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### [Team Australia Looks to Future With 27-Man Squad Named for Hanwha Series](#)

Team Australia has named a 27-man roster to compete against Korean professional team Hanwha Eagles at Melbourne Ballpark coming up this month.

From February 13-15, Team Australia will play a three-game series against the KBO side.

Congratulations to Victorians Mitch Edwards, Liam Spence, Chris Burke, Matthew Beattie, Jon Kennedy, Blake Townsend, Dan McGrath, and the rest of Team Australia!

Read the full story [HERE](#).

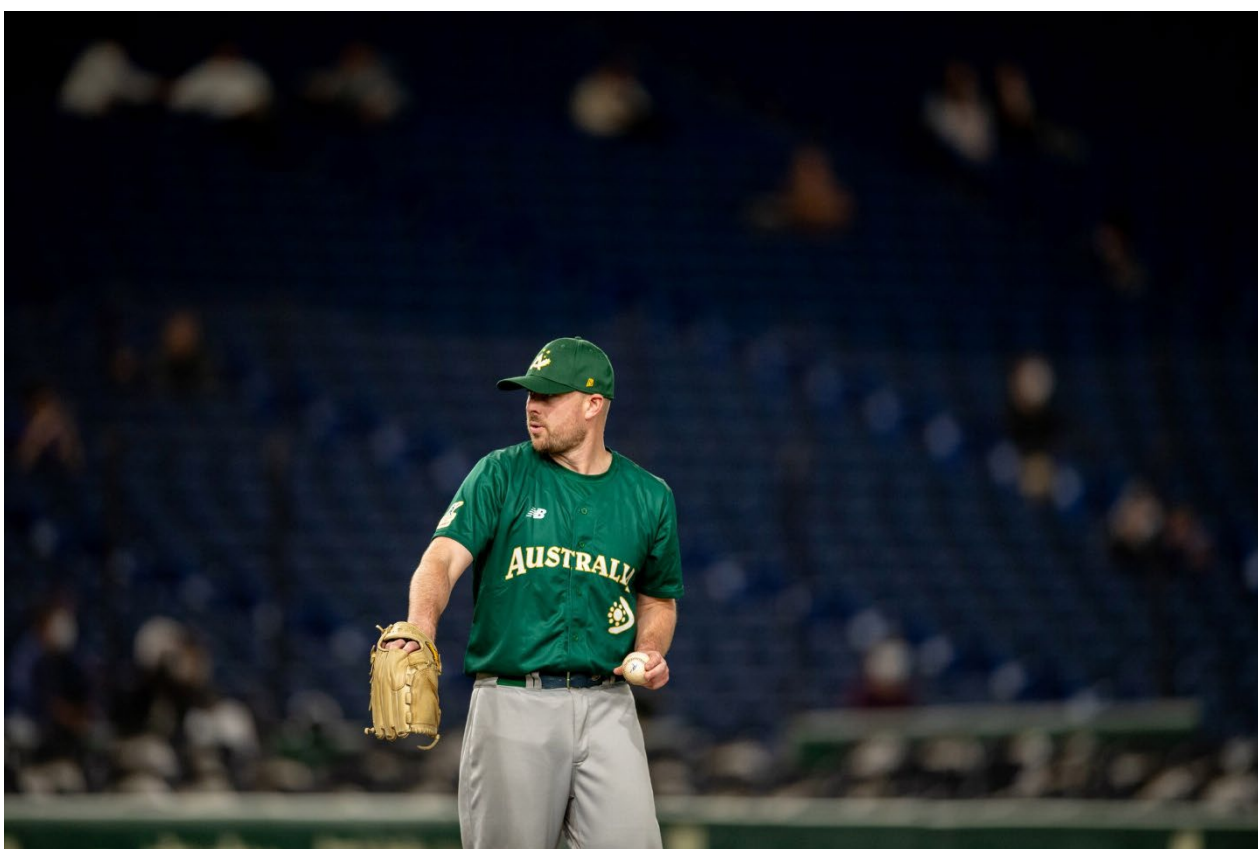


Photo: [Team Australia Baseball](#)

### [Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events](#)

2025 is off to a great start, and there's [lots more coming up over the next few months](#). Check out our full [Calendar of Events](#) and stay tuned for all the awesome baseball activities planned for this year.

