



**BASEBALL**  
VICTORIA



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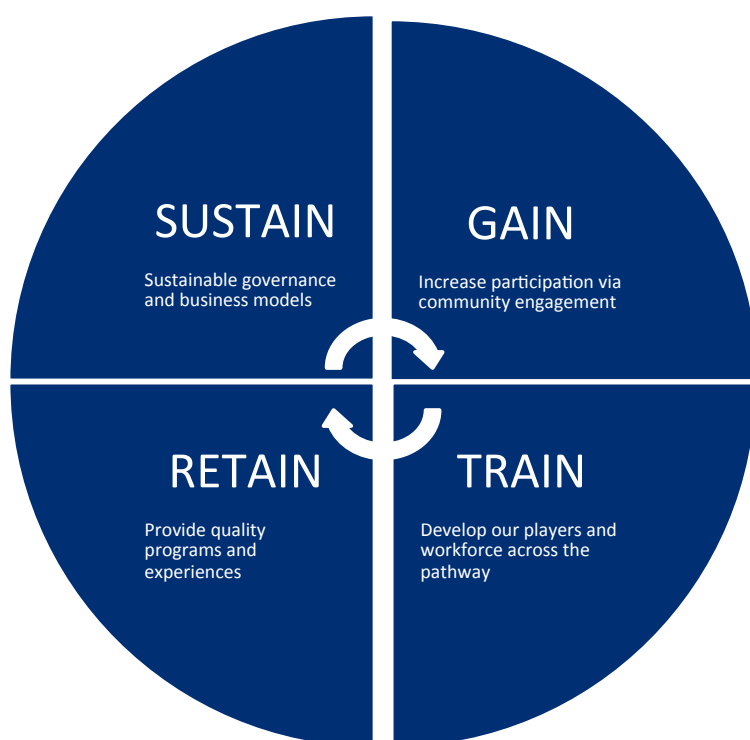




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# Mission and Vision



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

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

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

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

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



# 2016 Office Bearers



## **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 became 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.



## **SCOTT DAWES**

*Vice President*

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.



## **JAMES VAN BEEK**

*Secretary & Finance*

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.



## **SHEILA NGUYEN**

*Marketing & Communications*

Dr Sheila Nguyen is 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.



## **GEOFF PEARCE**

*High Performance & Facilities*

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.



## **SONIA HEATH**

*Inclusion*

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.



## **CRAIG ARMSTEAD**

*Member Services*

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) and is currently General Manager - Clubs & Membership Development with Greyhound Racing Victoria.

In all of these roles Craig has held direct management of the Membership function, with a heavy focus on member services and growth.

# Baseball Victoria Staff

## BASEBALL VICTORIA HEAD OF DIRECTORS

President (Portfolio: Baseball Australia, ABL & Associations)	Myles Foreman
Vice President (Portfolio: Pathways, Competitions & Tournaments)	Scott Dawes
Secretary (Portfolio: Finance; Association Secretary)	James Van Beek
Director (Portfolio: Marketing & Communications)	Sheila Nguyen
Director (Portfolio: High Performance & Facilities)	Geoff Pearce
Director (Portfolio: Inclusion)	Sonia Heath
Director (Portfolio: Member Service)	Craig Armstead

## BASEBALL VICTORIA STAFF

General Manager	Ashley Blair
Game Development Manager	Tom Dicker (resigned December 2016)
High Performance Manager	Damian Shanahan
Communications & Digital Marketing Manager	Joel Mackenzie
Competitions Coordinator	Jessica Sneath (resigned October 2016)
Competitions Coordinator	Chris Mayne (commenced November 2016)
Operations Coordinator	Daniel Garrood (resigned September 2016)
Operations Coordinator	Samantha Creed (commenced September 2016)
Participation & Women's Program Officer	Bronwyn Gell
Umpire Development Coordinator	Stewart Howe
Finance Coordinator	Les Flower

# Baseball Victoria Working Groups

## FINANCE & AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE

James van Beek (Chair)	Board Representative
Myles Foreman	Board Representative
Ashley Blair	Staff Representative
Les Flower	Staff Representative

## NOMINATIONS SUB COMMITTEE

Myles Foreman (Chair)	Board Representative
Scott Dawes	Board Representative
Sonia Heath	Board Representative

## COMMERCIAL SUB COMMITTEE

Craig Armstead (Chair)	Board Representative
Sheila Nguyen	Board Representative
Ashley Blair	Staff Representative
Joel Mackenzie	Staff Representative

## RISK & GOVERNANCE SUB COMMITTEE

Myles Foreman (Chair)	Board Representative
Scott Dawes	Board Representative
James van Beek	Board Representative
Ashley Blair	Staff Representative

## SUMMER LEAGUE REVIEW WORKING GROUP

Ashley Blair (Chair)	Staff Representative
Chris Mayne	Staff Representative
Greg Tinkler	Community Representative
Sean Parton	Community Representative
Julie Jones	Community Representative
Nick Thompson	Community Representative
Slade Squire	Community Representative

## WHOLE OF SPORT WORKING GROUP

Myles Foreman (Chair)	Board Representative
Scott Dawes	Board Representative
Ashley Blair	Staff Representative
Peter Dihm	Community Representative
2 Appointed Representatives	

## WOMEN'S WORKING GROUP

Sonia Heath (Chair)	Board Representative
Bronwyn Gell	Staff Representative
Victoria Brown	Community Representative
Meghan Mayman	Community Representative
Alicia Pentreath	Community Representative
Lynn Fraser	Community Representative
Paul Hung	Community Representative

## BASEBALL OPERATIONS

Scott Dawes (Chair)	Board Representative
Damian Shanahan	Staff Representative
Tom Dicker	Staff Representative
Grant Weir	Community Representative
Andy Rose	Community Representative
Michelle De Highden	Community Representative
Neil Burke	Community Representative
Michael Crooks	Community Representative
Micheal Nakamura	Community Representative

## BASEBALL VICTORIA TRIBUNAL

John Holmes (Chair)
Ula Struss
David Milton
James Dimer
Stefan Bagg

# Baseball Leagues and Clubs in Victoria

## **BV SUMMER LEAGUE**

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

## **BENDIGO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION\***

Bendigo East  
 Falcons  
 Scots  
 Strathfieldsaye  
 Dodgers

## **DANDENONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION\***

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

## **GEELONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION\***

Alfredton  
 Bacchus Marsh  
 Bellarine  
 Colac  
 Corio  
 Deakin  
 East Belmont

Guild  
 Lara  
 Mounties YC  
 Werribee

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

Churchill  
 Moe/Newborough  
 Morwell  
 Sale  
 Traralgon

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

\*Voting member of  
 Baseball Victoria

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

Bundoora  
 Cheltenham  
 Croydon  
 Diamond Creek  
 Doncaster  
 Essendon  
 Footscray  
 Forest Hill  
 Glen Iris  
 Greenhills  
 Montmorency  
 Greensborough  
 Heathmont  
 Knox  
 La Trobe University

Melbourne University  
 Mitchell Majors  
 Monash University  
 North Balwyn  
 North Coburg  
 Northcote  
 Panton Hill  
 Port Melbourne  
 Research Lower Plenty  
 Ringwood  
 St Kilda  
 Watsonia  
 Waverley  
 Westgarth  
 Wheelers Hill  
 Upwey Ferntree Gully

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

Albury  
 Benalla  
 Porepunkah  
 Wangaratta  
 Wodonga

## **SUNRAYSIA BASEBALL LEAGUE\***

Eagles  
 Hawks  
 Saints  
 Tigers  
 Tornadoes  
 Wanderers

\*Baseball Victoria Voting Member





# President's Report

**MYLES FOREMAN**  
**PRESIDENT // BASEBALL VICTORIA**

## WHOLE OF SPORT

Throughout the year the key decisions taken and strategy setting of the Baseball Victoria Board and in turn the actions of the Baseball Victoria Office have continued to be based upon the three core objectives of **Gain, Train** and **Retain**.

Balancing the financial and human resources available to Baseball Victoria to deliver upon the objectives of Gain, Train and Retain has and will continue to be a challenge. As a result not everything everyone across the Baseball Community expects of Baseball Victoria is possible. I can however assure the entire Baseball Community that the focus of the Board and Management has been to be consistent in decision making and strategy setting and to improve the level of consultation and communication.

While enhanced structures have been put in place to ensure greater consultation and improvements have been delivered upon in relation to communication this continues to be a work in progress with further improvements particularly in the area of communication to be delivered.

Baseball Victoria is recognised as the peak body and empowered under its constitution with responsibility for baseball across Victoria. Baseball Australia, Federal, State and Local Government all recognise Baseball Victoria as the peak body acting on behalf of all participants across Victoria.

With our sport like many other sports feeling the pressure of increased competition for time and disposable income our collective task of Gaining, Training and Retaining participants continues to get harder.

Therefore at a time like this it becomes even more important that our sport has one voice and that financial and human resources are working together across our sport. Baseball Victoria has become increasingly focused on whole of sport initiatives and services which support Gaining, Training and Retaining participants all year round across summer and winter and all associations.

To this end a Whole of Sport working group has been formed to develop this further. If we don't change the energy by so many to rebuild strong foundations over the past two years and the work by many others over many years will be for naught and our sport runs the very real risk of going backwards.

I am pleased to report based on factual metrics baseball has in fact advanced over the past twelve months and our challenge and opportunity right now is to leverage these advances to drive our sport forward.

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# President's Report

## SURPLUSES RESTORED

At the February 2014 Annual General Meeting of Baseball Victoria a loss of \$106,842 was reported for the financial year 2013/2014. At that meeting as the newly elected President of Baseball Victoria, the Board and I committed to turning around the loss and Baseball Victoria's financial position over a period of two years.

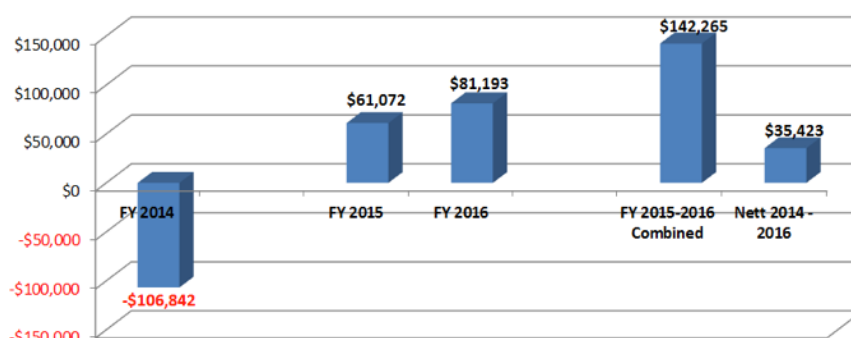
For the first of the two years the 2014/2015 financial year a surplus of \$61,072 was reported representing a \$167,914 turn around over the first year.

