

BASEBALL
VICTORIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026

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Vision & Mission

VISION

Baseball at its best

MISSION

For all people to experience the joy of baseball in Victoria

VALUES

INTEGRITY

Modelling high levels of honesty, accountability, transparency, and ethical behaviour, creating an environment of mutual trust and respect.

COMMUNICATION

As the peak body representing sport to key decision-making bodies, empowering all stakeholders to improve outcomes for athletes and lift the profile of sport and its benefits.

INNOVATION

Embracing diversity and inclusivity, providing accessible and equitable opportunities, and appreciating cultures of our region.

COLLABORATION

Providing a cooperative network and advocacy service to build a united voice for the community of sport.

ACCESS

Offering safe, equitable and welcoming environments.

State of Play

Participation numbers in the 2025/26 financial year are based on the 12 months from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. We recorded a slight increase in total registered players across summer and winter, continuing the upward trend of grassroots baseball participation. The below registration figures are based on BV capitation fee numbers.

2025/26 Total Participation





*Gender identity includes non-binary, gender-fluid, and prefer not to say

2025/26 Summer Participation





Note:
103 3x Game Participants (19 female)
196 1x Game Participants (30 female)
Volunteers includes Volunteer Umpire Registrations (does not include "BV Umpire" Registrations – these are tallied specifically under "Umpires")
*Gender identity includes non-binary, gender-fluid, and prefer not to say

2026 Winter Participation





Note:
288 3x Game Participants (32 female)
153 1x Game Participants (17 female)
Volunteers includes Volunteer Umpire Registrations (does not include "BV Umpire" Registrations – these are tallied specifically under "Umpires"
*Gender identity includes non-binary, gender-fluid, and prefer not to say

State of the Game:

Highlights From Another Fantastic Year of Baseball in Victoria

This annual report covers 12 months from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. From grassroots competitions to representative opportunities, there were so many accomplishments to be proud of. None of it would be possible without our dedicated Victorian baseball community, and we look forward to seeing what the future holds as we grow the game together.
Let's take a look back on some of the most memorable moments throughout the year.

July 2025

- State Winter Championships winners crowned: U13 Division 1 – Dandenong; U13 Division 2 – North East; U15 Division 1 – Diamond Valley; U15 Division 2 – Latrobe Valley; 17U Division 1 – Dandenong; 17U Division 2 – Latrobe Valley.
- Gen Beacom announced her commitment to Oregon State Softball after earning all-conference all-star honours in her first season at East Central College.
- BV announced key executive appointments of Scott McNaughton (General Manager, Operations) and Micheal Nakamura (Head of Baseball Performance).
- Victorians Harvey Ninnis, Phil Toye, and Jaxon Waters represented Team Australia at the Under 12 World Cup in Taipei.
- Belles, Twins, and Mets represented at the 2025 Australian Little League Girls Championship & Little League Invitational, with the Mets winning the Little League Spirit Award.

August 2025

- BV launched Little League T-Ball, a new national program aimed at kids aged 4-8 to help them develop the skills they need in order to play baseball in the future.
- Barclay Cup/Youth Women's Futures Development Program training at Melbourne Ballpark offered a new opportunity for youth women aged 13 to 16.
- BV Performance Pathway athletes Cooper Bishop-Worn, Cooper Busch, Euan Clarkin, Brody Stokes, Brodie Trevean, Jarvis Johansen, Mitchell Langworthy, and Marcus Murphy headed to Fuchu, Japan with the U16 National Squad.
- BV Performance Pathway and Victorian coaches attended Baseball Australia's Coaching Conference on the Gold Coast. Mark Richards, Jarryd Rogers, Adrian (AJ) Baillargeon, Samantha Hamilton, Keli'i Zablan, and Ethan Epifanio joined 50 coaches from around the country.

September 2025

- Jordan Ellis, Will Hardy, and Devin Leahy wore the Green & Gold for Team Australia at the U18 World Cup in Okinawa, Japan.
- Victorians Abbey Kelly, Abbey McLellan, Jasmine Bentley, Paula Doherty, Ruby Dale, and Shae Lillywhite (coach) joined the Australian women's team playing exhibition games vs Japan.
- BV Performance Pathway athlete Will Hardy was named one of 11 Australian baseball players invited to play on the 'MLB World Select Team' at the Major League Baseball College Showcase Tour in Arizona.
- Vic Dingoes and Hornets enjoyed a week of baseball fun, team spirit, and wonderful friendships at the 2025 Barclay Cup in Adelaide.
- The 2025 BV Umpires Seminar at Newport Baseball Club welcomed 50 attendees, including 11 new Community Umpire Course completions.
- BV Pipeline Spring Training Camps helped kids have fun and develop baseball skills to further their game.

October 2025

- 2025/26 VSBL season kicked off with increased participation and Player of the Week Awards highlighting outstanding achievements.
- BV Pipeline 2Ball sessions at Newport and Waverley developed skills that scale in a fun and engaging environment, backed by integrated on-field coach development.
- Baseball Victoria TMA Project introduced VSBL Wellbeing and Safeguarding Leads in conjunction with Total Teams—delivering a 4-part workshop series for summer clubs, following a successful pilot program during the winter season.
- Updated BV Umpiring Working Group appointments announced, with this dedicated team continuing the rollout of our Umpiring Blueprint for the Future: Alan Sutherland, Denis Dalzotto, Casey Cooke, and Jenelle Stafilis.

November 2025

- Team Australia defeated Guam at the 2025 Under 23 Men's Baseball WBSC Oceania Championships. Victorian Will Hardy was part of the successful campaign, batting .429 with a perfect fielding percentage as Australia swept the series 5-0 and earned a spot in the 2026 U23 World Cup.
- Baseball Victoria held the 2025 AGM on 12 November at the MSAC Champions Room as member clubs and associations reflected on another successful year.
- Victorian Women's All-Stars hosted Japan University Women's All-Stars in historic series at Newport and Port Melbourne Baseball Clubs, showcasing our growth in the women and girls space ahead of April's AWC.
- Allie Bebbere, a Victorian women's baseball superstar and Aussie Emerald, was drafted by Boston, one of nine Aussies in the inaugural Women's Professional Baseball League (WPBL) draft.
- The SPACES Compass Survey was launched as part of the VSBL Club Wellbeing and Safety project, with feedback used to make baseball safer, stronger, and more connected for everyone.
- The Baseball Victoria Board elected Kerry Gassner to the role of President and Ben Stewart to the role of Vice President.
- Springvale played 24-hour baseball game at Melbourne Ballpark to honour teammate Jacinda Barclay and raise awareness for mental health. Over $22,000 in proceeds have benefited Beyond Blue over the past six years.
- Australian infielder Jarryd Dale (Malvern Baseball Club) signed with the KIA Tigers of the Korean Baseball Organization (KBO) ahead of the 2026 season.

December 2025

- The Victorian Under 18 Development Squad travelled to Taiwan to compete in the New Taipei City International U18 Baseball Invitational Tournament. This new opportunity allowed young athletes to develop their skills on the global stage, represent Victoria with pride, and immerse themselves in a unique cultural and sporting environment, playing against teams from around Asia.
- Six young Victorians made their Melbourne Aces debut on home turf. Addison Bishop-Worn, Will Hardy, Jordan Ellis, Riley Peoples, Liam Puncher, and Jake Bertucci played in the Southern Stars & Stripes Shield series.
- Baseball Australia and the Victorian Government announced the Australian Youth Championships (AYC) will be held in Melbourne for the next three years, featuring two marquee national titles – the Under 16 and Under 18 divisions.
- Team Australia finished the U15 Oceania Championships undefeated in Guam, officially qualifying for the 2026 World Cup. Victorians Bodhi Evans, Jacob Tayler, Edison Bush, Cale Morris, and Cruize Chase were joined by assistant coach Keli'i Zablan for the successful series.
- Over 40 clubs signed up to Little League T-Ball, offering a fun and engaging introduction to baseball skills.

January 2026

- Victoria hosted the Australian Youth Championships in Melbourne, as Essendon,
- Port Melbourne and Preston Baseball Clubs created an amazing gameday atmosphere for players from around the country.
- Victoria's Under 18 State Team won gold, coming back to beat Western Australia 9–4,while the Under 16 Team secured silver.
- Victorians won 2026 AYC Awards: U18 Most Valuable Player – Cooper Bishop-Worn, Golden Arm – Liam Puncher, and Golden Bat – Brody Stokes.

State of the Game cont.

- BV Performance Pathway alum Ryder Wilson announced commitment to Sussex County Community College in New Jersey.
- BV Pipeline catching, hitting, defence, and 2Ball camps inspired junior baseballers to strengthen their skills.

February 2026

- VSBL season continued with 40+ competitions across seniors, juniors, women's, and masters.
- Sparms joined the BV Diamond Partnership Program at the Home Run level, providing support through sun protection solutions for Victorian representatives throughout the year.
- Victorians named to 2026 World Baseball Classic roster: Mitch Edwards, Jarryd Dale, George Callil, Chris Burke, Blake Townsend, and Jon Kennedy, joined by Aaron Whitefield and Ulrich Bojarski now playing in Melbourne, and Damian Shanahan as an assistant coach.
- Baseball Victoria extended expressions of interest to join the Pathways Coaching Pool, in an effort to expand the coaching network and support coach education.

March 2026

- Women's Super Saturday was a big success at Melbourne Ballpark, featuring five grand finals, including Springvale's seventh Women's Premier League flag in the last ten years.
- Essendon Baseball Club defeated Moorabbin in the Premier League 1 Grand Final, marking their first top-flight premiership since 2021.
- Team Australia opened the 2026 World Baseball Classic 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.
- Springvale Lions Baseball Club confirmed as host of the 2026 Barclay Cup, marking the fifth year of the beloved national junior girls tournament.
- Junior baseballers earned well-deserved recognition. At the Maribyrnong Sports Academy Awards Night, Roman Coote received the MSA Coaches Excellence Award and the High Performance Award. Lucy Gale received the MSA Coaches Endeavour Award. Cruize Chase-Tukapua was named a Baseball Honour Wall Inductee for representing Team Australia U15 Baseball.
- At the School Sport Victoria Awards, Roman Coote received further distinction with the Sporting Blue Award, recognising his outstanding individual performance.
- Victorian Masters Carnival in Ballarat at the end of March hosted 55 teams competing across men's and women's, ages 35+ through 55+, plus a 65+ All-Stars game on Saturday.

April 2026

- Victorian Women's State Team won the Australian Women's Championship at Melbourne Ballpark, defeating Western Australia 8–5 to claim second national title in three years.
- Victorian players Narumi Kametani received the Golden Arm award and Emi Saiki won the Golden Glove at the Australian Women's Championship.
- Victorian Youth Women's State Team finished fourth with their first pool play victory since 2023, showing great improvement and a promising future.
- The Roos made their Australian Women's Championship debut, with the national composite team made up of emerging players from across Australia who narrowly missed state selection. This included Victorians Emma Sullivan, Alyssa Jamieson, Macy Priamo, Kendra Rutgers, Mackenzie Prentice-Evans, Felicity Clissold, Bronwyn Gell, and Kira Jansen.
- For the second straight year, an all-female officiating crew umpired the AWC and AYWC, including Victorians Jenelle Stafilis, Tess Sard, and Janine Thompson.
- 2026 Little League State Champions crowned: LL Major - Rangers, Intermediate League - Twins, Junior League - Athletics, Senior League - Mets.
- VSBL season award winners were announced as Moorabbin's Christopher Nielsen won the Premier League 1 George Heron Medal and Doncaster's Allie Bebbere took out Women's Premier League MVP.
- Out of 44 Australians playing professional ball, there were nine Victorians on the list of Aussies Abroad: Jarryd Dale, Blake Townsend, Nikau Pouaka-Grego, Jayden Kim, Robinson Smith, Allie Bebbere, Billy Parsons, Connor Hickey, and Liam Spence.
- Victorian infielder and 2024 U18 AYC champion Addison Bishop-Worn announced his commitment to New Mexico Junior College ahead of the 2026-27 college baseball season.

May 2026

- Baseball Victoria hosted second-annual Hall of Fame Evening at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park with ten inductees: Justin Huber, David Buckthorpe, Brian Wonnacott, Peter Moylan, Travis Blackley, Micheal Nakamura, Robert Blackmore, Beryl Bunting, Les Polson, and John Ferguson.
- Samantha Hamilton was inducted into the Baseball Australia Hall of Fame as one of the most decorated players in Australian women's baseball history.
- At the School Sport Australia (SSA) 18 Years & Under Mixed Baseball Championship in West Beach, SA, Victoria won the silver medal with Jordan Ellis named MVP.
- North Coburg was named the Good Sports Club of the Year after more than 15 years in the program, with club secretary Courtnee Griffiths named as runner-up for the Victorian Volunteer of the Year award.
- Baseball Victoria's Total Teams Wellbeing Project with Melbourne Winter Baseball League (MWBL) was named a finalist for the VicHealth Sport and Active Recreation Initiative of the Year Award at the 2025 Vicsport Awards.
- Mets and Athletics represented at Senior League Nationals in Blacktown, NSW, while Twins and Athletics competed on the Junior League stage in Lismore. Twins Intermediate League also made it to nationals.
- Eight Victorians were named to the Australian Emeralds roster for the 2026 Women's Baseball World Cup, including Jamie Bastian, Gen Beacom, Abbey Kelly, Bronwyn Gell, Lili Cavanagh, Allie Bebbere, Brittney Baker, and Jess Johnson.

June 2026

- Athletics and Rangers played Little League Nationals in Blacktown, making awesome memories alongside teams from around the country.
- Dandenong defeated Geelong 8-1 in the 2026 Senior Men's State Winter Championship, while in the Senior Women's SWC, MWBL went undefeated with a 14-0 win over DBA.
- Werribee Giants Baseball Club hosted the 2026 All-Girls Winter Invitational for girls aged 10-15.
- The Baseball Victoria Strategic Planning Survey was launched, inviting the baseball community to provide valuable insight to shape the future of our sport.
- Victorians played in college national championships, including Zak Skinner and Travis Finney (NCAA D1), Adam Jirik (NCAA D2), and Jack Ratcliffe (JUCO D2).
- Victorian Conor Myles was named American Conference Pitcher of the Year with a 9-1 record and a 3.53 ERA over 14 regular season appearances. He was unbeaten in nine starts and held his opponents to a .244 batting average.
- Baseball Victoria announced the re-alignment of the Women's & Girls Development Working Group (WGDWG), formerly known as the Women's Pathway Working Group. Its goal is to support the strategic direction, governance and leadership of women and girls development initiatives.
- Baseball Australia announced the upcoming three-year hosting cycle for the Little League National Championships. From 2027 to 2029, the Australian Intermediate League Championship will be hosted in Melbourne at Knox Baseball Club.

