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Ron Gauci, former chief executive of Melbourne Storm, will advise the Frankston Dolphins.
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Frankston Dolphins turn to former Melbourne Storm chief Ron Gauci

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FORMER Melbourne Storm boss Ron Gauci has been called in to help save the Frankston Dolphins.

Crippled by debts of about \$1 million, the VFL club went into voluntary administration recently.

Gauci took over the Storm in 2010 when the club had been rocked by a salary cap scandal.

He is credited with playing a big role in turning the Storm around and making them NRL powerhouses.



Dolphins senior coach Pat Hill with players Corey Buchan, Blake Mullane and Josh Pickess.
Picture: Jason Sammon

Frankston firm Worrells Solvency and Forensic Accountants is assessing the Dolphins' financial viability and a revamp that will allow it to play on in the state league.

Following what it called “constructive early discussions with major stakeholders, including the AFL”, the administrator has engaged Gauci to “assist in the process that may lead to a potential restructure”.

It said Gauci had “developed a reputation for successfully turning around businesses in difficulty, including sporting clubs such as Melbourne Storm”.



Gauci took over as Storm chief executive in July 2010.

“Drawing on Mr Gauci’s expertise will give the Frankston Football Club the best possible chance of survival and assist in obtaining an outcome that is in the best interest of both the club and its creditors,” Worrells spokesman Paul Burness said in a statement.

It acknowledged the “uncertainty” that administration had caused the club’s members, staff, players, sponsors and people with functions booked at the club.

“Worrells is continuing to communicate with those affected by their appointment and expects to meet with the various stakeholders as soon as it is practical to do so.”

Until recently, Gauci was interim chief executive of Fed Square. He is also a director of Softball Australia.