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2022/23 VSBL Award Winners

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the 2022/23 VSBL Award Winners following another fantastic summer season.

This year, the Baseball Victoria Board confirmed a new format for presenting BV Awards at club presentation nights.

"We're excited to bring these awards back to the clubs where they belong, so winners can celebrate with their peers and share their success with the team and wider club community," Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. "We look forward to highlighting these achievements and thank everyone involved for an awesome summer of baseball."

New State Service Awards are currently under consideration and will be presented at the next AGM. Congrats to all winners on their outstanding performances!

Most Valuable Players

- Division 1 - George Heron Medal: Kurtis Smith – Melbourne and Jarrod Turner - Upwey Ferntree Gully (18 votes)
- Women's Division 1: Abbey Kelly – Essendon (32 votes)
- Division 2 - Robert Hindson Medal: Rusty Huber – Port Melbourne (40 votes)
- Women's Division 2: Dominique Williams – Melbourne (19 votes)
- Division 3: Tim Bellerby – Pakenham (27 votes)
- Women's Division 3 East: Lauren Romanin – Malvern (24 votes)
- Women's Division 3 South: Jessica Adkins-Barber - Springvale (16 votes)
- Women's Division 3 West: Brooke Sadler - Geelong (21 votes)
- Division 4 East: Stephen Hill – Waverley (33 votes)
- Division 4 North: Corey Dennehy – Mitchell Majors (15 votes)
- Division 4 South: Daniel De Sachau – South East Warriors and Bradley Jones - Pakenham (19 votes)

Club Champions

- Division 1 Club Champion – Peter Dihm Shield: Upwey Ferntree Gully (323 points)
- Division 2 Club Champion: Newport Rams (327 points)

Individual Awards

- Volunteer of the Year Award: Alan Morris – Port Melbourne
- Coach of the Year Award: Donavon Hendricks – Upwey Ferntree Gully
- Umpire of the Year Award: David Mackie

Women's Division 1

- Pitching Award: Simone Wearne – Springvale (0.6 ERA)
- Batting Award: Amy McCann - Doncaster (.646 BA)

Division 1

- Home Run Award: Tyler Luther-Wilson – Geelong (5 HR)
- Pitching Award (Harry Douglas Trophy): Mitch Lines – Blackburn (1.50 ERA)
- Batting Award: James Wood – Geelong (.442 BA)

Division 2

- Home Run Award: Tom Dicker – Fitzroy (8 HR)
- Pitching Award: Dennis Neal – Williamstown (1.01 ERA)
- Harry Douglas Batting Award: Rusty Huber – Port Melbourne (.514 BA)

Division 3

- Home Run Award: Joshua Villanti – Sandringham (2 HR)
- Pitching Award: Tim Bellerby – Pakenham (1.87 ERA)
- Batting Award: Matthew Dunn - Mornington (.609 BA)

2023 Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships

We can't wait for the 2023 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships starting next Friday at Melbourne Ballpark. Our representatives are hard at work training for the tournament, and we wish them all the best of luck!

We hope to see you out at the ballpark for all the baseball action. Please stay tuned for more updates ahead of the championships:

- Women's: 7-13 April <https://baseball.com.au/events/2023-australian-womens-championship/>
- Youth Women's: 8-11 April <https://baseball.com.au/events/2023-australian-youth-womens-championship/>



2023 Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams

[Maribyrnong Sports Academy Year 7, 2024 Applications Open](#)

Maribyrnong Sports Academy Year 7, 2024 applications are open now through Thursday 6 April. Daniel Chircop has taken over as head coach of MSA's Baseball Program through a new partnership with BV.

Check out this [program overview](#) and click [HERE](#) to learn more about the application process.

[Baseball Victoria and Field of View Sports Photography Team Up for New Partnership](#)

Our new partnership with Field of View Sports Photography is off to a great start with successful photo sessions at U12/U14 Futures and Women's/Youth Women's State Team training. Read more about Field of View and our new partnership [HERE](#), and check out [player portraits](#) and [action shots](#). We look forward to having Field of View out at the upcoming State Championships, too.



The banner features a collage of athletes in various sports: soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball, and baseball. The text 'FIELD OF VIEW SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY' is prominently displayed at the top. Below the collage, there are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram. The main text reads 'FOR AVAILABILITY AND BOOKINGS CONTACT WWW.FIELDOFVIEW.COM.AU (03) 8719 1032'. At the bottom, it states 'FoV IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH:' followed by logos for SALT, ICON, and other partners. On the right side, there are logos for EFNL, Eastern Ranges, BHRDCA, RDCA, and FTGDCA, with the text 'Official Photographers for EFNL, Eastern Ranges, BHRDCA, RDCA & FTGDCA'.

[Baseball Victoria Tournament Officials](#)

As a reminder, we are also calling for 2023 tournament officials, including a BV Umpire Coordinator (12-month position) and umpires. Please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest as we look to make this a fantastic tournament season.

[2023 Winter Season Registration/Stride Into Sport](#)

With the summer season done and dusted, winter clubs are getting ready to hit the field. Please feel free to send come and try day information to us for our [Club Ads page](#) and remember that all players, coaches, and volunteers need to register. Please view winter registration links [HERE](#) to get signed up.

We also encourage you to check out and share [Stride Into Sport](#), a Regional Sport Victoria (RSV) campaign that promotes participation on and off the field in sporting clubs and active recreation organisations.

[Get Active Kids Voucher Program](#)

Applications are now open for the [Get Active Victoria Kids Voucher Program](#). Click [HERE](#) to find out if your family is eligible for up to \$200 to support children's sport and active recreation activities.

[Salesian College Sports Academy – Year 7, 2025](#)

Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone plans to introduce a baseball program by Year 7, 2025, subject to student enrolment.

If you're looking for a secondary school in Melbourne's eastern suburbs, we encourage you to check out Salesian College Sports Academy. Click [HERE](#) to book a tour and click [HERE](#) for the online application.

Baseball Training on BV TV

Stay on top of your baseball skills with BV TV online training resources, including [warm-ups](#), [batting drills](#), and [throwing exercises](#). See 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 51 lives this year and we hope to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

The BV Team

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