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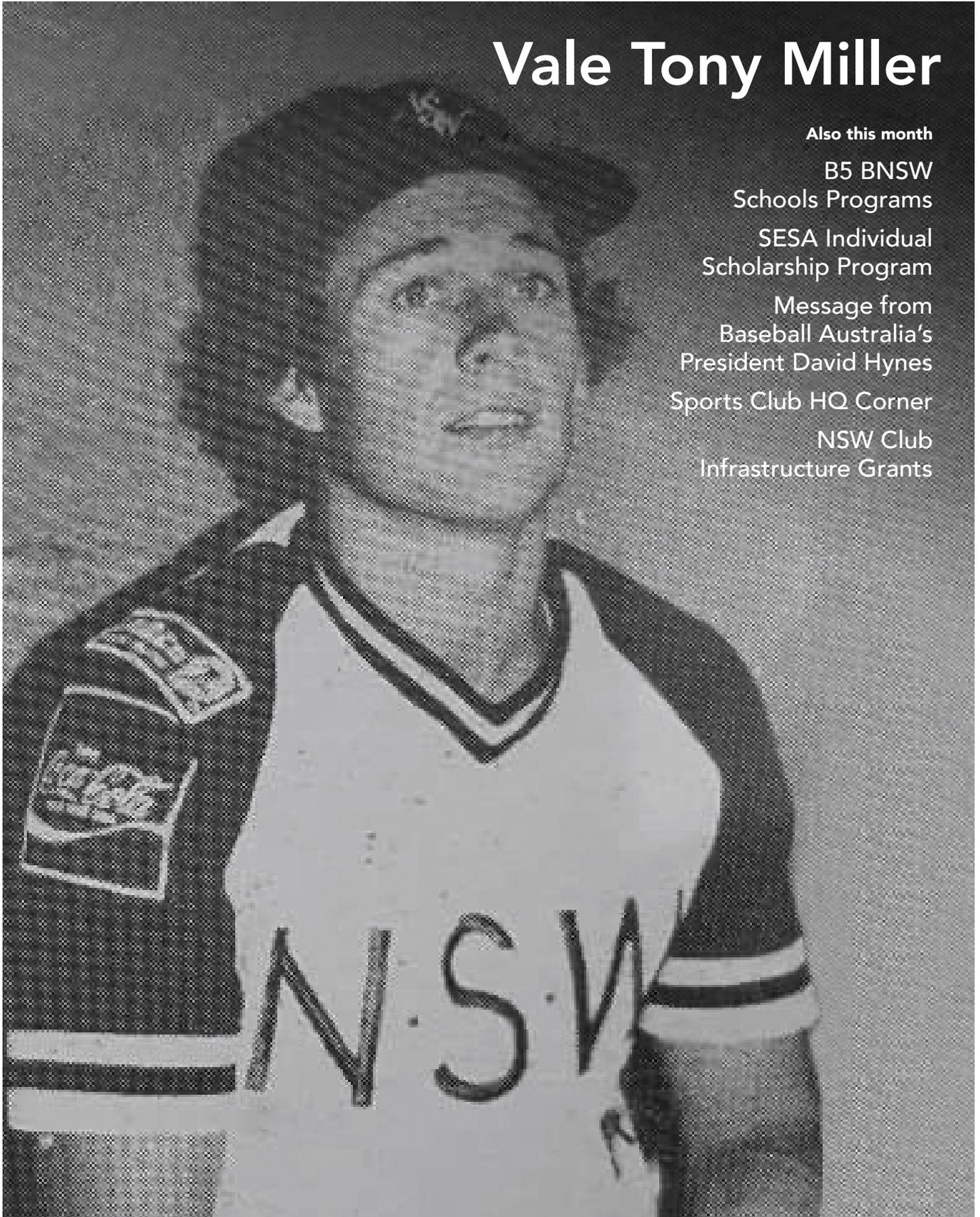
