

WEEKLY MEMO

TO:	VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS
DATE:	JULY 19, 2019
FROM:	BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT:	U16 STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, U12 STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, PENNANT COMMITTEE VOTING, WILL KENT U12 WORLD CUP, TRARALGON REDSOX FACILITY UPGRADES

U16 State Winter Championships in Latrobe Valley

We are looking forward to a wonderful weekend ahead at the U16 State Winter Championships, hosted by Latrobe Valley Baseball Association. After a terrific U14 tournament several weeks ago, it will be great to return to the lovely Morwell Cougars and Traralgon Redsox Baseball Clubs for two days of fantastic winter baseball. Six teams will be taking part this weekend, including Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, Ringwood and Sunraysia. We wish all players, coaches and teams the best of luck!

The U16 schedule, rosters and GameChanger LiveScoring hub are available on our website:
<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-State-Winter-Champs/Under-16>



Latrobe City Council, Latrobe Valley Baseball Association and Baseball Victoria meet for a site visit prior to the 2019 State Winter Championships.

U12 State Winter Championships

We're now in our final two weeks of State Winter Championships, and we are busy preparing for the U12 State Winter Championships at Werribee Baseball Club next weekend. Nine teams will be competing for the title of U12 State Winter Champions, including two Diamond Valley teams, Bendigo, City West, Dandenong, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, Ringwood and Sunraysia. There will be an Infield Relay on Day 1 and a Home Run Derby on Day 2, as well as Ausport, The Regatta Shop and Wyndham City Council on hand to add to the excitement.

The U12 schedule, rosters and GameChanger LiveScoring hub are available on our website:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Tournaments/2019-State-Winter-Champs/Under-12>



The 2018 U12 State Winter Champions Ringwood/Diamond Valley (Pool A) and City West (Pool B).

Pennant Committee Voting Now Open

As a reminder, all VSBL clubs are kindly asked to vote for one of the three nominees for the female position on the 2019/20 Pennant Committee. Each club may have one vote only, and voting closes at 9am on Monday, 22nd July. If your VSBL club has not yet submitted your single vote, please do so prior to Monday morning. Votes must be submitted online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PLKMYSZ>

Will Kent – U12 World Cup

11-year-old Will Kent has had a very memorable year thus far. Not only did he get to participate in the Charter Player Development Program and play in the Charter State Championships, but he also headed to Lismore, NSW for the 2019 Australian Little League Championships. His performance at Nationals was impressive, so much so that he earned a spot on Australia's U12 World Cup Team!

As the only Victorian named to the squad, Will is looking forward to representing his state and his country at the World Baseball Softball Confederation's U12 Baseball World Cup, which will take place in Tainan, Taiwan from July 26 to August 4. He is one of 18 players on the roster, which was finalized following the Australian Little League Championships in June, and he's very appreciative of this opportunity. "I'm most excited to wear green and gold representing Australia and meet new people while playing with a really good team," Will said.

Read more about Will's amazing accomplishment here: <http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/will-kent-sets-his-sights-on-u12-world-cup>



Will Kent left a lasting impression on Team Australia staff at the 2019 Australian Little League Championships in Lismore.

Traralgon Redsox Baseball Club Training Facility



Traralgon Redsox Baseball Club was featured on WIN Gippsland News earlier this week, with a story on their new indoor training facility. There's a pitching machine, synthetic turf and sports grade netting in the new training facility, giving local baseball players the chance to train and prepare for gameday no matter what the weather may bring. The Club received a \$121,238 grant towards the project from the [Latrobe Valley Authority's Community and Facility Fund](#). This is fantastic news for Traralgon Redsox Baseball Club and Latrobe Valley Baseball Association, and we look forward to the bright future of community baseball in the region.

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