

## INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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### Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams Announced Ahead of 2026 AWC/AYWC

In case you missed it, our 2026 Victorian Women's and Youth Women's State Teams have been announced ahead of the Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships, which return to Melbourne Ballpark in April. The AWC runs from 12-18 April and the AYWC is set for 14-18 April.

"It's a huge honour to wear the Victorian cap and play for your state, and we have no doubt these talented women's and youth women's baseballers will give it their all on the field," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "We look forward to a fantastic week of women's baseball right here at the ballpark and are thrilled to welcome these prestigious events back to Victoria."

## VICTORIAN WOMEN'S STATE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

**ABBIE KELLY**  
**ABBIE MCLELLAN**  
**ALLIE BEBBERE**  
**ASHLEY PATTON**  
**BRITTNEY CEDELLAND**  
**EMI SAIKI**  
**JAMIE BASTIAN**  
**JASMINE BENTLEY**  
**JESS JOHNSON**  
**KIRA KUWAMOTO**  
**LILI CAVANAGH**  
**LILLY SIMPSON**  
**MIKU SAITA**  
**NARUMI KAMETANI**  
**PAULA DOHERTY**  
**RUBY DALE**



**TOURNAMENT**  
**12-18 APRIL 2026**  
**MELBOURNE BALLPARK**

**COACHES**  
**HEAD COACH - SAMANTHA HAMILTON**  
**ASSISTANT COACH - JARRYD ROGERS**  
**PITCHING COACH - STEPHEN BLACK**  
**EO - CHELSEA POWER**



# VICTORIAN YOUTH WOMEN'S STATE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT



**AYLA MCCALLUM**  
**AIRLIE JOHANSEN**  
**ALEXANDRA EGAN**  
**CHLOE BOYLE**  
**EMILY MILLS**  
**HANNAH WILSON-POWELL**  
**HOPE ELLIS**  
**ISY ZURAWEL**  
**LUCY GALE**  
**MADELINE HAYNES**  
**PAIGE ANDERS**  
**QUORRA IAVAZZO-RIDD**  
**TABITHA PITT**  
**VIVIEN TURNER**

**TOURNAMENT**  
**14-18 APRIL 2026**  
**MELBOURNE BALLPARK**

**COACHES**  
**HEAD COACH - RICHARD ELTON**  
**ASSISTANT COACH - DANIEL BEBBERE**  
**PITCHING COACH - ERIN COLLIS**  
**EO - MEGAN COLLIS**



## 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](#)

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.

### 2025/26 VSBL Season

VSBL action is heating up with finals just a few weeks away! Good luck to everyone 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](#)

### Baseball Victoria Job Opportunity: Head of Competitions & Events

Baseball Victoria has opened 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.



## Ryder Wilson Commits to College in the United States

One of Victoria's most resilient and accomplished young pitchers is taking the next step in his baseball journey to the United States.

Right-handed pitcher Ryder Wilson has committed to Sussex County Community College in New Jersey, where he will study exercise science and continue his development on the mound. Ryder, a BV Performance Pathway alum, AYC Gold Medallist and AYC Golden Arm Winner, is scheduled to depart for the U.S. in fall 2026. Congrats Ryder! Read the full story [HERE](#).

## Belles All-Girls Charter Update

Please note Belles All-Girls Charter Tryouts are postponed until further notice. Once confirmed, we will provide an update with the new date. Thank you!

## 2025 Victorian Sport Awards - Nominations Closing Next Week

Nominations for the 2025 Victorian Sport Awards (VSAs) close next week!

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 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](mailto: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.

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

### REMUNERATION

Attractive package available for the right candidate.

<b>Chris Fisher</b> ☎ 0407 858 629 ✉ <a href="mailto:chris@bindweld.com">chris@bindweld.com</a>	<b>Don McKay</b> ☎ 0404 881 423 ✉ <a href="mailto:donmckay833@gmail.com">donmckay833@gmail.com</a>	<b>Cam Ross</b> ☎ 0458 443 934 ✉ <a href="mailto:cameron.ross@fsg.com.au">cameron.ross@fsg.com.au</a>
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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](mailto: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: BV Umpiring Working Group Newsletter

The BV Umpiring Working Group recently published their [next newsletter](#), with plenty of fantastic information and resources for clubs and umpires. This is a great way to get to know our umpiring leaders better and read about rules and upcoming opportunities. Click [HERE](#) to view. Thank you to all our umpires this summer season and at the AYC's – we greatly appreciate your efforts!

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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

**Jessica Alvaro** – Head of Competitions

**Audrina Ning** – Financial Controller

**Rachael Bouley** – Communications and Digital Media Officer

**Michelle Coote** – Administration Officer

**Shannen Jones** – Membership Officer

**Brooke Penfold** – Technical Officer

**Tony McPherson** – Tournament Officer

**David Nagy** – Event Support Officer

**Micheal Nakamura** – Head of Baseball Performance

**Damian Shanahan** – High Performance Officer

**Keli'i Zablan** – Player & Coaching Pathway Officer

**Ethan Epifanio** – Development Officer

**Daniel Chircop** – Pathways/MSA Coach

**Samantha Hamilton** – Performance Pathway Coach