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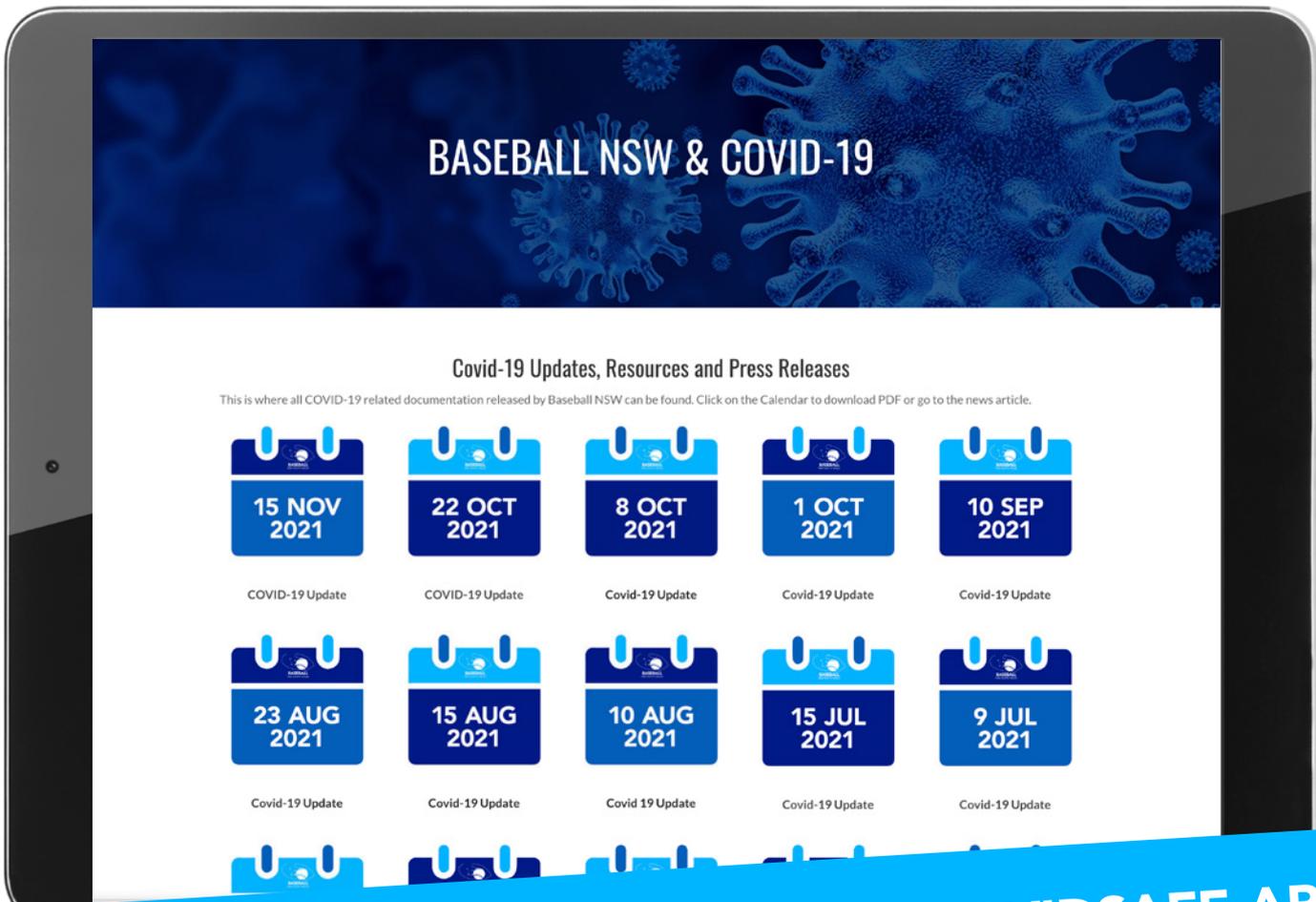


