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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is the twentieth and the last time I will have the privilege of reporting to you as your President. In 1989 I was encouraged to challenge for the Presidency as members were not happy with the structure and direction of the Association at that time. I said I would do it for three years and either fortunately (or some may say unfortunately) we now find ourselves twenty years later.

There are a lot of similarities between that time and now. On both occasions we are at the birth of a new National League. (I was proud to be a founder of the original Australian Baseball League –Founding Chairman- and see it as a mark of respect to that organisation that the new league will carry the same name). We are embarking on a new competition structure that is designed to lead us into this new era. In 1990 we restructured the competition and it lasted under that structure for newly 13 years.

The most marked differences between then are now are the following:

- (i) In 1989 the then VBA, was actually bankrupt and trading when insolvent. Baseball Victoria is in a strong healthy position to move forward. We have operated successfully within the parameters of the financial model decreed to us by our members. Clubs today are still paying the same team entry fees as we had in 1990.
- (ii) The board had club based people who were there to protect their own clubs positions in the top divisions. We now have a totally Independent Board that has removed all and any of this type of process. In fact the old system became so bad that just prior to the dissolving of the old board it had almost become unworkable due to fractionalization.
- (iii) The Senior Clubs were determining the future of the minor Clubs through the then review system. We now have an independent review processes that ensure that the best for the sport is undertaken.
- (iv) We had just come off the debacle of the dumping of Fitzroy out of Div 1 mid season and replacing them with not even the then top team out of Div 2. We put the necessary processes in place to ensure that that issue was never to be repeated.
- (v) The VBA and the VPBL hardly spoke to each other and whilst the VPBL had two members on the VBA board they played no active part in the overall decision making of the VBA. We now have an independent board that oversees a membership that is inclusive of the VBPL Associations and not exclusive.
- (vi) Our then Executive Director left us. Yes we have the same issue now. However, this time our Executive Director is leaving us to continue to work in our sport in the newly created role of General Manager of the new ABL team in Melbourne.

So as you can see the old saying everything old is new again is very relevant. However as I have pointed out we are in a much stronger position now than we were all those years ago.

We have just undertaken and completed the biggest unification process and restructure undertaken by any state in Australia. We were able to achieve that with unanimous support of all members. It allows us to now work even more effectively with our Country members to assist them to grow and prosper. We have just witnessed the re birth of Ballarat after years of decline. This is wonderful for our sport when one of our oldest Associations can have new life breathed into it and we now have people with pride and passion for our sport working to ensure Ballarat grows. The new development up there – whilst less space – will greatly enhance their ability to grow and also attract high class action into the region.

In fact our facility development over the past twenty years has been incredible. All of our Division One and Two clubs have quality facilities to work with in their areas. We have the Geelong facility with La Trobe also on line and plans for the new Doncaster facility.

Unfortunately we have not been able to overcome the bitterness and hatred that many people maintain towards Altona. It is well documented that many of us in the Baseball Community were opposed to it – however, rightly or wrongly it was built where it is and that is a fact of life. However, I would have thought that as mature people and lovers of our great sport we would have gotten over the issues by now and supported the venue. Yes our sport has supported the venue, but unfortunately our sister sport of Softball, has been totally unsupportative of the venue. Still we have to deal with what we have and live with what hand is dealt to us and make the most of it. We will have to see where the future takes the venue. Still we need more lighted venues for our ongoing programs.

The next few years offer more unique challenges for our sport. The loss of Olympic competition cost us our place in the VIS. However we still need to conduct our development program and ensure that we produce the best players we can. Damian Shanahan has done a great job since taking over from Matthew Sheldon-Collins. Our junior results at all levels speak for themselves.

Over the years I have met some wonderful people who have great passion for our sport. I have tried to learn and grow from these people. Their achievements are the things that have made our sport great. Some of these people are fellow presidents from other states, Fellow Directors from the ABF, VBA BV Administrators from various aspects of our sport as well as International people such as scouts, MLB owners, General Managers, MLB International people such as Paul Archey as well as Presidents from other country Baseball communities - Wonderful people and great baseball people.

Here I would like to thank the Baseball Victoria administration staff whom I have worked with over the past twenty years. All of them have lived the dream we have been trying to achieve – that of making Victoria the number 1 Baseball State in this country. To all of the Executive Directors I have had the pleasure of working with; Les Flower, Peter Williams, Scott Dawes, Steve Walker and now Stephen Nash (with special thanks to Stan Oxworth who stepped in for short periods when we had significant gaps).

Also the long term work done by Don Gough in relation to our accounts should not go unnoticed. You all brought something to grow our sport. Your dedication and passion to the job and devotion to excellence. All of the board members I have served with have made great contributions – so thanks to them.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution and sacrifices that my family have made over the past twenty years that have allowed me to continue in my role. Their support has been as much of a contribution to Baseball in this State as has mine. To Lorraine, Odette, Shelby and their families - thank you.

To all of the Club Presidents, Secretaries and Administrators that I have been involved as well as all the other people I have met and received counsel from – thank you. It is your honesty and integrity that has helped me to stay focused on the one ideal that we all must adhere to if we are to be successful. I would like to think that in my leaving this role I have been able to leave the sport in a better position than when I inherited it. I hope that I have been able to value add to it and that there is a positive pathway for it to grow and develop in the future both short and long term.

We must always keep in mind and work towards ensuring that what we do and the decisions we make, the direction we lead our sport must always have one thing as its sole objective – what is best for the sport as a whole, regardless of the consequences for me personally, my team or my club, association, state etc. This great sport of our, is the one and only thing we need to keep in focus at all times.

May the future be good to our sport and may we continue to grow our legacy.



Peter J Dihm
President
1989 - 2009

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT

RETIREMENT OF PETER DIHM AS PRESIDENT

At the Annual General meeting in 2009 Peter Dihm, President of Baseball Victoria since its inception last year and President of its predecessor the Victorian Baseball Association for over 20 years, stands down as President.

Peter has made an almighty contribution to baseball in Victoria and Australia. This note is intended to reflect for readers and for posterity that contribution, and to express the gratitude of the baseball community to Peter for his contribution.

Peter has made an outstanding contribution to the game of baseball for more than 45 years. He commenced playing at the tender age of 14 years with the Montmorency Baseball Club and then moved over to Ivanhoe, later to return to Montmorency at about the time when the Club was renamed Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club.

When the new Australian Baseball League commenced in 1987 Peter was Syndicate Leader and Founding Chairman. Peter had a leadership role with the Melbourne Bush Rangers. Peter was a Director of the Australian Baseball Federation from 1990 to 2000 when the Board was reconstructed and remained a member of the Baseball Australia Council.

