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## **Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships Set for April 2024**

The Australian Women's Championships (AWC) and Women's Youth Championships (AYWC) are right around the corner. From 2-8 April, Melbourne Ballpark will host teams from around the country for an amazing week of women's baseball.

We wish our Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams the best of luck as they continue training and preparing for the tournament. Click [HERE](#) for more details, including schedules and rosters.



## **2023 Victorian Sport Awards Nominations – CLOSING TONIGHT!**

Last call for Victorian Sport Awards! Every year, the Victorian Sport Awards honor those who have made an exceptional contribution to sport in Victoria as individual or team athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers, media and clubs.

[Nominations](#) close at 11.59pm Friday 1 March. Please consider nominating fellow baseballers who deserve such recognition.

## **Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club Celebrates 50 Years**

Congratulations to Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club on a successful 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with a big day of baseball at Deep Creek Reserve and festivities in the new clubrooms.

Take a look at [Dragons' Tales](#) – the official anniversary documentary to revisit five decades of Doncaster baseball.



## **2023/24 VSBL Season**

VSBL Finals are just around the corner! Best of luck to everyone as we wrap up the 2023/24 VSBL season in style.

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 Players of the Week are announced on the [VSBL Facebook page](#). Congratulations to our week 17 winners Adam Schoppe, Saya Turnley, Alessia Fabiani, and Kira Kuwamoto.

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.

## **Brookdale Reserve Activation Project Continues With Play Ball Pioneers – Term 1 Program Extended!**

Our Play Ball Pioneers program has been extended to the end of Term 1!

We are having a blast out at Brookdale Reserve with BV Development Officers leading players through an introduction to baseball focused on running, hitting, throwing, and catching skills. This is a great opportunity for kids to develop baseball skills and try modified matches.

Sessions run every Wednesday through 27 March with 5-8 year-olds from 4-5:30pm and 9-14 year-olds from 6-7:30pm. There is a \$10 fee per session, payable weekly onsite (no commitment required).

[Sign up online](#) or contact [development@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:development@baseballvictoria.com.au) for more info.

## Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events

We are enjoying an action-packed start to the year with BV Performance Pathway Futures and Women's/Youth Women's State Team training and look forward to upcoming tournaments. View our 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.

## 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. There will be a Salesian Sports Academy Information Evening on Monday 25 March to provide more information on this opportunity.

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



## 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.



## Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Closing Soon

[2023/24 Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program](#) applications close at 5pm Monday 4 March. 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.

[Learn more and apply online.](#)

## 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

Boost 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

**Chet Gray** – CEO

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