

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT: VSBL, PATHWAYS COACHING, WOMEN'S, TEAM AUS, PARTNERS, CLUB NEWS, BV TV, LIFEBLOOD, SALESIAN, HONOUR ROLLS

2025/26 VSBL Season

What a fantastic weekend of VSBL Finals! A huge congratulations to all our winners across juniors, seniors, women's, and masters, and well done to everyone on a great season. There's much more to come with senior finals continuing across the next two weekends.

A huge shout-out to all our amazing club volunteers who made another awesome season of summer baseball possible. Also, thank you to all the supporters who showed up for VSBL Women's Super Saturday at Melbourne Ballpark – it was a great atmosphere and a successful day with five grand finals!

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

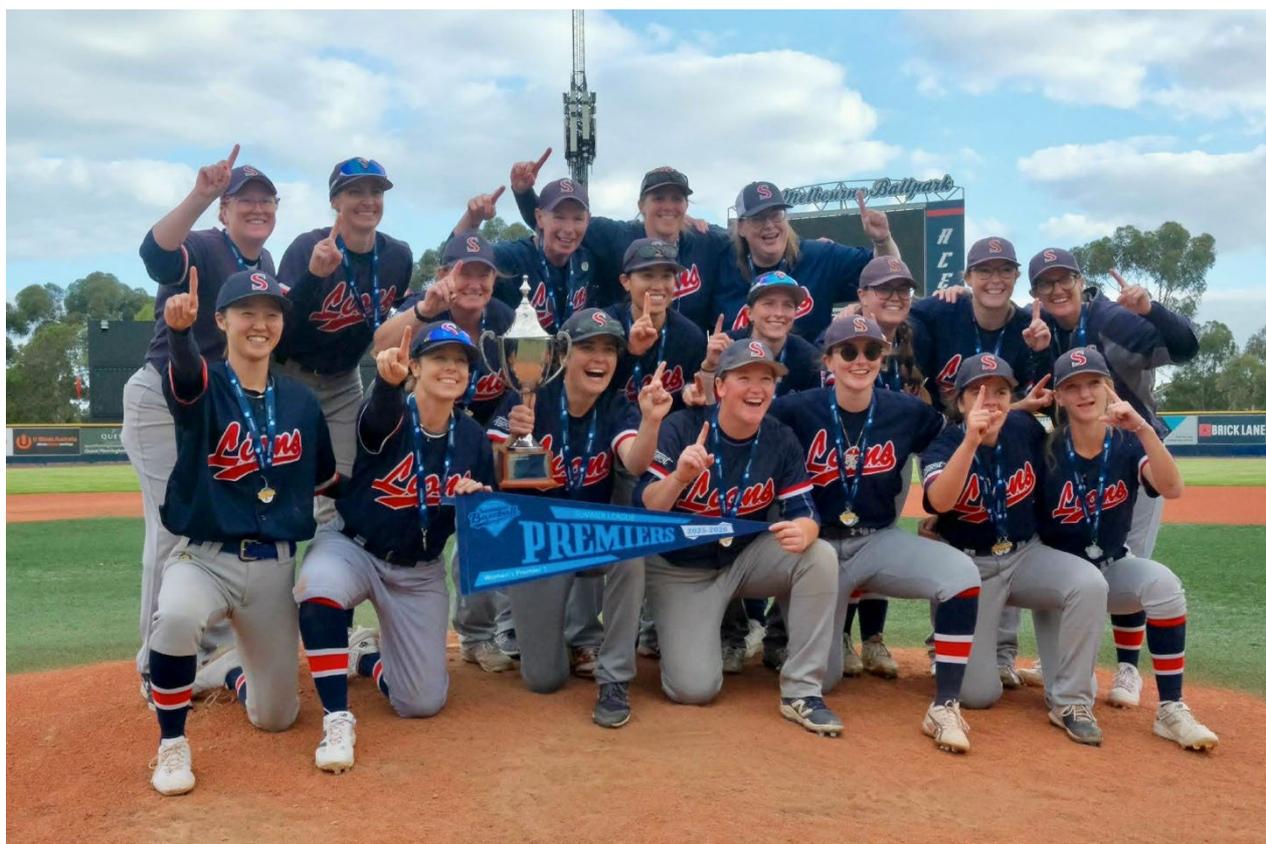


Photo: [Springvale Lions Baseball Club](#) – Women's Premier League Firsts Winners

Baseball Victoria Pathways Coaching Pool EOI

Baseball Victoria is seeking expressions of interest to join our Pathways Coaching Pool.

We know there are many coaches within our community with exceptional skills in a variety of areas, which we would love to have involved. With an aim to expand our coaching network, support coach education, and provide more meaningful engagement between Baseball Victoria and Victorian coaches, we are seeking coaches who want to play a part within our Performance Pathway at any level.

This could mean as a state coach, a specialist skills coach, or a generalist coach. Whether you wish to further your knowledge or impart your existing knowledge and skill set on others, we want you to become involved in an exciting time for baseball.

