

## CONTENTS

President's Report	2
CEO Report	5
Pennant Committee Report	6
VIS Program Report	7
Junior League Report	8
Director of Umpiring Report	9
Claxton Shield Report	11
Women's State Team Report	11
Life Members	12
Board of Directors	12
Tribunal	12
Vale	13
2006/2007 Competition Premiers	14
2006/2007 Statistical Leaders	15
Annual Award Winners	16
Elite Representatives (State/National/Pro/VIS/U12)	17-21
Baseball Australia Diamond Awards	20
Financials	22
Key Partners	Inside Back Cover

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As President of Baseball Victoria I'm proud to present to you the Annual Report for 2006/2007. This is my eighteenth year as President of the Victorian Baseball Association and my enthusiasm for the job is as high as the day I first took over the Presidency. The past twelve months have been an exciting period for baseball in Victoria. Our performances at the National Championships were very pleasing which coupled with our success in the Claxton Shield proves that as a sport in this State everyone involved should be extremely proud of these achievements.

Off the field we saw several significant changes. Firstly, close to home, Baseball Victoria was saddened to farewell Steve Walker as Chief Executive Officer of Baseball Victoria when he decided to take up a similar position with Tennis New Zealand. Even though Steve's tenure with baseball was short, he left his mark on the organisation which will provide the basis for the sport to grow into the future. When one door shuts another one usually opens and having farewelled Steve, I'd like to formally welcome our new Chief Executive Officer, Stephen Nash to the sport of baseball. Stephen arrives at Baseball Victoria with twenty three years experience in the sports industry. The majority of that time was spent in senior executive positions within the AFL ranks having worked at the Carlton, Footscray and West Coast Eagles Football Clubs over that twenty three year period. Stephen comes to baseball at an extremely exciting time and we will be able to call upon his vast knowledge and experience in particular when the new National League is announced as he was at the forefront when the then VFL became the AFL and transformed itself into a truly national competition. During the year, we saw the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Baseball Federation, Don Knapp, tender his resignation. Don has been a close personal friend of mine for many years and his support and encouragement has always been greatly appreciated. Don was a terrific sounding board and confidante for baseball in Victoria and the legacy he has left the sport with from a national and international perspective will long be remembered. On this point, I'd like to officially welcome John May who was recently appointed ABF Chief Executive Officer. John brings to the sport diverse commercial skills and a strong background in sports administration and management. His appointment I'm sure will be well received.

It is also with a touch of sadness that I start my first year as President without my dear friend Paul Collins next to me in some official capacity. Paul recently retired from the position of Pennant Committee Chairman. Paul started his love affair with the sport back in 1958 when as a sixteen year old he joined the Newport Baseball Club. This association with baseball saw Paul continue his career at his now beloved Williamstown Baseball Club where from 1962 to 1975 he played 244 games mainly as a catcher and first base. During his playing career at Williamstown, Paul also acted as Assistant Secretary, Secretary and Treasurer before becoming President in 1976 a position he held until 1978. In 1974 the Williamstown Baseball Club bestowed Life Membership on him for his services to the club. Paul has held many and probably most executive positions within the Victorian Baseball Association throughout his career. His contribution to the sport of baseball was again acknowledged in 1991 when the VBA presented Paul with his Life Membership. This honour preceded him being elected a member of the Melbourne Reds Victorian Baseball Legends Club for services to Victorian baseball history in 1994.

This wasn't the end of it as there were more honours to come his way. In 2002, Paul was elected Executive Officer to the Claxton Shield Team of the Century. Paul on behalf of everyone who has ever been involved in the sport of baseball, I simply say thanks mate. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Matthew Sheldon-Collins for being inducted into the Hall Of Fame for the era 1989-1999. It is a fantastic honour and one which is thoroughly deserved.

I would also like to thank:

- The Victorian State Government for their ongoing support of baseball.
- The Department of Sport and Recreation.
- VicHealth.
- The Victorian Institute of Sport.
- The ABF board members and staff for their vision and guidance.
- Australian Sports Commission.
- Major League Baseball.
- The Baseball Victoria board members for your loyalty and support. In particular, Don Cornish who recently announced his retirement. Thanks Don.
- The Baseball Victoria office staff for your efforts throughout the year.
- VPBL.
- Pennant Committee.
- Committee of Management State Baseball Softball Centre.
- VBA Tribunal.
- BUAV.
- All clubs and Associations throughout Victoria because without you we do not have a sport.
- All of our sponsors and key business partners who provide much needed and much appreciated funding so we can develop new and exciting initiatives.
- Every committee member from the many baseball clubs and associations in Victoria.
- Every official, every player, every volunteer who in some shape or form supports our great game all year round.
- Last but not least, every parent or guardian for supporting your child's passion for baseball.

We have seen some fantastic results on and off the field for our game. The growth in participation rates and the ever increasing resource in sport development are paramount for the game to grow. Following are some highlights for the 2006/2007 year.

