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Baseball Victoria

Bacchus Marsh
Berwick City
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 BLS 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
Sandringham
Tyabb

Geelong Baseball Association

Bacchus Marsh
Bellarine
Colac
Corio
Deakin
Guild
Lara
Saints
Werribee

Goulburn Valley Baseball Association

Benalla Bandits
Mitchell Majors
Mooroopna Monarchs
Echuca-Moama Rebels
Shepparton Colts

Latrobe Valley Baseball Association

Churchill
Moe/Newborough
Morwell
Sale
Traralgon

North Eastern Baseball Association

Lavington Panthers
NASC Bears
Porepunkah Panthers
SS&A Eagles
Wangaratta Rangers
Wodonga Warriors

Sunraysia Baseball League

Eagles
Hawks
Saints
Wanderers
Warriors

Victorian Winter Baseball League

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

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to start this report by acknowledging our Business Partners and Sponsors. Geoff Pearce President of Baseball Australia and the mover behind Aces Sporting Club is and continues to provide funding through Aces for our Claxton Shield program, VIS and a number of other programs. In addition some of the Aces funding goes to our Baseball Victoria Foundation which is used to assist players and clubs in need of support. Vodafone the major sponsor of our State League continue to be the naming rights sponsor of our State League Competition and last year provided great support for our Claxton Shield program. Concepts Sports our State team uniform supplier and Fielders Choice our preferred retailer who provide funds for a number of our programs including the backpack for Come N Try Days and the newly formed Winter Baseball Academy.

I wish to thank our business partners in Baseball Radio National which include Bowen Timber, Black Dog Powder Coating and Jet Express, Cascade Home Loans, Cascade Home and Major League Baseball. I would also like to acknowledge the great job that James Watson, Craig Kernick and David Simpson have done with the program especially the live broadcasts of the Claxton Shields game and our Grand final. Their enthusiasm for the cause is greatly appreciated.

VicHealth continue to be a major supporter of baseball as is the State Government who provide a wide variety of funded programs in all aspects of our sport. In particular, the Junior Sports Policy has been a major initiative over the past twelve months. It provides a blueprint for all clubs and Associations to follow to become more effective. I would like to thank all of the participants in the focus groups we conducted both in Melbourne and throughout regional Victoria for their input into this great tool.

In addition I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank:

- Victorian Institute of Sport for investing in our talented young players who will be our leaders of tomorrow.
- Our community newspapers for their help in delivering our game to every front door.
- To all who have sponsored and supported Baseball in Victoria, its members and affiliates – and that includes players, officials, supporters and families – thank you for a season well played. .

It is important that we take time out to recognize all of these businesses who support us and I urge you to support them.

Congratulations to the Victorious Women's and the under 14 teams who won their National Championships. The 14s were particularly difficult as it was cancelled due to the weather in QLD and was able to be rescheduled in Melbourne. In particular a special thank you to Dale McGrath for her persistence in driving the cause to have the Championship rescheduled in Melbourne. Also I acknowledge the support of Bob Jane T-Marts in sponsoring the event. Without their support it would not have happened.

To all of the staff of Baseball Victoria a big thank you for the great job you do. - great effort team. Thanks also to our volunteers and workplace students. They are the backbone of our sport.

Congratulations to all of the teams who have had success this year in winning the various premierships as well as to all of the award winners in all grades and categories.

This is the nineteenth time I have had the privilege of presenting the Annual Report to you. It is a privilege for me to have this honour and I am humbled by your continued faith in me. Our sport is going through some very interesting and challenging times. As I stated during the recent election program this will be my last year as President. I want to see the new Independent Board in place and operating as well as the completion of the unification process and the implementation of the new Constitution for Baseball Victoria and hopefully in the next twelve months the new National League. It is important to realize that the two current Associations in Victoria are well and truly past their "use by date" and it is time for everyone to get on the same page. It is time to forget the us versus them mentality and all work together to make this great sport of ours greater. We need a concerted effort and a stronger revenue base to operate from in relation to game growth and development. For too long the only funds available for development have come from the fees paid by the VBA Clubs. I acknowledge that the VPBL have contributed \$7,000 a year for about the past eight years.

This \$7,000 represents less than 5% of the money Baseball Victoria puts into development each year. It is time this heavy burden was spread around and we become smarter with the dollars we spend in the area of development. It is time that our whole sporting family got together and said *"hey lets really make an effort, think outside the square and take on some of these other sports head on"*. We have a great game and we need to sell it to other people in our community.

Yes, I acknowledge that we are not perfect. I am still haunted by the sheer belligerence of people towards our Stadium in Altona. Yet in spite of it we have been able to obtain other great facilities for our sport. The Geelong complex is great as is the La Trobe University venue. The proposed new lighted venue for Doncaster should also be an improvement to our stocks of facilities. It says something for our sport when we have local Councils investing these sorts of dollars into facilities for our sport. As these facilities grow we need to start to think outside the square in relation to the way we conduct our competitions and look to invest more time in playing rather than spending all of our time training as we do now.

The issue of Saturday versus Sunday as the main playing day has been addressed over the past few years. It is up to the individual clubs to play their home games on the day that best suits them. There are still some clubs that don't have their facilities available on a Saturday. There are others that want to have a mix of Saturday and Sunday games. There are others that want all of their home games on a Saturday. The new arrangements cater for all of these scenarios. The next challenge for us is to revisit our competition structure to determine the best and most effective structure for our competition. In Victoria, our Premier Divisions play the least number of games of any senior baseball competition in Australian baseball.

A competition is an event to determine the best group i.e. team in the specified grade. To do that it needs to ensure that you are the best and that you have beaten the best to win. The tougher the competition the better the standard of play we achieve. The better the standard of play we achieve then the better players we produce to go onto to bigger and better things in our sport – such as going to play professionally. However, we still need to cater for the people who want to have a hit around the diamond with their friends. We must never lose sight of the fact that it is often these people who are the backbones of the clubs. On the other hand we need to look at ways of working and rewarding those clubs that are trying to grow and develop players. Clubs should be rewarded for growing their juniors. We all need to have strong viable junior programs and this means that we as an organization also need to look at coaching development as well as player development to ensure that the players we recruit into our sport are properly developed and skilled.

Too often I hear club officials say things are too hard or that they are tired and therefore need to cut back on the things we do. I again refer to our Junior Sport Policy as a living tool for clubs to use. The document is the only document built from the ground up and will be the standard for other sports to follow. Read it, refer to it and use it.

Clubs need to recruit new blood onto your committees from players, parents, social supporters or anywhere else you can find them. Once you have them there encourage them to have a go and let them go for it.

It is these issues that we as a sport need to address now and into the foreseeable future. It is these reasons that we all need to take a step back put the new structure in place and then let the new people use the skills we have recruited them for loose on our sport to give it every opportunity to grow and develop.