Submit your interest [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about our Coaching Pool, please direct them via email to Micheal Nakamura, Head of Baseball Performance: micheal.nakamura@baseballvictoria.com.au

A promotional poster for the Baseball Victoria Pathways Coaching Pool. The background is a dark blue, textured surface. In the top left, there is a logo for Baseball Victoria featuring a stylized baseball and the text 'BASEBALL VICTORIA'. Below the logo, the title 'BASEBALL VICTORIA PATHWAYS COACHING POOL EOI' is written in large, bold, white and orange letters. Underneath the title, the text 'EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE BASEBALL VICTORIA PATHWAYS COACHING POOL.' is displayed in white. Further down, it says 'PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST, OR VISIT BIT.LY/BVCOACHES'. In the bottom left corner, there is a close-up image of a worn baseball with red stitching. To the right of the baseball is a large QR code.

BASEBALL VICTORIA PATHWAYS COACHING POOL EOI

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[International Women's Day 2026](#)

Happy International Women's Day! This week, we acknowledge the incredible efforts of all the amazing women involved in our great game. Baseball wouldn't be the same without our women's players, coaches, umpires, scorers, committee members, volunteers, administrators, and supporters.

We love seeing women's baseball on the rise in Victoria, from our grassroots clubs to BV Performance Pathway and representative teams.

2026 marks 115 years of International Women's Day, and this year's theme is #GiveToGain, encouraging a mindset of generosity and collaboration.

Let's keep teaming up to grow the game and make sure all #womeninbaseball are supported and celebrated.



2025 Victorian Women's State Team

Team Australia Leaves Their Mark on the 2026 World Baseball Classic

What a ride for Team Australia at the 2026 World Baseball Classic. They started 2-0 with wins over Chinese Taipei and Czechia, before an amazing performance against World #1 Japan, falling by just one run.

After a heartbreaking loss to Korea, Australia was one run short of the tiebreak to advance to quarterfinals. We are so proud of all the Aussies for holding their own against the best in the world, with a special shout-out to Victorians Mitch Edwards, Jarryd Dale, George Callil, Chris Burke, Blake Townsend, and Jon Kennedy, as well as Aaron Whitefield and Ulrich Bojarski who now play in Melbourne, and our very own Damian Shanahan (assistant coach).

Team Australia has proven we are a baseball country, and we are here to stay. Read more about how to support Australian baseball [HERE](#).



Photo: [Team Australia Baseball](#)

[Sparms Teams Up With Baseball Victoria Through Diamond Partnership Program](#)

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce that Sparms has joined the [BV Diamond Partnership Program](#) at the Home Run level.

[Sparms](#) is Australia's leading choice in sun protection. Sparms Sun Protection Sleeves are great for baseballers, as they are cooling and certified UPF 50+, blocking out more than 99.8% of UVA and UVB radiation, all year round.

Made from patented Italian fabric, the thinnest and lightest sleeves on the market, Sparms keep your arms 2 to 3 degrees cooler, which is fantastic for summer baseball and tournaments.

"At Sparms, we exist to challenge the way athletes think about sun protection. It's not just about covering up, it's about performing better, staying cooler and protecting your skin," General Manager Chloe Stewart said. "We're proud to support Baseball Victoria and help players thrive in the sun."

Baseball Victoria appreciates the support, with Sparms set to provide sun protection to Victorian representatives throughout the year.

"Thank you to Sparms for joining forces with Baseball Victoria – we are thrilled to have them as a BV Diamond Partner and look forward to sharing better sun protection with our baseball community," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "We encourage our baseball families to check out their range of sleeves and shoulder wraps for men, women and youth."

Visit www.au.sparms.com to learn more.



[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 association links [HERE](#).

Club News: Sport and Recreation Victoria – Sporting Club Grants Now Open

The latest round of [Sporting Club Grants](#) is now open through Sport and Recreation Victoria!

This round is boosted by the Regional Community Sport Development Fund, meaning more support and more grants are available to help organisations across regional Victoria get people active.

Access to this funding helps grassroots clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices, and build social and active local communities.

This program assists organisations to:

- purchase uniforms and equipment that are essential for participation, first-aid and safety
- attract, build the capability and retain a skilled workforce – both volunteer and paid
- increase equity, diversity and inclusiveness
- implement good governance practices
- increase participation of individuals and communities who participate less
- create opportunities so Victorians can participate in ways that suit them
- build a robust sector that responds to current and changing community needs
- support athletes to achieve success in their sport.

Applications close 4pm Tuesday 7 April. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply.

Club News: 2025–26 Volunteer Grants Round

Volunteer Grants from the Australian Government support the work of community organisations that rely on volunteers by removing barriers to volunteering and promoting awareness of volunteering opportunities.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be available to assist eligible not-for-profit community organisations that rely on volunteers.

Grants can be used to purchase communication or insurance items and/or purchase items for the main purpose of supporting volunteer cohorts and volunteer-run activities as specified in the [Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#).

Projects may include communication tools, insurance, equipment, training, and other resources that help organisations support volunteers and improve children’s development and wellbeing.

For more information, contact your local Federal MP for details on submitting an expression of interest, which will open in May 2026.

