

# 2017-18 Annual Report

1 October 2017 - 30 September 2018



**BASEBALL**  
VICTORIA





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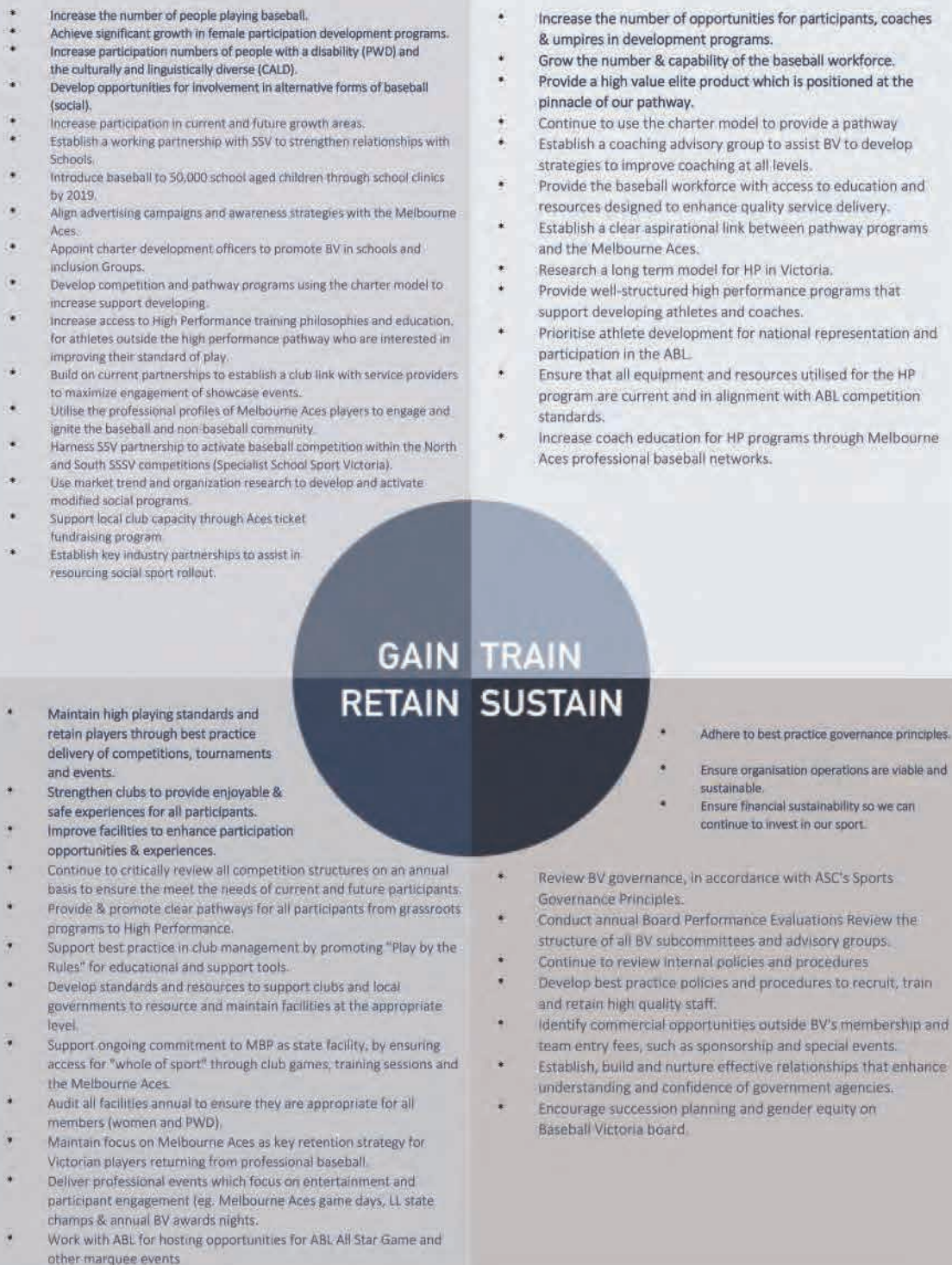
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# Mission & Vision

**VISION** Be the number one state in Australia for baseball participation by being a safe, welcoming and inclusive sport

**PURPOSE** Provide every Victorian with the opportunity to participate in whole of sport





# Baseball Victoria State of Play

## BASEBALL VICTORIA STATE OF PLAY

Summer and Winter Competitions 2017/18 (as at February 2018)

### JUNIOR PARTICIPATION

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### SENIOR PARTICIPATION

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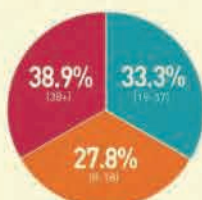
### MASTERS PARTICIPATION

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### FEMALE PARTICIPATION

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**2,038**  
PLAYERS ELIGIBLE TO PLAY MASTERS



Similar to player's eligibility to play Masters, Baseball Victoria understands there is a portion of players within this age group that play in senior competitions.

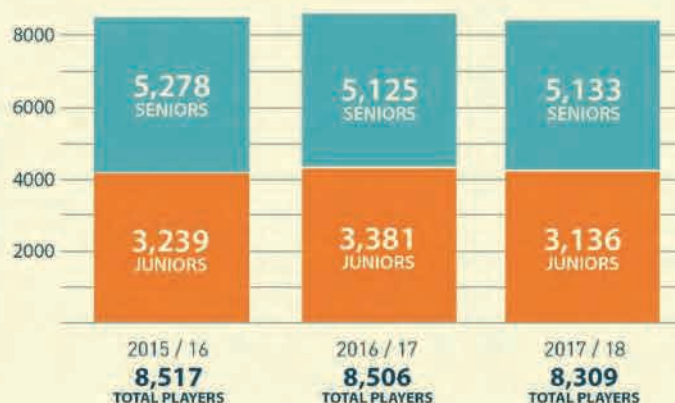
57.3% represents the number of players currently registered to play Summer Baseball competitions that fall within this age range.

Baseball is not unique in its challenges in retaining players through this phase of their lives with a number of reasons attributed to the loss of players including: work commitments, family study, moving out of the area or interstate & injury among the leading reasons for leaving a sport.

2,038 DOES NOT represent the number of players currently playing Masters, rather the number of players currently registered that would be eligible to participate in a Masters competition.

Masters Programs add the number of participation opportunities available to Masters players has been significantly not to being able to keep people involved in the game.

With a focus on female participation and the formation of Baseball Victoria's **Women & Girls Working Group** we would expect steady increases in both the opportunities for women and girls to participate in baseball programs and the number of girls registered to play baseball in the coming years.





# Baseball Victoria Directors

## **MYLES FOREMAN**//President

Appointed to the Board in September 2013 Myles was elected to the role of President in February 2015. Myles brings his corporate strategic and governance experience to the role of President. Myles has over 25 years' experience in senior executive role in the Hospitality, Entertainment and Sports industries. For the past ten years' Myles has held Chief Executive roles within the Thoroughbred Racing Industry. Myles worked at Ticketmaster for more than 10 years in a range of positions including Head of Markets & Development, General Manager - ticketmaster.com.au, Operations Manager and Chief Information Officer. A rower and rowing coach in his youth Myles become involved in the sport of baseball through his kids, becoming a junior coordinator and club Vice President before resigning to join the Baseball Victoria Board.



## **JAMES VAN BEEK**//Vice President

From his appointment in September 2014 James assumed responsibility for the portfolio of Director of Finance bringing with him more than 12 years record of success in financial management and elevating operational efficiency in high level professional sporting organisations. James' experience encompasses strategic planning and operational implementation within two AFL clubs as well as the racing and wagering industry and recently strategic financial and investment advice in the Aged Care industry for the past 4yrs.



## **SHEILA NGUYEN**//Marketing & Communications

Dr Sheila Nguyen is the Executive Director of the Sports Environment Alliance. She was formerly the Director of the Master of Business (Sport Management) Program at Deakin University and has a PhD in Sport Management from Florida State University (USA), specialising in corporate social orientation and stakeholder management with ongoing research interests including corporate social responsibility, environmental responsibility, measurement and research design. Sheila has had experience working with licensing/marketing (PGA Tour, USA), corporate consulting (William Morris Agency, Beverly Hills, USA) and has worked as part of the broadcasting team at the 2010 Asian Games with clients such as NHK, Al-Jazeera, KBS, & CCTV.



## **CRAIG ARMSTEAD**//Member Services & Data

Appointed in May 2015, Craig has a diverse background across both the Sporting and Consumer Goods industries, with significant experience in Finance, Marketing and General Management. Within the sporting environment he's been Consumer Business Manager with the Geelong Cats (AFL), General Manager – Marketing & Sales with the South Dragons basketball Club (National Basketball League), General Manager – Club & Membership Development with Greyhound Racing Victoria and is currently Chief Executive Officer for the Essendon District Football League (AFL). In all these roles Craig has held direct management of the Membership function, with a heavy focus on member services and growth.



## **JOANNA O'CONNOR**//Inclusion

Joanna O'Connor has over 10 years of experience in digital marketing specialising in retail, media and entertainment markets. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Auckland and post graduate honours in Commercial Law.





# Baseball Victoria Directors



**GRANT WEIR/** Game Development and High Performance (Appointed April 2018)

Grant's experience is vast, both within the sport of baseball and externally. Playing baseball for most of his life, he's been a part of teams on the Under 19 USA tours, the Australian Baseball League and the 1988 Olympics. As a coach, grant has worked with the Australian U17's and the Claxton Shield teams as a pitching coach as well as heading the Victorian and Australian Women's programs in their early years. Grant currently teaches Sport Development the Victorian University and has worked previously for the Victorian Baseball Association and held multiple positions in the sports industry sector for other State and National organisations.

## DIRECTORS RESIGNED DURING FINANCIAL YEAR END 30 SEPTEMBER 2018



**SONIA HEATH//**Inclusion (Resigned November 2017)

Sonia brings a unique blend of sporting and career experience that combines Olympic (Beijing) representation honours with senior leadership roles in media, government, and the not-for-profit sector. A communications professional with almost 20 years industry knowledge, Sonia has worked as a television journalist, radio journalist, and political media adviser and is currently a Senior Communications Manager within the Victorian Government. Sonia has a natural affinity for elite sports, including baseball, and she believes strongly in fostering inclusion, particularly at the grass roots level.



**GEOFF PEARCE//**High Performance & Facilities (Resigned February 2018)

Geoff assumed responsibility for the portfolio of Director of High Performance in February 2015. Geoff's first step into the baseball business world was in 1996 as owner of the Melbourne Reds, a team in the original Australian Baseball League. In 1999 he joined the Australian Baseball Federation board as a Director, becoming President in 2006 and serving until 2012.



**SCOTT DAWES//**Vice President (Resigned April 2018)

Involved in baseball for over 35 years, Scott has played or coached in Victoria at Doncaster, Sunshine, Cheltenham, Waverley & Greenhills Montmorency clubs and a life member of GMBC. Scott also starred on the national and international stage representing Victoria at the national championships as a junior from 1986 - 1989 and Australia at the 1989 and 1990 World Championships. As a senior, Scott played in all 10 seasons of the first incarnation of the ABL with the Waverley/Melbourne Reds and played for Victoria post-ABL until 2002. He's won four Claxton Shields and represented Australia at the 1993 Asian Series, the 1994 and 1998 World Championships and the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

President (Portfolio: Baseball Australia, ABL & Associations)	Myles Foreman
Vice-President (Portfolio: Association Secretary & Finance)	James Van Beek
Director (Portfolio: Marketing & Communication)	Sheila Nguyen
Director (Portfolio: Member Services & Data)	Craig Armstead
Director (Portfolio: Inclusion)	Joanna O'Connor
Director (portfolio: Game Development & High Performance)	Grant Weir - Appointed April 2018
Director (Portfolio: Inclusion)	Sonia Heath - Resigned November 2017
Director (Portfolio: High Performance & Facilities)	Geoff Pearce - Resigned February 2018
Vice-President (Portfolio: Pathways, Competitions & Tournaments)	Scott Dawes - Resigned April 2018



# Baseball Victoria Board & Staff

## DURING REPORTING PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

CEO	Justin Huber
General Manager Baseball Operations	Jeff Paull Commenced October 2017
High Performance Manager	Damian Shanahan
Communications & Digital Marketing Coordinator	Joel Mackenzie Resigned January 2018
Communications & Digital Marketing Coordinator	Lisa McLellan Commenced May 2018 Concluded July 2018
Communications & Digital Marketing Coordinator	Rachael Bouley Commenced August 2018
Competitions Coordinator	Chris Mayne Resigned November 2017
Competitions Coordinator	Kelsey Quinn Commenced December 2017
Events & Operations Coordinator	Samantha Creed Resigned March 2018
Events & Operations Coordinator	Taylor Crotty Commenced April 2018
Commercial Operations Coordinator	Michelle Brewster Resigned October 2018
Finance Coordinator	Les Flower Retired August 2018
Finance Coordinator	Tania Newcombe Commenced August 2018
NCAS Coordinator	Greg Tinkler
Umpire Development Coordinator	Stewart Howe
School Programs Coordinator	Matt Whyte





# Baseball Victoria Working Groups & Sub Committees

## FINANCE & AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE

James van Beek (Chair) Board Representative  
Myles Foreman Board Representative  
Justin Huber Staff Representative  
Les Flower Staff Representative\*  
Tania Newcombe Staff Representative\*\*

## WOMEN & GIRL'S WORKING GROUP

Joanna O'Connor (Chair) Board Representative  
Jeff Paull Staff Representative  
Meghan Mayman Community Representative  
Lynn Fraser Community Representative  
Brian Sinfield Community Representative

## RISK & GOVERNANCE SUB COMMITTEE

Myles Foreman (Chair) Board Representative  
Scott Dawes Board Representative\*  
James van Beek Board Representative

## BASEBALL VICTORIA TRIBUNAL

John Holmes (Chair)  
Ula Struss  
Jason Blair\*  
Stefan Bagg\*  
Kelsey Quinn  
Matt Nichol\*\*  
Doug McLean

## NOMINATIONS SUB COMMITTEE

Myles Foreman (Chair) Board Representative  
Scott Dawes\*  
James Van Beek Board Representative  
Joanna O'Connor Board Representative\*\*

## VSBL PENNANT COMMITTEE

Michael Gourlay (Chair)  
Kelsey Quinn Staff Representative  
Stewart Howe Staff Representative  
John King  
Jack Cole-Sinclair  
Jason Blair – honorary member  
Dwain Richardson

## BV DISTRICT CHARTER COMMITTEE

Jeff Paul (Chair) Staff Representative  
Kelsey Quinn Staff Representative  
Scott Dawes Board Representative\*  
Damian Shanahan Staff Representative  
Stephen Pahon President – Eastern Athletics  
Rick Wills President – Southern Mariners  
Tony Schibeci President – Northern Twins  
Grant Drew President – Geelong Baycats  
Jo Schurr - Sunraysia



Baseball Victoria thanks all volunteer members of working groups and committees for their contribution of time, experience and passion to assist with growing and improving the sport.

\* Resigned during the reporting period

\*\* Appointed during the reporting period

# Baseball Leagues & Clubs in Victoria

## **BV SUMMER LEAGUE**

Ballarat City\*  
Berwick City\*  
Boneo\*  
Blackburn\*  
Bonbeach\*  
Chelsea\*  
Cheltenham\*  
Doncaster\*  
Essendon\*  
Fitzroy\*  
Footscray\*  
Geelong\*  
Mitchell Majors\*  
Malvern\*  
Melbourne\*  
Monash University\*  
Moorabbin\*  
Mornington\*  
Mulgrave\*  
Newport\*  
North Coburg\*  
North Western Titans\*  
Ormond Glenhantly\*  
Pakenham\*  
Port Melbourne\*  
Preston\*  
Research\*  
Sandringham\*  
Springvale\*  
St Kilda\*  
Sunshine\*  
Upwey Ferntree Gully\*  
Waverley\*  
Werribee\*  
Wheelers Hill\*  
Williamstown\*

## **BENDIGO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION\***

Bendigo East  
Falcons  
Scots  
Strathfieldsaye Dodgers

## **DANDENONG**

### **BASEBALL ASSOCIATION\***

Berwick  
Bonbeach  
Boneo  
Chelsea  
Cheltenham  
Dandenong  
Dingley  
Essendon  
Pakenham  
Frankston  
Doncaster  
Mornington  
Melbourne University  
Sandringham  
North Balwyn  
Upwey Ferntree Gully

### **GEELONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION\***

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

### **LATROBE VALLEY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION\***

Churchill  
Moe/Newborough  
Morwell  
Sale  
Traralgon  
South Gippsland

## **MELBOURNE WINTER BASEBALL LEAGUE\***

Bundoora  
Werribee  
Croydon  
Diamond Creek  
Doncaster  
Essendon  
Footscray  
Forest Hill  
Glen Iris  
Greenhills/Montmorency  
Greensborough  
Heathmont  
Knox  
La Trobe University  
Melbourne University  
Mitchell Majors  
Monash University  
Mordialloc  
North Balwyn  
North Coburg  
Northcote  
Port Melbourne  
Research Lower Plenty  
Ringwood  
St Kilda  
Watsonia  
Waverley  
Westgarth  
Wheelers Hill

\*Voting member of Baseball Victoria

## **NORTH EASTERN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION\***

Albury  
Benalla  
Porepunkah  
Wangaratta  
Wodonga

## **SUNRAYSIA BASEBALL LEAGUE\***

Eagles  
Saints  
Hawks  
Wanderers

## **BASEBALL UMPIRES OF VICTORIA\***





# President's Report

MYLES FOREMAN  
PRESIDENT // BASEBALL VICTORIA

The twelve months encompassed by this report 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018 were without doubt amongst the most challenging in the recent history of Baseball Victoria.

