

## INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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### MWBL Diamond Valley and City West Win 2023 U12 State Winter Championship

The 2023 U12 State Winter Championship wrapped up in Werribee with eight fantastic games on Sunday.

Congratulations to winners Diamond Valley (Pool 1) and City West (Pool 2) and the following MVPs: Tony Huang (MWBL Ringwood), Brodie Leigh (MWBL City West), Lila Atkinson (BV Belles), Cooper Bicknell (Dandenong), Hayden Harrington (Bendigo), Jaxon Waters (MWBL Diamond Valley), Jordan Daniel (North Eastern), and Allister Bell (Geelong).

Thank you to Werribee Giants Baseball Club and all the volunteers who made the tournament possible.

Catch up on [GameChanger recaps](#) and stay tuned for more photos from [Field of View Sports Photography](#) on [Facebook](#) and their [web gallery](#).

Stay tuned for the 2023 U16 State Winter Championship in Latrobe City from 29-30 July at Morwell and Traralgon Baseball Clubs. View our full calendar of events [HERE](#).

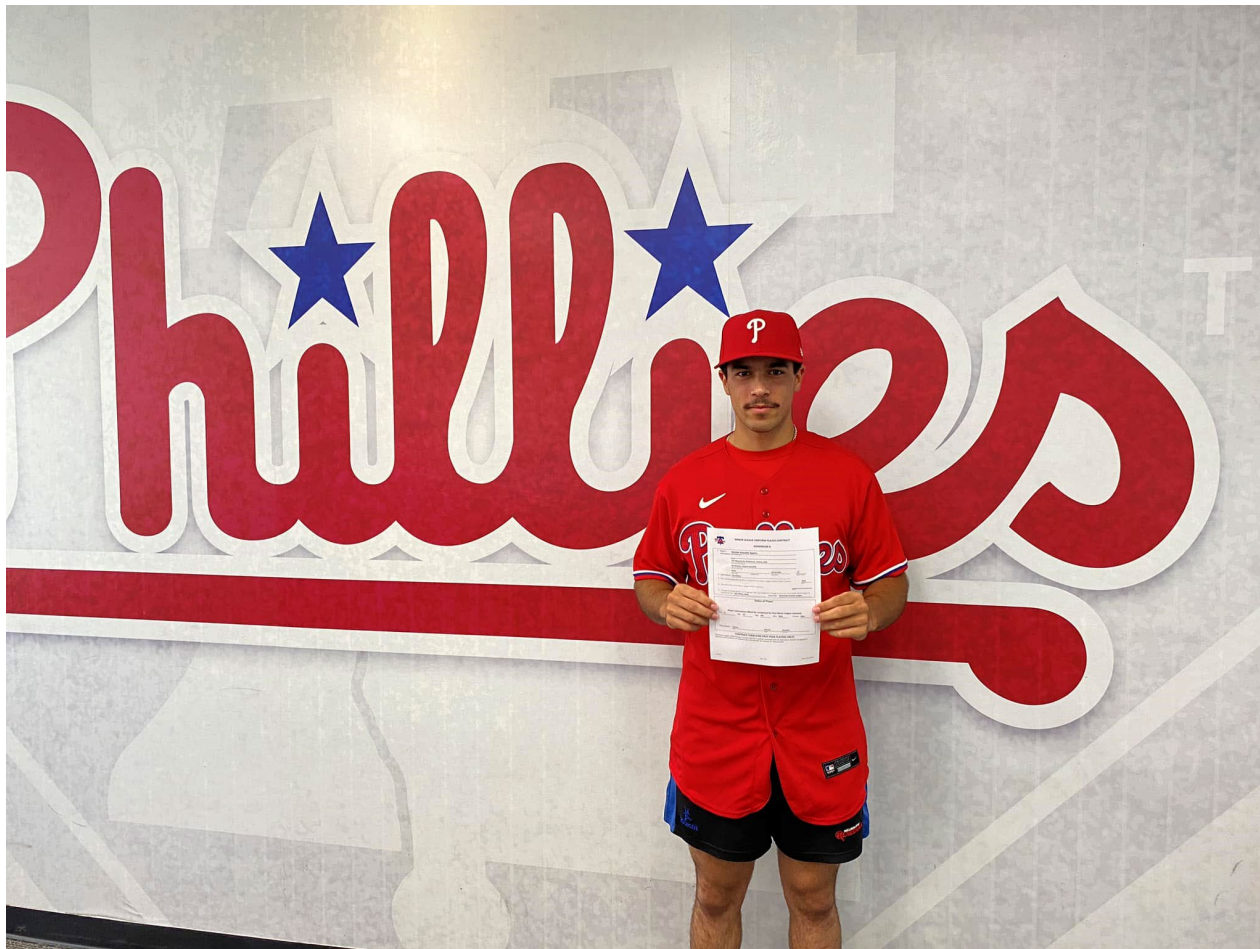


2023 U12 State Winter Championship Tournament MVPs

## Declan Speirs Signs With Philadelphia Phillies

Declan Speirs has taken the next the next step in his baseball career, signing with the Philadelphia Phillies to continue chasing his dreams!