I am delighted to report that the commitment made at the February 2014 Annual General Meeting has been delivered with a surplus achieved of \$81,193 for the 2015/2016 financial year.

The loss of two years ago (\$106,842) has now been recovered posting a combined surplus of \$142,265 over the past two years. When the 2014 loss and the past two year's surpluses are combined a net surplus of \$34,423 has been achieved over the three years.

This is a significant turnaround in the financial position of Baseball Victoria and has been achieved via a continued focus of the Board and Management. In particular, I thank Baseball Victoria Director James Van Beek who joined the Board in September 2014 and has been key in developing policies and procedures as well as reporting tools in his capacity as the Director responsible for the Finance Portfolio.

The strong financial foundations laid over the past two years place Baseball Victoria in a strong financial position to take on the challenges and opportunities facing our sport in the future.



Significantly the recovery in the financial position of Baseball Victoria has enabled investment back into the sport by expending the staff within the Baseball Victoria office and by making targeted capital investments.

## IMPROVED KEY RELATIONSHIPS

At the February 2014 Annual General Meeting of Baseball Victoria the Board committed to ensuring strong long term foundations of the sport were laid with the three key partners; namely Baseball Australia, the Melbourne Aces and Melbourne Ballpark.

While much was achieved in the first twelve months which was reported upon this time last year, over the last 12 months Baseball Victoria has been able to build upon the freshly laid foundations for the future of our sport.

Based on the key premise of putting aside commentary about the location of the Melbourne Ballpark and accepting it is our only State Government recognised State Baseball Facility, the Board continues to embrace the facility and is focused on working with State Government and the Melbourne Ballpark Committee of Management to drive increased utilisation of the facility in order to secure much needed investment in the facility.

# President's Report

Throughout the year Baseball Victoria put in place new tenancy arrangements with Melbourne Ballpark which ensures Victorian Baseball has the opportunity to maximise our State Baseball Facility. Building upon this Baseball Victoria recently invested in the facility by funding the construction of new bullpens for combined State and Aces training.

The previously announced strategy to relocate the Baseball Victoria office to the Melbourne Ballpark remains as unfinished business as not enough suitable office space to house both the Baseball Victoria office and Melbourne Aces office currently exists at the Melbourne Ballpark. This took on greater importance late in 2016 with the increased interaction between Baseball Victorian and the Melbourne Aces. With various solutions developed this will be revisited following the 2016/2017 ABL Season.

As a result of Major League Baseball's decision to divest of its investment in the Australian Baseball League and support the game of baseball in Australia in other substantive ways, Baseball Victoria, Baseball Australia and the Melbourne Aces were able to leverage the newly forged relationships to ensure the continuation of the Australia Baseball League and the Melbourne Aces for the 2016/2017 season.

Stronger alignment between Baseball Victoria and the Melbourne Aces was a key aspect of the Boards strategy prior to the MLB's announcement. Once Baseball Victoria had ensured it protected Baseball Victoria's financial position against potential operational losses of the ABL, the MLB's decision presented the opportunity. While the 2016/2017 ABL season falls outside this reporting period, the success of the Melbourne Aces breaking playing records and revenue records is a testament to the ground work laid during the 2016 financial year.

## INCREASED CONSULTATION AND STRUCTURE

### Baseball Victoria Working Groups

- Baseball Operations
- Commercial
- Whole of Sport Integration
- Women & Girls

All Working Groups are established with a Terms of Reference, Public Nominations and a member of the Baseball Victoria Board as Chair which aligns with each Directors nominated Portfolio.

A report from the Chair of each Working Group is provided separately in this Annual Report.

In addition the Board has established Sub Committees comprising members of the Board to ensure the Boards Governance responsibilities are vigorously and regularly fulfilled.

### Baseball Victoria Board Sub Committees

- Risk & Governance
- Finance & Audit
- Nominations

## ON-FIELD SUCCESS

Historically Victorian baseball has much to be proud of, acknowledging this history and installing in our State Teams pride, honour and privilege in wearing the "Big V" has and continues to be a key focus for Baseball Victoria.

Following a review and a number of changes to the State Program our State teams built upon our success over recent years achieving considerable success at the 2016 Championships. Our U16 & U18 Blue teams both took home silver medals while our Open women finished second and our Youth Girls team finished fifth at their respective tournaments.

# President's Report

While technically after this reporting period it is important to acknowledge the positive impact of the integration between the Melbourne Aces and Victorian Baseball. During the season a number of young Victorian baseball players have debuted for the Aces and had the opportunity to participate and perform at the highest level of baseball within Victoria.

The Southern Mariners Charter achieved great success winning the State, National and Asian Pacific Championships to advance to the Senior League World Series before advancing all the way to the final eventually finishing runners up in the Championship Game. This is a tremendous success story which reinforces the importance and opportunity that the Charters offer to young baseball players via the Junior, Little and Senior League World Series.

It was a year in which two clubs created history. Essendon Baseball Club won it's fifth consecutive Division One title breaking the previous record which had been held by Waverley Baseball Club for a quarter of a century. In women's baseball Springvale Baseball Club won a record third premiership in a row.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate Baseball Victoria 2016 Life Member inductee Julie Jones for her service to Victorian Baseball.

I also congratulate Australian Baseball Hall of Fame inductees Victorian's Ernie Bolton and Michael Nakamura.

## PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

While the success of the Melbourne Aces, State Teams and Charters are important they form only part of the overall Victorian baseball community, a true measure of our success as a sport is our overall participation.

Participation is about parents driving juniors to games in the depth of winter, players of all ages getting out and enjoying the game irrespective of the division or grade they participate in. Participation is about providing opportunity for players who have no aspiration for high performance but rather want to play a team sport with mates.

Volunteerism across all sports and society is under pressure so as a sport which relies upon volunteer coaches, club administrators, grounds crew canteen staff, participation is also about providing an environment and community in which we also Gain, Train and Retain volunteers as much as players.



# President's Report

## THANK YOU

To our t-ball, juniors, seniors, masters, girls and boys, men's and women's players, coaches, umpires, club committees, club boards, associations and the vast array of volunteers who power our sport, thank you for helping to Gain, Train and Retain participants in our sport. Our greatest strength as a sport is you our Baseball Community, simply ask any newcomers to our sport, they more often than not comment on how they are welcomed and made to feel part of a broad community.



Myles Foreman  
President  
Baseball Victoria

Following a period of change where five of the seven changes and five new directors joined between September 2013 and May 2015 the Board has had a period of stability over the twelve months of the reporting period. I take this opportunity to thank the Directors of Baseball Victoria who all volunteer of their time. Like so many others in our sport this willingness to share diverse skills and experiences is what ultimately powers our sport. With the introduction of Working Groups and Sub Committees this year the Board continues to transition to being more strategically focused and in doing so the commitment of time for each of the Directors has increased significantly throughout the year.

To the Baseball Victoria General Manager Ashley Blair and the Baseball Victoria Office team thank you for your dedication and commitment to our sport.

As a sport we are well placed, our challenge and opportunity is to now transition to one sport which harnesses the passion of our participants to gain train and retain participants to the great game and community of baseball in Victoria.



# General Manager's Report

**ASHLEY BLAIR**  
**GENERAL MANAGER // BASEBALL VICTORIA**

**The 2015/2016 Year represented my first full year as General Manager of Baseball Victoria (BV), and I am delighted to be able to reflect upon and report on what we have achieved as a sport over the past twelve months and of course touch upon the challenges that we face moving forward.**

When you take the time to reflect on the number of programs our organisation offers in all areas of our business it makes me incredibly proud. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by my staff in the delivery of the wide range of competitions which includes scheduling around 3,300 games during the summer season, tournaments, events, programs and services during the year. The whole team work incredibly hard to provide the wider baseball community with a range of opportunities, which provide over 6,000 playing members with different opportunities to develop and enjoy their baseball. Thank you to the whole team at BV for your tireless work, energy and support.

We lost some key staff members during the year in Daniel Garrood, Jessica Sneath and Tom Dicker. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the contribution they have made to the sport of baseball in Victoria during their tenure at BV. At the same time I would like to welcome the new staff members who have joined BV, Joel Mackenzie, Samantha Creed and Chris Mayne.

On the field we have had some excellent results, once again reaffirming our position as one of the most successful states in Australia. The U16, U18 and Women's Blue teams all finished second at the 2016 National Championships and who will forget the journey the Southern Mariners Senior League took us all on, going all the way through to the Senior League World Series. They were the

first team from Victoria to make it through to a Little League World Series. The Mariners finished runners up in this tournament and gained a number of admirers which saw the Mariners awarded the "Daniel E. Clifford"

memorial sportsmanship award. To Rick Wills and all the coaches and players and everyone involved with the Southern Mariners, congratulations on this fantastic achievement.

With the announcement that Major League Baseball was re-distributing their funding, Baseball Australia took full ownership of the Australian Baseball League. This resulted in the Melbourne Aces being integrated into the Baseball Victoria operations which resulted in a more collaborative and constant approach in the delivery of the sport. The Melbourne Aces represent a key element of our sport's player pathways and fan participation opportunities. As such, they are integral in raising the profile of our great sport to attract new participants.

Baseball Victoria secured funding during the year through the Victoria Government, Supporting Victorian Sport and Recreation (SVSR) Grant. This funding enables us to invest money back into the sport and enables our organisation to expand, innovate and develop. I thank the Victorian Government for their ongoing support.

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When you take the time to reflect on the number of programs our organisation offers in all areas of our business it makes me incredibly proud.

# General Manager's Report

My personal thanks goes out to all of the Presidents and committees of all Victorian Clubs and Associations who put in an incredible amount of time not only into their own Club's and Association's success but the future of Victorian baseball. I want to acknowledge the Club and Association Presidents and Secretaries for their time, commitment to the greater good of the game and willingness to work collaboratively with the state governing body and I look forward to continuing the dialog, debate and discussion in relation to taking the sport forward.

This year saw us award Julie Jones a Life Membership of Baseball Victoria. I have worked closely with Julie over a number of years on the delivery of the State Winter Championships and have seen first-hand the commitment and the passion she has for the sport. This has been the case over a long period of time with the Falcons and Essendon Baseball Club, the Bendigo Baseball Association, the Victorian Provincial Baseball League and Baseball Victoria. Julie, thank you for the contribution you have made to the sport and well done on being awarded such a prestigious award.

I would also like to congratulate both Ernie Bolton and Michael Nakamura on being inducted into the Baseball Australia Hall of Fame in 2016. Well done to both Ernie and Michael on fantastic careers and a very deserving enshrinement in the Australian Baseball Hall of Fame.

