

## INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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### Victoria Aces Win Silver at 2024 Australian Women's Baseball Showcase

Victoria Aces finished in second place at the 2024 Australian Women's Baseball Showcase after an action-packed week in Lismore, NSW.

The tournament ran alongside the [world's first national Little League Girls Championship](#) and was filled with World Cup players and AWC representatives.

Aces were 3-1 going into Sunday's gold medal game, where they faced Brisbane Bandits and eventually fell just short with a final score of 4-2. We are so proud of their efforts and know the future is very bright for these outstanding athletes.

Congratulations to all players and staff on an awesome tournament showcasing the best of the best in Australian women's baseball.

Catch up on all the action [HERE](#).



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## **Belles Bring Home Little League Girls Silver Medal After Historic Tournament**

After an amazing week at the world's first Little League Girls National Championship in Lismore, Victoria Belles are happily coming home with a silver medal.

Belles made it all the way to the gold medal game after going 4-1 in pool play. They played NSW Blue for the championship title, and although it wasn't their day on the scoreboard, their infectious spirit and determination never wavered.

The Belles took a leap in 2023 by entering an all-girls team into the Little League Division 2 National Championships. They helped inspire all states to come together and submit a team to the world's first all-girls national title.

After dropping their first game of the tournament, the Belles won four in a row and came from behind in two of the games. They also got to meet incredible role models on the Victoria Aces, Brisbane Bandits, and Adelaide Giants teams competing in the 2024 Australian Women's Baseball Showcase.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full story and catch up on an amazing week of women's baseball on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).



## **Athletics and Rangers Represent at 2024 Australian Senior League Championship**

It's been a huge week at Geelong Baseball Centre with the 2024 Australian Senior League Championship featuring 30 games across ten charter teams.

Athletics and Rangers represented Victoria with pride and never gave up even when the score didn't go their way.

Check out the [event hub](#) for results and recaps including some standout Victorian performances and head to [Field of View Sports Photography](#) for snapshots from the tournament.

## **2024 All-Girls Winter Invitational Expressions of Interest**

Baseball Victoria is seeking expressions of interest for All-Girls Winter Invitational players and coaches. The tournament is for players aged 12-16 and will run from 29-30 June in Bendigo alongside the U14 State Winter Championships. Please click the following links to submit your interest: [All-Girls Invitational - Players](#) and [All-Girls Invitational - Coaching](#).

## **BV Coaching Staff Expressions of Interest for 2025 AYC**

Baseball Victoria will once again enter teams to participate in the Australian U16 and U18 National Championships to be held in January 2025 at Blacktown International Sportspark, NSW.

"Our teams have a very rich and successful history competing at the National Championship level and we are seeking coaches who want to lead our teams to future success," BV CEO Chet Gray said.

Expressions of interest are now open for manager (head coach), assistant coach, pitching coach, and executive officer roles for the U16 and U18 Victorian State Teams.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and submit your interest by Friday 31 May.

## **BV Coaching Staff Expressions of Interest for 2024 Barclay Cup**

Baseball Victoria will be sending two teams of youth girls (aged 13-16) to the third annual Barclay Cup from 29 September to 5 October 2024. The event will be held at Blacktown International Sportspark in Sydney.

We are now accepting expressions of interest for manager (head coach), assistant coach, pitching coach, and executive officer roles.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and submit your interest. Applications close Friday 7 June.



## **2024 Performance Pathway Prospects & Select**

Performance Pathway Prospects and Select training got underway this week at both Melbourne Ballpark and our new Eastern Training Centre at Dandenong/Mulgrave Baseball Club. We are excited to help these athletes further develop their skills and take their game to the next level. Stay tuned for more updates throughout the next few months of training.



## **Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events**

Our big month of baseball continues with Little League Nationals, Prospect/Select training, Community Umpiring training, and more. View our events calendar [HERE](#) and [follow Field of View Sports Photography](#) for photos from our teams.

## **Expressions of Interest Open for Baseball Victoria Finance Director**

Baseball Victoria is seeking expressions of interest for a Finance Director to serve on the BV Board, with [applications now open via Sportspeople](#).

This is a voluntary leadership position to help grow an evolving state sporting organisation. The Finance Director is responsible for ensuring that directors and members have appropriate oversight of Baseball Victoria's financial operations. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply - applications close 31 May 2024.

## **Club News: Save The Date: 2024 Baseball Victoria AGM**

We are pleased to provide a Save The Date for the 2024 AGM, which will be held on Wednesday 30 October from 7-9pm. Location TBD. AGM documentation and requirements will be provided closer to the date. Thank you and looking forward to another great year of baseball!

## **Club News: Game Plan Session at Marvel Stadium**

Baseball Victoria is pleased to be participating in The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Game Plan, and we encourage all our clubs to do the same. There will be an upcoming event providing an overview of Game Plan and how to use it on **Thursday 30 May from 9:00am to 11:30am at Marvel Stadium (Danvers Room)**.

**Game Plan** is a free online platform that allows sporting clubs of all sizes to get insights into their current capability in key areas of club administration, then supports ongoing club development with a suite of tools.

**Clubs** assess and evaluate their own environment, identifying their unique strengths and potential areas for improvement.

**Volunteers** are the heart of every club. Game Plan makes it easy for club leaders to assess and analyse information about holistic club operations, to make good immediate decisions whilst developing clear plans for the club's future.

**Over 3,000 Australian sporting clubs** across 78 different sports are gaining key development and capability growth through their use of Game Plan.

Visit the ASC website to learn more: <https://www.sportaus.gov.au/club-development> and submit the [online registration form](#) for up to two attendees per organisation.

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## **Club News: Sport and Recreation Victoria Funding**

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

- [Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program](#) – closing 31 May
- [Significant Sporting Events Program](#) – closing 30 June

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

## **Club News: 2024 Children's Week Grants Program**

Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. Children's Week 2024 will be held from Saturday 19 October to Sunday 27 October.

Sporting clubs are encouraged to apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 to contribute to the cost of hosting a Children's Week activity that celebrates the theme "Children have the right to a clean and safe environment". Click [HERE](#) to learn more – applications close 16 June.

### **Club News: WWCC and Child Protection/Sports Integrity**

If you have children at your club, whether it be for junior competitions or family events, please keep in mind the updated [Working with Children Check](#) and Child Protection/Sports Integrity guidelines.

All club volunteers, including committee members, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, and canteen staff, must have a valid WWCC with a list regularly maintained by the club. We ask that all club committee members also complete the [11 Child Safe Sport Modules](#).

### **Club News: eSafety Webinars Online Safety for Sporting Clubs**

eSafety is hosting free webinars for community sport clubs to provide tips and guidance on identifying the risks of online harm and how to deal with it, as well as tips for creating a safe online environment for your club and how to prepare for common online issues. Webinars will be held on Wednesday 29 May at 1pm and Wednesday 5 June at 7pm. Click [HERE](#) to register.

### **Club News: Coaching Opportunities**

Expressions of interest are open for club coaching opportunities at Essendon (women's head coach) and Doncaster (men's club coach) for the 2024/25 VSBL season and beyond. See our [club ads page](#) for more details.

### **Club News: Updated Certificates of Currency**

All clubs/members can now download updated certificates of currency [HERE](#). 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.

### **Baseball Victoria Hoodies for Sale**

We have a selection of Baseball Victoria branded hoodies in stock with grey and navy colours available in adult sizes. Hoodies are \$55 each including shipping. Email [administration@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:administration@baseballvictoria.com.au) or call the BV Office on (03) 9645 8000 if you would like to place an order.

### **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

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