



ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION STATEMENT

“To Build a Community that Fosters Fairness and Fun and that is Accessible to a Diverse Range of People throughout Victoria”

STAFF

Scott Dawes	Executive Director
Grant Weir	Development Manager
Kim Littlejohn	Operations Manager
Robert Cioffi	Marketing & Communications Mgr
Rebecca Warnecke	Communications Manager
Andrew Fennell	Operations Coordinator/Administrator
Ryan Booth	Sports Development Officer
Nathan Holmes	Regional Development Mgr/Geelong
Matthew Sheldon-Collins	VIS Head Coach

2003/2004 Annual Report

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2004 National Women's Premiers - Victoria

President's Report

"Baseball Victoria is about the betterment of Baseball in Victoria and aims to unify all stakeholders to achieve its goals."

This year has been one of excitement for Victorian and Australian Baseball. Victoria made a clean sweep of the underage national championships, the women's team won another national championship and a large number of players achieved national representation at various international tournaments, including in the Silver Medal winning team at the Athens Olympic Games. Congratulations to all.

Last year we launched the Baseball Victoria Brand. Baseball Victoria is about the betterment of Baseball in Victoria and aims to unify all stakeholders to achieve its goals. Charged with the responsibility of governing and developing the Sport of Baseball in this State, Baseball Victoria remains open and transparent in all of its activities and provides a voice for country baseball through the VPBL.

Baseball Victoria drives the development of our sport throughout the State. In fact, a lot of the development funding and activities carried out by Baseball Victoria are in the country regions. This is evidenced by the ongoing recruitment of young, new ballplayers through the state-wide Playball program, with monetary support and access to introductory packs provided, and initiatives such as the introduction of a Regional Development Manager in the Geelong region.

During 2003 our goal to continue to increase the number of lit venues was given a boost with the new complex at Latrobe University (home of Preston in the

summer and Latrobe University in the winter) coming on line recently. We now have Melbourne Ballpark, Geelong Baseball Centre and Latrobe University fully lit for competition games and tournaments. We need more and I would love to see one or two in the Southern suburbs.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Baseball Victoria's key partners, particularly the State Government of Victoria, Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, Victorian Institute of Sport, Aces Sporting Club and Wilson Sporting Goods. The support of these organisations is crucial to the activities and initiatives of Baseball Victoria.

To the staff of Baseball Victoria, well done on a great effort in a tough commercial environment. The challenges that have been put to all of you have been onerous and I must admit you are responding very well, as we would expect of a professional group. Thank you to you all as well as our volunteers and workplace students.

In closing I wish to congratulate all premiership teams and annual award winners and thank all who have contributed to the success of Baseball in Victoria and may we all look forward to a great 2004/2005.

Peter Dihm
September 2004

Executive Director's Report

"Baseball Victoria has maintained its solid financial position, thus providing the sport with an excellent foundation for now and the long term"

Baseball Victoria experienced a year of progress and consolidation in 2003/04. Government and non-government funding from our key partners increased considerably during the past twelve months and Baseball Victoria has maintained its solid financial position, thus providing the sport with an excellent foundation for now and the long term.

The resultant benefits to Baseball can be seen in the expansion of Baseball Victoria across the state through a variety of programs. For example, the state-wide Playball program which has brought close to 2500 new registrations to Baseball in metropolitan and regional areas. Furthermore, 2004 saw the introduction of the club development program known as the Home Run Club. With the first level of the Home Run Club being rolled out to clubs over recent months, additional levels of the program will be developed with club and stakeholder feedback and there is also the possibility of the program being adopted nationally by the ABF.

Baseball Victoria continues to develop and foster key partnerships with government agencies and corporate bodies whose support for the task of promoting and developing Baseball state-wide is vital. Thank you to each of these organisations. Additionally, Baseball Victoria recognizes the importance of working in partnership with all clubs, the VPBL and its affiliated bodies for the ultimate benefit of Baseball

in the state. Thank you also to everyone involved with these clubs and associations for your time and commitment, almost all of whom are volunteers.

During the past twelve months an excellent management team was assembled to service Baseball. Although we have recently lost two of these people, Baseball remains in good hands and we now have an opportunity to rebuild and refocus for the future. One of these people was Grant Weir who provided 20 years of service to the sport and is highly respected within Baseball circles, state and nationally. We thank Grant for his efforts and wish him well in his future endeavours.

It is presently an exciting time for Baseball as we celebrate the tremendous success of our national team in winning a silver medal at the Athens Olympic Games. This result provides Baseball with opportunities moving forward and we are working with other states and the ABF in order to capitalise on these opportunities.

In looking ahead, Baseball Victoria will keep working to support its members, increase its membership and promote professionalism throughout all levels of the sport to ensure its ongoing viability.

