

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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## 2024/25 VSBL Season Grand Finals

That's a wrap on the 2024/25 VSBL Season! A huge congratulations to [Sunshine Eagles](#) on winning the Premier League 1 Grand Final at Melbourne Ballpark and well done to [Williamstown Wolves](#) on a fantastic season finishing runner-up.

Over the weekend, Waverley went back-to-back in Premier League 1 Reserves and Cheltenham won Premier League 2 Firsts and Reserves. Congrats to all!

We hope everyone had a great summer of baseball and we thank all the players, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, volunteers, and supporters who made it possible. Also, thank you to our BV Diamond Partners [Ausport](#) and [Aces Sporting Club](#) for their season-long support of [VSBL Players of the Week](#).

Catch up on results via the [Baseball Victoria](#) and [VSBL Facebook](#) pages. To wrap up the season, we are announcing VSBL Award Winners across socials, so stay tuned for more! We hope everyone enjoys celebrating at club presentation nights and we look forward to presenting more awards at events across the next few weeks.



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

## All-Female Umpiring Panel Announced for 2025 AWC & AYWC

In a historic first, the 2025 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships will feature an all-female panel. Congratulations to our very own Victorian umpires Janine Thompson and Jenelle Stafilis on their appointments.

From 13-19 April at Melbourne Ballpark, six open women's teams (16+) and five youth women's sides (U16) from across the country will compete for the title of national champions.

Check out these links for all the details:

- [Open Women's Schedule](#) (Sunday 13 April – Saturday 19 April)
- [Youth Women's Schedule](#) (Tuesday 15 April – Saturday 19 April)
- [Tournament Format/Info](#)
- [Baseball.com.au Event Hub](#)
- [Australian Baseball Umpires Announcement](#)



## [“Girls Are Players Too” Nationals Fundraising Campaign](#)

As a reminder, [Women's Baseball The Inside Pitch \(WBIP\)](#) is running a fundraiser to support Aussie female baseballers!

"Girls Are Players Too" is a special fundraising initiative helping to raise funds to support teams heading to the [2025 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships](#) at Melbourne Ballpark in April.

WBIP has launched exclusive [“Girls Are Players Too” t-shirts](#), available in all five team colours with the GRP2 logo on the back and a special IP logo on the front just for nationals.

\$5 from the sale of each "Girls Are Players Too" t-shirt will be contributed directly to the teams. Shirts are available to players, coaches, team supporters, families, friends, and more. All you have to do is in your cart before you checkout, select which state and which team - Elite or Youth - you'd like the \$5 to go to!

The team with the most funds raised by 11 April will also receive a special prize pack including a hat, t-shirt, bag, shoe charm, and sticker pack. The funds raised for each team, and the winning team prize pack, will be presented in person by WBIP's own Amy McCann during the championships.

For those headed to the tournament, select the “Nationals 2025 - Melbourne Ballpark” pickup option which means you can collect your order in person and save on shipping costs. Otherwise, you can have it shipped to you earlier.

The "Girls Are Players Too" Fundraiser is accompanied by an exciting new [national podcast series](#), hosted by Emeralds alumni Amy McCann, Tahnee Lovering, and Amy Cannington. Every week in a dedicated episode profiling each state team, the trio bring their expert insights and knowledge to the mic to dissect each roster, interview some of Australia's best players, throw in a little nationals history, and more. The Victorian episode featuring Belinda Cannington and Allie Bebbere is now live – listen [HERE](#).

Head to [www.womensbaseball.me](http://www.womensbaseball.me) for details and grab your [“Girls Are Players Too” t-shirts](#) today!



## [Team Australia Announces Players on 2025 Under 16 Junior Squad](#)

Team Australia has finalised selections for the [2025 Under 16 National Junior Squad](#), with eight Victorians making the cut. A huge congratulations to Cooper Bishop-Worn, Cooper Busch, Euan Clarkin, Jarvis Johansen, Mitch Langworthy, Marcus Murphy, Brody Stokes, and Brodie Trevean, who were selected based off their performance at the 2025 Australian Youth Championships in January.

In total, 36 players from across the country will head to the United States in early July to play at the U16 WWBA Championships in Atlanta, Georgia in front of college coaches and MLB scouts. They will play in the tournament as two separate teams of 18, which will be announced closer to tournament time.



