



Baseball NSW

78th Annual Report

2020/21



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78th Annual General Meeting Agenda

Date: 28th September 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Via Zoom

1. Official Opening
2. Record of Attendance – confirm a quorum
3. Apologies
4. Confirm Membership of the League
5. Confirm Minutes from the 2020 AGM
6. Matters Arising from the 2020 AGM
7. Review and Adoption of Financial Report (1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021)
8. Appointment of Auditor for 2021/22
9. Notices of Motion
10. Review and Adoption of 2020/21 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

NSW Board of Management

BNSW Board of Directors as at June 30th, 2021

Member	Status	Portfolio
Ross Morrison	Re-elected	President, BA, ABL, BNSW CEO
Peter Worboys	Re-elected	Country, Coaching, Umpires & Scorers
Scott Tunkin	Re-elected	HP, Technical Committee & Rules
Mark Burns	Elected	State League, Juniors, Pathways
Beth McVicker-Murphy	Elected	Member value, Communication, Womens
James Morley	Appointed	People and Culture, Government, Governance
Jason Chabi	Appointed	Finance, Facilities, Little League International
Belinda Woolford	Appointed	Tools & Tech, Commercial, BVM

Baseball NSW Staff

Name	Role
Mark Marino	Chief Executive Officer
Grahame Cassel	High-Performance Manager
Jodi Napoli	Operations Manager
Melinda Goodrich	Registrations and Member Services Manager
Garry Everson	Coaching and Participation Manager
Michael Ibbotson	Facilities Manager
Vassil Vasseleou	Competitions Manager
Adrian Medina Scull	Head of Baseball5

Presidents Report

The 2020/2021 year has again been a challenging time with uncertainty and disruption occurring due to lockdowns at various levels across NSW. The Board of Directors of Baseball NSW have endeavoured to ensure our organisation, its passionate volunteers and administrators have been suitably supported and provided with the resources to navigate their way through the changing government and health advice to enable a coordinated approach to our sport.

A special thank you must go to the hundreds of volunteers acting as coaches, umpires, scorers, players, committee members, parents and supporters who have had to cope in these uncertain times and changing circumstances. Without your ongoing support our sport would not offer the opportunities and enjoyment it does for all participants. Hopefully, with increased community vaccination, a return to 'normal' isn't too far away.

Apart from successfully navigating through the COVID-19 situation, Baseball NSW is excited to see our elite NSW players, coaches, teams and other game stakeholders achieving at all levels whether it be in professional leagues, overseas colleges and national camps/representation. I would like to highlight two groups especially, Adam Dobb and the Sydney Blue Sox for his dedication and commitment to the team during a very difficult time and we wish him well in his future endeavours after relinquishing ownership of the franchise.

Secondly, I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate the Ryde Hawks Baseball League's Little League and Junior League teams on winning their respective National Championship. Although they missed out on the chance to compete at their respective World Series due to the current travel restrictions it was a fantastic effort.

As an organisation, Baseball NSW achieved the following throughout the year:

- Strengthened ties with Baseball Australia to grow the sport and see Australian teams participate at the highest levels,
- Instigated a Little League review and seek a national consensus to incorporate such competitions into enhanced development plans of the sport,
- Progressed a renewed licencing arrangement, Blacktown Council, to see the Blacktown International Sportspark baseball facility remain the home of our sport,
- Successfully advocated and supported the establishment of an 'International Centre of Training Excellence' at Blacktown International Sportspark. Construction will start before the end of 2021,
- Partnered with the new ownership of the Sydney Blue Sox to collaboratively provide initiatives to enhance and develop our sport,
- Initiated the development of a new 3-year strategic plan, to be released later this year, that will see increased communication and participation activities.

Presidents Report Cont.

Financially, Baseball NSW is in a sound position after careful reduced spending while mitigating the losses in this challenging time. Baseball NSW has been able to secure government financial support and local grants for clubs through this time.

