

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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Under-23 World Cup Wraps Up in China

Team Australia wrapped up their 2024 Under-23 World Cup campaign with a 9-2 win over South Africa. Victorians Conor Myles, Ben Fierenzi, Zak Skinner, Chris Burke, and Damian Shanahan (assistant coach) were all part of the team, which came away with a 4-4 record vs eight different countries. They finished ninth in the World Cup to pick up a projected 207 World Ranking Points.

Well done to our Victorians and all the awesome Aussies who represented with pride and gave it their all in every game!

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



[Under 16 National Squad Makes the Most of USA Trip](#)

Nine Victorians had the trip of a lifetime with the Under 16 National Squad, which wrapped up a 10-day trip to the USA this week. Jake Bertucci, Windsor Breckenridge, Cooper Busch, Roman Coote, Jordan Ellis, Brandon Elton, Mitchell Langworthy, Riley Peoples, and Liam Puncher were joined by coaches Scott Meager, Donavon Hendricks, and EO Val Langworthy.

The squad played five games vs the USA 15U National Squad and four games in the Perfect Game World Series, plus tours and training sessions at major US schools. From workouts and combines to big games against some of the best in America, this was an incredible learning experience for Australia's top junior talent.

Read more about the tournament [HERE](#) and check out highlights on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



Photo: Mike Bahr

[10 Victorians Named to Under 18 National Squad](#)

Australia's U18 National Squad is off to the United States in October to compete in a prestigious baseball tournament in front of professional scouts and college recruiters. Congratulations to all Victorians named in the squad: Nathan Rumbelow, Aimon Dowling, Addison Bishop-Worn, Will Kent, Andrew Land, Tane Graham, Ryder Wilson, Ty Daniels, Ben Howard, and Jack Ratcliffe.

In addition to our U18 National Squad players, Keli'i Zablan, Daniel Chircop, and Damian Shanahan will serve on the coaching staff.

Read more about the upcoming trip [HERE](#).

[Victorians to Represent at 2024 Baseball5 World Cup in Hong Kong](#)

Australia has named its eight-player team for the Baseball5 World Cup in Hong Kong from 7-12 October, with Victorians Jamie Bastian, Allie Bebbere, Ebony Sutherland, and Amelia Wright on the roster.

Victoria joined New South Wales and Queensland in hosting trials for Australia's first senior team, following the squad who competed in the Youth World Cup in 2023.

Baseball5 [is the five-on-five street version of baseball](#), and you can head to the [WBSC event hub](#) for more tournament info.

For more details on Team Australia, check out the [full roster announcement](#).

Congrats to all and good luck!

2024/25 VSBL Registration Now Open

We are just a couple of weeks away from the start of the 2024/25 VSBL season, and we can't wait for another awesome summer of baseball! Players, coaches and volunteers can register through club links available [HERE](#). Umpires can register [HERE](#).

All players must be registered before starting pre-season training for insurance coverage.

To make the registration process easier, please check that you:

- use the same name and email address as previous registrations
- use the links on our website to ensure you register for VSBL (this is especially important for clubs that run over summer and winter - they have separate links)

Stay tuned for updates coming soon and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest news.



Photo: [Newport Rams Baseball Club](#)

Nominations Now Open for Baseball Victoria Winter Committee

Nominations are now open for the Baseball Victoria Winter Committee (BVWC), a sub-committee of BV reporting to the CEO through the Tournament Officer.

The BV Winter Committee will provide feedback and recommendations on updated formats, playing conditions and structures of the Victorian State Winter Championships, including

- Junior Winter Championships
- Senior and Women's Winter Championships
- Girls Invitational Tournament

Please view the [BV Winter Committee Terms of Reference](#) for more details on the responsibilities and expectations.

If you have a baseball club/leadership background and are interested in serving on the committee, please click [HERE](#) to submit your interest. Nominations close Wednesday 25 September 2024.

Latrobe Valley Baseball Association Finals

Winter baseball has wrapped up in Latrobe Valley, and we wish to congratulate the following Premiers and everyone involved in a great season!

- Under 13 - Traralgon Redsox
- Under 16 - Churchill Braves
- C Grade - Moe/ Newborough Dodgers
- B Grade - Traralgon Redsox
- A Grade - Traralgon Redsox

