

# MEMO

TO: Members

DATE: 25 May 2018

FROM: Baseball Victoria

SUBJECT: State Championships, Pennant Committee and Academy

Dear Members,

## **Under 16 and 18's State Winter Championships**

On Wednesday, CEO of Baseball Victoria, Justin Huber, General Manager of Baseball Operations, Jeff Paull and Melbourne Ballpark Stadium Manager, Gavin Young attended a meeting with the Morwell Cougars Baseball Club to inspect the improvements to their facilities for the upcoming U16 and U18 State Winter Baseball Championships, and to meet with the Mayor of La Trobe City Council, the Honourable Cr Darrell White.

Baseball Victoria are delighted to be partnering with the La Trobe City Council to bring the State Winter Championships to Morwell, situated in the heart of the La Trobe Valley. The region has a rich sporting history, including recent visits by the National Basketball League and the Big Bash League.

In the current *Baseball Victoria Strategic Plan 2016-19* regional development has been a major focus, centred around re-engaging with these baseball communities and delivering significant events within these areas.



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### **Presidents and Secretaries Meeting Schedules**

The next VSBL Presidents and Secretaries meeting will occur on the **18<sup>th</sup> of June** at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre at 7pm.

In preparation, the BV office would like to draw attention to the important timings leading up this meeting;

8<sup>th</sup> June – Agenda finalised and distributed  
11<sup>th</sup> June – Pre-reading papers distributed  
18<sup>th</sup> June – Meeting to be held at 7pm at MSAC

Proposed P&S meeting schedule for the remainder of 2018;

**6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**  
**5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

### **High Performance: Looking for a women's coach**

Baseball Victoria and the ACES Baseball Academy are on the hunt for experienced coaches to work with junior and senior men and women. The BV High Performance Program forms part of Baseball Australia's emphasis on providing avenues for players of all ages to improve their game and increase their skill set. The program is over-seen by Baseball Victoria's High Performance Manager, Damian Shanahan, and positions are currently open for knowledgeable coaches with a passion for the Men's Senior, Women's Senior, Junior boys and Junior girls Academy.

Reconfirming Baseball Victoria's ongoing commitment to inclusion, BV are seeking experienced female coaches in conjunction with the program to help provide guidance and mentorship to the female participants.

If you are interested or know somebody qualified who is interested, please contact Damian Shanahan.

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For further information, see the following link;

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Australia-News/high-performance-academy-coaches>

### **Board Announcement: Retirement of Scott Dawes and appointment of Grant Weir**

Scott has retired from the Board to concentrate on his business interests and family. Scott will be continuing his role as Baseball Victoria's nominated representative on the Melbourne Ballpark Committee of Management and will continue to work closely with the BV in this role.



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The Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Grant Weir to fill a Casual Vacancy.

Grant's experience is vast, both within the sport of baseball and externally. Playing baseball for most of his life, he's been a part of teams in the Under 19 USA tours, the Australian Baseball League and the 1988 Olympics. As a coach, Grant has worked with the Australian U17's and Claxton Shield teams as a pitching coach as well as heading the Victorian and Australian Women's programs in their early years.

Grant's commencement became effective following his appointment at the of the 30th April 2018 meeting of the Board.



### **Pennant Committee**

The Board of Baseball Victoria decided on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May to reintroduce the Victorian Summer Baseball League Pennant Committee (VSBLPC), following a post season review of the 2017/2018 VSBL Season. Having resolved to reintroduce the VSBLPC, establish Terms of Reference which include the appointment of the VSBLPC Chair, and the election of VSBLPC Members by the Summer League Clubs, the Board of Baseball Victoria is very pleased to announce the appointment of the experienced Michael Gourlay, as Chair of the VSBL Pennant Committee.

For further information, see the following link;

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/Portals/34/Documents/Pennent%20Committee%20Announcement.pdf>

Justin Huber - CEO  
Jeff Paull - General Manager of Baseball Operations  
Taylor Crotty - Events and Operations Manager  
Kelsey Quinn - Competition Coordinator  
Lisa Mclellan - Digital Media and Communications Coordinator  
Les Flower - Financial Controller  
Damian Shanahan - High Performance Manager  
Stewart Howe - Umpires Coordinator