



The Pitch

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BNSW COVID-19 Announcement & Resource page

Don't forget that Baseball NSW have put all the latest COVID-19 announcements and resources into one easy to locate place.

It can be found on the Baseball NSW website and is updated whenever there is new news and update.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)



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Recognising Hard Work

BNSW Monthly Award Nominees



Coaches:

Tobias Groos - Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club

Tobi has been training LL Minors Div 1 and Div 2 teams, though is the game day coach for the Div 1 team. He is like a father figure for the group, caring, guiding them and as a father would. He is competitive but gives all the boys opportunities to field in all positions or even pitch. Some wish to not bat or pitch first and does not pressure them to do so. Also, he is the club Vice President, and work extremely hard and cares for the club. With all this volunteering and the added pressure of being self-employed, I am not surprised he was experiencing a period of exhaustion. The Div 1 team is in the Grand Final and he's been making an extra effort to help them succeed.

Cale Bain - West Boomers

Cale has been a tireless manager for our Dragons (Boomers) team. Cale is the registrar, coach, and manager. But more importantly an amazing mentor and role model for our team. Always patient and encouraging exemplary behaviour and inclusiveness.

Chris Johnson - North Ryde Rams

Chris' leadership and commitment to coaching all kids are demonstrated throughout the season. Chris has taught the kids how to win, to lose, and to come back when the chips are down. Chris has also shown all the kids how to be a leader to act appropriately and how to be courageous in the face of fear and all adversity.

Chris's motivation and encouragement have made an enormous difference in the team this year!

Joel Berg - Penrith Baseball Club

Gives all his time to the kids. Treats all the kids with respect and gives equal opportunity to all kids no matter what their capabilities are for game time. He is kind and considerate. Always fair. Gives lifts to kids to and from the game if parents are unable to take them. Genuinely, a top human being.

David Crook - Rouse Hill Wildcats - (G3 Bobcats)

Dave is always the first to arrive and last to leave. Brings the esky with beers for the team each week and took up coaching as he is unable to play anymore due to his knee.

Shaun Bowen - Penrith Baseball Club

Goes above and beyond to get games played. From president to coach to umpiring to scoring to groundsman Shaun Bowen does it all.

Andrew Tillet - Cronulla

Tirelessly continues to contribute to all aspects of a players development. Coaching children not only to be better players but better people. Andrews greatest gift is his empathy. A worthy recipient of any such award.

David Dixon - St George Junior Baseball

Dave is so knowledgeable and passionate about the game and is so patient with our T-ball team. Great coach.

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Jack Mavlian - St George Junior Baseball

Jack is so committed to training our kids, he is passionate about helping the kids to improve each week.

Mark Lenton - North Ryde

Mark is coaching the North Ryde Senior league and the Black Ryde Junior league team. He has put an enormous effort in training plan for the kids. His motto is have fun while learning. He is a great coach.

Scorers:

Kim Robertson - Blacktown Workers Baseball Club

Kim is always available to help scorers within the club and other clubs too. She will sit and explain in easy-to-understand words.

Kerrie Raymond - Shoalhaven Mariners Baseball Association

Kerrie is so inspiring and fun, but down to the business when the scorers' books come out. Fantastic example to all of us!

Laurel Godbold - Penrith Baseball Club

Pretty sure she has scored almost every grade game since the start of majors.

Liz Andrews - Central Coast Bears Baseball Club

Turns up week in and week out will do extra games whenever required without a second guess.

Natalie North - Rouse Hill Wildcats

It's never a problem for Natalie, always friendly and informative.

Renae Simpson - Illawong Marlins Baseball Club

Countless hours volunteered over the years in support of the club, scoring and looking after the teams she is involved with. A worthy recipient for years of dedication to the sport, and teaching others about scoring.

There are always parents to volunteer at children's games but it's a different story at seniors games. Each week Renee turns up to score for its team. Renee does an amazing job at scoring and with a good nature handles any team members questions about her scoring and their stats. Renee is an absolute gem and one our team could not take the field without.

Volunteers:

Sheree Fagan - Blacktown Workers Baseball Club

Sheree works tirelessly for women's baseball. She is the VP for the club and is always organising games and equipment. She is at every game either playing, organising, supporting or running the canteen.

Sheree Fagan - Blacktown Workers Women's Baseball

Sheree has been outstanding in organising the 3 teams. Uniforms, gala days etc. She makes sure everyone involved is kept up to date. Worth her weight in gold. A real asset to the club.

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Nick Sardelich - Blacktown Workers Baseball Club

Nick is always the first one to the diamond and the last one to leave. Always the first to put his hand up to help volunteer his time with either coaching, umpiring, helping prepare the diamond and anything in between. We thank you Nick.

