

ANNUAL REPORT

2022/2023



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Vision and Mission

A group of baseball players and coaches are gathered on a field. A coach in a white and blue uniform is speaking to a group of players wearing blue uniforms with a white 'V' on their caps. The scene is set on a baseball field with a dirt infield and grass outfield.

VISION

Baseball at its best

MISSION

For all people to experience the joy of baseball in Victoria



VALUES

INTEGRITY

Modelling high levels of honesty, accountability, transparency, and ethical behaviour, creating an environment of mutual trust and respect.

COMMUNICATION

As the peak body representing sport to key decision-making bodies, empowering all stakeholders to improve outcomes for athletes and lift the profile of sport and its benefits.

INNOVATION

Embracing diversity and inclusivity, providing accessible and equitable opportunities, and appreciating cultures of our region.

COLLABORATION

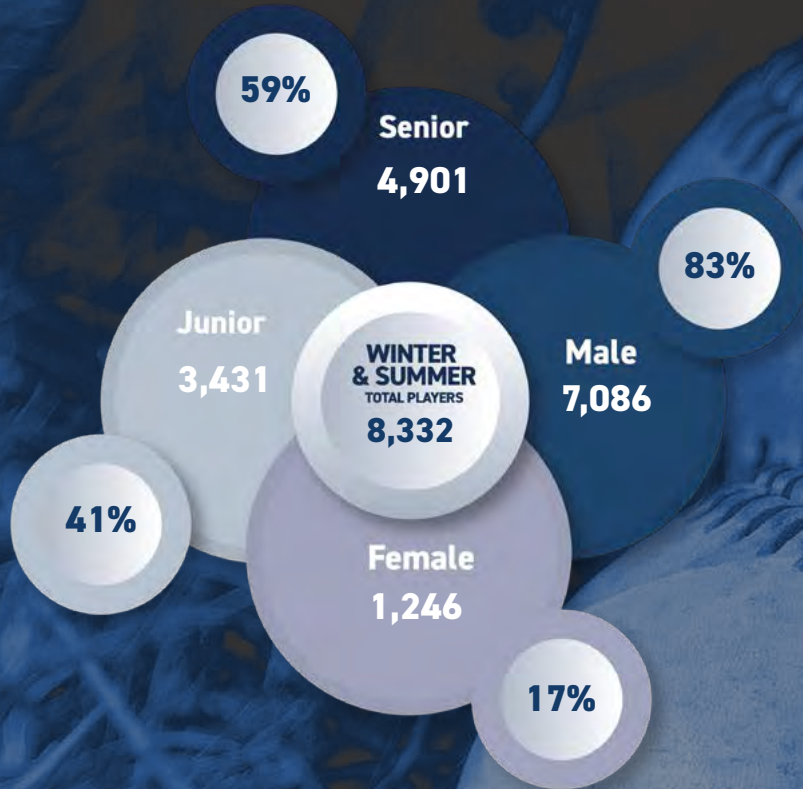
Providing a cooperative network and advocacy service to build a united voice for the community of sport.

ACCESS

Offering safe, equitable and welcoming environments

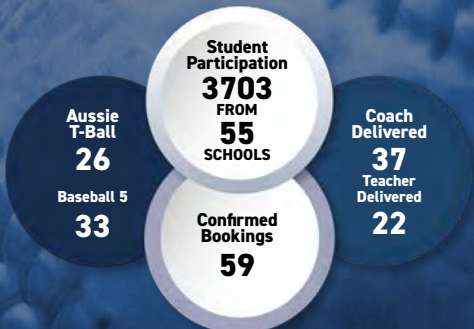
State of Play

Participation numbers in the 2022/23 financial year are based off a full summer and winter season, as we recorded a slight increase in total registered players across summer and winter. Sporting Schools

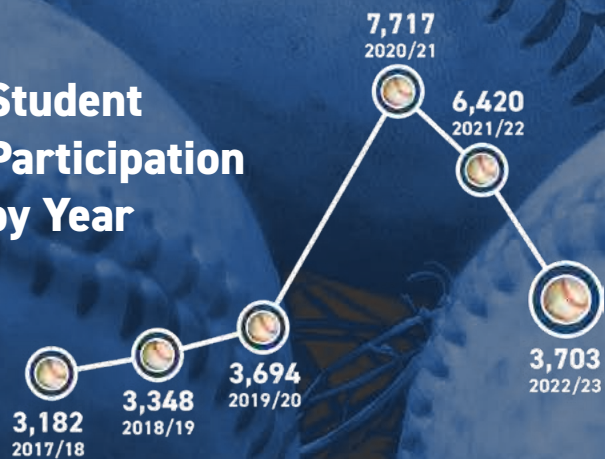


Sporting Schools

Baseball Victoria participates in Sporting Schools, a \$200 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools increase children’s participation in sport and connect them with community sporting opportunities. These numbers reflect our Sporting Schools participation numbers in the 2022/23 financial year.

