



Baseball NSW

76th Annual Report

2018/19

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75th Annual General Meeting

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

Agenda

1. Official Opening
2. Record of Attendance – confirm a quorum
3. Apologies
4. Confirm Membership of the League
5. Confirm Minutes from the 2018 AGM
6. Matters Arising from the 2018 AGM
7. Review and Adoption of Financial Report (1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019)
8. Appointment of Auditor for 2019/20
9. Notices of Motion
10. Review and Adoption of 2018/19 Annual Report
11. Election of Board Members
12. Election of Life Members
13. Announcement of Standing Committee Delegates
14. Announcement of Audit Committee Appointees
15. Announcement of Technical Committee Appointees
16. Closure & Fraternity

Tuesday 22nd October 2019
Time: 7:00pm
Sydney Olympic Park - Room,
Level 2, 8 Parkview Drive
Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush, NSW, 2127



NSW Board of Management

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

BNSW Board of Directors as at June 30 th , 2019		
Member	Status	Portfolio
Anthony Brasher	Re-elected	President, BA, ABL
Therese Philibossian	Re-elected	Junior League, Country League
Pete Worboys	Re-elected	State League, Winter League, Minor League
Scott Tunkin	Elected	HP, Technical Committee
Ross Morrison	Elected	Participation, Umpires, Scorers
Karl Hardman	Re-appointed	Finance, Asset Management
Rodger Powell	Re-appointed	Commercial, Governance, Special Events
James Morley	Appointed	Legal, Women's League

Baseball NSW Staff	
Name	Role
Mark Marino	Chief Executive Officer
Jason Pospishil	Head of Baseball Operations
Jodi Napoli	Accounts Manager
Pennie Jenkins	Office Manager
Grahame Cassel	Development Manager
Garry Everson	Coaching and Participation Manager
Michael Ibbotson	Facilities Manager
Vassil Vasseleou	Competitions Manager



Presidents Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

It is a pleasure to present the annual report on behalf of the Board of Baseball NSW (BNSW) for the year ended 30 June 2019.

The past 12 months has been another year of significant change including the release of a new strategic plan, a change in the ownership structure of the Australian Baseball League (ABL), the roll out of a new member registration system – Sports Club HQ, a number of new appointments to the Board and management at BNSW, and the loss of several significant contributors to BNSW and the game of baseball.

We start the new financial year with a lot of energy having finalised our 3 year strategic plan. Thank you to all stakeholders who provided valuable input including players, associations, clubs, umpires, scorers, volunteers, and Baseball Australia (BA). We strongly believe that we have captured the key focus areas to prioritise for the next 3 years grouped into the four pillars of Culture, Community, Collaboration, and Cultivation.

We welcome Adam Dobb as the new Licensee of the Sydney Blue Sox. BNSW remains committed to the success of the Sydney Blue Sox and we work closely with Adam and his team to ensure the premier baseball competition in Australia has every chance of success. Congratulations on a fantastic first season finishing [3rd].

The roll out of a new online registration platform has been one of the must do activities all members have demanded. We are certain the SCHQ platform is one that will serve us for many years. Thank you for living through the learnings of a new system and the initial bugs that may bring.

This year we have welcomed Scott Tunkin to the Board. I feel very privileged to have someone of Scott's business mind and baseball DNA join the Board. His contribution has been immediately impactful. We also welcome Vass Vasseeou who has taken over the Competition Manager's role previously held by Kerry Jackson.

BNSW has also said farewell to Kerry Jackson this year whilst Michael Ibbotson has taken on a smaller role as our Facilities Manager whilst he pursues his own business interests. I would like to personally thank Kerry and Michael for their significant contribution to the game over many years, they have been instrumental and core to the operations of BNSW. Kerry has been a volunteer and BNSW staff member for over 25 years so we wish Kerry a well earn break in retirement.

Finally, on behalf the Board, thank you to Mark Marino and his team for the consistent hard work throughout the entire year. We also extend our thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who devote their time to ensure our great game can operate as smoothly as it does. Your contribution is critical.
Yours in baseball,



Anthony Brasher - Chairman
Baseball New South Wales



Chief Executive Officer Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

It has been a significant transitional year given a number of new initiatives within our baseball community. We have seen the changeover to our new Registration system, introduction of an exciting new modified participation program, new pathway opportunities, greater involvement from our associations in delivering events, new management for the Sydney Blue Sox, a proposed new venue for our Australian Youth Championships and a renewed focus on our facilities strategy throughout the State.

The long awaited move to Sports Club HQ has provided a new and efficient platform to register our members. We have been able to transfer from STG to SCHQ with minimal impact on the greater membership as well as provide a variety of internal mechanisms to enhance the value to our members. Services such as an enhanced Competition Management program that integrates with our digital media and is accessible to everyone. We have a new website that is easier to navigate and will hopefully be the ‘go to’ resources for all users looking to find either detailed competition or policy information or simply where the nearest baseball team is.

Also being developed this upcoming year will be an introductory program looking to win new participants to our game. **‘Baseball5’** is the new and exciting modified format out of Cuba that is gaining great popularity. It is our hope that this will be a ‘game changer’ in the school programs where we can both market and teach our game to the significant number of potential school recruits. This is not to say that we forsake the tried and true formats such as ‘Aussie T-Ball’ or the like. Rather this is an opportunity to generate interest in a dynamic new product.

This past year also saw the continuation of our tours overseas where BNSW sent a team to the Youth Baseball Nationals in Reno, Nevada. The team acquitted themselves well with a steady diet of Major League and Minor League games to boot. Our camps have continued to thrive through our partnership with **Sports Camp Australia** where we are implementing ‘state of the art’ technology for many of our attendees. One of our major initiatives is developing our student-athlete programs via our partnerships with the College Recruitment group, **IMAPLAYER**, as well as local opportunities through the **Australian College of Physical Education**.

Our international contacts don’t just stop there as evidenced by the continued patronage of one of Korea’s foremost teams, the LG Twins, who held their pre-season training at BISP. The fact that they see Australia as a favourable destination provides a glimpse into where future possibilities may lie in helping us grow our game.

After six years of hosting the Australian Youth Championships we are encouraged to see the event being moved to Geelong for the 2020 AYC. This year will see a reduced format in time away but still provide significant game time for all of our players vis a revamped schedule. It is our hope to continue working on reducing the cost of participating in these championships. It will also be nice for all of our staff to have a more relaxed start to the New Year and I am sure the players will be glad to see other parts of the country for a change. We wish our teams well and hope to see the continued success from prior years.



