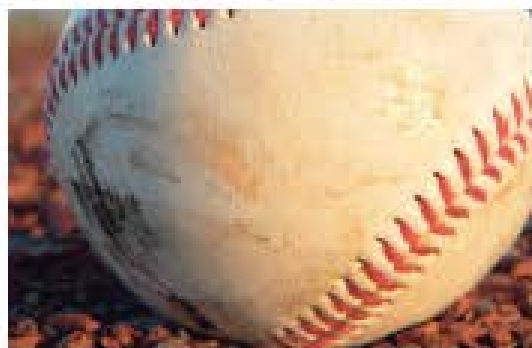




# 2012/2013 Annual Report



BASEBALL  
**VICTORIA**



Department of Planning  
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# Baseball Leagues and Clubs in Victoria

## **BV Summer League**

Berwick City Cougars  
Blackburn  
Bonbeach  
Bundoora  
Carrum Downs  
Chelsea  
Cheltenham  
Croydon  
Doncaster  
Essendon  
Fitzroy  
Footscray  
Geelong  
Heathmont  
Malvern  
Melbourne  
Monash University  
Moorabbin  
Mornington  
Mulgrave  
Newport  
North Western Titans  
Ormond Glenhuntly  
Port Melbourne  
Preston  
Sandringham  
Springvale  
St. Kilda  
Sunshine  
Upwey Ferntree Gully  
Waverley  
Werribee  
Williamstown

## **Ballarat Baseball Association**

Alfredton  
Ballarat City Brewers  
Mounties YC

## **Bendigo Baseball Association**

Bendigo East  
Falcons  
Scots  
Strathfieldsaye Dodgers

## **Dandenong Baseball Association**

Berwick Dodgers  
Boneo  
Bonbeach St Chads  
Carrum Downs  
Chelsea  
Cheltenham  
Dandenong  
Dingley  
Footscray  
Frankston  
Latrobe University  
Melbourne University  
Monash University  
Moorabbin  
Mornington  
Oakleigh  
Ormond Glenhuntly  
Pakenham  
Sandringham

## **Geelong Baseball Association**

Alfredton  
Bacchus Marsh  
Ballarat City Brewers  
Bellarine Bears  
Colac  
Corio  
Deakin  
East Belmont Saints  
Guild All-Stars  
Lara  
Mounties YC  
Newport  
Werribee

## **Latrobe Valley Baseball Association**

Churchill  
Moe/Newborough  
Morwell  
Sale  
Traralgon

## **Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria**

## **Melbourne Winter Baseball League**

Bundoora  
Croydon  
Cheltenham  
Diamond Creek  
Doncaster  
Essendon  
Footscray  
Forest Hill  
Glen Iris  
Greenhills Montmorency  
Greensborough  
Heathmont  
Knox  
La Trobe University  
Melbourne University  
Mitchell Majors  
Monash University  
North Balwyn  
North Coburg Rebels  
Northcote Lions  
Panton Hill  
Research Lower Plenty  
Ringwood Saints  
St Kilda  
Watsonia  
Waverley  
Westgarth  
Wheelers Hill  
Upwey Ferntree Gully

## **North Eastern Baseball Association**

Benalla Bandits  
Lavington Reds  
North Albury NASC Bears  
Porepunkah Panthers  
Wangaratta Rangers  
Wodonga Warriors

## **Sunraysia Baseball League**

Eagles  
Hawks  
Saints  
Tigers  
Tornadoes  
Wanderers

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# Agenda of Annual General Meeting

Monday 18 November 2013

Baseball Victoria Incorporated  
(ABN 78 603 120 057)

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## Annual General Meeting

In accordance with Rule 21 of the Association Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Baseball Victoria Inc. (Association) (ABN 78 603 120 057) was given.

The Annual General Meeting held:

Date: Monday 18 November 2013  
Time: 6.30pm  
Venue: Sports House  
Level 1  
375 Albert Road  
Albert Park VIC 3205

### Special Business

In accordance with Rule 22.1 of the Association:

No Notices of motion from Member Bodies for inclusion as special business at the General Meeting were submitted in writing by 5.00pm on Monday 28 October 2013 (in the required form) to the Company Secretary. (Not less than 21 Days (excluding receiving date and meeting date) prior to the General Meeting).

### Business

In accordance with Rule 21 of the Association:

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 November 2012.
2. To receive and adopt the financial accounts of Baseball Victoria (Association).
3. To receive and adopt the Annual Report.
4. To resolve the appointment of Directors of the Association in accordance with Rule 29.2 of the Association.

In accordance with Rule 42 of the Association:

5. To resolve the adoption of a new Constitution for the Association in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

## **Business (Agenda)**

- 1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 November 2012**

### **Resolution**

To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 November 2012.

## MINUTES

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Sports House Training Room, 375 Albert Road, Albert Park.

*Meeting opened 6.35 pm.*

**1.0 Chairman:** Mr Clayton Crameri (CC)

#### 1.1 Welcome

Chairman Clayton Crameri (CC) introduced himself and advised he replaced Robert Sadler as President in June 2012. Robert Sadler has taken up a position on the Australian Baseball Federation Board.

CC welcomed attendees and acknowledged Scott Dawes who was attending on behalf of the Baseball Victoria Directors. Life Members - Barry Smith, Graeme Ainscough, Les Flower and Jason Blair were acknowledged.

**2.0 In attendance:** Berwick, Bonbeach, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Doncaster, Essendon, Geelong, Malvern, Melbourne, Monash University, Moorabbin, Newport, Ormond Glenhuntly, Port Melbourne, Preston, Sandringham, Sunshine, Upwey Ferntree Gully, Waverley, Werribee, Williamstown, Geelong Baseball Association, Latrobe Valley Baseball Association, Graeme Ainscough (Life Member), Les Flower (Life Member)(LF), Barry Smith (Life Member), Jason Blair (Life Member), Michael Gourlay, Scott Dawes (Director), David Zucchet (Operations Coordinator), Christine Little (Competitions Coordinator, Minutes), Brett Hidson (CEO)(BH)

**3.0 Apologies:** Carrum Downs, Mulgrave, Springvale, Dandenong Baseball Association, Peter Dihm (Life Member), Robert Blackmore (Life Member), Ian McKenzie (Director of Umpiring), Fiona McNabb (Director), Shaun Graf (Director), Sheila Nguyen (Director)

**Motion:** "that the Apologies announced be noted and accepted"

**Moved:** Newport

**Seconded:** Upwey Ferntree Gully

**3.1 Absent:** Ballarat Baseball Association, Bendigo Baseball Association, Melbourne Winter Baseball League, North Eastern Baseball Association, Sunraysia Baseball League, Baseball Umpires Association Victoria, Blackburn, Bundoora, Croydon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Mornington, North Western Titans, St Kilda

**4.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting –14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 (as circulated) were presented for approval.

**Moved:** Upwey Ferntree Gully  
**Seconded:** Graeme Ainscough

**4.1 Business arising from previous minutes: Nil**

**5.0 Financial Statements & Annual Report:**

The Financial Statements and Annual Report was tabled for approval.

- The Chairman asked Les Flower (LF) to give an overview of the Financial Reports.

LF advised that Pitcher Partners again conducted an audit of the accounts, what is presented is a fair and reasonable assessment. LF advised that there are a lot of adjustments that need to be made each year due to Winter Associations season not finishing until September and the Association financial year being the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

LF advised there has been discussion on moving the Association financial year to the end of September so that it includes the full summer and winter seasons. The Board have agreed to change the date of the financial year and discussions need to be held with the auditors to move this plan forward.

LF advised there was no great deal of increase in income and expenditure from last financial year to this financial year. Biggest expenditures included Facilities Paln, upgrade of office server and computer networks.

2011/2012 financial year there was a surplus of \$9997.

A question was raised about the photocopier due to cost of servicing and printing.

LF advised photocopier was upgraded 2 ½ years ago and is on a contract. The costs increased with the amount of colour copying.

**Motion:** "that the Annual Report Financial Accounts be approved"

**Moved:** Ormond Glenhuntly

**Seconded:** Williamstown

**Issues arising: Nil**

**Motion Carried**

**6.0 Annual Reports**

**1. President**

Clayton Crameri advised the President's Report was compiled by Rob Sadler prior to his departure.

CC acknowledged Rob Sadler's contribution to the Board, from an Association's perspective, Rob moving onto the Board of the ABF provides us with greater links and greater communication.



Scott Dawes and Shelia Nguyen were welcomed to the Board of Baseball Victoria.

CC identified the Facilities Plan and Participation Study as the two biggest projects of the year. He advised the Facilities Plan is now being discussed at State and Local Government levels, with the long term view to be implemented to benefit the sport.

The Participation Study was undertaken to better understand the levers of our sport and the roadblocks in getting more people to join to assist in moving our sport forward.

CC welcomed Justin Huber to the office and spoke of the contribution of the staff over the past 12 months.

## **2. Chief Executive Officer Report**

Brett Hidson (BH) spoke of the opportunity to reflect on the strategic projects that have occurred in the past 12 months.

Operationally the office works tirelessly managing competitions and tournaments also putting into place strategic decisions made by the board. BH thanked the office staff David Zucchet, Christine Little, Ashley Blair, Justin Huber, Damian Shanahan and Bubbie Buzachero who has recently joined the office as a Development Officer.

Brett also thanked the Baseball Victoria volunteers Michelle Brewster, Nicole Mapeldoram and Kevin Reece and the SEDA students for their work during the year.

Financially the Association is tracking very well, haven't increased capitation fees for a number of years. BH thanked 99% clubs, players, associations making payments on time.

BH advised that plans are in place for clubs to maintain a safe level of debt. Don't want to lose clubs as have done in past, want to maintain the number of clubs we have.

BH acknowledged Simone Wearne, who was inducted into the Australian Baseball Hall of Fame earlier this year and acknowledged Simone as the first female to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

He also acknowledged the significant contribution of coaches and volunteers amongst the Baseball Victoria programs and tournaments who go above and beyond their club duties.

**Motion:** "that the 2011/2012 Annual Report be approved"

**Moved:** Preston

**Seconded:** Sunshine

**Issues arising:** Nil

**Motion Carried**

## **7.0 Special Business**

CC advised there was no special business to be addressed at this meeting.

## **8.0 Notices of Motions**

CC advised that there have been two changes in Directors in the past 12 months. Richard Foote resigned and was replaced by Sheila Nguyen and Rob Sadler was replaced by Scott Dawes. Both nominees need to be endorsed by this meeting.

Process of endorsement being that should two thirds of the members reject the motion it will be defeated. To resolve the appointment Ms Sheila Nguyen and Mr Scott Dawes who have acted in the role of Directors to be made permanent officers of the Association and Directors of the Board for the next three years.

A question was raised about the background of Sheila Nguyen. BH responded that Sheila Nguyen is a Professor at Deakin University, she lectures and researches experience and behaviour in participation in sport. Sheila was the driver of the Participation Study and following our experience with Sheila on this project and the resignation of Richard Foote, Sheila has taken on the portfolio of Communications, Marketing and IT.

The link that Sheila has with significant research which takes her into a number of organisation's, in the past she has worked with Golf Australia, Major League Baseball and the US PGA Tour. She is American and has studied in the US, she has just received Australian Naturalisation. She is very experienced in research, very knowledgeable in baseball and sporting communities. BH advised that Sheila has been a very big asset with her links with Deakin University and her access to students.

**Motion:** "To resolve the appointment Ms Sheila Nguyen and Mr Scott Dawes who have acted in the role of Directors to be made permanent officers of the Association and Directors of the Board for the next three years."

**Member vote - Approved by majority, none against.**

**Motion Carried**

## **8.0 General Business**

### **8.1 Strategic Plan update**

CC advised the Board has been working on the Strategic Plan in the last 12 months, at the last Board meeting the Board resolved to adopt the new Strategic Plan which is specific in its targets. It is a plan that we can go back to every two months to judge our performance how we are achieving our goals.

BH gave a presentation of the 4 key areas of the Strategic Plan and the vision for the future of the sport.

- Being the Number 1 Baseball State in Australia incorporating participation, representation at national level and leadership.

- Aspiration to be an organised, enjoyable and successful sport.

Worked on aspects of the Strategic Plan the Board thought important and broken it into four strategic pillars to be achievable operationally:

- Participation/Development
- High Performance
- Governance
- Finance & Facilities

BH gave a detailed presentation and tracking information on the above strategic pillars.

A question was raised about acquiring a commercial property. BH responded that the idea has been discussed by the Board but unfortunately the Association does not have the capital for such a purchase at the moment. Looking at ways to build equity outside the normal revenue streams of capitations and team affiliations.

**Motion:** “that the performance against the Strategic Plan be noted and accepted

**Moved:** Preston

**Seconded:** Ormond Glenhantly

**Motion Carried**

CC advised out of the Participation Study there is a number of findings, the Board met with the Associations and the Summer League Committee 4 weeks ago in Bendigo at the Associations first official forum to discuss the findings.

As part of that process, the Board today asked John O’Halloran via the Summer League Committee to review the structure and the governance of the Summer League and to prepare a report for the Board to consider after consultation with the stakeholders.

CC stated that because the Participation Study was conducted over a 12 month period it got to every level of the sport. The Board want to look at the strategic aspects of participation, the profile and participation level, how do we get more people playing and retain people.

There were no additional items.

CC thanked everyone for attending and officially declared the meeting closed.

**Meeting closed: 7.22pm**

## **2. To receive and adopt the financial accounts of Baseball Victoria (Association)**

A copy of the Baseball Victoria financial accounts will be distributed and presented at the Annual General Meeting.

### **Resolution**

To adopt the financial accounts of Baseball Victoria (Association).

### **3. To receive and adopt the Annual Report**

A copy of the Baseball Victoria Annual Report will be distributed and presented at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Resolution**

To adopt the Baseball Victoria Annual Report.

#### 4. Appointment of Directors of the Association in accordance with Rule 29.2 of the Association

##### 4.1 Directors Terms

Directors Terms		
Director	Portfolio	Term Concludes
Clayton Crameri	ABF and Associations (President and Chairman)	November 2014
Stephen Thomson	Director of Facilities, Government and ABL (Vice President)	November 2013 <i>(See Agenda Item 4.2)</i>
Myles Foreman	Director of Governance, Membership Services (Association Secretary Under New Constitution )	Filled casual Vacancy September 2013 <i>(See Agenda Item 4.3)</i>
Shaun Graf	Director of High Performance	November 2014
Sheila Nguyen	Director of Marketing and Communications	November 2015
Scott Dawes	Director of Pathway, Competitions and Tournaments	November 2015
Vacant	Director of Finance	

#### **4.2 Ratification of appointment of Director under Rule 29.2 (a)**

Stephen Thomson's term as a Director of Baseball Victoria concludes in November 2013.

Stephen has responsibility for the portfolios of:  
Director of Facilities, Government and ABL  
(Vice President)

Stephen is a business leader with over 20 years' experience in public and private business management. Stephen currently operates a consulting practice serving the utilities industry across Australia. His experience includes 6 years as Chief Executive Officer of a utility business as well as leadership of numerous business and industry transformation programs. Stephen has spent many years dealing with government departments on development and implementation of public policy.

Stephen has played baseball for close to 35 years for a variety of baseball clubs and is actively involved as a coach, player and club volunteer. Stephen joined the Baseball Victoria board in 2011 to fill a casual vacancy and has been responsible for the baseball facilities plan and government relations.

#### **Resolution**

In accordance Rule 29.2(b) of the Association ratification of the appointment of Stephen Thomson as a member of the Baseball Victoria Board for a further term of three years in accordance with Rule 30.2.

#### **4.3 Ratification of appointment of Director under Rule 29.2 (a)**

In September 2013 Fiona McNabb resigned her position as a Director of Baseball Victoria.

Fiona was an inaugural member of the Baseball Victoria Board joining in 2008 and held the Finance portfolio during her tenure.

In accordance with Rule 31.3(a) the Board appointed Myles Foreman at its meeting 17 September 2013 to fill the Casual Vacancy created by Fiona McNabb's resignation.

Myles has responsibility for the portfolios of:

Director of Governance, Membership Services (Association Secretary)

(Association Secretary after adoption of New Constitution).

Myles has over twenty years' experience in senior executive roles in the Sports, Entertainment and Hospitality industries and is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Racing Information Services Australia (RISA). RISA is Australia's leading provider of racing materials and services to the Thoroughbred racing industry.

Prior to RISA, Myles spent ten years with Ticketmaster, originally commencing as Operations Manager also holding the roles of Chief Information Officer, General Manager - [ticketmaster.com.au](http://ticketmaster.com.au) with his last role, Head of Markets and Development for Australia and New Zealand. Prior to joining Ticketmaster, Myles spent seven years with Rydges Hotels and Resorts including time as General Manager Information Systems for the Group.

Myles brings amongst other things extensive experience in membership and registration solutions, communication strategy and delivery as well as stakeholder relations. Myles is active in his local community as School Council President of the local primary school. Most recently Myles has been Vice President of the Preston Pirates Baseball Club and continues as a volunteer organiser of the clubs junior program. His youngest son plays t-ball and his eldest son plays junior baseball. Myles is committed to helping to grow awareness of and participation in baseball.

#### **Resolution**

In accordance Rule 29.2(b) of the Association ratification of the appointment of Myles Foreman as a member of the Baseball Victoria Board for a term of three years in accordance with Rule 30.2.



6. To resolve the adoption of a new Constitution for the Association in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

#### **Resolution**

In accordance with Rule 42 of the Association adopt the new Constitution for the Association in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

**Constitution**

Date: 18 November 2013

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**ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM ACT 2012 (VIC)**

**CONSTITUTION**

**OF**

**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**

**PART I – OBJECTS, POWERS AND INTERPRETATION**

**1. NAME OF ASSOCIATION**

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The name of the association is Baseball Victoria Incorporated (**Association**).

**2. OBJECTS OF ASSOCIATION**

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The Association is the peak body for the administration of the sport of baseball in Victoria. The objects for which the Association is established and maintained are to control, promote, encourage and improve baseball in Victoria, including but not limited to:

- (a) conduct, encourage, promote, advance, standardise, control and administer all forms of the sport of baseball in and throughout Victoria;
- (b) provide for the conduct, encouragement, promotion and administration of the sport of baseball through and by various Member Bodies or other organisations for the mutual and collective benefit of the Members and the sport of baseball;
- (c) act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Association and the sport of baseball, its standards, quality and reputation for the collective and mutual benefit of the Members and the sport of baseball;
- (d) at all times operate with and promote, mutual trust and confidence between the Association and the Members in pursuit of these purposes;
- (e) at all times to act on behalf of, in the interests of and in conjunction with the Members and the sport of baseball;
- (f) promote the economic and sporting success, strength and stability of the Association and each Member Body and to act interdependently with each Member Body in pursuit of these purposes;
- (g) affiliate and otherwise liaise with the Australian Baseball Federation ("**ABF**"), and any other such organisation in the pursuit of these purposes and the sport of baseball;
- (h) ensure compliance with the rules and regulations as amended from time to time of the ABF;
- (i) ensure that a high standard of the sport of baseball is maintained;

- (j) develop a sense of sportsmanship and a high degree of proficiency in competitors in the sport of baseball;
- (k) enable competitors to achieve a high level of physical and mental fitness through the teaching and practice of the sport of baseball;
- (l) apply the property and capacity of the Association towards the fulfilment and achievement of these purposes;
- (m) use and protect the Intellectual Property;
- (n) collect, distribute and publish information in connection with the sport of baseball and international and national baseball tournaments and competitions;
- (o) promote and control tournaments, competitions and championships;
- (p) strive for governmental, commercial and public recognition of the Association, the Member Bodies and the sport of baseball;
- (q) promulgate and secure uniformity in, such rules as may be necessary or appropriate for the management and control of the sport of baseball and related activities in Victoria;
- (r) further develop the Association as an organised institution and with these purposes in view, to foster, regulate, organise and manage national and international competitions, displays and other activities and to award trophies as appropriate;
- (s) review and/or determine any matters relating to the sport of baseball which may arise or be referred to it by any Member Body;
- (t) recognise any penalty imposed by any Member Body;
- (u) through or in association with the Member Bodies or other entities or of itself, promote the health and safety of players, coaches, umpires and officials registered with any Member Body or other recognised baseball organisation or other entity;
- (v) through or in association with the Member Bodies or other entities or of itself, encourage players, coaches, umpires and officials registered with any Member Body or other recognised baseball organisation to realise their potential and athletic abilities by extending to them the opportunity of education and further participation, in the sport of baseball;
- (w) conduct or commission research and development for improvements in the sport of baseball and baseball equipment generally;
- (x) pursue through itself or others such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities, as are appropriate to further the purposes of the Association and the sport of baseball;
- (y) act as final arbiter on all matters pertaining to the conduct of the sport of baseball in Victoria, including disciplinary matters;
- (z) formulate or adopt and implement appropriate policies, including in relation to sexual harassment, equal opportunity, equity, drugs in sport, health, safety,



junior and senior programs, infectious diseases and such other matters as arise from time to time as issues to be addressed in the sport of baseball;

- (aa) represent the interests of its Members and of the sport of baseball generally in any appropriate forum;
- (bb) have regard to the public interest in its operation;
- (cc) do all that is reasonably necessary to enable these purposes to be achieved and to enable the Members to receive the benefits which these purposes are intended to achieve;
- (dd) encourage and promote performance-enhancing drug free competition; and
- (ee) undertake and or do all things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these purposes.

### **3. POWERS OF ASSOCIATION**

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Solely for furthering the Objects the Association has, in addition to the rights, powers and privileges conferred on it under the Act, the legal capacity and powers of a company as set out under section 124 of the Corporations Act.

### **4. INTERPRETATION**

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#### **4.1 Definitions**

In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears, these words shall have the following meanings:

**Act** means the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic) or any other act under which the Association may be incorporated from time to time.

**Affiliate** means a club affiliated with, or a member of, a Baseball Association.

**Association** means Baseball Victoria Incorporated.

**Baseball Association** means a baseball association that administers a baseball competition.

**Board** means the body consisting of the Directors under Rule 25.

**By-Law** means any by-law, regulation or policy made by the Board under Rule 34.

**Chief Executive Officer** means the person who is appointed under this Constitution to carry out the duties set out in Rule 31.

**Delegate** means the person elected or appointed from time to time by a Member Body to act for and on behalf of that Member Body and represent the Member Body at General Meetings or otherwise.

**Director** means a member of the Board appointed and ratified in accordance with this Constitution.

**Event** means and includes:

- (a) any championship (national or otherwise) organised or conducted by a Member Body for or on behalf of the Association;
- (b) any championship, competition, series or game sponsored by or conduct by or on behalf of the Association;
- (c) any international competition, series, game or championships at which the Association is represented.

**Financial Year** means each 12 month period ending on 30 September.

**General Meeting** means the annual or any special general meeting of the Association.

**Individual Member** means registered financial individual members of an Affiliate, a Summer League Club or a Representative Body.

**Intellectual Property** means all rights or goodwill subsisting in copyright, business names, names, trade marks (or signs), logos, designs, patents or service marks (whether registered or registrable) relating to the Association or any Event, competition or baseball activity of or conducted, promoted or administered by the Association.