Henry Twadell - Eastern Suburbs Dolphins

Henry is on the field almost daily. Cutting the grass, doing the lines, setting up batting tunnels and so much more. Even when we host other clubs, Henry is there to ensure the grounds are top class.

Shaun Bowen - Penrith Baseball Club

Shaun dedicates enormous amounts of his time to the club and to help out coaching and guiding the children.

He has spent many hours fixing grounds over the last month due to weather, he has also had to be the president.

Shaun has been the coach of the women's team, a junior team and the president of Penrith. Shaun dedicates so much time and effort to Penrith that just once his efforts should be noticed by all. Penrith appreciates everything that Shaun puts into the club week in week out.

Paul Riddle - Penrith Baseball Club

The junior Vice President for Penrith, Paul was instrumental in the success of the season, from coaching to Facebook page updates, to mowing the diamonds on a Friday. He is always helping the club and we need more Paul's involved!

Aaron Muxlow - Central Coast Bears Baseball

Lives for the club, whether it be coaching, umpire, canteen, organisation of stuff, he is there.

Kellie Green - Penrith Baseball Club

She is dedicated and generous.

Shaz Clouten - Gosford Pirates

Shaz has been a tireless worker for Gosford Pirates scoring between 2 or 3 senior games a week plus coaching and training t-ballers working in the canteen more than deserves her nomination.

Kaitlyn Beccaris - St George Junior Baseball

Kaitlyn is our club secretary, she coaches some of our baseball teams, she knows everyone in the club and takes a genuine interest in the young players and gives up her weekend to come and watch our junior games. Kaitlyn is such a dedicated volunteer for our club and is greatly appreciated.

Joanne Lowe - Illawong Marlins Baseball Club

Jo is involved in the smooth running of Illawarra Marlins every week. She is either in the canteen, setting up or packing up the last game of the day. She is a fund-raising ticket seller and is always the first to put her hand up to volunteer for anything. She also helps to pick up and drop off our boys so they can attend training throughout the week.

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Kim Robertson - All Clubs

I see Kim helping out in the Canteen at State League all the time. She is one of the quiet ones who jumps in and lends a hand anywhere.

Matt Watson - Castle Hill Knights Baseball Club

Give up many hours per week for his junior club, association and state programs, preparing, maintaining and unlocking fields. Puts in hours getting into Sydney winter, which gives hills juniors another pathway in the winter competition alongside Quakers Hill.

Cathy Bedford - Plumpton Braves

Cathy continues to work hard for the club and is EO of a team coach of another and merchandise manager she spends lots of time making sure the kids and seniors can play and have fun.

Paul Williams - Gosford Pirates Baseball Club

Paul Williams is the Club President. Paul works tirelessly behind the scenes. Leading his committee through the summer season. He also coaches, umpires, player, father, grounds person. Mom game days you often find Paul the first one to arrive and the last one to leave. Paul also assists his wife Arwen in setting up the canteen for both Junior and Senior. Paul is very passionate and committed to his Pirate family.

Ainslee Coyle - Greenway Giants Baseball Club

Ainslee works tirelessly as the juniors coordinator with her husband, Steve managing registrations, teams, uniforms + the Greenway canteen. Cooking food & buying all the food plus manning it on Fridays & Saturday's home games for the club. It's extraordinary how much time she puts in. I Hope Ainslee gets recognised.

Joe Weller - Forest Baseball Club

A tireless worker for our club with recent examples including spending three consecutive days after the recent storms working on fields to ensure Grand Finals were played. Backed that up with another three days straight to ensure junior and IL state titles could proceed. He has no vested interest (IE kids playing) just does it for the good of the game. Outstanding human.

Kellie Smith - Central Coast Marlins

Kellie has been amazing organising our LL state champs team whisky keeping up with Shauns constant changes.

Recognising Hard Work

Dave Nannes – Greenway Giants



Dave is VP of Greenway and is heavily involved in running the club, umpiring (seniors and juniors), he runs ground maintenance, runs ground setup at some ungodly hour on a Saturday morning, organises and hosts junior tournaments at Greenway (Greenies Cup and others) and then oversees the functioning of the tournament days and participates in running the canteen.

Does anything and everything for the club. Always available. For example, spent days getting grounds ready for the grand final. Does so much for the club.

He is the heart and soul of the club, as they're helping, setting up the grounds.

Does great work for the club.

Dedication and commitment to the club.

He is a coach, umpire and deputy president of the club. Every weekend at the club from 6am.

Committed work in support of the whole club.

This man is relentless with his work around the diamonds and everywhere else. He is a machine and doesn't seem to sleep as he is always available to support the club.

He is the best.

David's tireless efforts in all competitions is astounding. A role model for kids, a dedicated player and teammate and in his spare time, is on the committee.

For the way he generously gives his time to the club, its members and the association.

