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Dandenong and North East Win 2025 Under 13 State Winter Championships

The 2025 Under 13 State Winter Championships wrapped up in Wangaratta after an action-packed Sunday culminating in two great grand finals.

Congratulations to Dandenong on winning Division 1 and North East on winning Division 2. A special thank you to host Wangaratta Rangers Baseball Club and all the committee members, grounds crew, and NEBA volunteers who made it possible.

Well done to all teams and players from across the state, including the North East, Melbourne, Dandenong, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, Bendigo, and Sunraysia.

A special mention to the All-Star teams:

- Division 1: Ian Kim, Jasper Gibson and Mia Wang (Dandenong), Lucas Giles and Lucca Lidgett (Diamond Valley), Harper Woolfe and Jasper Hall (Geelong), Axl Denman and Callum Dyer (Ringwood)
- Division 2: Henry Eeles (Bendigo), Ainslie Harris and Kado Lapins (City West), Beau Saddington and Ryder Hornstra (Latrobe Valley), Harlan Gambier and Harlen Webster (North East), Declan Griffin and Morgan Dowling (Sunraysia)

Read [GameChanger recaps](#) from the second day and catch up on the first day of Under 13 SWC action [HERE](#).

After another successful SWC season, we would like to say a special thank you to BV Diamond Partners [Field of View Sports Photography](#) and [Ausport](#) for attending the tournaments and supporting our winter baseball community.



Victorians Join Team Australia for Under 12 World Cup

Best of luck to Victorians Harvey Ninnis, Phil Toye, and Jaxon Waters as they represent Team Australia at the 2025 WBSC Under 12 Baseball World Cup. They are joined by EO Val Langworthy.

Australia is playing in the tournament from 25 July to 4 August in Chinese Taipei. Check out the [baseball.com.au hub](https://baseball.com.au/hub) for all the details on this exciting opportunity – let's go Aussies!



U16 National Squad Competing in Japan Next Month

Two Australian National Under 16 teams will head to Japan to compete in tournaments next month.

In March 2025, Team Australia [named 34 players to a national squad selected](#) off the backs of their performance at the Australian Youth Championships. The squad has since been split into one team of 18 and one team of 16 based off their date of births and school year.

One squad will compete at the 15U Perfect Game Pacific Baseball Championships in Sapporo, while the other will play against some of the top Japanese junior teams – including a double-header vs the Tokyo Giants U15 Team – in Tokyo.

Congratulations to BV Performance Pathway athletes Cooper Bishop-Worn, Cooper Busch, Euan Clarkin, Brody Stokes, Brodie Trevean, Jarvis Johansen, Mitchell Langworthy, and Marcus Murphy. Scott Meager has been named Sapporo Team Manager.

Read the full update [HERE](#).

CMD Sports Joins BV Diamond Partnership Program

In case you missed it, CMD Sports has joined the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#) at the Triple level.

CMD Sports, established in 2020, is dedicated to supplying the Australian market with premium, often hard-to-find, sporting goods. They're a one-stop shop for baseball equipment, offering an extensive product range including bats, gloves, balls, grips, apparel, helmets, bags, protective gear, training aids and accessories. For clubs looking to stand out, CMD Sports also specialises in **custom teamwear**, providing high-quality, personalized uniforms and gear to help teams look and play their best.

"Thank you to CMD Sports for coming on board our Diamond Partnership Program," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "We are thrilled to have the support of another leading local supplier of baseball gear, and we encourage our Victorian baseball community to check them out."

"We're incredibly excited to partner with Baseball Victoria and contribute to the growth of baseball across the state," said Danny Walk, Co-Owner of CMD Sports. "Our vision has always been to provide Australian players and clubs with access to the best equipment and custom teamwear, and this partnership allows us to further support the passionate baseball community here in Victoria."

To celebrate this new partnership, CMD Sports is offering the Baseball Victoria community an exclusive **10% discount** on all online orders. Simply use the code **BV10AUG2025** at checkout. This special offer is valid until the end of August 2025.

Learn more on their official website: cmdsports.com.au



2025 Barclay Cup Tryout Registration

As a reminder, registration is open for the 2025 Barclay Cup tryouts. This year's program will include the newly revamped Futures, now specifically aimed at youth women aged 13 to 16.

The Barclay Cup/Youth Women's Futures Development Program goes beyond the existing club programs, offering participants the chance to further develop their core skills.

The program will run over a number of weeks under the leadership of Samantha Hamilton, Victorian Women's Head Coach and Australian Emeralds Assistant Coach.