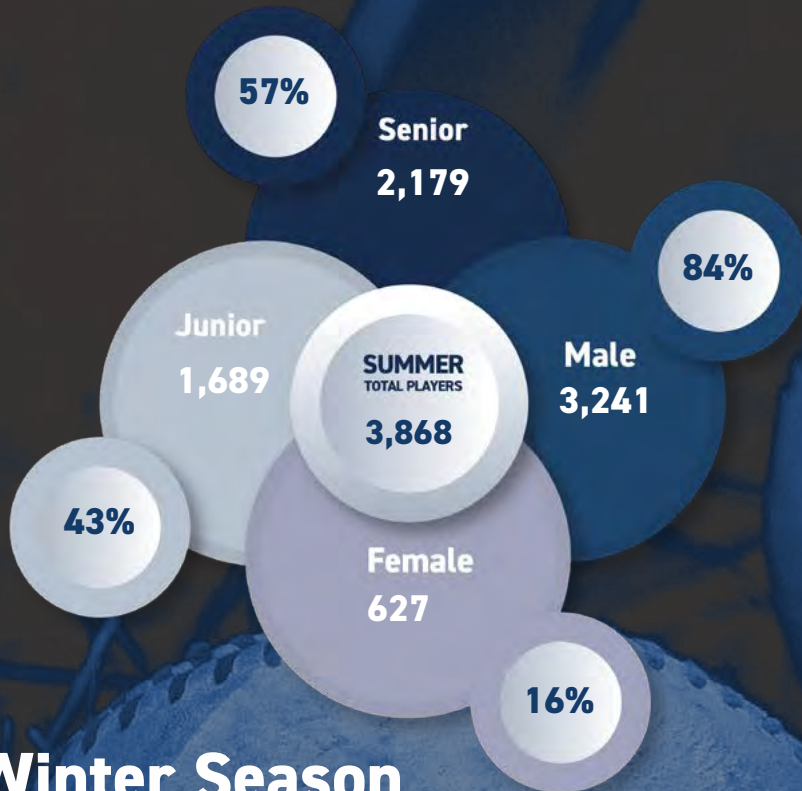


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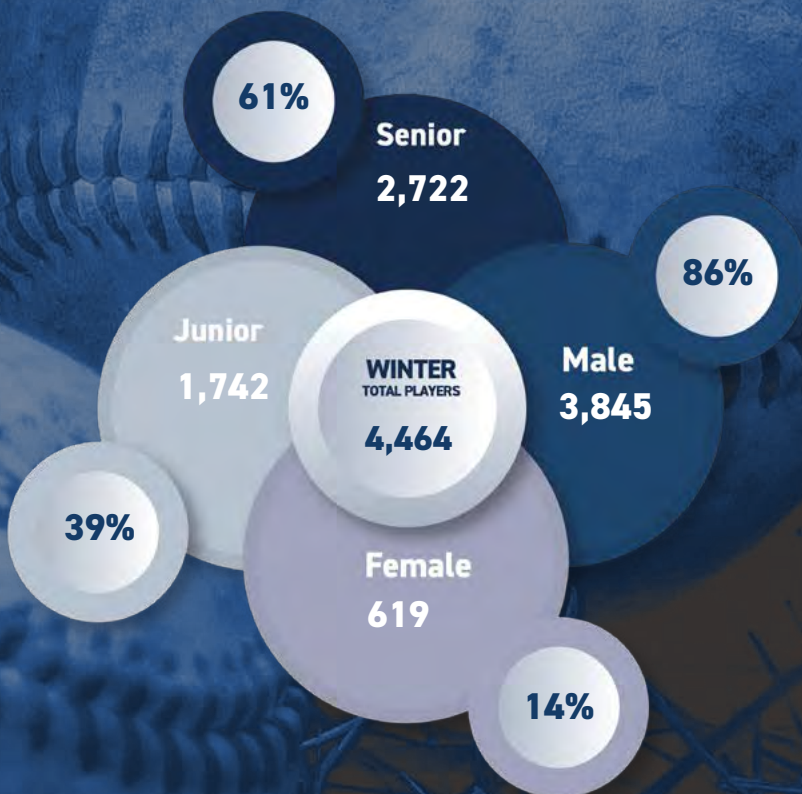
2022/23 Summer Season

Participation numbers for the 2023 Summer Season.



2023 Winter Season

Participation numbers for the 2023 Winter Season.



Highlights

2022/23 featured plenty of highlights across baseball in Victoria. Thank you to all of our members for making it a great year!

OCT 2022

- VSBL season gets underway
- Women & Girls Coaching Workshop at Melbourne Ballpark
- Anna Ronald appointed to BV Board as Finance Director
- SportsLink Travel signs on as BV's Official Travel Supplier for next three years
- Liam Evans, Blake Townsend, Matt Beattie, Chris Burke, and Jarryd Dale represent at the U23 Baseball World Cup

NOV 2022

- BV All-Stars from VSBL Division 1 and 2 play Melbourne Aces in practice match at the ballpark
- U16 & U18 Victorian State Teams announced for #AYC2023
- Development Grants Program recipients announced - over \$28,000 in grants awarded to 17 local clubs
- Samantha Hamilton, Stephen Black, Jarryd Rogers, and Ursula Howard appointed to Victorian Women's State Team coaching staff
- BV Green Vest Program launched to encourage respect for volunteer umpires

DEC 2022

- Baseball Victoria and Maribyrnong Sports Academy join forces in new partnership, supporting the MSA Baseball Program
- New Baseball Victoria Performance Pathway unveiled, offering more opportunities for player development and representation at state, national and international levels
- Victorian Women's State Team announced for #AWC2023

JAN 2023

- U16 & U18 Victorian State Teams bring home bronze medals after strong #AYC2023 campaigns
- BV Fun in the Sun School Holiday Camps at Melbourne Ballpark and Malvern Baseball Club
- Dean Anglin, Bronwyn Gell, Alan Sutherland, and Erin Collis named to Victorian Youth Women's State Team coaching staff

FEB 2023

- Melbourne Ballpark announced as host of Australian Women's Championships
- BV unveils strategic plan for 2023-2026
- Mick Wearne and Samantha Hamilton awarded BV Life Membership
- Victorian Youth Women's State Team announced for #AYWC2023
- Jayden Kim, Jack Ratcliffe, Declan Speirs, and Lachlan Smith named to U18 National Junior Squad

MAR 2023

- VSBL Finals – Upwey Ferntree Gully goes back-to-back in Division 1 Firsts, Newport wins Division 2 Firsts, and Springvale wins Women's Division 1
- Field of View Sports Photography joins Diamond Partnership Program as official photographer of Baseball Victoria
- BV Performance Pathway alumni Darryl George, Dan McGrath, Jon Kennedy, Liam Spence, Blake Townsend, and Jarryd Dale represent at World Baseball Classic, BV High Performance Officer Damian Shanahan serves on coaching staff
- VSBL award winners announced

APR 2023

- Victorian Women's State Team celebrates 25th anniversary with legacy selection order, wins silver at #AWC2023 at Melbourne Ballpark
- Victorian Youth Women's State Team wins bronze at #AYWC2023
- Little League State Championship winners: Mets (Senior League), Rangers (Junior League), Athletics (Intermediate League), Athletics (Little League Major), Twins (Little League Development), and Rangers Blue (Little League Minor)
- BV announces Salesian College Sports Academy partnership, plans for secondary school hub in eastern suburbs
- 2023 BV Development Grants Program recipients announced - over \$37,000 in grants awarded to 22 winter associations and clubs

MAY 2023

- Jamie Bastian, Genevieve Beacom, Allie Bebbere, Lili Cavanagh, Morgan Doty, Jessica Johnson, Abbey Kelly, Shae Lillywhite, Abbey McLellan, and Maddy Patrick make Emeralds World Cup Squad
- David Nagy appointed Performance Pathway Coordinator
- Team Vic wins bronze at 2023 School Sport Australia Championships
- Conor Myles, Zak Skinner, and Keenan Spence Receive NJCAA All-Region 5 Baseball Honors
- Victorians represent at Australian Championships for Senior League and Intermediate League
- Samantha Hamilton appointed BV Performance Pathway Coach
- Ty Daniels, Jordan Ellis, William Hardy, Will Kent, Andrew Land, Mitch Langworthy, Hudson Pallay, Nathan Rumbelow, Robinson Smith, and Zak Stafilis invited to Under 16 National Camp
- Genevieve Beacom features in National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

JUN 2023

- Victorians represent at Australian Championships for Junior League and Little League
- Geelong wins Senior Women's & Men's State Winter Championships
- BV Belles receive Baseball Australia's Sportsmanship Award at Little League Nationals
- Zak Skinner named to NJCAA Division I Baseball Third Team All-Americans
- Launch of new Canopi coach accreditation platform
- Michelle Coote appointed Administration Officer
- Bodhi Evans, Jacob Tayler, Maisen Ricketts, and Oliver Allen named to Team Australia's Under 12 World Cup roster



Baseball Leagues and Clubs

BV Summer League

Alfredton*
Ballarat*
Berwick City*
Blackburn*
Bonbeach St Chads*
Boneo*
Chelsea*
Cheltenham*
Doncaster*
Essendon*
Fitzroy*
Footscray*
Geelong*
Greenhills Monty*
Greensborough*
Malvern*
Melbourne*
Mitchell Majors*
Monash University*
Moorabbin*
Mordialloc*
Mornington*
Mulgrave*
Newport*
North Coburg*
North Western*
Ormond Glenhuntly*
Pakenham*
Pivot City*
Port Melbourne*
Preston*
Research*
Sandringham*
South East Warriors*
Springvale*
St Kilda*
Sunshine*
Upwey Ferntree Gully*
Waverley*
Werribee*
Williamstown*

Bendigo Baseball Association*

Bendigo East
Falcons
Malmsbury
Scots
Strathfieldsaye

Dandenong Baseball Association*

Berwick
Bonbeach St Chads
Boneo
Chelsea
Cheltenham
Dandenong
Dingley
Frankston
Moorabbin
Mordialloc
Mornington
Pakenham

Geelong Baseball Association*

Alfredton
Bacchus Marsh
Ballarat
Bellarine
Colac
Corio
Deakin
East Belmont
Guild
Lara
North Western
Werribee

Latrobe Valley Baseball Association*

Churchill
Moe/Newborough
Morwell
Sale
Traralgon

Melbourne Winter Baseball League*

Bundoora
Croydon
Diamond Creek
Doncaster
Essendon
Footscray
Forest Hill
Glen Iris
Greenhills Montmorency
Greensborough
Heathmont
Knox
La Trobe University
Melbourne University
Mitchell Majors
Monash University
Newport
North Balwyn
North Coburg
Northcote
Port Melbourne
Research Lower Plenty
Ringwood
South East Warriors
St Kilda
Sunshine
Watsonia
Waverley
Werribee
Westgarth
Williamstown

North Eastern Baseball Association*

Albury
Benalla
Porepunkah
Wangaratta
Wodonga

Sunraysia Baseball League*

Eagles
Hawks
Saints
Wanderers

*Voting member of Baseball Victoria

Baseball Victoria Directors



ANDY ROSE **President**

Andy is honoured to take on the role of Baseball Victoria President to help lead his beloved sport to a bright future across Victoria. Over the last 25 years, Andy has run a successful photographic and digital company, with a strong focus on strategic direction and team management for advertising campaigns on both local and national levels.

