

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	AUGUST 16, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	CEO APPOINTMENT, U18 WORLD CUP TRAINING CAMP LISMORE, 2020 AYC COACHES AND EO'S, CHRIS BURKE, VIC HEALTH ACTIVE CLUB GRANTS, PLAY BY THE RULES AWARDS, COACHING ACCREDITATION, COME AND TRY DAYS

Baseball Victoria Announces Appointment of Kristie Middleton as Chief Executive Officer

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce the appointment of Kristie Middleton as its new Chief Executive Officer.



An extensive recruitment process managed by sports recruitment specialist Sportspeople resulted in 64 applications and a shortlist of five candidates which were interviewed by a Sub Committee of the Baseball Victoria Board.

Commenting on the appointment, Baseball Victoria President, Myles Foreman said, "Kristie is an experienced sports leader including experience as a CEO of State and National Sporting Associations across multiple sports including time as CEO for Basketball NT and Ski Racing Australia as well as time as a consultant to multiple sports. Kristie will bring significant strategic and operational capability and experience to the role which aligns perfectly with Baseball Victoria's vision 'to be the number one state in Australia for baseball participation by being a safe, welcoming and inclusive sport' with a strategy built around Gain, Train, Retain, Sustain and Entertain across all aspects of our sport."

Kristie Middleton said, "I am very pleased to be taking on this new role, and look forward to working with the baseball community to continue build upon their solid foundation."

Myles Foreman added, "With strong financial and operational foundations laid over recent years and with the Melbourne Aces now in private ownership, Baseball in Victoria is now positioned for a period of growth. The appointment of Kristie with her extensive sports administration experience will help maximise the current strong foundations through, leadership, collaboration and consultation with the Victorian Baseball community."

Kristie will commence on Monday 26 August 2019.

U18 World Cup Training Camp

Earlier this week Baseball Australia announced the names of 37 athletes headed to Lismore to participate in training camp for the 2019 WBSC U18 Baseball World Cup. From this training camp the final U-18 World Cup roster will be revealed ahead of the prestigious tournament, which starts on August 30th in Gijang City, Korea. Eight Victorian representatives have earned a spot at training camp, including Chris Burke, Dante Caruso, Liam Evans, Ben Fierenzi, Reece Longstaff, Harvey Mitchelhill, Conor Myles and Zak Skinner. This is a huge honor for these players, and we wish them the best of luck at training camp as they aim to make it on the final 20-man roster. To view the full U18 World Cup Training Camp roster, please visit: <https://cms.baseball.com.au/app/uploads/2019/08/baseballcomau-roster-u18-training-camp-1.pdf>

Applications Open for 2020 AYC Coaches, EO's

Baseball Victoria is now accepting applications for coaches and executive officers for the 2020 Australian Youth Championships. This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals who wish to lead the state's top youth players to success on the national stage. Head coaches, assistant coaches and executive officers can have a tremendous impact on our Victorian players, guiding them toward a terrific tournament experience on and off the field. Baseball Victoria plans on sending four teams - U18 Blue and White and U16 Blue and White - to the national championships.

Applications for open positions close on Friday, 23rd August.

For more information on this opportunity and to obtain an application form, please contact kellie.thomas@baseballvictoria.com.au.

Chris Burke Appears in Herald Sun

Congratulations once again to standout Waverley Wildcats catcher and Victorian State Team representative Chris Burke on signing with the Philadelphia Phillies organisation! We can't wait to see what he accomplishes in his minor league baseball career and beyond. Burke was featured in the Herald Sun this week, sharing his exciting plans for the future and how his impressive achievements thus far have helped prepare him for sporting success. Read the full article here:

<https://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/sport/philadelphia-phillies-sign-promising-young-waverley-wildcats-catcher-chris-burke/news-story/fa7d2a8a7f67d1e7bb429a167e48283d>

VicHealth Active Club Grants

Applications are open for the latest round of VicHealth Active Club Grants, and we hope to have many of our clubs apply before the 30th August deadline. Research Lower Plenty and Heathmont Baseball Clubs were recently successful in their applications for the Active Club Grants, which are designed to increase participation opportunities for Victorians in community sport. There's also additional funding available through the This Girl Can campaign designed to get more girls and women active in sport and recreation and give them the safe space to participate. This is a fantastic funding opportunity for our grassroots baseball clubs as they work to grow our beloved sport and get more people on the diamond. For more details, please visit: <https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/active-club-grants>

Play by the Rules Awards

Nominations for the 2019 Play by the Rules Awards are open, and local clubs that have worked hard to keep sport safe, fair and inclusive are welcome to apply for the category 1 award. Play by the Rules is an organisation that offers education, events and online learning for community sport and recreation, with an emphasis on preventing and addressing discrimination, harassment and child abuse. Play by the Rules

is dedicated to helping sporting clubs develop inclusive and welcoming environments for participation and growth.

Entries for the Play by the Rules Awards will be open through Friday, 13th September. Award winners will receive national recognition and a paid trip to Sydney to receive their award and attend the 2019 Diversity and Inclusion in Sport Forum. For more details, please visit:
<https://www.playbytherules.net.au/pbtr-award>

Level 3 Coaching Accreditation

Baseball Victoria's Coaching Education Program continues to provide the necessary training and accreditation for baseball coaches in Victoria. There are several Level 3 Coaching Clinics next month, including two in Mildura on 14th and 15th September and one at Fitzroy Baseball Club on Saturday, 21st September. A few more clinics are planned for the Melbourne area with dates to be released shortly. These coaching clinics give coaches the chance to continue developing their skills and improving their coaching abilities. If other clubs are interested in having coaching clinics and accreditation days, please contact NCAS Coordinator Greg Tinkler at NCAS@baseballvictoria.com.au.

If you'd like to register for one of the upcoming Level 3 Coaching Clinics, please learn more on TeamApp:
Mildura 14/9: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/9169315>
Mildura 15/9: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/9173713>
Fitzroy: <https://baseballvictoria.teamapp.com/events/9169384>

[Play by the Rules](#) has also recently launched a new Inclusive Coaching online course! This program will help to provide base understandings of inclusion and diversity for your sport and how to apply a framework to adapt to your individual needs. This is a valuable online course for all of our Victorian coaches, and we recommend they check out the course here: <http://bit.ly/30VmBBz>
Please view an updated list of accredited coaches for this month here:
<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Portals/34/BV%20Coaches%20201907.pdf>

Come and Try Days

The 2019/20 VSBL season will be here before we know it, and the season of Come and Try Days continues at many of our local community clubs. These events are a great way for our VSBL clubs to gain more exposure and hopefully introduce newcomers to the sport. We are happy to share these Come and Try Day events on our Facebook and online event calendars, so please feel free to send yours to rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au and check out the club advertisements page on our website: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Get-Involved/Club-Advertisements>

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