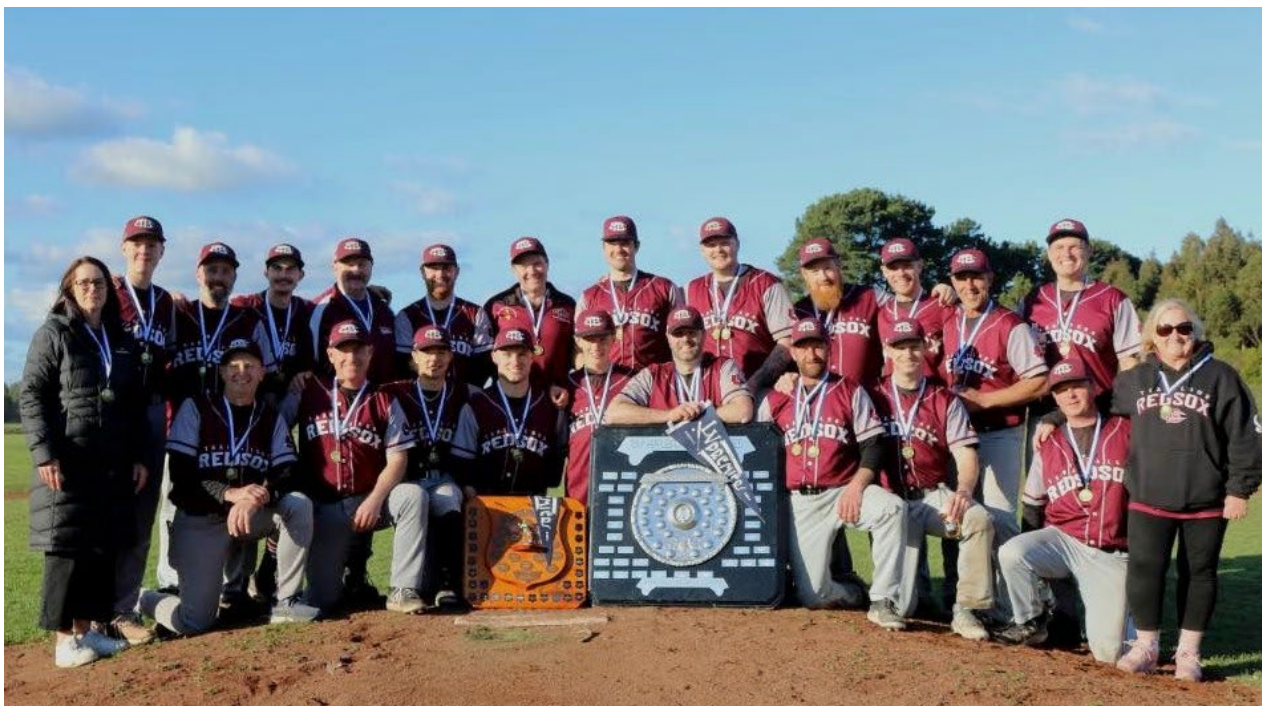


Photo: A & B Grade Premiers - [Traralgon Redsox](#)

BV Pipeline School Holiday Schedule

The BV Pipeline includes programs for players of all levels to foster fun, development and performance. 2 Ball, School Holiday Camps, and Performance Pathway programs are all part of the BV Pipeline.

Our goals:

- **Ignite** passion and love of baseball
- **Develop** skills that scale
- Prepare players to **perform** in competition
- **Share knowledge and support** the Victorian coaching community

Check out what they've been up to [HERE](#) and view [information and bookings](#) for Pipeline September School Holiday Events to secure your spot in 2Ball & Spring Training Camps. View our [events calendar](#) for all our upcoming sessions.

Last Chance - 2024 BV Umpire Seminar This Weekend!

We are looking forward to a great weekend with the 2024 BV Umpire Seminar from 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.

You can still register [HERE](#).



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

BEHIND THE MASK



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

**Start Your Umpiring Path
Saturday 21st September**

✉ technical@baseballvictoria.com.au

Club News: Free Community Level Umpiring Course at Blackburn

The BV Umpiring Working Group will be running a free Community Level Umpiring Course at Blackburn Baseball Club on Wednesday 9 October. This course teaches the basics of umpiring and managing a game, including rules that will help you better learn the game even as a player.

Anyone who wishes to progress their umpiring and gain the ability to be paid can then complete a second session scheduled for later in the year. This course is perfect for juniors looking to make a bit of money, or for parents to help out their kids' teams and clubs with an umpire. This is open to all clubs and we encourage anyone interested to come along for the session. Click [HERE](#) to register.



COMMUNITY LEVEL UMPIRES COURSE

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

AT BILLABONG PARK

5:30PM - 7:30PM

PRESENTED BY:
Baseball Victoria Umpire Working Group

REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE BELOW:



OPEN TO MEMBERS FROM ALL CLUBS

COME ALONG AND LEARN THE BASICS OF UMPIRING. THOSE THAT COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE CAN EARN MONEY TO UMPIRE GAMES

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: Monash Uni Women's Coach EOI

Monash University Baseball Club is seeking a coach to help relaunch its women's baseball program for the 2025 Melbourne Winter Baseball League season. The club is looking for a dedicated and passionate individual to assist with the recruitment, training, and management of the program. Click [HERE](#) for more details on this opportunity.

Club News: Baseball Training Resources on BV TV

Get inspired for summer training with [BV TV](#) videos, including [Ramp Up to Play](#) 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

We are proud to be part of the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood program, helping to save lives with blood and plasma donations. You can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

The BV Team

Chet Gray – CEO

Damian Shanahan – High Performance Officer

Allie Bebbere – Operations & Competitions Officer

Rachael Bouley – Communications and Digital Media Officer

Keli'i Zablan – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

Audrina Ning – Financial Controller

Michelle Coote – Administration Officer

David Nagy – Performance Pathway Coordinator

Brooke Penfold – Technical Officer

Tony McPherson – Tournament Officer

Daniel Chircop – Pathways/MSA Coach

Samantha Hamilton – Performance Pathway Coach

Ethan Epifanio – Development Officer

