

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT: VICSport, VOLUNTEER AWARD, AWC, SSV,
COACHING, BELLES, GAME DEVELOPMENT, AWARDS, PARTNERS,
CLUB NEWS, BV TV, LIFEBLOOD, SALESIAN, HONOUR ROLLS

Aussies Abroad 2026

Play ball! It's go time for the top professional baseball leagues in the world. In total, there are 44 Aussies who call baseball their job, with nine of them being Victorians. Congratulations to the following players on their pro baseball careers:

- Jarryd Dale – Kia Tigers, KBO
- Blake Townsend – Frisco Roughriders (Texas), Double-A
- Nikau Pouaka-Grego – Clearwater Threshers (Philadelphia), Single-A
- Jayden Kim – Pittsburgh Pirates, Rookie Ball
- Robinson Smith – Pittsburgh Pirates, Rookie Ball
- Allie Bebbere – Boston, WPBL
- Billy Parsons – Sussex County Miners, Frontier League
- Connor Hickey – Santa Fe Fuego, Pecos League
- Liam Spence – The Firefighters, Banana Ball

Check out the full list of Aussies [HERE](#).

2025 Victorian Sport Awards: Total Teams Wellbeing Project

Baseball Victoria is excited to announce that the Total Teams Wellbeing Project with Melbourne Winter Baseball League (MWBL) has been named a finalist for the VicHealth Sport and Active Recreation Initiative of the Year Award at the 2025 Vicsport Awards.

This program, led by Edwina Ricci of Total Teams and piloted by MWBL club volunteers, focused on sharing strengths, challenges, and inclusive practices to ensure baseball is welcoming to all. With each of the league's 31 clubs participating and prioritising safeguarding, volunteers have newfound knowledge and tools to ensure baseball is always safe, supportive and inclusive.

Winners will be announced when the VSAs are held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Wednesday 13 May 2026. Read the full release [HERE](#).



Volunteer of the Year Nominations Now Open

Nominations for Baseball Victoria's Volunteer of the Year Award are now open. The winner of this award demonstrates the ideals of volunteerism through dedication to their club and baseball in the capacity as a coach, administrator, junior coordinator or club person. One nomination will be accepted from each affiliated Victorian Summer Baseball League club, and one overall winner will be selected. Please submit your nominations by 24 April [HERE](#).

AWC and AYWC Recap

With the Australian Women's Championships now concluded for another year, we are very excited to see our Victorian women bring home the title of National Champions!

Victoria also saw the Golden Arm and Golden Glove awards going to Narumi Kametani and Emi Saiki respectively.

In the Australian Youth Women's Championship, Victoria placed fourth overall. However, they came back claiming their first Pool Play Youth Victory since 2023.

After a tough start to the tournament with no wins, the Victorian girls came back with a fight in the consolation match against Queensland, defeating them 10-6.

Read our full recap [HERE](#).



School Sport Tournament Kicks Off in South Australia

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 18 Years & Under Mixed Baseball Championship is beginning on Monday 27 April in South Australia.

Set to take on School Sport teams from across the country, Victoria will kick off the tournament against ACT at 9:30am AEST.

Check out the schedule and follow along on [GameChanger](#).



Little League State Championships 2026

Little League State Championships are wrapped up for another year!

Well done to everyone who participated over the two weekends at Geelong and Knox. A massive congratulations to all our teams heading off to nationals:

Senior League

- Mets
- Athletics

Junior League

- Athletics
- Twins

Little League Major

- Rangers
- Athletics

Intermediate League

- Twins

Check out the final ladders on our socials.

[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.

Please note, any level of coaching experience is welcome. All previously submitted expressions of interest have been acknowledged.

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



BASEBALL VICTORIA PATHWAYS COACHING POOL EOI

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE
BASEBALL VICTORIA PATHWAYS COACHING POOL.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST, OR VISIT [BIT.LY/BVCOACHES](https://bit.ly/bvcoaches)



Registrations Open for Belles All-Girls Charter Tryouts

As a reminder, tryout registration is open for the Belles All-Girls Charter team. Belles Baseball is open to girls League Ages 9 to 12 Years (age cutoff is 31 August).

This dedicated program gives our girls the opportunity to represent Victoria at a national invitational level with:

- A safe, fun, and inclusive atmosphere
- Opportunities for skill development
- Opportunities for players to try new positions and grow their understanding of the game

The first tryout will be held on Sunday 26 April at Moorabbin Baseball Club, and the second tryout is set for Tuesday 28 April at Point Cook Baseball Club.

Any participants who wish to try out and haven't registered yet are welcome to attend the trial. Please note, if you are already registered, there is no need to register again.

Please register [HERE](#).