The Australian Baseball Federation awarded Life Membership to Peter in 2000. He was awarded an Australian Sports Medal for services to baseball in 2001.

Peter is a Life Member of Baseball Victoria and its predecessors. He has managed many Australian Junior Teams overseas and was Tournament Director for the U16 World Championship held in Melbourne in 1990.

Peter has championed many changes to baseball in Victoria. Maybe most significantly he oversaw the transformation last year of baseball in Victoria by the creation of Baseball Victoria and its Board as a body which has governance responsibility over baseball throughout the length and breadth of Victoria. In that process he also drove the creation of a new Board with its members independent of clubs and associations designed to provide a strategic focus rather than an operational focus for our future.

Peter has many friends in baseball. Maybe baseball's greatest friend has been Peter.

I have been appointed by the Board to take over the reins from Peter on his retirement. I would personally like to thank Peter for the shape he has left us in, and the platform he has created for our future.

Robert Sadler
Vice President

CEO REPORT

With the release of any Annual Report the opportunity presents itself to look back and reflect on what has transpired over the previous twelve months.

This time last year we were moving towards the implementation of an independent board and the unification of the sport under the Baseball Victoria banner. This wasn't an easy process and understandably there was some uncertainty and unfortunately at times some misinformation which was circulated throughout the baseball community for reasons only known by those who subscribed to this practice.

This chapter of Baseball Victoria is now confined to history and the new independent board is finally in place to govern the sport in the best interests of the sport for the benefit of all stakeholders. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of the new board members and their willingness to tackle the many challenges facing the sport without prejudice.

When the new board was elected part of the transition was for Peter Dihm and Rob Sadler to remain on the board in their former roles to ensure a smooth transition and to provide an element of continuity. It was important that their vast baseball knowledge was not lost to the sport. However, as part of this transition, Peter's role as President was for one year and now the time has come for Peter to leave the board and to devote more time to his business which even he admits he has neglected over the years.

It is important to acknowledge the contribution Peter Dihm has given to the game of baseball not only in this state but in Australia.

I first met Peter when he invited me to watch a Claxton Shield game in 2006. From the moment I met him I was amazed at how one person could be so enthusiastic about a sport he undoubtedly loves and I was equally impressed in the vision he had for the sport going into the future.

Several of these visions and dreams are now realities and I have no doubt in saying that without Peter's vision and foresight the establishment of the independent board and the formation of the new Australian Baseball League just to name two, would still be dreams and visions. Peter's perceived determination to ensure the sport grew and prospered on more than one occasion ruffled a few feathers but throughout all of this I can categorically say with authority Peter always had the best interests of the sport at heart. His legacy will not be forgotten nor should it be.

With Peter's tenure over, I welcome Rob Sadler as the President-elect of Baseball Victoria. Rob also brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board which will ensure the progress which has already been made will continue into the future.

Over the past twelve months the development of a new Strategic Plan for Baseball Victoria was being developed. All stakeholders were given the opportunity to have input into the Strategic Plan which will provide the direction and the strategies for the sport for the next four years.

One of the issues we were challenged with over the past twelve months was the possible exclusion of baseball from the Victorian Institute of Sport. From the outset and after several presentations and countless hours it was obvious to us that the VIS was moving in a direction where the emphasis was heavily towards sports that had the potential to win Olympics medals and our exclusion from the Olympics by influences beyond our control probably made their decision to remove baseball from the program a lot easier. This decision albeit disappointing after such a long and successful association in the VIS, will give the sport an opportunity to look at all of our development models.

From a position of disappointment comes a brand new challenge in the form of the Australian Baseball League. The vision and hopes for a new National League have been around for several years and finally with the signing off of all the documents between MLB and the ABF the new entity known as the ABL is born.

Even with significant MLB involvement and influence, make no mistake that this is the last chance for baseball in Australia.

It is imperative that the Victorian baseball community support the ABL by firstly getting behind the Victoria Aces in this year's Claxton Shield series and secondly by showing their support when the new Melbourne team is launched in 2010.

With the establishment of the ABL and after a great deal of thought I have accepted the position as General Manager for the Melbourne ABL franchise. The new role is a huge challenge but more importantly it allows me to stay in baseball as there will need to be synergy between Baseball Victoria and the ABL Melbourne team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with this great game in Victoria and in particular the Baseball Victoria board members both past and present and the staff of Baseball Victoria for their support during my time as CEO.

I look forward to your continued support into the future.

Stephen Nash
Chief Executive Officer

PENNANT COMMITTEE REPORT

Members: Rod Steer (Chairman) , Les Flower, Michael Gourlay, Michael Ashburn, John Holmes, Jason Blair, Mark Gooding, Barry Smith, Noel Pinnell and Dean Jamieson.

Unfortunately, due to ever increasing business commitments, Rod Steer was forced to resign during the year and I replaced Rod as Chairman of the Pennant Committee for the remainder of the year.

I personally and also on behalf of all Pennant Committee members give special thanks to Rod for his services to the competition during his two years at the helm of the Pennant Committee.

This year, the Pennant Committee met on numerous occasions to discuss, resolve and at times debate the number of clearance appeals, on and off field incidents and general competition matters.

The role of the Pennant Committee is an important one and often the committee comes under criticism from a number of areas of the baseball community; however, I can assure you that decisions made by this committee have and will remain in the best interests of the clubs and the competition.

One of the major issues the Pennant Committee tackled was a review and planned restructure of the competition. This was a directive of the previous Baseball Victoria Board and I would like to thank all of those clubs that provided submissions for the committee to consider.

Over several meetings the Pennant Committee discussed the matter and attempted to complete draft draws as a result of some of the recommendations we received from the clubs.

However, at the end of the process it was unanimously agreed that further thought was required as there was a pending announcement regarding the formation of a new National League and any proposed change may be disruptive to both competitions should the number of games increase and the competition structures change dramatically.

The Pennant Committee recommended to the previous Baseball Victoria Board that no change be made for the 2009/2010 season with a further review to change to be completed in the off season and therefore giving the clubs twelve months notice of any change as has been the practice of the Association in the past.

The Board of Baseball Victoria at the time did not accept the recommendation of the Pennant Committee and this decision was also endorsed by the newly appointed independent board of Baseball Victoria. The board of Baseball Victoria as is their right believed that any new restructure of the competition could be implemented for the 2009/2010 season.

As with any sporting association, there will be disagreements and decisions that not everyone will agree with.

