



# 2010/2011 Annual Report



BASEBALL  
**VICTORIA**



# Baseball Leagues and Clubs in Victoria

## **BV Summer League**

Berwick City  
Blackburn  
Bundoora  
Bonbeach  
Carrum Downs  
Chelsea  
Cheltenham  
Doncaster  
Essendon  
Fitzroy  
Footscray  
Geelong  
Greensborough  
Malvern  
Melbourne  
Monash University  
Moorabbin  
Mulgrave  
Newport  
Ormond/Glenhuntly  
Port Melbourne  
Preston  
Sandringham  
Springvale  
St. Kilda  
Sunshine  
Upwey Ferntree Gully  
Waverley  
Werribee  
Williamstown

## **Ballarat Baseball Association**

Alfredton  
Ballarat City Brewers  
Mounties YC

## **Bendigo Baseball Association**

Bendigo East  
Falcons  
Scots  
Strathfieldsaye Dodgers

## **Dandenong Baseball Association**

Berwick Dodgers  
Boneo  
Bonbeach St Chads  
Carrum Downs  
Chelsea  
Cheltenham  
Dandenong Angels  
Dingley  
Doncaster  
Footscray  
Frankston  
Monash University  
Moorabbin  
Mornington  
Oakleigh  
Ormond/Glenhuntly  
Pakenham  
Sandringham  
Tyabb

## **Geelong Baseball Association**

Bacchus Marsh  
Bellarine Bears  
Colac  
Corio  
Deakin  
East Belmont Saints  
Guild All-Stars  
Lara  
Newport  
Werribee

## **Latrobe Valley Baseball Association**

Churchill  
Moe/Newborough  
Morwell  
Sale  
Traralgon

## **Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria**

## **Melbourne Winter Baseball League**

Bundoora  
Croydon  
Diamond Creek  
Doncaster  
Footscray  
Forest Hill  
Glen Iris  
Greenhills Montmorency  
Greensborough  
Heathmont  
Knox  
La Trobe University  
Melbourne University  
Mitchell Majors  
Monash University  
North Balwyn  
North Coburg Rebels  
Northcote Lions  
Panton Hill  
Research  
Ringwood Saints  
St Kilda  
Watsonia  
Waverley  
Westgarth  
Wheelers Hill

## **North Eastern Baseball Association**

Benalla Bandits  
Lavington Reds  
North Albury NASC Bears  
Porepunkah Panthers  
Wangaratta Rangers  
Wodonga Warriors

## **Sunraysia Baseball League**

Eagles  
Hawks  
Saints  
Tigers  
Tornadoes  
Wanderers

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## Notice of 2011 Annual General Meeting

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 13th October 2011

**To:** All Clubs and Associations  
Life Members

**From:** Brett Hidson  
Chief Executive Officer

**Re:** Notice of Annual General Meeting

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In accordance with the Rules and Constitution of Baseball Victoria Inc, I hereby advise of the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The meeting will be conducted at MASC Sports House (375 Albert Road, Albert Park) on Monday 14th November, commencing at 6.30pm.

The ordinary business of the meeting shall be:

- (i) To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October 2010.
- (ii) To receive and adopt the financial accounts of the Association.
- (iii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report.
- (iv) To transact any special business of which notice is given in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

**NB:** The November P&S Meeting will be held immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

## **2011 Agenda**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**6.30pm**

**Monday 14th November 2011**

**MSAC Sports House (375 Albert Road, Albert Park)**

1.0 Chairman:

2.0 In attendance:

3.0 Apologies:

4.0 Adopt Previous Minutes and Business Arising

5.0 Financial Statements & Report

6.0 Annual Reports

1. President
2. Chief Executive Officer

7.0 Notices of Motions

8.0 General Business

# 2010 Minutes

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 25th October 2010

at Port Melbourne Baseball Club, Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne.

*Meeting opened 6.37 pm.*

**1.0 Chairman:** Robert Sadler (RS)

**2.0 In attendance:** Berwick, Blackburn, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Doncaster, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Malvern, Melbourne, Newport, Oakleigh, Port Melbourne, Preston, Sandringham, Springvale, Sunshine, Waverley, Werribee, Williamstown, Robert Blackmore (Life Member), Paul Collins (Life Member), Jason Blair (Life Member), Barry Smith (Life Member), Clayton Crameri (Board Member), Fiona McNabb (Board Member), Christine Little (Competitions Coordinator) (CL), Brett Hidson (General Manager)(BH)

**3.0 Apologies:** Bonbeach, Geelong, Moorabbin, Ormond GH, Bendigo Baseball Association, Geelong Baseball Association, Sunraysia Baseball League, Graeme Ainscough (Life Member), Doug Chapman (Life Member), Les Flower (Life Member), Dale Lewis (Pennant Committee Chairman), Michael Gourlay (Pennant Committee)

**3.1 Absent:** Bundoora, Mulgrave, St Kilda, Upwey FTG, Latrobe Valley BA, North Eastern BA, Melbourne Winter Baseball League, Ballarat Baseball Association

**4.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting –26<sup>th</sup> October 2009 (as circulated) were presented for approval. **Moved:** Newport, **Seconded:** Melbourne. CARRIED

**4.1 Business arising from previous minutes:**  
Nil

### **5.0 Financial Statements & Annual Report:**

The Financial Statements and Annual Report was tabled for approval.

- The Chairman advised that the Financial Reports were previously circulated to Clubs, Associations and Life Members prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** “That the Annual Report Financial Accounts be approved.” **Moved:** Williamstown, **Seconded:** Essendon.

**Issues arising:** Nil

**Motion Carried**

### **6.0 Annual Reports**

#### **6.1 President**

RS spoke on his President’s Report for season 2009/2010. He advised that the 2009/2010 saw the consolidation of the new Board. He advised there will be a transition of Board Members with the expiry of Board Member terms, 2 vacancies will arise in the coming year. RS advised that anyone interested in applying for a position on the Board and feel they can make a useful contribution they must be independent and hold no official position at clubs.

RS spoke of the appointment of BH in January that has brought a breath of fresh air to the organisation.

With the focus of the Pennant Committee on the summer competition the Board has been able to focus on the high level strategic issues. RS spoke of the new strategic plan that has been implemented and the implementation of strategies such as a new communications strategy and development programs from the Under 14 and Under 12 Kangaroo's program to the High Performance program to replace the VIS and the need to work with Windsor Knox and Stephen Nash and to create opportunities with the new ABL.

RS advised that the financial position of Baseball Victoria remains as steady as she goes approach. RS advised that BV has worked hard to maintain the relationship between BV and the Winter Associations which has created a depth of understanding to work and align together the governance of BV.

RS advised that 2009 saw the first new Baseball Victoria Life Member being awarded to Jason Blair. RS spoke of Jason's inclusion as a fresh new future.

RS congratulated the Under 14 and Under 16 Blue State teams and the Under 23 team for winning their respective national championships and he also congratulated Ringwood for finishing second at the Little League national championships.

RS congratulated Essendon Baseball Club for winning the inaugural Peter Dihm Shield for Division 1 Club Champion for season 2009/10 and Fitzroy Baseball Club for winning the Division 2 Club Championship. RS congratulated Waverley Baseball Club as the Division 1 Premiers for season 2009/2010.

## **6.2 General Manager's Report**

BH spoke of his General Manager's Report acknowledging his realisation of how the Annual Report gets referred to in history. BH advised the General Manager's Report is to bring up to date what has been happening and is a clear snapshot that can be easily referred back to in future years. It shows what has been achieved and approved, it identifies highlights and reflects where we are and where we are going.

BH stated he had a lot of thank you's in particular the clubs and associations whose work doesn't go unnoticed. BH thanked those who have supported baseball in this state in particular at club level as clubs are the backbone and shop front of baseball, if clubs aren't successful neither is baseball.

BH thanked the Board for their help and guidance during the year. BH spoke of the addition to the staff of Damian Shanahan in the role as High Performance Coordinator which now sees the office better resourced and he thanked the various committees and staff for their contributions and efforts.

## **6.3 Pennant Committee Report**

RS advised that Dale Lewis was an apology and unfortunately could not speak on his report.

RS advised that in the Annual Report from page 45 onwards contains lists all the former officer bearers. RS was humbled to see how long and how many people have contributed to the sport. He advised that if anyone picked up on any errors in these lists to please forward these to the office and we will be happy to rectify.

**Motion:** "That the 2009/2010 Annual Report be approved." **Moved:** Essendon, **Seconded:** Blackburn.

**Issues arising:** Nil

**Motion Carried**

**7.0 Special Business**

RS advised there was no special business to be addressed at this meeting.

**8.0 General Business**

RS spoke of the huge amount of work that goes into the Annual Report and thanked the BV staff for their work. RS noted there was a Memo with Annual Report amendments which should be read in conjunction with the report.

BH advised that Barry Smith is collating various pieces of information for BV and is working on obtaining a full set of Annual Reports. BH asked clubs to check any old historical records they may have which include copies of or the original Annual Reports from 1976 to 1982 and 1986 and 1987. BH announced he will advertise and update the list on the website.

