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2022/2023

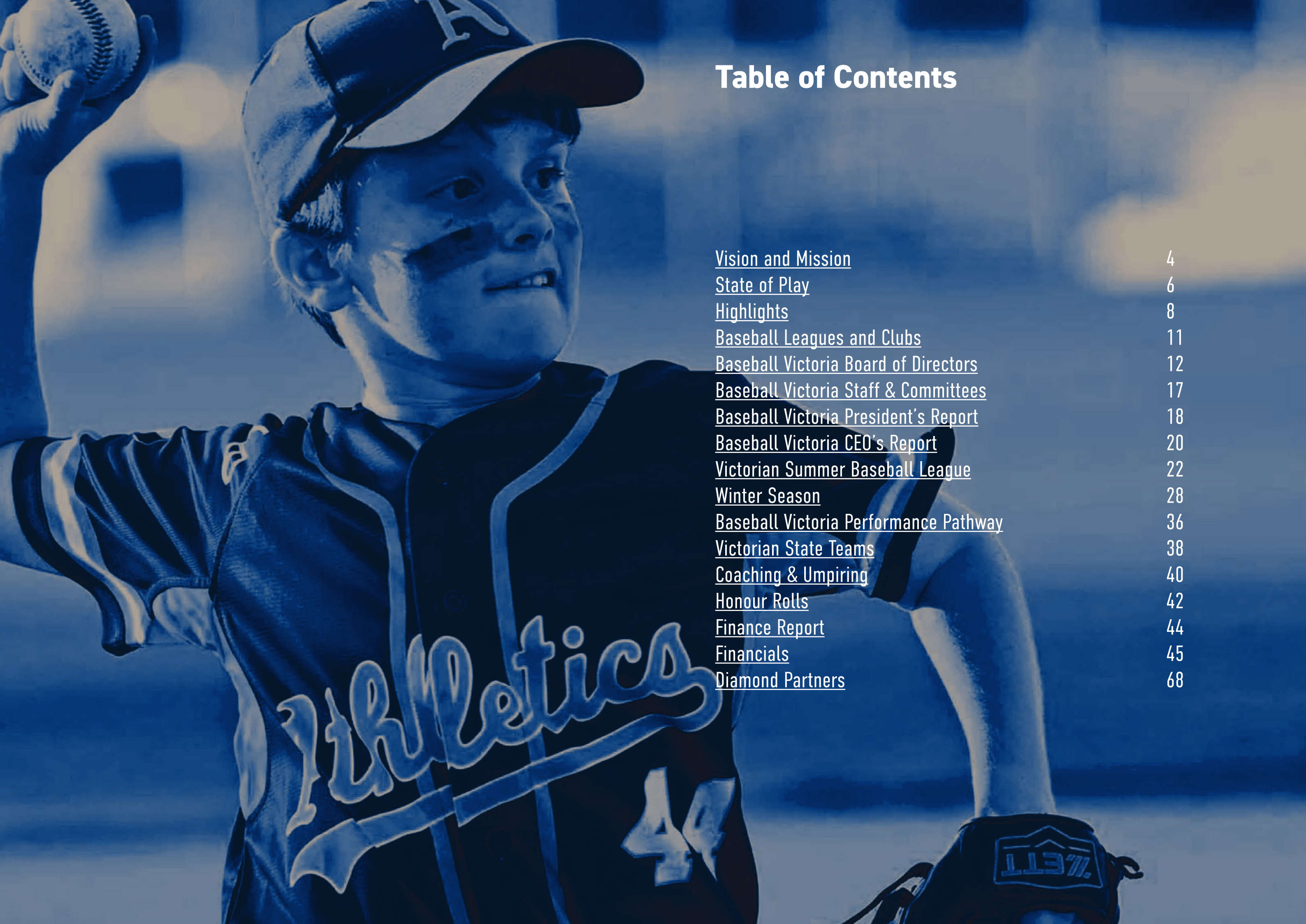


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Vision and Mission

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

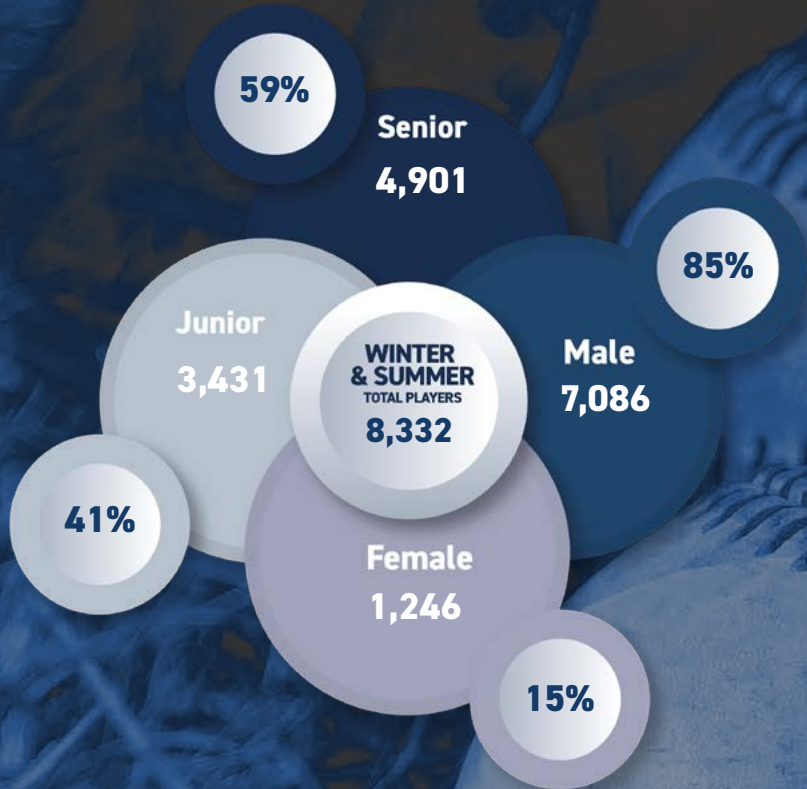
Providing a cooperative network and advocacy service to build a united voice for the community of sport.

