



2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT





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Mission and Vision

VISION

Be the number one state in Australia for baseball participation by being a safe, welcoming and inclusive sport.

PURPOSE

Provide every Victorian with the opportunity to participate in whole of sport.



GAIN

- Increase the number of people playing baseball.
- Achieve significant growth in female participation development programs.
- Increase participation numbers of people with a disability (PWD) and the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD).
- Develop opportunities for involvement in alternative forms of baseball (social).
- Increase participation in current and future growth areas.
- Establish a working partnership with SSV to strengthen relationships with schools.
- Introduce baseball to 50,000 school aged children through school clinics.
- Align advertising campaigns and awareness strategies with the Melbourne Aces.
- Appoint charter development officers to promote BV in schools & inclusion groups.
- Develop competition and pathway programs using the charter model to increase support.
- Increase access to high performance training philosophies and education for athletes outside the high performance pathway who are interested in improving their standard of play.
- Build on current partnerships to establish a club link with service providers to maximise engagement of showcase events.
- Utilise the professional profiles of Melbourne Aces players to engage and ignite the baseball and non-baseball community.

RETAIN

- Maintain high playing standards and retain players through best practice delivery of competitions, tournaments and events.
- Strengthen clubs to provide enjoyable & safe experiences for all participants.
- Improve facilities to enhance participation opportunities & experiences.
- Continue to critically review all competition structures on an annual basis to ensure they meet the needs of current and future participants.
- Provide & promote clear pathways for all participants from grassroots programs to high performance.
- Support best practice in club management by promoting "Play by the Rules" for educational and support tools.
- Develop standards and resources to support clubs and local governments to resource and maintain facilities at the appropriate level.
- Support ongoing commitment to MBP as state facility, by ensuring access for "whole of sport" through club games, training sessions and the Melbourne Aces.
- Audit all facilities annual to ensure they are appropriate for all members (women and PWD).
- Maintain focus on Melbourne Aces as key retention strategy for Victorian players returning from professional baseball.
- Deliver professional events which focus on entertainment and participant engagement (eg. Melbourne Aces game days, LL state champs & annual BV awards nights).
- Work with ABL for hosting opportunities for ABL All Star Game and other marquee events

TRAIN

- Increase the number of opportunities for participants, coaches and umpires in development programs.
- Grow the number & capability of the baseball workforce.
- Provide a high value elite product positioned at the pinnacle of our pathway.
- Continue to use the charter model to provide a pathway.
- Establish a coaching advisory group to assist BV to develop strategies to improve coaching at all levels.
- Provide the baseball workforce with access to education and resources designed to enhance quality service delivery.
- Establish a clear aspirational link between pathway programs and the Melbourne Aces.
- Research a long term model for HP in Victoria.
- Provide well-structured high performance programs that support developing athletes and coaches.
- Prioritise athlete development for national representation and participation in the ABL.

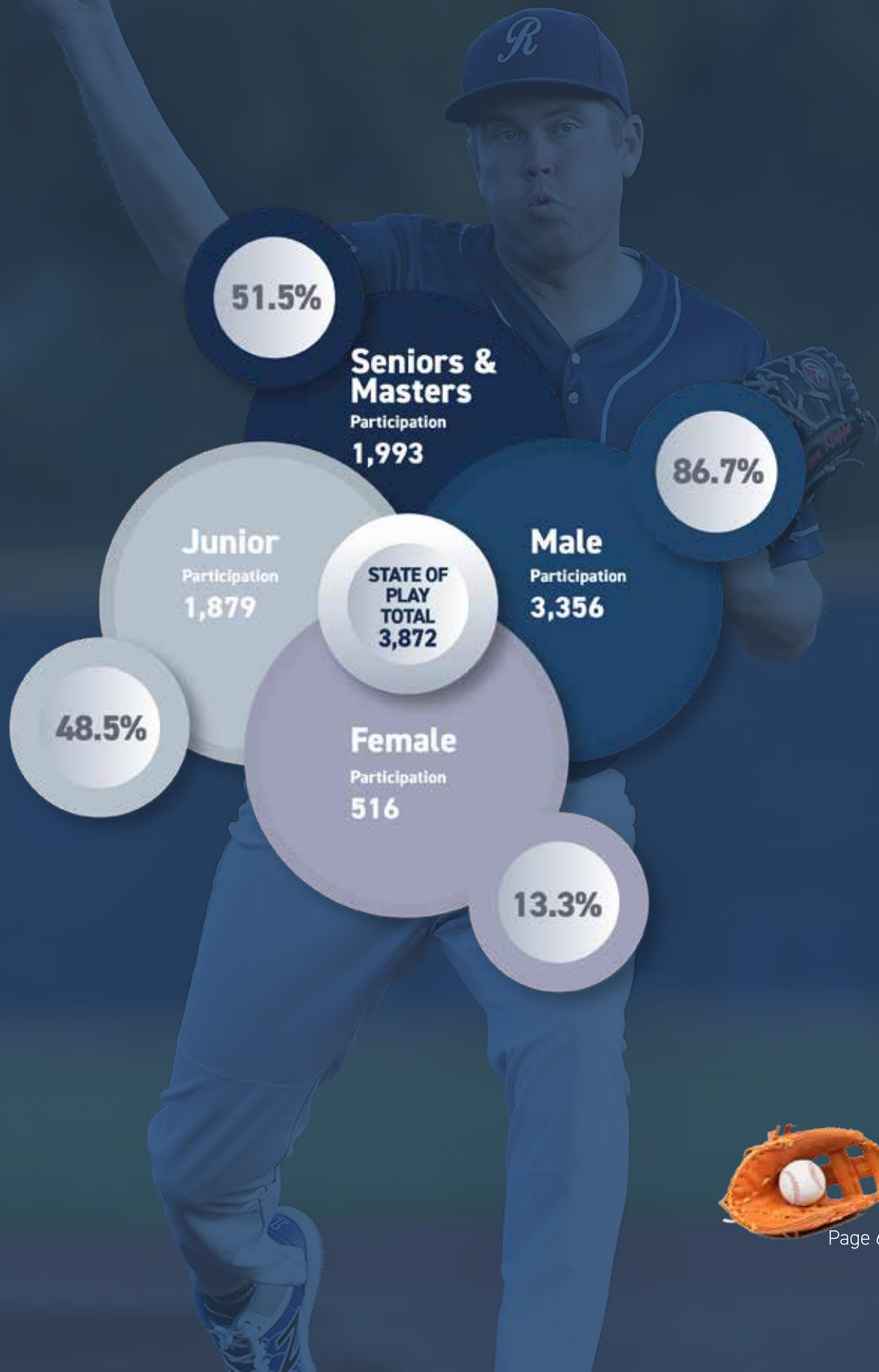
SUSTAIN

- Adhere to best practice governance principles.
- Ensure organisation operations are viable and sustainable.
- Ensure financial sustainability so we can continue to invest in our sport.
- Review BV governance, in accordance with ASC's Sports Governance Principles.
- Conduct annual Board Performance Evaluations to review the structure of all
- BV subcommittees and advisory groups.
- Continue to review internal policies and procedures.
- Develop best practice policies and procedures to recruit, train and retain
- high quality staff.
- Identify commercial opportunities outside BV's membership and team entry fees,
- such as sponsorship and special events.
- Establish, build and nurture effective relationships that enhance understanding
- and confidence of government agencies.
- Encourage succession planning and gender equity on Baseball Victoria board.



State of Play

In the 2019/20 Financial Year, our primary competition and program was the Victorian Summer Baseball League. We did not run a full winter season, State Winter Championships or Little League State Championships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These numbers reflect our VSBL participation numbers for the 2019/20 season.



