

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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Australian Emeralds Take on Women's World Cup

It's been a huge week of women's baseball at the World Cup in Thunder Bay, Canada, with Australia's hopes still alive after a 10-3 victory over South Korea this morning. We are so proud of the Emeralds and their amazing efforts, nearly beating powerhouse USA before a tough battle with Mexico going down in extra innings. They've put on an impressive show so far and we wish them all the best in their remaining games against Hong Kong and Canada over the weekend.

Special mention to our Victorian representatives Genevieve Beacom, Abbey McLellan, Maddy Patrick, Allie Bebbere, Morgan Doty, Lili Cavanagh, Abbey Kelly, Shae Lillywhite, Samantha Hamilton (assistant coach), and Ursula Howard (EO).

Let's go Emeralds! Follow along on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates and head to www.gametime.sport for official WBSC livestreaming.



Photo: Brendon Beacom

Vic Dingoes & Hornets Confirmed for 2023 Barclay Cup

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the 2023 Barclay Cup teams ahead of the national junior girls tournament at Carine Cats Baseball Club in Perth, WA from 1-7 October.

After a memorable week at the inaugural event last year, the Vic Dingoes and Hornets are ready to represent and test their skills against girls from all around Australia. This new national tournament for youth girls aged 13-16 honours talented athlete and beloved baseballer Jacinda Barclay, who sadly passed away in 2020.

“Congratulations to the Vic Dingoes and Hornets. We know the future of youth women’s baseball is very bright and we look forward to seeing these girls shine at the Barclay Cup,” Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. “Thank you to our dedicated coaching staff and families for supporting this development opportunity. We hope everyone has a fantastic time on the West Coast.”

Read the full story [HERE](#).



2023 BARCLAY CUP VIC DINGOES

Alanah Rose **Eli Bergman**
Alexia Hunkin **Lacey Thompkins**
Alyssa Jamieson **Macy Priamo**
Amelia Wright **Mia Llewellyn**
Athena Koulis **Olivia Medland**
Cassidy McCubbin **Tabitha Pitt**
Ebony Sutherland

Head Coach: Sophia Stensholt
Assistant Coach: Morgan Doty
Assistant Coach: Chris Nunn
EO: Jeanette Bevan



2023 BARCLAY CUP VIC HORNETS

Alessia Fabiani **Jessica Warwick**
Belle O'Brien **Kendra Rutgers**
Charlotte Jansen **Mia Wilkinson**
Chelsea Nunn **Molly Lewis**
Emily Loong **Olivia (Oli) Walker**
Emma Sullivan **Phoebe Martin**
Isy Zurawel **Ruby Benne**

Head Coach: Alan Sutherland
Assistant Coach: Abbey McLellan
Assistant Coach: Ryan Tompkins
EO: Erin Collis

11 Victorians Named to Under 18 National Junior Camp

11 Victorians have been invited to Australia's Under 18 National Junior Camp on the Gold Coast this week with World Cup roster spots on the line.

Congratulations to Lachlan Amon, Aimon Dowling, Jayden Kim, Evan Maury, Logan O'Brien, Jack Ratcliffe, Harper Rickard, Lachlan Smith, Declan Speirs, Ryan Williams, and Ryder Wilson.

50 of the best junior baseball players from across the country will attend the camp, and at the end, the group will be cut down to 20. Those players will represent Australia at the Under 18 World Cup from 31 August – 10 September in Taiwan.

The camp is hosted at Surfers Paradise Baseball Club and will run from 13 - 20 August.

Find out more [HERE](#).

Victorians Enjoy 2023 U12 Baseball World Cup With Team Australia

What an awesome experience for Team Australia at the 2023 WBSC U12 Baseball World Cup! They made amazing memories on and off the field and continued to improve their baseball skills every game. Overall, they played eight games, scored 25 runs, and recorded 37 hits, picking up a decisive win over New Zealand while battling hard against tough competition from around the globe.

We are especially proud of Victorians Ollie Allen, Maisen Ricketts, Jacob Tayler, and Bodhi Evans - we can't wait to see what they do next! Special shoutout to EO Val Langworthy for all her support throughout the tournament, too.



