



2021 - We've hit the ground running

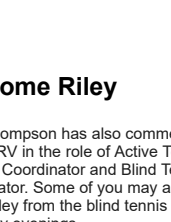
2020 will go down in history as a challenge we will never forget, but 2021 has already started with so much positivity and a new outlook.

BSRV are excited to once again have the opportunity to provide you with many and varied sports & recreational programs. We look forward to sharing with you the many amazing programs, our news and stories more often throughout the year - making it easy to JOIN US and JOIN IN.

Congratulations Sandra and happy retirement



After 11 years at BSRV we wished Sandra Knight our Program Coordinator a happy retirement. She will be missed at BSRV by all the team, participants and volunteers. As restrictions were lifted, we were able to have a morning tea with BSRV staff to celebrate and wish her well. The many messages, emails and phone calls that were received thanking Sandra for all she had done was testament to how highly regarded she was at BSRV.

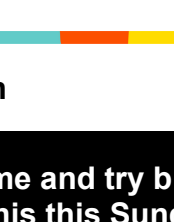


Welcome Rachel

Rachel DeSumma has been appointed as a replacement for Sandra in the role of Program Manager and comes to us with a wealth of experience. Rachel is looking forward to her new role and organising some great events.

Welcome Riley

Riley Thompson has also commenced with BSRV in the role of Active Teens Support Coordinator and Blind Tennis Coordinator. Some of you may already know Riley from the blind tennis program on Friday evenings.



What's on



Come and try blind tennis this Sunday

28th March 2021 - 10.30 - 12.30

Clarinda Tennis Club

If you are blind or have low vision and are up for a fun challenge - come down and try blind tennis at Clarinda Tennis Club! Open to all ages.

[Email us for more information](#)

Open to all ages - young and old.

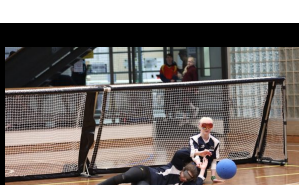
Come along for a laugh and learn something new with the trained coaches at Clarinda Tennis Club. You might just discover a new passion.

Please wear sports-appropriate clothing and running shoes and be Sun Smart and bring water to stay hydrated.

This program is supported by Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria, Tennis Victoria, VicHealth and Bounce and Hit Tennis.

To register, or for more information, email Allie - allie@blindsports.org.au

You can also register your interest via [Facebook](#)



Tennis

Friday evenings at Melbourne Park

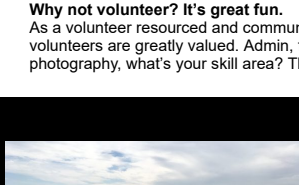
We're back in full swing!

For all ages. [Join us & join in.](#)

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If you are vision impaired or blind and didn't think it was possible to try tennis, think again! We have both a social and competitive program that is held on Friday evenings at Melbourne Park. Volunteers are on hand to assist you. It's a great program to get fit and have fun!

For further information, email info@blindsports.org.au or phone 9822 8876.



Goalball is back

2021 registrations NOW OPEN

Fun, social & active. [Join us & Join in.](#)

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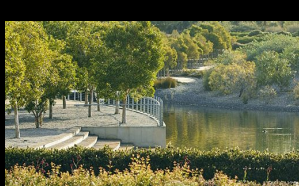
What is Goalball? Goalball is a unique team Paralympic sport designed especially for people who are blind or who have low vision, but enjoyed by all members of the community. It's a fun fast paced sport that relies on hearing and communication with team mates.

Whether you want to play socially, represent your state or travel the globe, we've got a program for you. Juniors, Youth, Seniors, it doesn't matter.

Contact Victorian Goalball Association by emailing info@goalball.org.au or follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/vic.goalball>

Why not volunteer? It's great fun.

As a volunteer resourced and community focused club, contributions of all volunteers are greatly valued. Admin, first aid coaching, refereeing, photography, what's your skill area? There's plenty of roles to choose from.



Bayside walk

Thursday 1 April 2021

Cheltenham area

A great way to get some exercise, some fresh air and meet new friends. [Join us & Join in.](#)

[Email us for more information](#)

Are you an intrepid walker that would like to join our next walk?