*Scott Dawes
September 2004*

Marketing & Communications Report

“BV will continue to drive the initiatives that make baseball a benchmark in the delivery of sound, innovative programs”

Baseball Victoria finishes a very successful year in terms of media profile, culminating with the Australian National team's Olympic silver-medal winning performance in Athens.

Throughout the past year, BV had been concentrating their efforts to build a stronger public profile in line with our Strategic Plan and we have been extremely successful in getting several feature stories in the major print media outlets, THE AGE, Herald Sun & Geelong Advertiser, as well as maintaining consistent coverage in the local media community publications such as Leader & Fairfax Community Newspapers. Victoria also saw the introduction of a new AM 24-7 sports news station, SEN, which BV has built a strong relationship with. Additionally, BV has secured targeted radio exposure on outlets like 3AW & ABC radio as well as regular feeding to Victoria's various community radio outlets. BV has also benefited by various appearances of our national players on the major television networks Seven, Nine & Ten during the Claxton Shield and Olympic campaign build-ups.

One year on and the updated official website, www.baseballvictoria.com.au, continues to be the one-stop source of information about baseball in Victoria and there is no doubt the service provided will reflect the needs and expectations of the baseball community. With consistent feedback, this service will continue to evolve and deliver the high-quality service that has come to be expected from BV.

BV also was successful in building new partnership arrangements with Monash University, Rider Sportswear, Budget Rental Cars, Chris Knight & Associates (for the distribution of the Emergency Relief First Aid System), Hyperactive Merchandise, Rising Star Travel and Captured Online Photography and continues to seek new opportunities to strengthen our commercial base. While

there are continuing challenges in this competitive sponsorship market, BV will continue to seek opportunity in search of partners that match the objectives and ideals of our participant and supporter base. BV also further strengthened our partnership arrangements with key partners VicHealth, Wilson Sporting Goods, the VIS and SRV with the goal to continue to drive the initiatives that make baseball a benchmark in the delivery of sound, innovative programs with the resources provided.

In another first, BV has adopted the first ever Marketing Plan for the coming three years with the expectation to focus on new streams of opportunity to expand the participant and economic base while entering new segments of the sporting market. The plan will require the resources of the core BV team working in unison to deliver the initiatives to target prospective participants outside the traditional baseball community.

Australian Baseball, with the goal to unify the national baseball community, delivered the new IT initiative MyClub/MySite. This service has given more autonomy to our most important customers, the clubs, by providing each club with access to database and web functions to manage their player/supporter base. This will provide our stakeholders with a true picture of the sport's participant base as well as open up new opportunities with prospective partners.

In closing, moving forward to the 2004/2005 financial year should see BV overcome new challenges and forge greater success while remaining dedicated to the baseball community, with the expectation of being the best sporting organization in Victoria.

*Robert Cioffi
September 2004*

Pennant Committee Report

MEMBERS: P. Collins (Chairman), S. Dawes (Secretary), L. Flower, M. Gourlay, N. Pinnell, B. Smith, K. Welfare, K. Littlejohn.

At the start of the season, team numbers were down from the previous year's high by five (5) Men's and two (2) Women's. Unfortunately, two (2) teams withdrew from both competitions during the season to give a poor result overall. Clubs will have to work harder to arrest this decline in numbers before it has a major effect on them.

Umpire numbers continue to decline, a problem, which affects the entire Baseball community, as well as most other sports. Initiatives soon to be put in place will, hopefully, positively address this situation before crisis point is reached.

Player attitude towards umpires still needs to be modified as it has a big effect on the number of umpires retained in the sport. Clubs have the responsibility to ensure that their players and members respect the umpire and the role they have in our sport.

This season saw the unfortunate demise of former Division 1 perennial premiers, Coburg, which should be a wake up call to all Clubs. We also had some Clubs not fulfilling their compulsory team requirements, the penalty for which will affect the Club in future years.

Perhaps the most significant event for the season was the Review of the competition

structure carried out by a committee representing all facets of our sport. Whilst this committee accepts the final decision of the Review Committee, we are disappointed that the Double Elimination Finals System has been abandoned and worry that removal of the "Redraw" will condemn some Clubs to a meaningless season if they have a poor start. However, the Committee applauds the attitude that non-compliance with team requirements will not be tolerated.

The decision by Ken Welfare to retire from the Committee ended his continuous service since 1969, the longest in Association history. Ken, a Life Member of the Association, was a great contributor to the Committee and his incisive questions and great knowledge of all facets of the game will be missed. I always valued Ken's wise counsel, thank him for his service and wish him well in his retirement.

The office staff continues to support the Committee with the provision of a great deal of information and assistance with problem solving and we are grateful for their dedication.