At no other time in history has Australian sport faced so many challenges. The sheer volume of options for people to choose from, the financial pressures faced by most families, and the changing dynamics of the way this generation wants to engage in recreation are just a few of the challenges we face as we seek to grow our great sport. With these challenges in mind, Baseball Victoria has put in place a number of working groups comprising members with the skills,

knowledge, and expertise in the sport as well as other skills and experience to review what we are currently doing and what changes need to be made to ensure we continue to Gain, Train and Retain. The working groups we have put in place include Women & Girls, Baseball Operations, Summer League Review and the Whole of Sport integration. I would like to thank the members of these groups for putting their hands up and contributing to the growth and enhancement of the game in Victoria.

I would like to personally thank the President, Myles Foreman and the whole board of Baseball Victoria for the ongoing commitment, professionalism and dedication they bring to both their roles and the sport, as well as the support they give me and the rest of the staff of BV.

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

And finally, to our army of volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to the game, we thank you. We are eternally grateful for all that you do for and give to this sport.



Ashley Blair  
General Manager  
Baseball Victoria



# Life Member Inductees

## BASEBALL VICTORIA LIFE MEMBER INDUCTEE 2016 // JULIE JONES

**At the Annual General Meeting of Baseball Victoria in 2016, the members unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Board that Julie Jones be awarded Life Membership to Baseball Victoria.**

Julie first became involved with baseball in 1987 when her children began playing with the Falcons Club, within the Bendigo Baseball Association (BBA). On any given day you could find Julie assisting in the canteen, umpiring, managing junior teams attending meetings and scoring.

Julie became the BBA Secretary in 1988, and held this position for 9 years until 1997. During this time, Julie earned a reputation as being an exceptional organiser and statesperson, who quickly developed an understanding of all things baseball. When Julie resigned as the BBA Secretary, she moved to the role of BBA Registration Secretary, and has held this role for 16 years.

In addition to these duties, Julie has been Secretary and President of the Falcons Baseball Club, has been bestowed Life Membership of Falcons in 2002 and was inducted into the BBA Hall Of Fame in 2011.

When her boys Paul and Casey began playing baseball for Essendon, Julie began playing an active role with them just as she had done at Falcons. In addition to being a scorer for Essendon, Julie became their Secretary in 1999, and still holds the position some 17 years later. The Essendon Baseball Club bestowed Julie with Life Membership in 2007 in recognition for her sustained devotion and service to the club.

Julie manages to perform her current secretarial duties with Essendon while living in Bendigo, giving some insight into her remarkable abilities of both organisation and dedication to the sport of baseball.

In addition to Julie's work with her beloved Falcons Club, Bendigo Baseball Association and Essendon Baseball Club, Julie has been on the Winter Championship committee with Baseball Victoria since 2009 and served as chairperson since 2012.

There's no way to truly repay Julie for all of her service to the sport of baseball in Victoria, but granting her Life Membership is an opportunity for Baseball Victoria and the entire baseball community to recognise Julie's contribution and to say thank you.





# Game Development Report

**TOM DICKER // GAME DEVELOPMENT MANAGER  
BASEBALL VICTORIA**

**The 2015-2016 year saw tremendous growth in the Game Development department with continued focus on engaging new members into grassroots programs.**

Charter Development Officers were realigned across the state, dramatically increasing the reach of programs and allowed for a focus of resources in targeted areas. We welcomed Abbey McLellen and Rudy Jaramillo from local clubs, Morgan Doty a recent Australian representative who relocated from Perth and two new members from outside baseball, Chris Owen and Christian Margais.

Our Development officers reached over 3,000 school children, attended five sports industry showcase events and presented at the ACHPER conference during their four month contracts.

Ensuring Baseball Victoria has the resources to deliver positive outcomes for all programs is vital to the ongoing sustainable growth of the sport.

## **GAIN**

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

- 150 males and females between the ages of 6-17 at the Home Run Sports Day in conjunction with Billy Hawkins and the Crossway Church Home School Network.
- 31 students of all ages in the Deaf Sports Australia, Sports Gala
- 27 Schools through the Sporting Schools National funding scheme
- The Sports Focus Regional Sports Assembly in consultation for their "Miss Me-Time" female physical participation program.

## **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;

- 72 new coaches through the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme
- 92 RMIT first year physical education students to develop inclusive, classroom appropriate baseball teaching strategies
- Seven clubs in the VicHealth funded Healthy Choices program, where clubs are supported to offer healthy menu items at their canteen
- Stewart Howe as the Director of Umpiring – a dedicated resource to implement an umpire development plan

## **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.

- The Southern Mariners Senior League squad reaching the final of the World Championship, televised live around the world on ESPN
- Four Victorian teams entered to the Australian Little League Championships – the most in Victorian Little League history
- A girl's charter tournament run in line with the State Little League Championships, leading to a Women's winter academy and an inaugural junior girl's baseball competition
- Baseball Victoria included in the National Club Championship Planning Committee
- Planning and execution of the Summer League All Star Game (played 18 January 2017)



# High Performance Report

**DAMIAN SHANAHAN**

**HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER // BASEBALL VICTORIA**

**2016 was an outstanding year for High Performance Baseball in Victoria with a large number of Victorian players given the honour of representing their country in tournaments around the world.**

## **WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC QUALIFIER, SYDNEY [FEBRUARY 2016]**

- James Beresford
- Travis Blackley
- Sam Gibbons
- Brad Harman
- Peter Moylan

## **HONKBAL TOURNAMENT, NETHERLANDS [JULY 2016]**

- Shane Lindsay
- Aaron Sayers
- Daryl George

## **UNDER-15 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, JAPAN [JULY 2016]**

- Ben Fierenzi
- Declan Croker
- Liam Evans
- Chris Burke
- Blake Townsend

## **SENIOR WOMENS**

- Leslie Anglin
- Morgan Doty
- Bronwyn Gell
- Abbey Kelly
- Shae Lillywhite

## **STATE PROGRAM**

The Aces Baseball Academy is part of the National Development Program. The Goal of the National Development Program is to:

- Increase the talent pool available to National team selection
- Increase the success of the National Team in International events
- Assist players to leverage the available baseball pathways into college and professional baseball

The Academy has three levels;

- Senior Squad (18s) - 38 participants
- Futures Squad (16s) - 40 participants
- Charter Squads - 175 participants

## **ACES WOMEN'S ACADEMY**

The Aces Women's Academy was designed to provide opportunities to a large reach of participants. In order to take away barriers, the Women's Academy ran in three different locations, on three different nights and times. The North Academy ran by former Australian Women's player Samantha Hamilton, South Academy ran by current Australian Women's Head Coach Simone Wearne, and West Academy ran by current Victorian Blue Women's Head Coach Dean Anglin.

# High Performance Report

The Women's Academy has two levels;

Youth Women's Squad (16s) – 30 participants

Senior Women's Squad – 30 participants

## NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Under-16, Under-18, and Open Women's Championships all featured Victorian teams in 2016.

Victoria sends two teams to both the Under 16 and Under 18 National Championships, Victoria Blue and Victoria White.

In the Under-18 Championships Victoria Blue Won Silver, while at the Under-16 National Championships, Victoria Blue were dominant throughout the tournament going through undefeated until the final where they lost to South Australia to claim silver.

Victoria White were outstanding in claiming fourth overall. This was a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work of the players and the coaching staff.

## THE VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TEAM

In the Open Women's National Championships, Victoria won Silver after losing to NSW in the Gold Medal game. At the Youth Women's National Championship, Victoria entered a team for the first time since 2013, and claimed fifth.

The positive results in the state program reflect the skill and hard work of the entire high performance team and all the coaches and staff of Baseball Victoria who took part in the High-Performance program in 2016.

## NATIONAL ACADEMY

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

The Victorians selected this year were

- Blake Townsend
- Jamie Young
- Oliver Dunn
- Luke Cartwright
- Matthew Beattie
- Liam Madden
- Liam Evans
- Alex Barling
- Brock Wells
- Jarryd Dale

A special note to the achievement of James Beresford. After 1,070 games of minor league baseball spanning ten years, James made his Major League debut for the Minnesota Twins in Sept 2016.

James was a graduate of the High-Performance Program in Victoria, becoming the 33rd Australian and 9th Victorian to feature in a game of Major League Baseball.



# Director of Umpiring Report

**STEWART HOWE: UMPIRES DEVELOPMENT  
COORDINATOR // BASEBALL VICTORIA**

**The season of 2015/2016 took its toll with a few members leaving the ranks of Umpiring. We gained a few later in the season but unfortunately, we lost some others due to injury.**

The change of venue for training this season, together with the shift from Tuesday to Monday, I had hoped would allow for more participation but this was not to be. I will be seeking member input to see if this can be improved upon.

A special thank you goes out to the Malvern Baseball Club for the use of their ground and facilities for our Training nights on Mondays.

Baseball Victoria was a little stronger with the inclusion of Japanese born, Australian Umpire Taka Matsuda, a minor league umpire in AA. Taka was a member of the ABL panel but also umpired in our local competition both weekdays and weekends as well as being available on training nights. Both on and off the field the feedback I got back from the members about Taka's involvement was very positive.

As is the case each year some members are to be congratulated on their achievements during the season. The 2015/16 ABL Panel consisted of umpires Greg Howard, Taka Matsuda, Michael Lyons, Geoff Dunn, Richard Mason and Stewart Howe.

National Championships saw a combined Tournament in Sydney and Women's tournaments in Canberra. The umpires representing Victoria in these tournaments were David Rice, Geoff Boyes, Ian Gavin, Greg Howard, Stephen Legge, Frank Nigro, Ian Wannan and Janine Thompson.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PLATE UMPIRES AND THEIR CREW ON THE FINALS APPOINTMENTS:**

Women's Division 3 - Peter Mullins  
Women's Division 2 - Alan Black  
Women's Division 1 - Peter Matters  
Men's Division 3 - Peter Eckardt  
Men's Division 2 - Geoff Dunn  
Men's Division 1 - Greg Howard

## **AWARD RECIPIENT FOR SEASON 2015 - 2016**

President's Award - Peter Matters  
Umpire of the Year - Taka Matsuda  
Directors Award - Russell Opie  
Rookie of the Year - Jorge Crespo

The 2016 Umpires Seminar was held at Essendon and with the support of Essendon Baseball Club, Julie Jones and Club coach Richard King & players we thank them for being there for us.

The Winter Championships were a success again and thanks to all the Umpires that supported their own Associations to make it worthwhile. Also to Greg Howard thank you for overseeing the umpires at these events.

The end of season dinner and presentation night did not happen due to lack of numbers & interest for the first time that I can recall. The committee will be exploring options to ensure that this does not occur again.

I wish to thank the Committee for its support over the past season.