*Meeting closed: 7.00 pm*

## Office Bearers

### Baseball Victoria Board of Directors

Chairman	Dr Robert J. Sadler
Vice Chairman	Mr Clayton Crameri
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Brett Hidson
Directors	Ms Fiona McNabb
	Mr Richard Foote
	Mr Jim Marinis (resigned November 2010), replaced by Mr Stephen Thomson (appointed February 2011)
	Mr David Calthorpe (resigned September 2010)

### Little League Committee

Peter Collis, Karen Mason, Larry Meager & David Zucchet

### Scorers Committee

Chair:	Michele Winter
	Phyllis Hargreaves, Robyn Karlsen, Kaylene Pengelly & Lyn Stokes

### Pennant Committee

Chair:	Dale Lewis
	Jason Blair, Lynn Fraser, Mark Gooding, Michael Gourlay, Barry Smith, Simone Wearne (resigned December 2010) & Christine Little

### Tribunal Panel

Chair:	Michael Gourlay
	Mike Ashburn, John Holmes & Cameron Banks

### Umpiring

Director of Umpiring:	Mark Gooding
Assistant:	David Milton

### Winter Committee

Chair:	Gary McQuiggan
	Julie Jones, Fiona Lambrick, David Rice & David Zucchet

### Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Brett Hidson
Competitions Coordinator	Christine Little
Teams & Tournaments Coordinator	David Zucchet
Development Officers	Grant Karlsen & Jade Hough (end June 2011)
Communications Coordinator	Brett Diamond (start December 2010. end April 2011)
Finance Coordinator	Les Flower
Media Officer	Kingsley Collins
ABF High Performance Manager	Damian Shanahan

## President's Report

The year 2010/11 was busy. The Board has focussed on providing strategic direction for baseball in Victoria. This has been aided by the performance of our Chief Executive Officer, Brett Hidson, and his staff.

During the year we reviewed and redefined the administration of the summer playing competition by the installation of a new Summer League sub-committee by replacing the former Pennant Committee. It means this competition has more independence and closer relationship with the clubs. Thanks to the previous Pennant Committee members, in particular the Chair, Dale Lewis, and long-time member Barry Smith, who has stood aside after more than 20 years on this committee. The new administration of the Summer League is important as it is an end result of the strategic objective of ensuring Baseball Victoria's governance is focused on baseball throughout Victoria for the whole year. We now have separate admirations responsible for each baseball league or season and Baseball Victoria's prime role is much less operational with, now, a strategic focus overlying each of the competitions.

Congratulations to all clubs on their participation, in particular to Waverley for securing their fourth consecutive Ross Straw Trophy and Geelong for winning the Club Championship.

Major new achievements this year include the launch of a Participation Review Project, under the leadership of Sheila Nguyen; in partnership with Inside Edge Planning, the Baseball Facilities Development Plan; and the launch of a media strategy including new Baseball Victoria and Summer League websites and social media interaction.

The existence of the Australian Baseball League (ABL) and the local team, the Melbourne Aces, has created lots of opportunities. We look forward to the continued development of the ABL and the Aces. This is an important adjunctive development for Baseball Victoria and the ABL is quickly becoming a significant catalyst for a baseball promotion and development in Victoria.

The year also saw the continued integration of summer and winter activities. Along with the Winter sub-committee, we have introduced a more equitable qualification system for our regionally based Little League teams into the National Little League Championships. We will also continue to work with our winter and regional members in accessing programs and events that have traditionally only been attended by the city members.

From an on field point of view, the Melbourne Aces ended the season in fourth place and participated in the first round of the play-offs. The Victorian baseball community and Baseball Victoria took great pride seeing the Aces play. It is a great credit to the Manager, Phil Dale, the General Manager, Windsor Knox, and the whole Aces team. We look forward to next season with great anticipation.

Our Victorian Women's Blue Team achieved a perfect record by going through undefeated at the National Championships in Canberra. This wonderful achievement, along with top three performances by the Provincial, Under 23, Under 18 Blue and Under 16 Blue teams holds well for the development of high performance programs.

Waverley and Ringwood again won their way through to the National Little League Championships played in Queensland. This year was Waverley's fourth and Ringwood's third success in winning their way into the National Little League Championships and both regions are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts.

We also offered programs for non-State team members through the Kangaroos Touring Teams. This year, we sent teams to Nagahama (near Kyoto), Japan, Danville (near San Francisco), USA, Santa Ana (near Los Angeles), USA and Cleveland, USA. We also sent two teams to the Junior Girls Friendship Series host by Baseball Queensland.

Baseball Victoria's Awards Night was testament to a success of a new model for the presentations. This year we invited the Melbourne Aces to participate in the evening. The combination of club and ABL awards created a diverse mix of people, all sharing their passion for baseball. We hope the opportunity to share this evening with the Melbourne Aces will continue.

During the year the Board identified Stephen Thompson and Shaun Graf as Board members to fill casual vacancies. Both Stephen and Shaun will hold important roles. Stephen will direct our facilities and government relations portfolio and Shaun our pathways portfolio, which includes development and high performance. I welcome them. I also thank outgoing directors Jim and David for their contribution.

Finally I would like to acknowledge and thank the voluntary efforts of each of our Board members namely Clayton Crameri, Richard Foote, Fiona McNabb, Jim Marinis, David Calthorpe and Stephen Thomson. Also I offer a warm thank you to the volunteers on our sub-committees and within our associations and clubs. On behalf of the Board I would also like to recognise the work which has been undertaken by CEO, Brett Hidson and his staff.

Robert Sadler  
**President**

## CEO's Report

It is my pleasure to be able to present my second annual report as the CEO of Baseball Victoria. It provides an opportunity to look back and reflect on the past year, provide an insight into our time ahead and acknowledge the many wonderful people and organisations that make baseball in Victoria great.

### Snapshot

- Registered 8,986 players through the Australian Baseball Federation's (ABF) national registration and insurance system, an increase of 1,331 members from last year;
- An increase by 1 team to 303 teams fielded in the 2010/11 and 2011 seasons;
- 110 clubs played in 9 Baseball Victoria Associations & Leagues, including the 2010/11 summer season and 2011 winter season;
- 13 new Umpires accredited in 2011 for a total of 95;
- 12 Scorers accredited in 2011 for a total of 48;
- 73 Coaches accredited in 2011 for a total of 265; and
- A profitable financial result with a trading profit of \$37,753 for the 2010/11 financial year.

### Highlights

- Profitable financial performance.
- Sport & Recreation Victoria funding to complete a major research project into future baseball participation opportunities.
- Commenced baseball facilities development plan.
- The Victorian Women's Blue Team winning their National Championships, with top three finishes by the U16 Blue, U18 Blue, U23 and Provincial teams.
- Established the Victorian Baseball Academy.
- Launched Aussie T-Ball and new Coach Accreditation Scheme on behalf of the ABF.
- Kangaroos Teams travelling to Japan (1/U12), USA (2/LL, 1/14U) and Queensland (1/U13 Girls, 1/U17 Girls)
- ABF recognition of Phil Dale a Coach of the Year.
- Ongoing support of the Victorian Government, VicHealth and our sponsors Aces Sporting Club, Fielder's Choice, Wilson, Ausport, K2 Baseball and MLB International.

### Narrative about each of the following;

- Paragraph 1
  - Participation Plan (SRV \$)
  - Vic Health funding lost
  - Facilities Plan
- Paragraph 2
  - Aussie T-Ball
  - Coaching Accreditation
  - State Academy

Our clubs are the shop front for our sport. They provide the first point of call for all participants. Their performance is the make or break for the future of potential members in our sport. With this, I would like to throw the challenge to our struggling clubs to become

good clubs and the good clubs to become great clubs. Great people following a unified direction is the focus of our future with Baseball Victoria providing support, help and resources as a genuine umbrella body for all participants, clubs and associations in Victoria.

Now for the acknowledgements. I would like to acknowledge the passionate work of the many people who supported and contributed to Baseball Victoria over the past 12 months:

- The Victorian Government and vicsport for their continued funding, representation and support;
- Aces Sporting Club, Fielder's Choice, Wilson, Ausport, K2 Baseball and MLBI for their continued sponsorship;
- All clubs and organisations that staged tournaments, events and competitions on behalf of Baseball Victoria;
- The ABF, ABL and the Melbourne Aces, for their running of their respective competitions, tournaments and programs;
- The other state baseball associations, officials and volunteers who made enormous contributions to each event and program; and
- All players that participate in our summer and winter club competitions, Little League teams, league representative teams, state teams and national representatives for giving your heart and soul to every throw, hit and catch.

The Club and League Presidents, Secretaries, Administrators, Volunteers, Coaches, Scorers and Umpires are all wonderful supporters of our sport through their tireless efforts at their respective club or association. I will continue to support you as I adamantly believe that you are the most important people in the sport. Congratulations, thanks and well done.

Also, my special thanks to the Baseball Victoria Board of Directors, our sub-committees and all volunteers. A formidable team has been established with my staff and I am extremely proud of their achievements, namely David Zucchet, Christine Little, Grant Karlsen, Jade Hough, Les Flower, Damian Shanahan and Kingsley Collins.

Finally, family and close friends often provide a wonderful support network and also make significant personal sacrifices due to our time in this wonderful sport. Not unlike many others I feel this support from my wife and our family, so for this I offer a big thanks to you.

Brett Hidson  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## **Sub-Committees**

### **Little League Committee Report**

The Little League State Winter Championship held in July 2010 was the final time that this event will double as the qualifier for the 2011 National Little League Championships. This year's tournament saw nine teams compete in a double elimination format over the weekend. The final result saw Ringwood District win its third Little League State Championship in a row.

The Little League State Summer Championship was again a huge success for all involved and congratulations to all five regions that competed in the Championship. The tournament this year was staged at Geelong over the Australia Day holiday, making way for the Kangaroos programs and club competitions to be completed without conflict or confusion. The Australia Day holiday brought large crowds and a wonderful atmosphere. Waverley Wildcats again were the eventual winners of the championship.

Thank you to Bendigo Association and Geelong Club for hosting the respective championships, as well as the officials and many families that cheered their children along regardless of the score or conditions.

Waverley (4th) and Ringwood (9th) represented Victoria with great pride at the National Little League Championships. Congratulations to the Adelaide Southern All-Stars on winning this year's tournament. Also thanks to the ABF and the Surfer's Paradise Club for their efforts in staging the event.

Baseball Victoria has endorsed the committee's vision of significant changes to the qualifying process for the two Victorian teams eligible to participate in the National Little League Championships.

- Realignment of team boundaries, resulting in 5 Country and 5 Metropolitan teams;
- New names for Metropolitan teams;
- Player eligibility for teams determined by residential postcode, not registered club;
- One State Little League Championships, instead of two, to be played over the Australia Day holiday; and
- One Country and One Metropolitan team selected after State Championships to represent Victoria at the National Championships.

