

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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HONOUR ROLLS

## 2026 Australian Youth Championships

What an amazing week it's been with the 2026 Australian Youth Championships right here in Melbourne. A huge thank you to all the dedicated volunteers at Essendon, Port Melbourne, and Preston Baseball Clubs for hosting and helping to make these tournaments such a success.

Congratulations to our Victorian teams who represented their state with pride and gave it their all in every game. Both teams competed in their championship games, with U16s winning silver and U18s coming back to beat WA and win gold at home – an outstanding accomplishment!

It was so great to see our Victorians playing as a team, backing each other up, and leaving a mark on the competition at nationals.

The future is incredibly bright for these baseballers and the next generation of athletes coming through the BV Performance Pathway.

Head to the [baseball.com.au](https://baseball.com.au) [AYC hub](#) to catch up on all the action.



Photo: [hughwhittle.media](https://hughwhittle.media)

## Coaches/EO Expressions of Interest for Belles All-Girls Charter

Belles Baseball is returning in 2026, offering an all-girls charter experience for players aged 9-12 years old at the Little League State Championships in April and the Australian Little League Girls Division Championships in July.

Baseball Victoria is now calling for expressions of interest for Belles head coach, assistant coach, pitching coach, and executive officer positions.

Please scan the QR code to submit your interest or visit [bit.ly/bellescoachesEOI](https://bit.ly/bellescoachesEOI).

For any questions, please email Micheal Nakamura, Head of Baseball Performance: [micheal.nakamura@baseballvictoria.com.au](mailto:micheal.nakamura@baseballvictoria.com.au)



# 2026 BELLES ALL-GIRLS CHARTER STAFF EOI

**STATE CHAMPS - APRIL 2026**  
**NATIONALS - JULY 2026**

**COACHES/EO**  
**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**NOW OPEN**



THE ALL-GIRLS BELLES TEAM WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VICTORIAN LITTLE LEAGUE STATE CHAMPS (17-19 APRIL) AND THE 2026 AUSTRALIAN LITTLE LEAGUE GIRLS DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JULY. THE TEAM NEEDS A HEAD COACH, ASSISTANT COACH, PITCHING COACH, AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

## Registration Open for Belles All-Girls Charter Tryouts

The Belles tryout session will be held at Napier Park, home of Waverley Baseball Club (High Street Road, Glen Waverley) on Friday 6 February from 6-8pm.

The all-girls Belles team will have the opportunity to participate in April's State Championships and the 2026 Australian Little League Girls Division Championships in July. Belles Baseball is open to girls League Ages 9 to 12 Years (age cutoff is 31 August).

Please register here: [Belles Tryout Nomination Form](#)



# 2026 BELLES ALL-GIRLS CHARTER PLAYER REGISTRATION

**TRYOUTS - 6 FEB 2026**  
**STATE CHAMPS - APRIL 2026**  
**NATIONALS - JULY 2026**

**REGISTER VIA QR CODE**



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## BV Pipeline School Holiday Camps

BV Pipeline Holiday Camps are back this month! Join us for fun skills sessions to develop greater confidence on the field. Don't miss out - bookings for next week are still open via [www.bvpipeline.com.au](http://www.bvpipeline.com.au).

# **JANUARY 2026 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP SCHEDULE**



**WEDNESDAY 14 JAN  
CATCHING CAMP  
AGES 10 - 15  
@ NEWPORT BC  
\$150**

**THURSDAY 15 JAN  
HITTING CAMP  
AGES 10 - 15  
@ NEWPORT BC  
\$150**

**MON 19 & TUE 20 JAN  
DAY 1: DEFENCE & 2BALL  
DAY 2: HITTING & 2BALL  
AGES 9 - 11  
@ MOORABBIN BC  
\$110 FOR 1 DAY OR \$190 FOR BOTH**

**WED 21 & THU 22 JAN  
DAY 1: DEFENCE & 2BALL  
DAY 2: HITTING & 2BALL  
AGES 12 - 14  
@ WAVERLEY BC  
\$110 FOR 1 DAY OR \$190 FOR BOTH**

**FRIDAY 23 JAN  
DEFENCE CAMP  
AGES 10 - 15  
@ NEWPORT BC  
\$150**

**ALL CAMPS 10AM - 1PM**

**INFO AND BOOKINGS AT [BVPIPELINE.COM.AU](https://bvpipeline.com.au)**

## **2025/26 VSBL Season**

VSBL is back this Saturday 17 January. We hope everyone had an awesome break and is ready for the second half of the season! Check out [VSBL Fixtures/Results](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest updates.

