 wins, 5 losses & 3 draws and finished second on the ladder. It was a tight season, with 5 competition teams moving places on the ladder from week to week.

The whole team contributed to the bat, with a team average of .350, especially good batting by Neal Johnson and Ben Walker.

Fielding was a main reason for making finals, with the whole team playing their part well. Special mention to Hayden Finney who did not make an error during the season.

Pitching was outstanding, with good contributions from Tyler Elliis and Scott Baillie - who had 10 wins for the season. Another important factor for our team making finals.

Other highlights included: Neal Johnson winning the O'Brien Medal, which is not regularly awarded to a centre fielder but was certainly indicative of his outstanding batting and fielding during the season, and the team ending the season with 8 wins in a row.

Special thanks go to Mark Richards for training and to the other volunteers, including Emma for scoring and the ground maintenance team.

It was a great pleasure coaching this team, which had an awesome team environment throughout the season.

David Morris



WOMEN'S TEAM

The Tomatoette's had a fantastic season for 2023, finishing 2nd and making it all the way to the big dance. The ladies did exceptionally well in a relatively small competition and despite the repetition of playing the same three teams every week, tackled each and every game with gusto and enthusiasm.

There was great improvement across the board for all players. We saw some newbies join the ranks, including Hope Ellis, who debuted on the mound. Liesel Bouker had a cracker of a season as our main pitcher and shone every week on the mound.

It was amazing to see the camaraderie and enthusiasm from such a tight-knit group of ladies and fantastic to see the growth in the sport. We hope to see the women's program at Frankston Tomatoes continue to grow and flourish and bring more ladies and girls to this great sport!



Bron





B1

With the season upon us, the usual bunch of old blokes got together to have a run around on a Saturday afternoon followed by a few refreshments and a lot of laughs afterwards. So, we waited to see which clubs were fielding A grade teams in B Grade this year. With Berwick the first of these teams we faced, we were competitive with until they dropped away towards the end of the season. It became clear that Bonbeach were going to be the team to beat as they fielded a strong lineup and the only time, we beat them was on a technicality. Needless to say, they certainly had our measure in the grand finale, very similar to the previous season against Dandenong.

As a whole, the season was enjoyable with numbers being solid, most weeks we fielded 10 and some weeks we had a bench. Most games were competitive throughout the season especially playing against other B Grade capable teams. As we have done in previous seasons, we have had the pleasure of having a junior play with us, Ryan Myers handled himself extremely well and hopefully learnt a few things from the varied advice he was given. In saying that our best recruit for the season was Jo Greasley putting her hand up to score for us. Apologies for not making presentation night but I cannot thank her enough for volunteering, fingers crossed she returns. Also thank you to Arch for helping me with lineups again, strangely enough the boys preferred messages from you.

Award winners for the season were Mark Jones as MVP. Jonesy not only was our lead off hitter he also put his hand up to pitch most weeks unlike the rest of the pitchers we had who always had excuses. Jonesy was outstanding every week ERA: 5.22 Batting average:.356

Runner up MVP was Tim Hanson who also pitched spasmodically throughout the season but seemed to spend more time talking to umpires to help him secure votes ERA:5.96. Batting Average:.396

The hitting award went to Junior who kept threatening to retire if he didn't hit a home run, luckily, he did on numerous occasions in the end hitting .464.

In all an enjoyable season with all of us having to buy 6 on many occasions and looking forward to doing it all again 2024

Thank you to all who make playing together a lot of fun week in week out

Chris Wilson





B2

As the defending Premiers from the previous season, we started off in fairly unconvincing fashion, losing to the better sides pretty consistently. We had a cast of 1000s that I wanted to give even playing time with 21 different players showing up throughout the season.

We had past players returning including Dave Sanders and Geoff Millikin only to find out that it is not as easy as the mind is young but not the body. We had a new batch of kids playing their first season in seniors and learning how to relax and enjoy playing against the adults in order to progress to play in higher grades next year.

The season was mostly about everyone getting out there and having fun but with one eye on the finals. We limped into fourth place with a couple of losses late in the season.