Thank you to you the members for your support in the past year and I look forward to working with you all again.



# Baseball Victoria Working Group

## WOMEN & GIRLS



Victoria was the first Australian state to highlight and provide opportunities for females in the sport of baseball. And while a large number of females of all ages continue to take the field for the love of the game, female participation in baseball has been in steady decline in Victoria for the past 15 years.

To help address this, in early 2016 Baseball Victoria announced the establishment of a Women and Girls Working Group to provide greater focus on women's participation in the sport.

In the months that followed, from a strong pool of candidates, a group of individuals passionate about the cause came together to assess and prioritise issues requiring attention.

Each Group member brings different ideas, insights and skills to the table to ensure that friendly, robust and dynamic conversation takes place to support an all-inclusive assessment of the world of Victorian baseball for women presently.

The Group took into account insights from the Women and Girls baseball forum in 2015 and has settled on six focus areas from which they are now assessing and developing a structured and strategic approach to support increased participation.

These focus areas are:

- Develop a clear pathway that assists to attract and retain female participants.
- Develop strategies to increase the awareness of women playing baseball and the benefits not only for the participants, but the sport as a whole.
- Develop strategies to increase participation with a key focus on junior girls.

- Develop strategies and an implementation plan to ensure associations/clubs have increased diversity on boards/committees.
- Develop strategies to increase the number and develop the skillsets of women in umpiring roles within women's baseball.
- Develop strategies to increase the number and develop the skillsets of women in coaching roles within women's baseball.

Whilst change is by no means easy, the Group is working diligently to map out a path forward. Members have worked through the majority of the focus areas and, in the months ahead, a report will be submitted to Baseball Victoria for consideration ahead of being made public.

There will be short term recommendations, including that Baseball Victoria lead the way with promoting diversity at the club and elite level, and for greater opportunities for women and girls to upskill, be it as a player, umpire or coach.

The recommendations will also take a longer term view and set suggested diversity targets for which Baseball Victoria and clubs should aim towards.

The overall strategic plan of Baseball Victoria remains focused on 'gain, train, retain' participants. The Women and Girls Working Group is seen as a major step in ensuring increased participation by women and girls continues to be a key focus area of the Board and organisation as a whole.

### **Sonia Heath**

Chair

Women and Girls Working Group

# Baseball Victoria Little League Report



## LITTLE LEAGUE

In April, the 2016 Little League Championships were played at Jells Park in Glen Waverley. A Development Cup and Minor League Challenge were also held as well as a Junior Girls Charter tournament. In a tournament first, the Southern Mariners won all 4 tournaments in April 2016. The former is a development tournament for players that are not successful at being selected in the main charter All-Star team, as well as the players that participate in the Little League Major competition, but are not age eligible to trial for the main All-Star squad (ages nine and ten). The Minor League Challenge includes those that only participate and are registered in the Little League Minor competition.

The Southern Mariners were state champions with the Eastern Athletics, Northern Diamondbacks also qualifying to represent Victoria at the Little League National Championships. The Geelong Baycats were given a spot at the National Championships after another state was unable to send a team. The Eastern Athletics (10th), Southern Mariners (15th) and the Northern Diamondbacks (16th) and Geelong Baycats (20th) all represented Victoria with great pride at the Little League National Championships.

Congratulations to Hills (NSW) for winning this year's tournament and subsequently qualifying to participate in the Little League World Series.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE

For the second time a Junior League state championship was held at the Geelong Baseball Centre in January 2016. There were representative teams from the Southern Mariners, Eastern Athletics, Sunraysia Giants and Northern Diamondbacks and Geelong Baycats. The Geelong

Baycats won the title with the Eastern Athletics also qualifying to represent Victoria at the Junior League National Championships. The Northern Diamondbacks were given a spot at the Junior League National Championships after another state was unable to send a team.

At the Junior League National Championships, the Geelong Baycats (9th) and Eastern Athletics (15th) and Northern Diamondbacks (16th) all represented Victoria with distinction. Cronulla Sharks (NSW) won the National tournament and because of this won the right to represent Australia at the 2016 Asia-Pacific Junior Championships.

## SENIOR LEAGUE

The inaugural 2016 State League Senior League Tournament was held at the Geelong Baseball Centre. The representative teams from the Southern Mariners, Eastern Athletics, Northern Diamondbacks and Western Mets. The Southern Mariners went through the tournament undefeated and were awarded the 2016 Victorian Senior League Champions. The Eastern Athletics also qualified for the National Tournament.

At the Senior League the National Tournament, the Southern Mariners continued their impressive run, remaining undefeated in the tournament defeating Hills (NSW) 6 -1 in the final to qualify for the Senior League Asia Pacific Championships. The Eastern Athletics (7th) also represented Victoria with Distinction.

At the Senior League Asia Pacific Tournament, the Southern Mariners defeated the Philippines, CNMI, Indonesia and Guam to advance to the final of the tournament where they qualified for the Senior League World Series defeating Guam 10 - 0 in the final over 5 innings.

# Baseball Victoria Winter Championships Committee Report

**Thanks to the all the associations (both regional & metropolitan) who have continued to support the championships.**

Senior Championships were held in Geelong with ten teams competing in the two divisions (Mount Gambier and Ringwood returned but Diamond Valley was again missing). City won the City Division and Dandenong Under 23 won the County Division

Under 18 championships were held in Mildura, with the tournament won by Ringwood.

Under 16 championships were held in Wangaratta which proved to a challenging weekend due to the weather, however the North Eastern Baseball Association worked hard to ensure that we had at least two diamonds to play on. Again there were only four Associations entered teams which was won by Dandenong.

Under 14 championships were held in Knox for the first time in many years. Seven Associations entered teams with Ringwood and Geelong each entering 2 teams. The Division 1 was won by Dandenong and Division 2 by Sunraysia.

Under 12 Championships were held in Bendigo and seven Associations entered teams. Division 1 was won by Diamond Valley and Division 2 by Sunraysia.

The number of Associations not fielding teams in the top two age groups was disappointing, however it was great to see that the Under 14 and Under 12 championships attracted a high number of entries that allowed us to run two divisions.

Hopefully the number of Associations competing will increase this year and we will also continue to look for other opportunities to increase the number of teams competing in the championships.

Although the conduct and format of the championships is now settled, there are always

issues that arise that we have to work through at the time. This does not always suit everyone particularly when it comes to the weather and ground conditions,

however we endeavour to find a solution that benefits all the players. We will continue to look for opportunities to improve the championships and of course welcome any suggestions from the Associations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jessica Sneath for co-ordinating the championships. Jess was responsible for the preparatory work done prior to each championship and for the information provided to the Associations. I would like to also thank the Associations for the way they have embraced the championships and look forward to their continued support in 2017.

**Julie Jones**  
Chair

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# State Representatives

## Open Womens

NAME	SUMMER CLUB	WINTER CLUB
Abbey Kelly	Essendon	Westgarth
Abbey McLellan	Footscray	Footscray
Abe Reiko	Springvale	Berwick
Amy Collins	Doncaster	
Belinda Cannington	Doncaster	Doncaster
Bronwyn Gell	Essendon	Watsonia
Emma French	Essendon	Essendon
Georgia Page	Essendon	Footscray
Hannah Jackson	Springvale	Monash Uni
Leslie Anglin	Essendon	Saints
Risa Tanaka	Footscray	Footscray
Shae Lillywhite	Springvale	Berwick
Sinead Byrne-Connell	Doncaster	Watsonia
Vanessa Clifford	Doncaster	Essendon
Madeline Davis	Doncaster	Essendon
Brittney Cedelland	Footscray	Footscray
Ellen Goodrope	Malvern	Watsonia

Coach

Head Coach: Dean Anglin

Assistant Coach: Christopher Goodrope

Pitching Coach: Joe Michard

Executive Officer: Aimee Page

## Youth Womens

NAME	SUMMER CLUB	WINTER CLUB
Jamieson Bastian	Doncaster	Essendon
Gabrielle Bevan	Springvale	Berwick
Hanami Campitelli	Melbourne	Cheltenham
Lili Cavanagh	Springvale	Frankston
Emma Chandler	Doncaster	North Balwyn
Claire Costa	Geelong	Saints
Emily Devine	Springvale	Pakenham
Victoria Elliot	Melbourne	
Jaymee Hassett-Smith	Doncaster	Bundoora
Hannah Healy	Doncaster	
Brooklyn Hutton	Doncaster	Berwick
Emily Kline	Essendon	Essendon
Zoe Murphy	Essendon	Dodgers
Becky Petty	Doncaster/Blackburn	Ringwood
Baylin Rousell	Bonbeach	Mornington
Maddison Singleton	Springvale	Berwick
Lara Watson	Sandringham	Dingley
Jade Yuen	Footscray	Footscray

Coach

Head Coach: Robert Gell

Assistant Coach: Paul Hung

Pitching Coach: Miffanwy Smith

Executive Officer: Jeanette Bevan



# State Representatives

## U18 Blue

NAME	SUMMER CLUB	WINTER CLUB
Max Barrett	Cheltenham	Cheltenham
Matthew Beattie	Waverley	Forest Hill
Steven Hughes	Springvale	Berwick
Jackson Boyd	Sandringham	Dingley
Jayson Arthur	Springvale	Dandenong
Mitchell Wicox	Sandringham	Dingley
Emerson Rickard	Geelong	East Belmont
Nicholas Mason	Blackburn	Ringwood
Oliver Dunn	Waverley	Ringwood
Cooper Goodman	Waverley	Heathmont
Jordan Barnett	Sandringham	Mornington
Liam Spence	Geelong	Guild Lions
Nathan Picchioni	Sandringham	Dingley
Luke Cartwright	Blackburn	Ringwood
Justin Burke	Waverley	North Balwyn
Chase Hodgkinson	Waverley	G.M.B.C.
Aaron Ouwehand	Berwick	Berwick Dodgers
Jamie Young	Sunshine	North Balwyn
Jordan Busch	Waverley	Forest Hill
Oliver McMahon	Melbourne	North Balwyn

Coach

Head Coach: Kerry Gassner

Assistant Coach: Andrew Hayers

Pitching Coach: Tim Ballard

Executive Officer: Trevor Bird

## U18 White

NAME	CLUB	CLUB
Jack Daniels	Cheltenham	Cheltenham
Rhys De Highden	Melbourne	North Balwyn
Jesse Hunter	Berwick	Berwick
William Day	Berwick	Berwick
Tim Lane	Sandringham	Dingley
Adam Pahos	Melbourne	North Balwyn
Warwick Purchase	Fitzroy	G.M.B.C.
Grant Svikulis	Doncaster	G.M.B.C.
Benjamin Wilson	Fitzroy	La Trobe
Hamish Foreman	Preston	Greensborough
Tyson Cox	Essendon	Scots
Rydge Hogan	Springvale	Berwick
Mitchell Whiting	Blackburn	Ringwood
James Wolstencroft	Blackburn	Ringwood
Blake Hodgson	Blackburn	Ringwood
Jack Dunn	Cheltenham	North Balwyn
Malachi Kere	Waverley	Watsonia
Ayden Norman	Essendon	Essendon
Mitchell John	Blackburn	Forest Hill
Andrew Di-Giovambattista	Springvale	Dingley

