

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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Victorian Women's All-Stars Take On The Japan University Women's All-Stars in Historic Clash

For the first time in many years, a combined Japan University Women's All-Stars team will travel to Melbourne and give our Victorian Women's All-Stars an unprecedented opportunity to represent their state and take on quality opposition as part of preparation for the 2026 Australian Women's Championships in April.

The trip is a whirlwind tour spanning just one action-packed weekend, 29-30 November, featuring five games over two days at Newport Baseball and Port Melbourne Baseball Club, respectively. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase Victoria's growth, particularly in the women and girls space.

"We are beyond excited to host the Japanese University All-Stars team and showcase some of the best women's baseball talent in Victoria," Baseball Victoria CEO Chet Gray said. "We are hoping this series inspires the next generation of players and provides a springboard into early 2026 where we are aiming to hold our first-ever all-girls competition.

"I also wish to acknowledge the support of Baseball Australia for being supportive of this opportunity."

Hiroko Yamada, Women's Baseball Federation of Japan Chair, said "I am truly grateful for this opportunity which will be an invaluable, once-in-a-lifetime experience for our university players. Besides baseball, I hope that Japanese players learn and enjoy the different culture, gaining international perspective. I also would like to express my appreciation to Baseball Australia as well as Baseball Victoria for making this happen.

"Australia is always our precious friend, and I hope this event helps to create more games for women's baseball in both countries. Let's work together for our sport!"

Newport Baseball Club is thrilled to be involved in hosting this special event.

"The club is honoured and excited to host at our home of KC White Reserve. This event is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the outstanding standard of women's baseball here in Victoria and to celebrate the shared passion for the game between our local players and our international guests," Club President Caron Condie said. "We are proud to partner with Baseball Victoria in supporting the continued growth of women's baseball at all levels."

Port Melbourne Baseball Club shares the sentiment.

"We are honoured to have been chosen to host this event and are ready for an awesome weekend of women's baseball. This is a great opportunity to witness an amazing standard of baseball and to showcase our newly redeveloped ground in preparation for future opportunities like this for our community," Club President Daniella Garofolo said.

On Saturday at Newport, there will be a pre-game ceremony at 3:30pm for the 4pm match featuring national anthems and presentations from local dignitaries. There will be live music and entertainment during the break and local women's matches played on the adjacent diamond to add to an already electric atmosphere.

On Sunday at Port Melbourne, there will be junior activations throughout the afternoon, but most importantly for the club, they will launch their main fundraiser selling Christmas trees, continuing a 21-year tradition.

Check out the full schedule and team lists [HERE](#).



2025/26 VSBL Season

After a rainy weekend we are hoping for better baseball weather this next round. Thank you to all our club volunteers and groundskeepers who did their best to get games up and going this weekend. There's plenty more baseball to come this summer and we can't wait!

If you haven't registered yet and want to play summer ball, please click [HERE](#) for links to do so. As a reminder, all new and returning players, coaches, umpires, scorers, volunteers, and committee members must register on GameDay.

If you see any outstanding performances over the weekend, please consider submitting a nomination for VSBL Player of the Week Awards:

- [Senior Player of the Week](#)
- [Junior Player of the Week](#)
- [Aces Sporting Club Women's Batter of the Week](#)
- [Aces Sporting Club Women's Pitcher of the Week](#)

Don't forget to check out [VSBL Fixtures/Results](#).

Final Call for 2026 Little League State Championship Staff Applications

Last chance to register your interest for 2026 Little League State Championship staff! We are looking for head coach, assistant coach, and executive officer positions.

Dates and locations for the 2026 Charter Tournaments are as follows:

- Junior and Senior League (SL80 and SL90) at the Geelong Baseball Complex from Saturday 11 April to Monday 13 April
- Little League Intermediate (SL70), Major and Invitational (LL Minor) together with Little League Minor (Coach Pitch) at Knox Baseball Club from Friday 17 April to Sunday 19 April

Charter coaches and EO's can submit interest [HERE](#) – please nominate by EOD Thursday 13 November.

2026 AWC & AYWC High Performance Coach and Staff EOI

Baseball Victoria will once again be entering teams to participate in the 2026 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships at Melbourne Ballpark from 12-18 April. Our teams have a rich and successful history competing in these events and this is your chance to lead our women's baseball athletes on the national stage.

