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# MISSION AND VISION

Gain, train and retain. These three goals are at the center of Baseball Victoria's mission and vision.

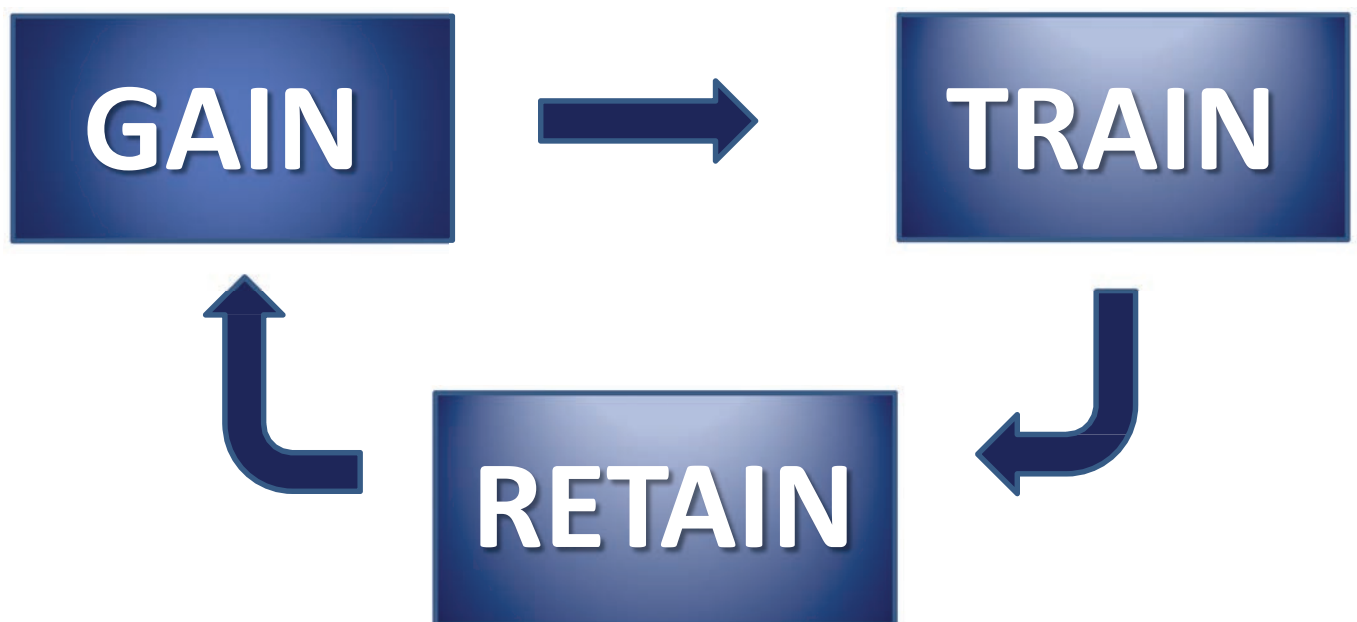
Introduced at 2015's Annual General Meeting (AGM), this credo for the membership based sporting organisation dovetails perfectly with Baseball Victoria's vision of providing every Victorian with the opportunity to participate in baseball.

In order to accomplish this end, Baseball Victoria will provide leadership, infrastructure, systems and resources which encourage and support a collaborative commitment across all levels of baseball, including Baseball Australia, the Australian Baseball League, the Melbourne Aces, Victorian government and—most crucially—associations, clubs, players and volunteers.

Throughout the year, specific operational and strategic planning, implementation and development were decided based upon the action or initiative supporting achievement of the purpose, vision, objective, goals and service charter of Baseball Victoria.

Pursuant to that charter, in every interaction Baseball Victoria has with its members they strive to be: proactive in their engagement with the baseball community; innovative in their approach to member service; decisive and accountable for their actions, all while maintaining the highest standards of integrity; and constantly aspiring for quality, timely and consistent service and communication to their members.

Piggybacking on their seminal goals of gaining, training and retaining their members, for the coming year the Baseball Victoria board has commenced a full strategic review and throughout 2016 will be engaging with the Victorian baseball community, government and Baseball Australia to develop a new strategic plan.



# 2015 OFFICE BEARERS

## Baseball Victoria Board of Directors

President (Portfolio: Baseball Australia, ABL & Associations)  
Vice President (Portfolio: Pathways, Competitions & Tournaments)  
Secretary (Portfolio: Finance; Association Secretary)  
Director (Portfolio: Marketing & Communications)  
Director (Portfolio: High Performance & Facilities; appointed 10 Feb 2015)  
Director (Portfolio: Inclusion; appointed 26 May 2015)  
Director (Portfolio: Member Service; appointed 26 May 2015)

Myles Foreman  
Scott Dawes  
James Van Beek  
Sheila Nguyen  
Geoff Pearce  
Sonia Heath  
Craig Armstead

Director (resigned 2 Feb 2015)  
Director (resigned 10 Feb 2015)  
Director (resigned 12 May 2015)

Clayton Crameri  
Shaun Graf  
Stephen Thomson

## Baseball Victoria Tribunal

Chair  
Member  
Secretariat

John Holmes  
Michael Ashburn  
David Zucchet

## Umpiring

Director of Umpiring  
Assistant Director of Umpiring

Ian McKenzie  
Stuart Howe

## Heritage Committee

Graeme Ainscough  
Barry Smith

## Baseball Victoria Staff

Interim General Manager  
High Performance Manager  
Participation Manager  
Competitions Coordinator  
Baseball Operations Coordinator  
Communications Coordinator  
Participation & Women's Program Officer  
Finance Officer

Ashley Blair  
Damian Shanahan  
Thomas Dicker  
Jessica Sneath  
Daniel Garrood  
Nicholas Wood  
Bronwyn Gell  
Les Flower

Geelong Baycats Charter Development Officer  
Northern Diamondback Charter Development Officer  
Southern Mariners Charter Development Officer  
Eastern Athletics Charter Development Officer

Josh Beaumont  
Bronwyn Gell  
Franco Vanderka  
Jack Giles

## Previous Full Time Staff Members

Chief Executive Officer  
Competitions Coordinator  
Game Development Manager

Neale Price  
David Zucchet  
Justin Huber

# BASEBALL LEAGUES AND CLUBS IN VICTORIA

## **BV Summer League**

Ballarat City\*  
 Berwick City\*  
 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\*  
 Pakenham\*  
 Port Melbourne\*  
 Preston\*  
 Research\*  
 Sandringham\*  
 Springvale\*  
 St Kilda\*  
 Sunshine\*  
 Upwey Ferntree Gully\*  
 Waverley\*  
 Werribee\*  
 Williamstown\*

## **Bendigo Baseball Association\***

Bendigo East  
 Falcons  
 Scots  
 Strathfieldsaye Dodgers

## **Dandenong Baseball Association\***

Berwick  
 Bonbeach  
 Boneo  
 Chelsea  
 Cheltenham  
 Dandenong  
 Dingley  
 Footscray  
 Frankston  
 Latrobe University  
 Melbourne University  
 Monash University  
 Moorabbin  
 Mornington  
 Ormond Glenhuntly  
 Pakenham

## **Geelong Baseball Association\***

Alfredton  
 Bacchus Marsh  
 Bellarine  
 Colac  
 Corio  
 Deakin  
 East Belmont  
 Guild  
 Lara  
 Mounties YC  
 Werribee

## **Latrobe Valley Baseball\* Association**

Churchill  
 Moe/Newborough  
 Morwell  
 Sale  
 Traralgon

## **Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria\***

\*Voting member of Baseball Victoria

## **Melbourne Winter Baseball League\***

Bundoora  
 Cheltenham  
 Croydon  
 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  
 Northcote  
 Panton Hill  
 Port Melbourne  
 Research Lower Plenty  
 Ringwood  
 St Kilda  
 Watsonia  
 Waverley  
 Westgarth  
 Wheelers Hill  
 Upwey Ferntree Gully

## **North Eastern Baseball Association\***

Albury  
 Benalla  
 Porepunkah  
 Wangaratta  
 Wodonga

## **Sunraysia Baseball League\***

Eagles  
 Hawks  
 Saints  
 Tigers  
 Tornadoes  
 Wanderers

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



***“Entering 2016, Baseball Victoria is in a strong financial and structural position, enabling it to focus even greater resources and energy on gaining, training and retaining baseball players and participants across Victoria.”***

Baseball Victoria oversaw a number of significant administrative changes during 2013/14. The changes, in the long term, will increase efficiency at Baseball Victoria, which in turn will allow more human and financial resources to be spent on our member clubs and associations.

2015 has been a year of significant change for Baseball Victoria. It has been a year in which strong new foundations for our sport have been laid, essential relationships re-established, Board and Office resources renewed and diversified and a surplus restored.

Entering 2016, Baseball Victoria is in a strong financial and structural position, enabling it to focus even greater resources and energy on Gaining, Training and Retaining baseball players and participants across Victoria.

Our work has only just begun to break through and deliver real and sustainable growth and financial stability for our sport.

Throughout 2016 the benefits of a range of strategies commenced last year will filter through to all aspects of baseball.

Having consulted and engaged throughout 2015, Baseball Victoria is committed to undertaking further consultation as we move to the next stage of broader structural and operational review and reform.

## **A. Baseball Victoria Board**

2015 has been a year of renewal and refocus for the Baseball Victoria Board. In February 2015, just prior to the last Annual General Meeting, I was elected president following Clayton Crameri's (president) decision not to seek a further term on the board. Shaun Graf also concluded his term on the board, having not sought re-election. In May 2015, Stephen Thomson (vice-president) resigned with Scott Dawes elected as his heir.

On behalf of the Victorian baseball community I take this opportunity to thank Clayton, Stephen and Shaun for their many years of voluntary service and commitment of time and energy for the betterment of baseball in Victoria.

The departure of three directors created the opportunity for renewal on the board and further diversification of its members' skills and experience. During the year we welcomed Geoff Pearce who brought strong baseball experience and relationships to the board, having served as a Director of Baseball Australia and the Australian Baseball League.

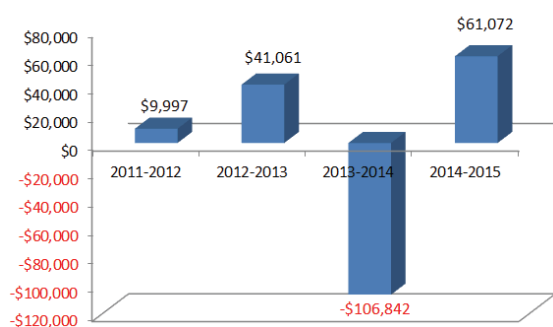
# PRESIDENT'S REPORT continued

The board then advertised within the baseball community and externally in order to attract and recruit the best possible candidates to fill the casual vacancies. As a result, Craig Armstead and Sonia Heath joined the Board. Craig brought extensive experience in membership, sponsorship and sporting administration and Sonia brought extensive experience in women's and disability sports and communications. This ensured a strong balance of baseball experience and other experiences on a diverse board.

## B. Financial Position

For the 2013-2014 previous financial year of 15 months (the year in which the financial year end changed from 30 June to 30 September) a loss of -\$106,842 was reported at the last Annual General Meeting. Leveraging the enhanced reporting and analysis of Baseball Victoria's revenue and expenses, this strong focus on the financial position of Baseball Victoria continues in the 2015/2016 financial year.

### Financial Result Trend 2011 – 2015



Note: 2013-2014 was a 15 month period due to the change of financial year from 30 June to 30 September.

## C. Baseball Victoria Office

During the year, Neale Price resigned as CEO of Baseball Victoria after 26 months in the role. On behalf of the Victorian baseball community and the board I would like to take this opportunity to thank Neale for his

commitment to the development of baseball during his time as CEO.

Upon Neale's resignation the board considered carefully how and when to proceed with recruiting a new leader for Baseball Victoria. Mindful that Baseball Victoria has had six CEOs in last 10 years, the board wanted to create the best possible chance of recruiting and retaining a leader who will stay in the role for an extended period of time.

The board resolved that the preferred candidate who would need to demonstrate baseball experience, knowledge, relationships and sports administrative experience. Ultimately the board identified Ashley Blair as an internal candidate to fill the role of Interim General Manager. Based on Ashley's performance upon appointment the board subsequently resolved to extend the appointment to the end of the summer baseball season and will consider what occurs after that date at a board meeting to be held in late January 2016 and will provide an update at the Annual General Meeting. The Interim General Manager's Report outlines the office structure and resources implemented throughout 2015 and the steps taken to improve the service delivered to the Victorian baseball community.