Peter Dihm
President

CEO REPORT

The past twelve months have been an enjoyable and an extremely educational one for me personally. Having not come from a traditional baseball background, I have learnt a considerable amount about the game of baseball from many people in a relatively short time. During this time the structure and governance of the game is always evolving and changing to meet the needs of the industry.

Our sport like many others is searching for the magic formula to increase and hold participation levels and we are working extremely hard with the Department of Sport and Recreation and VicHealth to ensure us as a sport are doing everything possible to meet these requirements.

One of the initiatives Baseball Victoria embarked on was the Junior Sport Policy which was officially launched last year. This document was the first of its kind to be built from the ground up with your help and input. Baseball Victoria is very proud of the finished document and we encourage all clubs to continually refer to it for guidance and policies.

We are no different to any other sporting organisation and we will continue to face many challenges along the way and one of those will be the implementation of an Independent Board. Earlier this year, the Australian Sports Commission reminded the Australian Baseball Federation that Victoria was the only state not to have some form of Independent Board structure in place. This was contrary to the agreement signed by the ABF at the last round of funding talks where it was agreed all state organisations would have an Independent Board in place before the quadrennial funding had expired. The time has come.

Other states and territories have a variety or a variation of an Independent Board which can be easily explained to the satisfaction of the ASC. As yet we don't. Other sports have moved down this path and the model being proposed for implementation for baseball will be the forerunner for other states and territories to mirror and adopt. I am confident the process we are embarking on is in the best interests of the sport.

For the second year in a row there was an election for positions on the board of Baseball Victoria. With any election there are bound to be winners and losers. This year's election saw John O'Halloran and Barry Fisher lose their positions on the board. Both John and Barry have been extremely hard working and dedicated servants to the sport and their contribution to not only the board but to the sport of baseball is very much appreciated.

I look forward to working with the newly appointed Baseball Victoria board members and those board members returning for a further term as we face the challenges head on for the betterment of the sport. I wish to take the opportunity to personally congratulate President Peter Dihm on being re-elected President for another term. Peter's support of this office and the sport of baseball in general is very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank the Pennant Committee led by Chairman Rod Steer for their efforts over the past twelve months. Their task is often a thankless one and I doubt if anyone realises or appreciates the amount of time each Pennant Committee member puts into the sport.

This year, will see the 75th anniversary of the Claxton Shield. The format for this year will endeavour to replicate the proposed National League scheduled to commence in 2009. While mentioning the Claxton Shield I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank David White in particular for his efforts over recent times as the Victoria Aces Head Coach. I would also like to thank David's support team which included Dan McConnon, Leigh McIntyre and ably supported by Tony Cornish for their efforts. Your contribution to the Claxton Shield will always be remembered.

2008/2009 will see a new coaching panel taking over the reins from David and this includes Phil Dale as Head Coach and he'll be supported by Damian Shanahan and Phil Allen. All three come with a wealth of experience and knowledge and I look forward to working with Phil and his team. On behalf of everyone associated with baseball we wish them all the best.



A big thank you and congratulations to all the players, coaches and officials who either represented or participated at either National Championship level or were involved in our travelling and touring development teams. Your time and support through the many hours of training and preparing for the respective tournaments is very much appreciated.

Very special congratulations to Waverley for being the inaugural winner of the Little League State Championships and for representing this State at the Little League Nationals at Redlands in June.

Without the support of sponsors who assist with the promotion and marketing of our events our job would be all the more difficult. I would like to thank all sponsors who have contributed in one way or another either through supporting Baseball Victoria or through their support of our local clubs.

There are two sponsors in particular I would like to make special mention and they are Bob Jane T-Marts and Vodafone.

Vodafone became our State League sponsor this year and have committed to continue for 2008/2009. Their sponsorship went beyond the State League and anyone who attended the Claxton Shield would have seen the support Vodafone provided.

Bob Jane T-Marts came to the rescue when the u/14 National Championships were abandoned in January following the atrocious weather in Lismore. After lengthy discussions a decision was made to relocate the Championships to Melbourne and I can honestly say without Bob Jane T-Marts support this would not have happened. This sport is very lucky to have sponsors like Vodafone and Bob Jane T-Marts and I look forward to working with both organisations throughout the year.

Over the past twelve months the office of Baseball Victoria has undergone some significant staff changes. Both Ben Utting and Andrew Fennell left Baseball Victoria to pursue exciting new career opportunities which unfolded for them. Their contribution to the sport over many years and in particular to the office was very much appreciated and we wish them all the best in their endeavours.

When one door shuts another one opens and with Ben's resignation Grant Karlsen was appointed to the role of Development Officer. Grant has shown a real commitment for growing the sport and he'll be a valuable asset for the office. Dean Jamieson has stepped up following Andrew's resignation and has shown he is extremely capable of handling more responsibility in a professional and timely manner. I thank him for his support over the past twelve months. I can't forget to mention Les Flower who is a walking encyclopaedia on everything baseball and someone who I seek counsel from on a regular basis. His support to the office and to me personally is very much appreciated.

Another relatively new member of the Baseball Victoria family is Damian Shanahan who had big shoes to fill as the replacement for Matthew Sheldon-Collins as VIS Baseball Head Coach. Damian has brought with him some new and refreshing ideas for baseball in this state which I'm confident we'll see the rewards of his hard work very soon. We also have two new recent additions to the office staff, one full time and the other part time. Christine Little has accepted the position of Receptionist/Administration Assistant and Kingsley Collins will keep our web site up to date with feature stories and news items. I look forward to working with Christine and Kingsley.

Finally, I wish to thank all club officials, players, umpires, scorers and volunteers who make our sport what it is today. In particular a special thank you to all the parents who support their sons and daughters throughout the season. Without you we don't have a sport.

STEPHEN NASH
Chief Executive Officer

PENNANT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The 2007-08 season began with a change in the Pennant Committee, with long time Chairperson, Paul Collins not standing for the position for the first time in 33 years. As we are all aware Paul has held the position of Chairperson of the Pennant Committee and Vice President of Victorian Baseball Association for many years, he has provided guidance and decision making that has seen Baseball as a sport in Victoria, evolve through many changes to the game we know today. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul on behalf of all members of the Pennant Committee and the baseball community in general, and to congratulate him on his many achievements and especially his Minister's Award for Lifetime Achievement last year.

The Pennant Committee consisted of some of the hardest workers in baseball including, Les Flower, Noel Pinnell, Barry Smith, Michael Gourlay, Jason Blair, Andrew Fennell, Michael Ashburn, John Holmes, and for his first year on the Committee, Mark Gooding. I would like to thank all members for their time and commitment throughout the past year.