*Paul F. Collins
Chairman
September 2004*

BUAV Presidents Report

It is with much pleasure that I present this report, my third as President.

Firstly I must thank the Committee for their hard work during the year. It has not been an easy year with the decline in numbers along with several incidents that adversely reflected on the association and its members. Although the association formally responded to these incidents, the outcomes have generally been disappointing with a perceived lack of communication and support from the higher echelons of management. In the coming year, the Committee will continue to work hard and protect the interests of its members for the betterment of Baseball.

Congratulations to all those BUAV members selected to represent the State for the various tournaments held throughout the year. Mark Gooding on his selection for the Claxton Shield held in Sydney, David Milton, Greg Howard and Andrew Gluth for the Australian Provincial Championships in Mount Gambier, and to all those who represented Victoria at the under-age National Championships. Also, to all umpires who were selected to officiate in the VBA finals series congratulations on a job well done.

After more than 42 years as an Umpire and administrator, Barry Smith has decided that it is time for him to step aside and allow younger members to play a more active part on the Committee. During his time in Baseball, Barry served as the National Director of Umpiring for 4 years, VBA Director of Umpiring for 30 years, VBA Pennant Committee member for 34 years, BUAV member for 42 years, and BUAV Committee member for 33 years of which 25 as Vice President.

In his spare time Barry umpired nearly 1400 games of Baseball at VBA, National and International level.

To Barry, the commitment and devotion that you have shown to Baseball has been exceptional and this association owes you

a great debt of gratitude. Your experience, knowledge and enthusiasm will be sadly missed. The Committee and members wish you well for the future.

On another sad note, early in the season Jim Slattery passed away. Jim was a long standing member of the BUAV who quietly went about his work. To Avis and family, our deepest sympathies.

Again, I must sincerely thank Malcolm Chiverton and the Melbourne Baseball Club for the use of the magnificent facilities for our meeting and training venue.

To all BUAV members, my thanks for your efforts and support during the year. Our numbers have reached an all time low and we all must work together to encourage people to take up Umpiring.

I wish all members every success for the coming season.

Yours in Baseball,

*Ian McKenzie
August 2004*

Victorian Baseball Association Inc.

Life Members

J.E.M. Ellis Snr*	1942	David Went	1985
R.E. Darling*	1949	Lyn Straw*	1986
George Heron*	1958	Colin McKay	1986
R.J. Black	1963	Ken Welfare	1986
Angus McPherson*	1966	Graeme Ainscough	1988
R.W. Chapman	1970	Barry Smith	1988
Ross Straw*	1970	Ron Smith	1991
John B. Anderson	1973	Paul Collins	1991
Talbot R. Hill	1973	Les Polson	1992
Doug Chapman	1980	Les Flower	2002
Col C. Miller	1981	Beryl Bunting	2004
Jack Guiliano	1982	Rod Gaunt	2004
Bill Blanden*	1983	* deceased	

Board of Directors

Peter Dihm	President
Scott Dawes	Executive Director
Paul Collins	Pennant Committee Chairman
Robert Sadler	Junior League Chairman
Peter Williams	Marketing/Activities Chairman
Don Cornish	Club Representative
Bruce Dicker	Club Representative
John O'Halloran	Club Representative
Nick O'Connell	Club Representative
Michael O'Brien	VPBL President
David Rice	VPBL Administrator

2003/2004 Competition Review

2003/04 BV SUMMER PREMIERS

(Seniors/Juniors/Women's/Masters)

SENIORS

Division 1: **Blackburn**
Div 1-Reserves: **Waverley**
Div 1-3rds: **Waverley**
Div 1-4ths: **Upwey FTG**
Division 2: **Sunshine**
Div 2-Reserves: **Sunshine**
Div 2-3rds: **Bonbeach**
Div 2-4ths: **Waverley**
Division 3: **Doncaster**
Div 3-Reserves: **Doncaster**
Div 3-3rds: **Doncaster**
Division 4: **Berwick City**
Division 5: **Upwey FTG**

JUNIORS

U-12 State: **Doncaster**
U-12 Metro East: **Melbourne**
U-12 Metro West: **Williamstown**
U-14 State: **Waverley**
U-14 Blue: **Sandringham**
U-14 White: **Blackburn**
U-16 State: **Geelong**
U-16 Blue: **Blackburn**
U-16 White: **Essendon**
U-18 State: **Waverley**
U-18 Metro: **Sunshine**

WOMENS

Division 1: **Port Melbourne**
Div 1- Reserves: **Doncaster**
Division 2: **Moorabbin**
Division 3: **Bundoora A**

