

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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## [2024/25 VSBL Season Gets Underway](#)

We had a bit of a rainy start to the Victorian Summer Baseball League, but luckily, we have sunny skies ahead for a great weekend of seniors, women's, and juniors.

If you haven't done so already, you can register as a player, coach, or volunteer [HERE](#). Umpires can register [HERE](#). All players must be registered before taking part in training or games to be covered by insurance.

Check out fixtures, results, and ladders [HERE](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest updates throughout the season. Good luck everyone – let's make the most of summer baseball!



Photo: [Lee Dare – Sunshine Eagles Baseball Club](#)

## [VSBL Player of the Week Awards](#)

VSBL Player of the Week Awards are back this summer! For the second straight season, we will recognise standout players across seniors, women's, and juniors. Winners will demonstrate exemplary performance, leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to baseball.

Nominations will be accepted from the Baseball Victoria Board, staff, member clubs, member parents, registered baseball players, scorers, umpires, and anyone else associated with affiliated clubs of BV.

Please submit your nominations at the links below by the EOD Monday for the previous weekend of play. Weekly winners will be announced on the [VSBL Facebook page](#) and each winner will score an Ausport gift voucher.

- [VSBL Senior Player of the Week](#)
- [VSBL Junior Player of the Week](#)
- [Aces Sporting Club VSBL Women's Batter of the Week](#)
- [Aces Sporting Club VSBL Women's Pitcher of the Week](#)

Thank you to BV Diamond Partners [Ausport](#) and [Aces Sporting Club](#) for their ongoing support of VSBL Players of the Week!

### **2025 U16 & U18 Victorian State Teams Announced**

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the U16 and U18 Victorian State Teams ahead of the 2025 Australian Youth Championships early next year. The prestigious national event will return to Blacktown, NSW with the Under 16 tournament running from 7-13 January and the Under 18 event from 9-15 January.

“Representing your state is an incredible privilege, and we know these players will make us proud while enjoying an amazing experience on the national stage,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “Following the success of our U18 National Champions at the 2024 AYC, we are excited to see what our teams can accomplish next year.”

Congratulations to all our state team representatives! Read more about the tournament [HERE](#).

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| <h2>U16 VICTORIAN STATE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT</h2>    | <h2>U18 VICTORIAN STATE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT</h2>    |
| <b>BRODIE TREVEAN</b><br><b>BRODY STOKES</b><br><b>COOPER BISHOP - WORN</b><br><b>COOPER BUSCH</b><br><b>ETHAN KENT</b><br><b>ETHAN NAKAMURA</b><br><b>EUAN CLARKIN</b><br><b>HARRISON BRODIE</b><br><b>JACKSON BURTON</b><br><b>JONATHON PARK</b><br><b>KYCEN DOWLING</b><br><b>LINCOLN GRECH</b><br><b>MARCUS MURPHY</b><br><b>MATT FIELDEN</b><br><b>MITCHELL LANGWORTHY</b><br><b>NED RICHARDS</b><br><b>OSCAR SHIMAKURA</b><br><b>PARKS HALASZ</b><br><b>THOMAS HILL</b><br><b>WILLIAM FERGUSON</b> | <b>ANDREW LAND</b><br><b>BRANDON ELTON</b><br><b>DEVIN LEAHY</b><br><b>ETHAN JOHNSTON</b><br><b>HAMISH STONE</b><br><b>HUDSON PALLAY</b><br><b>JAKE BERTUCCI</b><br><b>JORDAN ELLIS</b><br><b>LACHLAN BRENNAN</b><br><b>LIAM PUNCHER</b><br><b>NATHAN RUMBELOW</b><br><b>RILEY PEOPLES</b><br><b>ROMAN COOTE</b><br><b>RYLEY SHANKS</b><br><b>SAMUEL WALK</b><br><b>TY DANIELS</b><br><b>WILL KENT</b><br><b>WILLIAM HARDY</b><br><b>WINDSOR BRECKENRIDGE</b><br><b>ZAK STAFILIS</b> |
| <b>COACHES</b><br><b>HEAD COACH - BEN LAUX</b><br><b>ASSISTANT COACH - ETHAN EPIFANIO</b><br><b>PITCHING COACH - DAN CHIRCOP</b><br><b>EO - VAL LANGWORTHY</b>   | <b>COACHES</b><br><b>HEAD COACH - MARSHALL SKINNER</b><br><b>ASSISTANT COACH - LACHIE CONDIE</b><br><b>PITCHING COACH - MARK RICHARDS</b><br><b>EO - TARYN RICHARDSON</b>  |
| <b>TOURNAMENT</b><br><b>BLACKTOWN, NSW</b><br><b>7-13 JANUARY 2025</b>   | <b>TOURNAMENT</b><br><b>BLACKTOWN, NSW</b><br><b>9-15 JANUARY 2025</b>   |
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### **Vic Dingoes and Hornets Wrap Up Barclay Cup in Style**

Vic Dingoes and Hornets made the most of their time at the 2024 Barclay Cup, giving it their all on the field and enjoying an amazing experience with teammates, family and friends. We are so proud of these girls for their hard work and positive attitude, showcasing the true spirit of the game.

