

FRANKSTON BASEBALL CLUB

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1945-2025



***ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT***

SEASON 2024



HONOUR ROLL 2024

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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, 2024
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 - 1964, 1965, 1999, 2024
Under 15 - 1973, 1982, 1987, 2016, 2023
Under 14 - 2017, 2018, 2024
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 2024 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 2024

PRESIDENT	Mark O'Brien
VICE PRESIDENTS	Peter Gloury Daryl Dicker
SECRETARY	Stacey Gloury
TREASURER	Stuart Adam

COMMITTEE	Will Keys
	Wanda Halliday-Scott
	James Wright
	Neal Cavanagh
	Rob Bowen
	Emma Medwin

It would not be an overstatement to say that this year was arguably our strongest in many years. Our junior programme saw a huge increase in numbers which allowed us to field two under 14 teams, two under 16 teams and an under 12 team. This set the stage for an exciting year of junior baseball resulting in all teams being well represented in finals. It was thrilling to see our two under 14's (Red and Black) playing off against each other in the Grand Final. No favourites here just a great game to watch but congratulations to our Frankston Red team in taking home the honours. The comradery shown by the two teams was a fine reflection on the players and their coaches. Success didn't end there with our under 16 Black team making the semi-finals and the under 16 Red team playing in and winning the Grand Final; a continuation of the success they had in last year's U/15 final.

Of course, we mustn't forget our under 12's who played in what could be described as a round robin type competition. While the Association saw fit not to hold a finals series, due to lack of team numbers, I can say with good authority that this was a highly talented team with a big future at the club. Our appreciation and thanks go out to our two coaches, Ryan Myers and Michael Johnston in managing and guiding this team and an extra special mention to Joanne Myers who took on the difficult but vital role of team scorer. Congratulations to all our dedicated group of volunteer coaches, scorers and parents who had made this another memorable year for our juniors.

Once again, we were strongly represented at the senior level as we continue to expand with a 6th team being entered into the D grade competition. Unfortunately, most of our grades didn't achieve the success we would hope for but this should not distract from the young talent we have around the club, some of whom played their first senior season in both the men's and the women's competition. With further talent coming from our junior ranks into the seniors, this can only augur well for the coming 2025 season and beyond. To manage and guide a young playing group is testament to the commitment and dedication of the coaching team. Mark Richards (A1), Dave Morris (A2), Russell Clarke (B2), Liesel Bouker (women's) and Drew Boyle (D grade). In regards to the winning circle, our B1 team was the success story, playing in and winning the Grand Final. Congratulations to the playing group and to their coach, Chris Wilson.

Overall, 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. To facilitate and manage our junior program is a difficult but rewarding task and who better to take on the role than Cameron Bicknell.

It has once again been my pleasure working with our committee and playing group throughout the year and I am sure with their continued support we will continue to grow in season 2025 and beyond.

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

For the second year in a row our A1's hit over .300 seeing 19 players to the plate. Our hitting was a little overshadowed unfortunately as we battled to keep teams quiet from the mound. Our defence was generally good although in too many games we gave up far too many runs off the bat. Scoring 51 runs, and giving up 96 we struggled to provide winning opportunities by not keeping the games closer. In saying that, we beat Dandenong on all three occasions, and the competition did come down to the very last round as to who will make finals. By us losing to the DBA flag winner Cheltenham and Dandenong also losing meant Pakenham make it in. Nobody saw that coming.

Losing Lili Cavanagh to injury early, Ryan Williams to College and Rydge Hogan to work commitments meant not having our full team on many occasions. This did however provide opportunities for a lot of new and younger players to gain valuable experience which will prove beneficial in years to come. Lucas Taylor was such a welcome addition, a great guy who did well playing multiple positions all over the field. He also put some of his quality time into our juniors too! Great work!!

A big highlight for me this season was those who stepped up to play in the A1's. They were on the bench with us most weeks and were valuable members to our team. This included Hunter, Lachlan, Ned, Harper and Jimmy all playing important roles and often coming into games. Something that hasn't happened for a few years!

AWARDS.

Mitch Barr stepped up for us this year taking on the catching role. He did a great job! He hit .306 for the season, was available for all but a few games and trainings and was always very committed to the team. A well-deserved Best Team Man Award.

