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Board Directors, Life Membership Confirmed at 2024 Baseball Victoria AGM

The 2024 Baseball Victoria AGM was held on Wednesday 7 February, with the election of three BV Board Directors and the awarding of BV Life Membership to a distinguished baseball volunteer.

Anna Ronald, Jessica Toop, and Geoff Boyes were elected as Directors of Baseball Victoria for a term of three years (2027).

“We are pleased to have Anna Ronald, Jessica Toop, and Geoff Boyes on the Baseball Victoria Board and look forward to working together to support baseball in Victoria,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “Also, thank you to outgoing director Joanna O’Connor who made numerous contributions to our organisation in her six years on the BV Board. We wish her all the best.”

The AGM also resulted in a new Baseball Victoria Life Member, with Leanne Gibbons awarded this honour following decades of dedicated volunteering to support the Geelong baseball community.

Congratulations Leanne! [Read more on our website.](#)

Chris Lane Field Opens at Essendon Baseball Club on Saturday

After 10 years, Essendon Baseball Club is excited to unveil the new Chris Lane Memorial Field at Boeing Reserve.

The official opening will be held this Saturday 17 February, with three teams competing in a round-robin event and plenty of family fun all night long.

Please note games start at 2pm and the official opening will get underway at 6pm with speeches and an appearance by Australian artist David Bromley with an incredible art display of Chris Lane.

Please join the EBC community for an awesome day of baseball honoring a beloved Victorian baseballer.

Team Australia vs. Hanwha Eagles at Melbourne Ballpark This Weekend

Team Australia takes on the Hanwha Eagles this weekend at Melbourne Ballpark. Game 1 is Saturday 17 February at 7pm and Game 2 is Sunday 18 February at 1pm.

[Get your tickets online](#) or head to [Baseball+](#) to watch live. Good luck to Victorians Darryl George, Dan McGrath, Jarryd Dale, and Jon Kennedy along with the rest of the Green and Gold!

2023/24 VSBL Season

We have just a few weeks to go before 2023/24 VSBL Finals, and we hope everyone is making the most of the summer season on and off the field.

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](#) so we can recognise more awesome baseball achievements.

Stay tuned as weekly winners are announced on the [VSBL Facebook page](#). Congratulations to our week 15 winners Riley Peoples, Daniel Williams, Ruby Dale, and Monica Reddy.

Thank you to BV Diamond Partner [Aces Sporting Club](#) for their support with the Women's Batter/Women's Pitcher awards, as well as [Ausport](#) for giving each winner a \$25 gift voucher.



Photo: [Blackburn Baseball Club](#) 60th Anniversary Celebrations – Vets Game

Team Australia Names 2024 U18 National Junior Squad to Play in USA

In case you missed it, Team Australia has announced its Under 18 National Junior Squad, with nine Victorians making the cut. Congratulations to Addison Bishop-Worn, Ty Daniels, Ben Howard, Will Kent, Jayden Kim, Jack Ratcliffe, Tane Graham, Robinson Smith, and Ryder Wilson.

The squad will head to the USA from September – October to play games in front of a big audience of scouts and college recruiters, with it being an off-year for the U18 World Cup. Read the full story [HERE](#).

Australian Little League Girls Tournament to Take Place in May 2024

Australia's junior female baseball players have a Little League Championship to call their own. From 8-12 May, at a location to be confirmed soon, teams from across the country will participate in the 2024 Australian Little League Girls Championship.

Last year, we sent an all-girls team called the Belles to compete in the Little League Division 2 Championships. The team was such a hit across the country, other states have decided to submit their own teams in 2024 to create this tournament.

Read more on baseball.com.au.

2024 Team Vic Registrations Closing Soon

Last call to register for Team Vic 18 Years and Under Baseball Team tryouts!

The School Sport Victoria Team Vic representative program provides a development platform for Victoria's emerging student-athletes to compete at the annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships.

Please view more information below and register now for this incredible opportunity to trial for the Team Vic Baseball team:

- [Team Vic Overview](#)
- [Team Vic Information Sheet 2024](#)
- [Team Vic Baseball](#)

Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

We enjoyed an action-packed start to the year with AYC's and BV Performance Pathway tryouts, and we look forward to training and tournaments coming up. View our February and March events calendar [HERE](#).

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.

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 for more info.

Club News: Change Our Game Community Activation Grants

The Office for Women in Sport and Recreation has opened applications for the [2023/24 Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program](#).

Grants of up to \$10,000 are on offer to deliver activities that increase participation, build capability (including professional development for women volunteering in community sport), and celebrate and elevate the role of women and girls in community sport and active recreation.

Applications close 5pm Monday 4 March. [Learn more and apply online](#).

Club News: Winter Club Coaches Wanted

Club coaching opportunities are open at Bacchus Marsh, Pakenham, and Research Lower Plenty Baseball Clubs for the 2024 season and beyond.

Visit our [club ads page](#) for more details.

Club News: 2023 Victorian Sport Awards

Every year, the Victorian Sport Awards honors those who have made an exceptional contribution to sport in Victoria as individual or team athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers, media and clubs. [Nominations are now open](#) and close at 11.59pm Friday 1 March. Please consider nominating fellow baseballers who deserve such recognition.

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

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

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



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/
or via the QR Code



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.

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.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Last year, 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

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