BNSW COVID-19 Announcement & Resource page

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.

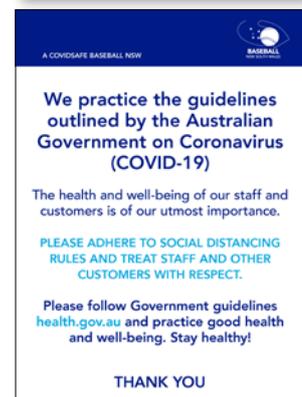
[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)



[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE COVIDSAFE APP](#)

Return to activity COVID-19 posters

Baseball NSW have a range of COVID-19 posters available to print for your grounds.
[CLICK HERE for printable PDF](#)



Recognising Hard Work

BNSW Monthly Award Nominees



Coaches

Jason Mercer - Baulkham Hills Baseball Club

Makes everyone in the team feel valued and have worth even if we don't end up on top, we feel good.

As a parent, you entrust the coach to guide your child with society's values. Jason is a good male role model who is a champion for young girls promoting Alina a team member and his daughter and wife.

Michael Orchard - Wests Boomers

Michael has been a long time Boomers coach and his quiet dedication to the club and to teaching kids baseball is unparalleled. He is always willing to help the club however he can and often takes on the thankless tasks with grace, good humour, and a ton of baseball knowledge. Big Dodgers fan.

Cassandra Menne - Mets Baseball

Cassie is renowned for being the love of baseball to players of all ages through her passion. She motivates young girls and women as well to continue their drive for the sport. Cassie has the can-do attitude as a coach and passes this onto her senior players being. As senior VP of the club, she is truly a living example of the pride in baseball.

Dave Munsie - Oakville Raiders Baseball Club

Such an incredible coach. He goes above and beyond to make all the kids feel like champions. His knowledge of the game is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to what he brings to the diamond. The kids are truly blessed to have him in their lives.

Scorers

Kathy Evans - Eastern Suburbs Dolphins

For the past 10 years, Kathy has scored for various sides and helped with the Canteen and cooked Barbecues. Tireless worker first to be there last to leave.

Alison Scott-Branagan - Stealers Baseball Club

Alison is a super mum of 5 boys – 2 sets of twins and one in the middle. She works full time in the school canteen as well as wrangle her 5 boys and is always the first one to volunteer. She's the scorer for the JL Tigers and has been since the beginning. More importantly, she encourages her boys to volunteer with her eldest umpiring the team.

Vera Bonham - Scorers association

Vera has spent hours constructing a new training online guide for beginner scorers.

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Volunteers

Henry Twaddell - Eastern Suburbs Dolphins

He lives at Chifley field. He's there almost every day ensuring the kids and big kids always have the best possible playing conditions. He goes way above and beyond.

Covid Sub-Committee - Castle Hill Knights Baseball Club

The Covid Committee (Andrew/Amber/Ben/Liz/Peter/Renee/Sharyn) have invested collectively over 100 hours working on Covid Safety planning for the club. Their focus is to maximise player and family safety and minimise/mitigate risk to the club and the playing season.

Castle Hill Knights Families and visiting teams will a lot more comfortable with the work this team has done.

Elizabeth Ahmed - Castle Hill Baseball Club

Tireless work as the club registrar, dealing with all the online rego systems, payments and a whole lot more.

Brad Hawkins - Sydney Winter Baseball League - Marrickville Baseball Club

Brad has been the driving force behind the Marrickville club for over 20 years. His efforts have kept the club going, even when faced with overwhelming challenges. He has also been the League Treasurer for many years and put a massive amount of work into the continuing preservation of Petersham Oval.



Recognising Hard Work

Alita Stephens – Oakville Raiders Baseball Club



Alita dedicates a big part of her time by managing every team in our club and ensuring that our club and members are organised and ready for the season. She nurtures new and old players and is an integral part of the club.

Alita is an absolute delight to deal with and so generous with her time and nothing is too much trouble. Her devotion to the club is really inspiring.

Alita does so much for this club. The amount of hours she volunteers and her love for the club is second to none.

Alita has grown our small team at Oakville consisting of just 2 teams to now having over 12 teams through years of advertising, sponsorship.

Alita is just wonderful. All the hard work she puts into organising and running the club and all the teams. She is selfless, kind and caring.