This year has also seen several changes to the Baseball NSW Board with Karl Hardman, resigning after almost a decade on the Board. Karl actively managed the financial portfolio, and we thank him for his service and wish him every success in his future endeavours. We would also like to acknowledge Therese Philibossian on her tenure on the Board after also serving ten years.

In the last twelve months the Board has been invigorated with the appointments of Beth McVicker-Murphy, Jason Chabi, Mark Burns and Belinda Woolford respectively. I would like to acknowledge the time and commitment of all Board members to our sport. Their skills and attributes have driven the organization toward our strategic objectives and will endeavour to provide our members with the best opportunities going forward.

On behalf of the Board, could I thank Mark Marino and his team at the Baseball NSW office for their ongoing commitment and passion in servicing the membership during this difficult time. In thanking the team, could I acknowledge Jason Pospishil's efforts in leading the High-Performance team over the last five years and wish him every success in his new role with the new Sydney Blue Sox franchise. Grahame Cassel has been successful in taking over a new restructured role leading baseball development. The restructure will also see dedicated staff appointed to communication and Baseball5 and Inclusion roles.

As we emerge from the hibernation of the lockdown the challenge for all, will be revitalising families to re-join team sports like Baseball – some will be champing at the bit, others will have found new pursuits. Baseball NSW is looking forward to leading the sport during these challenges and assisting all associations, clubs and their volunteers.

Yours in Baseball

Ross Morrison – Chairman

Baseball New South Wales

Chief Executive Officer Report

Once again, the baseball community finds itself in the grip of a monumental challenge in having to play and administer our sport during a global pandemic. The last twelve months have seen an enormous strain on members and administrators, unlike any other time. However, the continued commitment and resilience shown by our membership has been truly remarkable.

Regardless of this extraordinary impact, Baseball NSW has sought to continue diligently working on our strategic objectives, which will see out the current Strategic Plan at the end of this year. Consequently, we are working on the next phase of our Strategic Planning with an eye to the future with the 2022-2024 Plan due in the new year.

Our desire to seek greater COLLABORATION with our members and stakeholders has seen advancement in our Facilities Planning and Development program, SportsEye. This has assisted clubs and associations in lobbying local and state governments for facility support and funding. Coupled with this is the Baseball NSW subsidised Grant Writing resource, which has been successfully utilised by a number of our clubs to secure grant funding.

Baseball NSW are also excited to be working closely with the Sydney Blue Sox to jointly deliver opportunities to some of our leading talents. We are planning on cooperative programs such as camps, tours and development, which we will promote to our members.

We are also excited to see one of our former members, Glenn Williams, taking on the National CEO role this past year. Our ability to work closely with Glenn has been proven over the years, so we are looking forward to greater cohesion with the National body, which will translate to greater outcomes for our members.

Most notably has been the continued desire to engage with our members via focused and general member surveys as well as specific focus groups. This feedback from our members has been invaluable in allowing Baseball NSW to focus on what is essential to our grassroots membership whilst continuing to adhere to our major aspirations.

From this has come the continued desire to provide more to our COMMUNITY as a whole. Baseball NSW has identified our Member Protection management as a priority which has led us to implement a new Online Safety Management system, at no cost, to our clubs and associations. This system provides resources for our members to manage child protection matters and member disputes more effectively. Also online is our eLearning platform, where we are offering access to our coaching, umpiring and scoring educational courses.

Chief Executive Officer Report Cont.

One of the more exciting opportunities that we are developing is our Diversity and Inclusion programs. We are eagerly developing programs around the new and exciting **Baseball5** competitions which has created opportunities in areas such as; schools, recreation centres and local association inter-club competitions. From this new program, we have been fortunate to partner with Disability Sports Australia in developing an inclusion program for wheelchair and vision-impaired versions of the game.

An area where we have made considerable improvements has been our COMMUNICATION with our community. We have implemented best-practice social and digital media resources to keep everyone informed and aware throughout these difficult times. Our staff and interns have attempted to keep everyone up to date with the continued updates from the NSW Health Department and the Office of Sport. These updates have been critical in keeping our members safe and informed. We are also committed to employing a dedicated Communications Manager who will elevate our engagement with members and stakeholders significantly.