However, the decision to restructure the competition has been made and it is now the role of the Pennant Committee to ensure the competition is administered as smoothly as possible.

I would like to thank the members of the Pennant Committee – Rod Steer, Michael Gourlay, Mike Ashburn, John Holmes, Jason Blair, Mark Gooding, Barry Smith, Noel Pinnell and Dean Jamieson for giving up their time and their support. It is greatly appreciated.

In particular a special thank you to Mike Ashburn who like yours truly, did not seek to re-nominate for a position on the Pennant Committee for 2009/10.

My decision to decline the invitation to re-nominate brings to a close a twenty year commitment serving on the Pennant Committee and I would like to thank everyone who has served with me during the past two decades.

I wish the incoming Pennant Committee all the very best and I am sure they will continue to serve the clubs, membership and the Association in the best interest of the sport.

Les Flower
Acting Chairman
Pennant Committee

COMPETITIONS REPORT

It has now been nine months since I made the move into the role of Competitions Manager, and it has been the busiest year for Baseball Victoria since I first came into organisation 3 years ago. Firstly I would like to thank to thank all Club Presidents, Secretaries & Junior Delegates, as well as the Baseball Victoria Board members, Pennant Committee members, and other Baseball Victoria employees who helped me over the last 9 months, while trying to find my feet in my new role.

Our Summer Competitions continue to run strongly in both the juniors and the seniors. Team numbers in the Little League age group was affected slightly by the alteration of the change of age cut off dates, from the 1st of May back to the traditional date of the 31st of December. Senior team numbers an increase in team numbers with the combined amount of teams in Division 4 East and West being 18 which was 4 teams up from the previous year. Unfortunately the team numbers in the Women's competition were slightly down, and there was 20 teams competing, which was 3 teams down from the previous year.

This year also saw the inception of the Women's Super Saturday which consisted of all 3 Women's grand finals being played at the same venue on the same day. The crowds that turned out helped celebrate the women's competition, in a carnival like atmosphere. The day was held at Malvern Baseball Club, who should be thanked for their hospitality and help throughout the day. Congratulations to all teams that played on the day, however the winners on the day were Springvale – Division 1, Waverley – Division 2 and Port Melbourne – Division 3.

Men's Super Saturday continued again this year however, was split over two weeks due to the preliminary final game being suspended due to inclement weather, which saw that division's grand final delayed by a week. This year also saw the Division 3 Grand Final being included on the Super Saturday celebrations for the first time. It was again encouraging to see all the supporters get out and support their club in all 3 of the divisions Grand Finals. The winners of the three Grand Finals were Waverley – Division 1, Cheltenham – Division 2 and Williamstown – Division 3. Congratulations must go out to all teams who competed as they were all great games of Baseball.

The Little League State Championships was held once again and was again a huge success. Congratulations to all five regions that competed over the three day tournament. Thank you once again to the Waverley Baseball Club who hosted the event but also the administrators and coaches for each region, who made sure that everything ran smoothly. The eventual winner of the tournament was the Waverley Baseball Club which went then went on to take out the National Championships on the Gold Coast.

This year also saw a revamped Junior State Team program, which helped see the junior teams to one of the most successful years ever. In the Under 14's we finished 2nd and 3rd, in the under 16's we finished 1st and 4th, and an injury ravaged under 18's finished 3rd and 8th. Congratulations must go to all players who represented Victoria this year as it was a fantastic effort by all, and thank you to all the Coaches and EO's who voluntarily gave up their time throughout the selection, training and championship period.

This year also saw Baseball Victoria look after a side that was competing at the Australian Provincial Championships in Perth. The Victorian team finished second overall unfortunately going down 11-1 against Country New South Wales in the final. A must give a thank you to Greg Evans who play a huge role in getting the team over to Perth.

Victoria also played host's to several tournaments over the last 12 months, which were all run successfully and helped increase Victoria's reputation as leaders in hosting a tournament. In September last year the Waverley Baseball Club held the Australian University games, in January Geelong Baseball Club hosted the Under 16 'AA' National Championships, and then again in April the Geelong Baseball Club hosted the Women's National Championships and Under 23 Championships as one carnival over the Easter break. In between all these tournaments both the Geelong Baseball Club and Waverley Baseball Club were able to host Claxton Shield games, including the semi finals, but also the Australia vs. Chinese Taipei friendship series, before both countries flew out for the World Baseball Classic. Thank you greatly to both these clubs for their support throughout that busy time.

Thank you again to everybody who has helped out over the last 12 months, as I mentioned previously it has been a busy year for Victorian baseball, but with all of your help you have helped turn it into a very successful year, and I look forward to working with you all again next year.

Dean Jamieson
Competitions Manager

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Since taking up the role of Regional Administrator back in March, it has been an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding role. I would like to thank Dale Lewis, John King and Greg Evans who assisted with preparing for the Winter Championships which have been run by Baseball Victoria for the first time since the unification. I would also like to thank Ian McKenzie and David Milton, the Umpires Coordinators who assisted with the Championships for 2009.

I would like to congratulate Bendigo Baseball Association, Geelong Baseball Association, North East Baseball Association, Ballarat Baseball Association and Ringwood District for hosting the Championships for 2009. The Association's efforts and support in make these championships possible and enjoyable for the entire baseball community.

I would like to congratulate not only the Champion Associations in each age group but too all who participated and the players who have been named in the All-Star teams in 2009.

To the Associations, I would like to thank you for your support and patience and assisting in making my role more enjoyable, I look forward to working with you in the future. I would also like to thank the volunteers from the representative teams, Committees of the host Associations and Umpires for your time and efforts which can't go unnoticed. Without your hard work and valuable time, these championships would not be as strong and as enjoyable, and should be appreciated by all who are involved in the baseball community.

I wish everyone the best of luck for the remainder of the year and again congratulate everyone's efforts for 2009. I look forward to working with you all in 2010.