Baseball Leagues and Clubs

BV Summer League

Ballarat*
 Berwick City*
 Blackburn Orioles*
 Bonbeach St Chads*
 Boneo*
 Chelsea*
 Cheltenham*
 Doncaster*
 Essendon*
 Fitzroy*
 Footscray*
 Geelong*
 Malvern*
 Melbourne*
 Mitchell Majors*
 Monash University*
 Moorabbin*
 Mornington*
 Mulgrave*
 North Coburg*
 Newport*
 North Western*
 Ormond Glenhuntly*
 Pakenham*
 Pivot City*
 Port Melbourne*
 Preston*
 Research*
 Sandringham*
 Springvale*
 St Kilda*
 Sunshine*
 Upwey Ferntree Gully*
 Waverley*
 Werribee*
 Wheelers Hill*
 Williamstown*

Bendigo Baseball Association*

Bendigo East
 Falcons
 Scots
 Strathfieldsaye

Dandenong Baseball Association*

Berwick
 Bonbeach St Chads
 Boneo
 Chelsea
 Cheltenham
 Dandenong
 Dingley
 Frankston
 Latrobe University #
 Melbourne University #
 Mordialloc
 Mornington
 Moorabbin
 North Balwyn #
 Pakenham
 Research Lower Plenty #
 Sandringham
 Upwey Ferntree Gully

Geelong Baseball Association*

Alfredton
 Bacchus Marsh
 Ballarat
 Bellarine
 Colac
 Corio
 Deakin
 East Belmont
 Guild
 Lara
 Newport
 North Western
 Sunshine

Latrobe Valley Baseball Association*

Churchill
 Moe/Newborough
 Morwell
 Sale
 Traralgon

Melbourne Winter Baseball League*

Bundoora
 Croydon
 Diamond Creek
 Doncaster
 Essendon
 Footscray
 Forest Hill
 Glen Iris
 Greenhills Montmorency
 Greensborough
 Heathmont
 Knox
 LaTrobe University
 Melbourne University
 Mitchell Majors
 Monash University
 North Balwyn
 North Coburg
 Northcote
 Port Melbourne
 Research Lower Plenty
 Ringwood
 St Kilda
 Sunshine
 Watsonia
 Waverley
 Werribee
 Westgarth
 Wheelers Hill

North Eastern Baseball Association*

North Albury Bears
 Benalla Bandits
 Porepunkah
 Wangaratta
 Wodonga

Sunraysia Baseball League*

Eagles
 Hawks
 Saints
 Wanderers

Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria*

Bendigo Baseball Umpires Association

*Voting member

Women's teams playing in the MWBL

Baseball Victoria Directors



MYLES FOREMAN

President, Finance Committee, Nominations Committee

Appointed to the Board in September 2013, Myles was elected to the role of President in February 2015. Myles brings his corporate strategic and governance experience to the role of President. Myles has over 25 years' experience in senior executive roles in the hospitality, entertainment and sports industries. For the past 15 years, Myles has held chief executive roles within the thoroughbred racing industry. Myles worked at Ticketmaster for more than 10 years in a range of positions including Head of Markets & Development, Operations Manager, General Manager - ticketmaster.com.au, and Chief Information Officer. A rower and rowing coach in his youth, Myles became involved in baseball through his kids, becoming a junior coordinator and club vice president before resigning to join the Baseball Victoria Board.



SAM TAYLOR

Vice President, Finance Committee, Member Services

Appointed in February 2020, Sam is the current CEO of InteractSport and has worked in the digital sports industry for over 15 years, specialising in the development of electronic scoring and livestreaming applications. Sam is a cricketer by trade having played over 250 matches for Richmond where he is a life member, premiership player and former club captain. In between cricket seasons Sam has also played seven seasons of winter league baseball. He is also a passionate Cubs fan having followed them since childhood, long before they won the World Series.



JOANNA O'CONNOR

Marketing, Nominations Committee

Joanna O'Connor has over 10 years of experience in digital marketing specialising in retail, media and entertainment markets. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Auckland and post graduate honours in Commercial Law.





GRANT WEIR

Game Development & High Performance, Finance Committee

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's USA Tours, the Australian Baseball League and the 1988 Olympics. As a coach, Grant has worked with the Australian Under 17'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 currently lectures at Victoria University. He has worked previously for the Victorian Baseball Association and held multiple positions in the sports industry sector for other State and National organisations.



MARGIE ARDONO

Events

Margie is a graduate of Victoria University and The University of Indonesia; Jakarta. Margie currently serves as the Company Director of an Australian consumer products business that distributes both locally and internationally. Margie is excited and enthusiastic about this opportunity to combine her love for the sport with her professional expertise. She thrives to be a change maker and values inclusion and diversity, two areas in which she will work closely on behalf of Baseball Victoria. She says she's looking forward to applying her skill-set and recommendations to branding, revenue, diversity and events.



MEGHAN MAYMAN

Inclusion, Nominations Committee

Meghan obtained a Bachelor of Applied Science in Sport Coaching and Administration from Deakin University, followed by a Master of Business in Sport Management. As part of her Master's Program, she was selected to participate in the San Diego Sports Consulting Project in July 2015, during which she delivered a report and presentation to MLB team San Diego Padres on leveraging the 2016 All-Star Event to maintain current partnerships and attract new sponsors. After working as Operations and HR Manager for Bowls Australia from 2007-2015, Meghan spent the past four years as the General Manager of Vicsport, the peak body for sport and active recreation in Victoria. She was responsible for the overall operations of the organisation, including direct delivery of projects and membership retention and growth.



DIRECTORS RESIGNED DURING FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2020



JAMES VAN BEEK

Vice President (resigned August 2020)

From his appointment in September 2014, James assumed responsibility for the portfolio of Director of Finance bringing with him more than 12 years record of success in financial management and elevating operational efficiency in high level professional sporting organisations. James' experience encompasses strategic planning and operational implementation within two AFL clubs as well as the racing and wagering industry and recently strategic financial and investment advice in the aged care industry for the past four years.



CRAIG ARMSTEAD

Member Services & Data (resigned February 2020)

Appointed in May 2015, Craig has a diverse background across both the sporting and consumer goods industries, with significant experience in finance, marketing and general management. Within the sporting environment, he's been Consumer Business Manager with the Geelong Cats (AFL), General Manager – Marketing & Sales with the South Dragons Basketball Club (National Basketball League), General Manager – Club & Membership Development with Greyhound Racing Victoria and is currently Chief Executive Officer for the Essendon District Football League (AFL). In all these roles Craig has held direct management of the membership function, with a heavy focus on member services and growth.



Baseball Victoria Board and Staff

CEO

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

GENERAL MANAGER BASEBALL OPERATIONS

COMPETITIONS & TOURNAMENT MANAGER

CLUBS & COMPETITIONS MANAGER

COMMUNICATIONS & DIGITAL MEDIA

OPERATIONS: MEMBERSHIPS & EVENTS

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

SCHOOL PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

Kristie Middleton

Tania Newcombe

Jeff Paull – Resigned July 2020

Kelsey Quinn – Resigned December 2019

Craig Haydock – Commenced August 2020

Rachael Bouley

Kellie Thomas

Stewart Howe

Jo Schutt

BV DISTRICT CHARTER COMMITTEE

Jeff Paul (Chair) Staff Representative

John Weichard President – Eastern Athletics

Andrea Cormick President – Southern Mariners

Tony Schibeci President – Northern Twins

Bryan Arnell President – Geelong Baycats

Jo Schurr – Sunraysia

FINANCE & AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE

James Van Beek (Chair) Board Representative
– Resigned August 2020

Myles Foreman (Chair) Board Representative
– Appointed Chair August 2020

Sam Taylor Board Representative

– Commenced September 2020

Tania Newcombe Staff Representative

VSBL PENNANT COMMITTEE

Michael Gourlay (Chair)

John King

Jack Cole-Sinclair

Jason Blair – Honorary Member

Dwain Richardson

Cassandra Shelverton

Stewart Howe

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Myles Foreman (Chair) Board Representative
– Resigned Chair August 2020

Joanna O'Connor Board Representative

Meghan Mayman (Chair) Board Representative
– Commenced Chair August 2020

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL STATE CENTRE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Kristie Middleton Baseball Victoria
Representative

BASEBALL AUSTRALIA COUNCIL AND VICTORIAN OLYMPIC COUNCIL

Myles Foreman Baseball Victoria
Representative



BASEBALL VICTORIA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Myles Foreman

A year like no other

This annual report covers the twelve months of the financial year ended 30 September 2020 and what a year it was!

The year commenced in October 2019 with preparations for the 130th season of Victorian Baseball for the 2019/2020 Victorian Summer Baseball League (VSBL).

The VSBL season started like any other with baseball clubs busy running come and try days to gain new players and families as well as retaining existing players and families.