The 2017/2018 Victorian Summer Baseball League Season suffered from the departure of key Baseball Victoria staff at critical points in time in the lead up to the season.

Ongoing and new challenges with the registration and fixturing system tested the patience of Baseball Victoria staff and volunteers across our sport.

With a small staff to start with and a small pool of corporate knowledge the turnover of staff resulted in inconsistencies and delays in the delivery of services.

Ongoing uncertainty on the future of the Melbourne Aces created its own set of challenges particularly in the first half of the year.

The combination of all of these factors resulted in participants in our sport across the state understandably becoming increasingly frustrated.

From this very challenging start to the year, I am pleased to report that the twelve months encompassed by this report were also a year in which Baseball Victoria took on these challenges delivered some significant incentives which in turn has led to the most significant advances in the operations and delivery of Baseball Victoria in many years.

## **'Whole of Sport' Summit Series**

Substantive change began with the Whole of Sport Summit Series conducted across four sessions in early 2018 with representation from Summer Clubs and Winter Associations. Run by an independent facilitator, these sessions ensured more time and opportunity was enabled than in many years for the leaders of our sport, to collaboratively discuss the challenges and opportunities of our sport. I take this opportunity to once again thank the many volunteers who made time in an already crowded baseball calendar, and for the way in which the groups collaboratively worked through the issues to deliver outcomes.

The "Whole of Sport" Summit Series provided a significant opportunity to stop as a sport and collaborate. The next "Whole of Sport" Summit Series will be held in early 2019. With a focus on developing Baseball Victoria's next five year strategic plan.

## **VSBL Pennant Committee**

While the outcomes from the Summit Series were many, one of the significant outcomes was the formation of the VSBL Pennant Committee consisting of the Baseball Victoria appointed Chair Michael Gourlay, John King, Jake Cole Sinclair and Dwain Richardson elected by the member clubs. Utilizing the experience and the expertise of this group, along with Kelsey Quinn (BV Competitions Coordinator) and Stewart Howe (BV Umpires Coordinator), this important structural change has led to significant improvements in the running of the Victorian Summer Baseball League for the 2018/2-19 Victorian Summer Baseball league.

Under the guidance of the Pennant Committee Presidents & Secretaries meetings have occurred regularly and through these meetings VSBL Member Clubs have had an opportunity to debate and resolve a number of decisions on VSBL Competition Rules.



# President's Report

MYLES FOREMAN

PRESIDENT // BASEBALL VICTORIA

## Associations

While the Summit Series were "Whole of Sport," a Winter Associations only follow-up meeting was held in June.

Baseball Victoria has worked hard over the past twelve months to ensure it is a "Whole of Sport" focused organisation, with strategy and outcomes which deliver for all players and clubs across the state in summer and winter.

Highlights of this "Whole of Sport" focus has included Baseball Victoria investing significantly more into the State Winter Championships in 2018, and will again in 2019 as part of a strategy to leverage the tournaments to raise the profile of the sport and to leave a lasting legacy.

In 2018 this included sending all staff to Morwell and Sunraysia to host development activities either side of the tournaments and to manage the tournaments.

Baseball Victoria worked with the local council and La Trobe Valley Baseball Association to upgrade the facility in Morwell, including Baseball Victoria paying for some upgrades. This left a legacy for the venue and helped the local club become active again.

Working closely with the Sunraysia Baseball League on a multiyear plan, Baseball Victoria lobbied Baseball Australia to sign an unprecedented 3 year agreement with Sunraysia to host the national Intermediate League Championships. As with the State Winter Championships this will enable a number of activities to leave a lasting investment and to promote baseball by increased activities run by Baseball Victoria and the local association around these tournaments.

The Melbourne Winter Baseball League welcomed new club the Mordialloc Ducks into the league, and they had a successful beginning playing in the finals. We wish them all the best for the future.

## BV Development Grants Program

Throughout the year Baseball Victoria introduced the BV Development Grants Program open to the "Whole of Sport," which is a new innovative funding pathway that supports member clubs, charters and associations in their outreach efforts.

Applications for the Summer round opened with 22 submissions received. As part of the process, applicants were asked to detail their proposed activity designed to promote our sport and grow participation at a grassroots level. Acceptable activities included Come and Try Days, T-ball programs, gala events, women and youth women programs, club-driven school events, umpire development and baseball equipment. Applicants were also asked to explain why their proposal would have a positive impact on the future of baseball in their communities.



# President's Report

MYLES FOREMAN

PRESIDENT // BASEBALL VICTORIA

The Baseball Victoria Board of Directors chose to provide \$20,250 in round 1 of the Development Grant scheme to 18 clubs, charters and associations.

- Mornington Baseball Club
- Mulgrave Baseball Club
- North Coburn Rebels
- Preston Baseball club
- Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club
- St. Kilda Baseball Club
- Sunraysia Baseball League
- Sunshine Baseball Club
- Bendigo Umpires Association
- Upwey Ferntree Gully Baseball Club
- Morwell Cougars Baseball Club
- Moorabbin Baseball Club
- Malvern Baseball Club
- Fitzroy Baseball Club
- Essendon Baseball Club
- Eastern Athletics
- Blackburn Baseball Club
- Wheelers Hill Baseball Club

The BV Development Grant Program opens new doors for member clubs, charters and associations to use their creativity and enthusiasm, to expand local baseball and further their reach to potential players. I believe this funding will lead to increased interest at the level where it matters most: our local clubs and charters.

The Winter round of submissions opens mid-March 2019.

## Further information

For further information on other activities and indicatives undertaken and delivered by Baseball Victoria during the year I encourage you read the rest of this Annual Report.





# President's Report

MYLES FOREMAN

PRESIDENT // BASEBALL VICTORIA

## Baseball Victoria Board

I take this opportunity to thank the Directors of Baseball Victoria who like the many club and associations officials across our sport are also volunteers.

The Baseball Victoria Board continues to include a cross section of people with baseball and non-baseball backgrounds, experience and who in addition to attending Board Meetings also serve on Board Committees and/or Working Groups.

Scott Dawes who served on the Board of Baseball Victoria since 2011 and as Vice President since 2015 has retired from the Board with effect from the end of a meeting of the Board held 30 April 2018.

The Board of Baseball Victoria upon learning of Scott's intention to retire from the Board set about replacing him with a person from within the Baseball Community, with extensive baseball experience.

With effect from the commencement of the 30 April 2018 meeting of the Board, Grant Weir who brings extensive baseball experience was appointed to fill the Casual Vacancy and assume the Game Development & High-Performance Portfolio, previously held by Scott Dawes.

In November 2018 Margie Ardono was appointed to the Board of Directors to lead the Events portfolio bringing a wealth of experience in the areas of administration, events, community development and marketing.

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Board for their tireless commitment of time and energy for baseball I would also like to thank Scott for his extended years of services and to welcome Grant and Margie.

## Baseball Victoria Staff

**Leslie Flower** started his lifelong involvement with Victorian Baseball in the early 1960's as a 16-year-old playing for the Williamstown Baseball Club. By the time he retired as a player he had played over 760 senior games for the club in summer, winter and masters teams. The honour boards inside the club rooms list his name no fewer than 19 times, President for 5 years, Secretary for 3, and Treasurer for 11 years

Few in the over 125 years of history in our sport in Victoria have contributed as much as Les. We thank you Les for everything you have done for Baseball over the years. We thank you for your lifetime of service. Your legacy in Victorian Baseball will live on for years to come and you will always be a very valued member of the Victorian Baseball Community.

Have no fear, Les it not departing Baseball Victoria completely he will always be welcome at Baseball Victoria and around our community continuing in various roles quietly ensuring our sport continues to function.



# President's Report

MYLES FOREMAN

PRESIDENT // BASEBALL VICTORIA

## Volunteers

Finally, and most importantly I take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers across our sport throughout Victoria for without you giving your time and experience we would not have a sport. To coaches, scorers, players, parents, umpires, grounds crew, canteen staff and club association officials, thank you.



**Myles Foreman**  
**President**  
**BASEBALL VICTORIA**







# CEO's Report

JUSTIN HUBER

CEO // BASEBALL VICTORIA/MELBOURNE ACES

It is my pleasure and honour to once again be writing this report as CEO of Baseball Victoria (BV). While at times, it has felt like a mountain climb over the last 12 months, it is with genuine pride and positivity that I reflect on the year that we have shared in baseball.

For the BV office the start of 2018 picked up largely where it left off. The reorganisation of the staff structure on the back of the 2017 Sports Business Partners review, saw many staff working in challenging and dynamic roles. These included key functions of BV and Melbourne Aces operations, which were; Participation, High Performance, Commercial Operations and Events.

## **We Managed Disruption and Listened**

With many lessons learnt in my first six months in the role, the end of the 2017/18 Victorian Summer Baseball League (VSBL) season marked a new beginning for the organisation in a lot of ways. After some varied feedback from our members, BV embarked on an unprecedented "Whole of Sport Summit Series" facilitated by Simon Brown-Greaves from the FBG Group. This series was designed to better understand the perspectives of our members while working through some challenging matters raised throughout the year.

**Governance, communication, process, trust and respect** were themes visited continually throughout our four sessions. Actionable items such as the reestablishment of the VSBL Pennant Committee and a "Summit" style meeting of the winter Associations, led the list of valuable outcomes.

## **We Moved**

During this time BV made a deliberate move to relocate our office to Melbourne Ballpark (MBP). As you can imagine this was no small undertaking with an early exit from our lease at Sports House, the physical position and assembly of the new premises at MBP, the most notable challenges.

This move has enabled BV to reconnect with the venue and its wider users which include our clubs and community members. It has also allowed BV to invest directly into the facility, by redirecting rent which had previously left the sport, benefitting only a few.

Looking ahead, the long-term strategy of MBP remains a significant focus for the BV Board in 2019, with a planned review to be conducted in the first half of FY19.

## **We Sold the Team**

It should not be underplayed how the sale of the Melbourne Aces operating licence would not have been possible without the immense support of the BV Board. Over the last 3 seasons the team has operated as a partnership with Baseball Australia, following the exit of former majority ABL owners, Major League Baseball. BV's stewardship throughout this time has allowed the Aces to continue despite some very real commercial challenges.

At the commencement of 2018 the Australian Baseball League (ABL) announced their intention to make available to the public, the private operating licence for each of the ABL teams. It's fair to say this process went much better than expected, with 5 teams commencing private operations and 2 teams entering the league through a planned expansion in the 2018/19 season.



# CEO's Report

JUSTIN HUBER

CEO // BASEBALL VICTORIA/MELBOURNE ACES

A sign of strength in this phase was the extent of interest shown in the Melbourne Aces. Victoria was the only state to have multiple parties interested in purchasing an ABL licence, which caused a long assessment and due diligence period, culminating in the eventual sale to Simon Sallka of FS Entertainment.

I am proud to have played a major role in securing this agreement on behalf of our sport and alleviating much of the ongoing operational tension the Melbourne Aces has brought to BV at times. However, what I am most excited about is that Simon is a baseball dad who hails from our community, with a pure intention to grow this team for the benefit of grass roots baseball in our state. Kids, families and access to the team, will be at the top of his list as he takes over the Aces operating license in July 2019...

And you can expect a few big announcements along the way.

## **We Invested**

I spoke openly in our AGM in February 2018 of our mission to focus on regional baseball and at the grass roots levels of our community members. This year we launched 2 new initiatives which saw BV deliver resources directly into the hands of the people in our community who stand on the front line of our sport. Through a strategic partnership with Sports Marketing Australia, BV was able to leverage council funds in Sunraysia and the La Trobe Valley, impacting the profile of the state winter championships, including direct funding for a much-needed facility upgrade in Morwell ahead of the U16's and U18's. This funding also allowed the BV staff to attend each venue for an entire week between championships, enabling school visits, umpire development opportunities, electronic scoring workshops and coach accreditation seminars to take place.

In addition to our regional focus, in September 2018 the BV Board committed to the launch of our inaugural Development Grant Program. This program centred on the understanding that our traditional methods of recruiting new players, through a central BV development officer had minimal effect on growth outcomes in clubs. With this knowledge the grant program was designed to distribute resources directly to member clubs and associations under an application process. So far eighteen member bodies have successfully secured funding, with BV distributing over \$20K in allocated funds. This is truly an exciting program we are looking forward to seeing grow in 2019.

## **We Played On**

On top of all the challenges the BV office continued to grow and meet adversity head on. Looking back is always a lot easier, but when you consider the highlight reel it's easy to forget the day to day achievements. Leaving FY17, BV had trouble retaining staff, experienced a constant loss of knowledge and a history of poor delivery throughout our under resourced departments.

Leaving FY18 I can say with my hand on my heart that we have moved ahead with speed in all areas of our business. While navigating the big picture opportunities our office also managed the summer and winter registration periods, ran 8 state tournaments, continued to revitalise the Charter program, ran the sporting schools program, invested in umpiring and scoring, lead all states in coach accreditation, ran the winter high performance program, school holiday programs, operated the Melbourne Aces, launched our inaugural coaching for autism project with scope and SVR, hosted P&S meetings, Board and subcommittee meetings, our winter conference, managed the VSBL including the tribunal and finals series, ran the annual state team program, continued the BV internship program, hosted our annual awards night and provided our members with the year's annual report while meeting together at our Annual General Meeting.

Not all in a day's work of course, but I am incredibly grateful and proud of the team that works day in and day out beside me in the BV office. Their effort and resilience I admire greatly, and it enables a feeling that anything may be possible for our team.



# CEO's Report

JUSTIN HUBER  
CEO // BASEBALL VICTORIA/MELBOURNE ACES

## So What Next?

Looking towards the next 12 months we have a lot of work to do starting with strategy before structure. June 2019 marks the end of our current strategic plan, so we will be working closely on analysing the learnings from the last 3 years, ahead of resetting our vision and goals. As we transition the Aces to a private license holder our focus will shift further towards our grass roots. Our state facility remains a big focus with new management and a new strategy needed. 2019 will see our attention finally channelled towards Tee Ball and entry points into clubs. We will lobby further investment into our Development Grant Program, while working closely with clubs on growth and retention. We will set a marketing strategy and plan for measurable growth for our brand across all our digital channels.

We will plan for success, continue to govern the sport with fairness, equality and in the best interests of our members, while striving for the professional delivery of our programs throughout the entire BV calendar.



Justin Huber  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
BASEBALL VICTORIA







# Baseball Operations Report

JEFF PAULL, GM BASEBALL OPERATIONS // BASEBALL VICTORIA

The past year has been both challenging and exciting as we have focused on getting the basics right and delivering improved services to our members.

The Baseball Operations team has been more settled, and we have been able to retain key people in their roles. Retention of their knowledge has helped significantly in improving our planning, execution and responses to changes throughout the year.

**Damian Shanahan** - High Performance Manager

**Stewart Howe** - Umpire Development Coordinator

**Kelsey Quinn** - Competitions Coordinator

**Taylor Crotty** - Operations Coordinator

**Rachael Bouley** - Communications and Digital Marketing Coordinator

**Greg Tinkler** - NCAS Coordinator

**Matt Whyte** - Sporting Schools Coordinator

Matt Whyte recently resigned, and Jo Schutt, a member at Mornington Baseball Club and one of our Sporting Schools coaches, will take over his role. She brings passion, commitment and dedication to coaching children. I am sure we will see our Sporting Schools program increase significantly this coming year.

Taylor was a new addition having joined BV replacing Sam Creed in a restructured role focused on member services and BV events. Taylor did an excellent job in setting up SportsTG for clubs to use this year, and despite the systems shortcomings we have seen a much more stable platform for registration.

I commenced early in the new financial year and initially much of my time was spent dealing with disputes and errors within the 2017/18 Summer League draw and Charter structure. Some of these errors were the fault of BV, but many were caused by user error which we have dedicated to improving.

The establishment of the Pennant Committee has played a significant role in preparing for the 2018/19 VSBL season. With a season under her belt Kelsey has done a fantastic job working through various issues with the rules and scheduling of matches and played a major role in the smooth running of the Pennant Committee to date. P&S meetings have been conducted on a regular schedule. Rules are being applied without fear or favour and fixtures are drawn to give all clubs a fair and reasonable schedule, to the best of our ability.

Upon review we found the impact Charter Development Officers were having was minimal given the small budget they had to operate with, and there was limited success in converting participants to becoming club members or longer-term players. It was decided to not employ Charter Development Officers for the summer season. The Baseball Victoria Development Grant Program was launched in September 2018. The grant scheme provides BV with an opportunity to support clubs in delivering grass root initiatives that will in turn drive participation and membership growth. 18 of the 22 applicants were successful in obtaining funding.

Over the past year BV again reached more than 3,000 school children, attended sports industry showcase events, government conferences and met with local government regarding facility improvements. Ensuring Baseball Victoria has the resources to deliver positive outcomes for all programs is vital to the ongoing sustainable growth of the sport.





# Baseball Operations Report

JEFF PAULL, GM BASEBALL OPERATIONS // BASEBALL VICTORIA

We have maintained funding through Supporting Victorian Sport and Recreation (SVSR) program, and received a small grant to engage VicSport to assist us in further developing our Baseball for All strategy. This led to BV working on a joint project with Scope (Vic) and SRV to develop a program for participants with Autism. We have recently successfully delivered our first "Coaching for Autism" seminar.

Implementation of the Women and Girls inclusive action plan remains a priority and while female participation continues to grow, we still have a long way to go to achieve our targets. Many clubs have not embraced the inclusion of females in the sport and this needs to change. This will be a renewed area of focus in 2019.

Our charter program was again very successful with a record number of teams advancing through to the National championships. The introduction of Intermediate League has created some difficulties, but the competitions pathway for juniors has now been set by Baseball Australia. A new Charter Player Development Program will replace the Charter Academy programs in 2019, and try-out places were oversubscribed by more than 100 applicants.

