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[Aces Sporting Club Senior State Winter Championships Coming to Geelong This Weekend](#)

Baseball Victoria is excited to continue the tradition of State Winter Championships, with the annual tournaments kicking off at Geelong Baseball Centre this weekend.

The Aces Sporting Club Senior State Winter Championships will run over the long weekend from 8-10 June, hosted by Geelong Baseball Association, Guild All-Stars Baseball Club, and East Belmont Saints Baseball Club. Geelong, Dandenong, and Bendigo join MWBL City, Diamond Valley, and Ringwood in the Senior SWC while the [Women's SWC](#) will feature two teams from Geelong and Melbourne plus Bendigo and Dandenong.

"We can't wait to welcome hundreds of baseballers and supporters to Geelong for a fantastic weekend of competition and camaraderie," BV Tournament Officer Tony McPherson said. "We wish everyone the best of luck as they hit the diamond and showcase some of the top talent in winter baseball across Victoria."

GBA is excited to continue hosting the senior carnival and bring back the women's tournament after a successful inaugural run last year.

"Thank you to Baseball Victoria and City of Greater Geelong for the opportunity to host the State Winter Championships once more," President Stuart McGovern said. "We greatly appreciate the support of volunteers at Guild and East Belmont Saints who make it possible, and we look forward to an awesome weekend of baseball."

Stay tuned to [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) or follow on GameChanger: [Senior SWC](#) & [Women's SWC](#).



2024 Australian Little League Championships

Despite some rain delays at the 2024 Australian Little League Championships, our teams are making the most of their time at nationals!

Stay tuned to baseball.com.au for the latest tournament updates across the weekend and all the best to Athletics and Mariners in [Division 1](#) and Rangers and Twins in [Division 2](#).



Rangers Little League Division 2. Photo: Nick Bottaro / Baseball.com.au

BV Coaching Staff Expressions of Interest for 2025 AWC & AYWC

Baseball Victoria will once again be entering teams to participate in the 2025 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships at Melbourne Ballpark in April of next year. Expressions of interest are now open for manager (head coach), assistant coach, pitching coach, and executive officer positions.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and submit your interest for this great opportunity to lead our state representatives to success on the national stage.

BV Winter School Holiday Camps – Registration Now Open!

BV School Holiday Camps are just around the corner! Check out our Hitting Homers, Catchers, and Hitting/Defence Camps at the start of July, plus limited private lessons with Coach Zee.

Get more info and register via [TeamApp](#) today – spots are selling fast!

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](#).

Have Your Say: 2024 Little League State Championships Survey

Parents, players, officials, and umpires who took part in the 2024 Little League State Championships are encouraged to provide feedback through the [Baseball Victoria Little League State Championship Survey](#). Thank you in advance for your feedback on our annual junior tournaments!

Have Your Say: 2023/24 VSBL Member Survey

Here's a friendly reminder to complete our [2023/24 VSBL Season Member Survey](#). If you played, coached, volunteered, or umpired last season, please complete the survey to help us plan for next season and continue improving our grassroots baseball competition. Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.

BV Performance Pathway Eastern Training Centre

The new BV Performance Pathway Eastern Training Centre is up and running at Dandenong (Winter) and Mulgrave (Summer) Baseball Clubs. We held our first training session at Robert Booth Reserve (Clow Street, Dandenong) on Wednesday 15 May and will continue to hold Wednesday night sessions for our Prospects and Select programs running from May to September.

“We started investigating various club venues as possible training options for our Performance Pathway programs about 18 months ago. We completed a review on current club facilities and found Dandenong/Mulgrave to be the best option for training programs in the eastern suburbs,” BV CEO Chet Gray said.

“Earlier this year, we met with both club presidents as well as representatives from the Greater Dandenong Council. We are excited to get this new training centre underway and we look forward to hosting various Performance Pathway programs over the next year.”

Baseball Victoria has invested just over \$12,000 on various equipment for the centre. This includes the purchase of a batting turtle from Softball ACT, previously used in the build-up and during the 2000 Sydney Games, plus ground covers and lock-up toolboxes, etc.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to use the new Eastern Training Centre and assist both clubs and the Greater Dandenong Council with venue facility upgrades, such as batting tunnels and bullpens. We are also exploring other possible training centre options in the northern area.



