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## [U16 National Camp Invitees Announced](#)

Baseball Australia has announced the Under 16 National Camp invitees, with 10 Victorians earning a spot. Congratulations to Ty Daniels, Jordan Ellis, William Hardy, Will Kent, Andrew Land, Mitch Langworthy, Hudson Pally, Nathan Rumbelow, Robinson Smith, and Zak Stafilis!

The camp is set for late September and will see 40 players from across the country enter into the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra, completing the National Junior Program's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Players were selected based on performances at the 2023 Australian Youth Championships this past January.

The camp will offer a combination of on-field skill development and workshops with world-renowned AIS staff, giving players the chance to test their development against their peers in a series of squad games. Stay tuned for more updates from BA's National Camp.

## [2023 Australian Junior League Championship](#)

Well done to Mariners and Rangers on an awesome week of baseball at the 2023 Australian Junior League Championship in Adelaide. Both teams finished 3-2 and displayed excellent team spirit and determination throughout the week which was a pleasure to watch. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing what their future holds.

Catch up with all the #AJLC2023 results on [Facebook](#) and stay tuned for the Australian Little League Championships starting 7 June in Blacktown.

## [2023 Senior State Winter Championship](#)

We are excited to get the [2023 State Winter Championships](#) underway with seniors next weekend in Geelong. Dandenong, Geelong, Melbourne City, and North Eastern will all compete in the senior men's while we are thrilled to have Bendigo, Dandenong, Geelong, and MWBL participating in our first-ever Senior Women's State Winter Championship.

BV Diamond Partner Field of View will also be on hand to photograph the event, so stay tuned for team photos and action shots from Geelong Baseball Centre. Our friends at Ausport will be making a special appearance, too!

## [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.

### Women & Girls Development Scores Big With Experienced Coaches, New Opportunities

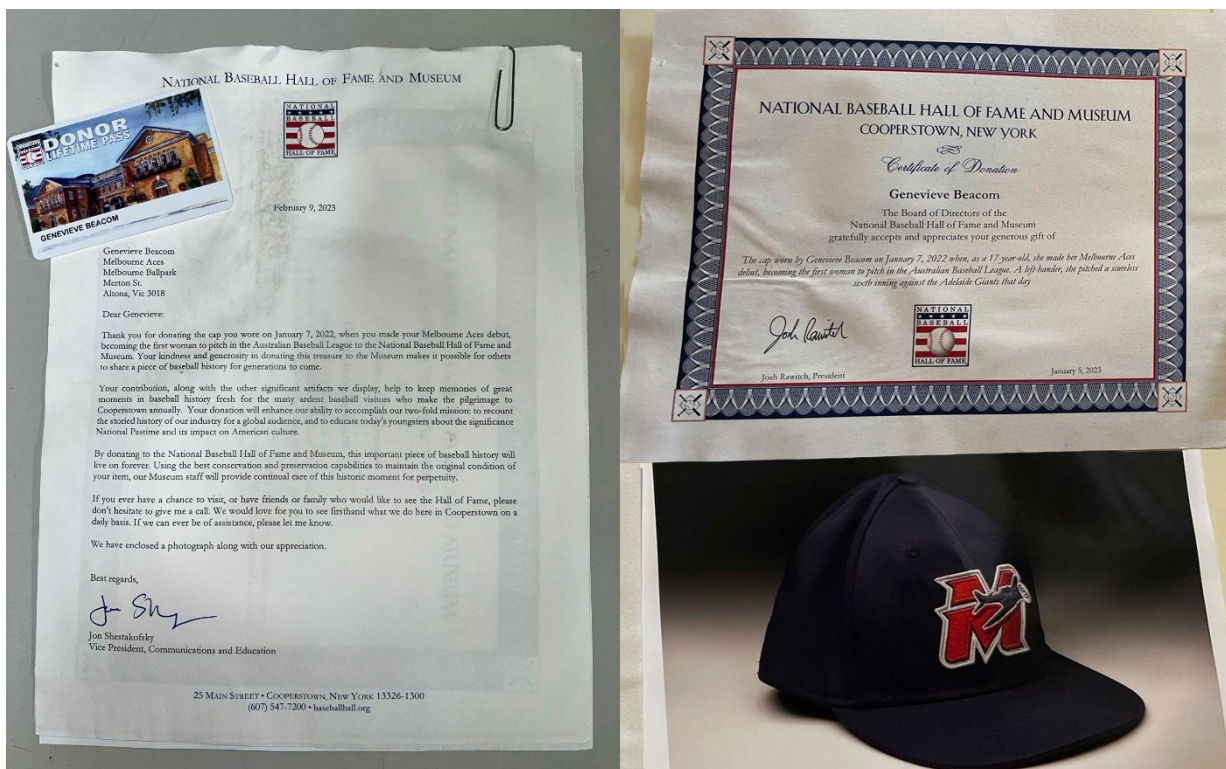
Samantha Hamilton has been appointed as BV Performance Pathway Coach as part of our ongoing commitment to women’s baseball development.