As a reminder, 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](#)

## **School Sport Victoria Baseball 18 Years & Under Trials**

Registration is now open for the School Sport Victoria Baseball 18 Years & Under Trials. This is a fantastic opportunity to represent your state on the national stage and compete against some of the best in the country.

- Trial dates: Wednesday 11, 18, and 25 February
- Time: 5:30-8pm
- Location: Port Melbourne Baseball Club
- Age Eligibility: 18 years and under at 31 December 2026

The training program will run from 25 March to 23 April with about seven sessions in total at Port Melbourne BC, with another venue possible - details TBC.

The national tournament will be held in West Beach, SA from 26 April to 2 May.

Registrations close Monday 2 February – click [HERE](#) to sign up.

A promotional poster for the Team VIC 2026 baseball tournament. The background is a blue field with a pattern of white dots. On the right, a young male baseball player in a blue jersey and white pants is captured in a pitching motion, holding a baseball in his right hand and a red glove in his left. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'Team VIC 2026' with a green dot above the 'i'. In the top right corner, the 'SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA' logo is visible, featuring a large white 'V' with green and red diagonal stripes. The text 'REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN' is prominently displayed in the center-left, with 'REGISTRATIONS' in white on a dark blue background and 'NOW OPEN' in white on a green background. Below this, a white silhouette of a baseball player swinging a bat is shown. To the right of the silhouette, the word 'BASEBALL' is written in bold blue letters on a white rectangular background. Below that, '18 Years & Under BOYS' is written in white on a dark blue background. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text 'CLOSING 2 FEB 2026' in white.

### Jarryd Dale Signs With KIA Tigers in the Korean Baseball League (KBO)

In case you missed it, Australian infielder Jarryd Dale has taken another major step in his professional career, signing with the KIA Tigers of the Korean Baseball Organization (KBO) ahead of the 2026 season.

The 25-year-old Victorian has been a standout for the Melbourne Aces and has developed into one of Australia's most athletic and versatile infielders.

Read the full story on [baseball.com.au](https://baseball.com.au).

### Meet Steve Smith: The Man Who Is Collecting Every "Aussie Baseball Card Ever"

Introduced to baseball by his school friends, Steve Smith began umpiring in Victoria at just 16 years old. His love for the game fuelled his passion of collecting baseball cards, and his growing collection was featured on [baseball.com.au](https://baseball.com.au).

Read the story [HERE](#).

## Thank You BV Diamond Partners

A huge thank you to all our [BV Diamond Partners](#) for their ongoing support of baseball in Victoria: [Victorian Government](#), [Baseball Australia](#), [School Sport Victoria](#), [Ausport](#), [Maribyrnong Sports Academy Baseball](#), [Salesian College Sports Academy](#), [SportsLink Travel](#), [NASA Wear](#), [Field of View Sports Photography](#), [Aces Sporting Club](#), [Symmetry Physiotherapy](#), [Bazooka Sports](#), [Greatrex Sporting Goods](#), [My Sport Live](#), [Northern Sports & Remedial Myotherapy](#), [Wyndham City Council](#), [Online Strength Coaching](#), [CMD Sports](#), [EcoGroup](#), and [HRplus](#).

## Club News: 2026 Winter Development Grants

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce that BV Development Grant applications are now open for the 2026 winter season. Grants can be used to fund baseball development activities aimed at driving junior and female participation.

Click [HERE](#) for the program guidelines and application link. Applications will close 31 January 2026.

## Club News: Research Lower Plenty Winter Club Coach Opportunity

Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club is seeking a club coach for the 2026 winter season.

Research has state-of-the-art club facilities and is looking to create a pathway back to success with a new club coach eager to step up and take control of a senior program. Please contact [rlpbc@outlook.com](mailto:rlpbc@outlook.com) with any questions or to express your interest.