Baseball Leagues and Clubs

BV Summer League
Alfredton*
Ballarat*
Berwick City*
Blackburn*
Bonbeach St Chads*
Chelsea*
Cheltenham*
Diamond Creek*
Doncaster*
Essendon*
Fitzroy*
Footscray*
Geelong*
Greenhills Monty*
Greensborough*
Malvern*
Melbourne*
Mitchell Majors*
Monash University*
Moorabbin*
Mordialloc*
Mornington*
Mulgrave*
Newport*
North Coburg*
North Western*
Ormond Glenhuntly*
Pakenham*
Pivot City*
Point Cook*
Port Melbourne*
Preston*
Research*
Sandringham*
South East Warriors*
Springvale*
St Kilda*
Sunshine*
Upwey Ferntree Gully*
Waverley*
Werribee*
Williamstown*

Bendigo Baseball Association*
Bendigo East
Central Vic*
Falcons
Scots
Strathfieldsaye

Dandenong Baseball Association*
Berwick
Bonbeach St Chads
Boneo
Chelsea
Cheltenham
Dandenong
Dingley
Frankston
Moorabbin
Mordialloc
Mornington
Pakenham
Ormond Glenhuntly

Geelong Baseball Association*
Alfredton
Bacchus Marsh
Ballarat
Bellarine
Colac
Corio
Deakin
East Belmont
Guild
Lara
North Western
Werribee

Latrobe Valley Baseball Association*
Churchill
Moe/Newborough
Morwell
Sale
Traralgon

Melbourne Winter Baseball League*
Alfredton
Croydon
Diamond Creek
Doncaster
Essendon
Footscray
Forest Hill
Glen Iris
Greenhills Montmorency
Greensborough
Heathmont
Knox
La Trobe University
Melbourne
Melbourne University
Mitchell Majors
Monash University
Newport
North Balwyn
North Coburg
Northcote
Point Cook
Port Melbourne
Research Lower Plenty
RMIT
Ringwood
South East Warriors
St Kilda
Sunshine
Watsonia
Waverley
Werribee
Westgarth
Williamstown

North Eastern Baseball Association*
Albury
Benalla
Porepunkah
Wangaratta
Wodonga

Sunraysia Baseball League*
Eagles
Hawks
Mallee*
Saints
Wanderers

Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria*

*Voting member of Baseball Victoria

BV Board of Directors

KERRY GASSNER
President

Kerry Gassner brings more than two decades of senior leadership across major venues, events and public safety to the Baseball Victoria Board. He is Venue Manager of AAMI Park within the Melbourne Park precinct, where he leads operations and oversees the commercial and strategic direction of a multi-tenant stadium that is home to Melbourne Storm, Melbourne Victory and major concerts and events. His career spans government venues and the strategic development of operational and commercial venues, including senior roles at John Cain Arena, Kardinia Park Stadium Trust and the AFL, as well as 15 years with Victoria Police. He holds an MBA in Venue and Sport Management and a Harvard Business School Online certificate in Disruptive Strategy.

Kerry joined the Board in March 2025 and was appointed President in November 2025. He leads with a focus on governance, strategy and long-term sustainability, working closely with all levels of baseball in Australia. His connection to baseball spans more than 40 years and nearly every level of the game which includes time as a player, a state and national coach, and Chair of the Victorian Pennant Committee. Kerry is humbled to hold the role of President and sees it as one of custodianship, guiding the game towards a sustainable future. His commitment is simple: a Baseball Victoria that is accessible to all, where baseball in Victoria, for everyone, always comes first.

BEN STEWART
Vice President

Ben has a strong background spanning the private sector, public service, and community baseball. He is currently a Managing Director at Create Advisory, a strategic advisory firm, where he specialises in providing strategic, commercial, and financial advice to the energy and infrastructure sectors. Ben brings to the board dynamic leadership and extensive experience in stakeholder engagement and executing complex corporate transactions. His broader professional background includes senior management roles in the finance sector and the Victorian State Government (including the Department of Treasury and Finance). A passionate advocate for the game, Ben has played baseball for over 45 years and has coached both junior and senior teams, deeply appreciating the positive impact sport has on Victorian families.

Kathy Tessier
Director

Kathy Tessier is a passionate consultant with over 25 years of experience in the sports industry specialising in inclusive training and strategic planning. Currently a Professional Learning Coordinator with Active Schools at ACHPER Vic, Kathryn has been a director of Active Approach since 1996, working with a number of sports organisations from the local to international level. She has extensive team leadership, conflict management, and public speaking skills, having previously served as the Executive Manager for the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association. Kathy is excited to bring her unique experience as a sports industry consultant, practicing PE teacher, and university lecturer to Baseball Victoria.

ANNA BLACKETT
Director

Anna is the founder and managing director of Level Up Collective, a collective of specialist consultants and collaboration partners, passionate about working with organisations to help build internal capability, and providing solutions across capability, culture, change and customer. Anna brings 15+ years of professional experience in consulting, recruitment, and talent management to the Baseball Victoria Board. Her previous work includes senior roles with Jetstar Airways, Carlton & United Breweries, Cricket World Cup 2015, and Newcrest Mining. She has also served as a board member for So Brave, a breast cancer charity for young women, and Viva Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary.

GEOFF BOYES
Director

Geoff Boyes has been involved in baseball for 40 years, including 33 years playing and 15 years umpiring across Victoria. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Monash University and spent ten years as an IT project manager, overseeing budgets, staff, training, and company policies. Now semi-retired, he is involved in school sports and serves as a school exam invigilator and green keeper.

ANGEL CHAMBERS
Director (commenced March 2026)

Angel Chambers joined the Baseball Victoria Board in March 2026 and is a Director at Deloitte. She brings significant experience in governance, strategy, risk management, and stakeholder engagement, together with a strong commitment to supporting the sustainable growth of sport and community organisations. Angel contributes to the Board's oversight of governance, finance, legal, and strategic matters. Her background combines legal, and commercial perspectives that support effective board decision-making and long-term organisational success.

PAMELA WARWICK
Director (commenced July 2026)

Pamela is an experienced technology and governance executive with more than 20 years of leadership delivering organisational transformation, digital strategy, and major technology programs across the public, private, and sporting sectors globally. She currently serves as Director of Technology & Systems at Melbourne Park, where she leads technology strategy and operations for one of Australia's premier major events and sporting precincts.

Pamela has been actively involved in baseball for many years as a volunteer and administrator, leading governance, policy, and member experience improvements at club level. She is passionate about strengthening community sport through good governance, sustainable club development, and growing participation across all levels of the game.

ROSLYN GOWTY
Director (commenced July 2026)

Ros Gowty is a passionate baseball community member, governance leader and advocate for inclusive participation in sport. A Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Board Member of Alexandra District Health, Ros brings strong experience in strategy, governance, risk and community leadership. She has held senior leadership roles across complex public sector environments, with a focus on community wellbeing, inclusive communities, customer experience, and statewide health operations.

Ros is actively involved in women's baseball, having chaired Baseball Victoria's Women's Pathway Working Group, and is keen to contribute more broadly to the Board's strategic planning and decision-making. Ros is committed to supporting welcoming environments where players, clubs and volunteers can thrive.

Resigned Directors

JENNIFER PITSON – Vice President (resigned November 2025), Director (resigned March 2026)

Jennifer joins Baseball Victoria with over 25 years of sport sector experience holding strategic, commercial, participation, marketing and event roles. Jennifer holds a Master of Business Administration (Entrepreneurial Management) and is currently an HDR PhD candidate at RMIT; researching active ageing through sport. Jennifer is currently the Chief Operating Officer at Table Tennis Victoria, having previously served as General Manager, AFL Masters Victorian Metropolitan Football League and General Manager - Commercial & Development at Motorsport Australia. All roles required the development and implementation of strategic plans to achieve set commercial and participation outcomes.

Throughout her career, Jennifer has worked for the Australian Football League, Melbourne Racing Club, and City of Melbourne, managing strategic partnerships with Cricket Australia, Australian Rugby Union, and Melbourne Vixens, to name a few. She's passionate about strengthening commercial and participation strategies to benefit sporting organisation members and keeping people active. She's looking forward to influencing the future of Baseball Victoria and ensuring grassroots baseball continues to grow, providing a safe and inclusive sport for all ages.

ANDY ROSE – President (resigned November 2025), Director (resigned July 2026)

Andy is honoured to take on the role of Baseball Victoria President to help lead his beloved sport to a bright future across Victoria. Over the last 25 years, Andy has run a successful photographic and digital company, with a strong focus on strategic direction and team management for advertising campaigns on both local and national levels.

Over the past decade, Andy has been heavily involved in Victorian baseball, coaching teams, managing committees, and facilitating programs from community t-ball up to high performance. He also served as president of North Balwyn since 2010, where he focused on growing junior participation and offering more opportunities to participate in baseball. Andy is excited to direct his enthusiasm and creative thinking to further the strategic plan of growing grassroots baseball and fostering the next generations of talent in Victoria.

JESSICA TOOP – Director (resigned December 2025)

Jessica is the founder and managing principal of Toop Workplace Law, which she started in 2018 after many years as an employee solicitor in private practic ae and corporate roles. Her boutique legal practice provides employment law advice and support to o ats. The University of Melbourne alum previously served as a volunteer solicitor for the Mental Health Legal Clinic and the Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre and was recently selected to participate in The Observership Program with the Rebecca Jane Foundation.

GREG HILL – Finance Director (resigned July 2026)

Greg Hill has dedicated the past 20+ years to the Australian not-for-profit sporting sector, spending time in executive roles at Gymnastics Australia, Basketball Australia, Hockey Australia, and Huntingdale Golf Club. He has enjoyed each of these roles and embraces the privilege of serving the community. Greg looks forward to bringing his experience as CFO and Company Secretary across three national sporting organisations to the Baseball Victoria Board.

Greg has worked extensively across the full spectrum of federated sport activities, including technology, integrity, child safety, and community and high-performance events. He currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of Make-A-Wish, an Australian charity organisation with the mission to deliver life-changing wishes to critically ill children. As a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA), Greg's areas of expertise include financial management, operations planning, governance, revenue growth, and ASIC Compliance.

Baseball Victoria Staff & Committees

The below list reflects BV Staff & Committees for the financial year from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

CEO	Chet Gray
GENERAL MANAGER, OPERATIONS	Scott McNaughton started August 2025
FINANCIAL CONTROLLER	Audrina Ning
HEAD OF COMPETITIONS & EVENTS	Jessica Alvaro – resigned February 2026 Scott Glover – started March 2026, resigned June 2026
COMMUNICATIONS & DIGITAL MEDIA OFFICER	Rachael Bouley
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	Michelle Coote
TECHNICAL OFFICER	Brooke Penfold
TOURNAMENT OFFICER/LL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR	Tony McPherson – resigned May 2026
	Scott McNaughton – started May 2026
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	Shannen Jones
EVENT SUPPORT OFFICER	David Nagy
HEAD OF BASEBALL PERFORMANCE	Micheal Nakamura – started August 2025
HIGH PERFORMANCE OFFICER	Damian Shanahan – resigned May 2026
PLAYER & COACHING PATHWAYS OFFICER	Keli'i Zablan
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	Ethan Epifanio
PATHWAYS/MSA COACH	Daniel Chircop
PERFORMANCE PATHWAY COACH	Samantha Hamilton

BV DISTRICT CHARTER COMMITTEE Scott McNaughton – LLDA Louise Godden – Athletics Carla Jamieson – Mariners Kirsty Fairservice – Twins Tania Lindsay – Mets Angela Potts – Rangers	**FINANCE & AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE** Greg Hill – Board Representative Audrina Ning – Staff Representative
VSBL PENNANT COMMITTEE Scott McNaughton (Chair) Jon Kennedy Mark Gooding Siobhan Stephenson – resigned November 2025 Sean Arnott Marc McKenner Tanneale Marshall	**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** Board Representatives Jennifer Pitson Andy Rose – resigned March 2026 Kathy Tessier Anna Blackett
HISTORY AND RECOGNITION WORKING GROUP Matt Nichol Amy McCann Stuart McGovern Peter Dihm John Ferguson Jason Blair – Life Member	**TRIBUNAL** Leah Trebilcock Christian Von Tun Robert Rex Mathieson Tony McPherson
WOMEN'S PATHWAY WORKING GROUP Ros Gowty (Chair) Samantha Hamilton – HP Representative Abbey McLellan Michael Wearne Siobhan Stephenson – Pennant Committee Representative	**UMPIRING WORKING GROUP** State Umpire – Operations: Alan Sutherland State Umpire – Technical: Denis Dalzotto State Umpire – Development: Casey Cooke State Umpire – Communications: Jenelle Stafilis Brooke Penfold – Technical Officer (BV Staff)
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL STATE CENTRE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT Chet Gray – Baseball Victoria Representative	

BASEBALL VICTORIA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kerry Gassner

From stability to vision

It is a privilege to present my first report as President of Baseball Victoria, and I do so with real humility. Whatever progress we have made this year belongs to the people around our game: a committed Board, a dedicated Office, and thousands of volunteers, players, umpires and families who turn up week after week.

This year was about stability. Next year is about vision. Our commitment is simple: a Baseball Victoria that is accessible to all of us, where baseball in Victoria, for everyone, always comes first.

Stability: what we strengthened together

Working through stability has had its challenges, but it has been intentional, and it has been done together. Everyone has played a role. What has encouraged me most is seeing people across our game look beyond their own clubs and interests and join in shaping our future.

- **Office culture.** A sustainable, cohesive team environment that focuses on its People and true leadership.
- **Structure and skills.** The right people in the right roles, aligned to our strategic direction. This has been through a shift in structure that reflects the priorities of our clubs and participants.
- **Club engagement.** Building relationships and trust with clubs. Clubs have told us plainly about the pressures they face, from facilities and lighting to volunteer fatigue, and we will advocate for them with councils and government. This is evolving work, and trust is earned over time.
- **Partners.** Strengthening relationships with Baseball Australia (including the ABL), government and the Melbourne Aces, all critical to the Victorian baseball ecosystem.
- **Governance**. A Board with a broad and welcome mix of skills, backgrounds and community connection resulting in a shift to a more strategic and governance focus.
- **Diversity and inclusion.** Starting to ask who is represented in our game, and who is not.
- **Trust.** Moving from relationships that have not always been collaborative to ones built on trust and good faith.

Highlights of the year

Vic Women: national champions. Our Vic Women's team won its second national title in three years, at Melbourne Ballpark. This was a team in every sense, and its success owes a great deal to the leadership and guidance of Samantha Hamilton, our recent Baseball Australia Hall of Fame inductee. Sam's belief in her players, and the standards she has set, have been central to what this group has achieved. Congratulations to every player, coach and support person involved.

On the field. Our U18 State Team won AYC Gold and our U16s won silver, while our Little League teams represented Victoria on the National stage. A big thank you to all the coaches, EO's scorers and umpires involved in these championships.

Taiwan. The U18 Development Squad trip to Taiwan gave our young stars the chance to experience far more than baseball. It was a brilliant opportunity, especially for players who do not always get the chance to compete at AYC championships.

Growing participation. VSBL team entries grew from 382 in 2024/25 to 403 in 2025/26, and associations outside the Summer League also grew strongly. We also launched the Futures Plus program.

Our history. Our second Hall of Fame evening was the best night of the year celebrating our people. Congratulations to our 2026 inductees: Justin Huber, David Buckthorpe, Brian Wonnacott, Peter Moylan, Travis Blackley, Micheal Nakamura, Robert Blackmore, Beryl Bunting, Les Polson, and John Ferguson. We also celebrated Samantha Hamilton's induction to the Baseball Australia Hall of Fame, presented on this prestigious evening.

Vision: where we are heading

This is the exciting part, and we all get to shape it. Our vision will not be built by one person, one club or one opinion, but by one large team that looks after each other. Bring vision, be bold and think outside the square. Every voice is needed to see our game differently.

Strategic Plan 2027–2030: delivered by the end of 2026, shaped by clubs through consultation and our August workshop at AAMI Park.

Opportunity in community sport: making the most of the opportunities in front of community sport today and those still to come, with more ways to play, coach, umpire and volunteer, better places to play, and a game that welcomes everyone.

Partnerships: growing our relationships with government, Baseball Australia, the Melbourne Aces and others who will take our game forward.

Constitution: a review, already under way, to reflect a modern state sporting organisation linking community and professional baseball. Members will have their say.

Representation: no exceptions. Our women's game and every part of our community needs a platform to be represented.

What clubs and members should notice is clearer communication, decisions that are explained, and BV people who are visible in our baseball community. We invite you to hold us to it.