Our last strategic objective has been to CULTIVATE premier programming with our player development and pathways. Each year Baseball NSW continues to produce outstanding talent at National and International levels. Much credit must go to our staff, who continue to find new and innovative ways to help our athletes grow. Our team have managed to find a balance between experience and the state of the art technology we have adopted. To that end, Baseball NSW has committed to subsidising up to 200 male and female athletes in our Rapsodo and Driveline programs at no cost. This detailed analysis will assist these athletes in progressing to higher levels of competition such as National teams, College scholarships and professional signings.

One of the unfortunate consequences of the current travel restrictions is the inability to host our National Championships. Baseball NSW and Baseball AUS have been working closely on a suitable alternative which we believe can be resolved via our State-based Showcases where we can spotlight a greater amount of potential players as opposed to the limited State Representative participants.

We have also undertaken a review of our Junior Pathway policies with a focus group looking at what we feel is best for junior baseball in NSW. Given the unique position Baseball NSW has with the largest number of associations, clubs and members in the state, we plan on providing a revised recommendation to our members as to what we believe is in the best interest of our sport.

Chief Executive Officer Report Cont.

As an organisation, we have had a very trying year with the financial impact on both Summer and Winter competitions. We were fortunate that the NSW State Government provided some financial relief this past year, which has managed to sustain us. We were also sorry to see the departure of two of our valued staff members in Jason Pospishil and Michael Ibbotson. Jason has gone on to be the Baseball Operations manager of the Sydney Blue Sox, and Michael has taken a senior role in another sporting organisation. Both have been great servants to Baseball NSW, and I would like to wish them both the very best of luck in their new roles.

In closing, I would like to thank the Baseball NSW staff and the Board of Directors. Their support has been immense, and I greatly appreciate everyone's contribution to ensuring we remained ahead of the potential conflict that these turbulent times created. Without a doubt, the resilience of our members has shone through, and my heartfelt thanks go out to everyone for your continued support. I continue to be impressed that sport is the one common thread that helps keep us bonded.



Mark Marino
CEO – Baseball NSW

BNSW Baseball Operations Report

2021 has again been a challenging year due to the COVID pandemic, with all State and National level competitions and development programs being heavily impacted. With all the disruptions, postponements and adjustments that had to be made during the year, the players and coaches have been unbelievable and are to be commended in their willingness to accept situations, deal with it and move on.

Senior National Team

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Baseball Australia decided in June to withdraw from the 2021 Olympic Qualifiers. NSW players involved in the Senior National squad were – Trent D'Antonio, Josh Guyer, David Kandalis, Zac Shepherd, Tim Atherton, Dean Aldridge, Jacob Younis, Todd Van Steensel, Luke Wilkins, Michael Campbell.

Australian Youth Championships (AYC)

Baseball Australia's Australian Youth Championships for U/16 and U/18 players had to be replaced by Showcase events in January all around the country. Locally, we had to postpone our Showcase 4 times before we finally held the U/16 event in mid-May. Unfortunately, the U/18 event was cancelled since the National Showcase had already been held in April in Canberra.

Out of this U/18 National Showcase, the following players were selected in the squad to represent Australia at the U/18 World Cup, which unfortunately had to be postponed to 2022.

Congratulations to:

Clayton Campbell	Blacktown	Nick Chappell	Baulkham Hills
Brad Griffin	Cronulla	Tom Stancic	Baulkham Hills
Brent Iredale	Blacktown	Lachlan Brook	Macarthur
Tyrone Fergie	Blacktown	Solomon Maguire	Baulkham Hills
Stephen Courtney	Baulkham Hills	George Cooper	Far North Coast
Max Milner	Manly		
Zak Elvy	Baulkham Hills		

BNSW Baseball Operations Report Cont.