MASTERS

Division 1: **Blackburn**
Division 2: **Doncaster**

2004 BV WOMEN'S WINTER PREMIERS

Melbourne University

2003/04 BV CLUB CHAMPIONS

Division 1: **Blackburn**
Division 2: **Sunshine**
Division 3: **Doncaster**

2003/04 BV QUALIFYING PREMIERS

Division 1: **Blackburn**
Div 1-Reserves: **Essendon**
Div 1-3rds: **Blackburn**
Div 1-4ths: **Upwey FTG**
Division 2: **Bonbeach**
Div 2-Reserves: **Bonbeach**
Div 2-3rds: **Fitzroy**
Division 4: **Footscray**
Division 5: **Melton**

SOUTH EAST CENTRE

U-12: **Bonbeach 3**
U-14: **Bonbeach Blues**

WEST CENTRE

U-12: **Werribee Blue Jays**
U-14: **Williamstown**

HITTING - Top 10 Hitters in Each Division

Division One

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Sam Mather	Waverley	26	.448
2	Andrew McKenzie	Malvern	35	.422
3	Derek Shumpert	Blackburn	28	.418
4	Hayden Chinn	Upwey FTG	41	.398
5	Matthew Sheldon-Collins	Upwey FTG	28	.394
6	Hayden Dingle	Waverley	33	.379
7	Michael Dunn	Melbourne	19	.358
8	Cameron Hubbard	Blackburn	29	.349
9	Daniel Passlow	Blackburn	25	.347
10	Simon Murry	Geelong	27	.346

Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Matthew Gourlay	Cheltenham	14	.412
2	Robert Hogan	Springvale	20	.392
3	Paul Wignall	Sandringham	14	.378
4	Paul Rutgers	Mulgrave	17	.378
5	Hamish Burrows	Sunshine	17	.378
6	Daniel Williams	Cheltenham	16	.356
7	Marc McKennar	Sunshine	16	.356
8	Peter Stokes	Fitzroy	18	.340
9	Scott Wearne	Springvale	19	.339
10	Matthew Blackmore	Sandringham	18	.333

Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Greg Ditton	Port Melbourne	14	.538
2	Scott Couling	Doncaster	12	.500
3	Ian Jamieson	Williamstown	21	.477
4	Matthew Lawman	Williamstown	20	.476
5	Chris Nicholas	Doncaster	17	.472
6	Tom Mark	Williamstown	12	.462
7	Brett Hidson	Port Melbourne	16	.457
8	Glen Hardy	Williamstown	21	.457
9	Aaron Lawman	Williamstown	12	.444
10	Scott Carr	Doncaster	18	.375

Women's Division 1 Hitting

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Jade Hough	Doncaster	30	.545
2	Marion Grant	Malvern	19	.528
3	Sam Hamilton	Doncaster	24	.511
4	Shae Lillywhite	Springvale	28	.500
5	Laura Myles	Malvern	21	.457
6	Simone Wearne	Springvale	23	.451
7	Kym Wallis	Malvern	22	.431
8	Maryanne Palatsides	Port Melbourne	15	.405
9	Melissa Whitaker	Malvern	21	.404
9	Julie O'Neill	Springvale	18	.383

PITCHING - Top 10 Pitchers in Each Division

Division One

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Casey Jones	Essendon	53.1	1.18
2	David McWatters	Waverley	54.2	2.14
3	David White	Blackburn	155	2.14
4	Adam Bright	Essendon	76.2	2.23
5	John Edwards	Essendon	44.2	2.41
6	David Asp	Newport	100	2.43
7	Andrew Fennell	Waverley	40.1	2.45
8	Matthew Trevean	Upwey FTG	97.2	2.58
9	Ross McLean	Malvern	129.2	2.70
10	Bryce Gammon	Melbourne	53.2	2.85

Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Adam Blackley	Cheltenham	21	0.42
2	Glen Richards	Springvale	50.1	1.07
3	Robert Hogan	Springvale	39	1.61
4	Matthew Blackmore	Sandringham	33.1	1.62
5	Russell Anderton	Moorabbin	23	1.95
6	Rikki Johnston	Bonbeach	47	2.10
7	Daniel Williams	Cheltenham	42	2.14
8	Greg Wiltshire	Sunshine	46	2.34
9	Chris Larkin	Sunshine	18.2	2.41
9	Ben Donald	Bonbeach	24.2	2.55

Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Phil Balzer	Werribee	20	0.45
2	David Simpson	Port Melbourne	27	1.33
3	Michael Dobelli	Doncaster	24	1.87
4	Lachlan Craven	Doncaster	68	2.38
5	Chris Macey	Port Melbourne	17.2	2.54
6	Yosuke Yoshikawa	St. Kilda	50.2	2.84
7	Craig Knight	Werribee	33	3.00
8	Justin Charles	Port Melbourne	40.2	3.54
9	Neil Baker	Williamstown	38	4.02
10	Evan Chapple	Williamstown	48	4.12