Thank you

I am very fortunate to hold this position of responsibility, surrounded by great people in our game and supported by so many others who deliver week after week at every level. Too often their work goes unrecognised, so I want to take the time to say thank you properly.

Our community. To our clubs, volunteers, scorers, parents and club leaders: you are the heart of Victorian baseball. You open the gates, prepare the diamonds, run the canteens, coach the kids and keep your clubs going, often with little thanks. Thank you also to every association and club outside the Summer League. Your growth this year has been great to see, and you are a valued part of our game.

Our umpires. Without umpires there is no game. Thank you to every umpire who has given their time this year, and to the BUAV, led by President Bobby Blackmore. Welcome to Vice President Alan Sutherland. We look forward to working closely with the umpires' leadership group.

Our partners and supporters. Thank you to the partners and funders who back our game, including the Victorian Government and the Office of Sport, local councils, Baseball Australia, the Melbourne Aces, and School Sport Victoria. Thank you to Diamond Partners Ausport, Aces Sporting Club, HRplus, Maribyrnong Sports Academy Baseball, Salesian College Sports Academy, SportsLink Travel, Belgravia Apparel, Field of View Sports Photography, Symmetry Physiotherapy, Bazooka Sports, Greatrex Sporting Goods, My Sport Live, Northern Sports & Remedial Myotherapy, Online Strength Coaching, CMD Sports, EcoGroup, Sparms, and Victor Sports. Your support makes so much of what we do possible.

Our working groups. Thank you to the History and Recognition Working Group, whose care and effort delivered our second Hall of Fame night chaired by Matt Nichol. Thank you to Scott McNaughton, who chaired the Pennant Committee through a year of real growth and stepped in to lead the Women's and Girls Working Group. And thank you to Ros Gowty, whose leadership of that group before joining the Board laid important groundwork for women and girls in our game.

Our Office. Our Office team has been through a great deal of change this year, and through all of it they kept showing up for our clubs, our players and our game. That takes significant effort, resilience and genuine love for baseball, and it is deeply appreciated. Thank you to every member of the team, and to our CEO, Chet Gray, for leading them through it.

Our Board. Our directors are volunteers and professionals in their own right, who give their time, skills and passion to baseball because they care about our game. Thank you to our Vice President, Ben Stewart, whose counsel and steadiness meant so much through a year of change, and to Kathy Tessier, Anna Blackett and Geoff Boyes for their continued passion, energy and expertise around our Board table. I am genuinely excited to welcome Ros Gowty, Angel Chambers, Pamela Warwick and our new Finance Director, Vanessa Buys. The experience and energy they bring, alongside our continuing directors, give us a Board with a clear focus on strategic direction and on supporting the people who deliver our game.

Farewell to our outgoing directors.

It is hard to overstate what these four have given Baseball Victoria.

- **Andy Rose** (joined 2021). Andy brought endless passion and leadership to our game, stepping in as CEO and President when our people and structures were challenged. He set the foundations that allow us to look forward today. Thank you, Andy.
- **Jennifer Pitson** (joined 2021). Jen is an absolute professional in the sporting sector. Her tenure delivered significant results for our game, and she shaped our governance and strategic direction as a mentor, coach and true leader.
- **Jessica Toop** (joined 2023). Jess brought her legal expertise and wise counsel to the Board, and was integral to building our governance framework.
- **Greg Hill** (joined 2024). Greg is an outstanding person and financial professional with significant connection to sport who strengthened our financial footing and gave us a foundation for future investment in our game.

This year, together, we built stability. Next year, together, we build our vision. I could not be prouder to be part of this team, and I look forward to the year ahead with all of you.



Kerry Gassner
President
Baseball Victoria

BASEBALL VICTORIA CEO'S REPORT

Chet Gray

What a year to be proud of! Thank you to everyone involved in Victorian baseball for making the past 12 months such a success. We have made great strides forward, and while there's plenty of work left to do, we have a dedicated team ready to keep working hard to achieve our goals for a bigger, brighter baseball future.

First and foremost, I would like to acknowledge our incredible Victorian baseball community. We may not be the biggest sport, but we have passion and enthusiasm in spades. For nearly 170 years, baseball has been played here, and its rich history continues today, with 122 clubs across the Victorian Summer Baseball League and seven winter associations. Our fantastic clubs offer grassroots baseball competitions for players of all ages, from t-ball and juniors through to seniors and masters. The BV Performance Pathway provides further development and representative opportunities for the next generation of Victorian baseballers.

While amazing volunteers keep their clubs running and games going all season long, the BV Office team has been making strides toward fulfilling our operational goals and strategic objectives, as outlined in the 2023-2026 Baseball Victoria Strategic Plan. At the core of everything we do is our mission: for all people to experience the joy of baseball in Victoria, and our vision: baseball at its best.

The Modernisation of Summer Baseball Plan has proven successful, with the 2025/26 VSBL season our strongest yet, including positive trends in team entries and number of games. We are meeting and, in many cases, exceeding national participation targets set by Baseball Australia, particularly in the women's game. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our clubs and volunteers who have embraced the new structure and helped set our game up for future growth. We wrapped up another successful summer with action-packed finals at club grounds and Women's Super Saturday and Premier League 1 Firsts Grand Finals at Melbourne Ballpark, with the action streamed via My Sport Live.

Our winter associations and clubs continued their hard work, running a great range of competitions catered to all skill levels, as well as the State Winter Championships, a beloved tradition we are happy to see every year. Our clubs are making great efforts to improve inclusion and ensure safe, welcoming sport environments for all, building on the groundwork of our Wellbeing and Safeguarding Project: Building Safe & Well Baseball Clubs in partnership with Total Teams.

We welcomed two new leaders in the BV Office last August: Scott McNaughton as General Manager, Operations and Micheal Nakamura as Head of Baseball Performance. These key executive appointments were aimed at strengthening operational leadership, improving service to clubs, and positioning the sport for long-term growth. They have been fantastic additions to our team, working diligently to unlock new opportunities, including the U18 Development Squad Taiwan trip, expanded Futures Plus Program, and Women's All-Stars Series.

The BV Performance Pathway continues to offer robust programming, high-quality coaching, innovative technology, and enthusiastic support to prepare junior athletes for the next step in their baseball journeys. We were incredibly proud to host both the 2026 Australian Youth Championships (U16 & U18 AYC) and Australian Youth Women's and Women's Championships in Victoria. AYC host clubs Essendon, Port Melbourne, and Preston did a remarkable job preparing the grounds and creating a lively game-day atmosphere. It was an especially exciting tournament, with the Victorian U18 State Team bringing home gold after erasing a four-run deficit to win 9-4 over Western Australia. Our U16 State Team won silver after a strong campaign, further showcasing the strength of our high performance program.

A few months later, we welcomed the return of women's nationals to Melbourne Ballpark, where we were treated to an awesome week of the top youth and senior women's talent in the country. Vic Women's won the gold medal, going one step better than their silver finish in 2025, to mark their second national championship in three years. Vic Youth Women's finished fourth and showed plenty of promise for the years to come.

The Little League State Championships ran smoothly, with hundreds of eager Little Leaguers playing their hearts out and showing what teamwork is all about. We enjoyed watching teams go on to play at nationals, making lifelong memories along the way. We also welcomed news of our successful bid to host the 2026 Barclay Cup, bringing the annual national junior girls tournament to Victoria for the first time.

We are very proud of the continued progress of the BV Performance Pathway, with more U12 and U14 Futures and Futures Plus, Prospect, and Select players. The expanded Women's Pathway Program has been successful with the guidance of experienced coaches, while BV Pipeline Holiday and 2Ball Camps offer additional opportunities for young players to develop their skills and gain greater confidence on the field.

There are so many avenues for juniors to explore their baseball potential and chase their dreams, from the Belles and Barclay Cup to the AYC, winter tournaments, Performance Pathway, Team Australia programs, and more. We are confident in the future of baseball in Victoria, and we can't wait to see what the next generation of baseball players brings to the table.

We acknowledge the ongoing support of Victorian Government funding, including recent projects focused on growing female participation, strengthening wellbeing, upskilling officials, and supporting volunteers. We continue to apply for grant funding to support new programs and grow the game in all areas.

Off the field, the second annual Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame evening in May was a wonderful occasion. It's an honour and a privilege to recognise all the inductees who have achieved incredible success across grassroots, state, national, and international baseball. Ten individuals were inducted this year, joining the ranks of our most outstanding players, managers, administrators, umpires, and scorers. We loved seeing family, friends, teammates, club members, and supporters come out to celebrate our deserving inductees.

We are focused on growing grassroots baseball, with the Club Hub Program, BV Development Grants, Wellbeing Workshops, and Little League T-Ball just a few of our ongoing initiatives to help clubs and expand outreach. We are seeing big benefits of greater collaboration and communication among clubs through their hubs, and we also appreciate the great efforts of our committees and working groups. A special thank you to the BV Pennant Committee, Junior Committee, Umpiring Working Group, Women's Pathway Working Group, and History and Recognition Working Group.

As we focus on the next iteration of strategic planning, we remain committed to growing player, coach, umpire, scorer, and volunteer numbers. We believe streamlined official training and accreditation, backed by customised club resources, will make it easier for Victorians to take part in our great game, while also reducing volunteer burnout. By collaborating with our summer and winter clubs and associations, we can work together to enhance competitions, events, and sporting environments to keep people of all ages active and engaged in community sport.

This report would not be complete without acknowledging the invaluable support of our BV Diamond Partners, who help us strengthen community connections and promote baseball around Victoria. Thank you to the following businesses and organisations for their support over the past year: Ausport, School Sport Victoria, NASA Wear, SportsLink Travel, Maribyrnong Sports Academy, Salesian College Sports Academy, 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, HRplus, CMD Sports, EcoGroup, Sparms, Victor Sports, and TidyHQ.

In closing, I cannot stress enough how grateful we are for the devoted volunteers who power our grassroots sport. To each and every one of our volunteers, your contributions to local clubs and BV programs do not go unnoticed. Our Victorian baseball community is made up of so many awesome players, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, club volunteers, parents and supporters - thank you everyone!

I am also very appreciative of the BV Office team for going above and beyond to oversee operations, support stakeholders, and grow the game. As our team expands, so does our capacity to deliver on our strategic priorities, and we look forward to the next 12 months and beyond. I am proud of our professional, hardworking staff who provide a high level of service to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the BV Board of Directors for their ongoing support. It's been a pleasure to serve as CEO for the past four years, and I look forward to the next 12 months working together to benefit baseball in Victoria. All the best - and play ball!

Chet Gray
CEO
Baseball Victoria



Victorian Summer Baseball League

The 2025/26 VSBL season continued the upward trend in team entries, as the restructured competition proved successful with more time slots for games and fantastic efforts across seniors, women's, juniors, and masters competitions. Thank you to all our clubs for embracing the Modernisation of Summer Baseball Plan and grassroots baseball overall.

As always, it was wonderful to see people of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels enjoying summer baseball at our local clubs. It's all made possible by our steadfast volunteers who go above and beyond to keep clubs running and champion our sport.

Thank you to everyone who took part in another awesome VSBL season, including players, coaches, umpires, scorers, committee members, groundskeepers, volunteers, and supporters. With the addition of Little League T-Ball and entry-level junior comps like Rookie Ball, our summer clubs are attracting new players and helping them fall in love with the game from an early age. The strength of our senior competitions shows a promising pathway and gives Victorians the chance to play an exhilarating game and make amazing memories all summer long.

We look forward to more Summer League success in the seasons to come!

Below you will find registration figures based on BV capitation fee numbers, and the following pages showcase VSBL Premiers and Award Winners.



2025/26 Summer Official Participation			
2025/26 Summer	Female	Male	Other*
Volunteers	232	586	23
Umpires	7	56	3
907 TOTAL	239	642	26

Note:
103 3x Game Participants (19 female)
196 1x Game Participants (30 female)
Volunteers includes Volunteer Umpire Registrations (does not include “BV Umpire” Registrations – these are tallied specifically under “Umpires”)

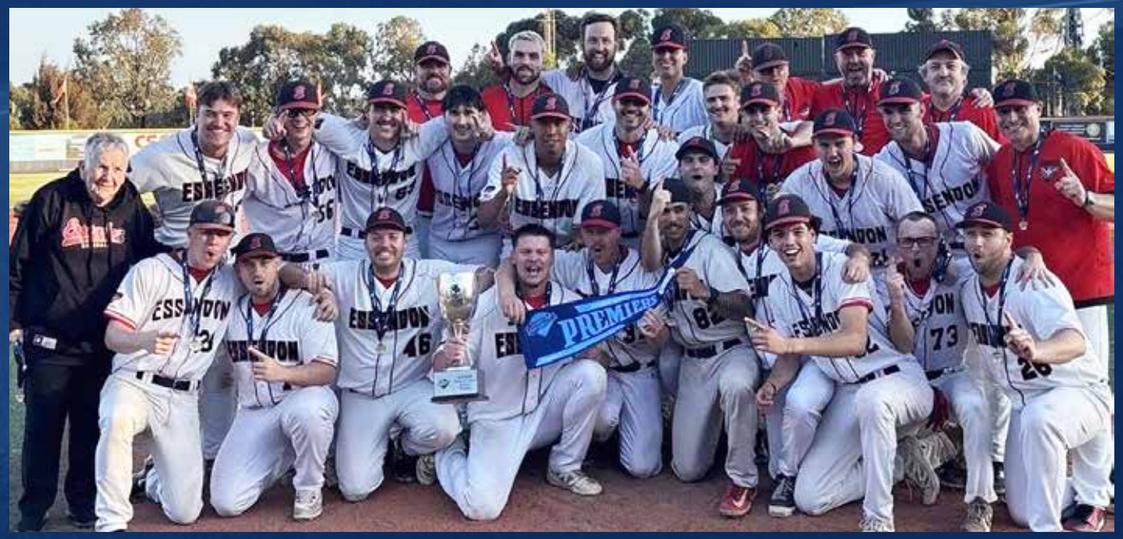
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2025/26 VSBL Premiers

Competition	Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score
Premier League 1 Firsts	Essendon	2	Moorabbin	1
Premier League 1 Reserves	Geelong	4	Waverley	5
Premier League 2 Firsts	Bonbeach	0	Mulgrave	1
	Mulgrave	8	Bonbeach	11
	Mulgrave	13	Bonbeach	3
Premier League 2 Reserves	Port Melbourne	9	Berwick	8
State League 1 East	Moorabbin	4	Melbourne	15
State League 1 West	Ballarat	0	Newport	9
State League 2 East	Blackburn	5	Melbourne	0
State League 2 West	Essendon	9	Geelong	11
State League 3 East	Springvale	10	Mornington	4
State League 3 West	Footscray	8	North Coburg	7
State League 4 East	Waverley	5	Pakenham	13
State League 4 West	North Coburg	12	Williamstown	6
State League 5 & 6	Essendon Jets	7	Geelong	12
Regional League North West	North Western	8	Mitchell Majors	9
Regional League South East	Waverley Red	7	Sandringham	1
Women's Premier League Firsts	Springvale	4	Doncaster	2
Women's Premier League Reserves	Newport	12	Springvale	13
Women's State League	Melbourne	4	Waverley	9
Women's Regional League South East	Pakenham Black	8	Upwey FTG Gold	0
Women's Regional League North West	Preston/Doncaster	9	Sunshine Blue	8
Masters 38+ East	Blackburn	0	Waverley Red	5
Masters 38+ West	Sunshine Blue	4	Williamstown	3
Masters 38+ South	Bonbeach Blue	7	Cheltenham	1
Masters 45+	Blackburn	7	Melbourne	2
Little League Major Blue North West	Geelong	12	Newport	10
Little League Major Blue South East	Malvern	4	Waverley	2
Little League Major White East	Melbourne	12	Waverley	8
Little League Major White West	Sunshine	5	Williamstown	3
Little League Major White South	Ormond Glenhuntly	20	Blackburn	8
Senior League 70 Blue	Fitzroy	7	Doncaster	1
Senior League 70 White North West	Diamond Creek	16	Fitzroy	8
Senior League 70 White South East	Springvale	7	St Kilda	2
Senior League 80 Blue	Blackburn	11	Newport	5
Senior League 80 White North West	Sunshine Blue	8	Footscray	2
Senior League 80 White South East	Pakenham	9	Chelsea	7
Senior League 90 Blue	Geelong	4	Malvern	3
Senior League 90 White	Port Melbourne	9	Upwey FTG	3
Big League Blue	Waverley Black	1	Moorabbin	15
Big League White	Werribee	5	Newport	0



