



BASEBALL *Victoria*

Annual Report
2005/2006

MISSION STATEMENT

"To build a community that fosters fairness and fun and that is accessible to a diverse range of people throughout Victoria"

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*** Interim ED for January – March 2006

Chief Executive Officer *
Executive Director **
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Competitions Manager
Administrator Coordinator
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Finance Manager
Development Officer
Regional Development Officer

BASEBALL CLUBS IN VICTORIA

Baseball Victoria

Bacchus Marsh
Berwick City Cougars
Blackburn
Bundoora
Bonbeach
Chelsea
Cheltenham
Doncaster
Essendon
Fitzroy
Footscray
Geelong
Malvern
Melbourne
Melton
Moorabbin
Mulgrave
Newport
North Balwyn
Ormond Glenhuntly
Port Melbourne
Preston
Sandringham
Springvale
St Kilda
Sunshine
Upwey FTG
Waverley
Werribee
Williamstown

Ballarat Baseball Association

Alfredton
Ballarat City
Mounties YC

Bendigo Baseball Association

Bendigo Bushrangers
Bendigo East
Falcons
Scots
Strathfieldsaye Dodgers

Dandenong Baseball Association

Berwick Dodgers
Boneo
Bonbeach
Carrum Downs
Chelsea
Cheltenham
Dandenong
Dingley
Frankston
Monash University
Mornington
Oakleigh
Ormond Glenhuntly
Pakenham
Tyabb

Geelong Baseball Association

Bacchus Marsh
Bellarine
Colac
Corio
Deakin
GBLA
Guild
Lara
Saints
Werribee

Goulburn Valley Baseball Association

Benalla Bandits
Mitchell Majors
Mooroopna Monarchs
Shepparton Colts
Shepparton Patriots

Latrobe Valley Baseball Association

Churchill
Moe/Newborough
Morwell
Sale
Traralgon

North Eastern Baseball Association

Lavington Panthers
North Albury Bears
SSE Eagles
Wodonga Warriors
Wangaratta Rangers
Porepunkah Panthers

Sunraysia Baseball League

Eagles
Hawks
Saints
Wanderers
Warriors

Victorian Winter Baseball League

Bundoora
Croydon
Diamond Creek
Footscray
Forest Hill
Glen Iris
GMBC
Greensborough
Heathmont
Knox
Latrobe University
Melbourne University
Melton
North Balwyn
Northcote
Panton Hill
Research
Reservoir
Ringwood
RMIT
VISBA
Watsonia
Waverley
Westgarth

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2006 U13 Development Squad

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again I would like to begin by acknowledging and thanking Baseball Victoria's key Government and Corporate partners for their ongoing support in 2005/2006. The Department of Sport and Recreation Victoria, VicHealth, the Victorian Institute of Sport, Aces Sporting Club, Major League Baseball and Wilson Sporting Goods contribute to the array of activities and services that Baseball Victoria provides to its members and affiliates across the state. In addition I would like to welcome our new partners for 2006/2007. These include Summit Holden, the new sponsor of our state league, as well as Fielder's Choice, our Preferred Retailer. We have also entered into a partnership with Rising Stars to establish Baseball Travel, a travel company to service all of the travel needs of our members, supporters and friends.

I would like to congratulate the Premiership teams, in all grades and competitions, as well as all of the individual award winners for the year.

During the 2006 Claxton Shield the ABF held its BADA (Baseball Australia Diamond Awards), including the Hall of Fame inductees. I would like to congratulate Jon Deeble on attaining his Hall of Fame status. In addition, the ABF recognized its Club Administrator of the Year. Congratulations to Robyn Karlson from Waverley who won this award. Baseball Victoria was awarded the Shield for the state working to best practice. All members of the Victorian baseball community should be proud of this achievement as there is no doubt that Baseball, like many other sports, would not survive without its network of 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 2006. Congratulations to all teams, as we achieved top four finishes in all age groups, as well as in seniors. To all players that earned national team selection, well done. Our Claxton Shield team placed second again this year. Whilst we were hopeful this year of a taking the title, the team wasn't quite experienced enough to 'get over the line'. When you consider that a majority of the team are under 22 or 23, it augers well for the future. In the past five years we have won once, have finished second three times, and have had one bottom position in the middle of the streak. It is important to realize that unfortunately a large number of our signed players were unavailable for a variety of reasons. This situation has, however, provided opportunities for a number of younger players to 'step up'.

This year, for the first time since 1996 we had a very active Australian National team program as they went through selection processes for the inaugural World Baseball Classic in the USA. We were visited by Chinese Taipei as well as by Japanese Major League Champions, Chiba Lotte, as they were undertaking their Spring Training at the Geelong Baseball Centre. The Altona matches against Chinese Taipei were fantastic entertainment and a great opportunity to see the Australian team in Melbourne. It was in some ways disappointing that we were unable to entice large numbers of the baseball community to attend the games, as well as to support the concept and the Australian team. A number of Victorian players were given the opportunity to step up for Australian Selection for the Classic team. Of our signed players Justin Huber, Paul Rutgers, Brad Harman, and Adam Bright, all made the Classic team. In addition, ex signed players Matthew Kent and Peter Moylan also made the team, and, as a direct result of their performances over the summer, both were offered opportunities in the USA pro ranks. Peter Moylan has since gone on to make a number of appearances in the big leagues with Atlanta. The coaching staff included Jon Deeble as Head Coach and Phil Dale as Pitching Coach. Congratulations to all of these guys.

Also on the international scene, the Australian Women went to the World Championships and finished a creditable fourth. Victoria was once again well represented in the National squad with Amy McCann, Sam Hamilton, Simone Wearne, Shae Lillywhite, Ailsa Davidson, Mel Gregory, Jade Hough, Kelly Manzie, Alisa Ruggiero, Terina Stokes, Melissa Whitaker and Clare Whittam all members of the team. Kane Longstaff was head coach and Dominic Ruggiero an assistant.

During the year our VIS program, under Head Coach Matthew Sheldon-Collins, had its biggest ever intake. The program continues to produce and to retain its Tier 1 status at the institute. This will continue until at least 2008, when it is again reviewed, at which time the structure of our sport internationally, as well as our performance at the international level will be taken into consideration.

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 Steve Walker into our top position. Steve has been great in the short time he has been involved with our sport and has quickly identified the necessary steps needed to be taken to ensure our future. Sadly, we farewell Scott Dawes after ten years with us. Scott is pursuing a career in financial management so we wish him well. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding effort of Stan Oxworth who occupied the role in between Scott's departure and Steve's commencement, on an interim basis. This was a great effort by Stan, particularly during our most busy summer period.

