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Geelong and North Eastern Win Under 12 State Winter Championships

The 2024 Under 16 State Winter Championships were hosted by Latrobe Valley Baseball Association at Morwell Cougars and Traralgon Red Sox Baseball Clubs.

The 2024 Under 12 State Winter Champions were crowned on Sunday, with Geelong winning the Division 1 grand final and North Eastern staying undefeated to win Division 2.

Thank you to Werribee Giants Baseball Club for hosting a great weekend and well done to all players and teams on their efforts throughout the tournament.

MVP honours went to David Rowe (City West), Levi DeCarlo (Dandenong), Dylan Azrien (Diamond Valley), Henry Tapley (Geelong), and Archie Griffiths (Ringwood) in Division 1 and Chad Stratham (Bendigo), Harry Powell (Diamond Valley), Hunter Duncan (Latrobe Valley), and Harlon Gambier (North East) in Division 2.

Check out Field of View Sports Photography images [HERE](#) and read GameChanger recaps [HERE](#).



2024 Barclay Cup Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2024 Barclay Cup/Youth Women's Prospects Development program are now underway. We held a coaches meeting before the start of tryouts to prepare for the newly revamped Prospects program, now specifically aimed at youth women aged 13 to 16.

Previously, the BV Youth Women's Prospects program catered to players aged 16-21. With this revamp, it will exclusively be available for female players selected to participate in the Barclay Cup teams, forming the core of their training in preparation for the tournament.

The program will run over eight weeks under the leadership of Samantha Hamilton, Victorian Women's Head Coach and Australian Women's Assistant Coach. This goes beyond the existing club programs, offering participants the chance to further develop their core skills.

Stay tuned for updates in the coming weeks!



2024 Barclay Cup/Youth Women's Prospects Development Coaches Meeting

Victorians Represent at 2024 Perfect Game 14U Wood Bat Tournament in USA

Two Australian teams competed at the 2024 Perfect Game World Wood Bat Association Championships in Hoover, Alabama.

The Mighty Termites team, made up of players from Victoria and South Australia, joined the Angry Sharks of QLD, NSW, and WA in competing against some of the best 14U players in the USA. They played at America's oldest ballpark, the historic Rickwood Field, and even made the [local news](#)!

Well done to Victorian representatives: Harrison Brodie, Euan Clarkin, William Ferguson, Parks Halasz, Thomas Hill, Chase Potts, Ned Richards, Sam Stafilis, Brody Stokes, Jack Thomas, and Ben Laux (coach).

Check out the [tournament hub](#) for recaps or head to [Instagram](#) for highlights.

Aussies Abroad: 10 Victorians Playing Pro Ball in USA

There are 32 Aussies under pro contracts in the North American system, including 10 Victorians.

Click [HERE](#) to read the latest updates on Jarryd Dale, Darcy Longstaff, Nikau Pouaka-Grego, Blake Townsend, Jarrod Belbin, Declan Speirs, Jayden Kim, Liam Spence, Billy Parsons, and Lewis Thorpe.

Registration Now Open for 2024 BV Umpire Seminar

The 2024 BV Umpire Seminar is set for 21-22 September at Knox Baseball Club. If you're interested in becoming an umpire and completing our Community Umpire Course, or you wish to brush up on your skills behind the plate, we would love to see you there. Please click [HERE](#) to register.



2024 BV Umpire Seminar

Presented By
BASEBALL VICTORIA
UMPIRE WORKING GROUP

Guest Presenters
BRETT ROBSON (ABL)
PAUL LATTA (ABL)
TOM WEST (ABL)

Seminar Schedule
Arrival and Registration - 9am

 **COMMUNITY UMPIRE COURSE**
FOR THE BEGINNER/DEVELOPING UMPIRE
Saturday 9.30am - 3.15pm

 **ASSOCIATION AND STATE UMPIRE**
Saturday 9.30am - 3.30pm
Sunday 9.30am - 1.30pm
BBQ to follow Sunday 1.30pm

Dates:
21st & 22nd September

Location:
Knox Baseball Club

Cost:
\$15.00 each day

Includes:
ABL Umpire lead session
Theory Sessions
Practical Sessions
Tea, Coffee and Lunch

To Register
[CLICK HERE](#)

Start Your Umpiring Path
Saturday 21st September

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2024-25 Change Our Game Professional Development Scholarships Program

The Office for Women in Sport and Recreation is excited to share that the 2024-25 Change Our Game Professional Development Scholarships Program is now open for applications.

Designed to place women in the best position to obtain and thrive in leadership roles, the program supports women to access professional development opportunities to strengthen specialist skills necessary to their roles in the sport and active recreation sector.

The Community Leaders Stream is for women volunteering or working within community sport and active recreation clubs or organisations to develop as community leaders.

Applications close at 5pm AEST on Monday 26 August. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about all six streams on offer and the program guidelines.

Club News: Ormond Glenhuntly Assistant Coaching Opportunity

Ormond Glenhuntly Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for a playing coach to assist alongside head coach Geoff MacDonald in the 2024/25 summer season. Coming off a grand final loss in State League last season, the club is putting the appropriate resources in to go one better next year.

Their ideal playing coach has an emphasis on development, an effective training program, and strong leadership skills on game day.

Please email sam@jimsbuildinginspections.com.au to learn more.

Club News: Point Cook Baseball & Softball Club Summer Season

Baseball Victoria is pleased to confirm Point Cook Baseball & Softball Club has been approved as a summer club and will participate in the 2024/25 VSBL season. The club's first baseball team took to the field in April and has enjoyed a successful inaugural winter season. The club is based at Brookdale Road Reserve and you can learn more/follow along with their journey on [Facebook](#).



Point Cook inaugural baseball team – winter 2024

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](#).

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 and Salesian College Sports Academy Team Up

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.

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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