Women's Division 1 Pitching

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Simone Wearne	Springvale	37.2	2.38
2	Emma Binks	Malvern	49	2.57
3	Catherine Row	Springvale	38.2	3.72
4	Ella Holien	Springvale	26.2	4.38
5	Sue Danaher	Port Melbourne	22.1	4.43
6	Jade Hough	Doncaster	28	4.82
7	Alisa Tamburrino	Doncaster	59	5.03
8	Sinead Flanigan	Malvern	21.2	5.40
9	Vanessa Lee	Port Melbourne	23.2	7.22
9	Erin Campbell	Malvern	25.1	7.46

HOMERUN - Top 5 HR Leaders in Each Division

Division One

	NAME	CLUB	HR
1	John Edwards	Essendon	7
2	Cameron Hubbard	Blackburn	4
3	Daniel Passlow	Blackburn	4
4	Hayden Dingle	Waverley	4
5	2 Players Tied on		3

Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	HR
1	Ben Donald	Bonbeach	2
2	15 Players Tied on		1

Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	HR
1	Steve Balkin	Doncaster	3
2	Craig Knight	Werribee	2
3	8 Players Tied on		1

BV Annual Award Winners

George Heron Memorial Award – Division 1 MVP

David White – Blackburn

R.R. Hidson Memorial Award – Division 2 MVP

Simon Campbell – Mulgrave

Division 3 MVP Award

Lachlan Craven – Doncaster

Women's Division 1 MVP Award

Emma Binks – Port Melbourne & Jade Hough - Doncaster

Harry Douglas Memorial Trophy

Casey Jones - Essendon

Harry Wonnacott Medal – Division 1 Grand Final MVP

David White - Blackburn

Ernie Jones Scholarship Award

Provides a Scholarship to an U-14 Player to Assist in Advancing their Baseball Career

Scot Malthouse – Newport

Sport Education Victoria Coach of the Year

Gary McQuiggan - Blackburn

Sport Education Victoria Umpire of the Year

Greg Howard

Administrator of the Year

Phillip Box – Werribee

Journalist of the Year Award

Marty Shevelove – Leader Community News, Southern Region

2003/2004 STATE TEAMS

U18 – Finish 1st

NAME	CLUB
Mitch Ayres	Upwey FTG
Timothy Dellwo	Blackburn
Tom Dicker	Blackburn
Kyle Edlich	Geelong
Daniel Gribbin	
Donavon Hendricks	Waverley
Ross HIpke	Essendon
Stephen Hood	
John Hussey	Blackburn
Grant Irving	
Bradley Jones	
Adam Kim	
Matthew Lawman	
Josh Lee	
Nolan Maher	
Scott Moore	Sunshine
Matthew Ryan	Geelong
Nicolaas Unland	
Matthew Sheldon-Collins	Head Coach
Cameron Forbes	Coach
David May	Coach
Roland Stott	EO

U16 – Finish 1st

NAME	CLUB
James Beresford	Waverley
Elliot Biddle	Geelong
Brodie Cooper	Blackburn
Thomas Ellis	Cheltenham
Ryan Fisher	Waverley
Ben Ford	Cheltenham
Jack Freeth	Fitzroy
Ben Gaylard	Springvale
Andrew Gribbin	Cheltenham
Nicholas Hinricksen	Geelong
Stuart Jeffrey	Newport
Justin Johnston	Doncaster
Ben Kerr	Springvale
Dean Malthouse	Newport
Kirby McConnon	Waverley
Josh Mulherin	Cheltenham
Dale Ricketts	Geelong
Joshua Spence	Geelong
Gary Bittmead	Head Coach
Peter Bates	Coach
Troy Hellingman	Coach
Samantha Hamilton	Coach
Martin Gleeson	EO

U14 – Finish 1st

NAME	CLUB
John Blaskett	Cheltenham
Joshua Collis	Waverley
Liam Dineen	Werribee
Matthew Gerraty	Waverley
Scott Groner	Upwey FTG
Cameron Harper	Geelong
Jamie Lethborg	Fitzroy
Scot Malthouse	Newport
Andrew Mann	Melbourne
Taylor McEvoy	Waverley
Shane Middleton	Cheltenham
Rhett Mitchelhill	Melbourne
Reid Staples	Fitzroy
Andrew Van Iersel	Waverley
Andrew White	Upwey FTG
Daniel Zucchet	Waverley
Russell Stewart	Head Coach
Darren Malthouse	Coach
Danile Williams	Coach
Greg Hondromatidis	EO

