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## Team Vic Wins Bronze at 2023 School Sport Australia Championships

Congratulations to Team Vic on winning bronze at the 2023 School Sport Australia Championships!

It was a busy week in Lismore, NSW, with 10 athletes from the BV Performance Pathway Prospects/Select program representing Team Vic, including Addison Bishop-Worn, Blake Mitchell, Declan Speirs, Jack Ratcliffe, Jordan Ellis, Lachlan Amon, Lachlan Smith, Mitchell Denny, Ryan Williams, and Will Cavanagh.

Our Current Prospects/Select players were joined by fellow Victorians Tanner Stack, Bradyn Barker, James Squire, Campbell Every, Tane Graham, Cade White, Alex Duske, and Liam Sullivan as they represented Team Vic with pride.

Well done to all on a fantastic tournament - we are very proud of your efforts and excited to see what comes next! Catch up on results [HERE](#).



## **2023 Australian Intermediate League Championship**

Mariners and Rangers are representing Victoria at the 2023 Australian Intermediate League Championship in Mildura from 19-23 May. We wish everyone the best of luck – follow along with all the #AIRC2023 action [HERE](#) and if you're at the tournament, make sure to stop by and visit our friends from [Ausport](#) who will be around the grounds on Saturday morning.

## **2023 Australian Senior League Championship**

Mariners had a great time at the 2023 Australian Senior League Championship in Mandurah, WA last week. Well done to Mariners on their hard work and perseverance through challenging competition to pick up two great wins and finish fifth overall. Catch up on #ASLC2023 [HERE](#).

## **Club News: BV Umpiring & Coaching Workshops – June 2023**

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce upcoming workshops for umpires and coaches next month.

After a strong turnout of past and current umpires at the BV Umpiring Workshop & Forum on 8 May, we look forward to another umpire meeting on Monday 19 June at Melbourne Baseball Club (6:30pm for a 7pm start). All umpires are invited as we continue planning for a strong future with a united umpiring fraternity. Please submit your [RSVP online](#).

We will also host the BV Coaching Workshop & Forum on Tuesday 27 June at Melbourne Baseball Club (6:30pm for a 7pm start). All coaches are invited to attend, including accredited and club coaches and those new to coaching. This session will include an overview of the Canopi coach accreditation system, coach education, and the BV Performance Pathway. Please [RSVP online](#).

“We are looking ahead to our umpiring and coaching workshops as we come together to discuss new opportunities to support baseball in Victoria,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We are committed to growing our umpire and coach community through dedicated training, accreditation, and on-field opportunities. We hope to see a great turnout of officials at these upcoming sessions and invite all those interested in attending to join us for productive planning and discussions.”

Check out [BV umpire](#) and [coach resources](#) online.

## **Maribyrnong Sports Academy Tryouts**

Our partnership with Maribyrnong Sports Academy continued with head coach Daniel Chircop running open tryouts for 2024 Year 7 students over the past two weeks. Prospective athletes showcased their skills during three days of tryouts at the sports academy, which runs in conjunction with secondary schooling at Maribyrnong College.

The baseball program's growth was highlighted by the largest list of applicants this year, with the program hopeful it will accept its largest cohort of student-athletes to date, who will graduate in 2029.

With the selection process currently underway, offers will be sent out later this year. Thank you and best of luck to everyone who tried out.

## **National Volunteer Week – Thank You!**

It's National Volunteer Week, and we would like to thank all the amazing volunteers who support baseball in Victoria.

We have over 500 registered volunteers who dedicate so much time and energy to ensuring our grassroots sport is a fun and safe environment for all.

Committee members, groundskeepers, canteen workers, coaches, scorers, umpires, and all the other club volunteers make such a huge difference to our beloved game. Thank you volunteers for all you do!

## **Baseball Training on BV TV**

Keep working on your baseball skills all winter long with BV TV training videos, including [warm-ups](#), [batting drills](#), and [throwing exercises](#) from the BV Performance Pathway team.

Don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [TeamApp](#), too.



## **BV Diamond Partnership With Field of View Sports Photography**

In case you missed it, Field of View Sports Photography has player cards and photo packages available for BV Futures, Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Teams, and Little League State Championships!

Click [HERE](#) for team photos and click [HERE](#) for action shots.

## **2023 State Winter Championships**

As a reminder, here are the dates for the 2023 State Winter Championships starting next month:

- Senior State Winter Championship: 10-12 June @ Geelong
- U18 State Winter Championship: 24-25 June @ Wangaratta
- U14 State Winter Championship: 1-2 July @ Bendigo
- U12 State Winter Championship: 15-16 July @ Werribee
- U16 State Winter Championship: 29-30 July @ Morwell/Traralgon

We are also seeking applications for a BV Umpire Coordinator to assist with the State Winter Championships. Please learn more about this opportunity and submit your interest [HERE](#).

## **Baseball Victoria Tournament Officer Applications**

We are currently accepting applications for the role of BV Tournament Officer, which will oversee and manage all the tasks required to run our baseball tournaments in Victoria.

This role will be responsible for managing the 2023 State Winter Championships and ideally, the 2024 Little League State Championships and beyond. The tournament officer will work alongside the Baseball Victoria Technical Officials Committee and office staff to deliver a high-caliber event.

Please view the full position description [HERE](#) and submit your interest via [SurveyMonkey](#).

## Baseball Victoria and Salesian College Sports Academy Team Up in New Partnership

As a reminder, Baseball Victoria has partnered with Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone, which 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.

We hope Salesian College will become a hub for secondary school students to pursue their academic and baseball goals in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

Learn more about [Salesian College Sports Academy](#) and click [HERE](#) to book a tour or click [HERE](#) for the online application.

## NCAA College Recruiting Rules Changed

The NCAA Division I Council has approved recruiting rule changes, which will eliminate communication between college coaches and players until 1 August of Year 11. Under the new rules, no unofficial or official campus visits or off-campus contacts can take place prior to 1 September of Year 11.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about these rule changes and how they impact Australian baseballers hoping to continue their career at U.S. college.

## Available Grants

Sport and Recreation Victoria has several grant applications open now, including the [Significant Sporting Events Program](#) and the [Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program](#). Click [HERE](#) to learn more about these available grants for clubs.

## 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 78 lives this year as we aim 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

**Daniel Chircop** – Pathways/MSA Coach

**David Nagy** – Performance Pathway Coordinator

