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## 2024 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships

Our Victorian Women's State Team won gold at the 2024 Australian Women's Championship!

The national title was crowned on Monday night at Melbourne Ballpark. After careful consideration and heavy rain, the gold medal game was washed out and Victoria was named the winner, having finished with the best record at 7-0.

Lili Cavanagh won MVP, Allie Bebbere won the Golden Arm, and Abbey Kelly won the Golden Glove. Congratulations to our national champions - we couldn't be prouder!

Our Youth Women's State Team showed plenty of potential as well, winning two big games with an impressive comeback walk-off win over NSW.

Well done everyone – there is no doubt the future of Victorian women's baseball is very bright.

Catch up on the [latest recaps](#) and photos/videos on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).





*Victorian Women's State Team at the 2024 Australian Women's Championship. Credit: Baseball.com.au / Trent Schwarz*



*Victorian Youth Women's State Team at the 2024 Australian Youth Women's Championship. Credit: Baseball.com.au / Trent Schwarz*

### **2024 Little League State Championships**

Congratulations to Athletics (Little League Major and Intermediate League) and Twins (Little League Development) on winning the 2024 Little League State Championships!

Well done to all the awesome young baseballers who enjoyed a great weekend of baseball at Knox, and thank you to all the volunteers who made the tournament possible.

We are back with more State Champs action as [Junior League](#) and [Senior League](#) continue in Geelong over the weekend.

Best of luck to all players - we hope you have an awesome time on the field! Stay tuned to [BV Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates and check out images from Field of View Sports Photography [HERE](#).



*Athletics Little League Major*



*Athletics Intermediate League*



*Twins Little League Development*

### **2023/24 VSBL Season Award Winners**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 2023/24 VSBL season, and a special congratulations to our award winners on their outstanding performances. Click [HERE](#) to catch up on all the award winners from another awesome summer of baseball.

### **BV School Holiday Camp & Coach Education Regional Visits**

Thank you to everyone who attended our BV School Holiday Camp and Coach Education session this week in Bendigo. We had a great time with plenty of on-field fun for juniors and a productive workshop for coaches and those interested in getting accredited. We look forward to more regional visits in the future!

### **2023 Victorian School Sports Awards**

In case you missed it, School Sport Victoria has announced the winners of 2023 Victorian School Sports Awards, including Bodhi Evans (Outstanding Sporting Achievement) and Declan Speirs (Sporting Blue Award). Congratulations to these baseballers on their fantastic achievements on and off the field!

Learn more about the [SSV Awards](#).

## Club News: Winter Registration

Best of luck to everyone playing winter baseball! 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: Modernisation of Summer Baseball: Transition Working Group Recommendations

We appreciate the ongoing collaboration and support from our VSBL clubs as we look to improve and grow our game through the Modernisation of Summer Baseball Plan.

Now that the summer season is over, we invite all VSBL presidents and secretaries to a meeting on **Wednesday 1 May at 7pm at Essendon Baseball Club** to review recommendations from the Transition Working Group for the 2024/25 season.

Please RSVP to [ceo@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:ceo@baseballvictoria.com.au) by Monday 29 April and check your email for the full list of recommendations.

## Club News: Sport and Recreation Victoria Funding

Applications are open for several grant programs through Sport and Recreation Victoria, including:

- [Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program](#) - closing 15 April
- [Significant Sporting Events Program](#) – closing 30 April
- [Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program](#) – closing 31 May

For more info, please visit the [official SRV website](#).

## Club News: Traralgon Redsox 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## 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

Practice 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 more fun training clips and resources.

## 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

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Officer

**Allie Bebbere** – Operations & Competitions Officer

**Rachael Bouley** – Communications and Digital Media Officer

**Keli'i Zablan** – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

**Audrina Ning** – Financial Controller

**Michelle Coote** – Administration Officer

**David Nagy** – Performance Pathway Coordinator

**Brooke Penfold** – Technical Officer

**Tony McPherson** – Tournament Officer

**Daniel Chircop** – Pathways/MSA Coach

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