Thank you again to everyone involved with the Little League Championships, including the Committee members Peter Collis, Larry Meager and Karen Mason, along with each association and team, your efforts have been tremendous throughout the year and look forward to it all in the future.

David Zucchet

**Little League Administrator**

## **Scorers Committee Report**

The Scorers Committee started out with 5 members and in June 2011 increased their numbers to 7. These 7 members meet on a regular basis during Winter and Summer Seasons, to discuss upcoming tournaments, clinics and Council of Australian Baseball Scorers (CABS) related issues with regards to scoring baseball. We also issue Newsletters, run clinics, and Accreditation Exams.

The Scorers Committee attends the annual national CABS workshop to ensure Victorian scorers are kept up to date with the latest changes in Australian scoring. This also enables us to liaise with scorers from all the different states and territories and find out what they are doing to promote and advance scoring in their areas. This year the workshop was held over a weekend in July in Victoria and Phyllis Hargreaves and Michele Winther attended on behalf of Victoria.

Clinics that have been run during over the past 12-months have been for clubs in Bendigo, Waverley, Newport, Mornington, Greensborough, Cheltenham and Melbourne. The regular attendance is between 7 to 12 scorers wanting to know more about scoring.

At present there are 82 financial CABS in Victoria.

The following scorers represented Victoria during the 2010/2011 season:

- Michael Gourlay, Robyn Karlsen and Jennie Moloney - Australian Baseball League
- Kath Besford and Sharon Hussey - National Under 14 Championships
- Kim Bride - National Under 16/18 Championships
- Michele Winther - National Provincial Championships
- Kaylene Pengelly and Sharon Hussey - National Women's Championships
- Tricia Mitchelson - National Under 23 Championships

Four scorers sat and passed a Level 1 Accreditation Exam while eight scorers sat and passed an IT Accreditation Exam. This will help during the 2011/2012 Summer League season with 'Match of the Day' games that will be scored on the computer and put on the website. These games will cover Division 1, Division 2 and Women's games.

Owing to the future requirement of a minimum accreditation for scoring Division 1, Division 2 and Women's Division 1 games, the Committee expects that more scorers will attend clinics and sit their accreditation exams during the upcoming 12-month period.

Thank you to my fellow Committee members; Lyn Stokes, Phyllis Hargreaves, Robyn Karlsen and Kaylene Pengelly, and welcome to our newest members, Sharyn Hussey and Kim Bride. Also thanks to our assessors and mentors and congratulations to all scorers that achieved accreditation and those that represented us at various competitions and tournaments.

Michele Winther

**Chair and Director of Scoring**

## **Pennant Committee Report**

The 2010/2011 Summer League season proved to be another new experience for many teams as we were for the first time in ten years required to contend with the a national league for players and 'baseball consumers' attention'. The ABL placed some unique pressures on our clubs, umpires and scorers, however I'm pleased to report that all handled themselves extremely well despite some obvious tensions throughout the season with scheduling and use of players. Despite this, all grades were competitive right up to the final regular season games and great finals series also staged.

The 2010/11 Baseball Victoria Summer League (BVSL) fielded:

- 4345 players, in
- 303 teams (122 senior, 22 women, 21 masters and 98 junior Major/Minor League and 40 junior Area Centre), in
- 30 clubs, in
- 8 grades (10 senior, 3 women, 3 masters and 16 junior), being Division 1, Division 1 Reserves, Division 1 Thirds, Division 1 Fourths, Division 2, Division 2 Reserves, Division 2 Thirds, Division 2 Fourths, Division 3, Division 4, Women's Division 1, Women's Division 2, Women's Division 3, Masters Division 1, Masters Division 2 North/West, Masters Division 2 South/East, Under 18 Major League, Under 18 AAA Minor League, Under 16 Major League, Under 16 AAA Minor League, Under 16 AA Minor League, Under 14 Major League, Under 14 AAA Minor League, Under 14 AA Minor League, Under 12 Major League, Under 12 AAA Minor League, Under 12 AA Minor League, Under 14 Centres (West, South) and Under 12 Centres (West, South, East)

Whilst the Committee met on a regular basis for the usual baseball competition matters, the demand for quick decisions and responses was tiring and difficult due to the high volume of games played, especially in Division 1 and 2. Our efforts to communicate, in particular via email, ensured in almost all cases that we were able understand and meet the needs of what the normal player and administrator wants from this Committee.

We were well represented by all sections of the sport on the Committee and so were able to work towards strong and viable competitions with a degree of expertise on our side. However, it was with regret that during the year we lost a valuable member in Simone Wearne who provided excellent input at our meetings but could not continue in her role.

Some of the major items introduced this year were the win/loss ratio instead of determining ladder position by points thus eliminating the need to replay lost games through extreme weather (heat or rain outs). The introduction of the 5 game qualification rounds and the change of the section names for all Sunday junior competitions, from State & Metro Leagues to Major League and then AAA, AA and A level Minor Leagues. Although there was teething problems with this change we believe that what was achieved was for the betterment of baseball and the enjoyment of the youngsters playing this great game.

Also, during this season we instigated playing more twilight mid-week games at club home grounds during November, December and January, with which we were pleased with mainly positive feedback from this experience. A point considered was the lack of lit fields, in particularly within the eastern and southern suburbs of Melbourne. It would be good to have

more lit fields so that we do not have teams travelling so far for midweek games during the start and end of the season to Altona, La Trobe University and Geelong. In saying that, I sincerely thank the management of Melbourne Ballpark and the Preston and Geelong clubs for their cooperation in hosting club night matches.

I would like to congratulate Melbourne and Preston on great finals series and gaining their admission to Division 1. To Geelong and Waverley thanks for a very entertaining and well fought final series and congratulations to Waverley who were the eventual premiers of Division 1.

In closing I would like to thank the members of the Pennant Committee - Michael Gourlay, Jason Blair, Mark Gooding, Barry Smith, Lynn Fraser, Simone Wearne, for their support, their dedication to the job and for being fantastic volunteers who give many hours towards making this game better for the clubs and players to enjoy.

To the Baseball Victoria office staff and in particular Brett Hidson and Christine Little thanks for your help, guidance and your endeavours in making our job easy and the game all the better.

Next year will see a change in the direction and the compilation of the Pennant committee as it will be dissolved and re-emerge as the Summer League Committee with a new members, direction, focus and role to play in making the game of baseball fun for all.

Dale Lewis

**Pennant Committee Chairman**

## Director of Umpiring Report

The 2010/11 season picked up where the previous season left off, only with more intensity.

The revamp of midweek games, coupled with the increase in rounds, stretched umpiring numbers to the limit. I am, however, very pleased to be able to report, even with the greater number of games available, a higher percentage of games were covered this season than in any previous season. I want to extend my appreciation to those umpires who made themselves available over the many games throughout the various weeks, making my job of manning those games that much easier to fulfil. The diligence and work ethic of the umpire panel in general, all of the work they put in and the time commitment they made, contributed to making the season as successful as it was.

I also want to thank David Milton for his tireless efforts and all of the hard work he put in to the regular training sessions that were conducted at the Melbourne Baseball Club throughout the season. All were very well attended and everyone, I am sure, profited from David's hard work and knowledge of the UDP principles. I also want to thank the Melbourne Baseball club for the generous use of their facilities, with special thanks to Malcolm Chiverton who continued to make himself available to open and close the clubrooms for us.

On behalf of the BUAV I also want to offer our appreciation to the Waverley Baseball Club, for allowing us the use of their clubrooms for the BUAV AGM.

The total number of umpires constituting the Summer League panel increased by one, to 50, this season, with some new umpires replacing umpires who retired but still not enough new umpires showing interested in this side of our game. The average number of official panel umpires available to work games in the Senior Men's competition on a week by week basis decreased, from the previous season's weekly average of 36, to 29.

The available umpires made a total of 1954 game appearances during the season covering a total of 1093, of a possible 1553, games, including finals, mid week and master's games, giving a coverage ratio of 70.4%.

Summer League Division 1 enjoyed 100% coverage with Division 2 receiving 96.6% coverage. Other grades were covered at lower rates and reflected both the low umpire number and increased games at higher levels.

A total of 16 umpires worked games in the Women's competition but, of these, only 8 were regularly available on a weekly basis. These umpires were able to cover 122 of the 136 available games giving a coverage rate of 76.8%. Division 1 enjoyed 100% coverage with Division 2 at 96.2% and division 3 at 47.4% coverage.

I also want to acknowledge the umpires who worked the first grade plates during the various Summer League Finals Series for this year.

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|--------------|---|
| • Division 1 | David Milton, Greg Howard, Stewart Howe |
| • Division 2 | Ian McKenzie, Alex Shteinberg,          |
| • Division 3 | William Jones                           |

- Division 4 Geoff Boyes
- Women's Division 1 Peter Cassell
- Women's Division 2 Dennis Murphy
- Women's Division 3 Peter Matters

I also want to recognize the following umpires to who ably represented Victoria and Australia at various Championships.

#### National Championships

- Under 14 Michael Lyons
- Under 18/16 Fiona Lambrick, Alex Shteinberg, Paul Meissner, Ian Gavin and Ian McKenzie (for ACT)
- Under 23 Michael Lyons
- Provincial Mark Gooding
- Women's Fiona Lambrick, Paul Carthy

#### Professional and International Levels

- ABL Stewart Howe, Greg Howard, Mark Gooding, David Milton, Philip Box and Ian McKenzie (crew chief)
- Oceania Championships, NZ David Milton
- WSS Friendship Series, USA Janine Thompson
- Jim Evans Umpire Academy Brock Donley
- MLBAAP Michael Lyons, Geoff Dunn, Richard Mason, Paul Meissner

Finally I want to congratulate the various Umpire award winners. As has been the case in previous years, these awards are determined by votes given by the managers of the BVSL Division 1 and 2 first teams and tallied by Baseball Victoria, to whom I offer my thanks for undertaking this task. I particularly want to thank Christine Little for all the effort she put in collecting the votes and without whom this task could not have been completed.

