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Baseball New South Wales League Incorporated

75th Annual Report

Year Ending June 30th 2018

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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 2017 AGM
6. Matters Arising from the 2017 AGM
7. Review and Adoption of Financial Report (1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018)
8. Appointment of Auditor for 2018/19
9. Notices of Motion
10. Review and Adoption of 2017/18 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

Monday 22nd October 2018

Time: 7:00pm

Blacktown International Sports Park, AFL/Cricket Function Room,
GATE C, 81 Eastern Road Rooty Hill, NSW, 2766



NSW Board of Management

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

BNSW Board of Directors as at June 30th, 2018

<i>Member</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>
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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>
Mark Marino	Chief Executive Officer
Garry Everson	Coaching and Participation Manager
Grahame Cassel	Development Manager
Jason Pospishil	Head of High Performance and Baseball Operations
Jodi Napoli	Accounts Manager
Kerry Jackson	Competitions Manager
Michael Ibbotson	Participation and Facilities Manager
Pennie Jenkins	Office Manager
Tori Vella	Executive Assistant/Communication Manager
Travis McDonald	Player Development Officer



Presidents Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

I am pleased to report on another successful year for BNSW, one which the Board and Management have continued to focus on our strategic priorities. Our key achievements throughout the year have included:

- Successful NSW representative teams including: NSW Open Womens; NSW U16s; Hills Junior League & Cronulla Senior League. Additionally, we had 28 NSW players representing Australia in National teams, underlining the strength of our High Performance program
- Hosting high quality national and international events including U/16 and U/18 National youth championships, Korean professional team Doosan for pre-season training camp & the 2018 World Boys Tournament
- Continued growth in our Youth Women's Development programs
- Provincial Team travelling to Prague, Far North Coast joining BNSW
- Enhanced governance and member protection processes, aligning from clubs to Baseball Australia
- Significant progress on our new 3 year strategic plan which we will roll out in late 2018

This year we saw a number of changes to the BNSW Board and staff including the retirement of Ray Vercoe who had been a highly valued Board member for 10 years, including 4 years as President. Ray was appointed President in 2009 at a time when BNSW was facing significant challenges. Ray navigated these challenges exceptionally well with the 'One Baseball' strategy, setting the platform of organisational stability we enjoy today.

We have also welcomed two highly credentialed new Board members in Scott Tunkin and James Morley. Scott and James bring incremental skills to the Board and are both very passionate about the game.

We continue to foster strong relations with our key partners including Baseball Australia, Blacktown Venue Management, the NSW Government, Blacktown Council, NSW Sport and Rec. and most importantly each of the 165+ baseball clubs and their Associations. These relationships are highly valued and are critical to the success of baseball in our state.

The financial position of BNSW continues to strengthen, which allows us the flexibility to invest into the strategic priorities to further develop the sport and support our membership. This year saw BNSW make a surplus of \$55,638 and importantly our revenue base comprised 48% of non-capitation income which supports our objective to reduce the cost of playing the game for our membership.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Mark and the entire BNSW staff for their commitment, resilience and passion to serve our membership. The team works tirelessly to keep our game running as smoothly as possible, which is not always as easy as it sounds.

Lastly and most importantly, a special thank you to the hundreds of volunteers acting as coaches, umpires, scorers, committee members and parents, who are the lifeblood of our sport. Without you we would not have a sport.



Presidents Report

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Congratulations again to all of our stakeholders for a successful year and the entire Board looks forward to continuing to work with you to grow and enhance the sport of baseball in NSW over the next 12 months and beyond.

Yours in baseball,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Brasher', is positioned above the printed name.

Anthony Brasher -
Chairman Baseball New
South Wales



Chief Executive Officer Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

This past year has seen Baseball NSW actively re-investing back into our membership through various initiatives. We have looked to provide resources to clubs and associations to help deliver our sport effectively and efficiently as well as assisting in offsetting costs in many member participation, development, officiating and event areas.

Some of this investment has been in trialling a number of new enterprises to assist our membership in participation and administration of our sport. We have introduced a new Competition Management system over the Winter season and are continuing to implement this with a select number of associations throughout this Summer. BNSW are launching a dedicated application to help groups share and access relevant information through modern technology. Added to this application is a revamped website with greater ease of use and access to information and resources.

BNSW has also supported major events such as the 2018 World Boy's Tournament, the Senior Country Championships, the Provincial touring team to Prague, the NSW State League, the U16 and U18 National Youth Championships and the Junior and Senior League State Championships. To enhance the exposure and awareness of these events Baseball NSW have invested in a permanent video streaming system which can broadcast all events to the greater viewing audience.

One of our more successful initiatives has been the 'Try Baseball' events which we have actively promoted in partnership with many of our Associations. Baseball NSW also commercially supported these events through social media for greater exposure. Reported increased numbers in attendances at these events have been encouraging.

Our coaching development has also continued to grow with Garry Everson's enormous dedication to making sure we provide qualified and certified coaches within our clubs and associations. We have identified the 'coach/mentor' role as one of the most significant pillars of our sport and will aim to provide significant resources to ensure this is emphasised. Many associations have accessed our free Level One Courses for entry level members which has help encourage greater numbers among our coaching ranks. It has also been made very clear to us that there needs to be a more efficient method of assisting our members to gain their accreditations, so we are exploring an online system that will help facilitate this.

On the field Baseball NSW has enjoyed continued successes in a number of our development programs as outlined in our High Performance report. We are continuing to introduce these programs into our metro and country regions with increased participation in our male and female categories. Significantly, our development programs are considered amongst the best in the Nation with the implementation of advanced technologies at Blacktown International Sports Park. Much of this effort has been reflected in our National Tournament successes as well as our substantial National Team Representation.

To help with our 'grass roots' initiatives we have added staff to deliver on a number of our strategic objectives. Travis McDonald has been added to our Development staff, focusing on our Girl's/Women's, school and holiday camp programs. Tori Vella has been brought on board to manage our Communication Strategy tasked with keeping our stakeholders informed. We are actively working with Baseball Australia to develop an introductory Tee Ball Program which we believe will generate interest in 'new to sport' members



CEO Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc

Throughout the year has also seen a significant increase in our engagement with Federal, State and Local Governments. We have had numerous meetings with the Office of Sport and State/Local government about the direction of sport in NSW. Their support is integral in the development and retention of our facilities in a diminishing landscape which continues to be a challenge but one we are prepared for.

As many would be aware, the Sydney Blue Sox have taken on new management which is an exciting opportunity for our sport going forward. The passion and enthusiasm of the new licensee, Adam Dobb, will be welcomed by all baseball fans alike and I am personally eager to see our team be successful this coming season. I am sure we will see the best and brightest of our up and coming talent on display at Blacktown so come along and enjoy the game being played at its very best.

In closing I would like to thank my staff, the Baseball NSW Board of Management, the countless volunteers who coach, organise and officiate our great game as well as all of the families who help make this the greatest sporting community I know. Without you we could not enjoy the sport as we do.

Have a great year!

Mark Marino
CEO – Baseball NSW



High Performance Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

The High-Performance Program is constantly evolving as we continue to search for best practice methods to aid the development of all players involved within the relevant tiers of the High-Performance program. This past year has seen the implementation of a Women's Only High-Performance stream which we are extremely proud of and take pride in leading the country regarding Female Player Development.

With the addition of Travis McDonald on staff, we will now have the first staff member solely in charge of Women's HP Programs and Player Development in the country.

Another positive introduction was that of a consultative Sports Science Unit headed by Dr Jonathan Freeston whom we utilise to ensure current best practice methods are implemented in a safe manner for our athletes. Our Strength & Conditioning programs are compiled by Mr Stephen Smith who is currently employed by the New South Wales Institute of Sport and having the services of these well credentialed resources is a massive bonus to our programs.

The continuation of the 3-tier structure allows us to give as many players the opportunity to participate within a player development program and we will continue to offer the 3-tier structure into the future.

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

The High-Performance Program continued to include four different programs across the three tiers of players that we aim to contact on a HP level. The programs were as follows:

- HP Elite Program (National Team Focus)
- HP Player Development Program (Potential State Team Focus)
- HP Emerging Program (Skill Development Focus)
- HP Womens Player Development Program (Female Skills Development Focus)

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.

HP ELITE AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

77 players participated within the HP Elite and Player Development programs this year and included players selected for the Emeralds Program, National 15U Program, U16 and U18 State team players who were still eligible in 2019 plus selected athletes from the Junior league and Senior league State Championships.

The program comprised of two sessions per week for a 10-week timeframe and consisted of “tool” development programs such as Driveline Throwing and Hitting programs plus Strength & Conditioning programs aimed at helping our athletes develop strength and power. It also allowed those players successful for National Team selection to prepare for their relevant World Cup campaigns.

The program was a huge success and the testing report (Appendice A) shows the gains that we were able to achieve throughout the program in focused areas.

