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International Women's Day 2024

This International Women's Day, we celebrate the incredible achievements of all the amazing women involved in baseball across Victoria.

Women make countless contributions to our great game as players, coaches, umpires, scorers, committee members, volunteers, and supporters.

From Belles All-Girls Little League to the All-Girls Winter Invitational, Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams, it's been an exciting year for women's baseball and we can't wait to see what comes next.

We are so proud of everything our women in baseball have accomplished and we look forward to a bright future as we continue to grow the game.



[2024 Team Vic Baseball Team Announced](#)

School Sport Victoria has released the roster for the 2024 Team Vic Baseball 18 Years and Under Team. Congratulations to all the students and officials selected, which you can view [HERE](#).

Team Vic will participate in the School Sport Australia 18 Years and Under Boys/Mixed National Championships from 28 April to 4 May in Narrabundah, ACT.

Stay tuned for more [SSV updates](#).



[2023/24 VSBL Season](#)

Best of luck to everyone playing in VSBL Semi-Finals this weekend!

Well done to all on a fantastic summer season and we look forward to watching the finals unfold. You can view all VSBL fixtures and results [HERE](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for updates.

Congratulations to our [VSBL Players of the Week](#) for Week 18: Ichige Takamune, Peter Baade, Jett Edwards, and Eriko Rickard.

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.

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.

Baseball Australia has made a media call out for those interested in helping with tournament coverage, including commentary, around the grounds, and operations. To learn more and express your interest, please email playbaseball@baseball.com.au.

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 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](#).

Club News: Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club Celebrates 50 Years

In case you missed it, Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club recently held its 50th anniversary celebration with a big day of baseball at Deep Creek Reserve. Take a look at [Dragons' Tales](#) – the official anniversary documentary to revisit five decades of Doncaster baseball.



Club News: Winter Club Coaches Wanted

Club coaching opportunities are available at Pakenham and Research Lower Plenty Baseball Clubs for the 2024 season and beyond. Come and try days for the winter season are also on the calendar. Visit our [club ads 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.

Upcoming sessions include:

Thursday 21 March: Transporting and Travelling with Children and Young People

Thursday 11 April: Understanding Grooming in Sport

View more information and register online [HERE](#).

Club News: Sporting Club Grants Round 2 Now Open

The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria. Apply for funding to help your grassroots club address barriers to participation, develop safe and sustainable practices, and build social and active local communities.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this SRV funding program. Applications close 20 March.

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 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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