David Zucchet
Regional Administrator

Analysis of Senior teams in each Association - 2009

Association	A Grade	B Grade	C Grade	D Grade	E Grade	Woman's	Total
Ballarat B.A	2	2	1	-	-	-	5
Bendigo B.A	4	6	-	-	-	2	12
Dandenong B.A	27	23	-	-	-	6	56
Geelong B.A	14	12	6	-	-	-	32
Latrobe valley	5	5	5	-	-	-	15
North East B.A	6	6	-	-	-	-	12
Sunraysia B.L	4	5	7	-	-	-	16
V.W.B.L	21	16	20	22	10	-	89
Total	83	75	40	22	10	8	237

Analysis of junior teams in each Association - 2009

Association	T-Ball Rookie U10	Little League	Under 14/15	Under 16/17/18	Total
Ballarat B.A	-	-	-	-	-
Bendigo B.A	3	4	4	2	13
Dandenong B.A	-	12	8	10	30
Geelong B.A	-	5	8	7	20
Latrobe Valley	4	-	4	5	13
North East B.A	-	-	3	4	7
Sunraysia B.L	13	6	5	5	29
V.W.B.L	5	20	15	10	50
Total	25	47	47	43	162

Senior Championships – 6th-8th June 2009 Hosted By Geelong Baseball Association
Division 1 Champion: Latrobe Valley Baseball Association **Division 2 Champion:** Sunraysia Baseball League

Division 1 All-Star Team	Division 2 All-Star Team
Jude Power Latrobe Valley B.A John Kus Latrobe Valley B.A Dylan Adams Latrobe Valley B.A Dylan Trevorah Dandenong B.A Anton Cevec Dandenong B.A Ben Atkins Geelong B.A Darcy Eales Geelong B.A Brendan Kelly Latrobe Valley B.A Glynn Morris Diamond Valley	Scott Wood Stock North East B.A Lonnie Attard Bendigo B.A Travis Frost Bendigo B.A Brent Jacobson Ballarat B.A David Castello North East B.A Greg Daniel North East B.A Nick Carroll Sunraysia B.L Brendan Watkins North East B.A Matt Austin Sunraysia B.L

Under 18 Championships - 4th-5th July 2009 Hosted by Ballarat Baseball Association
Division 1 Champion: Geelong Baseball Association **Division 2 Champion:** Sunraysia Baseball League

Division 1 All-Star Team	Division 2 All-Star Team
Wade Balzer Geelong B.A Sam Lethborg Diamond Valley Josh Horan Diamond Valley Dean Cooper Dandenong B.A Shannon Williams Diamond Valley Matt Bright Ringwood District Kurt Wilson Geelong B.A Stacey Rogers Diamond Valley Patrick McCrystal Ringwood District	Zac Sheppard Bendigo B.A Jesse Griffiths North East B.A Caleb Fox Bendigo B.A Trent Jackson Bendigo B.A Tyler McPhee Sunraysia B.L Justin Gourlay North East B.A Steven Pack North East B.A Dylan Smith Sunraysia B.L Ben Harris Sunraysia B.L

Under 16 Championships 20th-21st June 2009 Hosted By North East Baseball Association
Division 1 Champion: Diamond Valley **Division 2 Champion:** Ringwood District

Division 1 All-Star Team	Division 2 All-Star Team
Hayden Gardner Diamond Valley Sam Beasley Dandenong B.A Matt Morris Diamond Valley Marlee Hards Sunraysia B.L Andrew Reeves Diamond Valley Alistair Lovelock Geelong B.A Yuma Ikehata Diamond Valley Baden Smith Diamond Valley Jeremy Young Geelong B.A	Linden Goodman Latrobe Valley B.A Billy Findlay Ringwood District Gerard Kingston Ringwood District Kosuke Sekino Ringwood District Mitch Dalzotto Ringwood District Jarryd Cowan Ringwood District Harley Dunlop Bendigo B.A Steven Caroni North East B.A Shannon Talbot North East B.A

Under 14 Championships 23rd-24th May 2009 Hosted By Bendigo Baseball Association
City Champion: Dandenong B.A **Country Champion:** Sunraysia B.L

City All-Star Team	Country All-Star Team
Luke Brazier Diamond Valley Mitch Graham Diamond Valley Ryan Bromley Ringwood D Cam Beaumont Dandenong B.A Matt Howe Geelong B.A Toby Hope Diamond Valley Cody D'Avoine Diamond Valley Zak Palmer Dandenong B.A Todd Sadler Ringwood D	Cody Smith Sunraysia B.L Tyler Trevaskis Sunraysia B.L Hayden Scheele Sunraysia B.L Denim Pay Sunraysia B.L Madeline Davis Bendigo B.A Damian Goodman LVBA John Stephenson Sunraysia B.L Zane Dowdell LVBA Tristan Holmes Sunraysia B.L

Little League Championships 18th-19th July 2009 Hosted By Ringwood District
Little League Champions: Ringwood District **Little League Division 2 Champion:** Sunraysia B.L
** Ringwood District qualify for 2010 National Little League Championships*

City All-Star Team	Country All-Star Team
Sam Michael Dandenong B.A Sean Rintoul Ringwood D Josh Goschnick Dandenong B.A Lachlan Medew Geelong B.A Riley Hill Diamond Valley Liam Spence Geelong B.A Tighe Donnelly Dandenong B.A Jesse Kendall Dandenong B.A Matthew Beattie Ringwood D	Anthony Carroll Sunraysia B.L Brendan Archbold Bendigo B.A Trent Davies Bendigo B.A Lachlan Russell Sunraysia B.L Jack Ryan Bendigo B.A Tyson Cox-Davies Bendigo B.A Jordan Tatchell Sunraysia B.L Jordan Fleri Sunraysia B.L Austin Walker Sunraysia B.L



VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT BASEBALL PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT August 2009

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 14 – 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. 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 18 athletes attend the 2009 MLBAAP National Camp.

The IBAF World U/17 Championship was held in Taichung City Taiwan 15th – 23 August 2009. The VIS had nine athletes selected to the team including

Liam Bedford

Tyler Dale

Alexander DaSilva

Darryl George

Mitchell Hayes

Mitchell Kennedy

Daniel McGrath

Sam Morris

Jacob Sheldon-Collins

Baseball Head Coach Damian Shanahan was the Assistant Coach.

The VIS has 6 Associate Scholarships holders on the roster for the World Baseball Classic Justin Huber, Brad Harman, James Beresford, Adam Bright, Daniel Berg, Travis Blackley

Team Results

3rd Place VIS Team Victorian Winter League 2008 (Overall 17 – 3 Record)

1st Place Victorian U16 team – National Championships, Geelong (2009)

3rd Place Victorian U18 team – National Championships, Perth (2009)

1st Place Australian Schoolboys Championships, Canberra (2009)

4th Place Australian U/19 Team – World Championships – Canada (Aug 2008)

US Professional Signings

The VIS Baseball Program had 2 athletes sign with a US MLB clubs this year taking the total number of VIS professional signings to 48.

US College

We had 2 VIS athletes take up US College scholarships this year bringing our total number of players to take up this opportunity to 40.

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

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my coaching and support staff (Grant Weir, Scott Dawes, Nathan Holmes, Lee Hogan, Michael Crooks and Sandra Mascoll) for their expertise, commitment and dedication to our program and athletes.

