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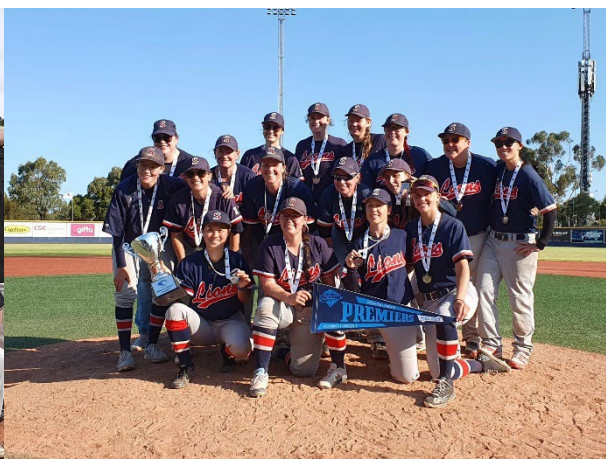
2023/24 VSBL Season

Let's play ball! The 2023/24 Victorian Summer Baseball League season gets underway this weekend for seniors and next weekend for juniors.

Good luck to all and please feel free to send/tag us in your photos so we can share.

As a reminder, all players, coaches, and volunteers must register to be covered by insurance.

Please click [HERE](#) to access your club link and register today. You can also view all VSBL fixtures [HERE](#).



Vic Dingoes & Hornets Embrace Baseball Fun at the 2023 Barclay Cup

Our Barclay Cup girls are having an amazing time on the West Coast! We are so proud of them for playing their best, continuing to improve, and being great sports on and off the field.

Well done Dingoes and Hornets – we hope everyone enjoys the rest of the tournament!

Follow along with the action on [GameChanger](#) and the official [Barclay Cup Livestream](#). Don't forget to check out [player profiles](#) as well as [team portraits](#) and [action photos](#) from our official photography partner [Field of View](#).



Photo: Narelle Rentoul

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

Baseball Victoria's partnership with Wyndham City Council is off to a great start following successful come-and-try days as part of the Brookdale Reserve Activation Project in Point Cook.

BV Development Officers Ethan Epifanio and Dennis Neal have been leading local kids through beginner baseball drills during Wyndham's Active Holidays program, showing them what our great game is all about. We will have another come-and-try session on Tuesday 10 October (5-10yo: 4-5:30pm, 8-14yo: 6-7:30pm). Registration details: <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activewyndhamcalendar>

We are also excited to get started with Play Ball Pioneers program, running every Wednesday through 13 Dec. This introduction to baseball is focused on running, hitting, throwing, and catching skills, and it's free to participate with no equipment needed.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up or contact development@baseballvictoria.com.au for more info. You can also read more about our partnership [HERE](#).



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PLAY BALL PIONEERS

About The Program

Come and join "Play Ball Pioneers", a 9 week introductory baseball program to develop your running, hitting, throwing and catching skills. Play Ball Pioneers develops great athletic skills for kids with varying sporting backgrounds. New players are welcome to join anytime.

WEDNESDAYS

4 OCT - 13 DEC

5- 10 year olds

4 - 530 pm

8 - 14 year olds

6 - 730 pm



Brookdale Road Reserve

2 Brookdale Road, Point Cook 3030



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Victorians Attend Australia's National Under 16 Camp

What an incredible week for our Victorian players and coaches at the U16 Australian Camp in Canberra.

Andrew Land, Roman Coote, Jordan Ellis, William Hardy, William Kent, Hudson Pallay, Nathan Rumbelow, Robinson Smith, Mitch Langworthy, and Zak Stafilis made the most of this exciting opportunity to further develop their skills and take their game to the next level. Samantha Hamilton, Donavon Hendricks, and Daniel Chircop were part of the experienced coaching staff leading junior baseball standouts from around the country as they trained at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Players were introduced to an increased speed of the game, requiring enhanced decision-making that will help them prepare for the 2024 AYC's and further representative opportunities.

Well done to everyone on this experience – we know the future is bright for all of these athletes and coaches!



Baseball Community Comes Together for Big Weekend of Umpiring with Behind the Mask

Baseball Victoria's Behind the Mask Umpire Program is off to a great start, with more than 50 participants completing our free umpire accreditation courses at Knox Baseball Club last month. National Umpire Director Brett Robson led these courses for new umpires and current umpires wanting to refresh their skills.

We started with a community umpire course covering baseball rules, positioning, and signaling mechanics for umpiring at the beginner ball level and senior games. Next came our association umpire course with theoretical and practical components to ensure umpires can officiate at club level.

Junior player James Mills from Malvern Baseball Club found it to be a fantastic learning experience.