- 603 school clinics were conducted across 105 schools.
- 11,845 students participated in our schools program.
- Coaches Courses were conducted (Bendigo, Cheltenham, Geelong, Mornington, Ormond Glen Huntly, Upwey, Wangaratta, Waverley, Werribee).
- 107 participants either updated their coaching accreditation or become accredited coaches in 2006/2007.
- We currently have 12 Level 2 coaches.
- We received funding and successfully launched the following programs in 2006/2007 – Junior Sport Policy, Sport Development Manager Scheme, Special Schools Program, Tee Ball Super Days and the Officiating Taskforce Program.
- The Victorian Aces winning the Claxton Shield.
- The Victorian Women's team winning the National Championships in Perth.
- The Victorian u/23 team finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Victorian u/18 team finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Victorian u/16 team finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Victorian u/14 team finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The number of accredited umpires is increasing.

A special note in that as I have stated previously I believe that the time is coming for me to move on in this sport. To that end I have made it known that I will continue for this and next year. This will give us time to identify successors who are able to lead us into a new era as our sport takes the next step up to have a National league that will enable us to greatly increase our profile.

It is time for young vibrant, passionate and business savvy people to stand up and take the challenge of ensuring our great sport continues to grow and become self sufficient.

In closing, I wish to advise that we are on the verge of some very exciting initiatives for baseball not only in Victoria but for the sport throughout Australia. I am very appreciative of the efforts of so many people who put their time into our great game. In addition, I want to thank my wife Lorraine for her support as without her I would not be able to undertake my role.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we move our sport forward.

**Peter Dihm**

President

## CEO REPORT

It was a great privilege to serve as Baseball Victoria CEO for the majority of the 2006/07 year.

Firstly I would like to thank and acknowledge the staff and board for the energy and commitment that was applied to all of the initiatives undertaken. The period was one of change and people were encouraged to embrace that change for the good of the sport.

The highlights for the period include, but are not limited to -

- Victory by the ACES in the Claxton Shield after the dedicated campaign of Roadshows and training
- The launching and popularity of the new website, BV E-News and Baseball Radio as messengers for the sport
- The establishment of a network of Baseball Development Coordinators
- The successful relationships established with Fielders Choice, Melbourne Office Express and Summit Holden
- The success, from both a development and results perspective, of all Victorian teams at the national level
- A range of competition initiatives such as 'Twilight' home games, the Girl's League and Super Saturday
- The success of the Taskforce to enhance the quantity and quality of baseball umpiring
- The positive steps taken in the direction toward unification of the sport

I wish Stephen Nash, the Board and all staff all the best for 07/08 and beyond and most certainly wish all the best for the sport of baseball in the state of Victoria.

### **Steve Walker**

CEO

(March 2006 – May 2007)

On Tuesday 12 June 2007, I started my new role as Chief Executive Officer of Baseball Victoria. I wasn't able to get too well acquainted with the State Baseball Softball Centre as by Wednesday 13 June, Baseball Victoria had moved to its new home at Sports House in Albert Park. The move had a touch of sadness associated to it as we saw baseball leaving its spiritual home at Altona, to take up residence in the newly refurbished office complex which was once the South Melbourne Technical School. Baseball Victoria now shares residency with several other sporting associations and this can only help grow the profile of the sport even further.

I am looking forward to the tasks and challenges that lay ahead for baseball in not only this State but throughout the country which will hopefully see the sport grow and prosper.

I honestly believe we are about to embark on an exciting time of development and change for the sport of baseball. The integration of Little League and the possible announcement of a new National League, just to name two initiatives, will provide baseball with the profile and help raise the status of the sport within the wider sporting community. To help nurture this prospect, I'm very keen to work with all stakeholders to ensure we grow the sport especially in attracting more participants into baseball through the already established junior development pathway and the Baseball Development Coordinators program. The challenge we all face, is to provide an attractive alternative to the more mainstream sports. This can only be achieved by unifying the sport and by having everyone who has an involvement in the game, working together in the best interests and for the common goals of baseball.

### **Stephen Nash**

CEO

(Commenced June 2007)

## PENNANT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Having started the season with a two (2) team increase, it was disappointing to have St Kilda withdraw their Thirds to take the number of Men's teams to one hundred and eleven (111) while the Women's team numbers stayed at twenty four (24). Hopefully, the proposed Junior Women's competition will lead to a natural increase over the ensuing years.

The committee dealt with an unprecedented number of complaints against Umpires which attracted the ire of the B.U.A.V. although all cases devolved to a "he said....he said" situation that resulted in no action being taken. Perhaps there is a message here to all parties (umpires, players and club officials) to seek some common ground in understanding each other's roles in the game and becoming more tolerant of each other.

As this is my final report, I would like to thank many people who have assisted and encouraged me over the period of my Chairmanship of this hard working committee:

- Ron Smith, former President and Life Member, who convinced me to join the board in 1973 and then threw me the big challenge in 1975 to Chair this committee
- Committee members and Life Members, Ken Welfare, the late Colin McKay, the late Colin Miller and the late Talbot Hill (first V.B.A. full time employee) for their mentoring
- The late Lyn and Ross Straw for their invaluable advice and mentoring
- All past and present committee members for their support and hard work
- David Went, former Victorian and Australian team manager for teaching me what baseball at the highest level was all about
- Barry Smith, Life Member and former Director of Umpiring, for teaching me how to do the fixtures and how to umpire
- Peter Dihm, President and Life Member, for his support
- Les Flower, Life Member and best mate, for his support, advice and friendship
- My wife, Jill, and family for allowing me to commit the time required to carry out all the various aspects of my baseball life.

I have enjoyed the vast majority of my involvement in baseball and working with the volunteers that drive the clubs and the sport.