ACCESS

Offering safe, equitable and welcoming environments

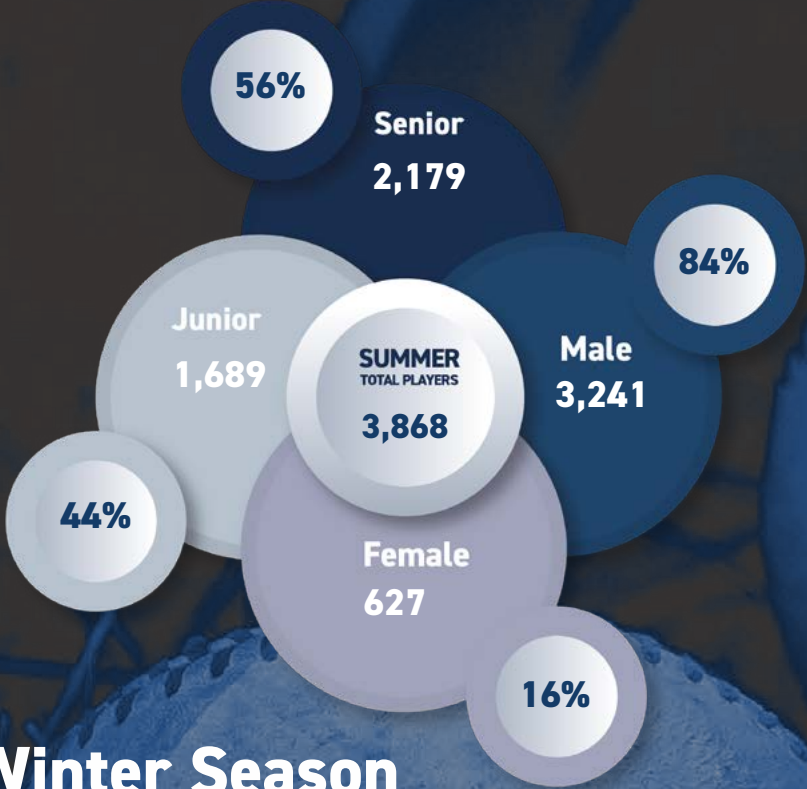
State of Play

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.



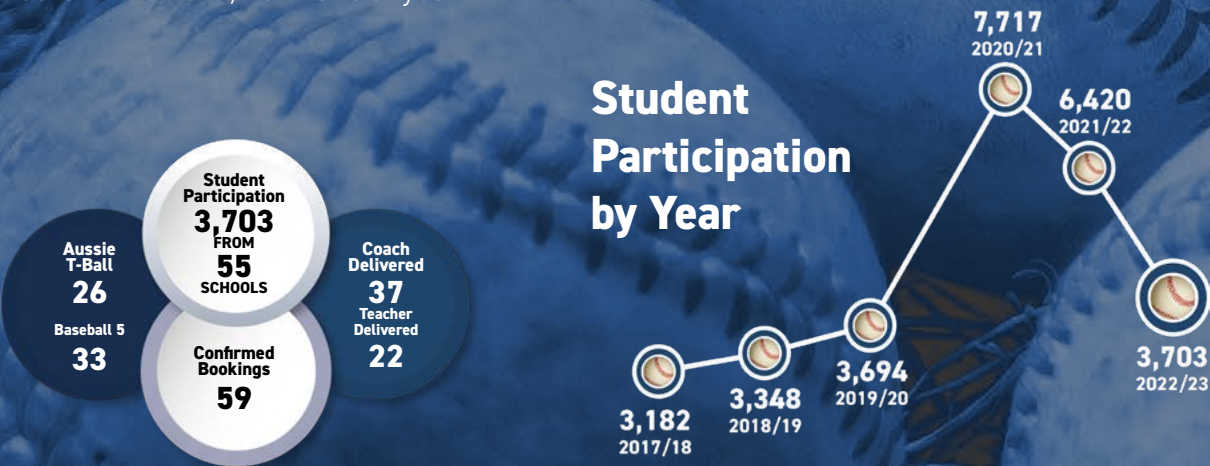
2022/23 Summer Season

Participation numbers for the 2023 summer season.