The season commenced with its familiar rhythm of the Victorian Baseball community coming together enjoying each other's company, making new friends and building the strength of our community around the diamond via training, games and events.

With a strong commitment to ensuring the success of the Australian Baseball League (ABL) and the Melbourne Aces for several seasons Baseball Victoria and the Melbourne Aces jointly managed the Melbourne Aces. In mid-2019 the Melbourne Aces entered a new era of the franchise being held in private ownership. This brought about significant investment and improvements to Melbourne Ballpark of which the Victorian baseball community is now the beneficiary.

The ABL expansion team of Geelong Korea managed by the ABL and located at the Geelong Baseball Complex entered its second season, bringing with it investment in the complex and an increase in the profile and awareness of baseball in the region.

In January 2020, Victoria hosted the 2020 U16 and U18 Youth Championships across the Geelong Baseball Centre, Ballarat's Prince of Wales Park and Melbourne Ballpark. The choice of metropolitan and regional locations was to showcase baseball across the state and to help grow awareness of our sport.

In February 2020, the ABL Season concluded with the Melbourne Aces the 2019/2020 ABL Season Champions bringing the Claxton Shield home to Victoria for the first time in the history of franchise in the new ABL. Victoria has a long and proud history of success at the Claxton Shield the oldest continuous interstate sports competition in Australia.

By this stage, COVID-19 and it's spread had become matter of concern and much discussion. Unlike a number of other sports, the VSBL season was able to complete with the final game of the season with limited COVID-19 measures as Blackburn Baseball Club finished as the Division 1 Champions for the 2019/2020 season.



A week later based on advice from the State Government and discussion with other sporting codes, Baseball Victoria took the unprecedented step of suspending all Victorian Baseball activity from Tuesday, 17 March 2020. The immediate impact of this was the suspension of the charter academies and training and a number of clubs unable to hold end of season functions.

And so began many months of monitoring COVID-19 developments in the hope that conditions would improve, and restrictions would be lifted allowing participation sport to recommence and winter baseball competitions across Melbourne and Regional Victoria to proceed in the winter of 2020.

The ongoing COVID-19 restrictions on travel and participation sport meant that the 2020 Australian Women's Championships, Youth Women's Championships, State and National Little League, Intermediate League, Junior League and Senior League Championships were all cancelled.

Throughout this time Baseball Victoria worked closely with the State Government and Vicsport to develop statewide return to training and playing COVIDSafe plans, regularly meeting with Winter Baseball Associations and Clubs to consult and keep all informed of developments with the collective objective to return to play as soon as possible.

To the winter associations and winter clubs thank you for your collaborative participation in the regular updates and planning throughout the long months of lock down in which every effort was made to be ready to recommence some form of baseball if restrictions were lifted in time to do so.

Ultimately the lockdown continued and winter baseball was not played across Victoria with the Dandenong Baseball Association, Geelong Baseball Association, La Trobe Valley Baseball Association, Melbourne Winter Baseball Association, North Eastern Baseball Association and Sunraysia Baseball Association winter seasons all ultimately cancelled.

As the reporting period for this Annual Report drew to a close in September 2020 Victoria was still in a COVID-19 lock down and planning was underway for a delayed start to the 2020/2021 Victorian Summer Baseball Season, recommencing development programs such as the Aces Academy and the Youth Showcase as an alternative to the National Youth Championships.

Baseball Victoria was in the midst of developing a new strategic plan when COVID-19 impacted our sport and the focus of management and the Board shifted to managing and mitigating the impacts of COVID-19. In this environment a complete recalibration of our pillars of gain, train and retain is now required as the strategy shifts to recovering from COVID-19. The development of a new strategic plan will recommence in early 2021.

In a year like no other I take this opportunity to thank the Baseball Victoria Office team who transitioned to working from home, agreed and supported various cost saving measures during a very challenging time to minimise the impact of COVID-19 and throughout continued to evolve and support the Victorian baseball community. In particular I take this opportunity to thank on behalf of the Baseball Victoria Board, Baseball Victoria CEO Kristie Middleton who led the team and community during this very challenging time.



I take this opportunity to thank two Baseball Directors who resigned during the course of the year. James van Beek who after six years as a Director (including the last two as Vice President) resigned in August 2020. James joined the Board at a time when the Board was focused on building a strong financial platform for the future and contributed significant time and experience to delivering this important outcome as the Finance Portfolio Director. Thank you also to Craig Armstead who after five years as a Director resigned in February 2020 having held the Member Services & Data Director Portfolio bringing considerable experience to this important role. Thank you both for your contribution of time and experience for the betterment of Baseball in Victoria.

To the Baseball Victoria Directors Sam Taylor (Elected Vice President in August 2020), Joanna O'Connor, Grant Weir, Margie Ardono and Meghan Mayman thank you for your considerable increase in time and commitment over the last twelve months to bring your skills and experience to help navigate through COVID-19 to minimise its impact and position Baseball Victoria for a strong recovery in the new COVID-19 normal.

In a year where the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted almost every aspect of our personal and professional lives the rhythm on our baseball seasons and opportunity to gather as a baseball community has been impacted in a way unimaginable at the start of this reporting period. While for much of the year we were unable to participate in baseball as a community when we were able and during many months of planning for return scenarios our sport would not have been able to function without the ongoing commitment of volunteers across our sport.

Finally, and most importantly thank you to all the volunteers across our sport including Association and Club Committee & Boards, the VSBL Presidents and Secretaries, the VSBL Pennant Committee. At clubs across t-ball, masters, juniors, seniors and women's, thank you also to coaches who give back to our sport by sharing your knowledge and experience, umpires, scorers, grounds crew, canteen staff with a special thanks to those who stepped up for the first time to volunteer.



Myles Foreman
President
Baseball Victoria



BASEBALL VICTORIA CEO'S REPORT

Kristie Middleton

The 2019/20 financial year started off strong for Baseball Victoria with another successful Victorian Summer Baseball League season, as well as our high performance programs. Our office was focused on providing excellent customer service and baseball experiences for our members, while running competitions and programs for Victorian baseballers at all levels.

At the same time, we were working with the Baseball Victoria Board of Directors to develop a new strategic plan to carry us into the next stage of our future. We made considerable progress on our strategic plan, but the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic meant we needed to shift our focus to ensure our sport not only survived the crisis but is also set up for future success despite the setbacks.

We were able to safely complete the VSBL Finals just before the first lockdown in March, and from there we pivoted quickly to provide informative, consistent communications with our stakeholders and wider baseball community. We worked diligently with the winter associations in preparation for a winter season while examining our options from all aspects, including the potential financial implications and the safety requirements to get back on the baseball field.

Throughout this financial year, one of our priorities was to strengthen our relationship with our fellow state associations to benefit Australian baseball as a whole. We committed to a shared service model for certain scenarios, as well as national communication strategies particularly with the return to activity and return to play. This strong sense of collaboration and support between states has made a difference throughout these COVID times as each state faces unique challenges.

For Victoria, we had to continue to adapt due to the changing landscape, particularly when the second statewide lockdown effectively ended the 2020 winter season before games could get underway. While these changes were challenging and disappointing for our members, we did our best to maintain connections throughout our baseball community through enhanced social media engagement, at-home training resources and the virtual 2020 Baseball Victoria Awards.

Putting grassroots baseball in a position for future growth has long been one of our top goals, and this remains true even as we navigate this evolving situation. The decisions we made over this last year were not always easy, but they were made with the safety and wellbeing of our members and our organisation at the forefront.

We look forward to continuing our dedicated efforts and returning to our strategic planning in the coming year. We remain well-prepared for whatever the COVID landscape may bring, and we are excited to see what the future of Victorian baseball has in store.