All the manager votes were tallied with the following results.

- Rookie of the Year Richard Mason
- Div 2 Best Game Manager John Schroeders
- Div 2 Best Ball/Strike Umpire Alex Shteinberg
- Div 2 Best Overall Umpire John Schroeders
- Div 1 Best Game Manager Mark Gooding
- Div 1 Best Ball/Strike Umpire Mark Gooding
- Robert Blackmore Shield Mark Gooding

Mark Gooding

**Director of Umpiring**

## **Winter Committee Report**

Baseball Victoria created the Winter Committee in 2009 following the unification of the previous VBA and VPBL associations. The inaugural members along with me are Julie Jones, Fiona Lambrick, David Rice and David Zucchet.

The committee has since taken the view that its purpose is to focus on the State Winter Championships and provide a 'voice' for the winter associations within Baseball Victoria, in particular the regionally based members. Our challenge was to find new ways to ensure that a high level of participation was available for both junior and senior ranks.

I congratulate all metropolitan and regional associations as since the committee has been established, numbers of teams entered over the last 3 years have grown and appear to be still climbing. Our plans to invite associations outside Victoria is another step forward to increasing numbers at our tournaments, as well as allowing traditional associations the opportunity to enter more than one team per tournament.

The Committee has tried several tournament format changes, and it would be fair to say that some have been successful where as others, unfortunately have not been too kind, particularly the regional areas. We will continue to explore opportunities to improve the competition made available during the winter months.

We encourage all associations to promote the State Winter Championships vigorously and ensure a future is available for 'representative teams' to continue to participate in the traditional 'carnivals'. I would like to make it quite clear, that this committee has the best interests of all associations in mind, and are open to all suggestions in regards to the tournament format, both junior and senior.

In closing I would like to thank our first 'outgoing' member, Fiona Lambrick. Fiona has been a great contributor to this committee and the game in general. The committee for 2012 is now Barry Mills, Dave Milton, David Rice, David Zucchet and I. We look forward to your continuing support of Baseball Victoria and thank all of the associations for their continue support.

Gary McQuiggan  
**Chairman**

# 2010/11 Summer League

## Club Champions

- Division 1 (Peter Dihm Shield): Geelong
- Division 2: Melbourne

## Premiers

- Division 1 (Ross Straw Trophy): Waverley
- Division 1 Reserves: Geelong
- Division 1 Thirds: Essendon
- Division 1 Fourths: Cheltenham
- Division 2 (R. E. Darling Trophy): Melbourne
- Division 2 Reserves: Springvale
- Division 2 Thirds: Berwick City
- Division 2 Fourths: Melbourne
- Division 3: Fitzroy
- Division 4: Cheltenham TV
  
- Women's Division 1: Springvale Pumas
- Women's Division 2: Waverley
- Women's Division 3: Bundoora A
  
- Masters Division 1: Blackburn
- Masters Division 2 South East: Melbourne
- Masters Division 2 North West: Geelong
  
- Under 18 Major League (L. V. Straw Shield): Waverley
- Under 18 AAA Minor League: Berwick City A
- Under 16 Major League (Les Polson Shield): Waverley Wildcats
- Under 16 AAA Minor League: Berwick City A
- Under 16 AA Minor League: Malvern
- Under 14 Major League (J. R. Guiliano Shield): Berwick City A
- Under 14 AAA Minor League: Cheltenham C
- Under 14 AA Minor League: Berwick City B
- Under 12 Major League (W. E. Blanden Shield): Sandringham Royals
- Under 12 AAA Minor League: Berwick City A
- Under 12 AA Minor League: Springvale
  
- Under 14 South East Centre: Cheltenham Mariners
- Under 14 West Centre: Fitzroy Lions
- Under 12 Central Centre: Malvern Mets
- Under 12 South East Centre: Sandringham Royals
- Under 12 West Centre: Werribee White Sox

## 2010/11 Club Championships

### Division 1

	Club	Firsts	Reserves	Thirds	Fourths	Total Points
1	Geelong	22	14.5	8	6.5	352
2	Essendon	20	13	11.5	6	336
3	Blackburn	23	9.5	6	12	335
4	Cheltenham	21	7	7.5	12	306
5	Doncaster	17	7	14.5	10	290
6	Waverley	19	7	6	12.5	281
7	Fitzroy	13	7	8	11	226
8	Upwey FTG	12	10	2.5	7	204
9	Malvern	8.5	5	12	6.5	176
10	Sandringham	6	8.5	9	5.5	158
11	Newport	7	2.5	7.5	6	127
12	Werribee	7.5	5	1.5	2	115

### Division 2

	Club	Firsts	Reserves	Thirds	Fourths	Total
1	Melbourne	23	6.5	10.5	11	333
2	St Kilda	18	14	12	9	330
3	Springvale	16	12.5	15	13	321
4	Preston	17	13.5	12	6	311
5	Mulgrave	14.5	13	10	15	293
6	Bonbeach	16	12.5	9	6.5	284
7	Berwick	14	9	11	12	262
8	Williamstown	13	13.5	8.5	1	247
9	Sunshine	15	6.5	1	1	195
10	Waverley Wildcats	6.5	7.5	2	2.5	123
11	Moorabbin	8	1	3		98
12	Ormond Glenhuntly	5.5	4	4		95
13	Chelsea			14.5	10	78
14	Port Melbourne	4.5	3		3	69
15	Footscray	2	3.5	2.5		51

## 2010/11 Statistical Leaders

### HITTING – TOP TEN HITTERS IN EACH DIVISION

#### DIVISION 1

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>AVG</i>
1	Boone, Samuel	Blackburn	36	.444
2	Spear, Russell	Essendon	32	.405
3	Knuth, Ben	Geelong	42	.404
4	George, Darryl	Werribee	39	.379
5	Davidson, Kane	Cheltenham	26	.366
6	Booth, Ryan	Blackburn	36	.360
7	Dicker, Thomas	Blackburn	28	.359
8	Davies, Joshua	Essendon	26	.356
9	McIntyre, Scott	Essendon	43	.355
10	Carr, Scott	Doncaster	37	.349

#### DIVISION 2

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>AVE</i>
1	Whitty, Nick	Mulgrave	28	.467
2	Hertzler, Bradley	Springvale	33	.452
3	Dunn, Michael	St Kilda	29	.446
4	Kent, Matthew	Melbourne	41	.441
5	Richards, Glen	Springvale	39	.438
6	Donald, Ben	Bonbeach	34	.436
7	Kent, Andrew	Melbourne	38	.422
8	Phillips, Ryan	Berwick	24	.421
9	Cox, Stuart	St Kilda	36	.404
10	Thompson, Nicholas	Mulgrave	34	.378

#### WOMEN'S DIVISION 1

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>AVG</i>
1	McKay, Taylor	Springvale Pumas	66	.584
2	Whittam, Clare	Malvern	29	.569
3	Howard, Ursula	Malvern	29	.558
4	Gell, Bronwyn	Doncaster	27	.551
5	Collins, Erin	Doncaster	27	.529
6	Whitaker, Melissa	Malvern	27	.519
7	McCann, Amy	Doncaster	20	.513
8	Flanigan, Sinead	Malvern	20	.488
9	Mann, Davina	Malvern	16	.457
9	Palmer, Michelle	Springvale Lions	21	.457
10	Pederson, Vibeke	Doncaster	20	.357

## PITCHING – TOP TEN PITCHERS IN EACH DIVISION

### **DIVISION 1 (Harry Douglas Memorial Trophy)**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>ERA</i>
1	Russell, Andrew	Waverley	32.0	0.56
2	Berka, Adrian	Blackburn	41.4	0.65
3	Whigham, David	Essendon	47.4	1.33
4	McIntyre, Dean	Essendon	80.8	1.45
5	Forbes, Cameron	Geelong	46.0	1.57
6	Hussey, John	Blackburn	95.3	2.08
7	Karlsen, Grant	Waverley	45.3	2.19
8	McDonald, Brendan	Doncaster	87.0	2.28
9	Wiltshire, Greg	Blackburn	31.3	2.30
9	Bedford, Kyle	Essendon	70.5	2.30
10	Knuth, Ben	Geelong	64.3	2.52

### **DIVISION 2**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>ERA</i>
1	Hondromatidis, Alex	Melbourne	34.4	0.52
2	Lane, Nicholas	Mulgrave	38.3	0.71
3	Irons, Adam	Sunshine	65.7	1.37
4	Mann, Andrew	Melbourne	36.3	1.49
5	Lessig, Michael	St Kilda	90.6	1.59
6	Hogan, Robert	Springvale	28.0	1.61
7	Nishikawa, Tetsuya	Preston	72.0	1.88
8	Camov, Ryan	Williamstown	63.3	1.99
9	Baillie, Scott	Springvale	67.3	2.01
10	Rossman, Matthew	Berwick	111	2.35

### **WOMEN'S DIVISION 1**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>ERA</i>
1	Nakashima, Risa	Springvale Pumas	34.7	1.30
2	Wearne, Simone	Springvale Pumas	63.3	2.42
3	McCann, Amy	Doncaster	49.7	3.80
4	Collins, Erin	Doncaster	23.6	4.20
5	Flanigan, Sinead	Malvern	31.4	5.16
6	Holien, Ella	Springvale Lions	20.7	5.65
7	Row, Catherine	Springvale Lions	25.3	5.69
8	Howard, Ursula	Malvern	27.6	7.17
9	Brown, Victoria	Springvale Lions	23.4	7.69
10	Whittam, Clare	Malvern	22.4	10.1