A decorated Team Australia Emeralds alumni, BV Life Member and women’s head coach, Hamilton joins the Performance Pathway team for weekly training with the Prospects and Select programs. She will bring her wealth of playing and coaching experience to the field, helping some of Victoria’s brightest baseball talent take their game to the next level.

Read the full story [HERE](#).

### Genevieve Beacom Featured in National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

After becoming the first female to pitch in the ABL, Genevieve Beacom’s player hat is now displayed at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum! Congrats to Genevieve on another amazing accomplishment – we can’t wait to see what her future has in store!



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

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.

## **School Sport Victoria State Finals**

In case you missed it, last week Maribyrnong Sports Academy won both the [Senior Boys](#) and [Intermediate Boys SSV State Finals](#).

Well done to head coach Tony Schibeci and the following MSA Baseball Academy student athletes:

- Senior Team - Jayden Kim, Andrew Land, Lachlan Schumann, and Declan Speirs (BV Performance Pathway)
- Intermediate Team - Roman Coote, Sam Land, Oliver Bergin, Robinson Smith and Josh Bence

Congrats to all on a great year with SSV programs!

## **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](#) and [TikTok](#) for fun training clips and resources.



## **National Sport Participation Strategy - Sector Survey**

In partnership with sector stakeholders, the Australian Sports Commission is facilitating the development of Australia's first codesigned National Sport Participation Strategy.

The National Sport Participation Strategy Survey is now open, and responses will be used to inform strategy development with a broad range of voices across the sport industry.

Everyone is encouraged to fill out the survey, including players, volunteers, parents, and non-players.

Please click [HERE](#) to learn more and complete the survey by 5pm on Friday 16 June 2023.

## **Melbourne Winter Baseball League Umpires Clinic**

Melbourne Winter Baseball League Umpires will hold another Level 0 (Club) Umpires clinic on Wednesday 7 June from 6-8pm at Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club.

Head to the [MWBL Facebook page](#) for more info and complete the sign-up sheet [HERE](#) to learn more about umpiring and gain experience behind the plate.

## Sport Volunteers Digital Toolkit

Vicsport, Volunteering Victoria, and Regional Sport Victoria have teamed up to launch a new Sport Volunteer Project, which provides resources and tools to support sporting clubs statewide.

A [dedicated Sport Volunteers webpage](#) has been created to house the full range of factsheets, toolkit items, and case study videos. The website is hosted and supported by Volunteering Victoria. Click [HERE](#) for resources to help your club thrive with volunteer support.

## 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

A few weeks ago, Baseball Australia announced an NCAA college baseball rule change affecting the timeline for player recruitment. After consultation with the NCAA, Baseball Australia has been able to get an exception to this rule for all Australian players.

Please see [the official memo](#) outlining these exceptions and what it means for Australian players looking to play college baseball in the U.S. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Riddell, BA National Player Development Manager, at [andrew.riddell@baseball.com.au](mailto:andrew.riddell@baseball.com.au).

## 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 87 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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