2026 BELLES ALL-GIRLS CHARTER PLAYER REGISTRATION

FIRST TRYOUT - 26 APRIL 2026

SECOND TRYOUT - 28 APRIL 2026

REGISTER VIA QR CODE



THE ALL-GIRLS BELLES TEAM WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 AUSTRALIAN LITTLE LEAGUE GIRLS DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JULY.

Casual Game Development Staff EO!

Have a passion for baseball? Want to inspire the next generation to play our great game? Baseball Victoria is currently accepting expressions of interest for casual employees to join our 2026 Game Development Team.

You will work with the BV Game Development Team within local primary and secondary schools, assisting with the running of programs, events and competitions. The work will be suited to people who are passionate about baseball, interact well with children, and are willing to work hard. A valid Working with Children Check will be required.

Please submit your interest [HERE](#).



GAME DEVELOPMENT STAFF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

HAVE A PASSION FOR BASEBALL? WANT TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION TO PLAY OUR GREAT GAME?

BASEBALL VICTORIA IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CASUAL EMPLOYEES TO JOIN OUR 2026 GAME DEVELOPMENT TEAM.



[History and Recognition Working Group EOI](#)

Expressions of Interest are now open for volunteers to join Baseball Victoria's History and Recognition Working Group. These expressions of interest must close 15 May, 2026.

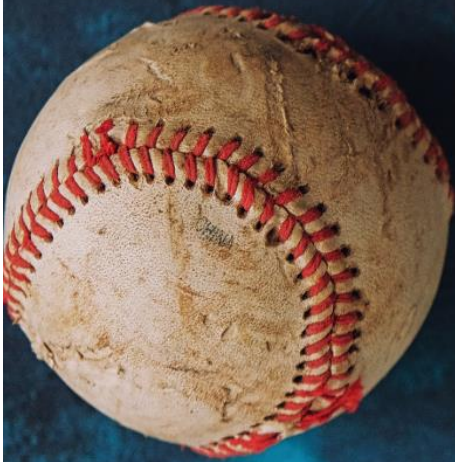
Submit your interest [HERE](#).



HISTORY AND RECOGNITION WORKING GROUP EOI

BASEBALL VICTORIA IS ACCEPTING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR OUR VOLUNTEER HISTORY AND RECOGNITION WORKING GROUP.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



EcoGroup Crushed Brick Offer

As one of Baseball Victoria's Diamond Partners for nearly 12 months, EcoGroup have a special offer for Baseball Victoria members to celebrate!

Until 31 May, EcoGroup are offering 10% off crushed brick using code BV2026. Landscaping, pathways, acreage, even sports surfaces... now is the time to get it sorted.

Submit your enquiry [HERE](#).

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**10% ECOGROUP
OFF CRUSHED BRICK**

SCAN OR **CLICK ME**



Take **10% off**
EcoGroup
crushed brick
for Baseball
until May 31
with code
BV2026.



[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](#), [Sparms](#), and [Victor Sports](#).

[Club News: 2026 Winter Season Registration](#)

With VSBL done and dusted, it's time for winter baseball! Make sure to sign up - 2026 winter registration is open for all players, coaches, officials, and volunteers under association links, which can be found [HERE](#).

[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: Sport Integrity Australia 2026 Integrity Webinar Series

Sports Integrity Australia is delivering a series of new integrity webinars for 2026. There are various webinars being held across the year, which will be free and accessible to all clubs and their members.

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



The graphic is a stylized menu board for 'Integrity Webinars 2026'. At the top left is a sign that says 'Integrity WEBINARS 2026'. To its right is a sign that says 'New MENU'. Below these is a large sign that says 'Mains' in a cursive font and 'NEW SPECIALS!' in a bold, blocky font. The menu items are listed below, each with a title, date, and time, followed by a brief description.

Webinar Title	Date	Time	Description
Championing integrity	16 APRIL	12PM	Practical tools to support women and girls in sport
Handling unreasonable complaint parties	8 JULY	12PM	Practical strategies for sporting organisations
What young people need from us	10 SEPTEMBER	12PM	A youth-led conversation on child safety in sport
The 2027 Code	14 OCTOBER	12PM	A look at the upcoming World Anti-Doping Code Changes
Protecting fair play	18 NOVEMBER	12PM	Practical insights on competition manipulation and sport wagering in Australia

At the bottom of the graphic is the Sport Integrity Australia logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' and 'I' icon, followed by the text 'SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA'.

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: 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: 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.

