

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS  
DATE: 12 JUNE 2025  
FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA  
SUBJECT: STATE WINTER CHAMPS, GIRLS INVITATIONAL, NATIONALS, GM, COACHING, EVENTS, CLUB NEWS, BV TV, SALESIAN, HONOUR ROLLS, LIFEBLOOD

## 2025 Aces Sporting Club Senior State Winter Championships

The Aces Sporting Club Senior and Senior Women's State Winter Championships got underway in Geelong over the weekend, with an [action-packed Day 1](#) before heavy rain halted play for the next two days.

Despite the best efforts of volunteers at Guild All-Stars and East Belmont Saints to get the grounds cleared, the wet weather forced the cancellation of all remaining games. We greatly appreciate all the grounds crew and volunteers for their dedicated efforts and thank all teams and players for taking part.

## 2025 BV All-Girls Winter Invitational

The 2025 BV All-Girls Winter Invitational ran alongside the State Winter Champs in Geelong. It was a great group of over 50 girls (U13 and U15), who enjoyed both games and training. Well done to the BV All-Stars, BV Cubs, BV Royals, and MWBL teams!

Baseball Victoria acknowledges the fantastic ongoing support of hosts Geelong Baseball Association, East Belmont Saints Baseball Club, and Guild All-Stars Baseball Club throughout the weekend.



Photo: [Field of View Sports Photography](#)

## 2025 Australian Little League Championships

Rangers and Twins have spent the week playing their hearts out and having a great time at the 2025 Australian Little League Championships in Blacktown, NSW. We are so proud of them for giving every game their all and we can't wait to see what the future holds!

Catch up on their Little League nationals journey [HERE](#).

## 2025 Intermediate League and Junior League Finals to Conclude in Melbourne

A national Junior League and Intermediate League champion will be crowned in Melbourne on Friday 20 June. Baseball Australia will resume two national junior tournaments [which both saw the final day washed out](#) due to heavy rains in Gold Coast and Lismore.

The winners of each respective tournament will represent the Australian Region at their respective World Series event in the United States in July.

In Intermediate League, two games remain: the preliminary final and the gold medal game, which will be held at Essendon Baseball Club on Chris Lane Field. Athletics will face Central Firebirds in the prelim at 9:30am, with the winner advancing to face Hills in the championship game.

In Junior League, Mets and Athletics will face off in the semi-final at La Trobe University Baseball Club at 11:45am. Read the latest update [HERE](#).

**2025 Australian Junior League Championship**

**AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL CLUB**

**9:30AM: SEMI-FINAL 1: CRONULLA BLACK VS BRISBANE NORTH**

**11:45AM: SEMI-FINAL 2: MELBOURNE METS VS MELBOURNE ATHLETICS**

**2:00PM: GOLD MEDAL GAME**

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**

**FRIDAY 20 JUNE**

**2025 Australian Intermediate League Championship**

**@ ESSENDON BASEBALL CLUB**

**9:30AM: PRELIMINARY FINAL: CENTRAL FIREBIRDS VS MELBOURNE ATHLETICS**

**11:45AM: GOLD MEDAL: HILLS VS WINNER OF PRELIMINARY FINAL**

**WATCH ON GAME CHANGER**

### **Closing Soon: Expressions of Interest for Baseball Victoria General Manager Operations**

Expressions of interest for the newly created General Manager Operations role close Friday 13 June. As one of the four leadership roles in BV and 2IC for the organisation, the GM Operations is responsible for the strategic and operational delivery of all baseball competitions, events, and related pathway programs across Victoria.

This role ensures the effective planning, implementation, and continuous improvement of Baseball Victoria's operations, ensuring alignment with the organisation's strategic objectives and stakeholder expectations. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply.

### **Closing Soon: Barclay Cup & U16/U18 AYC Coach/Staff Expressions of Interest**

Baseball Victoria will once again be entering teams to participate in the 2025 Barclay Cup and 2026 Australian Youth Championships (U16 and U18). Our teams have a very rich and successful history competing in these events and this is your chance to lead young Victorian baseballers to new heights.

Expressions of interest close Friday 13 June for manager (head coach), assistant coach, pitching coach and executive officer roles. Please click [HERE](#) to register your interest and email any questions to BV High Performance Officer [damian.shanahan@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:damian.shanahan@baseballvictoria.com.au).



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

A big year for baseball continues with BV Performance Pathway programs, national tournaments, and winter fun [throughout June and July](#). Check out our full [Calendar of Events](#) and stay tuned for more baseball action.

### **Club News: Tamworth Tournament Winners**

Ramen Raiders, a team composed of players from Point Cook, Uni Melbourne, St Kilda and Footscray, were the first Victorian team to take part in the Tamworth June Long Weekend Baseball Tournament in the 56 years it has been running. Not only did they take out the B Grade title, but they also went undefeated with a 6-0 record. Congrats all!

## Club News: Wangaratta Rangers 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

This year, Wangaratta Rangers Baseball Club celebrate a significant milestone – the Rangers' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

The club warmly invites all past and present players, members, volunteers, and supporters to join in the celebration at Targoora Park, 330 Wangaratta-Whitfield Road, Wangaratta on Sunday 27 July 2025 for a day that recognises everyone who has contributed to the club's journey.