Finally, the Melbourne's ACES is the pinnacle of the sport in Victoria, every junior player should be hoping to one day play for the ACES. Jon Deeble and his team again gave players of the future an opportunity to train alongside former MLB players, giving them experiences that will be invaluable. This is one way that the ACES continues giving back to clubs.

## GAIN

An integral aspect of the strategic plan is to gain new participants and develop new streams to encourage new members to join clubs. As part of this, Baseball Victoria collaborate with numerous community groups and organisations;

- "Coaching for Autism" program developed
- BV Development Grant Program launched
- Women's round in the VSL Schedule. Female participation continues to grow at 10%
- 200+ males and females between the ages of 6-15 participated the ACES Baseball buddies' program
- 30 students of all ages from SCOPE completed a four-week modified baseball inclusion program
- 44 Schools through the Sporting Schools National funding schemes
- Junior Charter program continues to evolve with growth of 2% over the past year
- A successful Intern program saw more than 12 young adults gain valuable experience in sport operations and management

## TRAIN

With quality program offerings at the bedrock of the Baseball Victoria strategic plan, we need to continue to ensure all people delivering programs are provided with opportunities to develop their skills.

As part of this outcome, Baseball Victoria attracted;

- 257 coaches in Victoria are currently accredited through the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme; 11% Female. The year has shown a large increase in the number of coaches accredited over previous years, 48 in 2018, vs 47 for the previous 3 years.
- 72 players participated in the Aces Academy and 185 juniors participated in the Charter Academies  
11 Player were selected to attend the MLB Australian Academy on the Gold Coast  
12 Victorians represents Australia in tournaments around the world
- Stewart Howe with the support of the BUAV conducted 6 training sessions throughout the year with positive feedback from those who attended.
- A pilot program using electronic scoring was run throughout the State Winter Championships and will now be rolled out to all BV tournaments. Scorers met and are looking to establish a scorer's association in 2019.



# Baseball Operations Report

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## RETAIN

Baseball Victoria must continue to provide a quality experience to maintain our membership.

The following programs highlight a fantastic year for the sport in Victoria.

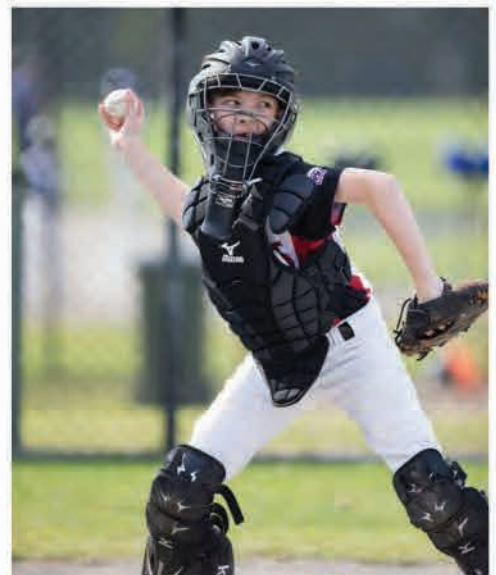
- 8 Victorian teams entered to the Australian Little League Championships – the most in Victorian Little League history
- Baseball Victoria represented on the National Little League Advisory Panel
- 4 Junior sports camps were conducted throughout the year. New initiatives are being considered for 2019
- Increased service at Winter Championships and State Charter tournaments

## ENTERTAIN

- Melbourne Aces finished the regular season in 4<sup>th</sup> place
- Over 70 VIC club players have trained with the ACES
- A change of bats and balls saw records smashed in all categories
- Average home game attendance of 1100
- Police v Fire brigade pre-game was our highest attended game
- Softball back at the park with two pregame matches.



Jeff Paull  
GENERAL MANAGER  
BASEBALL VICTORIA







# Baseball Operations Report

DAMIAN SHANAHAN  
HIGH PERFORMANCE  
//BASEBALL VICTORIA

## Baseball Victoria Player Development Pathway

Baseball Victoria's Development Pathway exposes players to a range of physical and technical experiences underpinning our National High-Performance Program. The Player Development Pathway exists to provide an opportunity for players to develop baseball tools that will build a foundational base to help them transition through the various levels and realise their potential as baseball players. Ultimately the goal to help increase the pool of players that can represent Australia at a Junior and Senior level.

The Victorian Player Development Pathway encompasses the following tiers:

### CHARTER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Players selected into this program include those players who have shown interest and attributes to play in the Little League and Junior League State and National Championship. The All Star and Development Teams for each Charter are selected from this program and compete in the State Championships. These programs are run in each of the four Charters – Mariner, Athletic, Baycats and Twins.

Date: February – June 2018

Venues: Charter Based - Clubs Fields

Players: 196

Ages: 9 – 14 years

Coaches: 40 - 50



### ACES JUNIOR ACADEMY (U16)

The Aces Junior Academy offered opportunities to players to create a more dynamic pathway for Victorian players. Players selected included those who have represented Victoria at previous Australian Youth Championships, those identified as an aspiring player and Charter Player Development Program athletes who will be entering their first year of Under 16.

Date: August - September at Melbourne Ballpark 2018

Players 40 – 50

Ages: 13 – 16 years

Coaches 15 - 20



### ACES SENIOR ACADEMY (U18)

Players selected into this program showed indications of the potential to develop traits required at a High-Performance Level. Players selected included potential players to represent National Teams competing in the calendar year. The squad will also include those players selected for the Baseball Australia Prospects Program, players committed to US College Programs and identified Under 16 & Under 18 Players. The Academy will continue to develop and maximise international and professional opportunities, but also have a greater focus on Victorian State teams and Australian based playing opportunities.

Date: May - September at the Melbourne Ballpark

Players 40 – 50

Ages: 14years +

Coaches 10 – 15



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Victorians players were again prominent in International Events with several players given the opportunity of representing Australia at tournaments around the world. Their contribution to the National Program is such that Australia currently ranks 7th for Mens and 6th for Women in World Rankings

## 15U World Championships

Blake Holding  
Charlie Collins  
Jacob Bald  
Matthew West  
Nikau Pouaka – Grego

## 23U World Championships

Jack Enciondo  
Jackson Boyd  
Jeremy Young  
Lachlan Madden  
Mitchell Ellis  
Mitchell Holding

## Womens World Championships

Abbey Kelly  
Abbey McLellan  
Amy Collins  
Bronwyn Gell  
Leslie Anglin  
Shae Lillywhite  
Sinead Flanigan

## Professional Players

Blake Townsend  
Daniel McGrath  
Jarryd Dale  
John Kennedy  
Lewis Thorpe  
Matthew Beattie  
Peter Moylan  
Sam Street

## US College

Andrew Digiovambattista  
Antoine Miller  
Bailey Pearce  
Blake Hodgson  
Brayden McTigue  
Chase Hodkinson  
Christian Caminiti  
Daniel Fornito  
Darby Sexton  
Fraser Boyd  
George Calill  
George Polley  
Grant Svikulus  
Hamish Foreman  
Henry Jones  
Jack Daniels  
Jack Dunn  
Jackson Boyd

## US College

Jacob Rizio  
Jamie Young  
Jordy Barnett  
Kyle Morrison  
Liam Spence  
Luke Cartwright  
Matthew Parker  
Mitch Holding  
Mitchell Wilcox  
Oliver Dunn  
Rhys De Highden  
Richard Kiel  
Samuel Reale  
Samuel Trend- Beacon  
Tim Lane  
Tyler Comben  
Warrick Purchase





# Baseball Operations Report

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## State Teams

The Under 16, Under 18 and Open Women's and Youth Women's 2018 National Championships all featured Victorian teams

Youth Women's – GOLD  
Women's Blue – SILVER  
Under 16 Blue – SILVER  
Under 18 Blue – BRONZE  
Women's White – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Under 16 White – 7<sup>th</sup>



BV acknowledges the hard work of the entire state team coaching staff and the positive results in developing our players in this state.

## National Academies / Events

Several Victorians participated in National Academies and International Events. These programs are developed through a partnership with Baseball Australia and MLB International and are part of the National Development Pathway opportunities.

## MLB Australian Prospect Program

This Program is the replacement to the MLB Australian Academy Program that ran on the Gold Coast for 18 years. Taking a more targeted approach the players spent 8 days in Arizona being exposed to Professional and College Baseball, World Class Screening and Testing, and Coaching.

- Blake Townsend
- Brock Wells
- Chris Burke
- Keenan Spence
- Liam Evans
- Reece Longstaff



## US College Showcase Trip

In conjunction with MLB these players had the opportunity to showcase to US College Programs

- Brock Wells
- Chris Burke
- Jarrod Belbin
- Liam Evans





# Baseball Operations Report

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## MLB 14U Invitational

In its second year this program collaboration between BA and MLB International saw over 500 athletes Australia wide tryout.

After a hugely successful Showcase at Melbourne Ballpark, BV sent the following players to attend the second MLB 14U Program in Lismore.

- Alek Siddans
- Bronson Neave
- Charlie O'Connell
- Darcy Longstaff
- Ethan Dunn
- Ethan Scalzo
- Genevieve Beacom
- Hayden Peoples
- Jimin Lee
- Lachlan Smith
- Ned Hargreaves
- Nicholas Bertucci
- Nikau Pouaka – Grego
- Obi Olsen
- Tyler Ellis
- Tyler Gwin
- Wesley Ka
- Xander Gunn



Damian Shanahan  
HIGH PERFORMANCE  
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# Baseball Operations Report

GREG TINKLER, NATIONAL COACHING ACCREDITATION SCHEME

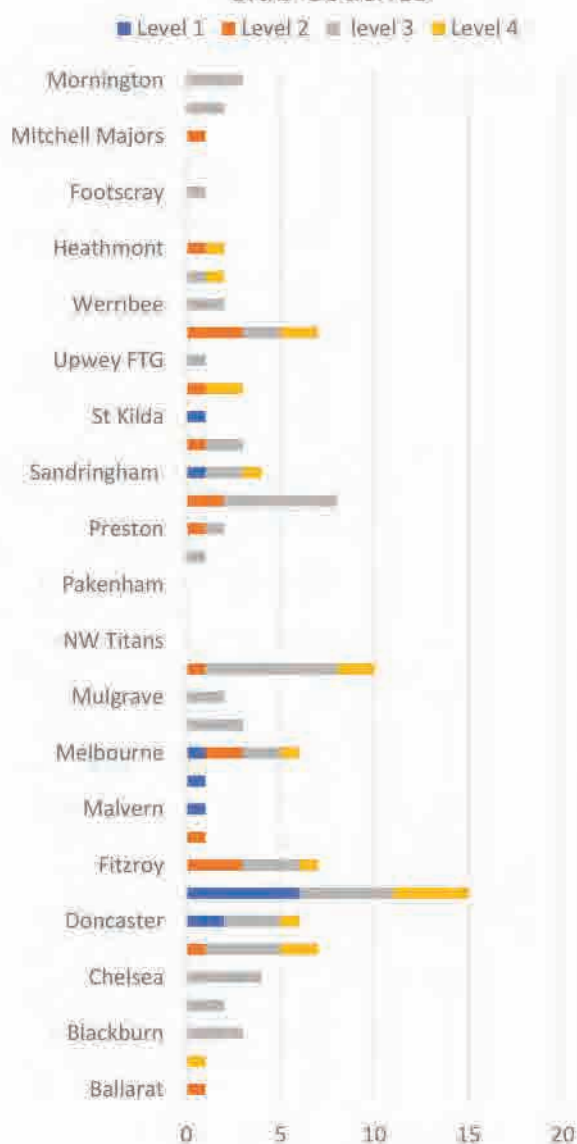
The year has shown a large increase in the number of coaches accredited over previous years. 48 in 2018, versus a combined total of 47 for the previous 3 years. Coaching accreditation seminars across all levels were held at Newport, Research Lower Plenty, Bonbeach, Chelsea, Bendigo, North Coburg, Dingley and Mornington.

Whilst this might not sound many, over the preceding three years only 47 coaches were accredited. This is a good start and I hope to see this number increase substantially over the coming year.

As happens in other states, we need to move towards having all club coaches accredited through the NCAS system. It is now a Baseball Australia requirement for all Head Coaches of State Teams to have level 4 and all other coaches level 3.

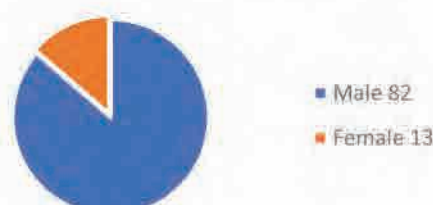
All coaches in Victoria should be aspiring to a minimum of level 3. This will not only improve the knowledge of our coaches, but also show the BV is taking its duty of care in training coaches seriously by ensuring only qualified coaches are taking to the field.

## Club Coaches



Greg Tinkler  
NATIONAL COACHING ACCREDITATION SCHEME  
BASEBALL VICTORIA

## Accredited Coaches



## Coaches Assessed (calendar year)



## NCAS







# Baseball Operations Report

STEWART HOWE, UMPIRES COORDINATOR // BASEBALL VICTORIA

There are currently 68 accredited umpires, with 3 new umpires welcomed during the season.

27 umpires attended our Annual Seminar in Geelong during September, and at Newport under the guidance of Greg Tinkler and Dean Angling a very proactive coaches' night was held to improve relations between players and officials.

Our ABL season was a solid one and I would like to thank Taka Matsuda, Michael Lyons, Ian Gavin, Richard Mason and Neil Medlin for your tireless work.

In January at the Australian Youth Championships in Sydney we had in attendance Victorian umpires; Michael Lyons, Peter Avery and Neil Medlin.

Janine Thompson and Paul Carthy also represented our state at the Women's Youth and Senior Tournaments in Geelong. Thank you to Greg Howard who assisted me in co-ordinating the Tournament.

The Charter competition and Little League are also growing, and it brings opportunity for more members to get appointed to official duties.

This year saw 6 Umpires venture interstate. Senior Tournament in NSW: Gavin Daniels and Craig Durdin. Little League Tournament in Lismore NSW: Peter Avery and Casey Cooke. Little League Championships in Adelaide were Paul Carthy and Russell Opie. A great job done by all.

## Finals Appointments (VSBL 2017/18)

Men's Division 3:	Dennis Dalzotto, Neil Medlin, Peter Avery & David Rice
Men's Division 2:	Geoff Boyes, Michael Lyons, Alex Shteinberg & Geoff Dunn
Men's Division 1:	Greg Howard, Stewart Howe, Ian Gavin & Richard Mason
Women's Division 3:	John Quinn, John Martin & Laurie Treadwell
Women's Division 2:	Alan Black, Peter Mullins & John Martin
Women's Division 1:	Paul Carthy, Janine Thompson & Peter Matters
Masters East:	Ian Wannan, Peter Matters & David Rice
Masters South:	Peter Avery, Alan Black & Peter Samuels
Masters Geelong:	Don Stephens
Masters North West:	Peter Clapp, Casey Cooke & Blaine Cooke

A Special Thanks to Peter Matters for Coordinating the Women's Appointments.

A Special Thanks to Bruce Suttor for Coordinating the Masters Appointments.

Would like to thank the BUAV committee for their support throughout this tough year.

Stewart Howe  
UMPIRES COORDINATOR  
BASEBALL VICTORIA





# Baseball Operations Report

STEWART HOWE

UMPIRES COORDINATOR // BASEBALL VICTORIA

## I AM YOUR UMPIRE TODAY...

- Don't judge me like an experienced Major League umpire.
- There may be decisions I get wrong.
- Some decisions might even be against you - it's not a conspiracy.
- I love this game, I want you and your family to love this game too!
- I'm human.

Officials volunteer their time and effort.  
Remember to thank them and show your respect.



**We all have a part to play**

**MAKE A STAND**  
**TAKE THE PLEDGE TO RESPECT UMPIRES**



**BASEBALL**  
VICTORIA



# Baseball Victoria Tournament and Championship Report

## LITTLE LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **2018 Little League State Championships** were held 6<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> of April at Gilbert Park Knoxfield. The competition was comprised of three separate divisions; Minor, Development and All Stars to give a large range of players the opportunity to represent their charter and to experience the unique and exciting nature of tournament baseball.



The **All-Star** final was a close encounter with the Twins defeating Southern Mariners 2 -1.

**Development** division finals saw Eastern Athletics outscore the Twins 8 – 1.

**Minor** division final was between Southern Mariners and Eastern Athletics with the Mariners being too strong on the day winning 10 - 2.



The Southern Mariners, Eastern Athletics and Twins went on to place 6th, 7th and 10th respectively in the Bendigo Bank Australian Little League Championships held in Lismore.



Geelong Baseball Centre hosted the **2018 Junior League State Championships** over 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of March and provides a key opportunity for skill development, as part of the junior development program.

Over 150 players and coaches participated over the weekend.



**Development Final:** Eastern Athletics won the championship match.

**All-Star Final:** Southern Mariners defeated Eastern Athletics 11-1

The Twins, Southern Mariners and Eastern Athletics went on to finish 4th, 6th, 9th respectively in the Bendigo Bank Australian Junior League Championships held in Lismore.

The **2018 Senior League State Championships** were held 23 - 25 March at the Geelong Baseball centre.

In a cracking game to end the tournament, the Twins defeated Geelong Baycats 7-6.





# Baseball Victoria Tournament and Championship Report

## WINTER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



**Seniors** were hosted by the Geelong Baseball Association, Guild Baseball Club and the Saints Baseball Club over the June long weekend. In the Division 1 Final, Ringwood defeated Geelong 2 – 0. The Division 2 final was much closer, with Sunraysia defeating North East 7-6. Nine teams competed over the long weekend including a team from Mt Gambier.

Latrobe Valley Baseball Association and the Morwell Cougars hosted the U16 and U18 SWC over two weekends.