Players in the HP Elite and Player Development programs have access to some of the best coaches in the country and I would like to thank Nathan Wright, Garry Everson, Jason Dormor, Mark Shipley, Grahame Cassel, Brian Murphy, Adam Forbes, Brendon Bojarski, Max Brennen, Travis McDonald and



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Phil Hemmer for their dedication to our Player Development Programs. Shane Elvy also assisted in a Development Coach capacity and I thank him for his assistance with the program.

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

HP EMERGING PROGRAM

116 players participated in the HP Emerging program for 2018. 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: Michael O'Neill, Brook Russell, Stuart Munro, Grant Anderson, Rob Chessell, Stewart Gall, Fady Karam, Peter Worboys, Darryl Turnbull, Andrew Cooke, Trent Schmutter, Darren Cummings, Chris Swann, Matthew Forbes, Jarryd Manuel, Josh Bramley, Alex Johnson and John Gaynor.

HP WOMEN'S PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

We received 32 registrations for the HP Youth Women's Player Development program which is 24 more registrations than last year. Sadly, the proposed Open Women's Program was cancelled due to a lack of interest and the players who did register for the Open Women's Program were invited to take part in the Youth Women's Program.

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 and Individual Defensive skills.

I would like to thank the following coaches who contributed to the running and instruction of the program: Ashleigh Ross, Paul Bunker, Peter Huish, Murray Burgess and Phillip Gruppelar.

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.

SUPER SERIES PROGRAMS

Baseball NSW conducted the Super Series format across all three Little league 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.



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Baseball NSW would like to thank the Vikings Baseball Club and Chipping Norton Baseball Club 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: Josh Bramley, Travis McDonald, Peter Worboys, Darryl Turnbull, Andrew Cooke, Gary White, and Jack Dormor.

PRIVATE TUITION PROGRAM

Under the tutelage of Grahame Cassel, Baseball NSW has been able to provide private tuition and instruction daily throughout the course of the past year. On average, Grahame caters to a minimum of 5 players per week and sometimes as high as 10 players per week. 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 overlooking 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). We are currently in talks with Illawarra Sports High to resurrect the Baseball Program and provide another pathway for Illawarra juniors.

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. We have been fortunate to be joined by International Baseball consultant, Owen Reid for the past two school holiday periods conducting advanced camps for Division 1 players.

We are also just about to embark on our first combined tour taking a team to compete in the Singapore Turkey Tournament and endeavour to hold future tours in conjunction with Sports Camp across different parts of Asia.



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STATE TEAM REPORT – 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN WOMEN'S

NSW were crowned National Champions defeating Victoria in a fantastic game of Baseball. NSW finished a disappointing 7th out of seven teams competing in the National Championships. Our sincere thanks to the following coaches for the time and effort in preparing our teams for the National Championships: Scott Tabrett, Paul Bunker, Luke Eisenhauer, Chantelle Cornick, Ross Baker and Brendan Sheedy. Executive Officers were Breanna Donnellan and Melissa Faulks.



U/18'S

NSW Country finished a gallant 4th during the AYC while NSW slumped to their worst result in several campaigns finishing a disappointing 6th. Thanks, must go to our hard working and dedicated coaches who went to battle with our representative teams: Shane Summersford, Phil Hemmer, Lionel Harris, Adam Forbes, Ian Hook, Adam Szutowicz, Nick Zulomovski and Chris Brown. Our hard-working Executive Officers were Ian Bannon and Monique Ellison.

U/16'S

NSW were crowned National Champions, completing the tournament undefeated with an 11-0 record. They beat Victoria in the final in one of the best National Championship games in many years. NSW Country were dreadfully unlucky to miss out on the top 4 by a single run. NSW Country finished a gallant 6th at the end of the tournament. All our coaches are to be thanked for their tireless work ethic in preparing the teams: Scott Tunkin, Brendon Bojarski, Joshua Bramley, Craig Lewis, Terry Pearce, Sam Evatt, Scott Murray and Greg Allen. The Executive officers for their relevant teams were Michael O'Neill along with Carlene Bake-Smith.

YOUTH WOMENS

NSW were defeated by Victoria in the final 2-0 featuring two starting pitchers combining for 31 strikeouts. This was the 6th time in 7 years that NSW have made the Championship Game. NSW Country battled hard to finish in 4th place. We would like to recognise to the following coaches for their role within the two teams: Ashleigh Ross, Adam Szutowicz, Peter Neads, Peter Huish, Murray Burgess and Scott Bruton. Respective Executive officers were Anne Wilde and Sheree Fagan.

AWARD WINNERS

The following players are to be congratulated for winning their respective awards during the various National Championships in 2018:

U16 AYC MVP: Travis Bazzana

U16 AYC Hitting Award: Solomon Maguire

NWC Golden Arm: Breanna Donnellan

NWC Golden Glove: Olivia Bannon

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:





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MLB SPRING TRAINING TOUR

Travis Bazzana, Clayton Campbell, Blake Cavill, Rixon Wingrove (NSWC), Jake Burns, Dylan Martin, Caleb Shepherd, James Nati, Solomon Maguire: Ethan Stacy, Joshua Pearl, Aidan Torpey and James Boeree (NSWC).

MLB COLLEGE SHOWCASE TOUR

James Boeree (NSWC), Joshua Gessner and Kyle Glogoski.

MLB 14U SHOWCASE

Peter Bae, Cole Buck, Jye Burns, Stephen Courtney, Caden Crouch, Mackenzie dean, Harrison Dobb, Blake Gooding, Nathan Howarth, Thomas Jackson, Angus King, Aiden Miller, Zac Newbold, Joshua O'Brien, Jake Quinlivan, Tyler Spiteri and Tom Stancic.

Travis McDonald was also part of the Coaching Staff





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WOMENS WORLD CUP – USA

Olivia Bannon, Amy Collins, Brittany Hepburn, Tahnee Lovering, Kim McMillan, Laura Neads, Elodie O’Sullivan and Maddison Tabrett.

15U WORLD CUP – PANAMA

Jake Burns, Nicholas Chappell, Quinn Johnson, Solomon Maguire, James Nati, Alessandro Ranieri.

Brian Murphy was also part of the Coaching Staff.

Please see Appendix 2 Baseball Australia Report relating to NSW involvement in National related HP Programs as submitted by Glenn Williams - General Manager Team Australia.

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.

On behalf of Baseball NSW, we would like to thank the members for their continued support of the High-Performance portfolio and we look forward to continuing providing opportunities for our athletes.

Yours in Baseball
Jason Pospishil
Head of High Performance and Baseball Operations



Participation Report

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Each year BNSW strives to increase the exposure of baseball within the NSW school system. With schools having access to the ASC Sporting School Program funding, the number of baseball programs in schools has increased dramatically this year.

BNSW, along with BNSW delivery partners and independent coaches, have had the opportunity to run programs for almost 3000 students aged between 5 & 12. Further to this, schools and teachers have received resources and/or been upskilled to continue delivering the sport in the future without the assistance of program deliverers. Many programs are delivered in regional areas by independent accredited coaches.

To increase exposure further, BNSW has engaged with PCYC head office, with the goal to have accredited baseball coaches in all NSW PCYC centres. Not only with this enable more school programs to be delivered, it will increase the promotion of the sport within the surrounding communities of each respective PCYC centre. BNSW and PCYC are looking forward to developing this relationship and growing the exposure of baseball.

Exact numbers of programs delivered and students involved below;

- BNSW delivered programs to 7 different schools. 665 students
- Sports Kickstart delivered programs to 7 different schools. 480 students
- Overall, 29 schools have had programs run via sporting schools programs over NSW. 2890 students have taken part in these programs.

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

ROOKEIS CUP- Rookies Cup is a machine pitch tournament entered into by selected association teams, comprised of league age 8-10 year olds. 16 Rookies Cup teams entered this year's tournament. Each team played 4 games each and were able to meet Blue Sox player Vaughan Harris at the presentation.

LITTLE LEAGUE- 10 League Age 10/11 Year Old State Championship teams entered. Playing 5 games over 4 days. State Champions Cronulla Blue. 11 LL Major State Championship teams entered, 3 of which competed in the Country NSW LL pool. 5 of these teams played at National Championships in Lismore. State Champions Cronulla, CNSW Champions Illawarra. Ryde Nth, Manly and Hills qualified for Nationals.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE- 5 NSW charters ran IL with 3 teams entering the inaugural Intermediate League National Championships in Lismore. Macarthur, Manly and Ryde.

JUNIOR LEAGUE- 7 JL teams entered the State Championships, plus an additional 2 composite teams combined with Bankstown, Central Coast, Coffs Harbour, Hills and Illawarra players. 4 of these teams played at National Championships in Adelaide, State Champions Hills, Cronulla, Macarthur and Ryde. Hills National Champions def. Macarthur in final.

SENIOR LEAGUE- 8 SL teams entered the State Championship. 3 of these teams played at National Championships in Lismore, State Champions Hills, Cronulla and Newcastle. Cronulla National Champions.