It is my fervent hope that the committee will continue to ensure as level a playing field as possible for all participants, which was the credo of this committee well before I was involved.

**Paul F. Collins**  
Chairman

## 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, Baseball Victoria and VIS with major sponsorship contributions from ACES Sporting Club, Fielders Choice and Movement Solutions International. In kind support is also given by Monash University, Latrobe University and Baseball Victoria clubs. 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, Baseball Victoria, VIS Programs and Head Coach. This committee meets quarterly to monitor the content and direction of the program.

### **ABF National Selection**

The VIS Baseball Program had 14 athletes attend the 2007 MLBAAP National Camp. The IBAF World U/19 Championship was to be held in Venezuela this year but due to safety concerns of our players, the ABF withdrew the team from the tournament. The VIS Baseball Program had 2 coaches attend the ABF MLBAAP National camp. Nathan Holmes also attended this camp for 2 weeks as part of a joint ABF, VIS, BV coaching development program.

### **Baseball Victoria State Selection**

The VIS Baseball Program had 16 athletes selected in the Baseball Victoria U/18 team and 4 in the VPBL U/18 team. The Baseball Victoria U/18 team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and the U/16 team were runners up in their respective National Championships. Both Head coaches and 5 assistant coaches in these programs were also VIS assistant coaches maintaining continuity across our elite junior programs. In this year's Claxton Shield Championship side, 14 of the 20 man team were VIS graduates.

### **US Professional Signings**

The VIS Baseball Program had 3 athletes sign with US MLB clubs this year taking the total number of VIS professional signings to 44. We currently have 25 VIS graduates on active rosters in US professional baseball.

### **US College**

We had 3 VIS athletes take up US College scholarships this year bringing our total number of players to take up this opportunity to 35. We currently have 12 VIS graduate athletes in the US College system with 2 more current VIS athletes taking up US College Scholarships this coming year.

### **Competition Program**

The 7 game VIS Fielders Choice series played at various club venues saw VIS Blue defeat VIS Grey 24 points to 17. The point system rewards players/teams on an inning by inning basis rather than the final score.

The VIS won the 2007 VPBL Senior Tournament held in Mildura over the Queen's Birthday weekend. With an overall record of 6-1 for the weekend, the VIS defeated Dandenong 3-2 in the final with a bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> inning victory. We had 5 players selected in the tournament All-Star team.

The VIS finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the 2007 VWBL season with a 4-9-5 record.

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

I would like to thank the VIS, Baseball Victoria, ACES Sporting club, Fielders Choice and Movement Solutions International for their continued financial support and commitment to our program. My coaching and support staff for their expertise and commitment to our program and athletes.

### **Matthew Sheldon-Collins**

Head Coach

V.I.S. Baseball Program

## **JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT**

Once again it is my pleasure to submit this report to Baseball Victoria and its stakeholders for the 2006/2007 season.

As we reflect a little on the past season, we also look forward to exciting changes for the next with the introduction of Little League into Baseball Victoria's competition.

Baseball Victoria will now belong to an internationally renowned organisation with promotional and sponsorship opportunities for our sport.

Teams will be selected to represent their leagues and play in the District (state) championships with the winners having the opportunity to compete at the National Championships for the right to represent Australia at the Asia Pacific Championships.

After securing funding last year for the development of a Junior Sport Policy, the project has now been completed and is planned for release prior to the 2007/2008 season.

The Under 15 Girls program continued during the season and should be the platform to develop a sustainable competition at the Under 12 'Little League' level. Baseball Victoria's Junior League will work with clubs during the forthcoming season to grow this untapped opportunity to grow our participation numbers.

I would like to congratulate all players for making their respective State and Touring teams 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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the people involved with baseball at a junior level – people who give a lot of their time on many weekdays and weekends in the pursuit of having many children enjoy the game of baseball.

**Barry Fisher**  
Junior League Chairman



## DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING REPORT

Firstly I want to recognise the level of vision and understanding brought to Baseball Victoria by our outgoing CEO, Steve Walker. Under his guidance we saw several innovative programs instituted, designed to increase and maintain umpire numbers, that Steve both sponsored and supported on behalf of the baseball community in Victoria. Steve was only with us for a short time but his impact was significant and I wish him all the best for the future.

The 2006-07 season saw the BUAV conduct, for the first time, two level 1 umpire courses. The usual pre-season umpires' seminar, held in Ballarat, and a second course, over 5 separate days. I wish to extend my appreciation to the VPBL and the Ballarat Association for their assistance in the organization of the annual seminar and to the Essendon, Malvern and Melbourne Baseball Clubs for the use of their venues during the multi-week seminar and to Baseball Victoria for their support of both courses. It is pleasing that we were able to gain the services of 7 new umpires to the regular umpire panel from the attendees of these two courses.

The 'Green Shirt' program, for new umpires just learning, was introduced and, despite not actually having the green shirts to wear, was quite well accepted by most players during the early part of the season. I was disappointed to see that this tolerance tended to wear off during the second half of the season as ejections for umpire abuse, particularly of first year umpires, increased during this period.

Melbourne Baseball Club was again the venue for the mid-season training sessions 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.

I also want to extend the gratitude of myself, and the whole of the BUAV committee and membership, to the Waverley Baseball Club and their president, Ross Neilson, for allowing us the use of their clubrooms for the BUAV AGM.