Even though rain interrupted the days play on Saturday, Sunday produced some excellent games with Diamond Valley defeating Ringwood in the final 3-1.

U18's arrived at the ground to find a wet and windy day, and play abandoned for the day. Thank you to the Traralgon Redsox for offering their ground for the following day, it was greatly appreciated by all.

With a day of lost play, a redraw was done dividing teams into two pools.

Diamond valley finished on top of pool A and Sunraysia on top of pool B, both teams were declared joint winners of the 2018 championship.



Sunraysia baseball league were the host association for the U12 and U14 SWC. In the U14 competition an "Allies" team was put together combining Geelong, Ringwood and Bendigo players. The final was played between Ringwood and the Allies with Ringwood finding their bats and slamming home a 15-0 win.



Seven teams made the journey to Mildura for the U12 division. Competition in the pool rounds was tough with Ringwood/Diamond Valley finishing atop Pool A and faced Dandenong in the championship game, winning 17-6. Pool B didn't have a final and City West took the title based on run differential.





# Report for Winter Associations

## BASEBALL VICTORIA STATE OF PLAY

Winter Competitions 2017/18 (as at February 2018)

### JUNIOR PARTICIPATION

AGES 0 - 18



### SENIOR PARTICIPATION

AGES 19 - 37



### MASTERS PARTICIPATION

AGES 38+



### FEMALE PARTICIPATION

AGES 19 - 37



**1,019**  
PLAYERS ELIGIBLE TO PLAY MASTERS



Similar to players eligible to play Masters, Baseball Victoria acknowledges there is a portion of players within this age group that play in other competitions.

27.3% represents the number of players currently registered in our Summer Baseball competition that fit within this age range.

Baseball is not unique in its challenges in retaining players through this phase of their lives with a number of reasons attributed to the loss of players including: work commitments, family, study, moving out of the area or interstate & injury among the leading reasons for leaving a sport.

1,019 DOES NOT represent the number of players currently playing Masters. Rather, the number of players currently registered that would be eligible to participate in a Masters Competition.

Masters Programs and the number of participation opportunities available to Masters players has been significant tool in being able to keep players involved in the game.

With a focus on female participation and the formation of Baseball Victoria's Women & Girls Working Group we would expect steady increases in both the opportunities for women and girls to participate in baseball programs and the number of girls registered to play baseball in the coming years.





# Bendigo Baseball Association Report

<b>President</b>	Luke Martin
<b>Vice President</b>	Brian Fitzgerald
<b>Secretary</b>	Jeanine Fitzgerald
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gaye Huggard
<b>Registrar</b>	Julie Hones



Bendigo East	Falcons
Strathfieldsaye Dodgers	Scots

Participation				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Senior</b>	115	94	96	108
<b>Junior</b>	79	72	67	29
<b>Male</b>	NA	NA	NA	127
<b>Female</b>	NA	NA	NA	10



The season started with a little uncertainty around our junior competition and with the inadequate facilities at Albert Roy we lost the under 12's winter carnival. It was clear that the junior competition needed a lot of work and it was very encouraging to see so many people come together to talk about the issue. The number of school clinics that were ran early in the year got us started and with some alterations we had a junior competition. The Friday night junior games worked well.

The senior competition was competitive with Scots taking both the A grade and C grade titles and Bendigo East winning the B grade trophy. A special congratulations to Scots Baseball Club on winning the Champion Club Trophy for 2018.

We were unable to send a senior team to the State Winter Championship this year, but we did send an U12's team. The kids had a great weekend away in Mildura and we saw them improve with every game they played. A number of our kids also had the opportunity to compete in the U14's Winter Championship teaming up with Ringwood and Geelong to form the Allies team. A huge thank you all the people that got involved to make this happen.

The Bendigo Women's Baseball Challenge was something just a little different this year. This was a chance for Bendigo to host the Australian Emeralds and the world's number one ranked team the Madonna Japan All Stars. It was a great opportunity to showcase Bendigo Baseball and I look forward to its return next year.

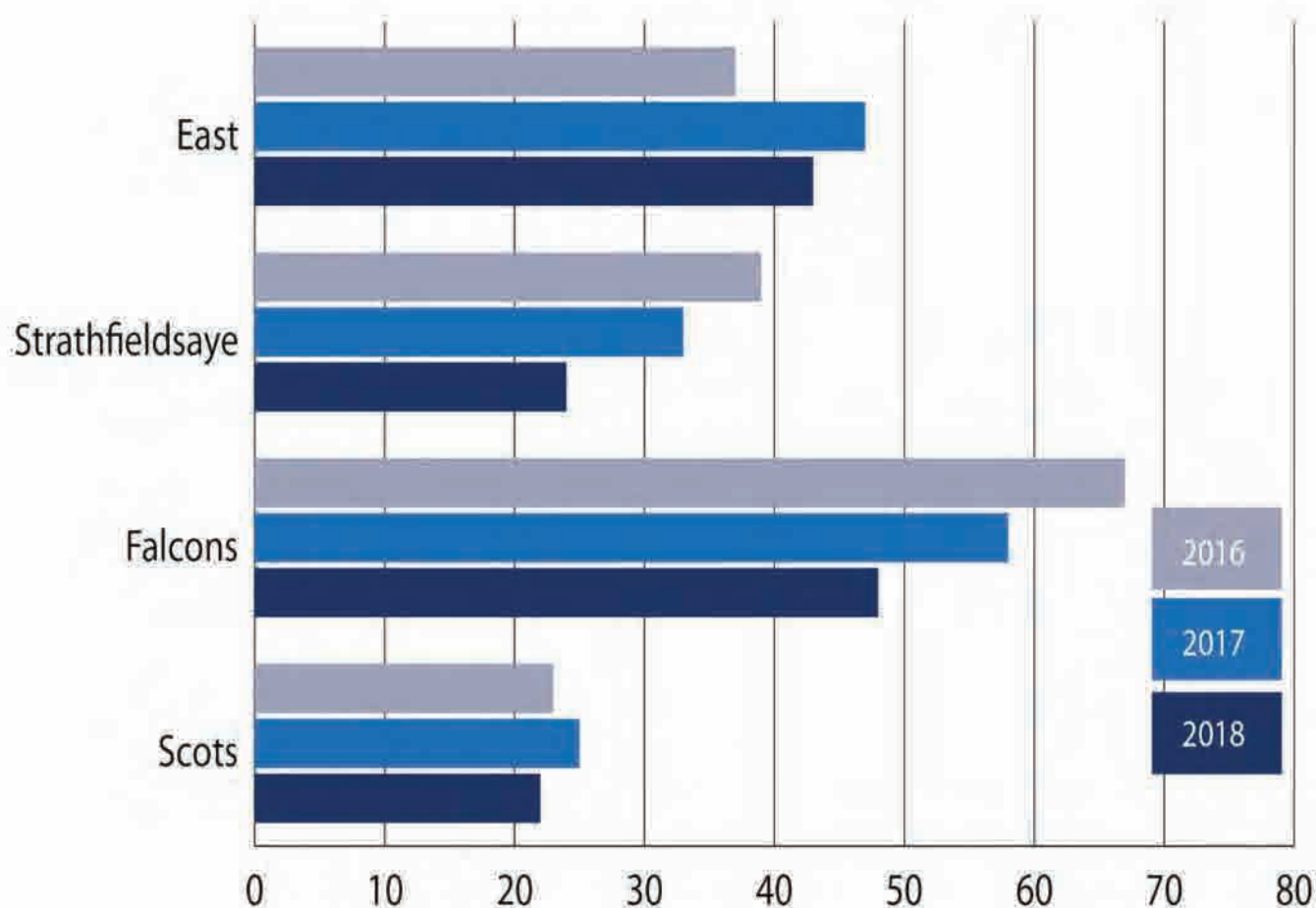
After years of waiting we are finally seeing the new building come together at Albert Roy. Everything seems to be moving along nicely and we are hoping to be using the building for next year's competition.

<b>A Grade</b>	Scots def Falcons 11-5
<b>B Grade</b>	Bendigo East def Strathfieldsaye Dodgers 10-6
<b>C Grade</b>	Scots def Strathfieldsaye Dodgers 7-5



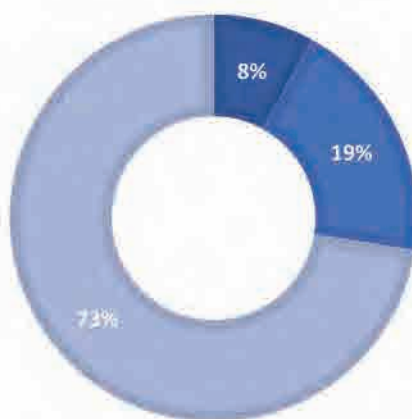


# Bendigo Baseball Association Report



## 2018 PARTICIPATION

■ T-Ball ■ Juniors ■ Seniors





# Dandenong Baseball Association Report

<b>President</b>	Samuel Jamieson
<b>Vice President</b>	Mark Campbell
<b>Secretary</b>	Jake Grigorescu
<b>Treasurer</b>	Andrea Cormick
<b>Umpire Coordinator</b>	Mark Gooding
<b>General Members</b>	Russell Johnston, Katrina Johnson, Fiona Glover, Kirsten O'Callaghan



Berwick Dodgers	Bonbeach	Boneo
Chelsea	Cheltenham	Dandenong
Dingley	Frankston	Mornington
Sandringham	Pakenham	Melbourne University (Womens)
Essendon (Womens)	Doncaster (Womens)	
Upwey Ferntree Gully	North Balwyn (Womens)	

Participation				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Senior</b>	663	641	590	691
<b>Junior</b>	249	325	289	401
<b>Male</b>	NA	NA	NA	921
<b>Female</b>	NA	NA	NA	161
<b>No. of Teams</b>	NA	NA	NA	81



Winter 2018 was another good year for the Dandenong Baseball Association. We welcomed Chelsea back into A-Grade after 19 years in B & C Grades, proving that the A grade competition is as strong as ever. Dandenong again took out the A1 Premiership for the third year in a row, also successfully taking home the A2 premiership. This year also saw the formal introduction of Sandringham, North Balwyn and a joint venture of Essendon/Doncaster enter various competitions for the first time.

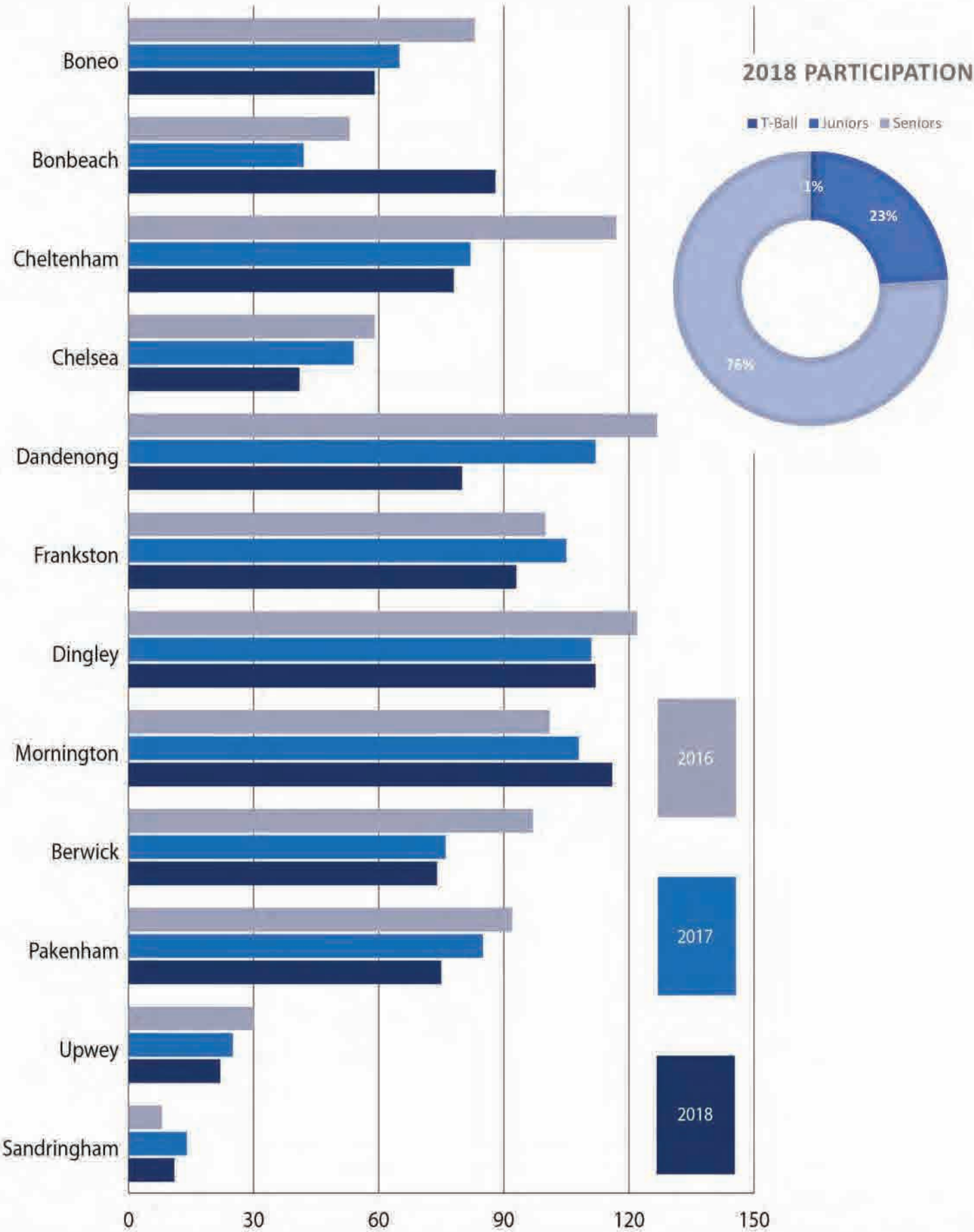
As an executive we again welcomed many changes to our team with only 3 of the 9 members remaining. This gave us the chance to provide new and restructured leadership and a way of working which proved to be successful. Overall the DBA fielded 1082 players across 81 teams in 6 senior, 1 Womens & 4 Junior grades made up from members across 16 Clubs. With declining Junior numbers on the previous year, this is still a great achievement which we hope to grow on in 2019.

On behalf of the executive team, we would like to thank all our members for their support in 2018, and we cannot wait to see what 2019 has to offer.

<b>A1</b>	Dandenong d Mornington 12-9	<b>Women's</b>	Essendon/Doncaster d Melbourne University 4-3
<b>A2</b>	Dandenong d Cheltenham 10-3	<b>Under 18</b>	Frankston d Dandenong 5-3
<b>B1</b>	Pakenham d Frankston 9-7	<b>Under 16</b>	Mornington d Frankston Red 6-2
<b>B2</b>	Upwey Ferntree Gully d Berwick 15-0	<b>Under 14</b>	Frankston d Cheltenham 4-3
<b>C1</b>	Cheltenham d Dingley 18-3	<b>Under 12</b>	Bonbeach d Mornington 9-3
<b>C2</b>	Mornington d Berwick 10-9		



# Dandenong Baseball Association Report





# Geelong Baseball Association Report

<b>President</b>	Don Stephens
<b>Vice President</b>	Chris Rickard
<b>Executive Officer</b>	Tony McPherson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Roland Scott
<b>Umpire Coordinator</b>	Michael Lyons
<b>Junior Coordinator</b>	Phill Northfield
<b>Junior Secretary</b>	Terri Walker
<b>Registrar</b>	Glynis Murfitt

Alfredton	Colac	Guild
Newport	Bacchus Marsh	Lara Wildcats
Corio	Bellarine	Saints
Mounties YC	Deakin	Sunshine

Participation				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Senior</b>	466	469	476	412
<b>Junior</b>	116	75	66	122
<b>Male</b>	NA	NA	NA	495
<b>Female</b>	NA	NA	NA	39
<b>No. of Teams</b>	NA	NA	NA	49



2018 welcomed back 2 clubs: Newport and Sunshine. Newport returned with 3 teams with A grade making the grand-final. Sunshine; a single team club with a number of old stalwarts won the B grade. GBA has always been open to mixed gender teams and the Bellarine Club took this to a whole new level by having an all women team.

The hard-working committee and executive of the GBA kept the season on track. Peter Moulton updated the Tribunal rules and rewrote them to be clearer and cover almost everything imaginable.

Juniors ran 4 team competitions in 2 age groups. Juniors are a tough subject, needing to recruit new players each season. Juniors are the future of baseball and all clubs need to be working hard to generate new players and hopefully the Geelong Korea team will act as a catalyst.