High Performance/Player Development Programs

The 2021 BNSW High-Performance/Development programs have been severely disrupted by Covid. At the time of writing this, we are in lockdown, which has been extended until the end of September. All squads have been selected, 225 players in total, they have all been given training schedules and are champing at the bit to return to the field. We are still hoping to conduct these programs through October if we are permitted to do so by the State Government. The levels of our development system are:

- National Performance Pathway Program
- State Performance Pathway Program
- Developing Pathway Program
- Emerging Pathway Program
- Women's Developing Pathway Program

National Performance Pathway Program

This program is comprised of 19 players who have been identified by Baseball Australia and are on the radar for National selection, both male and female.

The male players were selected as possible players on the 2021 U/18 World Cup team after the Showcases were held around Australia. As mentioned above, the World Cup was postponed to 2022 and the WBSC is considering making it an U/19 event so these players don't miss this opportunity.

The female players were selected as possible players on the Australian Emeralds Team to contest the 2021 Women's World Cup. Unfortunately, this too had to be postponed until 2022 due to Covid.

These players were 2 weeks into a 10-week training block, doing 3 sessions a week in a bid to make the most of their chances of selection into their respective teams.

They had been using development tools such as Driveline, BLAST motion bat sensors, RAPSODO ball flight technology, Speed Development/Mobility, and Strength & Conditioning programs.

I would like to thank the coaches for their commitment to our players' development - Jason Pospishil, Jason Dormor, Brendon Bojarski, Chris Oxspring.

BNSW Baseball Operations Report Cont.

State Performance Pathways Program

35 players were selected after a trial process, having been identified by BNSW as potential U/18 State representatives. These players were 2 weeks into a 12-week training block when we were locked down.

They were training 3 times a week, using development tools such as Driveline, BLAST motion bat sensors, RAPSODO ball flight technology, Speed Development/Mobility, and Strength & Conditioning programs.

I would like to thank the following coaches for their commitment to our players' development – Ben McGuire, James McCallum, Travis McDonald, Jack Dormor.

Developing Pathway Program

This program was comprised of 35 of the best U/16 age-eligible players as identified by BNSW after a trial process.

These players also were 2 weeks into a 12-week training block before being locked down. Twice a week, they were utilizing development tools such as Driveline, BLAST motion bat sensors, RAPSODO ball flight technology, Speed Development/Mobility and Strength & Conditioning.

I would like to thank the following coaches for their commitment to our players' development - Phil Hemmer, Garry Everson, Gavin Fingeson, Vince Bates, Max Brennen and Nathan Wright.

Emerging Pathway Program

The Emerging Program were to be continued across 3 regional bases comprising 102 athletes from our affiliated associations. This program is aimed to give emerging players the chance to be exposed to a better level of programming and prepare them for potential Developing and Performance pathway programs in the future.

These players had not started this program before lockdown, so they are waiting for permission from the Government to get the green light to start training. It will involve twice a week for 8 weeks, utilizing development tools such as Driveline, RAPSODO ball flight technology, Speed Development/Mobility and Strength & Conditioning programs.

BNSW would like to thank the following clubs for hosting the programs this year - Castle Hill, Winston Hills, Manly, Canterbury.

The following coaches were also part of the program: PJ Patterson, Luke Brown, Brook Russell, Tom Newbold, Peter Worboys, Claude Bova, Quinn Johnson, Will Fullerton, Jeff Catt, Jack Dormor, Josh Bramley, Brett Elsley.

BNSW would like to thank them for their contribution to our players' development.

BNSW Baseball Operations Report Cont.

Women's Developing Pathway Program

This program catered for 34 players across 2 locations for female players over the age of 13. They too had not started when they were locked and are currently ready to go once they are able.

They were going to have the same focus areas of the males, Driveline, Strength & Conditioning, Speed Development, RAPSODO.

A huge thank you to Greenway, Concord and Moorebank clubs for providing their facilities for these girls.

I would like to thank the following coaches who have committed to the running and instruction of the program - Phil Gruppelaar, Peter Neads and Rodger Morris.