Alita is the one person that works selflessly organising all of us in getting teams organised, ensuring everyone is happy, communicates well, organises uniforms. This club wouldn't function without her. She goes the extra mile every day and is always a delight!!

Alita is absolutely, time warm and helpful. Her finger is on the pulse and her commitment is second to none. The second time I met her, Alita already knew



who I was and my name. She is not just a priceless volunteer, but an amazing human as well.

Alita is the heart and soul of her club. Her tireless energy has seen our club grow significantly in the last few years. The social media presence she has created has been fundamental to our growth. She also is our uniform coordinator and secretary, as well as team manager for several teams. She thoroughly deserves recognition for her amazing efforts. Selfless, organised and so hardworking.

Recognising Hard Work

Alita Stephens – Oakville Raiders Baseball Club



As you may know, our beloved hardworking Alita Stephens spends an enormous amount of time each season getting everyone organised for the season ahead. This task would not be completed by anybody else but Alita, who is nothing but selfless, organised, and a delight to see at every game & event run by the Oakville Raiders Baseball Club.

Alita always goes above and beyond to better the club. She works tirelessly to raise funds and promote the team.

She works endlessly to ensure the smooth running of the club. She is passionate about baseball and her club.

Alita is the backbone of our club. Without her, the club does not run and well as it does. She had devoted numerous hours organising teams, uniforms etc for our club. Oakville Raiders is a growing club in the Hills comp because of her.

Selfless dedication to the club after hours and all year round.

Tireless and endless efforts and support provided to the club 24/7.

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Alita deserves this award for her endless commitment to the club and community.

Efficient, excellent communicator works tirelessly for the club and its profile.

Has her hands on all aspects of the junior Baseball association. She is an amazing and beautiful person.

BNSW Training Pics 2021 November entries



Photo by 'Cronulla Baseball Club – 'Ready...aim...fire'



Photo by Peter Spanidis – 'My boys getting ready for the season!'



Photos by Cronulla Baseball Club, Middle: 'It's outta here.'



Right: 'Drills...skills & thrills.'



Photo by Kate Salmon – 'Getting the job done.'



Photo by Cronulla Baseball Club – 'Team Warm ups'

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: Cassandra Menne
(Mets Baseball Club)

Scorer: Alison Scott-Branagan
(Stealers Baseball Club)

Volunteer: Alita Stephens
(Oakville Raiders Baseball Club)

Monthly Baseball Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month. Photo #1 sent in by Kate Salmon 'Getting the job done'

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!



Baseball5 Baseball NSW Schools Programs

Baseball NSW has introduced Baseball5 to the school programs.

Baseball5 is a fast-paced, dynamic and inclusive game that can be played anywhere, anytime. All you need is a ball, some training equipment such as agility ladders, markers and throw down bases.

Instructor development programs are available to both Primary and High schools, also to Universities, Recreational Centres and Baseball Associations.

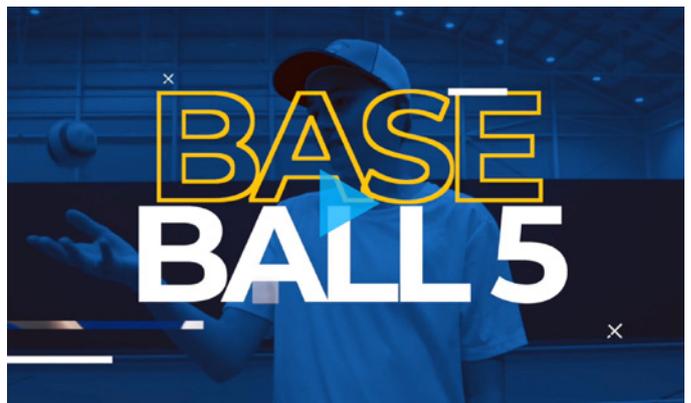
Baseball NSW is a member and contributor of the Federal Governments Sporting Schools program. The program coordinates sporting organisations, coaches, and teachers to deliver sport before, during and after school hours. Schools can apply for [funding](#) to deliver a program each term and is available to both primary and high schools. Parents and guardians are also able to use the \$100 [Active Kids Voucher](#) towards enrolling their kids in the Baseball5 program.