Kristie Middleton
CEO
Baseball Victoria



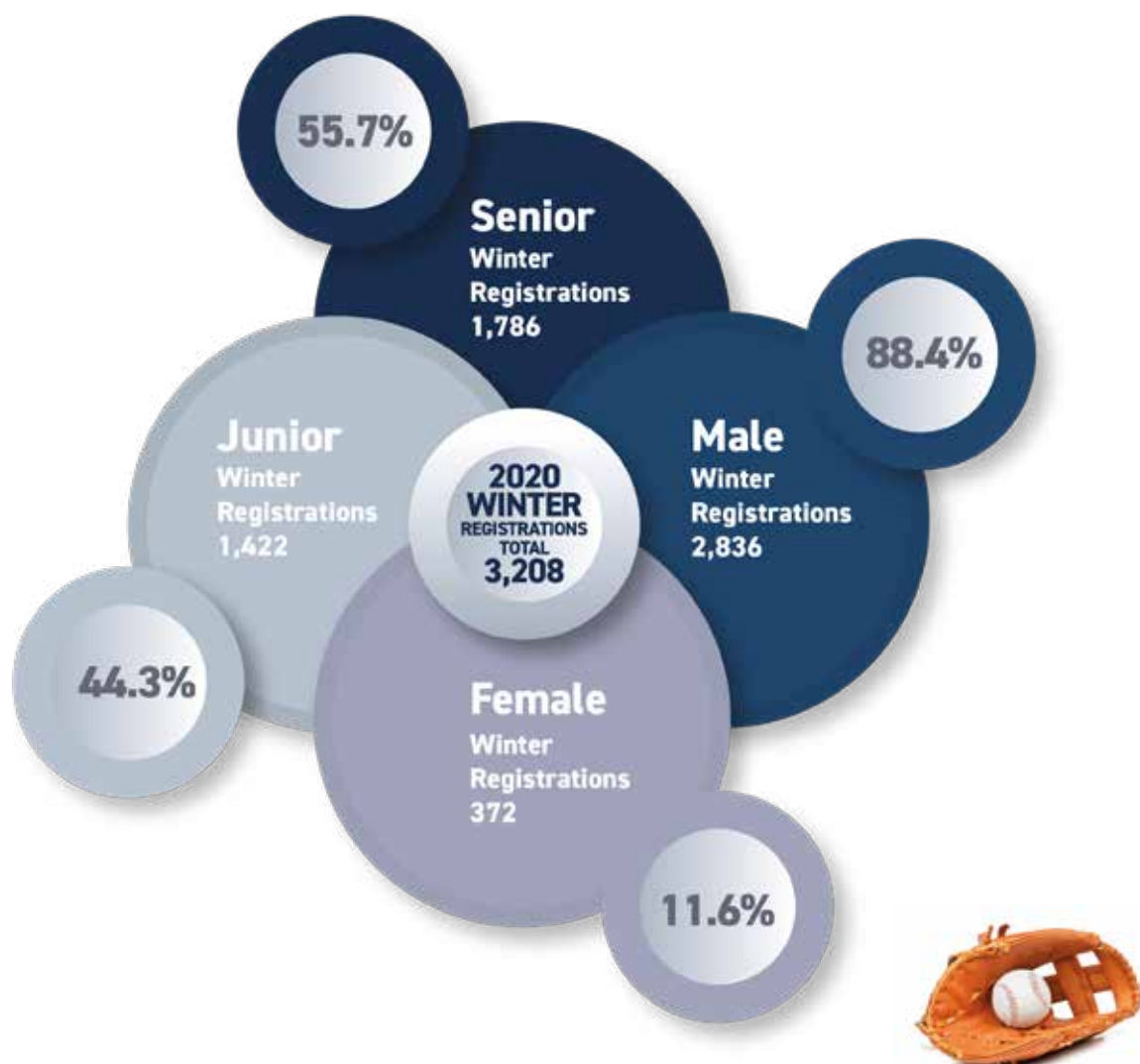
Winter Baseball Associations

The unprecedented events of the coronavirus pandemic had a significant impact on the 2020 winter season. Traditionally, our winter associations have junior and senior competitions throughout regional Victoria from approximately April-August or September. In 2020, the first COVID-19 lockdown pushed the start of winter training and our return to activity into late May and early June.

Baseball Victoria regularly consulted and discussed the season and COVID-19 implications with the winter baseball associations: Bendigo Baseball Association, Dandenong Baseball Association, Geelong Baseball Association, Latrobe Valley Baseball Association, Melbourne Winter Baseball League, North Eastern Baseball Association, and Sunraysia Baseball League.

In anticipation of the 2020 winter season, all winter players were asked to register to establish COVID protocols and ensure they were ready to return to play. However, due to COVID they were unable to do so.

The image below highlights our return to activity for the 2020 winter season and the number of registrations for senior training and restricted junior competitions.



Baseball Victoria & The COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic completely changed the course of 2020 and significantly disrupted our regular baseball competitions and activities. The Baseball Victoria Board and Staff worked diligently to lead grassroots baseball throughout these difficult times, navigating the numerous challenges while keeping the health and safety of the baseball community as our top priority.

Despite the numerous challenges, Baseball Victoria recognises that our careful planning and the support of Sport and Recreation Victoria and our state/territory stakeholders helped us weather the storm. Our goal was to survive this crisis and get our sport in a position to recover and eventually rebound, which will be our focus for the next financial year.

Timeline of COVID-19 Events

- 5 January 2020 – WHO releases its first Disease Outbreak News report on a mysterious illness as the pathogen is confirmed as a novel coronavirus.
- 25 January 2020 – First Australian cases reported in four incoming travellers from China.
- 27 February 2020 – Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison activates the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- 1 March 2020 – First Australian death from COVID-19 reported as a 78-year-old passenger on the Diamond Princess cruise ship.
- 2 March 2020 – First Australian cases of community transmission reported.
- 11 March 2020 – WHO officially declares COVID-19 a pandemic.
- 12 March 2020 – Baseball Victoria publishes first COVID-19 update.
- 13 March 2020 – Baseball Victoria releases COVID-19 update encouraging only essential spectators attend weekend VSBL finals.
- 14-15 March 2020 – VSBL Division 1, 2 and Women's Finals go ahead with limited spectators and livestreaming.
- 16 March 2020 – Last day in-office as Baseball Victoria staff prepare to work from home under Business Continuity Plan.
- 17 March 2020 – Baseball Victoria confirms shutdown of all baseball activity for the next 21 days and postponement of the following events:
 - 2020 Australian Women's Championships
 - 2020 Charter Player Development Program Super Series
 - 2020 Charter Little League State Championships
 - 2020 Senior, Junior and Intermediate League State Championships
 - 2020 Little League State Championships
 - 2020 Baseball Victoria Awards Night



Baseball Victoria & The COVID-19 Pandemic

- 20 March 2020 - Australia's borders to all non-residents closed.
- 21 March 2020 - Non-essential services and many schools closed.
- 27 March 2020 – Shutdown of all baseball activity extended to Sunday, 31 May 2020.
- 6 May 2020 – Baseball Victoria confirms the possibility of a return to activity based on the National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities and the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment.
- 12 May 2020 – Baseball Victoria confirms upcoming Return to Activity based on Victorian State Government Announcements.
- 25 May 2020 – Return to Activity commences with 10 athletes and two coaches at training sessions.
- 1 June 2020 – The number of people allowed at baseball activities increased from 10 athletes to 20 athletes.
- 30 June 2020 - Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews imposes local lockdowns on ten Melbourne postcodes, with baseball members from these postcodes not permitted to attend training.
- 3 July 2020 - Melbourne Winter Baseball League (MWBL) and Dandenong Baseball Association (DBA) announce the cancellation of both their senior and junior seasons. Geelong Baseball Association (GBA) confirmed cancellation of the senior season.
- 4 July 2020 – Additional postcodes added to lockdown restrictions; members residing in these areas not permitted to attend training.
- 7 July 2020 - Following announcements on the return to stage three lockdown restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne, Baseball Victoria confirms the shutdown of all baseball activity in metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire for the next six weeks, starting at 11:59 PM on Wednesday, 8 July 2020.
- 22 July 2020 – The use of face masks becomes a requirement in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire.
- 2 August 2020 – Victorian Government enters State of Disaster in addition to the State of Emergency for Victoria in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Metropolitan Melbourne moves to stage four restrictions and regional Victoria moves to stage three.
- 6 September 2020 – Victorian Government releases roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions.
- 22 September 2020 – Outdoor contact and non-contact sport for juniors and non-contact sport for adults resumes in regional Victoria, including Geelong, Mitchell Majors, and Ballarat Royals participating in VSBL.
- 30 October 2020 – Return to Activity confirmed for juniors (full training) and seniors (non-contact training).
- 24 November 2020 – Return to Play confirmed for start of December.
- 27 November 2020 – Return to Play registration opens.
- 4-6 December 2020 – VSBL competition begins in metropolitan Melbourne.



