

## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	FEBRUARY 15, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	AGM, LIFE MEMBERS, AWARDS NIGHT, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, ATHLETE PATHWAY PROGRAM, BASEBALL AND BEYOND

### **2019 Annual General Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2019 AGM on Tuesday evening. It was great to have 30 Baseball Victoria Member Bodies in attendance, including Victorian Summer Baseball League Clubs, Winter Associations, Victorian Baseball Association Life Members and Baseball Victoria Life Members. This was an important opportunity to meet with members to discuss the past year and what's in store for the future. During the AGM, the Members in accordance with the Constitution of Baseball Victoria adopted the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 19 February 2018 and adopted the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2018. This followed a presentation by Baseball Victoria Finance Director James van Beek on the key movements in the Financial Statements, which can be found in the 2017/18 Baseball Victoria Annual Report.

Members also adopted the 2017/18 Baseball Victoria Annual Report, followed by a presentation from Baseball Victoria President Myles Foreman and Baseball Victoria CEO Justin Huber. A copy of the Annual Report can be found on the Baseball Victoria Website:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/http://baseballvictoria.com.au/about/corporatedocuments/annualreports>

In addition, members ratified the reappointment of Craig Armstead as a Director of Baseball Victoria for a second term of three years, ratified the appointment of Grant Weir as a Director of Baseball Victoria for a term of three years, and ratified the appointment of Margie Ardon as a Director of Baseball Victoria for a term of three years. Lastly, five Life Membership nominations were received from members, and from these five the Board recommended that two persons have life memberships conferred on them. Michele Winther and Ian Bishop were honoured as Life Members for distinguished service to baseball in Victoria. For more details, please visit our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/baseball-victoria-holds-2019-annual-general-meeting>

### **2019 Life Memberships**

Our two new life members will be formally presented with their Life Memberships at the Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. We are so pleased to present these fantastic individuals with this great honour, and we are looking forward to this evening event. Michele is a longtime scorer, contributing committee member and life member of Bonbeach St Chads and Frankston Baseball Clubs, and she's been making a difference to local, state and national baseball for more than 35 years. Ian Bishop is a standout individual who has dedicated more than 50 years to the Sunraysia Baseball League, with a career that has included playing, coaching, umpiring and committee work. Ian also played an instrumental role in the reformation of Sunraysia Baseball League in 1979, and he's been a distinguished promoter and supporter of regional baseball for most of his life. We congratulate both of these Life Members and we are forever grateful for their contributions to Victorian baseball.

### **BV Annual Awards Night**

With the 2018/19 VSBL season wrapping up shortly, the Baseball Victoria Annual Awards Night is just around the corner! Our fantastic yearly tradition will continue on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Leonda by the Yarra. We're excited to share another wonderful evening with our members, and we can't wait to see

everyone there as we honour the achievements of our dedicated players, coaches, teams and volunteers. VSBL members can request tickets through their club secretaries, and general public tickets are \$155 per person and available on TeamApp: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/7786395>

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

The Fitzroy Lions are celebrating 130 years of baseball tonight at their anniversary celebration! We wish to congratulate the club on this accomplishment, and we are looking forward to many more years of success for the Lions. We will be sharing photos from the evening, and we hope everyone has a great time!

### **Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program**

We would like to remind our members of the Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program, with applications for round 2 of funding now open. These grants provide support for athletes, coaches, officials and teams to cover travel costs associated with training and competition, as well as for high performance Victorian athletes and teams to participate in national championships. We encourage our members to take advantage of this funding before applications close on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019: <http://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/athlete-pathway-travel-grants-program>

### **Baseball and Beyond**

Doncaster Baseball Club is preparing for the Baseball and Beyond Gala Day on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, made possible by a Change Our Game Community Activation grant from the Victorian Government. This funding scheme is designed to support local sports and recreation organisations in their efforts to deliver events and forums that honour the role of women and girls in this field. The event will begin with breakfast at Beau Monde International, followed by a panel discussion with Michelle Brewster, Simone Wearne, Anna Kimbrell and past/present Emeralds players. Afterwards, there will be a Cap Presentation of the Women's State Team at DBC, followed by a practice game between the Victoria White and Victoria Blue Women's Teams from 1-3pm. This is an exceptional opportunity to find out what the future holds for women's baseball in Victoria and Australia as a whole. For more details and to reserve your place, please visit [www.trybooking.com/ZTTA](http://www.trybooking.com/ZTTA).

### **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

**Jo Schutt** – Sporting Schools Coordinator

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