Taking on many roles within Greenway Giants club as well as RHBL. Within Greenway, always make sure the kids can play on the weekend as ground coordinator, as well as Vice President and coach of the Majors team. For Ryde, works tirelessly as an All-Star coach and treasurer.



Devotion to the club in developing players new to the game. Preparation of playing fields. Club President.

Going above and beyond for all.

David has been instrumental in both junior and senior baseball for many years.

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Dave Nannes – Greenway Giants



His devotion to the club and fellow players is exemplary. He is a great role model.

Outstanding support for our club.

Dave is a tireless volunteer for the club, looking after grounds, umpiring, coaching, and even playing.

Outstanding volunteer across both junior and senior baseball members (male and female) growing the game of baseball in the hills and Ryde district.

Dave has shown tireless dedication to the Club, volunteering to do whatever is needed from grounds to the canteen and everything in-between. At the same time, he is dedicated to our young athletes as a coach for the club and has also volunteered to Ryde to coach the LL rep team (without any of his kids playing).

David has been a stalwart of our club. Involved in every facet of the club from ground sleeping to vice predefined duties. He has lead from the front.

Great club man, spends endless hours ensuring the smooth running of the club.

Dave gives up most of his weekends along with weeknights, coaching, umpiring, running the

club... grounds setups... where do you finish? Our club wouldn't run like it does without his tireless efforts.

Committee VP, Div1 Coach, Rep Coach, Adult Coach and Player, Umpire, Tireless early morning and late evening work getting grounds prepped and playable for all games at Greenway even after heavy rain. Just to name a few. Leads by example.

Dave is a classic all-rounder. Grounds to be done, umpiring, running the club.... no issues for this fantastic person.

Umpires. Coaches. Does ground set up. Vice President. Seniors' co-ordination. He does it all.

David spends a great deal of time and effort volunteering his time to help ensure the greenway club runs smoothly and everything is in place and ready for the kids to play.

Dave often umpired for my son's Rookie Live games and he was so supportive and encouraging to both teams and helped the kids learn from their mistakes. He was always fair, clear, and good-spirited.



BNSW Game Day Pics 2021 April entries



Photo by Nisha Bock - 'Morris and Aleyah. Best friends at school.. rivals on the field!!! Mets vs Royals'



Photo by Jenni Murdoch - 'The moment you realise - You are going to the GRAND FINAL!'



Photo by Jennifer Hill - 'Catch like a girl'



Photo by Kaydee Willmott - 'Greatest Cheerleader'



Photo by Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club - 'Grand Final Feels'



Photo by Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club - 'Premier Smiles'



Photo by Christie Weber - 'It's scary stuff catching fly balls'



Photo by Christine Lord - 'Steal Home'



Photo by Rebecca Ricketts - 'Just Warming Up'



Photo by Photo by Michelle Buhler - 'Avoiding a pickoff on first'

Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

A huge thank you to our nominees and all your hard work. We value all our members and it is for that reason we want to see more of YOU being acknowledged for all your hard work, all year round! Keep the comments and nominations coming in!

To vote for someone who
deserves recognition [CLICK HERE](#)

Coach: Chris Johnson
(North Ryde Rams)

Volunteer: David Nannes (Greenway
Giants Baseball Club)

Scorer: Renae Simpson (Illawong
Marlins Baseball Club)

Monthly Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our
#NSWGameDayPic winner this month.
'Greatest Cheerleader' which was
Photo #6 Photo by Kaydee Willmott

Entries are now open for next month's
#BNSWGameDayPics.

Send in your favourite photo through
Facebook Inbox to be in with a chance
to win!



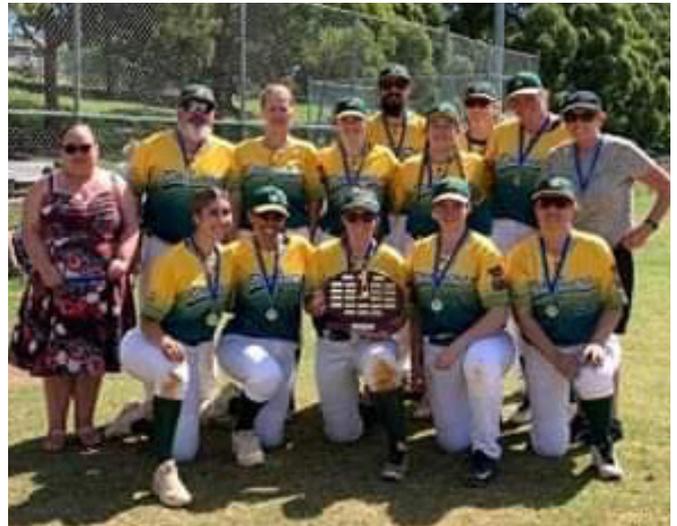
State and Womens League Grand Finals Update

The State and Women's League competitions for 2020/21 has come to an end, and weren't we treated to some outstanding baseball in the respective Grand Finals.