We can't wait to see what the future holds for our BV Performance Pathway Select athlete – congrats and best of luck to Declan!



## Emeralds Selected for the WBSC Women's World Cup – Group A

Congratulations to all our Victorians named to the Australian Emeralds team for the 2023 Women's Baseball World Cup!

Genevieve Beacom, Allie Bebbere, Lili Cavanagh, Morgan Doty, Abbey Kelly, Shae Lillywhite, Abbey McLellan, and Maddy Patrick will take the field for Australia while Samantha Hamilton will serve as assistant coach and Ursula Howard will be EO.

Well done to all our #womensbaseball stars and BV Performance Pathway Select athletes! Click [HERE](#) to read more about the tournament action starting next month.

## 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 including [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#). You can also check out online photo galleries [HERE](#).

A special shoutout to BV Performance Pathway Select athlete Lachlan Smith, who has recently committed to a scholarship with Odessa College. We also had athletes from three levels of the Performance Pathway (Futures, Prospects & Select) come together during Sunday's session at Maribyrnong Sports Academy.

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.

Click [HERE](#) to view photos and stay tuned for more videos on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#).



*BV Performance Pathway athletes at Maribyrnong Sports Academy: Jacob Taylor, Oliver Allen, Jordan Ellis, Andrew Land, Shae Lillywhite, Morgan Doty, Nick Bertucci.*

### **BV History & Recognition Working Group: Service Award Nominations**

Baseball in Victoria is built on the remarkable service of volunteers who dedicate countless hours to supporting and improving our grassroots sport. Baseball Victoria is committed to celebrating our amazing community and the contributions of hardworking volunteers at clubs and programs across the state.

Moving forward, significant and lasting contributors to baseball in Victoria will be recognised at the BV Annual General Meeting each year. Nominations will open shortly and participants in Victorian baseball in 2023 and affiliated clubs of Baseball Victoria will be invited to nominate individuals for **Outstanding Contribution** and **Service to Baseball Awards**.

Click [HEFRE](#) to learn more about these awards.

### **Club News: BV Umpiring & Coaching Workshops**

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.

Due to minimal RSVPs and limited availability of coaches to attend, we have made the decision to cancel our second BV Coaching Workshop & Forum scheduled for Tuesday 25 July. We are planning another forum focused on coaching skills and drills for the coming months and hope that will suit more coaches ahead of the summer season.

We are also excited to present the finalised [BV Umpiring Blueprint for the Future](#) and are planning a joint workshop with umpires and coaches. Stay tuned for details and feel free to 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: Coaching Opportunities**

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

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

## **Chris Lane Field Officially Renamed**

Boeing Reserve Oval 4 has been officially renamed in honor of Essendon Baseball Club player Chris Lane. We look forward to the official opening of the Little League Field in the coming months – stay tuned for updates and read more about the renaming process [HERE](#).

## **UniNationals Baseball Team Expressions of Interest**

Several Victorian universities will compete in [UniNationals on the Gold Coast](#) from Monday 25 September to Thursday 28 September. Expressions of interest are open for players who will be a university student at that university in Semester 2, 2023. Players do not have to play for the university club. Please click the following links to register your interest and feel free to share.

- [Melbourne Uni](#)
- [Monash Uni](#) (or email [monashbaseball@yahoo.com.au](mailto:monashbaseball@yahoo.com.au))
- [Latrobe Uni](#)
- [RMIT](#)

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

Victorians Bodhi Evans, Jacob Tayler, Maisen Ricketts, and Oliver Allen are getting ready to represent Team Australia for the 2023 Under 12 World Cup. 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](#) and take a look at [WBSC GameTime streaming platform](#).

## **Career Opportunity: Baseball Australia National Tournaments Manager**

Baseball Australia is seeking a National Tournaments Manager to elevate baseball tournaments in Australia to a new level and lead a team dedicated to providing amazing sporting experiences. This role will be based at Sydney Olympic Park and report to the Chief Executive Officer. Applications close Sunday 30 July – click [HERE](#) to learn more.

## **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](#) for more info.

## **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 102 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

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**Keli'i Zablan** – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

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