

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 UPDATE, 2020 AWARDS NIGHT, MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, VICHEALTH REIMAGINING HEALTH GRANTS, CLUB ADS, BV MEDIA, BV TV YOUTUBE, AUS X MLB

## Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

Baseball Victoria continues to closely monitor the Victorian Government's announcements on the easing of coronavirus restrictions, and we expect to provide further clarification following this weekend's updates from Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews.

Currently, there are three VSBL clubs in regional Victoria that may register to return to training: Ballarat Royals, Geelong Baycats and Mitchell Majors. This is for contact and non-contact sport for regional Victorians aged 18 and under, as well as outdoor non-contact sport for adults.

This ability to train applies only to the Ballarat Royals, Geelong Baycats and Mitchell Majors as clubs participating in the Victorian Summer Baseball League. All players from these three clubs will be required to complete the return to training registration for regional Victoria, and all clubs must maintain an attendance register and COVID-19 restriction compliance documentation.

Registration and return to play documents have been confirmed directly with these clubs and any changes will be communicated accordingly, subject to updates from Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Baseball Victoria will provide further clarification on the easing of restrictions in regional Victoria and the plans for metropolitan Melbourne in line with updates from the Victorian Government.

Baseball Victoria is considering how clubs that traditionally play in winter and have been unable to conduct a season of baseball might be able to participate in a division of the Victorian Summer Baseball League for regional Victoria or how they might join the Victorian Summer Baseball League.

Click [HERE](#) to read all the latest updates from the Victorian Premier.

Please click [HERE](#) for all of our COVID-19 updates and Victorian Government resources.

If you have any questions or concerns, please [contact us](#).

You can view the Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions [HERE](#) for details on the shutdown of baseball activity as well as COVID-19 health questions, face masks and much more.

As a reminder, the COVIDSafe app is now available and will allow authorities to quickly track and control the spread of COVID-19. Please consider downloading the app to help save lives, protect the community and get baseball back as soon as possible. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

## 2020 Baseball Victoria Awards Night

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the 2020 Awards Night will be livestreamed across three days next week.

The Baseball Victoria Awards Night will celebrate fantastic achievements from across the Victorian baseball community, including the 2019/20 VSBL season award winners. The event will be streamed with [My Sport Live](#) on the Baseball Victoria Facebook page across three nights:

- Wednesday, 30 September 2020
- Thursday, 1 October 2020
- Friday, 2 October 2020

The broadcast will begin promptly at 7:30 PM each night.