CEO Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

It has been encouraging to see the commitment from a number of our associations to host events which I believe have been outstanding over the past several years. Our State Titles were hosted by Manly Warringah District Baseball Association this past year and their clubs did an outstanding job with our Little League Titles in North Sydney and the Junior League and Intermediate League Titles at Aquatic Reserve. Special mention must also be made to the Ryde Hawks Junior Baseball Association for the continued standard they maintain in growing and developing our game.

Something long overdue has been an extensive facilities audit whereby we can identify what facilities we have and in what geographical catchments. Added to this is understanding what we need from these fields to host local and representative competitions to enhance our profile in any given area. To assist with this we have commissioned an independent group to align all of our facilities with local census data to identify where we have opportunities to actively attract new participants to the game. It will also assist both BNSW and its members in providing Local and State Government with the necessary data to enlist their support. It must also be mentioned that the continued support of **Blacktown Council and Blacktown Venue Management** has been integral in providing a 'home' for baseball in NSW

Lastly, it was exciting to watch our beloved Blue Sox give last season a red hot crack at the title. The style and quality of baseball on display was simply amazing. As much as they fell just short I have absolute faith that they will be ready to take it all the way to the top next season so make sure we all get along to a game and show them our support.

In closing, this has been a tumultuous year with the many changes we have looked to implement but I am confident that we have laid a strong foundation for the immediate future. I and my staff are excited to see what the future brings. There is much still to be done but rest assured there has been a lot we have accomplished .

Have a great year!

Mark Marino
CEO – Baseball NSW



Baseball NSW

Baseball Operations Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

Baseball NSW saw a re-structure this year to incorporate a Baseball Operations Department which covers the areas of High Performance, Player Development and Coach Accreditation and Education. We are constantly keeping ourselves up to date with best practice methodology and provide cost effective services that allow our members the chance to develop at any level.

Utilising our relationship with Baseball Australia, we have gained access to some of the most current technology available in the High Performance and Player Development Space such as RAPSODO, BLAST Motion, Driveline TRAQ and Driveline EDGE. This keeps us as a relevant and benchmark organisation when it comes to Player Development.

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

The High-Performance/Player Development portfolio included four different programs across the three tiers of players that we aim to contact on a player development level. The programs were as follows:

- U18 High Performance Program
- U16 High Performance Program
- Emerging Player Development Program
- Womens Player Development Program

In total, we had 225 athletes participate across all four of these programs with those participating attending two sessions per week across an eight to 10-week timeframe. This is the largest number of athletes we have had participate in HP program history.

U16 + U18 HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

67 players across the U16 and U18 group were selected this year. This is the first time Baseball NSW has held trials for the HP program. Players selected for the 2019 State Teams were automatic entries. The program comprised of two sessions per week for a 10-week timeframe and consisted of “tool” development programs such as Driveline, BLAST motion bat sensors, RAPSODO ball flight technology, Speed Development, Mobility Training and Strength + Conditioning programming.

Players in the U16 and U18 programs have access to some of the best coaches in the country and I would like to thank Grahame Cassel, Nathan Wright, Garry Everson, Mark Shipley, Phil Hemmer, Chris Swan, Brendon Bojarski and Travis McDonald for their dedication to our Player Development Programs. Eden Jones, Warren Wessell and Jason Unitt also assisted as part of the Coach Development Program

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Sports Science & Strength and Conditioning staff of Jonathan Freeston, Matthew Hollings, Stephen Smith, Shane Cassel, Lionel Chia and Chris Watts for their expertise.

EMERGING PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

106 players participated in the HP program for 2019. The program was once again divided across three venues in the Sydney Basin (Aquatic Reserve – North, Chipping Norton – South and Blacktown International Sports Park – West) focusing on skill development for our under-pinning athletes.

Baseball NSW would like to thank the Vikings Baseball Club and the Manly District Baseball Association for allowing us to utilise their fantastic facilities for our programs.

Baseball NSW would like to thank the following coaches for their guidance and dedication to our under-pinning athletes throughout the HP Emerging Program:

West – Jeff Catt (co-ordinator) Les Stockdale, Aaron Zammit, Josh Guyer, Josh Bramley, and Ross Griffiths

South – Peter Worboys (co-ordinator), Aaron Cooke, Fady Karam, Daryl Turnbull and Rodney Angel.

North – PJ Patterson (co-ordinator), Chris Corey, Andrew Wyles and Shane Bowden.

Development Coaches – Paul Haynes, Troy Carroll and Vince Bates.

WOMEN'S PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This program catered for 28 athletes across the Open and Youth Womens age categories. The program was conducted at Blacktown International Sports Park across an eight-week period including two practice sessions per week. The program was designed to incorporate the same focus areas as our Male HP program and included Driveline Hitting Program, Strength & Conditioning, Throwing Velocity Development and Individual Defensive skills.

I would like to thank the following coaches who contributed to the running and instruction of the program: Ben McGuire, Scott Tabrett, Phil Gruppelaar and Paul Bunker.

UNDERPINNING PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Firstly, I would like to commend Grahame Cassel for the tremendous work he does in conducting our underpinning player development programs. The strength of a High-Performance Program is the work done at the underpinning level to increase the quality player pool and allow the cream to rise to the top. I have no doubt that the improvements we have shown within High Performance are due to the fantastic work that Grahame does in conjunction with the volunteer coaches.

BASEBALL NSW RENO TOUR

Baseball NSW took 14 players in the U14 age group to compete in the Youth Baseball Nationals in Reno, Nevada. Players took part in 6 training session prior to the tour then competed in 6 games across 4 days culminating in 4 players making the Youth Nationals All-Star team. These players were Lachlan Bojarski, Lachlan Bigwood, Charlie Youngs and Callum Donnelly. Players were also able to take part in a variety of extra activities such as visits to the AAA Reno Aces Games, 100th anniversary of the Reno Rodeo, Lake Tahoe, Disneyland and 2 Anaheim Angels MLB games.

Many thanks to the touring party of Grahame Cassel, Brendon Bojarski, Pennie Jenkins and especially Karryn McGregor for the time and effort in co-ordinating the scheduling and logistics of the tour. Baseball NSW has an exciting touring schedule planned for 2020 including a return trip to Reno for 2 teams in the 12U and 14U and an advanced 16U tour to California through the IMA Player college recruitment and player development service.