2025/26 VSBL Women's Premier League Firsts Champions - Springvale Lions



2025/26 VSBL Premier League 1 Firsts Champions - Essendon Bombers

2025/26 VSBL Award Winners

Most Valuable Players

Premier League 1: George Heron Medal	Christopher Nielsen	Moorabbin
Premier League 2: Robert R Hindson Medal	Patrick Atkinson	Ormond Glenhuntly
Premier League 1: Harry Wonnacott Medal (Finals)	Leeroy Tavarez	Essendon
Premier League 1 Reserves	Thomas Ogilvie	Cheltenham
Premier League 2 Reserves	Kyle Parkin	Bonbeach
State League 1 East	Jensen Hall	Research Lower Plenty
State League 1 West	Daniel Hamilton	Alfredton
State League 2 East	Angelo Reale Rontos	Moorabbin
State League 2 West	Christopher Goodrope	Essendon
State League 3 East	Nate Bugeja	Upwey Ferntree Gully
State League 3 West	Deon Strahan	Port Melbourne
State League 4 East	Jarrad Bell	Waverley
State League 4 West	Prabod Rathnayaka	Fitzroy
State League 5 & 6	Matthew Sage	Geelong
Regional League South East	Tony Morisi	Sandringham
Regional League North West	William Jackson	Preston
Women's Premier League	Allie Bebbere	Doncaster
Women's Premier League Finals	Siobhan Stephenson	Springvale
Women's Premier League Reserves	Simone Wearne	Springvale
Women's State League	Leah Antonacci	Melbourne
Women's Regional League North West	Stephanie Scane	Preston/Doncaster
Women's Regional League South East	Imogen Bodley	Cheltenham White
Masters 38+ East	Mark Jones Adrian Rice	Upwey Ferntree Gully Black Upwey Ferntree Gully Gold
Masters 38+ West	Glen Hardy Ryan Camov	Williamstown Williamstown
Masters 38+ South	Matthew Hayle	Springvale
Masters 45+	Todd Clarkson	St Kilda

Pitching Awards

Premier League 1: Harry Douglas Trophy	Ubaldo Romo Jr	Newport	1.08 ERA
Premier League 2	Kodai Hamaya	Mulgrave	2.089 ERA
Women's Premier League	Bronwyn Gell	Springvale	2.807 ERA

Batting Average Awards

Premier League 1	Jordan Ellis	Geelong	.478
Premier League 2	Josh Mulherin	Bonbeach	.506 BA
Women's Premier League	Abbey McLellan	Footscray	.784

Home Run Awards

Premier League 1	Manuel Jackson	Doncaster	10
Premier League 2	John Bicos	Pakenham	5
Women's Premier League	Abbey McLellan	Footscray	7

Club Championships

Senior Club Champion: Peter Dihm Shield	Waverley
Junior Club Champion	Essendon
Women's Club Champion	Springvale

Recognition Awards

Coach of the Year	Luke Hughes - Essendon
Volunteer of the Year	Chris Fisher
Umpire of the Year	Alan Sutherland

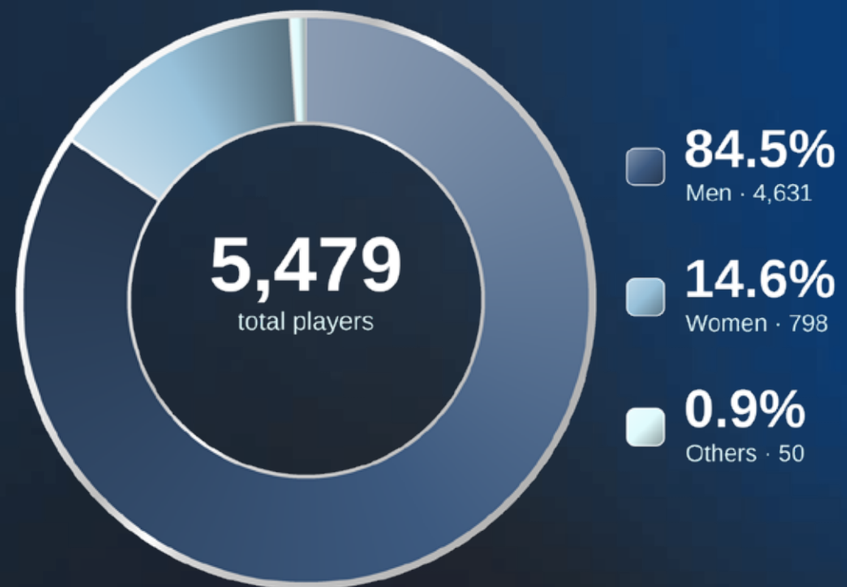
Winter Season

Another awesome season of winter baseball got underway thanks to the tireless efforts of our winter associations and their dedicated clubs and volunteers. We are pleased to see the continued upward trend in overall winter participation, with metro competitions, regional leagues, and State Winter Championships offering opportunities for everyone to play and enjoy.

Victoria is fortunate to have year-round baseball, and our winter associations make it all possible, including the beloved SWC tradition and the new All-Girls Winter Invitational that's flourished over the past few years. Thank you to our 2026 winter tournament hosts for their hard work preparing and hosting the Winter Champs: Cheltenham (Dandenong), Guild (Geelong), Morwell and Newborough (Latrobe Valley), Wangaratta (North East), Werribee (MWBL), and Scots/Falcons (Bendigo).

Thank you to everyone who participated this winter, from players and coaches to umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, and club volunteers. Our participants and administrators help winter baseball thrive across the state, and we look forward to a bright future as our game continues to grow.

Below is a breakdown of 2026 winter participation numbers. All winter associations were invited to submit a report with their season highlights, which you can find on the following pages.



2026 Winter Official Participation			
2026 Winter	Female	Male	Other*
Volunteers	176	445	11
Umpires	9	61	1
703 TOTAL	185	506	12

Note:
288 3x Game Participants (32 female)
153 1x Game Participants (17 female)
Volunteers includes Volunteer Umpire Registrations (does not include "BV Umpire" Registrations – these are tallied specifically under "Umpires"

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Bendigo Baseball Association

2026 Winter Highlights:

- Bendigo East breaks a 30-year premiership drought: East defeated Falcons in an extra-innings decider to claim its first Division 1 premiership since 1996.
- After losing the opening grand final game 10-4, East fought back with a 5-3 win before clinching the deciding game 6–5.
- 90 years of baseball in Bendigo: we celebrated our 90th anniversary in 2026, marking nine decades of organised Bendigo baseball with a community event at Albert Roy Reserve in April. This celebration featured junior, senior men's and women's games, a home run derby and plenty of family fun.
- State Winter Championships recognition: Brad Muns was named Bendigo's senior men's MVP and Jess Kindred received the women's MVP award. Archer Etherton earned MVP honours in the 17 & Under competition as Bendigo finished runner-up in the Country final, losing to North East 12–1. Ben Hobson was U15 MVP and Henry Stuart-Eyles was U13 MVP.
- Under 13 State Winter Championships hosted in Bendigo: Albert Roy Reserve hosted the state championships, bringing junior representative baseball to Bendigo for another awesome year.
- Developing local talent: Bendigo East's premiership campaign featured young pitcher Marcus Murphy, who has represented Victoria and Australia, reflecting the region's emerging talent.

Board

President: Jayson Strahan

Vice President: Sarah Plowright

Secretary: Terry Smith (interim)

Treasurer: Gay Huggard

Competition Coordinators: Julie Jones & Rod Baulch

Junior Sub-Committee Chair: Seb Smith

	2026 Winter	Female	Male	Other*
Juniors	165	34	130	1
Seniors	158	22	125	11
Total	323	56	255	12

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Latrobe Valley Baseball Association

In 2026, the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association welcomed two new competitions. The inaugural Womens competition was played with four teams. Traralgon Redsox won the Nola Coburn shield after a dominant win over Moe Newborough Dodgers in the Grand Final.

An Under 11 Rookieball competition was also added to assist in bridging the gap between Tball and baseball. The full machine-pitch competition provides a great pathway for juniors to progress their skills with confidence. Traralgon Redsox just edged out Morwell Cougars in the grand final to be inaugural premiers.

LVBA hosted the Under 15 State Winter Championships across Morwell and Moe. The LVBA SWC teams made finals in the U15 and 17U competitions, though did not win either.

	2026 Winter	Female	Male	Other*
Juniors	154	39	110	5
Seniors	167	38	116	13
Total	321	77	226	18

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Grand Final Winners:
A Grade: Moe Newborough Dodgers
B Grade: Churchill Braves
C Grade: Churchill Braves Green
Women: Traralgon Redsox
Under 16: Churchill Braves
Under 13: Churchhill Braves
Under 11: Traralgon Redsox

Board
President: Josh Graham
Vice President: John Kus
Secretary: Sam Gillett
Treasurer: Kelli Kus

Media: Renae Gillett
Statistician: Sam Gillett
Umpire Director: Greg Howard



Dandenong Baseball Association

2026 was another year of strong participation across all seven levels of our senior and junior competitions, with 825 players representing 12 clubs: Berwick, Bonbeach, Boneo, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Dandenong, Dingley, Frankston, Moorabbin, Mornington, Pakenham and Sandringham. Most pleasing was the increase in junior numbers at the U13 and U15 levels, however the lack of a competition at the 17U level continues to be a dilemma.

	2026 Winter	Female	Male	Other*
Juniors	302	39	263	0
Seniors	530	72	443	15
Total	832	111	706	15

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- **T**he Cheltenham Baseball Club successfully hosted the State Winter Championships Senior Carnival.
- Our SWC senior representative teams did us proud once again, with the Seniors going undefeated to win, and our Women finishing in second place. In the junior competitions our U13's finished first, our 17U finished second, and our U15's proved competitive amongst strong competition.
- We selected a 'DBA All Star Team' for the first time. Congratulations to players Michell Denny, Rhys Bumpstead, Lachlan Stevens, Jordan Barnett, Koji Campitelli, Yoshi Kogeta, Jack Enciondo, Cain Bumpstead, Max Barrett, and Harrison Wills, and manager Sam Trend-Beacom, on their selection.
- Kodai Hamaya won his second O'Brien Medal (A1 MVP) in a row.
- Mornington broke a 51-year drought to win their second A1 premiership.
- Frankston claimed back-to-back Women's premierships, and a 3-pete in B1.
- Cheltenham claimed both Junior premierships.

Grand final premiers:-

- A1 - Mornington
- A2 - Cheltenham
- B1 - Frankston
- B2 - Dingley
- C1 - Cheltenham
- C2 - Frankston
- D - Berwick Blue
- Women's - Frankston
- U15 - Cheltenham
- U13 - Cheltenham

President:	Samuel Jamieson	Fixtures Coordinator:	Russell Johnson
Vice President:	Andrea Cormick	Competitions Coordinator:	Gavin Daniels
Secretary:	Alan Barrett	Representative Teams Coordinator:	Jake Grigorescu
Treasurer:	Stuart Adam	Umpires Coordinator:	David Mackie

Geelong Baseball Association

2026 Winter Highlights:

- The Geelong Baseball Association enjoyed another successful winter season in 2026, with strong participation across its 11 member clubs.
- There were 731 total registered members and 39 senior teams and 16 junior teams for a total of 55 teams.
- GBA again fielded fields teams in all SWC levels – U13, U15, 17U, Women's and Senior Competitions
- Chris Rickard awarded GBA Life Membership

2026 State Winter Championships:

Senior Men	Runners-up, Cheltenham (defeated in gold medal game)
Senior Women	3rd, Geelong (semi-finalists)
17U	Champions, Wangaratta
U13	3rd, Bendigo (semi-finalists)
U15	4th, Latrobe Valley (won consolation game)

2026 Grand Final Results

Division	Premiers	Runners-up	Score
First Grade	Lara Wildcats	East Belmont Saints	10–7
Second Grade	Lara Wildcats	East Belmont Saints	8–2
Third Grade	Bacchus Marsh Tigers	East Belmont Saints	2–1
Fourth Grade	Guild All-Stars	Deakin Gold	4–3
Women's	East Belmont Saints	Lara/Werribee	10–9
16U	Deakin/Lara Combined	East Belmont Saints	8–1
U14	Ballarat Royals	Werribee Giants	7–6
U12	Deakin Blues	Bellarine Bears	8–2

2026 Participation

	2026 Winter	Female	Male	Other*
Juniors	233	19	209	5
Seniors	467	69	371	27
Total	700	88	580	32

2026 Board and Office Bearers

Position	2026 Office Bearers	Position	2026 Office Bearers
President	Stuart McGovern / Glen Arnott	Women's Pennant Chairperson	Meg Fahy / Aspen McGovern
Vice President	Glen Arnott / Vacant	Junior Chairperson	Glenn Morris
Treasurer	Glenn Talbot	Junior Secretary	Donna Northfield
Executive Officer	Jessica Curnow	Umpires Coordinator	Danny Timmers
Senior Registrar	Glynis Murfitt	Tribunal Chairperson	Andrew Connors
Senior Pennant Chairperson	Don Stephens	General Board Members	Jamie Harris, Chris Rickard, Trent Bayon

Melbourne Winter Baseball League

The Melbourne Winter Baseball League (MWBL) continued to provide winter playing opportunities across senior, junior and women's baseball in 2026. Continuing to build on previous years' milestones, the league grew in all competitions: seniors, women's and juniors.
We are proud of the inclusive nature of the MWBL Competitions, with leagues suited to all ages and abilities, and will look to continue this into the future.

Women and girls in baseball

Heathmont Baseball Club fielded the MWBL's first all-girls Under 13 Majors team in 2026. This achievement gives young girls a visible opportunity to play together in the junior competition and reflects the work of the club's coaches, families and volunteers. It is an encouraging example for clubs considering how to attract and retain girls in baseball.

The advent of the SL70 Girls program in the VSBL is something we will certainly be taking to clubs with a view to continue this progress.

The women's competition also produced an all-Monash University Baseball Club Division 1 Grand Final match-up. UMBC Blue's 8–5 preliminary final victory over North Balwyn earned it a place against clubmates UMBC White

Wellbeing and safeguarding

The Total Teams Wellbeing Project and delivered with Baseball Victoria and piloted by MWBL club volunteers, was recognised as a finalist for the VicHealth Sport and Active Recreation Initiative of the Year at the 2025 Victorian Sport Awards, announced in April 2026 following participation by 31 MWBL clubs, with the project focusing on safeguarding, inclusive practices and tools to help volunteers create safe and supportive club environments.

This recognition acknowledges the contribution of our volunteers beyond competition delivery. It also provides a foundation for continued work with Baseball Victoria to support wellbeing and inclusion throughout the club community.