The 07-08 season draw became available earlier than in past seasons in an effort to allow clubs more time to arrange their social calendar and special events. Several clubs took up options with other clubs to hold special fixture dates with 4 games at the one club on the same day, with others opting for Saturday fixtures. The clubs that tried this enjoyed their day and have requested similar changes for the coming season.

The Men's competition was a tight contest throughout the year with several teams fighting for finals contention towards the end of the season and we congratulate all finalists in all divisions.

The women's competition has its issues with finding a stable structure with several clubs being unsure of the number of players, and therefore could not advise Baseball Victoria of final entries until just before the beginning of the season. After some teething problems all players enjoyed the season and the women's competition was keenly contested.

The Pennant Committee had several minor issues to deal with throughout the season, and generally would like to congratulate all clubs on their behaviour throughout the season. I would like to take this opportunity to request all clubs who are requested to appear at the Pennant Committee to ensure that the person on who they rely to provide evidence, is the most appropriate person under the circumstances, who is aware of all the issues relating to the hearing be-it clearance appeals or incident hearings.

As we move into the coming season there are many issues facing the sport and open discussion and decision making are critical to the future of Baseball. The problems facing clubs in regards to ground conditions will no doubt be raised again this year with the current water restrictions, and it should be a priority for clubs to engage with the local councils and water authorities on how best to manage their situation.

We must endeavour to grow our junior programs throughout the state, and provide a level of coaching to enhance the skills of all players, whilst growing the number of teams in Victoria and provide a sport that is both safe and enjoyable for all participants and ensures a successful future of this great game.

Rod Steer

Vice President (Pennant Committee)

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, Fielders Choice & Movement Solutions International. 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 quarterly to monitor the content and direction of the program.

ABF National Selection

The VIS Baseball Program had 9 athletes attend the 2008 MLBAAP National Camp. The IBAF World U/19 Championship was held in Edmonton, Canada July 25th – August 3rd 2008. Andrew Jones represented the VIS Baseball Program in this team while VIS Baseball Head Coach Damian Shanahan was the Assistant Coach.

The VIS has 6 graduates named on the 24 man ABF Senior team roster to compete in the Beijing Olympic Qualifiers.

BV State Selection

The VIS Baseball Program had 15 athletes selected in the BV U/18 team and 6 in the VPBL U/18 team. The BV U/18 team finished 4th while the U/16 team finished 5th 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, 32 of the 42 man squad were VIS graduates.

US Professional Signings

The VIS Baseball Program had 1 athlete sign with a US MLB club this year taking the total number of VIS professional signings to 45. We currently have 15 VIS graduates on active rosters US Professional baseball.

US College

We had 5 VIS athletes take up US College scholarships this year bringing our total number of players to take up this opportunity to 40. We currently have 15 VIS graduate athletes in the US College system with 3 more current VIS athletes take up US College Scholarships this coming year.

Competition Program

The VIS finished on top of the VWBL ladder at the completion of the regular season. Beaten by eventual league champions Croydon in the preliminary final the squad finish with an overall 17 – 3 win –loss record.

I would like to thank the VIS, BV, ABF, ACES Sporting club, Fielders Choice and Movement Solutions International for their continued financial support of our program.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my coaching and support staff over the past 13 years for their expertise, commitment and dedication to our program and athletes.

It has been my honour and privilege to be a part of growth of baseball over the past 13 years and I leave knowing the program is in the very capable hands of the new Head Coach, Damian Shanahan.

Matthew Sheldon-Collins

(Resigned March 2008)

Head Coach

V.I.S. Baseball Program.



HEALTH THROUGH BASEBALL



JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT

It is with pleasure that I submit this report to Baseball Victoria and its stakeholders for the 2007/2008 season.

Little League commenced this past season and congratulations to the five district teams who competed in the first ever State Championships – which was won by Waverley who went onto play in the National Championships in Queensland.

With Little League International being the world's largest not-for-profit sporting organization, with over 2.6 million participants, it gives our sport an excellent platform to market our sport to the broader community.

I would like to congratulate all players for making their respective State and Touring teams and representing Victoria at the National Championships with pride. I would also like to thank the coaches and staff for their efforts over the training and championship period.

As this is my final report I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have helped and supported me during my involvement at board level.

I have enjoyed most of the involvement and working with the army of volunteers involved with baseball at a junior level – people who have given a lot of time in the pursuit of having many children enjoy the game of baseball.

Barry Fisher
Junior League Chairman

DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING REPORT

The 2007-08 season started with such promise for umpire numbers. The annual seminar in Ballarat had a record number of attendees. This, however, did not translate into new panel umpires. The seminar included many umpires from country areas, most notably Geoff Stone from Rich River up on the NSW border, who attended for the first, of what is hoped to be, many more times.

The 'Green Shirt' program, designed to assist umpires who are just starting out, continued to advance this season with umpires, for the first time, appearing on the field in green shirts. Reports from both players and the green shirt umpires themselves indicate that this program continues to show potential and will be continuing for the foreseeable future.

The regular mid-season training sessions were, once again, conducted at the Melbourne Baseball Club and, on behalf of myself, and all BUAV members, I want to give a hearty thanks to Stewart Howe for his tireless efforts in organising these sessions. I also want to thank the Melbourne Baseball club for the generous use of their facilities and thanks especially to Malcolm Chiverton who continued to make himself available to open and close the clubrooms for us as well as work the bar after the training was finished.

I also want to give many thanks to Ross Neilson and members of the Waverley Baseball Club, for allowing us the use of their clubrooms for the BUAV AGM.

The total number of umpires constituting the VBA panel dropped to 49 this season, mainly due to retirements and a lack of suitable recruiting. However, the average number of official panel umpires available to work games in the Senior Men's competition on a week by week basis increased to 31 which compares favorably to the previous season's weekly average of 28.

The available umpires made a total 1654 game appearances during the season covering a total of 956 of a possible 1277 games, including finals, mid week and master's games, giving a coverage ratio of 74.9%.

Divisions 1 and 2, and for the first time in a long time, division 3 firsts and reserves enjoyed 100% coverage. Other grades were covered at lower rates but these also showed an increase over the last season's numbers.

Umpire numbers in the women's competition reduced to 8 regular umpires during most of the season, but increased to 10 towards the end of the season. These umpires were able to cover 146 of the 183 available games, a coverage rate of 80.5%. Division 1 enjoyed 100% coverage with division 2 at 88% division 3 at 80% and division 4 at 54% coverage.

