

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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## Victoria Wins Silver at 2023 Australian Women's Championship

What an amazing week of women's baseball – congratulations to our Victorian Women's State Team on winning silver!

While the final game didn't go our way, there is so much to be proud of on and off the field. Our team worked incredibly hard, winning six straight games and proving to be very tough competitors. We are so proud of their dedication, determination, and positivity - a fantastic example of what baseball is all about.

Congrats to all on an awesome tournament and the silver medal, and special mention to Spirit of the Game award winner Gabby Bevan and Golden Arm Abbey Kelly!

Thank you to head coach Samantha Hamilton, assistant coaches Jarryd Rogers and Stephen Black, and EO Urs Howard for supporting the team's success. We look forward to a bright future for women's baseball in Victoria.

Catch up on all the #AWC2023 action on our website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



### Victoria Wins Bronze at 2023 Australian Youth Women's Championship

Our Victorian Youth Women's State Team also had a very successful tournament, winning bronze and making lifelong memories along the way.

This talented group made us very proud - everyone worked hard, had fun, and played the game with great spirit. To our Victorian players - we hope you all enjoyed an action-packed few days at Melbourne Ballpark and we can't wait to see what comes next in your women's baseball journey.

Thank you to all the supporters and a special shout-out to head coach Dean Anglin, assistant coaches Bronwyn Gell and Alan Sutherland, and EO Erin Collis for guiding these players through an amazing opportunity to represent on the national stage.

Also well done to Lily McKenner who was named Golden Bat after hitting .667 and Athena Koulis who earned Spirit of the Game honours for her fair play, teamwork, and respect on and off the field.



#### 2023 Senior, Junior & Intermediate League State Championships

The 2023 Senior, Junior & Intermediate League State Championships are in full swing! Thank you to local clubs Guild All-Stars, East Belmont Saints, and Deakin for hosting an action-packed weekend of baseball.

Catch up on the <u>latest scores</u> and stay tuned for <u>team photos</u> and <u>action shots</u> from Field of View Sports Photography.

As a reminder, any teams that didn't get their team photos taken today should head to the photo station at Geelong Baseball Centre (third base side of diamond one near the canteen) on Saturday from 10-11:15am or 1:15-2:15pm.

We can't wait for more baseball fun throughout the weekend and also look forward to Little League Major, Minor, and Development next weekend 21-23 April at Knox.

Follow along on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u> for tournament updates.

## **BV Performance Pathway Futures U12 & U14 Championships**

The 2023 BV Performance Pathway Futures U12 & U14 Championships were held last weekend at Sandringham Baseball Club. It was an awesome two days of gameplay to wrap up the eight-week program, which saw 60 athletes train hard and develop new skills. Thank you to Sandringham for hosting and all the players and parents for taking part in this program.

Check out Field of View individual/team photos and action shots.



#### Beginner Scorers Session – Monday 17 April

Have you been asked to score this season by your club for the first time? Are you looking to learn how to score? Join Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. (VBS) for an interactive and hands-on beginners training session where you will learn the basics of baseball scoring. This session is aimed at absolute beginners using a scorebook and will be held via Zoom, Monday 17 April 2023, 8:00-9:00pm. No previous experience is required.

RSVPs are essential via the <u>Google Registration Form</u> and pre-session resources and the Zoom link will be emailed to you once your registration is received. Each participant must register for security reasons. Any questions, please PM their Facebook page <u>Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc.</u> or send an email to <u>scorersvic@baseballvictoria.com.au</u>.

#### 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. Salesian also welcomes any Year 7-10 enrolments for next year who could still benefit from their Sports Academy program and its many components.

"Salesian College is exciting to be partnering with BV with the aim to introduce a baseball specific program within our existing Sports Academy. The inclusion of baseball alongside our existing sports offerings will further strengthen our program and enable us to continue to improve students sporting abilities through a specialised and accelerated curriculum." - *Stephen Sellwood, Salesian College Sports Academy Coordinator* 

If you're looking for a secondary school in Melbourne's eastern suburbs, we encourage you to check out Salesian College Sports Academy. Click <u>HERE</u> to book a tour and click <u>HERE</u> for the online application.



### 2023 Winter Season Registration/Stride Into Sport

Best of luck to everyone playing winter baseball! As a reminder, all players, coaches, and volunteers need to register. Please view winter registration links <u>HERE</u> to get signed up.

We also encourage you to check out and share <u>Stride Into Sport</u>, 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 for the <u>Get Active Victoria Kids Voucher Program</u> close 10 May. Click <u>HERE</u> to find out if your family is eligible for up to \$200 to support children's sport and active recreation activities.

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

Keep on top of your baseball skills with BV TV online training resources, including <u>warm-ups</u>, <u>batting</u> <u>drills</u>, and <u>throwing exercises</u>. See our <u>media page</u> to connect with us on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>TikTok</u>, and <u>TeamApp</u>.

#### 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 54 lives this year and we hope to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team <u>HERE</u>.

#### The BV Team

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