

# 2004/2005 Annual Report

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2005 Womens National Champions

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to begin by acknowledging and thanking Baseball Victoria's key government and corporate partners for their ongoing support in 2004/2005. The Department of Sport and Recreation Victoria, VicHealth, Victorian Institute of Sport, Aces Sporting Club, Major League Baseball, Wilson Sporting Goods and Ausport Superstore contribute to the array of activities and services that Baseball Victoria provides its members and affiliates across the state.

In 2005, Baseball Victoria recognized its previously inducted Life Members at the Annual Awards night in May with the presentation of Life Member plaques. These individuals committed their time and energy over many years to Baseball in Victoria and played an integral role in the development of the sport. Unfortunately, Baseball lost the following Life Members during the year: Colin McKay (inducted 1986), Talbot Hill (1973), Beryl Bunting (2004) and most recently Bob Black (1963). Baseball Victoria did also induct two new Life Members in Grant Weir and Robert Blackmore for their lengthy contributions to game development and umpiring, respectively.

During the 2005 Claxton Shield the ABF held its inaugural Hall of Fame induction dinner where 41 individuals' contribution to the sport was recognized. Nine Victorians were amongst these inaugural inductees in Harry Simpson, Frank Laver, Charlie Puckett, Ross Straw, Don Deeble, Graeme Deany, John Swanson, Phil Dale and Graeme Lloyd. Congratulations to all these individuals and their families.

There is no doubt that Baseball, like many other sports, would not survive without its volunteers. Thank you to everyone that coached, umpired, marked fields, ran the canteen or undertook many of the other important tasks that make a club tick. I would also like to highlight the fantastic contribution made by everyone involved with Baseball Victoria's elite programs, junior and senior, over the past 12 months.

Victoria was again well represented by its state teams in 2005 and congratulations once more go to our Women's team in taking out another National Championship. Also, to all players that earned national team selection, well done.

Victoria's 2005 Claxton Shield campaign saw a drastic reversal of fortune from the previous year

with the team ultimately being outplayed by NSW in the final. Well done to the entire team and David White (Manager) and his support staff for the efforts. Also, to the Victorians that received Claxton Shield honours in Paul Rutgers (Batting Champion), Simon Beresford (Golden Arm) and the stellar performance of Bradley Harman in taking out the Golden Glove and Helms Award.

I wish to acknowledge the contribution of the Baseball Victoria staff in continuing to provide a professional service to our members and affiliates. We also welcomed Laura Piekarski and Ben Utting during the year and both have proven to have been excellent additions to Baseball Victoria.

The year has provided significant challenges in a number of areas. These include the on-going Playball program as well as financing of all programs. The Playball program (originally funded by the Australian Sports Commission and Major League Baseball) has proved to be an outstanding success in terms of attracting new young players to our sport. The backpacks have proved to be such a great tool to work with that we will continue to provide them when the sponsorship runs out. If there is a business out there that is targeting Tee Ball age children, then we have a number of sponsorship opportunities including the backpacks.

Another junior development area was the commencement of our under 14's girls competition. This is a significant move forward in the on-going viability of Women's baseball. We need to nurture and grow this area.

The other area is the continual need to provide a strong financial base from which to operate. We need to continue to build our cash reserves as well as looking to provide for the future. I find it very sad that for a sport that is over one hundred years old we have no assets. It speaks poorly of the vision of our predecessors that unlike cricket, football etc they were not concerned with providing the strong financial base for the future. We only need to look at the recent history of the ABF to see what prudent investment can do for our sport.

In relation to finances it is still a battle out there for our clubs at all levels. Again Baseball Victoria did its bit by maintaining its fees structure and not increasing its fees. In addition we still provide a significant reward for those clubs that are well

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managed in the form of the 20% and 10% discounts for early payment of compulsory team fees. This is a tremendous reward and recognition for good management. However, we still have some clubs that are struggling and need to take a long hard look at themselves in order to improve their management in all forms of the operations – especially in the financial areas. We have seen the demise of long standing clubs like Coburg due to poor management – particularly in the area of finances. We need to ensure that this situation improves and this is one of the objectives of the Home Run Club. Baseball Victoria is not the enemy and can be the saviour for Clubs who need assistance. However, they need to bite the bullet and look at themselves and recognize their strengths and in particular their weaknesses. We are here to assist.