## 2010/11 Award Winners

### SENIOR COMPETITION AWARDS

#### Most Valuable Players

- **George Heron Memorial Award Division 1 MVP**  
Ben Knuth (Geelong)
- **R.R. Hindson Memorial Award Division 2 MVP**  
Matthew Rossman (Berwick)
- **Women's Division 1 MVP Award:**  
Simone Wearne (Springvale Pumas)
- **Harry Wonnacott Medal Division 1 Grand Final Series MVP**  
Ben Knuth (Geelong) and Andrew Russell (Waverley)

#### Pitching Awards

- **Harry Douglas Memorial Trophy Division 1 ERA Leader**  
Andrew Russell (Waverley)(ERA 0.56)
- **Division 2 ERA Leader**  
Alex Hondromatidis (Melbourne)(ERA 0.52)
- **Women's Division 1 ERA Leader**  
Risa Nakashima (Springvale Pumas)(ERA 1.30)

#### Batting Awards

- **Division 1 Batting Average Leader**  
Samuel Boone (Blackburn)(AVG .444)
- **Division 2 Batting Average Leader**  
Nick Whitty (Mulgrave)(AVG .467)
- **Women's Division 1 Batting Average Leader**  
Taylor McKay (Springvale)(AVG .584)
- **Division 1 Home Run Award**  
Matthew Gourlay (Cheltenham) and Ben Knuth (Geelong)(4 Home Runs)
- **Division 2 Home Run Award**  
Adam Silva (Berwick)(6 Home Runs)

### JUNIOR FINALS SERIES AWARDS

- **John Viney Perpetual Award**  
Under 18 Major League Grand Final MVP: Jon Kennedy (Waverley)
- **Angus McPherson Memorial Award**  
Under 16 Major League Grand Final MVP: Daniel Page(Waverley)
- **Dick Mason Memorial Award**  
Under 14 Major League Grand Final MVP: Caleb Poole (Berwick)
- **Ian Deany Perpetual Award**  
Under 12 Major League Grand Final MVP: Eddy Newman (Sandringham)

## RECOGNITION AWARDS

- **Years of Service Award**  
Peter Cassell (Newport)
- **Coach of the Year**  
Matthew Kent (Melbourne)
- **Umpire of the Year**  
Mark Gooding
- **Volunteer of the Year**  
Barry Mills (Geelong)
- **Media Award**  
Lance Jenkinson (Fairfax Community Newspapers)
- **Ernie Jones Scholarship Award**  
Provides a Scholarship to an Under 14 player to assist in advancing their baseball career  
Oliver Dunn (Waverley)

## JET COURIERS MELBOURNE ACES AWARDS

- **Most Valuable Player**  
Andrew Russell (Waverley and Atlanta Braves)
- **Offensive Award**  
Yoshiyuki Kamei (Yomuri Giants)
- **Pitching Award**  
Adam Bright (Blackburn and Yomuri Giants)

## **2011 Winter Leagues**

### **Ballarat Baseball Association Report**

The Ballarat Baseball Association is in the unusual situation of not being involved in the organization or management of a senior baseball competition. The three Ballarat Clubs - Alfredton, City and Mounties, compete in the Geelong Baseball Association competition which is wholly controlled by that Association.

However after many years of stagnation Ballarat baseball is starting to show some signs of a revival.

The City First IX was runners-up in the Geelong "A" Grade division whilst its 2nds were played out in the Preliminary Final in the "A" Reserve division. Mounties Second IX were runners-up in the "B" Reserve division whilst its First IX were played out in the preliminary Final of the "B" Grade division. City also competed in the "B" and "B" Reserve and Alfredton in the "B" Grade.

The major talking point in Ballarat baseball circles is the development of an all-weather diamond at the home of Ballarat baseball - Prince Of Wales Park. The City of Ballarat has committed significant funding and is overseeing the redevelopment. Whilst one ground, John "Wakka" Wakeling Field, will be lost the new Wakeling Field will be more than an adequate replacement. If everything goes to plan the new diamond should be ready and playable for the 2012 Victorian Masters in March 2012. The ground will comprise a full all-weather infield, resodded and laser levelled outfield, new batting and pitching tunnels, covered spectator area and spectator seating together with lighting to AAA standard. The Association is aiming to attract Australian Baseball League and Melbourne summer matches as well as State and National championships. BBA Board Chairman Tom Hipke has been the driving force behind the development

A junior schools program was started in the 2009/10 summer season and has been continued and will be expanded during the coming summer season. Already some junior players have come through and played senior baseball this past winter season. Chairman Tom and Board member Mike Kingston initiated the program and have continued their active involvement to date.

Ballarat hosted the U14 State Winter Championships in 2010 and, due to its resounding success, were fortunate to be the host Association again in July 2011. Ballarat entered a team in both series, the first time Ballarat has entered a team in any junior series for many years, and although the boys were not overly successful the mere fact that Ballarat was represented was great satisfaction to Tom and Mike and to junior coaches Scott Talpey and Dave Myers. Despite some rain on the first day of the 2011 series it was again pronounced as a success.

The State Masters returned to Ballarat in March 2011 with 16 team entries in the two divisions - >35s and >45s. Ballarat entered a team in the >35s under the watchful eye of super-vet Paul Gladman. A lack of pitching hampered the team but they won two out of five games. Geelong Guild took out the >35s section and Coburg Cobras the >45s. A good time was had by all who attended, particularly the happy hour conducted on the Friday evening despite some

unusually chilly weather conditions! A thank you to BBA Board members Peter Parry and Mike Kingston, the City Club for manning the canteen and each of the three clubs for presenting excellent ground playing conditions. The carnival will remain in Ballarat for 2012 before returning, for a short time, to Geelong in 2013.

Ballarat is planning to run a senior competition over the 2011/12 summer, to complement the junior program, with a longer term plan to enter a team in the Baseball Victoria 2012/13 Summer League in Melbourne.

Already with the U14 State Winter Championships, the Victorian Masters, the development of the new ground and some publicity in the Ballarat Courier newspaper there appears to be a new awakening of interest in baseball amongst former players and supporters and the Ballarat sporting public generally.

The Ballarat Association however, like most provincial associations, faces enormous challenges in recruiting players and administrators. The past two years has seen the game and the administration back on a firm footing with all three Clubs being committed to continual growth and improvement. The challenge is to maintain the impetus with the current interim Board ceasing their appointed term at the November 2011 AGM. With the three Clubs committed to their own improvement and expansion it is to be hoped that there are enough volunteers to fill the vacant Board positions.

Jeff Clack

**Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Bendigo Baseball Association Report**

The Bendigo Association in 2011 fielded:

- 272 players, in
- 23 teams (13 senior and 10 junior), in
- 4 clubs, in
- 6 grades, being A Grade, B Grade, C Grade, Under 16, Under 14 and Under 12

### **Premiers**

- A Grade - Falcons
- B Grade - Falcons
- C Grade - Strathfieldsaye Dodgers C1
- Under 16 - Falcons/Scots Raptors
- Under 14 - Scots

### **Major Award Winners**

- Championship Club - Falcons Baseball Club
- A Grade MVP - Michael Peters (Falcons)
- A Grade Batting - Michael Peters (Falcons - 0.633 avg)
- A Grade Pitching (John Newman Award) - Troy Waterman (1.20 ERA)
- Best Championship Player (Peter Murphy Award) - Geoff Holland
- Rookie of The Year (Leigh Tuckerman Award) - Josh Cruse
- B Grade MVP - Adam Burns (Falcons)
- B Grade Batting - Adam Burns (Falcons - 0.593 avg)
- B Grade Fielding - Kenan Jack (Scots)
- C Grade MVP - Cameron Bell (Strathfieldsaye Dodgers C1)
- C Grade Batting - Simon Tatt (Falcons - 0.629 avg)
- C Grade Fielding - Cameron Bell (Strathfieldsaye Dodgers C1)

## **Dandenong Baseball Association Report**

The DBA in 2011 fielded:

- 1,055 players, in
- 89 teams (60 senior and 29 junior), in
- 20 clubs, in
- 11 grades, being A1, A2, A3, A4, B1, B2, B3, Women's, Under 16, Under 14 and Under 12

### **Premiers**

- A1: Cheltenham
- A2: Dingley
- A3: Bonbeach
- A4: Dandenong
- B1: Moorabbin
- B2: Pakenham
- B3: Chelsea
- Women's: Berwick
- Under 16: Cheltenham
- Under 14: Cheltenham
- Under 12: Dandenong

### **Major Award Winners**

- Best DBA Player (Ross McKenry Award): Russ Anderton (Frankston)
- Best DBA Pitcher (Golden Arm Award): Blake Cunningham (Cheltenham)
- Rookie of the Year: Jake Sinclair (Dingley)
- Best Under 18 Player (Ken Love Memorial Trophy): Ben Leslie (Cheltenham)
- Best Under 16 Player: Brandon Stenhouse (Cheltenham)
- Best Under 14 Player (Bill Blanden Memorial Trophy): Max Barrett (Cheltenham)
- Best Under 12 Player: Sam Drummond (Berwick) and Jesse Hunter (Dandenong)
- Club Champion (Neil Pendock Trophy): Dandenong - 297 points
- A1 Batting Champion: Matthew Blackmore (Cheltenham, 0.500 avg)
- A1 Home Run King: Glen Richards (Berwick, 4)
- A1 Pitching Champion: Sam Street (Dingley, 0.39 ERA)
- Women's Batting Champion: Lauren Wong (Melbourne University, 0.625 avg)
- Women's Home Run Queen: 6 Tied with 1 HR
- Women's Earned Run Average: Risa Tanaka (Melbourne University, 3.57 ERA)

## **Geelong Baseball Associations Report**

The GBA continued to thrive as one of the state's progressive winter leagues, drawing senior and junior team entries from the bayside city, from Werribee, Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat and Colac.

While senior team entries were down by two from 2010 and junior teams down three sides on the previous season, the competition still boasted healthy numbers in all grades.

The Geelong league boasts some of the best playing facilities in the land, with the magnificent Waurin Ponds, Pioneer Park and Prince of Wales Park complexes continuing to attract major events during winter and summer.

