

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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## Inductees Announced for 2025 Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame

Baseball Victoria is excited to present 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 inspiring success at the state, national, and international level,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We invite our Victorian baseball community to join us for a fantastic night celebrating the past and sharing excitement in the future.”

Our inaugural Hall of Fame Class of 2025 includes the following inductees:

- Amy McCann
- Barry Smith\*
- David Clarkson
- David Went
- Dick Chapman\*
- Don Deeble\*
- Ernie George Bolton
- Frank Laver\*
- Graeme Deany
- Graeme Lloyd
- Jennie Moloney
- John Hodges\*
- John O’Brien\*
- John Swanson
- John Viney
- Jon Deeble
- Lenton ‘Lyn’ Straw\*
- Les Flower
- Matthew Sheldon-Collins
- Michael O’Brien
- Paul Collins\*
- Peter Dihm
- Phil Dale
- Richard (Dick) Mason\*
- Ron Clack\*
- Ross Straw\*
- Samantha Hamilton
- Simone Wearne

*\*deceased*

Click [HERE](#) to get your tickets - early bird pricing is \$100pp and ends Sunday 4 May.



# BASEBALL VICTORIA HALL OF FAME EVENING

JOIN BASEBALL VICTORIA AT OUR VERY FIRST HALL OF FAME EVENING, WHERE WE WILL INDUCT A NUMBER OF WORTHY RECIPIENTS INTO THE BV HALL OF FAME.

WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2025 6-9PM  
LAKESIDE STADIUM AT STATE SPORTS CENTRE  
31 – 33 AUGTHIE DRIVE  
ALBERT PARK VICTORIA 3206

**GET YOUR TICKETS VIA QR CODE**



### 2025 All-Girls Winter Invitational Expressions of Interest Now Open

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open expressions of interest for the 2025 All-Girls Winter Invitational, which will be played over the long weekend from 7-9 June at Geelong Baseball Centre.

It will be an action-packed baseball weekend with the Girls Invitational running alongside the Senior and Senior Women's State Winter Championships.

Girls aged 11-15 are encouraged to register for this exciting opportunity [HERE](#). Registration closes Friday 16 May.

### Baseball Victoria Membership Officer - Expressions of Interest

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open expressions of interest for the BV Membership Officer, a part-time role primarily responsible for club liaison, membership and administrative support.

Please view the [position description here](#) and send expressions of interest with a cover letter and CV to [ceo@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:ceo@baseballvictoria.com.au) by 9 May 2025.

## [2025 Australian Senior League Championships Coming to Geelong Baseball Centre](#)

Rangers and Mets will represent Victoria on the national stage as the 2025 Australian Senior League Championship heads to Geelong from 21-25 May. Check out the schedule release [HERE](#) and visit [www.baseball.com.au/nationals](http://www.baseball.com.au/nationals) for a list of qualified teams across all tournaments.

## [Deakin University Baseball Study](#)

The BV Performance Pathway team is pleased to assist Deakin University research in recruiting players for a baseball virtual reality study. This study compares pitch recognition, joint and body movement, ground reaction forces, and batting metrics in virtual reality vs. real-world hitting. Check out more information below and [get in touch](#) if you'd like to be part of the player group for upcoming testing.



**BASEBALL VIRTUAL REALITY STUDY**  
**Seeking Participants Now!!!**

**WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?**  
Deakin University is recruiting baseball players for a study comparing pitch recognition, joint and body movement, ground reaction forces, and batting metrics in virtual reality vs real-world hitting.

**ARE YOU?**

- Male
- > 18 years of age
- Play baseball currently
- Injury free in the past 3 months
- Right-handed

**WHAT'S INVOLVED?**

- 3 visits that will total 5 hours of participation
- 2 at Deakin University, 1 at an indoor batting cage

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING?**

- Analysis of your batting performance
- Contribute to the development of innovative baseball training methods?

**IPAN**  
INSTITUTE FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION

**CSR**  
CENTRE FOR SPORT RESEARCH

## **WANT TO GET INVOLVED?**

**CONTACT:** [s224281179@deakin.edu.au](mailto:s224281179@deakin.edu.au)



← **SCAN**



This study has received Deakin University ethics approval (reference number: 2024- HE000495).