Coach Development Program

Once again BNSW asked for expressions of interest from Association coaches to participate in the Player Development Program. We received 18 nominations, who were all assigned to one of the above programs to attend and further both their coach education and become familiar with the advanced technology.

Women's National Championships

Due to the COVID pandemic, the 2021 Women's National Championships were cancelled for the 2nd year in a row.

Sports High School Program

Baseball NSW and the Sports High School Association of New South Wales have continued their MOU into 2021. Baseball NSW oversees the Baseball programs at Hills Sports High (Nathan Wright), Narrabeen Sports High (Michael O'Neill), Endeavour Sports High (Peter Worboys) and Hunter Sports High (Ian Hook). These coaches do a great job coaching and mentoring the players and we thank them and also the schools for their ongoing support.

BNSW Baseball Operations Report Cont.

School Holiday Camps and Clinics

Continuing our partnership with Sports Camp Australia, Baseball NSW conducts school holiday camps and clinics every school holiday period across all our relevant associations.

In the past 12 months, we have held camps at Taren Point, Illawong, Castle Hill, French Forest, Newcastle and Rooty Hill for 229 players. Several more locations were cancelled due to Covid and/or adverse weather.

We would also acknowledge the help of our coaches who participate as instructors for our camps - Jack Dormor, Garry Everson, Travis McDonald, Ian Hook, Stephen Hook, Adrian Medina, Will Fullerton, Cody Godbold, Jack Lee, Alex Palmer, Phil Gruppelaar, Caleb Shepherd, Quinn Johnson, Sue Cunningham, Dylan Clarke, Jeff Catt.

Coaching Accreditation Report

Garry Everson is responsible for BNSW's Coach Accreditations.

The year was again interrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic, affecting the delivery of practical components of the courses.

Some 758 people have completed the USA Baseball component of the BNSW Accreditation courses but many of those have yet to complete the BNSW accreditation process, because their current accreditation, under the old 1, 2, 3 or 4 levels, has not yet expired.

As of September 2021, Baseball NSW has 1,353 accredited coaches (Male – 1,183, Female – 170)			
Level	Males Coaches	Female Coaches	Total
Level 1	124	47	171
Level A	54	16	70
Level 2	230	42	272
Level 3	538	43	581
Level B	201	19	220
Level 4	36	3	39
Totals	1,183	170	1,353

Metropolitan Coaches		Country Coaches	
Male	Female	Males	Female
999	158	184	12

BNSW Baseball Operations Report Cont.

Sporting Schools / Baseball 5 Program

The Sporting Schools Program is a government lead initiative to introduce physical activity to school students around the country. The Sporting Schools program, led by Garry Everson and assisted by Adrian Medina, was able to engage with 60 schools with a total student reach of 5862 kids through teacher, private provider or BNSW delivered programs. The following is a breakdown of Aussie T Ball / Baseball 5 school visits –

Aussie T-ball (ATB) Baseball5 (B5) requests - 72
Declined (unable to provide coaches in region) - 12
Total delivered - 60

ATB Sporting School Programs delivered - 26
Primary Schools - 26 (Metro 17, Regional 9)
children engaged – 2,908

B5 Sporting School Programs delivered 34
Primary Schools - 15 (Metro 12, Regional 3)
High Schools - 19 (Metro 7, Regional 12)
children engaged – 2,954

I would like to thank Garry Everson and Adrian Medina for their commitment and enthusiasm in organizing and delivering these programs to schools around NSW.

I would also like to thank the following coaches - Jeff Catt, Troy Carroll, Dylan Clarke, Patrick Dawes, Jack Dormor, Mathew Forbes, Ian Hook, Peter Huish, Chad Jenkins, Jarryd Manuel, Travis McDonald, Stephen Washburn, Scott Wright, who delivered, or assisted, with the coaching accreditation courses, and/or the Sporting Schools program.

ASSA / Sydney Uni / NSWIS

Over the last couple of years, BNSW has entered into relationships with other parties that include

- Academy of Speed Sport Australia – Kip and Ranelle Hobson
- Sydney University Sports Science – Dr Jonathon Freestone
- NSWIS – Steven Smith
- Strength & Conditioning coaches – Mitch Fuller, Adrian Choy and Shane Cassel.