SUPER SERIES PROGRAMS

Baseball NSW conducted the Super Series format across all three age groups (Little League, Junior League and Senior League) which comprised of 166 players across all age groups. Teams who qualified for their respective National Championships were invited to participate with Baseball NSW selecting composite teams in all 3 age groups.

Baseball NSW would like to thank the Vikings Baseball Club and for hosting the Junior League Super Series at Riverside Park and the Cumberland-Nepean Softball Association for hosting the Little League Super Series at Stanhope Gardens.

We would also like to thank the following coaches for their contribution to the programs: Little League – Travis McDonald and Jason Unitt, Junior League – Matthew Forbes, Jarryd Manuel and Peter Worboys, Senior League – Phil Hemmer and Travis McDonald.

PRIVATE TUITION PROGRAM

Grahame continues to conduct private tuition sessions with individual players on behalf of Baseball NSW. These lessons are used for individual players to obtain quality instruction and work on definitive parts of their games that they may otherwise not have attended to during normal baseball commitments.

SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Baseball NSW and the Sports High School Association of New South Wales have continued their MOU with Baseball NSW overseeing the Baseball programs within each Sports High School in NSW. Currently we oversee programs in 5 different Sports High Schools in NSW (Westfields Sports High, Hills Sports High, Narrabeen Sports High, Endeavour Sports High and Hunter Sports High). Our thanks to staff members Travis McDonald and Garry Everson for their work with the Westfields Sports High Baseball Program.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Sporting Schools Program is a government lead initiative to introduce physical activity to school students around the country. Through the Sporting Schools program Baseball NSW was able to engage with 30 schools with a total student reach of 2054. These school-based programs comprised of 750 sessions which averages at 5 sessions per day over a 5-week period.

Baseball NSW would like to thank all the program facilitators around the state who give up their time and energy to introduce the sport of Baseball to primary school children. In an ever-competitive market, this program is vital to keep the sport of T-Ball/Baseball relevant within the primary school system.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS AND CLINICS

Continuing our partnership with Sports Camp Australia, Baseball NSW continues to conduct school holiday camps and clinics every school holiday period across all our relevant associations. In the past 12 months we have held camps at Jannali, Illawong, Castle Hill, Northmead, French Forest, Thornleigh, Rooty Hill and Lismore catering for more than 230 players.

Our advanced camps continue to grow as we are now able to utilise modern day technology such as RAPSODO, BLAST Motion and our High-Performance Testing scheme to allow the athletes to experience a High-Performance environment. These athletes can take home Bonafide data that they can use to compare amongst their peers and use for further player development opportunities.

STATE TEAM REPORT – 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

U/18'S

Both NSW and NSW Country represented Baseball NSW at the 2019 Australian Youth Championships. NSW were unlucky to be defeated in the Gold Medal game to a very talented Victorian team. Credit to Nathan Wright, Brendon Bojarski, Travis McDonald, Josh Bramley and Rebecca Cavill on their leadership taking this team from a previous 6th place finish to within 1 game of a National Championship.

NSW Country were very unlucky not to qualify for the championship round being defeated in their final preliminary game to relegate them to 5th place. Shaun Smith, Jackson Smith, Jarryd Manuel and Beth Murphy are to be commended for their work ethic and commitment to the future of country baseball.

U/16'S

NSW were able to retain their National Championship going through the tournament undefeated for a 2nd straight year. They have now won 31 of their 33 games at this level. Congratulations go to Phil Hemmer, Jeff Catt, Chris Swan, Ross Griffiths and Darryn Ferris for their National Championship effort.

NSW Country were led by Terry Pearce, Sam Evatt, Scott Sartori, Matthew Davis and Carleen Baker-Smith for the 2019 campaign and finished a respectable 7th defeating South Australia in the 7th/8th play-off game.

OPEN WOMENS

Baseball NSW entered only one NSW team into the 2019 Womens National Championships resulting in a 4th place finish. The team started out brightly but were unable to maintain their early momentum. The positive is we were able to give some young and aspiring players an opportunity to represent their state. Baseball NSW would like to thank the Coaching Staff of Scott Tabrett, Paul Bunker and Amy Collins for their dedication to the team.

YOUTH WOMENS

NSW were able to take the next step after last year's defeat and win the 2019 Youth Womens National Championship defeating Queensland in the championship game. Due to a lack of player registrations, NSW Country did not participate but did have a good representation on the NSW team.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Ross, Dean Head, Phil Gruppelaar and Annette Green on their leadership of this National Championship team.

AWARD WINNERS

The following players are to be congratulated for winning their respective awards during the various National Championships in 2019:

- Tom Stancic – U16 Pitching Award
- Olivia Bonnello – Youth Women Hitting Award

NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMS

Baseball NSW was again a major contributor to National Teams and National programs that represented Australia in International competition. Congratulations to the following players from NSW who represented Australia during the relevant programs listed below:

18U WORLD CUP – Korea

Solomon Maguire, Liam McCallum, Blake Cavill, Travis Bazzana, Jake Burns, Jaylin Rae, Jo Stevens and Jack Lee

Camp Attendees – Caleb Shepherd, Tristan Watts, Ky Jackson, James Nati, Aidan Torpey and Dylan Clarke

BASEBALL AUSTRALIA PERFECT GAME TOUR

Jake Burns, Clayton Campbell, Dylan Clarke, Luke Krkovski, Hayden Lyberopoulos, Solomon Maguire, Dylan Martin, James Nati, Caleb Shepherd, Jo Stevens, Aidan Torpey and Tristan Watts

MLB COLLEGE SHOWCASE TOUR

Solomon Maguire, Clayton Campbell, Jaylin Rae, Ky Jackson, Blake Cavill and Dylan Martin

Overall, it has been a very successful 12-month period regarding the High-Performance Program. Baseball NSW has provided some form of instruction or program to approximately 600 athletes combining both the Metro and Country regions. The High-Performance Staff are continuing to research and implement best practice methods and strategy to give our athletes the best chance to improve and succeed.

COACHING ACCREDITATION REPORT

Baseball NSW, under the co-ordination of Garry Everson, conducted 35 coaching courses in the past 12-month period. The breakdown of these 35 courses were as follows:

Level 1 – 8 (Metro – 5, Regional 3 with 1 cancelled)

Level 2 – 9 (Metro 7, Regional 2 with both cancelled due to lack of registrations)

Level 3 – 18 (Metro 8, Regional 10 with 1 cancelled due to lack of registrations)

Total Participants were as follows:

Level 1 – 68 participants (Male – 56, Female – 12)

Level 2 – 74 participants (Male – 68, Female – 6)

Level 3 – 140 participants (Male – 127, Female – 13)

As of September 30, 2019, Baseball NSW has 1588 accredited coaches (Male – 1390, Female – 198).