Baseball will be on show all day, with Rangers teams facing fellow Rangers:

- **U15s:** 8:30am – 9:50am
- **C Grade:** 10:10am – 11:30am (playing North Albury Bears)
- **U12s:** 10:30am – 11:30am
- **B Grade:** 12:00pm – 2:00pm
- **A Grade:** 2:30pm – 4:30pm

The canteen will be open throughout the day, and from 3:30pm, Griff will serve his renowned American BBQ feast (\$20 per person for those dining). Formal proceedings, including reflections on 25 years and the announcement of Quarter-of-a-Century All Stars, will follow the final out of the A Grade game.

To assist with catering, please click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

A vertical poster for the Wangaratta Rangers 25th Anniversary Celebration. At the top is the club's logo: a circular emblem with 'WANG' at the top and 'RANGERS' at the bottom, surrounding a large 'W' with a baseball bat. Below the logo, the text 'JOIN US FOR A' is in a small, sans-serif font, followed by '25 Year' in a large, elegant script font, and 'CELEBRATION' in a large, bold, orange sans-serif font. Underneath, it says 'CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST 25 YEARS INCLUDING THE QUARTER OF A CENTURY ALL STARS TEAM!' in a small, bold, sans-serif font. A thick double horizontal line separates this from the date and time information. The date '27 JULY 2025' is in a large, bold, sans-serif font, followed by a vertical line and the time '2:30' in the same font, with 'TARGOORA PARK' in a smaller font to the right. Another thick double horizontal line follows. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'BBQ' with a grill and stars, followed by a large ampersand '&' and the word 'Baseball' in a script font. Below these, it says 'AMERICAN BBQ FEAST BY GRIFF' and '\$20 PP IF EATING' in a bold, sans-serif font.

  
JOIN US FOR A  
**25 Year**  
**CELEBRATION**  
CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST  
25 YEARS INCLUDING THE QUARTER OF A  
CENTURY ALL STARS TEAM!  

---

**27 JULY 2025** | **2:30** TARGOORA  
PARK  

---

 **&** *Baseball*  
AMERICAN BBQ FEAST BY GRIFF  
\$20 PP IF EATING

### **Club News: Cheltenham Rustlers Coach Expressions of Interest**

Cheltenham Rustlers Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for a women's baseball coach for the 2025/26 VSBL season. The Rustlers are looking for someone who is passionate about empowering female athletes and sharing a love of baseball. Email [cheltenhamrustlersbc@gmail.com](mailto:cheltenhamrustlersbc@gmail.com) to express your interest.

### **Club News: Sandringham Royals Coach Expressions of Interest**

Sandringham Royals Baseball Club is looking for a Premier 1 Reserves coach for the 2025/26 VSBL season. The ideal candidate will be an enthusiastic and experienced coach eager to develop and foster the young Royals group. Head to our [club ads page](#) for more info or email [secretary@sandybaseball.com.au](mailto:secretary@sandybaseball.com.au).

### **Club News: MCC Women's Baseball Coach Expressions of Interest**

Melbourne (MCC Baseball) is looking for a women's baseball coach for the 2025/26 summer season. The ideal candidate will be passionate about empowering female athletes with the drive to inspire, lead, and grow a team within the club. Visit our [club ads page](#) for more details or email Murray Noble at [chairman@mccbaseball.org.au](mailto:chairman@mccbaseball.org.au).

### **Club News: Club Umpire Coordinator & Behind the Mask Umpire Nominations**

Baseball Victoria is requesting each club to nominate a Club Umpire Coordinator for the upcoming 2025/26 VSBL season. This individual will work in collaboration with the Baseball Victoria Umpire Recruitment and Retention Officer and the BV Umpiring Working Group.

Their role will be pivotal in:

- Promoting umpiring opportunities within the club
- Supporting the development of new and existing umpires
- Facilitating education and training initiatives
- Contributing to the overall growth of the umpiring community at the grassroots level

Please click [HERE](#) to submit your nominations.

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

As the [winter season](#) continues, 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: 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: 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: Webinar - Recruiting and Retaining Women in Sport**

Vicsport invites you to a webinar on Wednesday 23 June: *Understanding the Victorian Sport Workforce: Recruiting and Retaining Women in Sport*.

From 12-1pm, this free online session (via Teams) will present findings from a research project identifying Victorian sport sector workforce and recruitment trends since 2016, using LinkedIn data.

Recommendations for ensuring high-quality and equitable recruitment practices as well as strategies to identify gaps and ensure retention of staff will be provided in an interactive and engaging online webinar.

Click [HERE](#) to register or contact [admin@vicsport.com.au](mailto:admin@vicsport.com.au) for more information.

# **UNDERSTANDING THE VICTORIAN SPORT WORKFORCE:**

## **RECRUITING AND RETAINING WOMEN IN SPORT**

**Monday 23 June  
12:00pm - 1.00pm**

**Online via Teams**



**VICSPORT**



**RMIT  
UNIVERSITY**

**CHANGE  
OUR  
GAME**



### **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.

## 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.

## 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

**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

**Audrina Ning** – Financial Controller

**Michelle Coote** – Administration Officer

**David Nagy** – Event Support Officer

**Ethan Epifanio** – Development Officer

**Brooke Penfold** – Technical Officer

**Tony McPherson** – Tournament Officer

**Daniel Chircop** – Pathways/MSA Coach

**Samantha Hamilton** – Performance Pathway Coach