I would like to thank all these people who have contributed to the continued success of the BNSW High Performance and Development Programs.

Yours in Baseball
Grahame Cassel
Baseball Development Manager



NSW State League Report

The 2020-2021 season has seen some fantastic Baseball across the State League competition even though the league had been impacted by COVID-19, the players, supporters and officials of all the Clubs involved managed to complete the season.

Each grade, from 18's to 1st Grade, showed some amazing talent across the board. To the coaching staff of each club, the dedication and passion you have for the game reflects the way in which the teams play.

The Final Series played at BISP saw fantastic baseball played in all divisions. It was great to see so many clubs and their supporters out at the ground during the finals series. A huge thank you to those who assisted during the Finals series, manning the scoreboard, live streaming, running the canteen and volunteering around the ground. We are unable to take the field week in week out without the group of volunteers that give up their time for the men and women to play baseball and finals are no exception, we have some of the best volunteers a sport can muster.

To Scorers and umpires the game couldn't go ahead without you I would like to thank you both not only for the finals series but for the whole season.

Congratulations to the following Teams: Macarthur Orioles Under 18's, 3rd Grade Blacktown Workers, 2nd Grade Baulkham Hills, 1st Grade Baulkham Hills and Club Champions Baulkham Hills.

Congratulations to the following people: Scorer of the year Janine Hunt, Volunteer of the year Robyn Turton, Umpire of the Year Jason Spurway and State League Service of Reignition to Brendan Kingman, Matt O'Neill and Matt Bennett.

To the State League Delegates, Club committees players and supporters as well the staff and Board of Baseball New South Wales, I would like to thank you for your contribution throughout the year.

2020-21 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

UNDER 18'S

Minor Premiers:	Macarthur Orioles
Premiers:	Macarthur Orioles
Batting Champion:	Nikhalesh Chowdhury - Greater Western
Pitcher of the Year:	Lachlan Brook - Macarthur Orioles
Most Valuable Player Under 18's for the 2020 Season	Josh Beezley - Manly Eagles

NSW State League Report Cont.

2020-21 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

THIRD GRADE

Minor Premiers:	Baulkham Hills
Premiers:	Blacktown Workers
Batting Champion:	Thomas Ely - Greater Western
Pitcher of the Year:	Brendan Johnson – Cronulla Sharks
Most Valuable Player Third Grade for the 2020 Season	Daniel Fullham - Macarthur Orioles

SECOND GRADE

Minor Premiers:	Baulkham Hills
Premiers:	Baulkham Hills
Batting Champion:	Stephen Courtney - Baulkham Hills
Pitcher of the Year:	Leo Matsuo – Manly Eagles
Most Valuable Player Second Grade for the 2020 Season	Tom Roberts - Baulkham Hills

NSW State League Report Cont.

2020-21 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

FIRST GRADE

Minor Premiers: Blacktown Workers

Premiers: Baulkham Hills

Batting Champions: Travis Bazzana - Ryde Hawks

Josh Dean – Cronulla Sharks

Pitcher of the Year: Matt Rae - Blacktown Workers

Most Valuable Player Josh Dean – Cronulla Sharks

**First Grade for the
2020 Season Lionel
Harris Medal**

**Rookie of the Year –
Voted by the Clubs** Quinn Johnson - Macarthur Orioles

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Club Championship: Baulkham Hills



NSW State League Report Cont.

2020-21 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Starting Pitcher:	Shayne Fogarty - Macarthur Orioles
Relief Pitcher:	Tom Stancic - Baulkham Hills
Catcher:	Quinn Johnson - Macarthur Orioles
First Base:	Matt Bennett - Baulkham Hills
Second Base	Jacob Younis - Baulkham Hills
Third Base	Brent Iredale - Blacktown Workers
Short Stop	Travis Bazzana - Ryde Hawks
Left Field	Chet Robinson - Central Coast Marlins
Centre Field	David Kandilas - Canterbury Vikings
Right Field	Michael Campbell - Central Coast Marlins
Designated Hitter	Blake Cavill - Cronulla
Manager of the Year	Phil Hemmer – Baulkham Hills

Richard Harris
State League Standing Committee
Chairman

NSW Women's League Report Cont.