In relation to history we are still in need of a heritage committee to start to look at and protect the heritage of baseball in Victoria. We have lost some clubs in the past and with them their history; which is the history of our sport. We need to protect this and look to provide a resource for the future. We also need to commence our own Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame. So if you are looking for something to do in your "spare time" here is an ideal opportunity.

In closing, I wish to thank all clubs and members for their ongoing support and for their role in ensuring that Baseball in Victoria remains a strong and viable sport, available to all Victorians.

Peter Dihm  
September 2005

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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At the conclusion of 2004, it was identified that in order to ensure the ongoing viability for Baseball Victoria that the organisation had to continue to support its members and affiliates to increase membership and promote professionalism throughout all levels of the sport. Reflecting upon 2005, I am confident that Baseball has taken positive steps forward in each of these areas thanks to the board, staff and most importantly the clubs and their volunteers.

All facets of the development of Baseball remain an ongoing focus for Baseball Victoria with the recent reaffirmation by the board of its commitment to this area. A major focus for clubs has been activities conducted through the Playball program. Baseball is reaping the rewards of the efforts associated with this program from the last three years with a documented increase of 35% in junior team numbers in the summer competition since 2002/2003.

Last year, Baseball Victoria introduced its club development program, the Home Run Club. This program is designed to assist clubs with the process of continuous improvement in the areas of governance, volunteers, participation, health and wellbeing and promotion. With feedback from a range of stakeholders following the dissemination of the first level of the program, Baseball Victoria has now developed and commenced rolling-out the Home Run Club in its entirety. Club administrator's can progress through the five levels at their own pace and be confident that every activity undertaken within the program will be 'money in the bank' towards the betterment of their club.

Baseball Victoria and the Victorian Provincial Baseball League made great strides in 2005 towards a unified approach to the statewide administration of Baseball. The joint signing of a Memorandum of Understanding has defined the roles and responsibilities of each organisation and crystallized the efforts of both parties to work harmoniously for the good of Baseball. On the back of this development was the introduction of the concept of a Junior Development Board (JDB) which reports to the board of Baseball Victoria. The JDB is representative of key stakeholders with the objective of driving the strategic direction and vision for the development of junior baseball across the whole of Victoria in both summer and winter.

A real challenge for Baseball at present is the lack of qualified umpires available to officiate competition games. This is an issue that has the capacity to inhibit the future growth of the sport. Fortunately, Victoria has a highly committed group of umpires that are continuing to deliver a range of umpire training courses across the state. Furthermore, with the imminent reformation of the Umpire Focus Group, Baseball Victoria together with club representatives will address this and other issues with the umpires in order to improve this situation for the future.

As we prepare to commence another summer season, we can also look forward to exciting times ahead for Baseball with the introduction of the World Baseball Classic in March 2006 and the potential re-introduction of the National League within the next 2 years.

Scott Dawes  
September 2005



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### EXECUTIVE HIGHLIGHTS – DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING & OPERATIONS

#### DEVELOPMENT:

The Victoria Institute of Sport Baseball Program capped another banner year of training and grooming our top Victorian talent. The program saw 11 U16 & U18 athletes selected to attend the 2004 MLB Academy National Camp, with four U18 players selected to the National team to compete at the U19 World Championships in Taiwan. Three coaches assisted in this camp. Four graduates of the VIS program were selected to the Athens Olympic qualifiers with Andrew Utting & Brett Tamburrino making the final team that won the Silver Medal in Athens.

The VIS program had 16 athletes selected to the Victorian U18 team, one to the U16 state team, and six athletes to the Victoria Provincial U18 team. Both Head Coaches and four assistant coaches in these programs are VIS assistant coaches. The Claxton Shield team had 16 graduates on the side that took second in Blacktown. The program was also proud to add seven more athletes to the professional ranks, taking the total VIS athletes signings to 39. Graduate Justin Huber reached the pinnacle, earning promotion to the Major Leagues with the Kansas City Royals, joining Seattle pitcher Travis Blackley as the second VIS athlete to reach the US Major League. There are currently 21 VIS graduates playing professional baseball in the USA. Finally, the VIS had three athletes take up US College scholarships this year bringing the total to 29 to take up this opportunity. Graduate Daniel Berg was selected in the 2004 US Major League draft and made his professional debut in 2005.

This past year has seen a focus on coaching accreditation. Fully booked sessions were held in Berwick, Geelong, Waverley, Watsonia and Werribee. The school clinic program continues to grow. This past year, over 500 school clinics were conducted and 95 schools visited, up nearly 10%. The Playball program ended its third year of financial support from the Australian Sports Commission. Future funding opportunities are currently being explored for the program that resulted in 768 new player registrations and has exposure to 99000 children.

#### MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS:

Baseball Victoria increased their sponsor numbers this year by signing on Ausport Super Store as an all-of-sport sponsor and Preferred Supplier. This

partnership was extremely valuable in assisting our VIS Baseball program meet their on-field needs and added commercial clout in an extremely competitive market.

Event sponsorship increased this year by 462%. Bisley Work Wear signed on as the Official Staff & Volunteer Apparel Provider for the Astarra AAA Championship. Additionally, Major League Baseball capital support increased with the addition of three new teams to the fold: Minnesota Twins, Philadelphia Phillies & Toronto Blue Jays, along with return partner Seattle Mariners. MLB's continued involvement in the contribution to grass-roots sport is vital to achieving the financial objectives of sustaining junior development. Attendance to the AAA's increased by 10%

Media coverage of the sport increased this year, with over \$150K of editorial space provided across all mediums. The support of 24-7 Sport Radio SEN 1116AM was extremely important to increasing the public profile of the sport beyond traditional baseball supporters. On-air interviews with Justin Huber, Travis Blackley, Glenn Williams, Jon Deeble, and US Hall of Famer Rod Carew were among the highlights. Leader Community News & Fairfax Community News continued to provide uninterrupted coverage of club competition and remain extremely critical at grass-roots level. The Geelong Advertiser in particular is to be cited for their dedicated coverage of the AAA's in 2005, leading to a weekly radio show on Pulse FM-Geelong covering the Geelong Baseball Association's Winter season.

Traffic to the corporate website increased by an astounding 38%. Feedback from the general baseball community and the dedication to deliver a five-star site for baseball news was credited for the increased traffic. With an audience that spans beyond the boundaries of Australia, we will continue to raise the bar to deliver a world-class website for baseball beyond our Victoria supporter base.

Membership management services and the MyClub system continue to improve. The Competition Management component will be in effect beginning Summer 2005/2006 after a successful trial during the 2005 winter season. Boasting the highest sign-on rate in Australia, Victoria continues to be the leader in the roll-out of this service and many thanks are offered to all the volunteers who displayed the passion and provided the input into this service.

## PENNANT COMMITTEE REPORT

**MEMBERS:** P. Collins (Chairman), A. Fennell (Secretary), L. Flower, M. Gourlay,  
N. Pinnell, B. Smith, M. Ashburn, J. Blair

After last season's drop in team entries, this season saw an extra five (5) Men's teams entered but, unfortunately, a further loss of two (2) Women's teams. The latter was a surprise given the enthusiasm shown at the Women's forum.

This season also was the start of the revamped Men's competition after last season's exhaustive Review. The Committee considers the "new" competition to be a resounding success and expects it to run beyond the initial two (2) seasons suggested in the Review.

Another change this year had the Pennant Committee take over all like responsibilities for Junior Baseball which resulted in Jason Blair joining the Committee as our Junior expert. Jason proved to be a good contributor to all aspects of the Committee's work and we are sure that this move will provide a more consistent view of Pennant matters for all the competition.

The most amazing fact about this season was the record low number of Clearance Appeals since I joined the Committee in 1975 – only one (1) Senior and one (1) junior Appeal came before the Committee. The Clubs are to be congratulated for finally adopting a realistic approach to this vexing subject.

Umpire numbers continue to decline in almost direct proportion to player attitude to our officials. Maybe the message will get through when even Division 1 requires a "Club" umpire.

Women's baseball continues to concern the Committee in that there seems to be little stability in the teams, which is partially understandable considering that marriage, pregnancy etc. affects the participants. However, the attitude of some Clubs to having to win every game in every Division needs to be adjusted. Despite the Women's forum, we still face almost insurmountable problems in keeping a structured competition alive.

Support of the office staff is essential to the Committee and we continue to be served well. Andrew Fennell has grown in his understanding of his role and is a good contributor to all Committee matters. I thank all Committee members for their support and dedication to the Sport we all love.

Paul F. Collins  
Chairman  
September 2005

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### DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING SEASON REPORT

Firstly let me offer my congratulations and appreciation to the playing community for the attitude towards the umpires who worked during the 2004/05 season. After the previous season, a request was made for tolerance and understanding due to heavy losses in umpire ranks which lead to some umpires working games that may have been above their current skill level. This appeal was accepted by most participants in our sport and I thank them for it.

