

## WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	6 SEPTEMBER 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	VICTORIANS AT U18 WORLD CUP, ABC NEWS STORY ON LATROBE VALLEY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, 2019/20 VSBL FIXTURES & REGISTRATION, CAITLIN HOY, UMPIRES SEMINAR

### Victorians Impress at U18 World Cup

The 2019 WBSC U18 Baseball World Cup started a week ago, and since then our three Victorian representatives on Team Australia have put together some fantastic performances. Chris Burke, Conor Myles and Liam Evans have made their state and country very proud with their efforts at the U18 World Cup thus far.

Across Australia's first six games, Burke collected six hits, while Myles had three hits and Evans allowed just three runs in seven innings of work with 10 strikeouts in Tuesday's loss to the Netherlands. Australia's thrilling 7-6 victory over Canada on Wednesday saw the team advance to the super round.

Well done to our awesome Victorian players who are making the most of this opportunity to participate in such a prestigious tournament. It's a pleasure to watch these young athletes compete against some of the top baseball talent in the world. We wish our Victorian trio and their teammates the best of luck as the U18 World Cup continues through Sunday, 8 September. You can follow along with their wonderful World Cup Journey [HERE](#).



Photo: Liam Evans – [Team Australia Baseball](#)

### ABC Gippsland Story on Latrobe Valley Baseball Association

Regional baseball is well and truly alive across Victoria, and Latrobe Valley Baseball Association is the perfect example. Two of LVBA's clubs, Churchill Braves and Traralgon Red Sox, were featured in a story by ABC Gippsland over the weekend highlighting junior baseball and its inclusive, encouraging environment.

Churchill won the U13's Grand Final, and 12-year-old Logan Fernance and 11-year-old Jarrod Thomas were interviewed after the big game. It's fantastic to see the success of Latrobe Valley Baseball Association highlighted by regional media. Well done to these local clubs and players on another terrific season!



## 2019/20 VSBL Fixtures and Registration

Thank you to all the VSBL Club Presidents and Secretaries who attended Monday's P&S Meeting. We are just weeks away from the start of the 2019/20 VSBL season, and we are looking forward to a fantastic summer ahead. Please note that Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 fixtures are live, as well as Women's Division 1, 2 and 3. You may view the fixtures online [HERE](#).

We are also pleased to share that registration is now live for the 2019/20 VSBL season. Please visit the VSBL website [HERE](#) for registrations.

### Caitlin Hoy Dreams Big with Baseball

12-year-old Caitlin Hoy has improved leaps and bounds in the past year since she's started playing baseball. In less than 12 months, the promising young athlete has embarked on an incredible baseball journey that's included a bronze medal run with the 2019 Victorian Youth Women's Team and two successful seasons with Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club. Now that she has one massive year under her belt, Caitlin has set her sights on doing it all over again this next year, with some high hopes for what she can accomplish in this upcoming VSBL season and beyond.



"I'm just so passionate about baseball," Caitlin said. "I love the game, and I just want to take my baseball as far as I can go."

Read more about Caitlin's inspiring story [HERE](#).

### 2019 Umpiring Seminar

Registration closes in one week for the 2019 Umpiring Seminar hosted by the Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria from Friday, 20 September – Sunday, 22 September. This annual event brings umpires of all levels together to learn more about umpiring and further develop the skills needed to reach their goals. Anyone who wants to get involved in umpiring or further their umpiring career is strongly encouraged to attend this seminar. Please learn more about this opportunity [HERE](#).

### The BV Team

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