In relation to finances, Baseball Victoria was again in a position to maintain its fees structure without any increases. The significant reward for those clubs that are well managed, in the form of the 20% and 10% discounts for early payment of compulsory team fees, remained in place. Baseball Victoria will continue to look at ways of assisting clubs financially and in particular will be looking at ways of limiting the costs of entering the sport for the first time.

In relation to history we are still in the situation of having two significant governing bodies in Victoria. Last year Scott's efforts toward unification resulted in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Baseball Victoria (VBA) and the Victorian Provincial Baseball League (VPBL). With this significant step in place, it is the considered view of many people within the sport that it is time for full unity within our sport. The VBA and the VPBL both have strong histories and heritage, which we need to preserve at all costs. The unification process will guarantee this and will continue to ensure that we can optimize the growth and management of our sport. Under a unified model, there would be many benefits, whilst there would be no additional fees or team costs for winter competitions. The conduct, and therefore costs associated with the winter competitions would remain the jurisdiction of the various winter associations.

It is the view of many people that are looking at what is best for the sport of baseball, on a statewide, year-round basis, that it is time to move to a more efficient management structure for our sport. One feature of a unified model would be the full establishment of a statewide development program, led by a network of Baseball Development Coordinators operating in all areas of Melbourne and Country Victoria and working with all clubs regardless of historical ties to VBA or VPBL.

Other exciting initiatives for the forthcoming year, that have been initiated during the reporting period will be the rollout of the Junior Sport Policy, a taskforce to assist in umpire recruitment and upskilling, further efforts to establish a pathway into the sport of baseball for girls and women, regionalized coach education sessions and moderated enhancements to our competition structures.

In closing, I wish to thank all of my fellow board members, as well as all clubs and their members for the ongoing support that I receive in this role. Collectively we aim to ensure that baseball in Victoria remains a strong and viable sport, which is available to all Victorians. When I started this journey I said I would do it for three years. Those three years have become somewhat expanded. I serve on your behalf and am keen to keep pursuing excellence in all aspects of our great sport.

Peter Dihm
September 2006

CEO REPORT

In March 2006 I was privileged to be offered this leadership role within Victorian baseball. My first objective was to consult with as many stakeholders within the sport as possible and to prepare an initial review into the strengths and weaknesses within the sport of baseball, in Victoria.

I would like to thank everyone that was able to share their knowledge and expertise. This process commenced with all staff, included most board members, as well as several people from baseball associations, clubs, venues and linked bodies. This process also involved my immediate two predecessors in the role, Stan Oxworth and Scott Dawes, who each held this position for part of the reporting period.

The year highlights that I caught the tail end of, or have been well informed about, included a successful summer season culminating in Geelong's first ever Division 1 premiership, a robust and successful state team program, the Australian team playing two separate series of matches in Melbourne, an inspiring 12s program of domestic and international tournaments, a successful Spring Camp, thousands of young people exposed to the sport through school based clinics, national level activities for our women's and 23s teams, and the initiation of a program to develop a Junior Sport Policy for baseball.

During the latter part of the reporting period, many significant priorities were established for the sport. These include, but are not limited to:

- The establishment of a more aggressive and enhanced statewide development program, consisting of a network of Baseball Development Coordinators to promote, profile and grow the sport;
- A willingness to look at the way we conduct competitions and events, with a view to their format, organisation, conduct and communication constantly being improved;
- An overhaul of our communications systems and in particular a new look website, the establishment of a network of Club Media Officers, and the constant reminder to the community as to the fantastic characteristics of the sport of baseball;
- Consolidation and constant improvements to the elite pathway in baseball, with particular regard to junior and senior, male and female, state teams and the VIS program;
- A review of the administrative structure within the sport, and most importantly, for all key stakeholders within the sport to recognize the benefits of a unified model, where the VPBL and the BV would combine resources and become the one unified body;
- A significant Victorian contribution toward the establishment of a successful National League for baseball;
- The development of a pathway into baseball for females that eventually consists of club and representative opportunities, after Teeball, at the 13s, 16s and women's levels;
- A dramatic increase in the regard for and attitude toward umpires and a resulting increase in their numbers by 10 per year;
- A continually improving financial position, with a range of new revenue streams, that ensures the long-term viability of the sport in Victoria.

We approach 2006/2007 with enormous optimism for the sport of baseball and armed with the fact that the sport is very much what modern-day people are looking for. Once exposed, as readers of this have already been, people will soon realize that baseball is fun, fair, great for beginners, social, exciting, opportunity laden, team oriented, well organized and overall a great sport.

I look forward to working with all stakeholders within baseball, but most notably our clubs and associations to:

- Attract people to the sport;
- Provide first class baseball experiences and opportunities;
- Effectively profile and promote these experiences and opportunities;
- and most of all to
- Favourably position baseball against its competitors.

Steve Walker
September 2006

PENNANT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The number of Men's teams increased by two (2) to one hundred and ten (110) which was pleasing but the Women's team numbers decreased by the same number to twenty four (24). Despite the efforts of the Association and some Clubs, the Women's competition continues to be a concern although the standard at the top level continues to improve. The establishment of a junior girls only competition continues to be a priority for the Board and, hopefully, will arrest the slide in the Women's numbers.

The second season of the revamped Men's competition was as successful as the first and the Board has voted for stability in continuing the concept for a further three (3) seasons.

Once again, a new record of clearance Appeals was established – only one (1) for the season and that was right at the closing date. Hopefully, we can beat that record and have no Appeals, a situation the Committee would welcome as they are difficult and cannot be a winner for both sides. Clubs are encouraged to negotiate clearances and it appears that "poaching" is on the decline.

Unfortunately, Umpire numbers continue to fall. As I have been saying for years, respect for our officials needs to be improved but respect has to be earned by the official doing a good job. I believe the military has a saying that you salute the uniform, not the wearer of it – maybe we can use the same principle.

The office staff continues to support the Committee and Andrew Fennell has been a good administrator for all Committee matters.

I thank all Committee members for their support and dedication to the sport we all love.