**2025 UNDER 16 NATIONAL SQUAD**

NAME	STATE	NAME	STATE
COOPER BARBER	WA	MITCH LANGWORTHY	VIC
TOMMY BIRD	SA	CHRISTIAN MORRISON	NSW
COOPER BISHOP-WORN	VIC	MARCUS MURPHY	VIC
WILL BONHAM	NSW	LACHLAN PAWSEY	QLD
COOPER BUSCH	VIC	BLAKE PEARCE	QLD
EUAN CLARKIN	VIC	LIEM PHAM-ELICKSON	SA
TAYLOR COOK	WA	RYAN REEKIE	NSW
OWEN COUZNER	SA	HUNTER RYAN	QLD
HARVEY COX	SA	BRODY STOKES	VIC
QUINN FATAI	WA	HARRISON TAINTEY	SA
DRAVEN FATU	NSW	KYAN TAUFUI	SA
HARLEY GIBSON	NSW	BRODIE TREVEAN	VIC
ZAI GORDON	WA	KAI UEKI	NSW
ALONZO ZAIRE GRIFFIN	QLD	LUAN VAN SPLUNDER	WA
OLIVER HAYES	SA	TIRRELL WAIWAI	QLD
ANGUS HENNESSY	SA	LUCAS WILLIAMS	NSW
JARVIS JOHANSEN	VIC	TAJ WILLIAMS	SA
LUKE KENNEDY	SA	HARRY WOODEN	WA

### BV Pipeline Lessons – April School Holidays

BV Pipeline Lessons are back for the April Holidays! Players can fine-tune hitting and defence skills in a 3:1 ratio small group with PP staff, ahead of the winter season. Register now via [bvpipeline.com.au](http://bvpipeline.com.au).



**APRIL 2025 HOLIDAY LESSONS**

**BASEBALL VICTORIA** **PIPELINE**

**3:1 GROUP LESSONS - HITTING & DEFENCE**

**\$100 PER PLAYER**  
**2 HOURS**  
**AGES 9+**

**TIMESLOTS:**  
**9.30AM - 11.30AM / 12.00PM - 2.00PM / 2.30PM - 4.30PM**

**MON 7TH – FRI 11TH APRIL**  
**@ MELBOURNE BALLPARK**

**MON 14TH – FRI 18TH APRIL**  
**@ WILLIAMSTOWN BASEBALL CLUB**

**INFO AND BOOKINGS AT [BVPIPELINE.COM.AU](http://BVPIPELINE.COM.AU)**

## Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events

2025 is off to a busy 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.

## Aussies in the US College Baseball System: Mid-March 2025 Update

The 2025 American college baseball season is in full swing. Head to [baseball.com.au](http://baseball.com.au) to get the latest updates on Victorian college players and all the Aussies representing overseas.

## 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



## Club News: 2025 Winter Registration Now Open

Baseball Victoria registration is now open for the 2025 winter season. Please find your [club link](#) and complete your registration, whether you will be playing, coaching, umpiring, scoring, or volunteering.

We look forward to another awesome winter season all around Victoria!

## Club News: BV Club Assist Resources for Volunteers

As 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: BV Codes of Conduct & Behaviour Expectations

As a reminder to all clubs and members, Baseball Victoria membership requires you to adhere to BV Codes of Conduct regarding respectful behaviour. It's paramount that all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators and clubs follow these expectations to ensure safe and enjoyable experiences for all. Please review the [Codes of Conduct on our website](#) and contact the BV Office with any questions.

## Club News: Come and Try Winter Baseball With Pakenham Pumas

Pakenham Pumas Baseball Club is holding come and try sessions before the winter season on Saturday 22 March and Sunday 6 April. Check it out and follow the [club on Facebook](#) for more details.

# COME AND TRY BASEBALL WITH THE PAKENHAM PUMAS!

## LOOKING FOR A NEW SPORT?

Come and join us for a fun-filled Come and Try Baseball Day at Pakenham Pumas Baseball Club! Whether you're a complete beginner or have played before, this is the perfect opportunity to experience baseball and see if it's the right fit for you!



**SENIORS 14+**  
**WOMENS 13+**  
**JUNIORS 7-17**

**Date: 22nd March & 6th April 2025**

**Time: 9:00am Juniors**  
**11:00am Seniors & Women**



## Club News: Sandringham Royals Women's Baseball Coach Expressions of Interest

Sandringham Baseball Club is looking for an experienced club coach to lead the Royals Women's Program in the 2025-26 season. Please email [secretary@sandybaseball.com.au](mailto:secretary@sandybaseball.com.au) to express your interest.



**SANDRINGHAM BASEBALL  
WOMENS PROGRAM**

# COACH WANTED

Join the Royals!

We are on the hunt for an enthusiastic and experienced Club Coach to lead our Women's Program at Sandringham Baseball Club for the 2025-2026 season. If you have a passion for coaching and a proven track record of developing athletes, we want to hear from you.

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Remuneration based on experience

Applications:  
[secretary@sandybaseball.com.au](mailto:secretary@sandybaseball.com.au)



## 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 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.

## 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](#).

## 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

**Jessica Alvaro** – Operations & Competitions Officer

**Rachael Bouley** – Communications and Digital Media Officer

**Keli'i Zablan** – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

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**Samantha Hamilton** – Performance Pathway Coach

