

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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## 2022/23 VSBL Season

We hope everyone is enjoying the 2022/23 VSBL season so far! Despite the rain last week, we got as many games in as possible, with the U12s getting underway as juniors, seniors, and masters continued.

You can view fixtures, results, and ladders [HERE](#) and if any players, coaches, or volunteers still need to register, please do so [HERE](#). As a reminder, only registered members are covered by insurance.

Follow us on [VSBL Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for photos and updates throughout the season. Good luck to all players and teams hitting the field this weekend!



Photo: [Newport Rams Baseball Club](#)

## BV Umpire Update

Umpires are an integral part of our beloved game, and we hope to grow our umpiring fraternity to cover as many games as possible while ensuring a fun and fair competition for all. We need the help of our clubs and the baseball community to get more umpires involved, starting with baseballers who are interested in game day management.

BV umpires receive training and skills development, insurance coverage, and paid opportunities to officiate grassroots baseball games. We would love to see more baseball players, coaches, and supporters experience the game behind the plate. Please spread the word and submit our [umpire expressions of interest](#) or contact [umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au) to learn more about umpiring.

## **Melbourne Ballpark Back Diamond**

We are pleased to confirm the back diamond at Melbourne Ballpark will be available for club use from next weekend, 29-30 October. Many clubs have been affected by the recent wet weather, and we encourage you all to keep the ballpark's second diamond in mind if you need an alternative ground.

This field is in great condition and is regularly maintained, making it a suitable alternative in the event your club ground is unavailable. Seniors, juniors, and masters can play on this field at no extra cost, provided it is not already reserved.

If you wish to use the back diamond at Melbourne Ballpark, please contact the BV Office no later than the Wednesday prior to the weekend's scheduled game so we can confirm availability. As a reminder, the main diamond at Melbourne Ballpark is available for club hire on select days and times.

## **Baseball Victoria Teams Up With SportsLink Travel**

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce a new partnership with SportsLink Travel. As the Official Travel Supplier for Baseball Victoria for the next three years, SportsLink will provide travel management services for Victorian teams going to state, national, and international tournaments and events.

SportsLink will also serve as the travel management service provider of Official Baseball Victoria Tours, including development tours and training. SportsLink will manage travel for BV Staff/Board and officials attending national tournaments, too. As an official partner of baseball in Victoria, SportsLink has joined the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#) at the Home Run level.

"We are pleased to have SportsLink on board, providing travel management services for Victorian State Teams, tours and events," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "SportsLink works with Baseball Australia and Team Australia, and their extensive experience in baseball trips and tours will benefit our organisation. We are excited to have the support of such a trusted and well-known travel company to ensure our players, coaches, officials, and families get the best experience while travelling for baseball."

Read the full story [HERE](#).

## **Baseball Victoria Board Update – Finance Director**

The Baseball Victoria Board of Directors has appointed a new finance director following the resignation of Rob Stanley as of 13 October 2022.

Anna Ronald has been appointed to a casual vacancy and will take over the finance director portfolio. "Thank you to Rob Stanley for his dedicated service as finance director, particularly over a challenging few years with COVID. We greatly appreciate his contributions to our organisation and we wish him all the best in the future," BV President Andy Rose said. "We are pleased to appoint Anna Ronald to the BV Board as a casual vacancy until the next AGM. Her experience and expertise in the financial industry will be a fantastic asset to our team, and we look forward to working with her."

Anna Ronald is a CPA Public Practitioner with over 20 years of accounting experience within the sporting and not-for-profit sectors in both Australia and the UK. This includes financial accounting roles with Cricket Australia, the ICC Cricket World Cup, and Cricket Scotland. Anna currently manages her own accounting practice, helping clients grow their business and achieve their goals. Anna is excited to bring her extensive industry experience and qualifications to baseball in Victoria to ensure a strong financial future for the sport.

## **Victorians at U23 World Cup**

Victorians Matt Beattie, Jarryd Dale, Chris Burke, Liam Evans, and Blake Townsend have had a big week with Team Australia at the WBSC U23 Baseball World Cup in Taiwan.



Check in on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for U23 World Cup updates as the Super Round continues, or watch online at [gametime.sport](https://gametime.sport).



Photo: [Team Australia](#)

### **[Coaching Expressions of Interest For 2023 Australian Women's Championship & Barclay Cup](#)**

As a reminder, applications are now open for head coaches, assistant coaches, and executive officers for the 2023 Australian Women's Championship and Barclay Cup.

While dates are to be confirmed, we anticipate the AWC to take place in Adelaide around Easter next year. We will send one Victorian Women's State Team to the national tournament. We also hope to send two teams of youth girls (aged 13-16) to the second annual Barclay Cup from 30 September to 8 October 2023 in Perth.

Our AWC and Barclay Cup teams will each have a head coach, two assistant coaches, and an executive officer. Read more about this opportunity [HERE](#) and apply today – applications close Friday 28 October.

### **[Save The Date: EducationUSA - US College Programming 2-3 November](#)**

Mark your calendars for EducationUSA US College programming sessions next month.

The US Consulate General outreach program will conduct two EducationUSA sessions for athletes and parents interested in learning more about US College education and sports programs. The free info sessions will be offered in person and over livestream.

Staff travelling from the USA with the [National Junior College Athletic Association](#) and the [National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics](#) will be on hand for these sessions, which are aimed at students in years 9-11, their parents, schools, and athletic stakeholders. NJCAA and NAIA opportunities will be discussed and athletes/parents can ask questions in a forum setting.

**Date:** Wednesday 2 November

**Time:** 5:15pm - 6:45pm AEDT

**Where:** Maribyrnong College - 2 River Street, Maribyrnong 3032

**More info/registration:** <https://bit.ly/EdUSACollegeSportsNov2>

**Date:** Thursday 3 November

**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:00pm AEDT

**Where:** Carey Baptist Grammar School - 349 Barkers Road, Kew 3101

**More info/registration:** <https://bit.ly/EdUSACollegeSportsNov3>

### **Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. – Beginner Scorers Clinic**

Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. will hold a beginner scorers clinic this Monday 24 October via Zoom from 8:00-9:00pm. This interactive, hands-on training session will go through the basics of baseball scoring, aimed at absolute beginners using a scorebook.

No previous experience is required and RSVPs are essential. Please click [HERE](#) to register for the session and learn more about scoring.

### **Baseball Training on BV TV**

Check out [BV TV](#) with our wide variety of [warm-ups](#), [batting drills](#), and [throwing exercises](#). Visit our [media page](#) to stay connected on all platforms, including [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [TeamApp](#).

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

The BV Lifeblood Team is up to 162 lives saved this year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. Thank you to everyone who has teamed up to support Australians in need. Let's keep up the good work - join the BV Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

### **The BV Team**

**Chet Gray** – CEO

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Officer

**Kellie Thomas** – Operations & Memberships Officer

**Rachael Bouley** – Communications and Digital Media Officer

**Keli'i Zablan** – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

**Audrina Ning** – Financial Controller

**Randall Vavra** – Umpire Officer – Operations

**Stewart Howe** – Umpire Officer – Pathways