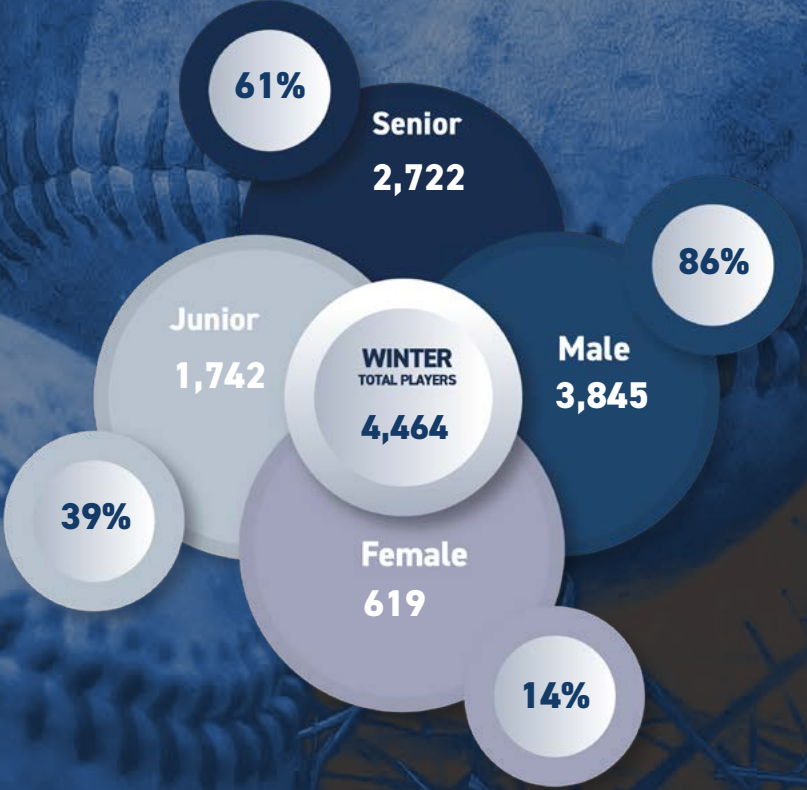
Sporting Schools

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.



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

JUL 2023

- Geelong wins U14 State Winter Championship as BV All-Girls Winter Invitational welcomes U13 and U17 teams in a great display of youth women's baseball
- Diamond Valley wins Pool 1 and City West wins Pool 2 at the U12 State Winter Championship
- Baseball Victoria announces a new partnership with Aces Sporting Club, which will support the BV Senior State Winter Championships, Victorian Summer Baseball League, Diamond Partnership Program, and Coaches Performance Pathway
- Diamond Valley wins Pool 1 and Latrobe Valley wins Pool 2 at the U16 State Winter Championship

AUG 2023

- Ollie Allen, Maisen Ricketts, Jacob Tayler, and Bodhi Evans represent Australia at the U12 Baseball World Cup in Taiwan
- Genevieve Beacom, Allie Bebbere, Lili Cavanagh, Morgan Doty, Abbey Kelly, Shae Lillywhite, Abbey McLellan, Maddy Patrick, Samantha Hamilton (assistant coach), and Ursula Howard (EO) represent Emeralds at Women's World Cup
- Lachlan Amon, Aimon Dowling, Jayden Kim, Evan Maury, Logan O'Brien, Jack Ratcliffe, Harper Rickard, Lachlan Smith, Declan Speirs, Ryan Williams, and Ryder Wilson invited to Under 18 National Junior Camp
- Symmetry Physiotherapy joins BV Diamond Partnership Program

SEPT 2023

- Declan Speirs, Jack Ratcliffe, Jayden Kim, Lachlan Smith, and Damian Shanahan (assistant coach) represent at U18 World Cup
- Bazooka Sports, My Sport Live, Greatrex Sporting Goods, and Northern Sports & Remedial Myotherapy join the BV Diamond Partnership Program
- Baseball Victoria and Wyndham City Council team up to bring the Brookdale Reserve Activation Project to life in Point Cook
- Andrew Land, Roman Coote, Jordan Ellis, William Hardy, William Kent, Hudson Pallay, Nathan Rumbelow, Robinson Smith, Mitch Langworthy, and Zak Stafilis attend Under 16 National Junior Camp
- Baseball Victoria's Behind the Mask Umpire Program kicks off with more than 50 participants completing free umpire accreditation courses at Knox Baseball Club
- Jayden Kim named to MLB World Select team for the Arizona Fall Classic
- Vic Dingo and Hornets head to Perth, WA for the 2023 Barclay Cup junior girls tournament

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 Glenhantly*
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 Capital. 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.