**Judiciary Committee** means a standing committee of the Association constituted under Rule 33

**Life Member** means an individual upon whom life membership of the Association has been conferred under Rule 8.

**Member** means a member for the time being of the Association under Part III of this Constitution.

**Member Body** means an entity recognised under Rule 7.1 to administer the sport of baseball in Victoria and which can include:

- (a) Baseball Associations;
- (b) Summer League Clubs; or a
- (c) Representative Body.

**Objects** means the objects of the Association in Rule 2.

**Official** means any administrator, coach, umpire, team manager, scorer, statistician or other person who has a position as an official in the sport of baseball.

**Register** means the Register of the Association in Rule 11.

**Representative Body** means an entity that is recognised by the Association as a representative of the sport of baseball in Victoria.

**Seal** means the common seal of the Association and includes any official seal of the Association.

**Secretary** means the secretary of the Association as determined in accordance with Rule 31.2.

**Special Resolution** means a special resolution of the Members passed at a General Meeting of the Association in accordance with the Act.

**Summer League Clubs** means a baseball club that participates in the Summer League Baseball Competition administered by the Association.

## **4.2 Interpretation**

In this Constitution:

- (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty;
- (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a power, authority or duty, a reference to the exercise of the power or authority of the performance of the duty;
- (c) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (d) words importing any gender include the other genders;
- (e) references to persons include corporations and bodies politic;
- (f) references to a person include the legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of that person;
- (g) a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other statutory instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them (whether of the same or any legislative authority having jurisdiction); and
- (h) a reference to "writing" shall unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, including messages sent by electronic mail.

## **4.3 Severance**

If any provision of this Constitution or any phrase contained in it is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the phrase or provision is to be read down for the purpose of that jurisdiction, if possible, so as to be valid and enforceable. If the rule or phrase cannot be so read down it shall be severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability. Such severance shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Constitution or affect the validity or enforceability of any provision in any other jurisdiction.

## **4.4 Expressions in Act**

Except where the contrary intention appears, in this Constitution, an expression that deals with a matter dealt with by a particular provision of the Act, has the same meaning as that provision of the Act.

## **4.5 Model Rules**

The model rules made under the Act are expressly displaced by this Constitution.

## **PART II – STATUS**

### **5. STATUS OF ASSOCIATION**

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#### **5.1 Recognition of Association**

- (a) The Association is recognised as a member of ABF and as the controlling authority for baseball in Victoria and subject to compliance with this Constitution and the ABF constitution shall continue to be recognised as a member of ABF. For so long as the Association remains affiliated or otherwise under the auspices of or in association with the ABF, it shall act in accordance with the constituent documents, rules, regulations and policies of the ABF, to the extent that same applies to the Association. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between such constituent documents, rules and regulations, or any of them, then the following order of precedence shall apply in order to resolve such conflict or inconsistency:
  - (i) ABF; and
  - (ii) the Association.
- (b) The Association shall administer baseball in Victoria in accordance with the Objects.

## **PART III - MEMBERSHIP**

### **6. MEMBERS**

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#### **6.1 Class of Members**

The Members of the Association shall consist of:

- (a) the Member Bodies, which subject to these Rules, shall be represented by their Delegate who have the right to be present, debate and vote at General Meetings for an on behalf of the Member Bodies;
- (b) Life Members, who subject to these Rules, may upon invitation from the Board attend and debate at General Meetings in the discretion of the Board, but otherwise have no right to vote at General Meetings;
- (c) Affiliates, who have no right to attend, debate or vote at General Meetings;
- (d) Individual Members (other than Directors) who have no right to attend, debate or vote at General Meetings;
- (e) Such new class of Members, created in accordance with Rule 6.2.

#### **6.2 New Members and Creation of New Classes**

The Board has the right and power from time to time to admit new Members and create new classes of membership with such rights, privileges and obligations as are determined applicable (other than voting rights), even if the effect of creating a new class is to alter rights, privileges or obligations of an existing class of Members. No new class of membership may be granted voting rights.

## **7. MEMBER BODIES**

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### **7.1 Recognition of Member Bodies**

- (a) As at the date this Constitution takes effect, the Member Bodies shall be those Member Bodies that were Member Bodies as at the day immediately before this Constitution takes effect and being those Member Bodies that are listed at Schedule 1.
- (b) An entity, including a Baseball Association, a Summer League Club or a Representative Body can make application in accordance with Rule 7.2 to be recognised as a Member Body.

### **7.2 Application for Membership as a Member Body**

An application for membership as a Member Body by an organisation must be:

- (a) in writing on the form prescribed from time to time by the Board, from the applicant or its nominated representative and lodged with the Association;
- (b) accompanied by such information as the Association may reasonably request including a copy of the applicant's constitution (which must be acceptable to the Association and in compliance with Rule 7.6) and register of members;
- (c) be accompanied by a declaration that the applicant is solvent;
- (d) accompanied by the appropriate fee, if any; and
- (e) lodged with the Secretary (or such other person as prescribed by the Board from time to time).

### **7.3 Discretion to Accept or Reject Application**

- (a) The Association may accept or reject an application and shall not be required or compelled to provide any reason for such acceptance or rejection.
- (b) Where the Association accepts an application, the applicant shall become a Member Body. Membership of the Association shall be deemed to commence upon acceptance of the application by the Association. The Secretary shall amend the register accordingly as soon as practicable.
- (c) Where the Association rejects an application the Association shall refund any fees forwarded with the application and the application shall be deemed rejected by the Association.

### **7.4 Membership Renewal**

- (a) Member Bodies must reapply for membership with the Association annually and otherwise in accordance with the procedures set down by the Association in By-Laws from time to time.
- (b) Upon request by the Association, a Member Body must lodge with the Association an updated copy of its constitution (including all amendments), provide details of any change in its Delegate and provide such other information as reasonably requested by the Association.

## **7.5 Compliance of Member Bodies**

The Member Bodies acknowledge and agree that each of them shall:

- (a) be and remain incorporated;
- (b) elect or appoint one (1) Delegate to represent it at General Meetings of the Association;
- (c) provide the Association with such information as the Association may reasonably require including copies of any financial reports and statements, its annual report and other associated documents within thirty (30) days of such request by the Association;
- (d) recognise the Association as the state peak body for baseball in Victoria;
- (e) generally, have regard to the Objects;
- (f) apply its property and capacity solely in pursuit of the objects of the Association, the Member Body and the sport of baseball;
- (g) at all times act for the joint advantage of the Association and the Members and the sport of baseball;
- (h) do all that is reasonably necessary to enable the Objects of the Association to be achieved;
- (i) act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Association and the sport of baseball, its standards, quality and reputation for the collective mutual benefit of the Members and the sport of baseball;
- (j) at all times operate with and promote, mutual trust and confidence between the Association and the Members in pursuit of these objects;
- (k) at all times act on behalf of and in the interests of the Members and the sport of baseball;
- (l) be solvent; and
- (m) abide by this Constitution.

## **7.6 Constitution of the Member Bodies**

- (a) The constituent documents of a Member Body shall not be in conflict with the Objects and will conform with this Constitution, subject to any requirements in the Act, and at least to the extent of:
  - (i) the Objects;
  - (ii) the structure and membership categories of the Association;
  - (iii) recognising the Association as the state peak body for baseball in Victoria;
  - (iv) recognising the Association as the final arbiter on matters pertaining to baseball in Victoria, including disciplinary proceedings; and

- (v) such other matters as are required to give full effect to the Association's Constitution,

with such incidental variations as are necessary having regard to the Act.

- (b) Member Bodies shall take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure its constituent documents are:
  - (i) in conformity with the Association's Constitution at least to the extent set out in Rule 7.6(a); and
  - (ii) amended in conformity with future amendments made to the Association's Constitution,subject to any prohibition or inconsistency in the Act.
- (c) Upon request, a Member Body shall provide to the Association a copy of its constituent documents and all amendments to these documents within thirty (30) days of such request by the Association.

#### **7.7 Member Body Register**

Each Member Body shall maintain, in a form and with such details as are acceptable to the Association, a register of all Affiliates and Individual Members in its Body. Each Member Body shall provide a copy of the register at a time and in a form acceptable to the Association, and shall provide prompt and regular updates of the register to the Association when requested by the Association.

#### **7.8 Deeming provisions**

- (a) Member Bodies shall have 1 year from the approval of these Rules under the Act in which to amend their constitution in accordance with these Rules and for such time as their constitutions do not conform shall not be unduly penalised for such non-compliance, to the extent that such non-compliance is not wilful or calculated to cause harm or prejudice to the Association or the sport of baseball.
- (b) Member Bodies shall provide to the Association such details of Affiliates and Individual Members as are required by the Association under these Rules within one month of the approval of these Rules under the Act.

### **8. LIFE MEMBERS**

- (a) Each year the Board will call for nominations from Member Bodies for persons to be considered for life membership of the Association. The Board may recommend to the Annual General Meeting that one or more persons duly nominated and who has rendered distinguished service to baseball in Victoria, where such service is deemed to have assisted the advancement of baseball in Victoria, have life membership conferred on them.
- (b) A resolution of the Annual General Meeting to confer life membership on the recommendation of the Board must be a special resolution.
- (c) Upon life membership being conferred the person's details shall be entered upon the Register. A person shall become a Life Member from the time their life membership is formally announced not from the time of entry of their details on the Register.

- (d) As at the date of the adoption of this Constitution the Life Members of the Association are those persons listed in Schedule 2 to this Constitution and include Life Members of Victorian Baseball Association and Life Members of the Victorian Provincial Baseball League.

## **9. AFFILIATES AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

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### **9.1 Deeming Provisions**

- (a) All parties which were Affiliates on the date immediately prior to the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act shall be deemed Affiliates from the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act. The Affiliates are entitled to such benefits as are conferred on them by the Association under this Constitution whether directly or indirectly.
- (b) All persons who were individual members or officials of Affiliates, Summer League Clubs or Representative Bodies on the date immediately prior to the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act shall be deemed Individual Members or Officials from the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act and will be entitled to such benefits as are conferred on them by the Association, whether directly or indirectly.
- (a) All persons who were, or were to become, delegates prior to approval of this Constitution under the Act shall, unless these positions have otherwise terminated, hold the position of Delegate from the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act.

### **9.2 Affiliates**

In order to remain Members, Affiliates must:

- (a) renew their membership with their respective Baseball Association annually;
- (b) otherwise remain registered financial members of their respective Baseball Association in accordance with the procedures applicable from time to time.

### **9.3 Individual Member**

- (a) An Individual Member is a Member of the Association immediately on being registered as a member of an Affiliate, Summer League Club or Representative Body, for such time as he remains a financial member of that Affiliate, Summer League Club or Representative Body, or otherwise remains registered as a member of that Affiliate, Summer League Club or Representative Body.
- (b) Each Affiliate, Summer League Club or Representative Body shall forward details relating to all Individual Members that are registered with it, including name, address (postal and email), class of membership, date of entry and such other details as are prescribed by the Association from time to time, and any changes in membership details or memberships within 1 month of such changes occurring.

## **10. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES**

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- (a) The annual membership subscription, fees and any levies payable by Members (or any category of members) (if any) to the Association, the basis



of, the time for and manner of payment shall be as determined by the Board from time to time.

- (b) Any Member which or who has not paid all monies due and payable by that Member to the Association shall (subject to the Board's discretion) have all rights under this Constitution immediately suspended from the expiry of the time prescribed for payment of those monies. Such rights will be suspended until such time as the monies are fully paid or otherwise in the Board's discretion. In the meantime, the Member shall have no automatic right to resign from the Association, and shall be dealt with in the Board's discretion, which includes the right to expel, suspend, disqualify, fine, discipline or retain that Member as a Member, or impose such other conditions or requirements as the Board considers appropriate.

## **11. REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

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### **11.1 Secretary to Keep Register**

- (a) The Secretary shall keep and maintain a register of Members in which shall be entered such information as is required under the Act from time to time.

### **11.2 Inspection of Register**

Having regard to confidentiality considerations, an extract of the register, excluding the address of any Delegate, Life Member, Individual Member or Director shall be available for inspection (but not copying) by Members, upon reasonable request.

## **12. EFFECT OF MEMBERSHIP**

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- (a) Members acknowledge and agree that:
  - (i) this Constitution constitutes a contract between each of them and the Association and that they are bound by this Constitution and the By-Laws;
  - (ii) they shall comply with and observe this Constitution and the By-Laws and any determination, resolution or policy which may be made or passed by the Board or any duly authorised committee;
  - (iii) by submitting to this Constitution and the By-Laws they are subject to the jurisdiction of the Association;
  - (iv) this Constitution is made in pursuit of a common object, namely the mutual and collective benefit of the Association, the Members and Baseball;
  - (v) this Constitution and By-Laws are necessary and reasonable for promoting the Objects and particularly the advancement and protection of Baseball; and
  - (vi) they are entitled to all benefits, advantages, privileges and services of Association membership.
- (b) Subject to Rule 10(b), a Member of the Association who is entitled to vote has the right:

- (i) to receive notice of general meetings and of proposed special resolutions in the manner and time prescribed by this Constitution;
  - (ii) to submit items of business for consideration at a general meeting;
  - (iii) to have its Delegate attend and be heard and vote at general meetings;
  - (iv) to have access to the minutes of the general meetings and other documents of the Association as provided under Rule 34; and
  - (v) subject to Rule 11.2, to inspect the register of members.
- (c) A right, privilege or obligation of a Member by reason of their membership of the Association is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another Member.

### **13. DISCONTINUANCE OF MEMBERSHIP**

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#### **13.1 Notice of Resignation**

Subject to this Constitution any Member which has paid all monies due and payable to the Association and has no other liability (contingent or otherwise) to the Association may resign from the Association by giving one months' notice in writing to the Association of such intention to withdraw or resign and upon the expiration of that period of notice, the Member shall cease to be a Member. A Life Member may resign by notice in writing with immediate effect.

#### **13.2 Expiration of Notice Period**

Upon the expiration of any notice period applicable under Rule 13.1 an entry, recording the date on which the Member who or which gave notice ceased to be a Member shall be recorded in the register.

#### **13.3 Forfeiture of Rights**

A Member who or which ceases to be a Member, for whatever reason, shall forfeit all right in and claim upon the Association and its property including Intellectual Property. Any Association documents, records or other property in the possession, custody or control of that Member shall be returned to the Association immediately.

#### **13.4 Membership may be Reinstated**

Membership which has lapsed, been withdrawn or terminated under this Constitution may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board, on application in accordance with this Constitution and otherwise on such conditions as it sees fit.

#### **13.5 Cessation of Membership**

Where a Member Body ceases to be a Member in accordance with this Constitution or the Act, the Affiliates of that Member Body may cease or remain Members to the extent (if any) and for such time (if any) as is determined in the sole discretion of the Board.

## **14. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS**

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### **14.1 Establishing a Disciplinary Committee**

Where the Board is advised of an allegation (not being vexatious, trifling or frivolous) or considers that a Member has allegedly:

- (a) breached, failed, refused or neglected to comply with a provision of this Constitution, the By-Laws or any resolution or determination of the Board or any duly authorised committee; or
- (b) acted in a manner unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the Objects and the interests of the Association and/or Baseball, or another Member; or
- (c) brought themselves, another Member, the Association or Baseball into disrepute,

the Board may by resolution and in accordance with Rule33.2, establish a disciplinary committee to convene to hear a matter against any Member and to determine what action, if any, to take against that Member (**Disciplinary Hearing**), and that Member, will be subject to, and submits unreservedly to the jurisdiction, disciplinary procedures and penalties and the appeal mechanisms (if any) in this Constitution.

### **14.2 Provisional Suspension**

- (a) Upon establishing a disciplinary committee in accordance with Rule 14.1 the Board may by resolution provisionally suspend the Member subject to the Disciplinary Hearing until such time as the disciplinary committee makes a finding.
- (b) The disciplinary committee may lift a provisional suspension prior to making a finding at the Disciplinary Hearing.

### **14.3 Disciplinary Committee Members**

The members of the disciplinary committee:

- (a) may be Members or anyone else; but
- (b) must not be biased against, or in favour of, the Member concerned.

### **14.4 Notice of Alleged Breach**

- (a) Where a disciplinary committee is established the Association shall serve on the Member not earlier than 28 days and not later than 14 days before the Disciplinary Hearing is to be held, a notice in writing:
  - (i) setting out the alleged breach of the Member and the grounds on which it is based;
  - (ii) stating that the Member may address the disciplinary committee at the Disciplinary Hearing;
  - (iii) stating the date, place and time of that Disciplinary Hearing;

- (iv) informing the Member that he, she or it may do one or more of the following:
  - (A) attend that Disciplinary Hearing;
  - (B) give the disciplinary committee prior to or at that meeting a written statement regarding the alleged breach.

#### **14.5 Determination of Disciplinary Committee**

- (a) The disciplinary committee shall ensure that the Disciplinary Hearing accords with the principles of natural justice by ensuring that:
  - (i) the Member has every opportunity to be heard and to call witnesses; and
  - (ii) due consideration is given to any written statement submitted by the Member or a witness;

before determining whether the alleged breach occurred.
- (b) If the disciplinary committee determines there was a breach under Rule 14.1, it will determine what penalty (if any) shall be given to the Member, and give notice of this to the Board.
- (c) The penalties able to be given to the Member by the disciplinary committee include, but are not limited to as follows:
  - (i) expel a Member from the Association; or
  - (ii) suspend a Member from membership of the Association or accessing certain privileges of membership for a specified period; or
  - (iii) fine a Member; or
  - (iv) impose such other penalty, action or educative process as the disciplinary committee sees fit.

#### **14.6 Appeal**

- (a) Subject to Rule 14.6(b), an Appeal Tribunal may be appointed by the Board to hear and adjudicate on any appeal lodged by a Member against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) An appeal may only be lodged by a party directly affected by a decision and where such an appeal is based on the ground that new information or evidence can be presented that was not available at the time of the original decision being appealed against.

#### **14.7 Appeal Tribunal**

- (a) The Board will appoint an Appeal Tribunal to determine an appeal lodged in accordance with the provisions of Rule 14.6. The composition of an Appeal Tribunal shall be:
  - (i) An individual with a high level of legal training and experience in arbitration; or

- (ii) A panel of two (2) or three (3) persons deemed suitable by the Board whereby a chairperson shall be appointed with experience in legal process or dispute resolution.
- (iii) No member of the Appeal Tribunal pursuant to Rules 14.7(a)(i) and (ii) may have been a party to or directly interested in the decision under appeal or the original matter brought for determination.

#### **14.8 Appeals Process**

- (a) Formal advice to the Board of an appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be forwarded to the CEO in writing within fourteen days of formal advice of the decision being appealed. The CEO will inform the Board without delay.
- (b) The lodgement of appeal must be accompanied by payment of an appeal fee as determined by the Board. The fee shall be fully refundable if the appeal is successful.
- (c) An Appeal Tribunal will be appointed within seven (7) days of formal lodgement of the appeal.
- (d) The Appeal Tribunal will schedule a date and venue for a hearing as soon as possible and no later than twenty-one (21) days after formal lodgement of the appeal.
- (e) If, as the circumstances may be, all parties are unable to be present at an appeal hearing, they may participate by tele-conference or other medium as determined appropriate at the discretion of the Appeal Tribunal.
- (f) The parties will be advised of the grounds for appeal and invited to lodge written submissions which must be received by the CEO no later than two business days prior to the scheduled hearing. The CEO shall ensure that all written submissions are distributed to all parties and the Appeal Tribunal in a timely manner prior to the hearing.
- (g) The Appeal Tribunal may then deal with the offence forthwith adhering to the principles of a fair hearing as broadly outlined in Rule 14.5.
- (h) The Appeal Tribunal may adjourn a hearing to obtain further information or evidence.
- (i) At the conclusion of the hearing the Appeal Tribunal shall:
  - (i) uphold the appeal and rescind the original decision, or
  - (ii) dismiss the appeal; or
  - (iii) dismiss the appeal and review the penalty within the provisions of Rule 14.5(c);
- (j) The decision of the Appeal Tribunal shall be final.
- (k) The Appeal Tribunal must forward to the CEO a written report outlining their determination of the matter

## **PART IV - GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **15. DELEGATES**

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#### **15.1 Appointment of Delegates**

- (a) Each Member Body shall nominate to the Board one Delegate for such term as is deemed appropriate by the Member Body. A Delegate must:
  - (i) not also be a Director of the Association;
  - (ii) be an Individual Member of the Member Body which appoints him or her; and
  - (iii) be appropriately empowered by his or her Member Body to make decisions at General Meetings.

#### **15.2 Delegates as Representative**

Each Delegate shall represent his Member Body at General Meetings of the Association and shall have full power to consider and vote on resolutions at General Meetings.

#### **15.3 Member Body to Advise**

- (a) Each Member Body shall, at least forty-eight hours prior to any General Meeting, advise in writing to the Secretary.

its appointed Delegate.

### **16. GENERAL MEETINGS**

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- (a) An annual general meeting of the Association shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Act and this Constitution and on a date and at a venue to be determined by the Board.
- (b) All General Meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be special general meetings and shall be held in accordance with this Constitution.

### **17. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

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#### **17.1 Notice of General Meetings**

- (a) Notice of every General Meeting shall be given to the Delegate and Director at the address appearing in the register kept by the Association. No other person shall be entitled as of right to receive notices of General Meetings, except the auditor(s). Life Members may be invited to attend at the discretion of the Board.
- (b) Notice of General Meeting shall be given at least 28 days prior to the General Meeting and shall specify the place and day and hour of the General Meeting.
- (c) The agenda for the General Meeting stating the business to be transacted at the General Meeting shall be provided with the Notice of General Meeting as set out at 17.1(b), together with any notice of motion received from the Member Body. If a special resolution is proposed, the notice must state in full

the proposed resolution and state the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.

## **17.2 Entitlement to Attend General Meeting**

Notwithstanding any other Rule, no Member shall be represented at, or take part in a General Meeting, unless all monies (set in accordance with Rule 10) then due and payable to the Association are paid or, at the Boards discretion, where monies remain due a payment plan has been agreed in writing between the Member and the Association and payment has commenced.

## **18. BUSINESS**

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### **18.1 Business of General Meetings**

- (a) The business to be transacted at the annual general meeting includes confirming the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting and of any General Meeting held since that meeting, the consideration of financial statements of the Association for the preceding Financial Year submitted by the Board in accordance with the Act, reports of the Board (including in relation to the activities of the Association during the last preceding Financial Year) and auditors and the election of Directors and Life Members.
- (b) All business that is transacted at a General Meeting, and also all that is transacted at the annual general meeting, with the exception of those matters set out in Rule 18.1(a) shall be special business. "Special business" is business of which a notice of motion has been submitted in accordance with Rule 19.

### **18.2 Business Transacted**

No business other than that stated on the notice shall be transacted at that meeting.

## **19. NOTICES OF MOTION**

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- (a) Subject to Rule 10, Members entitled to vote may submit notices of motion as special business at a General Meeting where the subject of such notices of motion relate to a matter which is expressed in this Constitution to be a right or power of the Members in General Meeting.
- (b) Where the subject of a notice of motion relates to a matter which is not expressly stated in this Constitution to be a right or power of the Members in General Meeting, it will not be considered a valid notice of motion and will not be included as special business at a General Meeting.
- (c) The Secretary must call for notices of motion at least forty-five days before the date of the General Meeting.
- (d) All notices of motion for inclusion as special business at a General Meeting must be submitted in writing (in the prescribed form) to the Secretary not less than thirty days (excluding receiving date and meeting date) prior to the General Meeting.