Victorian Government

Baseball Victoria has been in regular contact with Sport and Recreation Victoria and Vicsport to ensure timely updates and clarifications from the Victorian Government. We have provided relevant updates to our stakeholders and the baseball community following our government meetings to ensure safety for all Victorian baseballers. This is included in our COVID-19 crisis log.

Throughout the 2019/20 financial year, we completed the following updates which are included in our COVID-19 crisis log.

VSBL Meetings 22

Winter Association Meetings 17

Return to Activity/Train/Play Documents 8 versions

Individual Club Meetings 24

Charter Meetings 10

COVID 19 Updates 23

Baseball Cares

As part of our COVID-19 communications, we focused on mental health and our “baseball cares” message. Throughout our regular updates, Inside the BV Zone newsletter, and social media platforms, we provided information on mental health resources and encourage our baseball community to come together and support one another, even virtually. We also created a dedicated list of resources on our website included mental health organisations.

Staying Connected

With all baseball activity shut down for several months at a time throughout the financial year, one of our main priorities was to stay connected with our baseball community through our social platforms. Some of our initiatives included:

- Launch of BV TV YouTube Channel
 - At-Home Baseball Training for the COVID-19 Break Series with 50+ hitting, throwing, fielding and ball handling drills (pictured below)
 - Ramp Up to Play Throwing Program, Dynamic Warm Up and Recovery Program
- Launch of Baseball Victoria TikTok with over 130,000 views
- Enhanced Instagram engagement including Q&As, quizzes and polls
- Relevant COVID-19 reminders, mental health messages, and club/government news

COVID Normal

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on sport at all levels, particularly in Victoria where we had two lockdown periods as our state and territory counterparts returned to baseball activity and play. We spent the second half of the 2019/20 financial year navigating the pandemic and preparing for the future, and while our participation numbers have been affected, overall, we still saw a strong return to activity, with 3,208 registrations across seniors and juniors.

Although there were downsides as the winter season was interrupted by the second lockdown and the 2020/21 VSBL season start was pushed out into the new financial year, Baseball Victoria is in a solid position moving forward into our COVID normal. We will continue our active planning with stakeholders, regular meetings and communication, and interest in government assistance.



Victorian Summer Baseball League – 2019/20 Award Winners



Most Valuable Player

Division 1: G Heron Medal	Andrew Russell	Waverley BC
Division 1 Women	Abbey Kelly	Essendon BC
Division 2: R Hindson Medal	Billy Parsons	Port Melbourne BC
Division 3	Jeon Kyunsoo	Ormond Glenhuntly BC
Division 4 East	Chuck Rathnayake	Fitzroy BC
Division 4 North West	Servio Castillo	Footscray BC
Division 4 South	Michael Nakai	Monash Uni BC
Grand Final: H Wonnacott Medal	Andrew Jones	Blackburn BC

Pitching Award

Division 1: H Douglas Trophy	Andrew Jones	0.54	Blackburn BC
Division 2	Jayde Thorne	0.92	Williamstown BC
Division 3	Lucas Anderson	0.68	Springvale BC
Division 1 Women	Bronwyn Gell	3.74	Doncaster BC





Batting Average			
Division 1	Jacob Evans	0.424	Blackburn BC
Division 2	Jayde Thorne	0.462	Williamstown BC
Division 3	Shane Jeffree	0.500	Chelsea BC
Division 1 Women	Abbey Kelly	0.623	Essendon BC

Home Run			
Division 1	Jacob Evans	7	Blackburn BC
Division 2	Mitchell Kennedy	5	Malvern BC
Division 3	Geoff MacDonald	6	Ormond Glenhuntly BC
Division 1 Women	Jessica Johnson	2	Footscray BC

Coach of the Year	Matt Tayler – Blackburn BC
Volunteer of the Year	Brooke Tierney – Blackburn BC
Umpire of the Year: R Blackmore Shield	Geoff Boyes - Stewart Howe
Club Champion – Division 2	Williamstown BC
Club Champion – Division 1	Blackburn BC



Victorian Summer Baseball League

– Finals Results

Competition	Winner	Runner-Up
Division 1 Firsts	Blackburn 5	Sunshine 4
	Sunshine 4	Blackburn 1
	Blackburn 9	Sunshine 1
Division 1 Seconds	Waverley 6	Upwey FTG 4
Division 1 Thirds	Waverley 12	Geelong 1
Division 1 Fourths	Essendon 10	Melbourne 7
Division 2 Firsts	Malvern 15	Williamstown 1
	Malvern 12	Williamstown 4
Division 2 Seconds	Moorabbin 8	Williamstown 6
Division 2 Thirds	Moorabbin 3	St Kilda 1
Division 2 Fourths	Malvern 4	Williamstown 0
Division 3 Firsts	Ormond Glenhuntly Gold 8	Springvale 2
Division 3 Seconds	Ormond Glenhuntly Blue 20	Pakenham 14
Division 4 East	Melbourne 10	Waverley 4
Division 4 NW	Footscray White 2	Footscray Red 1
Division 4 South	Cheltenham 11	Berwick City 0
Women's Division 1	Springvale 9	Doncaster 7
Women's Division 2	Doncaster 13	Springvale 3
Women's Division 3 East	Moorabbin 10	Melbourne 4
Women's Division 3 West	Sunshine 21	Fitzroy 11
Women Division 3 South	Bonbeach 11	Cheltenham 10
Masters 38+ E	Melbourne 4	Upwey FTG 2
Masters 38+ NW	Sunshine 3	Essendon 2
Masters 38+ S	Springvale Tomatoes 13	Springvale Bigcats 2
Masters 45+	Blackburn 18	Melbourne 9
U18 State	Waverley 3	Newport 2
U18 State Combined	Bonbeach Upwey FTG 10	Doncaster 0
U16 State	Moorabbin 18	Essendon 0
U16 Metro East	Doncaster 12	Upwey FTG 2



Competition	Winner	Runner-Up
U16 Metro West	U16 Metro West	Preston 5
Eastern Athletics JL	Upwey FTG 12	Waverley 6
Eastern Athletics LL	Waverley 13	Doncaster 4
Geelong JL	Snappers 7	Lugnugs 6
Geelong LL	Riverdogs 8	Firefrogs 4
Southern Mariners IM	Cheltenham 13	Sandringham 3
Southern Mariners JL A	Cheltenham 8	Bonbeach White 4
Southern Mariners LL Major	Sandringham 3	Cheltenham 1
Twins JL	Essendon 12	Newport 2
Twins LL	Newport 5	Essendon 3
Twins LL Minor North	Essendon Jets 7	Research LP 6
Twins LL Minor West	Sunshine Vultures 7	Williamstown Panthers 6
Twins/EA IL	Research LP 10	Essendon 9

Photo: Blackburn Baseball Club (VSBL Division 1 Premiers)



Victorian State Teams

U18 Blue

Josh Ashen
Joshua Byrne
Dante Caruso
Cody Caulfield
Charlie Collins
Adam Harris
Henry Hayman
Blake Holding
Mitchell Homfray
Jaycob Pascuzzi
Keeley Ronalds-
Greatbatch
McLeod Sell
Sam Skinner
Kurtis Smith
Nathan Smith
Angus Stals
Charlie Sutherland
Jarryd Wood

Coaches

Marshall Skinner
David Hargraves
Bruce Wood

Executive Officer
Alan Sutherland

U18 White

Oswin Wong
Jordan Baumann
Travis Duxson
Rhys Fairweather
Travis Finney
Marshall Hansen
Trenell Hutchins
Kynan Jones
Finn O'Connell
Ryan Othen
Kyle Douglass
James Lynch
William Richardson
Cooper Rickard
Josh Smith
Joshua Tribe
Cal Vance
Matthew West

Coaches

Ben Laux
Matt Hardie
Jay Willis

Executive Officer
Glenn Vance

U16 Blue

Genevieve Beacom
Nicholas Bertucci
Tom Brookes
Felix Brunner
Tyler Ellis
Patrick Gawith
Tyler Gwin
Ned Hargreaves
Jimin Lee
Timothy Liersch
Otto Moje
Bronson Neave
Charlie O'Connell
Nicholas Parton
Charlie Pierson
Ethan Scalzo
Lachlan Smith
Declan Speirs