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

We love to see all the awesome baseball action so far this year, and there's [much more 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.

## Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. Level 0 Clinic

Thank you to everyone who joined Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. for the Level 00 Beginner's Scoring Clinic this week. Next up is a VBS Level 0 Scorers Clinic on Tuesday 6 May from 7-9pm. Only 100 places are available, and preference will be given to VBS members who register by 5pm Monday 5 May.


This online Zoom session will be an interactive and hands-on 'base level' scorebook clinic, building on learnings from the Level 00 New Scorers/Beginners Clinic and experience gained from scoring live games.

Prerequisites – at least one of the following:

- Attendance at the VBS online Level 00 New Scorers/Beginners clinic is desirable – \*\*We will not be repeating this content and will assume a level of competence from the Level 00 session\*\*
- An understanding of the game, simple book recording, fielding and batting positions, line-up sheets, match report sheets and local rules.

Please click [HERE](#) to register - RSVPs are essential. Pre-session resources and the Zoom link will be emailed to you before the event. Each participant must register for security reasons.

For any questions, please PM the [Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. Facebook Page](#) or email [vbslevel0clinic@gmail.com](mailto:vbslevel0clinic@gmail.com)


A promotional poster for a Level 0 Scorers Session. The background is dark grey with a large, stylized baseball on the left side. A bright yellow rectangular box is centered on the poster, containing the event details. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, there is a logo for Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. featuring a stylized baseball and the organization's name.

**LEVEL 0 SCORERS SESSION**

**Tuesday  
6 May  
7.00 - 9.00pm**

**VIA ZOOM**

**Registration essential using the  
attached Google Form  
Zoom link & pre-session resources  
will be emailed upon registration**

The logo for Victorian Baseball Scorers Inc. It features a stylized baseball with a pencil passing through it, with the text "Victorian" in a script font and "BASEBALL SCORERS INC." in a smaller, sans-serif font below it.



## College & Professional Australian Baseball Player Updates

[Baseball.com.au](https://baseball.com.au) has you covered with the latest news on Aussies Abroad, including Nikau Pouaka-Grego, Jayden Kim, Robinson Smith, Jarryd Dale, Lewis Thorpe, Billy Parsons, and Matt Beattie. Check out the April Pro Aussies update [HERE](#).

There are also US College Baseball updates on Victorians Ben Fierenzi, Ryan Morrison, Zak Skinner, Jarryd Wood, Charlie Collins, Connor Hickey, George Cooper, Bronson Neave, and Nick Bertucci. [Read more](#).

