

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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[Victoria Aces Eye Back-to-Back Titles at Australian Women's Baseball Showcase](#)

The [Victoria Aces roster](#) has been revealed ahead of the 2024 Australian Women's Baseball Showcase, which will run from 9-12 May in Lismore, NSW.

Victoria Aces, Adelaide Giants, and Brisbane Bandits will play a four-day professional baseball tournament thanks to support from the NSW Government, with the showcase running alongside the first-ever 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.

Baseball Victoria acknowledges the support of Melbourne Aces through a joint venture to promote and manage the Victoria Aces.

"After the success of our Victorian Women's State Team at the 2024 Australian Women's Championship in April, we are so excited to see many of our top women's baseballers get another opportunity to represent on a major stage," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "We wish Victoria Aces the best of luck as they head to the Women's Showcase and continue chasing their baseball dreams."

Visit the [Australian Women's Showcase hub](#) for more details and check out the full Victoria Aces roster [HERE](#). Stay tuned to [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for more updates.



Victoria Aces and Belles at Melbourne Ballpark

World's First Little League Girls Division National Championships Kicks Off Next Week

The 2024 Australian Little League Girls Division Championships will take place in Lismore from 8-12 May, and the Belles are ready to represent Victoria!

This will be the first time a country hosts national championships for a girls-only division in Little League.

Read more and check out the full schedule on baseball.com.au.

Plus, check out the Belles Baseball Story video by Michael Serpell [HERE](#) or watch below.



Female Participation Growth Focus Groups

To grow our game, female coaches and umpires are essential. The state government has recognised this importance and has funded a project where one component is to gain insights to assist in developing our Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan targeted to female coaches and umpires.

We are seeking expressions of interest from women who are currently baseball coaches and/or umpires, as well as 15-18-year-old females interested in potentially becoming a coach or umpire. Please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest in joining these focus group sessions, which will be led by a third-party partner from Victoria University.

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.

Team Vic Baseball Represents at School Sport Australia Baseball Championships

The SSV Team Vic Baseball Team has spent the week in Canberra playing in the 2024 School Sport Australia Baseball Championships. The tournament runs through Saturday and we hope everyone keeps having fun and making amazing memories on the field.

Congratulations to Taryn Richardson who is not only the first female baseball coach appointed by School Sport Victoria, but also the first female coach for the SSA Baseball Championships. Daniel Chircop is assistant coach and Lachlan Condie is team manager.

Check out fixtures and results [HERE](#).



Team Vic cap presentation at Melbourne Ballpark

Club News: Modernisation of Summer Baseball: Transition Working Group Recommendations

Thank you to everyone who attended our Modernisation of Summer Baseball meeting on Wednesday night to review recommendations from the Transition Working Group for the 2024/25 season.

We had 24 VSBL clubs represented by presidents, secretaries, and committee members, which was great to see as we split into small groups to test out the VSBL Club Hub Program and discuss updates to the Modernisation Plan. We would also like to thank Essendon Baseball Club for hosting and providing a fantastic spread of food and drink. We appreciate the club's warm welcome and assistance in delivering a productive and collaborative session.

We look forward to reviewing club feedback and providing an update from the Transition Working Group later this month.

Club News: Baseball Australia Unveils New Education App

Baseball Australia encourages all coaches to download the new BA Education App, available through Apple and Google Stores, as well as online. The app is designed to provide current and aspiring coaches with a free resource for online courses, certification information/links, guidelines, and upskilling opportunities.

Read the full story [HERE](#) or head to coaching.baseballaustralia.com.au to get started.

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: Women's Head Coaching Opportunity

Essendon Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for the position of Women's Head Coach for the 2024/25 VSBL season and beyond.

Visit our [club ads page](#) for more details.

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: Behind The Mask Community Umpiring Training

The BV Umpiring Working Group will hold Behind The Mask Community Umpiring Training at Brookdale Reserve, Point Cook this month. There will be two sessions: classroom theory on Tuesday 14 May and fieldwork on Tuesday 21 May, both from 6-8pm.

Please click [HERE](#) to register and learn more about BV Behind The Mask [HERE](#).

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.

Level 1 Baseball Scoring Clinics and Accreditation

Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. (VBS) has Level 1 Scorers Sessions coming up. Check out all the details and register your interest [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.

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 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 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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