

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS

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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA

SUBJECT: AWARDS NIGHT WINNERS, AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

CHAMPIONSHIP, NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, STATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, CLUB REMINDERS, BV TV, MENTAL HEALTH,

LIFEBLOOD

2021 Baseball Victoria Awards Night Livestream

The 2021 Baseball Victoria Awards Night celebrated the Victorian baseball community and the 2020/21 VSBL season.

Livestreamed in partnership with My Sport Live on the night of Monday 17 May, the Baseball Victoria Awards featured individual achievement award winners and special video messages from BV Life Member Scott Dawes, Women's Division 1 MVP Abbey Kelly, and Division 1 MVP Billy Parsons.

Congratulations to all the deserving award winners on their fantastic achievements and tireless dedication to Victorian baseball!

Click <u>HERE</u> to view the full winners list, or watch the awards and highlights on the Baseball Victoria Facebook or BV TV YouTube channel.

2021 Australian Junior League Championship

The Twins earned the silver medal after falling 3-2 to Ryde Hawks in the final game of the 2021 Australian Junior League Championship in Adelaide. Earlier in the day, Southern Mariners secured a fifth-place finish with a 7-1 win over Brisbane Metro.

Well done to Twins and Southern Mariners on a great tournament!

Next up for national events is the 2021 Australian Intermediate League Championship in Mildura from 25-29 May, followed by Little League in Lismore from 9-14 June.

Click **HERE** to read Junior League recaps.

National Volunteer Week

It's National Volunteer Week, and Baseball Victoria would like to thank all of our amazing volunteers for their dedication to grassroots baseball.

The Victorian baseball community wouldn't exist without our dedicated volunteers, from scorers and club committee members to canteen crews and groundskeepers. Whether leading teams on the field or supporting baseball behind the scenes, volunteers make a huge difference.

Thank you to volunteers for all you do! Learn more about National Volunteer Week HERE.

2021 State Winter Championships

Baseball Victoria is looking forward to the 2021 State Winter Championships this June and July. Winter associations can register their teams' interest HERE, with more details to be released shortly.

Click HERE to read the full release with dates and venues.

Club Reminders

We have a variety of club resources available on our website, including COVID-19 updates on the Victorian Government's QR Code Service <u>HERE</u>.

For the winter season, we have return to training registration <u>HERE</u> and return to play registration <u>HERE</u>. There are also COVIDSafe plans <u>HERE</u> and general COVID resources and government updates <u>HERE</u>.

Don't forget to check out our available grants page HERE and see club advertisements HERE.

Baseball Training on BV TV

The <u>At-Home Baseball Training</u> and <u>Ramp Up to Play</u> videos on <u>BV TV</u> cover hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills to help you stay on top of your baseball this season. You can also check out fun baseball videos, interviews, and highlights HERE.

For more baseball content, please follow Baseball Victoria on TikTok <u>HERE</u> and Instagram <u>HERE</u>. Click HERE to catch up on the latest news from Baseball Victoria.

Mental Health Resources

It's important to talk about mental health and check in on teammates, friends and family. Please view resources on our website, including information from <u>Beyond Blue</u>, <u>Headspace</u>, <u>Kids Helpline</u>, <u>Lifeline</u> and R U OK?

For more on mental health, see our COVID-19 resources page <u>HERE</u>. Click <u>HERE</u> for resources from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria is a proud member of the <u>Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program</u>, which provides life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians every year.

Our donations have saved 87 lives already in 2021, but more blood types are needed every day. Sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team <u>HERE</u>.

You can find pop-up clinics in your area or book your blood bank appointment at <u>donateblood.com.au</u>, on the Lifeblood app, or on 13 14 95.

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