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2025/26 VSBL Season

We are just weeks away from VSBL Finals, and we wish everyone the best of luck in the home stretch of the summer 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](#)

2026 State Winter Championships Dates & Venues Locked In

Baseball Victoria is excited to confirm the 2026 State Winter Championship calendar.

Please save these dates!

- 6-8 June: Senior SWC @ Cheltenham Baseball Club
- 6-8 June: Senior Women's SWC @ Geelong Baseball Association (Guild Baseball Club)
- 13-14 June: All-Girls Invitational @ Point Cook Baseball Club
- 27-28 June: Under 15 SWC @ Latrobe Valley Baseball Association (Morwell and Newborough Baseball Clubs)
- 4-5 July: 17 and Under SWC @ North East Baseball Association (Wangaratta Baseball Club)
- 11-12 July: Under 13 SWC @ Bendigo Baseball Association (Albert Roy Reserve)

Thank you to our host clubs and associations – we look forward to an awesome winter of baseball!

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

In case you missed it, 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](#)

EOIs close Friday 27 February.



The poster features three logos at the top: 'BARCLAY CUP MELBOURNE 2026' (blue shield with a baseball), 'BASEBALL VICTORIA' (blue eye-like shape with a baseball), and '21 & UNDER WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT MELBOURNE 2026' (green shield with a baseball). Below the logos, the main title is displayed in large, bold, white and orange text: 'BARCLAY CUP & UNDER 21 WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL CLUB HOSTS EOI'. A subtext below the title reads: '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.' To the left of the text is a close-up image of a baseball. To the right is a QR code.

[**Baseball Victoria Job Opportunity: Head of Competitions & Events**](#)

Baseball Victoria is accepting applications for the Head of Competitions & Events, a full-time role in the BV Office. Reporting to the GM of Operations, the Head of Competitions & Events is primarily responsible for overseeing the VSBL competition and memberships, providing managerial support and guidance to clubs and office staff. The role requires a willingness to establish and maintain strong lines of communication with clubs and other stakeholders.

If this opportunity interests you, please view the job listing on [Sportspeople](#) – applications close 13 February.

2025 Victorian Sport Awards - Nominations Closing Tomorrow

Nominations for the 2025 Victorian Sport Awards (VSAs) close Friday 13 February.

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.



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: Hume Cup Intervarsity Baseball Tournament - 4 and 5 April 2026

Following on from the success of the Melbourne Intervarsity Baseball Tournament hosted in 2024 and 2025, University of Melbourne Baseball Club is on the road to Wagga Wagga Baseball Association on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April 2026 for the Hume Cup Intervarsity Baseball Tournament.

They are inviting universities from across Australia to register their teams of current university students, bring their supporters, and make this an unforgettable weekend of baseball, community, and friendly rivalry.

Currently registered teams include [Melbourne Uni](#), [Monash Uni](#), [RMIT Uni](#) and [University of Sydney](#). If you're a current student at these universities and are keen to participate in this tournament, get in touch through their Instagram profiles linked above.

If your university isn't listed and you'd like to enter a team of current students, please contact Megan Kelly at uombaseball.president@gmail.com by Saturday 21 February 2026. See you in Wagga Wagga this April!

Club News: 2026 Webinars for Sport

Mark your calendars and join eSafety for free online training sessions that support online safety in sport.

Online safety 101 for community sport clubs

This session is for community sport leaders and volunteers who want tips to create safer online spaces and learn how to respond to online abuse.

- Thursday 14 May 2026, 12:30-1:15pm AEDT
- Thursday 12 Nov 2026, 12:30-1:15pm AEDT

Social media self-defence in sport

This session is for athletes, coaches, officials and others in sport who want to set up safer personal social media accounts and learn strategies to respond to online abuse.

- Tuesday 26 May 2026, 1:00-1:45pm AEDT
- Wednesday 18 Nov 2026, 12:30-1:15pm AEDT

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register.

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: 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.



The advertisement for the Head of Coaching Vacancy at Diamond Creek Baseball Club is divided into several sections:

- 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
- APPLY OR ENQUIRE:**

Danny O'Loughlin
President – Diamond Creek Baseball Club
✉ 0432 357 988
- Competitive remuneration available for the right candidate**

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, with over 350 registered participants so far.

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, 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

Audrina Ning – Financial Controller

Rachael Bouley – Communications and Digital Media Officer

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