Congratulations to Greenway Giants for taking out the Women's 1st Grade competition, and newcomers, West Sydney Boomers going undefeated to claim the Women's 2nd Grade.

On the State League side of things, Macarthur squeaked home in the U18 competition in what was a riveting game to kick off the Grand Finals. Blacktown Workers were dominant in their performance claiming 3rd Grade, with Baulkham Hills equally emphatic walking away with the 2nd Grade trophy.

In what could on be described as a quite sensational fightback, Blacktown Workers were crowned 1st Grade Champions by edging past Baulkham Hills in game 3 of the series. If the 2021-22 competitions are anything like the season just gone, we'll be bound to the edge of our seats. One thing is for sure – we can't wait next season.



Women's 2nd Grade Champions - West Sydney Boomers



Heidi O'Neill (left), Laura Neads (rights)

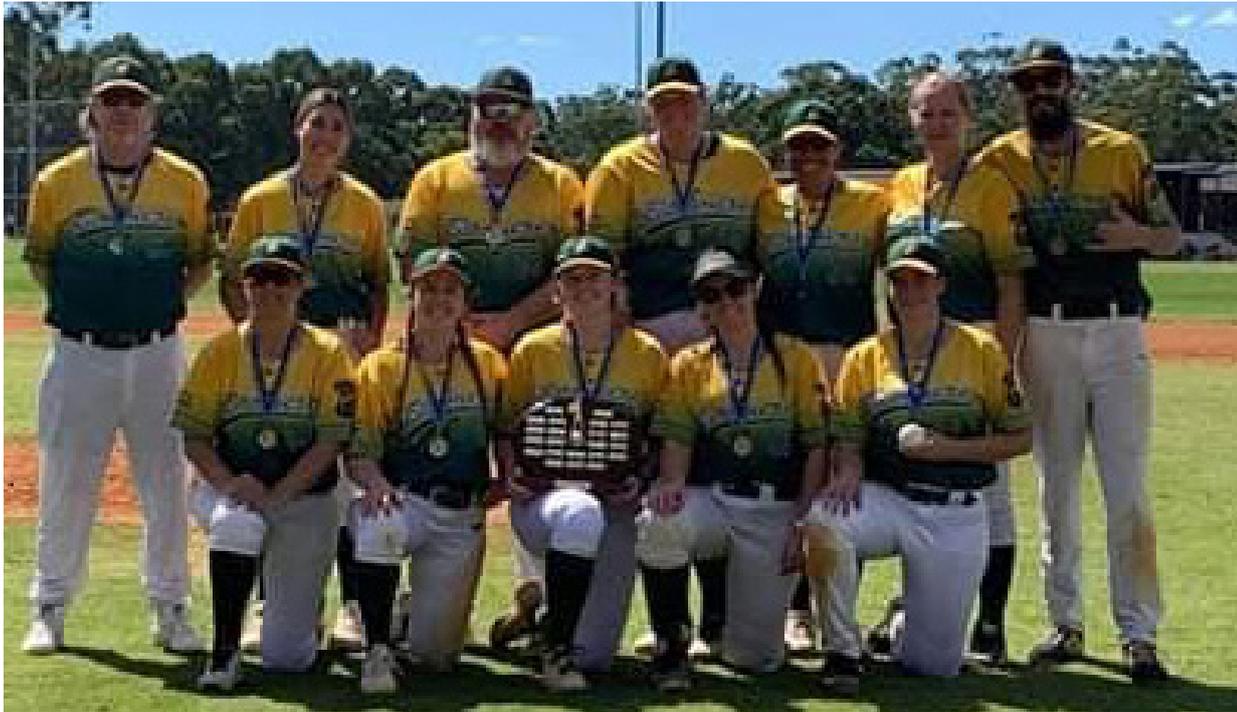
State and Womens League Grand Finals Results

Women's League 1st Grade			
	Greenway (5)		Blacktown (2)
Women's League 2nd Grade			
	West Sydney Boomers (10)		Cronulla (0)
State League 1st Grade (Game 1)			
	Blacktown (7)		Baulkham Hills (1)
State League 1st Grade (Game 2)			
	Baulkham Hills (7)		Blacktown (2)
State League 1st Grade (Game 3)			
	Blacktown (6)		Baulkham Hills (5)

State and Womens League Grand Finals Results

State League 2nd Grade			
	Baulkham Hills (11)		Manly (1)
State League 3rd Grade			
	Blacktown (10)		Baulkham Hills (1)
State League U18			
	Macarthur (6)		Blacktown (5)