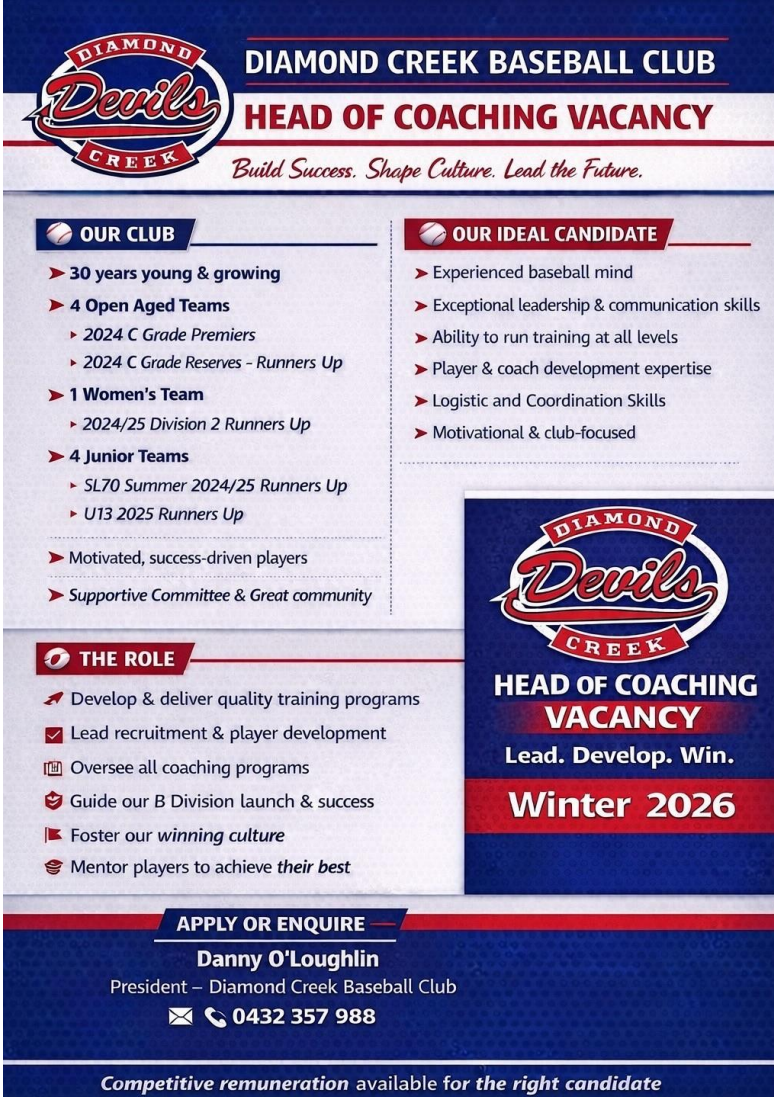
By signing up, your club gets access to resources developed by Little League International, Baseball Australia and Kiddo. Little League T-Ball is aimed at kids aged 4-8 to help them develop the skills they need in order to play baseball in the future.

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: 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*

DIAMOND CREEK Devils 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

Clubs, are you looking for a new stream of income? Keen to turn your rubbish into cash? Sign up and start collecting with Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme. Every drink container returned helps the planet, your community and your club's bottom line. It's easy to get going.

Each eligible drink container earns a 10-cent refund, and they add up quickly. Sporting clubs across the state are funding new uniforms and equipment, facility upgrades and more.

Download the club toolkit [HERE](#) to help get started.

Club News: Whitehorse Council's Women in Sport Leadership Program 2026

Whitehorse City Council is excited to open nominations for the Women in Sport Leadership Program 2026.

This program is designed to support women involved in local sport and recreation to build their leadership skills, confidence, and networks. It's a great opportunity for emerging or current leaders within your club to grow and make a positive impact in your organisation and the wider community.

Key information:

- Open to women aged 18+ involved in a Whitehorse-based club or recreation group
- Participants can be nominated by a club or self-nominate
- No cost to participate (fully funded by Council)
- No formal leadership role required, we encourage those with leadership potential to apply

Nominations close: 11:59pm, Sunday 10 May 2026

Click [HERE](#) to find out more and submit a nomination.

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.



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.

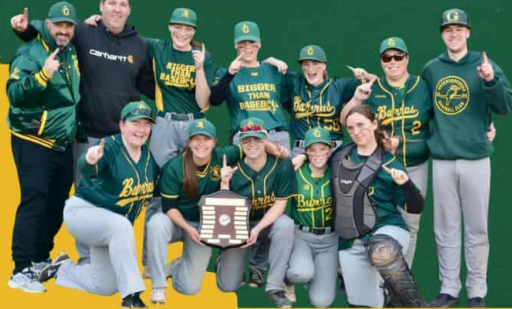


GREENSBOROUGH
BASEBALL CLUB

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

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 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.



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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- Scott McNaughton** – General Manager, Operations
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