## 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.

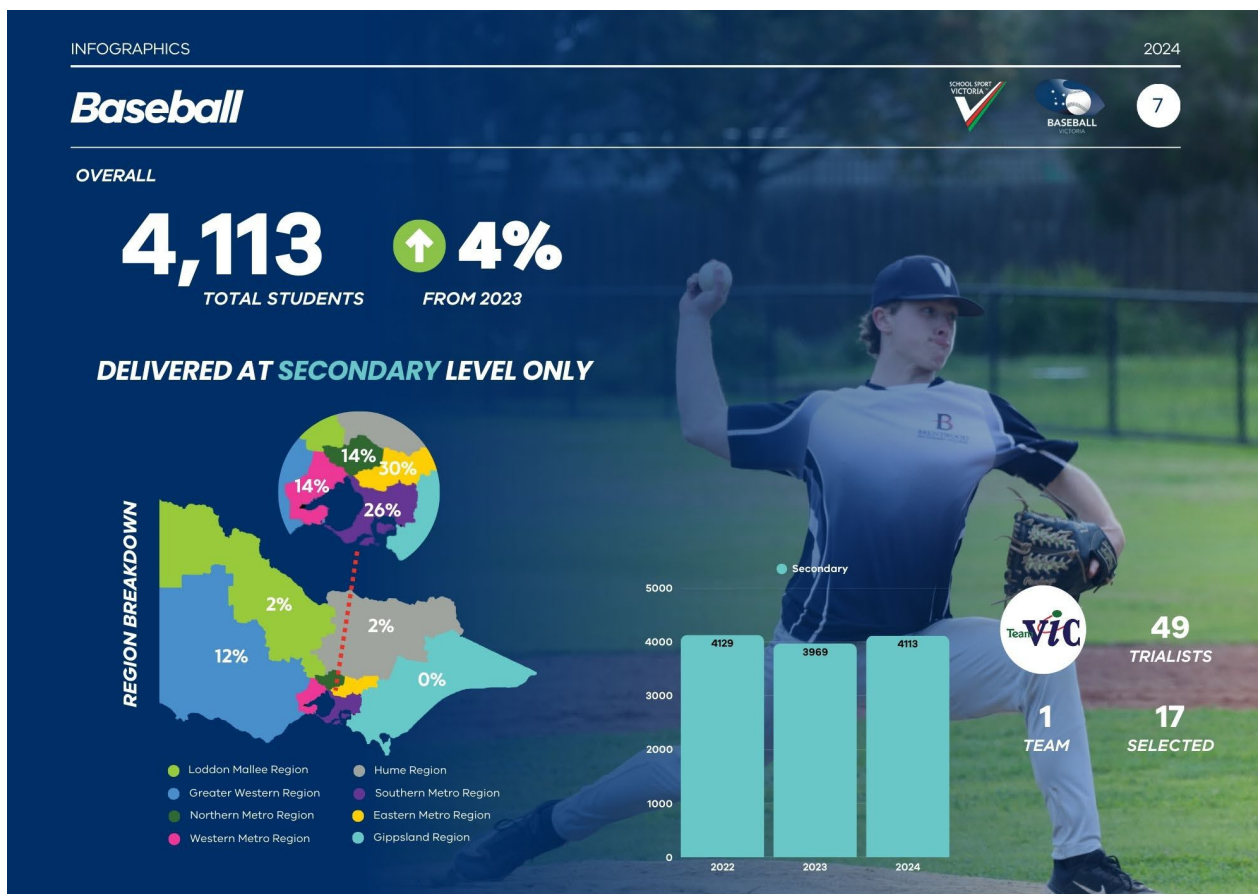
A record 330 nominations were received from the Victorian sporting community, honouring those who have made an exceptional contribution to sport and recreation in Victoria during the previous calendar year.

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](https://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 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.

## **Club News: Vale Percy Bownds**

It is with deep sadness that the Waverley Baseball Club announces the passing of Life Member Percy Bownds.

Percy was a cornerstone of the club for many years, leaving an indelible mark on the Wildcats' history. He served as club coach in 1966, 1967, and 1970, guiding and inspiring countless players both as a senior and a junior coach.

His dedication extended to the administrative side, where he contributed his time and expertise as a valued member of the club committee for a decade.

On the field, Percy was a tenacious pitcher, proudly representing Waverley in 154 games. Percy's passion for baseball and his unwavering support will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy as a player, coach, and dedicated clubman will live on.

Waverley Baseball Club and Baseball Victoria extend our sincerest condolences to Margaret, Rohan, Anthony and all his family and friends during this difficult time.

More information on Percy and the funeral arrangements can be found [HERE](#).



## **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](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: 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](mailto:sam@jimsbuildinginspections.com.au) with your interest by 1 June.

## **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](#).

## **Club News: Join the Safe and Inclusive Sport Community of Practice Webinar**

Register for the Safe and Inclusive Sport Community of Practice on engaging men as allies for gender equity and the prevention of gender-based violence.

Speakers include former Melbourne Football Club player and current Head of AFLW Development at Essendon FC, Ben Brown, Tim Richardson Parliamentary Secretary for Men's Behaviour Change, and a case study from Football Victoria and The Men's Project.

When: Wednesday, 7 May

Time: 9:30-11:30

Click [HERE](#) to register for the session.

## 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](#).

## The BV Team

**Chet Gray** – CEO

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Officer

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

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

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**Michelle Coote** – Administration Officer

**David Nagy** – Event Support Officer

**Ethan Epifanio** – Development Officer

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