Coach

Head Coach: Gavin Young

Assistant Coach: Rob Hogan

Pitching Coach: Tim O'Meara

Executive Officer: Graham Norman

# State Representatives

## U16 Blue

NAME	SUMMER CLUB	WINTER CLUB
Alexander Barling	Melbourne	North Balwyn
Jarrold Belbin	Preston	Greensborough
John-Paul Callil	Cheltenham	
Harvey Chinn	Waverley	Ferntree-Gully
Jarryd Dale	Waverley	North Balwyn
David Hurley	Upwey FTG	Knox
William Kline-Marantelli	Essendon	Essendon
Jai Lyttleton	Sandringham	Dingley
Liam Madden	Springvale	Berwick
Joshua Meyer	Sandringham	Dandenong
Kyle Morrison	Newport	Bacchus Marsh
Conor Myles	Cheltenham	Frankston
Ciaran Palmer	Berwick	North Balwyn
Mackenzie Salmon	Waverley	North Balwyn
Kaioh Sato	Waverley	Waverley
Brian Smart	Waverley	Forest Hill
Blake Townsend	Waverley	Waverley/Traralgon
James Walshe	Newport	G.M.B.C.
Brock Wells	Geelong	Guild
Aidan Willis	Berwick	Dandenong

Coach  
 Head Coach: Scott Meagher  
 Assistant Coach: Jaryd Rogers  
 Pitching Coach: Luke Abels

Executive Officer: Stuart Chinn

## U16 White

NAME	SUMMER CLUB	WINTER CLUB
Chris Burke	Waverley	North Balwyn
Curtis Cox	Preston	
Declan Croker	Cheltenham	Cheltenham
Nicholas Dimitrakopoulos	Melbourne	North Balwyn
Liam Evans	Waverley	Waverley
Ben Fierenzi	Cheltenham	Cheltenham
Mohi Kahui	Waverley	
Richard Kiel	Upwey FTG	Knox
Cruiz Leech	Cheltenham	Cheltenham
Hugo Leropoulos	Essendon	Essendon
Maxwell Leuga	Newport	Newport
Daniel Ling	Melbourne	Forest Hill
Ryan Pahos	Melbourne	North Balwyn
Cody Rodwell	Essendon	Watsonia
River Stevens-Dobby	Upwey FTG	Forest Hill
Anthony Tancredi	Berwick	Berwick Dodgers
Lucas Taylor	Berwick	Bonbeach
Julian Vance	Blackburn	
Cooper Veal	Preston	Research Lower Plenty
Samuel Wild	Preston	Falcons

Coach  
 Head Coach: Jordan Young  
 Assistant Coach: Marshall Skinner  
 Pitching Coach: Daniel Beattie

Executive Officer: Steve Pahos

# National Honours

## Australian Teams

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### SENIOR WOMENS

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- Bronwyn Gell
- Abbey Kelly
- Shae Lillywhite

# Professional Players

## Major League Baseball

James Beresford (Minnesota Twins)

Travis Blackley (Miami Marlins)

Ryan Dale (Kansas City Royals)

Sam Gibbons (Minnesota Twins)

Jon Kennedy (Atlanta Braves)

Daniel McGrath (Boston Red Sox)

Peter Moylan (Kansas City Royals)

Lewis Thorpe (Minnesota Twins)

Brandon Stenhouse (New York Yankees)

Sam Street (Pittsburgh Pirates)

# James Beresford



**Beresford becomes 33rd Australia in MLB HISTORY was made in 2016 when Waverley's James Beresford became the 33rd Australian to make a Major League Baseball roster when the Minnesota Twins promoted Beresford from the AAA-Rochester Red Wings in their September Call-ups.**

After signing for the Twins as a 16-year-old in 2005 and toiling away in the minor-league system for 11 years, Beresford became the fourth Australian to play in the MLB during the 2016 season after Peter Moylan, Warwick Saupold and Liam Hendriks all saw time on the biggest baseball stage in the world.

Upon hearing the news of Beresford's call-up Team Australia and Melbourne Aces Manager Jon Deeble was extremely excited.

"It's absolutely outstanding news and I can't think of a more deserving guy to get the call than James," Deeble said.

"He has performed everywhere he's gone and to hit over .300 in Triple-A baseball is no mean feat. James never got discouraged throughout his time in the minors, and I couldn't be prouder."

Minnesota Twins manager Paul Molitor said he's "A big Jimmy fan" when asked about Beresford's call-up by reporters.

"Once in a while someone needs to be rewarded for everything they've done, including playing well."

A .323 career hitter in the Australian Baseball League, Beresford split his time with the Twins between 1B, 2B & 3B hitting a respectable .227 in his ten Major League appearances.

During his time in the Big Leagues, Beresford was a part of even more history when on September 27, 2016 Beresford would come to the plate to face fellow Victorian Peter Moylan, pitching in relief for the Kansas City Royals.



# In Memoriam

**While it is gratifying to see all of our successes on the field unfortunately the umpiring fraternity has suffered a few losses off the field this year.**

## IAN MCKENZIE

After months of fighting cancer, we are all saddened by the loss of our State Director of Umpiring and good friend Ian 'Macka' McKenzie.

While he may have lost this fight, becoming free from pain was perhaps a blessing as Ian passed away on 23 July 2016.

Ian has a long history in umpiring starting out as most do, at Club level, umpiring at his son's club, Preston. He enjoyed his umpiring so much he became a BUAV member and after years of umpiring he took up a role on committee and was elected President for six seasons before becoming State Director of Umpiring in 2011.

It was his love of instructing umpires to become better umpires that was his driving force and his passing creates a gap that will be difficult to fill.



Ian 'Macka' McKenzie

# Bendigo Baseball Association Report



President: Brendan Aikman  
Vice President: Justin Cox and Jeanine Fitzgerald  
Secretary: Cass Fuller  
Treasurer: Gay Huggard  
Registration Secretary: Trent Anglin

A major setback to our Association occurred in February 2016 with the destruction, by arsonists, of our clubrooms at Albert Roy Reserve, Victoria St, Eaglehawk. This was quickly followed by arson to a shipping container used by Falcons Baseball Club. Although Baseball was targeted there were approximately 20 other fires lit in the area by the same arsonists, who have now been jailed.

The loss of clubrooms, storage, equipment, history and amenity have had a big impact on our association. Whilst we felt the absence of our clubrooms year-round, the generous provision of meeting spaces from Metro Hotel and Sports Focus made meeting with each other possible.

Baseball Victoria have been very supportive in the face of this disaster, and Bendigo Bank sponsor of Baseball Australia has donated \$5,000 to the rebuild. An Active Club Government grant has assisted us in replacing uniforms, and insurance claims have been processed.

Our relationship with the City of Greater Bendigo has improved in the wake of the fires earlier this year. Amy Johnson, Jacqui Phiddien (now resigned), and Brian Anderson have shown a genuine interest in redeveloping the Albert Roy Reserve precinct, not just the clubrooms, but improving the overall facility and amenity of the area.

The 2016 season in an administrative sense was delayed due to issues attracting a complete executive team, eventually these positions were filled after the fire seemed to spur some reaction within our community.

All four clubs (Bendigo East, Strathfieldsaye Dodgers, Scots and Falcons) returned once again for the season, some having significant challenges since the last season; however, what we saw was one of the most evenly contested senior competitions in recent memory. Scots won the A Grade competition, Falcons won B Grade, and Strathfieldsaye Dodgers won C Grade. Though the association couldn't form a C Grade competition, the lower ranked B Grade teams had an opportunity to compete in a play-off format. Re-establishing a C Grade fixture should be a high priority for clubs and the association in the future.

The Association was able to form a senior representative squad to compete in Geelong over the Queen's Birthday long weekend. With a new-look uniform, the team performed better than previous years.

A Rules and Fines Sub-Committee was established to address the needs of an ever-changing competition structure. The purpose of these meetings was to free up time in ordinary BBA meetings, in a forum where members with specialist baseball knowledge and input were more inclined to attend. The Rules and Fines Sub-Committee was well attended, with good discussion and should remain to guide the BBA in how it administers a fair and interesting competition.

Junior registration was very low, and prompted a new way of thinking about how we keep our younger members engaged with the game. A re-worked structure credited to Terry Smith was able to provide the opportunity for games to take place and for the Association to still send two junior representative squads, under 12 and under 14 to winter state championships. Junior players over the age of 14, usually join a senior team and some are travelling to Melbourne on a regular basis to play.

# Bendigo Baseball Association Report

We thank Melbourne Clubs for facilitating this, in particular Essendon Baseball Club.

The Under 12 championships was held in Bendigo. A lot of hard work from everyone involved, especially from Cass, Gay, Helen Aikman, Julie Jones, and Andrew Jones, delivered a successful event despite problems associated with not having adequate facilities.

With the help of many volunteers across the clubs, the BBA successfully run a small series of school holiday programs in conjunction with the YMCA. The YMCA are keen to have the BBA back again soon to run similar activities.

The Bendigo Baseball Umpires Association are retaining and attracting umpires well. The relationship required between the BBUA and the BBA is still improving, and the future for baseball umpires is very bright in Bendigo. Games are umpired fairly, independently (with umpires preferably not umpiring their own clubs) where possible, and players and umpires are more understanding of each other's needs.

The presentation night was a pleasant night and was a good opportunity to celebrate all the successes from the season. Unfortunately, it was under-attended, which resulted in a significant out of pocket expense for the BBA.

Our challenges remain, lack of facilities, lack of profile for the sport, conflict management, and lack of candidates for office bearing positions. Our strength is our small but passionate baseball community that has managed to survive against many odds in 2016. We have now seen the concept plans for the new facility at Albert Roy. We look forward to obtaining infrastructure that matches current expectations of families, players and volunteers that is vital to attracting the interest that Baseball deserves.