## D. Key Relationships

A key focus of the Baseball Victoria board throughout 2015 has been to re-establish crucial relationships with Baseball Australia, the Australian Baseball League (inclusive of the Melbourne Aces) and with the Melbourne Ballpark. Our sport is too small to be doing anything other than working together with one voice to government, sponsors and when attracting and retaining participants, players, umpires, administrators and volunteers. Too much time and energy was being spent on the consequences of not working collaboratively, resulting in lost opportunity

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT continued

and increased cost of administration. The board's focus in 2015 was to fix this issue.

## **i. Baseball Australia**

While we may not agree with every decision or action that Baseball Australia has taken with a national view, the reality is we operate in a federalist sporting model meaning we rely upon Baseball Australia for crucial player development funding, insurance, national and international competition, as well as the structure being crucial to securing grants from government.

Throughout the year, relationships with Baseball Australia have slowly developed and improved and we now work collaboratively on a range of operational and strategic initiatives for the development and growth of baseball. In particular, I would like to thank the President of Baseball Australia, David Hynes, and the CEO of Baseball Australia, Brett Pickett, for the way in which they—along with the Baseball Australia team—have all worked to develop stronger relationships between both organisations.

## **ii. Australian Baseball League (Melbourne ACES)**

Now in their sixth season, the Australian Baseball League and Melbourne Aces represent a key element of our sports player pathways and fan participation opportunities. The ABL and Aces are one vehicle by which we are able to raise the profile of our sport and attract new participants. Equally, the opportunity to provide an opportunity for our baseball community, who are already converted to baseball, to enjoy games as fans has always been central to the strategy for the Australian Baseball League. None of the above is possible if all organisations are not working collaboratively and maximising our limited resources.

Throughout the year a range of initiatives have been undertaken. I would like to thank the General Manager of the Melbourne Aces Justin Huber and his team for the way in which both organisations are now collaborating on a range of joint initiatives to support baseball in Victoria. Initiatives implemented include:

- The Baseball Victoria Melbourne Aces Membership—Providing players with the opportunity to attend Aces Games and Aces benefits;
- Secondment of the Baseball Victoria High Performance Manager to the Melbourne Aces as a bench coach—To build greater ties between Baseball Victoria's High Performance programs and the Melbourne Aces pathway;
- Melbourne Aces Game Day Baseball Club Packages—Discounted ticketing, new club event space and on field participation;
- Melbourne Aces players involvement in Baseball Victoria activities and events such as school clinics and Come and Try Days

Following changes with the Aces the opportunity arose for Baseball Victoria to have a representative as a member of the Melbourne Aces Committee of Management. Scott Dawes, Baseball Victoria's Vice President, is this representative as part of the broad strategy to work more collaboratively between the two organisations.

## **iii. Melbourne Ballpark**

The State Baseball and Softball Centre (Melbourne Ballpark) is the key state government funded facility for baseball in Victoria.

Following the resignation of Stephen Thomson as a Director, Geoff Pearce accepted the nomination of the board as Stephen's replacement as the board's representative on the Committee of Management for Melbourne Ballpark.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT continued

A key strategy for the board has been to build stronger links with Melbourne Ballpark and ensure greater utilisation of the facility based upon a review and renegotiation of rental arrangements.

Achieving the outcome of a fixed annual rental agreement was finally achieved and is now in place for the 2015-2016 financial year. This brought certainty to Baseball Victoria's costs of utilising the venue which enables greater use across all aspects of the sport. Linking with the objective of achieving greater collaboration with the Melbourne Aces, who are also the other major tenant of the Melbourne Ballpark, Baseball Victoria has undertaken planning to relocate their office from the MSAC Sports House to Melbourne Ballpark.

As it took longer than originally planned to put in place long-term usage arrangements with Melbourne Ballpark any decision about proceeding with the relocation is now on hold until after the summer season. Added to this challenge is finding enough and suitable long term office space within the facility. Significant advances behind the scenes have been made including the facilities canteen being outsourced to the one provider rather than the Melbourne Ballpark, the Melbourne Aces and Baseball Victorian making separate arrangements. This is far more efficient and cost effective allowing all to focus on their core purpose.

In 2016 these new arrangements will enable the scheduling of expanded Academy Programs and High Performance training. Through greater utilisation and significantly improved collaboration between all parties, the baseball collective is now in a much stronger position to work with state government for funding and initiatives to reinvest in the facility.

## **E. Future**

If our sport is to stop the endless cycle of existing from government grant to government grant and achieve greater financial stability in order to address the remaining fundamental structural and operational challenges, then 2015 was essential to rebuild the foundations. Now on a much better financial footing, 2016 will be a year in which we review and consider every aspect of our sport.

The Baseball Victoria board has a responsibility to lead the development and implementation of further strategic review and evolution. It will do so based upon continued consultation with the broader Victorian Baseball Victoria community.

## **F. 125 Years Celebration**

The first recorded game of baseball in Victoria took place in 1857 at the Exhibition Gardens in Melbourne.

One hundred and 25 years ago, in 1890, the Victorian Baseball League (VBL) was founded. This later evolved into Baseball Victoria.

The VBL was followed by the Victorian Baseball Union (VBU), the Victorian Baseball Council (VBC) and the Victorian Baseball Association (VBA). The VBA subsequently relaunched in 1925 as the unified peak body for baseball in Victoria, joining the VBL, VBU, VBC and the old VBA.

In 1938 the Victorian Provincial Baseball League (VPBL) was inaugurated to serve and support the regionally based associations in Victoria.

In 2008 Baseball Victoria was created as a result of the unification of the VBA and the VPBL.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT continued

Over 125 years Victorian baseball has a rich and proud history.

Between 1934 and 2015, Victoria holds the record of winning 22 Claxton Shield titles with South Australia the next with 15 wins.

Individual Victorian baseball players have also achieved great success internationally over an extended period of time.

The greats of our game include players, coaches, scorers, umpire administrators, volunteers and supporters, some of whom have achieved international recognition. And many others over the past 125 years have quietly given of their time willingly in many different capacities to help support and develop baseball in Victoria.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank everyone who has been part of the Victorian baseball community over the past century and a quarter, across all levels and in all capacities.

As members of the Victorian baseball community in 2015 we are custodians of our sport for a short period of time, striving to ensure baseball grows and evolves so that Victorians in 2016 and over the next 125 years

have the opportunity to play the greatest game on the planet.

## Thank You

Finally and most importantly I would like to take this opportunity to thank our t-ball, junior, senior, masters, and women's players for participating in the great game of baseball. To our coaches, scorers, umpires, administrations and volunteers: Thank you for the many hours you give back to our sport. Without you our sport would not be possible. And to the parents of our t-batters and juniors thank you supporting your children and choosing the great sport of baseball.

We have achieved much in 2015 but still have much to deliver upon in 2016 to continue to provide the Victorian baseball community with an improved baseball experience on and off the diamond.



**Myles Foreman**  
**President**

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



***“The 2014/2015 financial year has been a year of transformation in many ways for Baseball Victoria to ensure we have the right foundations in place to deliver on our initiatives and lay the foundations for future success.”***

In September 2015 I was privileged to be offered the Interim General Manager role for Baseball Victoria. Thank you to the board for the opportunity to step up to this role and the baseball community that have been supportive of my appointment. It is a challenging role for which the last four years with Baseball Victoria has provided me a solid foundation.

Being involved in baseball for close to 30 years, it is an honour to lead the sport you love. I am passionate about the game and I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure the sport continues to grow and prosper.

I would like to thank the previous CEO, Neale Price, for his commitment to grow the game in Victoria and for his efforts over the 26 months he was in this role. I wish Neale all the best in his future endeavours.

Without doubt one of the major changes over the financial year has been to our organisational structure with many valued staff moving on. Justin Huber took the General Manager role with the Melbourne Aces; David Zucchet left after six years with Baseball Victoria to take a position with the Football Federation of Victoria; contractor Kristin Davies took on a more permanent role with City of Greater Geelong; and Michelle Brewster, who volunteered her time with Baseball Victoria, followed Justin to the Aces. I would therefore like to take time here to thank Justin, David, Kristin and Michelle for their service over the years and wish them well going forward.

This year has also seen the appointment of new staff members. Daniel Garrood started with Baseball Victoria in April as the Members Service Officer and Jessica Sneath, who came aboard in June to replace David Zucchet, as the Competition Coordinator. Even though the following appointments occurred in the 2015/2016 financial year, I would also like to use this opportunity to welcome both Nicholas Wood and Bronwyn Gell to the Baseball Victoria team.

Many of you are well aware of the ongoing transition to IMG which has created its own set of challenges. However, Baseball Victoria will continue to work with our membership to determine what we can do to assist with improving its functionality as well as consulting with IMG and Baseball Australia to further enhance its database management system in order to fully utilise its many important functions.

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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT continued

## A. Reviews

The board embarked on a program of progressively reviewing key elements of our sport. Throughout the year the following reviews and recommendations have implemented or commenced.

### i. State and Academy Program Review

Early in 2015, the Baseball Victoria board conducted a review into the Victorian representative & high performance programs across all relevant age groups, including the women's program.

The review identified a number of positives about the programs and a number of areas in which they can and should be evolved and enhanced.

Improved communication by Baseball Victoria—specifically about the programs' objectives, operations and successes over time—was deemed to be the most important change that needed to be implemented.

Better communication about selection policy, expectations and codes of behaviour also needed to be emphasised, along with more time and space devoted on Baseball Victoria's website to these programs and more transparency with players and parents participating.

This review led to the creation of the Communications Coordinator position at Baseball Victoria.

It also re-solidified the four principle pillars—optimising long-term player development, supporting players through the player development journey, increasing the pool of international standard players; and improving and growing baseball in Australia—and concluded that better communication was the key component to achieve all the above tenets.

### ii. Alignment with Melbourne Aces

The Australian Baseball League and Melbourne Aces represent a key element of our sports player pathways and fan participation opportunities. As such, they are integral in raising the profile of our great sport to attract new participants.

Many co-branded initiatives with the Aces have gotten off the ground this year, including the Baseball Victoria Melbourne Aces Membership; secondment of the BV High Performance Manager to the Aces as a bench coach; Aces Game Day Baseball Club Packages; and more of their players' involvement in BV activities and events such as school clinics and Come and Try Days.

Additionally, Scott Dawes—Baseball Victoria's Vice President—is now a member of the Melbourne Aces Committee of Management, as part of a broader strategy to work more collaboratively between the two organisations.

## B. Essendon Baseball Club

I would like to personally congratulate the Essendon Baseball Club on being awarded the Baseball Australia Club of the Year and the *Inside Sport* Magazine Club of the Year. It is great to see a baseball club from Victoria achieving so much and being recognised for the hard work and the success enjoyed both on and off the field.

These results are a fantastic achievement for all involved at Essendon, from the hard working committee down to the players, volunteers and supporters.

To Tony Cornish and his committee, and everyone involved at Essendon Baseball Club, congratulations on two such prestigious accolades.

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT continued

## C. John Galloway

I would like to congratulate John Galloway on being inducted into the Baseball Australia Hall of Fame in 2015.

John began playing in 1968 in South Australia and ended up a legend in Victoria. Primarily a catcher he played everything from junior to masters, making his A Grade debut in the 1969/70 season as a shortstop.

Throughout his career he did it all.

As a player he won MVPs and premierships, excelling at the club, state, national and international level.

He was equally successfully as a coach and manager, winning multiple championships. In 2000, he was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for service to baseball and is also a Life Member at Sunshine Baseball Club.

## D. National Championships

One of the most outstanding and memorable achievements in 2015 was the Victoria U16 Blue team winning the National Championship by defeating Western Australia. A special mention also to the Victorian U16 White team that finished fourth in that championship and to the Victorian Women's team who won the silver medal at the National Women's Championship and to the Under 25 men who finished third.

To all players and officials involved in those teams: congratulations on these fantastic results.

## Thank You

It is also important for me to acknowledge those organisations and partners whose contributions has ensured we are able to continue to grow the sport in Victoria. My personal thanks go to the Victorian state government, VicSport, VicHealth, Baseball Australia, School Sport Victoria, NSR Scouting, Ausport and Fielder's Choice. I would also like to commend the City of Greater Bendigo, Mildura Rural City Council and Warragatta Council for their support of our State Winter Championships.