The total number of umpires constituting the VBA panel increased to 55 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 28 which is a significant increase over the previous season's weekly average of 20.

The available umpires made a total 1705 game appearances during the season covering a total of 935 of a possible 1437 games, including finals, mid week and Master's games, giving a coverage ratio of 67%.

The Division 1 and 2, firsts and reserves, enjoyed 100% coverage and, Division 3 increased to 87% coverage. Other grades were covered at lower rates but these showed an increase over the last season's numbers.

The women's competition was covered by 11 regular umpires and they covered 202 of the 219 available games, a coverage rate of 92%. Division 1 and 2 enjoyed 100% coverage, Division 3 had a coverage rate of 97% and Division 4 at 73%.

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

**Div 1:** Mark Gooding  
**Div 2:** Stewart Howe  
**Div 3:** Lou Ramirez  
**Div 4N:** Fiona Lambrick  
**Div 4S:** Don Stephens  
**Women's:** Paul Carthy

I also want to recognise the following umpires who ably represented Victoria and Australia at various Championships:

**AAA Under 18:** Ian McKenzie, Greg Howard, Phil Box, David Milton, Stewart Howe and Mark Gooding  
**Under 23:** John Schroeders and Ian McKenzie  
**Women's Nationals:** Paul Carthy  
**Aust. Provincial Champs:** Phil Box

**Intercontinental Cup, Taiwan: Mark Gooding**

Finally I want to congratulate the various award winners. For the first time several new awards were instituted and voted on by the managers of the Division 1, 2 and 3 first division teams. The Umpire of the Year was also renamed as the 'Robert Blackmore Perpetual Shield' in honour of one of the best umpires this state has ever seen.

All the manager votes were tallied with the following results:

**Rookie of the Year:** Fiona Lambrick  
**Best Game Manager:** Mark Gooding  
**Best Ball/Strike Umpire:** David Milton  
**Robert Blackmore Shield:** Mark Gooding

**Mark Gooding**  
Director of Umpiring

## CLAXTON SHIELD REPORT

Let me start out by saying that this past Claxton Shield campaign was the best I've been involved in. Not just because we won the National Championship, but the players, coaching staff and Baseball Victoria Staff were second to none. In fact, I believe that we won this championship even before taking the field in Perth. Not to take anything away from the talented players that took the field, but winning this year, as far as the coaches were concerned, was a given. Certainly the amount of extra quality preparation leading up to January helped to choose the team while getting key players ready for the tournament.

We had to make some hard decisions as we always do and took some chances on a couple of players that really paid off in the end. And, we made the choice to select two team Captains in Ben Utting and Russell Spear. Their influence and communication with all the players helped to form a very cohesive side.

In the end, the players deserve the credit for achieving the highest accomplishment in Australian Baseball.

We as coaches look forward to continuing the consistency throughout the program that we have started.

Let's bring home the silverware again this year.

Go the Vics,

**David White**  
Head Coach  
Claxton Shield Team

Congratulations also to the following Victorians that won individual awards at the 2007 Claxton Shield:

**Grand Final MVP** – Greg Wiltshire  
**Golden Glove award** – Paul Rutgers  
**Helms award** – Matthew Kent  
**Offensive Champion** – Matthew Kent

## WOMEN'S STATE TEAM REPORT

After assistant coaching in the 2006 Championship I took on the roll as Head Coach of the Women's Victorian team for 2006/2007. With the inclusion of some new faces to the squad, it proved that the depth of women's baseball in Victoria is certainly improving every year.

I'm sure we entered the tournament as favourites, but anything can happen in a game of baseball and to the team's credit, we set a task to get to the finals and did so without losing a game. In getting to the final 3, we again showed our dominance of the tournament by defeating WA and NSW convincingly and marched into the final undefeated. Not only was it an awesome achievement by the playing group to firstly reach a championship final, but to reach it undefeated just goes to show how talented the team was.

The final was played against New South Wales, and became evident that they were not going to give the tournament honours to Victoria without a fight. After 6 completed innings the score was tied and going into the 7<sup>th</sup> we held NSW to zero runs, leaving the bottom of the innings open for us to take the game. We did so with a double down the left field line and ended the tournament with a 9-0 sweep of the championship.

I would like to thank the coaching staff, Ryan Berg – Assistant Coach and Tim Ballard – Pitching Coach for all their support leading up to and during the championship. Both gave valuable time to the program and I'm sure the players learnt a great deal over the course of our training schedule and during the championship.

I would also like to make a special mention to Andrew James who helped at trainings and of course our team EO Jenny Whittam and Ray Whittam who helped while we were away in Perth.

And of course I would like to congratulate the players on their victory.

Yours in Baseball

**Leo Vivona**  
Head Coach  
Victorian Women's State Team

## 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
Steve Walker*	Chief Executive Officer
Stephen Nash**	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
Greg Veale	Club Representative
Graeme Besford	VPBL President
David Rice	VPBL Administrator

\*Resigned May 2007  
\*\* Commenced June 2007

### TRIBUNAL

Michael Gourlay (Chairman)  
John Holmes  
Jason Blair  
Noel Pinnell

## VALE

Baseball Victoria sadly lost Life Member Colin Miller during the year

### **4th March 1916 ~ 13 April 2007**

Preston Baseball Club and baseball in general lost a good friend in Col Miller.

