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[Diamond Valley & Latrobe Valley Win Big at 2023 U16 State Winter Championship in Latrobe City](#)

The 2023 U16 State Winter Championship wrapped up on Sunday with a great day of finals in Latrobe City, as Diamond Valley (Pool 1) and Latrobe Valley (Pool 2) came away with grand final glory.

Well done to all participants on an awesome weekend of baseball and thank you to the volunteers at Traralgon and Morwell Baseball Clubs for the warm welcome. Thank you also to Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan and Latrobe City Council for supporting the event.

A special mention to the MVPs:

- Pool 1 - Ethan Kent (MWBL Diamond Valley), Angus Saggars (MWBL Ringwood), Miles Poulley (Geelong), Cooper Bishop-Worn (MWBL City West), Takuma Yamane and Angus Walsh (Dandenong)
- Pool 2 - Ryan Kinkade (Bendigo), Kayden Hicks (Latrobe Valley), Marcus Murphy (MWBL Diamond Valley), Ollie Chambers (North Eastern)

Head to [GameChanger](#) for full results and check out recaps [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to view and order photos from Field of View Sports Photography.





Victorians Enjoy 2023 U12 Baseball World Cup With Team Australia

Ollie Allen, Maisen Ricketts, Jacob Tayler, and Bodhi Evans are making the most of their time with Team Australia at the 2023 WBSC U12 Baseball World Cup in Tainan City, Taiwan. EO Val Langworthy is also from Victoria. Follow along with the rest of their journey on [Team Australia socials](#) or check out [WBSC's GameTime live streaming platform](#).

Keep up the awesome work, boys – we are so proud!



Victorians Head to Women's World Cup Training Camp

Our Victorian women's baseball stars headed off to the Women's World Cup Training Camp in Sydney this week. We can't wait to watch their Team Australia journey unfold as the Australian Emeralds gear up for the 2023 WBSC Women's Baseball World Cup in Thunder Bay, Canada from 8-13 August.

Best of luck to Genevieve Beacom, Abbey McLellan, Maddy Patrick, Allie Bebbere, Morgan Doty, Lili Cavanagh, Abbey Kelly, Shae Lillywhite, Samantha Hamilton (assistant coach), and Ursula Howard (EO).

Follow along on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).



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](#).

Baseball Victoria and Aces Sporting Club Team Up in New Partnership

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce a new partnership with Aces Sporting Club, which will support baseball in Victoria through the BV Senior State Winter Championships, Victorian Summer Baseball League, Diamond Partnership Program, and Coaches Performance Pathway.

With this naming rights sponsorship, the Senior SWC event will be renamed the Aces Sporting Club State Winter Championships. Additionally, Baseball Victoria will introduce the Aces Sporting Club Women's Batting Award and Pitcher of the Week Awards for the summer season.

Aces Sporting Club will also be recognised through the BV Diamond Partnership Program as a Home Run Partner, as well as a proud supporter of the BV Coaches Performance Pathway Program.

“We are thrilled to have the support of Aces Sporting Club as we look to build an even bigger and brighter future for baseball in Victoria,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We have a vibrant community of baseball players, coaches, and volunteers who will benefit from this support, and we encourage our senior baseballers to check out everything Aces Sporting Club has to offer.”

As a long-time sponsor of Melbourne Aces, Aces Sporting Club is pleased to expand their support of baseball in Victoria.

“At Aces Sporting Club, we are passionate about sport and the community, so this partnership with Baseball Victoria makes perfect sense,” ASC President Geoff Pearce said. “We look forward to supporting a variety of baseball programs and initiatives to help this wonderful game grow and thrive.”

Aces Sporting Club is a premium golf practice facility and function venue in Melbourne’s south-eastern suburbs. Visit the official website for more info: www.acesportingclub.com.au/

Learn more about the BV Diamond Partnership Program [HERE](#).



2023 BV Performance Pathway: Prospects & Select

BV Performance Pathway Prospects & Select training wraps up later in two weeks 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.

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 and Williamstown have come-and-try days in the next few weeks, too. 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.

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 or check out [coaching resources](#) online.

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)
- [Latrobe Uni](#)
- [RMIT](#)

NSW Baseball5 Youth & Senior Carnival Invite

Baseball NSW is hosting a very exciting Baseball5 event later this month that will be a precursor to the WBSC Youth B5 World Cup.

With the World Cup fast approaching, this event will not only be fun for all but a chance to trial for a spot in the Australian Youth Baseball5 team.

Registration and expressions of interest are open to members from all states, and participants can register either as a team OR as an individual.

Please click [HERE](#) to find out more.

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 114 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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