Brendan Aikman President BBA 2016

## PREMIERS

- A Grade – Scots Baseball Club
- B Grade - Falcons Baseball Club
- C Grade - Strathfieldsaye Dodgers Baseball Club

## AWARD WINNERS

### A GRADE

- Peter Murphy Memorial Award - Brad Muns
- Umpires Award - Duncan Lever
- Coaches Award - Michael Peters
- Batting Award - James Bray
- John Newman Pitching Award - Tyson Cox Davies
- Golden Glove Catcher - Brad Huggard
- Golden Glove First Base - James Bray
- Golden Glove Second Base - Dae Sung Kim
- Golden Glove Third Base - Brad Muns
- Golden Glove Short Stop - Kiegan Davies
- Golden Glove Left Field - Gibson Mitchell
- Golden Glove Centre Field - Nic Whatley
- Golden Glove Right Field - Troy Waterman
- Leigh Tuckerman Rookie of the Year - Darcy Harrison
- Runner Up MVP - Brendan Aikman
- MVPs - Aaron Petri and Nigel Close

# Bendigo Baseball Association Report

## **B GRADE**

- Umpires Award - Kieran Theobald
- Coaches Award - Gary Adore
- Fielding Award - Don Mitchell
- Batting Award - Matt Gould
- Runner Up MVP - Jayson Strahan
- MVP - Gary Adore

## **C GRADE**

- No distinct C grade awards made due to modified structure of competition at this level

Helen Aikman  
Secretary  
Bendigo Baseball Association

# Dandenong Baseball Association Report



Success across the Dandenong Baseball Association (DBA) 2016 competition was spread wide with a number of different clubs winning pennants across the seven senior grades, including Dandenong taking out the A1 Championship for the first time in 52 years. This year we also have 2 new clubs to the DBA, with St Kilda entering a junior side in our Under 13 Competition and Upwey Ferntree Gully Tigers moved from the MWBL to the DBA and entering 2 sides in the C Grade Competitions..

For the 2017 season we are looking at doubling the number of teams entered to ten.

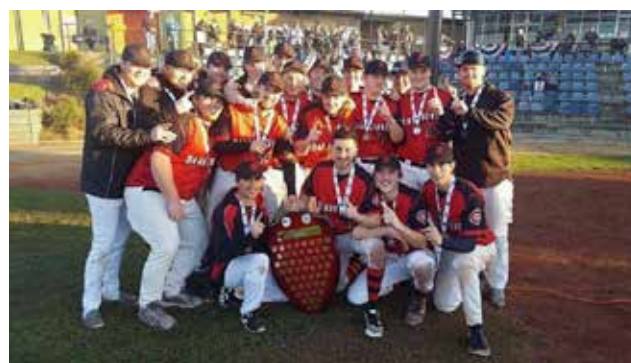
The DBA in 2016 fielded:

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

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

- Seniors at Geelong - Fourth - Division 1.
- Under 23 at Geelong – Won – Division 2
- Under 18 at Mildura – Equal 2nd
- Under 16's at Wangaratta – Won
- Under 14's at Knox - Won Division 1
- Under 12's at Bendigo – Third Division 1

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



## PREMIERS

- A1 – Dandenong
- A2 - Frankston
- B1 - Bonbeach
- B2 - Cheltenham
- C1 – Berwick
- C2 – Upwey Ferntree Gully
- Women - Berwick
- Under 17 - Dandenong
- Under 15 – Frankston Black
- Under 13 – Mornington Black
- Under 11 - Chelsea

Thanks

Chris Mayne  
Secretary  
Dandenong Baseball Association  
*(resigned to join the staff of Baseball Victoria)*



# Geelong Baseball Association Report



The GBA continued to be one of the Victoria's largest winter Baseball Associations, drawing senior and junior team entries from the Geelong Area, Werribee, Bacchus Marsh, Lara, Ballarat, Colac and the greater western suburbs of Melbourne particularly the area of Hobson Bay (Newport).

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

The GBA in 2016 fielded:

- Over 550 players, in
- 51 teams (35 senior and 16 junior), in
- 12 clubs, in
- 8 grades, being A, A Reserve, B, B Reserve, C Grade, Under 16, 14s and 12s.

The GBA again was represented at all junior State Winter Championships. The GBA accredited itself well while not winning any titles, very credible performances were held by all teams.

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

This year David Crotty took over as President

of the Association also present on the Board of the GBA were Roland Stott as Treasurer and Don Stephens as Pennant Committee Chairman (both life members of the GBA), Michael Lyons as Umpires Co-ordinator. Leigh Holmes and Lee Harty came onto the Board as members. Special thanks to Glynis Murfitt and Kingsley Collins who were our Registrar and news correspondent/ web master respectively. Leanne Gibbons was again in the thick of things when it came to the winter carnivals. Also Kyle O'Brien was the GBA carnival co-ordinator and Terri Walker was our Junior Secretary.

## PREMIERS

- A Grade - Deakin
- A Reserves – Colac
- B Grade - Alfredton
- B Reserves – Colac
- C Grade - Lara
- Under 16 – Newport
- Under 14 – Saints Red
- Under 12 – Saints

# Geelong Baseball Association Report

## MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

- Club Champion (Alex Everett Trophy) - Guild
- A Grade MVP (A.E. Gear Trophy) – S Jeffrey (Mounties)
- A Grade Best Batting Avg. (Neville McPherson Trophy) – C Brown (Bellarine 0.451)
- A Grade Best Pitching ERA (Col King Trophy) – T Rowe (Deakin 1.145)
- A Reserve MVP (L.G. Howell Trophy) – G Anderson (Lara)
- B Grade MVP (Gordon Mckay Trophy) – C Porter (Bacchus Marsh)
- B Reserve MVP (Artie Murrells Trophy) – R Trainor (Saints)
- C Grade MVP (Stan Hockey Trophy) – S Bell (Deakin)
- Under 16 MVP – H Pelja (Newport)
- Under 14 MVP – J Billings (Guild)
- Under 12 MVP – Harper Rickard (Saints)

Tony McPherson  
Executive Officer  
Geelong Baseball Association

# Latrobe Valley Baseball Association Report



The Latrobe Valley Baseball Association (LVBA) 2016 season followed on with the success of the 2015 season.

2016 saw South Gippsland Miners, in their second year, unveil their new diamond whilst also adding a second senior team as well as a junior side.

South Gippsland's addition to the Under 13 competition allowed every club to have a team in the division allowing for strong development of junior talent. Latrobe Valley was also represented by these juniors at the State Winter Championships.

LVBA would like to acknowledge their sponsor for 2016, Engie.

## MEMBERSHIP ALLOCATION

The LVBA comprised the following number of clubs and teams for the 2016 season:

	SENIORS	JUNIORS
<b>CLUBS</b>	6	6
<b>TEAMS</b>	16	15

The LVBA comprised the following number of teams per grade:

	GRADE	TEAMS
<b>SENIORS</b>	A	5
	B	6
	C	5
<b>JUNIORS</b>	U16	4
	U13	6
	T-Ball	5

## LVBA PREMIERS

The following teams won their respective grades during the 2016 LVBA season:

- A Grade - Traralgon Redsox
- B Grade - Traralgon Redsox
- C Grade - Sale Rangers
- U16 - Traralgon Redsox
- U13 - South Gippsland Miners
- T-Ball - Round Robin to end the season

# Latrobe Valley Baseball Association Report

## GIPPSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Gippsland Championships for the 2016 season was won by the Mornington Pirates.

## MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS (MVP)

The following players won their respective MVP awards:

- A Grade - Nathan Simpson - Moe/Newborough Dodgers
- B Grade - Brad Pratt - Traralgon Redsox
- C Grade - Jesse May - Moe/Newborough Dodgers
- U16 - Joel Hector - Sale Rangers
- U13 - Jacob Dickinson - Churchill Braves
- T-Ball - N/A

## LVBA "ALL STARS" TEAM

The following players were selected as part of the LVBA "All Stars" team for the 2016 season:

Position	Name	Club
Coach	John Kus	Traralgon Redsox
Pitcher	Nathan Simpson	Moe/Newborough Dodgers
Catcher	Jordan Spiteri	Traralgon Redsox
1st Base	Tim Wilson	Moe/Newborough Dodgers

2nd Base	Josh Galea	Traralgon Redsox
3rd Base	Mat Robertson	Traralgon Redsox
Short Stop	Jay Ziersch	Traralgon Redsox
Outfield	Jordy Gilmore	Traralgon Redsox
Outfield	Stewart Mathieson	South Gippsland Miners
Outfield	Tom Rynberk	Traralgon Redsox
Designated Hitter	Owen Godenzi	Traralgon Redsox

## OUTGOING AND INCOMING EXECUTIVE TEAMS

### 2016 (Outgoing) Executive team for the LVBA

President – Sam Gillett  
 Vice-president – Brad Jones  
 Secretary – David Bloomfield  
 Treasurer – Tim Wilson

### 2017 (Incoming) Executive team for the LVBA

President – Kris Johnson  
 Vice-president – Brian Dillon  
 Secretary – Eric Robinson  
 Treasurer – Tim Wilson

Kris Johnson  
 President  
 Latrobe Valley Baseball Association

# Melbourne Winter Baseball League Report



The 2016 season for the MWBL continued on from the great successes from previous years we saw our participation stabilize at 111 senior teams in 12 grades.

We continued to provide and fund the Level 0 umpiring course; which is directed at club player's and volunteers, offering a pathway to become an appointed MWBL umpire or BUAV accredited umpire. However, this last season we did not get enough participants to be able to mount any courses. It is up to you the member Clubs to ensure that you provide people to attend this program so that as many of your Club people can assist in meeting the shortage of umpires that exists at lower levels.

The winter campaign for our representative teams, with all junior age groups performing well. The City and Ringwood teams represented us at the senior level. It is great credit to the coaching and management staff of those teams that they performed very well. It is very disappointing that Diamond Valley continues to fail in getting a senior team onto the field.

We accept that most of the senior players have other commitments. However, there are a large number of players in both senior and junior levels who may never get a chance to represent anyone in a carnival and these Winter Championships are an ideal opportunity for this to happen. I challenge the DV Clubs to get together and make it happen this year.

Thanks to Ryan Camov and Co for the City team and the Young's for the Ringwood team.

Congratulations to the Junior sections for getting teams on the field that are competitive and represent our League with pride

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

- Ausport
- Mystique Printing
- Sally Heppleston – MWBL Media Officer
- Richard Mason and Peter Matters and the MWBL Umpires
- Doug Bartlett and the MWBL Pennant Committee
- Both junior committees and club delegates
- The volunteers of our clubs and all the hard work that they do
- Baseball Victoria staff

Like all sporting leagues, there is a turnover of committees, and this is no different for the MWBL. However, we have a solid and dedicated board which was undermanned for the year. However we had a full complement this year with Phil Barclay, John King, Mark Legrew and Lisa Ruggiero provide strong Administrative support to our League.

Congratulations to all the Premiership teams and also well done to all the MVP's as are listed later in this report.