There remains, however, the small minority in our game, usually spectators with nothing better to do, who believe that umpires are "fair game" when on the field and continue to harass young umpires trying their best just to get it right. Continued harassment through the game does nothing to enhance an umpire's game concentration but I am ever hopeful that the sport will continue to grow and that these people will eventually see the light so we can all get on with the job at hand.

The pre-season umpires' seminar was held at Waverley Baseball Club and I wish to extend my appreciation to Ross Neilson and the hard working members and players who assisted in making this weekend the success it was, despite the occasional inclement weather. It was attended by some 36 people comprising both current and club umpire students. The 8 instructors, including 2 from interstate, worked hard to ensure that all facets of the training were completely understood by the attendees. Unfortunately there were no additions to the regular umpire panel from those that attended.

Melbourne Baseball Club was the venue for the ten training evenings that were held during the season and, on behalf of the BUAV, I wish to offer my appreciation for the generous use of their facilities and especially to Malcolm Chiverton who was there every time to open and close the clubrooms.

The generous support of clubs such as Waverley and Melbourne are necessary for the umpire training program and foster good relations between players and umpires alike and is much appreciated.

The total number of umpires registered to the VBA panel was 33 but during the regular season the average number of official panel umpires available to work games in the Senior Men's competition on a week by week basis was 24. This is a reduction from last season's weekly average of 34.

The available umpires made a total 1205 game appearances during the season covering a total of

646 of a possible 1174 games, including finals, mid week and master's games, giving a coverage ratio of 55%.

The division 1 and 2 firsts and reserves enjoyed 100% coverage with division 3 at 78% coverage. Other grades were obviously covered at a lower rate due to reduced umpire numbers.

The women's competition was covered by only 7 umpires but they covered 163 of the 245 available games, a coverage rate of 66.5%. Division 1 was covered at a rate of 98.7% with division 2 at 16%.

I also want to acknowledge the umpires who worked the first grade plates during the Grand Finals for this year.

Div 1 – Greg Howard,  
Div 2 – Philip Box,  
Div 3 – Peter Eckardt,  
Div 4 – Greg Daws  
Womens – James Campbell.

Finally I want to congratulate Philip Box who was awarded this year's Umpire of the Year award. Well done.

Mark Gooding  
September 2005

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### VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

#### LIFE MEMBERS

J.E.M. Ellis Snr*	1942	Colin McKay*	1986
R.E. Darling*	1949	Ken Welfare	1986
George Heron*	1958	Graeme Ainscough	1988
Robert J. Black*	1963	Barry Smith	1988
Angus McPherson*	1966	Ron Smith	1991
R.W. Chapman	1970	Paul Collins	1991
Ross Straw*	1970	Les Polson	1992
John B. Anderson	1973	Les Flower	2002
Talbot R. Hill*	1973	Beryl Bunting*	2004
Doug Chapman	1980	Rod Gaunt	2004
Col C. Miller	1981	Grant Weir	2005
Jack Guiliano	1982	Robert Blackmore	2005
Bill Blanden*	1983	Jenny Ratcliffe	2006
David Went	1985	Peter Dihm	2006
Lyn Straw*	1986		

\* deceased

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peter Dihm	President
Scott Dawes	Executive Director
Paul Collins	Pennant Committee Chairman
Barry Fisher	Junior League Chairman
Robert Sadler	Corporate Affairs 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
Graeme Besford	VPBL President
David Rice	VPBL Administrator

\*Resigned January 2005

\*\* Resigned February 2005

\*\*\* Resigned June 2005

#### TRIBUNAL

Michael Gourlay (Chairman)  
Peter Hayward  
Tony Gleeson  
John Holmes



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### 2004/05 COMPETITION PREMIERS

#### SENIORS

Division 1: **Malvern**  
Div 1-Reserves: **Waverley**  
Div 1-3rds: **Upwey FTG**  
Div 1-4ths: **Newport**  
Division 2: **Fitzroy**  
Div 2-Reserves: **Fitzroy**  
Div 2-3rds: **Fitzroy**  
Div 2-4ths: **Sunshine**  
Division 3: **Springvale**  
Div 3-Reserves: **Doncaster**  
Div 3-3rds: **Springvale**  
Division 4: **Waverley**

#### WOMEN'S

Division 1: **Springvale**  
Division 1-Reserves: **Doncaster**  
Division 2: **Melbourne**

