

## INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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### Geelong Wins 2023 Senior State Winter Championships

Geelong Baseball Association enjoyed an amazing run at the [2023 Senior State Winter Championships](#), with the men's side winning 7-2 over MWBL City on Monday afternoon.

The grand final victory comes two days after Geelong won the first-ever [Senior Women's State Winter Championship](#) with a 4-0 record. We are so pleased with the positive feedback on the women's tournament, and we look forward to more women's winter baseball initiatives to come.

Thank you to GBA, Guild All-Stars, and East Belmont Saints for hosting and thank you to all teams for taking part in a great weekend of baseball.

Our official photographer Field of View captured hundreds of awesome photos – click [HERE](#) to view all shots from the weekend. Visit [our website](#) to catch up on the action and see more photos on [Facebook](#).

Next up on our [SWC calendar](#) is the U18s from 24-25 June in Wangaratta. Stay tuned for updates.



2023 Senior Women's State Winter Champions - Geelong



2023 Senior Men's State Winter Champions - Geelong

### **Expressions of Interest for All-Girls Invitational in Bendigo**

Baseball Victoria is hosting an All-Girls Invitational event at Strathfieldsaye, Bendigo on 1-2 July, the same weekend as the U14 State Winter Championships.

All girls aged between 12-17 are invited to play. Cost is approximately \$60 to cover balls, umpires, and medals.

Please register your interest [HERE](#).

### **2023 Australian Little League Championships**

It was such a fun week at the 2023 Australian Little League Championships - well done to all our Victorian players from Athletics, Twins, and BV Belles on working hard and enjoying the game. It was awesome to see such strong teamwork and determination and we know the future is bright for all these young baseballers.

Catch up on all the results from [Athletics](#) and [Twins](#) in Little League Division 1 and [BV Belles](#) and [Twins](#) in Little League Division 2 on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

### **BV Belles Win Baseball Australia's Sportsmanship Award at #ALLC2023**

Congratulations to BV Belles on winning Baseball Australia's Sportsmanship Award for the team that exemplifies the spirit of Little League.

We are so incredibly proud of the Belles and how they played the game with great spirit, holding their heads high regardless of the score.

As the only all-girls team in the Australian Little League Division 2 Championship, Belles set an amazing example for young girls who want to chase their dreams on and off the field.

A very special mention to coaches Ruby Dale, Delia Robey, and Leah Trebilcock who led these girls through an awesome debut at nationals with the support of EO Tania Lindsay.

Thank you to all the coaches who helped throughout trials, the state tournament, and #ALLC2023. We greatly appreciate everyone involved in this program and we can't wait to see what comes next for the Belles!

## **2023 Barclay Cup Player Expressions of Interest Now Open**

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open player expressions of interest for the 2023 Barclay Cup, which will take place at Carine Cats Baseball Club in Perth, WA from 1-7 October.

Victoria sent two teams to the inaugural event on the Gold Coast last year, with the Dingoes and Hornets making the most of their experience. This new national tournament for youth girls honours talented athlete and beloved baseballer Jacinda Barclay, who sadly passed away in 2020.

“The first-ever Barclay Cup was a big success for youth girls baseball in Australia, and we are honoured to once again offer this fantastic development opportunity to our junior girls,” Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. “With dedicated coaching staff and support from across the state and around the country, we know our youth women’s players will continue to develop their skills and thrive in the sport they love.”

The Barclay Cup program and trials will be conducted and organised by the BV Performance Pathway team, with Alan Sutherland and Sophia Stensholt confirmed as team head coaches. Trials will take place on Friday 28 July from 6-8:30pm at Melbourne Ballpark.

All female players who will be aged 13 to 16 by 31 August 2023 are eligible to participate. The price of attending the tournament is approximately \$2,500 per player. This price will include a uniform package for the players, flights, accommodation, meals, ground transport, tournament entry fee, and more.

View the [2023 Barclay Cup Info Pack](#) for more details and click [HERE](#) to register for this exciting opportunity.

## **Baseball Victoria Launches New Canopi Coach Accreditation Platform**

Baseball Victoria is excited to launch the Canopi online system to streamline coaching accreditation management as we continue to grow our community of accredited coaches.

Coaches can use the [Canopi system](#) to track and complete Baseball Australia’s coach accreditation through the USA Baseball Certification courses. There are 3 levels of accreditation: A, B and C, and level A is a mandatory component of BV coaching accreditation.

All coaches, including assistant, club, head, and specialist coaches, can sign up to Canopi to complete accreditation requirements in line with BV coach education. Click [HERE](#) to read the full story and get signed up.

## **BV Coaching Panel Expressions of Interest Now Open**

Baseball Victoria is calling for expressions of interest to join the BV Coaching Panel for the next two years as part of a new initiative aimed at increasing coaching opportunities in Victoria.

Those appointed to the panel will have opportunities to coach within the Victorian State Team and BV Performance Pathway programs and provide input into the development of state coaching curriculum.

Coaching panel appointments will run through 30 June 2025. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this opportunity and apply by Friday 7 July.

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

As a reminder, we are running another BV Umpiring Workshop 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.

### **Club News: Upcoming Events**

Bellarine Bears Baseball Club is running an All-Abilities Clinic on Sunday 25 June from 11-12pm at Wallington Reserve. This come and try session is open to all ages and abilities.