Priorities for 2027

Building on the year's highlights, priorities for consideration are to strengthen junior retention and progression into senior baseball; help clubs create sustainable opportunities for women and girls; continue wellbeing and safeguarding work with Baseball Victoria; and support the recruitment and retention of umpires, scorers, coaches and club volunteers.
Another are of particular concern that we are looking into includes the expansion of baseball in Victoria, in particular around ground availabilities that will become a concern as the sport continues to grow. With limited time slots available for baseball in winter – unless we move to compete against major sports like football, basketball and soccer.

	2026 Winter	Female	Male	Other*
Juniors	1226	151	1070	5
Seniors	1661	288	1304	69
Total	2887	439	2374	74

*Gender identity includes non-binary, gender-fluid, and prefer not to say

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the MWBL, we thank our member clubs, players, families, coaches, umpires, scorers and volunteers for their contribution to winter baseball. We acknowledge the work of the League Board, competition committees and district representatives, and thank Baseball Victoria and the State Winter Championship hosts for supporting opportunities for our players.
We look forward to continuing our work with Baseball Victoria and our clubs to support participation and a welcoming baseball community in 2027

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Sunraysia Baseball League

2026 Winter Highlights:

- Sunraysia finished third at the 2026 17 & Under State Winter Championships, with Benji Hayes named MVP.
- Wanderers defeated Eagles 4–2 in the grand final, reclaiming the Division 1 premiership after their five-year winning streak ended in 2025. Anthony Carroll was named grand final MVP.
- Eagles Blue edged Wanderers Green 10–9 in a close Division 2 grand final, led by MVP Lachlan Scott.
- In the juniors, Wanderers beat Eagles 8-1 to win the Under 13 grand final.
- Individual season awards: Hayden Carroll won the Ian Bishop Medal and Division 1 MVP, while Benji Hayes was named Division 2 MVP.
- Local club recognition included the Peter Wade Trophy for Jack Pallot, Most Home Runs Award for Hayden Carroll, and Geoff Brown Best Rookie Award for Diesel Fallon.
- Adam Job (Wanderers) and Taylor Pay (Eagles) shared the Volunteer of the Year Award at the league's presentation night.
- Eagles Baseball Club partnered with The Shaka Project to host a mental health workshop and raise funds for mental health education and support.

	2026 Winter	Female	Male	Other*
Juniors	85	18	67	0
Seniors	119	14	104	1
Total	204	32	171	1

*Gender identity includes non-binary, gender-fluid, and prefer not to say

Board:

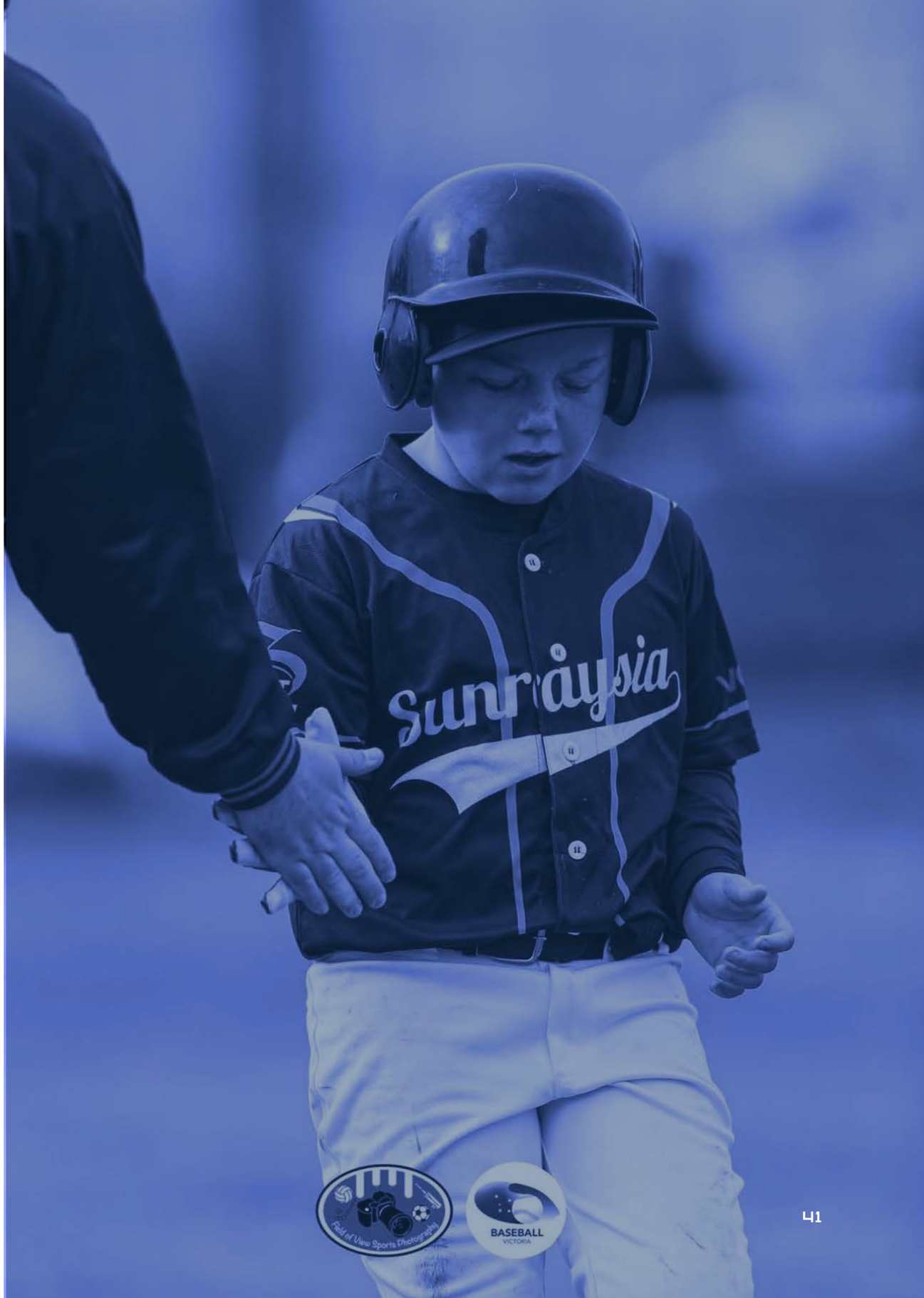
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North Eastern Baseball Association

Season Overview

The 2026 season was another exciting year for the North Eastern Baseball Association (NEBA), highlighted by strong competition, representative achievements, new opportunities for players and continued growth across our baseball community.

The season began with our All-Star Season Opener in Wodonga, bringing together players, families and supporters for a celebration of baseball across the North East. The event featured the NEBA All-Star team, made up of players selected in the 2025 All-Star team, taking on a combined side featuring players from Melbourne, Wagga Wagga, the ACT and Sydney.

A major highlight was the Women's All-Star Game, showcasing female talent and providing an important platform for women's baseball. Players travelled from across Victoria and interstate to participate, demonstrating the growing interest in opportunities for female players. The day also included a Junior Home Run Derby and the NEBA Gift - Fastest Player Challenge, giving younger players and athletes across the association an opportunity to showcase their skills. Together, these activities created a fantastic atmosphere and a memorable start to the season.

Throughout 2026, NEBA continued to provide opportunities across senior and junior competitions, with five local premierships and a major representative championship among the year's highlights.

	2026 Winter	Female	Male	Other*
Juniors	168	35	132	1
Seniors	156	15	135	6
Total	324	50	267	7

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Tyson Berry
President - NEBA

Senior and Junior Competition

NEBA's local competitions continued across A, B and C Grade, Under 15 and Under 12 divisions, providing competitive opportunities for players throughout the region.
The season concluded with five grand final premiers:

Grade	Premiers
A Grade	North Albury Bears Green
B Grade	Porepunkah Panthers
C Grade	Wangaratta Rangers Orange
Under 15s	Wangaratta Rangers
Under 12s	Porepunkah Panthers

Congratulations to all five premiership-winning teams, their players and coaching staff. Premiership success across multiple clubs highlights the depth of talent and competitiveness within the NEBA competition.

Junior Representative Baseball

Junior representative baseball was a major highlight of the 2026 season, with NEBA's Under 13 and Under 17 teams claiming state championships and the Under 15s narrowly missing out on a title.

Under 13s – Back-to-Back Undefeated Champions

Our Under 13 representative team produced an outstanding campaign at the state championships in Bendigo, going through the entire tournament undefeated to secure the championship. Even more impressively, this marked the second consecutive year the team had gone undefeated throughout the championships and claimed the title.

This is an exceptional achievement and a testament to the talent, commitment and development of our junior players, coaches and support network. Winning one championship is a fantastic result; successfully defending that title with another undefeated campaign makes it even more special.

Under 15s – Grand Finalists

Our Under 15 representative team also enjoyed a strong championship campaign, defeating Bendigo to earn their place in the grand final. In a closely contested decider against City West, NEBA went down by just one run. While the result was heartbreaking, reaching the grand final and pushing the opposition to the final run demonstrated the quality and determination of the group.

Under 17s – Country Division State Champions

Our Under 17 representative team completed another outstanding campaign, claiming the Country Division State Winter Championship hosted in Wangaratta.

The team demonstrated resilience and teamwork throughout the tournament, responding strongly after an opening loss to Sunraysia and winning four consecutive games against Bendigo and Ringwood to secure the championship.

Key results included:

- 9–2 victory over Bendigo.
- 7–3 victory over Ringwood in the final pool match.
- 12–1 victory over Ringwood in the championship-deciding game.

The squad brought together players from Wangaratta, Wodonga, Albury and Porepunkah, demonstrating the strength of collaboration across our affiliated clubs. A further highlight was Tanner Godenzi being named tournament MVP following an outstanding campaign with the bat and ball.

Together, these results highlight the strength of NEBA's junior representative program, with two state championship-winning teams and an Under 15 grand final appearance. Congratulations to all our junior representative players, coaches, team managers, scorers, families and volunteers who contributed to another outstanding season.

Player Development, State Representation and Pathways

NEBA continued to provide opportunities for players to progress beyond local competition, with representation across state programs, development pathways and major representative events.

Our female players again demonstrated the strength of girls' baseball within the association, with nine NEBA players participating in the All Girls Invitational. An outstanding individual achievement was that three of the five team MVP awards were earned by NEBA representatives.

Players also continued to access higher-level development opportunities through programs including the Barclay Cup, Baseball Victoria's Pipeline and Charter Programs, and Team Legacy Sports.

These opportunities, alongside interstate and international playing experiences, including travel to the USA and Korea, demonstrate the ambition of our players and the growing pathways available through baseball.

State representation and selection in development programs are important milestones for players and reflect the work being undertaken by our clubs, coaches and families to support their progression. Continuing to strengthen these pathways, particularly for junior and female players, will remain an important focus for NEBA.

Hosting Major Baseball Events

Hosting representative tournaments provides NEBA with an opportunity to showcase our region and strengthen relationships with Baseball Victoria.

The successful hosting of the 2026 17U Country Division State Winter Championships in Wangaratta was a major highlight. The tournament brought regional associations and players to the area and provided local supporters with the opportunity to watch high-quality representative baseball.

The successful delivery of the event demonstrated the value of our facilities, affiliated clubs and volunteer network. Looking ahead, NEBA has been confirmed as host of the 2027 17U Victorian Championships. This is an exciting opportunity and further recognition of our association's ability to deliver major baseball events in North East Victoria.

Clubs, Volunteers and Partnerships

The success of NEBA relies on the ongoing commitment of its affiliated clubs, committee members, coaches, umpires, scorers, team managers and volunteers. Their work supports weekly competitions, representative programs, player development and the administration required to keep the association operating.

Our clubs remain the foundation of baseball across the region, providing local opportunities for players and creating welcoming environments for families and supporters.

NEBA also acknowledges the continued support of our sponsors, **McDonald's Restaurants, Lyster Incorporated and NGI Group**, together with Baseball Victoria, local councils and other organisations that contribute to the development of baseball. Maintaining these partnerships and supporting the sustainability of our clubs and volunteers will remain important as the association continues to grow.

Priorities for 2027 and Beyond

Building on the achievements of 2026, NEBA will continue to focus on:

Participation and retention: Growing junior and senior participation and supporting players throughout their baseball journey.

Women's baseball: Creating further opportunities for female players and strengthening participation pathways.

Player development: Building on representative success and supporting access to higher-level development opportunities.

Facility & Infrastructure Planning for Growth: Baseball across the North East is continuing to grow, placing increasing demand on existing facilities and infrastructure. NEBA is focused on long-term planning to support this growth and ensure the association can continue to develop and thrive. A key priority is to identify opportunities for investment in new and improved facilities and playing grounds across the region, providing clubs and players with the spaces and resources needed for the future.

Coaching and umpiring: Encouraging education, accreditation and continued development. Facilities and equipment: Pursuing funding opportunities and improvements to playing environments.

Club and volunteer sustainability: Supporting effective administration, shared responsibilities and long-term club development.

Events and partnerships: Preparing for the 2027 Under 17 Victorian Championships and continuing to develop the NEBA All-Star Season Opener.

These priorities will help ensure NEBA remains competitive, inclusive and sustainable while continuing to provide opportunities for baseball throughout North East Victoria.

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BV Performance Pathway

Performance Pathways, Representative Teams, Coach Development: A Season of Opportunity, Achievement and Pathway Growth By: Micheal Nakamura – Head of Baseball Performance

1. Executive Summary

A year of expanded opportunities, competitive achievement and continued investment in player and coach development.

The 2025–26 season delivered a broad portfolio of representative, development and prospect programs for Baseball Victoria. Across age groups and pathways, the season created opportunities for athletes to train, compete, experience high-performance environments and take important steps toward future representative selection.

The standout competitive results included the U18 AYC gold medal, an AWC gold medal, and a silver medal for the U16 AYC team. The Belles program also achieved a top four finish, while the 2026 Barclay Cup recorded its most successful delivery to date, with the Hornets taking gold and the Dingoes silver. At the national level, the AYWC team achieved a historic milestone by winning two games for the first time in three years.

Program design continued to broaden access to development. The Futures+ program supported 60 players across four regional teams, the Women's Prospects Camp brought together 31 athletes, the new Taiwan Development Team provided 17 players with overseas competition experience, and the Japanese Women's University Cultural Exchange generated significant international engagement. Coach involvement was a consistent feature, including 16 coaches across Prospects & Select and 16 across Futures+.

Season highlights

U18 AYC gold · AWC gold · U16 AYC silver · Belles top four finish · Barclay Cup gold and silver · AYWC double-victory milestone · Futures+ 60 players · Women's Prospects 31 players · Taiwan Development Team international experience · Japanese Women's University Cultural Exchange

Season at a glance

Program	Participation	Outcome
U16 AYC	20 players	Silver medal; won regular round
U18 AYC	20 players	Gold medal
Futures+ 2026	60 players	Four teams; eight-week program and closing tournament
AYWC	16 players	National event; won two games for the first time in three years
Women's Prospects Camp	31 players	Successful lead-in to AYWC and AWC trials
Japanese Women's Uni Exchange	Team	Highly successful international and cultural engagement
AWC	20 players	Gold medal; Emeralds and coaching selections
Taiwan Development Team	17 players	International event experience in New Taipei City
Barclay Cup 2026	26 players	Hornets gold; Dingoes silver

2. Australian Championships

Strong competitive outcomes across both age groups, supported by structured preparation and pre-national competition.

U16 AYC – Silver medal

The U16 program brought together 20 players and four staff, with training delivered through two hubs at Mulgrave and Melbourne Baseball Park (MBP). A pre-national series against South Australia provided a valuable opportunity to test combinations and build readiness ahead of the Nationals.

- Won the regular round and progressed to the gold medal game.
- Finished the championship with a silver medal.
- Used a two-hub training model to support preparation across the squad.