State and Women's League 2021 Grand Final Pics



State League 2nd Grade Champions - West Sydney Boomers

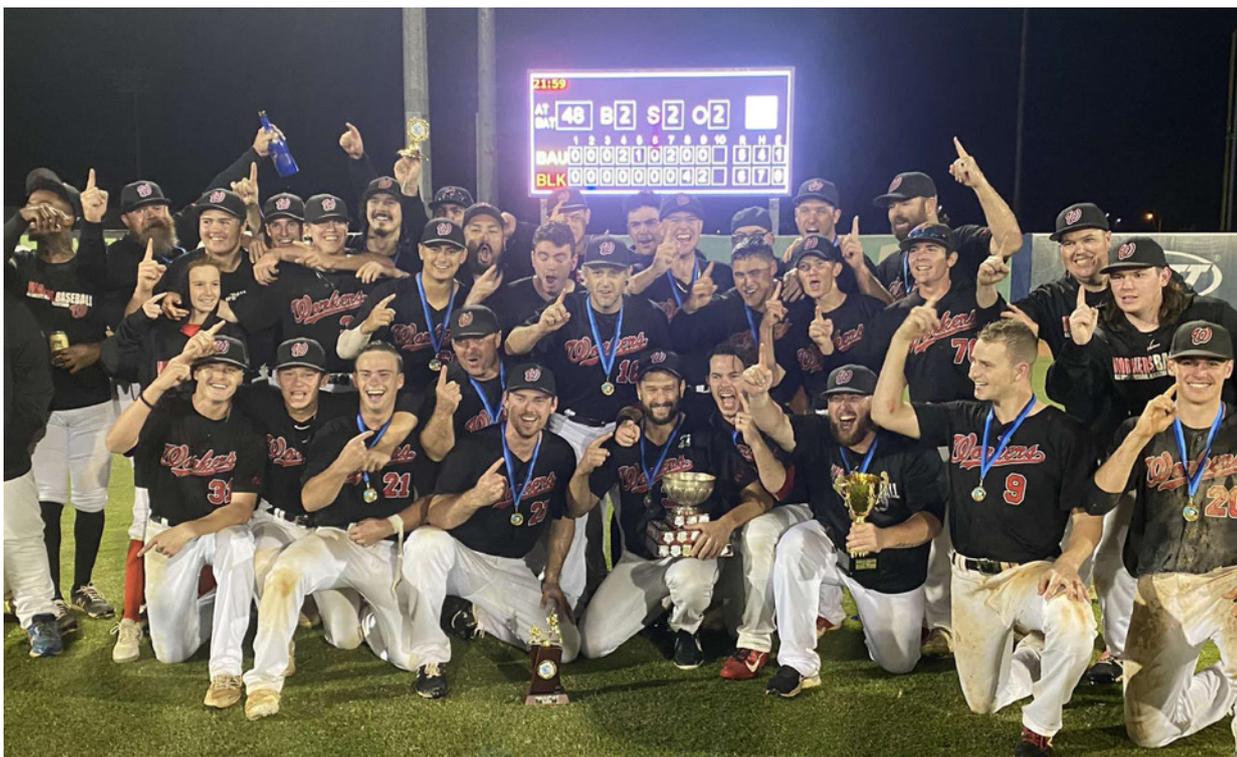


Women's League 2nd Grade Grand Final - Boomers vs Cronulla.

State and Women's League 2021 Grand Final Pics



Women's League 1st Grade Champions - Greenway Giants



State League 1st Grade Champions - Blacktown

State League Award Winners

State League U18

Premiers	Macarthur Orioles
Minor Premiers	Macarthur Orioles
Pitcher of the Year	Lachlan Brook - Macarthur Orioles
Batting Champion	Nikhalesh Chowdhury - Greater Western
MVP Grand Final	Sam Jackson - Macarthur Orioles
MVP	Josh Beezley - Manly

State League 3rd Grade

Premiers	Blacktown Workers
Minor Premiers	Baulkham Hills
Pitcher of the Year	Brendan Johnson - Cronulla
Batting Champion	Thomas Ely - Greater Western
MVP Grand Final	Aaron Stephens - Blacktown Workers
MVP	Daniel Fullham - Macarthur Orioles

State League 2nd Grade

Premiers	Baulkham Hills
Minor Premiers	Baulkham Hills
Pitcher of the Year	Leo Matsuo - Manly
Batting Champion	Stephen Courtney - Baulkham Hills
MVP Grand Final	Stephen Courtney - Baulkham Hills
MVP	Tom Roberts - Baulkham Hills

State League 1st Grade

Premiers	Blacktown Workers
Minor Premiers	Baulkham Hills
Pitcher of the Year	Matt Rae - Blacktown Workers
Batting Champion	Travis Bazzana - Ryde Hawks
	Josh Dean - Cronulla
Rookie of the Year	Quinn Johnson - Macarthur Orioles
MVP Grand Final	Josh Guyer - Blacktown Workers