Baseball Victoria Staff & Committees

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

PERFORMANCE PATHWAY COORDINATOR
TECHNICAL OFFICER
TOURNAMENT 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

WOMEN'S PATHWAY WORKING GROUP

Amy McCann - Board Representative
Samantha Hamilton - HP Representative
Abbey McLellan
Michael Wearne
Kellie Thomas - Staff Representative
Lea Squadrito - Resigned May 2023

Chet Gray
Audrina Ning
Damian Shanahan
Kellie Thomas
Rachael Bouley
Keli'i Zablan
Stewart Howe - resigned April 2023
Randall Vavra - resigned September 2023
Lea Squadrito - resigned May 2023
Michelle Coote - started June 2023
David Nagy
Brooke Penfold – started August 2023
Tony McPherson – started September 2023
Daniel 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

HISTORY AND RECOGNITION WORKING GROUP

Matt Nichol – Board Representative
Amy McCann – Board Representative
Stuart McGovern
Peter Dihm
John Ferguson
Steve Smith
Lea Squadrito – Administrator resigned May 2023

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, Michelle Coote, David Nagy, Brooke Penfold, and Tony McPherson. 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, Randall Vavra, 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 four-tier pathway includes U12/U14 (Futures), Youth Women's (Prospects), U16/U18 (Prospects), and Select (National Squad/College Commits). It's 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.

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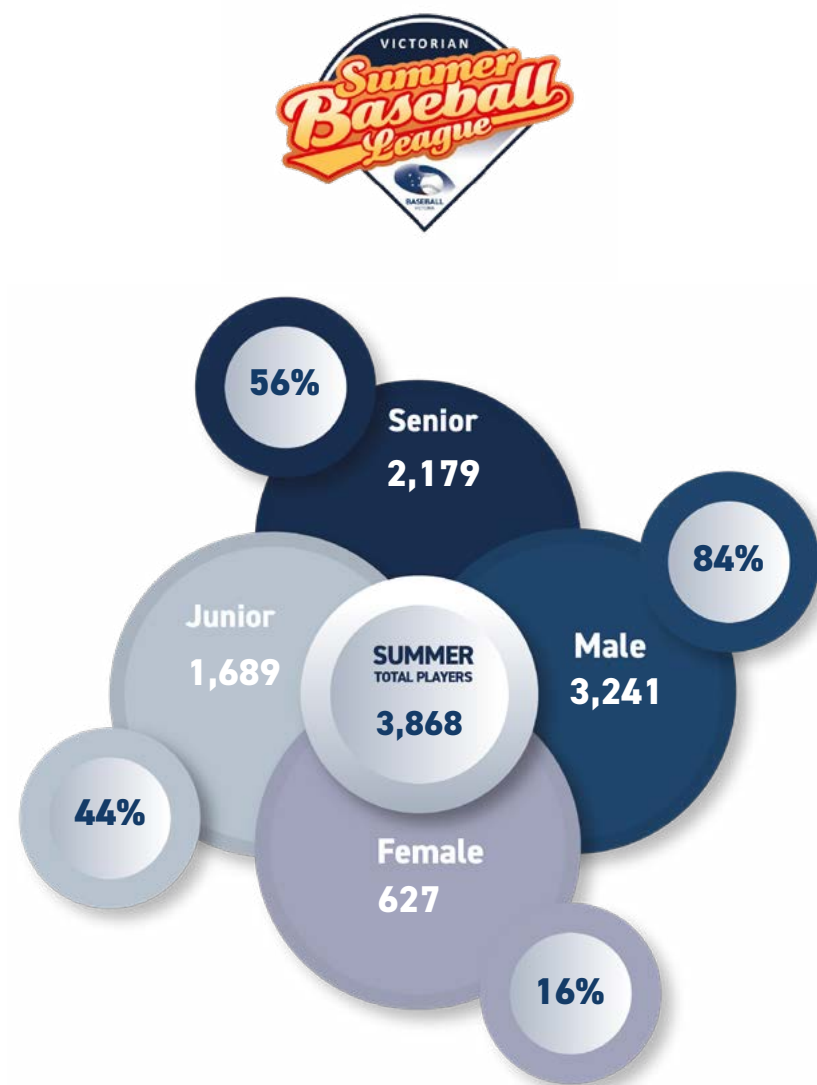
Chet Gray
CEO
Baseball Victoria

Victorian Summer Baseball League

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 Premiers

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 Intermediate	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

2022/23 VSBL Award Winners



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	Mitchell Majors
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

