

## INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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CHRIS LANE MEMORIAL FIELD, TYLAH LAURIE CAL RIPKEN, LOGAN  
O'BRIEN U16 AYC, CLUB ADS, BV TV, LIFEBLOOD

### 2022 State Winter Championships

We had a wonderful weekend at the 2022 U12 State Winter Championship in Werribee, with Dandenong coming away as champions.

Our fifth and final winter tournament takes place in Latrobe Valley this weekend - good luck to all players at the U16 State Winter Championship!

Click [HERE](#) to view all the latest SWC updates and read more about the U16 tournament [HERE](#). Check out live scoring on [GameChanger](#), too.



*Participants at the 2022 U12 State Winter Championship in Werribee.*

## **Applications Now Open for Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program**

VSBL clubs can apply for the 2022 BV Development Grants Program through Sunday 31 July. This funding opportunity provides grants for activities and events to drive participation and the growth of our sport at the grassroots level.

These grants are made possible through the Baseball Victoria Development Fund, which consists of annual contributions collected from member fees participating in T-ball, juniors and seniors. As the membership grows, so do these funds, which will be distributed among chosen applicants for outreach activities designed to generate interest and grow baseball participation.

Activities may include come and try days, junior gala days, baseball equipment, female participation programs, All Abilities programs, club-driven school events and more.

Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about BV Development Grants, including the program guidelines and application requirements. View all available grants [HERE](#).

## **Essendon Baseball Club Breaks Ground on Chris Lane Memorial Field**

It was a special week for Essendon Baseball Club (EBC) as construction commenced on the Chris Lane Memorial Field at Boeing Reserve, a project 8.5 years in the making.

Chris Lane was a beloved member of EBC with a bright future ahead of him when his life was tragically cut short in August 2013. Named in his honour, the memorial will provide a dedicated junior baseball field complete with synthetic turf, drainage, fencing and seating to meet Little League standards.

The turning of the ground took place on Tuesday 19 July, with the Moonee Valley City Council Mayor and committee members joining EBC for the special event. Club President Tony Cornish says it's been a long hard road but it's all worth it, especially with construction officially underway.

"As we say at EBC, a goal is only as worthy as the effort needed to achieve it. This certainly took a lot of effort from a lot of people with stakeholders such as Musco Lighting, Victorian State Government, #CL40, EBC, City of Moonee Valley, Major League Baseball, and of course, the Lane family," Cornish said.

Read more [HERE](#).

## **Victorian Tylah Laurie Selected to Represent Australia at Cal Ripken World Series in U.S.**

12-year-old Tylah Laurie will take his love of baseball to new heights when he heads across the globe to represent Australia at the 2022 Cal Ripken Major70 World Series in Branson, Missouri from 5-13 August.

Tylah and his brother Cooper were part of the 2022 Down Under Winter Classic on the Gold Coast earlier this month. They played six games over six days, embracing the competition and improving their skills.

Tylah left a particular impression on the tournament, making the most of his time with the Rockhounds and earning the chance to represent Australia on the international stage. The ambitious junior athlete, who plays Victorian baseball with Geelong Baycats and Guild All-Stars, was thrilled with his selection after seeing lots of different pitchers and making new friends at the winter classic.

"It feels amazing to be selected out of 120 players to represent Australia in the Cal Ripken tournament," Tylah said. "I'm excited to experience the different level of competition and see how I play against other teams from across the world."

Congrats to Tylah and best of luck on a big trip!

Read the full story [HERE](#).

## Golden Arm Logan O'Brien Reflects on #AYC2022 Success

Logan O'Brien has enjoyed a big month of baseball, helping the U16 Victorian State Team to a strong second-place finish at the 2022 Australian Youth Championship in Redcliffe, Queensland.

In addition to the silver medal, Logan brought home the #AYC2022 Golden Arm Award, much to his surprise.

"When I won the Golden Arm, I was surprised because I thought there were plenty of other great pitchers who threw well throughout the tournament," Logan said. "I felt very honoured to receive the award and I have to give credit to not only the coaches of this Victoria team but also my coaches over the summer and winter seasons who have challenged and stretched me when playing seniors baseball."

Check out the rest of Logan's story [HERE](#).

### Club Ads

Mitchell Majors Baseball Club will host a free come and try session for women and girls from 9:30-10:30am on Saturday 20 August at Minnit Park in Broadford, while Bonbeach Baseball Club is looking for a summer head coach.

Click [HERE](#) to view club ads and learn more.

### BV TV YouTube Channel

Stay on top of your game anytime with all the hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills on [BV TV](#). Check out our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Ramp Up to Play](#) series, and follow the [BV TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for more baseball fun.

### Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria is proud to be part of the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program. Thank you to everyone who has joined our team to help Lifeblood deliver lifesaving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians in need.

Our team has saved over 117 lives so far this year, and we hope to continue giving back with the help of our Victorian baseball community. Please sign up to join the BV Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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