We came up against the top side in the semi, the mighty just about undefeated Bonbeach. With an awesome outing on the mound by Stewie backed up by a great team effort we beat them by 10 runs.

This put into the Granny against Chelsea, who had beaten us a couple of weeks earlier and had beaten Dingley the week before. They have a great young team, but up against a relentless Stewie on the mound and our batting scoring 7 runs in the first dig they didn't stand a chance. So, from relative obscurity we snuck up and snatched our second flag in 2 years to become the mighty Flagmatoes





UNDER 13

The winter of 2023 was a fun and successful season for the U13 Tomatoes. We had good numbers with a mix of experienced and new baseballers. They trained hard through the season with fantastic numbers for every session. Results followed the hard work and a loss in our last round of the regular season was our only stumble.

Our semi-final was a tense game with a 4-run comeback in the last inning securing us the win. There were fantastic contributions all the way down the order with our younger players doing a great job of getting on base to make the comeback possible.

The grand final was a much less stressful game and we won comfortably in the end. It was even better having the U15's win their grand final at the same venue only 20 minutes later.

Lots of thanks due for such a great season. Thanks to the boys: Oscar, Cooper, Aiden, Tommy, Adam, Zane, Sam, Marius, Luca, Jai, Nathaniel and Hudson for being a hard-working and fun group. Thanks to Richo for teaching them so much at training, the improvement through the season across the whole group was fantastic. Thanks to the ground staff for getting everything ready for home games as well as the umpires who gave up their Saturday mornings. Thanks to the parents for their help and support. Thanks to Tyler Ellis and Andy Incoll for their coaching contributions as well as Ian Panton for putting his hand up to score each week (coloured pencils and all).

Congratulations to the team on putting in the work and reaping the rewards. Congratulations also to our award winners MVP: Oscar Haysom, Rookie of the Year: Adam Panton, Utility of the Year: Tommy Skinner, Player of the Finals: Aiden Incoll and Grand Final MVP: Cooper Bicknell.

A great season from a great group at a great club. Go Tomatoes!!!

Cam Bicknell





UNDER 15 RED

Wow, what a season! With an impressive turn out for juniors we were able to field 2 sides for the U15s competition. With this came the juggling act of naming sides which proved at times to be a little trickier than we had first thought.

With a strong training program in place, we headed into the season strong with the experienced players guiding the rookies. This turned out to be a compelling and rewarding season for both sides, finishing 2nd & 3rd on the ladder & topping it off with the red team bringing home the premiership flag!

Being only my second year at the club as a junior coach and first as a player it was clear to see that the club is getting stronger with a few juniors playing with the senior group with a few more to step up in 2024.

I'm looking forward to being a part of the success in the upcoming season with lots of exciting things happening at the club!

Drew Boyle U15s Red coach





UNDER 15 Black

The 2023 season was very successful for this development side, with the team making the Semi-Final. Unfortunately, due to rain the semi-final was not played and Frankston Red went onto the Grand Final (and won).

We finished the regular season with 6 wins, 7 losses & 3 draws and finished third on the ladder. With the Black team, a focus was on training and development, especially for the more inexperienced players.

