

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA  
SUBJECT: CEO WELCOME, 2021/22 VSBL SEASON, SHOWCASE SERIES,  
COACHING RESOURCES, BV TV, GET ACTIVE KIDS, LIFEBLOOD

## CEO Welcome

Firstly, hello to you all as I complete my first week as CEO at Baseball Victoria.

As you can imagine, I have spent this time trying to familiarize myself with the operational aspects of the organization, meeting the BV team and having several great conversations with my peers across the country, as well as BA and the Melbourne Aces.

Suffice it to say for the purposes of this message that there is a lot of really solid work being done, and I'm really excited to work with you all to help baseball be the best it can be in Victoria in the future.

I'll be popping into a match or two this weekend, so might see you there – enjoy being back on the diamond as Victoria embraces the post-COVID world!

– Baseball Victoria CEO Ritchie Hinton



## 2021/22 VSBL Season

We are excited for the 2021/22 VSBL season to get started this weekend, and we hope all our Victorian baseballers are ready to hit the diamond for a great summer of baseball.

View all [VSBL fixtures](#) and make sure to complete your return to play registration [HERE](#) before taking the field.

Also, the Baseball Victoria Return to Play COVIDSafe Plan is available [HERE](#), which outlines the following COVIDSafe settings for community sport:

- Community sport permitted indoors and outdoors, regardless of vaccination status, with the minimum number required and up to 30 spectators in line with public gathering limits.
- Masks remain mandatory indoors but are no longer required outdoors, although it is highly recommended to wear a mask outdoors where you cannot socially distance.
- Travel allowed between regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne.
- Canteens and bars operate under hospitality restrictions; therefore, all members must be fully vaccinated to use an indoor canteen/bar at a community sport facility.

Read our latest updates [HERE](#) and view VSBL forms and resources [HERE](#).

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest VSBL news.

Best of luck to everyone this weekend – stay safe and have fun!

## 2022 National Showcase Series – Victoria

Baseball Victoria is pleased to confirm the National Showcase Series – Victoria will be held at Melbourne Ballpark from Monday 10 January – Sunday 16 January 2022.

Similar to the traditional AYC tournament, this Victorian event will take place during the January school holidays and include the Under 16 and Under 18 age brackets with a combination of showcasing and a series of games. Tryouts for the National Showcase Series – Victoria will be held from 27 November, with specific dates and times to be confirmed. Teams will be finalised after the end of the tryout process in mid-December.

Register [HERE](#) for the tryouts and learn more about the showcase [HERE](#).

### BV Coaching Resources

As summer baseball gets started, we wish to remind all coaches of the valuable coaching resources that align with Baseball Australia's USA Baseball Certification, which was introduced in 2020 and is available to complete online. Click [HERE](#) to read our full coaching accreditation update and learn more about coach education resources.

Also, coaching expressions of interest are open for the Australian Women's Championship [HERE](#).

### Ramp Up to Play on BV TV

There are new training videos on [BV TV](#) so make sure you check out our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) throwing drills and our entire [Ramp Up to Play](#) video series. Stay connected with BV for more baseball content on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#).

### Get Active Kids Voucher Program

Applications for the third round of the \$21 million Get Active Kids Voucher Program close at 5:00pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021. This Victorian Government program is designed to get more kids into sport and expenditure can be backdated to 1 January 2021 to cover sporting memberships, registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the eligibility requirements and apply today. For a full list of available grants and funding opportunities, click [HERE](#).

### Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria has saved 192 lives this year as part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#), which delivers life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians annually.

We hope to reach 200 lives saved before the end of the year, as Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week. Please sign up to save lives with the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

### The BV Team

**Ritchie Hinton** – CEO

**Tania Newcombe** – Financial Controller

**Damian Shanahan** – Talent Development Manager

**Danny Haymes** – VSBL Manager

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