Paul F. Collins
Chairman
August 2006

VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT BASEBALL PROGRAM REPORT

The VIS Baseball program is a joint venture between the Australian Baseball Federation, Baseball Victoria and the Victorian Institute of Sport. The mandate for the Program is to provide Victoria's elite players between the ages of 15 – 19 a year round training / competition program to facilitate their progress into our Australian Junior National teams, US College and Professional ranks with the ultimate goal of competing for the Australian Senior National Team. Our program has financial support from the ABF, BV and VIS with major sponsorship contributions from ACES Sporting Club and Ausport Superstore. In kind support is also given by Monash University, Latrobe University and BV clubs when required. Our Program is run by a full time Head Coach with a volunteer staff of 10 who assist with the coaching / administration of the program. Our Program is overseen by the VIS Baseball Program Management Committee comprising of a member from the ABF, BV, VIS Programs and Head Coach. This committee meets bi annually to monitor the content and direction of the program.

ABF National Selection

The VIS Baseball Program had 14 athletes selected to attend the 2006 MLBAAP National Camp. Four of our U/18 players were then selected in the National team to compete at the U/19 World Championships in Cuba with three U/16 players selected in the U/16 National team that played in an International Friendship series in Japan. The VIS Baseball Program had 2 coaches attend the ABF MLBAAP National camp. The VIS Baseball Program had 9 graduates selected in the Senior National squad for the Inaugural 2006 World Baseball Classic with 6 of these players going on to make the final team roster.

BV State Selection

The VIS Baseball Program had 16 athletes selected in the BV U/18 team and two in the VPBL U/18 team. The BV U/18 team finished 3rd and U/16 team were runners up in their respective National Championships. Both Head coaches and five assistant coaches in these programs are also VIS assistant coaches maintaining continuity across our elite junior programs. In this years Claxton Shield, 24 of the 35 man squad were VIS graduates.

US Professional Signings

The VIS Baseball Program had four athletes sign with US professional clubs this year taking the total number of VIS signings to 41. We currently have 20 VIS graduates playing professional baseball in the US.

US College

We had four VIS athletes take up US College scholarships this year bringing our total to 29 to take up this opportunity. We currently have nine athletes in the US College system.

Competition Program

The eight game VIS Ausport Cup series played at various club venues saw VIS Blue defeat VIS Grey 309 points to 294. The point system rewards players / teams on an inning by inning basis rather than the final score.

The VIS finished 3rd in the 2006 VPBL Tournament held in Geelong over the Queens Birthday weekend. With a 3-2 record, we were only beaten by the two teams that played off in the Final. We had two players selected in the All-Star team.

The VIS finish 5th in the 2006 VWBL season with a 9-9-2 record.

These competitions continue to be the corner stone in preparing our players for National Camp.

I would like to thank: ACES Sporting club and Ausport Superstore for their continued financial support of our program. Many thanks are also extended to the VIS, the ABF and BV for their continued commitment to baseball development, as well as to my coaching and support staff for their expertise and for their commitment to our program and athletes.

Matthew Sheldon-Collins

Head Coach

V.I.S. Baseball Program.

August 2006

JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT

It is my pleasure to submit this report to Baseball Victoria and its Stakeholders for the 2005/2006 season.

Over the past few months we have seen a renewed focus on junior baseball, Baseball Victoria recently secured project funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation Victoria to develop a Junior Sport Policy (JSP).

The project, which is supported by the ABF, is well underway and will involve the development and implementation of a JSP over the next two years.

At the time of writing, Baseball Victoria has appointed a team of 7 Baseball Development Co-ordinators, these appointments will see a strong focus on supporting clubs in their quest to recruit new players to our sport.

With these initiatives, I see Baseball Victoria heading in the right direction although there is still a lot of work to be done. A major key to our sport's success will be our ability not only recruit more new players but have a stronger determination to retain existing members.

Girls participating in our sport is largely an untapped resource and has good potential for the baseball community to grow our numbers.

As we move forward, Baseball Victoria's Junior League will develop a realistic strategic plan with the main focus being to increase player numbers at a grass roots level. The main areas of the plan will be attract, develop and retain.

I would like to congratulate all players for making their respective State and Touring teams (these teams can be viewed on pp. 14-17) and representing Victoria at the National Championships with distinction. I would also like to thank the Coaches and Staff for their efforts over the training and championship period.

Congratulations also to Jazmine Hornstra (Bacchus Marsh) for being selected to attend the 2005 World Children's Baseball Fair in Japan.

I look forward to following the progress of our initiatives and would like the opportunity to thank the people involved with Baseball at a junior level - people who have given a lot of their time on the many weekdays and weekends in the pursuit of having many children enjoy our great sport.

Regards,

Barry Fisher
August 2006

DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING REPORT

The pre-season umpires' seminar was held in Ballarat and I wish to extend my appreciation to the VPBL and the Ballarat Association for their assistance in the organization of this event. It was attended by some 35 people comprising both current and club umpire students. The 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 sessions 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 total number of umpires registered to the VBA panel was 32 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 20. Once again this was a reduction from the previous season's weekly average of 24.

The available umpires made a total 976 game appearances during the season covering a total of 546 of a possible 1167 games, including finals, mid week and master's games, giving a coverage ratio of 47%. The Division 1 firsts and reserves enjoyed 100% coverage but, for the first year Division 2 coverage dropped to 97% with Division 3 at low 31% coverage. Other grades were obviously covered at much lower rates due to umpire numbers.

The women's competition was covered by only 9 regular umpires but they covered 186 of the 263 available games, a coverage rate of 71%. Division 1 was covered at a rate of 90% with Division 2 at 46%.

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

Division 1 – David Milton
Division 2 – Greg Howard
Division 3 – Andrew Gluth
Division 4N – Yoshikazu Hanami
Division 4S – Mark Wilson
Women's – Randall Vavra

I want to recognize the following umpires to who ably represented Victoria at various National Championships:

Claxton Shield – Greg Howard
AAA Under 18 – Ian McKenzie, Greg Howard, Phil Box and Larry Fraim
AA Under 16 – Mark Gooding
Aust. Provincial Champs – Ian McKenzie, Mark Gooding, Stewart Howe
Australian Master's – Larry Fraim, Kevin McMurrugh, Clyde Cumming, Mark Gooding, Ian Wannan

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

Mark Gooding
Director of Umpiring
August 2006

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
Steve Walker**	Chief Executive Officer
Paul Collins	Pennant Committee Chairman
Barry Fisher	Junior League Chairman
Robert Sadler	Corporate Affairs Chairman
Don Cornish	Club Representative
John O'Halloran	Club Representative
Nick O'Connell	Club Representative
Graeme Besford	VPBL President
David Rice	VPBL Administrator