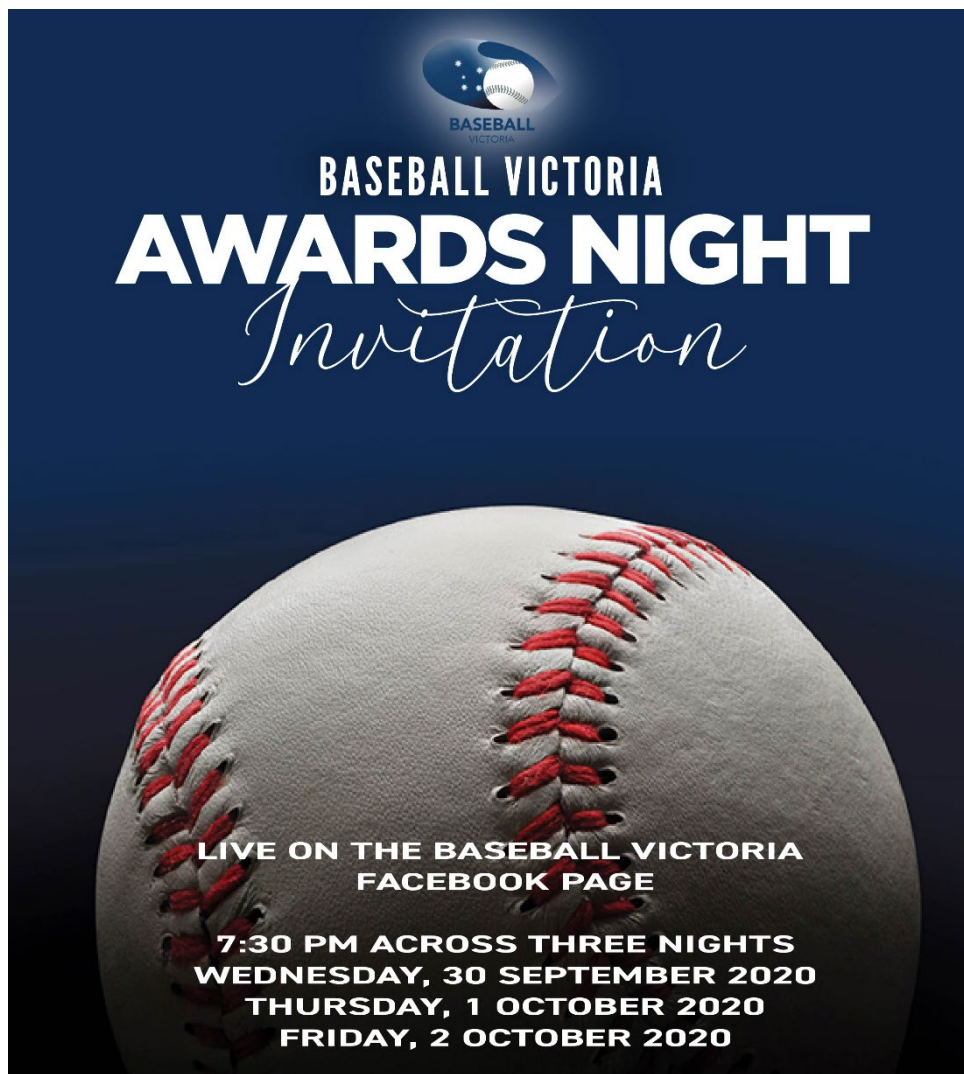
“After an unprecedented year with many unexpected challenges, it will be great to highlight the accomplishments of Victorian baseballers,” Baseball Victoria CEO Kristie Middleton said. “We look forward to announcing the award winners and sharing this presentation with our members over three exciting nights. We invite everyone from our baseball community to join us in virtual celebration of our beloved sport.”

Individual achievement awards will be presented for the top home run hitters, batting average and ERA across VSBL Divisions One, Two and Three and Women’s Division One, as well as MVPs for these competitions and Division Four East, North West and South.

Winners of the Club Champion, Volunteer of the Year and Coach of the Year Awards will also be announced.

Baseball Victoria encourages members and their family and friends to tune into the 2020 Awards Night on Facebook. Highlights will be shared across Baseball Victoria social media platforms, including [Instagram](#) and the [BV TV YouTube Channel](#).

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP on Facebook and receive a notification when we go live.



## **Mental Health Resources**

As a reminder, we have a range of information on mental health resources on our website. We encourage our baseball community to stay in touch with one another and check in with family, friends and teammates.

For more information from R U OK? and mental health resources, visit our COVID-19 resources page [HERE](#).

You can also access information on keeping your family safe during the COVID-19 pandemic from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services website [HERE](#).

## **VicHealth Reimagining Health Grants**

Applications are open for the VicHealth *Reimagining Health Grants*, a redesigned funding program offering \$2.5 million in grants for Victorian community organisations.

VicHealth has merged previous funding opportunities such as Active Club Grants and Partnership grants into this funding stream to simplify the process so organisations can get the support they need as soon as possible.

VicHealth is offering grants of up to \$3K, \$10K or \$50K for local organisations who can support young people (aged 0-25 years) or Victorians experiencing disadvantage, by creating meaningful social connection, providing opportunities for physical activity or by addressing food security issues.

Local sporting organisations and clubs are encouraged to view the [grant guidelines](#) and apply before applications close on Tuesday, 27 October at 11:59 PM. Early applications may be assessed and notified of the outcome prior to the closing date, so apply early for the fastest outcome.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this funding opportunity and ideas for grassroots baseball clubs.

There are several other funding opportunities available, including [Sport and Recreation Victoria's Sporting Club Grants](#) and the Victorian Government's [Community Sport Survival Package](#). Click [HERE](#) to view all available grants.

## **Club Coaching Ads**

Doncaster Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for the role of women's head coach for the VSBL season. The club has a strong women's program, having fielded teams in all three women's divisions in recent seasons, with a focus on female junior development and an enthusiastic group of top-level senior women's players.

