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Australian Emeralds Wrap Up Women's World Cup Campaign

What a journey it's been for the Emeralds. While they may not have progressed out of the group stage, there were so many incredible moments in their Women's World Cup campaign, and we are so proud of their dedication and teamwork.

They trailed at some stage in every game but managed to stay in the competition and pick up two wins. Their one-run loss to powerhouse USA was an impressive effort, and Australia was the only team to score against them as the Americans outscored opponents 68-0 in their other four games.

The Emeralds were right in it, falling in extra innings to Mexico and losing in the last inning to Canada (who finished 4-1). They battled hard and made incredible memories along the way.

Well done to all the Emeralds and of course a very 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).

We can't wait to see what the future holds for women's baseball in Australia and beyond.

Head to [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) to catch up on all the action.



Photo: Brendon Beacom

[Vic Dingoes & Hornets Confirmed for 2023 Barclay Cup](#)

Our 2023 Barclay Cup teams are gearing up for 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 getting 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 and view team rosters [HERE](#).

[11 Victorians Head to Under 18 National Junior Camp](#)

11 Victorians have spent the week at Australia’s Under 18 National Junior Camp on the Gold Coast, vying for World Cup roster spots. Well done Lachlan Amon, Aimon Dowling, Jayden Kim, Evan Maury, Logan O’Brien, Jack Ratcliffe, Harper Rickard, Lachlan Smith, Declan Speirs, Ryan Williams, and Ryder Wilson! BV High Performance Officer Damian Shanahan is part of the camp coaching staff, too.

The camp continues through the weekend and then the group of 50 will be cut down to 20, with the top-performing players selected to represent Australia at the Under 18 World Cup from 31 August to 10 September in Taiwan.

Best of luck to our amazing athletes! Stay tuned to [Team Australia](#) for updates.



Registration Now Open for 2023 BV Spring Training School Holiday Camps

2023 BV Spring Training School Holiday Camps are confirmed for next month!

There are one and two-day options for junior baseballers to choose from, with BV Performance Pathway coaches Keli'i (Zee) Zablan, Daniel Chircop, and other guest ballplayers set to lead these fun skill camps during the school break.

- Spring Training School Holiday Camp 1 (10-14 year-olds)
 - Monday 18 September and Tuesday 19 September, 10am-2pm at Melbourne Ballpark
- All-Girls Spring Training School Holiday Camp (10-16 year-old girls)
 - Wednesday 20 September and Thursday 21 September, 10am-2pm at Melbourne Ballpark
- Spring Training Skills Camp - Pitchers and Catchers (10-16 year-olds)
 - Friday 22 September, 10am-1pm at Melbourne Ballpark
- Spring Training School Holiday Camp 2 (9-11 year-olds)
 - Monday 25 September and Tuesday 26 September, 10am-2pm at Sandringham Baseball Club
- Spring Training School Holiday Camp 3 (12-14 year-olds)
 - Wednesday 27 September and Tuesday 28 September, 10am-2pm at Sandringham Baseball Club

Limited spots are available - learn more and register [HERE](#) today. Stay tuned for individual hitting and defence lessons coming soon, too!



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](#).

VSBL Tribunal Panel Expressions of Interest

We are looking for a few more volunteers to serve on the VSBL Tribunal Panel for a two-year period. The match review officer and tribunal members play a valuable role in ensuring a successful summer season and a fair and safe experience for all participants.

Tribunal members will hear appeal cases over player penalties and meet at most once a week. The number of cases varies each year depending on the games played and any player ejections during the competition.

While we are seeking individuals with experience in tribunal and legal processes, this is not required when applying. If you are interested in this opportunity, please keep in mind that in order to be successful with your application you must:

- Have a clear understanding of the rules and processes while adhering to the Victorian Summer Baseball League rules and regulations, Baseball Victoria By-Laws and the rules of baseball.
- Be reliable and prepared to attend hearings on a weekly basis.
- Hold a high level of confidentiality.
- Provide feedback and assist in any further review in conjunction with the VSBL Pennant Committee.

Candidates should be confident in their proven abilities and experience in these areas. All interested individuals may apply [HERE](#).

BV Umpiring & Coaching Forum

We are looking forward to our joint Umpiring & Coaching Forum coming up on Tuesday 29 August at Newport Baseball Club. We invite all coaches and umpires to join us as we work together to foster a positive, supportive environment for all baseball officials. Guided by Facilitator Gavin Deller, this collaboration will work to improve the baseball experience for all participants.

Please join us at 6:45pm for a 7pm start as we review codes of conduct for umpires, players, and coaches and discuss the upcoming season.

You may also view [umpiring](#) and [coaching resources](#) online.

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: Come & Try Days

With the summer season fast approaching, local clubs are planning come-and-try days, including upcoming sessions for Port Melbourne juniors and Williamstown women. 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.

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 has wrapped up with many players heading off to exciting opportunities like the Women's World Cup, U18 National Junior Camp, or college baseball. Thank you to all our dedicated athletes for an amazing few months of training!

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.

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

Baseball Victoria is pleased to partner 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. 2023 Barclay Cup merch is available, too. Learn more about Fullhammer [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

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