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

Div 1 ----- Stewart Howe,
Div 2 ----- Stephen Day,
Div 3 ----- David Welsh,
Div 4E ----- John Quinn,
Div 4W ----- Fiona Lambrick
Women's Div 1 ----- Paul Carthy
Womens's Div 2 ----- Adrian Terry

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

AAA Under 18 ----- David Milton, Phil Box
Women's Nationals ----- Paul Carthy, Peter Lonie
Aust. Provincial Champs ----- Greg Howard
Claxton Shield ----- Stewart Howe, Greg Howard, Mark Gooding, David Milton
and Ian McKenzie who was also crew chief
Women's World Champs (Japan) ----- Phil Box
MLBAAP ----- Geoff Boyes, Janine Thompson, Alex Shteinberg



HEALTH THROUGH BASEBALL



Finally I want to congratulate the various Umpire award winners. As was instituted last year, these awards determined by votes given by the managers of the division 1, 2 and 3 first division teams and tallied by Baseball Victoria office, to whom I offer my thanks for undertaking this task. I particularly want to thank Dean Jamieson for all the effort he put in collecting the votes.

All the manager votes were tallied with the following results.

Rookie of the Year	Janine Thompson
Best Game Manager	Mark Gooding
Best Ball/Strike Umpire	Stewart Howe
Robert Blackmore Shield	Stewart Howe

Mark Gooding
Director of Umpiring

WOMEN'S STATE TEAM REPORT

Following on from last year's success and title victory was always going to be a hard task to try and duplicate, given our strong, dominating performance in Perth the previous year.

Trials began in December and 16 players were selected to represent the state of Victoria for the 2007/2008 Women's Championship in Wollongong, New South Wales.

With 5 new team members added to the mix from last year, our approach and plan for the Women's Championship in Wollongong was focused on players being able to play a variety of positions. Versatility was the key to ensuring a spot in the play-off round at the end of the week, given our squad consisted of 16 players, 5 of which being pitchers.

We commenced training in mid January and with less than 10 weeks until the Championship, we needed to concentrate and prepare for a long week of baseball. It's always hard defending a title and we were well aware that NSW would be one of the teams to beat this year again.

Our first game was against NSW and the team handled the pressure very well. NSW gained the upper hand in the first innings scoring a run, but the girls were patient in the batters box and we scored 5 runs in the 3rd and a further 3 in the 4th to easily win the game. This was not only a strong win and start to the championship, but it also sent a sound warning to the other states that Victoria was here to play baseball. This advantage was something considered and discussed by the coaching staff pre-tournament.

The week unfolded as we anticipated and the team went from strength to strength. Our pitching staff was solid, as too was our defence and our offence performed as it had trained, taking advantage and scoring when the opportunities presented.

We went through the first round of games undefeated and the team was feeling very confident leading into the play off rounds against NSW and Country NSW.

Finals are a different game, as they say, but with the mix of experienced players and new talent, we showed just how much depth Baseball Victoria has and stepped up, winning both games and in the Championship final once again against NSW.

With the added pressure of being undefeated and winning last year, the team showed there true abilities with another come from behind win. The final was a pitcher's dual with both in command right to the very end. Both teams played the final hard and there wasn't much between the two with Victoria taking the lead in the 5th innings and going on to win 3-2.

It was well deserved win and every team member should be proud of their performance at the Championship.

I would like to congratulate all the team on this fantastic victory and to those who have been in the program for the past 2 years, being undefeated in 2 consecutive National Championships will certainly be something to remember.

I would personally like to thank my two coaches, Ryan Berg and Tim Ballard, for there input and hours over the past 2 years. It has been a pleasure to coach with you both. To our E.O, Claire Whitham, many thanks for all your help during the week in Wollongong and being part of this victory.

Finally a special thanks to Baseball Victoria for allowing me to coach such a great team for the past 2 years.

I have thoroughly enjoyed it and I wish everyone all the best in their baseball future.

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	

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Nick O'Connell	Club Representative
Greg Veale	Club Representative
Graeme Besford	VPBL President
David Rice	VPBL Administrator
*Resigned May 2008	

TRIBUNAL

Michael Gourlay (Chairman)
 John Holmes
 Jason Blair
 Noel Pinnell

Paul Collins wins Minister's Award for Lifetime Achievement

When Williamstown's Paul Collins first got into baseball he didn't do it for the money and he certainly didn't do it for the accolades. He did it for the love of the sport and his mother couldn't have been prouder.

After being recognised for his extraordinary commitment to baseball over the better part of fifty years with the Minister for Sport's Award for Lifetime Achievement, not much has changed. He still doesn't feel like he deserves the \$4000 prize or the plaque he received and his mother (93) is still proud as punch.

"It was pretty special," he said

"The four kids were quite proud, my wife Jill was really happy and mum who is 93 was out of her tree. She's been following me right from my junior days."

The Award recognises outstanding achievements or contributions in any field related to sport and recreation in Victoria. Designed to reward the achievements of unsung heroes who have made a real difference to a sport, a club or a sport association, Paul was honoured in-front dignitaries from across the state at a ceremony on Monday night.

A speechless Collins received a plaque and a \$4000 cheque from the Minister of Sport Mr. James Merlino in recognition of his services to baseball at a local, state and national level.

"I was really pleased about it all. It was terrific. I didn't really think I'd win but that's my attitude to a lot of things," he said.

"It's good for the sport you know. It puts us up there in front of everybody and the Minister knows we are around."

As for prize money, Collins hadn't decided what to do with it although he was quick to point out it was little compensation for all the hours work after working in the sport as a player, umpire, secretary, vice-president, president, chairman, executive officer, committee member and lobbyist all on a voluntary basis.

"I haven't even thought about what to do with the money. I put it in the drawer last night and I'll talk to Jill about it when I think the time is right. I don't know what we are going to do with it!" He said.

"The only thing I've ever been paid for is umpiring... and I didn't even want the money. And my wife snaffled that quick smart. But if you work out the prize for all the hours it probably works out to less than a tenth of a cent!"

"But you don't go into it for the money or the accolades. It's for love of the sport."



2007/08 COMPETITION PREMIERS

SENIORS

Division 1: **Blackburn**
 Div 1-Reserves: **Geelong**
 Div 1-3rds: **Sunshine**
 Div 1-4ths: **Blackburn**
 Division 2: **Bonbeach**
 Div 2-Reserves: **Upwey FTG**
 Div 2-3rds: **Mulgrave**
 Div 2-4ths: **Moorabbin**
 Division 3: **Williamstown**
 Div 3-Reserves: **Port Melbourne**
 Div 3-3rds: **Williamstown**
 Division 4-East: **Blackburn A**
 Division 4-West: **Melton A**

WOMEN'S

Division 1: **Doncaster**
 Division 2: **Doncaster**
 Division 3: **Springvale**
 Division 4: **Bundoora**

WOMEN'S WINTER

Division 1: **Melbourne University**

MASTERS

Division 1: **Blackburn**
 Division 2: **Waverley A**

JUNIORS

U-18 State: **Geelong**
 U-18 Metro: **Cheltenham**
 U-16 State: **Melbourne**
 U-16 Metro East: **Blackburn**
 U-16 Metro West: **Essendon**
 U-14 State: **Doncaster**
 U-14 Metro East: **Melbourne**
 U-14 Metro West: **Preston**
 U-14 West Centre: **Newport**
 U-14 South East Centre: **Sandringham**
 Little League State: **Waverley**
 Little League Metro East: **Waverley Panthers**
 Little League Metro West: **Werribee**
 Little League East Centre: **Melbourne Red**
 Little League South East Centre: **Sandringham Brewers**