The GBA in 2011 fielded:

- 571 players, in
- 53 teams (37 senior and 16 junior), in
- 13 clubs, in
- 8 grades, being A, A Reserve, B, B Reserve, C, Under 17, Under 14 and Little League

In June, Geelong played host to the Baseball Victoria Senior Winter Championship, another very successful event in which Dandenong took the Division One title narrowly over the GBA and Sunraysia was victorious over North-Eastern in Division Two.

The Under 18 Winter Championship was held in Geelong in early July, with the home association - managed by Phil Balzer and Earl Byrne - going one better to take the title 3-2 over Dandenong in a thrilling final.

We express our appreciation to Baseball Victoria, GBA and club officials, umpires and wonderful volunteers from the Guild and Saints clubs for helping making both weekends such a great success.

Again represented at all Winter Championships, Geelong finished second in both the Under 14 and Little League series, to complete an outstanding record of achievements at representative level for 2011.

Thank you to all managers, coaches and officials for your involvement with representative teams. Congratulations to all players gaining selection and representing the league with distinction, with special kudos extended to those who earned All-Star selection.

Like most winter leagues, the GBA is administered by a small group of committed individuals and club delegates to whom we are eternally grateful. One of those, Fiona Lambrick, has tirelessly served as Association President and as an umpire for the past several years. Fiona will be moving to Perth in early October this year, which is a significant loss to the league.

We sincerely thank Fiona for her contribution and wish her well for the future.

Baseball people know of the challenge in seeking to secure regular and ongoing coverage of our sport. While the commitment of the Geelong mainstream media has been sporadic, there

are some good signs, including excellent reporting provided by Colac Herald and Ballarat Courier for their teams' progress.

The GBA continues to meet a recreational need in the region by offering an engaging team sporting option to people of both genders and all ages – however modest or ambitious their aspirations might be.

Just recently, Josh Spence and Shane Lindsay made their Major League debut. They – and former ten-year MLB professional Graeme Lloyd – grew up playing baseball in the region, something that is surely not lost on emerging young players keen to pursue a career in the sport.

While competition across all senior and junior grades was of a high standard, the Guild and Colac clubs had outstanding seasons in winning two senior premierships each against strong opposition. Even for those teams that did not enjoy great playing success, increased fitness, friendships, social enjoyment and community engagement are their own rewards.

Congratulations to all affiliated clubs on another successful winter season at senior, junior and Masters levels. Thank you to club officials, coaches, umpires, volunteers and supporters for continuing to embrace and seeking to strengthen our great sport at grassroots level.

Like all winter leagues, the Geelong Baseball Association is committed to getting better at what it does. The league faces its challenges, which can most effectively be confronted when people of good will and passion for the sport – and for their club – are prepared to work together in a cooperative and positive spirit.

#### Premiers

- A Grade - Guild All Stars
- A Reserves - Guild All Stars
- B Grade - Colac
- B Reserves - Colac
- C Grade - Deakin
- Under 17 - Werribee White Sox
- Under 14 - East Belmont Saints
- Little League - Guild All Stars

#### Major Award Winners

- A Grade MVP (A.E. Gear Trophy) - Aaron Green, Lara & Adam Irons, Ballarat City
- A Grade Best Batting Avg. (Neville McPherson Trophy) - Ryan Stewart (0.439), Guild
- A Grade Best Pitching ERA (Col King Trophy) - Adam Irons (1.69), Ballarat City
- A Reserve MVP (L.G. Howell Trophy) - Jeremy Young, Lara
- B Grade MVP (Gordon McKay Trophy) - Scott Brackley, Corio
- B Reserve MVP (Artie Murrells Trophy) - Josh Hay, Colac
- C Grade MVP (Stan Hockey Trophy) - Stephen Bell, Deakin
- Under 17 MVP - Andy Radevski, Newport
- Under 14 MVP - Liam Spence, Guild
- Little League MVP - Ren Suskhi, Guild

#### GBA Executive

## **Latrobe Valley Baseball Association Report**

Baseball in the Latrobe Valley this year experienced some changes that I believe will help move us in the right direction. A new approach saw the committee starting the season a lot earlier than previous years with junior baseball once again being the main focus for 2011.

The LVBA in 2011 fielded:

- 348 players, in
- 29 teams (15 senior and 14 junior), in
- 5 clubs, in
- 6 grades, being A Grade, B Grade, C Grade, Colts, Under 14 and Tee Ball

Starting the recruitment plan in late 2010, along with assistance from Baseball Victoria, a plan was formed to get us heading back in the right direction. The consisted of the creation of a new junior committee, a minimum junior team criteria upon clubs (2 junior teams at U10 & U13), greater efforts in promotion and recruitment through local schools, the use of the Rally Cap program as a coaching tool for clubs and the introduction of a 5 week program using Rally Cap to introduce kids to baseball.

As a result, the Association's junior numbers increased, 85 new players to have well over 100 playing in total. I would like to thank the committee and the clubs for embracing the recruitment plan, and following through with the hard work and many hours of voluntary time to ensure we kept players.

The 2011 season had a change to the amount of games played. With mixed views we decided to have a mid-year break to coincide with the State Winter Championships. The mid season break had its advantages and disadvantages - while it did assist us with the availability of coaches and assistants, it did however the shortened season. I am a strong believer that you don't know unless you try things, so I do support this season's trial. I do believe we should review this decision however for the 2012 season.

In every season there are areas that go well, and also areas that need reviewing. There are a few areas which I would like the committee to have a look at. Some areas for the next season agenda could be a review of the junior age groups, ideas on improving the Association's financial position (special thanks to our major sponsor International Power Loy) and continuing the growth of participants in our clubs, are just a few.

Late this season, I received the news from Clyde Cumming that he would be stepping down as secretary. This is disappointing as Clyde has been invaluable asset to the Association for over 40 years. Thank you for your time, effort and passion is not enough however I am confident that we will continue to see Clyde in a role somewhere in baseball and the Association. Thanks Clyde.

Congratulations to our newest life member Nola Coburn. Nola has continued to assist the association on the committee this season as the treasurer, and has put in many hours to keep our finances in order once again. Also, I'd like make a special mention towards one of the great stories being the Sale Baseball Club. The Rangers have been re-ignited under the

leadership from the President Darryl Jackson who took the junior recruitment program very serious, and put countless hours in to make it work.

Very rarely does a player of the association play 400 games, but this season one of our valuable committee members achieved that milestone. Congratulations to Ross Cooen for this achievement and thank you for assistance once again on the committee.

Thank you to all those members who have committed to the season, and I do look forward to seeing you all there ready to make the 2012 season even more enjoyable.

Congratulations to clubs and players who celebrated some success in junior and senior premierships, and thank you for putting on a very good display of baseball throughout the finals series, also congrats to those players who won awards at presentation.

#### Premiers

- A Grade - Churchill
- B Grade - Moe/Newborough
- C Grade - Traralgon
- Colts - Traralgon
- Under 14 - Moe/Newborough

#### Major Award Winners

- A Grade MVP: Matt Prior (Churchill)
- B Grade MVP: Brad Adams (Traralgon)
- C Grade MVP: Wes Duggan (Traralgon)
- Colts MVP: Dale Simpson and Nathan Simpson (Moe/Newborough)
- Under 14 MVP: Justin Barnes (Traralgon)

John Kus

**President**

## **Melbourne Winter Baseball League**

In season 2011, the MWBL welcomed Monash University Baseball Club to our league, and with an increase across the board in terms of senior side, we fielded 98 teams.

As for junior, unfortunately we dropped in numbers by 3 junior teams and a numbers in our Rookie Ball competition. A number of factors were responsible for this, including the late start to the season due to the late Easter and representative teams and overseas trips organised during winter for junior players. This means parents need to allocate resources and finances and this can impact on our clubs ability to field teams.

The quality of the league has been quite good, but again, a long summer season of 30+ games, along with National League duties does make it difficult to retain and attract elite players.

The MWBL Board welcomed 2 new members, Peter Dihm as Chairman of Pennant Committee and Michael Vogt as MWBL Secretary.

The MWBL in 2011 fielded:

- 1829 players, in
- 148 teams, plus Tee Ball & Rookie Ball programs, in
- 26 clubs, in
- 20 grades, being A, A Reserve, B, B Reserve, C, C Reserve, D1, D2, E1, E2, Under 17, Under 15, Under 13 Major and Under 13 Minor.

We have put in place many new initiatives over the past 2 seasons that have seen a streamlining of our playing rules and By-laws. This has meant that our administration has dealt closer with our clubs and their needs. We have ensured all resources available to clubs are delivered where required. In 2011, we introduced a mandatory junior requirement for B Grade clubs after successfully introducing this into A grade over the past 5 years. This requirement will see, as of 2012, all A Grade clubs field a minimum of 3 junior teams, and B Grade a minimum of 2 junior teams. Our University clubs have structured plans and requirements in place to offer resources to help increase participation and retention of junior baseball in the MWBL.

For the second year, we employed a media officer (Stephen George) who was able to cover senior games every week including finals, and as a result, the MWBL had 25 articles published in local papers through the Leader Group in 2011.

The MWBL has implemented a Strategic Planning Committee that will be made up of representatives from our junior leagues to plan for recruitment and retention of junior players for the short, medium & long term. This will commence in October 2011 and will start the recruitment planning prior to Christmas.

The MWBL is presently in talks with the Melbourne Aces to become a series sponsor to again increase the visibility of winter baseball.