Matthew Johnston was a leader in the infield and threw a few games as well. He also helped by putting in his time and efforts teaching young talented juniors at many training sessions. With an impressive .366 average hitting lead off, Matty deserved our UTILITY player award, congrats!!

Our club has seen quite a few AUS / Pro ball / ABL players over the years; however, we are truly lucky to have Ulrich Bojarski with us. I have never heard a ball come off anyone's bat quite like his! We gave Ulrich some new opportunities including pitching and playing infield. Hitting an amazing .514 for the season, Ulrich was our most valuable player.

Throughout the season I received many comments and messages from DBA member clubs including Chelsea, Cheltenham and Pakenham sharing positive regarding where our club is heading and the way we're doing it. Success in my view should not always be measured by where the A grade teams finish, more so the growth, the culture created and opportunities given!

A great culture is the only way for a club to grow.

It's a privilege to be Frankston Baseball Club's senior coach. The Club I've been at my whole life!

Richo.

A2

The 2024 season was a successful one for the Frankston Tomato A2's, with the team welcoming eight U16 players throughout the year.

We concluded the regular season with 5 wins, 7 losses, and 3 draws, narrowly missing out on the finals due to percentages.

The team achieved a batting average of .257. Special recognition goes to Lachlan Wright, who had an impressive average of .370, and Hunter Rouse, who hit four doubles during the season.

Our fielding was strong, with several players consistently excelling in their positions. Notable mentions include Harper Slattery at shortstop and Jimmy Walis in the outfield, who made 18 catches over the season.

Pitching was a standout area, with significant contributions from Scott Baillie, who secured 4 wins, Ned Richards with one, and also Tyler Ellis.

A highlight of the season was Scott Baillie winning the O'Brien Medal for his exceptional pitching and batting performances.

Special thanks to Mark Richards and Stuart Willemsen, as well as all the other volunteers, including Emma for scoring and the ground maintenance team.

It was a great pleasure to coach this team and witness the young players' contributions to our successes.

Dave Morris

WOMEN'S TEAM

I want to give a big thank you to Ryan and Tyler for their help running training and base coaching for us this season, as a new solo coach this made such a difference. I am so grateful for their commitment to the team. I would also like to give a big thank you to Stacey for scoring for us and to Jo for filling in whenever needed; I really appreciate all the help so thank you all.

The Tomatoettes stayed 3rd on the ladder for the majority of the season but that doesn't equate to how hard these girls played. We tied with the top team on the ladder and beat the team that knocked us off in the final's multiple times. The semifinal just didn't go our way but we are definitely more than capable.

We had a lot of new girls who were absolute naturals and didn't play like they were new to the game at all, with one of them taking the mound in her first season and striking girls out to others hitting doubles. The way they developed over 6 months makes me so excited to see what stars they'll be when they get more experience and another season under their belt.

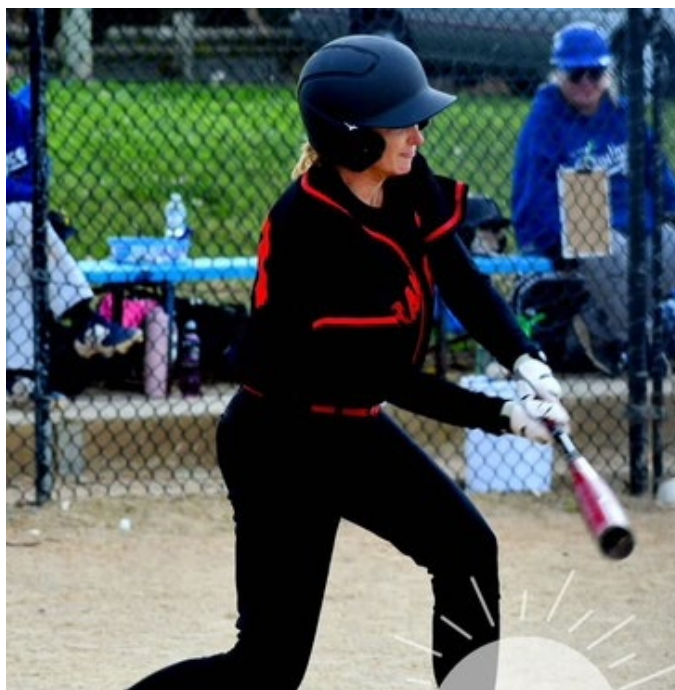
The Players Player Award - throughout the season the girls voted after the game each week on who they believed to have made a stand out play, whether it be a hit or catch etc. The winner of this award, with a total of 19 votes was Hope Ellis.