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- 735 Players Participated in tournaments. 195 players participated in National Championships. 336 Coaches, EO's, Scorers and Umpires participated in NSW tournaments.
- BNSW would like to once again thank two volunteers for their major contributions, tournament umpire co-ordinator Marc Roberts and scorer's co-ordinator Kaye Cooper. Without their assistance and the assistance of all volunteers, these tournaments would not run nearly as efficiently nor would they provide the desired experience for all involved.
- BNSW would like to thank all organisations involved in hosting BNSW events;
 - Manly Warringah District Baseball Association for hosting Rookies Cup. The preparation and set up of 8 diamonds along with efficient canteen, made for a fantastic 1 day event.
 - BISP for hosting SL and JL. Thanks to Blacktown City Council and Blacktown Venue Management for provision and management of the facility. BNSW staff and volunteers involved for a 4 day, 17 team event.
 - Macarthur Baseball League for hosting LL at Milton Park. Hours and resources from volunteers to get facility prepared prior to and during event, along with excellent provision of food options, even to the extent of organising fireworks. 2nd year of running this massive event 21 teams over 4 days, thank you.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

STATE CUP- BNSW provided an opportunity for each association to enter teams into various age and ability based division of an inter association competition. 31 teams participated in the State Cup Competition. 10 Worboys Cup (10/11 yo), 10 Balfour Cup (11-13 yo) and 11 Shipley Cup (14-16 yo). Although the structure of this competition has continued to change each year, BNSW continues to look at providing associations and their members a platform for baseball beyond the club format that does not breach any LL regulations.

GAYNOR CUP- 44 junior female players participated in the inaugural Gaynor Cup. A similar number of junior female players will participate in the 2018 Gaynor Cup. The end goal is to continue providing opportunities specifically for female players, eventually leading to each association entering their own team/s into an all female inter association competition.

SUNDAY CLUB DAY- Each association was offered the opportunity for one club team to be nominated for this experience. 8 teams took up the allocated game dates to play a coach pitch game at Blue Sox stadium (on the main diamond) prior to each of the Sunday Blue Sox home games (except AYC Sunday game). BNSW staff facilitated the game and organised for teams meet Sox players, take photos and have autographs signed after coach pitch game. Each year, over 100, 8-10 year olds have a baseball experience they will not forget.

DELIVERY INITIATIVES

BNSW continues exploring ways to improve the baseball experience on and off the field for our members. A junior baseball strategic forum was attended by BNSW staff, along with many association and club delegates or representatives. BNSW cannot thank the attendees enough for volunteering



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their time, as this forum provided some very clear indicators that will lead the direction in many sections of the next BNSW Strategic Plan.

Coaching and Retention were flagged by the member representatives as two key areas that require more time, support and resources from BNSW. The Junior League Standing Committee, with the support of BNSW, in the short term will be implementing the following initiatives;

- In consultation with associations, a Culture and Perspective document was released for season 2018/19. Intent to have each club coach read document with players, supporters and coaches present, prior to their first game of the season. Document provided guidance relating to the expectations of each individual when attending baseball activities, with the desired result minimising negative experiences in our sport.
- In consultation with associations, mandatory Ground Officials will be present at all Junior club venues for season 2018/19. Ground officials will provide a means to manage any issues/incidents that arise off field and provide a recognisable contact point to assist in efficiently managing potential issues.
- In consultation with associations and NSWBUA, a coach behaviour management system will be put in place, to be utilised by younger or inexperienced officials for season 2019/20. Providing officials with a non-confrontational means to manage unacceptable coach behaviour will not only reduce the frequency of these incidents, but will also assist in the development and retention of officials. RHBL developed and tested this system with great success. BNSW supports and encourages any opportunity where ideas can be discussed and best practice can be shared.

Beyond these initiatives, BNSW and the JLSC will continue to discuss and develop any ideas that improve the baseball experience for all involved.

Sincerely,

Michael Ibbotson
Participation & Facilities Manager



Coaching Report

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COACH DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Over the past 12 months (of the last financial year) 30 coaching courses were offered to the BNSW membership which consisted of six Level Ones, thirteen Level Twos and eleven Level Threes.

Four of the offered Level Two courses were cancelled due to lack of support (no registrations).

The courses accommodated 290 people:

Courses	Males	Females
Level 1	43	14
Level 2	114	17
Level 3	96	6

Four courses, two Level 2 and two Level 3, were conducted in Country NSW at Tamworth, Port Macquarie, Newcastle and Coffs Harbour.

There have been no Level 4 coaching courses conducted, as this level is restricted to coaches involved at State and Australian involvement. Regardless of this, current Level 4 coaches are reaccredited, after completing the specific requirements.

There are a stalwart group of people who have delivered the courses, and I would very much like to thank Grant Anderson, Greg Dewick, Shane Elvy and Peter Worboys for their efforts. It would be remiss of me not to mention and thank Geordie McRae for his assistance, as and when he was able to do so.

Although the courses run efficiently, there is still some issue with the administrative side. Despite clear instructions, participants do not always complete the required pre-work paperwork prior to attending which creates a unnecessary follow up work – this is being looked at with a view to minimising this problem with future courses.

People are not registering as members of clubs, prior to attending, hence there is a delay in being able to update the database. Issues with the database itself have created a few challenges in being able to accurately update information, but this is being addressed and should not prove to be an issue moving forward.

Associations have been provided the opportunity to deliver their own Level 1 and Level 2 coaching courses, albeit with a few minor conditions, but none, that proper planning would hinder their ability to do so effectively.

There will be changes to the coach accreditation process in the foreseeable future, but until they are introduced the processes remain the same.

Specific pitching and catching coaching clinics have been delivered at several clubs who have asked for them. It is good to see clubs providing additional education for their coaches and players.

Coaching plays a very important role in every club. Coaches are usually the first contact most people have with any sport and it is important that our coaches understand and recognise the significant role they play in providing a quality experience for players (and parents).

Garry Everson
Coach Development



Country League Report

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NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY LEAGUE STANDING COMMITTEE ("CLSC") CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2018 has seen a further resurgence of baseball in Country areas. It has been fantastic to see baseball expanding back into regions such as Wagga Wagga, who sent a representative side to the Senior Championships for the first time in many years. The other exciting news is that Far North Coast Baseball Association (FNC), a region with a very proud and strong baseball history, has decided to join Baseball NSW and NSW Country.

JUNIORS

The NSW Country under 16 and under 18 team again performed well at the Australian National Championships at Blacktown. Both sides punched well above their weight against other States with much larger player depth.

In Little League, Illawarra triumphed at the State Country Championships and progressed to the National Championships in Lismore. The Newcastle Senior League side also made it to the National Championships and finished a creditable fifth.

Unfortunately, the strict rules imposed by the Little League model remains a concern for smaller Associations who struggle to satisfy the requirements in order to be eligible to participate in these Championships.

The NSW Junior Country Championships will be held at Belmont 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 showing the way. We envisage further improvement in team numbers and the strength of the championships with teams joining us from FNC in 2019.

SENIORS

The Men's A and B Division Country Championships were again held at Blacktown from the 10th to the 12th of August. There has been a consistent resurgence in interest in the championships by shifting them to August rather than at the end of the winter season. The standard in A and B division was the highest it has been in years. The venue again proved very popular with regional players who have never experienced playing on dedicated baseball fields under lights. The results mirrored last year with Illawarra winning A division, Newcastle winning B Division and Central Coast the under 18's title. Next year promises to be even stronger with the prospect of FNC and Cairns joining us to compete for the title of NSW Country Champions.

WOMEN

The Womens' Country Championships were again held at Newcastle. Three teams participating from Tamworth, Newcastle and Illawarra. Newcastle again took out the Championship. I would like to thank Peter Huish for his drive and commitment in travelling to regional areas to encourage and develop our emerging female players. This initiative is already bearing fruit with many new players taking up the sport.



Country League Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

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 (50th anniversary this year with 50 teams competing)
- Central Coast Baseball Association - Coasties Cup (25th anniversary next year)
- Toronto Tigers - Toronto Masters (21 years) and the Lake Macquarie games.
- Far North Coast Baseball Association - Timberjacks Junior Friendship Series (over 20 years old with 22 teams competing this year).

SENIORS DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

Following on from the program which was implemented 2 years ago, the NSW Country Bluesox touring side attended and won the Barrier Reef tournament in June 2018. The team then travelled on to Prague to compete in the Prague Baseball Week against professional sides from Europe and the USA. The tour was an outstanding success with the team narrowly missing the top 4, finishing a commendable 5th. The feedback from players has been tremendous with many expressing the desire to go again. We have been invited to both tournaments in 2020 and planning and player identification has already begun for this tour.

I would like to thank all of the coaching staff and players for being such great ambassadors for NSW Country. The tour would not have been the success it was without the tireless efforts of tour manager Allan Parrott and EO Stephanie Thompson. A strong succession plan will now be implemented involving Al and Steph to ensure the longevity of this wonderful program.

FINANCE

The CLSC has again performed well within the bounds of its limited budget. Our cost to Baseball NSW, relative to the income received from player subscriptions, is very modest. Our tournaments continue to be conducted on a cost neutral basis from the team fees charged and representative players also cover their own costs.

