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## [2021/22 VSBL Season](#)

Welcome back to the [2021/22 VSBL season](#) – we hope everyone had a great holiday and a happy new year! It was a busy first weekend back with home runs, high-scoring games, no-hitters and more.

As a reminder, you can view all fixtures, results, and standings [HERE](#), and also read about the plans for [Women's Super Saturday](#) at Waverley.

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates, and check out live scoring on [GameChanger](#) for Division 1 Firsts and Seconds.

Best of luck to all players competing this weekend!

## [Baseball Victoria CEO Recruitment Update](#)

Applications are open for the role of Baseball Victoria CEO. The recruitment process is being managed exclusively by Sportspeople Recruitment, with applications set to close at 5pm on Monday 14 February 2022.

Click [HERE](#) for more details.

## [2022 BV School Holiday Camps](#)

We enjoyed a great week of school holiday camps – thanks to all U12 and U14 players who joined us for fun baseball drills, games, and activities at Melbourne Ballpark with coach Keli'i (Zee) Zablan and BV Aces Academy alum Chris Burke.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos and catch more of the fun on the [BV TikTok](#).

## [2022 National Showcase Series – Victoria](#)

Victoria's promising junior talent was on full display at the 2022 National Showcase Series at Melbourne Ballpark. Well done to all players on the U16 and U18 squads who made the most of this opportunity for data collection, skills showcasing, and competitive gameplay, with the chance for national selection in the coming months.

Click [HERE](#) to check out photos from the showcase.

## [2022 Australian Women's Championship Tryouts](#)

The [2022 Australian Women's Championship](#) will take place from 15-21 April in West Beach, Adelaide, and tryouts for the Victorian team start next week.

Tryouts will be held on:

- Saturday 5 February 2022 @ Doncaster Baseball Club: 9am – 11am
- Wednesday 9 February 2022 @ Melbourne Ballpark: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

A team of 16 players will be finalised on Friday 11 February 2022. Please click [HERE](#) to register for tryouts. You can also read the coaching announcement [HERE](#).

### [2022 Little League State Championships](#)

Dates and venues are locked in for the 2022 Little League State Championships:

- Junior, Intermediate & Senior League @ Geelong Baseball Centre from 9 - 11 April 2022
- Little League All-Star, Development & Little League Minor (TBC) @ Knox Baseball Club from 22 - 24 April 2022

Stay tuned for more Little League updates in the coming weeks.

### [Genevieve Beacom Makes History](#)

17-year-old Genevieve Beacom stole the show as Melbourne Aces took on Adelaide Giants in the Melbourne Challenge earlier this month. Beacom has gained recognition across the country and the world after becoming the first woman to pitch professionally in Australia. The standout Victorian junior made her debut for the Aces after signing on as a development player for the 2022/23 Australian Baseball League season. Read more about Genevieve's big debut [HERE](#).

### [Nikau Pouaka-Grego Signs With Philadelphia Phillies](#)

Congratulations to Victorian Nikau Pouaka-Grego, who has become the latest Australian to sign with an MLB organisation. The 17-year-old infield prospect and current Sunshine Eagles player signed with the Philadelphia Phillies this month. In addition to his VSBL success, Pouaka-Grego was also a member of the Australian team at the U15 World Cup in Panama in 2018. He hit .400 and drew five walks in seven appearances during the tournament. Read more [HERE](#).

### [Fitzroy Connects Junior & Senior Baseballers Through Ceremonial First Pitch](#)

Fitzroy Lions Baseball Club has created an exciting tradition for junior baseballers, giving dedicated young athletes the chance to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the VSBL Division 1 Firsts home games and serve as batboy/batgirl. U12 player Joshua Jones got the honor last month in the round 5 matchup v Waverley, marking a memorable day for the junior. "I felt really excited that I got to do it but I was a bit nervous because everyone was watching me and it's a special thing that not many people get to do," Josh said.

Read the rest of the story [HERE](#).

### [The BV Team](#)

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