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Baseball Victoria Announces State Teams For #AYC2023

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the U16 & U18 Victorian State Teams which will compete on the national stage at the 2023 Australian Youth Championships from 9-18 January in Sydney.

“We are so proud of our 2023 Victorian State Team athletes, and we look forward to a fantastic AYC campaign,” BV High Performance Officer Damian Shanahan said. “We had over 140 players take part in the tryouts which was great to see, and through our rigorous selection process, we finalised two very strong state teams with impressive roster depth.”

Congratulations to all Victorian State Team representatives!

Click [HERE](#) to read the full story.



U16 VICTORIAN STATE TEAM
#AYC2023

Andrew Land
Brooklyn Riwaka-Kinney
Cade White
Cooper Laurie
Devin Leahy
Ethan Johnston
Hamish Stone
Hudson Pallay
Jordan Ellis
Mitch Langworthy

Nathan Rumbelow
Riley Peoples
Robinson Smith
Roman Coote
Samuel Walk
Ty Daniels
Will Kent
William Hardy
Windsor Breckenridge
Zak Stafilis

Head Coach: Ben Laux
Assistant Coach: Trifon Stafilis

Assistant Coach: Matt Hardie
EO: Jason Davis



U18 VICTORIAN STATE TEAM
#AYC2023

Addison Bishop-Worn
Aimon Dowling
Alex Duske
Ben Howard
Blake Mitchell
Cooper Drummond
Declan Speirs
Evan Maury
Harper Rickard
Jack Ratcliffe

James Squire
Jayden Kim
Lachlan Amon
Lachlan Smith
Matthew Johnston
Ryan Langworthy
Ryan Williams
Ryder Wilson
Taran Rose
Will Cavanagh

Head Coach: Marshall Skinner
Assistant Coach: Simon Ratcliffe

Assistant Coach: Chris Rickard
EO: Taryn Richardson

2022/23 VSBL Season

We hope everyone is enjoying the 2022/23 VSBL season! It's been great to see both new and familiar faces take to the field and make the most of summer baseball fun at local clubs. We also recently welcomed a few clubs to play on the back diamond at Melbourne Ballpark, which is a fantastic resource for grassroots baseball.

Best of luck to everyone playing this weekend! As a reminder, you can view fixtures, results, and ladders [HERE](#), while registration for new members is available [HERE](#).

Follow us on [VSBL Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for the latest Summer League updates.



2022/23 ABL Season

After an awesome practice match for the BV All-Stars vs. Melbourne Aces last week, we are excited to watch as the 2022/23 ABL season gets underway! It will be a big battle at the ballpark this weekend as the Aces host Geelong-Korea for a three-game series. Get your [tickets online](#) and show your support for Australian baseball!

You can also tune in to watch home games live and free on [Melbourne Aces TV](#).

BV Umpire Update

A few more umpires have signed up to step behind the plate and ensure a safe and fun competition for all. As we continue to recruit more umpires and further develop our umpiring community, we encourage anyone who is interested to explore the [BV Umpire Pathways Program](#).

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

As a reminder, we are asking all clubs to recommend at least three players or individuals for the BV Umpire Community Coach Program. We need to build our base and upskill current members to ensure a new generation of umpires can come through our pathway. Please submit your recommendations [HERE](#).

Victorian College Players

[Oscar Hargreaves](#) and [Riley Light](#) are busy chasing their college baseball dreams. Read their stories and head to our [Victorian College Players page](#) to view our list of college athletes and commits. Please let us know if there are any updates as we strive to keep our records as current as possible, or if you know of a college player who would like to be featured. We look forward to checking in with more Victorian college players and following their journeys overseas!

Essendon Baseball Club Welcomes Progress on Chris Lane Memorial Field

After several months of construction, Essendon Baseball Club is pleased to see progress on the Chris Lane Memorial Field. The project is dedicated in memory of local baseballer Chris Lane, who tragically passed away in August 2013. The field has been nearly a decade in the making, and Moonee Valley City Council recently committed additional funding to ensure the memorial is finished to high standards.

EBC President Tony Cornish says the council and community support has made a huge difference throughout this process.

“It would not have happened without them,” Cornish said. “Construction has been slow due to rain, but we did gain more funding to give the field its bells and whistles. We are hoping it will be finished by the end of March with an opening probably at the start of next season.”

Read more about the memorial [HERE](#).

BV Development Grants Program

Baseball Victoria would like to acknowledge the 2022 BV Development Grants Program recipients. We proudly awarded over \$28,000 in grants to 17 local clubs in support of activities and events that will drive participation and the growth of our sport at the grassroots level. These grants were made possible through the Baseball Victoria Development Fund, which consists of annual contributions collected from member fees participating in t-ball, juniors and seniors.

Successful applications in the latest round included come and try days, junior gala days, baseball equipment, female participation programs, All Abilities programs, club-driven school events and more.

Congratulations to the following summer baseball clubs on receiving BV Development Grants: Ballarat, Berwick City, Blackburn, Bonbeach St Chads, Doncaster, Essendon, Mitchell Majors, Moorabbin, Mulgrave, Newport, North Coburg, Port Melbourne, Research, Springvale, St Kilda, Upwey Ferntree Gully, and Werribee.

We look forward to seeing the success of these club initiatives, as well as the opening of Category 2 funding applications for winter clubs and associations at the start of 2023.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

The BV Lifeblood Team has saved 186 lives this year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. Thank you all who have teamed up to make a difference to Australians in need. Let's keep going - join the BV Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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