Following negotiations with BNSW two grant initiatives are now to be implemented from our budget to assist struggling Country Clubs and Associations with equipment and training.

CONCLUSION

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

We are all very excited by FNC becoming part of the NSW Country family and we welcome them with open arms.



Country League Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

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 for the extraordinary effort which he gives to his role.

The mutual respect, understanding and support which exist between our Associations is our strength. With further considered planning and a mutual resolve we will continue to see a resurgence of baseball in Country areas.

Bill Langler
CLSC Chairman



NSW Junior League Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

JUNIOR LEAGUE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The past 12 months has seen the Junior League Standing Committee take positive steps forward. The JLSC (Junior League Standing Committee) is committed to developing more junior players in the sport of baseball.

All Sydney Baseball Associations are represented at the JLSC meetings held once a month. This year the Associations are helping produce Marketing Strategies to grow Baseball as a sport. This will ensure that the Associations are helping maintain a positive approach within their Associations and retaining players and growing.

As we enter the next 12 months we must remain focused on our tasks at hand. We must continue to build strong relationships between Associations, Baseball NSW and our partners in the community. We must also continue to support our Volunteers and place more importance retaining them in the game of baseball. Retention is not only related to players, it applies to all coaches, managers, officials, volunteers and administrators in the game of baseball.

Some Associations have grown where others have not; we must unite as a committee to grow the game of Baseball. This committee must also unite in having competitions where all Associations are involved in both the competition, but also giving the parents an opportunity to be involved so they can have a fun time as well.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Associations and Baseball NSW for their continuous support of the JLSC. With so many opportunities ahead, I would like to wish the Associations a terrific 2018/19-year in their local areas for Club Baseball and a continuous growth in the years to come.

Clay Aldridge
JLSC Chairman
Baseball New South Wales



NSW Women's League Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

I would like to start with thanking the previous Committee members for all their hard work at getting the Woman's league to where it is today. To the current Committee and 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. 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

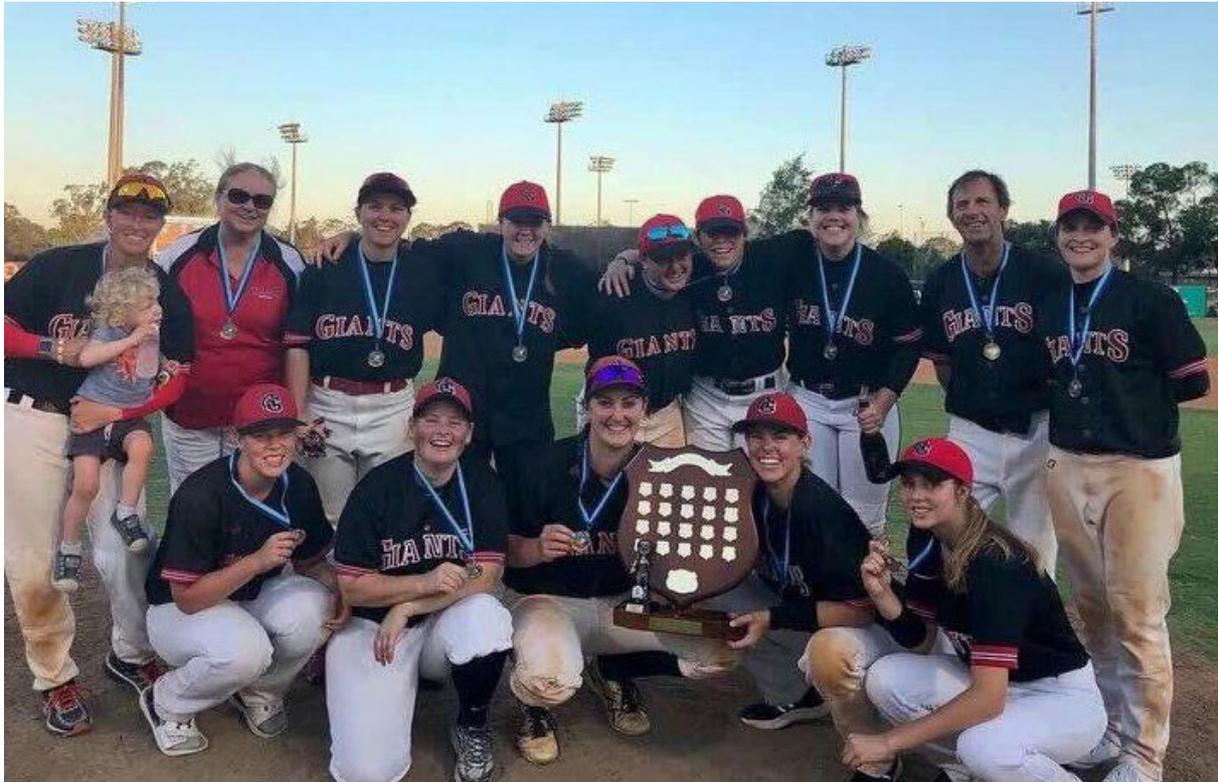
Without the continued support of all the Umpires we would not have a game so to all the loyal band of umpires that do the Woman's games a big thanks, what can be said about our Club score's that do a fantastic job each and every week recording a play by play account of what has occurred during the game from which they derive the statistics on each and every player 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.

17/18 SEASON

Congratulations to the Greenway club for taking out the double for 17/18 season in two hard fort grand finals, in B grade Greenway came over the top of Macarthur in the bottom off the seventh to win 17-16, A grade sore Greenway defeat Blacktown 10 to 5 in what was a close fort game until the depth of the Greenway came into play.



To all our Clubs and Player's thanks for a great season and congratulations on the way you have all played the game. The past season showed up were a few tweaks to the rules are required after we had one of our B grade finals go into the wee small hours of the morning.



18/19 SEASON

As we move forward to 18/19 season we have seen the loss of one first grade but an increase of two B grade sides giving as a net gain of one team so we now have a six team and eight team completion with no bye's which is a positive improvement. We have also attempted to standardise the rules with the men's just with some small specific clauses for the Woman's League.

Finally congratulations to all New South Wales Woman that represented Australia at the recent World Cup you have done us all proud.

Paul O'Neill
Chair NSWBL



NSW State League Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

The 2017-18 season once again provided an excellent standard of baseball in all grades.

The First Grade Premiership was taken out by Central Coast Marlins, who finished the regular season in second place and then defeated Minor Premiers Macarthur Orioles in both the Major Semi Final Series and then the Grand Final Series.

Rain affected the First-Grade playoffs resulting in the Grand Final being played a week later than the lower grade games.

The Marlins took Game 1 with a walk off single by Dan Rogers in the 10th innings.

Game 2 saw the Marlins come from behind when Damian Rutherford cleared the bases with a double in the 8th inning. Paul Anderson pitched a complete game to nail down the win and secure the Premiership for the Marlins.

FIRST GRADE GRAND FINAL – GAME 1

Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		R	H	E
Macarthur Orioles	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0		3	9	4
Central Coast Marlins	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		4	7	3

FIRST GRADE GRAND FINAL – GAME 2

Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Central Coast Marlins	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1		5	7	2
Macarthur Orioles	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0		2	10	0





NSW State League Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

The Second Grade Grand Final saw an excellent all-round effort from Cronulla to hold the Minor Premiers, Ryde Hawks to just 2 hits and an outstanding effort from MVP Max Mracovic to plate all three of the Cronulla runs.

SECOND GRADE GRAND FINAL

Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Ryde Hawks	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1	2	2
Cronulla Sharks	0	1	0	2	0	0	X				3	6	1



Baulkham Hills won the Grand Final after coming from 4th place in the regular season. An outstanding all-round performance from Andrew Lewis both at the plate and on the mound saw The Kookaburras come from behind to take the Premiership with a 4-1 victory.

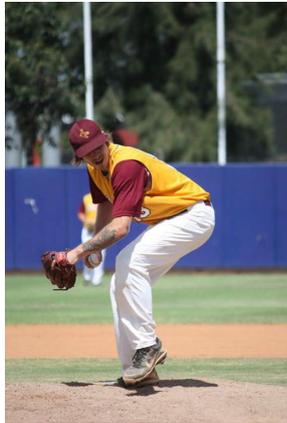
THIRD GRADE GRAND FINAL

Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Baulkham Hills	0	0	0	0	1	3	0				4	9	1
Macarthur Orioles	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1	4	5



NSW State League Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.



The Under 18 game provided one of the great comebacks. With one out and the bases empty in the top of the 7th, trailing 1-0, Manly dug deep and managed to score 3 runs in the innings. Then with the tying run at the plate in the bottom of the 7th, relief pitcher Aidan Torpey induced the double play to seal the win.

U18 GRAND FINAL

Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Manly Eagles	0	0	0	0	0	0	3				3	6	2
Cronulla	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1	3	3





NSW State League Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

The Don Mould Trophy for the Club Championship was won by the Macarthur Orioles.