Damian Shanahan

Head Coach

V.I.S. Baseball Program.

DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING REPORT

The 2008-09 season began with some controversy when the BUAV annual training seminar, held in Ballarat, was almost cancelled due to the junior team selection try-out games, normally held in conjunction with this seminar, being cancelled at the last minute.

Thanks to some frantic work by David Milton, the new Assistant Director for Umpire Training, a revised schedule was quickly put together and the seminar went ahead on schedule. Attendee numbers were similar to last year but, unlike last year, we were able to translate a number of attendees into new panel umpires for the up coming season. A circumstance we would like to see happen more in the future.

The regular mid-season training sessions were conducted at the Melbourne Baseball Club again this year and, on behalf of myself and all BUAV members, I offer my congratulations and thanks to David Milton for his diligent work in ensuring that these sessions were interesting, informative and enjoyable. 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 personally available to ensure the clubrooms were open and everything was in place.

I also wish to offer my gratitude to Ross Neilson and members of the Waverley Baseball Club, for allowing us the use of their clubrooms for the BUAV AGM and providing a range of superb refreshments for this function.

Annual Statistics

The total number of umpires constituting the VBA panel was 47 this season, 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 over last year to 33.

The available umpires made a total 1685 game appearances during the season covering a total of 970 of a possible 1330 games, including finals, mid week and master's games, giving a coverage ratio of 72.9%. Divisions 1 and 2, and 3 firsts and reserves had 100% coverage, and, while other grades were covered at lower rates, these showed a marked increase over the coverage of last season.

Regular umpires to work in the women's competition remained at 8 and these umpires were able to cover 115 of the 178 available games, a coverage rate of 64.6%, significantly down on last years result. Division 1 had 95% coverage with division 2 at 85% and division 3 at 40%.

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

Div 1-----David Milton,
Div 2-----Gary Hicks,
Div 3-----Alex Shteinberg,
Div 4E-----Kevin McMurrugh,
Div 4W-----Paul Meissner
Women's Div 1-----Craig Durdin
Womens's Div 2-----Clint McCagg
Womens's Div 3-----Cassandra James

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

AA Under 14-----Janine Thompson
AA Under 16-----Stewart Howe, Greg Howard, Gary Hicks,
David Welsh, John Schroeders, David
Milton, Ian McKenzie (co-ord)
AAA Under 18-----Mark Gooding
Under 23-----Gary Hicks, Paul Meissner, Alex
Shteinberg, Peter Eckardt, Stewart
Marshall, Brock Donley, Fiona Lambrick,
Mark Gooding (Co-ord)

Women's Nationals-----Paul Carthy, Peter Lonie, John Quinn,
 Fiona Lambrick, Janine Thompson, Brock
 Donley, Greg Howard, Mark Gooding
 (Co-ord)
Aust. Provincial Champs-----Stewart Howe
Claxton Shield-----Mark Gooding, Stewart Howe, Greg
 Howard, David Milton and Ian McKenzie
 (crew chief)
Phoenix Cup, Hong Kong-----Mark Gooding, Janine Thompson
MLBAAP-----Janine Thompson, Alex Shteinberg,
 Geoff Boyes

Finally I want to congratulate the winners of the various Umpire awards. As was instituted in 2006, the umpire awards are determined by the managers of the division 1, 2 and 3 first division teams with votes tallied by the Baseball Victoria office, and I offer my thanks to Christine Little and Dean Jamieson for their work on getting this to a successful conclusion.

The tally of the manager votes yielded the following results:

Rookie of the Year-----Geoff Boyes
Best Game Manager-----Mark Gooding
Best Ball/Strike Umpire-----Mark Gooding
Robert Blackmore Shield-----Mark Gooding

Mark Gooding
 Director of Umpiring

CLAXTON SHIELD REPORT

My appointment as a Coach of the Victorian Claxton Shield team was an honour and I came to the position with a number of objectives to achieve as this years Claxton Shield coach.

Firstly we were looking to put into place a transparent selection environment that allowed everyone interested in playing on the Victorian Claxton Shield team to be considered, and we endeavoured to ensure that everyone who was interested in trialling, no matter what grade they played in, could.

After a rigorous selection was completed, we wanted to provide all players with a conducive training environment that took into consideration their geographical locations and work commitments. In this way we could all work together so that we were able to maximize their training but keep the disruption to personal commitments to a minimum. The aim was also to try to minimise any disruption to clubs with a player's participation in Claxton shield which was tough with the schedule presented.

Finally we wanted to put an exciting product out on the field that was championship quality and displayed Victoria's star players, as well as helping individuals to achieve personal goals in the game and support them in playing at the highest level in their state, but achieving this always with our team goals as a primary focus.

The Victorian Claxton Shield team played exciting baseball throughout the season, in what was a closely contested semi final championship series. It was a pleasure to coach and lead a fabulous group of committed and professional athletes who gave all that was asked of them in every game they played.

Whilst the result was not what we had wanted, I appreciated the support the players showed me as coach, and I can only say I was proud of their efforts in what is a closely fought contest.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to all those that supported me, including a wonderful group of players, those involved in the administration of the team and to all those who assisted me in coaching roles.

With the quality of our club players, exciting times are ahead for our state team and a lot of success in the future.

Phil Dale
Head Coach

WOMEN'S STATE TEAM REPORT

The trial periods leading up to team selections were well supported by the playing group and coaches. The numbers of players who trialled was disappointing considering two teams were entered in the competition. In the end with injuries and pullouts there were only a couple to be left out from the two squads. This impacted on the playing quality and depth of the second squad and Tony Culph's ability to put a competitive group on the field.

Victoria Blue was a highly competitive and self motivated group. They responded enthusiastically to the training programs set and dedicated themselves to achieving a high finishing position. The support and leadership within the group was excellent as they included a wide range and a broad spectrum of baseball experience.

The overall result was deserved and achieved through a team effort. Their adjustments to setbacks like injuries and form variations were a pleasing part of the performance.

The Executive Officer area was excellently handled by Mrs and Mr Whittam. Their experience and preparations made for a smooth running carnival. Dean Anglin's input prior to the trip was outstanding, acting as a Manager and Coach, his workload was immense. His versatility was a main reason for our well prepared lead up to and experience at the Tournament.

The coaching expertise of Dean Anglin, Tim Ballard and I was a good blend of experience and enthusiasm for the task at hand. The Victoria White squad was not as well provided for but I will let Tony Culph speak for himself.

A positive about the program was the combined training sessions leading up to the selection of the squads and then remaining together for a period of time after that. This enabled both squads to have more coaches available for sessions and share the better venues.

