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October 2024 Baseball Victoria AGM: Board Directors, Life Members Confirmed

Baseball Victoria held its AGM on Wednesday 30 October 2024 following the shift in financial year, now ending 30 June.

Returning directors Grant Weir, Andy Rose, and Jennifer Pitson were re-elected to the Board of Directors, and the members ratified the appointment of Finance Director Greg Hill to fill a casual vacancy on the Board.

The AGM also resulted in five new Baseball Victoria Life Members: Jon Deeble, Phil Dale, Garry Bitmead, Stephen Black, and Alan Sutherland.

“Thank you to all our member clubs and associations for another fantastic year of baseball in Victoria,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We appreciate everyone taking the time to attend the AGM and we wish to offer a special congratulations to our newest life members, who have made extensive contributions to baseball across the state, paving the way for Victorians to succeed at the local, national, and international level.”

Well done to all and we look forward to another great year of baseball ahead. If you would like to catch up on the year that was, please view the [2023/24 BV Annual Report](#) on our website. You can also read more about our newest Life Members [HERE](#).

2024/25 VSBL Season

The first month of summer baseball is done and dusted, and what a month it has been! From home runs to no-hitters, we’ve seen some amazing baseball action across juniors, seniors, and masters, and there’s much more to come.

As the summer season continues, you can [check out fixtures, results, and ladders HERE](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest updates. For any newcomers, registration is available [HERE](#).

If you’re interested in getting behind the plate, we would love to have you join our awesome crew of BV Umpires – registration is available [HERE](#) and you can contact technical@baseballvictoria.com.au for more information on accreditation.

Please remember you can submit your nominations for standout player performances via these links:

- [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!

Pipeline 2Ball + Coach Education

As part of our BV Pipeline umbrella, we are excited to offer several upcoming 2Ball + Coach Education sessions. Our first session at Geelong Baseball Centre was a big hit, and we look forward to more fun on the field with juniors and coaches who want to improve their skills.

These sessions aim to provide VSBL junior players with an engaging gameplay environment, offering supplementary game time and at-bats, and the opportunity for players of all abilities to participate in a Pipeline program with Performance Pathway staff.

Player bookings are available via bvpipeline.com.au.

Coach education (free and open to all clubs/coaches) will be facilitated by Keli'i "Zee" Zablan (BV Player & Coaching Pathway Officer), with a presentation and open Q&A provided, as well as an open invitation to join on-field during 2Ball sessions alongside PP coaches.

All sessions are open for all clubs' players and coaches regardless of location. If you have any questions, please email development@baseballvictoria.com.au.



Pipeline 2Ball + Coach Education session at Geelong Baycats Baseball Club

Australia Takes on the World in Global Baseball Battle

Team Australia is off to Japan and Chinese Taipei to take on the best in the world at the WBSC Premier12. This prestigious international baseball tournament features the twelve best senior national men's baseball programs in the world.

Victorians Jarryd Dale, Darryl George, Jon Kennedy, Dan McGrath, Lewis Thorpe, Liam Spence, and Blake Townsend are on the roster, along with coaches Damian Shanahan and Graeme Lloyd.

Australia's first game is against Japan on Wednesday 13 November.

Stay up to date on the tournament action [HERE](#).

[Australia Reveals Roster for U12 & U18 Baseball World Cup Qualifiers](#)

Team Australia rosters are locked in for upcoming Under 12 and Under 18 Baseball World Cup Qualifiers.

The U12 World Cup Qualifier Roster runs from 29 November to 2 December in Guam, where Australia will compete with the hosts and Northern Mariana Islands. Congratulations to our very own Harvey Ninnis, Audrey Cheung, and Phil Toye on making the team! Val Langworthy returns as EO, too.

Sydney will host the Oceania U18 World Cup Qualifiers from 3-8 December. Congrats to Victorians Riley Peoples, Jordan Ellis, and Andrew Land on their selection! Opponents are still being confirmed, and the winner will represent at the U18 World Cup in Japan.

Head to baseball.com.au for the latest updates.

[National Tournament Dates & Venues Confirmed for 2025 Australian Baseball Calendar](#)

Baseball Australia has confirmed the national championship calendar for the 2025 season, with nine tournaments in four different locations. We can't wait to watch our Victorians compete on the national stage! Read the full story [HERE](#).



The graphic features a dark green background with a baseball player in a white uniform and cap on the right. The text is in white and yellow. The title 'BASEBALL AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES' is at the top. Below it is a table with three columns: 'TOURNAMENTS', 'DATE', and 'LOCATION'. Each row includes a small logo for the tournament.