"It was great to practice with the Barclay Cup squad training," James said. "Brett and all the umpires were so willing to help us new recruits. I really want to do umpiring and keep my eye on the game."

Read the full story [HERE](#).



Baseball Victoria Welcomes Northern Sports & Remedial Myotherapy to Diamond Partnership Program

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce that Northern Sports & Remedial Myotherapy has joined the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#) at the Single level.

This massage and myotherapy provider is led by Matthew Fraser and based in Bundoora. Since 2016, he and his team have helped thousands of Victorians with pain relief, injury prevention and recovery.

With a sporting background and an interest in baseball in particular, Matt got into myotherapy as a way to help fellow teammates prevent and recover from injuries – shoulder and ROM issues especially.

He's been playing baseball for the last 20 years and is also involved in umpiring throughout the winter season, giving him a unique understanding of what baseballers need to stay healthy and strong on the field.

"Thank you to Matt and the Northern Sports and Remedial Myotherapy team for their support of baseball in Victoria," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "Massage and myotherapy specialists can make a big difference to athletes at all levels, helping to prevent injuries and navigate the recovery process, and we appreciate this valuable resource."

Matt says Northern Sports & Remedial Myotherapy hopes to continue serving community sport participants for years to come.

"We are proud to support baseball in Victoria and are passionate about helping athletes stay on top of their game with specialised injury prevention and pain relief techniques. We are open to people of all ages and activity levels, and we look forward to working with the Victorian baseball community far into the future."

Head to www.northernsportsmyo.com.au for more information.



Club News: Hub Coordinators for Umpiring Working Group

Baseball Victoria is now accepting applications for hub coordinators, with six volunteer positions within the club structure to continue our ongoing support and growth of the baseball umpiring program in Victoria.

Hub coordinators will work alongside the BV Umpiring Working Group and Technical Officer to support recruitment initiatives and help deliver our Behind the Mask Beginner Umpire Program. Please view the position description for more info [HERE](#) and submit your interest [HERE](#).

Club News: Sandringham v Police Baseball

On Sunday 1 October, Sandringham Royals Baseball Club hosted Victoria Police Baseball for their annual preseason game, which had been on hold since COVID.

It was a fantastic day for baseball as they played a seven-inning game, which Sandringham won. The early hitout for the start of the season featured friendly rivalry with Dingley winter players facing each other.

"Sandringham Baseball Club would like to thank Victoria Police Baseball for coming down to participate in the game," President Nick Stillwell said. "We would also like to thank umpires Andrew Gluth (plate), Gavin Daniels (first base), and Andrea Cormick (third base) for officiating at the game. Thanks also to Cassandra Ward for scoring."

Follow along with Sandringham's summer season on [Facebook](#).



Club News: Fitzroy Hosts Moss-Leake Memorial Game & Mental Health Awareness Day

The Lions community came out in support of Fitzroy Baseball Club's Moss-Leake Memorial Game & Mental Health Awareness Day on Sunday 1 October.

Fitzroy's annual memorial game with La Trobe University was combined with an important discussion on mental health.

The day started with junior practice games in the morning before the charity game tradition got underway in honour of local club greats and life members Karl Leake and Graham Moss.

After the on-field action, the club community welcomed R U OK Day spokesperson Stephen Dowling, who discussed being there for one another, sharing the load, and that it's OK not to be OK.

Well done to Fitzroy and La Trobe Uni on this initiative!

Visit [RUOK.org](https://www.ruok.org) for valuable resources on mental health and supporting family, friends, and teammates.



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.

2023 BV Spring Training School Holiday Camps

Thank you to all the awesome baseballers who took part in our recent camps and had a blast on the field. Keep up the great work and we hope to see you again at future camps!



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.

Our updated accreditation guidelines make it easier for coaches to complete their education. Head to our [coaching hub](#) for more details and to get started today.

Victorians Taking Part in Inaugural Australian Team for Youth Baseball5 World Cup

Congratulations to the inaugural team representing Australia at the WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup from 10-15 October in Ankara, Turkey.

Victorian girls Jessica Warwick, Amelia Wright, and Chelsea Nunn will join NSW players in this fantastic opportunity, which offers a unique pathway for our athletes into future World Cup and Youth Olympic teams. NSW Baseball5 Director Adrian Medina is the head coach with our women's baseball representative Allie Bebbere as the Executive Officer.

Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Jayden Kim Named to MLB World Select Team

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

Keep it up, Jayden!



Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

Good luck to everyone trying out for our U16 & U18 Victorian State Teams and Youth Women's Prospects. Check out all October events [HERE](#).

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.

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

Our Australian Red Cross Lifeblood team has saved 147 lives this year with blood and plasma donations. You can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

The BV Team

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