Over the past decade, Andy has been heavily involved in Victorian baseball, coaching teams, managing committees, and facilitating programs from community t-ball up to high performance. He also served as president of North Balwyn Baseball Club since 2010, where he focused on growing junior participation and offering more opportunities to participate in baseball. Andy is excited to direct his enthusiasm and creative thinking to further the strategic plan of growing grassroots baseball and fostering the next generations of talent in Victoria.

GRANT WEIR **Vice President, Game Development & High Performance, Finance and Nominations Committee**

Grant's experience is vast, both within the sport of baseball and externally. Playing baseball for most of his life, he's been a part of teams in the Under 19's USA Tours, the Australian Baseball League and the 1988 Olympics. As a coach, Grant has worked with the Australian Under 17's and Claxton Shield teams as a pitching coach as well as heading the Victorian and Australian Women's programs in their early years.

Grant currently lectures at Victoria University. He has worked previously for the Victorian Baseball Association and held multiple positions in the sports industry sector for other state and national organisations.

MATT NICHOL **Audit, Risk and Finance Committee**

Matt is a sports law academic at Central Queensland University, focusing on baseball, team sports, labour regulation/mobility, corporate governance, and integrity in sport. As a lecturer in business law at CQU's School of Business and Law, Matt teaches commercial law, international commercial law, governance and business law. Previously, he taught business law units for 10 years at Monash Business School.

Matt has over 30 years of experience in community, elite pathway, and professional baseball as a player, coach and administrator. He is the former secretary and Vice President (Pennant Committee Chairperson) of the Melbourne Winter Baseball League. He is a former tribunal member for the VSBL, MWBL, and ABL, and was part of the baseball operations team at the Melbourne Aces for 10 years. Matt also coached in the Victorian Under 12 Kangaroos Program and the Under 14 National Youth Championships.

JOANNA O'CONNOR
Marketing, Nominations Committee

Joanna O'Connor has over 10 years of experience in digital marketing specialising in retail, media and entertainment markets. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Auckland and post graduate in Commercial Law.

AMY MCCANN
Nominations Committee, Women's Pathway Working Group

Amy is an experienced and decorated baseballer who represented the Australian Emeralds and the Victorian Aces for 12 years (2002-14), where she won two World Cup medals and was named Baseball Australia Player of the Year. Amy is also a passionate club person with 20 years of involvement with Doncaster Baseball Club. This includes 300 games as a player, ten seasons in various coaching roles within the renowned women's program, and several club committee positions.

Professionally, Amy is a passionate digital media and communications professional with 20 years of experience across a range of environments from the grassroots to the international stage including multiple Olympic and Commonwealth Games and World Championships. Currently Amy is the Social Media and Digital Content Adviser with the Australian Institute of Sport.

Amy produces a podcast titled Women's Baseball - The Inside Pitch which features stories of women's baseball and women in baseball, is also a regular commentator on Foxtel and Kayo. Amy is also a one-eyed Atlanta Braves fan who believes MLB should not ban the shift!

BRETT MITSCH
Director

Brett is an experienced senior banking executive and current managing Director of Steam Plains Capitol. Brett holds a Master of Business Administration and has extensive experience in global executive leadership, NFP governance, and management. His previous roles as an advisor, portfolio manager, and board member allowed him to develop and execute a range of growth strategies, and he has also represented at numerous investor conferences and industry presentations. As a player who has returned to the sport after 30 years, Brett is passionate about baseball and driving increased participation at the grassroots level.

KATHY TESSIER
Director

Kathy Tessier is a passionate consultant with over 25 years of experience in the sports industry specialising in inclusive training and strategic planning. Currently a Professional Learning Coordinator with Active Schools at ACHPER Vic, Kathryn has been a director of Active Approach since 1996, working with a number of sports organisations from the local to international level. She has extensive team leadership, conflict management, and public speaking skills, having previously served as the Executive Manager for the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association. Kathy is excited to bring her unique experience as a sports industry consultant, practicing PE teacher, and university lecturer to Baseball Victoria.

Baseball Victoria Directors (cont.)

ANNA RONALD

Finance Director

Anna Ronald is a CPA Public Practitioner with over 20 years of accounting experience within the sporting and not-for-profit sectors in both Australia and the UK. This includes financial accounting roles with Cricket Australia, the ICC Cricket World Cup, and Cricket Scotland.

Anna currently manages her own accounting practice, helping clients grow their business and achieve their goals. Anna is excited to bring her extensive industry experience and qualifications to baseball in Victoria to ensure a strong financial future for the sport.

JENNIFER PITSON

Director

Jennifer joins Baseball Victoria with almost 25 years of sport sector experience holding strategic, commercial, participation, marketing and event roles. Jennifer holds a Master of Business Administration (Entrepreneurial Management) and is currently a HDR PhD candidate with RMIT; researching the role sport has in contributing to successful ageing. Jennifer is currently the General Manager of AFL Masters Vic Metro Football League, having previously served as General Manager - Commercial & Development at Motorsport Australia and Sponsorship Manager at Bowls Australia. At both organisations, she was responsible for developing and implementing relevant strategic plans to achieve set commercial and participation outcomes.

Throughout her career, Jennifer has worked for the Australian Football League, Melbourne Racing Club, and City of Melbourne managing strategic partnerships with Cricket Australia, Australian Rugby Union, and Melbourne Vixens to name a few. She's passionate about strengthening commercial and participation strategies to benefit sporting organisation members and keeping people active. She's looking forward to influencing the future of Baseball Victoria and ensuring grassroots baseball continues grow, providing a safe and inclusive sport for all ages.

RESIGNED DIRECTORS

ROB STANLEY
Finance Director
Resigned Oct 2022

Rob Stanley undertakes the role of Finance Director and professionally holds the UK CIMA qualification. He has held senior roles in finance at Cricket Australia and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and managed both organization's financial planning and analysis functions.

Rob is a father of two young girls and a keen runner who has completed both the Melbourne and Gold Coast Marathons. Rob also has a long history in community sport playing hockey for a number of years with Old Haileybury Hockey Club.