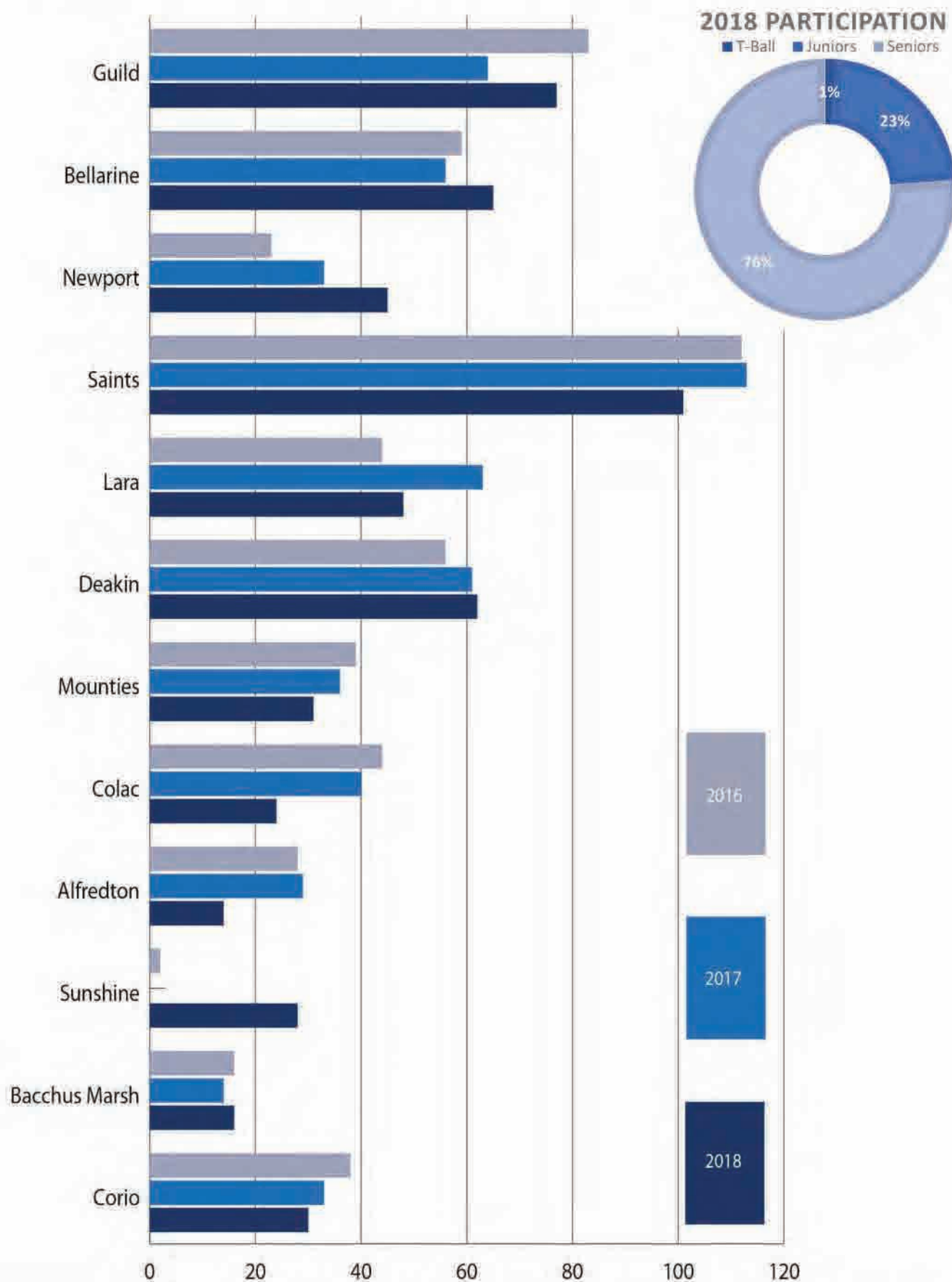
Congratulations to all the winners during the finals series but I think we are all winners as part of the baseball community.

<b>A Grade</b>	Guild d Newport 14-5
<b>A Reserve</b>	Bellarine d Guild 12-3
<b>B Grade</b>	Sunshine d Alfredton 13-1
<b>B Reserve</b>	Corio d Guild 17-1
<b>C Grade</b>	Guild d Mounties 17-4
<b>14 Under</b>	Saints d Guild 15-2
<b>12 Under</b>	Deakin d Bellarine/Guild 8-6





# Geelong Baseball Association Report





# Latrobe Valley Baseball Association Report

<b>President</b>	Kris Johnson
<b>Vice President</b>	Brian Dillon
<b>Secretary</b>	Eric Robinson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tim Wilson
<b>Statistician</b>	Tania Bloomfield
<b>Media Officer</b>	Renae Steer
<b>Director of Umpires</b>	Ian Wannan

South Gippsland Miners	Moe/Newborough Dodgers
Sale Rangers	Traralgon Redsox
Churchill Braves	Morwell Cougars

Participation				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Senior</b>	125	116	139	144
<b>Junior</b>	114	93	148	139
<b>Male</b>	NA	NA	NA	244
<b>Female</b>	NA	NA	NA	39
<b>No. of Teams</b>	NA	NA	NA	32



2018 kicked off with the LVBA's pre-season tournament the Gippsland Championships. The six (6) member clubs which comprise the LVBA were fortunate enough to be joined by the Pakenham Pumas and the Dingley Baseball and Softball club. Despite some rain delays, Dingley proved too strong over the course of the weekend and took out the title undefeated.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, young Blake Townsend from the Traralgon Redsox signed a professional contract with the Seattle Mariners at the Traralgon Bowls Club in front of family, friends and clubmates.

A key highlight in 2018 for the LVBA was being afforded the opportunity by Baseball Victoria to host the U16 and U18 State Winter Championships at the Toners Lane baseball facility in Morwell, VIC. It was a fantastic achievement for the LVBA to field teams in all age groups of the State Winter Championships (Seniors, U18, U16, U14, U12).

LVBA youngsters Jacob Dickinson (Churchill Braves), Joel Hector (Sale Rangers) and Kade Eicke (Sale Rangers) all had the trip of a lifetime as they toured the United States with the 2018 Victorian Kookaburras.

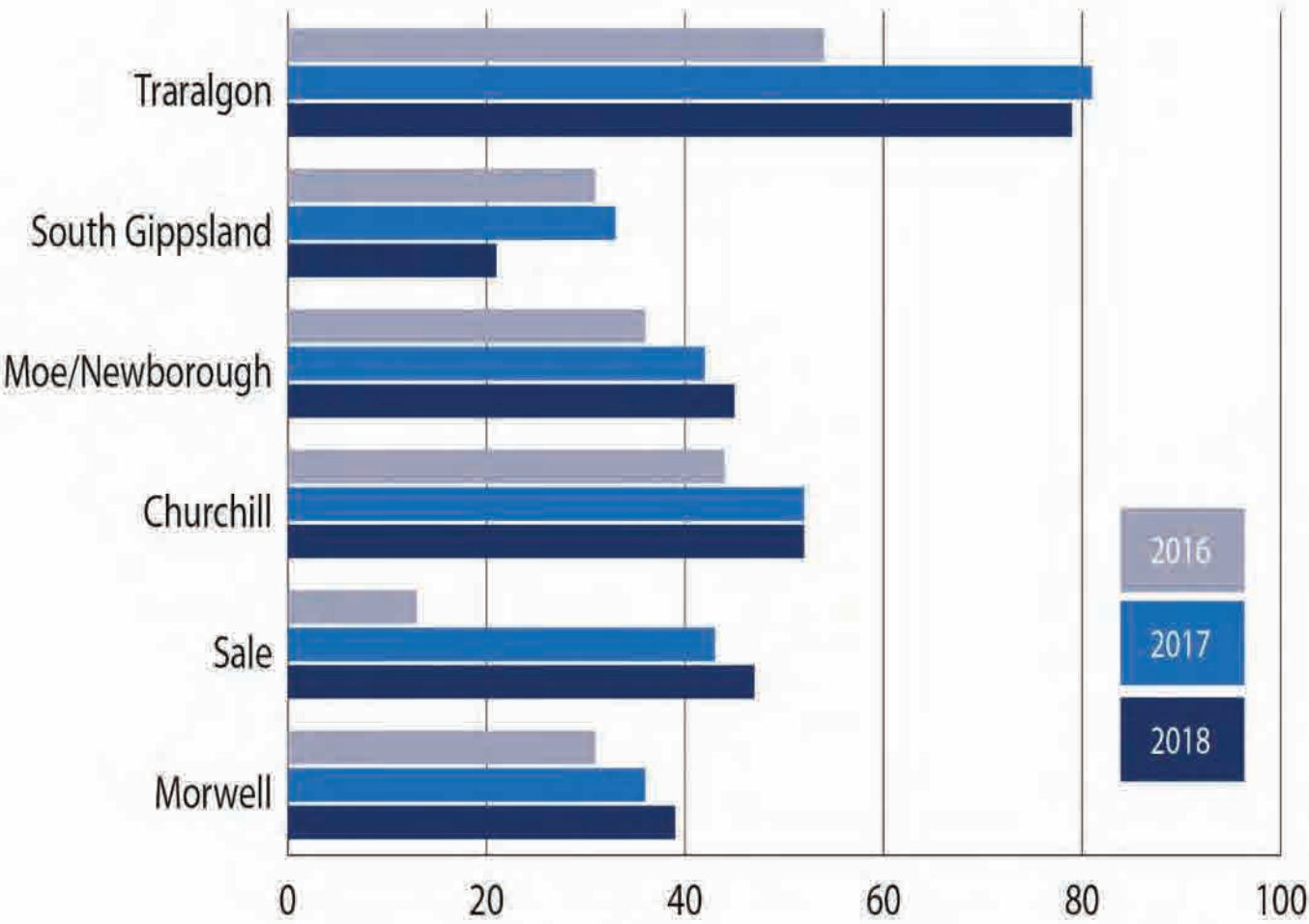
The season was capped off with high quality grand finals in all age groups and grades with the Moe/Newborough Dodgers taking out the A-grade grand final on the back of an absolutely stellar performance by MVP Nathan Simpson who pitched all 9-innings for the win.

<b>A Grade</b>	Moe/Newborough Dodgers
<b>B Grade</b>	Traralgon Redsox
<b>C Grade</b>	Traralgon Redsox
<b>U16's</b>	Traralgon Redsox
<b>U13's</b>	South Gippsland Miners

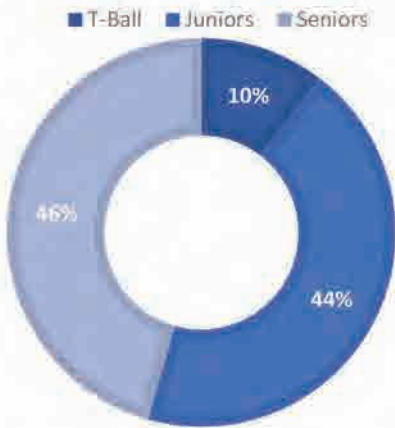




# Latrobe Valley Baseball Association Report



2018 PARTICIPATION





# Melbourne Winter Baseball League Report

<b>President</b>	Peter Dihm
<b>Vice President RDJBL</b>	Phil Barclay
<b>Vice President DVJBA</b>	Slade Squires
<b>Secretary</b>	Matt Nichol
<b>Treasurer</b>	Vacant
<b>Administrator</b>	David Rice
<b>Umpire Panel</b>	Geoff Dunn
<b>Tribunal</b>	Doug Bartlett



Bundoora	Cheltenham	Croydon
Diamond Creek	Doncaster	Essendon
Footscray	Forest Hill	Ringwood
Greenhills Montmorency	Greensborough	Heathmont
Melbourne University	Latrobe University	Knox
Mitchell Majors	Monash University	Mordialloc
North Balwyn	North Coburg Rebels	Northcote
Plenty Valley Redbacks	Port Melbourne	Research
Glen Iris East Kew	St Kilda	Watsonia
Waverley	Werribee	Wheelers Hill
Westgarth	Williamstown	Hobsons Bay

Participation				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Senior</b>	1562	1603	1473	1512
<b>Junior</b>	462	465	575	408
<b>Male</b>	NA	NA	NA	1774
<b>Female</b>	NA	NA	NA	146
<b>No. of Teams</b>	173	164	165	171



It was a mixed year for the Melbourne Winter Baseball League. We welcomed a new club; Mordialloc BC and the formation of the City West Junior Baseball League. Unfortunately, we lost Plenty Valley Redbacks (formerly Panton Hill) which reiterates the necessity to have a broad supporter base and not rely on a small group of individuals. Increased participation in junior divisions is exciting to see and an increase in teams across the divisions from 2017 is extremely positive for the future of our sport. We had success at the recent Winter Championships with the U12 and U16 teams being crowned State Champions.

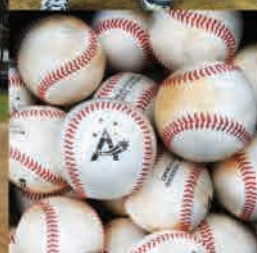
Praise for the Clubs who have instigated school programs with improved relationships forming locally. We continued to work with Baseball Victoria in relation to the development programs. Clubs need to implement, develop and operate Juniors for our clubs to survive.

Umpiring continues to be an issue with a focus needed to formulate strategies to increase numbers. It is time for the baseball community to take matters into their own hands and recruit to expand their numbers at all levels.



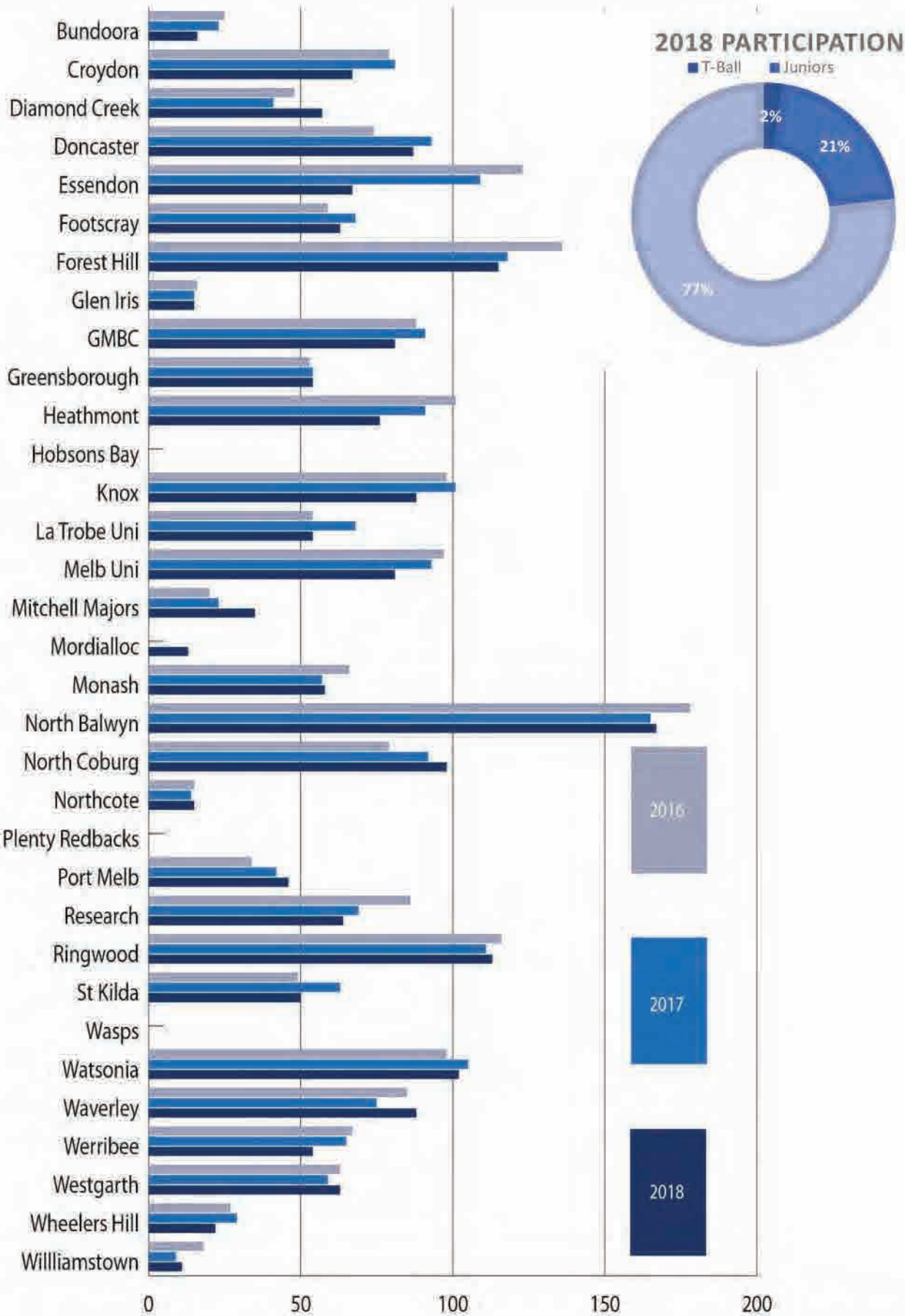
# Melbourne Winter Baseball League Report

<b>A Grade</b>	Forest Hill d GMBC 4-2
<b>A Reserve</b>	Heathmont d Ringwood 6-0
<b>A3 Grade</b>	Ringwood d Watsonia 4-1
<b>A4 Grade</b>	Watsonia d Ringwood 4-1
<b>B Grade</b>	Melbourne University d Knox 13-7
<b>B Reserve</b>	Knox d St Kilda 9-1
<b>C Grade</b>	Pot Melbourne d Monash University 7-0
<b>C Reserve</b>	North Coburg Rebels d Monash University 8-7
<b>D Grade</b>	Glen Iris d Mitchell Majors 9-8
<b>D Reserve</b>	Mitchell Majors d Greensborough 8-5
<b>EE Grade</b>	Essendon d Monash University 8-4/ Ringwood d Knox 11-10
<b>EL Grade</b>	Croydon d Forest Hill Gray 10-1
<b>U17</b>	Waverley/Ringwood d Watsonia/Westgarth
<b>DV U15</b>	Diamond Creek d North Coburg Rebels 12-11
<b>RD U15</b>	North Balwyn Stingers d Waverley Black 4-1
<b>City West U15</b>	Hobsons Bay Blue d Werribee Giants 9-4/ Hobsons Bay d Port Melbourne 13-3
<b>DV U13</b>	GMBC/Research d Greensborough 22-1/Doncaster Green d Essendon 14-2
<b>RD U13</b>	North Balwyn Stingers d Heathmont 8-1/ Ringwood d CGS Blue 4-1
<b>City West U13</b>	Port Melbourne d Werribee Giants 6-2/ Hobsons Bay d Footscray 14-5





# Melbourne Winter Baseball League Report





# North Eastern Baseball Association Report

<b>President</b>	Paul Meddings
<b>Vice President</b>	Eddie Simmons
<b>Secretary</b>	Brendon French
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Simmons

Albury	Benalla
Wangaratta	Wodonga
Porepunkah	

Participation				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Senior</b>	87	89	97	97
<b>Junior</b>	3	11	6	5
<b>Male</b>	NA	NA	NA	95
<b>Female</b>	NA	NA	NA	7



To each Club, thanks for your efforts with home games including the canteen and the camaraderie. It is a real pleasure to go to the games on Sunday's and not only compete but to also have a general catch up.