The Most Improved Award - went to Eliza Smale; she was new to baseball and has had an outstanding first season. By the end of the season she was the starting second baseman in the semi-finals , making every play that came her way and getting her fair share of outs, and hitting a double also.

The Batting Award - went to Olivia Richards. She is an incredible asset to the team both with her knowledge and leadership as well as her batting which play such a major part in the number of RBIs we've had over the season. A patient and disciplined batter, consistently batting in a clean-up position and always delivering, she is an absolute gun with a batting average of .458.

The Most Valuable Player - was awarded to Hope Ellis. She had an outstanding season both in the field and in the batter's box. Taking to whichever position I put her in, she always gave it her all and absolutely smashed it. She is an amazing player in skill and in attitude and she is a great role model for the younger girls coming through the women's program to look up to.

Liesel Bouker - Women's Coach



B1

We started the season, same as the last, being beaten comprehensively in the grand final, this time by Bonbeach. We welcomed some new additions into the team being Kyle and Cam Hubbard as well as Jason Maxwell who all fitted in nicely, especially Cam and Jase who fitted into our age bracket. Other than that it was the same usual suspects

Early in the season we faced Moorabbin who were full of young kids that played hard and competitive baseball, unlike what we bring to the game most weeks. In saying that we all rose and enjoyed the challenge of playing against Moorabbin with our games during the season being split evenly and very low scores by both teams. Bonbeach were also in Division 2 which was surprising seeing how they won the division last season. In saying that we seemed to have their measure throughout this season with a number of the previous season's players not there. In saying that we played them late in the season and a late hit by Kyle Hubbard knocked them out of the finals race. Finally, as usual the boys from Dingley made up the 4, once again we had their measure for this season also.

We played throughout the season winning most games which put us in the top 2 for the majority of the season before finishing on top and having the opportunity to host Moorabbin in the first final. Again, the young bucks from Moorabbin brought out our competitive juices and although the game was tight for the first half we were able to pull away in the second half with great team hitting and aggressive base running. With that win we were granted the week off, of which we all came to watch Mornington take on Moorabbin fully expecting Moorabbin to win of which we were all proven wrong by Mornington winning comfortably.

The grand final was set, finally two true B Grade sides playing off in the grand final. We started very well by scoring runs consistently while Timmy held their hitters at bay, and this was how the game was to stay with Tim pitching the whole game and our hitting staying strong to score regularly. After losing the last 3 grand finals it was finally our time to win and win, we did, and celebrate we did too.

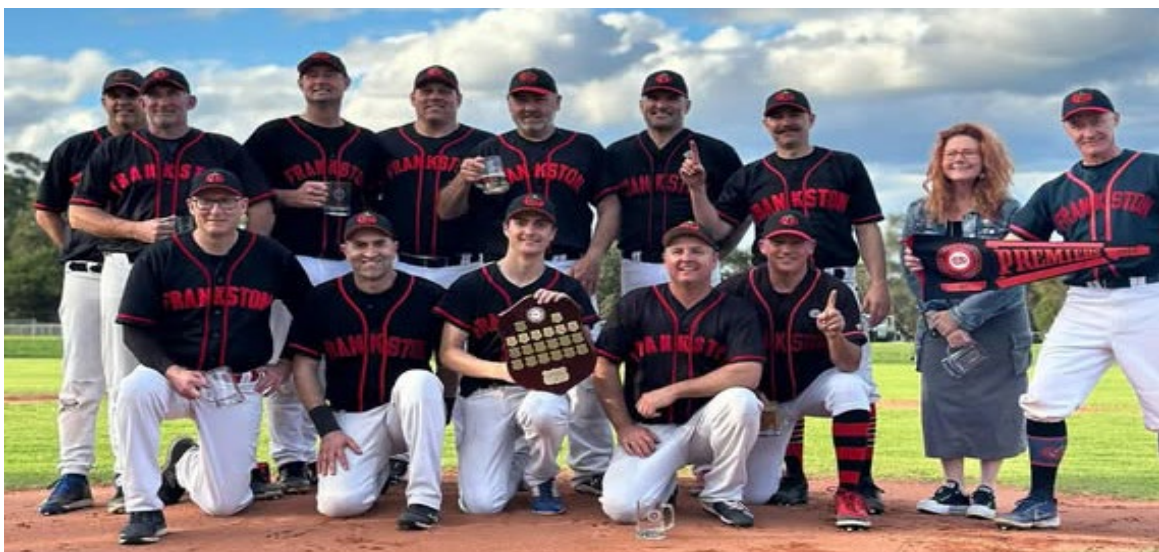
Award winners were, Ben Pittaway as the MVP, after many years it was decided that Pitta was not to pitch in any game no matter what the situation which certainly helped the team performance as well as his as he was outstanding in the field and with the bat.