The venues used were, Malvern, Monash University, Newport and Doncaster. These venues were excellent and the clubs should be thanked for their contribution. I would strongly recommend their continued use next year.

My experience was enjoyable. The Coaches/EO's and the support staff were excellent. Tony Culph is an excellent person to lean upon as his past experience from previous trips was invaluable. The accommodation he organised was excellent with Dean's input an excellent addition.

The players were the highlight. They displayed enthusiasm, dedication to the program and our goals and showed support for each other and the coaches. They appreciated the work put in by the EO's and support staff.

Overall they deserved the success that came our way. Hopefully the lessons learnt from this Tournament will lead to better xxx and programs in the future.

Garry Bitmead
Head Coach
Victorian Women's State Team

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

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R.E. Darling*	1949	Ken Welfare*	1986
George Heron*	1958	Graeme Ainscough	1988
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2008/09 COMPETITION PREMIERS

SENIORS

Division 1: **Waverley**
Div 1-Reserves: **Essendon**
Div 1-3rds: **Essendon**
Div 1-4ths: **Waverley**
Division 2: **Cheltenham**
Div 2-Reserves: **Upwey Ferntree Gully**
Div 2-3rds: **Melbourne**
Div 2-4ths: **Ormond Glenhuntly**
Division 3: **Williamstown**
Div 3-Reserves: **Springvale**
Div 3-3rds: **Williamstown**
Division 4-East: **Waverley A**
Division 4-West: **Melton A**

WOMEN'S

Division 1: **Springvale**
Division 2: **Waverley**
Division 3: **Port Melbourne**

MASTERS

Division 1: **Essendon**
Division 2: **Ormond Glenhuntly**

JUNIORS

U-18 State: **Essendon**
U-18 Metro: **Sandringham**
U-16 State: **Essendon**
U-16 Metro East: **Waverley**
U-16 Metro West: **Essendon**
U-14 State: **Doncaster**
U-14 Metro East: **Blackburn**
U-14 Metro West: **Fitzroy**
U-14 West Centre: **Werribee Marlins**
U-14 South East Centre: **Bonbeach Jays**
Little League State: **Waverley**
Little League Metro East: **Waverley**
Little League Metro West: **Fitzroy**
Little League Central Centre: **Melbourne Angels**
Little League South East Centre: **Cheltenham Padres**
Little League West Centre: **Footscray Red**

COMPETITION STATISTICAL LEADERS

HITTING - Top 10 Hitters in Each Division

Division One

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVG
1	Edwards, John	Essendon	38	.442
2	McIntyre, Scott	Essendon	45	.441
3	Wearne, Scott	Waverley	34	.425
4	Weichard, Paul	Blackburn	34	.420
5	Dingle, Hayden	Blackburn	33	.413
6	McDonald, Tristan	Essendon	32	.410
7	Tierney, Andrew	Blackburn	38	.384
8	Holmes, Nathan	Geelong	30	.370
9	Tierney, David	Blackburn	40	.367
10	Hubbard, Cameron	Doncaster	31	.360

Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Smith, Ben	Ormond GH	29	.397
2	Oxworth, Michael	Upwey FTG	31	.383
3	Thompson, Nick	Mulgrave	29	.372
4	Turlea, Alex	Fitzroy	30	.366
5	Pinkster, Tristan	Fitzroy	32	.364
6	Zumbrun, Josh	Moorabbin	29	.349
7	Groner, Scott	Upwey FTG	25	.347
8	Schrodgers, Peter	Upwey FTG	28	.346
9	Ferguson, Russell	Cheltenham	21	.344
10	Wilkie, Daniel	Werribee	24	.343

Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	Porter, Wayne	Berwick	38	.507
2	Hanami, Yoshi	Preston	34	.453
3	Djorgonoski, Nick	Preston	35	.427
4	Baker, Neil	Williamstown	24	.421
5	Camov, Jordan	Williamstown	35	.412
6	Keiper, Joe	St Kilda	33	.402
7	Collins, Jesse	Preston	33	.388
8	Wearne, Michael	Springvale	22	.386
9	Moloney, David	Preston	27	.386
10	Hogan, Robert	Springvale	26	.382

Women's Division 1

	NAME	CLUB	H	AVE
1	McCann, Amy	Doncaster	26	.684
2	Hough, Jade	Doncaster	20	.526
3	Manzie-Novotny, Kellie	Springvale	12	.429
4	Taylor, Siohban	Springvale	12	.316

PITCHING - Top 10 Pitchers in Each Division

Division One

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Hipke, Ross	Essendon	33.99	0.53
2	Trytten, Ryan	Sunshine	97	0.74
3	Meddick, Rory	Essendon	30	1.80
4	Jones, Casey	Essendon	106.99	2.44
5	Biddle, Elliott	Geelong	55.63	2.59
6	Blackmore, Matthew	Sandringham	43.33	2.70
7	Wiltshire, Greg	Sunshine	53.32	2.87
8	Blackley, Adam	Waverley	56.33	3.04
9	Hogan, Lee	Blackburn	70.99	3.04
10	Blejwas, Jason	Doncaster	42.66	3.16

Division Two

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Groner, Scott	Upwey FTG	21	0.43
2	Mann, Andrew	Melbourne	55.98	0.64
3	Hogben, Kable	Cheltenham	62.65	1.01
4	Cunningham, Blake	Cheltenham	55.99	1.45
5	Cassidy, Daryn	Melbourne	24	1.88
6	Pawley, Brock	Fitzroy	98.99	2.27
7	Lane, Ben	Mulgrave	34.99	2.31
8	Rice, Adrian	Upwey FTG	95	2.46
9	George, Darryl	Werribee	81.32	2.55
10	Dewar, Andrew	Moorabbin	80.31	2.69

Division Three

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Wearne, Michael	Springvale	24	1.50
2	Aldis, Michael	Port Melbourne	44	1.64
3	Keller, Trent	Port Melbourne	21	1.72
4	Djorgonoski, Nick	Preston	94.3	2.10
5	Richards, Glen	Springvale	60	2.55
6	Harris, Scott	St Kilda	41.3	2.61
7	Simpson, David	Williamstown	24	2.63
8	Power, Jude	Berwick	82	2.74
9	Pendelbury, Heath	Preston	34.3	2.88
10	Barnden, Myles	Springvale	34	2.91

