

## MEMO

**TO: Members**

**DATE: 8 JUNE 2018**

**FROM: Baseball Victoria**

**SUBJECT: Announcement of the VSBLPC, Grant Opportunity,  
Winter Conference, High Performance Training Facility,  
JL Championship, P&S Schedule**

Dear Members,

### **Election of the Victorian Summer Baseball League Pennant Committee**

Baseball Victoria is happy to announce the election of the re-invented Victorian Summer Baseball League Pennant Committee. After nominees were put forward, Presidents or appointed proxies were encouraged to participate in an online vote to determine who would represent the best interests of the summer baseball league. The initial vote ended in a tie for the third position and so a second vote was conducted with the remaining nominees. The successful candidates were;

- John King
- Jake Cole-Sinclair
- Dwain Richardson

These 3 will join Committee Chair Michael Gourlay, BV Umpires Coordinator Stewart Howe and BV Competitions Coordinator Kelsey Quinn. The committee met for the first time yesterday (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June) in preparation to lead the first President and Secretaries meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Read more about the announcement [here](#).

### **Grant Opportunity; Pick My Project**

Baseball Victoria would like to remind it's members of the latest State Government grant opportunity.

Pick My Project is a funding opportunity for Victorian communities looking to undertake specific projects to improve their local areas. Up to \$30 million is available from the state government for clubs and groups who submit a proposal detailing an initiative they think will benefit their local community.

Ideas for projects could range from implementing much needed field works, installing drinking fountains at clubs or renovating change rooms.

For more information, please follow this link to the Pick My Project website.

<https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/>

Applications close on the 24th June, 2018.

### **Winter Conference**

A reminder that the 2018 Winter Conference will be held during the Senior State Winter Championships in Geelong on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of June.

Venue: Waurin Ponds Library meeting room

Time: 10am – 1pm

This conference will address specific matters related to Winter Associations. Invites have gone out to all presidents and secretaries of each Association. We looking forward to a productive and strategic meeting aimed to benefit the long-term growth and prosperity of winter baseball in Victoria.

### **High Performance Training Facility**

The ACES High Performance Academy kicks off next week with the junior boys starting training on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The facility has been significantly upgraded over recent weeks, with the addition of a gym and Astro turf throughout the newly constructed under-cover hitting tunnel. These improvements are in addition to the 5 new bull pen mounds which were installed prior to the 2017 Summer Competition. This was a joint investment into the upgrade of the facility between Baseball Victoria and the Committee of Management of Melbourne Ballpark.

### **2018 Australian Junior League Championship**

The Australian Junior League Championships wrapped up last Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June with valiant performances from all three Victorian teams competing.

The **Twins** started strong with wins over Brisbane North and Canberra but came unstuck on day three against the Hills. However, a win over their home town rivals, the Southern Mariners, was enough to grant them a birth in the Bronze medal game against the Swan Hills Aces. However, unfortunately the Victorian boys were unable to keep the Aces powerful offense quiet and ended up in fourth spot, going down 15 – 0.

The **Southern Mariners** also had early wins against the Central Firebirds, the Adelaide Pirates and the Ryde Hawks respectively. However, a loss to the Twins was enough for them to fall in the rankings. On the last day of competition they took on the Adelaide Pirates for fifth spot and struggled. Dominant pitching from the opposition saw the Mariners defeated with a score of 13 – 0.

The **Eastern Athletics** had a rough start to the tournament, falling to eventual silver medallists, MacArthur. From then it was up and down for the Athletics, taking a win over Far North Coast, a loss to the Swan Hills Aces and another gritty win over the Northern Metros on day four. However, a third win over the Ryde Hawks wasn't enough to see any medal and the A's drew Cronulla for the ninth spot of the last day. A gritty back and forth between the two teams resulted in a well-contested draw at 4 a-piece.

Baseball Victoria would like to congratulate all the competitors and express how proud Victoria is of all our talented representatives!

### **Presidents and Secretaries Meeting Schedules**

The next VSBL Presidents and Secretaries meeting will occur on the **18<sup>th</sup> of June** at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre at 7pm.

In preparation, the BV office would like to draw attention to the important timings leading up to this meeting;

8<sup>th</sup> June – agenda finalised and distributed

11<sup>th</sup> June – pre-reading papers distributed

18<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm at MSAC

Proposed P&S meeting schedule for the remainder of 2018;

**6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

**5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

### **The BV Team**

**Justin Huber** - CEO

**Jeff Paull** - General Manager of Baseball Operations

**Taylor Crotty** - Events and Operations Manager

**Kelsey Quinn** - Competition Coordinator

**Lisa Mclellan** - Digital Media and Communications Coordinator

**Les Flower** - Financial Controller

**Damian Shanahan** - High Performance Manager

**Stewart Howe** - Umpires Coordinator