## **20. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

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### **20.1 Special General Meetings may be Held**

The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Association and, where, but for this Rule more than fifteen (15) months would elapse between annual general meetings, shall convene a special general meeting before the expiration of that period.

### **20.2 Requisition of Special General Meetings**

- (a) The Board shall on the requisition in writing of at least thirty-three percent of Member Bodies convene a Special General Meeting.
- (b) The requisition for a Special General Meeting shall state the object(s) of the meeting, shall be signed by the Member Bodies making the requisition and be sent to the Association. The requisition may consist of several documents in a like form each signed by one or more of the Member Bodies making the requisition.
- (c) If the Board does not cause a Special General Meeting to be held within sixty (60) days after the date on which the requisition is sent to the Association, the Member Bodies making the requisition, or any of them, may convene a Special General Meeting to be held not later than three months after that date.
- (d) A Special General Meeting convened by Member Bodies under this Constitution shall be convened in the same manner, or as nearly as possible as that, in which meetings are convened by the Board.

## **21. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

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### **21.1 Quorum**

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum for General Meetings of the Association shall be sixty-six percent of Member Bodies.

### **21.2 President to Preside**

The President shall, subject to these rules, preside as chairman at every General Meeting of the Association. If the President is not present, or is unwilling or unable to preside, the Vice-President shall preside as chair for that meeting only. If the Vice President is not present, or is unwilling or unable to preside, the Directors shall choose one of their number present who shall, subject to this Constitution, preside as chair for that meeting only.

### **21.3 Adjournment of Meeting**

- (a) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a General Meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting:
  - (i) if convened upon the requisition of Member Bodies under Rule 20.2, shall be dissolved; and
  - (ii) in any other case, shall stand adjourned to such other day and at such other time and place as the President may determine. If at the



adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting the meeting will lapse.

- (b) The President may, with the consent of any General Meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- (c) When a General Meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting.
- (d) Except as provided in Rule 21.3(c) it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.

#### **21.4 Use of Technology**

- (a) The Board may from time to time resolve that a Delegate not physically present at a General Meeting may participate in the meeting by the use of technology that allows that Delegate and the Delegates present at the meeting to clearly and simultaneously communicate with each other.
- (b) If the Board resolves to permit a General Meeting to occur as set out at Rule 21.4(a), a Delegate participating in such General Meeting is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the Member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.

#### **21.5 Voting Procedure**

At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by the:

- (a) President; or
- (b) majority of the Delegates present.

#### **21.6 Recording of Determinations**

Unless a poll is demanded under Rule 21.5, a declaration by the President that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Association shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

#### **21.7 Where Poll Demanded**

If a poll is duly demanded under Rule 21.5 it shall be taken in such manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the President directs and the result of the poll shall be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

## **21.8 Resolutions at General Meetings**

Except where a Special Resolution is required, all questions at General Meetings shall be determined by the majority of votes. For the avoidance of doubt, in the case of an equality of votes on a question at a General Meeting that motion is lost.

## **21.9 Minutes**

- (a) The Secretary must ensure that minutes are taken and kept of each General Meeting.
- (b) The minutes must record:
  - (i) the business considered at the meeting;
  - (ii) any resolution on which a vote is taken and the result of the vote; and
  - (iii) the names of persons present at all meetings.
- (c) In addition, the minutes of each Annual General Meeting must include:
  - (i) the financial statements submitted to the members in accordance with the Act;
  - (ii) the certificate signed by two Board members certifying that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Association; and
  - (iii) any audited accounts and auditor's report or report of a review accompanying the financial statements that are required under the Act.
- (d) The minutes of General Meetings shall be available for inspection and copying by the Members.

## **22. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

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### **22.1 Members entitled to vote**

Each Member Body shall, subject to this Constitution, have 1 vote at General Meetings. Delegates shall represent their respective Member Bodies. No other member shall be entitled to vote but, subject to this Constitution, shall have and be entitled to exercise, those rights set out in Rule 6. The Directors and Chief Executive Officer shall have no right to vote at General Meetings.

### **22.2 Chairperson does not have a casting vote**

Where voting at General Meetings is equal the President does not have a casting vote. In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a General Meeting that motion is lost.

## **23. PROXY AND POSTAL VOTING**

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- (a) Proxy Voting shall not be permitted.

- (b) Postal voting may be permitted from time to time in such instances as the Board may determine and shall be held in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Board.
- (c) Electronic voting may be permitted from time to time in such instances as the Board may determine and shall be held in accordance with procedures as prescribed by the Board.

## **PART V - THE BOARD**

### **24. POWERS OF THE BOARD**

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- (a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board constituted under Rule 25.1.
- (b) Subject to this Constitution and the Act, the Board:
  - (i) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association;
  - (ii) may exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by this Constitution to be exercised by the members in General Meeting;
  - (iii) has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Board to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association; and
  - (iv) in particular, the Board as the controlling authority of the Association shall be responsible for acting on all issues in accordance with the Objects and shall operate for the collective and mutual benefit of the Association, the Members and the sport of baseball throughout Victoria.

### **25. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD**

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#### **25.1 Board Composition**

The Board shall be at least 5, but no more than 7 Directors, comprising:

- (a) the President;
- (b) the Vice-President;
- (c) the Secretary (when appointed from the Board) and
- (d) up to four (4) Directors appointed by the Board when the Secretary is appointed from the Board, or up to five (5) Directors appointed by the Board when the Secretary is the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **25.2 President and Vice-President**

The positions of President and Vice President shall be appointed by the Board from amongst the Directors as soon as practicable after each annual general meeting. The appointees will hold the respective positions until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting following their appointment. A Director may be re-appointed

to either position for no more than six consecutive years equal to two terms of appointment to the Board in accordance with Rule 26.3.

### **25.3 Secretary**

The position of Secretary shall be appointed by the Board in accordance with Rule 32.1 as soon as practicable after each annual general meeting. The appointee will hold the position until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting following their appointment. Where the Secretary is appointed from amongst the Directors, a Director may be re-appointed As Secretary for no more than six consecutive years equal to two terms of appointment to the Board in accordance with Rule 26.3. Where it is the Chief Executive Officer appointed as Secretary the appointee will hold the position until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting following their appointment and there is no limit on the number of times that the Chief Executive officer may be reappointed as Secretary.

### **25.4 Portfolios**

If the Board considers it appropriate, in order to further the Objects, it may allocate Directors to specific portfolios, with specific responsibilities, as determined in the discretion of the Board.

### **25.5 Gender Equity**

Gender equity will be given due consideration in the election and/or appointment of all Directors.

### **25.6 Transitional Provisions**

All persons who were Directors on the date immediately prior to the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act shall be deemed Directors from the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act and will continue in such role until the expiration of their respective term or such earlier removal under this Constitution.

## **26. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

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### **26.1 Qualifications for Directors**

- (a) Nominees for Director positions on the Board must be over the age of 18 years, reside in Australia and meet the qualifications as prescribed from time to time by the Board and set out in the By-Laws.
- (b) A person who is an officer or director of a Member Body or Affiliate is not eligible to be a Director whilst holding that position.

### **26.2 Elections of Directors**

- (a) Directors appointed under Rule 25.1(c) shall be ratified by the Members at the next practicable General Meeting.
- (b) Ratification of a Director appointed under Rule 25.1(c) will require a simple majority of votes cast by the Members entitled to vote being in favour of the appointment.
- (c) Any decisions made by the Board comprising a Director appointed under Rule 25.1(c) will not be invalidated where a Director appointed under Rule 25.1(c) is not ratified by the General Meeting under this Rule.

### **26.3 Term of Appointment**

- (a) Directors shall be elected in accordance with this Constitution for a term of three years, which shall commence from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which the election occurred until the conclusion of the third Annual General Meeting following.
- (b) For each three year interval, three Directors shall be elected in the first year, two Directors shall be elected in the second year and two Directors shall be elected in the third year.
- (c) The Directors to resign at any annual general meeting must be those who have been longest in office since their last election. As between persons who were last elected as Directors on the same day, those to resign must be determined by lot, unless they otherwise agree among themselves.
- (d) Should any adjustment to the term of Directors elected under this Constitution be necessary to ensure rotational terms in accordance with this Constitution, this shall be determined by the Board. Elections to subsequent Boards shall then proceed in accordance with the procedures in this Constitution with approximately one third of the Directors retiring each year.

## **27. VACANCIES OF BOARD MEMBERS**

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### **27.1 Grounds for Termination of Director**

In addition to the circumstances (if any) in which the office of a Director becomes vacant by virtue of the Act, the office of a Director becomes vacant if the Director:

- (a) dies;
- (b) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
- (c) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in anyway under the law relating to mental health;
- (d) resigns his office in writing to the Association;
- (e) is absent without the consent of the Board from two consecutive meetings of the Board;
- (f) holds any office of employment of the Association;
- (g) without the prior consent or later ratification of the Members in General Meeting holds any office of profit under the Association;
- (h) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Association and fails to declare the nature of his interest;
- (i) is removed from office by Special Resolution under Rule 27.2; or
- (j) would otherwise be prohibited from being a director of a corporation under the Corporations Act or is disqualified from office under the Act.

## **27.2 Removal of a Director**

- (a) The Association in a General Meeting may by Special Resolution remove any Director, before the expiration of their term of office. If a Director is removed in accordance with this Rule the office of the Director becomes vacant and shall be filled in accordance with the procedure set out in Rule 27.3.
- (b) Where the Director to whom a proposed resolution referred to in Rule 27.2(a) makes representations in writing to the Secretary and requests that such representations be notified to the Members, the Secretary may send a copy of the representations to each Member Body or, if they are not so sent, the Director may require that they be read out at the meeting, and the representations shall be so read.

## **27.3 Casual Vacancies**

- (a) The Board may appoint an appropriately qualified person to fill a position as a Director on the Board where the position:
  - (i) has become vacant under Rule 27.1 or Rule 27.2; or
  - (ii) was not ratified at the last annual general meeting.
- (b) A director appointed in accordance with Rule 27.3 will hold office for the remainder of the period of office of the relevant director whose vacancy is being filled.

## **27.4 Remaining Directors May Act**

In the event of a casual vacancy or vacancies in the office of a Director, the remaining Directors may act but, if the number of remaining Directors is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board, they may act only for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to a number sufficient to constitute such a quorum.

## **28. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

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### **28.1 Board to Meet**

The Board shall meet as often as is deemed necessary in every calendar year (and must meet on at least four occasions in each year) for the dispatch of business and may adjourn and, subject to this Constitution otherwise regulate, its meetings as it thinks fit. The Secretary shall, on the requisition of two Directors, convene a meeting of the Board within a reasonable time.

### **28.2 Decisions of Board**

Subject to this Constitution, questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes and all questions so decided shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the Board. All Directors present at any meeting shall have one vote on any question. The chair shall not have a casting vote where voting is equal. In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a Board meeting that motion is lost. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

### 28.3 Reconsidered Decisions of Board

If a majority of votes is not reached, but an affirmative vote of at least 45% of the votes cast is reached (Reconsidered Decision), any Director present may request that the Decision be reconsidered in accordance with Rule 28.3.

- (a) Within 7 days of the initial vote the Director requiring the Decision to be reconsidered must give written notice to the Secretary.
- (b) On receipt of the Notice from the Director, the Secretary must set a date, at least 14 days after and no more than 30 days from receipt of the Notice, on which the Directors will be required to reconsider the Reconsidered Decision.
- (c) During the period from receipt of the Notice until the date on which the Reconsidered Decision is to be reconsidered, the Directors must use their best endeavours to participate in any decisions or process having the approval of the majority of Directors and with the purpose of considering the different views of the Reconsidered Decision.
- (d) At the meeting called in accordance with Rule 28.3, a resolution of the Directors is passed by and shall be decided by a majority of votes cast by the Directors present and entitled to vote. The chair shall not have a casting vote where voting is equal. In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a Board meeting that motion is lost. Voting by proxy is not permitted.
- (e) A motion which is lost in accordance with Rule 28.3 is lost and cannot be reconsidered.

### 28.4 Resolutions not in Meeting

- (a) A resolution in writing, signed or assented to by telegram, cablegram, radiogram, facsimile, telex, electronic mail or other form of visible or other electronic communication by all the Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of Directors duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Directors.
- (b) Without limiting the power of the Board to regulate its meetings as it thinks fit, a meeting of the Board may be held where one or more of the Directors is not physically present at the meeting, provided that:
  - (i) all persons participating in the meeting are able to communicate with each other effectively, simultaneously and instantaneously, whether by means of telephone or other form of communication;
  - (ii) notice of the meeting is given to all the Directors entitled to notice in accordance with the usual procedures agreed upon or laid down from time to time by the Board and such notice specifies that Directors are not required to be present in person;
  - (iii) in the event that a failure in communications prevents condition (i) from being satisfied by that number of Directors which constitutes a quorum, and none of such Directors are present at the place where the meeting is deemed by virtue of the further provisions of this Rule to be held, then the meeting shall be suspended until condition (i) is satisfied again. If such condition is not satisfied within fifteen minutes

from the interruption the meeting shall be deemed to have terminated;  
and

- (iv) any meeting held where one or more of the Directors is not physically present shall be deemed to be held at the place specified in the notice of meeting provided a Director is there present and if no Director is there present the meeting shall be deemed to be held at the place where the chair is located.

#### **28.5 Quorum**

- (a) Any five (5) Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Board.
- (b) No business may be conducted at a meeting of the Board unless a quorum is present.

#### **28.6 Notice of Board Meetings**

Unless all Directors agree to hold a meeting at shorter notice (which agreement shall be sufficiently evidenced by their presence) not less than seven days' oral or written notice of the meeting of the Board shall be given to each Director by the Chief Executive Officer. The agenda shall be forwarded to each Director not less than three days prior to such meeting.

#### **28.7 Validity of Board Decisions**

A procedural defect in decisions taken by the Board shall not result in such decision being invalidated.

#### **28.8 Chair of Board Meeting**

The President appointed under Rule 25.2 shall preside at every meeting of the Board. If the President is not present, or is unwilling or unable to preside, the Vice President shall preside as chair for that meeting only. If the Vice President is not present, or is unwilling or unable to preside, the Directors shall choose one of their number to preside as chair for that meeting only.

#### **28.9 Minutes of Board Meeting**

- (a) The Board must ensure that minutes are taken and kept of each committee meeting.
- (b) The minutes must record the following:
  - (i) The names of the Board members in attendance at the meeting;
  - (ii) The business considered at the meeting;
  - (iii) Any resolution on which a vote is taken and the result of the vote; and
  - (iv) Any conflict of interested disclosed under Rule 29.
- (c) The minutes of Board Meetings shall not be available for inspection or copying by the Members.



## **28.10 Leave of absence**

- (a) The Board may grant a Director leave of absence from committee meetings for a period not exceeding three months on the submission of a written application for such leave to the Chief Executive Officer.
- (b) The Board must not grant leave of absence retrospectively unless it is satisfied that it was not feasible for the Director to seek the leave in advance.

## **29. CONFLICTS**

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### **29.1 Directors' Interests**

A Director is disqualified by holding any place of profit or position of employment in the Association, any Member Body or in any company or incorporated association in which the Association is a shareholder or otherwise interested or from contracting with the Association either as vendor, purchaser or otherwise except with express resolution of approval of the Board. Any such contract or any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Association in which any Director is in any way interested will be voided for such reason.

### **29.2 Conflict of Interest**

A Director shall declare his/her interest in any:

- (a) contractual matter;
- (b) selection matter;
- (c) disciplinary matter; or
- (d) financial matter;

in which a conflict of interest arises or may arise, and shall, unless otherwise determined by the Board, absent himself/herself from discussions of such matter and shall not be entitled to vote in respect of such matter. If the Director votes, the vote shall not be counted. In the event of any uncertainty as to whether it is necessary for a Director to absent himself/herself from discussions and refrain from voting, the issue should be immediately determined by vote of the Board, or if this is not possible, the matter shall be adjourned or deferred.

### **29.3 Disclosure of Interests**

The nature of the interest of such Director must be declared by the Director at the meeting of the Board at which the contract or other matter is first taken into consideration if the interest then exists or in any other case at the first meeting of the Board after the acquisition of the interest. If a Director becomes interested in a contract or other matter after it is made or entered into the declaration of the interest must be made at the first meeting of the Board held after the Director becomes so interested.

### **29.4 General Disclosure**

A general notice that a Director is a member of any specified firm or company and is to be regarded as interested in all transactions with that firm or company is sufficient declaration under Rule 29.3 as regards such Director and the said transactions.

After such general notice it is not necessary for such Director to give a special notice relating to any particular transaction with that firm or company.

#### **29.5 Recording Disclosures**

It is the duty of the Chief Executive Officer to record in the minutes any declaration made or any general notice given by a Director in accordance with Rules 29.3 and 29.4.

### **30. DUTIES**

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#### **30.1 General Duties**

- (a) As soon as practicable after being elected or appointed to the Board, each Director must become familiar with this Constitution and the Act.
- (b) The Board is collectively responsible for ensuring that the Association complies with the Act and that individual members of the Board comply with these Rules.
- (c) The Board must ensure that the Association complies with all requirements in the Act regarding financial statements.

### **31. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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#### **31.1 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer**

The Chief Executive Officer shall be appointed by the Board for such term and on such conditions as it thinks fit. The Chief Executive Officer, subject to resolution of the Board shall be entitled to notice of and to attend and participate in debate at all meetings of the Board, but shall have no entitlement to vote.

#### **31.2 Broad Power to Manage**

Subject to the Act, this Constitution, the By-Laws and any directive of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer has power to perform all such things as appear necessary or desirable for the proper management and administration of the Association.

#### **31.3 Chief Executive Officer may employ**

The Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Board, may employ such office personnel as are deemed necessary from time to time and such appointments shall be for such period and on such conditions as the Chief Executive Officer and the Board determine.

### **32. SECRETARY**

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#### **32.1 Appointment of Secretary**

- (a) The Board shall (unless prohibited by law) appoint a Director or the Chief Executive Officer to act as and carry out the duties of Secretary of the Association required under the Act to be performed by the secretary of an incorporated association in accordance with this Constitution and any directions of the Board.
- (b) The Secretary must give the registrar notice of his or her appointment as Secretary within 14 days after the appointment.

- (c) If the position of Secretary becomes vacant, the Board must appoint a person to the position within 14 days after the vacancy arises.
- (d) The Board may delegate via resolution specific duties to the Chief Executive Officer where a Director is appointed as the Secretary and not the Chief Executive Officer.

### **32.2 Specific Duties**

The Secretary shall:

- (a) as far as practicable attend all Board meetings and General Meetings;
- (b) prepare the agenda for all Board meetings and all General Meetings;
- (c) record and prepare minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board and the Association; and
- (d) regularly report on the activities of, and issues relating to, the Association.

## **PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS**

### **33. DELEGATIONS**

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#### **33.1 Board may Delegate Functions to Committees**

The Board may by instrument in writing create or establish or appoint from among its own members, the Members, or otherwise, committees to carry out such duties and functions, and with such powers, as the Board determines.

#### **33.2 Delegation by Instrument**

The Board may in the establishing instrument delegate such functions as are specified in the instrument, other than:

- (a) this power of delegation; and
- (b) a function imposed on the Board by the Act or any other law, or this Constitution.

#### **33.3 Delegated Function Exercised in Accordance With Terms**

A function, the exercise of which has been delegated under this Rule, may whilst the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time in accordance with the terms of the delegation.

#### **33.4 Procedure of Delegated Entity**

- (a) The procedures for any committee established shall, with any necessary or incidental amendment, be the same as that applicable to meetings of the Board under Rule 28. The quorum shall be determined by the committee, but shall be no less than the majority of the total number of committee members.
- (b) A Director or the Chief Executive Officer shall be ex-officio members of any committee so appointed.
- (c) Within seven (7) days of any meeting of any committee, the committee shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documents to the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **33.5 Delegation may be Conditional**

A delegation under this Rule may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function or at the time or circumstances as may be specified in the delegation.

#### **33.6 Revocation of Delegation**

The Board may by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation made under this Rule, and may amend, repeal or veto any decision made by such committee under this Rule where such decision is contrary to this Constitution, the By-Laws, the Act, the Objects or the committee's delegation.

### **33.7 Gender Minimum**

In the appointment of committees under this Rule the Board must aim to meet the requirement set out in Rule 25.4. For the avoidance of doubt, where appropriate, the Board should use reasonable endeavours to ensure no one gender constitutes less than one of the committee members.

## **34. BY-LAWS**

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### **34.1 Board to Formulate By-Laws**

The Board may formulate, approve, issue, adopt, interpret and amend such by-laws, regulations and policies (**By-Laws**) for the proper advancement, management and administration of the Association, the advancement of the Objects and baseball as it thinks necessary or desirable. Such By-Laws must be consistent with this Constitution.

### **34.2 By-Laws Binding**

All By-Laws made under this Rule shall be binding on the Association and Members.

### **34.3 By-Laws Deemed Applicable**

All by-laws, regulations and policies of the Association in force at the date of the approval of this Constitution under the Act insofar as such by-laws, regulations and policies are not inconsistent with, or have been replaced by this Constitution, shall be deemed to be By-Laws under this Rule.

### **34.4 Notices Binding on Members**

Amendments, alterations, interpretations or other changes to By-Laws shall be advised to Member Bodies and Affiliates by means of notices approved by the Board and prepared and issued by the Chief Executive Officer. Member Bodies and Affiliates shall be obliged to draw such notices to the attention of their respective Members. Notices are binding upon all Members.

## **35. RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS**

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### **35.1 Chief Executive Officer to Keep Records**

The Chief Executive Officer shall establish and maintain proper records and minutes concerning all transactions, business, meetings and dealings of the Association and the Board and shall produce these as appropriate at each Board meeting or General Meeting.

### **35.2 Financial Records**

The Association must keep financial records that -

- (a) correctly record and explain its transactions, financial position and performance; and
- (b) enable financial statements to be prepared as required by the Act.

### **35.3 Records Kept in Accordance with Act**

Books, documents, securities and proper accounting and other records shall be kept in accordance with the Act, generally accepted accounting principles and/or any applicable code of conduct. All such records and the books of account shall be kept in the care and control of the Chief Executive Officer.

### **35.4 Association to Retain Records**

The Association shall retain such records for seven years after the completion of the transactions or operations to which they relate.

### **35.5 Board to Submit Accounts**

The Board shall submit to the annual general meeting the accounts of the Association in accordance with the Act.

### **35.6 Negotiable Instruments**

All cheques, promissory notes, bankers drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for money paid to the Association, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, by two persons appointed in writing by the Board.

### **35.7 Inspection of Records**

- (a) Members may on request inspect free of charge -
  - (i) The minutes of general meetings;
  - (ii) Subject to Rule 35.7(b), the financial records, books, securities and any other relevant document of the Association.
- (b) The Board may refuse to permit a member to inspect records of the Association that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters or where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- (c) The Board must on request make copies of these rules available to members and applicants for membership free of charge.
- (d) Subject to Rule 35.7(b), a member may make a copy of any of the other records of the Association referred to in this rule and the Association may charge a reasonable fee for provision of a copy of such a record.
- (e) For the purposes of this rule -

relevant documents means the records and other documents, however compiled, recorded or stored, that relate to the incorporation and management of the Association and includes the following:

  - (i) its financial statements;
  - (ii) its financial records;
  - (iii) records and documents relating to transactions, dealings, business or property of the Association.

