

MEMO

TO: Members

DATE: 20 JULY 2018

FROM: Baseball Victoria

SUBJECT: MLB Showcase, 2018 Under 12 and Under 14 State Winter Championships in Mildura, Bendigo Bank Community Meetings, Under 15's World Cup Team, Pat Cronin

Dear Members,

2018 MLB Showcase

Last Sunday, the 15th July, the 2018 MLB Showcase took place for the second year in a row at Melbourne Ballpark. Around 150 kids from all over Victoria converged on Melbourne Ballpark to test their skills against the rest of the country.

The Showcase consisted of a series of tests designed to measure each player's baseball tools. Participants were split into three separate sessions over the duration of the day, beginning at 12pm and running through until 4:30pm where they rotated through five different drills.

The Showcase is a chance for children aged 13 or 14 to demonstrate their baseball attributes in front of high performance coaches, players and scouts. Along with a host of Victorian State level coaches, Baltimore Orioles scout Grant Weir, Chicago Cubs scout Gavin Young and Kansas City Royals scout Neil Burke were all in attendance.

Victoria had the strongest turn out of any state with 150 participants and it was deemed by Baseball Victoria High Performance Manager, Damian Shanahan to be a great success.



2018 State Winter Championships

Baseball Victoria are pleased to be in Mildura for the 2018 State Winter Championships. The Under 14 and Under 12 age groups will be competing in a round robin style tournament to determine the premiere Winter Association for the 2018 season. Teams from Latrobe Valley, City West, Geelong, Ringwood, Sunraysia, Diamond Valley and Bendigo will gather in Mildura for the festivities.

The Under 14's begin on the 21st of July and the Under 12's on the 28th of July. Baseball Victoria's Competitions Co-ordinator, Kelsey Quinn is looking forward to the tournament

"The tournament is a great opportunity for the players to get to play against the best of the best from Winter Associations from all over the state. We've got a great facility here in Mildura with great members so it's going to be an excellent couple of weekends"

These events will conclude the State Winter Championships for 2018 and Baseball Victoria would like to extend their sincerest thanks to the host clubs, Morwell, Traralgon and Mildura as well as all the players, coaches and officials for contributing to the success of the tournaments.

Bendigo Bank Community Meeting

Bendigo Bank would like to extend an invitation to members of it's local communities to attend a series of free meetings it is hosting in Altona, Point Cook and Laverton. The meetings will focus on how Bendigo Bank can better address the needs of its members and local residents are encouraged to come along and communicate their opinions.

Altona: Thursday 23 August
6.30pm for 7pm commencement
Altona RSL, 31 Sargood Street, Altona

Laverton: Wednesday 5 September
6.30pm for 7pm commencement
Laverton P-12 College, 91 Bladin Street, Laverton

Point Cook: Monday 17 September
6.30pm for 7pm commencement
Jamieson Way Community Centre
59 Jamieson Way, Point Cook

Bendigo Bank requests that interested parties RSVP to Anne Randall on 0430 430 824.

Further information can be found via this link;

<https://www.facebook.com/AltonaLavertonPointCookCommunityBankBranches/photos/pcb.2180885505272199/2180885245272225/?type=3&theater>

Victorians named to the 2018 Under 15 Australian Team

Baseball Victoria would like to extend it's congratulations to all members of the 2018 Under 15 National Team which was named on Monday 16th July. In particular, BV would like to highlight the selection of 5 Victorians; Jacob Bald, Charlie Collins, Blake Holding, Nikau Pouaka-Grego and Matthew West. The announcement comes after a long process of performance assessment and data collection and the boys will head to the World Cup in Panama next month.

The Australian Under 15 team currently ranks 11th in the world and they open their World Cup bid against Japan at Estadio Rico Cedeño. Good luck boys!

Pat Cronin Foundation

Baseball Victoria is incredibly proud to announce its partnership with the Pat Cronin Foundation. Pat Cronin was tragically killed by a punch thrown from behind on a night out whilst trying to assist his friend. His mother Robyn and his father Matt began the foundation in his honour as a way to highlight the senselessness of such violence and the need for education around the impact of such acts. They are committed to running workshops with sporting groups to help inform members about the tragic consequences of this kind of unprovoked violence and are also partnering with Latrobe University to fund some research into the causes behind it. Baseball Victoria would like to encourage it's members to visit the Pat Cronin Foundation website to read more about the charity;

<https://www.patcroninfoundation.org.au/>

Proposed P&S Meeting Schedules

A quick reminder that Presidents and Secretaries Meetings are currently scheduled for;

6th AUGUST

3rd SEPTEMBER

1st OCTOBER

5th NOVEMBER

The BV Team

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

Tania Newcombe - Financial Controller

Damian Shanahan - High Performance Manager

Stewart Howe - Umpires Coordinator