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2023 State Winter Championships Kick Off With Seniors in Geelong

Baseball Victoria's 2023 State Winter Championship season gets underway this long weekend with three big days planned at Geelong Baseball Centre.

The 2023 Senior State Winter Championships from 10-12 June will be hosted by Guild All-Stars and East Belmont Saints Baseball Clubs, continuing a long-standing tradition with Geelong Baseball Association.

"We look forward to an excellent tournament as we showcase senior baseball and the great facilities and baseball community Geelong has to offer," GBA Executive Officer Tony McPherson said. "Thank you to Baseball Victoria for the opportunity to host this event once again and we wish everyone the best of luck this weekend."

Dandenong, Geelong, Melbourne City, and North Eastern will all compete in the senior men's tournament, while the first-ever Senior Women's State Winter Championship will be another highlight.

"We are thrilled to introduce our new Women's State Winter Championship and we thank Bendigo, Dandenong, Geelong, and MWBL for entering teams in this event," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "This exciting women's tournament is part of our ongoing women's baseball initiatives, and we are excited to offer more opportunities for everyone to play."

As the State Winter Champs commence, BV Diamond Partner Field of View Sports Photography will be around the grounds capturing [team photos](#) and [action shots](#).

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 State Winter Championships

Our friends at [Ausport](#) will be making a special appearance at the Senior State Winter Championships on Saturday! Make sure to stop by Geelong Baseball Centre and visit Ausport's Hugo van for all the latest baseball gear. They will be there from 8:30am to 2:30pm on opening day. Don't forget to check out [Ausport online](#) and on [Facebook](#), too.

2023 Australian Little League Championships

Four Victorian teams are making the most of the 2023 Australian Little League Championships at Blacktown International Sportspark in NSW. Well done to [Athletics](#) and [Twins](#) in Little League Division 1 and [BV Belles](#) and [Twins](#) in Little League Division 2!

Follow along with all the action on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

BV Belles Get a Visit From Women's Baseball Stars

Australian Emeralds and ABL Women's stars came to visit the BV Belles at #ALLC2023 on Wednesday! Ticara Geldenhuis, Maddison Erwin, and Elise Izzard met our all-girls team playing in the Australian Little League Division 2 Championship.

These current and emerging stars of the game talked about their experiences growing up playing Little League baseball with the boys, as well as the current women's baseball pathway and the opportunities that are now available for girls!

We love to see the Belles having such a great time and learning from women's baseball role models.



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.

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](#).

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



Registration Now Open for 2023 Winter School Holiday Camps

2023 BV School Holiday Camps are back this winter! There are several options for junior baseballers to choose from, with BV Performance Pathway coaches set to lead these fun skill camps during the school break.

Click [HERE](#) for more details – limited spots are available and several sessions are already sold out!

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.

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 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 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 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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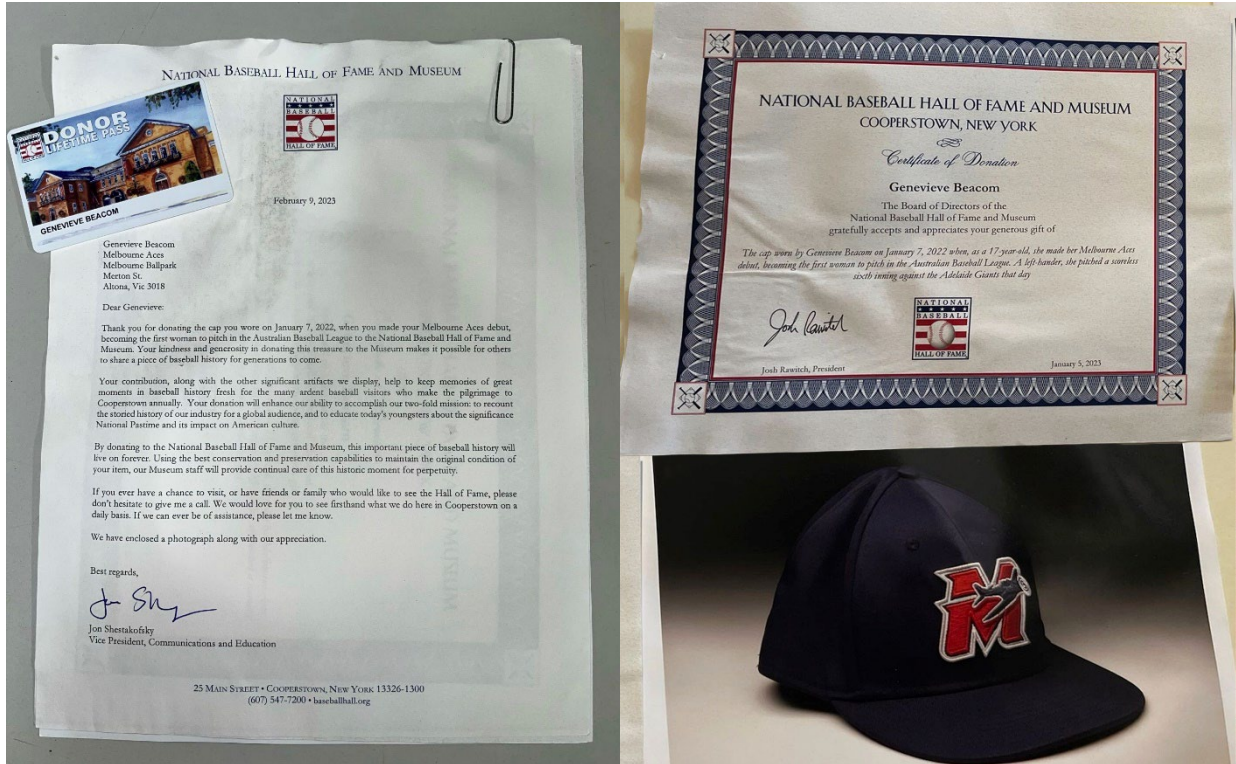
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[Genevieve Beacom Featured in National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum](#)

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 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 uniforms, accessories, and merchandise [HERE](#).

[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.



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.

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

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