

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	MAY 31, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, SENIOR STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, BV BOARD MEETING, MALVERN COACHING APPOINTMENT, PRESTON SEEKING HEAD COACH, NEWPORT RAMS IN STAR WEEKLY

2019 Australian Junior League Championships

It's been quite the week for our two Victorian teams, Eastern Athletics and Southern Mariners, at the 2019 Australian Junior League Championships in Adelaide, SA. After a tough opening loss, Eastern Athletics bounced back triumphantly, winning three in a row to secure a semi-final against fellow Victorians in an undefeated Southern Mariners side. With another stellar pitching performance from Genevieve Beacom and an outburst of offense, Southern Mariners prevailed on Thursday night and booked themselves a spot in the gold medal game against Northern Metros at 6:30pm tonight. Eastern Athletics are set to play Adelaide Rays, the team that beat them in the first round, in the bronze medal game starting at 3pm this afternoon. Both of these games will be livestreamed on the Baseball Australia Facebook page, so make sure you tune in and support our fantastic players:

<https://www.facebook.com/BaseballAustralia/>

Plus, read about Eastern Athletics' Harry Elustondo and his massive 350-foot home run on a senior fence here: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/harry-elustondo-of-eastern-athletics-smashes-home-run-on-senior-fence-at-ajlc2019>

Senior State Winter Championships at Geelong Baseball Centre

We are pleased to share some exciting details for the upcoming 2019 Senior State Winter Championships at Geelong Baseball Centre. Set for Saturday, 8th June – Monday, 10th June, this tournament will see approximately 150 players from across Victoria participate in a weekend of fun, highly competitive games. There will be eight teams taking part in the event, including City West, Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, North Eastern, Ringwood and Sunraysia. Following the first rounds of games, Day 1 will wrap up in spectacular fashion with a thrilling Home Run Derby powered by The Sporting Globe. One representative from each team will do their best to hit the most homers on Diamond 1. Afterwards, starting at 7 pm, players, coaches, families and supporters are invited to The Sporting Globe for an evening of delicious food and fun times. There will be special deals on parmas and burgers for those who present their tournament program on arrival. We're excited about this partnership and having such a great evening, thanks to the support of The Sporting Globe!

We will return to Geelong Baseball Centre for Day 2 and 3 of the tournament, with grand finals set for noon on Monday! Please stay tuned to our website and digital platforms for updates as the tournament draws closer. You may also view the Welcome Packet, with all the relevant information you need to know about the venue and tournament rules, on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/information-pack-released-for-2019-state-winter-championships>

Baseball Victoria Board Meeting

The Baseball Victoria Board of Directors met on Monday to address several key matters. As a requirement of the Baseball Victoria constitution, in the first formal meeting of the Board post the Annual General Meeting, the Directors resolved to appoint the President, Vice President and Secretary per the statutes. This included the reappointment of Myles Foreman as President of Baseball Victoria, who will continue his term in this role. In addition to the consequence of this process, James Van Beek has been reappointed as Vice President and Secretary of Baseball Victoria and will also continue his term in these roles. The Board formally appointed Meghan Mayman to fill a casual vacancy on the Board. We encourage you to learn more about the Baseball Victoria Board of Directors, and their commitment to our organisation, on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/About/The-Board>

Coaching Education Program Level Three Training Day at Colac

There will be a Coaching Education Program Level 3 Training Day at Colac Baseball Club on Sunday, 16th June from 9 am to 6 pm. This is a great opportunity for those interested in improving their skills and certifications. For more details and to register, please visit:

<https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/8692120>

You can also view valuable information on the different levels of accreditation on the Baseball Australia website: <http://baseball.com.au/Get-Involved/Coach/National-Coach-Accreditation-Scheme>

Malvern Braves Announce Phil Dale as Head of Baseball Operations

Malvern Braves Baseball Club is pleased to announce the appointment of Phil Dale as Head of Baseball Operations. Phil brings to the club a wealth of experience as a player, coach and scout, having represented Australia as a junior and senior player and coach. He was the first Australian ever awarded a four-year baseball scholarship to an American university and was the first Victorian to be signed by a Major League club, pitching four seasons in the Cincinnati Reds organisation. He was also the first Australian to ever coach in a Major League organisation while with the Cincinnati Reds and Atlanta Braves.

When asked his reasons for joining Malvern, Phil said, "The Malvern Baseball Club has had a long heritage and tradition in baseball where so many great players have played. Recently, I have noticed the successful development of the junior program through the hard work of individuals at the club. I will look to help further the abilities of both our junior and senior players and hope to provide an enjoyable playing experience for all members." Joining Phil as one of Malvern's club coaches is Neil Burke, who will be instrumental in both training and game day operations as well as in the growth of Malvern's junior program. Read more about the exciting future for Malvern Baseball Club here:

<http://www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au/News/malvern-baseball-club-appoints-phil-dale-as-head-of-baseball-operations>

Preston Pirates Seeking Head Coach

Preston Pirates Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for a Head Coach for the 2019/20 VSBL season. This role will involve heading up the senior coaching panel who are responsible for the whole playing group. This is a fantastic opportunity for a player coach or coach to be part of Preston's long and successful history and bright future. Preston has a quality senior group and a very strong junior program, so they're looking for a committed individual with a passion for success and a desire to assist every player in their quest to achieve their desired baseball goals. For details on how to arrange an interview:

<http://www.vicsummerleague.baseball.com.au/News/preston-pirates-baseball-club-seeking-expressions-of-interest-for-head-coaching-role>

Newport Rams in The Star Weekly

Newport Rams were featured in The Star Weekly newspaper for the Maribyrnong and Hobsons Bay area, regarding their latest appointment to the head coach role, Justin Charles. Charles brings a wealth of sporting knowledge to the role, having been a former minor league baseballer in the US, a national leaguer with the Melbourne Monarchs and an AFL footballer with Footscray and Richmond. He has spent the last two seasons at Newport as a player after coaching Werribee Giants. To read what Charles and Rams president Ben Portelli say of the decision, please visit:

<https://www.starweekly.com.au/sports/newport-rams-name-charles-coach/>

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

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