Involved in baseball for more than 70 years, Col was a respected friend and mentor to many, especially within the Preston Baseball Club. Starting his baseball career with the Northcote Baseball Club in the early thirties Col's talents were recognized by the Melbourne Baseball Club where he played the top grade for several years, culminating in his selection in the Claxton Shield team in 1947. In the fifties Col transferred to Preston Baseball Club as coach, to pass on the skills and knowledge that had made him a much respected player and all round sportsman. Along with his playing skills he was also an astute administrator and as Club President he guided Preston's growth and recruiting through the sixties which saw the club move from C grade through to A grade and become a force in Victorian Baseball.

Col was also a member of the first Pennant Committee, which he served for 12 years.

Much of the success and the current facilities that the Preston club now enjoy are due in no small measure to the tireless work and dedication of Colin Chapman Miller,

Testaments to his service to sport in general are the following accolades:-

- Life Member and Special Member (50 years service)
- Preston Baseball Club
- Life Member Victorian Baseball Association
- Life Member Northcote Cricket Club
- Life Member Preston Cricket Club
- Founding Member Preston Football/Cricket Social Club

**One of nature's true gentlemen will be sadly missed.**

## 2006/07 COMPETITION PREMIERS

### SENIORS

Division 1: **Waverley**  
Div 1-Reserves: **Geelong**  
Div 1-3rds: **Sunshine**  
Div 1-4ths: **Waverley**  
Division 2: **Doncaster**  
Div 2-Reserves: **Upwey FTG**  
Div 2-3rds: **Mulgrave**  
Div 2-4ths: **Moorabbin**  
Division 3: **Springvale**  
Div 3-Reserves: **Springvale**  
Div 3-3rds: **Ormond Glenhuntly**  
Division 4-East: **Blackburn A**  
Division 4-West: **Melton A**

### WOMEN'S

Division 1: **Springvale**  
Division 2: **St Kilda**  
Division 3: **Werribee**  
Division 4: **Doncaster B**

### WOMEN'S WINTER

Division 1: **Melbourne University**

### MASTERS

Division 1: **Springvale**  
Division 2: **Waverley**

### JUNIORS

U-18 State: **Waverley**  
U-18 Metro: **Blackburn/Mulgrave** (combined team)  
U-16 State: **Essendon**  
U-16 Metro: **Sunshine**  
U-14 State: **Essendon**  
U-14 Metro East: **Waverley**  
U-14 Metro West: **Port Melbourne**  
U-14 East Centre: **Fitzroy**  
U-14 West Centre: **Newport**  
U-14 South East Centre: **Bonbeach Blues**  
U-12 State: **Waverley**  
U-12 Metro East: **Waverley Cougars**  
U-12 Metro West: **Newport Rams**  
U-12 East Centre: **Melbourne Red**  
U-12 South East Centre: **Cheltenham Broncos**

U-15 Girls: **Werribee**

## COMPETITION STATISTICAL LEADERS

### HITTING - Top 10 Hitters in Each Division

#### Division One

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVG
1	<b>Russell, Andrew</b>	<b>Waverley</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0.451</b>
2	Sullivan, Tim	Essendon	46	0.438
3	Tierney, David	Blackburn	39	0.415
4	Karlsen, Grant	Waverley	31	0.413
5	Zimniewicz, Kirt	Geelong	43	0.402
6	Geduld, Ian	Waverley	33	0.388
7	Davies, Josh	Essendon	32	0.381
8	Kelly, Adrian	Essendon	30	0.375
9	McDonald, Tristan	Essendon	33	0.371
10	McIntyre, Scott	Essendon	40	0.370

#### Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	<b>O'Malley, Ken</b>	<b>Doncaster</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0.393</b>
2	Oxworth, Michael	Upwey FTG	27	0.391
3	Gourlay, Stephen	Cheltenham	23	0.390
4	Ayres, Mitch	Upwey FTG	28	0.389
5	Vivona, Leo	Mulgrave	25	0.379
6	Nicholas, Chris	Doncaster	31	0.378
7	Utting, Ben	Upwey FTG	23	0.377
8	Mazzocato, Andrew	Doncaster	30	0.370
9	Woo, Justin	Doncaster	24	0.369
10	D'Rozario, Justin	Cheltenham	26	0.366

#### Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	<b>Keiper, Joe</b>	<b>St Kilda</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0.492</b>
2	Smith, Ben	Orm/Glen	40	0.460
3	Hayle, Matthew	Springvale	30	0.448
4	Camov, Jordan	Williamstown	38	0.437
5	Green, Aaron	Williamstown	36	0.429
6	Copland, Alan	Werribee	32	0.427
7	Greene, Matthew	Springvale	34	0.420
8	Rickard, Chris	Williamstown	22	0.400
9	Curnow, John	Werribee	27	0.386
10	Lygris, Archis	Orm/Glen	35	0.380

#### Women's Division 1

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	<b>Taylor, Siobhan</b>	<b>Springvale</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0.673</b>
2	Marklew, Shelli	Port Melbourne	36	0.610
3	Manzie, Kellie	Springvale	35	0.583
4	Lillywhite, Shae	Springvale	28	0.571
5	Whittam, Clare	Malvern	28	0.571
6	Binks, Emma	Port Melbourne	28	0.519
7	Lee, Deanne	Port Melbourne	23	0.479
8	Hamilton, Sam	Doncaster	25	0.463
9	McCann, Amy	Doncaster	25	0.455
10	Whitaker, Melissa	Malvern	17	0.425