#### WOMEN'S WINTER

Division 1: **Melbourne University**

#### MASTERS

Division 1: **Blackburn**

#### JUNIORS

U-12 State: **Waverley**  
U-12 Metro East: **Waverley Panthers**  
U-12 Metro West: **Port Melbourne**  
U-12 Southeast Centre: **Bonbeach Blues**  
U-12 West Centre: **Werribee White Sox**  
U-14 State: **Cheltenham**  
U-14 Blue: **Malvern**  
U-14 White: **Berwick City**  
U-14 Southeast Centre: **Cheltenham Broncos**  
U-14 West Centre: **Bacchus Marsh**  
U-16 State: **Cheltenham**  
U-16 Blue: **Cheltenham Broncos**  
U-16 White: **Williamstown**  
U-18 State: **Cheltenham**  
U-18 Metro: **Moorabbin/Bonbeach**

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### COMPETITION STATISTICAL LEADERS

#### DIVISION 1

AVG:	David Tierney	.438
HR:	Derek Shumpert	7
RBI:	Derek Shumpert	31
H:	David Tierney	42
R:	David Tierney	28
SB:	Gary Jacoby	19
ERA:	Lee Hogan	1.40
W:	3 tied with	9
K:	Ross Hipke	82
IP:	David Asp	102
SV:	3 tied with	3

#### DIVISION 3

AVG:	Lucas Price	.500
HR:	Andrew Peulan	3
RBI:	Shane King	26
H:	Lucas Price	34
R:	Scott Wearne	42
SB:	Scott Wearne	19
ERA:	Matthew Pallant	0.82
W:	Scott Wearne	8
K:	Scott Wearne	107
IP:	Mason Gosstray	75
SV:	9 tied with	1

#### DIVISION 2

AVG:	Paul Rutgers	.456
HR:	Kane Galloway	5
RBI:	Paul Rutgers	26
H:	Rikki Johnston	36
R:	Rikki Johnston	25
SB:	Rikki Johnston	12
ERA:	Russell Spear	1.20
W:	Simon Campbell	9
K:	Jason Blejwas	124
IP:	Jason Blejwas	104.2
SV:	Andrew Dewar	3

#### WOMENS DIVISION 1

AVG:	Mel Whitaker	.588
HR:	4 Tied with	1
RBI:	Siobhan Taylor	34
H:	Claudia Strugnell	32
R:	Amy McCann	46
SB:	Megumi Kitta	21
ERA:	Cat Rowe	1.32
W:	Ella Holien	9
K:	Emma Binks	67
IP:	Emma Binks	66
SV:	4 tied with	1

## BV ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

### George Heron Memorial Award – Division 1 MVP

*David Asp – Newport*

### R.R. Hidson Memorial Award – Division 2 MVP

*Jason Blejwas – Fitzroy*

### Division 3 MVP Award

*Scott Wearne – Springvale*

### Women's Division 1 MVP Award

*Jade Hough - Doncaster*

### Harry Douglas Memorial Trophy – Division 1 ERA Leader

*Lee Hogan - Waverley*

### Harry Wonnacott Medal – Division 1 Grand Final MVP

*Ross McLean - Malvern*

### Ernie Jones Scholarship Award

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

*Taylor McEvoy – Waverley*

### Sport Education Victoria Coach of the Year

*Stephen Black - Fitzroy*

### Sport Education Victoria Umpire of the Year

*Phillip Box*

### Administrator of the Year

*Gary O'Brien – Essendon*

### Journalist of the Year Award

*Sarah Benic – Leader Community News, Northern Division*

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## STATE REPRESENTATIVES

### CLAXTON SHIELD - VICTORIA – Finish 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dean Barker	LHP
Simon Beresford*	RHP
Adam Bonaddio	RHP/OF
Ryan Booth	OF
Hayden Dingle	IF
Kyle Edlich	LHP
Cameron Forbes	RHP
Brad Harman**	3B
Donavon	LHP
Hendricks	
Jarrold Hodges	OF
Matthew Kent	C
Glynn Kimberley	UTIL
Dean Malthouse	C
Glenn Mascoll	IF
Peter Moylan	1B
Paul Rutgers***	2B
Russel Spear	RHP
David Tierney	OF
Ben Utting	IF
Brendan Wilson	RHP
Greg Wiltshire	RHP
David White	HC
Dan McConnon	Coach
Dan McQuiggen	Coach
Scott Dawes	Coach
Sean Linley	EO/Physio