Coaches

Scott Meager
Jordan Young
Daniel Page

Executive Officer
Peter McNish

U16 White

Phoenix Beck
Cooper Drummond
Harrison Elustondo
Campbell Every
Harrison Fitzgerald
Xander Gunn
Ben Jon Howard
Adam Jirik
Millar Kuhl
Finnley McGrath
Joel Prpic
Angelo Reale Rontos
James Richardson
Harper Rickard
Alek Siddans
James Squire
Ryan Wu
Thomas Yuile

Coaches

Chris Rickard
Christopher Anderton
Eduardo Escalona

Executive Officer
Sue-Ellen Jirik



Women

cancelled due to COVID

Leslie Anglin
Jamie Bastian
Genevieve Beacom
Allison Bebbere
Gabby Bevan
Belinda Cannington
Lili Cavanagh
Brittney Cedelland
Erin Collis
Emma Davenport
Emily Devine
Morgan Doty
Courtney Foura
Bronwyn Gell
Abbey Kelly
Shae Lilywhite
Abbey McLellan
Maddy Patrick

Coaches

Dean Anglin
Duane Davenport
Jeremy Young
Jordan Young

Executive Officer

Leslie Anglin

Youth Women

cancelled due to COVID

Lilian Bell-Tanner
Jessica Brown
Felicity Clissold
Ruby Dale
Keeley Harrison
Caitlin Hoy
Erin Kent
Hannah Lindsay
Lily McKenner
Makayla McKenner
Caroline Moustos
Nyah O'Brien
Lauren Romanin
Hannah Scott
Ella Tucker
Chloe Woollard

Coaches

Ursula Howard
Andrew Fielden
Siobhan Stephenson

Executive Officer

Anne Wearne



Honour Rolls

BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

Year	President	Chief Executive Officer
2020	Mr. M. Foreman	Ms. Kristie Middleton
2019	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. J Huber (resigned June)/Ms. Kristie Middleton (Appt. August)
2018	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. J Huber
2017	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair (resigned June)/Mr. J. Huber (appointed July)
2016	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair
2015	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair (Interim General Manager)
2014	Mr. C. Crameri	Mr. N. Price
2013	Mr. C. Crameri	Mr. B. W. Hidson (resigned April)/Mr. N. Price (appointed July)
2012	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr.B. W. Hidson
2011	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr. B. W. Hidson
2010	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr. B. W. Hidson
2009	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Nash



BASEBALL VICTORIA LIFE MEMBERS

2019 Ian Bishop
2019 Michele Winther
2017 Michael Gourley
2017 Richard Mason* OAM
2016 Julie Jones
2015 John King
2009 Jason Blair

VICTORIAN PROVINCIAL BASEBALL LEAGUE LIFE MEMBERS

2009 Dale Lewis (VWBL)
2009 Julie Stephens (Dandenong)
2009 Michael Stephens (Dandenong)
2006 Kath Besford (VWBL)
2005 Clyde Cumming (LVBA)
2005 Greg Evans (Bendigo)
2004 David Rice (VWBL)
2004 Graeme Besford (VWBL)
2001 Terry Cox (Ballarat)
1999 Michael O'Brien (Geelong)
1986 John O'Brien* (Dandenong)
1976 Ron Clack* (Ballarat)
1974 Robert Luxford* (Dandenong)
1968 Ern Whykes* (Ballarat)
1966 Roy Shadorth* (Bendigo)
1965 Ern Blanden* (Ballarat)
1964 Ern Gear* (Geelong)
1959 Les Olsson* (Dandenong)
1957 William Harwood* (Ballarat)
1955 William Aitken* (Ballarat)
1948 Jack E. M. Ellis* (VBA)

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

2006 Jenny Ratcliffe
2006 Peter Dihm
2005 Grant Weir
2005 Robert O Blackmore
2004 Beryl Bunting*
2004 Rodney Gaunt
2002 Les T Flower
1992 Les A Polson*
1991 Paul F Collins
1991 Ron R Smith*
1988 Barry N Smith*
1988 Graeme B Ainscough*

1986 Colin J McKay*
1986 Ken CJ Welfare*
1986 Lyn V Straw*
1985 David L Went
1983 WE (Bill) Blanden*
1982 Jack F Guiliano*
1981 Colin C Miller*
1980 S Doug Chapman*
1980 S Doug Chapman*
1973 John B Anderson*
1973 Talbot R Hill*
1970 Ross M Straw*
1970 RW (Dick) Chapman*
1966 Angus McPherson*
1963 RJ (Bob) Black*
1958 George S Heron*
1956 Tom L Straw*
1955 Keith W Tucker*
1949 Reg E Darling*
1948 Wally B Carter*
1947 Ernest H King*
1945 Jack T Leckey*
1944 GB Mackay*
1943 Frederick H Martin*
1942 Jack EM Ellis Snr*
1941 Percy C Pooley*
1936 Daniel J Chandler*
1935 Harry W Francis*
1935 Hugh M Gordon*
1935 Alfred Beckefeld*
1933 HJ Newbound*
1929 J Bayne Mackay*
1926 Leslie F Johnston OBE*
1924 Ernest W Fielder*
1922 TJ Browne*
1921 Robert R Hindson*
1920 S Charles Lansdown*
1919 Cam Sellars*
1912 Percy B Seyffarth*
1911 Frank Laver*
1911 FM Russell*
1911 HM Adams*
1911 JS Milford*
1911 T Smith*
1910 Peter McAlister*





Financial Report

Presented by President Myles Foreman

With first a postponement and then a cancellation of all baseball activity from March 2020 through the remainder of the financial year, income to Baseball Victoria effectively ceased.

Total Revenue including the COVID-19 Stimulus of \$304,902 was \$1,284,487 a decrease of \$620,073 (32% ↓) on last year. If it had not of been for \$304,902 of COVI9-19 Stimulus support from Federal Government Job Keeper, State Government Stimulus and Grants along with internal costs saving measures the result would have been very different.

This profit of \$151,754 despite a (32% ↓) reduction in revenue (including COVID-19 Stimulus) and a (39% ↓) reduction in expenditure is being used in the new financial year to enable specific financial support measures to be implemented such as the elimination of junior fees for the 2020/2021 VSBL season and a reduction in team entry fees along with investment by Baseball Victoria in COVID-19 Return To Play Safe tools to reduce this financial burden on clubs and players at the time of registration.



BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED
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Financial Report
For the period ended 30 September 2020

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The board of director's present their report together with the financial report of Baseball Victoria Incorporated for the period ended 30 September 2020 and the auditor's report thereon. This financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

The Board of Director's names

The names of the director's in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Myles Foreman - President

James van Beek - Vice-President (resigned 21 August 2020)

Craig Armstead (resigned February 2020)

Joanna O'Connor

Grant Weir

Margie Ardono

Meghan Mayman

Sam Taylor (appointed to casual vacancy 22 February 2020)
(appointed to board at 2020 AGM, 25 February 2020)
(appointed Vice-President 23 August 2020)

The director's have been in office since the start of the year to date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Results

The Profit/(Loss) of the association for the year after providing for income tax amounted to a Profit of \$151,754 (2019: Profit \$17,103).

Review of operations

The association continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

The operational performance of the entity was severely offset by Covid-19 with the cancellation of a number of programs as well as the winter season. The loss in revenue was offset by various government stimulus packages.

Events after reporting date

Disclosure about Covid-19 and its impact on the organisation has created unprecedented uncertainty in the economic environment that we operate within. Actual economic events and conditions in the future may be materially different from those realised in the 2020 financial year and projected for the 2021 financial year. In the event the Covid-19 pandemic impacts are more severe or prolonged than anticipated, this may have further effects on the financial position and performance of the organisation. As at the date of the financial report, an estimate of the future effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the organisation's financial performance and/or financial position can not be made, as the impact will depend on the magnitude and duration of the economic downturn with the full range of monetary impacts unknown.

Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial period which significantly affect the operations of the organisation, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the organisation in future financial years.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Subsequent Events

The Covid-19 pandemic has created unprecedented uncertainty of the economic events and conditions in future may be materially different from those estimated by the organisation at the reporting date. In the event the Covid-19 pandemic impacts are more severe or prolonged than anticipated. This may have further adverse impacts to the organisation. At the date of the annual report an estimate of the future effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the organisation cannot be made, as the impact will depend on the magnitude and duration of the economic downturn, the full range of possible effects unknown.