Women's Division 1

	NAME	CLUB	IP	ERA
1	Davidson, Ailsa	Doncaster	27.32	4.94
2	Holien, Ella	Springvale	28	5.14
3	Welsh, Kathy	Doncaster	31.99	5.62
4	Whittam, Clare	Malvern	23.99	6.37
5	Brown, Vic	Springvale	20	8.55
6	Pastowski, Emma	Werribee	61.65	10.21
7	Binks, Emma	Port Melbourne	21.33	10.54
8	Smith, Alexis	Port Melbourne	34.33	11.79

BV ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

George Heron Memorial Award – Division 1 MVP

Ryan Trytten- *Sunshine*

R.R. Hindson Memorial Award – Division 2 MVP

Simon Campbell - *Mulgrave*

Division 3 MVP Award

Glen Richards – *Springvale*

Women's Division 1 MVP Award

Kellie Manzie-Novotny – *Springvale*

Harry Douglas Memorial Trophy – Division 1 ERA Leader

Ross Hipke - *Essendon*

Harry Wonnacott Medal – Division 1 Grand Final MVP

Wade McConnon – *Waverley*

Ernie Jones Scholarship Award

Jeremy Young -*Newport*

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

Victoria Coach of the Year

Phil Dale – *Waverley*

Victoria Umpire of the Year

Mark Gooding

Administrator of the Year

Darryl Rosewall -*Springvale*

Journalist of the Year Award

Marc McGowan – *Star News Group*

JUNIOR FINALS SERIES

Sam Hunter (Waverley)	Ian Deany Award – Grand Final MVP	Little League State League
Lewis Thorpe (Doncaster)	Dick Mason Award – Grand Final MVP	U14 State League
Sam Morris (Essendon)	Angus McPherson Award – Grand Final MVP	U16 State League
Luke Abels (Essendon)	John Viney Award – Grand Final MVP	U18 State League

STATE REPRESENTATIVES - SENIOR

CLAXTON SHIELD - VICTORIA – Finished 3rd

Barker	Dean
Beresford	James
Berg	Daniel
Biddle	Elliot
Blackley	Adam
Blackley	Travis
Blackmore	Matthew
Bright	Adam
Cassidy	Darryn
Cunningham	Blake
Dingle	Hayden
Harman	Brad
Hendricks	Donovan
Hogben	Kable
Huber	Justin
Johnson	Rikki
Karlsen	Grant
McDonald	Tristan
McIntyre	Scott
Moore	Scott
Richards	Glen
Russell	Andrew
Rutgers	Paul
Spear	Russell
Tamburrino	Brett
Wearne	Scott
Wiechard	Paul

Coaching Staff

Phil Dale	Head Coach
Phil Allen	Coach
Damian Shanahan	Coach
Lee Hogan	Coach/EO
Alicia Tang	Medical

WOMENS – Finished 1st

Victoria Blue

Anglin	Leslie
Brown	Victoria
Collins	Erin
Davidson	Ailsa
Flanigan	Sinead
Foura	Courtney
Gell	Bronwyn
Hamilton	Samantha
Holmes	Jen
Lillywhite	Shae
McCann	Amy
Pederson	Vibeke
Smith	Alexis
Welsh	Kathy
Whitaker	Melissa
Whittam	Clare

Coaching Staff

Garry Bitmead	Head Coach
Dean Anglin	Coach
Tim Ballard	Coach
Jenny Whittam	EO

Victoria White Finished 6th

Anthanasopoulos	Eva
Binks	Emma
Binks	Sophie
Hill	Belinda
Howard	Ursula
Jackson	Hannah
Kirk	Bianca
Kriehn	Janine
Lowe	Emma
Marklew	Shelli
McKay	Taylor
Napier	Amanda
Pyke	Kristol
Tobias	Elizabeth
Wong	Sarah
Wyatt	Marita
Zurawell	Laura

Coaching Staff

Tony Culph	Head Coach
Kym Wallis	Coach
Janine Kriehn	EO

U-23 – Finished 2nd

Bumpstead	Cain
Cousins	Jason
Cunningham	Blake
Green	Aaron
Grigg	Nick
Groner	Scott
Hipke	Ross
Horne	Brendan
Lane	Chris
Lawman	Matthew
Licence	Josh
Lyons	Cameron
Mann	Andrew
McConnon	Wade
Meldrum	Sean
Mulherin	Joshua
O'Reilly	Jake
Pendlebury	Heath
Rossell	Nick
Schroeders	Peter

Coaching Staff

Kerry Gassner	Head Coach
Andrew Tierney	Coach
Tim Sullivan	Coach
Glenn Mascoll	Coach
Roland Stott	EO

STATE REPRESENTATIVES – JUNIOR VICTORIA BLUE

U-18 (AAA) – Finish 3rd

Abels	Luke
Aldenhoven	Rhys
Aron	Nathan
Box	Oliver
Brookes	Kyle
Darcy	James
Everitt	Luke
Farmer	Daniel
Gourlay	Justin
Hendricks	Joshua
Hondromatidis	Alex
Jones	Andrew
Miller	Mitch
Moon	Samuel
O'Connor	John
Rogers	Jarryd
Shaw	Thomas
Sheldon-Collins	Mitchell
Wiggins	Campbell

Coaching Staff

Nathan Holmes	Head Coach
Marc McKennar	Coach
Greg Morley	Coach
Josh Davies	Coach
Barry Mills	EO

U-16 (AA) – Finish 1st

Bedford	Liam
Dale	Tyler
Da Silva	Alexander
George	Darryl
Gibbons	Sam
Hayes	Mitchell
Jansen	Scott
Kennedy	Mitchell
Kerr-Chapman	Thomas
Knowles	Tim
Leslie	Ben
McGrath	Daniel
Morris	Samuel
Rice	Nicholas
Sayers	Aaron
Sheldon-Collins	Jacob
Weir	Griffin
Wilson	Kurt
Yung	Joshua

Coaching Staff

Garry Bitmead	Head Coach
Damian Shanahan	Coach
Andrew Gribbin	Coach
Jason Rogers	Coach
Gavin Young	EO

U-14 (A) – Finished 2nd

Aron	Justin
Aslett	Ben
Cruz	Jared
Dale	Ryan
Ellis	Mitchell
Gavin	Jesse
Hayes	Andrew
Howe	Matthew
Lovelock	Allister
Maxfield	Tommy
Morris	Matthew
Pengelly	Sean
Scheffer	Jack
Shiels	Thomas
Thorpe	Lewis
Young	Jeremy

Coaching Staff

Phil Balzer	Head Coach
Stuart Clayton	Coach
Ryan Balzer	Coach
Arthur Papanicolaou	Coach
Tony McPherson	EO