State League Award Winners

Manager of the Year

Phil Hemmer - Baulkham Hills

State League All-Star Team

Shayne Fogorty - Macarthur Orioles	Starting Pitcher
Tom Stancic - Baulkham Hills	Relief Pitcher
Quinn Johnson - Macarthur Orioles	Catcher
Matt Bennett - Baulkham Hills	1st Base
Jacob Younis - Baulkham Hills	2nd Base
Brent Iredale - Blacktown Workers	3rd Base
Travis Bazzana - Ryde Hawks	Short Stop
Chet Robinson - Central Coast Marlins	Left Field
David Kandilas - Canterbury Vikings	Centre Field
Michael Campbell - Central Coast Marlins	Right Field
Blake Cavill - Cronulla	DH

State League Club Championship

Baulkham Hills

State League - 1st Grade MVP

Josh Dean - Cronulla **Lionel Harris Medal**

State League Service Recognition

Brendan Kingman

Matt O'Neill

Matt Bennett

Womens League Award Winners

Women's League 2nd Grade

Premiers	West Sydney Boomers
Minor Premiers	West Sydney Boomers
Batting Champion	Rachelle Gutteridge - West Sydney Boomers
Golden Arm	Olivia Jackson - West Sydney Boomers
Rookie of the Year	Indiana Brown - Manly
MVP Grand Final	Olivia Jackson - West Sydney Boomers
MVP	Heidi O'Neill - Greenway Giants

Women's League 1st Grade

Premiers	Greenway Giants
Minor Premiers	Greenway Giants
Batting Champion	Laura Neads - Greenway Giants
Golden Arm	Laura Neads - Greenway Giants
Rookie of the Year	Jessica Scott - Baulkham Hills
MVP Grand Final	Laura Neads - Greenway Giants
MVP	Bec Ings - Baulkham Hills

Scorer of the Year

Janine Hunt

Volunteer of the Year

Robyn Turton

Umpire of the Year

Jason Spurway

Spotlight!

Simon Egan, Manly Seaside



Simon has been a coach and a player at Manly Seaside for years. He has coached at club and representative level for Manly.

Last month Simon achieved a rare accomplishment... Two Grand Finals in a day!

On 27 March he coached his Junior League side in the Grand Final then rushed off to Aquatic to play in the Minor league (2nd grade) Grand final for the Seaside Eagles team. A fantastic achievement and one for the record books.

Simon has been coaching for 16 years. He started playing baseball as a teenager, but then took a break until he was in his 20s. He took it up (talk about being bitten by baseball) again when his son Ash started playing as a junior.

Simon enjoys seeing both kids and adults enjoy the game of baseball and believes it takes a community of people to build our sport. He feels blessed by the people on both of the teams he gets to coach and play on.



Simon is busy organising an adults side for winter and is looking forward to the next seven months of MLB every weekend!

Say G'day when you see him around the diamonds.

Congratulations Simon!

2021 NSW Community Sports Awards



The NSW Community Sports Awards recognise outstanding achievements and contributions to community sport in NSW. These awards are focused on community and grassroots sport, including the work largely carried out by a volunteer workforce.

The NSW Community Sports Awards provide State Sporting Organisations and State Sporting Organisations with a Disability an opportunity to recognise the efforts and achievements of their dedicated volunteers, because put simply, sport would not exist without them.

This year, nominations are invited for ten categories, plus the Distinguished Long Service Awards for those that have given exceptional service to their sport for over 25 years. The 2021 Awards categories are;

1. Community Official of the Year
2. Young Official of the Year
3. Community Coach of the Year
4. Young Coach of the Year
5. Community Sport Administrator of the Year
6. Volunteer Director of the Year
7. Community Team of the Year
8. Community Club of the Year
9. Local Council of the Year
10. Community Event of the Year
11. Distinguished Long Service Awards

To assist with your nominations, please download the [2021 NSW Community Sports Awards Guidelines](#).

All nominations must be completed online and nominations will close at **11.59pm on Sunday, 2 May 2021**.

The 2021 NSW Community Sports Awards will be formally presented on **Thursday, 17 June 2021 at NSW Parliament House**, pending COVID-19 restrictions on events at that time.

For further information, please visit the [2021 NSW Community Sports Awards event page](#) or contact Sport NSW at info@sportnsw.com.au

School Baseball Trials for Year 7 2022

The School baseball program trials for students going into Year 7 (2022) are now open.

For more information and trial dates, please contact the schools directly. Contact information may be found on our [website](#).

[Click here](#) to download flyer information.



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Congratulations James Lander, Manly Seasiders

Congratulations to James Lander from the Manly Seasiders Club.

