

## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	DECEMBER 14 2018
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	CHARTER TRIALS WRAPUP, PAT CRONIN ROUND, EASTERN ATHLETICS FINALS, BV SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS, BV HOLIDAY CLOSURE, ROYALS CANCER FUNDRAISER

Dear VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries, BV Members,

### Charter Player Development Program Tryouts

Many enthusiastic young players took part in the trials for the 2019 Charter Player Development Program these past two weekends. Southern Mariners, Eastern Athletics, Twins and Baycats all hosted tryouts that were well-attended by junior players. Participants wishing to make the 2019 CPDP squads turned out to their respective charter's trials for some intense and enriching sessions in which they showed off their skills and their desire to further learn and improve.

Overall across the four charters, there were upwards of 270 players who participated in the trials, displaying their talent in throwing, fielding, hitting, pitching and more. Charter Head Coaches Marshall Skinner, David Hargreaves, Scott Meager and Kelli Zablan led the way with the help of their fantastic assistant coaches. After watching so many talented youths make the most of this opportunity and give it their best shot, coaches are finalising their squad selections, which will be announced shortly.

The first session of the 2019 CPDP will commence on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. All-Star teams will be announced on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Baseball Victoria would like to thank all players, coaches and volunteers who made the tryouts such a success. The BV team is looking forward to seeing the progression of these players through the program over the upcoming months.

### Pat Cronin Round

Baseball Victoria's VSBL Pat Cronin Round took place this past weekend and it was a big success, with many teams coming together in support of the movement to end the coward punch and unnecessary violence. This special VSBL round presented a perfect opportunity for Victorian baseball clubs to show their support for a worthwhile cause. Over the weekend, VSBL clubs sold Pat Cronin wristbands to collect donations and demonstrated respect for one another by shaking hands before the game as well as after. Despite the intense summer competition, many teams paused for group photos to show good sporting conduct and courtesy for one another is what makes the game so special.

VSBL clubs can still sell wristbands and collect donations through the end of January. If your club would like to host an education session with the Pat Cronin Foundation, or you'd like to learn more about the organisation, please visit the official website <https://www.patcroninfoundation.org.au> and view photos from this weekend on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/vsbl-pat-cronin-round-raises-awareness-shows-support-for-important-cause>

## Eastern Athletics Grand Finals

The Eastern Athletics Charter will be holding their summer grand finals this weekend. The Junior League game will feature Waverley vs. Malvern, while the Intermediate game will see Waverley host Melbourne and the Little League game will have Doncaster face Melbourne. We wish all teams, players and coaches good luck, and we are looking ahead to seeing the results.

## Baseball Victoria School Holiday Program with Sixteen23

We are pleased with the response to our new partnership with Sixteen23 for the upcoming BV school holiday program. This is an exciting direction for our beloved tradition of school holiday camps, and we can't wait to see our bright and energetic young players hit the field during the school break. The Little League Camp (7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Jan.) and 12+ Camp (14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Jan.) will combine skills development and game play with a fun and lively environment to keep kids entertained and active. There will be up-to-date skills and testing, along with round robin games and a home run derby. Registration is now open for both camps, and you can find more details here: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/baseball-victoria-joins-forces-with-sixteen23-for-upcoming-school-holiday-program>

## Cancer Charity Day at Sandringham Baseball Club

Sandringham Baseball Club will host its Cancer Charity Day on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> in honor of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Every day, four Australian women are diagnosed and three will die from ovarian cancer. In an effort to raise attention and funds for research into the deadliest form of cancer for females in Australia, the Royals will be doing their part with this special event. They are inviting others to join in and paint Tulip Street teal on the day in support of this cause. More details are available here: <http://royalsbaseball.com.au/paint-town-teal-february-3rd/>

## Holiday Schedule for BV Office

The holidays are fast approaching, and we would like to thank all our members for such a successful and eventful year. The BV office will be closed from Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Our last working day will be next Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and we will reopen on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any inquiries or questions, please contact BV office staff via email or phone prior to the end of business on Friday. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

## 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

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