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

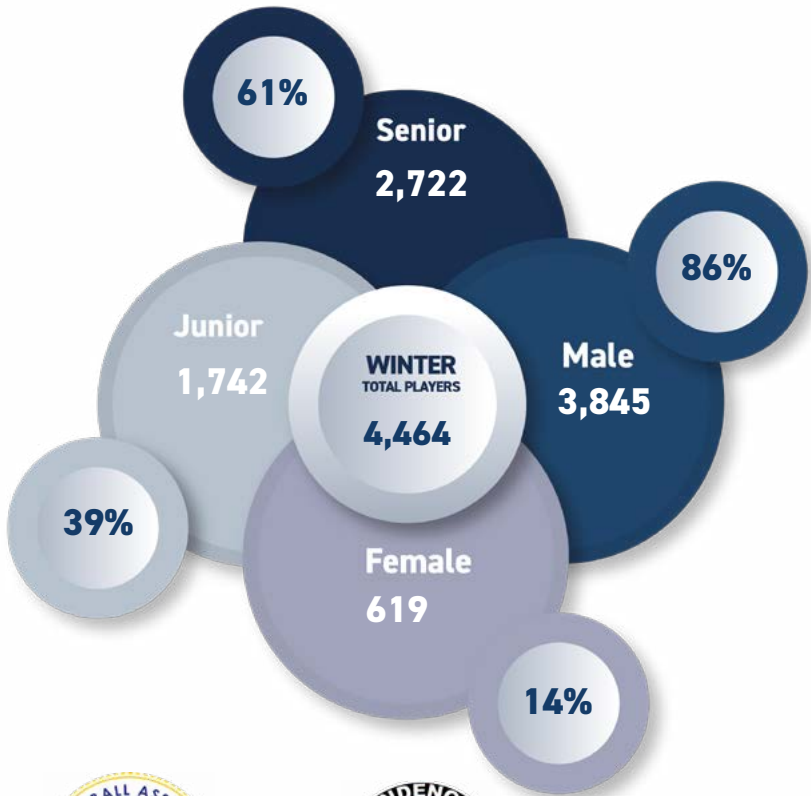
Winter Season

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.



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 Waurin 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 Fifts 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)
- Fifts 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 were held on Sunday 18 September with Moe/Newborough winning the A Grade Premiership over Traralgon 4-2.

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.

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

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 Pally, Nathan Rumbelow, Robinson Smith, and Zak Staflis.

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 stand alone as the only dual medallists 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 Pally	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 Staflis	Will Cavanagh		
Coaches/Officials	Coaches/Officials	Coaches/Officials	Coaches/Officials
Ben Laux	Marshall Skinner	Dean Anglin	Samantha Hamilton
Trifon Staflis	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

BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

Year	President	Chief Executive Officer
2023	Mr. A. Rose	Mr. C. Gray
2022	Mr. A. Rose	Mr. C. Gray
2021	Ms. M. Mayman	Ms. K Middleton (resigned August)/ Ms. G. Scales (Appt. August)
2020	Mr. M. Foreman	Ms. K. Middleton
2019	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. J. Huber (resigned June)/Ms. K. Middleton (Appt. August)
2018	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. J. Huber
2017	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair (resigned June)/Mr. J. Huber (Appt. July)
2016	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair
2015	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair (Interim General Manager)
2014	Mr. C. Crameri	Mr. N. Price
2013	Mr. C. Crameri	Mr. B. W. Hidson (resigned April)/Mr. N. Price (Appt. July)
2012	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr.B. W. Hidson
2011	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr. B. W. Hidson
2010	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr. B. W. Hidson
2009	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Nash

BASEBALL VICTORIA LIFE MEMBERS

2023	Mick Wearne, Samantha Hamilton
2022	Don Stephens
2021	Scott Dawes
2019	Ian Bishop
2019	Michele Winther
2017	Michael Gourlay
2017	Richard Mason* OAM
2016	Julie Jones
2015	John King
2009	Jason Blair

VICTORIAN PROVINCIAL BASEBALL LEAGUE LIFE MEMBERS

2009	Dale Lewis (VWBL)
2009	Julie Stephens (Dandenong)
2009	Michael Stephens (Dandenong)
2006	Kath Besford (VWBL)
2005	Clyde Cumming (LVBA)
2005	Greg Evans (Bendigo)
2004	David Rice (VWBL)
2004	Graeme Besford (VWBL)
2001	Terrye Cox (Ballarat)
1999	Michael O'Brien (Geelong)
1986	John O'Brien* (Dandenong)
1976	Ron Clack* (Ballarat)
1974	Robert Luxford* (Dandenong)
1968	Ern Whykes* (Ballarat)
1966	Roy Shadorth* (Bendigo)
1965	Ern Blanden* (Ballarat)
1964	Ern Gear* (Geelong)
1959	Les Olsson* (Dandenong)
1957	William Harwood* (Ballarat)
1955	William Aitken* (Ballarat)
1948	Jack E. M. Ellis* (VBA)