James has been with the club for 5 years and played in two age divisions this Season. Both of his teams made it through to their respective Grand Finals making James, who is only 13, one of the rare players in NSW to achieve the accomplishment of playing 2 Grand Finals on back to back days in the same season.

James played in the Junior League Grand Final where he was the lead-off pitcher for the Seaside Eagles team. He managed to help put his team in the lead (3-1) after pitching out his 9 consecutive outs.

Unfortunately for James and the Eagles, they lost the Junior League game after a classic nail biter of a game. James was chosen as the team's players player for his contributions to the team throughout the season.

The tables were turned in the Senior League game where they played against the Minor Premiers under lights on a Friday night. The game was a classic Senior League titanic battle but James



and his Seaside Panthers team managed to take home the silverware mid 7th innings.

James batted 6 and took control of 1st Base for the Senior League Panthers team.

James said he was honoured to play two Grand Finals for his club and enjoyed the experience. He looks forward to focusing his efforts on Senior League where he hopes to develop further as a pitcher next year.

Good luck James.

NSW State Championships 2021 Update

Over the past fortnight, our junior representative players took to the fields competing in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior League State Championships.

In a compelling four days of competition at the Aquatic, the Ryde and Hills Intermediate League teams successfully qualified for the 2021 National Championships in Mildura (Tue, 25 May - Sat, 29 May 2021). Congratulations to Ryde who won the Intermediate League Championship by ending the tournament with a 5-0 record.

Ryde managed to double up on their Intermediate League success with the Ryde Red team going undefeated to claim the Junior League State Championship. They

will be joined in representing NSW at Nationals in Adelaide (Sun, 16 May - Thu, 20 May 2021) by a resilient Macarthur team.

The Senior League event has held at Blacktown International Sportspark, and huge congratulations go to Macarthur who dominated the event, going undefeated on their way to being crowned Senior League Champions. Also representing NSW at the National Championships in Lismore (Sat, 8 May - Wed, 12 May 2021) will be Cronulla Black who competed valiantly throughout the Championships.

The League Age 10-11 and Little League State Championships will be taking place at Peter Van Hasselt Park between the 15th-18th of April, with teams looking to qualify for the Little League Nationals to be held in Lismore (Wed, 9 Jun - Mon, 14 Jun 2021).