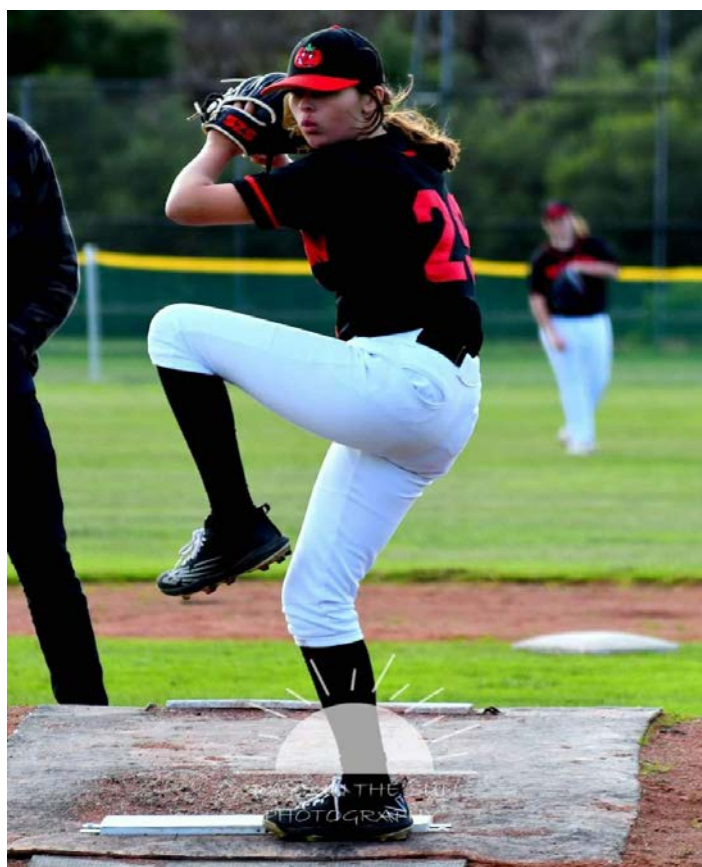
It was a fantastic team feel with everyone playing a part to the team's success. Special mentions go to Hope, who pitched and batted well, and Fletcher who was the catcher for the whole season. Lily & Riley were great first season players, who developed their skills quickly.

Other highlights included: Xavier hitting a grand slam against Berwick and a fun morning of sliding practice when a game was washed out.

Special thanks go to Shaun, Richo & Drew for assistance with training and team line ups each week and to the other volunteers, including the parents who scored the games and the ground maintenance team.

It was a great pleasure coaching this team and watching all team members develop and progress well throughout the season.

Dave Morris





PRESENTATIONS

SENIOR PRESENTATION

Following on from the favourable feedback we received on the venue of last year's presentation night, the club again ventured down to the Grand Hotel, Frankston to celebrate the year that was. The night could not have been the success it was but for the efforts put in by Stacey, Wanda and Emma.

Trophy recipients

A1

MVP – Rydge Hogan
Batting – Mitch Bowen
Utility - Angelo Reale-Rontos
Golden Glove – Matthew Johnson

A2

MVP – Neil Johnson
Batting – Ben Walker
Golden Glove – Hayden Finney
Pitching Award – Scott Baillie

B1

MVP – Mark Jones
Batting - Chris Davies
MVP Runner Up – Tim Hanson

B2

MVP - Stuart Adam
Batting – Stuart Adam
Coache's Award - Angus Pickering-Graus

WOMEN'S TEAM

MVP- Liesel Bouker
Seeding-Tess Wilson
Golden Tomato-Narelle Rentoul
Big Red- Liesel Bouke

Rocky O'Brien Award for Best Club Member – Mark Richards

Michael Klinger Award for Club Champion – Ricky Wheeler

JUNIOR PRESENTATION

It was welcoming to see the coaches and parents banding together to facilitate this year's junior presentation and as with previous years we had a huge turnout to celebrate our juniors' achievements. I thank all those who participated and congratulate all our trophy winners.

Trophy recipients

Under 15 (Red)

MVP - Ned Richards
Batting - Cliff Nielson
Most Improved - Flercher Leonard-Scott
Coaches Award- Alex Francis

Under15 (Black)

MVP-Hope Ellis
Batting-Xavier Martine
Most Improved-Riley McGenniken
Coaches Award-Lily Strachan

Under 13

MVP - Oscar Haysom
Rookie Award-Adam Panton
Utility-Tommy Skinner
Best Finals Player-Aiden Incoll

Brent Hura Perpetual Award for Best Junior Club Member - Adam Panton



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 Men

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

Congratulations also to Neil Johnston on winning the Association's Most Valuable Player in the A2 competition.

Seniors Women

Liesel Bouker (MVP)
Wanda Halliday-Scott
Michelle Kennedy
Cassidy McCubbin
Rachael McMahon
Narelle Rentoul
Hope Ellis
Bronwyn James (coach)
Stacey Gloury (EO)

Juniors

Under 16

Lachlan Wright
Joash Xavier

Under 14

Jackson Burton (MVP)
Jack Boyle
Oscar Haysom
Aiden Incoll
Ned Richards
Mark Richards(coach)

Under 12

Cooper Bicknell





CANTEEN & BAR

Our canteen and bar continue to be the significant contributors to the lifeblood of the club and once again we owe it all to the efforts of a select few. Year after year we praise the efforts put in by Annette O'Brien and it goes without saying that all players and spectators appreciate the amount of work required to successfully operate the canteen from morning for junior and parents to early evening for seniors and spectators.

