

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT: VSBL, SWC, BARCLAY CUP, FUTURES, TEAM AUS, PARTNERS,
CLUB NEWS, BV TV, LIFEBLOOD, SALESIAN, HONOUR ROLLS

2025/26 VSBL Season

VSBL Finals are just around the corner, and we wish everyone the best of luck as the summer season wraps up! 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.



**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.

[BV Performance Pathway Futures Update](#)

Don't worry, we haven't forgotten!

Our new structure will see the Futures program reignite late August-early September this year. We are aiming for Futures U12 & U14 - stay tuned for more details in July.

For now, Futures Plus is underway, and we look forward to seeing player progress during our new advanced skills program.



BV PERFORMANCE PATHWAY FUTURES UPDATE

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Team Australia Reveals Roster for 2026 World Baseball Classic

Team Australia is headed to the 2026 World Baseball Classic! A huge congratulations to Victorians Mitch Edwards, Jarryd Dale, George Callil, Chris Burke, Blake Townsend, and Jon Kennedy. Now playing in Melbourne, Aaron Whitefield and Ulrich Bojarski are also donning the Green and Gold.

Can't wait to watch our Aussies at the Tokyo Dome next month! Read the full story on baseball.com.au

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](#), [HRplus](#), and [SParms](#).

Club News: Hume Cup Intersivity Baseball Tournament - 4 and 5 April 2026

Following on from the success of the Melbourne Intersivity 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 Intersivity Baseball Tournament.

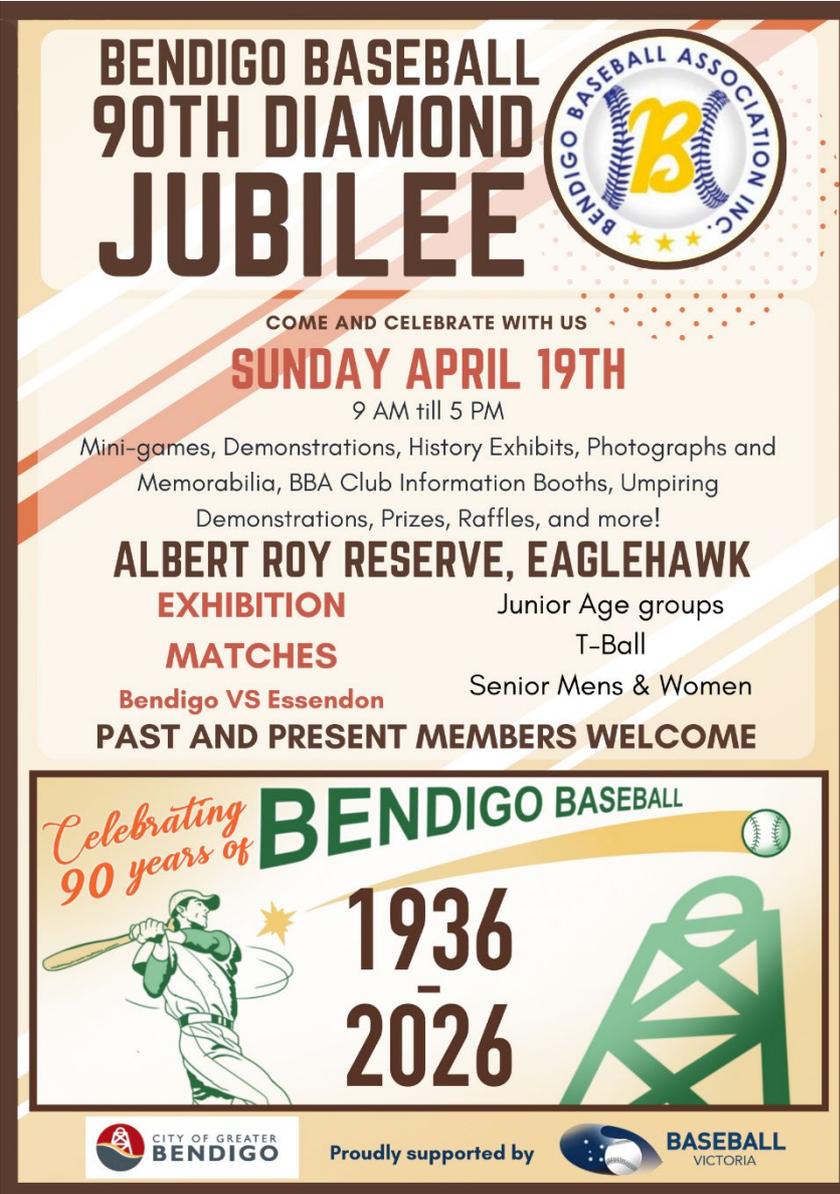
They are inviting universities from across Australia to register their teams of current university students, bring their supporters, and make this an unforgettable weekend of baseball, community, and friendly rivalry.

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: Bendigo Baseball 90th Diamond Jubilee

Bendigo Baseball Association invites you to their 90th Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 19 April. From 9am to 5pm, Albert Roy Reserve in Eaglehawk will host exhibition matches between Bendigo and Essendon, with t-ball, junior, senior men's and women's baseball all on display. Past and present players are encouraged to attend this fantastic celebration of baseball in Bendigo! Stay tuned to the [BBA Facebook page](#) for any updates.



**BENDIGO BASEBALL
90TH DIAMOND
JUBILEE**



COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US
SUNDAY APRIL 19TH
9 AM till 5 PM

Mini-games, Demonstrations, History Exhibits, Photographs and Memorabilia, BBA Club Information Booths, Umpiring Demonstrations, Prizes, Raffles, and more!

ALBERT ROY RESERVE, EAGLEHAWK

EXHIBITION Junior Age groups
MATCHES T-Ball
Bendigo VS Essendon Senior Mens & Women
PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS WELCOME

Celebrating 90 years of **BENDIGO BASEBALL**

1936 - 2026

 **CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO** Proudly supported by  **BASEBALL VICTORIA**

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
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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.

<p>Why This Role Stands Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former A Grade Premiers (1996 & 2015) • Proud club ready to reset after challenging seasons • Committee-backed support for improving standards, culture and competitiveness 	<p>FACILITIES & SUPPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year-round indoor batting cage • Newly grassed main diamond • Lighting installation underway • New clubhouse & community engagement
<p>THE COACHING CHALLENGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit and attract players • Set clear standards and accountability • Build belief, leadership, and culture • Return the club to sustainable A Grade competitiveness 	<p>IDEAL CANDIDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

<p>Chris Fisher ☎ 0407 858 629 ✉ chris@bindweld.com</p>	<p>Don McKay ☎ 0404 881 423 ✉ donmckay833@gmail.com</p>	<p>Cam Ross ☎ 0458 443 934 ✉ cameron.ross@fsg.com.au</p>
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[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: Diamond Creek Winter Head of Coaching Opportunity](#)

Diamond Creek Baseball Club is seeking expressions of interest for the Head of Coaching position. They are looked 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



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: 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

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