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2026 Australian Youth Championships

The New Year is starting off with a bang as the 2026 Australian Youth Championships get underway right here in Melbourne. Our Victorian State Teams are ready to represent on the national stage, and you can read more about them [HERE](#).

The U16s went 2-0 on their first day while the U18s will open their campaign on Friday. There are also 11 Victorians on the combined [ACT Roos](#) rosters (six U16 and five U18), offering talented athletes who narrowly miss out on their home state squads the chance to gain meaningful national-level experience.

Head down to one of our local host clubs – Essendon, Preston and Port Melbourne – to watch the AYC action live through Thursday 15 January. Follow along on the [baseball.com.au AYC hub](#).



BV Performance Pathway Futures Plus Tryouts

Baseball Victoria is proud to offer a new advanced skills program focusing on smaller team group sessions with a tournament to conclude on the weekend of Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March 2026.

BV Performance Pathway Futures Plus tryouts will be conducted at Melbourne Ballpark from 19-21 January. Players will be required to attend at least one of these sessions.

Once selected, training will be conducted in the East and West of Melbourne (exact time and locations TBC), with players to nominate their preferential location (please note, this may not be facilitated depending on position and squad balance).

To be eligible, players must be born in either 2011 or 2012. This is a prequel to the 2026-27 U16 AYC trials later in the year. Click [HERE](#) to register for tryouts.



BV PERFORMANCE PATHWAY FUTURES PLUS TRYOUTS

A NEW ADVANCED SKILLS PROGRAM FOCUSED ON SMALLER TEAM GROUP SESSIONS, CONCLUDING IN A WEEKEND TOURNAMENT ON 28-29 MARCH 2026.

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[Victorian Under 18 Development Squad Taiwan Trip](#)

In case you missed it, the Victorian Under 18 Development Squad made the most of their time in Taiwan, competing in the New Taipei City International U18 Baseball Invitational Tournament last month.

It was a great opportunity for our young athletes to develop their skills on the global stage, represent Victoria with pride, and immerse themselves in a unique cultural and sporting environment, playing against teams from around Asia. Read more about their experience [HERE](#).

[2025/26 VSBL Season](#)

VSBL is back Saturday 17 January. Until then, we hope everyone has a great break and we thank you for an awesome summer season so far. Check out [VSBL Fixtures/Results](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest updates.

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 are open via 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

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

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.

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.

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 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	FACILITIES & SUPPORT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Former A Grade Premiers (1996 & 2015)Proud club ready to reset after challenging seasonsCommittee-backed support for improving standards, culture and competitiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year-round indoor batting cageNewly grassed main diamondLighting installation underwayNew clubhouse & community engagement
THE COACHING CHALLENGE	IDEAL CANDIDATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recruit and attract playersSet clear standards and accountabilityBuild belief, leadership, and cultureReturn the club to sustainable A Grade competitiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proven senior baseball experienceStrong communicator and leaderAbility to recruit, retain and inspire playersAligned with community club values

REMUNERATION

Attractive package available for the right candidate.

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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: 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 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 to share your interest.



The poster for the Greensborough Baseball Club Senior Head Coach opportunity features a green and yellow design. At the top left is the club's logo with the text 'GREENSBOROUGH BASEBALL CLUB' and '1955'. The title 'SENIOR HEAD COACH MELBOURNE WINTER LEAGUE 2026' is prominently displayed in the center. A large green 'G' is on the right, with a bird perched on top. A circular call-to-action on the right says 'LEAD THE NEXT CHAPTER, BUILD SOMETHING SPECIAL'. The poster includes sections for 'WHY THIS ROLE STANDS OUT', 'FACILITIES AND SUPPORT', 'THE COACHING CHALLENGE', 'IDEAL CANDIDATE', 'REMUNERATION', and 'EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BY FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY'. It also includes contact information for Michael Sullivan.

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 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.

For further information or to express interest, please contact:
President: Michael Sullivan  0417 575 642  presidentforgbc@gmail.com

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BY
FRIDAY
24TH JANUARY

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 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

Chet Gray – CEO

Scott McNaughton – General Manager, Operations

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Samantha Hamilton – Performance Pathway Coach



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