In closing I want to bring to your attention the fact that the League has just past 30 years in its own right. (As VWBL1985 – 2009 and as MWBL 2010 – 2016) We need to look at celebrating this and other milestones. Perhaps it is time we had a League Dinner night. If it was to happen we would need all clubs to commit to it. Something we can work on during the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank David with help from his wife Anne for their tireless work as our Administrators. Love him or hate him David



# Melbourne Winter Baseball League Report

is as good as there is in this type of work. However, it would make life a lot easier if we all just did the role we have to the best of our abilities and worked hard at being effective – not just efficient.

Peter Dihm  
President  
Melbourne Winter Baseball League

# North Eastern Baseball Association Report



North Eastern Baseball Association have had a rough season with the weather with washout and ground unavailable do to council closer .We have had 5 clubs with 8 teams. This season, each team played each other twice then gets split up for finals according to there place on ladder.

North Eastern Baseball Association also held the Under 16 state winter championships at Wangaratta, Grounds looked good with 2 days to go we 15 mm of rain on the Friday it made it a very long weekend for the many helpers. With games being transferred to Benalla's ground and the old technical school oval being made into a ground we got through the weekend.

Wangaratta Rangers have been holding t ball/ coaches pitch on Wednesday nights with around 15--20 kids on a regular basic.

## **PREMIERS AND RUNNERS UP**

- A Grade Premiers - Nasc Bears Green
- A Grade Runner Up - Wangaratta Rangers Black
- B Grade - Wangaratta Rangers Orange
- B Grade Runner Up - Nasc Bears Gold
- C Grade Premiers - Benalla Bandits
- C Grade Runner Up - Wodonga Warriors Maroon

## **GRAND FINAL BEST ON GROUND**

- A Grade - Brendon Simmons
- B Grade - Brendon French
- C Grade - Jordon Osborne

## **BEST AND FAIREST AND RUNNERS UP**

- A Grade - Brendon Simmons - Nasc Bears
- A Grade Runner Up - Tom Simmons - Nasc Bears
- B Grade - Heath Anders - Porepunkah Panthers
- B Grade Runner Up - Jason Jonker - Wangaratta Rangers Orange
- C Grade - Matt Harper/Jordon Osborne - Benalla Bandits

Secretary  
North Eastern Baseball Association

# Sunraysia Baseball Association Report



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

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

The 2016 season saw the withdrawal of Tornadoes team from B Grade and one Wanderers team from C Grade but Wanderers introduced a second B Grade team.

In 2016 the League consisted of the following:

	SENIOR	JUNIOR
<b>PLAYERS</b>	153	152
<b>TEAMS</b>	13	18
<b>CLUBS</b>	4	4
<b>GRADES</b>	A (4), B (5), C (4)	U/16 (3), U/15 (4), U/13 (4), U/10 (4), U/7 (3)

The League representative sides gained reasonable success in BV Championships with the U/14 teams and U/12 teams winning their divisions and the U/18 team finishing 2nd in their division. The Senior team and U/16 team were unable to gain enough players for their teams and did not compete in their championships.

We were again represented in the SACBA Championships on the first weekend in October by a Senior Side, a U/17 side and a U/15 side. The senior won their division, their 9th victory in the last ten years. The U/17 Sunraysia team won their

division. Once again this was a very successful weekend for Sunraysia Baseball.

The Sunraysia Giants U/12 Little League Team and the Junior League U/14 side did not finish well in their competitions and did not progress to National League. Both sides are in training for 2017 and are hopeful of success.

The League wishes to congratulate Will Kortekaas of Wanderers on being included as part of the National team that travelled to Japan for the 15 and Under Baseball World Cup. The 2016 year has been a big year for Will who also represented South Australia in the Under 16 National Youth Championships and Adelaide Armada in the Australian Senior League Championships.

The results of the 2016 season are as follows:-

## PREMIERS

### Senior League

- A Grade - Hawks
- B Grade - Wanderers
- C Grade - Hawks

### Junior League

- U/17 Wanderers
- U/15 Eagles
- U/13 Wanderers
- U/10 No Finals
- U/7 No Finals

# Sunraysia Baseball Association Report

## MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Ian Bishop Medal – MVP – Taylor Pay (Eagles)

## BEST PLAYER AWARDS

- A Grade - Taylor Pay (Eagles)
- B Grade - Dylan Rickard (Hawks)
- C Grade - Andrew Thomas (Wanderers)
- U/17 - Nick Tregeagle (Saints)
- U/15 - Liam Dinnage (Eagles)
- Geoff Brown Award – “Rookie of the Year” – Dylan Christian (Eagles).
- Trevor Rogers Award – Best Player in BV Senior Championships – No Team, No Award.
- Peter Wade Award – Best Player in 2015 SACBA Senior Championships – Charlie Ashcroft (Hawks)

## BASEBALL VICTORIA WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS MVP

- Seniors – No Team. No Award.
- U18 - Will Kortekaas (Wanderers)
- U16 - No Team. No Award.
- U14 - Coby Mitchell (Hawks)
- U12 - Jaxon Peterson (Eagles)

## SACBA 2016 CHAMPIONSHIPS MVP

- Seniors – Matt Austin (Eagles)
- U/17 Sunraysia Side – Nick Tregeagle (Saints)
- U/15 Sunraysia Side – Raiden Wakefield (Saints)

## SACBA 2016 CHAMPIONSHIPS – ALL STAR TEAM.

- 2nd Base – Trent Cross (Hawks).
- 3rd Base – Kane Razis (Wanderers).
- Short Stop – Charlie Ashcroft (Hawks).
- Coach – Peter Wade (Hawks).
- Assistant Coach – Michael Wade (Hawks).
- Team Manager – Neville Rickard (Hawks).

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

We consider that the 2016 season was once again a success, and look forward to 2017 with confidence that we will again have support for another favourable year.

Ian Bishop  
Sunraysia Baseball Association

# Victorian Baseball Summer League Report



The Summer League 2015-2016 consisted of

- 4201 Participants, in over 330 teams.
- 35 Clubs
- 36 Competitions
- Overall there were 3000+ games scheduled for the entire season

Essendon Baseball Club created history winning their 5th consecutive Division 1 1st flag, breaking a record held by the Waverley Baseball Club.

Springvale Baseball club claiming the women's Division 1 crown.

Fitzroy Baseball Club and Moorabbin Baseball club are being promoted from Division 2 to Division 1. They will be placed in the West and East Division respectively

## 2015-2016 AWARDS WINNERS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

- Division 1 - Jake Tuck (Blackburn)
- Division 2 - Franco Vanderka (Moorabbin)
- Division 3 - James Mills (Pakenham)
- Women's Division 1 - Victoria Brown (Springvale)
- Women's Division 1 - Belinda Cannington (Doncaster)

## PITCHING AWARDS

- Division 1 - Sam Street (Sandringham) 0.32
- Division 2 - Franco Vanderka (Moorabbin) 0.989
- Division 3 - James Mills (Pakenham) 0.5
- Women's Division 1 - Simone Wearne (Springvale) 1.8

## BATTING AVERAGE

- Division 1 - Dean Marnell (Preston) 0.438
- Division 2 - Cain Bumpstead (Moorabbin) 0.45
- Division 3 - Caleb Poole (Mulgrave) 0.537
- Women's Division 1 - Bronwyn Gell (Essendon) 0.634

## HOME RUN KINGS

- Division 1 - Thomas Dicker Essendon 5 Home Runs
- Division 2 - Taylor Eichhorst Fitzroy 7 Home Runs
- Division 3 - Nicholas Thompson Mulgrave 2 Home Runs
- Division 3 - Travis Hough Pakenham 2 Home Runs
- Division 3 - Ashley Grove RLPBC 2 Home Runs

## MISCELLANEOUS COACH OF THE YEAR

2015 – 16 John Peterson - Fitzroy

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

2015 – 16 Mandy Avent - Springvale

## UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

2015 – 16 Taka Matsuda



# Honour Rolls

## BASEBALL VICTORIA | LIFE MEMBERS

2009	Jason Blair
2015	John King
2016	Julie Jones

## 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	Terry Cox (Ballarat)
2004	David Rice (VWBL)
2004	Graeme Besford (VWBL)
2005	Clyde Cumming (LVBA)
2005	Greg Evans (Bendigo)
2006	Kath Besford (VWBL)
2009	Dale Lewis (VWBL)
2009	Julie Stephens (Dandenong)
2009	Michael Stephens (Dandenong)

\* deceased

# Honour Rolls

## VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC. | LIFE MEMBERS

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

# Officer Bearers (Historical)

## BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

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

# Officer Bearers [Historical]

## VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1922	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1923	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1924	Mr. L. F. Johnston	P. C. Pooley
1925	Mr. L. F. Johnston	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1926	Mr. L. F. Johnston	Mr. P. C. Pooley/Gordon
1927	Mr. L. F. Johnston	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1928	Mr. L. F. Johnston/Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1929	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1930	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1931	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1932	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1933	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1934	Mr. R. R. Hindson	H. M. Gordon/Pooley
1935	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1936	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1937	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1938	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1939	Mr. R. R. Hindson/King	Mr. P. C. Pooley/Darling
1940	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1941	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1942	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1943	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1944	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1945	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1946	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1947	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1948	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1949	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1950	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1951	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1952	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1953	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1954	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
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1958	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1959	Mr. R. E. Darling	Mr. R. J. Black
1960	Mr. J. E. M. Eliis	Mr. R. J. Black

1961	Mr. J. E. M. Eliis	Mr. J. B. Anders on
1962	Mr. J. E. M. Eliis	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1963	Mr. R. Bowtell	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1964	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. G. Webster
1965	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. G. Webster
1966	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. G. Webster
1967	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. J. L. Goldsworthy
1968	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. J. L. Goldsworthy
1969	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. G. Benney
1970	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. G. Benney
1971	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. T. R. Hill
1972	Mr. J. B. Anderson	Mr. T. R. Hill
1973	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1974	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1975	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
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1979	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1980	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1981	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1982	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1983	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill

#### **YEAR**

#### **PRESIDENT**

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

1984	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. R. Hill
1985	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. J. Ballard
1986	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. J. Ballard
1987	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. J. Ballard
1988	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. B. Mannion

#### **YEAR**

#### **PRESIDENT**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1989	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. B. Mannion
1990	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Oxworth (Act.)
1991	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower
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2002	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. T. Flower/Williams
2003	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. P. J. Williams/Dawes
2004	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Dawes
2005	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Dawes
2006	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Dawes/S. Oxworth/Walker
2007	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Walker/Nash
2008	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Nash

# Officer Bearers (Historical)

## VICTORIAN BASEBALL UNION

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

## VICTORIAN BASEBALL COUNCIL

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



# Officer Bearers (Historical)

## VICTORIAN BASEBALL LEAGUE

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

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

**Financial Report**  
**For the period ended 30 September 2016**

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

The board of director's present their report together with the financial report of Baseball Victoria Incorporated for the period ended 30 September 2016 and the auditor's report thereon. This financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

**The Board of Director's names**

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

Myles Foreman - President

Scott Dawes - Vice President

Sheila Nguyen

James van Beek

Geoff Pearce

Sonia Heath

Craig Armstead

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 \$81,193 (2015: Profit \$61,072).