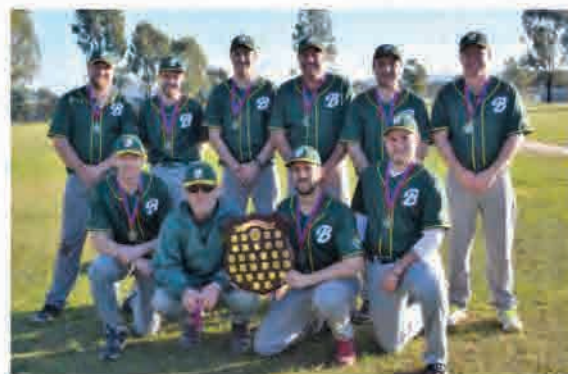
To the umpires, I know this is a very thankless job at times, but we have managed to pull off the year nicely with all Clubs being represented well and no major problems.

The Juniors had a great time this year. We really need to concentrate on getting more juniors and hopefully we can have a standalone comp this coming year.

Congratulations to Eddie Simmons and the Rep Team. We went to Geelong in June and almost took out the crown again in Division 2. We were very unlucky and only lost the final by 1 run. A great effort. My thanks to Eddie and his helpers who have taken the rep side away for the past 20 years.

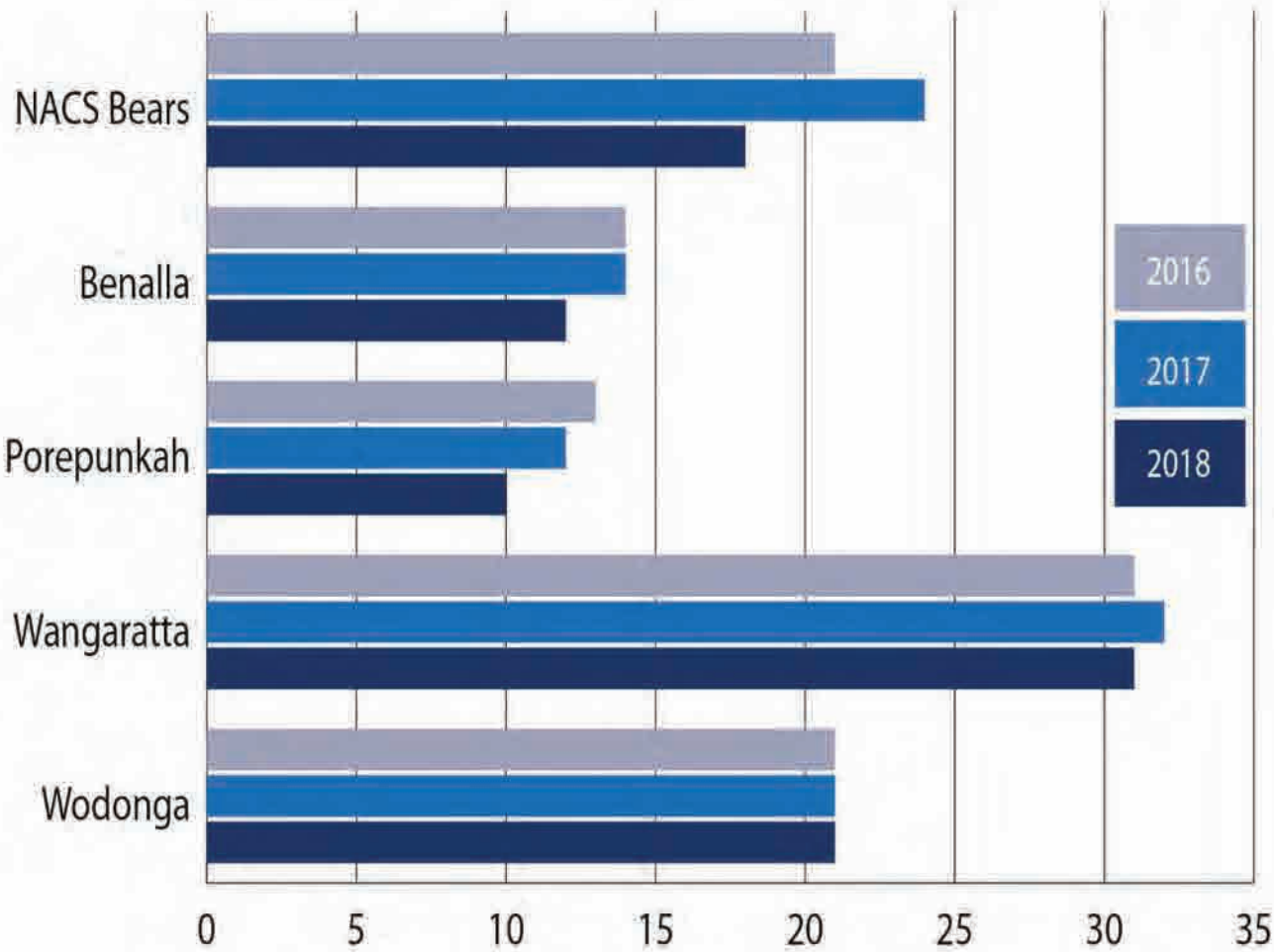
Congratulations to Bears on winning the A Grade Grand Final and the Bandits on winning the B Grade Final. To Benalla Bandits, it is terrific to see a new face in the B Grade Grand Final after all these years and well done on the game.

<b>A Grade</b>	NASC Bears d Rangers Black
<b>B Grade</b>	Benalla Bandits d Porepunkah Panthers

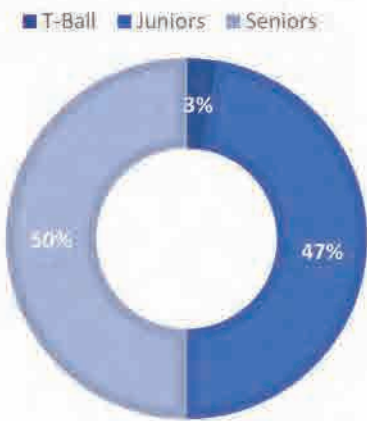




# North Eastern Baseball Association Report



2018 PARTICIPATION





# Sunraysia Baseball Association Report

<b>President</b>	Nick Carroll
<b>Secretary</b>	Di Smith
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kim Law
<b>VP Juniors</b>	Jo Schurr
<b>VP Facilities</b>	Brett Bertalli
<b>VP Fundraising</b>	Kirrilly Wakefield
<b>VP Publicity</b>	Neville Rickard



Eagles	Hawks
Wanderers	Saints

Participation				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Senior</b>	186	114	134	133
<b>Junior</b>	140	129	86	110
<b>Male</b>	NA	NA	NA	225
<b>Female</b>	NA	NA	NA	18
<b>No. of Teams</b>	NA	NA	NA	26



The 2018 Winter season was another busy one for the SBL. Player numbers fluctuated throughout the season as we continue to compete with football and basketball. Of particular concern were blanks in a couple of the junior grades but with some positive people working hard to rectify this, things are looking up for 2019.

On field highlights were the A Grade final series going to three games for the first time ever as Eagles edged out Wanderers, Saints breaking through for their first B Grade flag in many years and Wanderers ending their five-year dry spell in C Grade. Underdogs came up trumps in the juniors with Hawks defeating Eagles in the hail and rain to win the U/16 crown and Wanderers surprising Saints to take the shield in the U/13's.

On the representative front we were very successful, winning the BV Winter Championships at U/18 and senior level whilst dominating the SA Country Championships in Glenelg, winning the two junior grades and just missing out on the senior flag.

We successfully hosted the U/14 and U/12 BV Winter tournaments on back to back weekends and were recently awarded the rights to host the Australian Intermediate League Championships for the next four years—a huge honour and exciting opportunity for baseball in our area.

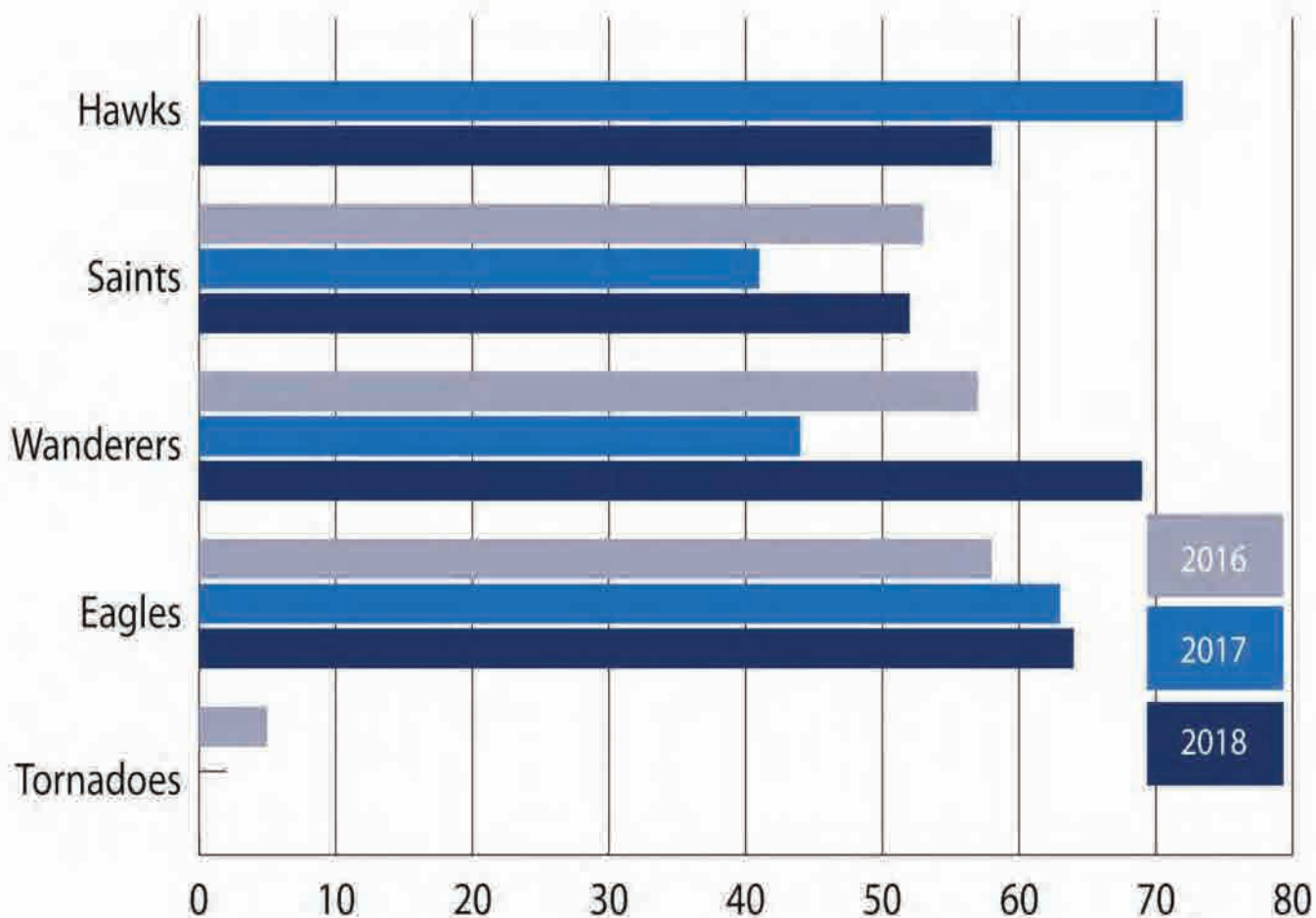
A big thank you to our hard-working committee and to Baseball Victoria and Mildura Rural City Council for their continued support.

<b>A Grade</b>	Premiers-- Eagles def Wanderers 2 games to 1
<b>B Grade</b>	Premiers—Saints
<b>C Grade</b>	Premiers-- Wanderers
<b>U/16</b>	Premiers—Hawks
<b>U/13</b>	Premiers-- Wanderers

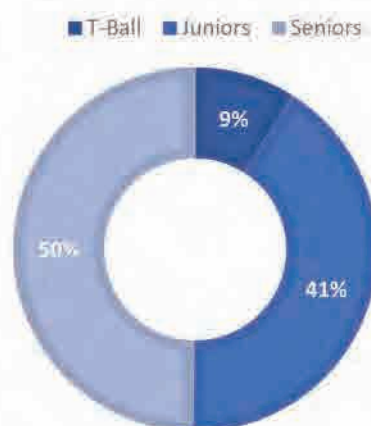




# Sunraysia Baseball Association Report



## 2018 PARTICIPATION





# Victorian Summer Baseball League Report

## BASEBALL VICTORIA COMPETITIONS

Summer Competitions 2017/18 (as at February 2018)



### 2017/18 CHARTER PROGRAMS

The **Eastern Athletics Charter Program** consists of players from Blackburn, Malvern, Melbourne, Ormond GH, Upwey FTG & Waverley



5 COMPETITIONS 26 REGISTERED TEAMS

The **Geelong Baycats Charter Program** consists of players from the Geelong Baseball Club and bay area



2 COMPETITIONS 10 REGISTERED TEAMS

The **Northwest Twins Charter Program** consists of players from Doncaster, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Preston, Newport, Sunshine, Werribee, Williamstown, Port Melbourne & Research



7 COMPETITIONS 46 REGISTERED TEAMS

The **Southern Mariners Charter Program** consists of players from Berwick, Bonbeach, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Moorabbin, Sandringham, St Kilda, Springvale & Pakenham



7 COMPETITIONS 48 REGISTERED TEAMS

The 2017/18 season has seen the number of **Under-16** teams increase from 24 to 27 teams, a 12% increase on the previous season.

## U16s

3 COMPETITIONS 24 REGISTERED TEAMS (+3)

Baseball Victoria has added 1 **Under-18** team for the 2017/18 season, a 5% increase on the previous season.

## U18s

2 COMPETITIONS 21 REGISTERED TEAMS (+1)

The Victorian Summer Baseball League has expanded with the addition of 3 new teams competing in one of 13 **Senior** competitions in 2017/18.

## Seniors

13 COMPETITIONS 131 REGISTERED TEAMS (+3)

The 2017/18 season has seen no increase or decrease in the number of **Women's** teams competing in Victoria.

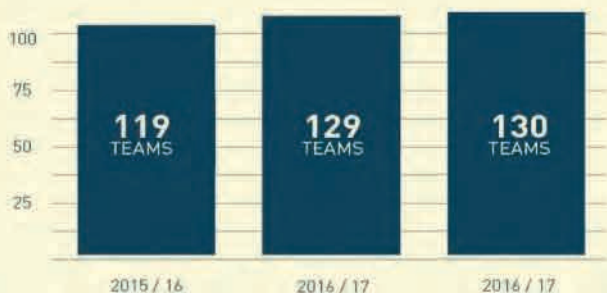
## Womens

3 COMPETITIONS 18 REGISTERED TEAMS

2017/18 has seen no increase or decrease in numbers of teams entered into **Masters** competitions this season.