*Resigned December 2005

** Commenced March 2006

TRIBUNAL

Michael Gourlay (Chairman)
John Holmes
Jason Blair
Noel Pinnell

2005/06 COMPETITION PREMIERS

SENIORS

Division 1: **Geelong**
Div 1-Reserves: **Geelong**
Div 1-3rds: **Geelong**
Div 1-4ths: **Blackburn**
Division 2: **Bonbeach**
Div 2-Reserves: **Cheltenham**
Div 2-3rds: **Moorabbin**
Div 2-4ths: **Doncaster**
Division 3: **Springvale**
Div 3-Reserves: **Springvale**
Div 3-3rds: **Springvale**
Division 4-North: **Melton**
Division 4-South: **Waverley**

WOMEN'S

Division 1: **Doncaster**
Division 2: **Werribee**
Division 3: **Doncaster**
Division 4: **Werribee**

WOMEN'S WINTER

Division 1: **Melbourne University**

MASTERS

Division 1: **Essendon**
Division 2: **Bonbeach**

JUNIORS

U-18 State: **Cheltenham**
U-18 Metro: **Blackburn**
U-16 State: **Newport**
U-16 Metro East: **Malvern**
U-16 Metro West: **Preston**
U-14 State: **Melbourne**
U-14 Metro East: **Cheltenham**
U-14 Metro West: **Fitzroy**
U-14 South East Centre: **Bonbeach**
U-14 West Centre: **Werribee**
U-12 State: **Doncaster**
U-12 Metro East: **Melbourne**
U-12 Metro West: **Port Melbourne**
U-12 South East Centre: **Bonbeach**
U-12 West Centre: **Newport**

COMPETITION STATISTICAL LEADERS

HITTING - Top 10 Hitters in Each Division

Division One

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Hodges, Jarrod	Waverley	49	.516
2	Kent, Matthew	Sunshine	40	.430
3	Tierney, Andrew	Blackburn	34	.410
4	Poulter, Lee	Geelong	39	.394
5	Moylan, Peter	Blackburn	28	.389
6	Clarke, Cameron	Geelong	35	.385
7	McKenzie, Andrew	Fitzroy	36	.375
8	Sadler, Michael	Upwey	27	.370
9	Dingle, Hayden	Waverley	31	.365
10	Oxworth, Michael	Upwey	32	.360

Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Johnston, Rikki	Bonbeach	40	.476
2	Weichard, Paul	Doncaster	26	.473
3	Myles, Simon	Bonbeach	30	.380
4	Williams, Daniel	Cheltenham	28	.378
5	Laux, Ben	Moorabbin	27	.370
6	Reinke, Anthony	Cheltenham	26	.356
7	Webber, Ross	Bonbeach	29	.354
8	Webber, Andrew	Bonbeach	26	.351
9	Nicholas, Chris	Doncaster	27	.346
10	Wearne, Scott	Bonbeach	19	.345

Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Kramer, Ted	Ormond/Glen	25	.521
2	Porter, Wayne	Ormond/Glen	35	.479
3	Quinn, Paul	Berwick	34	.479
4	Crooks, Michael	Port Melbourne	29	.453
5	Keiper, Joe	St Kilda	29	.439
6	Burke, Ben	Port Melbourne	28	.431
7	Kinlough, Shane	Footscray	35	.422
8	O'Meara, Tim	Footscray	22	.415
9	Anderton, Mark	Springvale	28	.412
10	Johansen, Trevor	Chelsea	23	.411

Women's Division 1

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	McCann, Amy	Doncaster	34	.694
2	Kitta, Megumi	Springvale	34	.596
3	Hamilton, Sam	Doncaster	27	.563
4	Manzie, Kelly	Springvale	28	.549
5	Lillywhite, Shae	Springvale	30	.500
6	Taylor, Siobhan	Springvale	27	.491
7	Holmes, Jen	Malvern	23	.489
8	Whittam, Clare	Malvern	26	.481
9	Whitaker, Mel	Malvern	27	.474
10	Skews, Shannon	Doncaster	24	.471

PITCHING - Top 10 Pitchers in Each Division

Division One

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Bramwell, Chris	Newport	30	1.21
2	Spear, Russell	Essendon	52	1.21
3	Phillips, Evan	Waverley	46	1.96
4	Ross, James	Sunshine	44.1	2.03
5	Spence, Josh	Geelong	72.1	2.18
6	McLean, Ross	Malvern	102	2.38
7	Jones, Casey	Essendon	59.1	2.73
8	Hogan, Lee	Blackburn	108	2.75
9	McKay, Leigh	Fitzroy	57	3.00
10	Asp, David	Newport	86.1	3.23

Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Blackley, Adam	Cheltenham	26	.693
2	Sanders, James	Sandringham	61	1.18
3	Donald, Ben	Bonbeach	83	1.19
4	Dewar, Andrew	Moorabbin	93.2	1.83
5	Gribbin, Andrew	Cheltenham	47.2	2.27
6	Brownley, Luke	Preston	47	2.30
7	Dobelli, Michael	Doncaster	45	2.60
8	Wheeler, Rick	Cheltenham	30.2	3.23
9	Blackmore, Matthew	Sandringham	24	3.38
10	Otter, Rhys	Doncaster	24	3.75

Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Simpson, David	Port Melbourne	27	1.67
2	Aldis, Mick	Port Melbourne	26	2.08
3	Pallant, Matthew	Springvale	68.1	2.37
4	Gaylard, Ben	Springvale	49	2.57
5	Dobra, Matt	Ormond/Glen	73.1	2.80
6	Barnden, Myles	Springvale	21.2	2.91
7	Phillips, Stuart	Port Melbourne	46.2	3.09
8	Green, Aaron	Williamstown	51.1	3.16
9	Macey, Chris	Port Melbourne	49.1	3.28
10	Keiper, Joe	St Kilda	49.2	3.62

Women's Division 1

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Davidson, Ailsa	Doncaster	38.1	1.64
2	Hollien, Ella	Springvale	32.1	2.23
3	Stokes, Terina	Waverley	82	2.52
4	Row, Cat	Springvale	40.1	4.71
5	Smith, Alexis	Port Melbourne	52	5.19
6	Binks, Emma	Port Melbourne	26.2	6.41
7	Tamburrino, Alisa	Doncaster	42.2	6.54
8	Dobson, Lynn	Footscray	33.2	8.29
9	Stavrou, Danielle	Bundoora	44.2	8.87
10	Strugnell, Claudia	Malvern	40.1	9.15

