

## Stepping Up to The Baseball NSW Plate

We are excited to announce two new staff members joining the Baseball NSW team.

**Coen Wynne** joins us as the Baseball Development Officer and reports directly to the Baseball Development Manager.

Coen recently completed his bachelor's degree in Sports Management and graduated from Grand Canyon University in Arizona where he was a player and leader on the collegiate baseball team.

Fortunately for us, Coen has returned home to Sydney and is now responsible for the development pathway and providing opportunities for underpinning athletes and coaches within the membership of Baseball NSW. Since Coen's return home to Australia, he has signed a contract with the Sydney Blue Sox as a pitcher in the ABL.

**Karen Doane** joins us as the Communications & Media Manager and reports directly to the CEO.

Karen has a long history of working in the sports communications and media space around the world, including the Hawaii Ironman, Reebok, and NBC Sports. While growing up in California, she played and umpired baseball throughout her primary and senior years of school. You could say baseball is in her DNA as her great-great-grandfather, James "Deacon" White, was posthumously inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2013 (he invented the catcher's mask and glove).

Karen will be responsible for creating and implementing the communications for Baseball NSW with the team.

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### **Leaving the Baseball NSW dugout**

As with all teams, we have a few members who have recently departed Baseball NSW to pursue other opportunities.

Jodi Napoli, who held a position as our Accounts Manager, has moved on to bigger and better things with Blue Mountains Council.

Michael Ibbotson (Ibbo) has accepted the General Manager role at Cabramatta Bowls Clubs. As you may know, Ibbo holds a vast amount of love and knowledge for the game of baseball and remains in contact with us here at BNSW. We thank him for his contributions to our team and wish him all the best in his position.



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Garry has been a loyal servant to Baseball, and we sincerely appreciate his contribution to the sport and will continue to be involved at some level with local and state baseball programs. We wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.

We have a new accounts manager starting in February. All account-related enquiries are still to be directed to [accounts@baseballnsw.com.au](mailto:accounts@baseballnsw.com.au) where they will be attended to.