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

2006	Jenny Ratcliffe
2006	Peter Dihm
2005	Grant Weir
2005	Robert O Blackmore
2004	Beryl Bunting*
2004	Rodney Gaunt
2002	Les T Flower
1992	Les A Polson*
1991	Paul F Collins
1991	Ron R Smith*
1988	Barry N Smith*

1988	Graeme B Ainscough*
1986	Colin J McKay*
1986	Ken CJ Welfare*
1986	Lyn V Straw*
1985	David L Went
1983	WE (Bill) Blanden*
1982	Jack F Guiliano*
1981	Colin C Miller*
1980	S Doug Chapman*
1973	John B Anderson*
1973	Talbot R Hill*
1970	Ross M Straw*
1970	RW (Dick) Chapman*
1966	Angus McPherson*
1963	RJ (Bob) Black*
1958	George S Heron*
1956	Tom L Straw*
1955	Keith W Tucker*
1949	Reg E Darling*
1948	Wally B Carter*
1947	Ernest H King*
1945	Jack T Leckey*
1944	GB Mackay*
1943	Frederick H Martin*
1942	Jack EM Ellis Snr*
1941	Percy C Pooley*
1936	Daniel J Chandler*
1935	Harry W Francis*
1935	Hugh M Gordon*
1935	Alfred Beckefeld*
1933	HJ Newbound*
1929	J Bayne Mackay*
1926	Leslie F Johnston OBE*
1924	Ernest W Fielder*
1922	TJ Browne*
1921	Robert R Hindson*
1920	S Charles Lansdown*
1919	Cam Sellars*
1912	Percy B Seyffarth*
1911	Frank Laver*
1911	FM Russell*
1911	HM Adams*
1911	JS Milford*
1911	T Smith*
1910	Peter McAlister*

For historical office bearers,
please see the Baseball Victoria website
baseballvictoria.com.au

Financial Report

Presented by Finance Chair Anna Ronald

FY23 Results

The result for 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023 was a deficit of \$82,527.

Revenue increased by \$392,807 from the prior year revenue total. This increase in revenue was offset with a corresponding increase in expenses of \$502,097.

Baseball Victoria's cash reserves remain strong, with a balance of \$640,760 at 30 September 2023.

Restated Comparative Figures

A retrospective restatement has been conducted for FY22 to correct the accounting treatment of the BV Development Fund from 2020 to 2022. The restated 2022 figures are used as comparatives in the financial statements.

The non-inclusion of these adjustments would significantly affect the accuracy of the 2022 statements.

BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

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Committee's Report
30 September 2023

The committee members submit their report together with the financial report of Baseball Victoria Incorporated (the 'Association') for the financial year ended 30 September 2023.

Committee members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Andy Rose - President
Joanna O'Connor
Grant Weir
Matt Nichol
Amy McCann
Brett Mitsch
Anna Ronald
Jennifer Pitson
Kathy Tessier

The committee members have been in office since the start of the year to day of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year was to facilitate and promote baseball in Victoria.

Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating result and review of operations

The loss of the Association for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$82,527 (2022: surplus of \$15,832).

The Association continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

Committee member:  Committee member: 
Andy Rose Anna Ronald

Dated 12 Jan 2024

BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

ABN 78 603 120 057

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

		2023	2022 (Restated)
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	5	1,748,623	1,355,816
Other revenue		7,500	-
Interest income		4,457	1,026
		<u>1,760,580</u>	<u>1,356,842</u>
Baseball competition management		(719,678)	(495,172)
Baseball pathways		(447,551)	(215,832)
Baseball participation		(63,780)	(32,105)
Baseball operations		<u>(612,098)</u>	<u>(597,901)</u>
		<u>(1,843,107)</u>	<u>(1,341,010)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) before income tax		(82,527)	15,832
Income tax expense	2(b)	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>(82,527)</u>	<u>15,832</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		<u>(82,527)</u>	<u>15,832</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

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Statement of Financial Position As At 30 September 2023

		2023	2022 (Restated)
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	640,760	672,023
Trade and other receivables	7	33,590	63,425
Inventories	8	27,237	26,668
Other assets	9	83,757	7,855
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>785,344</u>	<u>769,971</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	10	28,312	28,044
Right-of-use assets	11	74,194	101,952
Other asset	9	57,728	57,105
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>160,234</u>	<u>187,101</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>945,578</u>	<u>957,072</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	12	93,936	123,889
Lease liabilities	11	28,776	27,813
Provisions	14	73,455	43,307
Other liabilities	13	161,605	66,141
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>357,772</u>	<u>261,150</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	11	71,285	100,064
Provisions	14	8,913	5,723
Other liabilities	13	57,095	57,095
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>137,293</u>	<u>162,882</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>495,065</u>	<u>424,032</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>450,513</u>	<u>533,040</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Development fund reserve		26,437	46,332
Retained surplus		<u>424,076</u>	<u>486,708</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>450,513</u>	<u>533,040</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

