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## **2023 U14 State Winter Championship & All-Girls Winter Invitational Head to Bendigo**

It will be a big weekend of baseball in Bendigo with the 2023 U14 State Winter Championship and the BV All-Girls Winter Invitational from 1-2 July.

Seven teams will compete in the [U14 State Winter Champs](#), with Bendigo, Dandenong, Geelong, MWBL City West, MWBL Diamond Valley, MWBL City West, and North Eastern all taking part. The three diamonds at Albert Roy Reserve will be busy all weekend long with 18 round-robin games scheduled.

The Bendigo baseball community is excited to welcome players from all across Victoria for a beloved winter tradition.

“Hosting the U14 SWC in Bendigo is a huge highlight on our baseball season calendar. It is a chance for us to bring together our community and showcase our sport to the region,” said Luke Martin, President of Bendigo Baseball Association.

“I always look forward to watching some baseball and can't wait to see our Bendigo team in action. Some of the young players on the team I have watched come up the ranks from T-Ball and I am looking forward to seeing how much they have developed this weekend.”

In addition to the State Winter Champs, Baseball Victoria is excited to introduce the [BV All-Girls Winter Invitational](#) as part of our ongoing women's baseball initiatives. All girls aged 12-17 were invited to play, with participants split into three teams: BV Braves, BV Cubs, and BV Royals.

North Eastern Baseball Association also entered a team, with all four teams set to play each other on Saturday before being split into U13 and U17 age groups on Sunday. The girls baseball action will take place at Club Court, home of Strathfieldsaye Dodgers Baseball Club.

“We are looking forward to a fantastic weekend of baseball between the U14 State Winter Champs and the All-Girls Invitational,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “Thank you to all the players, teams, and associations for joining us for a memorable weekend in Bendigo, and best of luck throughout the tournaments!”

BV Diamond Partner Field of View Sports Photography will be around the grounds capturing [team photos and action shots](#). Osteopaths from [Osteo Sports Network](#) will be there all weekend long, too.

Head to our [2023 State Winter Championships](#) hub for live scoring and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates.

## **BV Diamond Partner Ausport Heads to U14 State Winter Championship**

[Ausport](#)'s Hugo van will make a special visit to the U14 State Winter Championship in Bendigo! Make sure to visit them at Albert Roy Reserve on Saturday from 8:00am to 3:00pm for all the latest baseball gear.

They will be at Strathfieldsaye Dodgers Baseball Club for the BV All-Girls Winter Invitational from 9am-12pm on Sunday as well. Don't forget to check out [Ausport online](#) and on [Facebook](#).

### **Baseball Victoria Welcomes Michelle Coote as Administration Officer**

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce the appointment of Michelle Coote as Administration Officer. As the Williamstown Wolves Junior Coordinator, Michelle is a proud club volunteer and baseball mum with a passion for our great game. She joins Baseball Victoria with decades of professional experience across administrative and educational support roles.

“Michelle will be a fantastic asset to our team with her firsthand experience in grassroots sport and her baseball knowledge,” Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. “As a junior coordinator, charter EO, and baseball parent, Michelle understands many aspects of our game and the administration and communication required to ensure an enjoyable experience for all.”

Michelle is looking forward to supporting Baseball Victoria staff and members through her new role.

“I'm grateful for this new opportunity and ready to hit the ground running with the BV team as we continue the winter tournament season and prepare for summer baseball. I hope I can make a difference to the office and am excited to be part of a bright future for baseball in Victoria.”

Please join us in welcoming Michelle to the team! She can be reached at [administration@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:administration@baseballvictoria.com.au).



### **Four Victorians Named to Team Australia Under 12 World Cup**

Congratulations to Victorians Bodhi Evans, Jacob Tayler, Maisen Ricketts, and Oliver Allen on being named to Team Australia's Under 12 World Cup roster.

