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TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
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UMPIRE SESSIONS, CLUB ADS, BV TV, LIFEBLOOD

## [Baseball Victoria Unveils New Strategic Plan For 2023-2026](#)

Baseball Victoria is excited to reveal our new strategic plan for 2023-2026 following a dedicated planning process with the BV Board of Directors, office staff, and stakeholders.

**Vision:** Baseball at its best

**Mission:** For all people to experience the joy of baseball in Victoria

**Baseball Victoria Values:** Integrity, communication, innovation, collaboration, access

“We are pleased to launch our new strategic plan to benefit baseball in Victoria and guide our grassroots sport to greater success over the next few years,” Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. “We greatly appreciate the feedback from our stakeholders, which helped us identify our strategic priorities and the operational measures needed to reach our goals.”

“We look forward to following this strategic plan and working with all our clubs, associations, and members to ensure a bright future for baseball across the state.”

The BV operational plan is being finalised internally in line with the strategic plan for 2023-2026.

Click [HERE](#) for an overview of our strategic plan, including details on our values and pillars.

## [2023 Australian Women’s Championships at Melbourne Ballpark](#)

Baseball Australia has confirmed the 2023 Australian Women’s Championship and Youth Women’s Championship will be held in Victoria at Melbourne Ballpark this April.

The Australian Women’s Championship will commence on Friday 7 April and conclude Thursday 13 April. The event will see the reintroduction of the Australian Youth Women’s Championship, playing for the “Simone Wearne Cup” after two years of the Australian Youth Invitational. This youth women's tournament will run from Saturday 8 April to Tuesday 11 April.

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

## [2022/23 VSBL Season](#)

We have an action-packed month of baseball leading into [VSBL Finals](#), and we wish all teams the best of luck for the rest of the summer season. We are excited to see how the playoff picture unfolds and look forward to a strong finish to summer baseball.

Don’t forget to follow [VSBL on Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) to stay up-to-date on all things Summer League. Fixtures, results, and ladders are available [HERE](#).

## BV Green Vest Program

Thank you to all clubs participating in the BV Green Vest Program. We hope to see more clubs using these vests to identify beginner officials as volunteers/umpires in training, helping to build greater understanding amongst players, parents, spectators, and coaches. Green vests are part of our ongoing efforts to ensure baseball is safe and enjoyable for all, while also encouraging beginner officials to continue with their umpire education and development.

As a reminder, we are running a competition for clubs that send in photos of their green vests in action. The club that sends in the best photo will receive a prize, with entries shared on social media and included in the 2022/23 Annual Report.

Please send photos to [rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:rachael.bouley@baseballvictoria.com.au) by 28 February.



*Photo: Geelong Baycats Baseball Club*



*Photo: Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club*

## BV Green Shirt Program

In addition to the [BV Green Vest Program](#), we have also requested **three recommendations per VSBL club** for potential green shirt umpires. This may be current players, coaches, parents, or volunteers who are interested in officiating and wish to learn more through a basic umpiring course.

Here's how it works:

1. Identify three candidates for the BV Green Shirt Umpire Program.
2. Submit your recommendations online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/greenshirtumpires>
3. Receive your free box of balls from BV! (maximum one box per club)

Recommendations are due by **Wednesday 15 February 2023** to be eligible for a free box of balls. As a show of good faith, we will offer free BV/BA member fees for those who sign up to the program.

Thank you in advance for your support of the BV Umpire Pathway and our recruitment initiatives. We look forward to receiving more recommendations for the BV Green Shirt Umpire Program as we continue to expand umpire education and development.

## [BV Umpire Info/Training Sessions](#)

Thank you to Fitzroy Baseball Club for a great turnout at our umpire info/training session on Tuesday night. 20 participants took part in the session, learning about umpire responsibilities, rules and communication. We look forward to another session next Wednesday 15 February at Melbourne Baseball Club from 6pm.

New and current umpires are welcome to attend - topics will include umpire procedures, insurance, positioning, responsibilities, and washouts. Please contact [umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:umpiringpw@baseballvictoria.com.au) for more details on upcoming umpire sessions and the BV Umpiring Pathway.

## [Club Ads](#)

Pakenham Pumas Baseball Club is looking for a winter club coach to lead the way in player development from tee-ball through to seniors. Learn more about this opportunity on our [Club Ads](#) page, and check out St Kilda's plan for the Rake By The Lake Home Run Derby, too.

## [Baseball Training on BV TV](#)

Keep up with your baseball goals using BV TV online training resources, including [warm-ups](#), [batting drills](#), and [throwing exercises](#). View our [media page](#) to connect with us on [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [TeamApp](#).

## [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#)

After saving 200 lives last year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, we hope to save even more lives in 2023. Our team has already saved 27 lives this year and we hope to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

## [The BV Team](#)

**Chet Gray** – CEO

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Officer

**Kellie Thomas** – Operations & Events 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

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