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2022 State Winter Championships

The 2022 State Winter Championships wrapped up in style with a fantastic weekend in Latrobe Valley. Congratulations to Geelong, our U16 State Winter Champions, and well done to all participants on their awesome efforts throughout the tournament. We are excited to continue the winter tournament tradition with more fun next year!

View [SWC photos](#) and catch up on the action [HERE](#).



Geelong won the 2022 U16 State Winter Championship in Latrobe Valley.

Eastern Athletics Head to USA for Senior League World Series

Eastern Athletics are on their way to the [2022 Senior League Baseball World Series](#) in Easley, South Carolina from 30 July - 6 August.

This Victorian team has had a fantastic year so far, winning the Senior League State Championship 6-5 over Twins back in April on a walk-off single. Just a few weeks later, the Athletics won their first Australian Senior League Championship with a 10-0 victory over Cronulla.

Best of luck to the Athletics as they represent Australia - click [HERE](#) for the full tournament schedule and stay tuned to the [BV Facebook](#) page for updates.



Eastern Athletics travel to the 2022 Senior League Baseball World Series.

Research Lower Plenty Welcomes Three Generations of Victorian Baseballers to the Field

Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club is looking forward to a very special moment this weekend when three generations of Victorian baseballers play in the same game.

Saturday's Melbourne Winter Baseball League matchup will see six of the starting nine for the thirds come from the Locklier family. The lineup includes long-time player and former Victorian/Australian representative Peter (Jex) Locklier, his sons Adam and Scott, and grandsons Ashton, Zachary, and James. Adam's son Archie will serve as the team's batboy while Peter's daughter Rachel Tigani (née Locklier) will be the scorer for the game.

The Locklier family has a long and decorated history in Victorian baseball, starting with Peter's father Walter Locklier, a founding member of baseball in this state. We hope the whole family and everyone at the club enjoys this special occasion, and we wish them the best of luck for Saturday.

#AYC2022 MVP Jack Ratcliffe Looks to Keep Up Momentum at Senior League World Series

Jack Ratcliffe may have won MVP at the 2022 Australian U16 Youth Championship, but he's not slowing down anytime soon as he sets his sights on the world stage.

The #AYC2022 standout was a big part of Victoria's silver medal finish, going 3-for-3 in the final game with 11 hits overall. He had six singles, three doubles, and two home runs for eight RBIs across the tournament, earning him the MVP honour alongside [Golden Arm Logan O'Brien](#).

"When I was named MVP of the tournament, I was speechless and surprised as I knew there were other players who had a great tournament as well," Jack said. "Winning this award felt like all my previous hard work on focusing to get better physically and mentally at trainings had come together."

Click [HERE](#) to read more of Jack's story as he continues representing Victoria, this time with Eastern Athletics at the Senior League World Series in the U.S.

Baseball Victoria Development Grants Program

As a final reminder, VSBL clubs can apply for the 2022 BV Development Grants Program through Sunday 31 July. This funding opportunity provides grants for activities and events that will 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 more available grants, including Victorian Government programs, [HERE](#).

BV TV YouTube Channel

Keep working on your game with 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 clips.

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 support Lifeblood's blood and plasma donations for thousands of Australians in need.

We are up to 120 lives saved so far this year, and we hope to continue giving back with the help of our Victorian baseballers. Please sign up to join the BV Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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