\* Golden Arm Award

\*\* Golden Glove & Helms  
Award

\*\*\* Batting Champion

### CLAXTON SHIELD – AUSTRALIA PROVINCIAL

Jason Blejwas	RHP
Darryn Cassidy	RHP
Cameron Hardy	RHP
Josh Davies	IF
Cameron Hardy	RHP
Matthew Ryan	OF
Paul Weichard	LHP
Phil Allen	Coach

### U-18 (AAA) – Finish 2<sup>nd</sup>

Elliot Biddle	OF
Tim Dellwo	1B/OF
Tom Dicker	IF
Andrew Gribbin	RHP
Daniel Gribbin	OF
Stephen Hood	IF
Grant Irving	IF
Tom Ellis	RHP
Justin Johnston	RHP
Jack Larner	C
Matthew Lawman	IF
Nolan Maher	LHP
Dean Malthouse	C
Brendan McDonald	RHP
Leigh McKay	C
Joel Ricketts	RHP
Joshua Spence	LHP
Nicolaas Unland	IF
Warwick Marcakis	HC
Nathan Holmes	Coach
Greg Morley	Coach
Roland Stott	EO

### U-16 (AA) – Finish 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ryan Balzer	RHP
James Beresford	RHP/IF
John Blaskett	C
Liam Dineen	IF
Justin D'Rozario	RHP
Nick Hinrichsen	IF
Ricky Howell	LHP
Jamie Lethborg	RHP
Josh Licence	OF
Scot Malthouse	RHP
Andrew Mann	RHP
Andrew Mazzocato	IF
Jordan Mitchell-Hill	OF
Josh Mulherin	RHP
Taylor Rowe	RHP
Peter Schroeders	C
Nicholas Spence	IF
Tom Stewart	IF
Gary Bitmead	HC
Peter Bates	Coach
Adam Bright	Coach
Emily Slaughter	EO

### U-14 (A) – Finish 4<sup>th</sup>

Nathan Aron	IF/RHP
Oliver Box	C
Joshua Bride	C/IF
Nicholas	RHP/IF
Djorgonoski	
Jake Dunn	UTIL
Luke Everitt	IF/RHP
Joshua Hendricks	IF/RHP
Andrew Jones	OF/LHP
Patrick Liston	IF/RHP
Caleb Long	UTIL
Taylor McEvoy	RHP/IF
Stephen	OF/RHP
Monkhous	
Samuel Moon	RHP/IF
Jarryd Rogers	IF/RHP
Jayson Shaw	RHP/OF
Thomas Shaw	RHP/OF
Russell Stewart	HC
Phil Balzer	Coach
Darren Malthouse	Coach
Greg	EO
Hondromatidis	

### WOMENS – Finish 1<sup>st</sup>

Emma Binks	RHP
Ailsa Davidson	RHP
Mel Gregory	LHP/OF
Samantha Hamilton	IF/OF
Ella Holien	RHP
Jade Hough	IF
Leanne Hutton	RHP
Megumi Kitta	IF
Shae Lillywhite	IF
Kelly Manzie	IF/OF
Amy McCann	OF
Cat Rowe	RHP
Terina Stokes	RHP
Simone Wearne	RHP
Melissa Whitaker	OF
Clare Whittam	C/OF
Dominick Ruggiero	HC
Michael Wearne	Coach
Matthew Trevean	Coach
Anne Wearne	EO

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## NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

### SENIOR NATIONAL

Adam Bright	LHP
Brad Harman	IF
Shane Lindsay	RHP
Glen Richards	LHP
Paul Rutgers	IF
Andrew Utting	UTIL
Jon Deeble	HC
Phil Dale	Coach
Neil Burke	Scout

### JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE – SENIOR

Ryan Booth	OF
Grant Karlsen	C
Evan Phillips	LHP
Joe Trucchio	RHP
Andrew Utting	UTIL
Phil Allen	Coach

### WOMENS NATIONAL

Emma Binks	RHP
Samantha Hamilton	IF
Ella Holien	RHP
Jade Hough	IF
Shae Lillywhite	IF
Amy McCann	OF
Cat Rowe	RHP
Terina Stokes	RHP
Simone Wearne	RHP
Melissa Whitaker	IF
Clare Whittam	C
Ailsa Davidson*	RHP
Mary Anne Palatsides*	C
Kane Longstaff	HC
Dominick Ruggiero	Coach
* Shadow Squad	