The club is seeking a playing or non-playing coach who will help develop and maintain a positive club culture and position the club for on-field success in women's baseball.

For more details, please click [HERE](#).

## **Baseball Victoria Media and Story Requests**

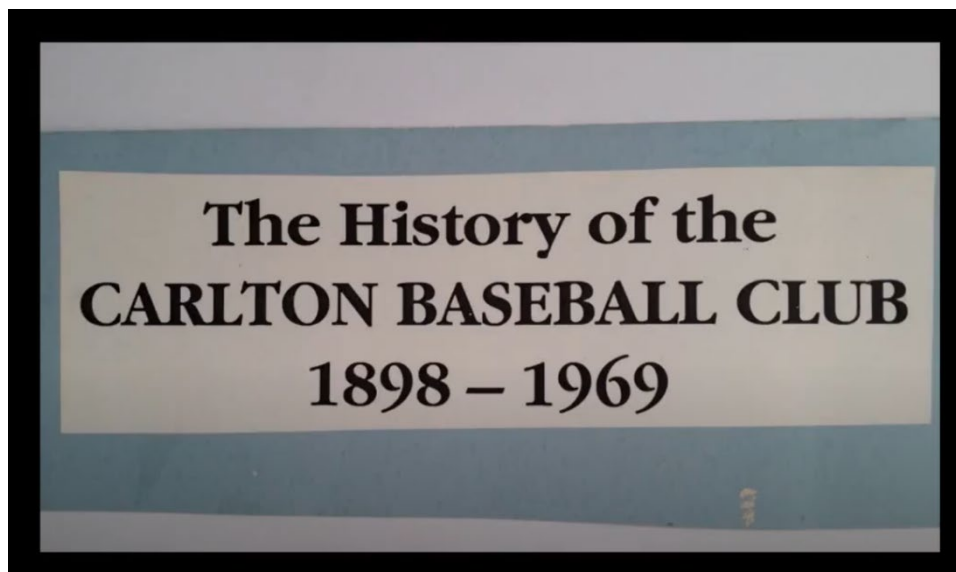
Baseball Victoria is committed to sharing more stories from around the Victorian baseball community. We invite clubs to share their story ideas and nominate players, coaches, volunteers and officials for profile pieces, so we can highlight all the wonderful stories from clubs across the state. Please submit your story ideas [HERE](#). Don't forget to connect with us on all of our platforms – learn more on our media page [HERE](#).

## **BV TV YouTube Channel**

Remember you can keep up with your training on the [BV TV YouTube channel](#) with our [At-Home Baseball Training: Drills and Exercises for the COVID-19 Break](#) series. There are more than 50 different drills covering hitting, throwing, fielding and ball handling.

Click [HERE](#) to check out the BV TV training videos.

We are also pleased to have a variety of playlists on BV TV, including [Victorian Baseball History](#) that features a special project on the history of the Carlton Baseball Club. Don Hudson, Carlton Baseball Club Reunion Coordinator, compiled a variety of historic memorabilia to provide a fantastic look back on the beloved club spanning 1898 – 1969. Click [HERE](#) to watch and get your fill of Victorian baseball from years gone by.



For more baseball content and to stay connected with us, please follow Baseball Victoria on TikTok [HERE](#) and Instagram [HERE](#).

#### **AUS x MLB: 25 September Update**

There are just a handful of games left in the 2020 MLB season before playoffs, and both teams with Aussies on their 40-man rosters have made the playoffs. Victorian Lewis Thorpe has appeared in seven games for the Minnesota Twins so far while West Australian Liam Hendriks now has 14 saves with the Oakland Athletics, the AL West Champions. Click [HERE](#) to read our full AUS x MLB update.

Don't forget you can get your MLB fix on [Kayo](#), with the Australian sports streaming service bringing you some of the biggest games streamed live each week. Kayo will bring you the New York Yankees v Miami Marlins game on Saturday, 26 September at 3:30 PM AEST, as well as Wild Card games when the playoffs get started next week.

Click [HERE](#) to check out Kayo and follow along with the MLB action live. New to Kayo? Sign up for a free 14-day trial [HERE](#).

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