

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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## **Baseball Victoria TMA Project Introduces Wellbeing and Safeguarding Leads**

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce the next stage of a Together More Active Wellbeing & Safeguarding Project, supported through Victorian Government funding.

BV has partnered with Total Teams to present the Wellbeing and Safeguarding Project: Building Safe & Well Baseball Clubs.

Over the winter season, associations and clubs will be invited to participate in the program, which will run as four monthly sessions with a focus on applied learning and practical implementation. The program will be extended to summer clubs later in the year.

Clubs will nominate their Wellbeing and Safeguarding Leads through an internal process, identifying leaders who will be responsible for championing a safe, supportive, and inclusive club environment, prioritising both child and adult safeguarding.

An initial workshop has already been delivered for Melbourne Winter Baseball League clubs, with another scheduled for all winter clubs on 13 May. Following Workshop 2, nominations for [Wellbeing & Safeguarding Leads](#) will open ahead of the Leadership Program, beginning 27 May.

Read the full story [HERE](#).



## 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:

**PLAYERS:** Amy McCann, David Clarkson, Don Deeble\*, Ernie George Bolton, Graeme Deany, Graeme Lloyd, John Hodges\*, John Swanson, Matthew Sheldon-Collins, Ross Straw\*, Samantha Hamilton, Simone Wearne

**MANAGERS:** Frank Laver\*, Jon Deeble, Lyndon ‘Lyn’ Straw\*

**PLAYER AND MANAGER:** David Went, Phil Dale

**ADMINISTRATORS:** John O’Brien\*, Les Flower, Michael O’Brien, Paul Collins\*, Peter Dihm, Ron Clack\*

**UMPIRES:** Barry Smith\*, Dick Chapman\*

**SCORERS:** Jennie Moloney

**SERVICE TO BASEBALL:** John Viney

**MEDIA:** Richard (Dick) Mason\*

*\*deceased*

Click [HERE](#) to get your tickets by Thursday 15 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.



*2024 All-Girls Winter Invitational*

## **2025 Australian Senior League Championship 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.

## **Athletics and Mariners Headed to Lismore for 2025 Australian Intermediate League Championship**

Following Senior League, Intermediate League is next up on the nationals calendar. Athletics and Mariners are the Victorian representatives playing in the 2025 Australian Intermediate League Championship in Lismore, NSW from 28 May to 1 June. See the schedule [HERE](#).

## **Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events**

It's been an exciting start to the year, and there's so much more [baseball fun coming up](#). Check out our full [Calendar of Events](#) and stay tuned for all the awesome baseball activities planned for this year.

## **College & Professional Australian Baseball Player Updates**

[Baseball.com.au](http://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](#).

### 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 and School Sport Victoria Partnership

Baseball Victoria is thrilled to announce a new 1-year partnership with School Sport Victoria (SSV) to deliver the #SSV Interschool Sport Baseball Competition along with opportunities for students to represent #TeamVic at the School Sport Australia Championships.

SSV/school sport is an important component of BV's participation strategy with 4,113 students participating in interschool sport in 2024, which was an increase of 4% from 2023.



We look forward to continuing our partnership with #SSV and providing more opportunities for Victorian students to play baseball!

[Learn more about SSV Baseball.](#)



### Victorian Baseball Scorers Level 1 Baseball Scoring Accreditation

Starting on Monday 12 May from 7-9pm via Zoom and running for three weeks, Victorian Baseball Scorers will be presenting Level 1 Clinics, with the potential for sitting the Level 1 Accreditation exam. This is a great opportunity to improve/update your scoring skills, even if you are not interested in sitting the exam.

The 3-week training course is recommended for those with the below competencies:

- Regular scoring at any level (junior/senior)
- A good knowledge of the game – simple book recording, understanding of fielding and batting positions, some knowledge of recording symbols and movement of runners on bases including outs, runs and left on base

[Registrations](#) strictly close Saturday 10 May at 9am. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

### 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: Waverley Baseball Club Expressions of Interest – Senior Head Coach**

Waverley Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for the role of Senior Head Coach for the 2025/26 season and beyond. Waverley is a strong club with a rich history of success spanning 60+ years with 13 Division 1 titles and current back-to-back men's reserves titles. Waverley currently fields eight senior men's teams and boasts one of the biggest junior programs in the state.

The successful applicant will be a playing or non-playing coach, with strong communication skills and leadership qualities that align with the core values of the club, such as:

- Strong communication and leadership qualities
- Attain high-level success
- Ensure a structured development pathway to support junior players in their progression to senior teams, ensuring effective succession and long-term team strength
- Ability to plan and oversee a structured pre-season and in-season training/development program
- Able to identify and attract new talent to the club
- Promote and drive club culture in a competitive and social environment

A subcommittee of board, current, and past players has been put in place to support applicants through the process with an attractive remuneration package on offer to the successful applicant.

Applications should be made to club president Andrew Ferguson - [president@waverleybaseball.com.au](mailto:president@waverleybaseball.com.au) by Tuesday 13 May.

### **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: 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: 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](#).

## The BV Team

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**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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