The poster features a background image of a baseball field with a large baseball in the foreground. The club's name 'Research' is written in a large, stylized script font, with 'LOWER PLENTY BASEBALL CLUB • EST. 1955' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. The main heading 'Senior Coach Opportunity - 2026 Winter Season' is in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this is the tagline 'LEAD THE RESET. BUILD THE FUTURE.' in a bold, sans-serif font. The text 'Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club is inviting Expressions of Interest for a Senior Club Coach to lead the program into the 2026 Winter Season and beyond. This role will seek an experienced baseball leader looking for a true rebuild opportunity — not a caretaker role.' is in a smaller, sans-serif font. The poster is divided into sections with bold headings: 'Why This Role Stands Out', 'FACILITIES & SUPPORT', 'THE COACHING CHALLENGE', 'IDEAL CANDIDATE', and 'REMUNERATION'. Each section contains a list of bullet points. At the bottom, there are three contact cards for Chris Fisher, Don McKay, and Cam Ross, each with a phone number and an email address. The bottom of the poster features a close-up image of a baseball glove and a baseball bat.

**Research**  
LOWER PLENTY BASEBALL CLUB • EST. 1955

**Senior Coach Opportunity - 2026 Winter Season**

**LEAD THE RESET. BUILD THE FUTURE.**

Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club is inviting Expressions of Interest for a Senior Club Coach to lead the program into the 2026 Winter Season and beyond. This role will seek an experienced baseball leader looking for a true rebuild opportunity — not a caretaker role.

Why This Role Stands Out	FACILITIES & SUPPORT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Former A Grade Premiers (1996 &amp; 2015)</li><li>• Proud club ready to reset after challenging seasons</li><li>• Committee-backed support for improving standards, culture and competitiveness</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year-round indoor batting cage</li><li>• Newly grassed main diamond</li><li>• Lighting installation underway</li><li>• New clubhouse &amp; community engagement</li></ul>	
THE COACHING CHALLENGE	IDEAL CANDIDATE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recruit and attract players</li><li>• Set clear standards and accountability</li><li>• Build belief, leadership, and culture</li><li>• Return the club to sustainable A Grade competitiveness</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proven senior baseball experience</li><li>• Strong communicator and leader</li><li>• Ability to recruit, retain and inspire players</li><li>• Aligned with community club values</li></ul>	
REMUNERATION		
Attractive package available for the right candidate.		
<b>Chris Fisher</b> ☎ 0407 858 629 ✉ <a href="mailto:chris@bindweld.com">chris@bindweld.com</a>	<b>Don McKay</b> ☎ 0404 881 423 ✉ <a href="mailto:donmckay833@gmail.com">donmckay833@gmail.com</a>	<b>Cam Ross</b> ☎ 0458 443 934 ✉ <a href="mailto:cameron.ross@fsg.com.au">cameron.ross@fsg.com.au</a>

## Club News: Greenhills Montmorency Winter Club Coach Opportunity

Want to coach at a club that values development and culture? Monty Baseball Club is seeking a driven head coach for the 2026 winter season to lead an A Grade program with six senior teams. See the flyer for more info and contact Andrew to express your interest: [president@montybaseball.com.au](mailto:president@montybaseball.com.au).



The flyer features a black header with a white 'GM' logo and the text 'NOW RECRUITING 2026 WINTER SEASON CLUB COACH'. Below this, on a light background, is the text 'Our club is seeking an experienced and motivated Head Coach to lead our senior program for the 2026 Winter Baseball Season. We are a proud A Grade club fielding six senior winter teams, committed to high performance, player development, and a strong, positive club culture. The successful candidate will build on an exceptional 2025 season, where our A Grade, Reserves, A4, and B3 teams all secured Premiership titles. With a strong playing group and a supportive committee, the club offers an excellent opportunity for a coach wanting to guide a successful and ambitious program.' To the left of the text is a vertical logo that reads 'BASEBALL' in large black letters with 'Greenhills Montmorency' in red script across it. Below the main text are three sections: 'KEY RESPONSIBILITIES', 'ESSENTIAL CRITERIA', and 'WHAT WE OFFER', each with a bulleted list of requirements and benefits. At the bottom, it states 'IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT LEADING A SUCCESSFUL CLUB AND DEVELOPING PLAYERS AT ALL LEVELS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.' and provides contact information for Andrew Kent.