BV Staff & Committees

CEO
FINANCIAL CONTROLLER
HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER
OPERATIONS & EVENTS
COMMUNICATIONS & DIGITAL MEDIA
PLAYER & COACHING PATHWAYS
UMPIRE OFFICER – PATHWAYS
UMPIRE OFFICER – OPERATIONS
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

PATHWAYS/MSA COACH
PERFORMANCE PATHWAY COACH
LITTLE LEAGUE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

BV DISTRICT CHARTER COMMITTEE

Kellie Thomas - Staff Representative
Duffy Dowling - Eastern President
Jess Morehouse- Mariners President
Peter Breckenridge - Twins President
Tania Lindsay - Mets President
Angela Potts - Rangers Delegate
Andrea Cormick – LLDA

VSBL PENNANT COMMITTEE

Scott Dawes - Chair
Gavin Young
Kerry Gassner
Ursula Howard
Ryan Berg

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL STATE CENTRE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Andy Rose - Baseball Victoria Representative

Chet Gray
Audrina Ning
Damian Shanahan
Kellie Thomas
Rachael Bouley
Keli'i Zablan
Stewart Howe - resigned April 2023
Randall Vavra
Lea Squadrito - resigned May 2023
Michelle Coote - started June 2023
Danial Chircop
Samantha Hamilton
Andrea Cormick

FINANCE & AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE

Anna Ronald - Board Representative
Grant Weir - Board Representative
Matt Nichol - Board Representative
Audrina Ning - Staff Representative

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Grant Weir - Board Representative
Joanna O'Connor - Board Representative
Amy McCann - Board Representative
Jennifer Pitson - Board Representative

TRIBUNAL

Paul Walshe
Leah Trebilcock
Pat White
Greg Veale

BASEBALL VICTORIA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Andy Rose

It's been another fantastic year for baseball in Victoria, and it's a privilege to serve as BV President during such an exciting time for our grassroots sport. Our board and staff have been hard at work, driving change from the ground up to ensure a bigger and brighter future for baseball in Victoria.

None of it would be possible without the Victorian baseball community who support our great game through playing, coaching, umpiring, scoring, and volunteering. Thank you to each and every one of our members and supporters for being part of Victorian baseball!

During the 2022/23 financial year, we enjoyed an action-packed VSBL season, ending the summer on a high note with a thrilling finals series. It was great to see so many juniors, seniors, and masters having fun out on the field, whether it be at their local club or Melbourne Ballpark. We also had another strong winter season, thanks in large part to the dedicated efforts of our winter associations, clubs, and volunteers.

In addition to the summer and winter seasons, we've enjoyed successful state events and national tournaments. It's so rewarding to see our juniors shine at the Australian Youth Championships, Australian Youth Women's Championships, and Barclay Cup. Our Victorian Women's State Team celebrated their 25th anniversary with an incredible campaign on home turf during the Australian Women's Championship at Melbourne Ballpark, coming away with the silver medal.

From the Little League State Championships to the State Winter Championships, BV School Holiday Camps to coaching and umpiring workshops, our Victorian baseball community has demonstrated amazing talent, sportsmanship, and commitment. Baseball is in great hands with our current on-field leaders and club volunteers, and the next generation will be well-positioned to follow in their footsteps.

With the release of our 2023-2026 strategic plan, the rebranded and enhanced BV Performance Pathway, and new initiatives for women and girls, baseball in Victoria is making some big steps forward. We are excited to see what the future holds for our Victorian baseball community as we move ahead with the Modernisation of Summer Baseball Plan and continue to promote new opportunities to grow all levels of the game.

I would like to take a moment to thank BV CEO Chet Gray for leading the organisation through a very productive year. He has worked closely with the board, staff, and stakeholders to finalise the new strategic plan while also ensuring a high level of service and numerous opportunities for all our members.

Thank you also to the BV staff for their continued hard work and support: Damian Shanahan, Kellie Thomas, Rachael Bouley, Keli'i Zablan, Audrina Ning, Randall Vavra, Michelle Coote, and David Nagy. Thank you to BV Performance Pathway coaches Daniel Chircop and Samantha Hamilton who are doing an awesome job on the field. I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Stewart Howe and Lea Squadrito who resigned from their positions earlier this year.

Thank you to the BV Board of Directors for their continued commitment to overseeing the governance and strategic direction of Baseball Victoria: Grant Weir, Anna Ronald, Joanna O'Connor, Matt Nichol, Amy McCann, Jennifer Pitson, Brett Mitsch, and Kathy Tessier.

Again, a huge thank you to our amazing Victorian baseball community for all the support as we encourage our baseballers to chase their dreams on and off the diamond. Let's make 2023/24 our best year yet!



Andy Rose

President

Baseball Victoria



BASEBALL VICTORIA CEO'S REPORT

Chet Gray

What an exciting year it's been for baseball in Victoria! We've certainly been busy, with our board, staff, and stakeholders working together to ensure a bright future for baseball at all levels across the state.

It's been an honour to lead the BV office throughout a big year of strategic planning, program development, and new initiatives. One of the key priorities for us this past year was finalising the Baseball Victoria Strategic Plan for 2023-2026. After a series of internal and external workshops, we unveiled our new strategic plan, which supports our vision: baseball at its best and our mission: for all people to experience the joy of baseball in Victoria.

With our strategic plan in place, we have focused on supporting and growing our sport through a range of initiatives over the last 12 months. Our summer competition continues to go from strength to strength, with another great season for juniors, seniors, and masters in the books. Following the 2022/23 VSBL season, we headed into a jam-packed month of tournaments, with the Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships at Melbourne Ballpark in April.

Then we had our Little League State Championships, which welcomed hundreds of junior baseballers as they made great memories on the field. Several Victorian teams advanced to national tournaments, gaining valuable experience competing against top talent from around the country in Little League, Intermediate League, Junior League, and Senior League.

As the winter baseball season got underway, so did the BV Performance Pathway Prospects & Select as part of our rebranded Academy program which we launched at the start of 2023. The three-tier pathway includes U12/U14 (Futures), U16/U18 (Prospects), and Select (National Squad/College Commits) and is designed to offer more opportunities for player development and representation at the state, national, and international levels.

From the inaugural Barclay Cup for junior girls to the beloved tradition of Australian Youth Championships, Victorian players and teams have made us very proud over the past year. It's always wonderful to see young players gain new skills and chase their dreams, and we look forward to a bright future with the next generation of Victorian baseballers. We remain committed to growing junior baseball and women's baseball with the continuation of popular events like the State Winter Championships, as well as the introduction of new programs such as the BV Belles Little League team and all-girls school holiday camps. With a Women's Pathway Working Group supporting the strategic direction, governance, and leadership of women's pathway initiatives, we are well-positioned to continue growing the game for women and girls.

As we look ahead to the future, we are committed to growing not only player participation but also our coaching and umpiring fraternity. With a streamlined pathway for education and accreditation, we are making it easier for officials to pursue their passions and embrace leadership opportunities in our great game.

We are looking forward to the Modernisation of Summer Baseball as we open up more playing opportunities with a new VSBL structure, as well as another strong winter season and more competitions and events to keep our community engaged and enjoying the sport we all love. With more businesses and organisations coming on board for the BV Diamond Partnership Program, we are strengthening community connections and gaining much-needed support and exposure for our sport around Victoria. Thank you to Ausport, School Sport Victoria, Fullhammer, SportsLink Travel, Maribyrnong Sports Academy, Salesian College Sports Academy, Field of View Sports Photography, and Aces Sporting Club for signing on as Diamond Partners.

The success of our grassroots sport wouldn't be possible without the dedicated volunteers who put in so many hours to make baseball happen week in and week out. Thank you to everyone involved at the club level, as well as all the players and parents who take part in baseball across Victoria.

I would also like to thank the BV Office team for their impressive commitment to our organisation. We are a small team with many different responsibilities, and their hard work makes a noticeable difference to the baseball community. We will continue to provide a high level of service to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience for all members.

Additionally, I'd like to extend my thanks to the BV Board of Directors for their support. It's been a pleasure working with everyone and I look forward to another year focused on enhancing and growing baseball in Victoria. The future is bright, and we can't wait to see what we can accomplish together in the next 12 months and beyond.