## 2024/25 VSBL Season

The countdown to Summer League finals is on! Check out fixtures, results, and ladders [HERE](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest updates.

A very special shoutout to our BV Diamond Partners [Ausport](#) and [Aces Sporting Club](#) for their ongoing support of [VSBL Players of the Week](#) – remember you can nominate players at the following 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](#)



Photo: [Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club](#)

## Belles Baseball Tryouts

Thank you to all the awesome girls who attended the Belles tryout session at Doncaster Baseball Club this past Saturday. These little players have big dreams, and we can't wait to see what they accomplish at State Championships and the 2025 Australian Little League Girls Division Championships in July.





## School Sport Victoria Team Vic Baseball Trials

School Sport Victoria registration for [Team Vic Baseball 18 Years and Under](#) closes Wednesday 12 February. The School Sport Australia (SSA) 18 Years & Under Baseball Championships will be held in Perth, WA from 27 April – 3 May 2025. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register.

A promotional poster for Team Vic Baseball 2025. The background is a dark blue field with a baseball diamond pattern. In the top left, there is a logo for 'Team VIC 2025' with a green and red dot above the 'i' in 'VIC'. In the top right, there is the 'SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA' logo, which is a stylized 'V' with green and red diagonal stripes. The central text reads 'REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN' in large white letters, with 'NOW OPEN' on a green rectangular background. Below this, there is a white silhouette of a baseball player swinging a bat, followed by the text 'BASEBALL 18 Years & Under MIXED' in white. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text 'CLOSING 12 FEB 2025' in white. The background image shows a group of baseball players in blue and white uniforms standing on a field.

## Save The Date: 2025 State Winter Championships

Mark your calendars for the 2025 State Winter Championships! The junior age groups have been altered to better reflect the association age groups and charter program.

- Senior, Senior Women's, and Girls Invitational: 7-9 June (Geelong)
- Under 15s: 5-6 July (Latrobe Valley)
- 17 and Under: 12-13 July (Bendigo)
- Under 13s: 19-20 July (North East)

We are excited for another awesome winter of baseball!

## Invictus Australia Baseball Family Day

Invictus Australia Baseball Family Day is set for Saturday 15 February 2025 starting at 3:30pm at Melbourne Ballpark.

Following a come-and-try session and family-friendly fun activities, Invictus Australia's 'Team Veteran' will play a curtain raiser before Team Australia takes on the Hanwha Eagles. The Defense Community, including serving, former serving, and family members, are all invited.

Click [HERE](#) to register to play.

INVICTUS  
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# Invictus Australia Baseball Family Day

Invictus Australia's 'Team Veteran' will play a curtain raiser prior to the Team Australia Vs HANWHA Eagles main game. This event encourages the defence community in Victoria to come together and connect through Baseball.

**When:** Saturday 15 Feb 2025

**Time:** **3:30pm - 6pm**  
Baseball Come and Try, Fun  
Activities for Veterans & Families  
**4.30pm - 6.00pm**  
Curtain Raiser Game  
'Team Veteran' Vs 'Vic Police'  
**From 6.30pm**  
International Game  
'Team Australia' Vs 'HANWHA Eagles'

**Where:** Melbourne Ballpark  
Merton Street, Laverton VIC 3028

**Who:** Defence Community – Serving,  
former serving & family members

**Provided:** Free access to Come and Try and  
the Curtain Raiser Game.  
Discounted tickets for the  
International Game.

**Ready to play!**

Register via the QR code



Email us for more info:  
cburson@invictusaustralia.org



Baseball.com.au

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## 2024 Victorian Sport Awards Nominations

Nominations are now open for the [2024 Victorian Sport Awards](#).

The most prestigious night for our state's sport and active recreation community, the VSAs recognise and celebrate those who made an outstanding contribution to Victorian sport during 2024 by honouring the grassroots heroes who excelled at a community level, high-performance athletes who shone at a national and international level and everyone in between.

With 18 awards presented, individual and team athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, administrators, media personnel and the initiatives that ensure Victorians remain active will all be recognised. The nomination process is open to all members of the public.

[Nominations can be submitted](#) via the Vicsport website through Friday 14 February 2025. We hope to see our wonderful baseball community recognised!



## 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 in 2026, subject to student enrolments.

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.