Claxton Shield – 6th

NAME	CLUB
Simon Beresford	Waverley
Adam Blackley	Cheltenham
Adam Bright	Upwey FTG
Hayden Chinn	Moorabbin
Josh Davies	Essendon
Andrew Dewar	Moorabbin
Bradley Harman	Upwey FTG
Jarrood Hodges	Waverley
Rikki Johnston	Bonbeach
Grant Karlson	Waverley
Glynn Kimberley	Upwey FTG
Dean Marnell	Essendon
Tristan McDonald	Essendon
David McWatters	Waverley
Paul Rutgers	Mulgrave
Derek Shumpert	Blackburn
Russell Spear	Sunshine
Brett Tamburrino	Essendon
Benjamin Utting	Upwey FTG
Paul Weichard	Upwey FTG
Brendan Wilson	Bonbeach
Greg Wiltshire	Sunshine
Phil Allen	Head Coach
Scott Dawes	Coach
Grant Weir	Coach
James Waddell	Coach
Frank Tamburrino	EO

Women's – Finish 1st

NAME	CLUB
Emma Binks	Port Melbourne
Nicole Cain	Port Melbourne
Ailsa Davidson	Doncaster
Samantha Hamilton	Doncaster
Ella Holien	Springvale
Jade Hough	Doncaster
Leanne Hutton	Malvern
Deanne Lee	Port Melbourne
She Lillywhite	Springvale
Amy McCann	Doncaster
Maryanne Palatsides	Port Melbourne
Sue-Anne Parker	Springvale
Catherine Row	Springvale
Alisa Tamburrino	Doncaster
Alana Walker	Doncaster
Simone Wearne	Springvale
Melissa Whitaker	Malvern
Claire Whitam	Melbourne
Dominick Ruggiero	Head Coach
Michael Wearne	Coach
Matthew Trevean	Coach
Sandra Lording	EO

U23 – Finish 3rd

NAME	CLUB
Joel Arnott	Fitzroy
Matthew Blackmore	Sandringham
Ryan Booth	Malvern
Michael Dobeli	Doncaster
Greg Johnston	Waverley
Rowan Johnstone	Blackburn
William Keys	Melbourne
Ryan Leitch	Bacchus Marsh
Ryan Mitchell	Essendon
Rhys Otter	Doncaster
Sean Pascoe	Doncaster
Mark Simpson	Doncaster
Timothy Sullivan	Fitzroy
Justin Swanton	Upwey FTG
Lucas Unland	Upwey FTG
Andrew Webber	Bonbeach
Shane Wilson	Fitzroy
Stephen Black	Head Coach
John King	Coach
Brian Sullivan	Coach/EO

2003/2004 U12 STATE PROGRAM

U12 Japan

NAME	CLUB
Jock Allen	Sandringham
Matthew Bright	Blackburn
Chris Dugdale-Porter	Bacchus Marsh
Jordan Elliot	Upwey FTG
Daniel Farmer	Cheltenham
Michael Mazzocato	Doncaster
Taka Nakamura	Sandringham
Jamie Papanicolaou	Waverley
Kyle Pearce	Doncaster
Emerson Satur	Melbourne
Sam Street	Sandringham
Campbell Wiggins	Waverley
Harley Yochim	Werribee
Preston Yochim	Werribee

U12 Gold Coast

NAME	CLUB
Wade Balzer	Werribee
Leigh Bertrand	Doncaster
James Darcy	Bonbeach
Euan Edwards	Williamstown
Alex Hondromatidis	Melbourne
Joshua Horan	Doncaster
Chris Karabotsis	Melbourne
Tom Katilius	Williamstown
Alastair Keen	Sandringham
Shane Marcakis	Upwey FTG
Matthew McDonald	Doncaster
Ben May	Upwey FTG
Mathew Mejak	Werribee
Hiroshi Narasaki	Geelong
Stuart Thornton	Falcons
Kaiden Tieman	Waverley

U12 Mildura

NAME	CLUB
Troy Beattie	Upwey FTG
Bradley Dicker	Bonbeach
Matthew Felsenthal	Cheltenham
Tristen Field	
Courtney Foura	Scots
Hudson Rowswell	Blackburn
Bryce Taylor	Melbourne
Jessica Thompson	Bonbeach
Kieran Tibbles	Newport
Mitchell Upton	Blackburn
Nicolas Wilson	Bonbeach
Jordan Wood	Sandringham

2003/2004 NATIONAL SELECTIONS

Athens 2004 (Olympics)

NAME	CLUB
Graeme Lloyd	MLB
Brett Tamburrino	Essendon
Andrew Utting	QLD
Jon Deeble	Head Coach
Phil Dale	Coach
Simon Beresford	Shadow Squad
Justin Huber	Withdrew/ Injury