### **36. AUDITOR**

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- (a) A properly qualified auditor or auditors shall be appointed and the remuneration of such auditor or auditors fixed by the Board. The auditor's duties shall be regulated in accordance with the Act, or if no relevant provisions exist under the Act, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and/or any applicable codes of conduct.
- (b) Members may remove an auditor from office by resolution made at a General Meeting in accordance with the Act.

### **37. NOTICE**

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#### **37.1 Manner of Notice**

- (a) Notices may be given by the Secretary to any Member by sending the notice by post or facsimile transmission or where available, by electronic mail, to the Member's registered address, facsimile number or electronic mail address.
- (b) Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing and posting the notice. Service of the notice is deemed to have been effected two days after posting.
- (c) Where a notice is sent by facsimile transmission, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected upon receipt of a confirmation report confirming the facsimile was sent to/or received at the facsimile number to which it was sent.
- (d) Where a notice is sent by electronic mail, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected upon receipt of a confirmation report confirming the electronic mail message was received at the electronic mail address to which it was sent.
- (e) Any notice required to be given to the Association or the Board may be given-
  - (i) by handing the notice to a member of the Board;
  - (ii) by sending the notice by post to the registered address;
  - (iii) by leaving the notice at the registered address;
  - (iv) if the Board determinates that it is appropriate in the circumstances -
    - (A) by email to the email address of the Association or the Secretary; or
    - (B) by facsimile transmission to the facsimile number of the Association.

#### **37.2 Notice of General Meeting**

Notice of every General Meeting shall be given in the manner authorised and to the persons entitled to receive notice under this Constitution.

### **37.3 Notice to Individual Members**

Notice to Individual Members (where appropriate or required) shall be deemed given by notice being given in accordance with this Constitution to the Member Body or Affiliate of that Individual Member.

### **38. SEAL**

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- (a) The Association may have a common seal.
- (b) If the Association has a common seal -
  - (i) the name of the Association must appear in legible characters on the common seal;
  - (ii) subject to Rule 38(c), the common seal shall only be used by authority of the Board and every document to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by two Directors or a Director and the Chief Executive Officer.
  - (iii) the common seal must be kept in the custody of the Chief Executive Officer.
- (c) A Director may not sign a document to which the seal of the Association is fixed where the Director is interested in the contract or arrangement to which the document relates.

### **39. REGISTERED ADDRESS**

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- (a) The registered address of the Association is:
  - (i) the address determined from time to time by resolution of the Board; or
  - (ii) if the Board has not determined an address to be the registered address, the postal address of the Secretary.

### **40. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION**

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- (a) This Constitution shall not be altered except by Special Resolution.
- (b) In addition, there shall be no alteration or amendment to Rules 41 or 42 without the consent of the relevant Minister or other authority under the Act.

### **41. INDEMNITY**

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#### **41.1 Directors to be indemnified**

Every Director, auditor, manager, employee or agent of the Association shall be indemnified to the extent provided under the directors and officers insurance policy of the Association against any liability incurred by him/her in his/her capacity as Director, auditor, manager, employee or agent in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in his/her favour or in which he/she is acquitted or in connection with any application in relation to any such proceedings in which relief is, under the Act, granted to him/her by the Court.



#### **41.2 Association to Indemnify**

The Association shall indemnify its Directors and employees to the extent provided under the directors and officers insurance policy of the Association against all damages and costs (including legal costs) for which any such Director or employee may be or become liable to any third party in consequence of any act or omission except wilful misconduct:

- (a) in the case of a Director performed or made whilst acting on behalf of and with the authority, express or implied of the Association; and
- (b) in the case of an employee, performed or made in the course of, and within the scope of his/her employment by the Association.

### **42. WINDING UP**

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#### **42.1 Winding Up of the Association**

Subject to this Rule 42, the Association may be wound up in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

#### **42.2 Liability of Members**

The liability of the Members of the Association is limited.

#### **42.3 Members' Contributions**

Every Member Body undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association in the event of it being wound up while a Member, or within one year after ceasing to be a Member for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before the time at which he or she ceases to be a Member, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for an adjustment of the rights of contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding \$1.00.

#### **42.4 Distribution of Property on Winding Up**

If upon winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any assets or property, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some body or bodies having objects similar to the Objects and which prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their Members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association by this Constitution and which is also not carried on for profit and which is similarly exempt (or entitled to be exempt) from income tax. Such body or bodies to be determined by the Members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution, and in default thereof by such judge of the relevant Supreme Court or such other court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

### **43. AUTHORITY TO TRADE**

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The Association is authorised to trade in accordance with the Act.

#### **44. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

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The funds of the Association may be derived from annual membership subscriptions, fees and levies payable by Members, donations, grants, sponsorships and such other sources as the Board determines.

#### **45. APPLICATION OF INCOME**

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##### **45.1 Income and Property Applied to Objects**

The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects.

##### **45.2 No Income to Members**

Except as prescribed in this Constitution:

- (a) no portion of the income or property of the Association shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to any Member; and
- (b) no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be paid or given by the Association to any Member who holds any office of the Association.

##### **45.3 Payments in Good Faith**

Nothing contained in Rule 45.2 shall prevent payment in good faith of or to any Member for:

- (a) any services actually rendered to the Association whether as an employee or otherwise;
- (b) goods supplied to the Association in the ordinary and usual course of operation;
- (c) interest on money borrowed from any Member;
- (d) rent for premises demised or let by any Member to the Association;
- (e) any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Member on behalf of the Association; or
- (f) any other reason,

provided that any such payment shall not exceed the amount ordinarily payable between ordinary commercial parties dealing at arm's length in a similar transaction.

#### **46. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS**

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The Association must open an account with a financial institution from which all expenditure of the Association is made and into which all of the Associations' revenue is deposited.

## **47. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

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### **47.1 Grievance by a Member**

- (a) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under this Constitution between a Member and:
  - (i) another Member; or
  - (ii) the Association.
- (b) The parties to the dispute must meet (which may, if agreed by the parties, take place by using any technology that allows the parties to clearly and simultaneously communicate with each other) and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all parties.
- (c) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties may, within 10 days, refer the dispute to the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice) (or such other similar body in circumstances where the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria is no longer in existence) for resolution.
- (d) The Board may prescribe additional grievance procedures in Regulations consistent with this Rule47.

## SCHEDULE 1

As at the date of the adoption of this Constitution the Member Bodies of the Association are as follows:

- (a) the following Baseball Associations:
  - (i) Bendigo Baseball Association;
  - (ii) Ballarat Baseball Association;
  - (iii) Dandenong Baseball Association;
  - (iv) Geelong Baseball Association;
  - (v) Latrobe Valley Baseball Association;
  - (vi) Melbourne Winter Baseball League;
  - (vii) North Eastern Baseball Association; and
  - (viii) Sunraysia Baseball Association
- (b) the following Summer League Clubs:
  - (i) Berwick City;
  - (ii) Ballarat City Brewers;
  - (iii) Blackburn;
  - (iv) Bonbeach;
  - (v) Bundoora;
  - (vi) Carrum Downs;
  - (vii) Chelsea;
  - (viii) Cheltenham;
  - (ix) Croydon;
  - (x) Doncaster;
  - (xi) Essendon;
  - (xii) Fitzroy;
  - (xiii) Footscray;
  - (xiv) Geelong;
  - (xv) Greensborough;
  - (xvi) Heathmont;

- (xvii) Malvern;
- (xviii) Melbourne;
- (xix) Monash University;
- (xx) Moorabin;
- (xxi) Mornington;
- (xxii) Newport;
- (xxiii) North Western Titans;
- (xxiv) Ormond Glenhuntly;
- (xxv) Port Melbourne;
- (xxvi) Preston;
- (xxvii) Research Lower Plenty
- (xxviii) Sandringham;
- (xxvix) Springvale;
- (xxvxx) St Kilda;
- (xxvxi) Sunshine
- (xxvxi) Upwey Ferntree Gully
- (xxvxi) Waverley
- (xxvxi) Werribee
- (xxvxi) Williamstown

(c) and the following entities that are recognised as a representative of the sport of baseball in Victoria:

- (i) The Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria.

## SCHEDULE 2

### Life Members of the Association

As at the date of adoption of this Constitution the Life Members of the Association are as follows:

#### BASEBALL VICTORIA

2009-Jason Blair

#### VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

2006-Jenny Ratcliffe  
2006-Peter J Dihm  
2005-Grant Weir  
2005-Robert O Blackmore  
2004-Beryl Bunting\*  
2004-Rodney Gaunt  
2002-Les T Flower  
1992-Les A Polson  
1991-Ron R Smith\*  
1991-Paul F Collins  
1988-Graeme B Ainscough  
1988-Barry N Smith  
1986-Lyn V Straw\*  
1986-Colin J McKay\*  
1986-Ken CJ Welfare\*  
1985-David L Went  
1983-WE (Bill) Blanden\*  
1982-Jack R Guiliano\*  
1981-Colin C Miller\*  
1980-S Doug Chapman  
1973-John B Anderson\*  
1973-Talbot R Hill\*  
1970-RW (Dick) Chapman\*  
1970-Ross M Straw\*  
1966-Angus McPherson\*  
1963-RJ (Bob) Black\*  
1958-George S Heron\*  
1956-Tom L Straw\*  
1955-Keth L Tucker\*  
1949-Reg E Darling\*  
1948-Wally B Carter\*  
1947-Ernest H King\*  
1945-Jack T Leckey\*  
1944-GB Mackay\*  
1943-Frederick H Martin\*  
1942-Jack EM Ellis Snr\*  
1941-Percy C Pooley\*  
1936-Daniel J Chandler\*  
1935-Alfred Beckefeld\*  
1935-Hugh M Gordon\*  
1935-Harry W Francis\*  
1933-HJ Newbound\*  
1929-J Bayne Mackay\*

1926-Leslie F Johnson OBE\*  
 1924-Ernest W Fielder\*  
 1922-TJ Browne\*  
 1921-Robert R Hindson\*  
 1920-S Charles Lansdown\*  
 1919-Cam Sellars\*  
 1912-Percy B Seyffarth\*  
 1911-T Smith\*  
 1911-FM Russell\*  
 1911-JS Milford\*  
 1911-F Laver\*  
 1911-HM Adams\*  
 1910-Peter McAlister\*

#### VICTORIAN PROVINCIAL BASEBALL LEAGUE

2009-Dale Lewis (VWBL)  
 2009-Julie Stephens (Dandenong)  
 2009-Michael Stephens (Dandenong)  
 2006-Kath Besford (VWBL)  
 2005-Greg Evans (Bendigo)  
 2005-Clyde Cumming (Latrobe Valley)  
 2004-Graeme Besford (VWBL)  
 2004-David Rice (VWBL)  
 2001-Terry Cox (Ballarat)  
 1999-Michael O'Brien (Geelong)  
 1986-John O'Brien\* (Dandenong)  
 1976-Ron Clack\* (Ballarat)  
 1974-Robert Luxford\* (Dandenong)  
 1968-Ern Whykes\* (Ballarat)  
 1966-Roy Shadorth\* (Bendigo)  
 1965-Ern Blanden\* (Ballarat)  
 1964-Ern Gear\* (Geelong)  
 1959-Les Olsson\* (Dandenong)  
 1957-William Harwood\* (Ballarat)  
 1955-William Aitken\* (Ballarat)  
 1948-Jack E.M. Ellis\* (VBA)

\* denotes that the Life Member is deceased.

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## **Explanatory Notes**

### **Who Can Attend General Meeting**

The Baseball Victoria Rules stipulate:

#### **Rule 20.1 (a) Notice of every General Meeting shall be given to every Delegate.**

A Delegate means the persons elected or appointment from time to time by a Member Body to act for and on behalf of that Member Body to represent the Member Body at General Meetings.

A Member Body means:

- (i) each of those clubs associated with the Victorian Baseball Association and a member thereof; and
- (ii) each of those Associations associated with the Victorian Provincial Baseball League and recognised as such by the Victorian Baseball Association and Victorian Provincial Baseball Association;
- (iii) the Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria

And

An entity which is recognised as a representative of the sport of baseball in Victoria (in the Board's sole discretion) is or shall be recognised as a Member Body and shall participate in the sport of baseball in Victoria in accordance with the objects of the Association.

### **Rule 22.2 Entitlements to Attend General Meeting**

Unless otherwise determined by the Board in its sole discretion, notwithstanding any other rule, no Member shall be represented at, or take part in a General Meeting, unless all monies then due and payable by that Member to the Association are paid.

### **Quorum at General Meeting**

#### **Rule 24.1 Quorum**

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds its business. A quorum for General Meetings of the Association shall be sixty percent of Member Bodies.

### **Chairman at General Meeting**

#### **Rule 24.2 Chairman to Preside**

The Chairman shall preside at General Meetings or if the Chairman is not present the Deputy Chairman Shall preside.

### **Voting at Annual General Meeting**

#### **25.1 Entitlement to Vote**

Each Member Body shall, subject to the rules have 1 vote at General Meetings. Delegates shall represent their respective Member Bodies. No other Member shall be entitled to vote.

### **Proxy and Postal Voting**

#### **26.1 Proxy Voting Not Permitted**

Proxy voting shall NOT be permitted at General Meetings.



# Office Bearers

## Baseball Victoria Board of Directors

President	Mr Clayton Crameri
Vice President	Mr Stephen Thomson
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Brett Hidson (resigned April 2013), replaced by Mr Neale Price (appointed July 2013)
Directors	Mr Scott Dawes Mr Shaun Graf Ms Fiona McNabb (resigned September 2013), replaced by Mr Myles Foreman (appointed September 2013) Ms Sheila Nguyen

## Junior Girls Committee

Chair:	Ron Copperwaite Mark Adams, Stephen Collis, Fiona Glover, Brian Sinfield and Justin Huber
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## Little League Committee

Peter Collis (resigned September 2012), Richard Mason, Paul Walshe  
and David Zucchet

## Scorers Committee

Chair:	Michele Winther Kim Bride, Phyllis Hargreaves, Sharyn Hussey, Kaylene Pengelly, Lyn Stokes (resigned July 2013) and Christine Little
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## Summer League Committee

Chair:	John O'Halloran Jason Blair, John Ferguson, Mark Gooding, Nathan Holmes, Dale Lewis, Cassandra Shelverton and David Zucchet
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## Summer League Women's Committee

Dean Anglin, Cassandra Shelverton and David Zucchet

## Summer League Masters Committee

Chair:	Ross Arthur Gary Cotchin, David Keyhoe and Christine Little
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## Summer League Tribunal Panel

Chair:	Michael Gourlay Michael Ashburn, John Holmes, Gary McQuiggan, Noel Pinnell and David Zucchet
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## Umpiring

Director of Umpiring:	Ian McKenzie
Assistant D.O.U:	Phil Box

## Winter Committee

Chair: Julie Jones  
David Milton and Ashley Blair

## Heritage Committee

Graeme Ainscough and Barry Smith

## Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Brett Hidson (resigned April 2013), replaced by Neale Price (appointed July 2013)
Participation Manager	Justin Huber
ABF High Performance Manager	Damian Shanahan
Operations Coordinator	Christine Little
Operations Coordinator	David Zucchet
Operations Coordinator	Ashley Blair
Development Officer	Bubbie Buzachero
Finance Coordinator	Les Flower



## President's Report

Baseball Victoria in 2012/2013 faced a year of challenge and change but also great opportunity in meeting the needs of our members.

At an administrative level, Brett Hidson resigned as Chief Executive Officer after three years in the role. I would like to thank Brett for his efforts in managing the transition to a unified organisation as well as leading Baseball Victoria's efforts in delivering the Facilities Development Plan and Participation Research Project as funded through the SRV Future Direction Project.

In seeking Brett's replacement, Baseball Victoria undertook an extensive executive search seeking candidates with a strong managerial, stakeholder management and sports background. In July, Neale Price commenced as Chief Executive Officer. Neale brings to the position proven sports administrative skills, following senior management roles at Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia, together with a solid baseball background.

I would like to wish Neale every success as he leads Baseball Victoria over the coming years.

At Board level, Fiona McNabb, an inaugural member of the Baseball Victoria Board resigned her Directorship. Fiona has made a significant contribution in assisting the administration within her Finance portfolio over the past 5 years. Replacing Fiona, the Board is pleased to present Myles Foreman for ratification by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Myles has over twenty years' experience in senior executive roles in the Sports, Entertainment and Hospitality industries and will manage the Member Services portfolio along with the role of Company Secretary.

Participation in our community competitions continued to grow and I would like to acknowledge the Association Presidents, Rod McDonald (Ballarat), Michael Amos (Bendigo), Leslie Pimm (DBA), Barry Mills (GBA), John Kus (LVBA), Peter Dihm (MWBL), Daniel Blanchard (Secretary, NEBA), Luke Gathercole (Sunraysia) their Committees along with Club Presidents for their continued efforts in building the grassroots foundation that is our sport.

In helping drive participation in all aspects of the baseball community, Baseball Victoria released the findings of the Participation Research Report. Undertaken over several months and involving a broad cross section of the baseball community, the findings provide members with a valuable insight into the characteristics, motivation, opportunities and challenges of participants, supporters and volunteers. This report will help guide future planning to ensure Baseball Victoria meets the needs of its constituency.

Finally from a planning perspective Baseball Victoria Summits were held in Bendigo and Ballarat as a key forum for our member bodies. The summit provided the opportunity for discussion and planning on how to best address the challenges facing our sport including coaching accreditation, umpire recruitment, the judiciary system and the leanings from the participation study. The opportunity to assemble and hear from experienced administrators from our Member Associations is pivotal in the ongoing developing of an agreed business plan.

At an elite level Baseball Victoria finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Under 14 National Youth Championships, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Under 16's and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Under 18's. The Victorian Blue Women's team won the National Women's Championships and the Victorian Girls Under 15 team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the National Youth Women's Championships.

I would like to offer congratulations to the following Associations for their wins at the State Winter Championships:

Under 12:        Geelong – City Division  
                      Sunraysia – Country Division

Under 14:        Geelong – Division 1  
                      Sunraysia – Division 2

Under 16:        Ringwood Black – Division 1  
                      Sunraysia – Division 2

Under 18:        Ringwood – Division 1

Seniors:         Ringwood – Division 1  
                      City (MWBL) – Division 2

I would also like to congratulate the teams that represented Victoria at the National Little League Championships, the Yarra Rangers who finished the competition in 3rd place, Southern Mariners and Sunraysia.

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Doug Chapman and John Anderson, Life Members of Baseball Victoria. In August, we also learned of the tragic passing of Christopher Lane. Christopher, who played with both Essendon and Watsonia Baseball Clubs, was in the United States playing College baseball when he was tragically taken from us. The tragedy brought the baseball community together in both Australia and the United States in a tremendous show of support. Our thoughts and prayers remain with his family and friends during this difficult time.

Finally I would like to acknowledge and thank Board members, Stephen Thomson, Fiona McNabb, Shaun Graf, Sheila Nguyen, Scott Dawes and Myles Foreman for their commitment as well as the volunteers on our Sub Committees who work tirelessly on behalf our membership group.

Clayton Crameri  
**President**

# CEO's Report

It is my pleasure to provide my first CEO's report after joining Baseball Victoria in July 2013.

I would like to congratulate and thank the previous CEO, Brett Hidson, for his commitment to the game of Baseball in Victoria, and for what the organisation and its stakeholders were able to achieve under his guidance.

Organisations are made up of people, and Baseball Victoria is very lucky to have an outstanding group of committed employees in Christine Little, David Zucchet, Justin Huber, Damian Shanahan, Les Flower, and Ashley Blair who genuinely enjoy what they do, and are committed to supporting all of Baseball Victoria's stakeholders.

The Baseball Victoria Board drives the Governance of the game of Baseball in Victoria, and it is only when you sit with them in a Board meeting that you get to fully understand their passion for the game and the people that play, umpire, score and administer the game. It is a pleasure to work with, and discuss the game of Baseball with the Board which consists of Clayton Crameri (President and Chairman), Stephen Thomson, Shaun Graf, Sheila Nguyen, Scott Dawes, and Fiona McNabb (resigned). Fiona McNabb stepped down as a Board member, and we thank her for the work she carried out in looking after the Finance portfolio.

A few of our key figures show the following:

- There are 9594<sup>[1]</sup>, registered players
- 734 teams took the field in the 2012/13 and 2013 seasons;
- There are 118 clubs in 9 Baseball Victoria Associations and Leagues in the summer and winter seasons;
- There are a total of 219 Umpires;
- 93 CABS (Council of Australian Baseball Scorers) members with 66 scorers currently accredited;
- We have 162 accredited Coaches
- A trading surplus of \$41,061 for the 2012/13 financial year.

The year in review:

- A sound financial position was consolidated from the previous year.
- Sport and Recreation Victoria continued to support both Baseball Victoria participation initiatives, and the Melbourne Ball Park in Altona through the Committee of Management, as a State Sporting facility.
- The Facilities Development Plan for Victorian Baseball was reviewed and enhanced.
- The Victorian Baseball Academy continues to prosper, and prepare players for higher honours.
- The induction of Graham Lloyd into the Australian Sporting Hall of Fame, and the Geelong Hall of Fame, were both fantastic honours for a wonderful player, and for a person now so heavily involved in giving back to the game that presented him with so many opportunities.
- ABL High Performance Coach of the Year being awarded to Damian Shanahan for his outstanding work with the National and State Academy programs.
- The support received from the various Victorian Government departments and sponsors Fielder's Choice, Wilson, Ausport, K2 Baseball, Hall of Fame Industries and MLB International.

## Strategy and Starting 9

As a part of the ongoing review of Victorian Baseball, and in line with the Strategy for Baseball in Victoria 2012 – 2015, staff were involved in planning sessions to understand the current baseball landscape, but

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<sup>[1]</sup>Count members from 'Baseball Victoria' in season '2012/13' from the Australian Baseball Federation's (ABF) national registration and insurance system, myClub.

also in how we can best move the game forward in Victoria, and obtain the best outcomes for our stakeholder groups.

A number of key programs were identified, and classified in three distinct areas:

- Priority Programs that Baseball Victoria must deliver.
- Secondary programs that Baseball Victoria should deliver if there are adequate resources and
- Other key programs that are important to baseball, but that may need to be delivered by someone else

From the planning sessions staff identified nine key areas, with a tenth being a major enabler for the other key areas. The Starting 9 as we have called them are:

1. Participation and Pathways
  2. Volunteers
  3. Events
  4. Funding
  5. Marketing
  6. Administration
  7. Facilities
  8. Media
  9. Staffing
- DH is Information Technology

### **Interns/Sportsready**

Baseball Victoria was very lucky to have a number of Interns and Sportsready students available to assist with various office based, and field activities. Whether it be working on program development, or assisting with school clinics, these guys and girls have been of great assistance to Baseball Victoria. Without them we would not have been able to complete a number of programs. Our thanks must go to Sheila Nguyen and Deakin University for access to so many high quality interns, and to the staff at AFL Sportsready.