Expressions of interest are open for all positions: manager (head coach), assistant coach, pitching coach and executive officer. If you have any questions, please email micheal.nakamura@baseballvictoria.com.au. Click [HERE](#) to nominate by Friday 14 November.

Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame Nominations Now Open

The Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame was established in 2024 to honour and preserve the legacy of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to baseball in Victoria. The [Hall of Fame](#) recognises excellence across all aspects of the game, including players, managers, administrators, umpires, and scorers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and achievement at grassroots, state, national, and international levels.

The BV History and Recognition Working Group is calling for Hall of Fame nominations to be inducted in 2026. The criteria, selection process and nomination form can be found on our website as [Word](#) and [PDF documents](#). Nominations are due by Sunday 30 November.



Australia Wins 2025 U23 Oceania Championships, Qualifies for U23 World Cup

Team Australia and Guam have finished a five-game series at the 2025 Under 23 Men's Baseball WBSC Oceania Championships.

Will Hardy was part of the successful campaign, batting .429 with a perfect fielding percentage as Australia swept the series 5-0 and earned a spot in the 2026 U23 World Cup. Our very own Damian Shanahan served as hitting coach.

Catch up on all the action [HERE](#).



Photo: [Team Australia Baseball/SMP Images](#)

Team Australia Roster Announced for U15 Baseball World Cup Qualifiers in Guam

Later this month, Team Australia is headed to the 2025 U15 Baseball World Cup Oceania Qualifier in Hagatna, Guam, from 28 November to 1 December.

Australia, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands will compete in a triple round robin, meaning each team plays each other three times. The team that finishes top of the group will be declared U15 Oceania Champions and qualify for next year's World Cup in Italy.

Congratulations to Victorians Edison Bush, Cruize Chase, Bodhi Evans, Cale Morris, and Jacob Tayler on making the roster, and our very own Keli'i Zablan, who will be assistant coach. Read the full story on baseball.com.au.



2025 U15 WBSC OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

TEAM AUSTRALIA ROSTER

BENJAMIN BAITCH – NSW	HUGH KELLY – NSW
JACK BOWDEN – SA	ZAVIER LEIGH – QLD
OLIVER BREACH – SA	NOAH MCCABE – WA
EDISON BUSH – VIC	CALE MORRIS – VIC
CRUIZE CHASE – VIC	RYLAN OTTOWAY – WA
JET CREAMER – NSW	ARCHER PETERSEN – QLD
JAKOB CRUZ – NSW	BEAU STOCKDALE – NSW
BODHI EVANS – VIC	JACOB TAYLER – VIC
PATRICK FOGG – QLD	HARRISON THOMAS-MCLEAN – NSW
FINN FULLER – SA	
AARON HSIEH – NSW	



[Victorian College Players](#)

We wish all the best to the many Victorians chasing their dreams and playing college baseball overseas – check out the list [HERE](#). We appreciate your help as we look to keep our list updated – please let us know of any required additions or edits if there's someone we missed. If you know of any college commitments or achievements over the coming year, we would love to hear about them. Thank you!

[Choose Baseball - 2026 Sporting Schools Term 1 Bookings Now Open](#)

Sporting Schools bookings for Term 1, 2026 are now open and schools statewide are invited to get involved with baseball programs next year:

- **Baseball5** is a new fast-paced, urban version, of the game requiring no dedicated infrastructure and only requiring a ball.
- **Aussie T-Ball** is a modified version of baseball designed to introduce students of all abilities to the game.

To learn more, please visit ausport.gov.au/schools. Grant applications for Term 1 close Friday 14 November.

[Field of View Sports Photography Gallery](#)

Thank you to BV Diamond Partner Field of View Sports Photography for all the amazing photos. Check out [their gallery](#) of our representative teams, state championships, BV Performance Pathway, and more.

[Club News: Pride Cup x Movember Grants](#)

Is your baseball club interested in hosting a Pride Game?