Women's National

NAME	CLUB
Emma Binks	Port Melbourne
Nicole Cain	Port Melbourne
Samantha Hamilton	Doncaster
Ella Holien	Springvale
Jade Hough	Doncaster
Deanne Lee	Port Melbourne
Shae Lillywhite	Springvale
Amy McCann	Doncaster
Catherine Row	Springvale
Alisa Tamburrino	Doncaster
Simone Wearne	Springvale
Grant Weir	Head Coach (World Cup)
Kane Longstaff	Coach (World Cup)
Dominick Ruggiero	Coach (World Series)

AAA's (U19)

NAME	CLUB
Kyle Edlich	Geelong
Donavon Hendricks	Waverley
Ross Hipke	Essendon
John Hussey	Blackburn
Matthew Ryan	Geelong
Phil Allen	Coach
Tim Ballard	Coach

Cal Ripken (U13)

NAME	CLUB
Joshua Hendricks	Waverley
Andrew Jones	Upwey FTG
Troy Malthouse	Newport
Taylor McEvoy	Waverley



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VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2004

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ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2004

We have pleasure in presenting the financial report for the Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2004.

The attached financial statements on pages 5 to 13 are in agreement with the books and records which have been maintained under our control.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Dawes".

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S DAWES

Member

Signed at Laverton

Date: 27/9/04

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Scope

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Victorian Baseball Association Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2004 comprising the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Victorian Baseball Association Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2004 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

RSM Bird Cameron Partners
RSM BIRD CAMERON PARTNERS
Chartered Accountants

Signed at Melbourne

Date: *27 September, 2004*

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Partner

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2004

	2004 \$	2003 \$
Revenues from ordinary activities	944,638	957,321
Employee benefits expenditure	(306,831)	(276,058)
Depreciation or amortization exp.	(7,073)	(12,106)
Australian Baseball Federation	(77,464)	(50,785)
Umpire expenses and costs	(64,895)	(73,709)
Development department	(27,729)	(40,685)
Bank charges	(2,720)	(3,572)
Rent	(8,646)	(9,204)
Bad debts expense	-	(7,688)
Vehicles and maintenance	(12,955)	(6,622)
State teams seminar	(136,214)	(169,486)
Rubberball	(90,078)	(93,788)
Claxton Shield	(17,108)	(10,248)
Junior League Expenses	(31,965)	-
VIS Baseball Academy	(6,018)	(6,077)
Playball	(35,959)	(11,576)
Regional development manager	(6,875)	-
Other	(101,720)	(146,173)
Total Expenditure	<u>(934,249)</u>	<u>(917,777)</u>
Income / (loss) from ordinary activities	<u>10,388</u>	<u>39,544</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2004

	Note	2004 \$	2003 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash Assets	3	98,735	92,345
Receivables	4	80,352	71,815
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		179,087	164,160
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and Equipment	5	23,161	30,234
Intangible – Trademark		2,000	2,000
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		25,161	32,234
TOTAL ASSETS		204,248	196,394
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	6	5,243	12,373
Interest Bearing Liabilities	8	8,322	7,424
Provisions	7	12,441	9,115
Deferred Revenue	13	20,000	30,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		46,006	58,912
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest Bearing Liabilities	8	13,680	22,219
Foundation Sponsorship Funds held in trust		32,484	13,573
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		46,164	35,792
TOTAL LIABILITIES		92,170	94,704
NET ASSETS		112,078	101,690
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	11	112,078	101,690

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2004

	Note	Inflows/ (Outflows) 2004 \$	Inflows/ (Outflows) 2003 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from clubs, other organisations and persons		932,461	963,763
Payments to suppliers and employees		(922,180)	(908,719)
Interest received		<u>3,640</u>	<u>1,826</u>
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	12(ii)	<u>13,921</u>	<u>56,870</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Principal repayments under finance leases		<u>(7,621)</u>	<u>(8,514)</u>
Net cash flows (used in) financing activities		<u>(7,621)</u>	<u>(8,514)</u>
Net increase in cash held		6,300	48,356
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>92,345</u>	<u>43,989</u>
Cash at end of financial year	12(i)	<u>98,735</u>	<u>92,345</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2004

1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AAS 4	Depreciation
AAS 5	Materiality
AAS 6	Accounting Policies
AAS 8	Events Occurring After Reporting Date
AAS 17	Leases
AAS 28	Statement of Cash Flows
AAS 36	Statement of Financial Position

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The principal accounting policies adopted are stated to assist in a general understanding of these financial statements. These policies have been consistently applied by the Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated ("the Association") except as otherwise indicated.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and except where stated, do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted.

(b) Grant Income

Grants are brought to account in the period they are received. To the extent grants remain unspent at year end, they are carried forward as deferred income.

