

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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Victoria Shines Bright, Wins Big at 2026 Australian Youth Championships

What an amazing week we had at 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.

It was an absolute pleasure to watch our Victorian State Teams shine on the national stage, making it all the way to their respective championship games. Our U16s won silver and our U18s defeated the previously unbeaten WA to bring home gold.

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 AYC hub to catch up on all the action.



2026 Australian U18 Champions

Brandon Elton, Brody Stokes, Cooper Bishop-Worn, Cooper Busch, Ethan Kei Nakamura, Euan Clarkin, Harrison Brodie, Jai DiBlasi, Jake Bertucci, Jordan Ellis, Keinosuke Lee, Lachlan Brennan, Liam Puncher, Marcus Murphy, Mitchell Langworthy, Riley Peoples, Roman Coote, Ryley Shanks, Sam Walk, Windsor Breckenridge. Coaches: Marshall Skinner (Manager), Lachie Condie (Assistant), Daniel Chircop (Pitching), Jason Davis (EO).



2026 Australian U16 Silver Medallists

Alessio Petruzzello, Bodhi Evans, Cale Morris, Chase Potts, Cruize Chase, Parks Halasz, Daniel Hwang, Darcy Squire, Edison Bush, George Steer, Jackson Burton, Jack Northfield, Jack Thomas, Jacob Tayler, Lucas Joel, Ollie Allen, Oscar Shimakura, Sam Stafilis, Spencer Tyers, Thomas Hill. Coaches: Ben Laux, Ethan Epifanio, Bryan Kloppe, Trifon Stafilis.

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2026 AYC Award Winners

U18 Most Valuable Player – Cooper Bishop-Worn (Vic)

Cooper showed dominance in all aspects of the game. He was great at third base, tossed 2.0 innings shutout in the gold medal game to close it, and crushed it at the plate. Cooper led the tournament with 17 hits, including three in the gold medal game. He also hit a homer and batted .586 (2nd) in the tournament.

Golden Arm – Liam Puncher (Vic)

Liam shined the brightest in the finals, where he tossed 5.0 innings with 9 strikeouts in an electric performance and win over New South Wales. He finishes the tournament with 7.1 shutout innings, allowing just five hits, three walks and racked up 12 strikeouts across his two appearances.

Golden Bat – Brody Stokes (Vic)

Brody was a consistent presence throughout the week. He finishes with a stat line that reads: 15-for-33 with three doubles, a triple and 9 RBI. He also worked four walks and stole four bags while batting second for the national champions. Brody came through with three hits in the gold medal game.

Victoria to Host 2026 Barclay Cup and New Under 21 Women's Invitational

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce that Victoria will host the 2026 Barclay Cup from Sunday 27 September to Saturday 3 October.

With seven to ten teams of 13-to-16-year-old girls from across the country coming together to participate in an action-packed week, there's a great opportunity for a club to host this beloved junior girls tournament for the first time in Victoria.

Additionally, Baseball Victoria will introduce a new tournament which will be played at the same time: the Under 21 Women's Invitational.

Open to 17–21-year-old women, participants will have the opportunity to play against peers from around the country and potentially internationally for the first time in Australia for this age group.

Event details are still being finalised; however, BV is seeking a club to partner with us to bring this competition to life from Sunday 27 September to Wednesday 30 September 2026 (alongside the first few days of the Barclay Cup). We hope to have at least six teams in the invitational.

“We look forward to clubs and organisations submitting their interest in hosting one or both of these events,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “We are committed to growing the game and ensuring a strong women's and girls pathway for females of all ages and levels. Hosting these events presents a fantastic opportunity to showcase women's baseball and support the next generation of female baseballers chasing their dreams on the field.”

Clubs are invited to register their interest in participating here: [Baseball Victoria Event Host Expression of Interest Form](#)

BARCLAY CUP & UNDER 21 WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL CLUB HOSTS EOI

CLUBS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING THESE YOUTH WOMEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENTS FROM SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER (INVITATIONAL 27-30 SEPT). SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO.



