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

There are just a few weeks left in the [2021/22 VSBL season](#) before finals, and we hope everyone is enjoying awesome summer baseball across juniors, seniors and masters.

As a reminder, you can view all fixtures, results and standings [HERE](#), and make sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates. You can also follow along with live scoring on [GameChanger](#) for Division 1 Firsts and Seconds.

We wish all players and teams the best of luck as they hit the field this weekend!

## [Victorians Named to Team Australia Futures Squad](#)

Victorian infielder George Callil and right-handed pitcher Angus Stals have been named to the Team Australia Futures roster taking on Adelaide Giants at West Beach this weekend. Baseball Victoria Talent Development Manager Damian Shanahan will serve as one of the team's assistant coaches.

Congratulations to our Victorian representatives – tune in to watch Friday and Saturday games starting at 7:30pm on [baseball.com.au/videos](#).

Click [HERE](#) to read the full announcement and get to know the full squad [HERE](#).

## [Essendon and Geelong Honour Beloved Volunteers With Secretary's Cup](#)

Essendon and Geelong enjoyed a beautiful day of baseball on Sunday as the two clubs celebrated the inaugural Secretary's Cup in honour of long-time secretaries and scorers Julie Jones and Leanne Gibbons.

The Bombers came away with the trophy after close games across the four VSBL Division 1 teams, but the main focus was on Julie and Leanne, who have dedicated decades of service to their beloved clubs. Julie, a Baseball Victoria and Essendon life member, has been club secretary since 1999, and Leanne has spent over 20 years as Geelong's club secretary, going above and beyond to score games, serve at the club canteen and more.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the special day and what these two beloved volunteers mean to their clubs.

## [St Kilda Baseball Club Crowns Rake by the Lake Champion](#)

St Kilda Baseball Club crowned the first-ever Rake by the Lake Home Run Derby Champion last month with Melbourne Aces star Jack Barrie taking out the title. Despite the hot conditions, Barrie smashed 37 home runs on the day, which saw a total of 109 home runs sail over the fence at Tom O'Halloran Field. Click [HERE](#) to read more about this exciting event, which the club plans to make a yearly tradition.

Several Victorian clubs are looking for their next head coach, including Research Lower Plenty, Greenhills Montmorency, Mornington, and Mitchell Majors. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about these opportunities, as well as upcoming club events and fundraisers at Port Melbourne and Sandringham.

### **BV TV Training Videos**

Get ready for a big year of baseball with the wide selection of training videos on [BV TV](#). There are new clips from Aces Academy training sessions, plus popular throwing and hitting drills from our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Ramp Up to Play](#) series.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from recent BV events and see more of the fun on the [BV TikTok](#).



### **Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program**

Baseball Victoria saved over 210 lives in 2021 as part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#), and together our team has donated enough blood to save 36 lives already this year. Thank you to all the Victorian baseballers who have gotten involved in this valuable cause as Lifeblood delivers life-saving 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 your help. Please sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

### **The BV Team**

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