

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: VSBL SEASON, BOARD UPDATE, COLLEGE COMMITS, CALL IT OUT,

BV TV, SPORTING CLUB GRANTS, LIFEBLOOD

2021/22 VSBL Season

The 2021/22 VSBL season is well underway and it's great to be back on the diamond with over 40 competitions this year across juniors, seniors and masters. From no-hitters to walk-offs, it's been a busy start to the season, and you can catch up on all the VSBL action HERE.

We hope everyone enjoys a beautiful weekend of baseball weather and good luck to all players in this upcoming round!

View all fixtures, results, and standings <u>HERE</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for the latest VSBL news.

Baseball Victoria Board Update

There have been several updates to the Baseball Victoria Board with the appointment of three new directors including a new President.

The Board of Baseball Victoria confirms President Meghan Mayman has resigned from her role effective 19 November 2021 and will stay on until Christmas to assist with the final stages of transition as part of the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee.

The Baseball Victoria Board met on Saturday to appoint Andy Rose as the new President following Meghan's departure, which is part of a seamless, planned transition into the next chapter of Baseball Victoria leadership as we get back to baseball after numerous COVID challenges.

Two other new directors have been appointed to the board in addition to Andy Rose, with Jennifer Pitson and Brett Mitsch also confirmed on Saturday.

Click HERE to read the full update.

Victorians Commit to College

Several Victorians have recently committed to attend college in 2022, taking the next step in their baseball journeys. Congratulations to Angus Stals who will head to Three Rivers in Missouri and Charlie Collins who committed to Odessa College in Texas. Josh Ashen is also headed to Texas to attend Vernon College.

Well done to all of these players on their accomplishments – we are looking forward to watching their college experiences unfold!

Click HERE to read the latest stories and click HERE to view the current list of Victorian college players.

Respect Women: Call It Out Campaign

<u>Respect Victoria</u> is running the <u>Respect Women: Call It Out Campaign</u> during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence from 25 November - 10 December 2021.

Baseball Victoria joins Sport and Recreation Victoria and fellow grassroots sports in supporting this campaign, as everyone has a role to play in ending gender-based violence. Sport at all levels plays a key role in influencing positive behaviours and attitudes around gender equality, respectful relationships, and the prevention of gendered violence that reaches far beyond sport into the wider community.

Please read more about this important campaign and how to get involved and show your support HERE.

BV TV Training Videos

While the summer season heats up, you can keep working on your baseball skills anytime with new training videos on <u>BV TV</u>.

Check out our <u>At-Home Baseball Training</u> throwing drills and our entire <u>Ramp Up to Play</u> video series, and also connect with us on <u>TikTok</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for more baseball content from around Victoria and beyond.

SRV Sporting Club Grants

Applications are now open for the latest round of Sporting Club Grants, a Victorian Government funding program that supports new uniforms and volunteer/coach training for grassroots sporting clubs and organisations.

Clubs are encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 for new uniforms and equipment, up to \$2,000 for training coaches, officials and volunteers, and up to \$5,000 to improve club operations. Applications close 25 January 2022 – click HERE to learn more and apply today.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria has saved 204 lives this year as part of the <u>Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams</u>

<u>Program</u>. Thank you to everyone who has gotten involved in this valuable cause as Lifeblood delivers lifesaving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians every year.

Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week, and we'd love to continue saving lives with the help of our baseball community. Please sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team HERE.

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