Committee and Volunteers

I would like to start by thanking my fellow Committee members Kim, Fiona and Mel for all their hard work on behalf of the Women's League. To all the Club delegates thank you for your continued support of the Women's League and for making yourselves available for our regular meetings. To all the club scorers and our statisticians that decipher the score books each week and upload the information onto the web for the players to analyze a big 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 Women's games a big thank you.

We also need to acknowledge the support and backing of Baseball NSW and their Staff for the work they do behind the scenes. A special mention must go to Vassil our competition manager.

20/21 Season

We had 10-second grade team's and 5 first grade team's registered for our 20/21 competition. With a delayed start to the season due to the ongoing effects of the Covid 19 pandemic it was decided to play a 15 round First-grade competition and an 18 round Second-grade competition; with First-grade games being played back-to-back each week giving teams fewer home games but making it easier to allocate umpires and set up grounds. This worked very well and brought teams closer together which ultimately improved the atmosphere at the grounds.

We were only a couple of rounds into the season when we received the very sad and tragic news of the passing of Jacinda Barclay. I would like to pass on my condolences to Jacinda's Family and friends, I would also like to thank the Greenway Club and all who were in attendance at Northmead oval for the very touching memorial to Jacinda.

With making our pink round an annual event on the calendar a lot of work was put in to make this a fun weekend only to have it washed out for the second year in a row. Clubs made the most of it and wore their pink gear when it was possible to show their support for a very good cause.

Once again as we moved into the business end of the season the rains came causing games to be deferred, relocated at the last minute and one being suspended mid-game only to be completed 3 days later. With continuing bad weather and poor forecasted conditions, the decision to move the second-grade Grand final to a Saturday before the first-grade game was made. A big thanks you need to go to the Greenway ground staff for the work they put into the ground to allow both Grand Finals to be played.



NSW Women's League Report Cont.

Congratulations to the West Boomers for their win in the second-grade competition over the Cronulla Sharks. It was the West Boomers first season in the league and they went undefeated throughout.

Congratulations to the Greenway Giants club for once again taking out the first-grade competition over Blacktown Workers.

Before the season start, delegates were told that clubs would need to be flexible in scheduling and making up deferred games due to outside influencers. This led to the Baulkham hills Women's and the Ryde Women's playing their game as part of the Men's State League round slotting in between U/18 and Third grade. From the positive feedback received this is something that we would like to expand in future seasons.

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

Paul O'Neill
Chair NSWWBL

Country League Report

2021 has again proved to be another challenging year for NSW Country Baseball with the ongoing restrictions flowing from the Covid pandemic.

Fortunately, all our Country regions were able to commence their winter seasons this year. Wagga Wagga, Hastings, Coffs Harbour and Far North Coast managing to complete most, if not all of their regular seasons.

Other regions such as Illawarra, Central Coast and Newcastle were eventually forced to abandon their seasons due to the ongoing lockdown in their regions. Tamworth had additional problems with ongoing wet weather which also hampered their ability to get on the diamond.

Despite the CLSC's best efforts to postpone and delay decisions regarding our Women's, Men's and Junior championships, we again were left with no alternative but to cancel our entire winter program for the year.

On a brighter note, the Annual Tamworth Baseball Carnival over the June long weekend was very well attended and was a resounding success.

One very troubling development for NSW Country Baseball at a junior level, is Baseball Australia's insistence that we now merge teams with the ACT for under 16s and 18's National championships.