### PITCHING - Top 10 Pitchers in Each Division

#### Division One

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	<b>Hogan, Lee</b>	<b>Blackburn</b>	<b>64.33</b>	<b>0.84</b>
2	Spear, Russell	Essendon	41	0.89
3	Forbes, Cameron	Geelong	46.33	1.17
4	Hipke, Ross	Essendon	70.66	1.40
5	Wiltshire, Greg	Sunshine	91	1.68
6	Humphrey, Chris	Geelong	90.33	1.89
7	Rynberk, Tom	Waverley	38	1.90
8	Barker, Dean	Geelong	56.33	2.24
9	Hendricks, Donavon	Waverley	46.33	2.33
10	Cassidy, Daryn	Melbourne	71.67	2.76

#### Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	<b>O'Brien, Matthew</b>	<b>Moorabbin</b>	<b>54.33</b>	<b>0.99</b>
2	Blackley, Adam	Cheltenham	35.66	2.02
3	Dobeli, Michael	Doncaster	37	2.19
4	Otter, Rhys	Doncaster	29	2.79
5	Rice, Adrian	Upwey FTG	70.33	2.94
6	Craven, Lachlan	Doncaster	85	3.28
7	Meldrum, Sean	Upwey FTG	84	3.43
8	Campbell, Simon	Mulgrave	100	3.78
9	Ellis, Tom	Cheltenham	46	4.11
10	Pawley, Brock	Fitzroy	64	4.22

#### Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	<b>Fielden, Adrian</b>	<b>Orm/Glen</b>	<b>53.66</b>	<b>1.01</b>
2	Smith, Ben	Orm/Glen	47	1.53
3	Pallant, Matthew	Springvale	35	2.06
4	Rowe, Tayler	Werribee	71.33	2.27
5	Curnow, John	Werribee	60.33	2.68
6	Richards, Glen	Springvale	93.33	2.70
7	Stent, Brian	Orm/Glen	58.66	2.76
8	Hogan, Robert	Springvale	25.67	2.80
9	Gosstray, Mason	Chelsea	74.33	3.39
10	Kus, John	Berwick	21	3.43

#### Women's Division 1

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	<b>Wearne, Simone</b>	<b>Springvale</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1.26</b>
2	Holien, Ella	Springvale	31	2.03
3	Binks, Emma	Port Melbourne	25.66	2.80
4	Welsh, Kathy	Doncaster	33	3.27
5	Lee, Deanne	Port Melbourne	24.33	3.33
6	Row, Cat	Springvale	25.67	4.21
7	Davidson, Ailsa	Doncaster	56.67	4.76
8	Pastowski, Emma	Werribee	45.33	4.77
9	Strugnell, Claudia	Malvern	39.66	5.90
10	Stokes, Terina	Waverley	71.33	6.89

## BV ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

### **George Heron Memorial Award – Division 1 MVP**

Greg Wiltshire- *Sunshine*

### **R.R. Hindson Memorial Award – Division 2 MVP**

Ken O'Malley - *Doncaster*

### **Division 3 MVP Award**

Ben Smith – *Ormond Glenhantly*

### **Women's Division 1 MVP Award**

Terina Stokes – *Waverley*

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

Andrew Russell - *Waverley*

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

Ryan Fisher – *Waverley*

### **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**

David White - *Waverley*

### **Sport Education Victoria Umpire of the Year**

Mark Gooding

### **Administrator of the Year**

Roland Stott - *Newport*

### **Journalist of the Year Award**

Lance Jenkinson – *Moonee Valley Community News*

## JUNIOR FINALS SERIES

Tom Maxfield (Waverley)	Ian Deany Award – Grand Final MVP	U12 State League
Aaron Sayers (Essendon)	Dick Mason Award – Grand Final MVP	U14 State League
Michael Formisano (Essendon)	Angus McPherson Award – Grand Final MVP	U16 State League
Matthew Gerraty (Waverley)	John Viney Award – Grand Final MVP	U18 State League



## STATE REPRESENTATIVES - SENIOR

### CLAXTON SHIELD - VICTORIA – Finish 1<sup>st</sup>

Dean Barker	LHP
Daniel Berg	UTIL
Adam Blackley	LHP
Matthew Blackmore	RHP
Ryan Booth	OF
Cameron Forbes	RHP
Brad Harman	IF
Donavon Hendricks	LHP
Lee Hogan	RHP
Rikki Johnston	IF
Matthew Kent	C
Matthew Lawman	IF
Andrew McKenzie	UTIL
Peter Moylan	RHP
Andrew Russell	OF
Paul Rutgers	IF
Derek Shumpert	OF
Russell Spear	RHP
Ben Utting	IF
Paul Weichard	OF
Greg Wiltshire	RHP
David White	Head Coach
Nathan Holmes	Coach
Dan McConnon	Coach
Peter Giles	Coach
Sean Linley	EO

### WOMENS – Finish 1<sup>st</sup>

Sam Adams	IF
Melissa Gregory	OF/LHP
Samantha Hamilton	IF/OF
Jade Hough	IF
Shae Lillywhite	IF
Davina Mann	RHP
Kellie Manzie	INF/C
Amy McCann	OF
Emma Pastowski	RHP
Alexis Smith	RHP
Claudia Strugnell	RHP
Siobhan Taylor	INF
Simone Wearne	RHP
Kathy Welsh	RHP
Melissa Whitaker	OF/IF
Claire Whittam	C
Leo Vivona	Head Coach
Ryan Berg	Coach
Tim Ballard	Coach
Jenny Whittam	EO