**GM** NOW RECRUITING  
2026 WINTER SEASON CLUB COACH

Our club is seeking an experienced and motivated Head Coach to lead our senior program for the 2026 Winter Baseball Season. We are a proud A Grade club fielding six senior winter teams, committed to high performance, player development, and a strong, positive club culture. The successful candidate will build on an exceptional 2025 season, where our A Grade, Reserves, A4, and B3 teams all secured Premiership titles. With a strong playing group and a supportive committee, the club offers an excellent opportunity for a coach wanting to guide a successful and ambitious program.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Lead and oversee the A Grade program and support coaching across all senior teams
- Plan and deliver high-quality training sessions focused on skill development, strategy, and fitness
- Mentor players at all levels and foster a positive, competitive environment
- Work collaboratively with assistant coaches, team managers, and club leadership
- Contribute to player selection, recruitment, and long-term development pathways
- Represent the club professionally on and off the field

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**

- Demonstrated coaching experience at a senior or high-performance level
- Strong leadership, communication, and organisational skills
- Ability to develop players and implement structured training programs
- Commitment to club culture, values, and continuous improvement

**WHAT WE OFFER**

- A strong, competitive playing roster
- Supportive committee and coaching resources
- Opportunity to lead a premiership-winning program
- Remuneration negotiated based on experience

IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT LEADING A SUCCESSFUL CLUB AND DEVELOPING PLAYERS AT ALL LEVELS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

To apply: Please contact Andrew Kent: [president@montybaseball.com.au](mailto:president@montybaseball.com.au)

## 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.

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

## Club News: Container Deposit Scheme

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme is a new way for clubs to fundraise, with more than five million containers returned by sporting clubs since the scheme launched. That's over \$500,000 back with clubs. If your club is keen to get involved, sign up as a donation partner: [Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme | Fundraising For Charities And Community Groups](#).

## 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. It's awesome to see more kids hitting the field and enjoying a fun sport with new friends.

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](mailto:competitions@baseballvictoria.com.au) with any questions or for more info.

### Club News: Greensborough Winter Senior Head Coach Opportunity

Greensborough Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for a senior head coach to lead the club into the 2026 season and beyond. As a proud community-based club with a strong local identity, the Burras will offer the right coach the opportunity to shape standards, systems, and playing style with clear alignment between senior and junior pathways. Please email [presidentforgbc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentforgbc@gmail.com) to share your interest.



The poster is for the Greensborough Baseball Club's Senior Head Coach opportunity for the Melbourne Winter League 2026. It features a green and yellow color scheme with a large stylized 'G' and a bird logo. The text is organized into sections with bold headings and descriptive bullet points. A circular badge on the right side says 'LEAD THE NEXT CHAPTER, BUILD SOMETHING SPECIAL'. At the bottom, contact information for Michael Sullivan is provided.

**GREENSBOROUGH BASEBALL CLUB**

**SENIOR HEAD COACH**  
**MELBOURNE WINTER LEAGUE 2026**

The Greensborough Baseball Club is inviting Expressions of Interest for a **Senior Head Coach** to lead the club into the 2026 season and beyond. This is an opportunity for an experienced baseball leader seeking to build, grow and shape a competitive senior program - **"not a caretaker role"**

**WHY THIS ROLE STANDS OUT**  
Proud community-based club with a strong local identity.  
Committed committee support for cultural and on-field growth.  
Opportunity to shape standards, systems and playing style.  
Clear alignment between senior and junior pathways.

**FACILITIES AND SUPPORT**  
Access to quality training and game-day facilities. Strong volunteer and committee backing. Support for player recruitment and retention. Investment in long-term club sustainability.

**THE COACHING CHALLENGE**  
Lead and develop the senior playing group. Recruit, attract and retain players. Set clear standards, accountability and expectations. Build belief, leadership and a strong club culture. Drive the club toward sustained competitiveness.

**IDEAL CANDIDATE**  
Proven senior baseball coaching or playing experience. Strong communicator and people-focused leader. Ability to inspire, motivate and develop players. Commitment to community club values. Willingness to contribute to whole-of-club success.

**REMUNERATION**  
Attractive package available for the right candidate. Terms and conditions negotiable.

**LEAD THE NEXT CHAPTER, BUILD SOMETHING SPECIAL**

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BY**  
**FRIDAY**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

For further information or to express interest, please contact:  
President: Michael Sullivan ☎ 0417 575 642 ✉ [presidentforgbc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentforgbc@gmail.com)

### 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](#).

### **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](http://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.



### **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, 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) for 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

**Chet Gray** – CEO

**Scott McNaughton** – General Manager, Operations

**Jessica Alvaro** – Head of Competitions

**Audrina Ning** – Financial Controller

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

**Michelle Coote** – Administration Officer

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**Samantha Hamilton** – Performance Pathway Coach