The clubs and association presidents, secretaries, volunteers, coaches, umpires and scorers are all wonderful fans of our sport through their tireless efforts at their respective clubs and associations. Our sport would simply not be able to function without the support and dedication of our generous volunteers. Thank you!



**Ashley Blair**  
**Interim General Manager**

# BASEBALL VICTORIA LIFE MEMBER 2015 INDUCTEE: JOHN KING



At the Annual General Meeting of Baseball Victoria held on 10 February 2015, the members unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Board that John King be awarded Life Membership of Baseball Victoria.

John was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in the year 2000 for services to the Fitzroy Baseball Club as a player, coach and administrator.

John has served as a board member of Baseball Victoria, served as a board member and Vice President of the Melbourne Winter Baseball League. He has been a board member of the Diamond Valley Junior Baseball League. John has sat on numerous Baseball Victoria committees, coached the Victorian Provincial U14s team, been an assistant coach for the under 23 Victorian state team, coached Diamond Valley junior team and coached Kangaroos tours to San Francisco and Italy.

At Fitzroy Baseball Club, John was awarded Life Membership in 1997. He has had a huge influence in keeping the club going. John started at Fitzroy in the early 1970s in the under 15s. John is one of only several 'legends' recognised at the club. He became Vice President of the Club in 1979 (aged 20) and for the past thirty years has been president. John has coached juniors nonstop for approximately 37 years.

In addition to Fitzroy Baseball Club, John was coach of Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club in the 1980s and has been involved there for over 20 years. At Greensborough, John has coached at all levels, particularly juniors, over the last 10 years. John was awarded Life Membership of the Club in 2012.

For over 40 years John 'Kinky' King has been a player, coach, umpire and administrator across state and club levels. Life Membership is an opportunity for the Victorian Baseball community to recognise John's contribution to baseball and say 'thank you'.

# GAME DEVELOPMENT REPORT



***“Advancing the Access for All Abilities funding through the Baseball For All initiative we were able to provide positive physical activity programs for over 1,000 young people over the 2014-2015 period.”***

## A. Game Development and Participation

The 2014-2015 year saw tremendous growth in the Game Development and Participation department with continued focus on engaging new members into grassroots programs.

The implementation of Charter Development Officers dramatically increased the scope of delivery for our community programs. We welcomed Josh Beaumont (Geelong), Bronwyn Gell (Northern and Western), Franco Vanderka (Southern), and Jack Giles (Eastern) as well as casual member Gabrielle Hutchins in Ballarat to the team.

Productively, 2015 saw the signing of partnership with BluEarth in the delivery of the national sporting schools sports programs. BluEarth is an industry leader in the delivery of early age sports programs and—through their innovative perspective on coaching, education and program development—will be a great fit for Baseball Victoria, one that will hopefully be a long and mutually beneficial partnership.

With an updated strategy for developing club links within schools, we have been able to reach more primary aged students than ever before. And our inclusion into the School Sport Victoria Regional Forum allowed us to provide up to date educational programs to metropolitan and regional affiliates, paving the way for a quality first experience in baseball for many new schools.

## B. Baseball in Schools

School Sport Victoria sanctioned competitions culminated in the State Finals where winners were represented everywhere from the Loddon Mallee region to Southern Metropolitan. The informal nature of the state level competition has allowed for many high school students to experience baseball, while providing a platform for Baseball Victoria to introduce existing members into umpiring and coaching.

This year was also the first in which the Associated Public Schools of Victoria (APS) trialed baseball as a developing sport in their program. A game was played with Wesley College, with the assistance of Andrew Hayes and the Malvern Baseball Club.

Baseball Victoria was invited to present a practical coaching at three statewide educator development events in 2014-2015. We hosted 25 teachers at the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER) conference, 41 teachers at Peak Phys Ed state conference and 50 sports industry professionals at the Pacific/Caribbean Fellowship Inclusion Workshop. In a small market sport, it is essential to up skill teachers to provide quality first experiences of baseball.

# GAME DEVELOPMENT REPORT continued

## C. Tee Ball

After the 2013 northern districts pilot, Tee Ball Smash was introduced into that region with the assistance of the Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club and the Northern Diamondbacks committee. The key driver, Adrian Baillargeon, helped welcome 60 new participants into the sport. The overwhelming success of this initiative shows that baseball is a competitive grassroots product and that investment in it is key to its future success.

## D. Education

Over the previous 12 months we have seen a terrific increase in coach education. The charter development plan creates a need for a wider network of skilled coaches, in turn creating the need for a focused effort in the delivery of accreditation courses.

Implementation of regional assessors dramatically increased the scope of delivery for these programs while maintaining the integrity of the delivery process. Thank you to Greg Tinkler (Metropolitan), Nathan Holmes (Geelong), Chris Harman (Eastern Districts) and Dan Betreen (Southern Districts) for their time and effort this year.

## E. Inclusion

Advancing the Access for All Abilities funding through the Baseball For All initiative we were able to provide positive physical activity programs for over 1,000 young people over the 2014-2015 period. Engaging support organization has created a scalable accessibility avenue for new people of all backgrounds to experience baseball.

With the assistance of Blackburn Baseball Club, 150 home schooled young people had access to great baseball coaching. Thanks to Deaf Sports Australia, 50 students participated in the “It’s a knockout” program.

Baseball Victoria is leading the Australian baseball community, advocating for equitable access for people of all backgrounds in sport. As a result of 700 online signatures, we introduced an Inclusion Deed into all registrations for all members to adhere to.

We will continue to embed inclusion into the foundations of all procedures, programs and policy.



**Tom Dicker**  
**Game Development Manager**



Bendigo Advertiser

WOMEN IN SPORT CHEERLEADING ON THE RISE

# SPORT



ROUND 15 BFL  
PREVIEW



## Having a blast with T-Ball

T-Ball was the sport of choice at California Gully Primary School on Friday.

Students were shown the finer points of the game with a T-Ball Smash Clinic by Baseball Victoria's development officer Thomas Dicker.

The clinic was held as a lead-in to this weekend's Baseball Victoria under-12 state winter championships. The championships will be contested at Eaglehawk's Albert Roy Reserve and will feature 24 games being played across Saturday and Sunday. About 150 players are expected to compete.

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WHACK: Ella Stephens, 8, gets some tips off Baseball Victoria's Thomas Dicker on Friday.

Picture: JODIE DONNELLAN

# HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT



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2015 was another successful year for the High Performance program in Victoria as the Victorian Blue Under 16 team home the gold medal and the Victorian women took home bronze.

## **A. State Program**

The focal points of the state program are the respective National Championships as these are the culmination of state trials and training. The Under 16, Under 18, Under 25s and Open Women’s Championships all featured Victorian teams in 2015. Victoria sends two teams to both the Under 16 and Under 18 National Championships, Victoria Blue and Victoria White.

In the Under 18 Championships Victoria Blue finished sixth overall with four points from seven games and White ended up eighth, registering two points in seven contests.

At the Under 16 National Championships, Victoria White finished third with eight points for the tournament. Victoria Blue, led by Dan Betreen, took out the tournament finishing with 10 points and beating Western Australia, 13-5, in the gold medal match. This was a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work of the players and the coaching staff.

The Victorian Under 25 team finished in third in the National Championships. Victorian Wes De Jong was named the Golden Arm for his magnificent pitching performance throughout the tournament. The Victorian Women’s team

also did very well, finishing second in their tournament.

## **B. National Academy**

Held on the Gold Coast since 2001, the Major League Baseball Australian Academy Program is a partnership between Baseball Australia and MLB which aims to improve the quantity and quality of young baseball players coming out of the region. The Academy seeks to provide a pathway for elite players from this region to improve their skills in preparation for the rigors of professional and international baseball.

The Victorians selected this year were Max Barrett, Matthew Beattie, George Callil, Marcel d’Avione, Oliver Dunn, Jack Enciondo, Chase Hodkinson and Mitchell Holding. Being a part of this program will help them be the best athletes they can be in the long term as well as improving their play for club and state baseball.

## **C. National Selection**

Representing Australia is the pinnacle of high performance in the sport of baseball in Victoria and such distinction is a tremendous honour. In total nine Victorians were rewarded for strong domestic, state and academy performance with Australian selection.

# HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

Barrett, Callil, Enciondo and Holding all competed in the Under 18 World Cup in Osaka, Japan in which Australia finished fourth, losing to South Korea in the bronze medal game. Jacob Bald competed for Australia at the Under 12 Baseball World Cup in Tainan, Taiwan and Emma French, Abbey Kelly, Vanessa Clifford and Paris Penny all represented Australia at the Phoenix Cup in Hong Kong.

The positive results in the state program reflect the skill and hard work of the entire high performance team and all the coaches and staff of Baseball Victoria who took part in the High Performance program in 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Damian Shanahan', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Damian Shanahan**  
**High Performance Manager**



# STATE REPRESENTATIVES



## Senior Teams | 2015

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### 2015 National Women's Championships

- Belinda Cannington (Doncaster)
- Amy Collins (Doncaster)
- Samantha Deeble (Essendon)
- Emma French (Essendon)
- Bronwyn Gell (Essendon)
- Hannah Jackson (Springvale)
- Jessica Johnson (Malvern)
- Abbey Kelly (Essendon)
- Shae Lillywhite (Springvale)
- Abbey McLellan (Footscray)
- Georgia Page (Essendon)
- Risa Tanaka (Footscray)
- Vanessa Clifford (Doncaster)
- Paris Penny (Doncaster)
- Nadine Harber (Melbourne University)
- Siobhan Stephensen (Springvale)
- Dean Anglin (Head Coach)
- Geoffrey Holland (Assistant Coach)
- Shae Lillywhite (Assistant Coach)
- Aimee Page (Executive Officer)

### 2015 National Under 25 Championships

- Luke Abels (Essendon)
- Jon Bannister (Bonbeach)
- Wes DeJong (Werribee)
- Billy Findlay (Doncaster)
- Cameron Gibbons (Geelong)
- Hayden Godbold (Preston)
- Brad Kmet (Cheltenham)
- Harry Levy (Geelong)
- Cameron McNish (Newport)
- Sam Trend Beacom (Cheltenham)
- Jordan Young (Sunshine)
- Jeremy Young (Waverley)
- Darby Sexton (Essendon)
- Jarryd Rogers (Blackburn)
- Daniel Chircop (Williamstown)
- Alex Hondromatidis (Melbourne)
- Andrew Gibbens (Berwick)
- Dean Marnell (Head Coach)
- Scott Meagher (Assistant Coach)
- Matthew Gourlay (Pitching Coach)
- Tony Cornish (Executive Officer)



## Junior Teams | 2015

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### 2015 National Under 18 Championships

#### Victorian U18 Blue Team

- Max Barrett (Cheltenham)
- Lachlan Beasley (Berwick)
- James Brancolino (Preston)
- Ryan Bromley (Blackburn)
- George Callil (Cheltenham)
- Alex Clark (Berwick)
- Marcel D'Avoine (Doncaster)
- Oliver Dunn (Waverley)
- Jack Enciondo (Cheltenham)
- Jacob Evans (Blackburn)
- Daniel Fornito (Essendon)
- Jack Giles (Essendon)
- Riley Hill (Fitzroy)
- Chase Hodgkinson (Waverley)
- Mitchell Holding (Cheltenham)
- Andrew Kane (Waverley)
- Sam Michael (Cheltenham)
- Emerson Rickard (Geelong)
- Yuta Sekino (Cheltenham)
- Sam Trend-Beacom (Cheltenham)
- Kerry Gassner (Head Coach)
- Jordan Young (Assistant Coach)
- Tim Ballard (Assistant Coach)
- Trevor Bird (Executive Officer)