Even when the score didn't go their way, they remained enthusiastic and supportive of one another. Ayla McCallum (Dingoes) and Amelia Wright (Hornets) won the tournament Spirit Awards for showcasing the “Jacinda Barclay Spirit” of inclusivity, sports-woman-ship and a “for the team” attitude!

Well done everyone! If you would like to rewatch the tournament, check out replays on [streamer.com.au](https://streamer.com.au) and more photos on the [official Barclay Cup Facebook page](#).

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

Team Australia is taking on the Baseball5 World Cup in Hong Kong! The tournament continues through Saturday 12 October with Victorians Jamie Bastian, Allie Bebbere, Ebony Sutherland, and Amelia Wright proudly representing green and gold.

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 all the latest tournament info. [Here's what Jamie Bastian had to say about the experience](#).

### [Australia Announces Roster for 2024 WBSC Premier12 Tournament in Taiwan and Japan](#)

Victorians Jarryd Dale, Darryl George, Jon Kennedy, Dan McGrath, Lewis Thorpe, and Blake Townsend have all been named to Team Australia for the 2024 WBSC Premier12 Tournament.

Baseball's equivalent of the 2024 World Championships will run from 13-24 November, with the top twelve ranked baseball countries in the world competing, based on points at the end of the 2023 calendar year.

Australia brings an intriguing roster, mixed with some of the biggest rising stars in the game and Major League talent. Read the full story on [baseball.com.au](https://baseball.com.au) and stay tuned for updates as the tournament draws closer.

| PITCHERS          |     | POSITION PLAYERS   |      |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------|------|
| TIM ATHERTON      | RHP | RYAN BATTAGLIA     | C    |
| JOSH GUYER        | RHP | ALEX HALL          | C    |
| SAM HOLLAND       | RHP | ROBBIE PERKINS     | C    |
| JON KENNEDY       | LHP | JAKE BOWEY         | 1B   |
| STEVE KENT        | LHP | RIXON WINGROVE     | 1B   |
| DAN MCGRATH       | LHP | TRAVIS BAZZANA     | INF  |
| MITCH NEUNBORN    | RHP | JARRYD DALE        | INF  |
| WARWICK SAUPOLO   | RHP | ROBBIE GLENDINNING | INF  |
| WILL SHERRIFF     | LHP | DARRYL GEORGE      | INF  |
| LEWIS THORPE      | LHP | LIAM SPENCE        | UTIL |
| BLAKE TOWNSEND    | LHP | ULRICH BOJARSKI    | OF   |
| TODD VAN STEENSEL | RHP | TIM KENNELLY       | OF   |
| LUKE WILKINS      | RHP | AARON WHITEFIELD   | OF   |
| COEN WYNNE        | RHP | SOLOMON MAGUIRE    | OF   |

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

Want to stay up to date on the latest BV programs? [Check out our upcoming events calendar](#) and make sure to follow [BV Pipeline](#) for behind the scenes of our fun training sessions.

### [Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. Upcoming Clinics](#)

Have you been asked to score this season by your club for the first time? If you're looking to learn how to score, join Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. for a Beginners (Level 00) Scoring Clinic on Tuesday 15 October, from 7:30 to 8:30pm via Zoom. No previous experience is required. This session is aimed at absolute beginners using a scorebook.

You can also save the date for the Developing (Level 0) Scoring Clinic on Monday 11 November from 7:30-9:30pm, which will build on the beginners' clinic and experience gained from scoring live games. Head to [our website](#) to learn more and register your interest.

### **Club News: Point Cook Baseball & Softball Club to Host Battle of the Badges**

Point Cook Aviators presents [Battle of the Badges 2024](#) - a community event and emergency services baseball game proudly supported by Wyndham City Council. On Saturday 30 November, there will be come and try activities, junior games, food trucks, and much more family fun with the big game starting at 12pm. Mark your calendars for this free event at Brookdale Reserve and if any emergency service members are interested in participating, please sign up [HERE](#).

# **POINT COOK AVIATORS**

**10am - 12pm**  
Juniors Baseball

**Saturday  
30th  
November**



**12pm - 2pm**  
Game Time

**BROOKDALE RESERVE**  
Saltwater Promenade, Point Cook

**Kids Games &  
Activities**

**Emergency Services  
Stands**

**Food  
Trucks**

An Emergency Services Baseball  
Game proudly supported by  
Wyndham City Council

### **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 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](mailto:ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au) to ensure they also complete a Sports Academy application.

## Baseball Training on BV TV

Stay on top of your baseball training with [BV TV](#) videos, including [Ramp Up to Play](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#). Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for more fun drills and behind the scenes.

## 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

**Jessica Alvaro** – 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

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**Daniel Chircop** – Pathways/MSA Coach

**Samantha Hamilton** – Performance Pathway Coach

**Ethan Epifanio** – Development Officer