TOURNAMENTS	DATE	LOCATION
 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS	JANUARY 07-15	BLACKTOWN INTERNATIONAL SPORTSPARK
 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS	APRIL 13-19	MELBOURNE BALLPARK
 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS	APRIL 15-19	MELBOURNE BALLPARK
 SENIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS	MAY 21-25	GEE LONG BASEBALL CENTRE
 JUNIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS	MAY-JUNE 28-01	ALBERT PARK LISMORE
 INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS	MAY-JUNE 28-01	ALBERT PARK LISMORE
 LITTLE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS	JUNE 08-13	BLACKTOWN INTERNATIONAL SPORTSPARK
 LITTLE LEAGUE INVITATIONAL	JULY 08-12	REDCLIFFE BASEBALL CLUB
 LITTLE LEAGUE GIRLS DIVISION	JULY 08-12	REDCLIFFE BASEBALL CLUB

[Melbourne Aces Vs Victoria All Stars Practice Match](#)

Melbourne Aces and Victoria All Stars will face off in a practice match on Friday 8 November at 7pm. Come on down to Melbourne Ballpark and watch as Summer League players take on ABL baseballers before their season gets underway. It's free entry for members and \$5 for non-members. Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets.

[Melbourne Aces Curtain Raisers – Junior Games](#)

Melbourne Aces curtain raisers are back this season! Junior teams have the chance to play a game on Field 2 at Melbourne Ballpark before an Aces home game.

After junior games, players get an on-field experience with the Aces. Tickets to the Aces game are free for participating players, officials, and immediate family, plus discounted \$5 tickets for other club members who come to watch.

Dates are available through November, December, and January. Please send an email to administration@baseballvictoria.com.au to learn more and schedule a curtain raiser.

Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. - Updated Learners Guide

Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. has an [updated Learners Guide](#) now available for the 2024/25 VSBL season and beyond. Learn more about scoring and stay tuned for upcoming clinics [HERE](#).

Club News: Community Umpiring Course With Alfredton and Ballarat

Alfredton Eagles and Ballarat Royals will host a Baseball Victoria Community Umpiring Course this month. Both clubs will meet up at Prince of Wales Park, Ballarat for a theory session on Tuesday 12 November and a practical session on Tuesday 19 November from 6-9pm. Current umpires and those interested in umpiring are invited to attend – please click [HERE](#) to register.

**ALFREDTON
EAGLES &
BALLARAT
ROYALS
BASEBALL**

**COMMUNITY
UMPIRING
COURSE**

LOCATION
PRINCE OF WALES PARK,
BALLARAT

DATES
PART 1: THEORY
TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER
PART 2: PRACTICAL
TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

TIME
6PM TO 9 PM

TO REGISTER

BASEBALL VICTORIA PRESENTED UMPIRE COURSE

Club News: Port Melbourne Looks Forward to Past Players Day, Club Ground & Lights Launch

Port Melbourne Baseball Club is calling all past players and baseball lovers for a very special moment in the club's 96-year history.

On Saturday 16 November, the Mariners will celebrate Past Players Day and the first home game under lights and on the new field. After years of hard work and consultation with local council, the club is thrilled to have competition lights and a new synthetic/turf infield.

There will be a triple header starting with Women's State League, followed by Premier League 2 Reserves and Premier League 2 Firsts. Save the date and click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Club Address: JL Murphy Reserve, Longstaff Field, 351 Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne, VIC, Australia

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 you would like to participate as a player, coach, or official, please sign up [HERE](#).

POINT COOK AVIATORS

10am - 12pm
Juniors Baseball

Saturday
30th
November



12pm - 2pm
Game Time

An Emergency Services Baseball
Game proudly supported by
Wyndham City Council

BROOKDALE RESERVE
Saltwater Promenade, Point Cook

Kids Games &
Activities

Emergency Services
Stands

Food
Trucks

Club News: Change Our Game Professional Development Scholarships

The 2024-25 Change Our Game Professional Development Scholarships Program recipients have been announced. A huge congratulations to Kay Ferguson of Essendon Baseball Club on her successful application in the Community Leaders stream as she looks to upskill in social media/marketing to enhance club communications and local connections. All the best to Kay during this program!

Read more about it [HERE](#).

Club News: This Girl Can Campaign

This Girl Can week runs from 10 November to 17 November and focuses on celebrating and supporting everyday women to get active in ways that suit them. VicHealth has set up a supporter hub to make it quicker and easier for local clubs to get involved. Check out Canva templates and assets to use on social media [HERE](#).

Club News: Upcoming Webinars – Great Info Sessions for Clubs!

Online safety for sporting clubs

Learn about types of online harm in sport, dealing with online abuse, tips for safe online environments, and advice on common online issues in sport. Suitable for community sport leaders and volunteers.

Date: Monday 18 November

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Social media self-defence for athletes

Learn practical strategies on how to set up social media accounts with safety in mind, understand types of online abuse, and how to deal with issues. Suitable for elite, state, national and pathway athletes over 18 years of age.

Date: Wednesday 27 November

Time: 12-1pm

Find out more and register your interest on the [eSafety Commissioner website](#).

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](#).

SportsLink Travel: MLB Spring Training & Opening Day Tour

Have you ever dreamed of travelling to America to watch your favourite MLB players in Spring Training? SportsLink Travel is offering a Spring Training & Opening Day tour in March 2025 in both Florida and Arizona.

Check out all the details in the [SportsLink Travel MLB Trip Brochure](#).



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 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

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