#### Victorian U18 White Team

- Lucas Anderson (Springvale)
- Tyson Cox-Davies (Essendon)
- Jack Daniels (Cheltenham)
- William Day (Berwick)
- Joshua Goschnick (Ormond Glen-Huntly)
- Kayne Hillier (Waverley)
- Steven Hughes (Springvale)
- Tyler Huisman (Geelong)
- Justin Limburg (Melbourne)
- Nicholas Mason (Blackburn)
- Jarrod McQuiggan (Doncaster)
- Aaron Ouwehand (Berwick)
- Warwick Purchase (Fitzroy)
- Darby Sexton (Essendon)
- Matthew Stenhouse (Springvale)
- Joel Stubbs (Springvale)
- Bradley Synnot (Fitzroy)
- Trent Watkinson (Mulgrave)
- Kynan Wilcox (Sandringham)
- Thomas Wilson (Fitzroy)
- Gavin Young (Head Coach)
- Jarryd Rogers (Assistant Coach)
- Tim O'Meara (Assistant Coach)
- Patricia Young (Executive Officer)



## Junior Teams | 2015

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### 2015 National Under 16 Championships

#### Victorian U16 Blue Team

- Jordan Barnett (Sandringham)
- Matthew Beattie (Waverley)
- Jackson Boyd (Sandringham)
- Justin Burke (Waverley)
- Jordan Busch (Waverley)
- Luke Cartwright (Blackburn)
- Jarryd Dale (Waverley)
- Jack Dunn (Cheltenham)
- Mitchell Edwards (Waverley)
- Cooper Goodman (Waverley)
- Jesse Hunter (Berwick)
- Lachlan Jack (Essendon)
- Malachi Kere (Waverley)
- Oliver McMahon (Melbourne)
- Tim Lane (Sandringham)
- William Parsons (Preston)
- Nathan Picchioni (Sandringham)
- Brock Wells (Geelong)
- Mitchell Wilcox (Sandringham)
- Jamie Young (Newport)
- Daniel Btreen (Head Coach)
- Jeremy Young (Assistant Coach)
- Alex Hondromatidis (Assistant Coach)
- Graham Norman (EO)

#### Victorian U16 White Team

- Jayson Arthur (Springvale)
- Alexander Barling (Melbourne)
- Nathan Bezzina (Newport)
- Harvey Chinn (Waverley)
- Rhys De-Highden (Melbourne)
- Sam Drummond (Springvale)
- Darcy Harrison (Preston)
- Blake Hodgson (Blackburn)
- Aaron Howlett (Waverley)
- Brendan Kane (Waverley)
- Liam Madden (Berwick)
- Lachlan Medew (Geelong)
- Joshua Meyer (Sandringham)
- Kyle Morrison (Newport)
- Ayden Norman (Newport)
- Ciaran Palmer (Berwick)
- James Renouf (Geelong)
- Aidan Willis (Sandringham)
- Harrison Wills (Sandringham)
- Benjamin Wilson (Fitzroy)
- Scott Meager (Head Coach)
- Aaron Green (Assistant Coach)
- Daniel Beattie (Assistant Coach)
- Stuart Chinn (Executive Officer)

# NATIONAL HONOURS AND REPRESENTATIVES



## 2015 MLB Australia Academy Program | Gold Coast QLD | 2015

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- Max Barrett (Cheltenham)
- Matthew Beattie (Waverley)
- George Callil (Cheltenham)
- Marcel d'Avione (Doncaster)
- Oliver Dunn (Waverley)
- Jack Enciondo (Cheltenham)
- Chase Hodkinson (Waverley)
- Mitch Holding (Cheltenham)

## Under 18 Men's World Cup | 2015

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- Max Barrett (Cheltenham)
- George Callil (Cheltenham)
- Jack Enciondo (Cheltenham)
- Mitch Holding (Cheltenham)
- Damian Shanahan (Assistant Coach)

## Under 12 World Cup | 2015

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- Jacob Bald (Bonbeach)

## Phoenix Cup | 2015

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- Emma French (Essendon)
- Abbey Kelly (Essendon)
- Vanessa Clifford (Doncaster)
- Paris Penny (Doncaster)



# PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

## Professional Players | 2015

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- James Beresford (Minnesota Twins)
- Travis Blackley (Miami Marlins)
- Jared Cruz (Houston Astros)
- Ryan Dale (Kansas City Royals)
- Sam Gibbons (Minnesota Twins)
- Ben Leslie (San Francisco Giants)
- Lachlan Madden (Houston Astros)
- Daniel McGrath (Boston Red Sox)
- Peter Moylan (Atlanta Braves)
- Aaron Sayers (Detroit Tigers)
- Lewis Thorpe (Minnesota Twins)

# WINTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Thanks to the all the associations—both regional and metropolitan—that have continued to support the winter championships. Mount Gambier returned to play in the senior championships last year, however it was disappointing that Ringwood and Diamond Valley were unable to field senior teams.

The number of associations not fielding teams in all age groups dropped off, however this was offset with others having two teams to make sure we had viable competitions. Hopefully the number of associations competing grow this year; we will continue to look for other opportunities to increase the number of teams in the championships.

The format for the championships is now settled and appears to be working well, however this will depend on factors outside of our control, including 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, welcoming any suggestions from the associations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jessica Sneath who took over as co-ordinator for the championships and was well mentored by her predecessor, Ashley Blair. Jess was responsible for the preparatory work done prior to each championship and for the information provided to the associations. I would like to also thank the various leagues for the way they have embraced the championships and look forward to their continued support in 2016.

## Congratulations to the winners:

- **SENIOR METRO:** Geelong
- **SENIOR COUNTRY:** Sunraysia
- **UNDER 18:** Dandenong
- **UNDER 16:** Ringwood Black
- **UNDER 14 (Divisions 1 & 2):** Dandenong & Sunraysia
- **UNDER 12 (Divisions 1 & 2):** Dandenong & Diamond Valley

For 2015, coaches' votes were collated 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

- Dylan Ridding (Mount Gambier)
- Sean Meldrum (Bendigo)
- Kyongmin Kim (City)
- Mike McGillvray (Dandenong)
- Chris Webb (Geelong)
- Luke Honstra (Latrobe Valley)
- Tom Simmons (North Eastern)
- Matt Austin (Sunraysia)
- Stuart Mathieson (Dandenong U23)
- Mitch Holding (Aces Academy)

## UNDER 18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Darcy Harrison (Bendigo)
- Matthew Stenhouse (Dandenong)
- Alex McCormick (Diamond Valley)
- Emerson Rickman (Geelong)
- Cooper Goodman (Ringwood)
- Anthony Carroll (Sunraysia)

## UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Cruz Leech (Ringwood)
- Zak Skinner (Diamond Valley)
- Eugene Gay (Geelong)
- Ciaran Palmer (Dandenong)
- Nic Dimitrakopolous (Ringwood)
- Mason Clavell (Sunraysia)

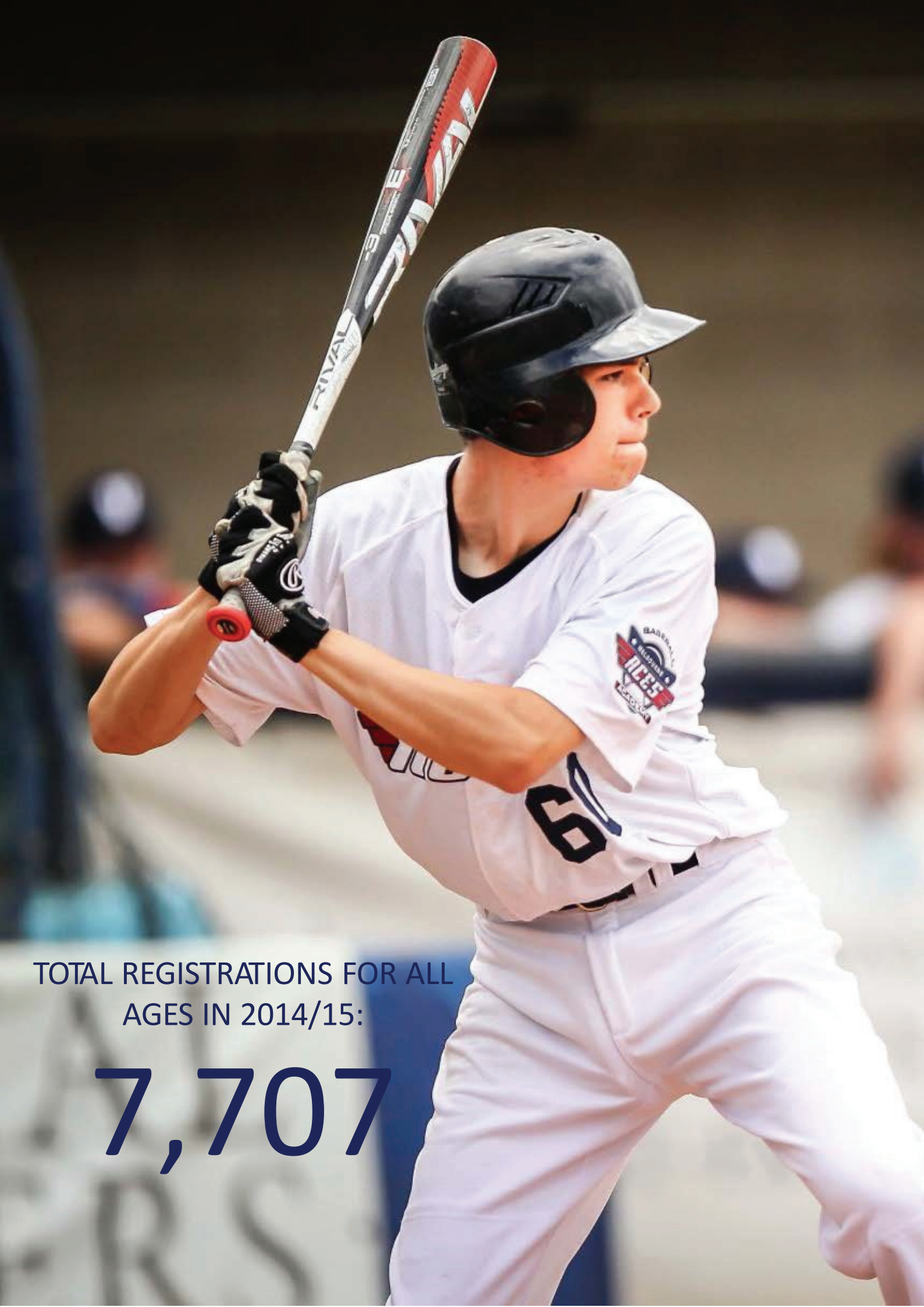
## UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Brenden Laird (Latrobe Valley)
- Dante Caruso (Dandenong)
- Keenan Spence (Diamond Valley)
- Jarred Wood (Geelong)
- Riley Light (Ringwood)
- Charlie O'Connell (Ringwood)
- Royce Parker (Ringwood)
- Jack Higginbotham (Sunraysia)
- Luke Radford (Geelong)

## UNDER 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Harry Fitzgerald (Bendigo)
- Nick Bertucci (Dandenong)
- Ned Hargreaves (Ned Hargreaves)
- Noah Brennan (Geelong)
- Connor Laird (Latrobe Valley)
- Charlie O'Connell (Ringwood)
- Austin Thorn (Ringwood)
- Noah Nichols (Sunraysia)

**Julie Jones**  
**Chair, Winter Committee**



TOTAL REGISTRATIONS FOR ALL  
AGES IN 2014/15:

7,707

# LITTLE LEAGUE REPORT



For the first time a Junior League state championship was held at the Geelong Baseball Centre in January 2015. There were representative teams from the Southern Mariners, Yarra Rangers, Western Mets, Eastern Rays, Sunraysia Giants and Northern Diamondbacks. The Yarra Rangers won the title with the Southern Mariners also qualifying to represent Victoria at the Junior League National Championships.

In April, the 2015 Little League Championships were played at Jells Park in Glen Waverley. A Development Cup and Minor League Challenge were also held for the first time. The former is a development tournament for players that are not successful at being selected in the main charter All-Star team, as well as the players that participate in the Little League Major competition, but are not age eligible to trial for the main All-Star squad (ages nine and ten). The Minor League Challenge includes those that only participate and are registered in the Little League Minor competition.

The Southern Mariners were state champions with the Yarra Rangers and Northern Diamondbacks also qualifying to represent Victoria at the Little League National Championships.

The Yarra Rangers (12<sup>th</sup>), Southern Mariners (13<sup>th</sup>) and the Northern Diamondbacks (17<sup>th</sup>) all represented Victoria with great pride at the Little League National Championships. Congratulations to Cronulla (NSW) for winning this year's tournament and subsequently qualifying to participate in the Little League World Series.