Again, a successful winter campaign for representative teams, with all of our levels performing well. We entered a City League team this year in the seniors for the first time in 5 years, and will work towards a third senior team for 2012.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the following supporters -

- Slade Squires from SSS Computers
- Bron Squires from Angel Web designs
- Ben Utting from Ausport
- Tim Smith from Highway Press
- Windsor Knox from Melbourne Aces
- Doug Bartlett and the MWBL Umpires panel
- Bob Ayres and Tribunal members
- All the hardworking volunteers at all our clubs that contribute on a weekly basis

#### Premiers

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • A Grade - Greensborough            | • U15 Div 1 - Watsonia                |
| • A Res - Greenhills Montmorency     | • U15 Div 2 - Greenhills Montmorency  |
| • B Grade - Knox                     | • U15 (RDJBL) - Waverley              |
| • B Res - Westgarth                  | • U13 Div 1 - Greenhills Montmorency  |
| • C Grade - Greenhills Montmorency   | • U13 Div 2 - Bundoora/North Coburg   |
| • C Res - Greenhills Montmorency     | • U13 Major Div 1 (RD) - North Balwyn |
| • D1 - Wheelers Hill                 | • U13 Major Div 2 (RD) - Knox         |
| • D2 - Ringwood                      | • U13 Minor (RD) - Waverley           |
| • E1 - Watsonia                      |                                       |
| • E2 - Research                      |                                       |
| • U17 Div 1 - Greenhills Montmorency |                                       |
| • U17 Div 2 - Greensborough          |                                       |

#### MVP Award Winners

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|---|---|
| • A Grade - Jason Blewjas (Greensborough)   | • C Res - Kristian Toulson (Greenhills Montmorency) |
| • A Res - Gary Mills (Melbourne University) | • D1 - Brad Palmer (Wheelers Hill)                  |
| • B Grade - Leon Rice (Knox)                | • D2 - Graeme Bartlett (Westgarth)                  |
| • B Res - David Hair (Knox)                 | • E1 - Telen Stanfield (Watsonia)                   |
| • C Grade - Jordan Trist (Panton Hill)      | • E2 - Bransen Gibson (Doncaster)                   |

Mark LeGrew  
**President**

## **North Eastern Baseball Association Report**

The NEBA in 2011 fielded:

- 148 players, in
- 11 teams, in
- 6 clubs, in
- 3 grades, being A Grade, B Grade and Under 17.

Premiers

Major Award Winners

## Sunraysia Baseball League Report

The League has again experienced a season that was comparable with the past few years. Player numbers remained approximately the same despite the Broken Hill "Diggers" side that entered the competition in 2010 withdrawing; we were lucky have the new "Tornadoes" team enter as their replacement.

The SBL in 2011 fielded:

- 490 players (170 senior and 320 juniors), in
- 46 teams (17 senior and 29 junior), in
- 6 clubs, in
- 8 grades, being A Grade, B Grade, C Grade, Under 16, Under 14, Under 12 and Under 8.

The League representative sides gained considerable success in the State Winter Championships with the Senior team being Division 2 Premiers, the U/18 team winning their division, the U/16 team winning their division and the U/12 team being Runners-up. All teams had players selected in All-Star teams. We will again be represented in the SACBA Championships on the last weekend in September by a Senior Side, a U/17 side and two U/14 sides. The senior side will be endeavouring to win their fifth straight title.

The League wishes to acknowledge all the club sponsors and supporters for their assistance and contributions during the year. The Junior League also wishes to thank all those who gave their time and energy to ensure that the State Winter Championships, which were held here, were a success. The leagues value their support immensely.

We consider that the 2011 season was once again a success, and look forward to 2012 with confidence that we will again have support for another favourable year.

### Premiers

- A Grade - Eagles
- B Grade - Wanderers
- C Grade - Saints
- Under 16 - Hawks
- Under 14 - Eagles
- Under 12 - Hawks
- Under 8 - Saints

### Major Award Winners

- Ian Bishop Medal: Jedd Miller
- A Grade MVP: Jedd Miller and Glenn Wallace
- B Grade MVP: Clinton Minette
- C Grade MVP: Maurice Baldock and Rod Pate
- Under 16 MVP: John Stephenson
- Under 14 MVP: Cameron Edwards
- Rookie of the Year (Geoff Brown Award): Jarrod Simmons
- Best Player in Senior State Winter Championships (Trevor Rogers Award): Jedd Miller
- Best Player in SACBA Senior Championships (Peter Wade Award): Trent Cross

Ian Bishop  
**Secretary**

# Tournament Results

## 2011 Senior State Winter Championships

Geelong Baseball Association (Geelong Baseball Centre), 11-13 June 2011

### Round Robin

Bendigo	5	vs	City	5
Ballarat	5	vs	Diamond Valley	11
North Eastern	4	vs	Latrobe Valley	10
Sunraysia 2	4	vs	Dandenong	13
City	1	vs	North Eastern	16
Dandenong	2	vs	Sunraysia 1	1
Latrobe Valley	0	vs	Geelong	17
Diamond Valley	12	vs	Sunraysia 2	2
Geelong	8	vs	City	3
Sunraysia 1	4	vs	Diamond Valley	11
North Eastern	11	vs	Bendigo	2
Sunraysia 2	1	vs	Ballarat	25
Ballarat	4	vs	Bendigo	4
Geelong	14	vs	Sunraysia 1	3
Latrobe Valley	3	vs	Dandenong	6
Sunraysia 2	4	vs	North Eastern	10
Diamond Valley	9	vs	City	2
Geelong	4	vs	North Eastern	1
Dandenong	11	vs	Ballarat	1
Latrobe Valley	13	vs	Bendigo	3
Sunraysia 1	9	vs	Sunraysia 2	8
Bendigo	0	vs	Geelong	16
Ballarat	5	vs	Sunraysia 1	14
City		vs	Latrobe Valley	
Diamond Valley	1	vs	Dandenong	14

### Division 2 Play-offs

City		vs	Sunraysia 2	
North Eastern	11	vs	Ballarat	1
Sunraysia 1	20	vs	Bendigo	0
North Eastern	1	vs	<b>SUNRAYSIA 1</b>	<b>3</b>

### Division 1 Play-offs

Dandenong	11	vs	Latrobe Valley	1
Geelong	7	vs	Diamond Valley	1
Geelong	8	vs	<b>DANDENONG</b>	<b>10</b>

## 2011 Under 18 State Winter Championships

Geelong Baseball Association (Geelong Baseball Centre), 2-3 July 2011

### Round Robin

Ringwood	5	vs	Geelong	17
Diamond Valley	0	vs	Dandenong	11
Sunraysia	3	vs	Latrobe Valley	10
Sunraysia	3	vs	Latrobe Valley	10
Diamond Valley		vs	Ringwood	
Dandenong	12	vs	Latrobe Valley	0
Geelong	13	vs	Sunraysia	2
Diamond Valley		vs	Ringwood	
Geelong	4	vs	Dandenong	4
Geelong	4	vs	Dandenong	4
Sunraysia	8	vs	Ringwood	7
Latrobe Valley	2	vs	Diamond Valley	4

### Division 2 Play-offs

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### Division 1 Play-offs

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## 2011 Under 16 State Winter Championships

Sunraysia Baseball League (Old Aerodrome Complex, Mildura), 16-17 July 2011

### Round Robin

Diamond Valley	8	vs	Dandenong	25
Bendigo	3	vs	Latrobe Valley	18
Ringwood	3	vs	Geelong	8
Sunraysia 1	12	vs	Sunraysia 2	0
Dandenong	6	vs	Geelong	5
Bendigo	4	vs	Sunraysia 1	19
Diamond Valley	2	vs	Ringwood	13
Latrobe Valley	17	vs	Sunraysia 2	7
Geelong	7	vs	Diamond Valley	13
Sunraysia 1		vs	Latrobe Valley	
Ringwood	11	vs	Dandenong	3
Sunraysia 2	5	vs	Bendigo	11
Diamond Valley		vs	Geelong	
Bendigo		vs	Sunraysia 2	
Ringwood		vs	Dandenong	
Sunraysia 1		vs	Latrobe Valley	

### Division 2 Play-offs

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### Division 1 Play-offs

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## 2011 Under 14 State Winter Championships

Ballarat Baseball Association (Prince of Wales Reserve, Ballarat), 2-3 July 2011

### Round Robin

Bendigo	15	vs	Latrobe Valley	0
Dandenong	10	vs	Ringwood Green	9
Diamond Valley	9	vs	Ringwood Black	8
Sunraysia	2	vs	Geelong	9
Bendigo	20	vs	Ballarat	0
Dandenong	3	vs	Diamond Valley	9
Latrobe Valley	6	vs	Sunraysia	19
Ringwood Green	19	vs	Ringwood Black	2
Bendigo	0	vs	Geelong	11
Dandenong	1	vs	Ringwood Green	11
Ringwood Black	11	vs	Latrobe Valley	4
Sunraysia	8	vs	Ballarat	16
Geelong	17	vs	Diamond Valley	4
Latrobe Valley	4	vs	Dandenong	17
Ringwood Black	12	vs	Ballarat	3
Sunraysia	14	vs	Bendigo	15
Bendigo	5	vs	Geelong	10
Dandenong	19	vs	Ballarat	1
Ringwood Black	13	vs	Sunraysia	5
Ringwood Green	14	vs	Diamond Valley	0
Ballarat	15	vs	Latrobe Valley	14
Bendigo	9	vs	Diamond Valley	9
Geelong	6	vs	Ringwood Green	13
Sunraysia	1	vs	Dandenong	17

### Division 2 Play-offs

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### Division 1 Play-offs

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## 2011 Under 12 State Winter Championships

Dandenong Baseball Association (Kingston Heath Reserve), 16-17 July 2011

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## Division 2 Play-offs

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## Division 1 Play-offs

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## 2011 State Winter Little League Championships