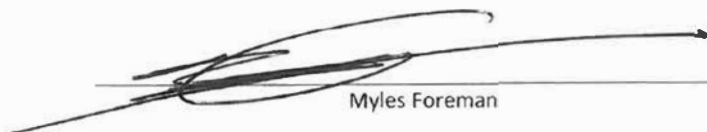
Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial period which significantly affect the operations of the organisation, the results of those operations or the state.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the association during the year was to facilitate and promote baseball in Victoria. No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of director's

President:


Myles Foreman

Vice-President:


Sam Taylor

Dated this day 18 December 2020

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

	Note	2020	2019
			\$
Revenue			
Revenue	3	977,873	1,898,882
Other Income	3	304,902	-
Interest Income		1,712	5,678
		<u>1,284,487</u>	<u>1,904,560</u>
Less: Expenses			
Baseball Competition Management		(179,485)	(531,713)
Baseball Pathways		(226,226)	(447,883)
Baseball Participation		(20,373)	(47,388)
Baseball Operations		(706,649)	(832,310)
Baseball Aces		-	(28,163)
		<u>(1,132,733)</u>	<u>(1,887,457)</u>
Profit/(Loss) before income tax expense		<u>151,754</u>	<u>17,103</u>
Income tax expense		-	-
Net Profit/(Loss) after income tax		<u>151,754</u>	<u>17,103</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>151,754</u>	<u>17,103</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	344,287	586,225
Receivables	6	123,758	46,642
Inventories	7	72,318	4,105
Other assets	10	16,275	11,591
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>556,638</u>	<u>648,563</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	8	30,450	34,239
Right of Use Asset	15	157,412	-
Intangible assets	9	2,000	2,000
Other assets	10	56,072	57,072
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>245,934</u>	<u>93,311</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>802,572</u>	<u>741,874</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	11	33,968	125,335
Provisions	12	37,686	32,002
Lease Liability	15	18,022	-
Other liabilities	13	43,200	222,935
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>132,876</u>	<u>380,272</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	12	2,169	9,221
Lease Liability	15	154,739	-
Other liabilities	13	56,072	57,072
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>212,980</u>	<u>66,293</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>345,856</u>	<u>446,565</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>456,716</u>	<u>295,309</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Accumulated surplus & Reserves		456,716	295,309
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		<u>456,716</u>	<u>295,309</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS
For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

	Retained Earnings	Development Reserve	Accumulated Surplus & Reserves
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 October 2018	257,527	20,000	277,527
Net Movement in Development Fund Reserve	-	679	679
	257,527	20,679	278,206
Profit/Loss for the Period	17,103	-	17,103
Total comprehensive income for the year	17,103	-	17,103
Balance as at 30 September 2019	274,630	20,679	295,309
Balance as at 1 October 2019	274,630	20,679	295,309
Net movement in Development Fund Reserve	-	9,653	9,653
	274,630	30,332	304,962
Profit/(Loss) for the period	151,754	-	151,754
Total comprehensive income for the year	151,754	-	151,754
Balance as at 30 September 2020	426,384	30,332	456,716

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash flow from operating activities			
Receipts from Customers		1,162,857	1,907,975
Payments to Suppliers & Employees		(1,377,144)	(1,800,220)
Interest Received		1,712	5,678
Finance Costs		-	-
Net cash used in operating activities	14(b)	<u>(212,575)</u>	<u>113,433</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Payments for property, plant and equipment	8(a)	(10,785)	(7,600)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(10,785)</u>	<u>(7,600)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Lease Payments (Cash Portion)		(18,578)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(18,578)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(241,938)	105,833
Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		586,225	480,392
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(241,938)	105,833
Cash at end of financial year	14(a)	<u>344,287</u>	<u>586,225</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act of Victoria 2012 (and its associated Regulations). The directors have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report was approved by the Board of Director's as at the date of the directors' report

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation and presentation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

a) Basis of preparation of the financial report

Historical Cost Convention

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets as described in the accounting policies.

b) Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon delivery of the service to the customers.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue is reported using segments identified as Competition Management, Operations, Pathways, Participation and Aces. Other revenue includes Covid measures including but not limited to Jobkeeper, cashflow boost payments and government support grants.

Other revenue is recognised when the right to the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

c) Income tax

The Association has self-assessed to be exempt from income tax pursuant to Section 50.45 of the *Australian Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and thus is not liable for any income tax, and accordingly no provision for income tax has been raised.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and at banks, short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less held at call with financial institutions.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

e) Plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Land and the land component of any class of fixed asset is not depreciated.

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates	Depreciation basis
Motor vehicles at cost	25%	Diminishing value
Office equipment at cost	35% - 67%	Straight-Line

f) Intangibles

Patents, trademarks and licences

Patents, trademarks and licences are recognised at cost and are amortised over their estimated useful lives. They are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses.

g) Impairment

Assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Assets subject to annual depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired.

An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the assets exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

h) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an out flow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

i) Leases

Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

Finance leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the association are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised, recording an asset and liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. The interest expense is calculated using the interest rate implicit in the lease and is included in finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income. Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the association will obtain ownership of the asset, or over the term of the lease. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Operating leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

j) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of the services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

k) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs can include interest, amortisation of discounts or premiums relating to borrowings, ancillary costs incurred in connection with arrangement of borrowings, foreign exchange losses net of hedged amounts on borrowings.

Borrowing costs incurred as part of the cost of construction of a qualifying asset are capitalised until the asset is ready for its intended use or sale.

l) Change in Accounting Policy

Leases - Adoption of AASB 16

The Entity has adopted AASB 16 *Leases* using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method from 1 October 2019 and therefore the comparative information for the year ended 30 September 2019 has not been restated and has been prepared in accordance with AASB 117 *Leases* and associated Accounting Interpretations.

Impact of adoption of AASB 16

The Entity has applied AASB 16 *Leases* for the first time for their annual reporting period commencing 1 October 2019. The Entity has adopted AASB 16 *Leases* using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method from 1 October 2019 and therefore the comparative information for the year ended 30 September 2019 has not been restated. Lease liability was calculated based on the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate as of 1 October 2019. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1 October 2019 was 3.5%.

On 1 October 2019 the company recognised a right-of-use asset for \$185,191 and a lease liability for the equivalent amount based using the modified retrospective cumulative catch up method under AASB 16. The cumulative effect of initial application is recognised in retained earnings at 1 October 2019. Based on the approach applied by the Entity, the impact on retained earnings was nil at 1 October 2019. Accordingly, the comparative information have not been restated and are presented under AASB 117 *Leases* as permitted under the specific transition provisions in the standard. The details of the changes in accounting policies are disclosed in note 3(c) of these financial statements.

In applying AASB 16 for the first time, the Entity has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- relying on previous assessment on whether leases are onerous as an alternative to performing an impairment review there were no onerous leases as at 1 October 2019;
- excluding initial direct costs for the measurement of the right-of-use asset at the date of initial application; and
- Using hindsight in determining the lease term where the lease term where the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

The Entity has also elected not to reassess whether a contract is, or contains a lease at the date of initial application. Instead, for contracts entered into before the transition date the Entity relied on its assessment made applying AASB 117 and Interpretation for determining whether an arrangement contains a lease.

Measurement of Lease Liability

For the comparative year, the Entity has no finance lease liabilities. Accordingly the lease liabilities in the statement of financial position all relate to leases previously classified as operating leases under AASB 117.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement of Right of Use Assets

All right-of-use assets were measured at the amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease recognised in the balance sheet as at 1 October 2019.

m) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

NOTE 2: CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgements are based on past performance and management's expectations for the future.