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Chet Gray

CEO

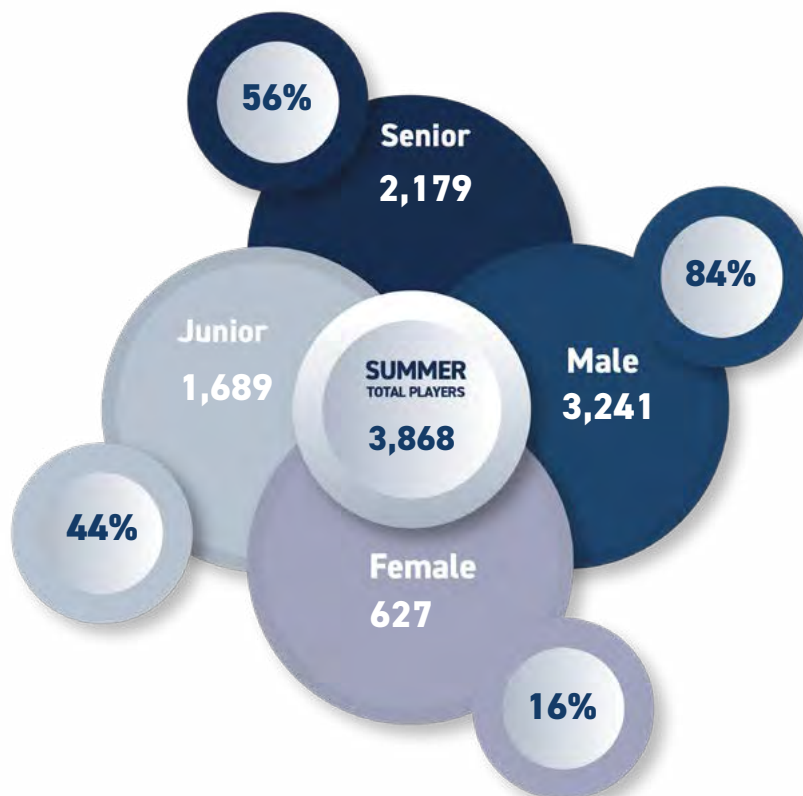
Baseball Victoria

Victorian Summer Baseball League - Season

The 2022/23 VSBL season was a big hit with juniors, seniors, and masters making the most of their time on the field. From first timers to seasoned veterans, people of all ages and backgrounds took part in local club ball, made possible by dedicated volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the VSBL season and of course our amazing clubs and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our grassroots game going. Our clubs offer so many great opportunities for the community to get involved, whether it be playing, coaching, umpiring, scoring, groundskeeping, or volunteering in other areas around the grounds.

The below table captures summer participation for the 2022/23 season, while the following pages highlight VSBL winners. Thank you to all our baseballers and supporters for an awesome summer season – we look forward to many more to come!





2022/23 VSBL – Season Winners

Competition	Home Team			Away Team
Division 1 Firsts	Upwey Ferntree Gully	3	1	Waverley
	Waverley	7	4	Upwey Ferntree Gully
	Upwey Ferntree Gully	6	3	Waverley
Division 1 Reserves	Berwick City	4	3	Essendon
Division 1 Thirds	Malvern	2	3	Geelong
Division 1 Fourths	Melbourne	10	7	Upwey Ferntree Gully
Division 2 Firsts	Newport	7	4	Williamstown
	Williamstown	17	9	Newport
	Newport	4	0	Williamstown
Division 2 Reserves	Newport	11	5	Fitzroy
Division 2 Thirds	Newport	1	0	St Kilda
Division 2 Fourths	Bonbeach	0	6	Newport
Division 3 Firsts	Springvale	6	2	Bonbeach
Division 3 Reserves	Pakenham	12	20	Chelsea
Division 4 East	Waverley Black	12	6	Melbourne Blue
Division 4 North	Greensborough	6	1	Alfredton
Division 4 South	Springvale	11	3	Pakenham White
Women's Division 1	Springvale	12	2	Essendon
Women's Division 2	Springvale	1	13	Newport
Women's Division 3 North East	Waverley Red	10	17	Waverley Black
Women's Division 3 South	South East Warriors	13	1	Chelsea
Women's Division 3 West	Fitzroy	17	8	Werribee

Competition	Home Team			Away Team
Masters 38+ East	Melbourne	7	6	Upwey Ferntree Gully Gold
Masters 38+ North West	Essendon	6	8	Sunshine Blue
Masters 38+ South	Springvale Tomatoes	9	1	Bonbeach Blue
Masters 45+	Blackburn	2	1	Melbourne
Southern Mariners Inter	Chelsea	2	1	Moorabbin
Under 12 A State East	Blackburn	9	8	Chelsea
Under 12 A State West	Research Lower Plenty Maroon	4	5	Newport
Under 12 B East	Springvale	9	8	Melbourne
Under 12 B West	Preston	12	8	Essendon
U14 East Metro	Waverley	10	2	Melbourne
U14 East State	Waverley	7	6	Moorabbin
U14 West Metro	Port Melbourne	8	7	Essendon
U14 West State	Research Lower Plenty	0	6	Geelong
U16 Metro	Malvern	11	7	Sandringham
U16 State	Sandringham	5	4	Waverley
U18 Metro	Essendon	6	3	Cheltenham
U18 State	Blackburn Upwey FTG	4	8	Essendon



2023 VSBL DIV 1 PREMIERS - Upwey Ferntree Gully

Victorian Summer Baseball League - Award Winners 2022/23



Most Valuable Player

Division 1: George Heron Medal	Kurtis Smith Jarrod Turner	Melbourne Upwey Ferntree Gully
Women's Division 1	Abbey Kelly	Essendon
Division 2: Robert Hindson Medal	Rusty Huber	Port Melbourne
Women's Division 2	Dominique Williams	Melbourne
Division 3	Tim Bellerby	Pakenham
Women's Division 3 East	Lauren Romanin	Malvern
Women's Division 3 South	Jessica Adkins-Barber	Springvale
Women's Division 3 West	Brooke Sadler	Geelong
Division 4 East	Stephen Hill	Waverley
Division 4 North	Corey Dennehy	Melbourne
Division 4 South	Daniel De Sachau Bradley Jones	South East Warriors Pakenham
Grand Final: Harry Wonnacott Medal	Jarrod Turner	Upwey Ferntree Gully

Pitching Award

Division 1: H Douglas Trophy	Mitch Lines	Blackburn	1.50 ERA
Women's Division 1	Simone Wearne	Springvale	0.6 ERA
Division 2	Dennis Neal	Williamstown	1.01 ERA
Division 3	Tim Bellerby	Pakenham	1.87 ERA



Batting Average			
Division 1	James Wood	Geelong	.442
Women's Division 1	Amy McCann	Doncaster	.646
Division 2	Rusty Huber	Port Melbourne	.514
Division 3	Matthew Dunn	Mornington	.609

Home Run			
Division 1	Tyler Luther-Wilson	Geelong	5
Division 2	Tom Dicker	Fitzroy	8
Division 3	Joshua Villanti	Sandringham	2

Coach of the Year	Donavon Hendricks – Upwey Ferntree Gully
Volunteer of the Year	Alan Morris – Port Melbourne
Umpire of the Year	David Mackie
Club Champion – Division 1: P Dihm Shield	Upwey Ferntree Gully
Club Champion – Division 2	Newport

