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[2021/22 VSBL Season](#)

The time has come to wrap up the 2021/22 VSBL regular season and look towards finals, and we wish everyone the best of luck in a huge weekend of baseball.

Check out fixtures, results, and standings for all competitions [HERE](#), and remember to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates. There's also [GameChanger](#) live scoring for Division 1 Firsts and Seconds and many training drills on [BV TV](#) to help you stay at the top of your game.

We hope all players and teams have an awesome weekend out on the field!

[Meet The 2022 Victorian Women's Team](#)

The 2022 Victorian Women's team is hard at work training for the Australian Women's Championship, which gets underway next month in West Beach, Adelaide. From 15-21 April, these talented women will do their best to follow up on Victoria's 2019 national title as the Women's Championship returns after two years of COVID cancellations.

Head Coach Samantha Hamilton is confident the Victorian side has what it takes to succeed on the national stage. "The playing group has been working tirelessly since mid-February, with dual state training sessions in addition to club training and VSBL game commitments each week," Hamilton said.

"The women's program is also benefiting from being immersed in the Baseball Victoria High Performance Program headed by Damian Shanahan and Keli'i Zablan. During these sessions, the players are being exposed to new and exciting theories and learnings which they are embracing head-on."

Click [HERE](#) to read more about team training and the talented women who will represent Victoria on the national stage.

[2022 International Women's Day](#)

To celebrate 2022 International Women's Day, Baseball Victoria Board Director and Team Australia alum Amy McCann featured three women in Victorian baseball on her podcast [Women's Baseball – The Inside Pitch](#).

This includes Jennie Moloney, long-time scorer and life member at Williamstown Baseball Club, and Janine Thompson, a dedicated VSBL and Women's National Championships umpire. Amy also chatted to Australian Emerald and Victorian State Team representative Abbey McLellan about coming back from injury to reach her goals.

Click [HERE](#) to read more and tune in to hear these inspiring stories.

[Roland Stott Celebrates 800th Game at Newport](#)

Newport Rams Baseball Club had a big reason to celebrate at the end of last month as club stalwart Roland Stott reached his 800th game milestone.

On Sunday 27 February, Stott took the field at K.C White Reserve, starting in the VSBL Division 2 Fourths in his 800th senior game for the Rams. Afterward, he was recognised with a presentation before the Firsts game, which included throwing the ceremonial first pitch.

“I have stated that I am planning on playing forever, and 800 senior summer games for Newport makes it feel like I am getting close to my goal,” Stott said. “It was great to receive well wishes from many people within the baseball community, as well as from all the people at Newport.”

Click [HERE](#) to read more.

[Get Active Kids Vouchers Program Update](#)

As a reminder, the Victorian Government’s Get Active Kids Voucher Program is transitioning from a reimbursement model to a traditional voucher model, with voucher applications opening on Monday 21 March. This change will make it easier for eligible families to access local sport with reduced upfront registration and membership costs.

Victorian baseball clubs are encouraged to register to become a Get Active Kids Activity Provider and help kids get involved in sport and active recreation. Registered clubs will be able to accept vouchers of up to \$200 to support families facing financial barriers to participation.

This program is a great way to both attract more participants and support existing members. Register your club [HERE](#) and learn more about the program [HERE](#).

[Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#)

Baseball Victoria is up to 63 lives saved so far this year as part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#).

Thank you to everyone who has gotten involved in this important cause as Lifeblood delivers 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 the Victorian baseball community. Please sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

[The BV Team](#)

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