BV ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

George Heron Memorial Award – Division 1 MVP

Jarrold Hodges - *Waverley*
Lee Hogan – *Blackburn*

R.R. Hidson Memorial Award – Division 2 MVP

James Sanders - *Sandringham*

Division 3 MVP Award

Matt Dobra – *Ormond Glenhuntly*

Women's Division 1 MVP Award

Terina Stokes – *Waverley*

Harry Douglas Memorial Trophy – Division 1 ERA Leader

Chris Bramwell - *Newport*
Russell Spear – *Essendon*

Harry Wonnacott Medal – Division 1 Grand Final MVP

Kirt Zimniewicz – *Geelong*

Ernie Jones Scholarship Award

Harley Yochim - *Werribee*

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

Sport Education Victoria Coach of the Year

Nathan Holmes - *Geelong*

Sport Education Victoria Umpire of the Year

David Milton

Administrator of the Year

Robyn Karlson - *Waverley*

Journalist of the Year Award

Marty Shevelove – *Leader Community News, Southern Division*

JUNIOR FINALS SERIES

Daniel McGrath (Doncaster)	Ian Deany Award – Grand Final MVP	U12 State League
Tristan Field (Melbourne)	Dick Mason Award – Grand Final MVP	U14 State League
Liam Dineen (Newport)	Angus McPherson Award – Grand Final MVP	U16 State League
Tom Johannsen- Ellis (Cheltenham)	John Viney Award – Grand Final MVP	U18 State League

STATE REPRESENTATIVES - SENIOR

CLAXTON SHIELD - VICTORIA – Finish 2nd

James Beresford	IF
Simon Beresford	RHP
Daniel Berg	IF
Adam Bonaddio	RHP
Adam Bright	LHP
Cameron Clarke	IF
Hayden Dingle	OF
Kyle Edlich	LHP
Cameron Forbes	RHP
Brad Harman	IF
Donavon Hendricks	LHP
Matthew Kent	C
Peter Moylan	IF
Andrew Russell	OF
Paul Rutgers	OF
Russell Spear	RHP
Brett Tamburrino	OF
Ben Utting	IF
Scott Wearne	C
Brendan Wilson	RHP
Greg Wiltshire	RHP
David White	HC
Dan McConnon	Coach
Peter Giles	Coach
Sean Linley	EO

WOMENS – Finish 2nd

Sam Adams	IF
Ailsa Davidson	RHP
Melissa Gregory	OF/LHP
Samantha Hamilton	IF/OF
Jennifer Holmes	OF
Jade Hough	IF
Shae Lillywhite	IF
Davina Mann	RHP
Shelly Marklew	OF
Amy McCann	OF
Alisa Ruggiero	RHP
Alexis Smith	RHP
Terina Stokes	RHP
Claudia Strugnell	RHP
Kathy Welsh	RHP
Melissa Whitaker	OF/IF
Claire Whittam	C
Dominick Ruggiero	HC
Leo Vivona	Coach
Kane Longstaff	Coach
Jenny Whittam	EO

U-23 – Finish 2nd

Mitch Ayres	C
Adam Barnes	OF
Ryan Berg	INF
Ryan Booth	OF
Matthew Clements	RHP
Jason Cousins	IF
Andrew Dewar	LHP
Michael Dobeli	RHP
Luke Farrelly	OF
Stephen Hood	RHP
Adam Irons	RHP
Rowan Johnstone	RHP
Grant Karlsen	C
Will Keys	OF
Ben Laux	INF
Rhys Otter	RHP
Justin Swanton	IF
Lindsay Webb	RHP
Stephen Black	HC
John King	Coach
Ian Hubble	Coach
Leonie Black	EO

CLAXTON SHIELD – AUSTRALIA PROVINCIAL

Adam Blackley	LHP
Darryn Cassidy	RHP
Josh Davies	IF
Cameron Hardy	RHP
Casey Jones	RHP
Matthew Lawman	IF
Glen Richards	LHP
Matt Ryan	OF
Peter Tautor	RHP
Paul Weichard	LHP
Phil Allen	Coach

STATE REPRESENTATIVES - JUNIOR

U-18 (AAA) – Finish 3rd

James Beresford	IF
Elliot Biddle	OF/LHP
Cameron Brown	IF
Brodie Cooper	IF/RHP
Ryan Fisher	LHP
Ben Gaylard	LHP/IF
Andrew Gribbin	RHP/OF
Ricky Howell	LHP
Tom Johannsen-Ellis	RHP
Justin Johnston	RHP
Danny King	IF
Josh Licence	OF
Dean Malthouse	C
Sean Meldrum	RHP
Jordan Mitchellhill	IF/OF
Dale Ricketts	C
Taylor Rowe	RHP
Joshua Spence	LHP
Nathan Holmes	HC
David May	Coach
Greg Morley	Coach
Mitch Ayres	Coach
Roland Stott	EO

U-16 (AA) – Finish 2nd

Nathan Aron	IF
John Blaskett	C/U
Joshua Collis	IF
James Crowe	C/IF
Liam Dineen	IF
Matthew Gerraty	RHP
Cameron Harper	OF
Tom Harrington	P
Kable Hogben	IF
Jamie Lethborg	RHP
Cameron Lyons	IF
Scot Malthouse	IF
Andrew Mann	IF
Wade McConnon	C/IF
Taylor McEvoy	RHP
Reid Staples	RHP
Liam Vicary-Lovegrove	OF
Daniel Zucchet	LHP
Garry Bitmead	HC
Adam Bright	Coach
Peter Bates	Coach
David Schlenker	Coach
Vibeke Pederson	EO

U-14 (A) – Finish 3rd

Jock Allen	C/OF
Matthew Bright	IF/RHP
Luke Cheetham	OF
James Darcy	OF/RHP
Bradley Dicker	OF/RHP
Euan Edwards	RHP/OF
Daniel Farmer	RHP/IF
Tristan Field	RHP/OF
Michael Mazzocato	IF/RHP
Mathew Mejak	IF/OF
Jamie Papanicolaou	IF/OF
Sam Street	IF/RHP
Takashi Kobayashi	RHP/IF
Campbell Wiggins	RHP/OF
Harley Yochim	C/OF
Preston Yochim	IF/RHP
Russel Stewart	HC
Phil Balzer	Coach
Greg Hondromatidis	Coach
Arthur Papanicolaou	Coach
Ken Verity	EO