(c) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the following rates:

Motor Vehicles	22.5% straight line
Office Furniture and Equipment	7.5% - 33% reducing balance

Additions are depreciated from the month of acquisition.

(d) Cash Flows

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash is represented by cash on hand and at bank.

(e) Income Tax

The Association has received exemption from income tax pursuant to Section 23(g) of the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act and thus is not liable for any income tax, and accordingly no provision for income tax has been made.

(f) Employee Benefits

Benefits for long service leave are provided for in the financial statements once a legal obligation associated with the entitlement exists, which is after ten years.

2 INCORPORATION

The Association was incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 on 26 November 1985. The Association is a not for profit organisation.

	2004	2003
	\$	\$

3 CASH ASSETS

Cash	98,735	92,345
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Cash includes \$32,484 (2002 - \$13,573) of sponsorship funds which has been set aside for a specific purposes and is not intended to be used for normal operating activities.

4 RECEIVABLES

Trade Debtors	80,811	74,415
Junior League Debtors	-	5,088
<i>Deduct</i> Provision for Doubtful Debts	(459)	(7,688)
	80,352	71,815

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	2004 \$	2003 \$
5 PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Office Equipment (at cost)	12,948	12,948
<i>Deduct</i> Accumulated Depreciation	(12,948)	(12,599)
	-	349
Motor Vehicles (under finance lease)	34,534	34,534
<i>Deduct</i> Accumulated Amortisation	(11,373)	(4,649)
	23,161	29,885
	23,161	30,234

Movement in carrying amounts for each class of plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the financial year.

	Office Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
Balance at the beginning of the year	349	29,885	30,234
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	349	6,724	7,073
Carrying amount at the end of the year	-	23,161	23,161

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	2004 \$	2003 \$
6 PAYABLES		
Accrued expenses	-	7,703
GST Payable	5,243	4,670
	<u>5,243</u>	<u>12,373</u>
7 PROVISIONS		
Provision for Long Service Leave	<u>12,441</u>	<u>9,115</u>
8 INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES		
Lease liabilities:		
Current	8,322	7,424
Non current	13,680	22,219
	<u>22,002</u>	<u>29,643</u>

9 FOUNDATION SPONSORSHIP FUNDS HELD IN TRUST **2004**
\$ **2003**
\$

Foundation Sponsorship Funds have been received to support special events and programs related to the sport. The funds are held in a separate account so as to ensure they are not spent on Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated general expenditure. All expenditure from this account is approved by a management committee.

	32,484	13,573
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10 CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION

The income and expenditure of the Junior League became the responsibility of the Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated effective 1 July 1992. Accordingly the Income and Expenditure Account reflects receipts and payments of the Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated and the Junior League.

11 MEMBERS FUNDS

Movements in Members Funds

Accumulated funds at the beginning of the year	101,690	75,719
Surplus from operating activities	10,388	39,544
Reclassification of foundation sponsorship funds	-	(13,573)
Members funds at the end of the financial year	112,078	101,690

	2004	2003
	\$	\$

12 CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(i) Reconciliation of Cash on Hand

Cash on hand at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash	98,735	92,345
	98,735	92,345

(ii) Reconciliation of net cash flows from operating activities to operating surplus

Operating Income / (Deficit)	10,388	39,544
Increase in provisions	3,326	-
Depreciation	7,073	12,106
Loss on sale of fixed assets	-	1,892
(Increase) in trade and other debtors	(8,537)	(20,823)
Increase in trade and other creditors	1,671	24,151
	13,921	56,870
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	13,921	56,870

12 RELATED PARTY INFORMATION

Board of Management

The following persons each held office on the Board of Management during the year ended 30 June 2004.

	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Resigned</u>
Peter Dihm (President)	1 July 1988	
Paul Collins	1 July 1973	
Michael O'Brien	26 April 1994	
David Rice	1 July 1988	
Peter Paturzo	1 July 1999	27 October 2003
John O'Halloran	1 July 2000	
Nick O'Connell	1 July 2002	
Bruce Dicker	1 July 2003	
Don Cornish	1 July 2003	
Robert Sadler	1 July 2001	
Warwick Marcakis	1 July 2001	31 October 2003
Peter Williams	27 March 2003	
Scott Dawes (Executive Director)	17 March 2003	

13 VICTORIAN HEALTH GRANTS

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
Grant income:		
Grant Brought Forward	30,000	-
Grant Received	90,000	100,000
Grants expended	(113,000)	(70,000)
Grants carried forward	<u>7,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>



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Australian Sports Commission	
ACES Sporting Club	
Leader Community News & Fairfax Community News - Victoria	
Major League Baseball (MLB)	
Monash Sport	
Rider Sportswear	
VicHealth	
Victoria State Government	
Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS)	
Wilson Sporting Goods	

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