### U-23 – Finish 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mitch Ayres	C
Dean Barker	LHP
Adam Barnes	IF
Matthew Barrett	IF
James Brooks	IF
Cain Bumpstead	OF
Andrew Dewar	LHP
Luke Farrelly	OF
Donovan Hendricks	LHP
Brendan Home	IF
Grant Irving	IF
Grant Karlson	C
Adam Kim	OF
Josh Lee	UTIL
Sean Meldrum	RHP
Toby Odium	RHP
Rhys Otter	RHP
Justin Swanton	UTIL
Lindsay Webb	RHP
Brendan Wilson	RHP
Stephen Black	Head Coach
Ian Hubble	Coach
Chris Hodkinson	Coach
Leonie Black	EO

### CLAXTON SHIELD – AUSTRALIA PROVINCIAL

James Beresford	IF
Tom Ellis	RHP
Cameron Hardy	RHP
Brendan Wilson	RHP
Phil Allen	Coach

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES - JUNIOR

U-18 (AAA) – Finish 3 <sup>rd</sup>		U-16 (AA) – Finish 2 <sup>nd</sup>		U-14 (A) – Finish 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Matthew Austin	UTIL	Rhys Aldenhoven	RHP	Liam Bedford	C/IF
James Beresford	IF	Nathan Aron	OF/RHP	Tyler Dale	IF/RHP
John Blaskett	C/IF	Brendan Belfrage	RHP	Alexander DaSilva	RHP/OF
Matthew Gerraty	RHP	Oliver Box	C	Darryl George	RHP/OF
Kable Hogben	RHP	James Darcy	RHP/OF	Sam Gibbons	IF/RHP
Ricky Howell	LHP	Jake Dunn	OF	Mitchell Hayes	IF/RHP
Jamie Lethborg	RHP	Joshua Hendricks	RHP/IF	Scott Jansen	OF/RHP
Josh Licence	OF	Andrew Jones	LHP/OF	Timothy Knowles	IF/RHP
Cameron Lyons	UTIL	Troy Malthouse	IF	Francis Kombukon	OF/RHP
Scot Malthouse	INF/RHP	Taylor McEvoy	OF/IF	Angus Macquire	IF/RHP
Andrew Mann	RHP/INF	Mitchell Miller	RHP/OF	Luke Papanicolaou	C/IF
Andrew Mazzocato	OF	Samual Moon	IF	Nicholas Rice	RHP/OF
Jordan Mitchellhill	IF	Ryan Morris	RHP/UTIL	Aaron Sayers	RHP/IF
Joshua Mulherin	RHP	John O'Connor	IF	Jacob Sheldon-	IF/RHP
Jake O'Reilly	RHP	Jarryd Rogers	IF/RHP	Collins	
Taylor Rowe	RHP	Thomas Shaw	RHP/OF	Griffin Weir	RHP/OF
Peter Schroeders	UTIL	Jayson Shaw	UTIL/C	Matthew Wilson	LHP/OF
Nick Spence	IF/RHP	Mitchell Sheldon-	LHP	Phil Balzer	Head Coach
Nathan Holmes	Head Coach	Collins		Ryan Camov	Coach
Mitch Ayres	Coach	Garry Bitmead	Head Coach	Stuart Clayton	Coach
David May	Coach	Adam Bright	Coach	Arthur Papanicolaou	Coach
Greg Morley	Coach	Jason Rogers	Coach	Ken Verity	EO
Roland Stott	EO	David Schlenker	Coach		
		Vibeke Pederson	EO		

## NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

### SENIOR NATIONAL – 2006 Intercontinental Cup Team

Adam Blackley	LHP
Brad Harman	IF
Donovan Hendricks	LHP
Matthew Kent	C
Paul Rutgers	IF
Brendan Wilson	RHP
Jon Deeble	HC
Phil Dale	Coach

### SENIOR NATIONAL – 2007 Australia v Chiba Lotte Marines Team

James Beresford	IF
Daniel Berg	IF
Adam Blackley	LHP
Adam Bright	LHP
Josh Davies	IF
Brad Harman	IF
Donovan Hendricks	LHP
Justin Huber	IF
Matthew Kent	C
Paul Rutgers	IF
Paul Weichard	OF
Greg Wiltshire	RHP
Jon Deeble	Head Coach
Phil Dale	Coach

### WOMENS NATIONAL – 2007 Women's National Squad

Melissa Gregory	OF
Samantha Hamilton	IF
Jade Hough	IF
Shae Lillywhite	IF
Kelly Manzie	LHP
Amy McCann	OF
Emma Pastowski	RHP
Simone Wearne	RHP
Kathy Welsh	RHP
Melissa Whitaker	OF/IF
Clare Whittam	C

### MLB ACADEMY

Elliot Biddle	LHP
John Blaskett	C
James Brooks	IF
Cody Hams	LHP
Joshua Hendricks	RHP
Kable Hogben	RHP
Andrew Jones	LHP
Andrew Mann	RHP
Taylor McEvoy	IF
Jordan Mitchelhill	IF
Jake O'Reilly	RHP
Heath Pendlebury	RHP
Taylor Rowe	RHP
Matthew Ryan	LHP
Nick Spence	IF