At the Junior League National Championships, the Southern Mariners (eighth) and Yarra Rangers (ninth) both represented Victoria with distinction. Perth Metro Central (WA) won the inaugural tournament and because of this won the right to represent Australia at the 2015 Asia-Pacific Junior Championships.

Thank you to Baseball Australia for their efforts in staging both these events. And thanks again to everyone involved with Little League. Your efforts have been tremendously beneficial to the future of baseball in Victoria.

**Ashley Blair**  
**Little League District Administrator**



# DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING REPORT



***“The decision to use [Horizon WebRef] was based on cost and the growing complexities of managing communications, development resources, umpire availability and appointments.”***

Prior to the season there was a significant change affecting all umpires which had a huge and beneficial impact on the manner in which the administrative responsibilities of the SDU are managed.

After several years of searching for a suitable web based application to manage umpire availability and game assignments, followed by some intense scrutiny and evaluation of the capabilities of several such systems, an application known as Horizon WebRef was decided on and implemented.

The decision to use this system was based on cost and the growing complexities of managing communications, development resources, umpire availability and appointments. With up to 70 umpires and around 100 games played in several competitions over six days each week, the volume of information was becoming unmanageable requiring much time and effort just to keep up with all of the detail.

After some initial minor issues the system was readily accepted by the members because of its accessibility, ease of use entering availability and checking appointments etc.

One disappointing aspect was the failure of many clubs and/or team managers to use the system to check appointments for their games.

## **A. Accredited Officials**

Although we recruited several new umpires prior to the start of the season, it is unfortunate we lost more than we gained. The number of active umpires fell to 64, down by six on the previous season.

## **B. Retirements**

After a long and distinguished career spanning 50 years, Kevin McMurrugh has retired from umpiring.

Kevin began his career in 1966 in Newcastle, NSW and after four years, in 1970, he was appointed to his first Claxton Shield competition in Sydney. Over the next 11 years he worked six Claxton Shield competitions in various states, as well as being appointed to six international competitions in the same period. In 1982, Kevin relocated to the U.S. and for three years worked college baseball officiating at the AAA level.

On his return to Australia in 1985, Kevin took up the role of Director of Umpiring in the ACT which he held for four years after which he transferred to Victoria. Kevin has officiated at three World Masters Competitions (Brisbane, Portland [Oregon] and Sydney) and has been a strong and loyal supporter of both the Australian and Victorian Masters competitions for many years.

On behalf of Baseball Victoria and fellow umpires, I would like to congratulate Kevin on his outstanding career and thank him for his many years of friendship, support and service to umpiring.

The resignation of Geoff Robertson from Baseball Australian in August 2014 will have an effect on all umpires and umpire development throughout Australia. Geoff is held in high esteem nationwide by the baseball community and his experience, knowledge and expertise will be sadly missed by many.

I for one will miss Geoff with his words of wisdom and guidance and wish him a long and happy retirement.



# DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING REPORT continued

## C. Member Achievements

As is the case each year, many members are to be congratulated on their achievements during the year. To the ABL panel, umpires appointed to National Championships, and those appointed to the BV Summer League finals series, my congratulations on a job well done.

## D. Award Winners

Congratulations to the following BUAV award winners for the 2014–15 season:

<b>President's Award:</b>	Peter Priest
<b>Umpire of the Year:</b>	Greg Howard
<b>Directors Award:</b>	Peter Matters
<b>Rookie of the Year:</b>	Frank Nigro

## E. Acknowledgements

We are again indebted to Malcolm Chiverton and members of the Melbourne Baseball Club for allowing us to use their excellent venue and playing fields for our regular training sessions. Special thanks must go to Malcolm who regularly makes himself available to open the clubrooms for our use.

Also I would like thank the Essendon Baseball Club for making their facilities available for our annual seminar.

Also thanks to Bruce Suttor and Peter Matters for their assistance during the year with the appointments for the Master's and Women's competitions.

To the BUAV Umpires and BUAV Committee for your effort and support over the past year I thank you. I look forward to working with you during the coming season which again with the number of games and competitions will prove to be very busy and challenging with opportunities for all.



**Ian McKenzie**  
**Director of Umpiring**

# LEAGUES AND ASSOCIATIONS





## BENDIGO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The 2015 season held some firsts for the Bendigo Baseball Association:

**31 January:** Division 1 Baseball Victoria Summer Baseball League game—Essendon v. Geelong—held at Albert Roy Reserve. It was the first match played in a country region and provided a wonderful opportunity to promote baseball in Bendigo.

**21 and 22 March:** The BBA Baseball Expo provided clubs with the tools to get started in 2015. Thank you to Helen Aikman for all her time and expertise in setting up such a professional program.

**25 July:** Baseball Victoria Summit was held at All Seasons. Thank you to BV for your support in organizing and providing personnel to each of these events.

### A. Competition

The Bendigo Baseball Association season got underway with the junior competition instituting a new format: this year saw T-Ball, Under 13 and 16 year old competitions being played consecutively from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All junior matches are now rostered to one ground each week to make it easier for parents to be able to watch all their children play each Sunday at an alternative ground to senior matches. And all senior matches being played consecutively (C, B A) at two venues each week.

Senior competition saw all four clubs able to field a team in all grades (A, B and C). Junior numbers continue to be low—T-Ball (four teams), Under 13 (three) and Under 16 (two)—with all of the players coming from across four clubs: Bendigo East, Falcons, Scots and Strathfieldsaye Dodgers.

With all clubs demonstrating concern for low youth numbers, the BBA Junior Committee

launched Summer Twilight Baseball Program to run over six weeks from November through to the first Monday in December.

The programs, run in Strathfieldsaye and Albert Roy Reserve, featured a combination of skills and game-time which provided a fun competition and a great turnout: on average 15-20 young players attended each session. The program is set to recommence in February.

This year Bendigo was well-represented at the State Winter Championships (SWC) in the Under 12, Under 18 and senior tournaments.

Congratulations to all our coaches and supporting staff for their dedication in organizing our teams before and during competition. We also commend our representative players for being such great ambassadors for our region and our sport at these games. Kudos too to our State Winter Championship MVPs.

This year Bendigo hosted a very successful Under 12 SWC. Thank you to all the volunteers from the four member clubs for making this tournament a great success. Thank you also to the officials and umpires for your time and dedication to ensuring matches were contested safely and fairly.

This year we watched with pride as some of our talented players took the next step on their path to the Big Leagues:

- **Lachlan Jack**—Vic Blue U18: Sydney
- **Billy Parsons** —Vic Blue U18: Sydney
- **Tyson Cox-Davies**—U18 Vic White: Sydney
- **Darcy Harrison**—U16 Vic White: Sydney
- **Bailey Waterman**—Northern Diamondbacks, National Little League Championships: Gold Coast
- **Joe Parsons & Sam Wild**—Northern Diamondbacks, U14 Little League State Championships: Geelong



## BENDIGO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION continued

We congratulate you all on your achievements throughout 2015.

### B. Executive Board

**(Interim) President:** Terry Smith (resigned prior to October meeting)

**Vice President:** Helen Aikman

**Secretary:** Pam Dawkins

**Registration Secretary:** Sarah Plowright

**Treasurer:** Gay Huggard

### C. List of Premiers

- A Grade—Scots
- B Grade—Scots
- C Grade—Strathfieldsaye Dodgers
- Under 16—Falcons
- Under 13—Falcons

### D. Major Award Winners

- Championship Club—Scots Baseball Club
- A Grade MVP—Sean Meldrum (Scots)
- A Grade Batting—Billy Parsons (Scots)
- A Grade Pitching (John Newman Award)—Billy Parsons (Scots)
- A Grade Rookie of the Year (Leigh Tuckerman Award)—Billy Parsons (Scots)
- B Grade MVP—Jason Harriage (Falcons)
- B Grade Batting—Darcy Harrison (Scots)
- B Grade Pitching—Darron Taylor (Scots)
- C Grade MVP—Dave S Mathews (Scots)
- C Grade Batting—Dave S Mathews (Scots)
- C Grade Pitching—Mark Davies (Strathfieldsaye Dodgers)
- Peter Murphy Perpetual Trophy (Best Senior Player at the Baseball Victoria State Winter Championships)—Johnathon Taylor (Scots).

### E. Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the 2015 BBA Hall of Fame Inductees: John Cameron, Terry Evans, Graham Millar, John Polglase, Cec Riley and Joyce Svanosio,

### F. Sponsors

Last but not least thank you to our sponsors for this season:



**Pam Dawkins**  
**Outgoing Secretary**



## DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION



Success across the 2015 Dandenong Baseball Association (DBA) competition was spread wide with a number of different clubs winning pennants throughout the seven senior grades, including Cheltenham taking out the A1 Championship.

For the 2015 season we are looking at doubling the number of teams entered to 10. The DBA in 2015 fielded:

**1,420** players on  
**57** senior teams and 37 junior teams amongst  
**20** clubs in  
**12** grades: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, Women's, U/17, U/15, U/13, U/11 and Aussie T-Ball.

The DBA again participated in all 2015 State Winter Championships with the following results:

Seniors at Geelong (Division 1): Third  
Under 23 at Geelong (Division 2): Fourth  
Under 18 at Wangaratta (Division 1): First  
Under 16 at Mildura (Division 1): Second  
Under 14 at Frankston (Division 1): Two Championships  
Under 12 at Bendigo (Division 1): First

Congratulations to all DBA teams and many thanks to the tournaments hosts and Baseball Victoria for help in running these events.



## DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION continued

### List of Premiers

- A1—Cheltenham
- A2—Frankston
- B1—Dandenong
- B2—Dandenong
- C1—Dingley
- C2—Dandenong Blue
- Women—Footscray
- Under 17 Combined Competition—  
Dingley Blue (The Under 17 Competition

for the 2015 season was hosted by the Melbourne Winter Baseball League with three DBA Under 17 teams playing in the Combined Competition and Dingley Gold playing in the Under 17 Ringwood and District Junior Baseball League.)

- Under 15—Dingley
- Under 13—Cheltenham Blue
- Under 11—Mornington

**Chris Mayne**  
**Secretary**



# GEELONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The GBA continued to be one of Victoria's progressive winter baseball associations, drawing senior and junior team entries from the greater Geelong area, Werribee, Bacchus Marsh, Lara, Ballarat and Colac.

The GBA boasts two of the best playing facilities in Victoria: the Geelong Baseball Complex and the Prince of Wales Baseball Complex in Ballarat. With the Saints and Guild clubs, the GBA again hosted the senior winter carnival over the long weekend in June, in which the GBA was the eventual winner. The GBA board extends its warmest thanks to all involved that made this weekend an impressive success. Hopefully next year we will see a full contingent of teams participating in the city section of this carnival.

The GBA in 2013 fielded:

- Over **650** players on
- **49** teams (34 senior and 15 junior) amongst
- **11** clubs in
- Seven grades: A, A Reserve, B, B Reserve, C, Under 15 and Under 13.
- The GBA also ran an under 17 academy with great success.

It was also well represented at all junior State Winter Championships. Though they didn't win any titles, the GBA accredited itself well as very credible performances were held by all teams.

Thank you to all managers, coaches and officials for your involvement with the 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 continued as President with David Crotty serving as his deputy. Also present on the GBA board were Roland Stott

as Treasurer and Don Stephens as Pennant Committee Chairman (both life members of the GBA); Michael Lyons as Umpires Coordinator; Robert Hosking as Junior Committee Chairman and Leanne Gibbons as a board member at-large. Special thanks to Glynis Murfitt and Kingsley Collins who were our registrar and news correspondent/web master, respectively.

## A. List of Premiers

- A Grade—Guild
- A Reserves—Guild Lions
- B Grade—Alfredton
- B Reserves—Mounties
- C Grade—Corio
- Under 15—Guild Cubs
- Under 13—Saints Red

## B. Major Award Winners

- Club Champion (Alex Everett Trophy)—Guild
- A Grade MVP (A.E. Gear Trophy)—S. Murry (Bellarine)
- A Grade Best Batting Avg. (Neville McPherson Trophy)—R. Holm (0.435, Deakin)
- A Grade Best Pitching ERA (Col King Trophy)—K. Zablan (0.529, Deakin)
- A Reserve MVP (L.G. Howell Trophy)—T. O'Keefe (Bellarine)
- B Grade MVP (Gordon McKay Trophy)—C. Wilson (Werribee)
- B Reserve MVP (Artie Murrells Trophy)—B. Thomas (Lara)
- C Grade MVP (Stan Hockey Trophy)—S. Wise (Corio)
- Under 15 MVP—L. Hockey (Bellarine)
- Under 12 MVP—J. Billings (Lara)

**Tony McPherson**  
**Executive Officer**



## LATROBE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The Latrobe Valley Association has experienced growth this season with the addition of a new club, the South Gippsland Pirates based in Leongatha, entering one A grade senior team with the ambition to field a second senior team and one junior team in 2016. The other teams in the association have also seen growth in their junior teams. LVBA would like to acknowledge our major sponsor, GDF SUEZ Australian Energy.