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.

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. The future of the State League lies in the hands of the Clubs. They must continue to promote the game and encourage the younger players of today to become the State League players of tomorrow.

To all of the stakeholders above, I thank you for your efforts this season and look forward to planning the future success of our League and Baseball in general.

Kerry Jackson

State League Standing Committee
Competition Manager



Sydney Winter Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

2018 WINTER SEASON

The 2018 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 2018

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

Petersham took out the First Grade Premiership with a comfortable win over University of NSW in the Grand Final.

Scott Cone took out the Grand Final MVP with a complete game shutout. In the past 4 seasons Petersham have not given up a run, a truly magnificent effort.

First Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Uni of NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x		0	6	5
Petersham	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	3	x		10	14	1



Sydney Winter Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.



Sydney University came from 4th spot (on countback) to take out the Second Grade Premiership. Once again, the victory was on the back of outstanding pitching. Jarryd Stanley pitched 8 innings to take the MVP award, and then Wade Shipard closed out the game in the 9th.

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





Sydney Winter Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.



The Third Grade Grand Final proved an absolute nail biter. These clubs played 4 times during the season, with 2 runs being the biggest margin.

Jon Nicoll put in an MVP performance on the mound, pitching a complete game, and finishing off with the tying and winning runs on base.

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





Sydney Winter Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

This season we welcomed back Annette Zagalak to SWBL as she agreed to take on the role of President. It's great to have Zaggy back in the fold.

Congratulations to Petersham on their hosting of the Final Series. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by all concerned. Thanks also to Pirates for hosting the first week of semi-finals at Corbin.

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

The commitment of all members of the committee, Mel McFarland & 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.



Sydney Winter Report Cont.

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

SWBL PREMIERS 2018

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 2018

FIRST GRADE

MVP Grand Final	Scott Cone	Petersham	
Batting Award	Jaylin Rae	Petersham	
Pitching Award	Scott Cone	Petersham	
MVP Season	Max Brennen	Petersham	“Jack Rowley Trophy”

SECOND GRADE

MVP Grand Final	Jarryd Stanley	Sydney University	
Batting Award	Les Stockdale	Hawkesbury	
Pitching Award	Jarryd Stanley	Sydney University	
MVP Season	Sonny Butterworth	Sydney University	“Geoff Gorman Trophy”

THIRD GRADE

MVP Grand Final	Jon Nicoll	Sydney University	
Batting Award	Matt Gardner	Petersham	
Pitching Award	Josh Smith	Hawkesbury	
MVP Season	Gavin Morgan	Sydney University	“Jim Hall Trophy”

SWBL ROOKIE of the YEAR—“TERRY LEWIS TROPHY”

Jaylin Rae	Petersham
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NSW Scorers Association Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

NSW SCORERS REPORT 2017/2018

This year our scorers have had an exceptional year with scoring. Our association is thriving, and we have welcomed many new scorers to our rank particularly Little League Scorers.

We were involved with the following major tournaments:

1. Blue Sox
2. Nationals for Juniors U16's and U18's
3. U15 Girls Nationals
4. Women's Nationals
5. Little League, Junior League and Senior League
6. State League
7. Gala days for Juniors
8. School Boys Competition

We have accredited many scorers particularly from our juniors who score Little League. It would not be possible to accredit these scorers without the dedication of Sue McCullough, Jeanette Irwin and Fran Inkster and their wonderful teachers. All accreditation in NSW is governed by our body known as CABS (Council of Australian Baseball Scorers).

We are teaching scoring to beginner scorers in the different association to help the standard to improve at park ball level. Each association has elect a "Scoring Coordinator" who are teaching the basics from Tee-Ball to Live Ball and funnelling scorers to our accreditations clinics. This has resulted in many scorers achieving their accreditation. Also, Game Changer is here to stay. Wonderful effort by the scorers of Little League, Junior League and Senior League with a 100% games uploaded at time of play.

Some of our senior scorers have been selected to participate in Nationals in Sydney for U16's and U18's and to travel to the Geelong for the U15's girls and Women's competition. We also attended Nationals for Little League, Junior League and Senior League. All reports from these Nationals have had favourably report on the standard of NSW Scoring and all our scorers seems to have had a wonderful time and made friends and learnt different tasked to make their scoring more enjoyable.

Finally, I would like to thank NSW Baseball, NSW Umpires and the different association for acknowledging that scorers do have a place in Baseball in Australia.

Kaye Cooper
President
Scorers Association



NSW Umpires Association Report

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING REPORT

Every so often, the Umpire Association comes across an individual who is willing to not only participate and join others on the field but to also extend this through to teaching the art of umpiring to others so that others can enjoy our sport as well.

NSW has been fortunate to enjoy a number of these people who give their time on an ongoing basis as an Instructor. These people are recognised by Baseball Australia as having not only the ability to execute our skills on the field, and manage games at the highest levels, but also be able to impart this knowledge to others. There is less than a handful of Instructors in NSW, but the leader of this group and the gentleman responsible for Umpire Development across the entire state of NSW at all levels of baseball for the last five years is Trent Thomas. This year, Trent stepped down from his role as the State Director of Umpiring to focus on other aspects of his life, and to his on-field game as well.

Trent has been a friend and mentor to many of us, and the Association has enjoyed the benefits of his knowledge and generosity of time for many years. I am extremely grateful for all of his guidance, and for his ongoing advice as I attempt to step into his shoes as the new SDU for NSW.

Our sport is going through unprecedented change and for the better. The explosive growth of Little League and its associated programs has driven significant demand on all resources in our sport. The previous resources, programs and structures of development were not designed to support this; while we also have additional complexity in NSW with our customer's demands reaching from Port Macquarie through to Sydney and all the way down to Wagga Wagga. The requests for umpiring education and development aren't simply restricted just to Little League either, as people need to know how to officiate from a Tball game in the morning through to Little League before lunch then through to a traditional senior baseball game in the afternoon.

To cater for this, we have worked together with Baseball Australia to develop a new program that provides us with a program that is repeatable, and deliverable across the state in rapid time. The program is largely based on the new Umpire Development Program from BA, however, our ability to scale this out has been enabled through the additional financial support from Baseball NSW, and I'd like to thank BNSW's CEO, Mark Marino for his support of our initiatives.

Structurally, I have initially nominated a few umpires from a number of geographies in Sydney and other areas of NSW that have been tasked with the delivery of these programs. These members are mentors to those in their respective regions who want to start officiating and allow us to deliver education that is relevant and localised, and the local Association have a central point of contact back into our Association to represent their needs. This shift of empowering people locally hasn't been without its challenges, and I'll continue to review the structure and it's staffing, and the program itself so that we are delivering the right development at the right time by the right people.

For the last 20 or so years, there has been a written exam with some 160 questions that people must pass in order to gain Association Level accreditation. For the first time, this is now online and allows people to do the theoretical component in their own time and gives them a certificate of accreditation within minutes of their passing the exam. We are the first to do this nationally and I'm pleased that other states are now following from our lead and are using this system as well. We're also extending this for the basic course that we offer which gives the students tangible recognition of their achievement which has historically been lacking.



NSW Umpires Association Report Cont. New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

As with most changes, there are some who embrace it, some who don't care either way, and some who resist and challenge because they like the status quo. I don't pretend that the changes will cater for all our needs on Day 1, or that it will be perfect, but I do believe that we're stepping in the right direction for our sport in its entirety in the long run and we've taken some significant steps forward over the last year in this regard.

For those that have embraced the change, thank you for your support.

Since the last AGM, NSWBUA has delivered four Level 1 courses, including Blacktown, Bonnet Bay, Coffs Harbour and Wagga Wagga with the main 2018 course due in mid-July. We've also conducted seven Level 0 (now Community) courses since May '17 covering 125 students in just those courses alone.

On top of all this, there is 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.

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.

On the international stage, Riley Barrington continues to impress with his second appointment to a WBSC World Cup, closely followed by Ben Nash who worked at the U15 World Cup Qualifications in New Zealand, and also Keith Layman who was recently appointed to work at the Cal Ripken tournament. Keith is the first Australian to be appointed to this tournament. Congratulations all!

We are also excited to follow the umpiring career of Connor Casey. Connor attended the five-week Minor League Umpire School earlier this year along with his father, Rob, and brother, Ryan. At the completion of the School, Connor was asked to attend the Advance Class and on recent reports looks like it is very promising that he will be offered a job in Minor League Baseball. We wish Connor all the very best in this endeavour.

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.

Matt Carter
Baseball NSW Director of Umpiring



NSW Umpires Association Report Cont. New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

2018 NSWBUA SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our sport is going through unprecedented growth in the area of little League and this has increased the overall demand for umpires, although we have seen a small increase in umpire numbers working State League and Women's League games for the first time in a number of years, but the umpire fraternity still has room to grow.

The association still has a number of challengers ahead and the executive committee will need to continue to develop strategies which will;

1. Increase the active membership of the association.
2. Continue to increase the support in developing junior and senior umpires by targeting ex-players of all ages including thoughts who no longer are playing baseball and still wish to be involved.
3. Continue to provide mentoring for junior tournament umpires.