Baseball NSW would like to formally thank the following instructors that assisted with delivery of coaching accreditation courses throughout the year:

Grant Anderson, Grahame Cassel, Shane Elvy, Garry Everson, Phillip Gruppelaar, Ian Hook, Peter Huish, Geordie McRae, Terry Pearce, Shaun Smith, Henry Twaddell and Peter Worboys.

On behalf of Baseball NSW, we would like to thank the members for their continued support of the Baseball Operations Department, and we look forward to continuing to provide further development opportunities for all of our members.

Yours in Baseball

Jason Pospishil

State Baseball Operations Manager



Country League Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

New South Wales Country League Standing Committee ("CLSC") Chairman's Report

2019 has seen further improvements in player numbers in Country areas. Wagga Wagga has continued its resurgence and we have now had the benefit of Far North Coast Baseball Association (FNC) having been with us for 12 months.

Juniors

The NSW Country under 16 and under 18 team again performed commendably at the Australian National Championships at Blacktown. Both sides continue to hold their own against other States with much larger player depth. I would like to express my sincere thanks for the continued efforts of our Country coaching staff headed by Terry Pierce in the under 16s and Shaun Smith in the under 18's. Without their dedication to their craft and the many hours of time they give up each year, we would struggle to hold our ground at a National level

In Little League, FNC triumphed in their first State Country Championships and progressed to the National Championships in their home town.

The NSW Junior Country Championships were held at Boomerang's Baseball Club in Newcastle over the October long weekend with teams competing in 4 age divisions from Zooka through to Senior League. There has been a pleasing increase in team participation again this year with Newcastle again showing the way by nominating 2 teams in several age divisions and FNC joining us in Senior League. We envisage further improvement in team numbers and the strength of the championships in 2020 with the prospect of teams from across the ditch in New Zealand joining us.

The relevance and problems caused by the Little League age divisions rather than the traditional age brackets is a matter we will need to address in our planning for next year. The CLSC has for some time identified the void in opportunity for representative baseball for children under 14, unless they have the good fortune to live in a strong charter. As such we intend to roll out a program for overseas representative tours for this age level in 2020.

Seniors

The Mens A and B Division Country Championships were again held at Blacktown in the first weekend in August. The resurgence in interest from last year has continued with 5 teams competing in A division and 7 in B division. The standard again was very strong overall. The venue again proved very popular with most regional players who have never experienced playing on dedicated baseball fields under lights. However travelling distances for our northern Associations remains a vexing problem. Illawarra prevailed over the dark horses Wagga in B division whilst Central Coast proved too strong for Newcastle in A division.

Next year promises to be even stronger with interest being shown by the Albury Association and the return of Port Macquarie.

Women

The Womens' Country Championships were again held at Newcastle. Three teams participating from Tamworth, Newcastle and Illawarra. Newcastle again took out the Championship.

We are hopeful that with improvements in playing stocks there will be sufficient numbers to field teams at both the National Womens and Youth Womens championships in 2020.

NSW Country Association Contributions

Our Country Associations are to be commended for their continued commitment in conducting annual carnivals which benefit the whole of our baseball community. These events only take place through the generous devotion of countless hours of work by volunteers from each Association. Of note are the following:

- Tamworth Baseball Association - Tamworth Carnival (51st anniversary this year with 50 teams competing)
- Central Coast Baseball Association - Coasties Cup (25th anniversary)
- Far North Coast Baseball Association - Timberjacks Junior Friendship Series (over 21 years old).

Seniors Development Pathway

Following the success of the Cairns Prague tour in 2018, plans are now well underway to send our next side in 2020. Our coaching staff have been in place for some time and the team was selected from players at the Senior Championships.

I would especially like to acknowledge again the tireless efforts of tour manager Allan Parrott and EO Stephanie Thompson for their dedication and hard work. This wonderful program gives our young adult players an opportunity to compete at an international level, and gain valuable life experiences they will never forget.

Finance

Despite our modest budget the CLSC continues to run it's programs and tournaments on, as near as possible, a cost neutral basis.

Thanks to Baseball NSW an allocation of grants was made available to NSW Country clubs which provided much needed cash injections to help with equipment and training.

Conclusion

NSW Country Baseball has had another solid year rebuilding it's base. Our recent initiatives have been highly successful and have renewed interest in our sport.

I again acknowledge and thank all members of the CLSC for the generous devotion of their time and dedication to Country Baseball.

In particular I wish to thank our high performance manager Stewart Bell, who resigned earlier in the year, for his many years of tireless service to Country baseball. Stew made an outstanding contribution to our game and his knowledge and hard work are already sorely missed.

In conclusion I believe one of our biggest assets is, that despite the distances and isolation we must overcome in regional areas, this is also a unifying fact. We are all in this together and we share the same challenges and problems. Within our Country community and the CLSC itself, there is great deal of mutual respect, understanding and support which will continue to see baseball in Country areas move in the right direction.

Bill Langler

CLSC Chairman



NSW State League Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

The 2018-2019 season brought some fantastic Baseball to the fans and supporters of all the Clubs involved. At each grade, from 18's to 1st Grade, the standard of play showed the dedication and skill of the players and coaches alike. The weather was slightly better than previous seasons, although rainouts did once again influence the final positions.

The Final Series was played at BISP, and once again events outside our control impacted the games. Despite the setbacks, the Finals provided some spectacular baseball, and we managed to get the series finished within the planned timeframe.

I would particularly like to thank those who assisted during the Finals. Scoreboard, live streaming and canteen could not have been done without the best group of volunteers that any sport can have. Their invaluable contribution is overlooked far too often.

The First Grade Premiership was taken out by the Canterbury Vikings, who led from the front all season. Second Grade (Manly Eagles) & Third Grade (Ryde Hawks) also saw the Minor Premiers victorious in their Grand Finals. Baulkham Hills finished 2nd in the regular season and managed to comfortably overcome Ryde Hawks in the Grand Final.

The Club Championship honours went to the Blacktown Workers Club by the narrowest of margins. They were also the only club to make the play offs in all 4 grades.

Game Officials

The game could not go on without the continuing efforts of the Scorers and Umpires. They all share an undying passion for our game, although they might not always find themselves in agreement with the players.