We will join the Pioneer Cemetery Historical Tour for approximately 1 hour. After the tour, we will complete the Whispers & Vistas Trail - a 3 km walk around Cheltenham Park, Cheltenham Recreation Reserve and Shipston Reserve. Finally, we will rest our tired legs at Johnny Dante, a nearby cafe where you can have a light lunch and coffee before catching the train back into the city.

Places are limited, so let Miriam know if you would like to attend. Email Miriam@blindsports.org.au or ring 9822 8876.



Explore nature

28th April 2021 - 10.30am

Royal Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne

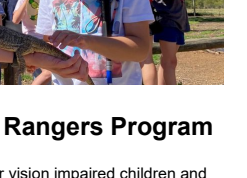
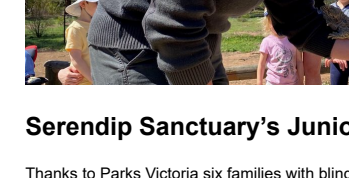
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These expansive natural gardens are home to thriving bird and animal life and is one of our destination walks in April. Travel through the landscapes of Australia in the Australia Garden and visit bushland areas for a snapshot of the flora and fauna that once covered much of the area. It's a beautiful place to go with great walking paths.

The walk will be held on 28 April commencing at 10.30am (to be confirmed) With limited places available, please register your interest to Rachel@blindsports.org.au.

This walk has been made possible thanks to a grant by the Lynbrook Hotel.

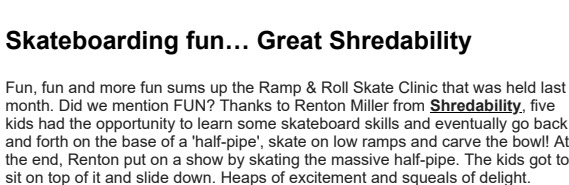
We joined in!



The Bayside Coastal Track Walk

The Bayside Coastal Track walk that took place on Thursday 11 March, saw a group of 25 people from the blind and vision impaired community, with carers and BSRV volunteers in tow, travel to Brighton Beach, to walk 7km's along the Bayside Coastal Track, ending at Half Moon Bay, Black Rock.

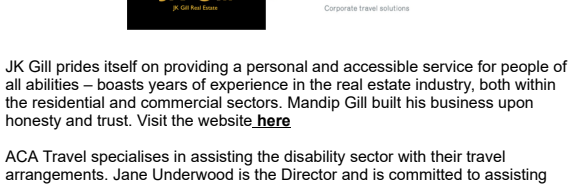
Blessed with a sunny 24 degrees and no wind, attendees enjoyed the smell of the ocean air, the feel of the sandy footpath underneath, the sound of seagulls, and the much-anticipated picnic lunch at the destination. The highlight for some was watching volunteer, Cristian Knox, take guide-dog, Jet, for an ocean swim to cool down! A big thank you goes out to the Bayside City Council for their support.



Serendip Sanctuary's Junior Rangers Program

Thanks to [Parks Victoria](#) six families with blind or vision impaired children and their siblings, converged on Serendip Sanctuary in Lara for an exciting school holiday Junior Rangers Program.

With so much to see and do, the children had a wonderful time.

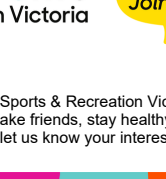
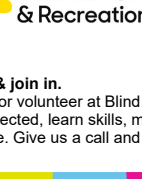


Skateboarding fun... Great Shredability

Fun, fun and more fun sums up the Ramp & Roll Skate Clinic that was held last month. Did we mention FUN? Thanks to Renton Miller from [Shredability](#), five kids had the opportunity to learn some skateboard skills and eventually go back and forth on the base of a 'half-pipe', skate on low ramps and carve the bowl! At the end, Renton put on a show by skating the massive half-pipe. The kids got to sit on top of it and slide down. Heaps of excitement and squeals of delight.

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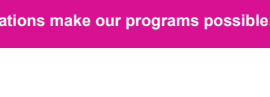


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As a volunteer there are many ways to help

Volunteers gain great benefits from assisting people who are blind or vision impaired, while enjoying many valued experiences. BSRV can only exist with volunteers like you. Join us & Join in.

Register your interest [online](#), send us an [email](#), or call us **03 9822 8876**

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