Hitting award again went to Chris Davies who was consistent throughout the year and hit some very big home runs when needed. Player of the finals went to Tim Hanson, who threw in both the finals and also hit well so it was an easy choice to make.

Thank you again to Arch as my assistant. Although he wasn't available as much as he would have liked he always sent his lineup along with his suggestions. Thanks also to Jo Greasley who stepped in late in the season to score for us which we really appreciated. To Mark Richards and the club for allowing this team to play together, we all enjoy our Saturday afternoons together.

Finally, I would personally like to thank all that played with us throughout the year and as previously stated the club for allowing to do so week in week out. Roll on season 2025

Chris Wilson



B2

The B2 team has always been a mix of experience and fresh talent. From seasoned veterans to juniors taking their first steps into senior baseball, we strive to create an environment where young players feel comfortable, confident, and excited to compete against adults. Over the years, many of our juniors have progressed to higher grades and thrived, and I have no doubt that the talented group from this season—including Caleb, Cordell, and Jaydus—has the potential to follow in their footsteps in 2025.

On the field, this season was full of energy and competitive baseball. While we weren't as dominant as in the previous two years, the challenge of chasing a three-peat was always in the back of our minds. Throughout the season, 20 different players took the field for us, showing the depth and versatility of our squad. We finished third on the ladder and faced Mornington in a hard-fought elimination final. It was a nail-biter, and despite having chances to steal the win late in the game, we fell just short in a 5-4 loss.

A standout once again was Stuart Adam, who delivered another stellar season both on the mound and at the plate, earning himself the O'Brien Medal for the second time in 3 years.

Looking ahead to 2025, I hope to see familiar faces returning, along with some new ones ready to bring fresh energy to the team. With the right mix of experience and up-and-coming talent, we'll be aiming for another strong season—most importantly, playing the game we love and having fun doing it.

Russell Clarke

D Grade

With an increasing number of juniors eligible to play seniors and a few dads along with a couple of new players we threw together the D Team.

With the main priority of season was having some fun and hopefully get a couple of wins on the board, we hit the diamond each week giving it a good crack. We came up against some quality teams and unfortunately couldn't get a win on the board but came pretty close a few times just falling short by a couple of runs.

Overall, we had a successful season with everyone enjoying the games and looking forward to returning to the D squad for season 2025... especially the juniors all playing together...

I really enjoyed managing the Ds and look forward to do so again...with the joy of being able to play in the same team as my son and daughter!!!

Drew Boyle

JUNIOR TEAM REPORTS.

Preface by mark Richards

For a few seasons now our junior numbers have continued to go from strength to strength. We are lucky to have such wonderful families and players who are so involved across all junior levels. We boast the largest group of male and female juniors, from brand new players and state level.

Under U12's had a great list of players who appeared to have so much fun each week. Whether it was during each game, at trainings, it didn't matter really and it was all about having a great time! This team was well led by Ryan Myers and Michael Johnston who showed the importance of enjoying their baseball, AND what it means to be a tomato! Well done guys!

We had two U14 teams who amazingly played against each other in the grand final. We are blessed with so much talent at this level which will be huge for our club in the future. Many represented DBA teams, Charter teams (state and national comps), some filled in with our U16's with ease too! Well done to all coaches, especially bringing home a Premiership flag.