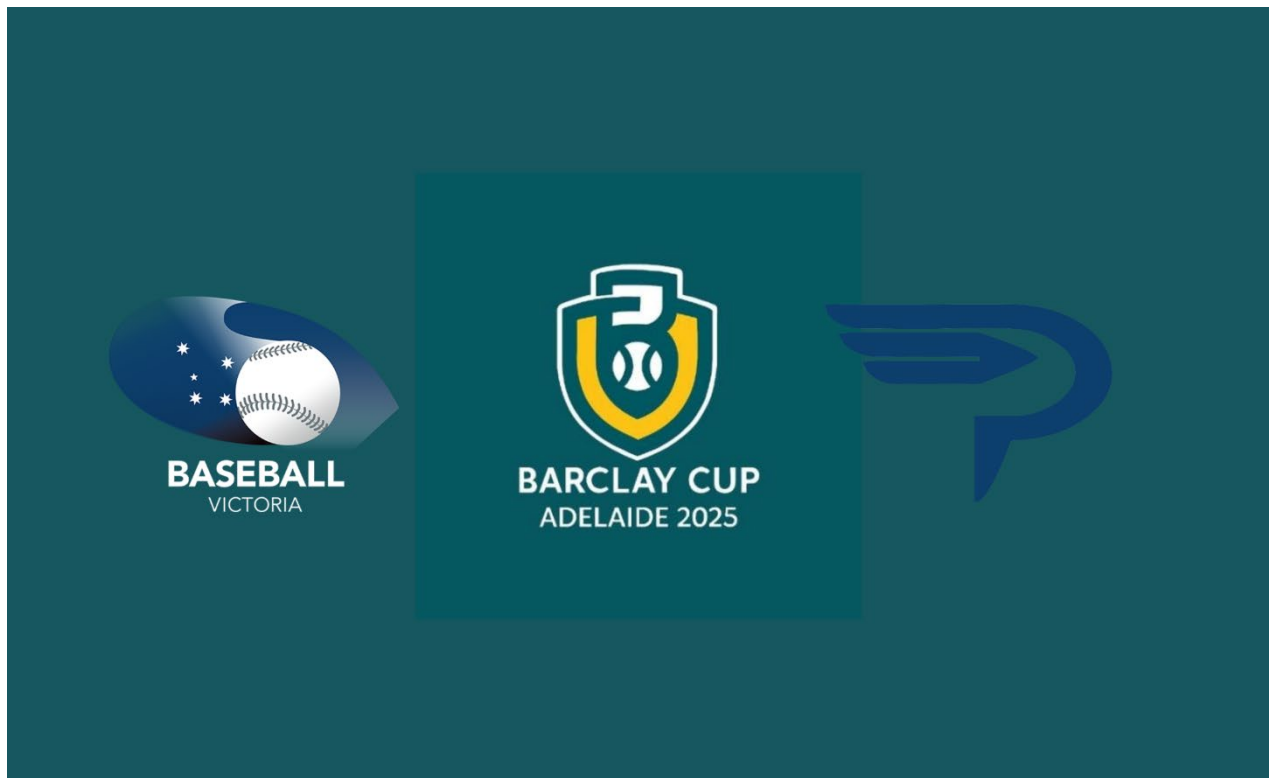
"We are focused on reinforcing key aspects of their game and preparing them to compete at the next level," Hamilton said.

"The potential within Victoria's emerging baseball talent is incredibly promising, and we're excited to be a part of their ongoing path to growth and achievement, both within the game and beyond. We're also committed to upskilling the coaches within the Baseball Victoria Coaching Panel, ensuring a holistic approach to player development."

At the end of the program, Baseball Victoria will send two teams to participate in the fourth annual Barclay Cup in South Australia, hosted at Weigall Oval, home of Adelaide Angels Baseball Club, from 28 September to 4 October. The competition features teams from NSW, QLD, VIC, WA, and SA, providing a platform for junior girls to showcase their talent and celebrate the future of women's baseball in Australia.

To be eligible to participate in the Barclay Cup, girls must be between the ages of 13 and 16 by 31 August 2025. The Barclay Cup Program and trials will be conducted and organised by the BV Performance Pathway team, with a tryout taking place on Friday 1 August from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Melbourne Ballpark.

Click [HERE](#) to register.



Baseball Victoria 2025 Calendar of Events

An exciting year of baseball continues with BV Performance Pathway programs, tournaments, and more [events coming up](#). Check out our full [Calendar of Events](#) and stay tuned for more baseball action.

Club News: Vale Barry Wonnacott – Sandringham Royals Baseball Club

Sandringham Baseball Club invites the baseball community to a [Celebration of Life for Barry Wonnacott](#) at Victoria Golf Club (Park Road, Cheltenham) on Friday 25 July at 3:30pm. This will be a joyful gathering of family and friends, remembering the life of a dedicated baseballer who spent over 65 years with the Royals.