Intermediate and Junior League State Champions - Ryde

Junior and Intermediate State Champions 2021

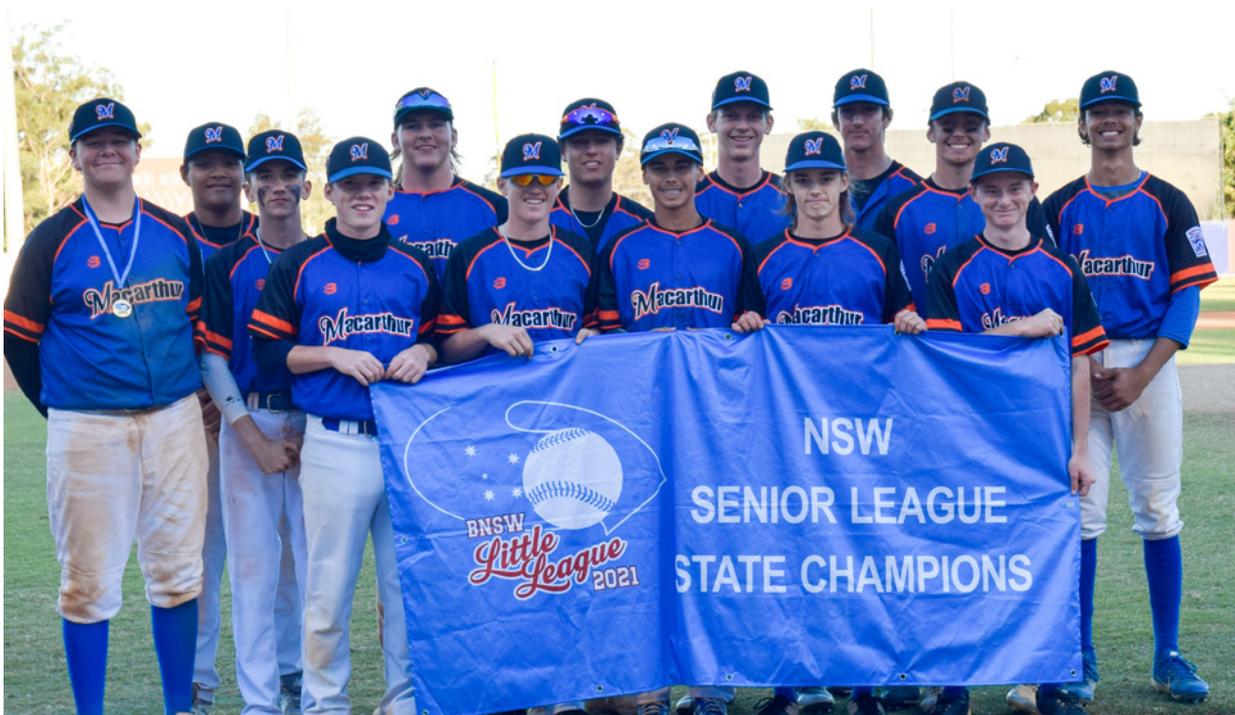


Junior League State Champions - Ryde



Intermediate League State Champions - Ryde

Senior League State Champions & Intermediate League Finalists 2021



Senior League State Champions - Macarthur



Intermediate League State Finalists - Hills and Ryde

Compliance Rules for Organisations Check the Check

At the Office of the Children's Guardian, their goal is to create safe places for children and young people, and we recognise that most organisations share this goal.

To help child-related organisations create safer places, the Office of the Children's Guardian will be following an escalation model of compliance and enforcement with a focus on capability building in organisations.

They have a new [Compliance and Enforcement policy](#) that makes it clear what is expected of organisations that work with children. This year their focus is on ensuring child-related employers are:

- registered as employers in the Working with Children Check system
- verifying child-related workers' Working with Children Checks

If your organisation works with children and you are not complying with these laws, fines apply – but you do have some time to get your records in order.



Office of the
Children's Guardian

They are offering a one-off amnesty for employers to verify their workers by **30 June 2021**. This amnesty applies to employers who engage workers in child-related work that:

1. are registered or should be registered as an employer for the Working with Children Check; and
2. have not previously verified any of their workers.

After this date, enforcement action will be taken against employers who have not complied with this obligation.

There will be no amnesty period for employers that engage people in child-related work who are barred or interim barred from working with children as it places children and young persons at serious risk of harm.

[Click here](#) to download announcement

[Click here](#) for Office of the Children's Guardian website

CLAIM TWO \$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for **two \$100 Active Kids vouchers** each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July 2020, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS



Active Kids

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- 1** Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
- 2** Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab
- 3** Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
- 4** Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1** Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids
- 2** Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number



*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab

Sporting Schools is a \$100 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport and to connect children with community sport. The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has partnered with more than 30 national sporting organisations (NSOs) to extend the delivery of the program across Australia via their networks of aligned organisations and coaches, ensuring a consistent and quality experience for all.

Does this sound like something you would like to be involved in?

If yes, then get your school to complete the following steps.

1



REGISTER

Your school needs to first [register](#) with Sporting Schools to be [eligible](#) to apply for funding. Find out how to [get started](#) on the Sporting Schools website or for information on registration visit our [help centre](#)

2



APPLY FOR FUNDING

If your school meets the [eligibility](#) criteria, you can apply for funding each term to deliver Sporting Schools activity (sport packages) before, during or after school hours using one of our NSO partners. For more information about [funding](#) visit our [help centre](#)

3



BOOK A PROGRAM

Once your school has had their funding application approved you can view, search and apply for sport packages that meet your needs via the online booking system. The booking system will allow your school to administer and manage booking requests including cancellations.

NOTE: Schools without approved funding will only be able to view and search for sport packages. For more information about the booking system visit our [help centre](#)

4



REPORT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Sporting Schools values your feedback and your school is encouraged to participate in research and evaluation so that we can evolve the program to meet your needs.

In addition it's vital that your school provides information regarding its activities, so Sporting Schools can measure the impact it's having on children's sport participation across Australia. For more information visit our [terms and conditions](#)

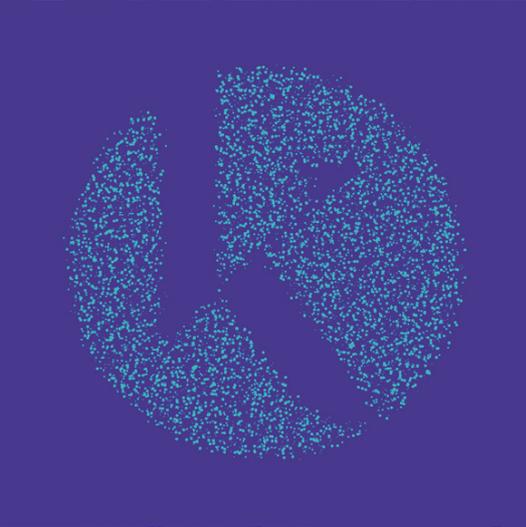
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SUBMIT YOUR ACQUITTAL

It's important that your school completes the ASC acquittal process. Acquitting is the ASC's assurance that your school has used the funds according to the [program parameters](#) and [terms and conditions](#). For more information about [funding acquittals](#) visit our help centre.

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