VICTORIA WHITE

U-18 (AAA) – Finished 7th

Allen	Jock
Balzer	Wade
Bertrand	Leigh
Bride	Joshua
Djorgonoski	Nicholas
Field	Tristan
Formisano	Michael
Harper	Jacob
Harty	Lee
Holland	Geoffrey
Kennedy	Matthew
Law	Andrew
Morris	Ryan
Narasaki	Hiroshi
Papanicolaou	Jamie
Pengelly	Stephen
Shaw	Roland
Street	Samuel
Whatley	Nicholas

Coaching Staff

Chris Hodgkinson	Head Coach
Brendan Wilson	Coach
Russell Hodgson	Coach
Michael Daykin	Coach
Leah Hodgson	EO

U-16 (AA) – Finished 4th

Adair	Matt
Banfield	Cameron
Beasley	Sam
Cooper	Dean
Gardner	Hayden
Goodman	Linden
Jackson	James
Kennedy	Jon
Kernick	Benjamin
King	John
Lea	Ryan
Papanicolaou	Luke
Prior	Luke
Silva	Adam
Smith	Baden
Rogers	Staci
Veale	Nicholas
Wilson	Matthew
Young	Jordan

Coaching Staff

Phil Bertrand	Head Coach
Alan Tanner	Coach
Matthew May	Coach
Stuart Chinn	Coach
David Zucchet	EO

U-14 (A) – Finished 3rd

Ashcroft	Charlie
Beattie	Daniel
Bookluck	Steven
Brazier	Luke
Foreman	Tyson
Homfray	Matthew
Kennedy	James
McNish	Cameron
McQuiggan	Matthew
Medew	Andrew
Ohlson	Fraser
Osborne	Jordan
Page	Daniel
Rogers	Nathan
Simpson	Dale
Slack	Aidan

Coaching Staff

Dale Lewis	Head Coach
Earl Byrne	Pitching Coach
Matt Nichol	Coach
Tony Probert	Coach
Cathy Lewis	EO

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

SENIOR NATIONAL – 2009 World Baseball Classic

Travis Blackley
Adam Bright
James Beresford
Daniel Berg
Brad Harman
Justin Huber
Jon Deeble HC
Phil Dale Coach

SENIOR NATIONAL – 2009 Australia v Chinese Taipei Friendship Series

James Beresford IF
Daniel Berg IF
Adam Blackley LHP
Matthew Kent C
Paul Weichard OF
Jon Deeble Head Coach
Phil Dale Coach

MLB ACADEMY

Luke Abels
Rhys Aldenhoven
Nathan Aron
Liam Bedford
Oliver Box
Tyler Dale
Alexander Da Silva
Darryl George
Mitchell Hayes
Joshua Hendricks
Andrew Jones
Mitchell Kennedy
Tim Knowles
Daniel McGrath
Sam Morris
Jarryd Rogers
Jacob Sheldon-Collins
Adam Silva

WOMENS NATIONAL – 2009 Women's National Squad

Leslie Anglin
Erin Collins
Sinead Flanigan
Bronwyn Gell
Samantha Hamilton
Jennifer Holmes
Shae Lillywhite
Amy McCann
Kathy Welsh
Mel Whittaker
Clare Whittam
Kellie Manzie-Novotny
Tim Ballard Coach

AA (U-17) – 2009 IBAF World Youth Championships

Liam Bedford C
Tyler Dale RHP/UTIL
Alex Da Silva RHP/UTIL
Darryl George RHP/INF
Mitchell Hayes OF
Mitchell Kennedy RHP/1B
Daniel McGrath LHP
Sam Morris OF/C
Jacob Sheldon-Collins UTIL
Damian Shanahan Coach

CAL RIPKEN (U-13)

Justin Aron P/INF
Damian Goodman UTIL
Matthew Howe UTIL
Stephen Black Head Coach
Phil Balzer Coach

BASEBALL AUSTRALIA DIAMOND AWARDS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR – OPEN WOMEN

Simone Wearne

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Doncaster

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

Nathan Aron	New York Yankees	DL
James Beresford	Minnesota Twins	RHP/IF
Daniel Berg	Minnesota Twins	IF
Elliott Biddle		LF
Travis Blackley	Philadelphia Phillies	LHP
Oliver Box	Oakland Athletics	C
Adam Bright	Colorado Rockies	LHP
Josh Davies		
Cody Hams	Chicago Cubs	P
Brad Harman	Philadelphia Phillies	IF
Joshua Hendricks	Minnesota Twins	
Kable Hogben	Arizona Diamondbacks	P
Justin Huber	Minnesota Twins	DH
John Hussey	San Diego Padres	P
Shane Lindsay	Colorado Rockies	RHP
Peter Moylan	Atlanta Braves	RHP
Michael Nakamura	Yomiuri Giants (Japan)	RHP

VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Luke Abels
 Rhys Aldenhoven
 Nathan Aron
 Liam Bedford
 Oliver Box
 Tyler Dale
 James Darcy
 Alexandra DaSilva
 Darryl George
 Scott Groner
 Mitchell Hayes
 Joshua Hendricks
 Scott Jansen
 Andrew Jones
 Mitchell Kennedy
 Tim Knowles
 Taylor McEvoy
 Daniel McGrath
 Samuel Morris
 John O'Connor
 Jarryd Rogers
 Aron Sayers
 Jacob Sheldon-Collins
 Adam Silva
 Griffin Weir
 Kurt Wilson
 Matthew Wilson

U-12 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

LISMORE

James Aslanis	P/INF/OF
Cameron Beaumont	INF/OF
Mitchell Carracher	P/INF/OF
Harry Choi	INF/OF
Cody D'Avoine	OF
Jonte De Zwart	P/INF
Joshua Dunstone	UTIL
Lukas Lymberatos	INF/OF
Daniel Malcolm	INF/OF
Adam McKenzie	P/INF
Grant Reuss	P/INF/OF
Luke Utting	INF/OF
Sean Wilson	P/INF/OF
Hikaru Yokota	P/INF
Coaching Staff	
Grant Karlsen	Head Coach
Barry Fisher	Coach
Stuart Chinn	Coach
Dean Jamieson	EO

SAN FRANCISCO

Zachary Buhrmann	
Jacob Gale	
Mitchell Graham	
Max Katilius	
Harrison Levy	
James Lewer	
Adam Love	
Jarrod McQuiggan	
James Paterson	
Brandon Stenhouse	
Callum Stevens	
Thomas Wilson	
James Wood	
Jack Warner	
Coaching Staff	
Mark Ellis	Head Coach
John King	Coach
Peter Collis	EO