COMPETITION STATISTICAL LEADERS

HITTING - Top 10 Hitters in Each Division

Division One

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Blejwas, Jason	Doncaster	39	.443
2	Brooks, James	Blackburn	41	.441
3	Lawman, Matthew	Newport	31	.437
4	McKenzie, Andrew	Malvern	40	.430
5	Dingle, Hayden	Blackburn	43	.426
6	Kent, Matthew	Sunshine	30	.405
7	Booth, Ryan	Blackburn	42	.396
8	O'Malley, Ken	Doncaster	43	.394
9	Spear, Russell	Essendon	23	.390
10	Silverman, Bryan	Malvern	34	.386

Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Turlea, Alex	Fitzroy	38	.447
2	Hopcraft, Brendan	Upwey FTG	32	.416
3	Rice, Leon	Upwey FTG	36	.409
4	Curnow, John	Werribee	34	.405
5	Myles, Simon	Bonbeach	20	.400
6	Sanders, James	Sandringham	30	.395
7	Jones, Mark	Bonbeach	27	.391
8	Herman, Michael	Moorabbin	24	.364
9	Dewar, Andrew	Moorabbin	23	.359
10	Anthony, Robert	Sandringham	19	.353

Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Hogan, Robert	Springvale	29	.492
2	Johansen, Trevor	Chelsea	29	.460
3	Willis, Jay	Williamstown	30	.448
4	Caine, Paul	Williamstown	29	.446
5	Green, Aaron	Williamstown	37	.420
6	Mason, Chris	Williamstown	18	.409
7	Pendlebury, Heath	Preston	30	.380
8	Hardy, Glenn	Williamstown	25	.379
9	Richards, Glenn	Springvale	28	.368
10	Camov, Jordan	Williamstown	30	.341

Women's Division One

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Lillywhite, Shae	Springvale	33	.559
2	Hough, Jade	Doncaster	24	.490
3	Manzie-Novotony, Kellie	Springvale	22	.489
4	McCann, Amy	Doncaster	21	.488
5	Davidson, Ailsa	Doncaster	23	.460
6	Dakin, Aleisha	Port Melb.	20	.455
7	Taylor, Shioban	Springvale	27	.443
8	Howard, Ursula	Malvern	20	.417
9	Wyatt, Marita	Werribee	16	.410
10	Binks, Emma	Port Melb.	19	.396

PITCHING - Top 10 Pitchers in Each Division

Division One

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Wilson, Brendan	Blackburn	83.66	0.97
2	Davies, Josh	Essendon	27.00	1.04
3	Hogan, Lee	Blackburn	48.66	1.66
4	Hipke, Ross	Essendon	44.00	1.84
5	Hendricks, Donovan	Waverley	48.33	2.03
6	Cassidy, Darryn	Melbourne	46.66	2.12
7	Flemming, Brett	Waverley	107.00	2.27
8	Hardy, Cameron	Blackburn	46.33	2.52
9	Jones, Casey	Essendon	94.66	2.57
10	Wiltshire, Greg	Sunshine	52.00	2.60

Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Blackmore, Matthew	Sandringham	21	0.86
2	Donald, Ben	Bonbeach	24.33	1.11
3	Lethborg, Jamie	Fitzroy	28	1.28
4	Prior, Mat	Bonbeach	63.66	2.40
5	Jones, Andrew	Upwey FTG	67.66	2.66
6	Holmes, Matthew	Sandringham	77.33	2.79
7	Johnston, Rikki	Bonbeach	25	2.88
8	Caughy, Trevor	Orm/Glenhuntingly	63	3
9	Horne, Brendan	Sandringham	58.33	3.09
10	Johnston, Rohan	Upwey FTG	36.33	3.71

Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Hogan, Robert	Springvale	32.33	1.39
2	Richards Glen	Springvale	82.66	1.74
3	Barnden, Myles	Springvale	25	2.16
4	Keiper, Joe	St Kilda	72	2.75
5	Adams, Stuart	Chelsea	26	2.77
6	Clester, Wade	Port Melb	59	2.36
7	Armstrong, John	Chelsea	26	3.66
8	Burke, Ben	Port Melb	34	3.97
9	Lester, Jason	Williamstown	58	4.03
10	Pendlebury, Heath	Preston	86	4.40

Women's Division One

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Brown, Vic	Springvale	32.66	0.83
2	Row, Cat	Springvale	39	3.92
3	Holien, Ella	Springvale	31.33	4.02
4	Davidson, Ailsa	Doncaster	55.66	4.20
5	Stokes, Terina	Waverley	45.66	4.73
6	Welsh, Kathy	Doncaster	45.33	5.36
7	Pastowski, Emma	Werribee	69	6
8	Gregory, Mel	Port Melb.	20.66	6.97
9	Binks, Emma	Port Melb.	24.66	7.30
10	Lording, Sandra	Waverley	43.66	7.42

BV ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

George Heron Memorial Award – Division 1 MVP

Jason Blejwas- *Doncaster*

R.R. Hindson Memorial Award – Division 2 MVP

James Sanders -*Sandringham*

Division 3 MVP Award

Glen Richards – *Springvale*

Women's Division 1 MVP Award

Ailsa Davidson – *Doncaster*

Harry Douglas Memorial Trophy – Division 1 ERA Leader

Brendan Wilson -*Blackburn*

Harry Wonnacott Medal – Division 1 Grand Final MVP

James Brooks – *Blackburn*

Ernie Jones Scholarship Award

Aaron Sayers - *Essendon*

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

Sport Education Victoria Coach of the Year

Leo Vivona - *Mulgrave*

Sport Education Victoria Umpire of the Year

Stuart Howe

Administrator of the Year

Karen King -*Fitzroy*

Journalist of the Year Award

Paul Pickering – *Star News Group*

JUNIOR FINALS SERIES

Luke Orwin (Waverley)

Ian Deany Award – Grand Final MVP

Little League State League

Daniel McGrath (Doncaster)

Dick Mason Award – Grand Final MVP

U14 State League

Campbell Wiggins (Melbourne)

Angus McPherson Award – Grand Final MVP

U16 State League

Brendan Belfrage (Geelong)

