

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	FEBRUARY 22, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	LIFE MEMBERS, STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, COACHING ACCREDITATION DAY, VSBL FINALS, 2019 CPDP, WINTER DELEGATES MEETING, STAFF WORKSHOP

2019 Life Members

As we announced last week, we are so pleased to be adding two new Baseball Victoria Life Members this year. At our 2019 Annual General Meeting earlier this month, the nominations of Michele Winther and Ian Bishop were unanimously supported by the Members of Baseball Victoria. This is a fantastic accomplishment for Michele and Ian, as Life Membership is the highest honour Baseball Victoria can confer on an individual. Both have left a lasting impact on their beloved sport, with Michele dedicating much of her time to scoring and committee work and Ian playing a major role in the reformation of Sunraysia Baseball League in 1979 while supporting the growth of baseball in the region. We look forward to formally presenting Michele and Ian with their Life Membership at the Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night on Thursday, March 28th.

2019 State Winter Championships

We're looking ahead to another wonderful season of winter tournaments, and we're pleased to announce the following dates and venues for 2019 State Winter Championships:

Senior SWC	08-10 June	Geelong (GBA)
U14 SWC	29/30 June	Morwell/Traralgon (LVBA)
U18 SWC	06/07 July	Mildura (SBL)
U16 SWC	20/21 July	Morwell/Traralgon (LVBA)
U12 SWC	27/28 July	Werribee

These championships will bring some of the best junior players throughout the state together for memorable weekends of intense competition and thrilling results. It's especially great to have four impressive venues across Victoria involved in making these championships a reality. We will be releasing more details about these events as they get closer. We're excited to see what this year's State Winter Championships have in store!

Upcoming Coaching Accreditation Program

If you're interested in improving your coaching skills and certifications, then you may want to participate in our upcoming Coaching Education Program Level 3 Accreditation Day! Set for Saturday, March 23rd at St Kilda Baseball Club, this is an opportunity to take the next step in your coaching career. You may register online at: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/7921909>

VSBL 2018/19 Finals

We would like to congratulate all our VSBL clubs and teams who have made it into finals. We've had another amazing season thus far, and finals are shaping up to be highly competitive and exciting for all teams who are pursuing a premiership flag. Finals fixtures are live online, and pennants, medals and balls are now at the BV Office. Our staff is happy to help clubs arrange pick up from our office, and we're also willing to try and meet clubs in a more convenient location if necessary. If you have any questions or

concerns during this busy time, please contact Competitions Coordinator Kelsey Quinn at kelsey.quinn@baseballvictoria.com.au. Good luck to everyone in finals and we'll be eagerly awaiting every result!

2019 Charter Player Development Program

We're now several weeks into the 2019 Charter Player Development Program (CPDP), and we're excited to hear that so many young players are having a terrific time under the watchful leadership and guidance of the charter coaches. This was made possible by careful selection and preparation, with BV High Performance Manager Damian Shanahan recently hosting a Coaching Clinic to give these coaches more resources and ideas to implement in this program. Charter coaches are running plenty of drills and activities designed to help these players succeed on the field and improve their skills. We're confident that the 2019 CPDP will continue to entertain and educate these charter players, opening up new doors for them in the sport they love.

Winter Delegates Meeting

On Wednesday night, BV held a winter delegates meeting as a follow up from the annual Winter Conference held in June 2018. This meeting was to provide an update on action items the BV office have completed or been working through on behalf of the winter associations. This meeting was also held to discuss relevant topics affecting the upcoming winter season. The BV office would like to thank all delegates who made themselves available to attend this important meeting as we look to further improve the service to our winter members. We're feeling very positive about the season ahead and will continue to work tirelessly on improving our winter baseball and regional strategy.

BV Marketing & Communications Workshop

Last Friday, the entire Baseball Victoria staff participated in a professional development workshop dedicated to marketing and communications. This was an important opportunity to discuss our strengths, potential and areas for improvement. As a result of this workshop, we have identified multiple areas in which we would like to further improve our marketing strategies and initiatives to provide the best possible experience for our members and continue to encourage the growth of our sport. We are looking ahead to our promising future and promoting Victorian baseball as best as we possibly can.

The BV Team

Justin Huber - CEO

Jeff Paull - General Manager of Baseball Operations

Kellie Thomas - Operations Coordinator

Kelsey Quinn - Competitions Coordinator

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