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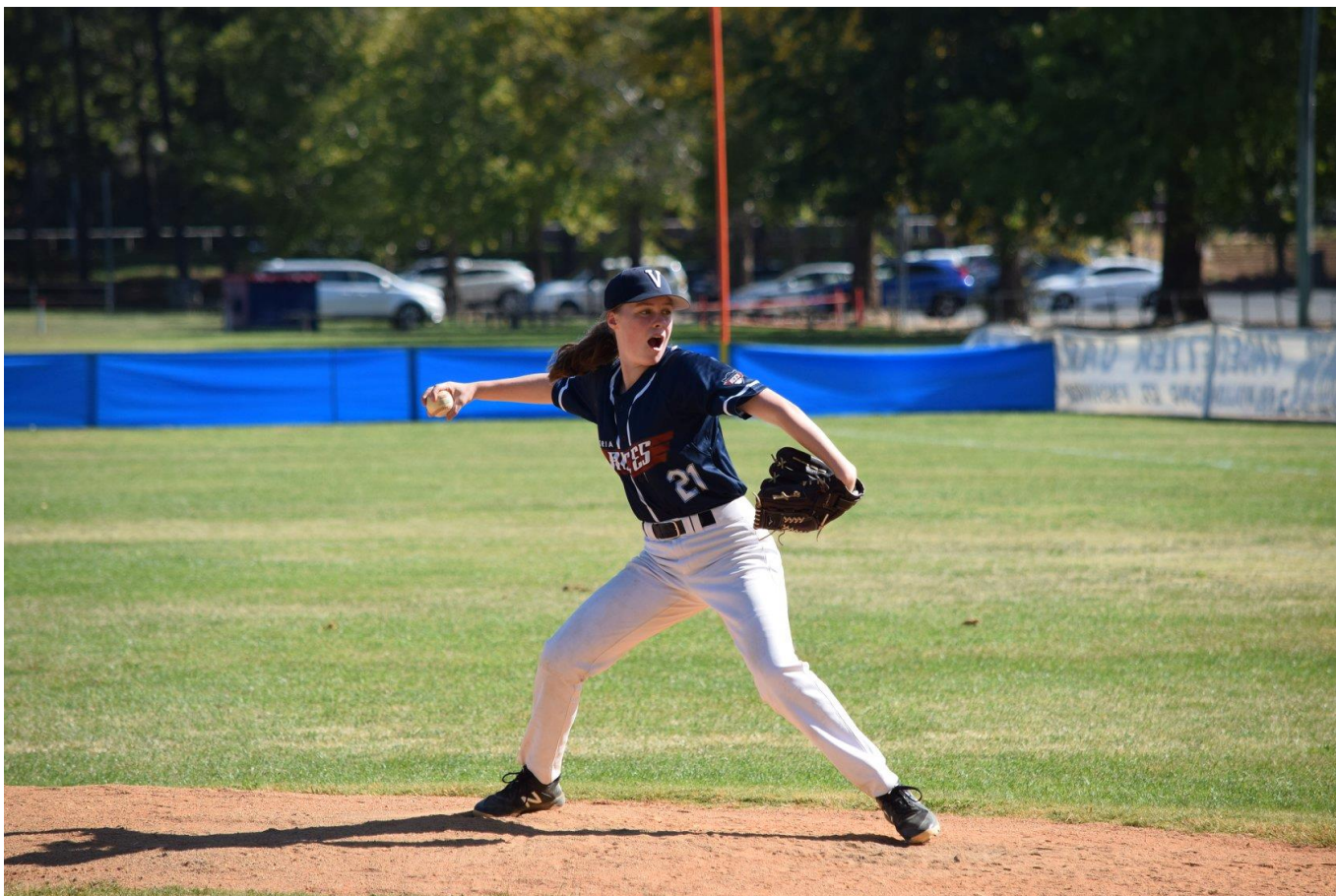
2020 Youth Women's State Team

Baseball Victoria recently announced the 2020 Youth Women's State Team, which will represent the state at the 2020 Australian Youth Women's Championships from 11-16 April in Canberra.