Club News: Melbourne Aces Import Players

Melbourne Aces will have several import players available for a large part of the 2025/26 VSBL season. The Aces would require some assistance from the club but would look after most of the requirements. Clubs can contact Mick Wearne on 0418 324 114 to discuss further.

Club News: Little League T-Ball Club Registration

As a reminder, Baseball Victoria clubs are invited to sign up for the new national Little League T-Ball program, which can be run as a multi-week program or condensed into school holiday sessions.

By signing up, your club gets access to resources developed by Little League International, Baseball Australia and Kiddo. Little League T-Ball is aimed at kids aged 4-8 to help them develop the skills they need in order to play baseball in the future.

The first 50 clubs/organisations who sign up to run this program will receive a \$250 grant from Baseball Australia to help in buying additional equipment. Thank you to all the clubs that have signed up so far!

Scan the QR code for the [Little League T-Ball Sign Up Form](#). Email competitions@baseballvictoria.com.au with any questions or for more info.

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP OR EMAIL [COMPETITIONS@BASEBALLVICTORIA.COM.AU](mailto:competitions@baseballvictoria.com.au) FOR MORE INFO.

Club News: StrikeZone Sports New Location

[StrikeZone Sports](#) (formerly Fielders Choice Victoria) is moving from their Mulgrave store. From 1 September, you will find them at their new retail store at Level 1, 4/10 Duerdin Street, Notting Hill. With over 391 sq. metres of space, they will have an expanded range of baseball and softball equipment, including ground equipment, uniform design and purchase, as well as many other items. For further information, please call 0488 661 908 or visit www.fielderschoicevicact.com.

Club News: 2025/26 BV Development Grants Closing Soon!

As a reminder, applications are now open for 2025/26 BV Development Grants. Summer clubs are encouraged to apply for grants to fund baseball development activities aimed at driving junior and female participation and growth within the sport. Please view [program guidelines](#) for more information and the [application link](#). Applications close 31 July.

Club News: Baseball Victoria AGM Save The Date

The 2025 Baseball Victoria AGM will be held on Wednesday 12 November. Please mark your calendars and note that official correspondence will be sent closer to the meeting date.

Club News: Blackburn Baseball Club Senior Women's Team – Coming 2025/26

Blackburn Baseball Club is proud to launch a Senior Women's Team for the 2025/26 season! The Burners are building a strong, inclusive women's program and inviting people who want to be part of a welcoming, community-focused club to come on board.

Whether you're an experienced player or just keen to be involved, the Burners would love to hear from you. Click [HERE](#) to join and feel free to send any questions to blackburnorioles@gmail.com. Stay tuned for coaching details coming soon!

Club News: Bonbeach Bluejays Coach Expressions of Interest

Bonbeach Baseball Club is looking for its next head coach for the 2025/26 season. The Bluejays are seeking a dedicated leader to build on last year's success with the Premier League 2 Club Championship and five out of six senior teams playing finals in 2024/25. Click [HERE](#) to learn more or contact President Brendan Wilson via bonbeachstchads@gmail.com.

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 to express your interest.

Club News: Footscray Senior Coach Expression of Interest

Footscray Baseball Club seeks a dedicated and knowledgeable senior head coach for the 2025/26 summer season and beyond. The club boasts growing junior, women, and senior programs. The successful applicant will have a vision of growth and development with full committee support. Visit our [club ads page](#) for more details or email applications to footscraybc1925@gmail.com.

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.

Club News: Port Melbourne Head Coach Expressions of Interest

Port Melbourne Baseball Club is looking for a dedicated and knowledgeable club head coach and women's program coach for the upcoming VSBL season. The Mariners want someone to bring their expertise, knowledge, and enthusiasm to a fast-growing, family-friendly club. See our [club ads page](#) for more info or email president.portmarinersbc@gmail.com.

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.

Club News: Werribee Giants Women's Head Coach Expressions of Interest

Werribee Giants Baseball Club is now seeking expressions of interest for a head coach to lead the senior women's program during the 2025/26 VSBL season. The club is looking for a passionate and driven leader to help guide and develop the women's team as the Giants continue to grow female participation and success at the club. Visit the [club ads page](#) for more info or email jessicab1984@hotmail.com to express your interest.

Club News: Wangaratta Rangers 25th Anniversary Celebration

This year, Wangaratta Rangers Baseball Club celebrate a significant milestone – the Rangers' 25th 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.

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 to get started.

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: 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.

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 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

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