2023

	Development Fund Reserve	Retained Surplus	Total
Note	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 October 2022	46,332	486,708	533,040
Decrease in reserves during the year	(19,895)	19,895	-
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	(82,527)	(82,527)
Balance at 30 September 2023	26,437	424,076	450,513

2022 (Restated)

	Development Fund Reserve	Retained Surplus	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 October 2021	50,165	467,043	517,208
Correction of prior period	(3,833)	3,833	-
Balance at 1 October 2021 restated	46,332	470,876	517,208
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	15,832	15,832
Balance at 30 September 2022	46,332	486,708	533,040

BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	2023	2022 (Restated)
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers	1,858,467	1,305,485
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,842,379)	(1,204,592)
Interest received	4,457	1,026
Interest paid	(4,033)	(4,987)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	15 16,512	96,932
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(19,959)	(18,625)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(19,959)	(18,625)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Repayments of lease liabilities (cash portion)	(27,816)	(26,863)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	(27,816)	(26,863)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(31,263)	51,444
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	672,023	620,579
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	6 640,760	672,023

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

The financial statements cover Baseball Victoria Incorporated as an individual entity. Baseball Victoria Incorporated is a not-for-profit Association incorporated in Victoria under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* ('the Act').

The functional and presentation currency of Baseball Victoria Incorporated is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Association Incorporations Reform Act of Victoria 2012 (and it associated Regulations).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(b) Income tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and thus is not liable for any income tax, and accordingly no provision for income tax has been raised.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(d) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Association assesses whether a lease exists - i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

This involves an assessment of whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset. This may be explicitly or implicitly identified within the management. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right when there are no identified asset.
- The Association has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use.
- The Association has the right to direct the use of the asset i.e. decision making rights in relation to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

Lessee accounting

The non-lease components included in the lease agreement have been separated and are recognised as an expense as incurred.

At the lease commencement, the Association recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the Association believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d) Leases (continued)

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Association's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the Association's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Exceptions to lease accounting

The Association has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. The Association recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(f) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first-in-first-out basis and is net of any rebates and discounts received. Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

(g) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for significantly less than fair value have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.

Plant and equipment

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Land and the land component of any class of fixed asset is not depreciated.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(g) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Depreciation (continued)

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates	Depreciation basis
Motor vehicles at cost	25%	Diminishing value
Office equipment at cost	35%-67%	Straight-Line

Leased assets and leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or their estimated useful life.

(h) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss - FVTPL

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Notes to the Financial Statements
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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(h) Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at FVTPL.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income are recognised in profit or loss (refer to hedging accounting policy for derivatives designated as hedging instruments.)

The Association holds derivative financial instruments to hedge its foreign currency and interest rate risk exposures. Embedded derivatives are separated from the host contract and accounted for separately if the host contract is not a financial asset and certain criteria are met.

The Association's financial assets measured at FVTPL comprise derivatives [insert details of other financial assets carried at FVTPL] in the statement of financial position.

Impairment of financial assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for the following assets:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial assets has increased significant since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Association considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Association's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Association uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Association uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Association in full, without recourse to the Association to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial assets is more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Association in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Association has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

Notes to the Financial Statements
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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(h) Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Association renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and lease liabilities.

(i) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for Impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Assets subject to annual depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired.

An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the assets exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

(j) Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits In the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

Long-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of the services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(j) Employee benefits (continued)

Employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(k) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

(l) New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The Association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

4 Retrospective Restatement

The comparative figures have been adjusted in accordance with *AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*.

The Company correct the 2020 financial statements related to accounting treatment of BV development fund.

The aggregate effect of the error on the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 is as follows:

	Original balance \$	30 September 2022 Adjustments \$	Restated balance \$
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income			
Revenue	(1,338,610)	(17,206)	(1,355,816)
Baseball participation	11,065	21,040	32,105
Statement of Financial Position			
Trade and other payables	(120,055)	(3,834)	(123,889)
Development fund reserve (beginning)	50,165	(3,833)	46,332
Retained profits (beginning)	467,043	3,833	470,876

5 Revenue

	2023 \$	2022 (Restated) \$
Operating activities		
- Baseball Competition Management	772,236	593,536
- Baseball Operations	558,994	462,998
- Baseball Participation	61,778	41,360
- Baseball Pathways	355,615	241,122
- Covid-19 Stimulus Measures	-	16,800
	1,748,623	1,355,816

6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash at bank	211,158	245,843
Cash on deposit	429,602	426,180
	640,760	672,023

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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7 Trade and Other Receivables

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	36,955	42,384
Allowance for expected credit losses	(3,365)	(1,914)
	<u>33,590</u>	<u>40,470</u>
Accrued revenue	-	22,955
	<u>33,590</u>	<u>63,425</u>