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

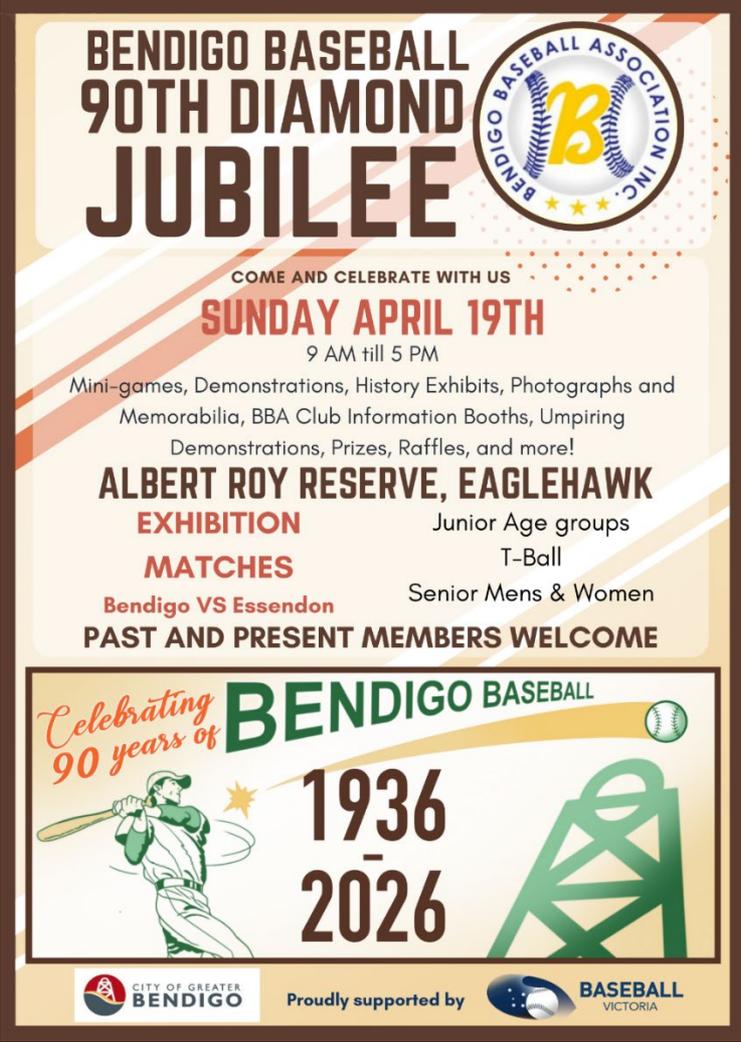
This session is for athletes, coaches, officials and others in sport who want to set up safer personal social media accounts and learn strategies to respond to online abuse.

- 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: 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**

BENDIGO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

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: CLUBMAP Free Webinar on Sponsorship

CLUBMAP invites you to a free webinar called [Beyond The Logo: Building Club Sponsorships & Community Partners](#). It's about how sponsorship is more than a logo on a jersey - it connects communities, builds revenue, and strengthens clubs.

Whether your club is starting from scratch or looking to elevate existing partnerships, this webinar will walk you through practical, proven strategies to attract sponsors, deliver real value and build lasting business relationships. You will leave with clear steps to kick off or upgrade your sponsorship program immediately.

The webinar is set for Monday 30 March at 7pm. [Click here for more info and to save your spot.](#)

Club News: Greenhills Montmorency Women's Baseball Coaching Opportunity

Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club is excited to enter its third season of women's baseball, and is looking for the right person to lead the group forward.

Monty's squad is made up of players of all skill levels, from rookies to seasoned veterans with strong game experience.

They are seeking a coach who can motivate, develop, and inspire every player on the field, while building confidence and connection within the group. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a genuine impact in a growing program and help shape the future of women's baseball at the club.

Whether you're a seasoned coach, a former player ready to give back, or someone passionate about developing talent and building culture, Monty Baseball would love to hear from you. Expressions of interest can be sent to Andrew Kent: president@montybaseball.com.au



WOMEN'S
COACH WANTED

GM

**Lead the team and help
shape the future of
women's baseball**

Whether you're:

- **A seasoned coach**
- **A former player ready to give back**
- **Or someone passionate about developing talent & building culture**

—We welcome your expression of interest

Build a Positive, Supportive & Inclusive Team Environment

**To apply: Please contact Andrew Kent:
president@montybaseball.com.au**

[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@porepunkahpanthers.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 Porepunkah/Bright. Experience a unique mountain baseball lifestyle!

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

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: ASC Coaching and Officiating Courses & Resources

The Australian Sports Commission has developed courses and resources for both coaches and officials, covering the essentials to help you succeed in your role as well as masterclasses for those who want to boost their skills and make sport more enjoyable for the athletes you support.

Check out more info here:

- [Coaching courses and resources](#)
- [Officiating courses and resources](#)

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.

Chris Fisher ☎ 0407 858 629 ✉ chris@bindweld.com	Don McKay ☎ 0404 881 423 ✉ donmckay833@gmail.com	Cam Ross ☎ 0458 443 934 ✉ cameron.ross@fsg.com.au
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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: 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: 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.



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 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.



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

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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