U18 AYC – Gold medal

The U18 squad comprised 20 players and four staff, training at MBP. Like the U16 group, the team hosted a South Australian series in Melbourne as part of its lead-in to the Nationals. The team converted its preparation into an outstanding championship result.

- Finished second in the regular round.
- Won the gold medal game to claim the U18 AYC title.
- Demonstrated the value of preparation, team cohesion and performance under pressure.

AYC outcome

Two AYC medal-winning teams in one season: U18 gold and U16 silver.

Taiwan Development Team

The Taiwan Development Team was a new program for Victoria in 2025–26. Seventeen players and three staff travelled overseas to compete in the New Taipei City U18 event, with MBP serving as the training venue. The program expanded the pathway by giving athletes international playing exposure and an opportunity to experience baseball in a different competitive environment.

AYWC – National Event

The team consisted of 14 players and 4 staff. The AYWC team trained two to three sessions per week. Achieved a significant milestone at the national event, with the team winning two games for the first time in three years.

AWC – Gold Medal

We entered into the campaign with 16 players and 4 staff. We achieved a gold medal at the AWC. Training in the lead-up to the competition consisted of three sessions per week. The team had 7 players selected for the Emeralds World Cup Qualifier. The head coach was selected as an assistant coach for the Emeralds.

AWC & AYWC Outcome

AWC Gold and the AYWC winning a historic two games.

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3. Development, Prospects and Emerging Pathways

Creating multiple entry points for athletes to learn, be assessed and progress.

Futures+ 2026

Futures+ was delivered as an eight-week development program for players who had missed selection in the U16 AYC team. A total of 60 players were placed across four teams—North, West, South and East—with Geelong hosting the concluding controlled tournament.

- Provided a purposeful development opportunity beyond AYC team selection.
- Included retesting to generate data and feedback ahead of the 2026–27 AYC trials.
- Engaged 16 coaches, supporting athlete development and coach learning through program delivery.

AYWC – National Event

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Women's Prospects Camp 2025

The women's-only Prospects Camp welcomed 31 players and was successfully delivered as a lead-in to the Australian Youth Women's Championship (AYWC) and Australian Women's Championship (AWC) trials. The camp provided a focused environment for athletes to demonstrate their skills and prepare for the next stage.

Japanese Women's University Cultural Exchange

Participated in the Japanese Women's University Cultural Exchange, supporting international engagement and cultural exchange through sport. Hugely successful event that generated a lot of following. Things to consider next opportunity will be the effect on the competition and sustainability.

Belles 2026

The Belles program was recorded as a highly successful development initiative, supported by well-organised training sessions and four staff members. The team achieved a top four finish, establishing a new benchmark for the program and providing a positive platform for future seasons.

Prospects & Select

Prospects & Select brought together a broad group of athletes, including U15 national players, prospects, select and Emeralds players, and college players. Sixteen coaches contributed across the program, each with different objectives focused on development, sharing knowledge, delivering skill instruction and gaining coaching experience. This multi-coach approach created opportunities for athletes to learn from varied perspectives while supporting coach growth.

4. Barclay Cup

A year-on-year improvement in delivery and competitive outcomes.

Barclay Cup 2025

The 2025 Barclay Cup featured the Dingoes and Hornets, with approximately 26 players and six staff involved. Each team was supported by two coaches and an event officer. The campaign did not meet Victoria's performance expectations, and the source report identified a need to improve development and delivery, even within a participation-focused event.
This review provides a useful baseline for improvement. The following year's event showed a marked positive shift in outcomes and was described as the most successful program to date.

Barclay Cup 2026

The 2026 Barclay Cup was the most successful program to date. Twenty-six players participated, supported by nine staff in total, including four Emeralds staff members. The event also served as preparation for the AYWC trials.

- Hornets won the gold medal.
- Dingoes won the silver medal.
- Four Emeralds staff contributed to the program.
- The event provided a purposeful lead-in to AYWC trials.

Progress across the two years

The 2025 review identified areas for improvement in performance, development and delivery. In 2026, the program achieved its strongest outcome to date, with Victoria claiming both gold and silver.

Coach additions and staff contribution

The inclusion of four Emeralds staff members in the 2026 program broadened the coaching contribution and strengthened the connection between the event and the women's pathway. The overall nine-person staff group provided a larger support base for athletes and program delivery.

5. Coach Development and Education

Building capability by creating meaningful coaching opportunities across the pathway.
Coach development was embedded in several programs during 2025–26. Rather than relying on a single delivery group, programs engaged coaches with varied experience and goals, allowing knowledge-sharing and practical coaching exposure alongside athlete development.

What was delivered

- Prospects & Select: 16 coaches involved, with goals including player development, knowledge sharing, skill delivery and gaining coaching experience.
- Futures+: 16 coaches involved throughout the eight-week program and concluding tournament.
- Barclay Cup 2026: Nine staff members supported the program, including four Emeralds staff.
- AYC programs: Four staff members supported each of the U16 and U18 teams.
- AWC campaign: Head coach selected as an assistant coach for higher-level national duties (Emeralds).

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Next steps for coach education

The season's multi-coach model provides a strong base to build a more intentional coach education framework. Priorities for the next cycle could include structured coach mentoring, shared session plans, post-program debriefs, observation and feedback, and tracking coach participation and development goals. These are recommended next steps rather than activities confirmed as completed in this report.

6. Program Outcomes and Key Learnings

- Recognising what worked well and identifying opportunities to strengthen delivery.
- Key achievements
- Competitive success: U18 AYC gold, AWC gold, U16 AYC silver, Belles top four finish, Barclay Cup gold and silver, and a two-game winning milestone for the AYWC team.
- Broader athlete opportunity: 60 players participated in Futures+, 31 attended the Women's Prospects Camp, 17 represented the Taiwan Development Team, and a large following was generated via the Japanese Women's University Cultural Exchange.
- Pathway breadth: Programs spanned introductory development, regional prospects, national milestone achievements, elite international selections (Emeralds World Cup Qualifier), and cultural exchanges.
- Coach involvement: Multi-coach delivery was used across Futures+, Prospects & Select, AYC teams, and Barclay Cup, alongside elite coach pathways to assistant national roles.
- Performance feedback: Futures+ retesting created a data point to inform feedback and preparation for the next AYC trial cycle.

Areas to build on

- Evaluate the long-term competitive effects and financial sustainability of the Japanese Women's University Cultural Exchange for future opportunities.
- Use the 2025 Barclay Cup review to set clear objectives for event delivery, athlete development and competitive performance.
- Continue to evaluate the effectiveness of training hubs and venue arrangements across representative programs.
- Formalise coach learning outcomes and gather feedback after each program.
- Use retesting and athlete feedback consistently to track progress across development cycles.
- Capture participation, selection progression and program satisfaction in a consistent annual reporting format.

Suggested priorities for 2026–27

Priority Area	Action Item
1. Athlete pathway	Maintain multiple development entry points for athletes who are selected and those continuing to develop.
2. Coach education	Introduce simple coach development plans, mentoring opportunities and end-of-program reflections.
3. Program evaluation	Set measurable goals before each program—particularly for new international/cultural initiatives—and review them after delivery.
4. Data and feedback	Use retesting and athlete feedback to guide individual and program-level planning.
5. Competition readiness	Continue using targeted pre-event series, high-frequency weekly training models (2–3 sessions/week), and camps to support preparation for major championships.

7. Forward Look

Maintaining momentum into the next representative and development cycle.
At the time of the source report, the U16 AYC, U18 AYC, and Taiwan Development Teams had been selected, while the U14 Futures program was about to begin. These milestones point to a continuing focus on athlete identification, preparation and progression through the Baseball Victoria pathway.

- Progress preparations for the selected U16 and U18 AYC teams.
- Support the selected Taiwan Development Team as it moves into its next phase.
- Commence U14 Futures and maintain clear development opportunities for emerging athletes.
- Carry forward the positive lessons and high-performance training structures from the successful AWC, AYWC, and Barclay Cup campaigns.

Closing statement

The 2025–26 season was marked by strong championship results, an expanded range of development opportunities and meaningful coach involvement. The U18 gold and U16 silver at AYC, the AWC gold, the Belles top four finish, the milestone wins at the AYWC, the successful 2026 Barclay Cup, and the launch of both the Taiwan Development Team and the Japanese Women's University Cultural Exchange all demonstrate the breadth of work underway across the pathway. By continuing to invest in coach education, consistent program evaluation and athlete development opportunities, Baseball Victoria is well placed to build on this season's progress.



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2025 Youth Women's Futures (Barclay Cup)	2025 Women's Prospects	2025 Under 18 Development Squad	2026 Futures Plus	2026 Prospects & Select
Abbie Adami-Beer	Abbey Kelly	Alexandros Papadopoulos	Aidan Haxton	Abbey Kelly
Alexandria Marini	Abbey McLellan	Angus Saggers	Aiden Incoll	Addison Bishop-Worn
Alicia Tyrell	Alexandra Egan	Bailey Stewart	Alex Filmer	Aiden Incoll
Alyssa Jamieson	Allie Bebbere	Brodie Trevean	Alex Green	Alessio Petruzziello
Amelia Bergman	Alyssa Jamieson	Declan Marshall	Alexander Ward	Alex Papadopoulos
Charlize Chilcott	Andie Torcasio	Declan Tayler	Anthony Vogt	Alex Smith
Charlotte Jansen	Ayla McCallum	Ethan Kent	Ben Bird	Allie Bebbere
Chloe Boyle	Belinda Cannington	Jarvis Johansen	Brodie Leigh	Bailey Stewart
Coco Maddison	Eden Neave	Jax Clarke	Cale Morris	Beckett Shanks
Elwyn Holley	Emma Sullivan	Jesus Camacho	Charlie Fegan	Bodhi Evans
Emily Mills	Isy Zurawel	Kycen Dowling	Christian Papadopoulos	Brandon Elton
Georgia Lovell	Jamie Bastian	Liam Coster	Christopher McLean	Brittney Baker
Hannah Wilson-Powell	Jasmine Bentley	Matthew Fielden	Cooper Bicknell	Brodie Trevean Brody Stokes
Jessie Hoare	Jess Johnson	Oliver Bergin	Cooper Evans	Cale Morris
Lillie Brockwell	Kendra Rutgers	Takuto Kawase	Dallas Henke	Charlie Dolan
Lilly Roberts	Lili Cavanagh	Tanner Godenzi	Dean Rault	Chase Potts
Louise Nagorcka	Lilly Simpson	William Ferguson	Ethan Castle	Cooper Bishop-Worn
Lucy Gale	Mackenzie Prentice-Evans		Ewan Clowes	Cooper Busch
Madeleine Saunders	Macy Priamo		Flynn Scargill	Cruize Chase
Molly Lewis	Maddy Haynes		Flynn Suggett	Daniel Hwang
Molly Richards	Ruby Benne		Gene Banks-Lakiotis	Darcy Squire
Paige Anders			George Steer	Edison Bush
Sarah Fielden			Graecian Heath	Ethan Castle
Tahlia Thompson			Harper Woolfe	Ethan Everett
Taylor Elton			Haydn Doganay	Ethan Kent
			Ian Kim	Euan Clarkin
			Isaac Davis	Finn Welte
			Jack Downs	Flynn Scargill
			Jackson Berg	Flynn Suggett
			Joel Roberts	George Steer
			John Gogos	Harrison Brodie
			Josh Moulds	Jack Northfield
			Joshua Baessler	Jack Thomas
			Kai Selek	

2026 Futures Plus	2026 Prospects & Select
Kella De Zylva	Jacob Tayler
Lachlan Jeffree	Jamie Bastian
Leo Moulton	Jess Johnson
Leo Wells	Joel Roberts
Logan Ashby	Jordan Ellis
Logan Chambers	Kei Lee
Logan Harrison	Lachlan Brennan
Louie Shimakura	Lachlan Jeffree
Lucas Everett	Liam Puncher
Lucas Kelly	Lili Cavanagh
Mason Cvetanoski	Lucas Joel
Max Griffiths	Maisen Ricketts
Nixon Dikranis	Marcus Murphy
Oliver Laureyssens	Mitchell Langworthy
Oscar Martin	Oli Baillargeon
Owen Dundon	Oliver Allen
Quinn Matthews	Oscar Rey-Benguigui
Reiley Marshall	Oscar Shimakura
Samuel Newman	Parks Halasz
Samuel Perez	Paula Doherty
Tom Skinner	Peter Baade
Tony Huang	Reiley Marshall
William McInerney	Riley Peoples
Xavier Woodcock	Ryder Wilson
	Ryley Shanks
	Sam Stafilis
	Tane Graham
	Tanner Godenzi
	Thomas Skinner
	Tom Hill
	Will Ferguson
	William Hardy

Victorian State Teams

As the BV Performance Pathway Futures, Prospects, and Select training programs continue to foster player development, we have seen sustainable success on the national stage. One of the greatest honours for Victorian players is to wear the V and represent at nationals, and we are pleased to see deserving athletes get this opportunity every year. The 2026 Australian Championships were no exception, with our U16, U18, Youth Women's, and Women's teams making us incredibly proud.

Congratulations and thank you to all our Victorian representatives, officials, and supporters.

U16 Victorian State Team	U18 Victorian State Team	Victorian Youth Women's State Team	Victorian Women's State Team
Alessio Petruzzielo	Brandon Elton	Alexandra Egan	Abbey Kelly
Bodhi Evans	Brody Stokes	Alyssa Jamieson	Abbey McLellan
Cale Morris	Cooper Bishop-Worn	Andie Torcasio	Allie Bebbere
Chase Potts	Cooper Busch	Ayla McCallum	Ashley Patton
Cruize Chase	Ethan Kei Nakamura	Charlotte Jansen	Brittney Cedelland
Daniel Hwang	Euan Clarkin	Hannah Wilson-Powell	Emi Saiki
Darcy Squire	Harrison Brodie	Isy Zurawel	Jamie Bastian
Edison Bush	Jai Diblasi	Maddy Haynes	Jasmine Bentley
George Steer	Jake Bertucci	Molly Lewis	Jess Johnson
Jack Northfield	Jordan Ellis	Paige Anders	Kira Kuwamoto
Jack Thomas	Keinosuke Lee	Paiquin Robertson	Lili Cavanagh
Jackson Burton	Lachlan Brennan	Tabitha Pitt	Lilly Simpson
Jacob Tayler	Liam Puncher	Tiare Akaruru	Miku Saita
Lucas Joel	Marcus Murphy	Vivien Turner	Narumi Kametani
Oscar Shimakura	Mitchell Langworthy		Paula Doherty
Parks Halasz	Riley Peoples		Ruby Dale
Sam Stafilis	Roman Coote		
Spencer Tyers	Ryley Shanks		
Thomas Hill	Sam Walk		
Tyler Barton	Windsor Breckenridge		
Coaches/Officials	Coaches/Officials	Coaches/Officials	Coaches/Officials
Ben Laux	Marshall Skinner	Richard Elton	Samantha Hamilton
Ethan Epifanio	Lachie Condie	Daniel Bebbere	Jarryd Rogers
Bryan Kloppe	Daniel Chircop	Erin Collis	Stephen Black
Trifon Stafilis	Jason Davis	Carla Jamieson	Ursula Howard
			Chelsea Power

Coaching & Umpiring

Baseball Victoria is passionate about supporting and growing our community of baseball officials, as our great game wouldn't be possible without coaches and umpires. These hardworking individuals ensure the integrity of the competition by creating a safe, fair, and fun game for all.
We continued to invest in the development of coaches and umpires throughout 2025/26, recognising the important role they play in supporting player development, strengthening clubs, and creating positive experiences across Victorian baseball.