Our thanks and appreciation also extend to Stacey Gloury, Emma Medwin, Olivia Richards and Wanda Halliday-Scott who consistently provide assistance during the busy period.

Keeping the bar well stocked has always been considered one of the most vital roles in the club and who better to take on the task than Rob Bowen. Great job Rob. Imagine the place without beer. Our bar tenders also hold a special place and once again we thank the efforts of Mark O'Brien, Stuart Adam and Russell Clarke.

GROUND & CLUBROOM MAINTENANCE

Once again, a group of dedicated volunteers came to the preseason working bee to prepare the main diamond and tidy up the general area of the ground in preparation for the commencement of competition matches. As for a lot of years now, the ground gurus of Daryl Dicker and Chris Love were again there to ensure the diamond looked an absolute treat for the opening game. The front skin diamond again needed some urgent repairs to the outer perimeter so Tim came to the rescue and organised a front-end loader to smooth out and shape the edges which again allowed for better drainage and prevented pooling. Another bonus in having the loader was we were finally able to reposition the cricket covers to comply with council's request.

With a defibrillator at the back of the buggy and oxygen tanks at the ready, those old guys were at it again preparing the diamonds each week for both junior and senior games. While one was hampered by a bung knee I am happy to report that it will be replaced with a bionic one early this year and he should be up and run.. err!.. at least up to carry on the good work this year.

WEBSITE & PROMOTION

The ability to effectively communicate with its members and supporters is a vital ingredient in any success of a club. 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, Wanda Halliday-Scott and Stacey Gloury whose promotional work has given the club a high profile both within and outside the baseball community.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Again, our thanks go out to Stacey Gloury in ensuring the continued success of Thursday night dinners and who knows, perhaps one day we might be given a 5-star rating. Certainly beats a late night stop over at McDonalds.



FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2022

Income

Bar	20,116.60
Canteen	17,651.10
Player Rego	14,257.45
Membership Fee	875.00
Uniform Hire	680.00
Uniform Sales	2,545.00
Merchandise	405.00
Fundraising	4,765.00
Sponsorship/Grants	0.00
Presentations	2,790.00
Micellaneous	0.00
Interest	0.83
Total Income	<u>\$64,085.98</u>

Expenses

COGS -		
	Bar	12,121.46
	Canteen	10,354.44
	Merchandise	0.00
	Uniforms	2,700.00
DBA - Expenses		4,455.00
Umpires		6,090.00
Ground Expenses		1,025.96
Clubroom Expenses		962.44
Equipment		3,240.00
Fundraising		3,818.92
Presentations		3,954.83
Trophies		1,323.00
Utilities		219.92
Stationary / Post Box		240.00
Ground Rental		4,278.18
Security Expenses		330.86
Licences / ATO		215.95
Player Development		1,250.00
Miscellaneous		211.02
Bank Charges		951.62
Coaching Expenses		1,000.00
Total Expenses		<u>\$58,743.60</u>
	NET	<u>\$5,342.38</u>
Add Opening Bank Balance		42,676.49
Add Outstanding Withdrawals		
Less Outstanding Deposits		480.00
BANK BALANCE		<u>\$47,538.87</u>



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 2023. We are grateful for the efforts of Stacey Gloury and Stuart Adam 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 Mark Richards, Davis Morris, 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, Cam Bicknell, Drew Boyle, David Morris and their band of support staff for their efforts in coordinating and managing our junior teams. This year realised a significant increase in junior players representing a fitting tribute to the efforts of our club coach Mark Richards, our junior coaches and the wonderful support of the players parents. No doubt these factors contributed significantly to the success of our junior teams and the enjoyment experienced by all involved. We must now continue to place great emphasis on our junior programs to ensure the strength of our club 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 operational success 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 2024 season.

MARK O'BRIEN
President