### **Baseball Facility Development Plan**

Most baseball people will be aware of the Baseball Victoria Facilities Development Plan, but many would not know that this document is used as a benchmark document for other sports and organisations when speaking about best practice for the development of facilities. Not only does the document address current facilities and their place in the Victorian Baseball landscape, but also looks at the needs of the game well into the future. Credit must go to the Board for having the foresight to develop this plan, and to Stephen Thomson who has been a key driver in its further development.

### **Camps and Participation**

The School Holiday Camps continue to grow in popularity and numbers, and it is a credit to Justin Huber, with strong support from a key group of Volunteer Baseball Mum's that these Camps have been such a success. If you have ever experienced one of the Camps, you will understand how fantastic and professionally run that they are, but also the positive energy they create for the kids, the coaches, the volunteers, and the parents.

Participation as a result of School Clinics, the Camps and the work that the clubs do in both the winter and summer is starting to show some positive growth, and this will be a key priority area for Baseball Victoria moving into 2013 – 2014. The opportunities for substantial growth in baseball is enormous, and we must pursue this area with absolute vigour and commitment.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge and thank the passionate work of the many people who supported and contributed to Baseball Victoria over the past 12 months.

Neale Price  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## Sub-Committees

### Little League Committee Report

The 2013 State Little League Championships were played over the Australia Day holiday at the Werribee Baseball Club with representative teams from the Bellarine Rays, Northern Diamondbacks, Southern Mariners, Western Mets and the Yarra Rangers making up the Metropolitan Division, while Sunraysia represented the Country Division.

This year's tournament saw teams compete in a single round robin format. The final result saw Yarra Rangers win the Metropolitan Division, with Sunraysia claiming the Country Division title. In the Wild Card Play-off, Southern Mariners defeated Northern Diamond as the third Victorian team to participate in the National Little League Championships.

Thank you to the Werribee Baseball Club for hosting the Australia Day weekend, as well as the officials and many families that cheered their children along regardless of the score.

Yarra Rangers (3rd), Southern Mariners (9th) and Sunraysia (13<sup>th</sup>) represented Victoria with great pride at the National Championships. Congratulations to the Perth Central team for winning this year's tournament and subsequently being the first team from Australia to participate in Little League World Series.



Thank you to the ABF and the Alleygators Baseball Club for their efforts in staging the event.

Congratulations also to the following Victorian umpires who officiated at the National Championships, Richard Mason, Fiona Glover, Chris Mason and Paul Carthy.

Thank you again to everyone involved with the Little League Championships, including each Association and team, your efforts have been tremendous throughout the year.

David Zucchet  
**Little League Administrator**

## Scorers Committee Report

The Scorers' Committee has 6 members who meet on a regular basis during winter and summer seasons, to discuss upcoming tournaments, clinics and CABS related issues with regards to scoring baseball. We also issue Newsletters, run clinics, and Accreditation Exams as required.

The Scorers' Committee attends the Annual National CABS workshop to ensure Victorian scorers are kept up to date with the latest changes in Australian scoring. This also enables us to liaise with scorers from all the different States and Territories, finding out what they are doing to promote and advance scoring in their regions.



Clinics are held for clubs during the summer and winter seasons with an average attendance of 7 to 12 scorers at each session, wanting to know more about scoring.

At present there are 93 financial CABS (Council of Australian Baseball Scorers) in Victoria.

Of the 93 members, 66 hold accreditations from Level 1 to Level 5

The following scorers' have represented Victoria during the 2012/2013 season:

### Australian Baseball League

Michael Gourlay, Robyn Karlsen and Jennie Moloney

### Youth National Championships

Sharyn Hussey, Robyn Hogben, Stewart Cassell, Fiona Woolger – U/18 and U/16

Kim Bride and Leah Hodgson – U/14

### National Women's Championships

Karen Mason, Emma Medwin and Patricia Mitchelson

### Accreditation Levels

6 scorers sat a Level 1 Accreditation Exam and with all achieving this level. Of the 6 scorers who sat their Level 3 Accreditation Exam, 5 achieved this level. 1 scorer did their Level 4 accreditation at the National Youth Championships in Geelong and achieved this level.

Michele Winther

**Chair and Director of Scoring**



## Summer League Committee Report

The Summer League in season 2012/2013 fielded:

- 4635 participants, in
- 342 teams, (131 Seniors, 21 Women, 31 Masters, 106 Juniors, 31 Area Centre Juniors)
- 33 clubs, in
- 36 of grades, being Division 1, Division 1 Reserves, Division 1 Thirds, Division 1 Fourths, Division 2, Division 2 Reserves, Division 2 Thirds, Division 2 Fourths, Division 3, Division 3 Reserves, Division 4 East, Division 4 North West, Division 4 South, Under 18 Major League, Under 18 AAA, Under 16 Major League, Under 16 AAA, Under 16 AA, Under 14 Major League, Under 14 AAA, Under 14 AA, Under 12 Major League, Under 12 AAA, Under 12 AA, Under 14 Centre's (South East and West), Under 12 (East and West), Division 1 Women, Division 2 Women, Division 3 Women, Provisional Women, Masters Division 1, Masters Division 2 North West, Masters Division 2 East, Masters Division 2 South

The 2012/13 season was another successful one on the field, games were played, premierships were won, and importantly players played, enjoying our great game over a variety of levels. However, in addition to the on field success perhaps the most notable outcome from the season was made off the field.

The Summer League Committee ("SLC") is appointed by the Board of Baseball Victoria. It was made up of myself as Chairman, and members John Ferguson, Jason Blair, Nathan Holmes, Mark Gooding, Dale Lewis, Cassandra Shelverton. Administration support was provided by David Zucchet from the Baseball Victoria office. The members of the SLC have many years of experience in the various aspects of baseball including for example playing, managing teams, umpiring, club administrators, etc. I wish to thank all SLC members for their contribution during the season with particular thanks to David for administration support and John Ferguson for the huge amount of work undertaken to revitalise the competition following the findings of the Participation Report.

Congratulations to all premiership winning teams, and players who won various awards. Further details on the winners are provided on pages 79 and 82 of this report. The heartiest congratulations and our thanks must go to the small army of volunteers dotted throughout all the clubs that enable the game to be played each week. Without them we would not be able to enjoy the game.

### Seniors men's competition

The 12 Division 1 Club Firsts teams played a 33 game home and away season with midweek games being played at various venues. Lower grade teams also played a home and away format, however with a lesser number of games with no midweek games for lower grade teams other than Division 2 Firsts.

The overall aim of the competition is to enable as many people as possible to play a game at a level that is suitable for their level of skill.

### Women's competition

The women's competition is structured on a different basis to the men's due to the lower number of teams and players and their respective skill levels. With only 5 clubs wanting to play Division 1 at the start of the season it was decided to combine both Division 1 and Division 2 and all teams play an extended qualifying round. After all teams had competed against each other, then the competition was redrawn into the 2 separate divisions for a short season prior to the finals. Also, some clubs chose to compete in Division 3 due to the numbers of players and their level of skill. The long term aim is to significantly increase participation and skill levels for our women's competition.

## **Masters**

There is a more relaxed atmosphere for Masters games where revised playing conditions ensure that the game caters for a wide range of ages and allows everyone to have a go. The Masters competition is growing stronger each season as it seems to be a formula that suits the participants. Keep on doing what you enjoy and others will come and join in.

## **Juniors**

The junior competition is the future of our sport. Each season the clubs face various challenges in getting teams together and finding the appropriate level at which to play. This in turn creates a significant workload problem for the BV staff with constant changes to the fixtures, unfortunately there is no simple solution to this problem. With juniors we should ensure that they get to enjoy the game as much as possible so that we can retain and develop them for the future.

## **Off the field developments**

The Department of Sport and Recreation's objective for all sports in Victoria is "More people, more active, more often". For baseball this was the Participation Research report undertaken by Deakin University. One of the aims of the study was to increase participation across the entire spectrum of baseball activities. The 12 month study, involving over 600 people, included focus groups, on line surveys and data analysis.

The findings are broadly set out below, as follows:

1. Baseball's key competitive advantages are not being leveraged
2. The family look and feel is not consistently expressed across the baseball community
3. Most in the baseball Victoria community are "exhausted" and "resource poor"
4. Gaps in the system are breaking the player participant and community member pathways

An extensive consultation process was undertaken to build on the findings of the above report. A clean sheet approach as such was undertaken whereby the clubs were invited to put forward any and all ideas to improve participation in the game.

This process included vigorous discussion over various Presidents and Secretaries meetings, detailed submissions from clubs, consideration of various options, and constant feedback to the clubs on all ideas presented. One of the big issues, for example, was trying to reduce the amount of travel. Many thanks to John Ferguson who successfully managed the huge task of handling all the submissions and circulating various summaries.

Many ideas have been put forward on a range of matters and many of these will be developed further. Various options on the possible future structure of the competition were considered by the Board. Following this the Board directed that the Division 1 clubs vote and decide the format of the competition for the 2013/14 season. These clubs decided on a 27 game conference style format. The 12 clubs were split into 2 conferences. Each club plays the other clubs within their conference three times and also play all the teams from the other conference twice. This reduces the number of midweek games required and also provides greater flexibility as to venues and timing of these games. A similar process was followed for the Division 2 clubs.

This is only the start of a process that will take several seasons to be fully implemented. Other matters raised such as expanding the criteria for Division 1, developing opportunities for corporate baseball, modified games, short seasons (10 weeks), more chances to play in finals, will be examined further. Unfortunately, it was disappointing that the SLC had to undertake several investigations into multiple breaches of the code of conduct by players, club officials and spectators. Abuse of umpires will not be tolerated. The code of conduct applies to everyone involved in the sport and will be enforced.

Thanks to all the clubs, and their hard working volunteers, that hosted various events and finals.

Thanks to the hard working Baseball Victoria staff for their efforts as without them we would not have a competition.

The SLC looks forward to continuing the development of the game so that we can all enjoy the game we love.

John O'Halloran  
**Summer League Chairman**



## **Director of Umpiring Report**

This report brings to a close the 2012/2013 baseball year which was another very busy and demanding season for the Umpiring panel.

Although BUAV members were not able to cover every game in all of the competitions our 60 active members were able to cover just fewer than 1200 games with a total of 1991 'official' appointments. This equates to an average of 38 games per umpire over the summer season.

Following a very successful seminar held at Waverley in September, the season started well with an increase in numbers by nine on the previous year. Unfortunately 3 umpires retired during the season which took some of the gloss off the increase. On behalf of all members I would like to thank the Waverley Baseball Club for their hospitality and allowing us to use their excellent facilities.

In April of this year a Level One seminar was held in Mildura after the Sunraysia Baseball Association showed much interest in hosting the event. The seminar was a great success with 28 attendees and given the success of this event it is likely that similar seminars will be held in a regional location in April of each year. My thanks to the Sunraysia Baseball Association and Baseball Victoria for their support allowing us the opportunity to provide this training.

Melbourne Baseball Club was again the venue for our training sessions and on behalf of all BUAV members my thanks for the generous use of their facilities and especially to Malcolm Chiverton who regularly made himself available to open the clubrooms for our use.

Once again many of our members are to be congratulated on their achievements during the past year. To the ABL panel on their performances and also their appointment to the ABL All Stars game held at Altona, well done. This must certainly be a highlight of their careers never to be forgotten.

To the Umpires appointed to the National Championships congratulations on your appointment to represent the State and on a job well done.

My thanks to those who were appointed to the BV Summer League final series. It is very pleasing for me to be able to say that following the finals many of the clubs involved expressed their appreciation of your efforts.

I would like to thank all Umpires for their hard work over the season and particularly those Umpires who willingly responded to requests to fill vacancies on short notice. Also my congratulations to the BUAV award winners for the 2012/13 season.

During the season David Milton stepped down from the ABL panel and also as President of the BUAV. Over the years David has shown a passion for Umpiring and also for the welfare of BUAV members. I would like to thank David for his efforts and I am pleased to say that David has indicated he will continue umpiring and also in his role as an Instructor.

To the BUAV Committee for all your efforts and support over the past 12 months and I look forward to working with you again during the 2013 - 2014 season.

Finally a special thank you to the staff in the BV office and to those without whose assistance my role would be much more difficult. To have the luxury of being able to delegate tasks and to have the confidence that those tasks will be performed with the utmost skill and commitment eases much of the workload and pressures for the SDU.

Ian McKenzie

**Director of Umpiring**

## Winter Committee Report

Baseball Victoria created the Winter Committee in 2009 following the unification of the previous VBA and VPBL associations. The main focus of the committee is to oversee the conduct of the winter championships. The current committee is made up of David Milton and myself (as the Chair), appointed to the committee along with a delegate of each of the Associations and Ashley Blair from Baseball Victoria (Secretariat).

Congratulations to the all the Associations (both regional and metropolitan) who have continued to support the Championships. Although our plan to invite Associations outside Victoria worked last year with the inclusion of Mount Gambier in the senior championships, they did not return. However City made a welcome and successful reappearance at the Senior Championships. We will continue to look for other opportunities to increase the number of teams competing in the championships

After a number of format changes for the championships, it is hoped that they have now settled into a routine; however this will depend on factors outside of our control, number of teams entered as well as locations (which are dependent on negotiations between Baseball Victoria and the various Councils across the State). We will also look for opportunities to improve the championships and of course welcome any suggestions from the Associations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ashley Blair for his continued assistance, for the preparatory work done prior to each Championship and for the information provided to the Associations. I would like to also thank the Associations for the way they have embraced the Championships and look forward to their continued support in 2014.

Julie Jones

**Chair**



# 2012/13 Summer League

## Club Champions

- Division 1 (Peter Dihm Shield): Essendon
- Division 2: Williamstown

### Division 1 (Peter Dihm Shield)

	Club	Firsts Wins	Reserves Wins	Thirds Wins	Fourths Wins	Total Points
1	Essendon	23	14	9	9	384
2	Geelong	22	13	10	3	361
3	Cheltenham	18	10	11	17	321
4	Blackburn	21	8	8	6	320
5	Melbourne	16	10	14	14	309
6	Doncaster	14	9	15	12	290
7	Waverley	13	8	11	9	265
8	Upwey Ferntree Gully	12	9	6	2	229
9	Sunshine	12	5	6	16	218
10	Malvern	8	9	11	10	207
11	Sandringham	13	8	1	10	202
12	Preston	13	3	6	0	187

### Division 2

	Club	Firsts Wins	Reserves Wins	Thirds Wins	Total Points
1	Williamstown	16	17	14	318
2	Fitzroy	15	13	14	287
3	Newport	18	6	17	284
4	Berwick City Cougars	13	11	13	250
5	Bonbeach	14	10	10	240
6	St Kilda	9	13	10	213
7	Mulgrave	14	8	4	210
8	Springvale	10	7	12	190
9	Werribee	9	10	5	175
10	Moorabbin	8	9	7	167
11	Chelsea	2	4	4	60
12	Port Melbourne	4	2	0	52

#### Points allocation:

- Firsts: 10 points per win, 5 points per draw
- Reserves: 6 points per win, 4 points per draw
- Thirds: 4 points per win, 2 points per draw
- Fourths: 2 points per win, 1 points per draw

## Premiers

- Division 1 (Ross Straw Trophy): Essendon
- Division 1 Reserves: Geelong
- Division 1 Thirds: Malvern
- Division 1 Fourths: Cheltenham
- Division 2 (R. E. Darling Trophy): Williamstown
- Division 2 Reserves: St Kilda
- Division 2 Thirds: Berwick City Cougars
- Division 2 Fourths: Fitzroy
- Division 3: Ormond Glenhuntly
- Division 3 Reserves: Footscray
- Division 4 East: Blackburn
- Division 4 North West: North Western Titans A
- Division 4 South: Ormond Glenhuntly
  
- Women's Division 1: Springvale A
- Women's Division 2: Footscray
- Women's Division 3: Waverley B
  
- Masters Division 1: Geelong A
- Masters Division 2 East: Melbourne B
- Masters Division 2 North West: Preston/Reservoir
- Masters Division 2 South: No game
  
- Under 18 Major League (L. V. Straw Shield): Waverley
- Under 18 AAA: Blackburn
- Under 16 Major League (Les Polson Shield): Cheltenham Blue
- Under 16 AAA: Fitzroy A
- Under 16 AA: Cheltenham
- Under 14 Major League (J. F. Guiliano Shield): Waverley Wildcats
- Under 14 AAA: Fitzroy
- Under 14 AA: Malvern
- Under 12 Major League (W. E. Blanden Shield): Waverley Wildcats
- Under 12 AAA: Waverley Panthers
- Under 12 AA: Preston Raiders
  
- Under 14 South East Centre: Sandringham
- Under 14 West Centre: Newport
- Under 12 East Centre: Melbourne Demons
- Under 12 West Centre: Newport Pistons

## Statistical Leaders

### HITTING – TOP TEN HITTERS IN EACH DIVISION

#### **DIVISION 1**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>AVG</i>
1	Kent, Mathew	Melbourne	51	.392
1	Sullivan, Timothy	Essendon	40	.392
3	Evans, Ryan	Preston	29	.377
4	Brice, Tom	Melbourne	31	.365
5	Phillips, Ryan	Blackburn	30	.353
6	O'Malley, Kenneth	Doncaster	34	.351
7	McIntyre, Scott	Essendon	40	.351
8	Dicker, David	Blackburn	26	.347
9	McDonald, Tristen	Essendon	30	.341
10	Dingle, Hayden	Cheltenham	36	.340

#### **DIVISION 2**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>AVE</i>
1	Rowe, Adam	Fitzroy	31	.463
2	Marnell, Dean	Williamstown	24	.453
3	Bonaddio, Adam	Mulgrave	33	.434
4	Wheeler, Ricky	Berwick City	36	.424
5	Lawman, Matthew	Newport	37	.411
6	Camov, Ryan	Williamstown	33	.407
7	Sedin, Rob	Moorabbin	32	.400
8	Mason, Chris	Williamstown	28	.394
9	Terrana, Mark	Williamstown	22	.393
10	Laux, Ben	Moorabbin	32	.390

#### **WOMEN'S DIVISION 1**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>AVG</i>
1	Hough, Jade	Springvale	30	.731
2	Pastowski, Emma	Werribee	21	.656
3	Lillywhite, Shae	Springvale	22	.647
4	Anglin, Leslie	Footscray	17	.629
5	Gell, Bronwyn	Doncaster	25	.595
6	Wyatt, Marita	Werribee	18	.580
7	Hamilton, Samantha	Doncaster	21	.567
8	Row, Catherine	Springvale	22	.564
9	McCann, Amy	Doncaster	23	.560
10	Wearne, Simone	Springvale	18	.545



## PITCHING – TOP TEN PITCHERS IN EACH DIVISION

### **DIVISION 1 (Harry Douglas Memorial Trophy)**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>ERA</i>
1	Hussey, John	Blackburn	42	1.07
2	Forbes, Cameron	Geelong	49.1	1.10
3	Gibbons, Sam	Geelong	32	1.13
4	Braun, Jason	Doncaster	89.7	1.41
5	Buzachero, Edward	Preston	102.7	1.75
6	Mann, Andrew	Melbourne	93.4	1.83
7	Bright, Adam	Blackburn	59.3	1.97
8	Jeon, Terry	Sandringham	84.4	2.13
9	Moran, Patrick	Malvern	66	2.18
10	Cunningham, Blake	Cheltenham	73.4	2.21

### **DIVISION 2**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>ERA</i>
1	Rowe, Adam	Fitzroy	114	1.18
2	Howell, Luke	Bonbeach	72	2.13
3	Blevins, Seth	Springvale	133	2.23
4	Vicary-Lovegrove, Liam	Newport	39	2.31
5	Richards, Glen	Springvale	24	3.00
6	DeJong, Wesley	Werribee	67.4	3.21
7	Ross, Cameron	Berwick City	72.3	3.24
8	Pearson, Stephen	Port Melbourne	26.3	3.42
9	McGillivray, Michael	Mulgrave	160.7	3.81
10	Weir, Griffin	Newport	103.6	3.82

### **WOMEN'S DIVISION 1 and 2**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>ERA</i>
1	Collins, Erin	Doncaster	16	2.25
2	Row, Catherine	Springvale	44	2.45
3	Brown, Victoria	Port Melbourne	62.4	3.03
4	Stokes, Terina	Waverley	38.9	5.09
5	Pastowski, Emma	Werribee	66	6.14
6	Tanaka, Risa	Footscray	45.7	7.09
7	Stokes, Alisa	Doncaster	27	7.33
8	Thompson, Jessica	Springvale	24	7.50
9	Lee, Deanne	Waverley	15.7	8.03
10	Gottschling, Eva	Footscray	21.2	8.06

## Award Winners

### Most Valuable Players

- Division 1 (George S Heron Medal): Edward Buzachero (Preston)
- Division 2 (Robert R Hindson Medal): Seth Blevins (Springvale)
- Women's Division 1: Bronwyn Gell (Doncaster)
- Division 1 Grand Final Series (Harry Wonnacott Medal): Scott McIntyre (Essendon)
- U18 Major League Grand Final (John Viney Perpetual Award): Daniel Page (Waverley)
- U16 Major League Grand Final (Angus McPherson Memorial Award): Max Barrett (Cheltenham)
- U14 Major League Grand Final (Dick Mason Memorial Award): Cooper Goodman (Waverley)
- U12 Major League Grand Final (Ian Deany Perpetual Award): Liam Evans (Waverley)



### Pitching Awards

- Division 1 (Harry Douglas Memorial Trophy) – John Hussey (Blackburn)
- Division 2 – Adam Rowe (Fitzroy)
- Women's Division 1 – Erin Collins (Doncaster)

### Batting Awards

- Division 1 – Mathew Kent (Melbourne) and Tim Sullivan (Essendon)
- Division 1 Home Run Award – Hayden Dingle (Cheltenham) and Mathew Kent (Melbourne)
- Division 2 – Adam Rowe (Fitzroy)
- Division 2 Home Run Award – Rob Sedin (Moorabbin) and Ricky Wheeler (Berwick)
- Women's Division 1 – Jade Hough (Springvale)

### Recognition Awards

- Years of Service Awards – Greg Howard (BUAV), John Quinn (BUAV)
- Coach of the Year – Nathan Holmes (Geelong Baycats)
- Umpire of the Year – Greg Howard
- Volunteer of the Year – Leanne Gibbons (Geelong), Julie Jones (Essendon)
- Media Award – Lance Jenkinson (Fairfax Community Newspapers)
- Ernie Jones Scholarship Award – Jesse Hunter (Berwick City Cougars)

## 2013 Winter Leagues

### Ballarat Baseball Association

2013 has been a big year in Ballarat Baseball. We have hosted a National Championships for the National Women's and National Youth Women's Championships and now have baseball played over summer.

Ballarat also hosted the Victorian Masters once again. Combined with the National Championships that were hosted 2 weeks earlier, the tournaments have enabled greater usage of the Ballarat baseball precinct.

In turn, exposure to baseball in the Ballarat Region has never been better.

Given recent investment into local facilities, this has allowed the local baseball community to develop closer relationships, both internally and with other external community groups.

Significant gratitude goes to all involved for the running of tournaments.

Another point of interest is the entry of the Ballarat City Brewers into the Summer League 2013/14 season. Across the Ballarat baseball community, participation in a summer competition is seen as pivotal to growth in the area.