John Viney Award – Grand Final MVP

U18 State League

STATE REPRESENTATIVES - SENIOR

CLAXTON SHIELD - VICTORIA – Finish 4th

Barker	Dean
Beresford	James
Berg	Daniel
Biddle	Elliot
Blackley	Adam
Blackley	Travis
Blackmore	Matthew
Blewjas	Jason
Bright	Adam
Dewar	Andrew
Flemming	Brett
Harman	Brad
Hendricks	Donovan
Hogan	Lee
Huber	Justin
Johnson	Rikki
Karlsen	Grant
Kent	Matthew
Mascoll	Glen
McIntyre	Scott
Pollock	Michael
Russell	Andrew
Rutgers	Paul
Spear	Russell
Stokes	Peter
Tierney	David
Wiechard	Paul
Wilson	Brendan
Wiltshire	Greg

Coaching Staff

David White	Head Coach
Anthony Cornish	Coach/EO
Dan McConnon	Coach
Leigh McIntyre	Coach
Jaimee Booth	Medical Officer

WOMENS – Finish 1st

Adams	Sam
Anglin	Leslie
Brown	Victoria
Davidson	Ailsa
Gell	Bronwyn
Gregory	Melissa
Hamilton	Samantha
Howard	Ursula
Lillywhite	Shae
Manzie-Novotny	Kellie
McCann	Amy
Smith	Alexis
Wearne	Simone
Welsh	Kathy
Whitaker	Melissa

Coaching Staff

Leo Vivona	Head Coach
Ryan Berg	Coach
Tim Ballard	Coach
Jenny Whittam	EO

U-23 – Finish 4th

Barnes	Adam
Brooks	James
Bumpstead	Cain
Camov	Ryan
Cousins	Jason
Cunningham	Blake
Farrelly	Luke
Flemming	Brett
Green	Aaron
Hams	Cody
Horne	Brendan
Irving	Grant
Jones	Matthew
Karlsen	Grant
Lee	Josh
Moore	Scott
Mulherin	Joshua
Odium	Toby
O'Reiley	Jake
Pendlebury	Heath
Wall	Chris

Coaching Staff

Stephen Black	Head Coach
Ian Hubble	Coach
Kerry Gassner	Coach
Phil Balzer	Coach
Leonie Black	EO

STATE REPRESENTATIVES – JUNIOR

U-18 (AAA) – Finish 4th

Aldenhoven	Rhys
Blaskett	John
Box	Oliver
Dineen	Liam
Groner	Scott
Hendricks	Joshua
Hogben	Kable
Jones	Andrew
Lane	Christopher
Lethborg	Jamie
Lyon	Cameron
Mann	Andrew
McConnon	Wade
McEvoy	Taylor
Moon	Samual
Shaw	Thomas
Tibbles	Ethan
Vicary-Lovegrove	Liam

Coaching Staff

Nathan Holmes	Head Coach
Marc McKennar	Coach
Greg Morley	Coach
David Tierney	Coach
John Jones	EO

U-16 (AA) – Finish 4th

Allen	Jock
Bedford	Liam
Da Silva	Alexander
Darcy	James
Eales	Darcy
Farmer	Daniel
Field	Tristan
George	Darryl
Gourlay	Justin
Hondromatidis	Alexander
Mejak	Matthew
Morris	Samuel
Papanicolaou	Jamie
Sheldon-Collins	Jacob
Street	Sam
Wiggins	Campbell
Yochim	Harley
Yochim	Preston

Coaching Staff

Garry Bitmead	Head Coach
Donovan Hendricks	Coach
Greg Hondromatidis	Coach
Jason Rogers	Coach
Vibeke Pederson	EO

U-14 (A) – Finish 1st

Banfield	Cameron
Bird	Brandon
Campitelli	Yoshi
Curnow	Brett
Gardner	Hayden
Goodman	Linden
King	John
Lea	Ryan
Leslie	Ben
McGrath	Daniel
Mether	Anthony
Sayers	Aaron
Silva	Adam
Sinclair	Jake
Smith	Baden
Wilson	Matthew

Coaching Staff

Phil Balzer	Head Coach
Ryan Camov	Coach
Stuart Clayton	Coach
Arthur Papanicolaou	Coach
Ken Verity	EO

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

SENIOR NATIONAL – 2008 Olympic Qualification Tournament Team

Daniel Berg	INF/OF
Adam Blackley	LHP
Adam Bright	LHP
Matthew Kent	C
Paul Wiechard	OF
Greg Wiltshire	RHP
Jon Deeble	HC
Phil Dale	Coach

SENIOR NATIONAL – 2008 Australia v Canada Exhibition Game

James Beresford	IF
Daniel Berg	IF
Adam Blackley	LHP
Matthew Kent	C
Paul Weichard	OF
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

Nathan Aron	OF
Oliver Box	C
Cameron Deeble	OF
Scott Groener	OF
Cody Hams	LHP
Josh Hendricks	INF
Kable Hogben	RHP
Andrew Jones	RHP
Chris Lane	C
Andrew Mann	RHP

AA (U-19) – 2008 IBAF World Championships

Andrew Jones	LHP
Damian Shanahan	Coach

CAL RIPKEN (U-13)

Ryan Dale	INF
Mitchell Ellis	INF
Sean Pengelly	P
Lewis Thorpe	P
Stephen Black	Coach

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

James Beresford	Minnesota Twins	RHP/IF
Daniel Berg	Minnesota Twins	IF
Adam Blackley	El Paso (Independent)	LHP
Travis Blackley	Philadelphia Phillies	LHP
Matt Blackmore	Czech Republic	RHP
Adam Bright	Colorado Rockies	LHP
Josh Davies	San Diego Padres	IF/OF
Kyle Edlich	Minnesota Twins	LHP
Tom Ellis	Seattle Mariners	RHP
Brad Harman	Philadelphia Phillies	IF
Justin Huber	San Diego Padres	DH/OF
John Hussey	San Diego Padres	RHP
Matthew Kent	El Paso (Independent)	C
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 Wilkinson	Sioux City (Independent)	RHP
Greg Wiltshire	El Paso (Independent)	RHP

VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Luke Abels
 Rhys Aldenhoven
 Jock Allen
 Nathan Aron
 Brendan Belfrage
 Oliver Box
 Joshua Bride
 James Brookes
 James Darcy
 Nicholas Djorgonoski
 Tristan Field
 Scott Groner
 Cody Hams
 Joshua Hendricks
 Kable Hogben
 Andrew Jones
 Chris Lane
 Andrew Mann
 Taylor McEvoy
 Sam Moon
 John O'Connor
 Dale Ricketts
 Jarryd Rogers
 Thomas Shaw
 Nicholas Spence
 Sam Street

BASEBALL AUSTRALIA DIAMOND AWARDS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR – OPEN MEN

Peter Moylan

PLAYER OF THE YEAR – OPEN WOMEN

Simone Wearne

U-12 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

JAPAN

Steven Bookluck
James Edwards
Damien Goodman
Andrew Hayes
Matthew Homfray
Matthew Howe
Tyson James-
O'Keefe
Davis Kelly
Harry Levy
Adam Love
Luke Orwin
Andy Radevski
Lachlan Whiteside
James Wood
Wayne Pollock
Jason Rogers
Matt Nichol
Yoshi Nakamura