We also had two U16's teams. The DBA set a rule where we had to have 5 core player per team, this however allowed us to rotate some players between team offering them plenty of opportunities in key positions. Both teams had a very successful year. One winning the flag, the other just missing out on a grand final chance dropping their closely fought final. Nearly every player in this age group played in one of our senior teams across all levels. This offered them even more experiences challenging them to keep getting better. Well done also to all U16 coaches (lots of you), bringing home a Premiership flag too!

The numbers continually showing up to train each week, parents getting involved, new training equipment and upgraded facilities were all huge reasons why each player enjoyed themselves and wanted more. The results and growth from our program showed we were the most successful junior club in the Association.

A win at all costs is not what we're all about whatsoever. Our key focus is to encourage every player that they are a tomato and good team mate first, and need to remember to have fun along the way.

I know everyone is excited to return next year. We too are looking forward to seeing them all again for another great season.

Under 12

This year was a very successful year for the U/12s, not only because we finished top of the ladder but the fact that majority of players haven't played baseball before. It was unbelievable how much they improved over the season and how they showed their love for the sport and the club in such a short time period.

Ryan Myers



Under 14 Black

With having an impressive show of players, I had the privilege of being asked to coach the 2nd U14s team for the season, My focus was on developing the skills of new players and making sure they had fun and enjoyed baseball. We also picked up 2 players from Pakenham who slotted into the team perfectly... and the team named themselves "Frankenham".

A great training schedule and guidance from our club coach "Richo" along with lots of input from the other junior coaches all working together contributed to the further development the players skills.

With the help of players coming across from the 14s Red side to help fill positions when needed we had an amazing season finishing 2nd and making the finals. Coming up against Frankston Red in the semi, unfortunately we went down but had giving the undefeated team a real run, sending us to the preliminary final with a tone of confidence vs Berwick. Winning the preliminary we advanced to the Grand Final to make it an all-Frankston final. After an epic 4 innings battle, we unfortunately went down in the 5th but the team had their spirits high and a smile on their face knowing they had given it a red-hot crack!

I'm looking forward to season 2025 and will be willing to help out coaching again if needed.

Drew Boyle

Under 14 Red

The Under 14 Red team had an undefeated season culminating in a premiership which was testament to their efforts at training and games. They were a fun group who enjoyed their baseball.

A good indicator of how well they did was the 135 runs scored for us to only 20 runs against for the year. Two of the best games of were the Qualifying and Grand Finals, both against the Frankston-Pakenham Under 14 Black team. We were also proud to supply most of the players in the DBA representative side for the State Winter Championships in Bendigo.

Thanks to Andrew Incoll for coaching on game days and at training, Mark Richards for running training and putting in so much effort to improve the kids baseball, Ian Panton for scoring each week, the ground crew for having everything ready to go each weekend, the umpires for giving up their Saturday mornings, the parents and of course the kids themselves: Oscar Haysom, Aiden Incoll, Riley Fisher, Adam Panton, Tommy Christides, Tommy Willemsen, Xavier Woodcock, Cooper Bicknell, Lachlan Jeffrey and Tommy Skinner.

Go Tomatoes!



Under 16 Black

The 2024 season was a great success for this development team, resulting in a Semi Final appearance. Although the team played exceptionally well with only 8 players, they narrowly lost the semi final by just 1 run.

We finished the regular season with 4 wins, 7 losses, and 1 draw, securing fourth place on the ladder.

The Black team focused heavily on training and development, particularly for the less experienced players. The team spirit was fantastic, with everyone contributing to our success.

Special Mentions:

- Cordell: Excelled in both pitching and batting.
- Jack B and Lily: Effectively shared the catcher duties.
- Jack C: Showed remarkable improvement from last year, making catches and getting a few hits.
- Flynn: Made some excellent catches in the outfield
- Mel: Contributed with hits and scored several runs.

Acknowledgements:

A big thank you to Cam, Richo, and Drew for their help with training and team line-ups each week, and to all the other volunteers, including the parents who scored the games and the ground maintenance team.

It was a pleasure coaching this team and witnessing the continuous development and progress of all the players throughout the season.