The scorers are also responsible for the accumulation of the statistics and updating of the website, which all the players follow with great fervour. It should always be remembered that the scorers can only work with the information given to them.

The umpires have the unenviable job of controlling a group of enthusiastic, athletic, passionate players, who always think they are right. Players should recognise that umpires are not perfect, they don't have built in instant replay, and they aren't going to change their minds if you disagree with the call.

I implore 'retired' players to stay involved as umpires, coaches, administrators or scorers and keep the game alive.



Congratulations to the winning teams in each Grade;

I would like to also take this opportunity to acknowledge our award winners and high achievers for season 2018-19.

	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Under 18
Premiers	Canterbury Vikings	Manly Eagles	Ryde Hawks	Baulkham Hills
Minor Premiers	Canterbury Vikings	Manly Eagles	Ryde Hawks	Ryde Hawks
Pitching Award	Ben McKendall RH	Adam Brown ME	Sam Rada BW	Peter Renouf RH
Batting Award	Liam McCallum BH	Jack Warwick BH	Chris Dutton RH	Lachlan Dean MO
MVP	Randy Santiesteban MO	Aidan Torpey ME	Daniel Fullam MO	Clayton Campbell BH
Grand Final MVP	Mitch Simon	Adam Brown	Liam Naylor	Solomon Maguire
Club Champions	Blacktown Workers			
Rookie of the Year	Liam McCallum BH		Scorer of the Year	Vera Bonham BW
Manager of the Year	Ben Maguire BW		Umpire of the Year	Jason Spurway
Volunteer of the Year	Kim Robertson			



Committees and Volunteers

To everyone else, including your State League Delegates, Club committees the staff and Board of Baseball New South Wales, I sincerely thank you for your contribution throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have assisted me during my 7-year tenure as the State League Competition Manager. It has truly been an experience like no other. My retirement may open other doors for me, and I am sure I will still be found around baseball grounds in Sydney, and possibly elsewhere.

Kerry Jackson

State League Standing Committee
Competition Manager



Sydney Winter Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

The 2019 Season once again saw 7 teams competing. Greenway, Hawkesbury, Marrickville, Petersham, Pirates, Sydney University & University of NSW.

The weather allowed all games to be played this season, and once again the makeup of the semi finals came down to the last games.

SWBL PREMIERS 2019

CLUB CHAMPIONS	"McDOUGALL TROPHY"	PETERSHAM
FIRST GRADE	"JIM STRICKLAND TROPHY"	PETERSHAM
SECOND GRADE	"KEN GULLIVER TROPHY"	SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
THIRD GRADE	"ARTHUR BLANE TROPHY"	SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS 2019

FIRST GRADE

MVP Grand Final	Max Brennen	Petersham
Batting Award	Josh Guyer	Pirates
Pitching Award	Scott Cone	Petersham
MVP Season	Jaylin Rae	Petersham

"Jack Rowley Trophy"

SECOND GRADE

MVP Grand Final	Pat Glover	Sydney University
Batting Award	Blake Cavill	Petersham
Pitching Award	Jack Lee	Petersham
MVP Season	Blake Cavill	Petersham

"Geoff Gorman Trophy"

THIRD GRADE

MVP Grand Final	Shumpei Matsumoto	Sydney University
Batting Award	Brandon Velle	Sydney University
Pitching Award	Jon Nicoll	Sydney University
MVP Season	Brandon Velle	Sydney University

"Jim Hall Trophy"

SWBL ROOKIE of the YEAR—"TERRY LEWIS TROPHY"

Brent Iredale

Quakers Hill Pirates.

Petersham took out the First Grade Premiership with a come from behind win over Pirates.

Matt Rae did a great job holding Petersham in check but unfortunately the bullpen could not hold back the juggernaut.

First Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Pirates	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3	6	3
Petersham	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0	x		10	10	1

Sydney University defended their Second Grade Premiership, taking the lead in the first inning and never looking back.

Second Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Sydney University	1	0	5	0	1	1	0	1	0		9	15	2
Petersham	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0		3	8	5

The Third Grade Grand Final proved an absolute nail biter. Hawkesbury took a 6-3 lead but Sydney Uni chipped away at the lead until finally taking the lead in the 6th and holding on for the victory.

Jon Nicoll pitched the final 7 innings for Sydney Uni.

Third Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Sydney University	2	1	1	0	1	3	3	0	0		11	12	2
Hawkesbury	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		6	8	7

Congratulations to Pirates on their hosting of the Final Series, which was necessary due to the condition of Petersham Oval. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by all concerned. Thanks also to Hawkesbury for hosting the first week of semi finals at Bensons Lane.

I would also like to thank the Umpires association for their efforts this season, with John Bailey & Matt Carter at the helm.

The commitment of all members of the committee, Janine Hunt & Brad Hawkins especially, and the club delegates is voluntary and contributes significantly to the strength of our administration and the competitiveness of the Clubs making up the 'premier winter league', so thank you again.

The provision of statistics and website information by Janine Hunt was invaluable. Special thanks to the club scorers who have assisted the process by using the scoring software and submitting the information quickly to enable Janine to keep everyone fully informed. The credibility of the stats is greatly enhanced by this method.

Kerry Jackson
SWBL Competition Manager.



Petersham First Grade Premiers.



Sydney University - Second Grade Premiers

Sydney University – Third Grade Premiers



NSW Women's League Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

Committee and Volunteers

I would like to start with thanking my fellow Committee members for all their hard work at getting the Woman's league to where we are today with special mention to Kim on how good the face book posts have been for the last couple of seasons. To all off the Club delegates thank you for all your hard work and support not to mention the time that you all put in to the successful running of the Woman's League it is great that we can get through all the business required in an acceptable time frame each month. To all the other Volunteers that put in so much time and effort to making the Woman's league a success Thank You.

Game Officials

Without the continued support of all the Umpires we would not have a game so to all the loyal band of umpires that do the Woman's games a big thank you.

We also need to acknowledge the support and backing of Baseball NSW and their Staff for the work they do behind the scenes. A special mention must go to Kerry Jackson our competition manager and master of draws congratulations on a fantastic job for the 18/19 season, hope that you are enjoying your retirement.

2018/2019 Season

Congratulations to the Greenway Giants club for once again taking out the first-grade competition in a hard fought game with Blacktown Workers.

Congratulations to the Macarthur Orioles for there break through win in the second-grade competition over the Greenway Giants.

To all our Clubs and Player's thanks for a great season and congratulations on the way you have all played the game.