NOTE 3: REVENUE

Operating activities

Baseball Competition Management	334,636	739,269
Baseball Pathways	277,421	535,029
Baseball Participation	27,991	56,771
Baseball Operations	337,825	539,650
Baseball Aces	-	28,163
	<u>977,873</u>	<u>1,898,882</u>
Other Income		
Covid-19 Stimulus Measures	304,902	-

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
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NOTE 4: EXPENSES

Operating activities

Depreciation and amortisation expense		(48,501)	(19,728)
Employee benefits expense		(458,340)	(507,389)

NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank	31,037	274,264
Cash on deposit	313,250	311,961
	<u>344,287</u>	<u>586,225</u>

NOTE 6: RECEIVABLES

CURRENT

Trade debtors	110,558	47,112
Other receivables	15,000	-
Allowance for expected credit losses	(1,800)	(470)
	<u>123,758</u>	<u>46,642</u>

Impairment of trade receivables

Trade receivables are non interest bearing. An impairment loss is recognised when there is objective evidence that an individual trade receivable is impaired.

Movements in the accumulated impairment losses were:

Opening balance at 1 October 2019	(470)	(8,615)
Charge for the year	(1,330)	8,145
Closing balance as at 30 September 2020	<u>(1,800)</u>	<u>(470)</u>

Aged Analysis

Trade receivable ageing analysis as at 30 September:

	Gross 2020 \$	Impairment 2020 \$	Gross 2019 \$	Impairment 2019 \$
Not past due	100,090	-	47,392	(470)
Past due 31-60 days	330	-	(330)	-
Past due 61-90 days	2,700	-	50	-
Past due more than 91 days	7,438	(1,800)	-	-
	<u>110,558</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>	<u>47,112</u>	<u>(470)</u>

NOTE 7: INVENTORIES

Inventory held for sale	72,318	4,105
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	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Plant and Equipment			
Motor vehicles at cost		45,454	45,454
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(40,262)</u>	<u>(38,532)</u>
		5,192	6,922
Office equipment at cost		26,813	63,395
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(19,730)</u>	<u>(55,119)</u>
		7,083	8,276
Computer equipment at cost		19,023	19,436
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(15,487)</u>	<u>(12,524)</u>
		3,536	6,912
Baseball equipment at cost		21,525	21,525
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(15,136)</u>	<u>(9,396)</u>
		6,389	12,128
Leasehold Improvements		8,250	-
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		8,250	-
Total property, plant and equipment		<u>30,450</u>	<u>34,239</u>
a) Reconciliations			
Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial year			
<i>Motor vehicles</i>			
Opening carrying amount		6,923	9,230
Additions		-	-
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		<u>(1,730)</u>	<u>(2,307)</u>
Closing carrying amount		<u>5,193</u>	<u>6,923</u>
<i>Office equipment</i>			
Opening carrying amount		8,276	12,873
Additions		2,535	-
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		<u>(3,727)</u>	<u>(4,597)</u>
Closing carrying amount		<u>7,084</u>	<u>8,276</u>
<i>Computer equipment</i>			
Opening carrying amount		6,911	13,867
Additions		-	-
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		<u>(3,375)</u>	<u>(6,956)</u>
Closing carrying amount		<u>3,536</u>	<u>6,911</u>

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	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)			
Plant and Equipment			
<i>Baseball equipment</i>			
Opening carrying amount		12,128	10,396
Additions		-	7,600
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		(5,740)	(5,868)
Closing carrying amount		<u>6,388</u>	<u>12,128</u>
 <i>Leasehold improvements</i>			
Opening carrying amount		-	-
Additions		8,250	-
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation expense		-	-
Closing carrying amount		<u>8,250</u>	<u>-</u>

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	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
NOTE 9: INTANGIBLE ASSETS			
Patents, trademarks and licences at cost		2,000	2,000
a) Reconciliations			
Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of intangible assets at the beginning and end of the current financial year			
<i>Patents, trademarks and licences at cost</i>			
Opening balance		2,000	2,000
Closing balance		2,000	2,000
NOTE 10: OTHER ASSETS			
CURRENT			
Prepayments		16,275	11,591
		16,275	11,591
NON-CURRENT			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		56,072	57,072
		56,072	57,072
NOTE 11: PAYABLES			
CURRENT			
<i>Unsecured Liabilities</i>			
Trade creditors		15,414	16,502
Sundry creditors and accruals		18,554	108,833
		33,968	125,335
NOTE 12: PROVISIONS			
CURRENT			
Employee Benefits		37,686	32,002
NON-CURRENT			
Employee Benefits		2,169	9,221
a) Aggregate employee benefits liability		39,855	41,223

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	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
NOTE 13: OTHER LIABILITIES			
CURRENT			
Deferred Income		43,200	222,935
		<u>43,200</u>	<u>222,935</u>
NON-CURRENT			
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust		56,072	57,072
		<u>56,072</u>	<u>57,072</u>
NOTE 14: CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
a) Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at the end of the financial year is shown in the statements of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:			
Cash at bank		31,037	274,264
At call deposits with financial institutions		313,250	311,961
		<u>344,287</u>	<u>586,225</u>
b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus after income tax			
Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax		151,754	17,103
Adjustments and non-cash items			
Depreciation		14,572	19,728
Amortisation of leases		27,779	-
Finance Cost (on leases)		6,148	-
Movement in Development Fund Reserve		9,653	679
Changes in assets and liabilities			
(Increase)/decrease in receivables		(77,116)	26,989
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		(3,684)	3,747
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		(68,213)	2,771
Increase/(decrease) in payables		(91,365)	56,859
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities		(180,735)	(26,002)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions		(1,368)	11,560
		<u>(364,329)</u>	<u>96,330</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		<u>(212,575)</u>	<u>113,433</u>

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	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
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NOTE 15: Leases

The entity has applied AASB16 using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method and therefore the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under AASB 117 and related interpretations.

The Entity as a lessee

The entity has leases over office space at Melbourne Ballpark for staff.

The entity has chosen not to apply AASB 16 to leases of intangible assets.

Information relating to the leases in place and associated balances and transactions are provided below.

Terms and conditions of leases

The Entity leases buildings for their corporate offices. The lease is for a 3 year period with two extension options.

Right of Use Assets

	\$
Year ended 30 September 2020	
Balance at beginning of year	185,191
Amortisation charge	(27,779)
Balance at end of year	<u><u>157,412</u></u>

Lease Liability

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

	<1Year \$	1+Years \$	Total undiscounted lease liabilities \$	Lease liabilities included in this Statement Of Financial
2020	18,022	154,739	172,761	172,761

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

The amounts recognised in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income relating to leases where the entity is a lessee are shown below:

	2020 \$
Interest expense on lease liabilities	6,148
Amortisation of Right of use assets	27,779
Balance at end of year	<u><u>35,947</u></u>

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Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
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NOTE 16: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Covid-19 pandemic has created unprecedented uncertainty of the economic environment. Actual economic events and conditions in future may be materially different from those estimated by the organisation at the reporting date. In the event the COVID-19 pandemic impacts are more severe or prolonged than anticipated, this may have further adverse impacts to the organisation. The 2020/21 VSBL season start date has been delayed until late November as a result of government restrictions, impacting normal revenue streams for this period. At the date of the annual report, an estimate of the future effects of the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be made, as the impact will depend on the magnitude and duration of the economic downturn, with the full range of possible effects unknown.

Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial period which significantly affects the operations of the organisation, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the organisation in future financial years.

NOTE 17: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Baseball Victoria Incorporated
Melbourne Ball Park
Merton Street
Altona Meadows VIC 3028

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STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS


In the opinion of the directors the financial report as set out on pages 3-18:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Baseball Victoria Incorporated as at 30 September 2020 and performance for the period ended on that date in accordance with the Accounting Standards in Australia and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Baseball Victoria Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.


This declaration is made in accordance with the resolution of the directors and is signed for and on behalf of the directors by:

President:



Myles Foreman

Vice-President:



Sam Taylor

Dated this day 18 December 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report, of Baseball Victoria Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the period then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and statement by the directors.

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Baseball Victoria Incorporated as at 30 September 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012 (and its associated Regulations).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of Baseball Victoria in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012 (and its associated Regulations). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Emphasis of Matter – Events occurring after the Reporting Date and the impact of COVID-19

We draw attention to Note 16 Events Occurring after the Reporting Date in the financial report, which describes the unprecedented uncertainty of the economic environment at the date of signing the financial report due to the response to COVID-19, and in particular the possible effects on the association. In our judgment, this issue is fundamental to the users' understanding of the financial report, the financial position and the financial performance of the association. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of Baseball Victoria are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of Baseball Victoria to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate Baseball Victoria or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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