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2025 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships

What a week it's been for women's baseball! We are loving the 2025 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships at Melbourne Ballpark.

The Victorian Women's State Team is in the running for a medal again, with their sights set on back-to-back gold, while our youth team have kept up fantastic team spirit even against tough competition. We are so proud of all our state representatives! Read more about them [HERE](#).

Stay tuned for all the action through Saturday 19 April – you can follow along on Baseball+, GameChanger, or down at the ballpark! Get all your up-to-date tournament information at www.baseball.com.au/women.



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2025 Little League State Championships

Congrats to Twins (Little League Major) and Athletics (Intermediate League) and well done to all the awesome Little Leaguers who hit the field and made great memories this past weekend!

Thank you to Knox Baseball Club for hosting 55 games over three days - it wouldn't have been possible without such amazing volunteers behind the scenes.

We appreciate all the players, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, canteen workers, and supporters! Check out photos by [Field of View](#) and [read recaps on our website](#).



2025 Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame Presentation Evening

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce our first-ever Hall of Fame Evening on Wednesday 21 May from 6-9pm at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park.

“The Inaugural Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame Presentation will recognise outstanding on-field performances and celebrate Victorian baseball trailblazers who have achieved impressive, inspiring success at the state, national, and international level,” BV CEO Chet Gray said.

“Our 2025 inductees have made amazing contributions to baseball in Victoria over the years and are very deserving of such recognition. We invite our Victorian baseball community to join us for a fantastic night celebrating the past and sharing excitement in the future.”

Our first lot of inductees to be announced includes Matthew Sheldon-Collins, David Clarkson, Simone Wearne, Samantha Hamilton, Amy McCann, Jon Deeble, Phil Dale, Les Flower, and Jennie Moloney. Please join us for a great evening celebrating these outstanding individuals and stay tuned for more names to come.

Click [HERE](#) to get your tickets - Super Early Bird pricing is \$90pp and ends Monday 21 April.

2024 Victorian Sport Awards Finalists Announced

Vicsport has announced finalists for the 18 categories at the 2024 Victorian Sport Awards (VSAs), an event that recognises and celebrates the achievements of our home-grown sporting heroes at both a grassroots and high-performance level.

A record 330 nominations were received from the Victorian sporting community, honouring those who have made an exceptional contribution to sport and recreation in Victoria during the previous calendar year.

Thank you to everyone from our Victorian baseball community who submitted nominations. We are thrilled to share that our 2024 U18 Victorian Baseball Team is a finalist for the AED Authority Team of the Year. Read the full release on vicsport.com.au and stay tuned for the awards on Wednesday 14 May.

2024 School Sport Victoria Stats

We are proud to continue our partnership with School Sport Victoria and pleased to share SSV participation stats for 2024. Overall, 4,113 total students took part in SSV competitions, up 4% from the previous year. [Learn more about SSV Baseball.](#)



Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events

We are off to a fantastic start this year, and there's [much more baseball action to come in the next few months](#). Check out our full [Calendar of Events](#) and stay tuned for all the awesome baseball activities planned for this year.

Team Australia Announces Coaching Staff for 2025 U18 World Cup

From September 5-14, the best Under 18 players will compete in Okinawa, Japan for the title of World Champion. Team Australia has announced the U18 World Cup Coaching Staff, with our very own Damian Shanahan named assistant coach. Read more on baseball.com.au.

Aussies in the US College Baseball System Update

There are over 100 Australians playing some level of college baseball in Australia. Head to baseball.com.au to check out the latest updates on Victorians Conor Myles, Keenan Spence, Jarryd Wood, Connor Hickey, Nick Bertucci, Charlie Pierson, Bronson Neave, Josh Ashen, and Jaycob Pascuzzi. You can also check out an [update on Blake Townsend](#) and fellow Aussies Abroad in professional leagues.

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 to ensure they also complete a Sports Academy application.

Club News: 2025 Winter Season

Good luck to everyone taking part in the 2025 winter season – let's play ball! If you haven't already, 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 the winter season gets underway, we encourage club members to 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 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: Ormond Glenhuntly Head Coach Expressions of Interest

Ormond Glenhuntly Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for a club coach for the 2025/26 summer season. The club aspires to win a Premier 2 Premiership with a growing junior program and a strong list, and is looking for a leader to coordinate training, support recruitment, and mentor players and coaches at all levels. Please email Sam Robertson at sam@jimsbuildinginspections.com.au with your interest by 1 June.

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 to express your interest.

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.

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](#).

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