Bendigo Baseball Association (Albert Roy Reserve, Eaglehawk), 17-18 July 2010

### Double Elimination

Sunraysia	17	d	Latrobe Valley	1
Ringwood A	7	d	Dandenong A	4
Geelong	11	d	Dandenong B	6
Diamond Valley	15	d	Ringwood B	6
Dandenong A	18	d	Dandenong B	1
Ringwood A	15	d	Geelong	1
Bendigo	12	d	Sunraysia	7
Ringwood B	10	d	Latrobe Valley	7
Bendigo	12	d	Diamond Valley	10
Ringwood B	8	d	Sunraysia	6
Latrobe Valley	12	d	Dandenong B	9
Geelong		d	Dandenong A (forfeited)	
Ringwood A	17	d	Bendigo	1
Latrobe Valley	12	d	Sunraysia	6
Dandenong A	22	d	Dandenong B	6
Diamond Valley	14	d	Ringwood B	11
Ringwood A	12	d	Diamond Valley	5
Latrobe Valley	11	d	Ringwood B	6
Dandenong A	17	d	Sunraysia	0
Geelong	6	d	Bendigo	5
Ringwood A	7	d	Geelong	2
Dandenong A	24	d	Latrobe Valley	1
Bendigo	10	d	Diamond Valley	3
Dandenong B	13	d	Ringwood B	5

### Final Standings

#### Division 1

1. Ringwood A
2. Geelong
3. Bendigo
4. Diamond Valley

#### Division 2

1. Dandenong A
2. Latrobe Valley
3. Dandenong B
4. Ringwood B
5. Sunraysia

### Champion qualifies for the 2011 National Little League Championships

- Ringwood A

## 2011 State Summer Little League Championships

Melbourne West Giants (Geelong Baseball Centre), 26-28 January 2012

### Round Robin

Eastern Kangaroos	4	vs	Waverley Wildcats	14
South East Mariners	3	vs	North East Sluggers	8
Eastern Kangaroos	9	vs	South East Mariners	8
Melbourne West Giants	10	vs	North East Sluggers	0
Melbourne West Giants	3	vs	Eastern Kangaroos	17
Waverley Wildcats	16	vs	South East Mariners	0
North East Sluggers	9	vs	Waverley Wildcats	13
South East Mariners	16	vs	Melbourne West Giants	6
North East Sluggers	8	vs	Eastern Kangaroos	7
Waverley Wildcats	13	vs	Melbourne West Giants	11

### Play-offs

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**Champion qualifies for the 2011 National Little League Championships**

- **Waverley Wildcats**

## **State Representatives**

### **Senior Teams**

## Junior Teams

# National Representatives

## Professional & College Players

## Honour Rolls

### Victorian Baseball Association Inc. Life Members

1910	Peter McAlister*	1958	George S Heron*
1911	F Laver*	1963	RJ (Bob) Black*
1911	FM Russell*	1966	Angus McPherson*
1911	HM Adams*	1970	Ross M Straw*
1911	JS Milford*	1970	RW (Dick) Chapman
1911	T Smith*	1973	John B Anderson
1912	Percy B Seyffarth*	1973	Talbot R Hill*
1919	Cam Sellars*	1980	S Doug Chapman
1920	S Charles Lansdown*	1981	Colin C. Miller*
1921	Robert R Hindson*	1982	Jack R. Guiliano
1922	TJ Browne*	1983	WE (Bill) Blanden*
1924	Enest W Fielder*	1985	David L Went
1926	Leslie F Johnson OBE*	1986	Colin J McKay*
1929	J Bayne Mackay*	1986	Ken CJ Welfare*
1933	HJ Newbound*	1986	Lyn V Straw*
1935	Harry W Francis*	1988	Barry N Smith
1935	Hugh M Gordon*	1988	Graeme B Ainscough
1936	Daniel J Chandler*	1991	Paul F Collins
1941	Percy C Pooley*	1991	Ron R Smith*
1942	Jack EM Ellis Snr*	1992	Les A Polson
1943	Frederick H Martin*	2002	Les T Flower
1944	GB Mackay*	2004	Beryl Bunting*
1945	Jack T Leckey*	2004	Rodney Gaunt
1947	Ernest H King*	2005	Grant Weir
1948	Wally B Carter*	2005	Robert O Blackmore
1949	Reg E Darling*	2006	Jenny Ratcliffe
1955	Keith L Tucker*	2006	Peter J Dihm
1956	Tom L Straw*		* deceased

### Victorian Provincial Baseball League Life Members

1948	Jack E.M. Ellis* (VBA)	1999	Michael O'Brien (Geelong)
1955	William Aitken* (Ballarat)	2001	Terrye Cox (Ballarat)
1957	William Harwood* (Ballarat)	2004	David Rice (VWBL)
1959	Les Olsson* (Dandenong)	2004	Graeme Besford (VWBL)
1964	Ern Gear* (Geelong)	2005	Clyde Cumming (LVBA)
1965	Ern Blanden* (Ballarat)	2005	Greg Evans (Bendigo)
1966	Roy Shadorth* (Bendigo)	2006	Kath Besford (VWBL)
1968	Ern Whykes* (Ballarat)	2009	Dale Lewis (VWBL)
1974	Robert Luxford* (Dandenong)	2009	Julie Stephens (Dandenong)
1976	Ron Clack* (Ballarat)	2009	Michael Stephens (Dandenong)
1986	John O'Brien* (Dandenong)		* deceased

### Baseball Victoria Life Members

2009 Jason Blair

## Office Bearers

### Victorian Baseball League

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1890	Mr J.C Williamson	
1891	Mr J.C Williamson	
1892	Mr J.C Williamson	
1893	Mr J.C Williamson	
1894	Mr J.C Williamson	
1895	Mr J.C Williamson	
1896	Major B.J Wardill	
1897	Major B.J Wardill	
1898	Major B.J Wardill	
1899	Mr J.S Milford	C. Nodrum
1900	Mr J.S Milford	C. Nodrum
1901	Mr J.S Milford	C. Nodrum
1902	Mr J.S Milford	C. Nodrum
1903	Mr J.S Milford	C. Nodrum
1904	Mr J.S Milford	P.R Seyffarth
1905	Mr J.S Milford	P.R Seyffarth
1906	Mr J.S Milford	P.R Seyffarth
1907	Major B.J Wardill	P.R Seyffarth
1908	Major B.J Wardill	P.R Seyffarth
1909	Major B.J Wardill	P.R Seyffarth
1910	Mr J.S Milford	P.R Seyffarth
1911	Mr J.S Milford	P.R Seyffarth
1912	Mr J.S Milford	C. Sellars
1913	Mr J.S Milford	C. Sellars
1914	Mr J.S Milford	C. Sellars
1915	Mr F. Laver	C. Tanner
1916	Mr F. Laver	C. Tanner
1917	Mr F. Laver	C. Tanner
1918	Mr F. Laver	C. Tanner
1919	Mr F. Laver	C. Tanner
1920	Mr. W. Hayes	C. Tanner
1921	Mr. W. Hayes	C. Tanner
1922	Mr. W. Hayes	C.J Easey
1923	Mr. W. Hayes	C.J Easey
1924	Mr. R. Hindson	N. Curry

### Victorian Baseball Union

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1915	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars
1916	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars
1917	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars
1918	Mr. H. M. Adams	C. Sellars

1919	Mr. D. J. Chandler	C. Sellars/ H. W. Francis
1920	Mr. D. J. Chandler	H. W. Francis
1921	Mr. D. J. Chandler	H. W. Francis
1922	Mr. D. J. Chandler	H. W. Francis
1923	Mr. E. W. Fielder	C.S Tanner
1924	Mr. E. W. Fielder	C.S Tanner

### **Victorian Baseball Council**

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1920	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1921	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1922	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey

### **Victorian Baseball Association**

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1922	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1923	Mr. C. Sellars	C.J Easey
1924	Mr. L. Johnston	P. C. Pooley

### **Victorian Baseball Association (New Body)**

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1925	Mr. L. Johnston	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1926	Mr. L. Johnston	Mr. P. C. Pooley/Gordon
1927	Mr. L. Johnston	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1928	Mr. L. Johnston/Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1929	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1930	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1931	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1932	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1933	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. H. M. Gordon
1934	Mr. R. R. Hindson	H. M. Gordon/Pooley
1935	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1936	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1937	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1938	Mr. R. R. Hindson	Mr. P. C. Pooley
1939	Mr. R. R. Hindson/King	Mr. P. C. Pooley/Darling
1940	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1941	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1942	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1943	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1944	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1945	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1946	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1947	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1948	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling
1949	Mr. E. H. King	Mr. R. E. Darling

1950	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1951	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1952	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1953	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. E. Darling
1954	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1955	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1956	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1957	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1958	Mr. G. S. Heron	Mr. R. J. Black
1959	Mr. R. E. Darling	Mr. R. J. Black
1960	Mr. J. E. Eliis	Mr. R. J. Black
1961	Mr. J. E. Eliis	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1962	Mr. J. E. Eliis	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1963	Mr. R. Bowtell	Mr. J. B. Anderson
1964	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. G. Webster
1965	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. Webster
1966	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. N. Webster
1967	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. J. Goldsworthy
1968	Mr. R. J. Black	Mr. J. Goldsworthy
1969	Mr. J. Anderson	Mr. G. Benney
1970	Mr. J. Anderson	Mr. G. Benney
1971	Mr. J. Anderson	Mr. T. Hill
1972	Mr. J. Anderson	Mr. T. Hill
1973	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1974	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1975	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1976	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1977	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1978	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1979	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1980	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1981	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1982	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1983	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Administrator</i>
1984	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Hill
1985	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Ballard
1986	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Ballard
1987	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. T. Ballard
1988	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. B. Mannion
<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Executive Director</i>
1989	Mr. R. R. Smith	Mr. B. Mannion
1990	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Oxworth (Act.)
1991	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. Flower
1992	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. Flower

1993	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. Flower
1994	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. Flower
1995	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. Flower
1996	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. Flower
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2001	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. Flower
2002	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. L. Flower/Williams
2003	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. P. Williams/Dawes
2004	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Dawes
2005	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Dawes
2006	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Dawes/Walker

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>CEO</i>
2007	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Walker/Nash
2008	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Nash

## **Baseball Victoria**

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>CEO</i>
2009	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr S. Nash
2010	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr B. W. Hidson
2011	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr B. W. Hidson

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