[Baseball Victoria Calendar of Programs & Events](#)

There's plenty of baseball coming up in June and July, including the Prospects/Select and State Winter Championships. View our events calendar [HERE](#) and [follow Field of View Sports Photography](#) for photos.

[Tribunal Member Applications Open for 2024/25 VSBL Season](#)

Baseball Victoria is looking for volunteers to serve on the VSBL Tribunal Panel for the 2024/25 VSBL season. The match review officer and tribunal members play a valuable role in ensuring a successful summer season and a fair and safe experience for all participants.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and submit your interest.

[Club News: The End of a Chapter in the History of Essendon Baseball Club](#)

Essendon Baseball Club has provided the following update following their AGM:

At the annual general meeting of Essendon Baseball Club held last week, Tony Cornish stood down as president of the club after 16 years. EBC members took the opportunity to thank Tony for his extraordinary term as president.

During his tenure, Tony oversaw some amazing improvements to Boeing Reserve and the club as a whole, including upgraded clubrooms, scorer's box, bleachers, and a state-of-the-art indoor training facility with batting tunnels and a fully fitted gymnasium.

Tony was also instrumental in securing a custom utility vehicle to make it easier for volunteers to set up grounds, as well as a synthetic infield on Diamond 1, one of the first in VSBL. He also worked closely with the local council to secure the construction of Chris Lane Memorial Field, the first purpose-built Little League field in Australia and soon the lights on diamond one will be switched on.

Tony has been instrumental in so many other ways as well, including some truly great coaching appointments that have assisted in growing all sectors of the club's playing membership to record levels. Through collaboration with council, businesses, and the local community, Tony positioned the club as a valued contributor to the City of Moonee Valley.

Read the full message from the club [HERE](#). Congratulations to Tony on a job well done and all the best for the future.

[Club News: 2024 Healthy Sports Clubs Connection Event](#)

You're invited to an **online event on Thursday 27 June 11:00am-12:00pm** to hear about the [Healthy Sports Clubs initiative](#) and how it can support you to engage with clubs around health and wellbeing.

You will leave this session with an understanding of what Healthy Sports Clubs is and how it can support your organisation's goals. You will also have the opportunity to connect and network with Community Health Services and Councils in your catchments.

[Healthy Sports Clubs](#) is a **free** initiative delivered by qualified Health Promoters and backed by local Councils. It provides community sports clubs with one-on-one, tailored support to make health and wellbeing changes across nine different health areas.

Plus, the initiative is aligned with other health and wellbeing frameworks and policies, such as the Fair Access Policy principles and Good Sports.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register for the session.

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: Melbourne Baseball Club Coaching Opportunity

Heading into the 2024/25 summer season, MCC Baseball is excited about the opportunity for a club coach to lead the senior (men's) program. With a young list and an exciting junior program complimenting the seniors, the club is looking for a passionate leader who can nurture, develop, and teach competitiveness to a willing group across six senior teams.

Visit the [BV Club Ads page](#) or [MCC Baseball Facebook](#) for more details. Applications close 9 June. Please contact Chairman Murray Noble via chairman@mccbbaseball.org.au to submit your interest.

Club News: Waverley Women's Head Coaching Opportunity

Waverley Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for a motivated, self-driven, enthusiastic person to oversee, grow, and develop the club's women's program for the 2024/25 VSBL season.

Expressions of interest are due by 10 June. Please visit our [club ads page](#) for more details and email EOIs to Adrian Dunn at ad58wbc@gmail.com.

Club News: Doncaster Men's Club Coaching Opportunity

Doncaster Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for the role of men's club coach for the 2024/25 summer season and beyond. The Dragons are seeking an effective communicator who is passionate about player development and helping foster a positive culture across all levels of the club.

For more information about the position or the program, please contact President Duffy Dowling on 0419 263 581 or via doncasterbaseballpresident@gmail.com.

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 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.

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.

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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