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2023/24 VSBL Season

We wrapped up the 2023/24 VSBL season in style with Waverley taking out the top title in Premier League Major after back-to-back wins over Blackburn. Geelong and Malvern went to a three-game series with the Baycats coming out on top to secure the Premier League Minor flag. St Kilda prevailed over Ormond Glenhuntly to win the State League Premiership.

Congratulations to all our VSBL Premiers and well done to the runner-up teams on their great work this season! Check out all the winners [HERE](#) and rewatch Premier League Grand Final Livestreams on [Facebook](#). Also, stay tuned as we continue announcing VSBL MVPs and Award Winners throughout the week.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for another awesome summer of baseball. Our beloved game wouldn't be possible without dedicated players, coaches, umpires, scorers, volunteers, groundskeepers and clubs. Best of luck to everyone taking part in winter ball and we look forward to seeing you again next summer!



Waverley Wildcats – VSBL Premier League Major (Sandra Lee Photography)

2024 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships

The countdown to #AWC2024 is on! We can't wait for the Australian Women's Championships (AWC) and Women's Youth Championships (AYWC) from 2-8 April at Melbourne Ballpark.

It will be a fantastic week of women's baseball with teams from across the country, including our Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams. Click [HERE](#) for more details, including schedules and rosters. You can also check out Field of View Sports Photography images of [VIC Women's](#) and [Youth Women's](#) representatives.

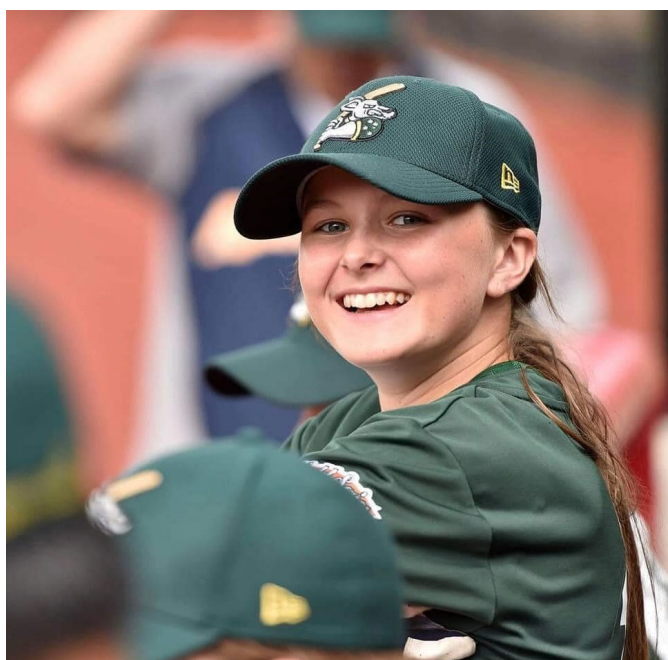
There will be fun for the whole family throughout the week, with special activities and events supported by [Melbourne Aces](#), such as a come and try day on 4 April and an Easter Egg Hunt on 6 April, both at 11am.

Let's go Victoria!



Genevieve Beacom Commits to College Baseball Program in the United States

Congratulations to Genevieve Beacom on her commitment to East Central College in the USA. We can't wait to see where her college ball journey takes her and wish her all the best as she continues chasing her baseball dreams. Read the full story [HERE](#).



[2024 Futures U12 & U14 Championships](#)

We held our second annual BV Performance Pathway Futures U12 & U14 Championships last weekend. The tournament was a smash hit, with 24 games across two days and plenty of improved and impressive performances. Thank you to Cheltenham Rustlers Baseball Club for all their support in hosting this event, and of course all the awesome young athletes and families who took part.

We can't wait to see how these players continue to develop their baseball skills and take their game to the next level.

View photos from the Futures Championships [HERE](#).



[Victoria Aces Eyeing Another Title at 2024 Australian Women's Baseball Showcase](#)

From 9-12 May in Lismore, Victoria Aces, Adelaide Giants, and Brisbane Bandits will play a four-day professional baseball tournament thanks to support from the NSW Government.

In an exciting development, the 2024 Australian Women's Baseball Showcase will run alongside the Australian Little League Girls Division Championships. Each day, there will be Little League games (13U) in the morning, followed by world-class women's baseball in the evening.

Read the full announcement [HERE](#).

[Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events](#)

We have another action-packed month of baseball coming up. View our events calendar [HERE](#) and [follow Field of View Sports Photography](#) for photos from our teams.

[BV School Holiday Camps: Regional Visits Over Easter Break](#)

BV School Holiday Camps are back for the Easter break, and this time, we are going regional! Our regional baseball camps will cater to 11-17-year-olds who want to further develop their baseball skills and participate in fun games/activities. We will be in [Traralgon from 4-5 April](#) and [Bendigo from 11-12 April](#). Learn more and [sign up via Team App today](#).

BV Coach Education: Upcoming Regional Sessions

In addition to our regional school holiday camps, we will also be hosting coach education sessions open to all coaches and anyone interested in getting accredited.

BV Player & Coaching Pathway Officer Keli'i Zablan will lead these sessions, which will cover coaching philosophies and include an open Q&A. No RSVP is required, simply show up and enjoy a collaborative session with fellow coaches who share the same love of the game.

- Traralgon – Wednesday 3 April at 7pm – Moe/Newborough Baseball Club, Burrage Reserve
- Bendigo – Wednesday 10 April at 6pm – Falcons/Scots Baseball Clubs, Albert Roy Reserve

Club News: Winter Registration

The winter baseball season is just around the corner! As a reminder, all players, coaches, volunteers and officials must be registered to participate and be eligible for insurance coverage. Click [HERE](#) for winter registration links.



Club News: Traralgon Redsox 60th Anniversary

Traralgon Redsox will celebrate 60 years of baseball on Saturday 20 April with the McLean Cup Game at 1pm, followed by an anniversary function at 6:30pm. The night is open to all current and past players and their families, as the Redsox look forward to sharing stories and reminiscing about great times at the club. Check out the [Facebook event page](#) for more details.

Club News: Sport Integrity Webinars – Child Safe Practices in Sport

Sport Integrity Australia is excited to launch the 2024 Sport Integrity Education Webinar Series. This webinar series will focus on key integrity areas to support members of sport across all levels including participants, administrators, coaches, volunteers, and parents.

Mark your calendar for an upcoming session on Thursday 11 April: Understanding Grooming in Sport. View more information and register online [HERE](#).

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.

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.

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