Dave Morris



Under 16 Red

I'm sure most people in the Baseball fraternity would have heard of the Curse of the Bambino or the curse of the Billy Goat but for those not well versed in Major League Baseball history, each was derived from a long championship drought of the Boston Red Sox and the Chicago Cubs respectively.

Now I'm not saying that Frankston under 16 teams were cursed in any way nor do they compare with a long championship drought as was the case with Boston and Chicago but the record books show that an under 16 flag was quite elusive. In fact, we had not won a flag in that age group since 1999. Sure, we didn't always play in a u16 competition but it just seems that under 16 was not a very lucky age group for us. To further bring home the case, the records show losses in the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Grand Finals; the last of which I played in against Dingley.

So, I can say at least that the streak of Grand Final losses was finally broken this year thanks to the efforts and commitment of a very talented team of young baseballers. What's more satisfying for me personally was that we evened the score against Dingley the team who went on to beat us in the 2019 Final.

It been a pleasure for me to be part of a team that not only showed their skills on the ground but played the game in a very sportsman like manner. A 10-2-win loss ratio with 1 draw is testament to how well the team performed throughout the season.

An added bonus for the team was having Lili Cavanagh taking on the role of Assistant Coach. She was a tremendous help to me in guiding and managing the team on game days and her commitment was well appreciated by the playing group.

Of course, a team is incomplete without a scorer and this year the scorer's job was put in the very capable hands of Brad Yates to whom we extend a heartfelt thank you.



PRESENTATIONS

SENIOR PRESENTATION

For the third consecutive year the club ventured down to the Grand Hotel, Frankston to celebrate the year that was. The Grand now appears to be a popular venue with past and present players and invited guests and once again Stacey and Wanda put in the hard yards to ensure the success of the night. The President was again called upon to host the night and facilitate the trophy presentations.

Trophy recipients

A1

MVP - Ulrich Bojarski
Best Team Player - Mitch Barr
Utility-Matthew Johnston

A2

MVP- Scott Baillie
Team Player - Ned Richards
Most Improved - Kian Yates

B1

MVP - Ben Pittaway
Batting - Chris Davies
MVP Runner-up -Tim Hanson

B2

MVP- Stuart Adam
Batting-Stuart Adam
Coaches Award - Jack Conell

D Grade

MVP- Alex Francis
Most Improved - Scott Whitehead
Coach's Award - Jack Clapham

Womens

MVP- Hope Ellis
Batting - Olivia Richards
Most Improved - Eliza Smale
The Players Player - **Hope Ellis**

Rocky O'Brien Award for Best Club Member - Danna Burgess and Russell Clarke

Michael Klinger Award for Club Champion - Ulrich Bojarski

Rob Bowen Award (Improved Senior Player) Ryan Myers

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This year the club saw fit to honour two of its long-standing administrators/players by granting them with Life Membership. Congratulations to both Emma Medwin and Russell Clarke for the many years' service they have given to the club.

JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Another huge night to celebrate our juniors' achievements with the clubrooms packed with parents, players and well-wishers. It was a fitting ending to what was one of our most enjoyable and successful seasons. A big thank you to all those who prepared and facilitated the event and congratulations to our trophy winners.

Trophy recipients

Under 16 Red

MVP - Harper Slattery

Batting - Ned Richards

Utility- Hamish Willemsen

Under16 Black

MVP- Cordell Cattanach

Batting-Alex Francis

Most Improved-Lily Strachan

Under14 Red

MVP- Thomas Skinner

Coach's Award- Riley Fisher

Rookie- Thomas Christides

Under 14 (Black) Pakenham combined

MVP- Logan Chalmers

Coach's Award- Chloe Boyle

Rookie- Jye Moody

Saucy Tomato Award- Harvey Slater

Under 12

MVP - Levi Di Carlo

Most Improved- Saxon Aldis

Coach's award- Anton Field

Brent Hura Perpetual Award for Best Junior Club Member -

Ryan Myers

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION AND AWARDS

Congratulations to the following players who were selected to represent the Dandenong Baseball Association in this year's Winter Championships. As can be seen by the list of players below, Frankston was well represented especially in all junior age groups, a testament to the strength of our club.