### A. Membership Allocation

Senior	Junior
<b>Teams</b> 16	12
<b>Clubs</b> 6	5
<b>Grades</b> A (6)	
B (5)	
C (6)	
Under 16 (4)	
Under 13 (4)	
Tee Ball (4)	

### B. Premiers

**A Grade:** Traralgon  
**B Grade:** Traralgon  
**C Grade:** Traralgon  
**Under 16:** Traralgon  
**Under 13:** Sale  
**Gippsland Championships:** Mornington

### C. Major Award Winners

**A Grade MVP:** Mat Prior (Churchill)  
**B Grade MVP:** Nicole Garner (Sale)  
**C Grade MVP:** Trent Job (Moe Newborough)  
**Under 16 MVP:** Blake Townsend (Traralgon)  
**Umpire of the Year:** Ian Wannan  
**Clyde Cumming A Grade (Grand Final MVP):**  
Luke Hornstra

### D. All-Star Team

**Coach:** John Kus (Traralgon)  
**Pitcher:** Brad Adams (Traralgon)  
**Catcher:** Dale Simpson (Moe Newborough)  
**First Base:** Tim Wilson (Moe Newborough)  
**Second Base:** Ben Shepperd (Traralgon)  
**Third Base:** Ash Poxon (Moe Newborough)  
**Shortstop:** Jason Smith (Moe Newborough)  
**Outfield:** Nathan Robinson (Moe Newborough)  
**Outfield:** Jordan Gilmore (Traralgon)  
**Outfield:** Tom Rynberk (Traralgon)  
**Designated Hitter:** Nathan Robinson (Moe Newborough)

**Luke Hornstra**  
**President**



## MELBOURNE WINTER BASEBALL LEAGUE

The 2015 season for the MWBL continued on from the great successes from previous years and again saw another increase in participation with 111 senior team in 12 grades and 64 junior teams in nine grades from 32 clubs. This was a success driven by the hard work of the current MWBL board, but more importantly the hard work of our member clubs and their overtaxed volunteers.

These numbers have made our league the second largest in the country under Baseball Australia, second only to the Victorian Summer Baseball League. This is an achievement we all need to be proud of as it has taken a lot of hard work by our members to reach that position.

Our revamped Reported Persons and Tribunal system continue to function to the levels of consistency we have been seeking. It may still need a bit more tweaking in relation to penalties, but overall it seems to be working. Another factor that we pushed this year was the use of the yellow card process by our umpires and this saw a marked decrease in ejections for umpire-related incidents. However, we still have too many of these types of incidents and all clubs, Executive Committees and managers need to make sure their players are under control at all times.

We continued to provide and fund the 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. Whilst this program is not recognized by the BUAV or BA it gives us a platform to build on. We will continue to provide this and (as required) other programs for our member clubs.

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 percent. This past year saw us, along with Baseball Victoria and the Victorian Provincial Baseball League, fund a recruitment program during the games Major League Baseball held in Sydney. The feedback has been very good as we got a lot of exposure during those games. All clubs have access to the advert and can use it to promote themselves and our sport through local channels such as supermarkets, and other places where they run community advertising.

The winter campaign for our representative teams saw all junior age groups performing well. The City League team was the only senior representative that we were able to get to the championships. It is great credit to the coaching and management staff of that team that they performed very well. It is disappointing, however, that both the Diamond Valley and Ringwood groups were unable to get anyone to take on the task of putting a team together as well as not having players available to participate. It certainly was not for the lack of trying by the board and administration to make it happen. We need to get our act together and everyone needs to get behind those teams and make sure they happen.

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, executive officers, scorers, players and supporters on a fantastic 2015 season.



## MELBOURNE WINTER BASEBALL LEAGUE continued

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

- Scott Ramsey and Mark Le Grew for the website
- Ausport
- Mystique Printing
- Sally Heppleston—MWBL Media Officer
- Peter Matters, Richard Mason and the MWBL Umpires panel
- Mark Le Grew and the other Tribunal members
- Doug Bartlett 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

We continue to have on-going problems with the IMG system that has been pushed down onto us by Baseball Australia. This system whilst it has some good aspects continues to cause us issues in relation to competition player administration. We have voiced our concerns very strongly to both BV and BA and will re-evaluate our use of certain aspects of the program prior to the commencement of next season.

It would be remiss of me if I did not acknowledge the passing of the Victorian Provincial Baseball League. The decision was made during this year by the members association of the VPBL to wind the organization up, as it no longer has a significant role to play in the overall conduct of baseball in Victoria. It had a long and proud history which will continue to be recognized and our sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who ran that great organization for many years. With the restricting of the sport the role of the VPBL disappeared.

Like all sporting leagues, there is a turnover of committees, and this is no different for the

MWBL. However, we have a solid and dedicated board which was undermanned for the year. We welcomed Doug Bartlett to the role of Pennant Committee Chairperson with continued support from Phil Barclay, John King, Mark Le Grew as well as Geoff Dunn from the umpires. As always David and Anne Rice continue to provide strong administrative support to our League.

Congratulations to all the teams that won the premierships in the 12 senior grades and the nine junior grades and to the MVPs for the senior grades and DV juniors.

In closing I want to bring to your attention the fact that our junior recruitment program for next season will be tied in very strongly with the Melbourne Aces. We took sponsorship of the last home-and-away series of the Aces season as our main focus for recruitment this year. Please get behind us and the Aces and take advantage of the special deals we have obtained for your clubs as well as the actual recruitment activities.

**Peter Dihm**  
**President**



## NORTH EASTERN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The North Eastern Baseball Association competition got under way in late April, finishing in late August with a new finals format.

There were seven teams from five clubs participating: Wangaratta Rangers Black, Wangaratta Rangers Orange, Wodonga Warriors, Wodonga Warriors B, NASC Bears, Porepunkah Panthers and Benalla Bandits. A total of 85 players took part in the competition

Each team played each other twice throughout the home-and-away season. The finals saw the team on top after the regular season go straight into the A grade final with the second and third ranked teams playing off to see who plays the squad that finished atop the ladder.

The loser of the 2-3 contest went straight into the B grade final and the fourth and fifth ranked teams then play for the right to play in the B grade final. The C grade final hosted the loser of the 4-5 game and the victor of the 6-7 contest, with the loser of that matchup missing out on a grand final altogether.

The NEBA also hosted the Under 18 Baseball Victoria State Winter Championships in Wangaratta in July, with six associations attending. All reports proved positive.

In the Senior State Winter Championships in Geelong, the North Eastern played well, making the Country Division before falling to Sunraysia.

### A. Finals

Wangaratta Rangers Black v. NASC Bears  
Wodonga Warriors A v. Wangaratta Rangers Orange  
Porepunkah Panthers v. Benalla Bandits

### B. List of Premiers

- A Grade—Wangaratta Rangers Black
- B Grade—Wodonga Warriors A
- C Grade—Benalla Bandits

### C. Major Award Winners

- A Grade MVP—Greg Daniels (NASC Bears)
- B Grade MVP—Jason Jonker (Wangaratta Rangers Orange)
- C Grade MVP—Heath Anders (Porepunkah Panthers)

**Brandon French**  
**Secretary**



## SUNRAYSIA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The League has again experienced a season that was comparable with the past few years.

Senior player numbers were down slightly, but junior numbers were down more than the senior players. Hopefully the junior numbers will improve next season as the clubs have continued some after school training for primary school students.

The 2015 season saw the withdrawal of both Tornadoes sides from C Grade but Wanderers introduced a second C Grade to replace them, as well as a second B Grade team.

### A. Membership Allocation

	Senior	Junior
<b>Clubs</b>	5	4
<b>Teams</b>	16	17
<b>Players</b>	146	167
<b>Grades</b>	A (4)	
	B (6)	
	C (6)	
	Under 16 (3)	
	Under 14 (4)	
	Under 12 (3)	
	Under 10 (3)	
	Under 8 (4)	

The league representative sides gained considerable success in the Baseball Victoria championships with the senior team finishing second; the Under 18 team third in their division; the under 16 fourth; U14 second; and the U12 team fifth in their division.

We were again represented in the SACBA Championships on the first weekend in October by a senior side, a U17 team and a squad of under 15s. The seniors finished second in their division, missing out on their ninth straight victory. The U17 and U15 Sunraysia sides both won their divisions. Once again this was a very successful weekend for Sunraysia Baseball.

The Sunraysia Giants under 12 Little League team and the Junior League U14 squad did not finish well in their competitions, failing to progress to the National Championships. Both sides are in training for 2016 and are hopeful of success.

### B. Premiers

<b>A. Grade</b>	Hawks Club
<b>B. Grade</b>	Traralgon
<b>C. Grade</b>	Hawks Club
<b>Under 14</b>	Eagles Club
<b>Under 12</b>	Hawks Club
<b>Under 10</b>	Wanderers Club
<b>Under 8</b>	Hawks Club

### C. Major Award Winners

**Ian Bishop Medal (MVP):** Matt Austin (Eagles) and Trent Cross (Hawks)

**A Grade Best Player:** Matt Austin (Eagles)

**B Grade Best Player:** Dion Tregeagle (Tornadoes)

**C Grade Best Player(s):** Kurt Roberts (Eagles) and Tyler McPhee (Hawks)

**U16 Best Player:** R. Law (Eagles)

**U14 Best Player:** H. Grambeau (Eagles)

**Geoff Brown Award (Rookie of the Year):** Mason Clavell (Hawks)

**Trevor Rogers Award (Best Player in BV Senior Championships):** Trent Cross (Hawks)

**Peter Wade Award (Best Player in 2014 SACBA Senior Championships):** Trent Cross (Hawks)

**Baseball Victoria (Winter Senior Championships) MVP:** Matt Austin (Eagles)

**(Winter U/18 Championships) MVP:** Anthony Carroll (Wanderers)

**(Winter U/16 Championships) MVP:** Mason Clavell (Hawks)



## SUNRAYSIA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION continued

**(Winter U/14 Championships) MVP:** Jack Higginbotham (Wanderers)

**SACBA Championships MVP Seniors:** Charlie Ashcroft (Hawks).

**MVP U17 Sunraysia:** Anthony Carroll (Wanderers)

**MVP U15 Sunraysia:** Joel Trevaskis (Hawks)

### **D. SACBA Championship All-Star Team**

**(Assistant) Coach:** Peter Wade (Wanderers)

**Pitcher:** Taylar Pay (Eagles)

**First Base:** Andrew Law (Eagles)

**Third Base:** Adam Bell (Eagles)

**Shortstop:** Charlie Ashcroft (Hawks)

**Left Field:** Nick Carroll (Wanderers)

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 2015 season was once again a success, and look forward to 2016 with confidence that we will again have support for another favourable year.

**Ian Bishop**  
**Administrator**





# SUMMER LEAGUE REPORT

The Victorian Summer Baseball League (VSBL) 2014/15 season fielded:

- Approximately **5,000 participants** comprising
- **336 teams**, (123 Seniors, 20 Womens, 34 Masters, 46 VSBL Juniors and 113 Junior & Little League squads) across
- **35 clubs** and **5 charters** in
- **36 grades**, playing more than
- **2,500 games** throughout the season.

As we review another season and look to these numbers to quantify the scope of our competition, it becomes readily apparent just how vast our competition has become and the immense challenge that confronts the administrators at Baseball Victoria, the Victorian Summer Baseball League Competition Committee (VSBLCC) and the clubs as we work to deliver a quality competition experience to our members and participants.

From Ballarat in the west to Berwick in the east (a round trip of more than 300 kilometres), the VSBL is more than a state league in name: our participants covered wide expanses of our great state, playing thousands of games of baseball at a range of different skill and age levels and, for the most part, enjoying wonderful baseball experiences.