Furthermore, [Sporting Schools Club Connect](#) will enable eligible primary

schools to build on their involvement in the Sporting Schools program by establishing and building upon relationships with local sporting clubs.

For more information contact Adrian Medina, Head of Baseball5 at b5@baseballnsw.com.au or head over to our [Baseball5 Schools Program webpage](#).

Check out our [Baseball5 video here](#).



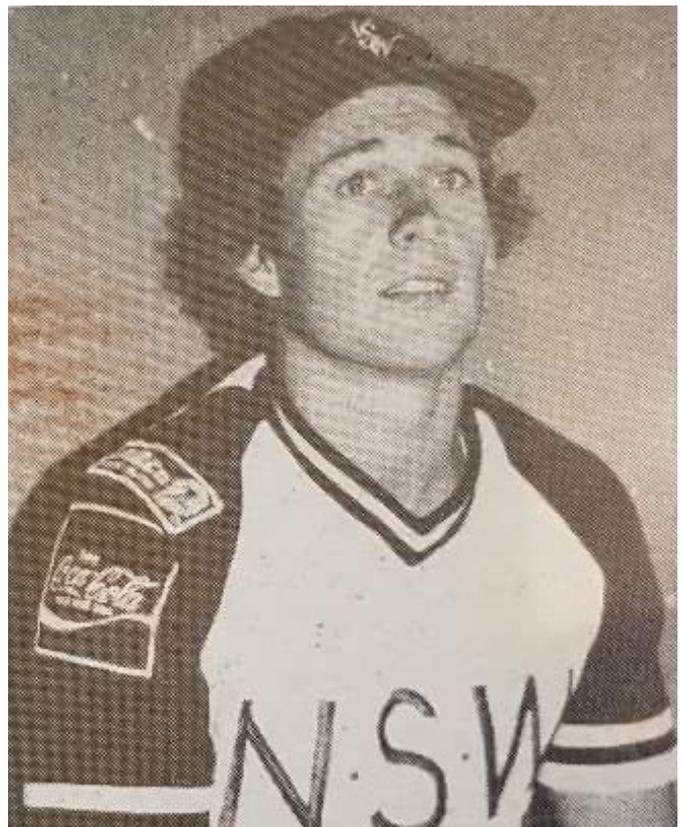
Vale Tony Miller, he truly was larger than life

Baseball NSW is deeply saddened by the passing of former Auburn Orioles, NSW and Australian player Tony Miller after a long and tough battle with brain cancer.

TM, as he was widely known, was a key member of the dominant Auburn Orioles 1st grade team as they swept all before them in the late 70s and into the 80s, when they won multiple premierships and truly dominated Sydney baseball.

He was a true "two-way " player, strongly built, who possessed a powerful arm and used it to great effect as a left-handed pitcher and outfielder. He was lightning quick and in his time was undoubtedly the fastest pitcher in NSW. No opposition hitter could dig in and feel really comfortable in the batter's box when facing TM on the mound. He was also a power hitter, swatting many towering home runs out of ballparks around Australia.

TM represented NSW as a teenager in underage Australian Championships in the early 70s before graduating to the NSW Claxton Shield team in 1976.



Vale Tony Miller Continued

After a dominant Claxton Shield performance in 1977, TM was selected for the Australian Senior Team to compete in the 1978 World Cup in Italy.

TM was a larger than life, colourful character, with the quickest of wits and a great sense of humour. He was extremely popular, a guy who everyone gravitated towards, and the type of player that you wanted to play with. Combine these characteristics with a highly competitive attitude on the mound and a tremendous will to win, then you can understand why he was such a great teammate.

The NSW and Australian baseball communities mourn the loss of TM and we offer our heartfelt condolences to his wife Suze and the whole Miller family. He will be sadly missed by his many, many friends.



Tony Miller receives a welcome from team mates after his 'home run' in Auburn's 15 – 9 Grand Final win.



SESA Individual Scholarship Program Applications Open



Are you an athlete aged between 12-18 years of age in 2022 and residing in the South East Region of NSW? Are you looking for assistance with your chosen sport?