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

SENIOR NATIONAL – 2006 WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

Adam Bright	LHP
Brad Harman	IF
Justin Huber	IF
Matthew Kent	C
Peter Moylan	RHP
Paul Rutgers	IF
Jon Deeble	HC
Phil Dale	Coach
Neil Burke	Scout

WOMENS NATIONAL – 2006 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Ailsa Davidson	RHP
Melissa Gregory	OF
Samantha Hamilton	IF
Jade Hough	IF
Shae Lillywhite	IF
Kelly Manzie	LHP
Amy McCann	OF
Alisa Ruggiero	RHP
Terina Stokes	RHP
Simone Wearne	RHP
Melissa Whitaker	OF
Clare Whittam	C
Kane Longstaff	HC
Dominic Ruggiero	Coach

MLB ACADEMY

John Blaskett	C
Tom Ellis	RHP
Matthew Gerraty	RHP
Andrew Gribbin	RHP
Ricky Howell	LHP
Dean Malthouse	C
Andrew Mann	RHP
Taylor Rowe	RHP
Josh Spence	LHP

AAA (U-19) – 2006 BASEBALL OCEANIA SERIES

James Beresford	IF
Elliot Biddle	OF
Dean Malthouse	C
Tom Ellis	RHP
Taylor Rowe	RHP
Josh Spence	LHP

AA (U-17) – 2006 NATIONAL TEAM

John Blaskett	C
Jamie Lethborg	IF
Scot Malthouse	IF
Tim Ballard	Coach

CAL RIPKEN (U-13)

Liam Bedford	IF
Tyler Dale	RHP
Sam Gibbons	RHP
Luke Papanicolaou	C
Nathan Holmes	Coach

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

James Beresford	Minnesota Twins	RHP/IF
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
Justin Huber	Kansas City Royals	1B/DH
John Hussey	San Diego Padres	RHP
Matthew Kent	Boston Red Sox	C
Matthew Lawman	Minnesota Twins	IF
Shane Lindsay	Colorado Rockies	RHP
David McWatters	El Paso Diablos	RHP
Peter Moylan	Atlanta Braves	RHP
Micheal Nakamura	Nippon Ham Fighters – Japan	RHP
Matthew Ryan	Los Angeles Angels	1B/OF
Rhys Taylor	Washington Nationals	RHP
Matthew Wilkinson	Arizona Diamondbacks	RHP
Brendan Wilson	Los Angeles Angels	RHP

VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

James Beresford	RHP/IF
Elliot Biddle	OF/LHP
John Blaskett	C/UTIL
Justin D'Rozario	INF
Liam Dineen	INF/OF
Tom Ellis	RHP
Ryan Fisher	LHP
Matthew Gerraty	RHP
Andrew Gribbin	RHP
Kable Hogben	RHP/IF/OF
Ricky Howell	LHP/1B
Jack Larner	C/1B
Jamie Lethborg	RHP/3B
Josh Licence	OF/RHP
Cameron Lyons	C/3B/OF
Karl Mackay	C/1B
Dean Malthouse	C/2B
Scot Malthouse	IF/RHP
Andrew Mann	IF/RHP
Andrew Mazzocato	RHP/OF
Jordan Mitchelhill	IF/OF
Josh Mulherin	RHP
Dale Ricketts	C
Tayler Rowe	RHP
Peter Schroeders	C/IF/OF
Josh Spence	LHP
Nicholas Spence	RHP/1B
Reid Staples	RHP
Tom Stewart	C/OF
Liam Vicary-Lovegrove	OF

BASEBALL AUSTRALIA DIAMOND AWARDS

ABF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Jon Deeble

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Robyn Karlsen (Waverley)

STATE OF THE YEAR

Victoria

U-12 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

JAPAN

Yoshi Campitelli	Cheltenham
Brett Curnow	Cheltenham
Linden Goodman	Latrobe Valley
Nicholas Hinder	Geelong
Jon Kennedy	Waverley
John King	Berwick
Ryan Lea	Doncaster
Daniel McGrath	Doncaster
Andrew Reeves	Doncaster
Aaron Sayers	Essendon
Adam Silva	Berwick
Matthew Wilson	Bonbeach
Jake Wonnacott	Sandringham
Patrick Young	Waverley
Paul Brown	Head Coach
Russell Spear	Assistant
Barry Fisher	EO

GOLD COAST

Samual Beasley	Berwick
Matthew Belfrage	Geelong
Brandon Bird	Waverley
Joshua Birkett	Fitzroy
Adam Burdett	Cheltenham
Matthew Chilcott	Berwick
Wade Chrystie	Bonbeach
Jarrold Durston	Geelong
Hayden Gardner	Essendon
Brandon Hough	Melbourne
Stuart Keen	Sandringham
Benjamin Kernick	Upwey FTG
Mitchell Ley	Waverley
Kevin Mynott	Upwey FTG
Jesse Poke	Waverley
Haydn Chinn	Head Coach
Grant Karlsen	Assistant
Ashley Blair	Assistant

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Darby Brown	Fitzroy
Bradley Calway	Werribee
McKenzie Cunningham	Berwick
Daniel Di Fede	Waverley
Timothy Hector	Latrobe Valley
Mitchell Hope	Preston
James Jackson	Latrobe Valley
Steele Kemp	Bonbeach
Todd Kriehn	Werribee
Mitchell Makenham	Waverley
Jake Sinclair	Bonbeach
Braden Smith	Fitzroy
Rhett Spiller	Essendon
Chris Zissis	Upwey FTG
Matthew Nichol	Head Coach
Justin Swanton	Assistant
Barry Fisher	EO



2006 Victorian U23 team.



**Victorian Baseball
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Financial Report
For the year ended 30 June 2006

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VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated for the financial year ended Friday, 30 June 2006.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The names of committee members throughout the financial year and at the date of this report are:

Peter Dihm (President)
Steven Walker (Executive Director)
Paul Collins
David Rice
John O'Halloran
Nick O'Connell
Don Cornish
Robert Sadler
Barry Fisher
Graeme Besford
Greg Veale (Appointed 1 July 2006)

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the association during the financial year was to facilitate and promote baseball in the state of Victoria.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year

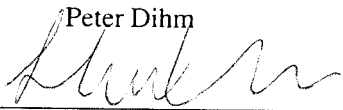
OPERATING RESULT

The deficit for the financial year amounted to \$16,038.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:



Peter Dihm



Steven Walker

Dated this 18th day of September 2006

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	Notes	2006 \$	2005 \$
Revenue	4	1,088,387	1,037,454
Employee benefits expense		(363,168)	(333,538)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	(4,039)	(5,210)
ABF, registration and insurance costs		(79,671)	(91,173)
Umpire costs		(61,817)	(62,379)
Development departments costs		(36,272)	(46,801)
VIS Baseball Academy costs		(2,616)	(8,715)
Senior state team costs		(46,431)	(30,608)
National championship costs		(21,732)	(45,078)
Junior state teams		(120,244)	(119,998)
U12 Development programs		(124,951)	(111,870)
Regional development manager costs		(27,500)	(27,500)
Playball costs		(8,133)	(27,924)
Motor vehicle expenses		(9,983)	(17,361)
International team visits		(51,238)	-
Administration expenses		(56,467)	(57,436)
Other expenses		<u>(85,390)</u>	<u>(53,475)</u>
		(1,099,652)	(1,039,066)
Finance costs	3	<u>(4,773)</u>	<u>(7,775)</u>
Surplus / (deficit) before income tax expense / (income tax benefit)		(16,038)	(9,387)
Income tax benefit / (income tax expense)		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus / (deficit) from continuing operations		<u><u>(16,038)</u></u>	<u><u>(9,387)</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2006

	Notes	2006 \$	2005 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	77,316	123,025
Trade receivables	5	34,882	27,091
Other current assets	6	<u>13,817</u>	<u>10,725</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>126,015</u>	<u>160,841</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	13,912	17,951
Intangible assets	8	2,000	2,000
Other non-current assets	6	<u>58,196</u>	<u>50,585</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>74,108</u>	<u>70,536</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>200,123</u>	<u>231,377</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	29,067	20,368
Short term borrowings	10	-	15,146
Provisions	11	10,604	12,259
Other current liabilities	12	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>39,671</u>	<u>67,773</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	11	15,603	10,328
Other non-current liabilities	12	<u>58,196</u>	<u>50,585</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>73,799</u>	<u>60,913</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>113,470</u>	<u>128,686</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>86,653</u>	<u>102,691</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated surplus	13	<u>86,653</u>	<u>102,691</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>86,653</u>	<u>102,691</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	Notes	2006	2005
		\$	\$
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		<u>102,691</u>	<u>112,078</u>
Profit for the year		<u>(16,038)</u>	<u>(9,387)</u>
Total recognised income and expense for the year		<u>(16,038)</u>	<u>(9,387)</u>
Total equity at the end of the financial year		<u><u>86,653</u></u>	<u><u>102,691</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	Notes	2006 \$	2005 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from clubs other organisations and persons		1,138,875	1,084,559
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,164,358)	(998,259)
Interest received		<u>4,690</u>	<u>6,156</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	14 (b)	<u>(20,793)</u>	<u>92,456</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Finance lease repayments		<u>(15,146)</u>	<u>(6,857)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(15,146)</u>	<u>(6,857)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(35,939)	85,599
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>184,335</u>	<u>98,736</u>
Cash at end of financial year	14 (a)	<u><u>148,396</u></u>	<u><u>184,335</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Corporations Act 2001 and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of Victoria.

The financial report is for the entity Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated as an individual entity. Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated is an incorporated association domiciled in Australia.

This is the first financial report of Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated prepared in accordance with Australian Equivalents of International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS). The financial reports of Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated were prepared in accordance with the previous Australian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (AGAAP) until 30 June 2005. There are certain differences between the accounting policies under AIFRS and AGAAP and where applicable the comparative figures have been restated to reflect these adjustments. The significant accounting policies under AIFRS are provided below.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs. It does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(b) 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.

(c) Fixed Assets

The carrying amount of fixed assets is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets.

The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

(d) Intangibles

Patents, trademarks and licences

Patents, trademarks and licences are recognised at cost of acquisition. Patents and trademarks have a finite life and are carried at cost less any impairment losses.

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(e) Employee Benefits

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave, sick leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. All other employee benefit liabilities are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Contributions made by the Association to an employee superannuation fund are recognised in the balance sheet as a liability, after deducting any contributions already paid and in the income statement as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payment is available.

(f) Impairment of assets

Assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Assets subject to annual depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

(g) Comparative Figures

Due to the first-time adoption of AIFRS, comparatives have been reclassified and repositioned through retrospective application of AIFRS to the previous year results so as to achieve consistency with current year disclosure.

(h) Financial Instruments

Classification

The Association classifies its financial instruments in the following categories: loans and receivables, and held-to-maturity investments. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at each reporting date.

Held-to-maturity investments

Fixed term investments with an intention to be held to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity investments. They are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are measured at fair value at inception and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Non-interest bearing loans and receivables are designated as receivable 'at call' and are therefore recognised at their face value at inception.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities include trade payables, other creditors and loans from third parties including inter-entity balances and loans from or other amounts due to director-related entities.

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Non-interest bearing loans and payables are payable on demand and are therefore recognised at their face value at inception.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(i) Monies Held in Trust

The Association has received monies on a conditional basis which are earmarked for use for specific activities. Amounts held in trust are retained in separate bank accounts and a liability is recognised to reflect the obligation to expend these monies in a specific way. These monies relate to the Victorian Baseball Foundation, the Earnie Jones Scholarship and the State Team.

NOTE 2: REVENUE

Operating activities

- affiliation fees	147,328	148,988
- registration and insurance	151,482	153,339
- development department	46,113	38,694
- grant income	137,373	153,000
- play ball	19,028	36,995
- licensing program	10	50,162
- umpire income	64,108	64,076
- general operating income	39,345	40,965
- VPBL	6,364	6,364
- senior state teams	27,035	24,023
- junior state teams	118,342	114,168
- under 12 development programs	129,542	103,710
- national championships	65,870	35,221
- VIS baseball academy	85,055	61,593
- international team visits	46,702	-
- interest	<u>4,690</u>	<u>6,156</u>
Total Revenue	<u>1,088,387</u>	<u>1,037,454</u>

NOTE 3: SURPLUS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

Surplus / (deficit) from ordinary activities before income tax expense (income tax benefit) has been determined after:

Expenses

Interest paid:

- hire purchase charges	<u>4,773</u>	<u>7,775</u>
Total finance costs	4,773	7,775

Depreciation of non-current assets

- motor vehicles	<u>4,039</u>	<u>5,210</u>
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	4,039	5,210

Bad and doubtful debts:

- other entities	<u>-</u>	<u>5,218</u>
Total bad and doubtful debts	-	5,218

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash on hand		100	100
Cash at bank		10,782	63,151
Cash on deposit		<u>66,434</u>	<u>59,774</u>
		<u><u>77,316</u></u>	<u><u>123,025</u></u>

NOTE 5: RECEIVABLES

CURRENT

Trade debtors	40,197	32,768
Provision for doubtful debts	<u>(5,315)</u>	<u>(5,677)</u>
	<u><u>34,882</u></u>	<u><u>27,091</u></u>

NOTE 6: OTHER ASSETS

CURRENT

Prepayments	933	-
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	<u>12,884</u>	<u>10,725</u>
	<u><u>13,817</u></u>	<u><u>10,725</u></u>

NON-CURRENT

Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	<u>58,196</u>	<u>50,585</u>
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Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust are held as cash at bank and include a total of \$71,080 (2005: \$61,310) of sponsorship funds and funds held in trust which have been set aside for specific purposes and are not intended to be used for normal operating activities.