After several years of the VSBLCC being appointed by the Baseball Victoria Board, Chairperson Clayton Crameri implemented a process for the clubs to have a say in the people representing and advocating for them, with VSBLCC members elected by the clubs for the first time in 2014/2015. Clayton and his board at Baseball Victoria deserve enormous credit for moving ahead with a process that gives clubs a greater say over their competition.

The election process was successfully implemented, with a high percentage of clubs casting votes. They voted in the following representatives on to the competition committee:

- Jason Blair (Junior Portfolio)
- Malcolm Chiverton (Senior Portfolio, Deputy Chairperson)
- Mark Gooding (Masters Portfolio)
- Nathan Holmes (Chairperson)
- John O'Halloran (Appeals Officer)
- Cassandra Shelverton (Womens Portfolio)
- Greg Veale (Governance Portfolio)

The Chair and Deputy Chair were established by a vote of the members, with portfolio appointments made by the Chair.

Administrative support was provided by Baseball Victoria's Competitions Manager, David Zucchet.

The VSBLCC's focus in 2014/2015 was establishing clear processes for the operation of the Victorian Summer Baseball League, encouraging clubs to take a more active role in driving the agenda for the development of the competition, and reducing the administrative burden on clubs so they could focus on their most important function: encouraging more people to join our sport and providing a quality experience to all participants.

A key component of improving the function of the VSBLCC was to give the Competitions Manager greater power in the implementation of the rules. David thrived in his role with the increased opportunity to be responsible for the operation of the competition, and with a single administrator responsible for the interpretation and implementation of the rules, a clear and consistent approach to the application of the Playing Conditions started to develop.

At great loss to Baseball Victoria and the Victorian Summer Baseball League, David has moved on to work at Football Federation Victoria. The VSBLCC must acknowledge the tireless work of David and thank him for his incredible support through the season and we wish him the best of luck in his new role.



# SUMMER LEAGUE REPORT continued

For VSBLLCC members, this change of focus released the burden of managing regular operational matters and allowed greater focus on reviewing the strategic direction of the competition. The hope for the VSBLLCC moving forward is that more attention on the core strategies of creating a great competition and less focus on dealing with the day-to-day happenings around the competition will take greater advantage of the incredible wealth of knowledge and experience collected on the committee.

Managing the Victorian Summer Baseball League is a daunting challenge due to its size, its traditions and history, the varying degrees of clubs involved and the broad nature of its participants. The members of the VSBLLCC are passionate and dedicated to assisting the clubs in creating the best possible competition they can. I'd like to thank each of them for their contribution during the season and wish them the best of luck in their future involvement with the VSBLLCC.

Thank you also to the Baseball Victoria, club and Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria (BUAV) administrators that took the time during the year to engage with me personally, and with the VSBLLCC collectively, on trying to make the VSBLL a better experience for all participants. While we don't always see eye-to-eye, problems can only be solved when minds connect and ideas are shared.

Congratulations to the various individuals and teams that won awards and championships, in particular the Essendon Baseball Club on a record-equally fourth consecutive Division 1 championship and the Ballarat Baseball Club for qualifying for Division Two in only their second season in the Victorian Summer Baseball League.

## A. Seniors

The Division 1 competition continued with the conference structure from the previous season, with a slight alteration that saw the Doncaster and Sandringham Baseball Clubs switch conferences prior to the start of the season. The conference system continues to have strong support from the clubs, although

it has been hard to determine if the stated aims of reducing travel time for participants has been achieved.

Division 2 and 3 competition structures remained the same as previous seasons, however the clubs agreed to increase the number of games to 27 in Division 2 to increase the participation opportunities and bring the experience of participating in Division 2 in to line with that of D-1. Division 3 maintained the same number of games as previous seasons, but some support was given for increasing the number of games in the future.

Some other key changes implemented to the senior competition this season included reducing the restrictions on players re-entering games below the Firsts to increase participation opportunities; reduced restrictions to the permit procedures to encourage more clubs to use the permits; and minimum number of game requirements were included in the Playing Conditions to ensure participants have a clear value proposition when they sign up at the beginning of the season.

There were also major changes adopted by the clubs to the criteria restrictions, including a lessening of the t-ball requirements to constitute a team and the establishment of a probationary period for clubs not meeting the junior criteria.

## B. Women's

The women's competition adopted a promotion and relegation criteria for the 2014/2015 season, a sign of the maturing of the competition. The new system provides for the Division 2 champion to be promoted next season, replacing the last place team in Division 1. The system was designed to give teams an added incentive to develop and improve their programs, with a clearly established pathway to the top competition.

The women's competition also adopted changes to the re-entry rules to encourage and facilitate more participation.



# SUMMER LEAGUE REPORT continued

## C. Masters

As one of our two 'bookend programs', the Masters competition is the second-fastest participant growth competition, behind Little League, in the Victorian Summer Baseball League. This growth was a key factor in the clubs adopting an expanded age group for the 2014/2015 competition.

The 45+ competition was added, attracting six teams to the new age group. While establishing the new age group diminished the previous Masters Division 1, the opportunity to expand the masters competition to attract new participants and provide a more enriching participation experience as players aged was strategically astute by the clubs and will hopefully pay dividends in future seasons.

## D. Juniors

2014/2015 saw one of the biggest restructures to our junior competitions in the past two decades, with the clubs agreeing to move their Under 12 and Under 14 competitions out from under the Victorian Summer Baseball League umbrella and enter teams into Baseball Victoria's newly established Little and Junior League Charters.

For Victorian Summer League Clubs, this was a leap of faith. The changes were introduced very close to the start of the season and it was obvious the new structure was confusing to even the most experience administrator. However, the clubs again were strategically-minded. While the structure seemed confusing, they understood the importance of ensuring participants were locked into Baseball Australia's national pathway model, and with the opportunities presented for players to participate in state, national and even international events, the clubs were progressive in their thoughts and actions.

If our junior leagues are the seeds we plant to grow strong and healthy competitions in the future, the Little League framework appears set to provide a bumper harvest in the future.

## E. Umpires

Often overlooked as participants in our competition, the BUAV and its members had another outstanding season. In what is the most thankless job in sport, the boys in blue gave their best efforts all season.

I'd like to thank David Welsh, Stewart Howe, and Ian McKenzie for their efforts in working closely with the VSBLLCC on improving relations between playing participants and umpiring participants. While there will always be differences of opinion, mutual respect and care for the positive experience of all participants is critical to our sport and our competition growing stronger in the future.

Finally, on behalf of the VSBLLCC, I'd like to thank Clayton Crameri and the Baseball Victoria Board for their faith in the VSBLLCC and for their efforts in directing baseball in Victoria. I'd also like to thank Neale Price and all the staff at Baseball Victoria for their support and guidance throughout the year.

As I noted at my final President's Meeting, I will be vacating the chair at the conclusion of the 2014/2015 season and will not be running at the next election. I'd like to wish the incoming VSBLLCC members the best of luck and I hope the 2015/2016 is bigger and better again!

**Nathan Holmes**  
**Summer League Chairman**



# SUMMER LEAGUE 2014/15

## Club Champions

- **Division 1 (Peter Dihm Shield):** Essendon
- **Division 2:** Sunshine

## Premiers | 2014/15

### SENIORS:

- **Division 1 (Ross Straw Trophy):** Essendon
- **Division 1 Reserves:** Cheltenham
- **Division 1 Thirds:** Doncaster
- **Division 1 Fourths:** Cheltenham
- **Division 2 (R. E. Darling Trophy):** Springvale
- **Division 2 Reserves:** Berwick City
- **Division 2 Thirds:** Malvern
- **Division 2 Fourths:** Berwick City
- **Division 3:** Research
- **Division 3 Reserves:** Ormond Glenhuntly
- **Division 4 East:** Blackburn
- **Division 4 North West:** Fitzroy
- **Division 4 South:** Springvale

### WOMEN:

- **Women's Division 1:** Springvale
- **Women's Division 2:** Waverley
- **Women's Division 3:** Doncaster

### MASTERS:

- **Masters 45+ Division:** Waverley
- **Masters 38+ East Division:** Melbourne
- **Masters 38+ South Division:** Springvale Tomatoes
- **Masters 38+ North West Division:** Geelong A

### JUNIORS:

- **Under 18 State League (L. V. Straw Shield):** Cheltenham
- **Under 18 Metro:** Springvale
- **Under 16 State League (Les Polson Shield):** Sandringham
- **Under 16 Metro East:** Waverley Black
- **Under 16 Metro West:** Fitzroy
- **Under 14 State League (J. F. Guiliano Shield):** Waverly
- **Junior League Metro East:** Blackburn
- **Junior League Metro West:** Werribee
- **Under 12 Major League (W. E. Blenden Shield):** Cheltenham
- **Little League Metro East:** Bonbeach
- **Little League Metro West:** Fitzroy Lions

### LITTLE LEAGUE CHARTERS:

- **Northern Diamondbacks:** Preston B
- **Melbourne Rays:** Melbourne A
- **Southern Mariners:** Cheltenham Yankees
- **Western Mets:** Newport
- **Yarra Rangers:** Waverley Dodgers

### JUNIOR LEAGUE CHARTERS:

- **Northern Diamondbacks:** Fitzroy / Preston
- **Melbourne Rays:** Upwey A
- **Southern Mariners:** Cheltenham B
- **Western Mets:** Geelong B
- **Yarra Rangers:** Waverley Yankees



# SUMMER LEAGUE 2014/15 continued

## Award Winners

### Most Valuable Players

- **Division 1 (George S Heron Medal):** Luke Westphal (Doncaster)
- **Division 2 (Robert R Hindson Medal):** Will Musson (Moorabbin)
- **Women's Division 1:** Shae Lillywhite (Springvale) & Belinda Cannington (Doncaster)
- **Division 1 Grand Final Series (Harry Wonnacott Medal):** Thomas Dicker (Essendon)
- **U18 Major League Grand Final (John Viney Perpetual Award):** Jack Encionda (Cheltenham)
- **U16 Major League Grand Final (Angus McPherson Memorial Award):** Mitchell Wilcox (Sandringham)
- **U14 Major League Grand Final (Dick Mason Memorial Award):** Brian Smart (Waverly)
- **U12 Major League Grand Final (Ian Deany Perpetual Award):** Josh Ashen (Cheltenham)

### Pitching Awards

- **Division 1 (Harry Douglas Memorial Trophy):** Gareth Formisano (Essendon)
- **Division 2:** Tim Brown (Springvale)
- **Women's Division 1:** Vic Brown (Springvale)

### Batting Awards

- **Division 1:** Matthew Kent (Melbourne)
- **Division 1 Home Run Award:** Andrew Russell (Williamstown)
- **Division 2:** Lane Koski (Sunshine)
- **Division 2 Home Run Award:** Lewis Weldon (Sunshine)
- **Women's Division 1:** Amy McCann (Doncaster)

### Recognition Awards

- **Coach of the Year:** Peter Giles (Essendon)
- **Umpire of the Year:** Greg Howard
- **Club Volunteer of the Year:** Jacquie Bright (Blackburn)
- **Baseball Victoria Volunteer of the year:** Russell Hodgson (Melbourne Winter Baseball Association)



# HONOUR ROLLS



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## Victorian Baseball Association Inc. | Life Members

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

## Victorian Provincial Baseball League | Life Members

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

\* deceased

## Baseball Victoria | Life Members

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2009	Jason Blair
2015	John King

# OFFICER BEARERS (HISTORICAL)

## Victorian Baseball League

Year	President	Secretary
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

Year	President	Secretary
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

Year	President	Secretary
1920	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1921	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1922	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey

## Victorian Baseball Association | 2014

Year	President	Secretary
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

Year	President	Secretary
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

## Victorian Baseball Association

Year	President	Secretary
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

Year	President	Administrator
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

Year	President	Executive Director
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

## Victorian Baseball Association

Year	President	Executive Director
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
2007	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Walker/Nash
2008	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Nash

## Baseball Victoria Incorporated

Year	President	Chief Executive Officer
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)
2014	Mr. C. Crameri	Mr. N. Price
2015	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair (Interim General Manager)

# FINANCIAL REPORTS



**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**

**ABN 78 603 120 057**

**Financial Report**

**For the year ended 30 September 2015**

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

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**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The board of director's present their report together with the financial report of Baseball Victoria Incorporated for the period ended 30 September 2015 and the auditor's report thereon. This financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

**The Board of Director's names**

The names of the director's in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Myles Foreman - President

Scott Dawes - Vice President

Sheila Nguyen

James van Beek

Geoff Pearce (appointed 10 February 2015)

Sonia Heath (appointed 26 May 2015)

Craig Armstead (appointed 26 May 2015)

Clayton Crameri (resigned 2 February 2015)

Stephen Thomson (resigned 12 May 2015)

Shaun Graf (resigned 10 February 2015)

The director's have been in office since the start of the year to date of this report unless otherwise stated.