Head Coach
Assistant
EO
IBA

GOLD COAST

Justin Aron
Luke Brazier
Charlie Edgecombe
Alex Gouveia
Mitchell Graham
Ben Hayes
Max Katilius
Jack McGraw
Jordi Nolten
Todd Sadler
Stefan Taranto
Jayden Wearne
Gavin Young
Ryan Balzer
Barry Fisher
Robert Sadler

Head Coach
Assistant
Assistant
EO

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ryan Bolten
Cody D'Avoine
Yarran Curtis
Jacob Gale
Keal Kingston
Lule Sellens
Sayuran Singh
Brandon Stenhouse
Callum Stevens
Jack Warner
Sean Woolums
Marc Riches
Carl Kingston

Head Coach
EO

ANNUAL REPORT 2007/ 2008





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Financial Report
For the year ended 30 June 2008

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VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
ABN 85 324 853 428
COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Peter Dihm (President)

Rod Steer (Appointed July 2007)

Stephen Nash

David Rice

John O'Halloran

Nick O'Connell

Stephen Downes (Appointed July 2007, Resigned May 2008)

Robert Sadler

Barry Fisher

Graeme Besford

Greg Veale

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

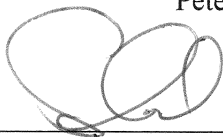
OPERATING RESULT

The surplus for the financial year amounted to \$12,872.

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



Peter Dihm



Stephen Nash

Dated this 22nd day of September 2008

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Revenue	3	1,079,989	1,172,795
Employee benefits expense		(335,917)	(386,068)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	4	(7,116)	(9,148)
ABF, registration and insurance costs		(72,927)	(71,046)
Umpire costs		(89,427)	(87,136)
VIS Baseball Academy costs		(5,275)	(10,205)
Senior state team costs		(74,460)	(58,854)
National championship costs		-	(23,432)
Junior state teams		(197,739)	(134,210)
U12 Development programs		(96,084)	(117,883)
Development costs		(25,939)	(36,193)
Playball costs		(16,711)	(8,396)
Motor vehicle expenses		(7,113)	(11,554)
International team visits		-	(13,606)
Administration expenses		(52,094)	(66,616)
Other team costs		(52,985)	(43,186)
Other expenses		<u>(24,614)</u>	<u>(69,083)</u>
		(1,058,401)	(1,146,616)
Finance costs	4	<u>(8,716)</u>	<u>(7,536)</u>
Surplus before income tax expense		12,872	18,643
Income tax expense		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus from continuing operations		<u><u>12,872</u></u>	<u><u>18,643</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 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	100,075	102,639
Trade receivables	6	36,619	69,550
Other current assets	7	<u>1,938</u>	<u>4,901</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>138,632</u>	<u>177,090</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	24,039	31,156
Intangible assets	9	2,000	2,000
Other non-current assets	7	<u>47,231</u>	<u>47,781</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>73,270</u>	<u>80,937</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>211,902</u>	<u>258,027</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	20,920	17,415
Short term borrowings	11	7,234	6,648
Provisions	12	7,611	10,510
Other current liabilities	13	<u>-</u>	<u>29,738</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>35,765</u>	<u>64,311</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long term borrowings	11	10,511	17,745
Provisions	12	225	22,892
Other non-current liabilities	13	<u>47,231</u>	<u>47,781</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>57,967</u>	<u>88,418</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>93,732</u>	<u>152,729</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>118,170</u>	<u>105,298</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated surplus	14	<u>118,170</u>	<u>105,298</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>118,170</u>	<u>105,298</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 2008

	Notes	2008	2007
		\$	\$
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		<u>105,298</u>	<u>86,655</u>
Profit for the year		<u>12,872</u>	<u>18,643</u>
Total recognised income and expense for the year		<u>12,872</u>	<u>18,643</u>
Total equity at the end of the financial year		<u><u>118,170</u></u>	<u><u>105,298</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 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from clubs other organisations and persons		1,108,056	1,072,183
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,101,765)	(1,067,576)
Interest received		5,959	4,868
Borrowing costs		<u>(8,716)</u>	<u>(7,536)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	16 (b)	<u>3,534</u>	<u>1,939</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		-	13,912
Payment for plant and equipment		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,200)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>12,712</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Hire purchase repayments		<u>(6,648)</u>	<u>(12,627)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(6,648)</u>	<u>(12,627)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(3,114)	2,024
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>150,420</u>	<u>148,396</u>
Cash at end of financial year	16 (a)	<u><u>147,306</u></u>	<u><u>150,420</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 2008

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 Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Corporations Act 2001 and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 of Victoria.

The financial report was approved by the committees as at the date of the committees' report.

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.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation and presentation 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.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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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) Leases

Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

Operating leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(g) 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.

(h) Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(i) Financial Instruments

Classification

The Association classifies its financial instruments in the following categories: loans and receivables, and financial liabilities. 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.

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.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities include trade payables, other creditors and loans from third parties.

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

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

(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: NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

A number of accounting standards and interpretations have been issued at the reporting date but are not yet effective. The committees has not yet assessed the impact of these standards or interpretations.

NOTE 3: REVENUE

Operating activities

- affiliation fees	141,421	150,085
- registration and insurance	186,758	169,588
- development department	43,073	74,543
- grant income	102,441	138,699
- play ball	9,667	12,463
- umpire income	91,551	88,958
- general operating income	43,342	46,992
- VPBL	5,727	7,000
- senior state teams	58,814	26,884
- junior state teams	204,445	145,053
- under 12 development programs	85,250	124,348
- sponsorship	47,250	79,342
- VIS baseball academy	52,806	78,711
- international team visits	-	13,741
- interest	7,444	4,868
- other income	-	11,520
Total Revenue	<u>1,079,989</u>	<u>1,172,795</u>

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	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
NOTE 4: SURPLUS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Surplus from ordinary activities before income tax expense has been determined after:			
Expenses			
Finance costs:			
- hire purchase charges		<u>8,716</u>	<u>7,536</u>
Total finance costs		8,716	7,536
Depreciation of non-current assets			
- motor vehicles		<u>7,116</u>	<u>9,148</u>
Total depreciation		7,116	9,148

NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	4,398	17,156
Cash on deposit	<u>95,577</u>	<u>85,383</u>
	<u><u>100,075</u></u>	<u><u>102,639</u></u>

NOTE 6: RECEIVABLES

CURRENT

Trade debtors	45,135	82,006
Provision for doubtful debts	<u>(10,001)</u>	<u>(12,456)</u>
	35,134	69,550
Other debtors	<u>1,485</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>36,619</u></u>	<u><u>69,550</u></u>

NOTE 7: OTHER ASSETS

CURRENT

Prepayments	<u>1,938</u>	<u>4,901</u>
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NON-CURRENT

Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	<u>47,231</u>	<u>47,781</u>
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Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust are held as cash at bank and include a total of \$47,231 (2007: \$47,781) 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.