In a market where AFL and cricket still run as the predominant sports in both summer and winter, the participation of the Brewers is seen as important in keeping the game in the news in the local region.

Matthew Hayward  
**Secretary**



## **Bendigo Baseball Association Report**

This year the Bendigo Baseball Association almost didn't exist. Our AGM had to be rescheduled and letters and emails were distributed amongst all players and families of both junior and senior divisions. We managed to pull through, with people from various walks of life putting their hands up for committee positions. While it has been a challenging year with a whole new committee learning the ropes, we have persevered and tried to do everything as best as we could. I feel the year has been successful, and of course there are things we would do differently if the particular situation were to arise again, but overall we are still standing and that's what matters.

The Bendigo Baseball Association in 2013 fielded:

- 250 Players, in
- 4 Clubs, in
- 23 Teams, in
- 7 Grades, being A Grade, B Grade, C Grade, Under 16, Under 14, Under 12 and T-ball

This season, Falcons Baseball Club was no longer the main contender for our trophies and awards. Scots Baseball Club, the oldest club in our Association (often referred to as the 'underdogs') proved to be quite a challenge against Falcons in our A Grade competition. After winning our Championship Club Trophy (awarded to the Club with the most wins across all divisions) by only 10 points over Falcons, and the first game of our 3-game finals series, everybody had their doubts about Falcons making it to 14 consecutive premierships. But Falcons pulled through and won the last two games of the finals, taking home the trophy for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Falcons also took home the B Grade trophy and Strathfieldsaye Dodgers claimed the C Grade champion title. Congratulations to all.

Our Association was pleased to host the Under 12 State Winter Championships this year, which brought many families to our beautiful town. The weather for the weekend was unfavourable, but with the help of our volunteers and even members from other associations (thank you very much) to get the grounds playable, we were able to keep playing.

The Board worked extremely hard to ensure the inclusion of all clubs in the running of the Association. However in saying this, extra assistance from more volunteers is always appreciated and welcomed.

2013 saw the Bendigo Baseball Association undergo a rebranding, introducing their new logo. The new logo was decided among 20 designs sent to the Association from students and members of our clubs, entering in the competition.

This year we also had the pleasure of welcoming Ian McKenzie and Phil Box to hold a level 0 umpire training day. A big thanks to them both.

Finally, the Association acknowledges the participation of players and volunteers at the following events:

- University Games on the Gold Coast
- Bendigo Baseball Association Teams at:
  - Masters in Geelong
  - Senior State Winter Championships in Geelong
  - Under 16 State Winter Championships in Wangaratta
  - Under 14 State Winter Championships in Ballarat
  - Under 12 State Winter Championships in Bendigo

## **Premiers**

- A Grade - Falcons
- B Grade - Falcons
- C Grade – Strathfieldsaye Dodgers
- Under 16 - Scots
- Under 14 - Falcons
- Under 12 - Falcons

## **Major Award Winners**

- Championship Club – Scots Baseball Club
- A Grade MVP – Aaron Petri (Scots)
- A Grade Batting – Berin Marchesani (Scots)
- A Grade Pitching (John Newman Award) – Nathan Healey (Falcons)
- Rookie of The Year (Leigh Tuckerman Award) – Brad Huggard (Bendigo East)
- B Grade MVP – Warren Attard (Falcons)
- B Grade Batting - Jonathon Vanderhagen (Falcons)
- B Grade Fielding – Jason Harriage (Falcons)

Cassandra Fuller

**Secretary**

## **Dandenong Baseball Association Report**

Success across the Dandenong Baseball Association (DBA) 2013 competition was spread wide with 7 clubs winning pennants across the seven senior grades, including Dingley taking out the A1 Championship for the first time in 27 years.

Pakenham started in the year in the A1 Grade and had a very successful year. Tragedy struck the Association this year with several passing's which have affected all members near and far. The way the Association, as a whole, has rallied behind each club is very commendable and it definitely shows our Association, and its beliefs within, are binding the playing groups across all clubs to become even closer.

The Executive is planning on bringing the A Grade competition to a 10 team competition with the promotion of Boneo, Moorabbin / Ormond Baseball Clubs. The Association welcomed a new club from Latrobe University into the Women's competition and going forward, the DBA will continue to coordinate the state's only winter competition for women. For the 2014 season we are looking at doubling the number of teams entered to ten.

The DBA in 2013 fielded:

- 1212 players, in
- 56 Senior Men's teams, 6 Women's Teams, and 37 Junior Teams in
- 20 clubs, in
- 12 of grades, being A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, Women's, U/17, U/15, U/13, U/11 and Aussie T-Ball

This year also saw the first lot of Aussie T-Ballers playing in a shortened 10 week program. This saw on average 35 future DBA players running around 3 centres over the 10 week period.

A big thanks to the Cheltenham, Dandenong and Pakenham Baseball Clubs for running this portion of Aussie T-Ball. Hopefully 2014 will bring more numbers in as more schools and localised areas being targeted to increase the total number of players.

DBA again participated in all 2013 State Winter Championships, with Under 12, Under 16 Red and Under 16 Black, and Under 18 teams all finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in each respective tournament. Congratulations to all DBA teams and many thanks to the tournaments hosts and Baseball Victoria in running these events.

### **Premiers**

- A1 - Dingley
- A2 - Dandenong
- B1 - Moorabbin
- B2 - Dandenong
- C1 - Oakleigh
- C2 - Berwick
- Women - Footscray
- Under 17 - Dingley
- Under 15 - Dandenong Gold
- Under 13 – Dandenong
- Under 11 - Frankston

Chris Mayne

**Secretary**

## **Geelong Baseball Association Report**

The GBA continued to thrive as one of the state's progressive winter leagues, drawing senior and junior team entries from the Greater Geelong Area, Werribee, Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat, Colac and Newport.

The GBA boasts some of the best playing facilities in Victoria, with the magnificent Geelong Baseball Complex continuing to attract major events during winter and summer.

The GBA in 2013 fielded:

- 695 players, in
- 45 teams (32 senior and 13 junior), in
- 13 clubs, in
- 7 grades, being A, A Reserve, B, B Reserve, Under 17, Under 14 and Under 12.

In June, Geelong played host to the Baseball Victoria Senior State Winter Championship, another very successful event. The GBA Board expresses its appreciation to Baseball Victoria, officials, umpires and wonderful volunteers from the Guild and Saints clubs for helping making this weekend such a great success.

The GBA again was represented at all junior State Winter Championships, Geelong accredited itself well winning the under 12 and 14 titles. With very credible performances in the under 16 and 18 carnivals

Thank you to all managers, coaches and officials for your involvement with representative teams. Congratulations to all players gaining selection and representing the league with distinction, with special kudos extended to those who were chosen as Most Valuable Players.

This year Barry Mills continue as President with David Crotty his Deputy and the same old stages forming the balance of the Board namely Roland Stott as Treasurer and Don Stephens as Pennant Committee Chairman also Michael Lyons as Umpires Co-ordinator.

### **Premiers**

- |                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| • A Grade - Guild    | • Under 17 - Guild         |
| • A Reserves - Lara  | • Under 14 - Newport       |
| • B Grade - Guild    | • Under 12 – Bacchus Marsh |
| • B Reserves - Colac |                            |

### Major Award Winners

- Club Champion (Alex Everett Trophy) - Guild
- A Grade MVP (A.E. Gear Trophy) – Chris Webb (Deakin)
- A Grade Best Batting Avg. (Neville McPherson Trophy) – T Snarey (0.512, Guild)
- A Grade Best Pitching ERA (Col King Trophy) – S Murry (2.27; Bellarine)
- A Reserve MVP (L.G. Howell Trophy) – M Reid (Colac)
- B Grade MVP (Gordon McKay Trophy) – N Yates (Alfredton)
- B Reserve MVP (Artie Murrells Trophy) – A Britton (Guild)
- Under 17 MVP – J Buzza (Guild)
- Under 14 MVP – C Cox (Bacchus Marsh)
- Under 12 MVP - Jarryd Wood (Guild)

Tony McPherson

**Executive Officer**





## **Latrobe Valley Baseball Association Report**

The Latrobe Valley Baseball Association in 2013 fielded:

- 4 teams in A Grade,
- 5 teams in B and C Grades
- 4 teams in Under 16s
- 5 teams in Under 13s
- 4 teams in T Ball

Our Association had a successful season again with excellent cooperation among clubs and some surprising results in the finals. More umpires from Melbourne gave us quality umpires on a consistent basis behind the plate and on the bases.

Some clubs have faced difficulty in fielding junior teams on a consistent basis and although this improved this year, we still struggle to have junior teams in all age groups across our five clubs. This has now impacted our competition to the extent that one club is no longer able to field an A Grade side. We also have many double ups in junior age groups in order to keep teams playing games on a weekly basis.

Our senior representative team came 5<sup>th</sup> in the State Winter Championships and was able to compete well with most of the Division One teams at the tournament. We did not do as well in the junior divisions, as we only fielded an Under 12 team. This has been our first failure to enter teams in other age groups and is a result in our dropping numbers.

We again held a very successful Gippsland Championship tournament. More teams competed than did in the past few seasons. The winner was Dandenong, they defeated Berwick in the final.

### **Premiers:**

A Grade Moe/Newborough

B Grade Moe/Newborough

C Grade Traralgon

U/16 Traralgon

U/13 Traralgon

### **All Stars:**

Brad Adams, Dale Simpson, Josh Graham, Owen Godenzi, Matt Hardy, John Kus, Nathan Simpson, Brett Sharp, Nathan Robinson, and Luke Hornstra.

**MVP:** Nathan Simpson

**Umpire of the Year:** Ian Wannan

Thanks to our major sponsor IPM GDF Suez and to all of the clubs who hosted finals and championships.

Duane Baker

**Secretary**

## **Melbourne Winter Baseball League Report**

The 2013 season for the MWBL continued on from the great successes from previous years and again saw another increase in participation with 106 senior team in 11 grades from 28 clubs and 51 junior teams in 9 grades (2/U17, 3/U15, 4/U13), from 19 clubs.

This was a success driven by the hard work of the current MWBL Board, but more importantly the hard work of the clubs and their volunteers.

Our junior participation was again strong, and welcomed the inclusion of Cheltenham in the Under 17 competition.

The MWBL in 2013 fielded:

- 2,039 players, in 11 senior grades and 9 junior grades
- 157 teams, plus Teeball and Rookie Ball programs
- 29 clubs
- 20 grades in total (A, A Reserve, B, B Reserve, C, C Reserve, D, D Reserve, D2, EL, EE, Under 17 Div 1 and 2, Under 15 - Combined Competition, Diamond Valley, Ringwood District
- Under 13 Major and Minor grades
- In addition the senior men's competition saw the number of participating Clubs in our B grade rise from 10 to 12. Whilst this led to a slightly unbalanced draw it is encouraging that clubs want to move into this promotional grade when only a few years ago we were struggling to have 6 Clubs in this competition.

We have continued to bring the playing rules of the winter competition more in line with those of the summer League. However, as we play timed games and also restricted with daylight it is not possible to align all the rules. We also undertook to revamp our reported players and tribunal processes. This is in line with most other sporting leagues where the best practice is using a Match Review Panel (MRP) to deal with a certain level of offence and by the use of a summary of offences offers are made to the report person. It is vital that the MRP process is totally separate and independent of the normal Tribunal so that the reported player is given access to natural and equitable justice.

As part of this process our by-laws have been revamped to reflect this process and we installed a new and totally independent tribunal. Thanks to Matt Nichol for the great amount of work he undertook in getting the project off the ground and the re-writing of the By-laws and playing rules as well as well as Darrell Holden for running the MRP and Tim Smith the Tribunal.

We continued to provide and fund a Level 0 umpiring course; which is directed at club players and volunteers, offering a pathway to become an appointed MWBL umpire or BUAV accredited umpire. However, more importantly it gives attendees a better insight into the rules and process within baseball. In addition it also assists those players in lower grades to assist each other when official league umpires are not available. Over the past 3 years we have had 55 participants complete this course, with a number them then completing the recent Level 1 course ran by the BUAV.

Junior recruitment and retention is and continues to be a key priority for the MWBL. Since 2008, we have been putting significant resources into the recruitment processes for all of our clubs. Since that time we have seen an approximate increase in junior teams of about 20%. It is also significant that we have also seen a similar increase in the number of senior teams, with an expansion of our lower grades. Our junior strategic committee continues to operate and both junior groups work significantly closer and more effectively together.

This season we appointed Sally Heppleston, as our media liaison person. Sally was responsible for a consistent MWBL presence in local metro media -particularly in Leader publications and as a result we had over 30 articles appear in these local papers over the winter season period. This process is a great tool which a lot of our Clubs are yet to take full advantage of to increase awareness of their activities.

Again, a successful winter campaign for our representative teams, with all levels and age groups performing well. Ringwood and District Senior team again won the Division 1 senior winter championship with Diamond Valley being the runner up. The City League team won the Division 2 senior winter championship. In order to increase awareness and facilitate a better process, the Board has taken the opportunity to re-appoint the three managers from this year to operate the teams for next year. This will give the various managers time to plan and organise; as well as encourage players to participate instead of the usual last minute run around.

We were very competitive in all junior levels, winning titles in a number of grades as well as entering multiple teams in all but one grade. The MWBL Board would like to pass on our thanks to the BV Winter Committee, and to all our senior and junior representative teams, coaches, EO, scorers, players and supporters.

We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the following contributors:

- Slade Squires from SSS Computers
- Ben Utting from Ausport
- Tim Smith from Highway Press
- Craig Dykes from Mystique Printing
- Sally Heppleston - MWBL Media Officer
- Doug Bartlett and the MWBL Umpires panel
- Tim Smith and the other Tribunal members
- Gary Mack and the MWBL pennant committee members
- Our junior committees and delegates
- All the hardworking volunteers at all our clubs that contribute on a weekly basis
- Baseball Victoria staff

In closing, I would sincerely thank the hardworking members of the MWBL, at all levels, but closest to my role, the MWBL Board – Matt Nichol, John King, Phil Barclay, and Mark LeGrew Gary Mack and our administrator, David Rice.

It takes exceptional commitment to grow a league at the rate the MWBL has over the years, and I hope that this increase in participation continues at the same rate. We are one of the biggest leagues in Australia and in fact are bigger than most State Leagues in other states.

Like all sporting leagues, there is a turnover of committees, and this is no different for the MWBL. We all wish this new board all the best for 2014.

#### PREMIERS

- A Grade - Heathmont
- A Reserve - Heathmont
- B Grade - Essendon
- B Reserve – Melbourne University
- C Grade – Wheelers Hill
- C Reserve – North Balwyn
- D Grade – Mitchell Majors
- D Reserve - Footscray
- D2 Grade - Waverley
- EL Grade - Waverley
- EE Grade – Monash University
- Under 17 Div 1 - Cheltenham
- Under 17 Div 2 - Greensborough/Diamond Creek
- MWBL Combined Under 15 - Waverley
- Under15 (DVJBA) - Essendon
- Under15 (RDJBL) – North Balwyn
- Under13 Major (DVBJA) – Greenhills Montmorency
- Under13 Major (RD) – Forest Hill
- Under13 Minors Div 1 (RD) – Waverley Red
- Under 13 Minors Div 2 (RD) – Forest Hill Navy

#### 2013 MVP Award Winners

- A Grade - Leigh McKay (Research)
- A Reserves – Liam Davine (Greensborough)
- B Grade – Edward Buzzachero
- B Reserves – Ryan Sauer (Melbourne University)
- C Grade – William Wenborn (Panton Hill)
- C Reserves – Shannon Williams (Watsonia)
- D Grade – Brent Lyons (Footscray)
- D Reserve – Thilina Fernando (Research)
- D2 Grade - Douglas Moore (Ringwood)
- EL Grade – Philip L’Hullier (Greenhills Montmorency)
- EE Grade – Tyke Healy (Watsonia)

Peter Dihm

**President**

## **North Eastern Baseball Association Report**

NEBA conducted a 7 team/16 round competition.

The NEBA in 2013 fielded:

- 111 players, in
- 7 teams, in
- 5 clubs, in
- 2 grades, being A Grade and B Grade

Premiers

- A Grade - NASC Bears
- B Grade - Wodonga Warriors

Major Award Winners

- A Grade Best and Fairest: Tom Simmons (NASC Bears)
- B Grade Best and Fairest: Jesse Griffiths (Wodonga Warriors)

### **NEBA Executive**



## Sunraysia Baseball League Report

The League has again experienced a season that was comparable with the past few years. Senior player numbers remained approximately the same, but junior numbers were down slightly.

The 2013 season saw the withdrawal of the Red Cliffs Tigers from C Grade, Hawks reduced their C Grade commitment to one team and Wanderers introduced a second team to B Grade.

In 2013 the League consisted of the following

- 168 senior players, 238 junior players, in
- 39 teams, (16 Seniors and 23 Juniors)
- 5 senior clubs and 5 junior clubs
- 8 grades, being A Grade (5 teams), B Grade (6 teams), C Grade (5 teams), Under 16's (5 teams), Under 14's (4 teams), Under 12's (5 teams), Under 10's (3 teams) and Under 8's (6 teams).

The League representative sides gained considerable success in BV Championships with the Senior team being Division 2 Runners-up, the Under 18 team came 4<sup>th</sup> in their Division, the U/16 team won their Country Division, and the Under 14 and the Under 12 teams also won their Country Divisions.

We were again represented in the SACBA Championships on the first weekend in October by a senior team, an Under 17 team, 2 Under 15 teams and a Sunraysia Academy of Sport Under 17 team. The senior side won their seventh straight title, the Under 17 Academy team won their Division with the Sunraysia team being Runners-up. The Under 15 teams finished 2nd and 3rd. Once again this was a very successful weekend for Sunraysia baseball.

The results of the 2013 season are as follows:

### PREMIERS

- A Grade - Eagles
- B Grade - Hawks
- C Grade – Hawks
- Under 16 – Saints
- Under 14 - Eagles
- Under 12 - Wanderers
- Under 10 - Wanderers
- Under 8 - Saints

### **Major Award Winners**

MVP (Ian Bishop Medal)      Charlie Ashcroft (Hawks)

### **Best Player Awards**

A Grade	Jedd Miller (Eagles)	Under 16	Cameron Edwards (Tornadoes)
B Grade	Taylor Pay (Eagles)	Under 14	Mason Clavell (Eagles)
C Grade	Tyler McPhee (Hawks)		

Rookie of the Year (Geoff Brown Award) Kane Razis (Saints)

Best Players in BV Senior Championships (Trevor Rogers Award) Jedd Miller (Eagles), Charlie Ashcroft (Hawks), Matthew Gee (Tornadoes)

Best Player in 2012 SACBA Senior Championships (Peter Wade Award) Michael Wade (Hawks)

### **Baseball Victoria**

Winter Senior Championships MVP Adam Bell (Eagles)

Winter Under 18 Championships MVP Matthew Hren (Wanderers)

Winter Under 16 Championships MVP Dalton Probert (Hawks)

Winter Under 14 Championships MVP Mason Clavell (Eagles)

Winter Under 12 Championships MVP Raiden Wakefield (Saints)

### **SACBA Championships**

MVP Seniors Matthew Gee (Tornadoes)

MVP Under 17 Academy team Jordan McBain (Saints)

MVP Under 17 Sunraysia team Liam Christian (Eagles)

MVP Under 15 (White team) Mason Clavell (Eagles)

MVP Under 15 (Team No. 2) Lachlan Jaensch (Eagles)

The league wishes to acknowledge all the club sponsors and supporters for their assistance and contributions during the year. The league values their support immensely.

We consider that the 2013 season was once again a success, and look forward to 2014 with confidence that we will again have support for another favourable year.

Ian Bishop  
**Secretary**

## Tournament Results

### 2013 Senior State Winter Championships

Hosted by Geelong Baseball Association (Geelong Baseball Centre), 8 - 10 June 2013

#### Group A

Diamond Valley	7	vs	Bendigo	3
Bendigo	2	vs	Dandenong	8
Diamond Valley	10	vs	Latrobe Valley	5
Latrobe Valley	1	vs	Dandenong	11
Bendigo	4	vs	Latrobe Valley	9
Dandenong	2	vs	Diamond Valley	6

#### Group B

City	7	vs	North Eastern	9
North Eastern	4	vs	Ringwood	9
Sunraysia	10	vs	City	16
Geelong	10	vs	North Eastern	0
Ringwood	9	vs	Sunraysia	5
Ringwood	6	vs	Geelong	6
City	1	vs	Ringwood	11
Sunraysia	6	vs	Geelong	11
Geelong	0	vs	City	10
North Eastern	16	vs	Sunraysia	4

#### **Division 2 Play-offs**

City	6	vs	Bendigo	3
Bendigo	1	vs	Sunraysia	5

#### **Division 1 Play-offs**

Dandenong	8	vs	Latrobe Valley	2
Geelong	16	vs	North Eastern	2
Diamond Valley	11	vs	Dandenong	3
Latrobe Valley	6	vs	North Eastern	1
Ringwood	5	vs	Geelong	0

#### Champions

- Division 1 - Ringwood
- Division 2 – City (MWBL)



## 2013 Under 18 State Winter Championships

Hosted by Sunraysia Baseball League (Mildura), 6-7 July 2013

### Round Robin

Dandenong Geelong	7	vs	Ringwood	7
Diamond Valley		vs	Bye	
Geelong	7	vs	Sunraysia	1
Geelong	6	vs	Diamond Valley	3
Ringwood		vs	Bye	
Sunraysia	3	vs	Dandenong	9
Dandenong	3	vs	Geelong	0
Diamond Valley	5	vs	Ringwood	6
Sunraysia		vs	Bye	
Dandenong		vs	Bye	
Ringwood	8	vs	Geelong	7
Sunraysia	7	vs	Diamond Valley	5
Diamond Valley	10	vs	Dandenong	4
Geelong		vs	Bye	
Ringwood	7	vs	Sunraysia	1

### Champions

- Division 1 - Ringwood

## 2013 Under 16 State Winter Championships

Hosted by North Eastern Baseball Association (Wangaratta), 27–28 July 2013

### Division 1

Dandenong Red	4	vs	Diamond Valley Black	3
Geelong	2	vs	Ringwood Black	12
Geelong	3	vs	Dandenong Red	5
Ringwood Black	9	vs	Diamond Valley Black	8
Dandenong Red	5	vs	Ringwood Black	5
Diamond Valley Black	6	vs	Geelong	2
Diamond Valley Black	0	vs	Dandenong Red	0
Ringwood Black	12	vs	Geelong	1
Dandenong Red	7	vs	Geelong	0
Diamond Valley Black	7	vs	Ringwood Black	4
Geelong	5	vs	Diamond Valley Black	3
Ringwood Black	7	vs	Dandenong Red	5

### Division 2

Dandenong Black	5	vs	Bendigo	1
Diamond Valley Red	3	vs	Ringwood Green	12
Sunraysia		vs	Bye	
Bendigo		vs	Bye	
Ringwood Green	5	vs	Dandenong Black	10
Sunraysia	6	vs	Diamond Valley Red	5
Bendigo	7	vs	Ringwood Green	3
Dandenong Black	7	vs	Sunraysia	6
Diamond Valley Red		vs	Bye	
Diamond Valley Red	8	vs	Dandenong Black	6
Ringwood Green		vs	Bye	
Sunraysia	11	vs	Bendigo	1
Bendigo	18	vs	Diamond Valley Red	3
Dandenong Black		vs	Bye	
Ringwood Green	2	vs	Sunraysia	8

### Champions

- Division 1 – Ringwood Black
- Division 2 – Sunraysia

## 2013 Under 14 State Winter Championships

Hosted by Ballarat Baseball Association (Ballarat), 29-30 June 2013

### Round Robin

Bendigo		vs	Bye	
Dandenong Red	9	vs	Dandenong Black	11
Diamond Valley	2	vs	Ringwood	10
Sunraysia	6	vs	Geelong	13
Bendigo	17	vs	Dandenong Black	7
Diamond Valley	4	vs	Dandenong Red	10
Geelong	11	vs	Ringwood	4
Sunraysia		vs	Bye	
Bendigo	2	vs	Diamond Valley	9
Dandenong Black	7	vs	Sunraysia	9
Dandenong Red	3	vs	Geelong	12
Ringwood		vs	Bye	
Dandenong Red		vs	Bye	
Diamond Valley	4	vs	Sunraysia	17
Geelong	16	vs	Bendigo	3
Ringwood	6	vs	Dandenong Black	4
Dandenong Black	13	vs	Diamond Valley	7
Dandenong Red	1	vs	Ringwood	2
Geelong		vs	Bye	
Sunraysia	8	vs	Bendigo	6
Dandenong Black	3	vs	Geelong	14
Diamond Valley		vs	Bye	
Ringwood	14	vs	Bendigo	5
Sunraysia	8	vs	Dandenong Red	10
Bendigo	6	vs	Dandenong Red	12
Dandenong Black		vs	Bye	
Geelong	3	vs	Diamond Valley	2
Ringwood	13	vs	Sunraysia	4

### Champions

- Division 1 - Geelong
- Division 2 - Sunraysia

## 2013 Under 12 State Winter Championships

Hosted by Bendigo Baseball Association (Eaglehawk), 20-21 July 2013

### Round 1:

Washed out

Diamond Valley	10	vs	Latrobe Valley	9
Geelong	14	vs	Bendigo	3
Ringwood	3	vs	Dandenong	11
Sunraysia		vs	(bye)	
Bendigo		vs	(bye)	
Dandenong	16	vs	Sunraysia	8
Latrobe Valley	5	vs	Geelong	16
Ringwood	3	vs	Diamond Valley	11
Bendigo	1	vs	Dandenong	16
Diamond Valley	11	vs	Sunraysia	4
Geelong	13	vs	Ringwood	4
Latrobe Valley		vs	(bye)	
Dandenong	8	vs	Diamond Valley	7
Geelong		vs	(bye)	
Latrobe Valley	3	vs	Bendigo	17
Sunraysia	12	vs	Ringwood	14
Bendigo	1	vs	Ringwood	19
Dandenong	7	vs	Geelong	8
Diamond Valley		vs	(bye)	
Sunraysia	17	vs	Latrobe Valley	1
Bendigo	1	vs	Sunraysia	4
Dandenong		vs	(bye)	
Geelong	8	vs	Diamond Valley	5
Ringwood	17	vs	Latrobe Valley	5

### Champions

- City Division - Geelong
- Country Division - Sunraysia

## 2013 State Winter Championships - Most Valuable Players

For 2013, coaches' votes were collected to determine a MVP for each team, replacing the selection of an All-Star team, which was done based on statistics from the tournament.

