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2023/24 VSBL Season

We are just a few weeks away from the start of the 2023/24 VSBL season. 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. You can also view [VSBL fixtures](#) and get ready for a big summer of baseball!

Baseball Victoria Partners With Wyndham City Council for Brookdale Reserve Activation Project

Baseball Victoria and Wyndham City Council have teamed up to bring the Brookdale Reserve Activation Project to life in Point Cook.

This partnership aims to activate and introduce baseball into the Point Cook community, with the goal of establishing year-round opportunities to deliver diamond sports at the new Brookdale Road Reserve. Wyndham City Council recently completed the development of a baseball and softball field at Brookdale Reserve, which features diamond fencing, a batting cage structure, and a baseball clay surface.

The park is now open to the public, marking the completion of stage two of the \$5.6 million reserve. The final stage will see the installation of a modular sporting pavilion to the reserve, scheduled for completion in early 2024.

Baseball Victoria will oversee organised baseball activities at Brookdale Reserve, starting with phase one, which includes the appointment of a local development officer to deliver come-and-try activities and local school clinics.

Following this initial activation, Baseball Victoria will explore opportunities to launch more clinics and competitions at Brookdale Reserve throughout the 2023/24 summer season and beyond.

"We are excited to be working with Wyndham City Council on the Brookdale Reserve Activation Project, which will open up fantastic opportunities to grow our sport in Melbourne's west," Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. "Wyndham City Council and Werribee Giants Baseball Club have been great supporters of our State Winter Championships in the past, and we are eager to strengthen our collaborative relationships with the local club, council and schools."

Wyndham City Mayor, Cr Susan McIntyre said Council's commitment to increasing opportunities for people of all ages to experience the benefits of exercise and sport helped to create a happy, healthy and well-connected community.

Wyndham City's Active City portfolio holder, Councillor Peter Maynard, said he was pleased to see the activations of Brookdale Reserve taking place.

"We've got a strong following for baseball in Wyndham, and I look forward to Brookdale Reserve growing as a sporting hub for all our residents."

To kick off this new partnership, Baseball Victoria will be hosting several come-and-try baseball sessions for kids 10 and under and 11 to 14-year-olds at Brookdale Reserve as part of Wyndham City Council's Active Holidays program. Head to www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on for details.



BV Behind the Mask Umpire Program - Free Accreditation Courses This Weekend

We are looking forward to the BV Behind the Mask Umpire Program and FREE umpire accreditation courses this weekend 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.

We would love to see you there – please click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Jayden Kim Named to MLB World Select Team

Jayden Kim is headed to the Arizona Fall Classic as part of the MLB World Select team. He is one of ten Australian teens named to the team, which will take part in a prestigious showcase in front of college recruiters and MLB scouts. Read more about it [HERE](#).

Congrats and good luck Jayden!



My Sport Live Locked in as Diamond Partner, Streaming Provider for 2023/24 VSBL Finals

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce My Sport Live has signed on to the BV Diamond Partnership Program and will serve as our official streaming partner for the 2023/24 VSBL Finals.

My Sport Live is a sports promotion company offering a range of services to help sporting organisations and events grow, including livestreaming, video production, and podcasting.

After working with My Sport Live in 2020 and 2021, Baseball Victoria is pleased to secure their streaming solutions to once again showcase the strength of summer baseball during exciting grand finals.

“Thank you to My Sport Live for joining the BV Diamond Partnership Program and supporting VSBL Grand Finals livestreaming,” Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. “We are excited to connect the Victorian baseball community through livestreams and we can’t wait for an awesome summer of baseball ahead.”

The My Sport Live team shares the sentiment and looks forward to further supporting baseball in Victoria.

“Streaming is a great way to shine a spotlight on VSBL teams and showcase the best in Victorian summer baseball,” My Sport Live Managing Director Andrew Weiss said. “It will be fantastic to bring awesome baseball action to the screen to finish this summer season off strong as teams chase premiership glory.”

Learn more about [My Sport Live](#) and the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#).



Tryout Registration Open for 2024 Australian Youth Championships

Tryout registration is open for Victorian State Teams ahead of the 2024 Australian U16 and U18 Youth Championships next January. We will be sending one U16 and one U18 team to the national championships, with dates and venue TBA by Baseball Australia.

Tryouts will be held on the following dates:

- U16: Saturday 7, 14, 21 October and 28 October (if required)
- U18: Monday 9, 16 October (positional players), Tuesday 10, 17 (pitchers/catchers), 24 October (all players)

Tryout venue: Melbourne Ballpark, Merton Street, Altona Meadows Times: TBC

A training program will follow throughout November and December leading up to the Australian Youth Championships. Please click [HERE](#) to register for tryouts.

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

Tryout registration is also open for the Youth Women's Prospects Program as part of the new BV 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 8:30-11am.

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 Photography By Field of View

Thank you to [Field of View Sports Photography](#) for taking photos of our Vic Dingoes and Hornets training at Melbourne Ballpark.

We look forward to watching them shine at the 2023 Barclay Cup, which starts Sunday 1 October at Carine Cats Baseball Club in Perth, WA.

View [team portraits](#) and [action photos](#) from our official photography partner.



Baseball Victoria at Brookdale Reserve Come and Try Days

We are excited to offer come and try days at the new Brookdale Reserve in Point Cook as part of Wyndham City Council's Active Holidays program. Register for sessions on 25-26 September via the [council website](#).

BROOKDALE RESERVE COME AND TRY DAYS

25 - 26 September

Brookdale Road Reserve,
2 Brookdale Road
Point Cook
3030

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Greatrex Sporting Goods Joins BV Diamond Partnership Program

Baseball Victoria is pleased to welcome Greatrex Sporting Goods to the BV Diamond Partnership Program at the Home Run level.

Greatrex Australia specialises in baseball, softball and tee-ball equipment, and was established 48 years ago by former Australian baseballer Kevin Greatrex and his wife Judy. Now owned and operated by the couple's children Jay and Kelly, Greatrex remains a trusted supplier of quality playing equipment and uniforms for baseballers around the country.

"Thank you to Greatrex for joining the BV Diamond Partnership Program," Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. "It's fantastic to have this long-standing baseball equipment supplier on board, and we greatly appreciate their support of Victorian and Australian baseball."

Greatrex offers a wide range of playing equipment from brands including Wilson, Mizuno, Easton, Louisville Slugger, Nike, New Balance, Franklin, All Star, and many more.

"We're excited to be a part of Baseball Victoria's Diamond Partnership Program and look forward to working with the team at BV," Director Kelly Greatrex said. "We are always looking to support grassroots baseball organisations and associations with equipment, uniforms and their baseball needs."

Learn more on their official website: www.greatrex.com.au/



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.

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](#).

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 to ensure they also complete a Sports Academy application.

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 138 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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