

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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## #AYC2024: U18 Wins Gold, U16 Brings Home Bronze

What an awesome ride at #AYC2024 - our U18s won gold while U16s took home bronze!

We are so incredibly proud of our amazing athletes and their dedicated coaches who persevered through tough competition and challenging weather. Their talent and teamwork were on full display and it was great to see VIC battle hard, especially when behind on the scoreboard.

Our U18s led the tournament with Jack Ratcliffe earning back-to-back MVP honours and Ryder Wilson winning the Golden Arm Award.

Congratulations to our 2024 Victorian State Teams and thank you to all the officials, groundskeepers, and families for the support. The future is super bright for these baseballers, and we can't wait to see what comes next.



## **Victorian Umpires Represent at #AYC2024**

Congratulations to Neil Douglass and Alan Sutherland on their attendance as umpires for the 2024 Australian Youth Championships.

All the coaches noted how well this tournament was officiated, and Umpiring Director Brett Robson said this was one of the closest groups of umpires he's worked with.

Well done to all the officials who made the AYC's possible.



Photo: [baseball.com.au](http://baseball.com.au)

## **BV Umpires Meeting at Waverley Baseball Club**

The BV Umpiring Working Group will hold a meeting for all current and new umpires on Monday 22 January at Waverley Baseball Club (Napier Park, High Street Road, Glen Waverley).

The meeting is open to all with the agenda consisting of:

- 2024 Senior & Junior League tournaments (event info and umpires required)
- 2024 Intermediate & Little League tournaments (event info and umpires required)
- State League Winter Championships (event info and coordinators for each competition)
- Feedback on the Behind the Mask program
- General discussion - season to date

All those umpiring now or interested in becoming an umpire are invited to attend. Please arrive at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

## **2024 Women's & Youth Women's State Team Cap Presentation**

Our [Victorian Women's & Youth Women's State Teams](#) will be presented with their caps at tonight's Melbourne Aces vs. Canberra Cavalry game at Melbourne Ballpark. We wish them all the best as they prepare for the Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships at the start of April.

## 2023/24 VSBL Season

Summer baseball is back! Thank you to all our clubs, players, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, volunteers, and supporters for making this such a great summer season so far. We hope everyone enjoys the second half of the season.

As a reminder, all players, coaches, and volunteers must register to be covered by insurance. Please click [HERE](#) to access your club link and register today.

You can view all VSBL fixtures, results, and ladders [HERE](#). Don't forget to submit your nominations for [VSBL Players of the Week](#) and [Club Spotlight](#).

### 21-Man Roster Revealed for Team Australia's First Games on Home Soil in Four Years

The Team Australia roster for February's two-game series against Hanwha Eagles has been revealed, with Darryl George, Dan McGrath, Jarryd Dale, and Jon Kennedy making the cut.

Congrats to our Victorians and their fellow Aussies on this achievement – we look forward to the series from 16-17 February at Melbourne Ballpark.

Read the full story and get your tickets [HERE](#).



# SQUAD ANNOUNCEMENT

**17TH + 18TH FEBRUARY 2024 VS HANWHA EAGLES**  
MELBOURNE BALLPARK

OF - TIM KENNELLY

LHP - LACHLAN WELLS

OF - AARON WHITEFIELD

LHP - STEVEN KENT

OF - ULRICH BOJARSKI

LHP - JON KENNEDY

3B - DARRYL GEORGE

LHP - DAN MCGRATH

SS - LOGAN WADE

RHP - TIM ATHERTON

INF - JARRYD DALE

RHP - SAM HOLLAND

1B - RIXON WINGROVE

RHP - WARWICK SAUPOLD

1B - JAKE BOWEY

RHP - COEN WYNNE

C - ROBBIE PERKINS

RHP - JOSH GUYER

C - ALEX HALL

RHP - LUKE WILKINS

RHP - TODD VAN STEENSEL

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## Brookdale Reserve Activation Projects Continues With Play Ball Pioneers

Play Ball Pioneers are back in Term 1! We had 170 registered kids join us in the first session from October to December, and we look forward to more baseball fun at Brookdale Reserve.

BV Development Officers will lead players through an introduction to baseball focused on running, hitting, throwing, and catching skills. [Sign up online](#) for free with a \$5 per session fee payable on-site (no commitment required).

Contact [development@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:development@baseballvictoria.com.au) for more info.