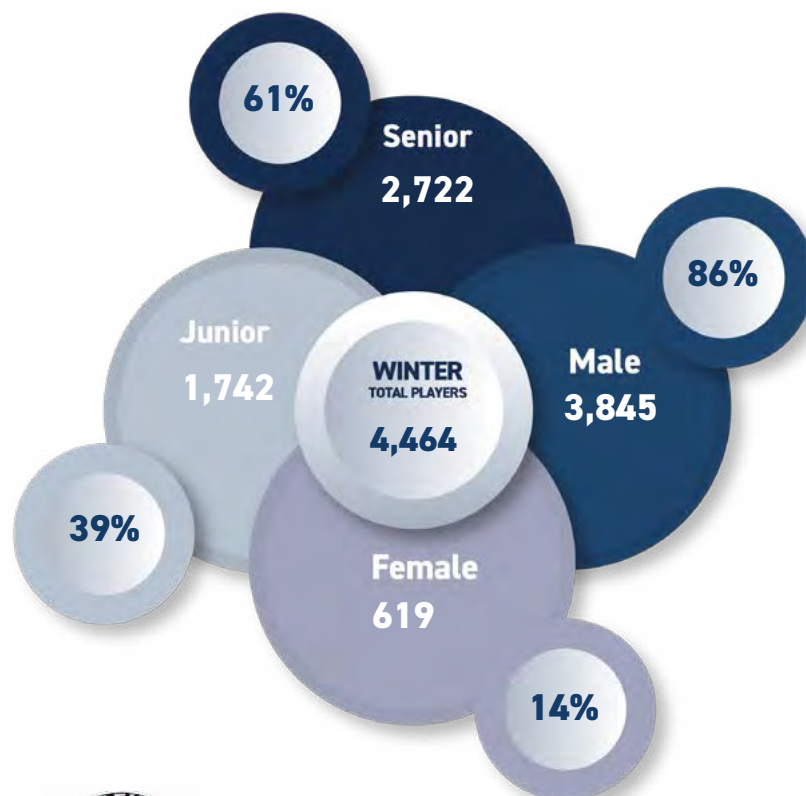
Winter Season

Winter baseball was back in full swing this year! It was fantastic to have a full winter baseball season and see so many baseballers and clubs enjoying fun times on the field. Thank you to our associations and clubs for providing safe and enjoyable sporting experiences for people of all ages.

The 2023 winter season saw strong participation numbers with a slight increase over last year and many exciting competitions across metropolitan and regional Victoria, as well as the State Winter Championships. Thank you to the winter associations for taking part and a special mention to our hosts in Geelong, Bendigo, Latrobe Valley, Wangaratta, and Werribee.

Thank you to everyone who participated this winter, from players and coaches to association and club administrators. Our participants and volunteers make grassroots baseball possible and we look forward to many more successful winter seasons to come.

The below table highlights 2023 winter participation numbers while the following pages contain reports submitted by winter associations, which were all invited to provide an update on their winter season through the end of the financial year (30 June 2023).



Bendigo Baseball Association



Bendigo Baseball Association had 161 seniors and 166 juniors with 283 male and 44 female players.

BBA has seen a significant boost in participation this year with a record number of teams entered. This is in no small part due to the amazing efforts of the Strathfieldsaye Dodgers who had the largest number of teams entered and biggest intake of juniors.

Congratulations to the Dodgers this year for taking out the Bendigo Baseball Association Best Club trophy and with a team in every senior final.

This year the BBA managed to enter a representative team in all but the Senior State Winter Championships including a women's team despite not having a women's competition in Bendigo. Bendigo hosted the U14's SWC and the first All Girls invitational and are looking forward to an opportunity to continue hosting future SWC's.

Luke Martin
President
Bendigo Baseball Association

Dandenong Baseball Association



The 2023 season saw Dandenong Baseball Association field over 944 players across Rookie Ball, U/13, U/15, U/18, A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, and women's. This included 787 male, 155 female, and two non-binary players, with 250 juniors and 694 seniors.

The following clubs participated: Berwick, Bonbeach, Boneo, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Dandenong, Dingley, Frankston, Moorabbin, Mordialloc, Mornington and Pakenham.

The DBA had a change in their board members for the 2023 winter season: Ben Newton took over the presidency, David Ashwood continued as Vice President, Andrea Cormick continued as Treasurer, and Gemma Dowsett took over as Secretary. Gavin Daniels was appointed to the new role as Competitions Coordinator, Brandon Mize took on the SWC Role, and Russell Johnston took over the junior and senior fixturing role. The new board continued to have the support of Jake Grigorescu (previous secretary). We would like to thank all the current and previous members of our board for their ongoing support.

Our clubs have had their challenges so far this year, with some unfortunate weather, vandalism and lack of volunteers, but we would like to congratulate and thank them for successfully fielding teams, setting up grounds, opening canteens, coaching/managing, and supporting one another and the association. Thank you to our clubs for making sure that baseball is seen across the areas that create Dandenong Baseball Association.

Gemma Dowsett
Secretary
Dandenong Baseball Association

Geelong Baseball Association



The GBA boasts some of the best playing facilities in Victoria, with the magnificent Waurn Ponds, Pioneer Park, and Prince of Wales Park complexes.

In 2023, GBA fielded over 500 players in:

- 53 teams (35 senior, 7 women and 11 junior)
- 11 clubs
- 9 grades (Firsts, Seconds, Thirds, Fourths, and Fifths together with Women's and Under 16, Under 14 and Under 12)

The GBA hosted the 2023 Senior State Winter Carnival and the inaugural Senior Women's State Winter Carnival. GBA was successful in both carnivals. The GBA expresses its appreciation to Baseball Victoria, officials, umpires, and wonderful volunteers from the Guild and Saints clubs for helping make this weekend such a great success.

The GBA was represented in all junior State Winter Championships and was successful at the Under 14 tournament and runner-up at the Under 16 one. While no success came to the Under 12 representative side, the experience and friendships made hold this team in good stead for the future. The Under 18 carnival was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Major Award Winners

- Club Champion (Alex Everett Trophy) – Saints
- Firsts MVP (A.E. Gear Trophy) – Trent Pantalleresco (Werribee)
- Firsts Best Batting Avg. (Neville McPherson Trophy) – Leigh Ashmore (Royals) Ave 0.447
- Firsts Best Pitching ERA (Col King Trophy) – Trent Pantalleresco (Werribee) ERA 1.712
- Seconds MVP (L.G. Howell Trophy) – Brendan Delorenzo (Colac)
- Thirds MVP (Gordon McKay Trophy) – D Hamilton (Alfredton)
- Fourths MVP (Artie Murrells Trophy) – Daniel Dobbie (Corio)
- Fifths MVP – Brad Mann (Saints)
- Women's MVP – Kira Kuwamoto (Guild)

Tony McPherson
Executive Officer
Geelong Baseball Association

Latrobe Valley Baseball Association



The 2023 Latrobe Valley Baseball Association winter season has been successful with all teams still able and vying for ladder positions late into the season.

We have enjoyed continuing working with Baseball Victoria in hosting the Under 16 Championships again which we were able to come away as co-premiers.

Baseball Victoria also assisted the association with a grant which was used to purchase Zooka machines for a modified baseball rules competition. This has proven to be successful within our Under 13 age group as the removal of walks has encouraged juniors to develop their hitting.

The association has also been successful in gaining a strategic planning grant and will be using this to excel in the future.

We have had a total of 238 members throughout the 2023 season across our five clubs: Churchill Braves, Moe/Newborough Dodgers, Morwell Cougars, Sale Rangers and Traralgon Red Sox. This includes 95 juniors and 122 seniors.

The LVBA finals will be hosted by Traralgon Baseball Club on Sunday 18 September.

Sam Gillett
President
Latrobe Valley Baseball Association

Melbourne Winter Baseball League



The Melbourne Winter Baseball League has continued to move forward in 2022-23, as we build on our strong base of clubs and look to improve our current situation.

This year sees the senior competition with 118 teams competing over 14 grades (including the women's division), an increase of 11 teams from 2022. The junior competition also fielded 73 teams, an increase of nine teams from 2022.