### Senior Championships

- Brad Muns (Bendigo)
- Bubbie Buzachero (City)
- Grant Irving (Dandenong)
- Michael Formisano (D'Valley)
- Jordan Young (Geelong)
- Luke Hornstra (Latrobe)
- Troy Simmons (North East)
- Andy Mann (Ringwood)
- Adam Bell (Sunraysia)

### Under 18 Championships

- Jack Wills (Dandenong)
- Toby Hope (Diamond Valley)
- James Wood (Geelong)
- Steven Bookluck (Ringwood)
- Matthew Hren (Sunraysia)

### Under 16 Championships

- Tyson Cox-Davies (Bendigo)
- Jack Daniels (Dandenong Red)
- Rhys Butler (Dandenong Black)
- James Brancolino (D'Valley Black)
- Alex McCormick (D'Valley Red)
- Liam Spence (Geelong)
- Oliver Dunn (Ringwood Black)
- Adam Pahos (Ringwood Green)
- Dalton Probert (Sunraysia)

### Under 14 Championships

- Tom Morrison (Bendigo)
- Aidan Willis (Dandenong Red)
- Lucas Taylor (Dandenong Black)
- William Cookson (Diamond Valley)
- Kyle Morrison (Geelong)
- Jarryd Dale (Ringwood)
- Mason Clavell (Sunraysia)

### Under 12 Championships

- Mason Wakefield (Bendigo)
- Joel Croft (Dandenong)
- Zak Kallis (Diamond Valley)
- Jarryd Wood (Geelong)
- Reagan Crockford (Latrobe Valley)
- Zach Busch (Ringwood)
- Raiden Wakefield (Sunraysia)

## 2013 State Little League Championships

Hosted by Werribee Giants Baseball Club, 24-26 January 2013

### Single Round Robin

Bellarine Rays	12	vs	Sunraysia	10
Southern Mariners	7	vs	Northern Diamondbacks	4
Yarra Rangers	11	vs	Western Mets	1
Bellarine Rays	2	vs	Yarra Rangers	20
Sunraysia	6	vs	Northern Diamondbacks	23
Western Mets	12	vs	Southern Mariners	17
Northern Diamondbacks	19	vs	Western Mets	9
Southern Mariners	18	vs	Bellarine Rays	8
Yarra Rangers	16	vs	Sunraysia	6
Bellarine Rays	2	vs	Northern Diamondbacks	13
Sunraysia	15	vs	Western Mets	2
Yarra Rangers	11	vs	Southern Mariners	10
Northern Diamondbacks	2	vs	Yarra Rangers	8
Western Mets	2	vs	Bellarine Rays	12

### Qualifying Play-off

Southern Mariners	24	vs	Northern Diamondbacks	16
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### Champions qualify for the 2013 National Little League Championship

- Yarra Rangers – Metropolitan Champions
- Sunraysia - Country Champions
- Southern Mariners

# State Representatives

## Senior Teams

**2013 National Women's Championships, Ballarat VIC, 29 March-5 April 2013**

### Victoria Blue Team

- Leslie Anglin (Newport and Footscray)
- Victoria Brown (Port Melbourne)
- Belinda Cannington (Doncaster)
- Amy Collins (Doncaster)
- Erin Collins (Doncaster and Fitzroy)
- Bronwyn Gell (Doncaster and Essendon)
- Samantha Hamilton (Doncaster)
- Ursula Howard (Malvern)
- Shae Lillywhite (Springvale)
- Shirlie Loon (Springvale)
- Kelly Manzie-Novotny (Springvale)
- Amy McCann (Doncaster)
- Cecilia McIntosh (Doncaster)
- Paris Penny (Doncaster)
- Catherine Row (Springvale)
- Alisa Stokes (Doncaster)
- Simone Wearne (Head Coach)
- Jade Hough (Coach)

### Victoria White Team

- Erin Collis (Doncaster)
- Janine Cavanagh (Springvale)
- Vanessa Clifford (Doncaster)
- Emma French (Doncaster)
- Ellen Goodrope (Malvern)
- Hannah Jackson (Springvale)
- Jessica Johnson (Malvern)
- Kate Lethborg (Doncaster)
- Rachel Limburg (Melbourne)
- Abbey McLellan (Footscray)
- Georgia Page (Doncaster)
- Michelle Pitman (Springvale)
- Casey Sheldon-Collins (Waverley)
- Georgia Smith (Sandringham)
- Dominique Williams (Melbourne)
- Colin Penny (Head Coach)
- Sean Talbot (Coach)
- Mel Gregory (Coach)



## **Junior Teams**

### **2013 National Under 18/16 Championships, Geelong VIC, 12-20 January 2013**

#### **Victorian U18 Blue Team**

- Benjamin Aslett (Waverley)
- Daniel Beattie (Melbourne and Forest Hill)
- Steven Bookluck (Blackburn and Ringwood)
- Jared Cruz (Essendon and Watsonia)
- Ryan Dale (Waverley and North Balwyn)
- Wesley De Jong (Werribee)
- Jesse Gavin (Blackburn and Dandenong)
- Andrew Hayes (Waverley and Forest Hill)
- Matthew Homfray (Waverley)
- Callum Lethborg (Doncaster)
- Lachlan Madden (Cheltenham and Bonbeach)
- Tommy Maxfield (Waverley and Forest Hill)
- Cameron McNish (Newport and Lara)
- Matthew McQuiggan (Doncaster and GMBC)
- Daniel Page (Waverley)
- Andy Radevski (Geelong and Guild)
- Nathan Rogers (Essendon and Watsonia)
- Thomas Shiels (Melbourne and GMBC)
- Lewis Thorpe (Doncaster and GMBC)
- Jeremy Young (Newport and Lara)
- Kerry Gassner (Head Coach)
- Wade McConnon (Coach)
- Daniel Betreen (Coach)
- Trevor Bird (Executive Officer)

#### **Victorian U18 White Team**

- Daniel Anson (Geelong and Lara)
- Justin Aron (Upwey FTG and Ringwood)
- Mitchell Ellis (Doncaster and GMBC)
- Adrian Fittock (Preston and Greensborough)
- Tyson Foreman (Newport and Deakin)
- Nicholas George (Sandringham and Dingley)
- Jordan Hill (Fitzroy and Greensborough)
- Henry Jones (Malvern and North Balwyn)
- Keal Kingston (Blackburn and Ringwood)
- Harrison Levy (Geelong and Guild)
- Allister Lovelock (Sunshine and Deakin)
- Brayden McConkey (Sandringham and Dingley)
- Evan McPherson (Werribee)
- Andrew Medew (Geelong and Guild)
- Luke Orwin (Waverley)
- Jordan Osborne (Cheltenham)
- Jack Scheffer (Melbourne and North Balwyn)
- Christopher Shafto (Blackburn and Ringwood)
- Scott Simpson (Berwick City)
- Brandon Stenhouse (Cheltenham)
- Marshall Skinner (Head Coach)
- Tony McPherson (Executive Officer)



### **Victorian U16 Blue Team**

- Max Barrett (Cheltenham)
- Lachlan Beasley (Berwick City and Ringwood)
- James Brancolino (Preston and GMBC)
- George Callil (Cheltenham)
- Koji Campitelli (Cheltenham)
- Alexander Clark (Berwick City and Dandenong)
- Marcel d'Avoine (Doncaster and GMBC)
- Jack Enciondo (Cheltenham)
- Daniel Fornito (Essendon and GMBC)
- Jack Giles (Essendon)
- Joseph Hoevener (Melbourne and North Balwyn)
- Mitchell Holding (Cheltenham)
- Tobias Hope (Fitzroy and Watsonia)
- Joshua Lean (Waverley and Cheltenham)
- Samuel Michael (Cheltenham)
- Caleb Poole (Berwick City and Dandenong)
- Emerson Rickard (Geelong and East Belmont)
- Marc Sayers (Essendon)
- Yuta Sekino (Cheltenham)
- Samuel Trend-Beacom (Cheltenham)
- Ron Carothers (Head Coach),
- Russell Ferguson (Coach)
- Phil Balzer (Coach)
- David Zucchet (Executive Officer)

### **Victorian U16 White Team**

- Callum Barnett (Waverley and Mornington)
- Tighe Donnelly (Waverley and Frankston)
- Oliver Dunn (Waverley and Ringwood)
- Riley Hodgson (Blackburn and Ringwood)
- Chase Hodgkinson (Waverley and Ringwood)
- Bradley Homfray (Waverley)
- Steven Hughes (Springvale and Berwick)
- Tyler Huisman (Geelong and Werribee)
- Shoma Ikehata (Essendon and GMBC)
- Andrew Kane (Waverley)
- Edward Kline-Marantelli (Essendon)
- James Lewer (Geelong and Guild)
- Justin Limburg (Melbourne and North Balwyn)
- Naoki Liu (Cheltenham)
- Adam McKenzie (Berwick City and Dandenong)
- Jarrod McQuiggan (Doncaster and GMBC)
- Murad Mohamed (Cheltenham and Dandenong)
- Aaron Ouwehand (Berwick City and Dandenong)
- John Sears (Geelong)
- Joel Stubbs (Berwick City and Dandenong)
- Gavin Young (Head Coach)
- Scott Meager (Coach)
- Jordan Young (Coach)
- Andrew Dunn (Executive Officer)
- Richard Mason (Umpire)
- Peter Eckardt (Umpire)
- Geoff Dunn (Umpire)
- Stephen Legge (Umpire)
- Michael Lyons (Umpire)
- Paul Meissner (Umpire)

- Randall Vavra (Umpire)
- Stewart Cassell (Scorer)
- Leah Hodgson (Scorer)
- Sharyn Hussey (Scorer)
- Fiona Woolger (Scorer)

## **2013 National Under 14 Championships, Canberra ACT, 12-19 January 2013**

### **Victorian U14 Blue Team**

- Alexander Barling (Melbourne and North Balwyn)
- Jordan Barnett (Waverley and Mornington)
- Matthew Beattie (Waverley and Ringwood)
- Justin Burke (Waverley)
- Jordan Busch (Waverley)
- Luke Cartwright (Blackburn and Forest Hill)
- Jarryd Dale (Waverley)
- Samuel Drummond (Springvale and Berwick)
- Jack Dunn (Cheltenham)
- Cooper Goodman (Waverley and Heathmont)
- Rydge Hogan (Springvale and Berwick)
- Jesse Hunter (Berwick City and Dandenong)
- Lachlan Jack (Essendon and Scots)
- Timothy Lane (Sandringham and Dingley)
- William Parsons (Preston and Scots)
- Nathan Picchioni (Sandringham and Dingley)
- Brock Wells (Geelong and Guild)
- Jamie Young (Newport)
- Chris Hodgkinson (Head Coach)
- Troy O'Connor (Coach)
- Chris Rickard (Coach)
- Russell Hodgson (Executive Officer)

### **Victorian U14 White Team**

- Noah Answerth (Cheltenham)
- Harvey Chinn (Waverley and Forest Hill)
- Tiernan Culbert (Waverley and Forest Hill)
- Harvey Edmanson (Melbourne and North Balwyn)
- Angus Edwards (Newport)
- Mitchell Edwards (Fitzroy and Research)
- Jack Fielden (Moorabbin)
- Darcy Harrison (Preston and Scots)
- Blake Hodgson (Blackburn and Ringwood)
- Brendan Kane (Waverley)
- Dylan Lea (Doncaster and GMBC)
- Jake March (Springvale and Berwick Dodgers)
- Liam McGrath (Sandringham and Ormond GH)
- Lachlan Medew (Geelong and Guild)
- Edward Newman (Sandringham)
- Leon Omichi (Waverley and Ringwood)
- Tyler Orwin (Waverley)
- Kalani Vozzo (Springvale and Boneo)
- Chris Harman (Head Coach)
- Barry Fisher (Coach)
- Nathan Aron (Coach)
- Steve Culbert (Executive Officer)
- Jordan Bates (Umpire)
- Denis Dalzotto (Umpire)
- Kim Bride (Scorer)

## **2013 National Under 15 Girls Championships, Ballarat VIC, 28 March - 1 April 2013**

### **Victorian U15 Girls Team**

- Kayla Adams (Sunshine)
- Kirsten Bezzina (Newport)
- Sinead Byrne-Connell (Doncaster and Watsonia)
- Brittney Cedelland (Newport)
- Madeline Davis (Essendon and GMBC)
- Victoria Elliot (Melbourne and North Balwyn)
- Marnie Hehir (Melbourne and North Balwyn)
- Porsha Hung (Preston and Watsonia)
- Peter Avery (Umpire)
- Paul Carthy (Umpire)
- Fiona Glover (Umpire)
- Laurie Treadwell (Umpire)
- Peter Matters (Umpire)
- Abbey Kelly (Essendon and Westgarth)
- Nicole Mether (Upwey FTG and Knox)
- Shannon Kwok (Melbourne and North Balwyn)
- Emma Tkalcevic (Frankston)
- Momoka Yoshida (Melbourne and North Balwyn)
- Ron Copperwaite (Head Coach)
- Sinead Flanigan (Coach)
- Cassandra Shelverton (Coach)
- Kylie Walsh (Executive Officer))
- Bruce Suttor (Umpire)
- Janine Thompson (Umpire)
- Karen Mason (Scorer)
- Emma Medwin (Scorer)

# National Honours and Representatives

## Baseball Australia Diamond Awards

- Travis Blackley (Player of the Year)
- Damian Shanahan (Coach of the Year)

## 2013 MLB Australia Academy Program, Gold Coast QLD

- Ben Aslett (Waverley)
- Max Barrett (Cheltenham)
- Daniel Beattie (Melbourne and Forest Hill)
- George Callil (Cheltenham)
- Jared Cruz (Essendon and Watsonia)
- Marcel d'Avoine (Doncaster and GMBC)
- Andrew Hayes (Waverley and Forest Hill)
- Mitch Holding (Cheltenham)
- Matthew Homfray (Waverley)
- Callum Lethborg (Doncaster)
- Lachlan Madden (Cheltenham and Bonbeach)
- Tommy Maxfield (Waverley and Forest Hill)
- Scott Simpson (Berwick City Cougars)
- Brandon Stenhouse (Cheltenham)
- Matthew Wilson (Waverley and Heathmont)

## Australian Cal Ripken Team - 2013 Cal Ripken World Series, USA

- Nathan Bezzina (Newport)
- Chris Burke (Waverley and North Balwyn)
- Dean Marnell (Head Coach)

## Australian AAA Team - 2013 AA World Championships, Taipai, Taiwan

- Ben Aslett (Waverley)
- Jared Cruz (Essendon and Watsonia)
- Andrew Hayes (Waverley and Forest Hill)
- Lachlan Madden (Cheltenham and Bonbeach)
- Brandon Stenhouse (Cheltenham)
- Lewis Thorpe (Doncaster)
- Damian Shanahan (Assistant Coach)

## 2013 Australian National Women's Camp, Gold Coast QLD

- Amy Collins (Doncaster)
- Bronwyn Gell (Doncaster, Essendon and Watsonia)
- Amy McCann (Doncaster and Westgarth)
- Abbey McLellan (Footscray)
- Erin Peterson (Doncaster and Westgarth)
- Catherine Row (Springvale)
- Casey Sheldon-Collins (Waverley)
- Simone Wearne (Coach)

### **2013 World Baseball Classic**

- James Beresford (Waverley)
- Adam Bright (Blackburn and Ringwood)
- Joshua Davies (Essendon and Research)
- Brad Harman (Upwey FTG and Heathmont)
- Justin Huber (Preston and North Balwyn)
- Shane Lindsay (Essendon and Bacchus Marsh)
- Andrew Russell (Waverley)
- Jon Deeble (Manager)
- Phil Dale (Pitching Coach)
- Graeme Lloyd (Coach)

### **Professional Players**

- James Beresford (Minnesota Twins, AA)
- Travis Blackley (Oakland Athletics, MLB)
- James Brooks (Washington Nationals, R)
- Jared Cruz (Atlanta Braves)
- Ryan Dale (Kansas City Royals)
- Alex Da Silva (Los Angeles Angels, R)
- Darryl George (Tampa Bay Devil Rays, R)
- Sam Gibbons (Minnesota Twins, R)
- Kable Hogben (Arizona Diamondbacks, A)
- Ben Leslie (San Francisco Giants)
- Shae Lillywhite (South Dione, Japan)
- Shane Lindsay (Chicago Cubs/Los Angeles Dodgers, AAA)
- Daniel McGrath (Boston Red Sox)
- Peter Moylan (Atlanta Braves, MLB)
- Andrew Russell (Atlanta Braves, AAA)
- Aaron Sayers (Detroit Tigers)
- Adam Silva (New York Yankees)
- Josh Spence (San Diego Padres, AAA)
- Lewis Thorpe (Minnesota Twins)
- Matthew Wilson (Baltimore Orioles)

## Kangaroos Teams

### 2013 Under 12 Japan Tour, Washimiya Tokyo

- Taj Clayton (Sandringham)
- Matthew Clute (Preston)
- Liam Evans (Waverley)
- Oscar Hargreaves (Preston)
- Jarrod Hosking (Geelong)
- Cameron Jones (Upwey FTG)
- Ben Krieser (Sandringham)
- Harvey Mitchelhill (Melbourne)
- Conor Myles (Malvern)
- Donnie Poole (Berwick)
- Mackenzie Salmon (Melbourne)
- Kaioh Sato (Waverley)
- Zakary Skinner (Preston)
- River Stevens-Dobby (Upwey FTG)
- Blake Townsend (Berwick)
- Cooper Veal (Preston)
- Wayne Pollock (Head Coach)
- Jason Rogers (Coach)
- Yoshi Nakamura (Executive Officer)

### 2013 Under 15 USA Tour, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

- Jarrod Belbin (Preston)
- Michael Brewster (Preston)
- Rhys Butler (Springvale)
- Brian Chen (Doncaster)
- Bailey Cotsis (Moorabbin)
- Hamish Foreman (Preston)
- James Hafey-Bagg (Springvale)
- Blake Hodgson (Blackburn)
- Kere Malachi (Preston)
- Bailey Pearce (Preston)
- George Polley (Geelong)
- Warwick Purchase (Fitzroy)
- Adam Rae (Melbourne)
- Jacob Rizio (Melbourne)
- Stephen Black (Head Coach)
- Ian Hubble (Coach)
- Leonie Black (Executive Officer)



## Honour Rolls

### Victorian Baseball Association Inc. Life Members

1910	Peter McAlister*	1958	George S Heron*
1911	Frank Laver*	1963	RJ (Bob) Black*
1911	FM Russell*	1966	Angus McPherson*
1911	HM Adams*	1970	Ross M Straw*
1911	JS Milford*	1970	RW (Dick) Chapman*
1911	T Smith*	1973	John B Anderson*
1912	Percy B Seyffarth*	1973	Talbot R Hill*
1919	Cam Sellars*	1980	S Doug Chapman*
1920	S Charles Lansdown*	1981	Colin C Miller*
1921	Robert R Hindson*	1982	Jack F Guiliano*
1922	TJ Browne*	1983	WE (Bill) Blanden*
1924	Ernest W Fielder*	1985	David L Went
1926	Leslie F Johnston OBE*	1986	Colin J McKay*
1929	J Bayne Mackay*	1986	Ken CJ Welfare*
1933	HJ Newbound*	1986	Lyn V Straw*
1935	Harry W Francis*	1988	Barry N Smith
1935	Hugh M Gordon*	1988	Graeme B Ainscough
1935	Alfred Beckefeld*	1991	Paul F Collins
1936	Daniel J Chandler*	1991	Ron R Smith*
1941	Percy C Pooley*	1992	Les A Polson
1942	Jack EM Ellis Snr*	2002	Les T Flower
1943	Frederick H Martin*	2004	Beryl Bunting*
1944	GB Mackay*	2004	Rodney Gaunt
1945	Jack T Leckey*	2005	Grant Weir
1947	Ernest H King*	2005	Robert O Blackmore
1948	Wally B Carter*	2006	Jenny Ratcliffe
1949	Reg E Darling*	2006	Peter J Dihm
1955	Keith W Tucker*		* deceased
1956	Tom L Straw*		