Seniors

Scott Baillie
Tyler Ellis
Emma Medwin (scorer)

Women's

Liesel Bouker
Cassidy McCubbin
Narelle Rentoul,
Lily Strachan

Juniors

U16

Hope Ellis
Xavier Martine
Hunter Rouse
Joash Xavier
Kian Yates
Tyler Ellis (Coach)

U14

Cooper Bicknell (MVP)
Riley Fisher
Oscar Haysom
Aiden Incoll
Lachy Jeffree
Adam Panton
Tommy Skinner
Xavier Woodcock
Marshall Skinner (Coach)
Andrew Incoll (Asst Coach)
Cam Bicknell (EO)
Ian Panton (Scorer)

U12

Lucas Cester
Levi Di Carlo (MVP)
Marius Field
Sam Furness
Henry Johnston
Michael Johnston (Asst coach)

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, Emma, Olivia, Wanda and Jo who consistently provide assistance during the busy period.

This year the bar came under new management with Russell and Danna taking on the much-appreciated roles of stocking the bar, acting as bar tenders and making some rather delicious cocktails to compliment the usual drinks repertoire of beer, Bundy and Bourbon.

GROUND & CLUBROOM MAINTENANCE

The usual pre-season job of trimming and shaping the diamonds was made that much easier this year thanks to the work put into the ground by the council. While it was much appreciated, there was still the matter of improving the look and safety of the batting cage. The club decided to invest in better netting and with the donation from council of artificial turf, a group of dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly to turn it into a safe and effective batting cage. The club also thanks Daryl Dicker for sourcing the netting and organising the work crew.

Oh yeah! those old guys again. I suppose we should mention them. Like old creatures of habit, they again prepared the diamonds for both junior and senior games even overcoming a setback with one of them recovering from the usual old man's surgery, a knee replacement. Hopefully the hips and the backs will hold out for next year.

WEBSITE, MERCHANDISE & PROMOTION

The club continues to set a high benchmark in effective communication and promotion to players, members and the wider community which has become indicative to the success of the club in particular and the game of baseball in general. Again, we thank the efforts of Chris, Wanda and Stacey.

Our Merchandise also plays a vital role in giving the club a high profile. To order, audit and distribute our wide array of merchandise including playing caps and tops is no easy task and no one has done this better than Danna whose proactive approach and attention to detail gives an added degree of excellence to the role.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

While the club never received the 5 star rating we so richly deserve, the Thursday night dinners will always be given a high rating from some very grateful players and members.

This year we were fortunate to have an array of some amazing chefs headed by Stacey Nigella Lawson Gloury, with support from Emma Maggie Beer Medwin, Jo Hinds, the chefs' chef and as a special treat, the chef to the stars or maybe not, Stewie Adam.

Frankston Baseball Club

Financial Statement

Year End 31 October 2024

Income

Bar	16,039.10
Canteen	18,313.50
Player Rego	14,750.00
Membership Fee	825.00
Uniform Hire	600.00
Uniform Sales	2,996.00
Merchandise	0.00
Fundraising	5,436.40
Sponsorship/Grants	0.00
Presentations	3,030.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Interest	0.00
Total Income	<u>\$61,990.00</u>

Expenses

	COGS -		
	Bar	8,211.98	
	Canteen	11,013.48	
	Merchandise	0.00	
	Uniforms	119.50	
DBA - Expenses		4,550.00	
Umpires		5,040.00	
Ground Expenses		10,276.79	
Clubroom Expenses		1,216.29	
Equipment		7,615.37	
Fundraising		1,478.77	
Presentations		4,267.51	
Trophies		1,051.20	
Utilities		423.69	
Stationary / Post Box		348.12	
Ground Rental		4,237.22	
Security Expenses		451.86	
Licences / ATO		631.67	
Miscellaneous		0.00	
Bank Charges		782.67	
Player Development/Coaching		3,120.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$64,836.12</u>	
	NET	<u>-\$2,846.12</u>	
Add Opening Bank Balance		47,538.87	
Add Outstanding Withdrawals			
Less Outstanding Deposits		300.00	
BANK BALANCE		<u>\$44,392.75</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 2024. 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, Drew Boyle and Liesel Bouker 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 Cam Bicknell, Drew Boyle, David Morris, Tyler Ellis 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 2025 season.

MARK O'BRIEN
President