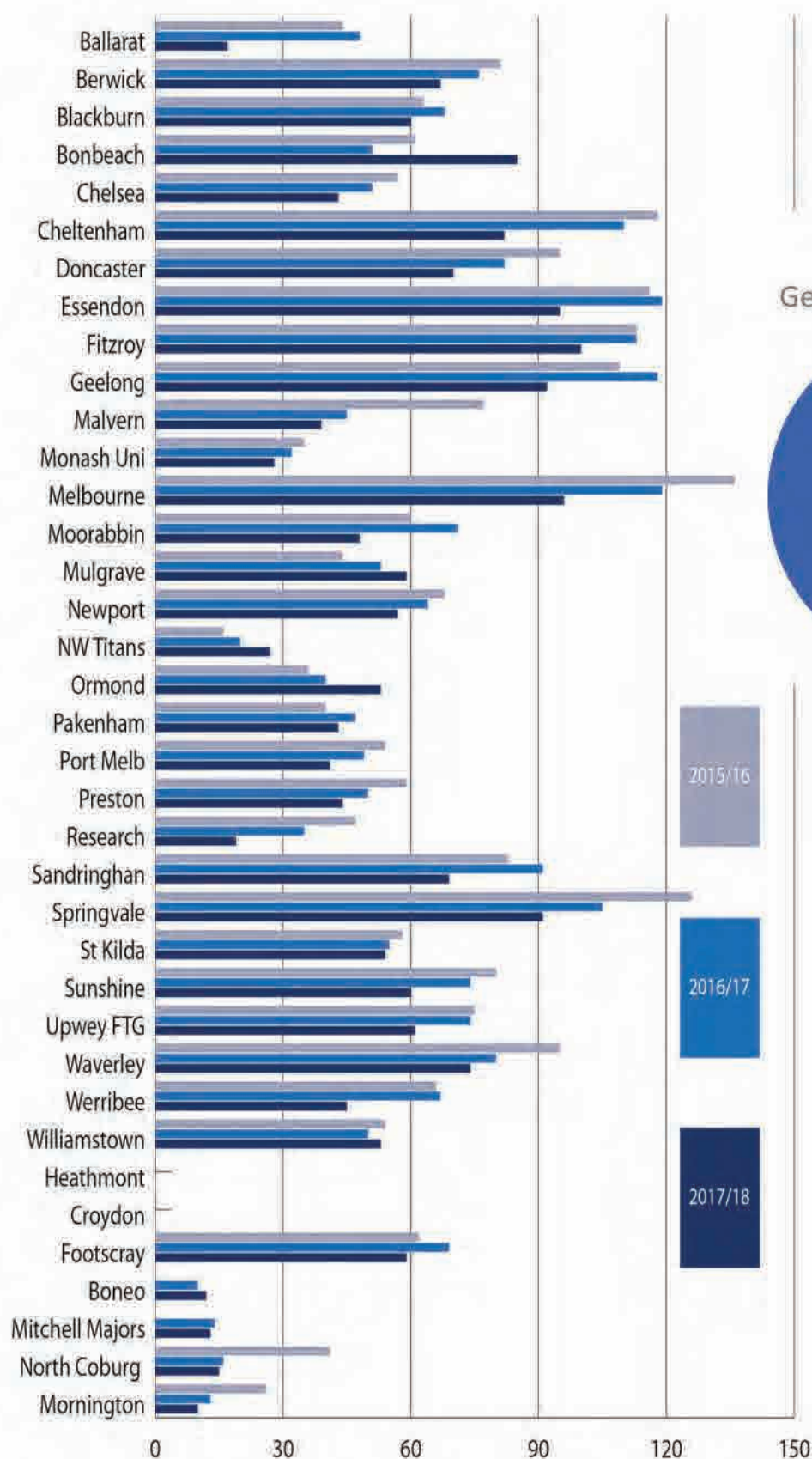
## Masters

4 COMPETITIONS 36 REGISTERED TEAMS

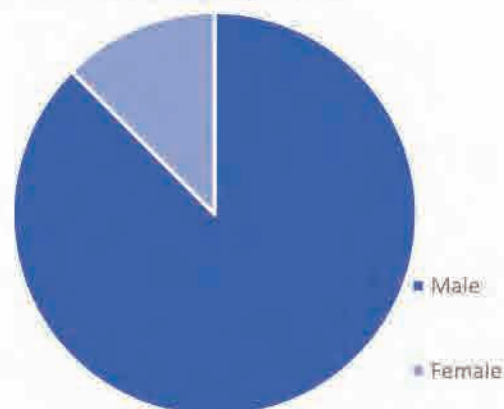


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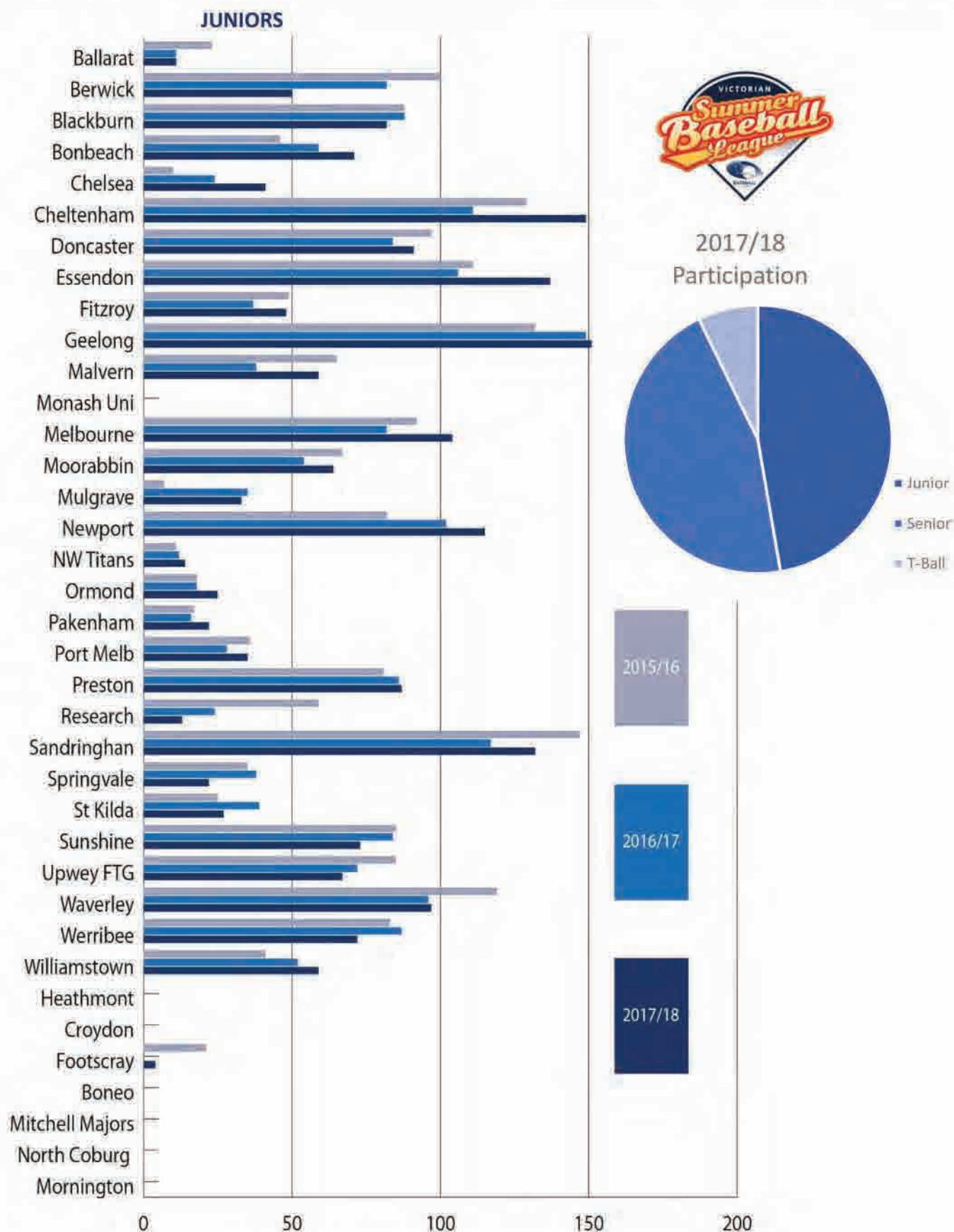


2017/18  
Gender Participation





# Victorian Summer Baseball League Report



# Victorian Summer Baseball League Report

The 2017/18 Victorian Summer Baseball League season concluded with many teams enjoying exciting finals runs and thrilling competitions.

## Division One Blackburn vs. Geelong 3-6

The Baycats sealed the deal in an exciting game two sweep of the Orioles to secure the premiership title and cap off a terrific season. Blackburn battled but Geelong always stayed one step ahead, having jumped on the board early with patient plate appearances and team batting. The Orioles tied the game at two apiece in the third, but Geelong soon jumped ahead, thanks to 14 hits on the night compared to the Blackburn's six. A gallant effort by the Orioles wasn't enough as the Baycats cruised to their championship win!



## Division Two Berwick vs. Preston 1-2

This intense, competitive game three saw Preston's ace Hayden Godbold and Berwick's reliable right-hander Blake Cunningham face off in a battle for the premiership. Godbold, fully recovered from a mid-season injury, was back to his true form of strikeouts and keeping any base runners from coming around to score. Cunningham pitched a solid complete game, but the Pirates managed to sneak on board with two runs that would seal the deal for the team that hadn't won a premiership in the ones in 20 years.

## Division Three Ormond Glenhuntly – Blue vs. St. Kilda 1-2

## Division Four East St Kilda vs. Melbourne 7-2

## Division Four South Bonbeach vs. St. Kilda 15-4

## Division Four North West Footscray Red vs. Essendon Bombers 10-8

## Women's Division One Springvale vs. Footscray 11-4

Third-place Footscray couldn't keep up their postseason momentum against first-place Springvale. The Lions took home their sixth straight division one premiership with the confidence and command that has propelled them all season long, with some big hits and a home run from Jade Houghy.

## Women's Division Two Springvale vs. Essendon 9-11

The Lions may have only lost one game in the regular season, but they narrowly lost to the underdogs as the Bombers enjoyed a thrilling end to the game. This marks the first-time club has won a women's division two premiership.

## Women's Division Three Footscray vs. Moorabbin 7-3

The Panthers handed the first-place Bulldogs a surprise loss back in round one of finals, but this game belonged to Footscray. Two weeks ago, each side notched more than ten runs in Moorabbin's 15-11 win, but more controlled pitching made runs tougher to come by this time around. Several errors and unfortunate outs from key at-bats for Moorabbin put the game in Footscray's favor.





# Victorian Summer Baseball League Report

VSBL	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Clubs	37	37	37
Competitions	40	40	40
Teams: Seniors	181	186	191
Teams: Juniors	147	175	149
Participants: Senior	2295	2179	1881
Participants: Junior	1961	1831	1955
Tee-Ball	397	397	299



Most Valuable Player		
Division 1	Rudy Jaramillo	Geelong BC
Division 2	Craig Barnett	Berwick BC
Division 3	Jeon Kyungsoo	Ormond Glenhuntly BC
Women's Division 1	Abbey Kelly	Essendon BC

Pitching Award		
Division 1	Sam Street	Springvale BC
Division 2	Hayden Godbold	Preston BC
Division 3	Franco Caramia	St Kilda BC
Women's Division 1	Amanda Torrington	Springvale BC

Batting Average		
Division 1	Tom Dicker	Fitzroy BC
Division 2	Jarryd Rodgers	Berwick BC
Division 3	Alan Ortiz	St Kilda BC
Women's Division 1	Abbey McLellan	Footscray BC

Home Run		
Division 1	Tom Dicker	7
Division 2	Jarryd Rodgers	5
Division 3	Alan Ortiz	3
Women's Division 1	Abbey McLellan	4

Coach of the Year	Dan Betreen – Berwick BC
Volunteer of the Year	Leanne Gibbons – Geelong BC
Umpire of the Year	Greg Howard
Inclusion Club	Essendon BC



# In Memorium

**Les POLSON:** Les was an instrumental figure in Victorian baseball, particularly with the development of junior competitions and representative opportunities. Affectionately referred to as the “Godfather of Junior Baseball.” An iconic individual with a deeply-rooted love for the game, Les spent decades at the helm of junior competitions and Victorian state teams. Les was welcomed as a Baseball Victoria Life Member in 1992, and he was also a life member of the Moorabbin Panthers, his beloved local club where he coached juniors. He served on the BV Board for many years as he strived to make a difference in the baseball world and grow the sport, especially at the junior level.

Hundreds of young players looked up to Les, learning from his positivity and never-ending determination that he displayed so greatly as the long-time U16 State Team Manager. Les was a member of the VBA Junior League and treasurer/finance manager of VBA for many years. Known as a guru of Victorian U16s baseball, Les had an uncanny ability to spot talented players and promote their growth and development, which has undoubtedly had a long-lasting impact on junior baseball throughout Victoria.

**Jack LARNER:** After getting his start with Bonbeach Baseball Club and going through the Victorian Institute of Sport, Jack went on to play college in the U.S., making an All-American Team before returning to Victoria to begin his coaching career. He served as the Southern Mariners Charter Development Coach and was instrumental in guiding



the Charter to numerous Victorian championships for 3 years across various age groups. He coached the 2016 Southern Mariners Senior League team as they won the State, National and Asia Pacific Championships, creating a pathway for future teams to follow all the way to the World Series.

While the 2016 Senior League Team was ultimately defeated by Chicago in the final, held in Maine, U.S.A., they made history along the way by becoming the first Australian team to compete in a World Series Championship. As a result of the Senior League team's success, Baseball Victoria honoured Jack with the Coach of the Year Award in 2016, a fitting tribute and testament to his compelling coaching style and tireless dedication to his role despite his debilitating illness. With his guidance, many players who thought they were only capable of so much discovered they could do more on the mound and in the batter's box. He was more than just a coach, he was also a mentor and a friend who continued to play an important role despite battling cancer.

**Meg CLARKSON:** Many things characterised Meg Clarkson, but above all her ever-present smile, her happy disposition, her unwavering loyalty, her unbridled passion for the game, her genuine interest in everyone she met as well as her tireless commitment and her inspiring work ethic shone through. Such formidable and appealing qualities elevated Meg to a much-loved figure not only at Waverley, but throughout the baseball community.

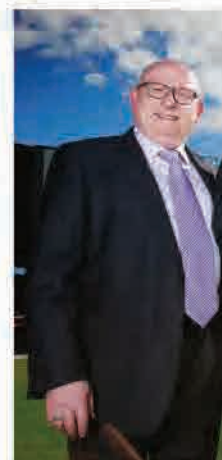
Meg served as the WBC Secretary for two years, was the official scorer for Waverley's Firsts for 25 years and when Waverley entered a team - Waverley Reds - in the inaugural Australian Baseball League, Meg was the club's official scorer until the League went into recess in 1999. Meg also scored for Victoria at Junior National Championships and served on the Victorian scorer's committee for many years. Waverley bestowed Life Membership on Meg in 1990. Meg may have been small in stature, but she possessed a heart that dwarfed her. She was magnanimous, selfless and truly a beautiful and wonderful lady.





# In Memorium

**Tony PEEK:** A well-known sports administrator, Tony was a past player, president and served on the WBC Board for a record 21 years. During his record 10-year tenure as President of the WBC, the club won six premierships. Tony was also instrumental in the formation of the inaugural Australian Baseball League in the late 1980s, and was the first chairman of the ABL. Significantly, Tony was a key player in the formation for the Waverley Reds, who played in the inaugural season of the Australian Baseball League. Tony paved the way for the ABL to gain exposure in The Herald Sun arranging for the sport to receive a full page coverage each Thursday during the season as well as the sport having a dedicated baseball writer.



WBC recognised the stunning contribution 'Peeky' made to our great club by naming the Clubhouse in his honour. It was a moment that caught him totally unaware and his genuine love for the club and all the special people involved resonated during his acceptance speech.

*"Being involved with the club has given me and our family a great deal of enjoyment and I was delighted to see so many of our former players and board members that we worked with in attendance on the day – it was a day I will never forget,*

**Robert 'Bob' JONES:** Robert Jones or Bob Jones as most in baseball knew him first umpired in 1963 and finished Actively UMPIRING at the end of 1987/88 season (25 years).

Bob started on the BUAV Committee 1975 as a committee member, then from 1977 – 1979 was Vice President.

In 1980 he became President of the BUAV, a position he held for 14 years.

In 1994 Bob was asked to be the 1st Patron of the BUAV. A role he fulfilled for 25 years.

In 1980 he was awarded life membership of the BUAV.



Some highlights of Bob's illustrious Umpiring career are:

- Assistant director of umpiring for 10 years
- 5-time Victorian representative at the Claxton Shield: 1968, 1973, 1976, 1977, 1978.
- In 1977 was voted best umpire at the Claxton Shield in Perth.
- Baseball was a winter sport until 1975, Bob did his first A1 Grand Final plate in 1974
- Baseball went to summer in 1976-77 and Bob did the Grand Final as the plate umpire, the first in the new summer format.
- In 2000 he was awarded the Australian Sports Medal

# Honour Rolls

## BASEBALL VICTORIA LIFE MEMBERS

2009	Jason Blair
2015	John King
2016	Julie Jones
2017	Michael Gourley
2017	Richard Mason* OAM

## VICTORIAN PROVINCIAL BASEBALL LEAGUE LIFE MEMBERS

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)

## VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

1910	Peter McAlister*
1911	Frank Laver*
1911	FM Russell*
1911	HM Adams*
1911	JS Milford*
1911	T Smith*
1912	Percy B Seyffarth*
1919	Cam Sellars*
1920	S Charles Lansdown*
1921	Robert R Hindson*
1922	TJ Browne*
1924	Ernest W Fielder*
1926	Leslie F Johnston OBE*
1929	J Bayne Mackay*
1933	HJ Newbound*
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*



# Honour Rolls

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\*  
1986 Ken CJ Welfare\*  
1986 Lyn V Straw\*  
1988 Barry N Smith  
1988 Graeme B Ainscough\*  
1991 Paul F Collins  
1991 Ron R Smith\*  
1992 Les A Polson  
2002 Les T Flower  
2004 Beryl Bunting\*  
2004 Rodney Gaunt  
2005 Grant Weir  
2005 Robert O Blackmore  
2006 Jenny Ratcliffe  
2006 Peter J Dihm

# Office Bearers (Historical)

## BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

YEAR	PRESIDENT	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
2018	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. J Huber
2017	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair (resigned June) / Mr. J. Huber (appointed July)
2016	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair
2015	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair (Interim General Manager)
2014	Mr. C. Crameri	Mr. N. Price
2013	Mr. C. Crameri	Mr B. W. Hidson (resigned April) / Mr. N. Price (appointed July)
2012	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr B. W. Hidson
2011	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr B. W. Hidson
2010	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr B. W. Hidson
2009	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr S. Nash



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## VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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Mr. J. B. Anderson

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. S. Nash

Mr. S. Walker/Nash

Mr. S. Dawes/S. Oxworth/Walker

Mr. S. Dawes

Mr. S. Dawes

Mr. P. J. Williams/Dawes

Mr. L. T. Flower/Williams

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Mr. S. Oxworth (Act.)