### AAA (U-19) – 2006 IBAF World Championships

Elliot Biddle	OF
Andrew Gribbin	RHP
Tom Ellis	RHP
Josh Spence	LHP

### AA (U-17) – 2006 World Boys Tournament

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

### AA (U-17) – 2007 National Oceanic Championships

Joshua Hendricks	RHP/IF
Andrew Jones	LHP/OF
Taylor McEvoy	IF/RHP

### CAL RIPKEN (U-13)

Brett Curnow	UTIL
Daniel McGath	LHP
Aaron Sayers	RHP
Jake Wonnacott	IF
Stephen Black	Coach

## PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

Mitch Ayres	Czech Republic	C
James Beresford	Minnesota Twins	RHP/IF
Daniel Berg	Minnesota Twins	IF
Adam Blackley	Boston Red Sox	LHP
Travis Blackley	San Francisco Giants	LHP
Matt Blackmore	Czech Republic	RHP
Adam Bright	Colorado Rockies	LHP
Josh Davies	Los Angeles Angels	IF/OF
Jon Deeble	Boston Red Sox	Coach
Kyle Edlich	Minnesota Twins	LHP
Tom Ellis	Seattle Mariners	RHP
Brad Harman	Philadelphia Phillies	IF
Donavon Hendricks	Atlantic City (Independent)	LHP
Justin Huber	Kansas City Royals	1B/DH
John Hussey	San Diego Padres	RHP
Matthew Kent	El Paso (Independent)	C
Matthew Lawman	Minnesota Twins	IF
Shane Lindsay	Colorado Rockies	RHP
Glen Mascoll	Holland	IF
David McWatters	El Paso (Independent)	Coach
Peter Moylan	Atlanta Braves	RHP
Micheal Nakamura	Nippon Ham Fighters (Japan)	RHP
Paul Rutgers	Chillicothe (Independent)	IF
Matthew Ryan	Minnesota Twins	RHP
Paul Weichard	Sioux City (Independent)	OF
Matthew Wilkinson	Sioux City (Independent)	RHP
Brendan Wilson	Los Angeles Angels	RHP
Greg Wiltshire	El Paso (Independent)	RHP

## VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Nathan Aron	OF/RHP
Elliot Biddle	LHP
John Blaskett	C
Oliver Box	C/1B
James Brooks	IF/OF
Jim Crowe	C
Ryan Fisher	LHP
Matthew Gerraty	RHP/OF
Joshua Hendricks	RHP/1B
Kable Hogben	RHP
Andrew Jones	LHP/OF
Chris Lane	C/1B
Jamie Lethborg	RHP/3B
Cameron Lyons	C
Scot Malthouse	IF/RHP
Andrew Mann	RHP/IF
Taylor McEvoy	IF/RHP
Jordan Mitchelhill	IF
Samuel Moon	IF
Brendan Mulherin	LHP
Jake O'Reilly	RHP/1B
Heath Pendlebury	RHP
Dale Ricketts	RHP/C
Jarryd Rogers	IF/RHP
Taylor Rowe	RHP
Thomas Shaw	RHP/OF
Reid Staples	RHP
Liam Vicary-Lovegrove	OF

## BASEBALL AUSTRALIA DIAMOND AWARDS

### ABF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Matthew Sheldon Collins (1989-1999)

### ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Steve Walker

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR – OPEN MEN

Peter Moylan

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR – OPEN WOMEN

Amy McCann

## U-12 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### JAPAN

Ben Aslett	Waverley
Andrew Elkner	Werribee
Mitchell Ellis	Doncaster
Allister Lovelock	Newport
Stewart Mathieson	Bonbeach
Tommy Maxfield	Waverley
Jordan Osborne	Mooroopna
Daniel Page	Waverley
Nathan Rogers	Essendon
Thomas Shiels	Doncaster
Dale Simpson	Sandringham
Aidan Slack	Waverley
Lewis Thorpe	Doncaster
Jeremy Young	Newport
Mark Ellis	Head Coach
Wayne Pollock	Assistant
Barry Fisher	EO

### GOLD COAST

Kane Bode	Cheltenham
Lachland Dunn	Waverley
Jake Febey	Newport
Adrian Fittock	Preston
Tyson Foreman	Newport
Jesse Gavin	Berwick City
Callum Lethborg	Doncaster
Mitchell Lording	Waverley
Nathan Lowe	Doncaster
Matthew Morris	Port Melbourne
Callum Nankervis	Bendigo East
Fraser Ohlson	Waverley
Alex Oldriks	Upwey FTG
Sean Pengelly	Newport
Jack Scheffer	Melbourne
Josh Ward	Doncaster
Matthew May	Coach
Matthew Nichol	Coach

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Daniel Beattie	Waverley
Andrew Bouhalis	Malvern
Liam Darcy	Bonbeach
Samuel Drane	Berwick City
Daniel Durdin	Berwick City
Joshua Hale	Doncaster
Cameron McNish	Werribee
Evan McPherson	Werribee
Nicholas Morris	Essendon
Mitchell Salton	Essendon
Jason Vermeulen	Waverley
Aaron Wallis-Taylor	Sunshine
Ryan Balzer	Coach
Daniel Zucchet	Coach