The South East Sports Academy (SESA) is currently accepting scholarship nominations for Individual Athlete Program (IAP).

The IAP is for athletes aged between 12 to 18 years who are competing at a high level in their chosen sport. Scholarships are available to athletes who reside or attend school in the South East Region. Scholarships will be awarded based on performances by the athlete at national, state or regional level over the past three years. Athletes with a disability are encouraged to apply.

Visit their website for more information or to submit an application.

Applications close Sunday 28th November 2021.



2021/22 ABL Season Cancelled Message from BA President David Hynes

Following the disappointing announcement that the 2021/22 ABL season had been cancelled, Baseball Australia President David Hynes released a statement clarifying the reasons behind the difficult decision.

*'Dear ABL fans and stakeholders,
The decision by the Australian Baseball League to cancel the upcoming ABL 2021/22 season was a decision which the Australian Baseball League did not at all wish to make. The decision was made with a heavy heart, but in the best interests of the Australian Baseball League and its participants as a whole. This is a short-term and rotten situation, but it's truly our only realistic choice right now and I ask baseball's stakeholders, including our fans, to consider our reasons.*

Everyone – the Australian Baseball League and ABL teams – tried enormously hard to

come up with a model that best works for the game's future, and indeed the future viability of the ABL teams themselves. At the end of the day, and after exhausting ALL options to run the ABL season, the season was abandoned because of the circumstances we find ourselves in due to this once in a lifetime global COVID-19 pandemic.

As custodians of the game in Australia and as the major shareholder of the ABL, Baseball Australia's role is to ensure that this sport and ABL survives and thrives well into the future, and ensure it is positioned to come out of this COVID period stronger than ever before as an innovative, financially sustainable, highly competitive and fun league.

We want to reassure fans and aspiring baseballers that the ABL will be back in 2022/23, bigger, better and stronger than before. We anticipate that the major impact of the pandemic on sport across the world will be behind us and that you will all be back at ballparks across the country watching your favourite teams and stars in action.

Thank you for your passion and your ongoing support of the ABL and its teams'.

Sports Club HQ Corner



Baseball NSW are compiling a Sports Club HQ Registrars Distribution list to ensure that we can effectively communicate changes, updates and urgent information directly to the Club Registrars.

To ensure that we have the most accurate mailing list, please complete the 2021-2022 Sports Club HQ User Form by [clicking here](#)

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us via [email](#)

How to login

Your child's PIN is the date and month of birth. eg, 21st March is 2103. The number is to be inserted with NO spaces.

Please ensure that the tick is ticked to activate the AKV box and ensure the discount has been applied before continuing.

If you have a club discount, please ensure that this is applied BEFORE the AKV is applied and most importantly, only ONE AKV can be redeemed in any one transaction.

If using an AKV - do not cancel, stop, go back or change your registration after clicking apply as this will not allow the discount to be added. If you are experiencing issues registering and using an AKV please contact your Club Registrar urgently for assistance.



Coach Accreditation Updated

In July 2020, Baseball Australia revised their coach accreditation system and integrated the USA Baseball Certification courses A, B and C nationally.

As a result, Baseball NSW updated our Coach Accreditation, with the USA Baseball Certification being a component of the BNSW accreditation requirements. Coach Accreditation is an obligatory requirement of both Baseball Australia and Baseball NSW.

There are 3 levels of accreditation – all of which have a practical component.

Level A accreditation

Entry-level baseball, all non-player pitch baseball (T-ball, machine, or coach pitch baseball).

Level B accreditation

All player pitch baseball from Little League minors to senior (adult) baseball.

Level C accreditation

Representative coaches LL Majors up to and including State League, and State Teams.



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Each level has an age restriction – details are outlined on the respective course tabs [here](#).

The courses have an online, written and practical component. For new coaches looking to gain their accreditation, now is a good time to start the process. It would be a good time to upgrade to the current level for coaches who already have accreditation, particularly those whose accreditation expires between now and the end of the year.