2019/2020 Season

As we move forward to 19/20 season we have again seen an increase in our second-grade competition with the Manly Eagles re-entering the competition. We have also seen a new competition manager come onboard so welcome Vassil you have some big boots to fill and have done a good job of filling them and getting us underway for the current season.

Paul O'Neill
Chair NSWWBL



NSW Scorers Association Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

NSW SCORERS REPORT 2018/19

This year our scorers have had an exceptional year with scoring. Our association is thriving and we have welcomed many new scorers to our ranks.

We were involved with the following major tournaments:

1. Blue Sox
2. Nationals for Juniors for Boys
3. U15 Girls Nationals
4. Woman's Nationals
5. Little League
6. Intermediate/Junior League
7. Senior League
8. Gala days
9. State League
10. Winter State league

We have accredited many scorers to our ranks and it would not be possible but for the dedication of Sue McCullough, Fran Inkster and Jeanette Irwin and their wonderful teachers. All accreditation are governed by our body known as CABS (Council of Australian Baseball Scorers)

To help with training, NSW have compiled a new training guide which should help new scorers understand baseball scoring.

We are also teaching scoring to beginner scorers in the different association to help the standard to improve at park ball by getting the associations to elect a scorers co-ordinator. This elected person teaches basics from Tee-Ball to Live Ball and funnels scorers to our accreditations clinics.

Some of our senior scorers have been selected to go away with our Youth National teams to Victoria. Many scorers have gone away for women's and for little league Competition. They reported back that they had a good time although they had a lot of work to do scoring these competitions.

Game Changer has come into to our lives with a big bang. After some hiccups, the scorers seem to have accepted Game Changer and are doing a great job entering the games I am very proud how my scorers have adapted to this change.

I also would like to thank the association and clubs for their continuing support of our scorers as well as the umpires.

Kaye Cooper
President - Scorers Association



NSW Umpires Association Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING REPORT

Last year I wrote about the growth of Little League and the demands it places on resources across our sport. This hasn't changed, and I'm pleased to say that we're in a better position now to cater for this demand than previously. We will shortly be holding one of the first sessions to train those that educate our members and prospective umpires. Here we will release a pathway for those that perform. When I look at this, and what we've achieved over the last 10 years, there is much to be proud of with training being provided to over 2,800 people over that time.

Our partnership with Baseball NSW continues to strengthen with the support from BNSW CEO Mark Marino. This year we have an initiative that will provide further incentives to those participating in our training courses with each participant receiving a NSWBUA shirt produced by Under Armour. This is a significant financial contribution from BNSW which is much appreciated. I'm also working with Mark and the office on leveraging some of their investments in technology platforms.

With all of this effort, it is now time to review how we financially support ourselves, and all that we need to do to grow the sport. Traditionally a lot of our revenue has come from those that are contributing the most to the Association by working games in the leagues that we appoint to while there is significant expenditure to support others in the sport. There will always need to be a mix, but I believe we need to take a view on creating the right balance here and potentially look at revenue streams that are different than today's.

There continues to be significant development and advice being given to all those that partake on the panels for at various Junior Tournaments run either by SDS or BNSW at State Titles etc., and it's good to see junior umpires recognising their pathway in the sport through umpiring. All of this has been predominately led by our Junior Co-ordinator, Marc Roberts and supported by Matt Wagner and Geordie McRae. Marc has recently chosen to step down from his role, and I thank him for all his efforts in the last year.

The pathway for some of these umpires has seen them attend various National Championships from Little League to Women's to Under 18's. We can be very proud of those that attended with NSW Umpires being appointed to the Gold Medal games in every Championship. You can read more about the experiences that these umpires had further on in this Annual Report.

Ben Nash has continued to impress and has been appointed to the WBSC U12 World Cup to be held in July this year. NSW continues to have a disproportionate amount of umpires working at the highest levels, and it's with great pleasure that I can report my predecessor, Trent Thomas has been appointed to the panel at the WBSC Premier 12 to be held in Taipai in November this year.

The last year has seen significant achievements in umpiring at all levels of the game in most facets, from development through to appointments as recognition. I'm looking forward to seeing what we can collectively achieve in the next 12 months.

Regards,
Matt Carter | NSW Director of Umpiring



Baseball NSW Life Members

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

* Denotes deceased

1898: Metropolitan Baseball Association
1900: New South Wales Baseball Association
1944: New South Wales Allied Baseball Council
1945: New South Wales Baseball Union
1970: New South Wales Baseball League

This listing of Life Members is taken from Annual Reports and newspaper articles. Annual Reports are not available for years 1898 to 1907, 1909 to 1911 and 1917 to 1919. The year of election of some life members in this period has been recorded as the year the member's name first appeared in an annual report or in a newspaper report of an annual meeting in those years when annual reports are not available.

Life Members

Elected: Not Known
Name: Richard C. Callaway*
Notes: Played in 1886 with Sydney and Union Baseball Clubs. Was a foundation member in the 1898 establishment of the NSWBA and secretary from 1903 to 1905. Prominent umpire and initiator of schoolboy's baseball in 1909. Waverly Club member from 1898 to 1930s.

Tom Roberts who was prominent in promoting baseball among schoolboys, wrote a letter to the Sydney Sportsman in 1911 seeking recognition for Dick Callaway's dedication and work for baseball stating, "Surely no one is more entitled to be called 'Father of Baseball in Australia'. He added "I am aware that he was made a life member of the Association" Lack of documentation prevents confirmation of Richard Callaway's appointment.

Elected: 1901
Name: James Cassius Williamson*
Notes: Was first President of Victorian Baseball League after the Spalding visit and a Vice President of NSWBA from 1900 to 1903. Year of appointment appears to be 1901, when he presented a 'Challenge Shield' for interstate competition between NSW and Victoria which NSW won permanently in 1903. His name appears in a list of life members in 1908 Annual Report, but not in subsequent years. The whereabouts of the challenge shield is not known.

Elected: 1902
Name: Harry A Solomon*
Notes: Harry Solomon was a Vice President till 1903 before leaving Australia and not returning till 1933 when he presented evidence to the NSW Baseball Association that he had been elected a life member of the association in 1902.



BNSW Life Members Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

Elected:**Name:****Notes:****1903****Charles H. Barnes***

Secretary of the NSWBA from 1899 to 1902 and prominent interstate umpire from earliest years of interstate fixtures against Victoria and during the 1914 Giants-White Sox games.

Elected: **1908****Name:** **R.T. Kelly*****Notes:**

First appears as life member in 1908 report. Actual year of appointment not known, but may have been that year, as he presented the R.T. Kelly silver cup for establishment of a second-grade competition in 1907.