Coaching Development and Education

Coach education remained an important part of our commitment to developing the game at every level, from grassroots participation through to high-performance baseball. Through the Performance Pathway, coaches were encouraged to build their knowledge, develop practical skills, and engage with other coaches and BV staff.

Pipeline 2Ball + Coach Education provided opportunities for junior players to gain additional game experience while coaches participated in practical learning alongside Performance Pathway staff. The sessions combined player development with coach education, allowing club coaches to observe training activities, participate on the field and access learning opportunities.

In March 2026, we opened expressions of interest for our Pathways Coaching Pool, seeking to expand our network of coaches and create more meaningful opportunities for engagement and education. The initiative welcomed coaches interested in contributing to the Performance Pathway as state team coaches, specialist skills coaches or generalist coaches, supporting the continued development of coaching expertise across the state.

We continue to encourage coaches to sign up on the Canopi system to track and complete Baseball Australia's coach accreditation (USA Baseball Certification Level A, B, and C courses). Recently updated accreditation guidelines make it easier for coaches to complete their education, with a dedicated online coaching hub where coaches of all levels can access training and resources.

Umpire Education and Accreditation

A major highlight of the year was the 2025 Baseball Victoria Umpire Seminar, held at Newport Baseball Club on 20–21 September. The two-day event attracted approximately 50 participants across different experience levels and resulted in 11 new Community Umpire Course completions, helping strengthen the pool of officials available to support Victorian baseball.
The seminar offered development opportunities for both new and experienced umpires. Participants received introductory instruction and accreditation support, while officials progressing through Community, Association and State levels accessed more advanced practical training. On-field sessions included live-game experience, plate work and umpiring mechanics, while classroom instruction covered rule changes, physical and mental preparation, pre-game crew organisation, game management, match-sheet procedures, and post-game reviews.

These sessions supported a structured approach to umpire development, helping officials build confidence, improve consistency, and prepare for the demands of officiating at different levels of the game.

Baseball Victoria also continued to encourage clubs to support new umpires through community-based education and the Behind the Mask and Green Vest initiatives. These programs help introduce players, parents, and other club members to umpiring, while making it easier for developing officials to gain experience in a supportive environment. Continued opportunities for formal and informal training helped clubs build their own officiating capacity and encouraged more people to become involved in the game.

A special mention to our BV Umpiring Working Group representatives:

- State Umpire – Operations: Alan Sutherland
- State Umpire – Technical: Denis Dalzotto
- State Umpire – Development: Casey Cooke
- State Umpire – Communications: Jenelle Stafilis

This team is dedicated to delivering the BV Umpiring Blueprint for the Future, aimed at providing a fun and inclusive environment for developing umpires to grow their skills via clear pathways. These volunteers report to our part-time Technical Officer on the BV staff (Brooke Penfold)

Thank you to David Welsh and Geoff Dunn for their two years of service to the BV Umpiring Working Group.

A special mention to our very own Victorian umpires Janine Thompson, Jenelle Stafilis, and Tess Sard who were part of the all-female umpiring panel at the 2026 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships.

Supporting Clubs and Growing the Workforce

Baseball Victoria's 2025/26 Development Grants program also provided a pathway for grassroots clubs to seek support for training, education and development activities involving coaches, umpires and scorers. Education and workforce development are eligible activities for the funding program, helping clubs invest in the dedicated people who deliver baseball at the local level.
Together, these initiatives helped with our goal of strengthening the coaching and officiating workforce. By providing opportunities to learn, gain accreditation, share knowledge, and progress through the sport, we can support the development of capable coaches and confident umpires while helping securing a brighter future for baseball.

Baseball Victoria acknowledges and thanks all the fantastic coaches and umpires who make our great game possible. We value each and every one of our baseball officials and their tireless contributions to competitions statewide, and look forward to a bright future together.



Honour Rolls

BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

Year	President	Chief Executive Officer
2026	Mr.K.Gassner	Mr. C. Gray
2025	Mr. A. Rose (resigned November) Mr. K. Gassner (appointed November)	Mr. C. Gray
2024	Mr. A. Rose	Mr. C. Gray
2023	Mr. A. Rose	Mr. C. Gray
2022	Mr. A. Rose	Mr. C. Gray
2021	Ms. M. Mayman Mr. A. Rose (appointed November)	Ms. K Middleton (resigned August) Ms. G. Scales (appointed August)
2020	Mr. M. Foreman	Ms. K. Middleton
2019	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. J. Huber (resigned June) Ms. K. Middleton (appointed July)
2018	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. J. Huber
2017	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair (resigned June) Mr. J. Huber (appointed July)
2016	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair
2015	Mr. M. Foreman	Mr. A. Blair (Interim General Manager)
2014	Mr. C. Crameri	Mr. N. Price
2013	Mr. C. Crameri	Mr. B. W. Hidson (resigned April) Mr. N. Price (appointed July)
2012	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr.B. W. Hidson
2011	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr. B. W. Hidson
2010	Dr. R. J. Sadler	Mr. B. W. Hidson
2009	Mr. P. J. Dihm	Mr. S. Nash

BASEBALL VICTORIA LIFE MEMBERS

2024	Leanne Gibbons, Jon Deeble, Phil Dale, Garry Bitmead, Stephen Black, Alan Sutherland
2023	Mick Wearne, Samantha Hamilton
2022	Don Stephens
2021	Scott Dawes
2019	Ian Bishop*
2019	Michele Winther
2017	Michael Gourlay
2017	Richard Mason* OAM
2016	Julie Jones
2015	John King
2009	Jason Blair

VICTORIAN PROVINCIAL BASEBALL LEAGUE LIFE MEMBERS

2009	Dale Lewis (VWBL)
2009	Julie Stephens (Dandenong)
2009	Michael Stephens (Dandenong
2006	Kath Besford (VWBL)
2005	Clyde Cumming (LVBA)
2005	Greg Evans (Bendigo)
2004	David Rice (VWBL)
2004	Graeme Besford (VWBL)
2001	Terrye Cox (Ballarat)
1999	Michael O'Brien (Geelong)
1986	John O'Brien* (Dandenong)
1976	Ron Clack* (Ballarat)
1974	Robert Luxford* (Dandenong)
1968	Ern Whykes* (Ballarat)
1966	Roy Shadorth* (Bendigo)
1965	Ern Blanden* (Ballarat)
1964	Ern Gear* (Geelong)
1959	Les Olsson* (Dandenong)
1957	William Harwood* (Ballarat)
1955	William Aitken* (Ballarat)
1948	Jack E. M. Ellis* (VBA)

VICTORIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

2006	Jenny Ratcliffe
2006	Peter Dihm
2005	Grant Weir
2005	Robert O Blackmore
2004	Beryl Bunting*
2004	Rodney Gaunt
2002	Les T Flower
1992	Les A Polson*
1991	Paul F Collins*
1991	Ron R Smith*
1988	Barry N Smith*
1988	Graeme B Ainscough*
1986	Colin J McKay*
1986	Ken CJ Welfare*
1986	Lyn V Straw*
1985	David L Went
1983	WE (Bill) Blanden*
1982	Jack F Guiliano*
1981	Colin C Miller*
1980	S Doug Chapman*
1973	John B Anderson*
1973	Talbot R Hill*
1970	Ross M Straw*
1970	RW (Dick) Chapman*
1966	Angus McPherson*
1963	RJ (Bob) Black*
1958	George S Heron*
1956	Tom L Straw*
1955	Keith W Tucker*
1949	Reg E Darling*
1948	Wally B Carter*
1947	Ernest H King*
1945	Jack T Leckey*
1944	GB Mackay*
1943	Frederick H Martin*
1942	Jack EM Ellis Snr*
1941	Percy C Pooley*
1936	Daniel J Chandler*
1935	Harry W Francis*
1935	Hugh M Gordon*
1935	Alfred Beckefeld*
1933	HJ Newbound*
1929	J Bayne Mackay*
1926	Leslie F Johnston OBE*
1924	Ernest W Fielder*
1922	TJ Browne*
1921	Robert R Hindson*
1920	S Charles Lansdown*
1919	Cam Sellars*
1912	Percy B Seyffarth*
1911	Frank Laver*
1911	FM Russell*
1911	HM Adams*
1911	JS Milford*
1911	T Smith*
1910	Peter McAlister*

For historical office bearers,
please see the Baseball Victoria website
baseballvictoria.com.au

Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame

The Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame was established in 2024 to honour and preserve the legacy of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to baseball in Victoria. The Hall of Fame recognises excellence across all aspects of the game, including players, managers, administrators, umpires, and scorers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and achievement at grassroots, state, national, and international levels.

Baseball Victoria recognises the national significance of the Baseball Australia Hall of Fame, and places importance on positioning the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame as a complementary state-based program underpinning the National Hall of Fame scheme.

The BV History and Recognition Working Group is the body responsible for managing all aspects of the BV Hall of Fame under the authority and approval of the Baseball Victoria Board.

2nd Annual Hall of Fame Induction - Class of 2026

It was an honour to once again host the Baseball Victoria Hall of Fame Evening. This year's prestigious ceremony was held on Wednesday 20 May 2026 at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park. Thank you to all who attended as the Victorian baseball community came together to celebrate the past and share excitement in the future.

Congratulations to our inductees on their incredible success throughout their storied baseball careers. It was wonderful to see family, friends, fellow club members, and teammates enjoy a special evening and acknowledge the dedication of standout players, managers, administrators, umpires, and scorers. We look forward to continuing the Hall of Fame celebrations in coming years.

A very special congratulations also goes to player Samantha Hamilton, who was inducted into the Baseball Australia Hall of Fame on the evening.

Our Hall of Fame Class of 2026 included the following inductees:

PLAYERS: David Buckthorpe, Brian Wonnacott, Peter Moylan, Travis Blackley, Micheal Nakamura

PLAYER AND MANAGER: Justin Huber

PLAYER AND ADMINISTRATOR: John Ferguson

ADMINISTRATORS: Les Polson

UMPIRES: Robert Blackmore

SCORERS: Beryl Bunting



Inaugural Hall of Fame Class of 2025

PLAYERS: Amy McCann, David Clarkson, Don Deeble*, Ernie George Bolton, Graeme Deany, Graeme Lloyd, John Hodges*, John Swanson, Matthew Sheldon-Collins, Ross Straw*, Samantha Hamilton, Simone Wearne

MANAGERS: Frank Laver*, Jon Deeble, Lenton 'Lyn' Straw*
PLAYER AND MANAGER: David Went, Phil Dale

ADMINISTRATORS: John O'Brien*, Les Flower, Michael O'Brien, Paul Collins*, Peter Dihm, Ron Clack*

UMPIRES: Barry Smith*, Dick Chapman*

SCORERS: Jennie Moloney

SERVICE TO BASEBALL: John Viney

MEDIA: Richard (Dick) Mason*
*deceased

FY25/26 Financial Report

Presented by Vanessa Buys, Finance Director

For the 2025–26 financial year, Baseball Victoria (BV) recorded a surplus of $61k, continuing its positive financial performance while investing in the resources and programs required to support the growth of baseball across Victoria. This compares with a surplus of $95k in the previous year, with the reduction largely reflecting increased expenditure associated with the continued development of the organisation. This year's surplus was $60k ahead of budget driven by above-budget winter registrations, sponsorship, and contributions from Pathways and the Little League Championship.

The year's surplus has further strengthened BV's financial position, increasing net assets from $848k to $909k.

Total revenue increased by approximately 8% to $2.60m, compared with $2.40m in the prior year. Competition management income grew to $914k (2025: $800k), supported by increased revenue from Little League Championships, winter registrations, and other competitions. Operations income increased to $1.01m (2025: $983k), while pathways income rose to $600k (2025: $535k). Participation income also increased to $50k, and interest earned on cash reserves contributed $32k as BV continued to prudently manage its cash balance.

Total expenditure increased to $2.54m, compared with $2.31m in 2025. Salaries and wages remained the largest component at $1.05m, representing approximately 41% of total expenditure, followed by competition management expenses of $620k, pathways expenses of $447k and operations expenses of $288k.

The increase in salaries and wages of approximately $180k reflects BV's continued investment in additional staff (including the Head of Baseball Performance and General Manager) and to strengthen organisational capacity, support program delivery and provide the resources required to meet the evolving needs of the baseball community. This investment is an important part of positioning the organisation to deliver its strategic priorities in the coming years.

Competition management and Pathways expenses both increased alongside higher revenues, however margins improved, particularly in the Pathways program, through a focus on organisational efficiency. Participation expenditure reduced by $37k, as club development grants reduced following the distribution of reserves accumulated during COVID. Depreciation increased from $43k to $104k, primarily due to increased depreciation associated with leased assets.

BV maintained a sound financial position at year end, with total assets increasing to $1.71m from $1.57m in 2025. Current assets included cash and cash equivalents of $1.14m, receivables of $364k and inventories of $53k. Total liabilities increased by $80k to $800k, with trade and other payables comprising the largest component. Income received in advance was $364k, compared with $336k in the prior year, reflecting the growth in winter baseball participation.

Operating cash flow remained positive at $136k, compared with $153k in 2025. After capital expenditure of $3k and lease repayments of $91k, cash balances increased by $42k over the year to $1.14m.

The annual financial statements were audited by StewartBrown Chartered Accountants, who issued an unqualified audit opinion. The audit confirmed that the financial report presents a true and fair view of BV's financial position and performance in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards and legislative requirements. No material events were identified after the reporting date.

As BV enters the next phase of its development, its financial position provides a solid platform from which to pursue the objectives of the new strategic plan. The Board remains committed to balancing investment in the growth and development of the sport with the responsible management of the organisation's financial resources.

The Board acknowledges the contribution of CEO Chet Gray, Finance Controller Audrina Ning and the broader BV team throughout the year, and thanks StewartBrown for their work in completing the annual audit.

The strength of BV's cash position provides an important foundation as the organisation moves into 2027 and begins implementing its new strategic plan. Together with a growing net asset base, these reserves provide financial flexibility to support investment in strategic initiatives, strengthen operational capability and pursue opportunities for the long-term development of baseball in Victoria, while maintaining appropriate financial discipline.

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COMMITTEES' REPORT

Baseball Victoria Incorporated ("the Association") is registered as an Association and not having a share capital under the provisions of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.* The Committee Members present the financial report on Baseball Victoria Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2026 and report as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
The names of and other information on the Committee Members in office during the year are as follows. The Committee Members were in office for this entire period unless otherwise stated.

Andy Rose – President *(President until November 2025 and resigned from the Board in July 2026)*
Kerry Gassner – President *(from November 2025)*
Ben Stewart – Vice President *(from November 2025)*
Jennifer Pitson – Committee Member *(resigned March 2026)*
Kathy Tessier – Committee Member
Anna Blackett – Committee Member
Jessica Toop – Committee Member *(resigned December 2025)*
Geoff Boyes – Committee Member
Gregory Hill – Committee Member *(resigned July 2026)*
Angel Chambers – Committee Member *(commenced March 2026)*
Pamela Warwick – Committee Member *(commenced July 2026)*
Roslyn Gowty – Committee Member *(commenced July 2026)*

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES
The principal activity of the Association during the financial year was to facilitate and promote baseball in Victoria.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS
There were no significant changes to the state of affairs of the Association during the period.

OPERATING RESULT
The operating result of the Association for the financial year was a surplus of $60,703 (2025: $95,394 surplus).

AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS
No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
The auditors' independence declaration for the year ending 30 June 2026 has been received and can be found on the following page.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

Kerry Gassner
President

18 November 2026

StewartBrown
Chartered Accountants

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER APES 110 *CODE OF ETHICS FOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS*
TO THE MEMBERS OF BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2026 there have been no contraventions of the code of conduct relating to independence in APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

StewartBrown
Chartered Accountants

Justin Weiner
Partner

18 November 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,139,022	1,096,980
Trade and other receivables	7	364,313	344,557
Inventories	8	52,582	12,986
Total current assets		1,555,917	1,454,523
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	68,210	86,871
Right-of-use assets	10	85,231	25,810
Total non-current assets		153,441	112,681
TOTAL ASSETS		1,709,358	1,567,204
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	580,229	551,219
Employee benefits	12	98,552	100,416
Lease liabilities	13	99,568	30,622
Total current liabilities		778,349	682,257
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits	12	21,899	18,181
Lease liabilities	13	-	18,359
Total non-current liabilities		21,899	36,540
TOTAL LIABILITIES		800,248	718,797
NET ASSETS		**909,110**	**848,407**
FUNDS			
Accumulated funds		905,866	844,922
Reserves		3,244	3,485
TOTAL FUNDS		**909,110**	**848,407**

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue	4	2,601,468	2,401,114
		2,601,468	2,401,114
Expenses			
Competition management expenses		(620,057)	(550,873)
Depreciation	5	(103,873)	(43,057)
Finance costs	5	(7,637)	(2,278)
Loss on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	5	-	(10,285)
Salaries and wages		(1,045,093)	(865,183)
Operations expenses		(288,351)	(335,043)
Pathways expenses		(447,064)	(432,944)
Participation expenses		(28,690)	(66,057)
		(2,540,765)	(2,305,720)
Surplus before income tax		60,703	95,394
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus for the year		60,703	95,394
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		**60,703**	**95,394**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Accumulated Funds	Reserves	Total
	$	$	$
Balance at 1 July 2024	749,528	3,485	753,013
Comprehensive income			
Surplus for the year	95,394	-	95,394
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	95,394	-	95,394
Balance at 30 June 2025	**844,922**	**3,485**	**848,407**
Balance at 1 July 2025	844,922	3,485	848,407
Comprehensive income			
Surplus for the year	60,703	-	60,703
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	60,703	-	60,703
Transfer to/from reserves	241	(241)	-
Balance at 30 June 2026	**905,866**	**3,244**	**909,110**

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		2,797,753	2,675,181
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,686,444)	(2,549,485)
Interest received		32,416	29,579
Interest paid - leases		(7,637)	(2,278)
Net cash flows from operating activities		136,088	152,997
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	1,365
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(3,121)	(47,507)
Net cash flows from investing activities		(3,121)	(46,142)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of lease liabilities		(90,925)	(29,570)
Net cash flows from financing activities		(90,925)	(29,570)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		42,042	77,285
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		1,096,980	1,019,695
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	6	**1,139,022**	**1,096,980**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Note 1 - Corporate information

The financial report is for Baseball Victoria Incorporated ('the Association') as an individual entity and domiciled in Australia. Baseball Victoria Incorporated is an Association under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.*

Baseball Victoria is the peak body for the sport of baseball in the Australian state of Victoria.

The registered address and principal place of business of the Association is:

Melbourne Ballpark
Merton Street
Altona Meadows VIC 3028

The financial statements were approved by Members of the Committee on 18 November 2026.

Note 2 - Basis of preparation

Statement of compliance
These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures*.

Basis of measurement
The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Comparatives
Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year. Where the Association has retrospectively applied an accounting policy, made a retrospective restatement or reclassified items in its financial statements, an additional statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period will be disclosed.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements
The Committee evaluates estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Association.

Key estimates
Impairment
The Committee assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the Association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations, which incorporate various key assumptions.

New and revised standards that are effective for these financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2026 there is only one new mandatory accounting standard applicable to the Association:

- *AASB 2023-5: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Lack of Exchangeability*

The application of AASB 2023-5 has not had a material impact on the carrying values of the Association's asset, liability or equity balances; nor a material impact on the disclosures in the financial report nor the recognition

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Note 2 - Basis of preparation (continued)

New standards and interpretations not yet adopted – financial reporting framework
For the year ended 30 June 2026 there is only one new accounting standard, amendment and interpretation that has been published that is not mandatory for the 30 June 2026 reporting period and has not been early adopted by the Association:

- *AASB 18 – Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements* (applicable for the year ending 30 June 2029)

It is not expected that *AASB 18* will have a material impact on the Association in future reporting periods.

New standards and interpretations not yet adopted – sustainability reporting framework
The Australian Accounting Standards Board approved Australian Sustainability Reporting Standards in September 2024, having both voluntary and mandatory reporting implications for Australian companies over differing periods of implementation depending on revenue, gross assets and full-time equivalent employee number metrics. These standards are:

- *AASB S1 – General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information* (voluntary disclosure available for the year ended 30 June 2026)
- *AASB S2 – Climate-related Disclosures* (applicable for the year ending 30 June 2026, depending on criteria qualification outcomes)

It is not expected that *AASB S1* or *AASB S2* will have a material impact on the Association in future reporting periods. *AASB S1* and *AASB S2* will only have mandatory application to entities required to report under Chapter 2M of the *Corporations Act 2001* for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2025. The Association is currently assessing whether there will be any material change to disclosures in financial reporting in future years as a consequence of sustainability reporting requirements. As at the date of this financial report *AASB S1* and *AASB S2* do not have mandatory application to the Association as the Association prepares its financial report under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* financial reporting framework.

Note 3 - Accounting policies

The material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Income Tax
Baseball Victoria Incorporated is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.*

Goods and services tax (GST)
Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers

Note 3 - Accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition
Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of returns, trade allowances and duties and taxes including goods and services tax (GST). Revenue is recognised for the major business activities as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers
The Association derives revenue from the provision of services. Revenue is recognised as, or when, services are transferred to the customer and is measured at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Association expects to be entitled in exchange for the goods or service.

Rendering of services
Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon delivery of the service to the customer.

Interest revenue
Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Other revenue
Other revenue is recognised as revenue on an accruals basis.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts.

Trade receivables
For all sources of recurrent income, trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for doubtful debts. Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off.

Inventories
Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value at balance date.

Property, plant and equipment
Recognition and measurement
Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the statement of profit or loss and other profit and loss.

Subsequent costs
Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Plant and equipment
The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Committee to ensure it is not in excess

Note 3 - Accounting policies (continued)

Property, plant and equipment (continued)
Depreciation
The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the asset's useful life to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. Land is not depreciated.

Class of fixed asset	*Depreciation rates*	*Depreciation basis*
Office Equipment	35% - 67%	Diminishing value
Motor Vehicles	25%	Straight-line

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Right-of-use assets
At inception, a right-of-use asset and lease liability is recognised. Right-of-use assets are included in the statement of financial position within a classification relevant to the underlying asset**.**
Right-of-use assets are initially measured at cost, comprising of the following:

- The amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability.
- Any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received.
- Any initial direct costs incurred.
- An estimate of costs to be incurred in dismantling and removing the underlying asset, restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease, unless those costs are incurred either at the commencement date or as a consequence of having used the underlying asset during a particular period.

Subsequently, right-of-use assets are measured using a cost model. The right-of-use asset is depreciated to the earlier of the useful life of the asset or the lease term using the straight-line method and is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in "Depreciation and amortisation".

Leases
The Association leases several assets including office space. A lease is a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

At inception of a contract, it is assessed to determine whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. If the terms and conditions of a contract are changed, it is reassessed to once again determine if the contract is still, or now contains, a lease.

Lease liability
At the commencement date of the lease, the lease liability is initially recognised for the present value of non-cancellable lease payments discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Association's incremental borrowing rate.

The tenor of a lease includes any renewal period where the lessee is reasonably certain that they will exercise the option to renew. The Association has reviewed all its leases and included any extensions where the Association assessed it is reasonably certain the lease agreement will be renewed.

Note 3 - Accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of assets
Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units).

Impairment losses are reversed when there is an indication that the impairment loss may no longer exist and there has been a change in the estimate used to determine the recoverable amount.

Trade and other payables
Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability. The carrying amount of trade and other payables is deemed to reflect fair value.

Income received in advance
Income that is received before the service to which the payment relates has been provided is recorded as a liability until such time as the service has been provided, at which time it is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Employee benefits
Short-term employee benefits
Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Long-term employee benefits
The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Provisions
Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result, and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

	2026 $	2025 $
Note 4 - Revenue		
Operating revenue		
Competition management income	913,735	800,038
Operations income	1,005,105	983,178
Participation income	49,874	40,962
Pathways income	600,338	535,333
Other operating revenue	-	12,024
	2,569,052	2,371,535
Other revenue		
Interest income	32,416	29,579
	32,416	29,579
Total revenue	2,601,468	2,401,114
Note 5 - Expenses		
Depreciation		
Property, plant and equipment	21,782	15,409
Right-of-use assets	82,091	27,648
Total depreciation	103,873	43,057
Finance costs - leases	7,637	2,278
Provision for impairment - doubtful debts	(1,521)	12,760
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	10,285
Note 6 - Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank	580,804	638,247
Cash on deposit	500,000	400,000
Funds held in trust - Foundation	58,218	58,733
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,139,022	1,096,980
Note 7 - Trade and other receivables		
Current		
Trade receivables	299,478	253,150
Provision for impairment	(19,712)	(21,233)
Other receivables	3,796	1,554
Prepayments	80,751	111,086
Total current trade and other receivables	364,313	344,557
Provision for impairment		
Balance a the beginning of the financial year	21,233	8,473
Increase (decrease) in provision	(1,521)	12,760
Balance at the end of the financial year	19,712	21,233
Note 8 - Inventories		
Stock on hand	52,582	12,986
Total inventories	52,582	12,986

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Note 9 - Property, plant and equipment

	Leasehold Improvements	Office Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Baseball Equipment	Total
	$	$	$	$	$
At 30 June 2025					
Cost or fair value	30,876	64,001	62,399	35,395	192,671
Accumulated depreciation	(4,915)	(50,271)	(26,754)	(23,860)	(105,800)
Net carrying amount	25,961	13,730	35,645	11,535	86,871
Movements in carrying amounts					
Opening net carrying amount	25,961	13,730	35,645	11,535	86,871
Additions	-	3,121	-	-	3,121
Depreciation charge for the year	(3,087)	(6,708)	(8,918)	(3,069)	(21,782)
Closing net carrying amount	22,874	10,143	26,727	8,466	68,210
At 30 June 2026					
Cost or fair value	30,876	67,122	62,399	35,395	195,792
Accumulated depreciation	(8,002)	(56,979)	(35,672)	(26,929)	(127,582)
Net carrying amount	22,874	10,143	26,727	8,466	68,210

	2026	2025
	$	$
Note 10 - Right-of-use assets		
Leased premises - at cost	326,703	185,191
Accumulated depreciation	(241,472)	(159,381)
Total right-of-use assets	85,231	25,810
Movements in carrying amounts		
Opening net carrying amount	25,810	53,458
Additions - new leases entered into	141,512	-
Depreciation	(82,091)	(27,648)
Closing net carrying amount	85,231	25,810
Note 11 - Trade and other payables		
Current		
Trade payables	35,309	71,781
Income in advance	363,797	336,434
Sponsorship funds	58,217	57,095
Other payables	122,906	85,909
Total current trade and other payables	580,229	551,219
Note 12 - Employee benefits		
Current		
Annual leave	88,775	82,512
Long service leave	9,777	17,904
Total current employee benefits	98,552	100,416
Non - current		
Long service leave	21,899	18,181

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	2026	2025
	$	$
Note 13 - Lease liablities		
Current		
Lease liabilities	99,568	30,622
Total current lease liabilities	99,568	30,622
Non - current		
Lease liabilities	-	18,359
Total non-current lease liabilities	-	18,359
Movements in carrying amounts		
Opening net carrying amount	48,981	78,551
Additions	141,512	-
Repayments	(98,562)	(31,848)
Interest	7,637	2,278
Closing net carrying amount	99,568	48,981
Note 14 - Auditor's remuneration		
Fees paid to StewartBrown, Chartered Accountants:		
Audit of the financial report	9,000	8,500
Preparation of the financial report	2,200	2,100
Total auditor's remuneration	11,200	10,600

Note 15 - Events occurring after balance date

No material events have occurred after the reporting period.

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee Members of Baseball Victoria Incorporated declare that:

1. The financial statements, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, are in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and:

   (a) comply with *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures* (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*; and

   (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Association.

2. In the opinion of the Committee, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Kerry Gassner
President

18 November 2026

StewartBrown
Chartered Accountants

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BASEBALL VICTORIA INCORPORATED

Opinion
We have audited the financial report of Baseball Victoria Incorporated which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the Statement by Members of the Committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Baseball Victoria Incorporated is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, including:

a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, and

b) complying with *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures*.

Basis for Opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration which has been given to the Committee of the Association, would be in the same terms if given to the Committee as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Committees' Responsibility for the Financial Report
The Committee of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and for such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at *The Auditing and Assurance Standards Board,* and the website address is http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx.

We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Justin Weiner
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18 November 2026

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ACCOUNTANT'S DISCLAIMER ON OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following additional financial data is in accordance with the books and records of the association which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial report of the association for the year ended 30 June 2026.

It will be appreciated that our audit of the financial report did not cover all details of the additional financial data, which does not form part of the financial report. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on such financial data, and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given.

Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.

StewartBrown
StewartBrown
Chartered Accountants

Justin Weiner
Partner

18 November 2026

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DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	2026 $	2025 $
INCOME		
Competition Management Income		
LL Champs Income	487,247	395,073
SL Income	404,752	392,010
SWC Income	21,736	12,955
Total competition management income	913,735	800,038
Operations Income		
Summer Registration Income	436,747	425,160
Winter Registration Income	367,228	335,670
Sponsorship Income	108,017	95,151
Grants and Funding Income	80,927	115,020
Other Operational Income	43,749	58,269
Total operations income	1,036,668	1,029,270
Participation Income		
School Clinics Income	20,860	20,440
Other Participation Income	29,014	20,522
Total participation income	49,874	40,962
Pathways Income		
State Teams Levy Income	329,468	328,001
Performance Pathway Programs Income	148,584	142,062
Other Games Income	84,658	24,582
Other Clinics Income	6,065	6,620
Total pathways income	568,775	501,265
Other Income		
Interest Income	32,416	29,579
Total other income	32,416	29,579
TOTAL INCOME	2,601,468	2,401,114

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DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	2026 $	2025 $
EXPENDITURE		
Competition Management Expenses		
VSBL Expenses	(382,009)	(372,643)
LL Champs Expenses	(448,069)	(362,371)
SWC Expenses	(68,785)	(60,370)
Total competition management expenses	(898,863)	(795,384)
Operations Expenses		
Operations expenses	(910,803)	(776,755)
Total operations expenses	(910,803)	(776,755)
Participation Expenses		
School Clinics Expenditure	(10,080)	(10,430)
Other Participation Expenditure	(18,610)	(55,627)
Total participation expenses	(28,690)	(66,057)
Pathways Expenses		
State Teams Expenditure	(248,457)	(258,767)
Performance Pathway Programs Expenditure	(68,638)	(57,372)
Pathways Overhead Expenses	(296,034)	(305,991)
Holiday Camp Expenditure	(13,204)	(17,765)
Other Games Expenses	(73,306)	(24,467)
Other Clinics Income	(2,770)	(3,162)
Total Pathways expenses	(702,409)	(667,524)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(2,540,765)	(2,305,720)
NET SURPLUS	**60,703**	**95,394**


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Diamond Partners

We are hitting home runs with the BV Diamond Partnership Program! Since 2022, our partnerships have gone from strength to strength, celebrating community connections and recognising great supporters of our grassroots game. We greatly appreciate our new and returning Diamond Partners, who help baseball grow and thrive.

Thank you to the following organisations for teaming up as official partners of baseball in Victoria for 2025-26!



















































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