There will be a Salesian Sports Academy information evening on Monday 31 March where you can learn more. Click [HERE](#) to register.



## SPORTS ACADEMY INFORMATION EVENING

If you're currently researching secondary school options for your son, come along to our **Sports Academy Information Evening** to learn more about our Sports Academy program, important enrolment guidelines and how your son can apply for our **2027 Sports Academy class**.

Date: Monday 31 March, 2025  
Time: 7pm to 8pm  
Location: 10 Bosco St Chadstone 3148  
Register: [www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/](http://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/)  
or via the QR Code



## **BV History & Recognition Working Group: Service Award Nominations**

Baseball in Victoria is built on the remarkable service of volunteers who dedicate countless hours to supporting and improving our grassroots sport.

Baseball Victoria is committed to celebrating our amazing community and the contributions of hardworking volunteers at clubs and programs across the state.

Significant and lasting contributors to baseball in Victoria will be recognised at the BV Annual General Meeting each year. Nominations are now open for Outstanding Contribution and Service to Baseball Awards.

2024 baseball participants and affiliated clubs of Baseball Victoria are invited to nominate individuals for these awards via these links: [Outstanding Contribution](#) and [Service to Baseball Awards](#). Nominations close Thursday 20 February 2025.

## **2025 Event Umpire Expressions of Interest**

Umpire expressions of interest are open for the [2025 Little League State Championships](#) and upcoming [Baseball Australia events](#), including Women's and Little League Nationals from April to July.

Please click [HERE](#) to view a full list of opportunities and register your interest.

## **Club News: ASC 2025 Coaching & Officiating Conference**

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) will host the 2025 Coaching and Officiating Conference from 18-20 March at the iconic GMHBA Stadium in Geelong.

This year's theme is 'Connection', highlighting how modern coaching and officiating methods are changing the way we experience sports, shape our environments and develop our organisations.

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

## **Club News: BV Club Assist Resources for Volunteers**

As the summer season heads toward finals and winter clubs get ready for 2025, please check out the recently updated [BV Club Assist](#), an online suite of club resources designed to help volunteers, support members, and enhance club operations and experiences.

There are three main sections: [Running a Club](#), [Competition](#), and [Growing a Club](#), and this comprehensive suite of resources (policies, templates, how-to guides, etc.) will be expanded as time goes on.

Head to [www.baseballvictoria.com.au/bv-club-assist](http://www.baseballvictoria.com.au/bv-club-assist) to get started.

## **Club News: Change Our Game Community Activation Grants**

Applications for the [2024-25 Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program](#) are now open. Supporting initiatives to benefit women and girls of all ages, backgrounds and experiences from across Victoria, the program has 3 funding streams, with grants of up to \$10,000 available:

- Stream 1 – Participation
- Stream 2 – Capability
- Stream 3 – Community Leaders

The streams support community sport and active recreation clubs and organisations to encourage participation, build capabilities, and develop community leaders to benefit women and girls in community sport and active recreation.





Applications close 5pm AEDT, Wednesday 26 February 2025. The Office for Women in Sport and Recreation will be hosting another information session to answer all of your application questions at 6pm AEDT, Monday 10 February. [Register to attend.](#)

[Apply now](#) and contribute to positive change for women and girls across Victoria.

### **Club News: SRV Local Sports Infrastructure Fund**

Offered by **Sport and Recreation Victoria**, the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund provides **up to \$300,000** in funding to community sporting clubs and organisations to support infrastructure development across numerous funding streams. Applications close 17 February – learn more [HERE](#).