EO Val Langworthy is also from Victoria. We wish them all the best as Team Australia takes the final wild card spot at the Under 12 World Cup in Tainan City, Chinese Taipei from 28 July to 6 August. Read more [HERE](#).

## 2023 BV Winter School Holiday Camps

It's been a busy week of BV Winter School Holiday Camps, and we would like to thank all the awesome young players who joined us for fun on-field activities and skills development at Melbourne Ballpark!

On Monday, coaches Daniel Chircop, Sean Cruz, Nick Bertucci, and Keli'i (Zee) Zablan led 10-12-year-olds through a great day of training drills, with 30 players taking part in the camp.

Next up was our BV All-Girls Winter School Holiday Camp on Wednesday. It was great to see this group of 19 girls working on their skills alongside Victorian Women's & Performance Pathway Coach Samantha Hamilton, who was joined by Victorian/Emeralds Squad player Lili Cavanagh.

Coach Zee, Daniel Chircop, and Sean Cruz were also on hand to guide the girls through fun training drills to gain more confidence in their skills.

The future of women's baseball is certainly bright with these girls, and we look forward to more school holiday fun this year!



## 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,” BV 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 21 July (and 28 July if required) 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.

### **2023 BV Performance Pathway: Prospects & Select**

BV Performance Pathway Prospects & Select training continues at Melbourne Ballpark and Maribyrnong Sports Academy, with over 40 athletes working hard to take their game to the next level. Head to [BV TV](#) to check out [behind-the-scenes of training](#), plus many more videos on 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. You can also view our [calendar of programs and events](#) for July and stay tuned for more updates from Prospects and Select.



### **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 Level A, B, and C courses.

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**

Thank you to all the umpires and coaches who attended our recent workshops and provided feedback via our pre-forum surveys. It's been great to come together to discuss the future of umpiring and coaching and how we can best support our officials at all levels of the game. We look forward to finalising our BV Umpiring Blueprint for the Future soon and are working on plans for a joint workshop with umpires and coaches. Stay tuned for details!

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

## **Club News: BV Umpiring Working Group Nominations Now Open**

As part of our collaborative process with current and past umpires, we have identified the BV Umpiring Working Group as the ideal structure to deliver our action plan moving forward.

Please view the [Terms of Reference for the Umpiring Working Group](#) and position descriptions for members of the working group: [State Umpire – Operations](#), [State Umpire - Technical](#), [State Umpire - Development](#), and [State Umpire - Communications & Membership Engagement](#)

Please review these documents and consider whether you or someone you know would be a good fit for these roles.

Applications for the above positions can be made [HERE](#).

We appreciate your assistance as we look to continue building the umpiring program through recruitment, education, and accreditation. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## **Club News: Upcoming Events**

Bellarine Bears Baseball Club hosted an [All-Abilities Clinic](#) this past Sunday and will host another session on Sunday 9 July ahead of the 10-week All-Abilities program starting the following week on 16 July.

North Western Titans Baseball Club is seeking a head women's coach for the 2023/24 season, while Port Melbourne is looking for a club head coach.

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

## **Vicsport Doing Sport Differently Forum**

This week we were lucky to attend the Doing Sport Differently Forum with Vicsport, VicHealth, and the Centre for Sport and Social Impact at La Trobe University. This collaborative workshop focused on [Doing Sport Differently](#) – six key principles that guide the design and delivery of sport-based programs that target less-active people through social and flexible sport.

We appreciate this learning opportunity and look forward to developing new initiatives and partnerships as we focus on our mission for all people to experience the joy of baseball in Victoria.

## **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.

### 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 fans 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.

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

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

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	<b>USA</b>
	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>
	<b>ASIA 3</b>
	<b>ASIA 4</b>
	<b>MÉXICO</b>

More Information: Brooke Penfold  
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## [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 99 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

**Michelle Coote** – Administration Officer

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**David Nagy** – Performance Pathway Coordinator

**Daniel Chircop** – Pathways/MSA Coach

**Samantha Hamilton** – Performance Pathway Coach

