

## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	JANUARY 11, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AGM, BV SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM, SPORTING CLUB GRANTS, CPDP REGISTRATIONS, AWARDS NIGHT, 130 YEAR CELEBRATION, HOLDEN HOME GROUND ADVANTAGE

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

### **2019 Australian Youth Championships**

The U16 and U18 Victorian State Teams have arrived in Sydney for the 2019 Australian Youth Championships at Blacktown International Sportspark. From January 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 80 players and 16 officials across four teams will represent our state on a national stage as they aim to achieve great things and make memories that will last a lifetime. Earlier this week, the players were recognised and congratulated with the annual Jersey Presentation at Waverley Baseball Club, a lovely sendoff for these hardworking and dedicated athletes. On behalf of Baseball Victoria, we wish all players the best of luck, and we look forward to seeing what these teams accomplish at the championships. We will be sharing updates across our digital platforms over the next week, and you can also stay tuned to the teams and their progress by visiting <http://baseball.com.au/Events/National-Championships/Under16> and <http://baseball.com.au/Admin/U18-AYC>

### **Annual General Meeting**

Please mark your calendars for the 2019 AGM, which will be held on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. We are looking forward to this opportunity to meet with our members. For more details, please see [here](#).

### **BV School Holiday Program – Week 1**

We had a great first week at the Baseball Victoria School Holiday Program, and we couldn't be happier to see so many awesome young kids out on the field, enjoying our Little League camp in partnership with Sixteen 23. These players showed up with smiles and enthusiastic attitudes each day, ready to get started working on their skills and playing exciting games with their peers. Thank you to all who joined in the fun, and we look forward to more successful BV School Holiday Programs in the future.

### **Sporting Club Grants Program**

We would like to remind all clubs of a great opportunity for valuable government funding. Applications for Sport and Recreation Victoria's Sporting Club Grants Program are now open, and the deadline to apply has been extended through February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. These grants can be used toward new uniforms and equipment, as well as training for coaches, officials and volunteers. For more details on this fantastic

opportunity, please visit <http://www.sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/sporting-club-grants-program>

### **2019 Charter Player Development Program**

We are continuing to accept registration payments via TeamApp for the 2019 CPDP, which begins on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. We are excited about this program and it's huge potential to benefit charter players on their path to greater development. Please direct any charter parents and players to our events page on TeamApp: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events>

### **Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night**

We hope all VSBL clubs, players, committee members and volunteers had a wonderful holiday season and break. We're excited to get back to baseball as the VSBL seniors competition resumes this weekend. As a reminder, the Annual BV Awards Night will take place at the conclusion of the VSBL season on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Leonda by the Yarra in Hawthorn. More details will be released soon for this great celebration of a memorable year for the Victorian baseball community.

### **Fitzroy Baseball Club Celebrates 130 Years**

The Fitzroy Lions are turning 130! The club will be hosting an exciting anniversary celebration to honor their long and successful history on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This black-tie event will be held at The Manningham (1 Thompsons Rd. Bulleen) and a limited number of tickets are available through January 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$120 (plus booking fee) for a 3-course meal and drinks package. To register, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fitzroy-baseball-club-celebrating-130-years-of-baseball-tickets-52971263475>

### **Holden Home Ground Advantage Grant**

We would like to congratulate Fitzroy Baseball Club on receiving a \$8,500 grant from Holden Home Ground Advantage and Ralph D'Silva Holden. This money will go towards a dedicated female changeroom as the club's womens program continues to grow. We're proud to see our local clubs doing their part to increase female participation and make our sport a safe space for everyone.

### **The BV Team**

**Justin Huber** - CEO

**Jeff Paull** - General Manager of Baseball Operations

**Kellie Thomas** - Operations Coordinator

**Kelsey Quinn** - Competitions Coordinator

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

**Tania Newcombe** - Financial Controller

**Luke Hughes** – Commercial Operations & Marketing

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Manager

**Stewart Howe** - Umpires Coordinator

**Greg Tinkler** – National Coaching Accreditation Coordinator

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