### **Club News: Doncaster Women's Program 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

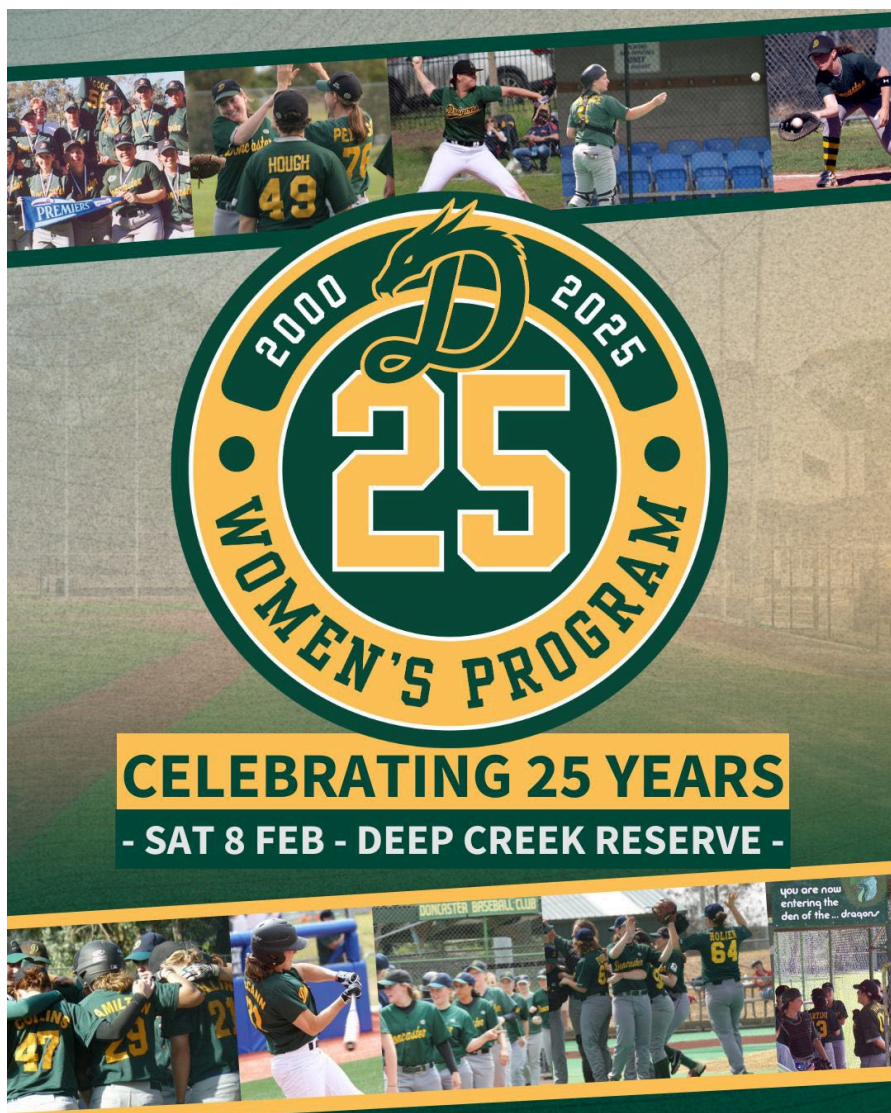
2025 marks the 25th anniversary of the Doncaster Baseball Club Women's Program after it began when Greenhills-Montmorency women's teams moved to Deep Creek Reserve for their debut season in 2000-01.

The women's program at Doncaster has become one of the most renowned in the country, boasting more than a dozen premierships across all divisions, highlighted by four Division 1 flags.

Additionally, the program has developed and trained dozens of players who have gone on to represent Australia at the World Cup and Victoria at National Championships.

The 25th anniversary will be celebrated at Deep Creek Reserve on Saturday 8 February where alumni of the program will watch on as the Dragons contest a double header (1:30pm/4pm) against Newport.

You can follow the club on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates.



## Club News: Port Melbourne Mariners Women's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

[Port Melbourne Mariners](#) are celebrating 30 years of women's baseball with the Lady Mariners playing their first game under lights at home on Saturday 8 February (first pitch 7pm against Waverley). Head down to JL Murphy Reserve, Longstaff Field to catch a great night of baseball.

## Club News: Footscray Baseball Club – Winter Coach Wanted

Footscray Baseball Club is seeking a coach for the upcoming 2025 winter season and beyond. They are looking for a coach who will support both experienced and junior players, and remuneration will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

To learn more and express your interest, contact Club President Shane Cole-Hayhow at [info@footscraybulldogs.com.au](mailto:info@footscraybulldogs.com.au)

## Club News: Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club to Host Friday Night Tee-Ball

Monty Baseball Club's T-Ball Program will return for kids ages 5-8 from Friday 21 February to 11 April. This is a great chance for kids to dive into the exciting world of baseball, learn new skills, and have an absolute blast! Register your interest [HERE](#).

## 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

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.

Also check out highlights from [Australian Baseball National Tournaments on YouTube](#).





## 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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