Elected: **1911****Name:** **Jame A. Minnett*****Notes:**

Was President of the NSWBA from 1909 to 1919. Life membership was conferred in June 1911, but he is not in the list of life members in the 1915 & 1916 annual reports. Annual reports are not available for the years 1917-19, but he was listed again from 1920.

Elected: **1920****Name:** **Edwin A. Tyler*****Notes:**

Petersham player from club's inception in 1900. First appears as a life member in 1920 which may well be the date of his election as he was Treasurer from 1907 to 1910 and secretary of the Association from 1911 until 1919.

Elected: **1923****Name:** **Albert C. Bain*****Notes:**

In 1918 managed the Bondi Club in the NSWBA winter, which maintained Waverley Oval for baseball and NSWBA when Waverley switched to the NSW National Baseball League's winter and summer competitions from 1915 to 1918.

Elected: **1927****Name:** **Harold G. Kilminster*****Notes:**

Was a prominent umpire, summer advocate, administrator with NSWNBL and NSWBA and chairman of the NSWBA executive committee in 1926.

Elected: **1929****Name:** **Frederick C. 'Pony' Young*****Notes:**

An American who played with St. George from 1914 Manager of Kellogg's (Australia) Ltd, till he returned to live in US in late 1920s and negotiated the visit of Multnomah Athletics in 1929.



BNSW Life Members Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

Elected: 1931

Name: James L. 'Jimmie' Searle*

Notes: Jimmy Searle was known as the 'Father of Baseball' in this state, initiated the formation of the Redfern Baseball Club in 1897 leading to the establishment in 1898 of the Metropolitan Baseball Association, due to his close association with cricketers in his sporting goods business. Umpired after playing days ended. Co-founder of Western Suburbs Churches Baseball Union in 1912, owner of Imperial Oval, Dulwich Hill during world war one and early twenties. Official coach of schoolboys in 1920s.

Elected: 1931

Name: David M. Angus*

Notes: Was a prominent umpire

Elected: 1934

Name: Thomas C. Bury*

Notes: NSWBA player, umpire and official. One of several brothers all playing baseball in the Leichhardt area. Became a summer baseball advocate, who managed National League NSW representative teams on interstate visits in early 1920s.

Elected: 1936

Name: Harold W. Turner*

Notes: If Jimmy Searle was the 'father', Harold W. 'Mum' Turner, as his nickname implies, was a veritable mother' to baseball, becoming involved in the game with the formation of the Petersham Club in 900, playing for and managing NSW teams. Secretary of NSWBA 1909, 1910, chairman of executive committee 1934,37 & 1941,43 before retiring. Designed J.C. Williamson Shield for 1908 US Fleet visit, editor of 'Baseball Weekly' and souvenir programmes for Stanford and Multnomah visits and the General Douglas Macarthur Cup series during World War II.

Elected: 1940

Name: Alfred B. Solomon*

Notes: NSWBA administrator and NSW team manager. Prominent umpire and Petersham official.

^ These life members appeared in the first annual report of the NSW Baseball Union for the year 1945 resulting from clause 27 (b) of the incoming Union's constitution adopted in February 1945 stating "The existing life members of the Allied Baseball Council shall automatically become Life Members of the NSW Baseball Union".

Elected: 1944

Name: Milton J. 'Jim' Chapman*[▲]

Notes: Was an official of the City Houses Association and heavily involved in the organisation of games with American servicemen during World War II.



BNSW Life Members Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

Elected:	1944
Name:	Bert McTaggart*^
Notes:	Began his baseball with Ewart Coo-ee club in late 1920s, official of the City Houses Association in the 1930s, Secretary of the Allied Baseball Council in 1944, initiator and first Secretary of the NSW Baseball Union from 1945 to 1956. Was Secretary of the Australian Baseball Council in 1958 and 1959. Bert returned as an official of Sydney Winter Baseball League after the controversial NSWBL switch to 'summer only Baseball' in 1973.
Elected:	1944
Name:	Jack Lambert*^
Notes:	Was a Leichhardt summer and winter player during first world war years and the 1920s. Represented NSW from 1921-25 & 1927-29, Australia against US Stanford University 1928 and US Multnomah 1929. He was a member of NSWBA Executive 1929-30 & 1933, delegate to ABC 1930, 1932, 33, 34, State Selector 1937 to 1940 and Vice President 1934 to 1944 Presented the Brother Lambert Shield for inter-association All Age competition.
Elected:	1944
Name:	Harold C. Steele*^
Notes:	First played in Western Suburbs Churches Union during World War I, then Dulwich Hill and Marrickville clubs, represented NSW and became administrator of NSW Association and NSWBA Secretary prior to and during World War II years.
Elected:	1944
Name:	Harold E. Kennett*^
Notes:	Player with Burwood, then Marrickville clubs, represented Australia against Stanford & Multnomah 1928/9 and captained NSW in early 1930s. Became an administrator of NSWBA till World War II.
Elected:	1944
Name:	Arthur P. Nichols*^
Notes:	City Houses Association official pre-world war II, first President of the NSW Baseball Union from 1945 to 1950. Brother to life member George J. Nichols.
Elected:	1948
Name:	Jack Mould*
Notes:	Prominent with University from World War I time and then Waverley club. Father of later NSWBU President and NSWBL Commissioner/life member G.C. 'Don' Mould.
Elected:	1950
Name:	Robert M. Anthony*
Notes:	Bob Anthony was an administrator from the 1930s till after World War II. A St George club player and official.