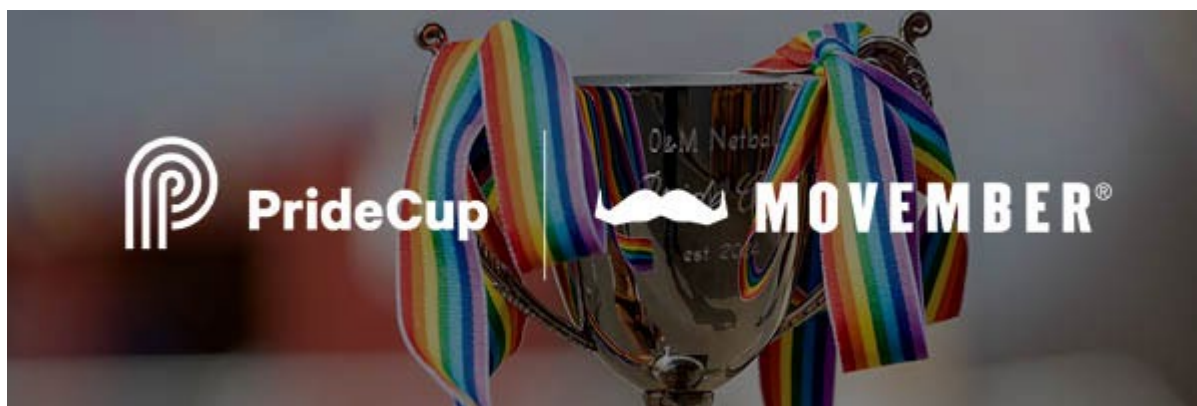
Sport has the power to change culture, so [Pride Cup](#) and [Movember](#) are partnering to support 15 men's teams across Australia to host their first Pride Cup.

Together, we'll spark real conversations with young men and their teammates about respect, belonging and inclusion, creating more inclusive sporting environments.

Successful clubs will get:

- Up to \$1000 in funding for men's competitions to host a Pride Round
- Inclusion education for players and staff
- Event planning support and promotion

Apply now: pridecup.org.au/movember-x-pride-cup/



[Club News: BV Umpiring Working Group Newsletter](#)

The BV Umpiring Working Group has published a fantastic newsletter with a lot of great information for clubs and umpires. You can get to know some of our umpiring leaders better and read about rules and upcoming opportunities. Click [HERE](#) to view.

Club News: 2025 Baseball Victoria AGM

Thank you to all member clubs and associations who attended the 2025 Baseball Victoria AGM last night. We greatly appreciate your time and participation and look forward to another fantastic year for baseball in Victoria. If you would like to catch up on the year that was, you can view the 2024/25 Annual Report [HERE](#).

Club News: Baseball Australia Expressions of Interest to Host National Tournaments in 2027

Baseball Australia is inviting expressions of interest from clubs, associations, and venues across the country to host its suite of national tournaments in the 2027 season.

Each year, Baseball Australia delivers ten tournaments across seven national events that bring together the best emerging and elite talent from across the country, while also showcasing the depth of the grassroots game. While 2026 tournament dates and venues have been determined, members of the community are encouraged to consider hosting a tournament in 2027 and beyond.

The tournaments open for hosting include:

- Australian Youth Championships (U18 and U16)
- Australian Women's Championships (Open and Youth)
- Senior League Championships
- Junior League Championships
- Intermediate League Championships
- Little League Championships
- Little League Girls and Little League Invitational

Expressions of interest (EOI) can be submitted [via this form](#) by 16 January 2026.



Club News: 25-26 Sports Infrastructure Fund

Sport and Recreation Victoria has opened applications for the 2025-26 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund. It supports communities to breathe new life into local sports grounds, sports courts, change rooms, play spaces, pavilions, sports lighting and more. While only LGAs can apply, sporting clubs are encouraged to contact their LGAs to express interest, seek support, or be involved as a partner in applications. Read more [HERE](#).

Club News: Little League T-Ball Club Registration

Thank you to all the clubs across summer and winter that have signed up for the new national Little League T-Ball program – we are up to over 40 clubs so far! There were some great programs through the winter, and we are excited to see more this summer season. 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.

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.

Club News: BV Codes of Conduct & Behaviour Expectations

As a reminder to all clubs and members as the summer season continues, 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](#).

Club News: BV Club Assist Resources for Volunteers

As a reminder, we encourage clubs to check out [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.



Baseball Training on BV TV

Check out all our [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. Feel free to share our [Let's Play Ball](#) video campaign, too!



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](#).

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.

The BV Team

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