

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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## Summer Registration Now Open for 2023/24 VSBL Season

Summer registration is now open ahead of the 2023/24 VSBL season, which will start on 7 October. Please click [HERE](#) to access your club link and register today. As a reminder, all players, coaches, and volunteers must register to be covered by insurance.

Thank you and we look forward to a fantastic summer of baseball!

## Team Australia Takes on U18 World Cup

Team Australia is making us proud at the 2023 Under 18 Baseball World Cup in Taiwan this week. Four Victorians are on the roster: catcher Declan Speirs and infielders Jack Ratcliffe, Jayden Kim, and Lachlan Smith. BV High Performance Officer Damian Shanahan is the team's assistant coach.

Follow along with their journey on [Team Australia socials](#).



## **BV Performance Pathway: 2023 Youth Women's Prospects Tryout Registration**

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open tryout registration for the Youth Women's Prospects Program as part of our new Performance Pathway.

The Youth Women's Prospects Pathway is a step beyond the existing club program and offers high-performing players the chance to further develop their skills and pursue representative opportunities.

A tryout will take place on Saturday 14 October for players born between 2003 and 2008 who are the top performers in their club. Tryouts and training will be at Newport Baseball Club from 8:30am-11am.

The program will be run over seven weeks under the leadership of both Samantha Hamilton (Victorian Women's Head Coach) and Dean Anglin (Victorian Youth Women's Head Coach).

"We're thrilled to announce the Youth Women's Prospects Program. Our main objective is to provide young female athletes with more opportunities to sharpen their skills," Hamilton elaborated. "Our dedication to reinforcing key aspects of their game and preparing them to compete at the next level is our focus."

"The potential within Victoria's emerging baseball talent is incredibly promising, and we're excited to be a part of their ongoing path to growth and achievement, both within the game and beyond. We're also committed to upskilling those coaches within the Baseball Victoria Coaching Panel, ensuring a holistic approach to player development."

The cost of the program will be approx. \$550, which includes quality coaching, Prospect playing cap, and training top.

Sign up for tryouts [HERE](#) or view the [Performance Pathway hub](#) for more information.



## **Vic Dingoes & Hornets Confirmed for 2023 Barclay Cup**

In case you missed it, the Vic Dingoes and Hornets are getting ready for the 2023 Barclay Cup 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 excited 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.

Read the full story and view team rosters [HERE](#).



## 2023 BV Spring Training School Holiday Camps – Almost Sold Out!

We can't wait for BV Spring Training School Holiday Camps next month!

Several sessions have already sold out, but we still have some spots for our all-girls sessions at Melbourne Ballpark and camps at Sandringham Baseball Club.

Learn more and register [HERE](#).



## Baseball Victoria Announces 2024 State Team Coaches

Baseball Victoria is pleased to confirm coaching appointments for 2024 Victorian State Teams, which will represent at the Australian Championships early next year.

“Thank you to these dedicated coaches from the BV Coaching Panel for stepping up to lead our state teams to success on the national stage,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We are looking forward to the Australian Championships and know our AYC, AWC, and AYWC teams are in good hands with such experienced and supportive coaches.”

Congrats to all officials appointed thus far. Assistant and pitching coaches will be appointed in the coming weeks.

### Victorian U16 State Team

- Manager: Ben Laux
- EO: Jason Davis

### Victorian U18 State Team

- Manager: Marshall Skinner
- EO: Taryn Richardson

### Victorian Women's State Team

- Manager: Samantha Hamilton
- EO: Ursula Howard

### Victorian Youth Women's State Team

- Manager: Dean Anglin
- EO: Erin Collis

## [Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events](#)

We have a busy month of baseball ahead with BV School Holiday Camps, Barclay Cup training, and umpire accreditation courses. Check out all September events [HERE](#).

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

## [Symmetry Physiotherapy Joins BV Diamond Partnership Program](#)

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce Symmetry Physiotherapy has joined the BV Diamond Partnership Program.

A long-time provider of sports medicine and physiotherapy to Victorian baseballers, Symmetry Physio is based in Altona Meadows, one of nine convenient locations across Melbourne's west.

"Thank you to Symmetry Physiotherapy for joining the BV Diamond Partnership Program and continuing to support baseball in Victoria," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "We recommend Symmetry Physio to our BV Performance Pathway athletes and encourage the community to check out their array of sports medicine services."

The team at Symmetry Physio has extensive experience working with both professional and recreational athletes and a strong understanding of rehabilitation and performance. In addition to sporting injuries, their physios specialise in the management of back pain, headaches, shoulder impingement, knee injuries, neck pain, sciatica, ankle injuries, scoliosis, whiplash, tennis elbow and more.

"We are excited to be part of the BV Diamond Partnership Program and look forward to serving more Victorian baseballers," Tyron Saunders, Director of Symmetry Physiotherapy, said. "We are dedicated to providing the highest level of care while supporting active lifestyles, and we are here to help baseball athletes stay healthy and strong."

For more information on Symmetry Physiotherapy, please visit: <https://symmetry.physio/>

## [Modernisation of Summer Baseball Transition Working Group](#)

The Baseball Victoria Board has established the Transition Working Group (TWG) to support the transition and implementation of the Modernisation of Summer Baseball Plan.

The TWG will advise and make recommendations to the CEO and Board regarding transitional changes, timelines for implementation and associated key strategic priorities to overcome potential competition barriers.

We are looking for two summer club representatives and one player/coach representative to join the group.

Please view the TWG Terms of Reference [HERE](#) and click [HERE](#) to submit expressions of interest.

## **BV Umpiring & Coaching Forum**

Thank you to everyone who attended our joint Umpiring & Coaching Forum on Tuesday night at Newport Baseball Club. It was great to come together for a collaborative discussion about on-field behaviour to ensure baseball is as safe, fair, and fun as possible.

We look forward to more sessions with umpires and coaches in the coming months. In the meantime, please view [umpiring](#) and [coaching resources](#) online.

## **BV Behind the Mask Umpire Program**

The BV Behind the Mask Umpire Program and FREE umpire accreditation courses will be available on Saturday 23 September – Sunday 24 September at Knox Baseball Club. National Umpire Director Brett Robson will lead these courses, which are open to new umpires or umpires who wish to refresh their skills.

All new and potential umpires are asked to register their interest [HERE](#).

## **Baseball Victoria 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 Cheltenham, Moorabbin, and Williamstown this weekend. View more details on 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 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.

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](mailto:ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au) to ensure they are also complete a Sports Academy application.

## Baseball Training on BV TV

Want to work on your baseball skills at home? Head to [BV TV](#) to check out our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#). Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for fun training clips and resources.

## BV Supporter Gear By Fullhammer Now Available

Head to [our Fullhammer shop](#) to stock up on 2023 Barclay Cup merch, plus beanies, caps, bucket hats, and scarves from our official apparel partner. 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 123 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

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Officer

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