### MLB ACADEMY

James Beresford	RHP/IF
Elliot Biddle	OF
Tim Dellwo	OF
Tom Ellis	RHP
Andrew Gribbin	RHP
Ricky Howell	LHP
Jack Larner	C
Matthew Lawman	IF
Dean Malthouse	C
Brendan McDonald	RHP
Dale Ricketts	C
Joel Ricketts	RHP
Tayler Rowe	RHP
Josh Spence	LHP

### AAA (U-19)

Tom Ellis	RHP
Andrew Gribbin	RHP
Jack Larner	C
Matthew Lawman	IF
Josh Spence	LHP
Phil Allen	HC
Tim Ballard	Coach

### AA (U-17)

James Beresford	RHP/IF
Ricky Howell	LHP
Andrew Mann	RHP
Jordan Mitchell-Hill	OF
Tayler Rowe	RHP

### AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS

Jason Cousins	OF
Jack Larner	C
Josh Spence	LHP
Dave May	HC

### CAL RIPKEN (U-13)

Matthew Bright	SS/RHP
Darryl George	RHP/1B
Michael Mazzocato	1B/RHP
Harley Yochim	C
Preston Yochim	UTIL
Nathan Holmes	Coach

### WORLD CHILDREN'S BASEBALL FAIR

Jazmine Hornstra	SS/2B
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### PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

Mitch Ayres	Los Angeles Dodgers	C
James Beresford	Minnesota Twins	RHP/IF
Simon Beresford	Milwaukee Brewers	RHP
Daniel Berg	Minnesota Twins	IF
Adam Blackley	Boston Red Sox	LHP
Travis Blackley	Seattle Mariners	LHP
Adam Bright	Colorado Rockies	LHP
Josh Davies	Los Angeles Angels	IF/OF
Jon Deeble	Boston Red Sox	Coach
Kyle Edlich	Minnesota Twins	LHP
Brad Harman	Philadelphia Phillies	IF
Donavon Hendricks	Atlanta Braves	LHP
Ross Hipke	Colorado Rockies	RHP
Justin Huber	Kansas City Royals	1B/DH
John Hussey	San Diego Padres	RHP
Matthew Lawman	Minnesota Twins	IF
Shane Lindsay	Colorado Rockies	RHP
David McWatters	San Angelo Colts – IND	RHP
Micheal Nakamura	Nippon Ham Fighters – Japan	RHP
Glen Richards	Atlanta Braves	LHP
Paul Rutgers	Minnesota Twins	IF
Matthew Ryan	Los Angeles Angels	1B/OF
Peter Tautor	Minnesota Twins	RHP
Rhys Taylor	Boston Red Sox	RHP
Lindsay Webb	Colorado Rockies	RHP
Matthew Wilkinson	Arizona Diamondbacks	RHP
Brendan Wilson	Los Angeles Angels	RHP

### VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

James Beresford	RHP/IF
Elliot Biddle	OF/LHP
Cameron Brown	IF
Brodie Cooper	IF/RHP
Tim Dellwo	OF/LHP
Tom Ellis	RHP
Ryan Fisher	LHP
Ben Ford	IF/C
Ben Gaylard	LHP
Andrew Gribbin	RHP/IF/OF
Ricky Howell	LHP/1B
Justin Johnston	RHP
Grant Karlsen	C/RHP
Jack Larner	C/1B
Matthew Lawman	IF
Josh Licence	OF/RHP
Dean Malthouse	C/2B
Andrew Mazzocato	RHP/OF
Brendan McDonald	RHP/IF
Leigh McKay	RHP/C
Jordan Mitchell-Hill	RHP/IF/OF
Dale Ricketts	C
Joel Ricketts	RHP
Tayler Rowe	RHP
Josh Spence	LHP
Nicholas Spence	RHP/1B
Tom Stewart	OF/IF/RHP
Nicolaas Unland	OF/IF

### ABF INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Phil Dale	Graeme Deany
Don Deeble	Frank Laver
Graeme Lloyd	Charlie Puckett
Harry Simpson	Ross Straw
John Swanson	

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### U-12 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