These increased team numbers are a direct indication of the hard work the clubs have been putting in across the board to develop their junior programs and increase participation at the base level. In the winter, our women's division moved from six teams to nine teams. This increase is fantastic to watch, as the clubs really get behind the program, and continue to build an enjoyable environment.

Moving through the season, we continue to move from a position of financial strength, with our team poised and ready to continue assisting clubs in the building of the winter program.

This year, we have engaged with The Content Engine to begin building out our social media presence, which will begin during the season for a soft launch – including more social media updates and building the base profiles, before really tackling a larger social media presence leading up to and during the 2024 season.

The season has been challenging thus far, with ground allocations under pressure due to weather and issues outside of the league and clubs' control. We continue to work with clubs to help ensure as many games can go ahead as possible.

Although preemptive, I'd like to extend my thank you to the Administrator, the Board and the volunteers around the MWBL for the 2023 season. The countless hours put in by these people go above and beyond any recognition afforded to them, as they maintain a stable environment for the clubs and players every year.

Good luck to the clubs that compete in the finals and have a happy and enjoyable remainder of 2023.

Slade Squire
MWBL President

North Eastern Baseball Association



North Eastern Baseball Association had 129 seniors and 121 juniors with 203 total male and 47 female participants across five clubs: North Albury Bears, Wangaratta Rangers, Benalla Bandits, Porepunkah Panthers, and Wodonga Warriors.

NEBA established a C Grade competition which was designed to bridge the gap between U15s and seniors for our U18 cohort of players. The C Grade also provided a place for beginners to kick start their baseball journey. The C Grade introduction resulted in four additional sides to our competition. We also welcomed back the Benalla Bandits U15 side who did not have enough numbers in 2022 to field a side. Congratulations to the Benalla Bandits for re-entering this side.

One key highlight of NEBA's 2023 season was the inaugural All-Girls team at the All-Girls Winter Invitational. NEBA was the only association to enter a full team into the competition – it was a fantastic opportunity for our girls to showcase their skills. Additionally, NEBA entered a U12s side for the first time at the State Winter Championships. We weren't sure how our tiny team would go based on coach pitch rules played in our local competition, but the youngsters rose to the challenge and did the league proud.

NEBA also entered sides in the U14, U16, U18 and Senior State Winter Championships. Additionally, we were set to host the U18 SWC at our Wangaratta facility, however due to weather the weekend was cancelled.

Our League Premiers were:

A grade: Bears defeated Rangers 16 - 4; MVP – Mark Taylor (Bears)

B grade: Wangaratta Rangers Orange defeated Rangers Grey 7 - 6; MVP – Sam Grigg (Orange)

C Grade: Porepunkah Panthers defeated Wodonga Warriors 10-9; MVP – Luca Barthelmes (Porepunkah)

U15's: Wodonga Warriors defeated Wangaratta Rangers 3 - 2; MVP – Asish Basnet (Warriors)

U12's: Bears defeated Porepunkah 17 - 7; MVP – Flynn Vines (Bears)

North Eastern Baseball Association

President: Heath Anders

Secretary: Stephanie Odewahn

Treasurer: Tracey Chadwick

Sunraysia Baseball League



Our senior men's competition increased by three teams this winter. Both Eagles and Wanderers entered a second team in the C Grade competition and Saints had two senior teams this season.

There was a sprinkling of women playing, up to 12 across Hawks, Eagles, and Wanderers. Wanderers put most of their 16's kids into their senior sides.

Our hosting of the Australian Intermediate League Championship ended with the fourth and final year of the event coming to Mildura finishing this year. It was again a brilliant event with ten teams coming from all over the country, with Brisbane North taking the title and earning the right to represent Australia in the USA. The tournament ran smoothly with our small team of volunteers working up to 12 hours a day to make sure the kids had a great time.

We received numerous compliments from the teams, officials, and parents about our facilities, our fantastic canteen, our weather, and our town, with many coaches expressing disappointment the tournament will not be here again.

From our point of view, it was great to welcome the teams from all over Australia, including one from the NT for the first time. Baseball Australia were great and helpful.

We were not able to send any representative teams away to the BV Winter Championships this year, which is very disappointing. We hope to rebuild our numbers and be able to send teams away again.

We have a few dedicated volunteers who are determined to keep baseball alive here in the northwest of our state. We are working hard to rebuild our senior and junior numbers, both keeping our existing four clubs afloat and exploring opportunities for new clubs across our region.

The future looks brighter now that we are fully out of the COVID spectre, and with plenty of positivity and spreading the word, we look forward to providing baseball for all in our community to enjoy.

Nick Carroll
President
Sunraysia Baseball League

BV Performance Pathway

It's been a big year for Baseball Victoria's participation, development, and high performance programs. In December 2022, we launched our new Performance Pathway, which offers more opportunities for player development and representation at state, national, and international levels.

The Baseball Victoria Aces Academy was rebranded as part of the BV Performance Pathway, which reflects our updated vision, mission, and direction to optimise player performance and increase the pool of international standard players in Victoria. The new and improved program has a greater focus on performance outcomes, made possible through additional investment funding by Baseball Victoria.

Key changes to the program include:

- A three-tier pathway including U12/U14 (Futures), U16/U18 (Prospects) and Select (National Squad/ College Commits)
- The inclusion of a women's pathway training program
- Education and training for athletes' well-being and resilience program
- Emphasis on increasing the talent pool of male and female players in Victoria
- Creating a learning environment where players can improve their decision-making processes while performing under pressure

Our BV Performance Pathway programs have proven successful throughout the year, with a great group of players working hard to achieve their goals. We look forward to a bright future with these programs supporting players throughout their baseball journeys.

Futures U12	Futures U14	Prospects	Select
Archer Nicholas	Alexandros Papadopoulos	Addison Bishop-Worn	Abbey Kelly
Beckett Shanks	Ashley Hill	Andrew Land	Abbey McLellan
Bodhi Evans	Bailey Stewart	Ethan Johnston	Aimon Dowling
Brodie Leigh	Brodie Trevean	Jordan Ellis	Allie Bebbere
Cale Morris	Brody Stokes	Mitchell Langworthy	Blake Mitchell
Christian Papadopoulos	Cooper Bishop-Worn	Robinson Smith	Charlie Pierson
Cruize Chase	Cooper Busch	Roman Coote	Declan Speirs
Edison Bush	Darcy Squire	Sam Walk	Evan Maury
Ewan Clowes	Ethan Kent	Ty Daniels	Felix Brunner
Ezrah Riwaka	Ethan Nakamura	Will Cavanagh	Genevieve Beacom
Flynn Suggett	Euan Clarkin	William Hardy	Harper Rickard
George Steer	Harper Lennox Slattery	Windsor Breckenridge	Jack Ratcliffe
Huga Turnley	Harry Brodie	Zak Stafilis	Jamie Bastian
			Jayden Kim