BROOKDALE ROAD RESERVE, POINT COOK

# PLAY BALL PIONEERS

WEDNESDAYS 31ST JANUARY TO 28TH  
FEBRUARY

5-10 YEAR OLDS: 4-5.30PM

8-14 YEAR OLDS: 6-7.30PM

\$5 PER SESSION, PAYABLE WEEKLY ON SITE  
EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

AN INTRODUCTORY BASEBALL PROGRAM TO  
DEVELOP BASEBALL SKILLS & TRY MODIFIED  
MATCHES.

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SIGN UP VIA QR CODE, EVEN IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN 2023.



## **Baseball Victoria Performance Pathway: 2024 Futures Program Tryouts**

Tryouts are coming up for the BV Performance Pathway Futures U12/U14 East and West program. This will include U12 and U14 players who are top performers for their age group at the club, Little League, and Junior League levels.

The Futures tier is open to U12 players (born 2012 and 2013) and U14 players (born 2010 and 2011). This pathway is a step beyond the existing charter program and offers high-performing players the chance to further develop their skills and pursue representative opportunities.

Click [HERE](#) to read more and sign up for tryouts. You can view our full January and February calendar [HERE](#).

## **BV School Holiday Camps - January 2024**

BV School Holiday Camps are back this month! Thank you to everyone who has joined us so far for youth camps catered to players who want to further develop their baseball skills and participate in fun games/activities.

We have a couple more sessions coming up with spots still available, including:

- All-Girls Skills Camp: 22-23 January at Newport Baseball Club
- Junior Summer Hitting Homers Camp: 24 January at Melbourne Ballpark

Head to [TeamApp](#) for details and to register.

## **Belles Charter Registration Open for 2024 Little League Championships**

Thank you to all who attended the Belles Charter Little League Development trials for the State Championships team last month. Girls who will be aged 10-12 on 31 August 2024 are also invited to trial for the chance to represent the Belles at the first-ever Australian All-Girls Little League Championships.

The national tournament will take place from 13-17 May in Geelong. Trials for this team will be held on 22 and 29 January 2024.

Players may represent their local charter at State Championships and Belles at Nationals. Players from right across Victoria are welcomed, with training times and locations to be confirmed once the squads are selected.

Please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest.

## **2024 Little League State Championships Umpire Expressions of Interest**

We continue to accept expressions of interest for tournament umpires at the 2024 Little League State Championships.

Little League Major, Intermediate, Junior and Senior League will need proficient umpires, while Minor and Development League will need developing, community, or green shirt umpires.

Please click [HERE](#) to register your interest.

## **Club News: Winter Club Coaches Wanted**

Club coaching opportunities are open at Dandenong, Pakenham, and Ringwood Baseball Clubs for the 2024 season and beyond.

Learn more on [our website](#).

## Baseball Victoria and Salesian College Sports Academy Team Up in New Partnership

Baseball Victoria is pleased to partner with Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone, which plans to introduce a baseball program by Year 7, 2025, subject to student enrolment. We hope Salesian College will become a hub for secondary school students to pursue their academic and baseball goals in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

Learn more about [Salesian College Sports Academy](#) and click [HERE](#) to book a tour. Families interested in enrolling or who have already done so are encouraged to contact Sports Academy Coordinator Stephen Sellwood at [ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au](mailto:ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au) to ensure they also complete a Sports Academy application.



## SPORTS ACADEMY INFORMATION EVENING

If you're currently researching secondary school options for your son, come along to our **Sports Academy Information Evening** to learn more about our Sports Academy program, important enrolment guidelines and how your son can apply for our **2026 Sports Academy class**.

Date: Monday 25 March, 2024  
Time: 7pm to 8pm  
Location: 10 Bosco St Chadstone 3148  
Register: [www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/](http://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/)  
or via the QR Code



### Baseball Training on BV TV

Work on your baseball skills at home with [BV TV](#) videos, including [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#). Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for fun training clips and resources, too.

## Baseball Victoria War Service Honour Rolls

Baseball Victoria is committed to creating and maintaining an honour roll of baseball players who have served in war and peacekeeping missions since 1915. It is difficult to imagine a modern-day player's career being interrupted so dramatically, and we will be forever grateful for their service and sacrifices in our Australian armed services. Visit [our website](#) for more info.

## Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

In 2023, our Australian Red Cross Lifeblood team saved 195 lives with blood and plasma donations. You can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#) as we keep saving lives in 2024.

## The BV Team

**Chet Gray** – CEO

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