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2024 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships

We've had an amazing week of women's baseball at Melbourne Ballpark, and it's not over yet! Come on down to the ballpark to catch our women's baseball superstars in action, with the youth tournament running through Sunday and the Open Women's Medal Games on Monday.

The Victorian Women's State Team remains undefeated while the youth side pulled off a 7-6 walk-off win, coming back from 6-0 down on Friday morning.

Catch up on the [latest recaps](#) and follow along with the action on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). Check out [player profiles](#) and Field of View Sports Photography images of [Vic Women's](#) and [Youth Women's](#) representatives, too.



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

It's time for the 2024 Little League State Championships! Little League Major/Development/Minor and Intermediate League will continue this weekend at Knox, while Junior League and Senior League get underway in Geelong on 12 April.

Please view GameChanger links below for schedules and live scoring via the new app:

- [Little League Development](#)
- [Little League Major](#)
- [Intermediate League](#)
- [Junior League](#)
- [Senior League](#)

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.

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.

Genevieve Beacom Commits to College Baseball Program in the United States

In case you missed it, Genevieve Beacom has committed 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](#) and check out her [#AWC2024 commentary](#) alongside Amy McCann and Amy Cannington on Baseball+.

2024 Victorian Masters Baseball Tournament

Good luck to everyone taking part in the [2024 Victorian Masters Baseball Tournament](#) in Ballarat this weekend. We hope you all have a great time and enjoy hitting the field at Prince of Wales Park!

2024 Futures U12 & U14 Championships

We held our second annual BV Performance Pathway Futures U12 & U14 Championships last month, and it 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](#).



2023 Victorian School Sports Awards

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](#).

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 Coach Education Regional Visits

In addition to our [regional school holiday camps](#) in Traralgon and Bendigo, we are pleased to deliver coach education sessions open to all coaches and those interested in getting accredited. BV Player & Coaching Pathway Officer Keli'i Zablan is leading these sessions, which cover coaching philosophies and include an open Q&A.

Thank you to those who joined us in Latrobe Valley and we look forward to next week's session in Bendigo on Thursday 11 April at 6pm at Albert Roy Reserve, home of Falcons/Scots Baseball Clubs. No RSVP is required, simply show up and enjoy a collaborative session with fellow coaches who share the same love of the game.

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: 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 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

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.

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