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	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
NOTE 8: FIXED ASSETS			
Plant and Equipment			
Motor vehicles			
At cost		39,104	39,104
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(15,617)</u>	<u>(8,798)</u>
		23,487	30,306
Office equipment			
At cost		14,148	14,148
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(13,596)</u>	<u>(13,298)</u>
		<u>552</u>	<u>850</u>
Total plant and equipment		<u><u>24,039</u></u>	<u><u>31,156</u></u>

(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 \$	Office equipment \$	Total \$
2008			
Balance at the beginning of the year	30,306	850	31,156
Depreciation expense	<u>(6,819)</u>	<u>(297)</u>	<u>(7,116)</u>
Carrying amount at end of year	<u><u>23,487</u></u>	<u><u>553</u></u>	<u><u>24,040</u></u>

NOTE 9: INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Patents, trademarks and licenses at cost	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
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NOTE 10: PAYABLES

CURRENT

Unsecured liabilities

Trade creditors	21,814	15,000
GST payable/(receivable)	<u>(894)</u>	<u>2,415</u>
	<u><u>20,920</u></u>	<u><u>17,415</u></u>

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	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
NOTE 11: BORROWINGS			
CURRENT			
<i>Secured liabilities</i>			
Hire purchase liability	15	<u>7,234</u>	<u>6,648</u>
NON-CURRENT			
<i>Secured liabilities</i>			
Hire purchase liability	15	<u>10,511</u>	<u>17,745</u>
NOTE 12: PROVISIONS			
CURRENT			
Employee benefits	(a)	7,611	10,510
NON-CURRENT			
Employee benefits	(a)	<u>225</u>	<u>22,892</u>
(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability		<u>7,836</u>	<u>33,402</u>
(b) Number of employees at year end		5	6
NOTE 13: OTHER LIABILITIES			
CURRENT			
Accrued expenses		-	5,881
Deferred income		<u>-</u>	<u>23,857</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>29,738</u>
NON-CURRENT			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		<u>47,231</u>	<u>47,781</u>
NOTE 14: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year		105,298	86,655
Net surplus attributable to members of the entity		<u>12,872</u>	<u>18,643</u>
Accumulated surplus at the end of the financial year		<u>118,170</u>	<u>105,298</u>

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	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
NOTE 15: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS			
(a) Finance leasing commitments			
Payable			
- not later than one year		8,544	7,724
- later than one year and not later than five years		<u>10,579</u>	<u>21,745</u>
Minimum lease payments		19,123	29,469
Less future finance charges		<u>(1,378)</u>	<u>(5,076)</u>
Total finance lease liability		<u><u>17,745</u></u>	<u><u>24,393</u></u>
Represented by:			
Current liability	11	7,234	6,648
Non-current liability	11	<u>10,511</u>	<u>17,745</u>
		<u><u>17,745</u></u>	<u><u>24,393</u></u>
General description of leasing arrangement:			
Hire purchase of Motor Vehicles			

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	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
NOTE 16: 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		4,398	17,156
Cash on deposit		95,577	85,383
Foundation sponsorship and other funds held in trust		<u>47,231</u>	<u>47,781</u>
		147,306	150,420
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus from ordinary activities after income tax			
Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax		12,872	18,643
Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities			
Depreciation		7,116	9,148
Changes in assets and liabilities			
(Increase) / decrease in debtors		32,931	(34,668)
(Increase) / decrease in prepayments		2,963	(3,968)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors		6,265	(14,968)
Increase / (decrease) in sundry creditors		(29,738)	19,322
Increase / (decrease) in GST payable		(3,309)	1,235
Increase / (decrease) in employee entitlements		<u>(25,566)</u>	<u>7,195</u>
Cash flows from operations		<u><u>3,534</u></u>	<u><u>1,939</u></u>

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NOTE 17: 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:

2008	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate maturing in: 1 year or less	Fixed interest rate maturing in: Over 1 to 5 years	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount as per the balance sheet	Weighted average effective interest rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
<i>(i) Financial assets</i>						
Cash	99,975	-	-	100	100,075	4.0
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-	36,619	36,619	-
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	47,231	-	-	-	47,231	3.1
Total financial assets	147,206	-	-	36,719	183,925	

2008	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate maturing in: 1 year or less	Fixed interest rate maturing in: Over 1 to 5 years	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount as per the balance sheet	Weighted average effective interest rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
<i>(ii) Financial liabilities</i>						
Trade creditors	-	-	-	21,814	21,814	-
Hire purchase liability	-	7,234	10,511	-	17,745	8.5
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	-	-	-	47,231	47,231	-
Total financial liabilities	-	7,234	10,511	69,045	86,790	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

2007	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate maturing in: 1 year or less	Fixed interest rate maturing in: Over 1 to 5 years	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount as per the balance sheet	Weighted average effective interest rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
<i>(iii) Financial assets</i>						
Cash	102,539	-	-	100	102,639	2.5
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-	69,550	69,550	-
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	47,781	-	-	-	47,781	3.5
Total financial assets	150,320	-	-	69,650	219,970	

2007	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate maturing in: 1 year or less	Fixed interest rate maturing in: Over 1 to 5 years	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount as per the balance sheet	Weighted average effective interest rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
<i>(iv) Financial liabilities</i>						
Trade creditors	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	-
Hire purchase liability	-	6,648	17,745	-	24,393	-
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	-	-	-	47,781	47,781	-
Total financial liabilities	-	6,648	17,745	62,781	87,174	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(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 18: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the Association is:
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Albert Park Victoria 3206

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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 16:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2008 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



Stephen Nash

Dated this

22nd day of September 2008

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the governing committee's declaration.

The responsibility of those charged with governance

The governing committee of the entity is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the entity and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The governing committee's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by those charged with governance, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the financial reporting requirements under the constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Victorian Baseball Association Incorporated as of 30 June 2008 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.



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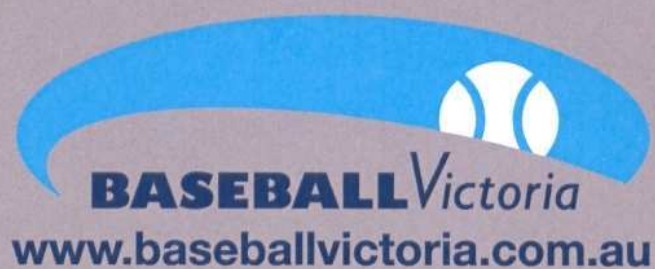
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