### Victorian Provincial Baseball League Life Members

1948	Jack E. M. Ellis* (VBA)	2004	David Rice (VWBL)
1955	William Aitken* (Ballarat)	2004	Graeme Besford (VWBL)
1957	William Harwood* (Ballarat)	2005	Clyde Cumming (LVBA)
1959	Les Olsson* (Dandenong)	2005	Greg Evans (Bendigo)
1964	Ern Gear* (Geelong)	2006	Kath Besford (VWBL)
1965	Ern Blanden* (Ballarat)	2009	Dale Lewis (VWBL)
1966	Roy Shadorth* (Bendigo)	2009	Julie Stephens (Dandenong)
1968	Ern Whykes* (Ballarat)	2009	Michael Stephens (Dandenong)
1974	Robert Luxford* (Dandenong)		* deceased
1976	Ron Clack* (Ballarat)		
1986	John O'Brien* (Dandenong)		
1999	Michael O'Brien (Geelong)		
2001	Terry Cox (Ballarat)		

## Baseball Victoria Life Members

2009 Jason Blair

## Office Bearers

### Victorian Baseball League

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1890	Mr J. C. Williamson	
1891	Mr J. C. Williamson	
1892	Mr J. C. Williamson	
1893	Mr J. C. Williamson	
1894	Mr J. C. Williamson	
1895	Mr J. C. Williamson	
1896	Major B. J. Wardill	
1897	Major B. J. Wardill	
1898	Major B. J. Wardill	
1899	Mr J. S. Milford	C. Nodrum
1900	Mr J. S. Milford	C. Nodrum
1901	Mr J. S. Milford	C. Nodrum
1902	Mr J. S. Milford	C. Nodrum
1903	Mr J. S. Milford	C. Nodrum
1904	Mr J. S. Milford	P. B. Seyffarth
1905	Mr J. S. Milford	P. B. Seyffarth
1906	Mr J. S. Milford	P. B. Seyffarth
1907	Major B. J. Wardill	P. B. Seyffarth
1908	Major B. J. Wardill	P. B. Seyffarth
1909	Major B. J. Wardill	P. B. Seyffarth
1910	Mr J. S. Milford	P. B. Seyffarth
1911	Mr J. S. Milford	P. B. Seyffarth
1912	Mr J. S. Milford	C. Sellars
1913	Mr J. S. Milford	C. Sellars
1914	Mr J. S. Milford	C. Sellars
1915	Mr F. Laver	C. S. Tanner
1916	Mr F. Laver	C. S. Tanner
1917	Mr F. Laver	C. S. Tanner
1918	Mr F. Laver	C. S. Tanner
1919	Mr F. Laver	C. S. Tanner
1920	Mr A. W. Hayes	C. S. Tanner
1921	Mr A. W. Hayes	C. S. Tanner
1922	Mr A. W. Hayes	C. J Easey
1923	Mr A. W. Hayes	C. J Easey
1924	Mr R. R. Hindson	N. Curry

### Victorian Baseball Union

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1915	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars
1916	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars



1917	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars
1918	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars
1919	Mr. D. J. Chandler	C. Sellars/H. W. Francis
1920	Mr. D. J. Chandler	H. W. Francis
1921	Mr. D. J. Chandler	H. W. Francis
1922	Mr. D. J. Chandler	H. W. Francis
1923	Mr. E. W. Fielder	C.S Tanner
1924	Mr. E. W. Fielder	C.S Tanner

### **Victorian Baseball Council**

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1920	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1921	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1922	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey

### **Victorian Baseball Association**

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1922	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1923	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1924	Mr. L. F. Johnston	P. C. Pooley

### **Victorian Baseball Association (New Body)**

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1925	Mr. L. F. Johnston	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1926	Mr. L. F. Johnston	Mr. P. C. Pooley/Gordon
1927	Mr. L. F. Johnston	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1928	Mr. L. F. Johnston/Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1929	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1930	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1931	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1932	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1933	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1934	Mr. R. R. Hindson	H. M. Gordon/Pooley
1935	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1936	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1937	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1938	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1939	Mr. R. R. Hindson/King	Mr. P. C. Pooley/Darling
1940	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1941	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1942	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1943	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1944	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1945	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1946	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1947	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1948	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1949	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling

1950	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1951	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1952	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1953	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1954	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1955	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1956	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1957	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1958	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1959	Mr. R. E. Darling	Mr. R. J. Black
1960	Mr. J. E. M. Eliis	Mr. R. J. Black
1961	Mr. J. E. M. Eliis	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1962	Mr. J. E. M. Eliis	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1963	Mr. R. Bowtell	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1964	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. G. Webster
1965	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. G. Webster
1966	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. G. Webster
1967	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. J. L. Goldsworthy
1968	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. J. L. Goldsworthy
1969	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. G. Benney
1970	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. G. Benney
1971	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. T. R. Hill
1972	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. T. R. Hill
1973	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1974	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1975	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1976	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1977	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1978	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1979	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1980	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1981	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1982	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1983	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Administrator</i>
1984	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1985	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. J. Ballard
1986	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. J. Ballard
1987	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. J. Ballard
1988	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. B. Mannion

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Executive Director</i>
1989	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. B. Mannion
1990	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Oxworth (Act.)
1991	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
1992	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
1993	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower

1994	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
1995	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
1996	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
1997	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
1998	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
1999	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
2000	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
2001	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
2002	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower/Williams
2003	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. P. J. Williams/Dawes
2004	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Dawes
2005	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Dawes
2006	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Dawes/S. Oxworth/Walker
<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>CEO</i>
2007	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Walker/Nash
2008	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Nash

## Baseball Victoria

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>CEO</i>
2009	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr S. Nash
2010	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr B. W. Hidson
2011	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr B. W. Hidson
2012	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr B. W. Hidson
2013	Mr. C. Crameri	Mr B. W. Hidson (resigned April) Mr. N. Price (appointed July)

Corrections have been included from the previous Annual Report. All efforts have been made to ensure all details are correct. Should details require correction, please contact the CEO.



**Baseball Victoria  
Incorporated**

**ABN 78 603 120 057**

Financial report  
For the year ended 30 June 2013

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**COMMITTEES' REPORT**

The committee members present their report together with the financial report of Baseball Victoria Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2013 and auditor's report thereon. This financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

## **Committee members names**

The names of the committee members in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Clayton Crameri

Fiona McNabb Resigned 30 June 2013

Brett Hidson Resigned 13 April 2013

Stephen Thomson

Shaun Graf

Sheila Nguyen

Scott Dawes

The committee members have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

## **Results**

The surplus of the association for the year after providing for income tax amounted to \$41,061.

## **Review of operations**

The association continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

## **Significant changes in state of affairs**

There were no significant changes in the association's state of affairs that occurred during the financial year, other than those referred to elsewhere in this report.

## **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the association during the year was to facilitate and promote baseball in Victoria.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**COMMITTEES' REPORT**

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee.

Committee member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clayton Crameri



Committee member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen Thomson



Dated            November 2013



## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Revenue	5	<u>1,389,912</u>	<u>1,401,596</u>
	5	<u>1,389,912</u>	<u>1,401,596</u>
<b>Less: expenses</b>			
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(16,491)	(6,021)
Employee benefits expense		(274,494)	(270,413)
Finance costs		(1,599)	(1,674)
Administration expenses		(71,170)	(90,965)
Senior state team expenses		(72,253)	(41,247)
Under 12 development program expenses		(89,436)	(159,450)
Junior state team expenses		(284,890)	(291,204)
ABF, registration and insurance expenses		(183,677)	(165,806)
Umpire expenses		(115,446)	(116,438)
Development expenses		(86,619)	(107,743)
Bad and doubtful debts		(17,282)	(1,818)
Motor vehicle expenses		(12,192)	(16,292)
Other competition expenses		(65,096)	(57,197)
Other expenses		<u>(58,206)</u>	<u>(65,331)</u>
		<u>(1,348,851)</u>	<u>(1,391,599)</u>
<b>Surplus before income tax expense</b>		41,061	9,997
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u>-</u>	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<u>41,061</u>	<u>9,997</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
**ABN 78 603 120 057**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2013**

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cashequivalents	6	131,176	71,895
Receivables	7	140,047	126,178
Other assets	11	<u>42,771</u>	<u>23,233</u>
<b>Total currentassets</b>		<u>313,994</u>	<u>221,306</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Inventories	8	14,200	4,570
Intangible assets	10	2,000	2,000
Plant and equipment	9	51,931	32,158
Other assets	11	<u>51,467</u>	<u>52,236</u>
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<u>119,598</u>	<u>90,964</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>433,592</u>	<u>312,270</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	12	32,041	34,557
Borrowings	13	16,122	14,655
Provisions	14	7,426	12,829
Other liabilities	15	<u>104,168</u>	<u>46,862</u>
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>159,757</u>	<u>108,903</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	13	30,749	-
Provisions	14	2,722	2,722
Other liabilities	15	<u>50,894</u>	<u>52,236</u>
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<u>84,365</u>	<u>54,958</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>244,122</u>	<u>163,861</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>189,470</u></u>	<u>148,409</u>
<b>Members funds</b>			
Accumulated surplus		<u>189,470</u>	<u>148,409</u>
<b>Total members funds</b>		<u><u>189,470</u></u>	<u>148,409</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED  
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Accumulated Surplus \$
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2011</b>	138,412
Surplus for the year	<u>9,997</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<u>9,997</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2012</b>	<u>148,409</u>
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2012</b>	148,409
Surplus for the year	<u>41,061</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<u>41,061</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2013</b>	<u>189,470</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**

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**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers		1,521,959	1,487,827
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,459,126)	(1,491,909)
Interest received		6,476	9,555
Finance costs		<u>(1,599)</u>	<u>(1,674)</u>
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	16(b)	<u>67,710</u>	<u>3,799</u>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		14,000	-
Payment for property, plant and equipment		<u>(53,881)</u>	<u>(10,545)</u>
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(39,881)</u>	<u>(10,545)</u>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings		36,000	-
Motor vehicle finance repayments		<u>(15,654)</u>	<u>(8,222)</u>
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>20,346</u>	<u>(8,222)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of cash</b>			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		71,895	86,863
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		<u>48,175</u>	<u>(14,968)</u>
<b>Cash at end of financial year</b>	16(a)	<u><u>120,070</u></u>	<u>71,895</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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## NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012 (and its associated Regulations). The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

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

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) Basis of preparation of the financial report

#### *Compliance with IFRS*

The financial statements of the association comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

#### *Historical Cost Convention*

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets as described in the accounting policies.

### (b) Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of services 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 the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

### (c) Income tax

The Association has self-assessed to be exempt from income tax pursuant to Section 50.45 of the *Australian Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and thus is not liable for any income tax, and accordingly no provision for income tax has been raised.

### (d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and at banks, short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less held at call with financial institutions, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

## NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (e) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

### (f) Plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

#### *Plant and equipment*

Plant and equipment is measured on a cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from 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 been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

#### *Depreciation*

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Land and the land component of any class of fixed asset is not depreciated.

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates	Depreciation basis
Motor vehicles at cost	25%	Diminishing value
Office equipment at cost	35 - 67%	Diminishing value

### (g) Intangibles

#### *Patents, trademarks and licences*

Patents, trademarks and licences are recognised at cost and are amortised over their estimated useful lives. They are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses.

### (h) Impairment

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.

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## NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (i) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an out flow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

### (j) 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.

#### Finance Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the association are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised, recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. The interest expense is calculated using the interest rate implicit in the lease and is included in finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income. Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the association will obtain ownership of the asset, or over the term of the lease. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

#### Operating leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

### (k) Employee benefits

#### *(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations*

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual 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. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

#### *(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations*

Liabilities arising in respect of long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date 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.

## NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (k) Employee benefits (Continued)

Employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

### (l) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs can include interest, amortisation of discounts or premiums relating to borrowings, ancillary costs incurred in connection with arrangement of borrowings, foreign exchange losses net of hedged amounts on borrowings.

Borrowing costs incurred as part of the cost of the construction of a qualifying asset are capitalised until the asset is ready for its intended use or sale.

### (m) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

## NOTE 2: ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT OPERATIVE AT 30 JUNE 2013

The following standards and interpretations have been issued at the reporting date but are not yet effective. The committee members' assessment of the impact of these standards and interpretations is set out below.

(a) AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* and AASB 2011-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13* (effective 1 January 2013)

AASB 13 introduces a fair value framework for all fair value measurements in the full suite of accounting standards. This standard explains how to measure fair value and aims to enhance fair value disclosures. The association is currently assessing which, if any of its current measurement techniques will have to change as a result of the new standard. However, it is not yet possible to provide a reliable estimate of the impact, if any, of these new rules on any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements. However, application of the new standard will impact the type of information disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

The association does not expect to adopt the new standards before their operative date. They would therefore be first applied in the financial statements for the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2014.

Other standards and interpretations have been issued at the reporting date but are not yet effective. When adopted, these standards and interpretations are likely to impact on the financial information presented, however the assessment of impact has not yet been completed.



## NOTE 3: CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgements are based on past performance and management's expectation for the future.

## NOTE 4: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The association is exposed to a variety of financial risks comprising:

- (a) Interest rate risk
- (b) Credit risk

The members of the committee have overall responsibility for identifying and managing operational and financial risks.

### (a) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates.

The association's exposure to interest rate risk in relation to future cashflows and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

#### 2013

Financial instruments	Interest bearing	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount	Weighted average effective interest rate
	\$	\$	\$	
<i>Financial assets</i>				
Cash	131,076	100	131,176	2.7 % Floating
Debtors	-	133,987	133,987	0.0 %
Other receivables	-	6,060	6,060	0.0 %
	<u>131,076</u>	<u>140,147</u>	<u>271,223</u>	
<i>Financial liabilities</i>				
Bank overdraft	-	11,106	11,106	0.0 %
Creditors	-	358	358	0.0 %
Leases	35,765	-	35,765	9.3 % Fixed
Other payables	-	31,683	31,683	0.0 %
	<u>35,765</u>	<u>43,147</u>	<u>78,912</u>	

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## NOTE 4: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### (a) Interest rate risk(Continued)

2012

Financial instruments	Interest bearing	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount	Weighted average effective interest rate
	\$	\$	\$	
<i>Financial assets</i>				
Cash	54,601	14,933	69,534	2.6 % Floating
Debtors	-	116,921	116,921	0.0 %
Other receivables	-	9,257		0.0 %
	<u>9,257</u>	<u>141,111</u>	<u>195,712</u>	
<i>Financial liabilities</i>				
Creditors	-	48	48	0.0 %
Leases	14,650	-	14,650	8.8 % Fixed
Other payables	-	31,503	31,503	0.0 %
	<u>14,650</u>	<u>31,551</u>	<u>46,201</u>	

No other financial assets or financial liabilities are expected to be exposed to interest rate risk.

### Sensitivity

If interest rates were to increase/decrease by 1% from rates used to determine fair values as at the reporting date, assuming all other variables that might impact on fair value remain constant, then the impact on surplus for the year and members funds is as follows:

	2013	2012
+ / -	\$	\$
Impact on surplus after tax	1,201	695
Impact on members funds	1,201	695

### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in statement of financial position and notes to 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.

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## NOTE 4: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The association minimises concentrations of credit risk in relation to trade receivables by undertaking transactions with a large number of customers.

*(i) Cash deposits*

Credit risk for cash deposits is managed by holding all cash deposits with major Australian banks.

*(ii) Trade receivables*

Outstanding receivables are regularly monitored for payment in accordance with credit terms.

The aging analysis of trade and other receivables is provided in Note 7. As the association undertakes transactions with a large number of customers and regularly monitors payment in accordance with credit terms, the financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired, are expected to be received in accordance with the credit risk.

## NOTE 5: REVENUE

### Operating activities

Affiliation fees	162,500	154,428
Registration and insurance	415,153	467,923
Development department	68,601	25,844
Grant Income	71,000	42,375
Umpires fees	116,050	111,985
General operating income	49,180	46,938
Senior state teams	51,855	34,247
Junior state teams	322,293	298,778
Under 12 development programs	90,716	170,060
Baseball academy	<u>32,393</u>	<u>34,634</u>
Other fees	<u>10,171</u>	<u>14,384</u>
	<u>1,389,912</u>	<u>1,401,596</u>

## NOTE 6: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	-	17,194
Cash on deposit	<u>131,076</u>	<u>54,601</u>
	<u>131,176</u>	<u>71,895</u>

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	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>NOTE 7:</b>			
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>			
CURRENT			
Trade debtors		151,269	116,921
Provision for doubtful debts		(17,282)	-
Other receivables		<u>6,060</u>	<u>9,257</u>
		<u><u>140,047</u></u>	<u><u>126,178</u></u>

## Impairment of trade receivables

Trade receivables are non interest bearing. An impairment loss is recognised when there is objective evidence that an individual trade receivable is impaired.

Movements in the accumulated impairment losses were:

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Opening balance at 1 July	-	-
Charge for the year	<u>(17,282)</u>	-
Closing balance at 30 June	<u><u>(17,282)</u></u>	-

## Aged analysis

Trade receivables ageing analysis at 30 June is:

	Gross 2013 \$	Impairment 2013 \$	Gross 2012 \$	Impairment 2012 \$
Not past due	103,017	-	68,101	-
Past due 31-60 days	17,205	-	23,720	-
Past due 61-90 days	9,926	-	2,020	-
Past due more than 91 days	<u>21,121</u>	<u>(17,282)</u>	<u>23,080</u>	-
	<u><u>151,269</u></u>	<u><u>(17,282)</u></u>	<u><u>116,921</u></u>	-

## NOTE 8: INVENTORIES

### NON CURRENT

Uniforms	<u>14,200</u>	<u>4,570</u>
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	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>			
<b>Plant and equipment</b>			
Motor vehicles at cost		45,454	44,978
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(3,020)</u>	<u>(23,914)</u>
		42,434	21,064
Office equipment at cost		38,228	29,801
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(28,731)</u>	<u>(18,707)</u>
		<u>9,497</u>	<u>11,094</u>
Total property, plant and equipment		<u><u>51,931</u></u>	<u><u>32,158</u></u>
<b>(a) Reconciliations</b>			
Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial year			
<i>Motor vehicles</i>			
Opening carrying amount		21,064	25,436
Additions		45,454	-
Disposals		(17,617)	-
Depreciation expense		<u>(6,467)</u>	<u>(4,372)</u>
Closing carrying amount		<u><u>42,434</u></u>	<u><u>21,064</u></u>
<i>Office equipment</i>			
Opening carrying amount		11,094	2,198
Additions		8,427	10,545
Depreciation expense		<u>(10,024)</u>	<u>(1,649)</u>
Closing carrying amount		<u><u>9,497</u></u>	<u><u>11,094</u></u>
<b>NOTE 10: INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b>			
Patents, trademarks and licences at cost		<u><u>2,000</u></u>	<u><u>2,000</u></u>

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	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
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**NOTE 10: INTANGIBLE ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

**(a) Reconciliations**

Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of intangible assets at the beginning and end of the current financial year

*Patents, trademarks and licences at cost*

Opening balance	2,000		2,000
Closing balance	2,000		2,000

**NOTE 11: OTHER ASSETS**

**CURRENT**

Prepayments	42,580		23,233
Prepaid borrowing expenses	191	-	-
	42,771		23,233

**NON CURRENT**

Other non-current assets			
Prepaid borrowing expenses	573		-
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	50,894		52,236
	51,467		52,236

**NOTE 12: PAYABLES**

**CURRENT**

*Unsecured liabilities*

Trade creditors	358		48
Sundry creditors and accruals	31,683		34,509
	32,041		34,557

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	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>NOTE 13: BORROWINGS</b>			
CURRENT			
Bank overdraft		<u>11,106</u>	-
<i>Secured liabilities</i>			
Chattel mortgage liability		8,089	14,655
Unexpired term charges		<u>(3,073)</u>	-
		<u>5,016</u>	<u>14,655</u>
		<u>16,122</u>	<u>14,655</u>
NON CURRENT			
<i>Secured liabilities</i>			
Chattel mortgage liability		38,080	-
Unexpired term charges		<u>(7,331)</u>	-
		<u>30,749</u>	-
<b>NOTE 14: PROVISIONS</b>			
CURRENT			
Employee benefits	(a)	<u>7,426</u>	<u>12,829</u>
NON CURRENT			
Employee benefits	(a)	<u>2,722</u>	<u>2,722</u>
(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability		10,148	15,551
<b>NOTE 15: OTHER LIABILITIES</b>			
CURRENT			
Deferred income		<u>104,168</u>	<u>46,862</u>
NON CURRENT			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		<u>50,894</u>	<u>52,236</u>

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	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>NOTE 16: CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>			
<b>(a) Reconciliation of cash</b>			
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position is as follows:			
Cash on hand		100	100
Cash at bank		-	17,194
At call deposits with financial institutions		131,076	54,601
Bank overdraft		<u>(11,106)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>120,070</u>	<u>71,895</u>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus after income tax</b>			
Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax		41,061	9,997
<b>Adjustments and non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation		16,491	6,021
Trade receivables provision for impairment		17,282	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		3,617	-
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities</b>			
Increase in receivables		(31,151)	(10,222)
(Increase) / decrease in other assets		(18,005)	317
Increase in inventories		(9,630)	(61)
Increase / (decrease) in payables		(2,516)	4,998
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities		55,964	(14,424)
Increase / (decrease) in provisions		<u>(5,403)</u>	<u>7,173</u>
		<u>26,649</u>	<u>(6,198)</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		<u>67,710</u>	<u>3,799</u>



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	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>NOTE 17: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS</b>			
(a) Chattel mortgage commitments			
Payable			
– not later than one year		8,089	15,427
– later than one year and not later than five years		<u>38,080</u>	:
Minimum lease payments		46,169	15,427
Less future finance charges		<u>(10,404)</u>	<u>(772)</u>
Total finance lease liability		<u>35,765</u>	<u>14,655</u>
Represented by:			
Current liability		5,016	14,655
Non-current liability		<u>30,749</u>	:
		<u>35,765</u>	<u>14,655</u>
(b) Operating lease commitments			
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:			
Payable			
– not later than one year		8,184	8,184
– later than one year and not later than five years		<u>4,774</u>	<u>12,958</u>
		<u>12,958</u>	<u>21,142</u>

General description of leasing arrangement - Rental of Office Equipment

## **NOTE 18: ASSOCIATION DETAILS**

The registered office of the association is:

Baseball Victoria Incorporated  
Level 2 SportsHouse  
375 Albert Road  
Albert Park Victoria 3206

## STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 3 - 19:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Baseball Victoria Incorporated as at 30 June 2013 and performance for the 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.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Baseball Victoria Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
3. As stated in note 1, complies with *International Financial Reporting Standards*.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clayton Crameri

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Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen Thomson

**SIGN HERE**

Dated November 2013

**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**TO THE MEMBERS OF BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Baseball Victoria Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

*Committee Member's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The committee members of the association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the committee members determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 1, the governing committee also states, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 association'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 association'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.

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 APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Baseball Victoria Incorporated as at 30 June 2013, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the financial reporting requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards.

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Partner

Melbourne

Date            November 2013



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