NOTE 7: FIXED ASSETS

Plant and Equipment

Motor vehicles

At cost	34,534	34,534
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(20,622)</u>	<u>(16,583)</u>
	13,912	17,951

Office equipment

At cost	12,948	12,948
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(12,948)</u>	<u>(12,948)</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
NOTE 7: FIXED ASSETS (Continued)			
(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts			
Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year			
			Motor vehicles \$
2006			
Balance at the beginning of the year			17,951
Depreciation expense			<u>(4,039)</u>
Carrying amount at end of year			<u><u>13,912</u></u>
NOTE 8: INTANGIBLE ASSETS			
Patents, trademarks and licenses at cost		<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
NOTE 9: PAYABLES			
CURRENT			
<i>Unsecured liabilities</i>			
Trade creditors		15,002	9,857
Sundry creditors and accruals		<u>14,065</u>	<u>10,511</u>
		<u><u>29,067</u></u>	<u><u>20,368</u></u>
NOTE 10: BORROWINGS			
CURRENT			
<i>Secured liabilities</i>			
Finance lease liability		<u>-</u>	<u>15,146</u>

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	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
NOTE 11: PROVISIONS			
CURRENT			
Employee benefits	(a)	10,604	12,259
NON-CURRENT			
Employee benefits	(a)	<u>15,603</u>	<u>10,328</u>
(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability		<u>26,207</u>	<u>22,587</u>
(b) Number of employees at year end		6	7
NOTE 12: OTHER LIABILITIES			
CURRENT			
Deferred income		<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
NON-CURRENT			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		<u>58,196</u>	<u>50,585</u>
NOTE 13: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year		102,691	112,078
Net surplus / (deficit) attributable to members of the entity		<u>(16,038)</u>	<u>(9,387)</u>
Accumulated surplus at the end of the financial year		<u>86,653</u>	<u>102,691</u>

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Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
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NOTE 14: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months and net of bank overdrafts.

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statements of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the income statement as follows:

Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	10,782	63,151
Cash on deposit	66,434	59,774
Foundation sponsorship and other funds held in trust	<u>71,080</u>	<u>61,310</u>
	148,396	184,335

(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus from ordinary activities after income tax

Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax	(16,038)	(9,387)
Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities		
Depreciation	4,039	5,210
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(7,791)	53,261
(Increase) / decrease in prepayments	(933)	-
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	8,484	20,582
Increase / (decrease) in sundry creditors	(13,568)	18,101
Increase / (decrease) in GST payable	1,394	(5,457)
Increase / (decrease) in employee entitlements	<u>3,620</u>	<u>10,146</u>
Cash flows from operations	<u>(20,793)</u>	<u>92,456</u>

NOTE 15: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Interest rate risk

The association's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

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NOTE 15: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

2006				
Financial Instruments	Floating interest rate	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount as per the balance sheet	Weighted average effective interest rate
	\$	\$	\$	%
<i>(i) Financial assets</i>				
Cash	77,316	-	77,316	2.5
Trade and other receivables	-	34,882	34,882	-
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	71,080	-	71,080	3.5
Total financial assets	148,396	34,882	183,278	

2006				
Financial Instruments	Floating interest rate	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount as per the balance sheet	Weighted average effective interest rate
	\$	\$	\$	%
<i>(ii) Financial liabilities</i>				
Trade creditors	-	15,002	15,002	-
Sundry creditors and accruals	-	14,066	14,066	-
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	-	58,196	58,196	-
Total financial liabilities	-	87,264	87,264	

2005				
Financial Instruments	Floating interest rate	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount as per the balance sheet	Weighted average effective interest rate
	\$	\$	\$	%
<i>(iii) Financial assets</i>				
Cash	59,774	63,251	123,025	2.3
Trade and other receivables	-	27,091	27,091	-
Unearned revenue and foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	61,310	-	61,310	3.0
Total financial assets	121,084	90,342	211,426	

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NOTE 15: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

2005				
Financial Instruments	Floating interest rate	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount as per the balance sheet	Weighted average effective interest rate
	\$	\$	\$	%
<i>(iv) Financial liabilities</i>				
Trade creditors	-	9,857	9,857	-
Finance lease liability	15,146	-	15,146	8.7
Sundry creditors and accruals	-	10,511	10,511	-
Unearned revenue, and foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	-	70,585	70,585	-
Total financial liabilities	15,146	90,953	106,099	

(b) Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets, net of any provisions for doubtful debts, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements.

The association does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the association.

(c) Net Fair Values

The net fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities approximates their carrying values as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements.

NOTE 16: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Victorian Baseball Association was named as a party in legal proceedings. These proceedings relate to a personal injury claim from 1997. The Association does not expect losses in relation to these proceedings to arise as it is fully insured against such claims.

NOTE 17: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the Association is:
Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated
Melbourne Ball Park
Merton Street
Altona Meadows Victoria 3028

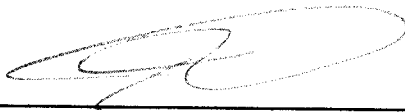
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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 14:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2006 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the Accounting Standards in Australia and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Peter Dihm



Steven Walker

Dated this 18th day of September 2006

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Scope

We have audited the financial report of Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2006 comprising the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements. The committee is responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and 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 Accounting Standards, the Associations Incorporation Act of Victoria, and other mandatory professional reporting requirements 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.


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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated is in accordance with:

- (a) the Associations Incorporations Act 1981, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2006 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards in Australia ; and
- (b) other mandatory professional requirements in Australia.

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