Baseball Victoria Announces Umpiring Working Group Appointments

Baseball Victoria is pleased to announce BV Umpiring Working Group appointments, with this dedicated team set to deliver our Umpiring Blueprint for the Future.

Following a collaborative process with current and past umpires, the BV Umpiring Working Group was identified as the ideal structure to move forward with this action plan, aimed at providing a fun and inclusive environment for developing umpires to grow their skills via clear pathways.

The BV Umpiring Working Group reports to a part-time Technical Officer on the BV staff (Brooke Penfold) and consists of four volunteers:

- State Umpire – Operations: David Welsh
- State Umpire – Technical: Denis Dalzatto
- State Umpire – Development: Geoff Dunn
- State Umpire – Communications: Alan Sutherland

The group will be supported by BV staff members Randall Vavra (BV Umpire Officer – Operations) and Robert Bowen (BV Umpire Officer – Development).

“Congratulations to all on their appointments to the BV Umpiring Working Group,” Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. “We look forward to strengthening our umpiring community through recruitment, education, and accreditation, and working together to ensure a bright future for baseball officials in Victoria.”

View the [BV Umpiring Blueprint for the Future](#) to learn more and stay tuned for details on upcoming umpire meetings and workshops as we head into the summer season.

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 are now open for **Outstanding Contribution** and **Service to Baseball Awards**.

2023 baseball participants and affiliated clubs of Baseball Victoria are invited to nominate individuals for these awards, which you can read more about [HERE](#).

Nominations close Monday 4 September and can be submitted online via these links: [Outstanding Contribution](#) and [Service to Baseball Awards](#).

Werribee Giants Baseball Club Scores Big With Bronwyn Gell Appointed as Women's Head Coach

Werribee Giants Baseball Club is gearing up for a big summer of baseball with Bronwyn Gell appointed as women’s head coach for the 2023/24 VSBL season.

As a dedicated athlete with 20 years of baseball experience in the books, Gell brings a lot to the table as she continues her coaching career. The Werribee baseball community is thrilled to have such a talented baseballer take the reigns as the Giants look to grow their women’s program.

“Bron’s experience and baseball knowledge are something we can all learn from, and we are very excited to have her with us,” Club President David Bishop-Worn said. “We will work collaboratively to make positive strides and propel our club to even greater heights.”

Check out the full story [HERE](#).

2023 BV Performance Pathway: Prospects & Select

BV Performance Pathway Prospects & Select training wraps up next week after a great few months at Melbourne Ballpark and Maribyrnong Sports Academy. It’s been amazing to see our athletes improve their skills and prepare for exciting representative opportunities and new adventures such as college ball.

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 view online photo galleries [HERE](#).

Don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for fun training clips and resources. View our [calendar of programs and events](#) for August and stay tuned for more updates.

Baseball Victoria Launches New Canopi Coach Accreditation Platform

Thank you to all the coaches who have signed up to use the [Canopi system](#) to track and complete Baseball Australia's coach accreditation through the USA Baseball Certification Level A, B, and C courses. We have recently updated our accreditation guidelines to make it easier for coaches to complete their education.

Head to our [coaching hub](#) for more details and to get started today.

Club News: Coaching Opportunities & Events

North Western Titans Baseball Club is seeking a head women's coach for the 2023/24 season, while Footscray Bulldogs Baseball Club is looking for a club head coach. Port Melbourne is holding a come-and-try day on Sunday 13 August from 9-11am. View all club ads [HERE](#) and please feel free to send in any upcoming events or club news you would like to share. Thank you!

Club News: Volunteer Resources

Sporting clubs and organisations can now access a one-stop-shop for free resources and practical tools to help get the most out of the volunteering experience. The Australian Sports Commission and Sport Volunteer Coalition have co-designed the Sport Volunteer Resource Hub with the sporting community to ensure it provides best-practice support to volunteers no matter their age, gender, background, sport, or volunteer role. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Field of View Sports Photography: State Winter Champs

Thank you to our official photography partner Field of View for capturing the State Winter Championships. As a reminder, you can click [HERE](#) to view and order photos from Field of View Sports Photography. Don't forget to show them some love on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), too!



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 117 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

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Keli'i Zablan – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

Audrina Ning – Financial Controller

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Brooke Penfold – Technical Officer

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