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2025/26 VSBL Season

It's VSBL Finals time! Best of luck to everyone in the running for a premiership and well done to all on another fantastic summer season across juniors, seniors, women's, and masters baseball.

Check out [VSBL Fixtures/Results](#) and follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest updates.

Make sure to mark your calendars for Women's Super Saturday on 7 March, with five grand finals across an epic day of women's baseball at Melbourne Ballpark. The 4pm Women's Premier League game will be streamed through [My Sport Live](#).

Women's State League will kick things off at 10am, followed by Women's Premier League Reserves at 1pm on Diamond 1. Women's Regional League NW will play at 11am on Diamond 2 followed by Women's Regional League SE at 2pm.

Let's wrap the year up on a high - as a reminder, if you see any outstanding performances over the weekend, please consider submitting a nomination for VSBL Player of the Week Awards. Thank you to everyone for your awesome nominations this season!

- [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](#)



Photo: [Chelsea Baseball Club](#)

2026 State Winter Championships Dates & Venues Locked In

In case you missed it, Baseball Victoria has confirmed 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!

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.



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BV PERFORMANCE PATHWAY FUTURES UPDATE

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

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.

[Team Australia Training for the 2026 World Baseball Classic](#)

Team Australia is gearing up for 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, while our very own Damian Shanahan is an assistant coach.

Stay tuned to [Team Australia's socials](#) for updates from their training camp clubhouse in Fuchu, including this [feature on Chris Burke's journey](#) through national teams to the World Baseball Classic.

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

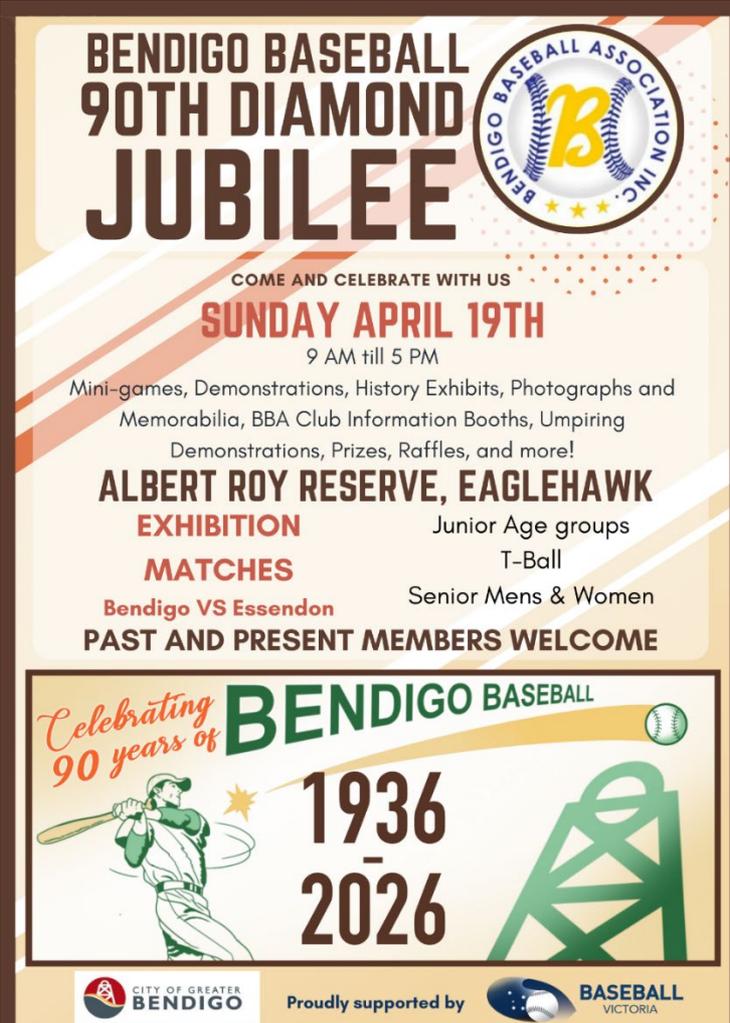
A huge thank you to all our [BV Diamond Partners](#) for their ongoing support of baseball in Victoria: [Victorian Government](#), [Baseball Australia](#), [School Sport Victoria](#), [Ausport](#), [Maribyrnong Sports Academy Baseball](#), [Salesian College Sports Academy](#), [SportsLink Travel](#), [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: 2026 Winter Season Registration

We may be in the middle of VSBL Finals, but it's time to think ahead to winter! 2026 winter registration has now opened – all players, coaches, officials, and volunteers can register under the applicable association links [HERE](#).

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
Senior Mens & Women
Bendigo VS Essendon

PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS WELCOME

Celebrating 90 years of **BENDIGO BASEBALL**

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Club News: Porepukah Panthers Seek A-Grade Players

Porepukah Panthers Baseball Club, competing in the North Eastern Baseball Association (NEBA), is currently seeking three or more talented players to join their A-Grade squad for the upcoming 2026 winter season.

Opportunity Overview: The "Panther Package"

Porepukah Panthers are offering a unique "live, work, play" lifestyle and career package in the beautiful Alpine Region of North East Victoria.

- Guaranteed work: pre-arranged seasonal employment in trades, construction and hospitality.
- Accommodation: access to dedicated staff housing or local placements.
- Baseball: compete in A-Grade ball in one of Australia's most unique country winter competitions.
- Lifestyle: located at the base of Mt Buffalo, just 6km from Bright—ideal for mountain biking, hiking, and snow sports.

Player Requirements

- Experience: recent Division 1, 2, or 3 level (or equivalent)
- Age: ideally 18 -30 (to suit seasonal work/housing partners)
- Season duration: April 2026 - September 2026

How to Apply

Interested players should send a summary of their baseball background and professional work experience/trade skills to:

- Email: admin@porepukahpanthers.one
- Phone: 0439 284 532

For more information, please click [HERE](#).

POREPUNKAH PANTHERS
BASEBALL CLUB

WINTER BASEBALL 2026
RECRUITING
***LIVE* WORK *PLAY**
JOIN THE POREPUNKAH PANTHERS A-GRADE!

We are looking for players for April—Sept 2026 season.
Guaranteed seasonal work & accommodation provided in beautiful Porepukah/Bright. Experience a unique mountain baseball lifestyle!

To take advantage of this opportunity contact:
admin@porepukahpanthers.one - 0439 284 532

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 seasons Committee-backed support for improving standards, culture and competitiveness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year-round indoor batting cage Newly grassed main diamond Lighting installation underway New clubhouse & community engagement
THE COACHING CHALLENGE	IDEAL CANDIDATE
<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 	<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.

CLUBMAP Free Webinar on Grant Funding

CLUBMAP invites you to a free webinar “[Secure More Grant Funding In 2026](#)” on Monday 2 March at 7pm. There is money available if you know where to look. Many clubs are missing opportunities to apply for and successfully secure additional grants. Learn about being grant-ready, as well as a clear and concise guide to grant success that works for any club, no matter how big or small. They will also share some application tips, and how to use AI to speed up the process. [Click here to register and save your spot.](#)

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

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*

DIAMOND CREEK
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: Greensborough Baseball Club Women's Baseball Recruitment

Greensborough Baseball Club invites women's players to join the Burras for the upcoming winter season and beyond. You can email presidentforgbc@gmail.com for more information on the program and how to get involved.

**GREENSBOROUGH
BASEBALL CLUB**

WOMEN'S BASEBALL

**JOIN THE BURRAS WOMEN'S TEAM
FOR 2026 & BEYOND!**

For further information or to express interest, please contact:
President: Michael Sullivan 0417 575 642 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 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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