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.

For any questions, please email Micheal Nakamura, Head of Baseball Performance: 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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2025/26 VSBL Season

VSBL is back in action and we hope everyone has a blast as summer baseball continues!

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.



2025 Victorian Sport Awards - Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Victorian Sport Awards (VSAs)!

The most prestigious night for our state's sport and active recreation community, the VSAs recognises and celebrates those who made an outstanding contribution to Victorian sport during 2025. Grassroots heroes who excelled at a community level will be honoured alongside high-performance athletes who shone at a national and international level as well as everyone in between.

With 18 awards presented, individual and team athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, administrators, media personnel and the initiatives that ensure Victorians remain active will all be recognised. The nomination process is open to all members of the public.

We encourage our Victorian baseball community to nominate outstanding individuals and achievements. [Nominations can be submitted](#) via the Vicsport website through Friday 13 February 2026.



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 with any questions or to express your interest.

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

- Former A Grade Premiers (1996 & 2015)
- Proud club ready to reset after challenging seasons
- Committee-backed support for improving standards, culture and competitiveness

FACILITIES & SUPPORT

- **Year-round** indoor batting cage
- **Newly grassed** main diamond
- Lighting installation underway
- **New clubhouse** & community engagement

THE COACHING CHALLENGE

- Recruit and attract players
- Set clear standards and accountability
- Build belief, leadership, and culture
- Return the club to sustainable A Grade competitiveness

IDEAL CANDIDATE

- Proven senior baseball experience
- Strong communicator and leader
- Ability to recruit, retain and inspire players
- Aligned with community club values

REMUNERATION

Attractive package available for the right candidate.

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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 with any questions or for more info.

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.



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

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: Diamond Creek Winter Head of Coaching Opportunity

Diamond Creek Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for the Head of Coaching position. They are looking for an experienced baseball mind who can run training at all levels and lead player and coach development. This individual will be responsible for developing and delivering quality training programs and guiding their B Division launch. Please email president@dcbc.com.au to discuss your interest.



DIAMOND CREEK BASEBALL CLUB

HEAD OF COACHING VACANCY

Build Success. Shape Culture. Lead the Future.

OUR CLUB

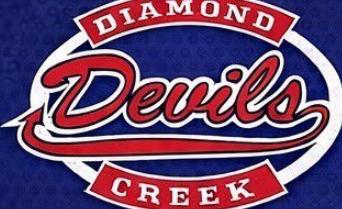
- 30 years young & growing
- 4 Open Aged Teams
 - 2024 C Grade Premiers
 - 2024 C Grade Reserves - Runners Up
- 1 Women's Team
 - 2024/25 Division 2 Runners Up
- 4 Junior Teams
 - SL70 Summer 2024/25 Runners Up
 - U13 2025 Runners Up
- Motivated, success-driven players
- Supportive Committee & Great community

OUR IDEAL CANDIDATE

- Experienced baseball mind
- Exceptional leadership & communication skills
- Ability to run training at all levels
- Player & coach development expertise
- Logistic and Coordination Skills
- Motivational & club-focused

THE ROLE

- Develop & deliver quality training programs
- ✓ Lead recruitment & player development
- Oversee all coaching programs
- Guide our B Division launch & success
- Foster our *winning culture*
- Mentor players to achieve *their best*



HEAD OF COACHING VACANCY

Lead. Develop. Win.

Winter 2026

APPLY OR ENQUIRE

Danny O'Loughlin
President – Diamond Creek Baseball Club
  **0432 357 988**

Competitive remuneration available for the right candidate

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 to share your interest.



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"**

LEAD THE
NEXT
CHAPTER,
BUILD
SOMETHING
SPECIAL

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 communication 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.

EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST BY
**FRIDAY
24TH JANUARY**

For further information or to express interest, please contact:

President: Michael Sullivan 0417 575 642 presidentforgbc@gmail.com

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.





[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 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

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Samantha Hamilton – Performance Pathway Coach



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