Mr. B. Mannion

### ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. B. Mannion

Mr. T. J. Ballard

Mr. T. J. Ballard

Mr. T. J. Ballard

Mr. T. R. Hill

### SECRETARY

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# Office Bearers (Historical)

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1971	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. T. R. Hill
1970	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. G. Benney
1969	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. G. Benney
1968	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. J. L. Goldsworthy
1967	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. J. L. Goldsworthy
1966	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. G. Webster
1965	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. G. Webster
1964	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. G. Webster
1963	Mr. R. Bowtell	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1962	Mr. J. E. M. Eliis	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1961	Mr. J. E. M. Eliis	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1960	Mr. J. E. M. Eliis	Mr. R. J. Black
1959	Mr. R. E. Darling	Mr. R. J. Black
1958	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1957	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1956	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1955	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1954	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1953	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1952	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1951	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1950	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1949	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1948	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1947	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1946	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1945	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1944	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1943	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1942	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1941	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1940	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1939	Mr. R. R. Hindson/King	Mr. P. C. Pooley/Darling
1938	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1937	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1936	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1935	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1934	Mr. R. R. Hindson	H. M. Gordon/Pooley
1933	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon



# Office Bearers (Historical)

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1932	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1931	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1930	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1929	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1928	Mr. L. F. Johnston/Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1927	Mr. L. F. Johnston	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1926	Mr. L. F. Johnston	Mr. P. C. Pooley/Gordon
1925	Mr. L. F. Johnston	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1924	Mr. L. F. Johnston	P. C. Pooley
1923	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1922	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey

## VICTORIAN BASEBALL COUNCIL

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1922	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1921	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1920	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey

## VICTORIAN BASEBALL UNION

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1924	Mr. E. W. Fielder	C.S Tanner
1923	Mr. E. W. Fielder	C.S Tanner
1922	Mr. D. J. Chandler	H. W. Francis
1921	Mr. D. J. Chandler	H. W. Francis
1920	Mr. D. J. Chandler	H. W. Francis
1919	Mr. D. J. Chandler	C. Sellars/H. W. Francis
1918	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars
1917	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars
1916	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars
1915	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars

# Office Bearers (Historical)

## VICTORIAN BASEBALL LEAGUE

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





# Financials

JAMES VAN BEEK  
SECRETARY & FINANCE // BASEBALL VICTORIA

The Profit/(Loss) recorded by Baseball Victoria for the 12 month period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 was a **Net Profit of \$37K** (2017: Profit \$15K) an improvement of \$22K (139%) on last year.

## **The Net Profit is broken down as follows:**

**Total Revenue recorded was \$1.718m an increase of \$123K (8%) on last year. Whilst Total Expenditure was \$1.681m which resulted in an increase on last year by \$101K (6%).**

Net Profit of \$37K was up \$22K (139%) on last year and up \$26K (236%) on budget. When compared to budget Total Revenue was down \$7K (0%) and Total Expenditure was favourable to budget by \$33K (2%).

## **Major variances from both a revenue and expenditure perspective when compared to last year were:**

### **Revenues**

- **Baseball Competition** revenue recorded an increase of \$162K (36%) due to charging the Little League and Junior League championships participants for travel and accommodation costs.
- **Baseball Pathways** revenue declined by \$102K (23%) due to the reduction in fees for Japan Youth leaders Tour and U18 State Teams.
- **Baseball Participation** revenue improved by \$21K (60%) resulting from an increase of fees for Coaching Accreditation, Super Camps and Uniforms.
- **Baseball Operations** revenue declined by \$23K (4%) from a reduction in grant funding received compared to last year, primarily Vic Heath grant.
- **Baseball Melbourne Aces** revenue increased by \$64K (58%) due to changes in the funding mix as measured by Baseball Australia ('BA').

### **Expenditure**

- **Baseball Competition** expenditure increased by \$162K (57%) due to incurring costs on behalf of Little League and Junior League participants. Effectively an in-and-out movement.
- **Baseball Pathways** expenses declined by \$122K (28%) due to a reduction in costs from U18 State Teams, nil costs for the Japan Youth Leaders Tour and a reduction in costs for Charter Academy's.
- **Baseball Participation** expenses increased by \$14K (42%) resulting from incurring costs associated with the revenue increases from Coach Accreditation, Super Camps and Uniforms.
- **Baseball Operations** expenditure grew by \$22K (3%) from Rent expenses at Sports House and from Melbourne Ball Park resulting from the transfer BV operations to Altona.
- **Baseball Melbourne Aces** expenses increased by \$27K (18%) due to changes in the funding mix and spent in accordance with and equal to the funding received from BA.

Other notable movements were the reduction in net costs of managing the Melbourne Aces with the contribution borne by Baseball Victoria ('BV') reducing from \$38K last year to a nil contribution this year. The team involved with managing the Aces worked extremely hard on ensuring the funding provided by BA covered off on the costs necessary to ensure a competitive side. Employee benefits expense was reduced by \$26K (6%) due to improved stability within the BV operations team duly lead by CEO, Justin Huber.

In the 2018-2019 season we are budgeting for a Net Profit \$40K an improvement of \$3K (8%) on this year. This will be driven by revenue of \$1.80m and expenditure of \$1.76m.

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

**Financial Report**  
**For the period ended 30 September 2018**



ABN 78 603 120 057

## 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 2018 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 (Resigned 30Apr18)

Sheila Nguyen

James van Beek

Geoff Pearce (Resigned 02Feb18)

Sonia Heath (Resigned 26Nov17)

Craig Armstead

Joanna O'Connor (Appointed 18Dec17)

Grant Weir (Appointed Casual Vacancy 30Apr18)

Margie Ardono (Appointed Casual Vacancy 12Nov18)

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 year after providing for income tax amounted to a Profit of \$37,116 (2017: Profit \$15,518).

### 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 changes in the state of affairs during the year.

- \* Baseball Victoria offices are relocated to the Melbourne Ball Park
- \* Development Grant Funding Program initiated
- \* The establishment of 'Working Groups' to assist with Baseball Victoria operations

### Principal activities

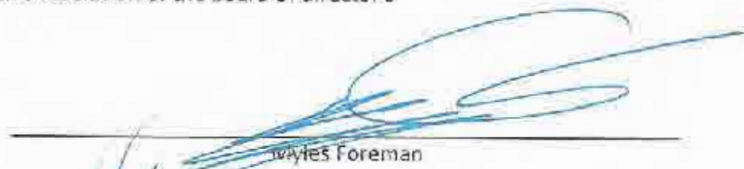
The principal activity of the association during the year was to facilitate and promote baseball in Victoria. No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

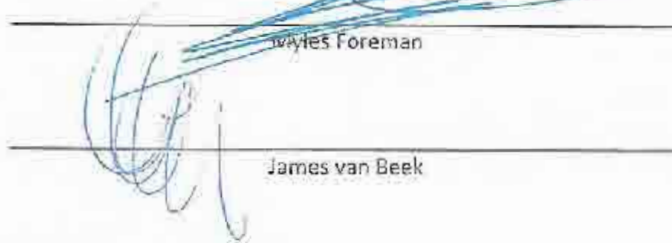
Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of director's

President:



Wyles Foreman

Finance Director:



James van Beek

Dated this day 17th December 2018



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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Revenue	3	1,712,642	1,590,749
Interest Income		5,403	4,394
		<u>1,718,045</u>	<u>1,595,143</u>
<b>Less: Expenses</b>			
Baseball Competition Management		(445,809)	(283,974)
Baseball Pathways		(318,976)	(441,446)
Baseball Participation		(46,769)	(33,373)
Baseball Operations		(695,616)	(673,591)
Baseball Aces		(173,759)	(147,239)
		<u>(1,680,929)</u>	<u>(1,579,625)</u>
<b>Profit/(Loss) before income tax expense</b>		<u><b>37,116</b></u>	<u><b>15,518</b></u>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Net Profit/(Loss) after Income tax</b>		<u><b>37,116</b></u>	<u><b>15,518</b></u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>		<u><b>37,116</b></u>	<u><b>15,518</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 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	480,392	324,031
Receivables	6	73,630	113,624
Inventories	7	6,876	6,876
Other assets	10	15,375	36,823
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>576,273</u>	<u>481,354</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	8	46,367	23,683
Intangible assets	9	2,000	2,000
Other assets	10	57,035	55,540
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>105,402</u>	<u>81,223</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>681,675</u>	<u>562,577</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables	11	68,476	16,855
Borrowings	12	-	14,330
Provisions	13	24,536	21,915
Other liabilities	14	248,974	211,211
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>341,986</u>	<u>264,311</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	13	5,127	2,316
Other liabilities	14	57,035	55,540
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>62,162</u>	<u>57,856</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>404,148</u>	<u>322,166</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>277,527</u>	<u>240,411</u>
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>			
Development Fund Reserve		20,000	-
Accumulated surplus		257,527	240,411
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		<u>277,527</u>	<u>240,411</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements



**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS**  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2018

	Retained Earnings \$	Development Reserve \$	Total \$
<b>Balance as at 1 October 2016</b>	224,893	-	224,893
Profit/(Loss) for the period	15,518	-	15,518
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	15,518	-	15,518
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2017</b>	240,411	-	240,411
<b>Balance as at 1 October 2017</b>	240,411	-	240,411
Transfer from Retained Earnings	(20,000)	-	(20,000)
Transfer to Development Fund Reserve	-	20,000	20,000
	220,411	20,000	240,411
Profit/(Loss) for the period	37,116	-	37,116
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	37,116	-	37,116
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2018</b>	257,527	20,000	277,527

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

For the Year Ended 30 September 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from Customers		1,793,381	1,547,820
Payments to Suppliers & Employees		(1,592,453)	(1,676,684)
Interest Received		5,403	4,394
Finance Costs		(479)	(1,018)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	15(b)	<u>205,852</u>	<u>(125,488)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Payments for property, plant and equipment	8(a)	(35,161)	(10,991)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(35,161)</u>	<u>(2,947)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Motor vehicle finance repayments		(14,330)	(5,895)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>(14,330)</u>	<u>(5,376)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		156,361	(133,811)
<b>Reconciliation of cash</b>			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		324,031	466,405
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		156,361	(142,374)
<b>Cash at end of financial year</b>	15(a)	<u>480,392</u>	<u>324,031</u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2018

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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 directors have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report was approved by the Board of Director's as at the date of the directors' 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 in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Other revenue is recognised when the right to the revenue has been established.

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

**c) Income tax**

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

**d) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and at banks, short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less held at call with financial institutions.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2018

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

**e) 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%	Straight-Line

**f) 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.

**g) 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.

**h) 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.



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

For the Year Ended 30 September 2018

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

**i) 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.

**j) 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 2018

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

**k) 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.

**l) 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.



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

For the Year Ended 30 September 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$	
<b>NOTE 3: REVENUE</b>				
<b>Operating activities</b>				
Baseball Competition Management		605,904	444,480	
Baseball Pathways		343,198	444,833	
Baseball Participation		56,011	34,829	
Baseball Operations		533,770	556,934	
Baseball Aces	3(a)	173,759	109,673	
		<u>1,712,642</u>	<u>1,590,749</u>	
<b>a) Baseball Melbourne Aces</b>				
Revenue		173,759	109,673	
Expenditure		<u>(173,759)</u>	<u>(147,239)</u>	
Net Contribution by Baseball Victoria		<u>(0)</u>	<u>(37,567)</u>	
<b>NOTE 4: EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Operating activities</b>				
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(12,477)	(8,066)	
Employee benefits expense		(413,643)	(439,818)	
Finance costs		(479)	(1,018)	
<b>NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>				
Cash on hand		63	100	
Cash at bank		172,801	54,301	
Cash on deposit		<u>307,528</u>	<u>269,630</u>	
		<u>480,392</u>	<u>324,031</u>	
<b>NOTE 6: RECEIVABLES</b>				
<b>CURRENT</b>				
Trade debtors		82,245	124,206	
Provision for doubtful debts		<u>(8,615)</u>	<u>(10,582)</u>	
		<u>73,630</u>	<u>113,624</u>	
<b>Impairment of trade receivables</b>				
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 October 2017		(10,583)	(4,728)	
Charge for the year		<u>1,968</u>	<u>(5,855)</u>	
Closing balance as at 30 September 2018		<u>(8,615)</u>	<u>(10,583)</u>	
<b>Aged Analysis</b>				
Trade receivable ageing analysis as at 30 September:				
	Gross 2018 \$	Impairment 2018 \$	Gross 2017 \$	Impairment 2017 \$
Not past due	81	-	42,853	-
Past due 31-60 days	57,689	-	310	-
Past due 61-90 days	385	-	13,875	-
Past due more than 91 days	24,090	(8,615)	67,169	(10,582)
	<u>82,245</u>	<u>(8,615)</u>	<u>124,206</u>	<u>(10,582)</u>

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	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>NOTE 7: INVENTORIES</b>			
Inventory held for sale		6,876	6,876
<b>NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>			
Motor vehicles at cost		45,454	45,454
Accumulated depreciation		(36,224)	(33,147)
		9,230	12,307
Office equipment at cost		63,395	47,655
Accumulated Depreciation		(50,522)	(46,081)
		12,873	1,574
Computer equipment at cost		19,436	4,603
Accumulated Depreciation		(5,568)	(3,437)
		13,867	1,166
Baseball equipment at cost		13,925	9,335
Accumulated Depreciation		(3,528)	(700)
		10,396	8,635
Total property, plant and equipment		46,367	23,682
<b>a) Reconciliations</b>			
Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial year			
<i>Motor vehicles</i>			
Opening carrying amount		12,307	16,409
Additions		-	-
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		(3,077)	(4,102)
Closing carrying amount		9,230	12,307
<i>Office equipment</i>			
Opening carrying amount		1,574	4,347
Additions		15,740	(2,947)
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		(4,441)	174
Closing carrying amount		12,873	1,574
<i>Computer equipment</i>			
Opening carrying amount		1,166	-
Additions		14,833	4,603
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		(2,131)	(3,437)
Closing carrying amount		13,867	1,166
<i>Baseball equipment</i>			
Opening carrying amount		8,635	-
Additions		4,590	9,335
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		(2,828)	(700)
Closing carrying amount		10,396	8,635



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	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>NOTE 9: INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b>			
Patents, trademarks and licences at cost		2,000	2,000
<b>a) Reconciliations</b>			
Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of intangible assets at the beginning and end of the current financial year			
<i>Patents, trademarks and licences at cost</i>			
Opening balance		2,000	2,000
Closing balance		2,000	2,000
<b>NOTE 10: OTHER ASSETS</b>			
CURRENT			
Prepayments		15,374	36,823
		15,374	36,823
NON-CURRENT			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		57,035	55,540
		57,035	55,540
<b>NOTE 11: PAYABLES</b>			
CURRENT			
<i>Unsecured Liabilities</i>			
Trade creditors		12,609	-
Sundry creditors and accruals		55,867	16,855
		68,476	16,855
<b>NOTE 12: BORROWINGS</b>			
CURRENT			
<i>Secured liabilities</i>			
Chattel mortgage liability		-	14,809
Unexpired term charges		-	(479)
		-	14,330
<b>NOTE 13: PROVISIONS</b>			
CURRENT			
Employee Benefits		24,536	21,915
NON-CURRENT			
Employee Benefits		5,127	2,316
a) Aggregate employee benefits liability		29,663	24,231

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	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>NOTE 14: OTHER LIABILITIES</b>			
CURRENT			
Deferred Income		248,974	211,211
NON-CURRENT			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		57,035	55,540
<b>NOTE 15: 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		63	100
Cash at bank		172,801	54,301
At call deposits with financial institutions		307,528	269,630
		480,392	324,031
<b>b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus after income tax</b>			
Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax		37,116	15,518
<b>Adjustments and non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation		12,477	8,065
Trade receivables provision and impairment		(1,968)	5,855
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in receivables		41,961	(48,784)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		19,955	(16,324)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		-	2,660
Increase/(decrease) in payables		51,621	3,187
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities		39,258	(83,236)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions		5,432	(12,429)
		168,736	(141,006)
Cash flows from operating activities		205,852	(125,488)



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	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>NOTE 16: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS</b>			
a) Finance Lease Commitments			
Payable			
- not later than one year		-	14,809
- later than one year and not later than five years		-	-
Minimum lease payments		-	14,809
Less future finance charges		-	(479)
Total finance lease liability		-	14,330
Represented by:			
Current liability		-	14,809
Non-current liability		-	-
		-	14,809
b) Operating lease commitments			
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:			
Payable			
- not later than one year		7,861	10,922
- later than one year and not later than five years		-	7,861
		7,861	18,782

General description of leasing arrangement - Rental of Photocopier and Phone System

**NOTE 17: ASSOCIATION DETAILS**

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Baseball Victoria Incorporated  
Melbourne Ball Park  
Merton Street  
Altona Meadows VIC 3028

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STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR'S

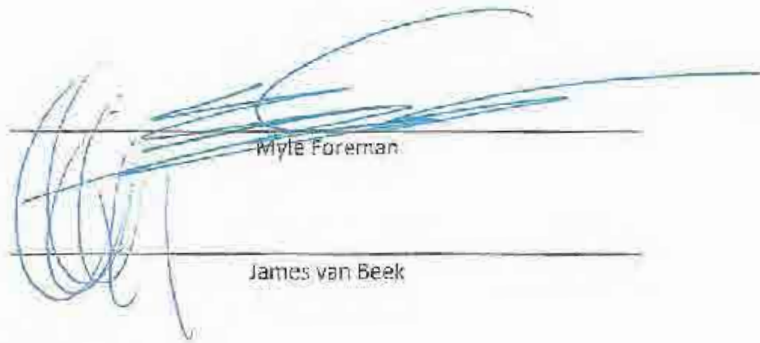
In the opinion of the director's the financial report as set out on pages 3-17:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Baseball Victoria Incorporated as at 30 September 2018 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.

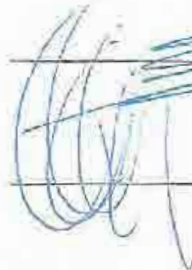
This declaration is made in accordance with the resolution of the director's and is signed for and on behalf of the director's by:

President:



Wyle Foreman

Finance Director:



James van Beek

Dated this day 17th December 2018



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

### Opinion

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 2018, 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 the directors.

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Baseball Victoria Incorporated as at 30 September 2018, 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 its associated Regulations).

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of Baseball Victoria in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

### Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012 (and its associated Regulations). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

## Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of Baseball Victoria are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of Baseball Victoria to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate Baseball Victoria or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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