Ursula Howard will return as head coach for the fourth consecutive year as the Youth Women's team looks to build on a bronze medal finish last year and a gold medal win in 2018.

"We have a terrific, experienced leader in Ursula Howard and a talented group of athletes who will be working hard in the next few months to prepare for the championships," Baseball Victoria Talent Development Manager Damian Shanahan said. "We're confident that this will be a fantastic opportunity for these girls to continue to develop and compete at a high level."

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the 2020 Youth Women's State Team and view the full team list.



*Keeley Harrison returns to represent Victoria as part of the Youth Women's State Team, with plenty of other talented teammates on the roster.
Photo: Baseball Victoria*

[2020 Charter Player Development Program](#)

The 2020 Charter Player Development Program (CPDP) will begin this Saturday with approximately 180 players across four charters taking the field. These players will train over eight weeks, led by dedicated charter coaches from Baycats, Eastern Athletics, Southern Mariners and Twins.

Baseball Victoria Talent Development Manager Damian Shanahan says this will be an excellent opportunity for these young players to take their training to the next level with skills development and further practice.

“We will focus on teaching players how to be efficient in key movements such as hitting, throwing and fielding,” Shanahan said. “This is the entry level into the Baseball Victoria Talent Development Pathway, and we are confident these charter players will continue to improve and gain new skills in the coming months.”

We hope all CPDP players have a great first week as training gets underway! We look forward to seeing their progress leading up to the 2020 Charter State Championships.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the 2020 Charter Player Development Program.



The 2020 Charter Player Development Program will give players the chance to further develop their skills and prepare for promising futures on the field. Photo: Baseball Victoria

[Level Three Coaching Accreditation at Doncaster](#)

Coaches who are interested in continuing their education and improving their skills are encouraged to join in an upcoming level three training and assessment clinic at Doncaster Baseball Club. This session is part of Baseball Victoria’s Coaching Education Program and will be run over two days: Saturday, 15 February from 9 am – 2 pm and Tuesday, 18 February from 6 pm – 9 pm.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

[Pink Sports Day at Port Melbourne Baseball Club](#)

Port Melbourne Baseball Club is raising funds and awareness for Australians affected by breast cancer through a special Pink Sports Day this weekend.

The event is set for Sunday, 2 February starting at 1pm at the Mariners home ground at Murphy Reserve. Showing support for [Breast Cancer Network Australia](#) through Pink Sports Day is important to the Mariners.

“Throughout the years the club has been affected by breast cancer on several occasions, be it committee members, former women’s players, wives, mothers or sisters of players being diagnosed with breast cancer,” Port Melbourne Club Secretary Alan Morris said. “We hope that everyone involved enjoys the day and does their bit to raise a few dollars and raise awareness at home, in the community and the workplace.”

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Pink Sports Day at Port Melbourne Baseball Club.

Shannon Crawford Sees Potential in Fitzroy’s Women’s Program

Shannon Crawford has thoroughly enjoyed her first season as head women’s coach at Fitzroy Baseball Club, and it isn’t over yet.

The Lady Lions have been putting together strong team performances week in and week out, with teams in both VSBL Women’s Division 2 and 3. Although there’s just one month to go in the regular season, Shannon and the Lions are in high spirits. “I’m trying to challenge the girls that I’m coaching to better themselves and learn a lot in baseball.”

Click [HERE](#) to read more about Shannon’s baseball journey.

Bishop-Worn Brothers Share Love of Baseball

Addison Bishop-Worn and his brother Cooper share an undeniable love of baseball, something that grows stronger with each season at Werribee Giants Baseball Club.

The boys have been playing for a few years now, and 13-year-old Addison and 10-year-old Cooper have no plans to stop anytime soon. Addison is a big fan of playing shortstop, and he picked up on the sport right away. “I loved it instantly, it was the best sport I’d ever played,” Addison said. “I like playing with my friends.”

As an enthusiastic catcher, Cooper loves getting on the field, too. “I really enjoy it baseball, it’s quite challenging because you never know what’s going to happen next,” Cooper said. “The best moment was when I first started catching.”

Click [HERE](#) to read more.

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