**Review of operations**

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

**Significant changes in state of affairs**

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs during the year.

**Principal activities**

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


BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

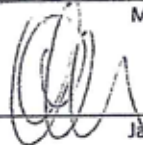
President:



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Myles Foreman

Finance Director:



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James van Beek

Dated this day 9th January 2017

**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue			
Revenue	3	1,480,019	1,289,147
Interest Income		4,387	4,929
		<u>1,484,406</u>	<u>1,294,076</u>
Less: Expenses			
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(9,540)	(12,174)
Employee benefits expense		(442,948)	(401,730)
Finance costs		(864)	(897)
Administration expenses		(117,085)	(79,148)
Senior state team expenses		(50,345)	(47,201)
Junior state team expenses		(257,524)	(256,158)
ABF, registration and insurance expenses		(15,824)	(85,173)
Umpire expenses		(130,058)	(124,242)
Development expenses		(39,261)	(68,329)
Bad and doubtful debts		(4,000)	5,692
Motor vehicle expenses		(15,221)	(14,305)
Other competition expenses		(29,304)	(73,756)
Other expenses		(291,239)	(75,583)
		<u>(1,403,213)</u>	<u>(1,233,004)</u>
Profit/(Loss) before income tax expense		<u>81,193</u>	<u>61,072</u>
Income tax expense		-	-
Net Profit/(Loss) after Income tax		<u>81,193</u>	<u>61,072</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>81,193</u>	<u>61,072</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 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	466,405	362,306
Receivables	5	70,695	51,183
Inventories	6	9,536	-
Other assets	9	20,367	11,496
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>567,003</u>	<u>424,985</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	7	20,757	27,349
Intangible assets	8	2,000	2,000
Other assets	9	55,672	56,024
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>78,429</u>	<u>85,373</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>645,432</u>	<u>510,358</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables	10	13,668	18,673
Borrowings	11	6,804	6,284
Provisions	12	30,929	12,761
Other liabilities	13	294,315	250,880
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>345,716</u>	<u>288,597</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings	11	13,421	19,316
Provisions	12	5,731	2,722
Other liabilities	13	55,672	56,023
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>74,824</u>	<u>78,061</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>420,540</u>	<u>366,658</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>224,893</u>	<u>143,700</u>
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>			
Accumulated surplus		224,893	143,700
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		<u>224,893</u>	<u>143,700</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 2016

	Accumulated Surplus
	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2014	82,628
Profit/(Loss) for the period	<u>61,072</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	61,072
Balance as at 30 September 2015	<u>143,700</u>
Balance as at 1 October 2015	143,700
Profit/(Loss) for the period	<u>81,193</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	81,193
Balance as at 30 September 2016	<u>224,893</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS**  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from Customers		1,460,507	1,322,554
Payments to Suppliers & Employees		(1,351,608)	(1,229,862)
Interest Received		4,387	4,929
Finance Costs		(864)	(897)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	14(b)	<u>112,422</u>	<u>96,724</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Payments for property, plant and equipment	7(a)	(2,947)	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(2,947)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Motor vehicle finance repayments		(5,376)	(4,904)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>(5,376)</u>	<u>(4,904)</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>		104,099	91,820
<b>Reconciliation of cash</b>			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		362,306	270,486
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>		104,099	91,820
<b>Cash at end of financial year</b>	14(a)	<u>466,405</u>	<u>362,306</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

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**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

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

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation and presentation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

**a) Basis of preparation of the financial report**

*Historical Cost Convention*

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

**b) Revenue**

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon delivery of the service to the customers.

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

f) Plant and equipment

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

*Plant and equipment*

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

*Depreciation*

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

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

g) Intangibles

*Patents, trademarks and licences*

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

h) Impairment

Assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Assets subject to annual depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired.

An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the assets exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

i) Provisions

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

j) Leases

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

*Finance leases*

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

*Operating leases*

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

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

k) Employee benefits

*(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations*

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

*(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations*

Liabilities arising in respect of long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of the services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

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



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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

l) Borrowing costs

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

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

m) Comparatives

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

NOTE 2: CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

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

**BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED**  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>NOTE 3: REVENUE</b>			
Operating activities			
Affiliation fees		165,041	161,160
Registration and insurance		326,842	377,018
Development department		60,786	63,542
Grant income		175,000	118,500
Umpire fees		128,229	125,759
General operating income		57,839	82,750
Senior state teams		34,091	32,765
Junior state teams		417,916	267,256
Baseball academy		110,217	60,367
Other income		4,058	30
		<u>1,480,019</u>	<u>1,289,147</u>

**NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	9,354	14,531
Cash on deposit	<u>456,951</u>	<u>347,675</u>
	<u>466,405</u>	<u>362,306</u>

**NOTE 5: RECEIVABLES**

**CURRENT**

Trade debtors	75,422	65,851
Provision for doubtful debts	<u>(4,727)</u>	<u>(14,669)</u>
	<u>70,695</u>	<u>51,183</u>

**Impairment of trade receivables**

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

**Movements in the accumulated impairment losses were:**

Opening balance at 1 July 2015	(14,668)	(20,360)
Charge for the year	<u>9,942</u>	<u>5,692</u>
Closing balance as at 30 September 2016	<u>(4,726)</u>	<u>(14,668)</u>

**Aged Analysis**

Trade receivable ageing analysis as at 30 September:

	Gross 2016 \$	Impairment 2016 \$	Gross 2015 \$	Impairment 2015 \$
Not past due	42,181	-	9,287	-
Past due 31-60 days	22,031	-	17,636	-
Past due 61-90 days	63	-	3,720	-
Past due more than 91 days	<u>11,147</u>	<u>9,942</u>	<u>35,208</u>	<u>5,692</u>
	<u>75,422</u>	<u>9,942</u>	<u>65,851</u>	<u>5,692</u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>NOTE 6: INVENTORIES</b>			
Inventory held for sale		<u>9,536</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>			
Motor vehicles at cost		45,454	45,454
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(29,045)</u>	<u>(23,574)</u>
		16,409	21,880
<b>Office equipment at cost</b>			
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(46,255)</u>	<u>(42,186)</u>
		4,347	5,469
Total property, plant and equipment		<u>20,756</u>	<u>27,349</u>
<b>a) Reconciliations</b>			
Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial			
<i>Motor vehicles</i>			
Opening carrying amount		21,880	29,173
Additions		-	-
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		<u>(5,471)</u>	<u>(7,293)</u>
Closing carrying amount		<u>16,409</u>	<u>21,880</u>
<i>Office equipment</i>			
Opening carrying amount		5,469	10,350
Additions		2,947	-
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		<u>(4,069)</u>	<u>(4,881)</u>
Closing carrying amount		<u>4,347</u>	<u>5,469</u>
<b>NOTE 8: INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b>			
Patents, trademarks and licences at cost		<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<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		<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Closing balance		<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>NOTE 9: OTHER ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Prepayments		20,367	10,733
Prepaid borrowing expenses		-	763
		<u>20,367</u>	<u>11,496</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		55,672	56,024
		<u>55,672</u>	<u>56,024</u>
<b>NOTE 10: PAYABLES</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
<i>Unsecured Liabilities</i>			
Trade creditors		-	1,560
Sundry creditors and accruals		13,668	17,113
		<u>13,668</u>	<u>18,673</u>
<b>NOTE 11: BORROWINGS</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
<i>Secured liabilities</i>			
Chattel mortgage liability		8,348	8,349
Unexpired term charges		(1,544)	(2,065)
		<u>6,804</u>	<u>6,284</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>			
<i>Secured liabilities</i>			
Chattel mortgage liability		13,900	21,340
Unexpired term charges		(479)	(2,023)
		<u>13,421</u>	<u>19,316</u>
<b>NOTE 12: PROVISIONS</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Employee Benefits		30,929	12,761
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>			
Employee Benefits		5,731	2,722
a) Aggregate employee benefits liability		36,660	15,483

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>NOTE 13: OTHER LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Deferred Income		<u>294,315</u>	<u>250,880</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		<u>55,672</u>	<u>56,023</u>
<b>NOTE 14: CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>			
<b>a) Reconciliation of cash</b>			
Cash at the end of the financial year is shown in the statements of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:			
Cash on hand		100	100
Cash at bank		9,354	14,531
At call deposits with financial institutions		<u>456,951</u>	<u>347,675</u>
		<u>466,405</u>	<u>362,306</u>
<b>b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus after income tax</b>			
Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax		81,193	61,072
<b>Adjustments and non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation		9,540	12,174
Trade receivables provision and impairment		(9,942)	(5,692)
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in receivables		(9,571)	33,407
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		(8,519)	(8,697)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		(9,536)	-
Increase/(decrease) in payables		(5,005)	(6,143)
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities		43,084	19,551
Increase/(decrease) in provisions		<u>21,177</u>	<u>(8,948)</u>
		<u>31,228</u>	<u>35,652</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		<u>112,421</u>	<u>96,724</u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Year Ended 30 September 2016**

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>NOTE 15: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS</b>			
a) Finance Lease Commitments			
Payable			
- not later than one year		8,348	8,349
- later than one year and not later than five years		<u>13,900</u>	<u>21,340</u>
Minimum lease payments		22,248	29,688
Less future finance charges		<u>(2,023)</u>	<u>(4,088)</u>
Total finance lease liability		<u><u>20,225</u></u>	<u><u>25,600</u></u>
Represented by:			
Current liability		6,804	6,284
Non-current liability		<u>13,421</u>	<u>19,316</u>
		<u><u>20,225</u></u>	<u><u>25,600</u></u>
b) Operating lease commitments			
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:			
Payable			
- not later than one year		12,891	9,045
- later than one year and not later than five years		<u>-</u>	<u>9,045</u>
		<u><u>12,891</u></u>	<u><u>18,090</u></u>

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

**NOTE 16: ASSOCIATION DETAILS**

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

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



BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED  
ABN 78 603 120 057

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR'S


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

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Baseball Victoria Incorporated as at 30 September 2016 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:

  
Myles Foreman

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

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report, of Baseball Victoria Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2016, 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.

### *Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The directors of Baseball Victoria Incorporated are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012 (and its associated Regulations), and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

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

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

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

### *Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

## *Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Baseball Victoria Incorporated as at 30 September 2016, 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 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.



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