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Geelong Wins 2023 U14 State Winter Championship in Bendigo

We enjoyed 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.

Geelong took out the title of U14 State Winter Champs after an undefeated run with five big wins, including a winner-take-all final vs. runners-up Dandenong.

Congrats to Geelong and a special mention to our tournament MVP winners:

- Deon Strahan - Bendigo
- Jackson Burton - Dandenong
- Jack Northfield - Geelong
- Kohen Van Andel - MWBL City West
- Andy Zdihan - MWBL Diamond Valley
- Ewan Clowes - MWBL Ringwood
- Michael Nistico - North Eastern

Thanks to all for a great weekend in Bendigo, and a special shoutout to the volunteers from Falcons Baseball Club and Scots Baseball Club for all their help at Albert Roy Reserve! Catch up on [recaps](#) and view photos from [Field of View Sports Photography](#). Thank you to our friends from Field of View, Ausport, and Osteo Sports Network for showing their support throughout the tournament, too.

Next up on our SWC calendar is the U12 tournament from 15-16 July in Werribee, followed by the U16 State Winter Championship from 29-30 July at Morwell/Traralgon.



[BV All-Girls Winter Invitational: A Smash Hit in Strathfieldsaye](#)

In addition to the State Winter Champs, we also hosted the [BV All-Girls Winter Invitational](#) at Strathfieldsaye Dodgers Baseball Club as part of our ongoing women's baseball initiatives.

All girls aged 12-17 were invited to play, with participants split into three teams for the first day: BV Braves, BV Cubs, and BV Royals. North Eastern Baseball Association also entered a team, with all four teams playing each other on Saturday before being split into U13 and U17 age groups for four action-packed games on Sunday.

Thank you to all the players who took part in our girls baseball invitational, and congrats to our Spirit of the Game Award winners: Maddie Haynes - BV Cubs, Macy Priamo - BV Braves, Sophie Bird - BV Royals, and Mollie Wayenberg - North Eastern. Catch up on [recaps](#) and see Field of View photos [HERE](#).

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at Club Court and a special mention to Kellie Thomas, Tania Lindsay, and Andrew Fielden for all their hard work planning and running the invitational. We are happy with the strong turnout and support of the event. Here are a few pieces of feedback we received from the weekend.

I wanted to thank you and your wonderful team for everything you did (and continue to do) to bring the inaugural All-Girls Winter Invitational this weekend to life. The efforts you are all going to bring these amazing opportunities for our girls to play and grow in their love and passion for baseball are so very much appreciated.

Macy (and I) have had a fantastic experience throughout the winter championships which began for her in Geelong with the women, and while last week at Wangaratta with the U18s was unfortunate, even that too was still an awesome experience to grow friendships with her fellow district baseball teammates and all the while planting the seeds for future senior district representation.

Please pass on our sincerest gratitude to your colleagues at BV, and all of the volunteers and supporters from across the associations who made this wonderful weekend in Bendigo possible. Having the opportunity to play with and alongside a beautiful group of girls whose love and passion for baseball was clearly evident this weekend was so wonderful to witness and be a part of.

- Shahan (& Macy) Priamo

I would just like to thank yourselves, Tania, the incredible coaches, umpires, scorers, and volunteers for an incredible weekend of baseball. I am in no way forgetting the incredible work of the Strathfieldsaye Dodgers who were tireless in the impeccable manner that both diamonds were presented day after day as well as keeping the chilled mornings at bay with good coffee and sausages and hash browns.

In a couple of conversations with Tania and Andrew, their insights are spot on in relation to the girls loving baseball, enjoying being pushed in integrated teams with and against boys, but truly relishing being in a competition just for them.

The look of pure joy and excitement over the two days was heartwarming to say the least. The girls played hard, gave it their all, and with the help of their coaches, had fun and learned about themselves and their baseball.

My daughter Eloise, despite only taking the game up in September last year, felt that she was in a completely safe space, where other players around her age with many years more experience and a greater skillset to rely upon, encouraged and spoke with her an equal. She will gain confidence from this weekend as well as take tips away to work on improving her baseball.

Once again, thank you to all involved for the opportunity to participate in this wonderful event, let's hope that it is the first of many. Onwards and upwards.

- Darrell Holden



Four Victorians Named to Team Australia Under 12 World Cup

In case you missed it, Victorians Bodhi Evans, Jacob Tayler, Maisen Ricketts, and Oliver Allen were 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](#) and take a look at [WBSC GameTime streaming platform](#).

2023 BV Winter School Holiday Camps

Thank you to all the players who joined us for BV Winter School Holiday Camps over the last two weeks. We had plenty of baseball fun at Melbourne Ballpark and Sandringham Baseball Club, and we loved seeing young athletes work on their skills alongside seasoned coaches and players including Keli'i (Zee) Zablan, Daniel Chircop, Sean Cruz, Nick Bertucci, Samantha Hamilton, Lili Cavanagh, Genevieve Beacom and Charlie Pierson.

We can't wait for more school holiday camps later this year! Click [HERE](#) to view photos and stay tuned for more videos on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#).

2023 Barclay Cup Player Expressions of Interest Now Open

As a reminder, player expressions of interest are now open 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.

Vale Phyllis Hargreaves

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Phyllis Hargreaves, a beloved member of the Victorian baseball community. Phyllis was a long-time scorer and volunteer who was heavily involved at the local club level and also scored across state, national, and international competitions. She will be greatly missed - we send our condolences to the Hargreaves family and all those who knew Phyllis.



Photo: [Greensborough Baseball Club](#)

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](#). You can also check out online photo galleries [HERE](#).

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](#) for more info.

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.

We are excited to present the finalised [BV Umpiring Blueprint for the Future](#) and are working on plans for 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: Upcoming Events

Bellarine Bears Baseball Club will host an [All-Abilities Clinic](#) 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!

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 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 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

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