BNSW Life Members Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

Elected:	1951
Name:	Roland H. 'Roly' Pearce*
Notes:	'Roly' Pearce was an official of the NSW Baseball Union. One of the founders of Canterbury-Bankstown club. Father of NSW player and coach Albert Pearce.
Elected:	1956
Name:	George J. Nichols*
Notes:	City Houses player and years Treasurer of the NSW Baseball Union 1945-54 & 1961-3. Initiator of the travel scheme for Claxton Shield tours and carnivals. Brother to life member Arthur Nichols.
Elected:	1957
Name:	Archer Phillip Austin, BEM*
Notes:	Was a player in the 1920s that represented a National League NSW team against Victoria in Melbourne in 1922, then a lifetime involvement with St George club and St George Association.
Elected:	1959
Name:	Gordon Charles 'Don' Mould*
Notes:	Waverley and NSW player in 1930s, President of the NSW Baseball Union from 1951 to 1969, NSW Commissioner for Baseball 1970 to 1980 and President of the Australian Baseball Council/Federation from 1963 to 1975. Life member of Waverley club.
Elected:	1959
Name:	Alfred Emmerick*
Notes:	Alf Emmerick began playing baseball as a schoolboy in 1911 and became a long-time member and president of St George club. He represented NSW through the 1920s, Australia against Stanford and Multnomah and early 1930s continued his involvement in NSWBU administration from 1949 to 1960 as a selector at State and Australian levels. Father of NSW players Colin and Alan Emmerick.
Elected:	1962
Name:	Kenneth C. Gulliver, OAM*
Notes:	Mosman and NSW player in late 1930s through 1940s and then in administration. Life Member of Mosman club.
Elected:	1964
Name:	John B. Hollander, MBE*
Notes:	Lane Cove player in Northern Suburbs Association then coach and club Life Member of Lane Cove in Major League, Chairman of NSWBU Executive Committee from 1958, through the changeover to summer baseball when he switched to the Baulkham Hills club, till 1980. Became Commissioner for NSW Baseball from 1981 to 1986. NSW member/director of the Australian Baseball Council/Federation from 1963 to 1986 and life member.



BNSW Life Members Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

Elected:	1965
Name:	Jack P. Ross*
Notes:	Petersham player in 1930s, post-war official with Canterbury Bankstown, Chairman of Executive Committee of NSW Baseball Union from 1955 to 1957, assisting financially in Union's recovery from problems after disastrous night baseball trials.
Elected:	1967
Name:	Roy Vivian Crook*
Notes:	First played with the Dulwich Hill Club during World War I and administrator in W.S. Churches Union, then Bankstown-Sydenham Association and President of Metropolitan Baseball Association post world war II. Was Secretary of the NSW Baseball Union from 1957 to 1971.
Elected:	1969
Name:	Frank G. Stewart*
Notes:	Umpire from 1930s, President of NSW Umpires Association post world war II and President of St George club.
Elected:	1971
Name:	Cecil R. Kemp*
Notes:	Petersham and NSW player through the 1930s and non-playing captain coach in Claxton Shield 1950 to 1954, 1958 to 1967. Australian All Star selection as captain /coach 1951 to 1953 and 1963. Chairman of NSW Baseball Union Executive Committee from 1950 to 1955. Life Member of Petersham-Leichhardt Club.
Elected:	1976
Name:	Colin A. Emmerick
Notes:	St George and NSW player from 1940s to 60s, St George club administrator and life member. Son of life member Alf Emmerick, brother to Alan Emmerick.
Elected:	1976
Name:	Brian V. Davis*
Notes:	Marrickville player from 1945 to 1962, NSW Chrysler Cup representative 1955-56, Assistant Secretary of NSW Union 1963-69. Baseball journalist for SM Herald and AAP in 60s & 70s. As President of Auburn Baseball Club Ltd negotiated NSW government grant for floodlights and extensions to make Oriole Stadium Australia's first international standard playing field in 1980. NSWBL historian and author of 'Complete Book of Aussie Baseball'.
Elected:	1982
Name:	Harry Waddington*
Notes:	Player from Nestanglo in 1930s, player & administrator with Western Suburbs district club post war and later an official of Cumberland Association. Life Member of Cumberland Association and Western Suburbs and Auburn Clubs.



BNSW Life Members Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

Elected:	1984
Name:	Clifford Watson*
Notes:	Player from 1940s turned umpire and committeeman. Long standing Judiciary Chairman of NSWBL. NSW Commissioner for Baseball from 2000-2002
Elected:	1991
Name:	Barry Holland
Notes:	Canterbury-Bankstown and NSW representative before taking up accredited coaching position with NSW League. Pitching Coach of ABL's Sydney Storm in the late 1990s.
Elected:	1993
Name:	James Strickland*
Notes:	Son of City Houses and NSW pitcher of thirties James R. Strickland. NSWBL Secretary from 1983 to 2000.
Elected:	1994
Name:	Ken Douglass
Notes:	Played baseball with Balmoral and Lane Cove Clubs, then with Port Melbourne in Victoria, then on return to Sydney played with Lane Cove and then coach and administrator with the Baulkham Hills Club. Commissioner for NSW Baseball from 1989 – 2000 and is a Life Member of the Australian Baseball Federation, Port Melbourne and Baulkham Hills Clubs.
Elected:	1998
Name:	David Hill*
Notes:	Began a lifetime interest in baseball from the early 1900s following the Leichhardt Club. He became an umpire, but his involvement was difficult as his work as a merchant seaman kept him away for long periods. When he retired he continued his umpiring and attends all Annual meetings including the 1999 AGM at which he was elected a life member.
Elected:	1999
Name:	Peter Worboys
Notes:	Canterbury-Bankstown player, accredited coach and Development Officer with the NSWBL. Coached the Under 18 NSW state team
Elected:	2002
Name:	Cheryl Barnier
Notes:	President of the independent NSW Junior Baseball League.
Elected:	2005
Name:	Ian Lewis
Notes:	Devoted extensive time to CBNSW, now recognised as One Baseball NSW.



BNSW Life Members Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

Elected:	2005
Name:	Paul Birch
Notes:	Devoted extensive time to CBNSW, now recognised as One Baseball NSW.
Elected:	2005
Name:	Warren Williams
Notes:	Devoted extensive time to CBNSW, now recognised as One Baseball NSW.
Elected:	2008
Name:	Allan Parrot
Notes:	Devoted extensive time to CBNSW, now recognised as One Baseball NSW. Head Coach of Australian Provincial teams for many years and other Country teams.
Elected:	2008
Name:	Montague Alfred "Monty" Noble*
Notes:	A notable administrator in his era. Was President of the NSW Baseball Association for 21 years consecutively. Monty was an Australian cricketer in the summer and then a baseballer in the winter. (Posthumous Life Member)
Elected:	2014
Name:	John Pond
Notes:	A lifelong volunteer and Executive Assistant / Administration for various clubs.
Elected:	2014
Name:	David Balfour*
Notes:	Renowned throughout Australia's baseball landscape for his tireless work in raising awareness of the game – David always had the hunger to develop the game of baseball especially at grassroots level.
Elected:	2018
Name:	John Wingrove
Notes:	Part of a NSW Baseball family dynasty. Four generations have participated at the highest levels of baseball in our State. John is also a tireless member of the BNSW Country Committee who has been integral in keeping the country baseball ethos alive & well.