JAPAN		GOLD COAST		MILDURA	
Liam Bedford		Charlie Allinson		Akito Ashida	
Jake Connaughton		Jon Bannister		Andrew Bisset	
Tyler Dale		Alexander DaSilva		Nick Fitzgerald	
Patrick Flanagan		Caleb Fox		Michael Howe	
Darryl George		Lachlan Freer		Tom Kerr-Chapman	
Sam Gibbons		Jazmine Hornstra		Dylan Pike	
Mitchell Hayes		Jordan Isbister		Luke Prior	
Scott Jansen		Beau Johnston		Ryan Sinclair	
Mitchell Kennedy		Matthew Lang		Andrew Warden	
Tim Knowles		Jordan Michaelis		Thomas Webb	
Angus Macquire		Samuel Morris		Christopher Webb	
Cal McConnon		Jared Olsen		Jordan Young	
Luke Papanicolaou		Nicholas Rice		Matthew Nichol	HC
Griffin Weir		Brett Stillman		Alexis Smith	Coach
Paul Brown	HC	Nicholas Veale			
Brett Hidson	Coach	Luke Williams			
Barry Fisher	Coach	Stuart Clayton	HC		
Yoshi Nakamura		Paula Papanicolaou	Coach		
		Ashley Blair	Coach		

### JUNIOR FINALS SERIES

Jacob Sheldon-Collins	Ian Deany Award – Grand Final MVP	U12 State League
Patrick Liston	Dick Mason Award – Grand Final MVP	U14 State League
Josh Mulherin	Angus McPherson Award – Grand Final MVP	U16 State League
Tom Ellis	John Viney Award – Grand Final MVP	U18 State League

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### VALE

Baseball Victoria sadly lost the following Life Members during the year

#### Robert (Bob) Black

- Elected BV Life Member, 1963
- ABF Life Member
- VIC Rep, 1946-1952
- AUS Rep, 1947, 48, 52
- Secretary - Victorian Baseball Association, 1952-60
- President - Australian Baseball Association, 1960-66
- Secretary of the ABC, 1961-78
- Chief Administrator – ABF, 1978-83
- Order of the British Empire for Services to Baseball, Early 1970's

#### Berryl Bunting

- Elected BV Life Member, 2004
- First woman to earn BV Life Membership
- Credited with pioneering the art of modern scoring of baseball in Australia
- Victoria Scorers Association, 1980-81
- Secretary – VSA, 1980-2004
- Author, "A Learners Guide for Scoring Baseball"
- Member, Newport Baseball Club Team of the Century
- Awarded Federal Government Australia Sports Medal, 2000

#### Talbot (Tal) Hill

- Elected BV Life Member, 1973
- Member, Council of the VBA, 1969
- Honorary Secretary, 1971
- Secretary, VBA, 1973-84
- Chairman, Pennant Committee, 1970
- Secretary, Pennant Committee, 1974-84
- Junior League Committee, 1974-75
- Manager (Executive Officer, Claxton Shield Team, 1971-76
- Member, Port Melbourne Baseball Club (PMBC) Team of the Century
- Life Member, PMBC
- Responsible for the conceptual development & search of the site of the current Melbourne BallPark

#### Colin McKay

- Elected BV Life Member, 1986
- Administrator & Committee Member for over 34 years
- VIC Rep – Harrison-Leckey Series, 1955, 1958-60
- Victorian Association Council, 1960-62
- Member, Activities Committee, 1960
- Member, Planning Committee, 1962
- Member, General Purpose Committee, 1961, 63-65
- Member, Pennant Committee, 1966-70, 71-94
- Secretary, Pennant Committee, 1967-69
- Selector, Harrison-Leckey Series, 1961
- Chairman, Tribunal, 1984-94
- Secretary, Alphington Baseball Club, 1957-65, 71-77
- President, Alphington Baseball Club, 1969-70
- Elected Life Member, Alphington Baseball Club, 1961



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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.

Signed at Melbourne

Date: 27 September, 2004

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*K C Wood*  
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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
<b>Employee benefits expenditure</b>	<b>(306,831)</b>	<b>(276,058)</b>
<b>Depreciation or amortization exp.</b>	<b>(7,073)</b>	<b>(12,106)</b>
Australian Baseball Federation	(77,464)	(50,785)
<b>Umpire expenses and costs</b>	<b>(64,895)</b>	<b>(73,709)</b>
Development department	(27,729)	(40,685)
Bank charges	(2,720)	(3,572.32)
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	(934,249)	(917,777)
Income / (loss) from ordinary activities	10,388	39,544

**The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.**



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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2004

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

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2004

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

**The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.**

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### 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.



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### (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.

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

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 \$
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### 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>
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### 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 \$
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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



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**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
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#### (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
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	13,921	56,870

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### 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

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
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>