Futures U12	Futures U14	Prospects	Select
<p>Jack Downs Jacob Tayler James Wright Joel Roberts John Gogos Kai Cottam Kieran Hurlstone Kohen van Andel Louie Shimakura Lucas Kelly Maisen Ricketts Ollie Allen Reiley Marshall Ryder Ng Ryder Ochoa Toby Browning Xavier Woodcock</p>	<p>Hunter Mudford Jack Northfield Jack Thomas Jackson burton Jarvis Johansen Marcus Murphy Matthew Fielden Ned Richards Nikau Galligan Oli Baillargeon Oliver Von Tunk Parks Halasz Reuben Millar Theo Rutgers Tom Hill Tylah Laurie William Ferguson</p>	<p>Coaches Damian Shanahan Keli'i Zablan Samantha Hamilton Marshall Skinner Daniel Chircop Scott Meager Ethan Epifanio Sean Cruz Tim Ballard Ursula Howard Dan Betreen</p>	<p>Jessica Johnson Josh Tribe Lachlan Amon Lachlan Smith Lili Cavanagh Logan O'Brien Maddy Patrick Mitchell Denny Morgan Doty Nicholas Bertucci Ryan Langworthy Ryan Williams Ryder Wilson Shae Lillywhite Tom Brookes</p>
<p>Coaches Damian Shanahan Keli'i "Zee" Zablan Daniel Chircop Ethan Epifanio Tyler Luther-Wilson</p>	<p>Coaches Damian Shanahan Keli'i "Zee" Zablan Ethan Epifanio Jeff Hill Scott Meager Tyler Luther-Wilson</p>		<p>Coaches Damian Shanahan Keli'i Zablan Samantha Hamilton Marshall Skinner Daniel Chircop Scott Meager Ethan Epifanio Sean Cruz Tim Ballard Ursula Howard Dan Betreen</p>

Victorian State Teams

In addition to our BV Performance Pathway Futures, Prospects, and Select training programs, our Victorian State Teams enjoyed success on the national stage. We are so proud of all our Victorian representatives, including the U16 and U18 State Teams at the Australian Youth Championships and our female baseballers at the Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships.

Our U16 and U18 teams finished in third place to bring home bronze medals from January's nationals held at Blacktown International Sportspark.

Team Australia selected National Junior Camp participants based on AYC performances, and 10 Victorians earned a spot in the U16 camp: Ty Daniels, Jordan Ellis, William Hardy, Will Kent, Andrew Land, Mitch Langworthy, Hudson Pallay, Nathan Rumbelow, Robinson Smith, and Zak Stafilis.

Lachlan Amon, Aimon Dowling, Jayden Kim, Evan Maury, Logan O'Brien, Jack Ratcliffe, Harper Rickard, Lachlan Smith, Declan Speirs, Ryan Williams, and Ryder Wilson were named to the U18 camp.

Our Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams spent the first few months of 2023 training hard for the national championships, which were held at Melbourne Ballpark over the Easter period. Victoria won silver in the senior event and bronze in the youth to stand alone as the only dual medallist across both tournaments.

Following the tournament, Team Australia named the Emeralds squad. Jamie Bastian, Genevieve Beacom, Allie Bebbere, Lili Cavanagh, Morgan Doty, Jessica Johnson, Abbey Kelly, Shae Lillywhite, Abbey McLellan, and Maddy Patrick were selected to train alongside talented women's baseballers from around the country ahead of the Women's World Cup campaign. Victorian Women's Head Coach Samantha Hamilton was named to the coaching staff along with Ursula Howard as EO.

Thank you to all our representatives who made us so proud and thank you to all the officials and supporters of the Victorian State Team Programs.

U16 Victorian State Team	U18 Victorian State Team	Victorian Youth Women's State Team	Victorian Women's State Team
Andrew Land	Addison Bishop-Worn	Amelia Wright	Abbey Kelly
Brooklyn Riwaka	Aimon Dowling	Billie McCulloch	Abbey McLellan
Cade White	Alex Duske	Chelsea Nunn	Allie Bebbere
Cooper Laurie	Ben Howard	Eden Neave	Gabby Bevan
Devin Leahy	Blake Mitchell	Emily Brennan	Jamie Bastian
Ethan Johnston	Cooper Drummond	Emily Loong	Jasmine Bentley
Hamish Stone	Cooper Tipping	Emma Sullivan	Jessica Brown
Hudson Pallay	Declan Speirs	Isabella Lee-Young	Jessica Johnson
Jordan Ellis	Evan Maury	Jessica Warwick	Lilian Bell-Tanner
Mitchell Langworthy	Harper Rickard	Kendra Rutgers	Lili Cavanagh
Nathan Rumbelow	Jack Ratcliffe	Lacey Tompkins	Lilly Simpson
Riley Peoples	James Squire	Lily McKenner	Maddi Weller
Robinson Smith	Jayden Kim	Mackenzie Prentice-Evans	Maddy Patrick
Roman Coote	Lachlan Amon	Morgan McConville	Nyah O'Brien
Samuel Walk	Lachlan Smith	Phoebe Martin	Ruby Dale
Ty Daniels	Matthew Johnston	Ruby Benne	Shae Lillywhite
William Hardy	Ryan Williams		
William Kent	Ryder Wilson		
Windsor Breckenridge	Taran Rose		
Zak Stafilis	Will Cavanagh		
Coaches/Officials	Coaches/Officials	Coaches/Officials	Coaches/Officials
Ben Laux	Marshall Skinner	Dean Anglin	Samantha Hamilton
Trifon Stafilis	Simon Ratcliffe	Bronwyn Gell	Stephen Black
Matt Hardie	Chris Rickard	Alan Sutherland	Jarryd Rogers
Jason Davis	Taryn Richardson	Erin Collis	Ursula Howard

Coaching & Umpiring

Baseball Victoria is committed to supporting and growing our community of baseball coaches and umpires. We know that these officials make our great game possible, ensuring a safe, fair, and fun competition for all.

In the past year, we have offered a series of workshops for officials to refresh their skills and gain more knowledge of gameday management. This included the Women & Girls Coaching Workshop at Melbourne Ballpark in October, which was made possible by the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program. 35 representatives from 18 clubs spent the day learning how to better support women and girls through dedicated baseball coaching and training.

The free workshop featured two special presentations from the Australian Institute of Sport, including an interactive session on building your personal coaching network with Michelle De Highden, High Performance Coach Development Senior Lead. Olympian Katarina Paul and Paralympic Maria Strong were also on hand to discuss the importance of safe, inclusive environments for all athletes.

BV High Performance Staff Damian Shanahan and Keli'i "Zee" Zablan led a baseball classroom session before hitting the field with 2022 Victorian Women's State Team and Victoria Aces Head Coach Samantha Hamilton.

Damian and Zee also visited local clubs throughout the season for coaching workshops, leading to the launch of the new Canopi online platform for coach accreditation. Coaches can use the Canopi system to track and complete Baseball Australia's coach accreditation through the USA Baseball Certification courses. There are 3 levels of accreditation: A, B and C, and level A is a mandatory component of BV coaching accreditation.



All coaches, including assistant, club, head, and specialist coaches, can sign up to Canopi to complete accreditation requirements in line with BV coach education.

We are also focused on growing umpiring numbers as we need more umpires to cover all levels of the game. While we maintained nearly full coverage of VSBL Division 1 and 2 Firsts, like previous seasons we did not have enough umpires to cover all lower grades. We had over 60 umpires put their hands up throughout the season, but with varying availability and some umpires retiring, it's paramount that we recruit, educate, and support the next generation of umpires.

Current and past umpires were given the opportunity to provide feedback and input during forums as we developed and finalised the BV Umpiring Blueprint for the Future. Our vision is to provide a fun and inclusive environment for all while developing umpires to grow and develop via clear pathways, ensuring they are respected stakeholders in the game.

In addition to new umpire education initiatives, we launched the BV Green Vest Program during the summer season. Clubs received brightly coloured green vests featuring Baseball Victoria Volunteer Umpire across the back. Beginner umpires at the club level are encouraged to wear these vests to identify them as "in training" and help build greater understanding among players, parents, spectators, and coaches.

We are planning to bring coaches and umpires together for collaborative workshops and further training to ensure our officials feel supported and valued within our baseball community. Thank you to everyone who has coached and/or umpired this year – we appreciate all of our baseball officials!



Honour Rolls

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2019	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. J. Huber (resigned June)/Ms. K. Middleton (Appt. August)
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Financial Report

Presented by Finance Chair Anna Ronald

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Diamond Partners

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