**Results**

The Profit/(Loss) of the association for the period (12 months) after providing for income tax amounted to a Profit of \$61,072 (2014: Loss \$106,842).

**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 state of affairs during the year.

**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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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of director's

President:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Myles Foreman', written over a horizontal line.

Myles Foreman

Vice President:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Dawes', written over a horizontal line. A small diagonal slash is visible below the signature.

Scott Dawes

Dated this day 18th December 2015

**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

	Note	2015 12 months \$	2014 15 months \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Revenue	3	1,289,147	1,608,097
Interest Income		4,929	6,814
		<u>1,294,076</u>	<u>1,614,911</u>
<b>Less: Expenses</b>			
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(12,174)	(21,835)
Employee benefits expense		(401,730)	(495,246)
Finance costs		(897)	(3,568)
Administration expenses		(79,148)	(91,582)
Senior state team expenses		(47,201)	(104,603)
Under 12 development program expenses		-	(1,180)
Junior state team expenses		(256,158)	(374,661)
ABF, registration and insurance expenses		(85,173)	(230,851)
Umpire expenses		(124,242)	(120,074)
Development expenses		(68,329)	(110,643)
Bad and doubtful debts		5,692	(4,248)
Motor vehicle expenses		(14,305)	(13,669)
Other competition expenses		(73,756)	(68,094)
Other expenses		(75,583)	(81,499)
		<u>(1,233,004)</u>	<u>(1,721,753)</u>
<b>Profit/(Loss) before income tax expense</b>		<u><b>61,072</b></u>	<u><b>(106,842)</b></u>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Net Profit/(Loss) after Income tax</b>		<u><b>61,072</b></u>	<u><b>(106,842)</b></u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>		<u><b>61,072</b></u>	<u><b>(106,842)</b></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

As at 30 September 2015

	Note	2015 12 months \$	2014 15 months \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	362,306	270,486
Receivables	5	51,183	78,898
Other assets	8	11,496	8,121
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>424,985</u>	<u>357,505</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	6	27,349	39,523
Intangible assets	7	2,000	2,000
Other assets	8	56,024	50,701
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>85,373</u>	<u>92,224</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>510,358</u>	<u>449,729</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables	9	18,673	24,816
Borrowings	10	6,284	7,440
Provisions	11	12,761	21,709
Other liabilities	12	250,880	236,651
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>288,597</u>	<u>290,616</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings	10	19,316	23,065
Provisions	11	2,722	2,722
Other liabilities	12	56,023	50,701
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>78,061</u>	<u>76,488</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>366,658</u>	<u>367,104</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>143,700</u>	<u>82,625</u>
<b>Members funds</b>			
Accumulated surplus		143,700	82,628
<b>Total Members funds</b>		<u>143,700</u>	<u>82,628</u>

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**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS**  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

	<b>Accumulated Surplus \$</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2013</b>	189,470
Profit/(Loss) for the period (15 months)	<u>(106,842)</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<u>(106,842)</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2014</b>	<u>82,628</u>
 <b>Balance as at 1 October 2014</b>	 82,628
Profit/(Loss) for the period	<u>61,072</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<u>61,072</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2015</b>	<u>143,700</u>

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**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

	Note	2015 12 months \$	2014 15 months \$
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from Customers		1,322,554	1,762,592
Payments to Suppliers & Employees		(1,229,862)	(1,600,733)
Interest Received		4,929	6,814
Finance Costs		(897)	(3,568)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	13(b)	<u>96,724</u>	<u>165,105</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Payments for property, plant and equipment	6(a)	-	(9,427)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>(9,427)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Motor vehicle finance repayments		(4,904)	(5,262)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>(4,904)</u>	<u>(5,262)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		91,820	150,416
<b>Reconciliation of cash</b>			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		270,486	120,070
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		91,820	150,416
<b>Cash at end of financial year</b>	13(a)	<u>362,306</u>	<u>270,486</u>

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**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

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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 Incorporations 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**

*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 delivery of the service to the customers.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking into 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.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

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

**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*

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 the 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.

<b>Class of fixed asset</b>	<b>Depreciation rates</b>	<b>Depreciation basis</b>
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 assets 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.

**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.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

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

**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 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 the services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

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.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

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

**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 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: CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS**

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

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

	Note	2015 12 months \$	2014 15 months \$
<b>NOTE 3: REVENUE</b>			
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Affiliation fees		161,160	152,630
Registration and insurance		377,018	543,445
Development department		63,542	130,334
Grant income		118,500	100,545
Umpire fees		125,759	118,290
General operating income		82,750	53,987
Senior state teams		32,765	69,377
Junior state teams		267,256	395,643
Under 12 development programs		-	(2,207)
Baseball academy		60,367	45,889
Other fees		30	164
		<u>1,289,147</u>	<u>1,608,097</u>

**NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	14,531	47,503
Cash on deposit	347,675	222,883
	<u>362,306</u>	<u>270,486</u>

**NOTE 5: RECEIVABLES**

**CURRENT**

Trade debtors	65,851	99,258
Provision for doubtful debts	(14,668)	(20,360)
Other receivables	-	-
	<u>51,183</u>	<u>78,898</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:

Opening balance at 1 July 2014	(20,360)	(17,282)
Charge for the year	5,692	(3,078)
Closing balance as at 30 September 2015	<u>(14,668)</u>	<u>(20,360)</u>

**Aged Analysis**

Trade receivable ageing analysis as at 30 September:

	Gross 2015 \$	Impairment 2015 \$	Gross 2014 \$	Impairment 2014 \$
Not past due	9,287	-	19,544	-
Past due 31-60 days	17,636	-	22,164	-
Past due 61-90 days	3,720	-	17,303	-
Past due more than 91 days	35,208	5,692	40,247	(3,078)
	<u>65,851</u>	<u>5,692</u>	<u>99,258</u>	<u>(3,078)</u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

	Note	2015 12 months \$	2014 15 months \$
<b>NOTE 6: PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>			
Motor vehicles at cost		45,454	45,454
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(23,574)</u>	<u>(16,281)</u>
		21,880	29,173
 Office equipment at cost		 47,655	 47,655
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(42,186)</u>	<u>(37,305)</u>
		5,469	10,350
Total property, plant and equipment		<u><u>27,349</u></u>	<u><u>39,523</u></u>

**a) Reconciliations**

Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial

*Motor vehicles*

Opening carrying amount	29,173	42,434
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	<u>(7,293)</u>	<u>(13,261)</u>
Closing carrying amount	<u><u>21,880</u></u>	<u><u>29,173</u></u>

*Office equipment*

Opening carrying amount	10,350	9,497
Additions	-	9,427
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	<u>(4,881)</u>	<u>(8,574)</u>
Closing carrying amount	<u><u>5,469</u></u>	<u><u>10,350</u></u>

**NOTE 7: INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Patents, trademarks and licences at cost	<u><u>2,000</u></u>	<u><u>2,000</u></u>
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**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	<u><u>2,000</u></u>	<u><u>2,000</u></u>
Closing balance	<u><u>2,000</u></u>	<u><u>2,000</u></u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

	Note	2015 12 months \$	2014 15 months \$
<b>NOTE 8: OTHER ASSETS</b>			
CURRENT			
Prepayments		10,732	7,357
Prepaid borrowing expenses		764	764
		<u>11,496</u>	<u>8,121</u>
NON-CURRENT			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		56,023	50,701
		<u>56,023</u>	<u>50,701</u>
<b>NOTE 9: PAYABLES</b>			
CURRENT			
<i>Unsecured Liabilities</i>			
Trade creditors		1,560	4,997
Sundry creditors and accruals		17,113	19,819
		<u>18,673</u>	<u>24,816</u>
<b>NOTE 10: BORROWINGS</b>			
CURRENT			
<i>Secured liabilities</i>			
Chattel mortgage liability		8,349	9,979
Unexpired term charges		(2,065)	(2,539)
		<u>6,284</u>	<u>7,440</u>
NON-CURRENT			
<i>Secured liabilities</i>			
Chattel mortgage liability		21,340	27,153
Unexpired term charges		(2,024)	(4,088)
		<u>19,316</u>	<u>23,065</u>
<b>NOTE 11: PROVISIONS</b>			
CURRENT			
Employee Benefits		12,761	21,709
NON-CURRENT			
Employee Benefits		2,722	2,722
a) Aggregate employee benefits liability		15,483	24,431

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	Note	2015 12 months \$	2014 15 months \$
<b>NOTE 12: OTHER LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Deferred Income		250,880	236,651
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		56,023	50,701
<b>NOTE 13: CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>			
<b>a) Reconciliation of cash</b>			
Cash at the end of the financial year is shown in the statements of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:			
Cash on hand		100	100
Cash at bank		14,531	47,503
At call deposits with financial institutions		347,675	222,883
		<u>362,306</u>	<u>270,486</u>
<b>b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus after income tax</b>			
Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax		61,072	(106,842)
<b>Adjustments and non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation		12,174	21,835
Trade receivables provision and impairment		(5,692)	3,078
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	(1)
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in receivables		33,407	58,071
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		(8,697)	35,416
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		-	14,200
Increase/(decrease) in payables		(6,143)	(7,225)
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities		19,551	132,290
Increase/(decrease) in provisions		(8,948)	14,283
		<u>35,652</u>	<u>271,947</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		<u>96,724</u>	<u>165,105</u>

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	Note	2015 12 months \$	2014 15 months \$
<b>NOTE 14: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS</b>			
a) Finance Lease Commitments			
Payable			
- not later than one year		8,349	9,979
- later than one year and not later than five years		21,340	27,153
Minimum lease payments		29,689	37,132
Less future finance charges		(4,089)	(6,627)
Total finance lease liability		<u>25,600</u>	<u>30,505</u>
Represented by:			
Current liability		6,284	7,440
Non-current liability		<u>19,316</u>	<u>23,065</u>
		<u>25,600</u>	<u>30,505</u>
b) Operating lease commitments			
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:			
Payable			
- not later than one year		9,045	12,060
- later than one year and not later than five years		-	9,045
		<u>9,045</u>	<u>21,105</u>

General description of leasing arrangement - Rental of Office and Office Equipment

**NOTE 15: ASSOCIATION DETAILS**

The registered office of the association is:

Baseball Victoria Incorporated  
Level 2, Sports House  
375 Albert Road  
Albert Park Victoria 3206

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STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS

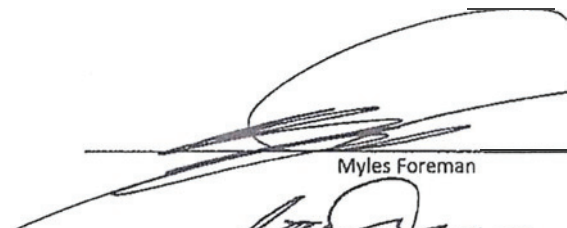
In the opinion of the Director's the financial report as set out on pages 3-15:


1. Presents fairly the financial position of Baseball Victoria Incorporated as at 30 September 2015 and performance for the period 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.

This declaration is made in accordance with the resolution of the director's and is signed for and on behalf of the board of director's by:

President:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Myles Foreman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Dawes

Vice President:

Dated this day 18th December 2015

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

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report, of Baseball Victoria Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2015, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the period then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and statement by members of the committee.

### *Committee Member's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012 (and its associated Regulations), and for such internal control as the directors determine 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.

### *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 entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, 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 the 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 September 2015, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012 (and it's associated Regulations).



**MOORE STEPHENS AUDIT (VIC)**  
ABN 16 847 721 257



**GEORGE DAKIS**  
**Partner**  
**Audit & Assurance Services**

Melbourne, Victoria

18 December 2015

## National Affiliations



## State and Territorial Affiliations



## Government Sponsors and State Baseball Facility



## Victorian Leagues and Associations





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