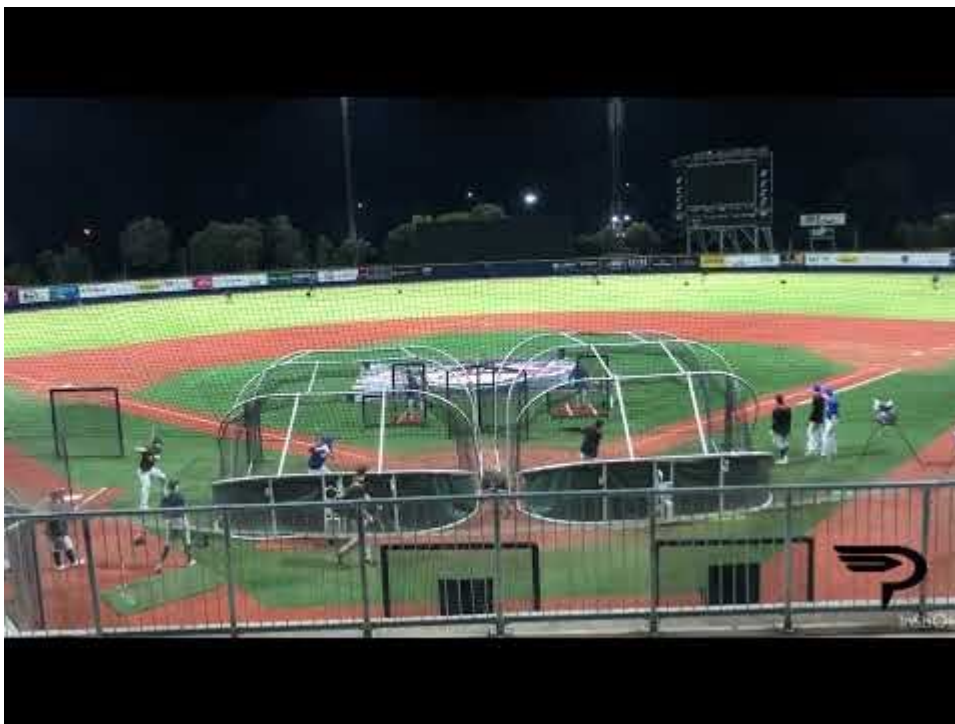
North Western Titans Baseball Club is seeking a head women’s coach for the 2023/24 season.

Learn more [HERE](#) and please feel free to send in any upcoming events or club news you would like to share. Thank you!

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

Take a look at BV Performance Pathway Prospects & Select training at Melbourne Ballpark and many more videos on [BV TV](#), including [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#).

Don’t forget to follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for fun training clips and resources.



### **2023 Winter School Holiday Camps – Almost Sold Out!**

We’ve had a great response to the 2023 BV Winter School Holiday Camps, with many dates selling out. There are limited spots left for the following sessions:

- All-Girls Winter School Holiday Camp: Wednesday 28 June, 10am-2pm at Melbourne Ballpark (10 to 15 year-old girls)
- Winter School Holiday Camp 2: Monday 3 July, 10am-2pm at Sandringham Baseball Club (9 to 11-year-olds)

Click [HERE](#) for more details and to get registered today.

**SportsLink Travel – Expressions of Interest for Women’s World Cup**

SportsLink is the official travel supplier for Baseball Victoria and the preferred travel partner for Baseball Australia. The travel management services company supports teams, athletes, and supporters as they travel across Australia and the world.

Coming up this August, SportsLink invites you to support the Emeralds in their 2023 Group A World Cup tournament in Thunder Bay, Canada. Please see details below and contact [brooke@sportslinktravel.com](mailto:brooke@sportslinktravel.com) to express your interest.

**SUPPORTER TOUR OPPORTUNITY – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**Thunder Bay Canada**

**2023 WOMEN'S GROUP A BASEBALL WORLD CUP**

**6TH-14TH AUGUST 2023**  
*Tournament Dates (8th-13th August)*

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## Victorian Zak Skinner Named to 2023 NJCAA Division I Baseball Third Team All-Americans

Victorian Zak Skinner's sophomore year success has continued with the BV Performance Pathway and Sandringham Baseball Club alum being named to the [2023 NJCAA Division I Baseball Third Team All-Americans](#).

All-America selections are made by the NJCAA Division I Baseball Committee, and Zak impressed with a huge season at Vernon College. The catcher was named All-Region 5 behind the plate after hitting .447, with a .511 on-base percentage, 21 doubles, 10 home runs, and 61 RBIs in 53 games. He took 24 walks and only struck out 19 times throughout the season.

Closing his Vernon chapter, Zak just announced his commitment to Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas to further his academic and baseball career. Congratulations Zak!

## 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.

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.

Families interested in enrolling or who have already done so are encouraged to contact Sports Academy Coordinator Stephen Sellwood at [ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au](mailto:ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au) to ensure they are also complete a Sports Academy application.

## BV Supporter Gear By Fullhammer Now Available

BV Supporter Gear is now available! Head to [our Fullhammer shop](#) to stock up on beanies, caps, bucket hats, and scarves from our official apparel partner. Learn more about Fullhammer merchandise [HERE](#).

## 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 93 lives this year as we aim to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

## The BV Team

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