NSWBUA has been able to secure funding from BNSW, these funds have been used to purchase development kits for our local association where mentors under the guidance of the state director of umpires have been appointed to assist in delivering the BA community-based umpiring course, giving participants the knowledge and skills to start umpiring Tee/Ball, Zooka & soft toss.

Our association is proud to advise we were well represented at the Australian Youth Championships at BISP in January, the Women's Nationals held in Geelong over Easter as well as Junior League, Senior League and Little League National Tournament during May June.

I would also like to congratulate two of our umpires for their appointments to WSBC championships.

Riley Barrington – U/14 WSBC in Taiwan (Sept 17)

Ben Nash – U/12 WSBC regional championships in NZ (Jan 18)

Riley Barrington – U/15 WSBC in Panama (Aug 18)

Finally, I would like to thank Baseball NSW for their support, the executive of NSWBUA committee for their tireless work and I wish the incoming committee continued success in future.

John Bailey
Hon. Secretary

2017-18 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

UNDER 18

Minor Premiers: Baulkham Hills

Premiers: Manly Eagles

Batting Champion:

Jaylin Rae—Manly Eagles - BA .500

Pitcher of the Year:

Ky Jackson – Baulkham Hills

Most Valuable Player Under 18's for the 2017 Season.

Aidan Torpey—Manly Eagles

Most Valuable Player – Grand Final

Josh Gessner—Manly Eagles

THIRD GRADE

Minor Premiers: Macarthur Orioles

Premiers: Baulkham Hills

Batting Champion:

Karl Colman—Macarthur Orioles— Batting Ave. 522

Pitcher of the Year:

Daniel Cruise—Vikings

Most Valuable Player Third Grade for the 2017 Season.

Wade Shipard—Macarthur Orioles

Most Valuable Player—Grand Final.

Andrew Lewis—Baulkham Hills

SECOND GRADE

Minor Premiers: Ryde Hawks

Premiers: Cronulla Sharks

Batting Champion:

Scott Podmore—Vikings – Batting Ave .500

Pitcher of the Year:

Chris Rofe – Baulkham Hills

Most Valuable Player Second Grade for the 2017 Season.

Jesse Lynch—Macarthur Orioles

Most Valuable Player – Grand Final

Max Mrakovcic—Cronulla Sharks

FIRST GRADE

Minor Premiers: Macarthur Orioles

Premiers: Central Coast Marlins

Batting Champion

Coco Johnson—Macarthur Orioles – Batting Ave .474

Pitcher of the Year:

Jeremy Gendlek – Macarthur Orioles

Rookie of the Year – Voted by the Clubs

Luis Gonzalez—Manly Eagles

Most Valuable Player – Grand Final

Damian Rutherford—Central Coast Marlins.

Don Mould Trophy – Club Championship

Macarthur Orioles

2017 1st Grade MVP and Winner of the Lionel Harris Medal

Matthew Helms—Macarthur Orioles



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.



Baseball NSW Life Members

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.

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



Life Members Continued:

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- 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.



Life Members Continued:

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.



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Life Members Continued:

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.



Life Members Continued:

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.



Life Members Continued:

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.



Life Members Continued:

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- 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.



Appendix 1:

New South Wales Baseball League Inc.



BASEBALL NSW HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

A high-performance training program was delivered by Baseball NSW (June-August, 2018) and evaluated by Dr Jonathan Freeston from The University of Sydney.

METHOD

The program consisted of baseball-specific and strength and conditioning activities twice per week for eight weeks. Athletes were assessed for the following variables before and after the program: height and weight, throwing velocity, 60 yd sprint times, 1.2km run, maximum bodyweight chin-ups, broad jump, and right and left medicine ball rotation throw.

RESULTS

Excellent overall improvements were observed for throwing velocity (3.8%), 1.2km run time (9%), chin ups (16%) and broad jump (7.3%). No significant changes were observed for 60 Yd time or medicine ball rotation throw.

FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for future programs include (1) a continued focus on velocity development and Strength and Conditioning programs as delivered in the current program, (2) exploration of training methods to improve 60 yd sprint times and rotational power, (3) inclusion of exit velocity assessments in pre and post testing, (4) individualised programs targeting specific areas of developmental need for each athlete.

Table1: Summary of performance results pre and post training

High Performance Program 2018

Testing Results



	Pre	Post	Change	% Change
Height (m)	1.78	1.79	0.01	0.4
Weight (kg)	74.3	75.6	1.4	1.8
Throw Velo (mph)	77.3	80.2	2.9	3.8
Chin-Ups	6.3	7.3	1.0	15.9
1.2km (sec)	322	292	-29.5	-9.2
60 Yd (sec)	7.47	7.61	0.14	1.9
Broad Jump (m)	2.16	2.32	0.16	7.3
Med Ball Left (kph)	32.1	32.2	0.1	0.3
Med Ball Right (kph)	32.4	32.5	0.1	0.4