Part of the Level C accreditation is now available for completion, however, coaches must have current Level B accreditation, in order to proceed.

NSW Club Infrastructure Grants



Red Tape Busters

Making Government work for you!

The NSW Government offers grants to communities across NSW to support the building, renovation and fit-out of infrastructure.

Funding is available for sport and recreation and arts and cultural infrastructure as well as projects that assist communities with essential infrastructure and disaster readiness.

What's new?

The objective of the Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grants program is to fund the costs of construction, alteration, renovation, completion and fit-out of buildings and community infrastructure to deliver outcomes for disadvantaged NSW communities including regional, remote and drought-affected areas, culturally and linguistically diverse, disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and communities affected by bushfires.

Priority

When making funding decisions, consideration is also given to applications that provide benefit to:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- regional and remote communities
- people with disability

- culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- communities experiencing the adverse effects of drought
- areas likely to have higher rates and impacts of gambling harm.

Eligibility includes infrastructure that is accessible and available to the general public the majority of the time.

Baseball NSW has partnered with Red Tape Busters and is offering the clubs a free resource to assist with their grant funding applications. Fairfield Phoenix Baseball Club has already reaped the reward with Red Tape Buster successfully obtaining a \$15,000 Local Grant.

For more information on Red Tape Busters or assistance with submitting a Local Grant application, please contact Andrew Hamilton at andrewhamilton@redtapebusters.com.au

Infrastructure Grant applications open on **Monday, 1 November and close at midnight on Monday, 22 November 2021.**

To download the Infrastructure Grants Program Guide, [click here](#)

To view the NSW Government article, [click here](#)



2021/22 Local Sport Grant Program Applications Open

The Local Sport Grant Program 2021-22 is now open for applications.

The \$4.6 million Local Sport Grant Program is available to eligible organisations to help support initiatives in local NSW communities.

The program will help support projects that:

- Increase regular and ongoing participation in sport
- Increase participation and access for women, girls & population groups with low participation rates
- Address barriers to participation in sport or structured physical activity
- Assist sporting clubs in providing quality service to their members and the local community

Grants between \$500 - \$15,000 are available to eligible organisations. The amount organisations request should reflect the scale of the project/s.



Applications close at 1pm, on Friday the 19th of November.

Please see links below for more information:

[Local Sport Grant Program](#)

[Local Sport Grant Program Guidelines](#)

[Submit an Application](#)

SPORT SHORTS

OFFICE OF SPORT

The Office of Sport provides clubs and athletes with several resources which we encourage our members to take advantage of. These resources include:

Return to sport tips for parents

With community sport anticipated to return in the future, now is a good time to think about the role parents play in creating a positive sporting environment for kids.

Funding boost for female sports leaders

A further \$600,000 has been awarded to sporting organisations by the Office of Sport to support the promotion of women to leadership roles.

State of Volunteering report released

The inaugural NSW State of Volunteering Report was released recently, providing an in-depth analysis of volunteers, volunteering and volunteer-involving organisations in NSW.

To find out more, [click here](#)

[Click here](#) for full NSW Office of Sport COVID-19 Information



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](#)

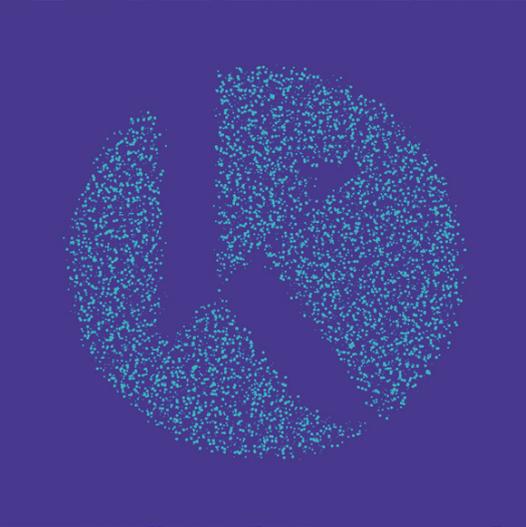
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SUBMIT YOUR ACQUITTAL

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.

[Watch the video here.](#)



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