8 Inventories

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
At cost:		
Inventory held for sale	27,237	26,668
	<u>27,237</u>	<u>26,668</u>

9 Other Assets

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	83,757	7,855
	<u>83,757</u>	<u>7,855</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	57,728	57,105
	<u>57,728</u>	<u>57,105</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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10 Plant and Equipment

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Motor vehicles</i>		
At cost	45,454	45,454
Accumulated depreciation	(43,264)	(42,534)
Total motor vehicles	<u>2,190</u>	<u>2,920</u>
<i>Office equipment</i>		
At cost	42,839	26,814
Accumulated depreciation	(26,622)	(22,992)
Total office equipment	<u>16,217</u>	<u>3,822</u>
<i>Computer equipment</i>		
At cost	24,583	37,647
Accumulated depreciation	(16,433)	(21,795)
Total computer equipment	<u>8,150</u>	<u>15,852</u>
<i>Leasehold Improvements</i>		
At cost	8,250	8,250
Accumulated amortisation	(8,250)	(5,500)
Total leasehold improvements	<u>-</u>	<u>2,750</u>
<i>Baseball equipment</i>		
At cost	21,525	21,525
Accumulated depreciation	(19,770)	(18,825)
Total baseball equipment	<u>1,755</u>	<u>2,700</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>28,312</u>	<u>28,044</u>

11 Leases

Association as a lessee

The Association has leases over office space at Melbourne Ballpark for staff. Information relating to the leases associated balances and transactions are provided below.

Terms and conditions of leases

The Association leases buildings for their corporate offices. The lease is for a 3 year period with two extension options.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

11 Leases (continued)

Right-of-use assets

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of year	101,952	129,732
Depreciation charge	(27,758)	(27,780)
	<u>74,194</u>	<u>101,952</u>

Lease liabilities

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current	28,776	27,813
Non-current	71,285	100,064
Total lease liabilities	<u>100,061</u>	<u>127,877</u>

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

The amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income relating to leases where the Association is a lessee are shown below:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Interest expense on lease liabilities	4,033	4,987
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	27,758	27,780
	<u>31,791</u>	<u>32,767</u>

12 Trade and Other Payables

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	50,623	23,928
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	43,313	99,961
	<u>93,936</u>	<u>123,889</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023

13 Other Liabilities

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Deferred income	161,605	66,141
	<u>161,605</u>	<u>66,141</u>

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
NON-CURRENT		
Foundation, sponsorship and other funds held in trust	57,095	57,095
	<u>57,095</u>	<u>57,095</u>

14 Provisions

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Long service leave provision	12,008	10,808
Annual leave provision	61,447	32,499
	<u>73,455</u>	<u>43,307</u>

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
NON-CURRENT		
Long service leave provision	8,913	5,723
	<u>8,913</u>	<u>5,723</u>

15 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	211,158	245,843
At call deposits with financial institutions	429,602	426,180
	<u>640,760</u>	<u>672,023</u>

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15 Cash Flow Information (continued)

(b) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

	2023	2022
		(Restated)
	\$	\$
Profit/(Loss) for the year	(82,527)	15,832
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- depreciation - ROUA	27,758	27,780
- depreciation - PPE	14,822	10,254
- equipment lost by theft	4,869	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	6,880	(33,004)
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	(53,570)	(17,327)
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	(569)	(8,234)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(29,953)	39,402
- increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	95,464	61,145
- increase/(decrease) in provisions	33,338	1,084
Cashflows from operations	16,512	96,932

16 Events After the End of the Reporting Period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

17 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the company is:
BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED SEP23 FIN
Melbourne Ball Park
Merton Street
Altona Meadows VIC 3028

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Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 18:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Baseball Victoria Incorporated as at 30 September 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Baseball Victoria Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President
Andy Rose

Finance Chair
Anna Ronald

Dated 12 Jan 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

Report on the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Baseball Victoria Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report Baseball Victoria Incorporated is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 September 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is intended solely for the Association and its members and should not be used by parties other than the Association and its members. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Association's annual report for the year ended 30 September 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other

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information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act of Victoria 2012*, for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Further information about our responsibilities can be found at <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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SAM CLARINGBOLD
Partner

Signed at Melbourne this 15th day of January 2024

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Certificate by Members of Committee


Annual statements give true and fair view of financial performance and position of incorporated association

We, Andy Rose and Anna Ronald, being members of the Committee of the Baseball Victoria Incorporated, certify that -

- a. I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 7 Feb 2024; and
- b. the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 were submitted to the members of the association at the annual general meeting.

Dated


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Andy Rose (Committee Member)


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Anna Ronald (Committee Member)

Diamond Partners

In 2022, Baseball Victoria launched the Diamond Partnership Program, aimed at streamlining and strengthening community connections with an opportunity that puts all partners on an even playing field.

Thank you to the following organisations for teaming up as official partners of baseball in Victoria for 2022-23!





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