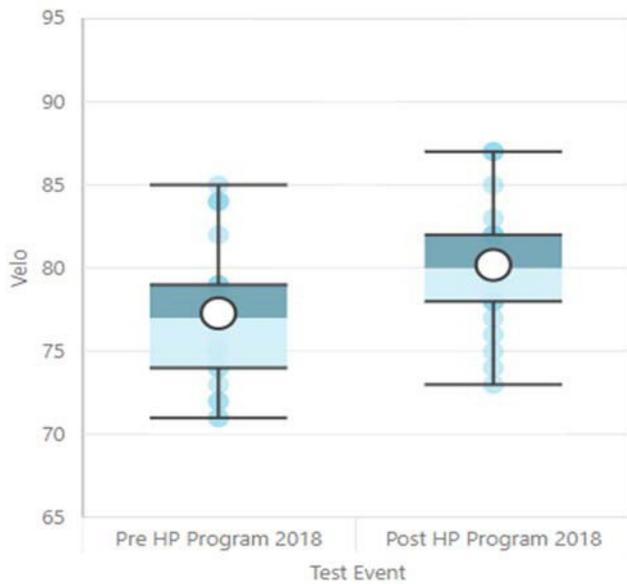


Fig 1: Throwing Velocity Pre and Post Training

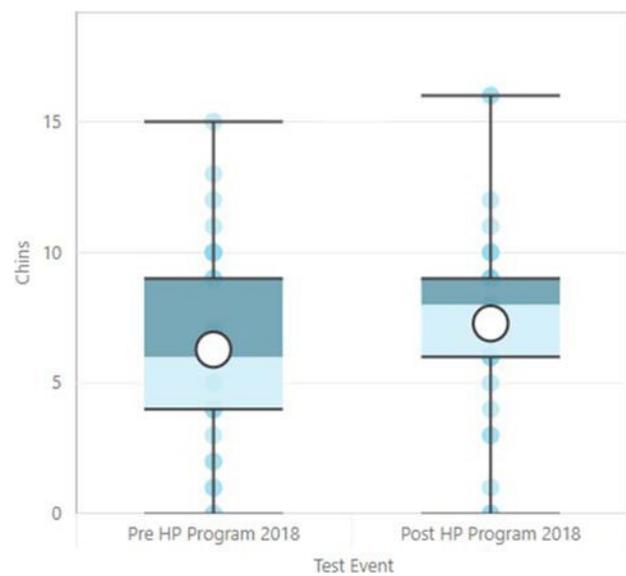


Fig 2: Max Chin-ups Pre and Post Training

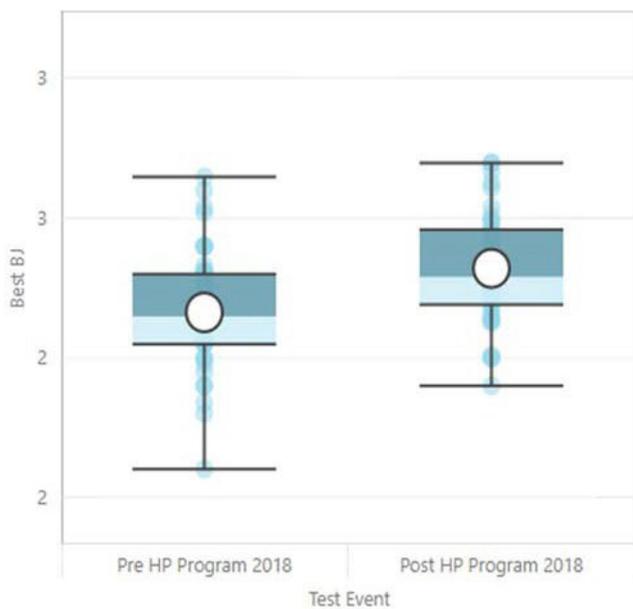


Fig 3: Broad Jump Pre and Post Training

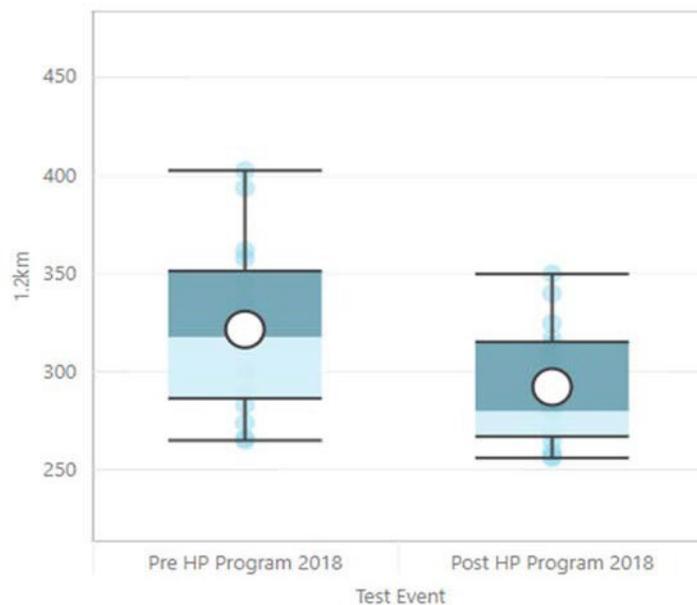


Fig 4: 1.2km Run Pre and Post Training

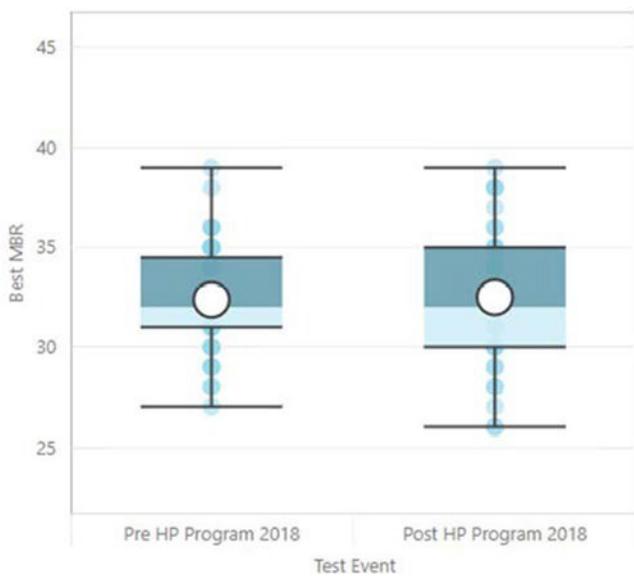


Fig 5: Med Ball Right Throw Pre and Post Training

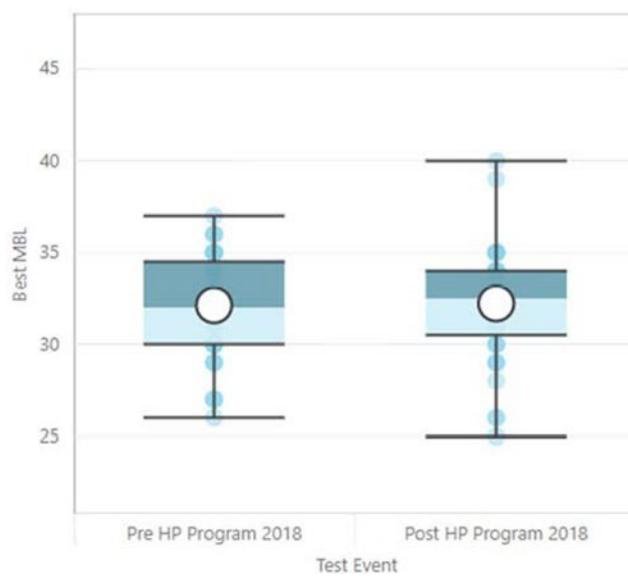


Fig 6: Med Ball Left Throw Pre and Post Training

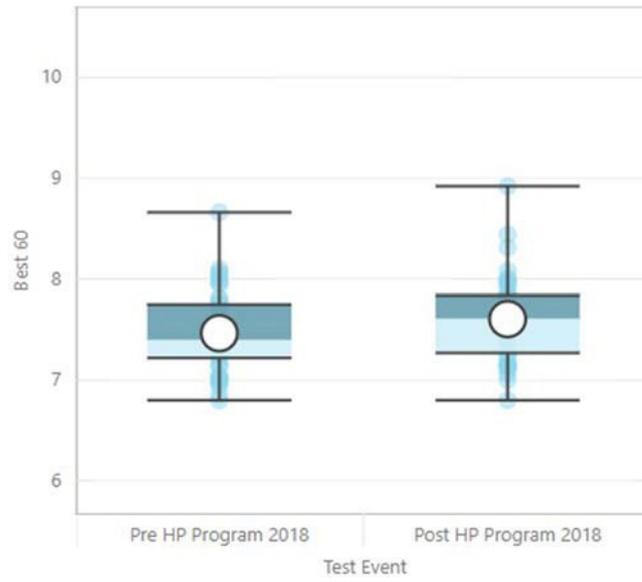


Fig 7: 60 Yd Sprint Time Pre and Post Training

Appendix 2:



Re- BNSW Contribution to Team Australia 2017/18

Dear Mark and Jason,

Thank you once again for your continued support of Team Australia programming over the last 12 months. The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) World Ranking system puts a major emphasis on the performance of junior national teams in World Cup events. The work that happens in state programs on the identification, development and preparation of this athlete group is something Baseball Australia (BA) views with high importance. The contributions and support from BNSW in this regard has been excellent. Something that the National Team program and the athletes involved have benefitted from.

BNSW athletes have been heavily involved in National Team programming for the 2017/18 period with the following NSW athletes representing;

- 2017 18U World Cup –
 - Rixon Wingrove
 - Nic Anderson-Vine
 - Jacob Amos
 - Liam Holm
 - Coen Wynne – withdrew due to college
- 2017 Yomiuri Cup –
 - Travis Bazzana
 - Blake Cavill
 - Dylan Clarke
 - Dylan Martin
 - Liam McCallum
 - Josh Pearl
 - Tom Pellow
- 2018 15U BCO Qualifier –
 - Jake Burns
 - Solomon Maguire
 - Jimmy Nati
 - Nick Chappell
 - Brent Iredale
 - Parker Robinson
- 15U World Cup –
 - Jake Burns
 - Nick Chappell
 - Quinn Johnson
 - Solomon Maguire
 - Jimmy Nati
 - Alex Ranieri
 - Parker Robinson



These players were worthy contributors to the junior national team programs whose efforts at World Cup events helped improve Australia's World Ranking to all time high of 7th in the world. As you will be aware the Premier 12 tournament in 2019 is the first qualification event for the 2020 Olympic games. These efforts have all but stamped Australia's ticket to the event.

There were many excellent individual contributions on the field of these athletes across all of these events. Of as much importance was the way these athletes conducted themselves. We hold the behaviour of these athletes to a very high standard and I am pleased to report that the NSW athletes all carried themselves extremely well and represented Australia and NSW to a very high standard.

It would be remiss of me not to make mention the programs we run to aid in individual development. In collaboration with MLB, BA hosted two events where NSW athletes were again major contributors.

- 2017 MLB 14U Invitational –athletes aged 13 and 14 attended a training camp in Lismore. 16 of the 64 athletes who were selected for this camp were NSW athletes. The performance metrics for this NSW athlete group was particularly impressive with;
 - 7 / 10 top running times by NSW athletes (60-yard sprint)
 - 5 / 10 top throwing velocities by NSW athletes
 - 6 / 10 top hitting exit speed velocities from NSW athletes
- 2018 Spring Training Tour – replacing the MLBAAP program, the squad of 30 players spent 10 days in Phoenix, AZ competing against college and professional programs. 13 of the 30 athletes were from NSW.

These events are designed to allow athletes to showcase their tools on the international stage and leverage pathways opportunities available to them. Opportunity is one thing; however, the athletes need to possess the tools that the college and professional organisation evaluators are seeking. This takes a tremendous amount of hard work and effort from a number of different areas. Clubs and associations play a major part in this development, as does the guidance and support shown by BNSW programs. I am sure this is something the athlete group appreciate.

The second iteration of the MLB 14U Invitational was an improvement over its predecessor. Our ability to capture data using latest technology is something that will be a major advantage we will have in developing young athletes. With the support of Jason and Dr Jonathan Freeston, the testing and implementation of this technology has been beneficial. I am looking forward to the continued collaboration between BA and BNSW on the technology front. Something that will be beneficial for both organisations and in turn the athletes within it.



Thank you once again for your continued support for NSW athletes and their pursuit for National team representation and individual pathway pursuits. I look forward to continued work with BNSW.

Kind Regards,

Glenn Williams
General Manager – Team Australia



New South Wales Baseball Inc.
ABN 56 568 633 609

Financial Report

for the Period ended 30 June 2018

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NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2018

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of New South Wales Baseball Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Anthony Brasher - chairperson	Re-elected 18 October 2016
Ray Vercoe	Resigned 17 October 2017
Therese Philibossian	Re-elected 18 October 2016
Ross Morrison	Re-elected 17 October 2017
Peter Worboys	Re-elected 17 October 2017
Karl Hardman	Re-appointed November 2016
Roger Powell	Re-appointed November 2017
Scott Tunkin	Elected 17 October 2017
James Morley	Appointed February 2018

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the league during the financial period were to conduct, encourage, promote, advance and administer the sport of baseball for its members.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The surplus after providing for income tax for the 2018 financial year amounted to \$35,638.

After Balance Date Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial period which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the league, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the league in the future financial years other than the uncertainty of the financial effects on the league resulting from the current global economic recession and its effect on current and future membership capitation fee income, which cannot be reliably determined at the date of preparation of this report.

Future Developments

The league expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely developments in the league responsibilities and operations.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Information on Management Committee Members

Name	Qualifications	Responsibility
Anthony Brasher	B Comm, MBA, CA	Chairman, Baseball Australia, ABL
Ray Vercoe	B. Marketing	Resigned
Therese Philibossian	RN, RM, B Soc Sc, Grad Dip Bus Stud, M Ed (Adult Ed), Cert IV (Workplace Training & Assessing), Cert IV (Frontline Managers), JP	Country League, Junior League
Ross Morrison		Participation, Umpires, Scorers
Peter Worboys		State League, Minor League, Winter League
Karl Hardman	ABA	Finance, Asset Management
Roger Powell	FAICD, FAIM	Commercial, Governance, Special Projects & Events
Scott Tunkin	B Comm, MBA	High Performance, Technical Committee
James Morley	MLLP Employment law, B.Ec (Soc Sci)	Legal, Women's League

Meeting of Management Committee

Anthony Brasher	8 / 8
Ray Vercoe	3 / 3
Roger Powell	2 / 8
Peter Worboys	8 / 8
Therese Philibossian	6 / 8
Karl Hardman	6 / 8
Ross Morrison	7 / 8
Scott Tunkin	2 / 4
James Morley	1 / 2

Indemnifying Officers or Auditors

Baseball Australia provides officers professional indemnity insurance cover as part of their formalised capitation fee and insurance programs with the league. No indemnities have been given or insurances paid during or since the end of the financial period, for the auditor of the league.

Proceedings on Behalf of the League

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the league or intervene in any proceedings to which the league is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the league for all or any part of proceedings. The league was not part to any such proceedings during the period.

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



.....
Anthony Brasher



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Karl Hardman

Dated this day of 2018

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
INCOME			
Member Receipts		636,549	677,461
Grants Received		116,000	129,200
Events & Competitions		282,546	298,833
Ground Hire		88,040	68,229
Interest received		4,968	4,710
Sales & Other Income		197,055	202,890
		<u>1,325,159</u>	<u>1,381,323</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Administration and other expenses		118,209	136,860
Audit fees		5,400	5,150
Bank charges & Interest Costs		2,550	2,108
Depreciation expense		11,741	10,392
Development & Country Costs		153,027	124,478
Employee remuneration and associated costs		606,623	625,662
Events & Competitions		165,652	120,454
Facility and Ground Hire		122,935	131,941
Purchases		103,383	80,088
		<u>1,289,520</u>	<u>1,237,133</u>
Current year surplus before income tax		35,638	144,190
Income tax expense		-	-
Net current year surplus		<u>35,638</u>	<u>144,190</u>
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		417,317	273,127
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>452,955</u>	<u>417,317</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	251,506	220,863
Financial Assets	3	300,000	300,000
Trade and Other Receivables	4	96,619	123,759
Inventories	5	2,090	-
Other assets	6	5,090	14,619
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		655,304	659,241
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	91,792	27,025
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		91,792	27,025
TOTAL ASSETS		747,096	686,266
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	8	188,734	193,384
Employee provisions	9	51,319	48,307
Other	10	54,088	27,257
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		294,141	268,948
NET ASSETS		452,955	417,318
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Opening Surplus		417,317	273,127
Current Year Surplus		35,638	144,190
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		452,955	417,317

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITY			
Receipts from registrations and affiliations		636,549	677,461
Operating grants received		116,000	129,200
Coaching clinics and accreditation		282,547	298,833
Other operating revenue		528,112	476,133
Interest received		4,968	4,710
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,461,023)	(1,354,147)
Net cash provided by operating activities		107,152	232,190
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of investment		-	(300,000)
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(76,510)	(16,814)
Net cash used in investing activities		(76,510)	(316,814)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD			
		30,642	(84,624)
Cash at Beginning of Year		220,863	305,487
Cast at End of Year		251,505	220,863

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Framework

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act NSW. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

Statement of Compliance

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act NSW, the basis of accounting specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101: *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107: *Cash Flow Statements*, AASB 108: *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, AASB 1031: *Materiality* and AASB 1054: *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs. They do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

a. Income Tax

The committee have self-assessed the Association to be exempt from income tax due to its non-profit status and having its main purpose as being the encouragement of the sport of Baseball.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are as follows:

Class of Fixed Assets	Depreciation Rate
Leasehold improvement	13 %
Office Furniture & Equipment	5 % – 66.6 %

c. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

d. Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

e. 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 are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

f. **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

g. **Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

h. **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

i. **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 assets and liabilities statement.

j. **Financial Assets**

Investments in financial assets are initially recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value, which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through an equity reserve.

k. **Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

Accounts payable 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 that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

l. **Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and current replacement cost.

Inventories acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, are valued at the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition.

m. **Prior Year Comparatives**

The prior year comparatives have been updated to only account for income in accordance with AASB 118: Revenue. Funds received which were forwarded onto Baseball Australia have been excluded as have funds received for the operation of tours for which New South Wales Baseball receives no financial benefit or carries a financial risk.

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 2: CASH	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	251,436	219,639
Cash on Hand	70	1,224
	<u>251,506</u>	<u>220,863</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 3: FINANCIAL ASSETS	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Term Deposits	300,000	300,000
	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Contributions (members) receivable	106,619	135,107
Less Provision for Bad Debts	(10,000)	(12,815)
	<u>96,619</u>	<u>122,292</u>
Other Debtors		1,467
	<u>96,619</u>	<u>123,759</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 5: INVENTORIES	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Stock on Hand – Canteen	2,090	-
	<u>2,090</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 6: OTHER ASSETS	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Prepayments	5,090	14,619
	<u>5,090</u>	<u>14,619</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Leasehold improvements	67,535	19,945
Less accumulated depreciation	(9,883)	(4,071)
	<u>57,652</u>	<u>15,874</u>
Office Furniture & Equipment	86,231	57,312
Less accumulated depreciation	(52,091)	(46,161)
	<u>34,140</u>	<u>11,151</u>
	<u>91,792</u>	<u>27,025</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 8: TRADE AND OTHER CREDITORS	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Trade Creditors	85,744	102,784
Other Creditors	61,867	58,855
Funds held for sub clubs	41,123	31,745
	<u>188,734</u>	<u>193,384</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 9: EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Provision for Annual Leave	51,319	48,307
	<u>51,319</u>	<u>48,307</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 10: OTHER LIABILITIES	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Accrued Expenses	54,088	27,257
	<u>54,088</u>	<u>27,257</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 11: LEASING COMMITMENTS

The property at Blacktown Olympic Centre is secured under a Deed of Licence with a twenty one-year term (commenced May 2002), with rent payable monthly in 6 monthly in arrears. Rent payments are determined by a Management Agreement incorporating a contribution fee of \$25,000 per annum plus an incentive fee based on the revenue of NSW Baseball Inc.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 12: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

The Committee are not aware of any contingent liabilities or contingent assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 13: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

The Committee are not aware of any events occurring after the reporting date that would materially affect the financial position of the Association.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 14: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A Memorandum of Understanding exists between New South Wales Baseball League Inc. and the Australian Baseball League (ABL) regarding the funding for the operation of the Sydney BlueSox.

Bulk funding was provided to allow NSW Baseball to conduct the following activities on behalf of the Sydney BlueSox:

Gameday expenses; Per Diems; Coaches, EO & Physio; Advertising & Marketing; Office Expenses; Meetings, Meals & entertainment; Staff Travel Expenses (inc EO); & Occupancy Expenses (Venue Rent)

All funding is acquitted to the ABL via supply of applicable tax invoices.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 15: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The principal place of business and registered office of the league is;

New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated

81 Eastern Road

Rooty Hill NSW 2766

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

The Committee has determined that the league is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 6 to 10:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of The Association as at 30 June 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



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Anthony Brasher



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Karl Hardman

Dated this 4th day of October 2018



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INC

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of New South Wales Baseball League Inc. (the association), which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2018, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2018 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the New South Wales Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

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 Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the New South Wales Associations Incorporation Act 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the New South Wales Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL
LEAGUE INC

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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.



Matthew Edwards CPA

Registered Company Auditor 461719

PDD Advisory Group

Short St, PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444

Dated this *JK* day of *October* 2018