The CLSC has advocated strongly against this decision. NSW Country has a very proud and successful history at Nationals. There is a very real concern for us that we will lose our identity with this forced merger. There are also significant fundamental logistical concerns with coach and player selection as well as team preparation, given the substantial distances we ask parents and children to travel already. We have an ongoing dialogue with Baseball Australia regarding these matters and will continue to advocate for the best interests of NSW Country Baseball in this process.

Another ongoing concern for all Associations, given the uncertainty surrounding the eventual end of lockdowns, is with player retention and attracting new players to the game particularly for some of our smaller regional Associations. Hopefully with the vaccine rollout now well underway we will see an easing of restrictions next year.

On a final note, I would like to again thank all our delegates on the CLSC and in particular our fantastic hardworking secretary Steph Thompson. I sincerely appreciate the hard work and commitment you all continue to make to the longevity of NSW Country Baseball.

Bill Langler
CLSC Chairman

Sydney Winter Report

Sadly, the SWBL season was called off with the ongoing lockdown in Sydney making it impossible to make any further plans.

It was decided to award the premierships since all teams had played at least half of the possible games for the season.

There will be no individual awards presented this season

SWBL PREMIERS 2021

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



Sydney Winter Report

Thank you to all those who participated in the season, players, coaches, umpires, scorers, canteen staff and all those who came to watch our game.

We can only hope that things will improve over the summer, and we will get on the field for an uninterrupted season next year.

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

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



Kerry Jackson
SWBL Competition Manager



NSW Scorers Association Report

This year has been different from other years for the Scorers Association. With Covid-19, Extreme Weather and lots of rain, games have been cancelled or not played at all.

Even though we have had some difficult times, we have been involved with the following major tournament:

1. Blue Sox
2. All Little league competitions
3. State league
4. State Cup
5. Women's Competition
6. Park Ball

Due to Covid-19, we were unable to do any face-to-face training, but the silver lining is that we have become experts with Zoom.

This year we were pleasantly surprised that scoring is still going strong. We had decided to run courses thru Zoom and we have over 150 scorers interested in doing our training course. We must thank NSW Baseball particularly Vass Vasseleou for all his help with the registrations. We had scorers from Tee-ball thru to experienced scorers. It was great.

We are developing a new training guide so that our beginner scorers can get information about scoring baseball. We believe this is important as we need to support our beginner scorers.

In the coming season, if the Covid-19 continues we will be running the courses thru Zoom again.

I would also like to thank the different associations and clubs for supporting our scorers who are important for your teams and also for baseball.

**Kaye Cooper
President**

NSW Umpires Association Report

It's certainly been an exciting year for our sport. As it relates to umpiring, we've continued to develop the skills of our members and grow in numbers across the entire state.

It has been one of the more challenging years for us, and initially hampered from conducting courses at the grassroots level due to horrendous air quality through to not conducting our major annual seminar in 2020 due to Covid-19. However, with these challenges thrown at us, there is no time like the present to learn, adapt, and grow.

Regardless of location or sport, the fraternity of officiating has been known in some circles to be notoriously reluctant to embrace change. With our partnership with BNSW and led by Mark Marino, we're attempting to shift this mindset. We are now working on how we can better deliver umpiring education, training, and accreditation in 2021, underpinned by leveraging solid technology platforms. This promises to give us significant advantages into the future and will allow us to scale the delivery of umpiring courses like never before. A fantastic example of this is the introduction of webinars on a regular basis which is an initiative that has been driven by Matt Wagner - thank you Matt for all you've done to get us to this point!

The Umpire School for 2021 promised to be the largest in our history, with over 100 people registered to attend. It was also due to be one of the most exciting, with instructors scheduled to be joining us from Victoria and Queensland and guest presentations from Simon Taufel. NSW will also be the first in Australia to introduce virtual reality technology to the training schedule for all participants to give students real-time feedback on their decision making on balls and strikes. Initial trials by some members have been very promising.

Unfortunately for the second year in a row, we've been unable to conduct the School which will no doubt have a detrimental effect on the game. We're also not in a position to conduct the course any time soon either with the State League looking to commence play as soon as possible once we get back to some form of normality.

There is no doubt that this lack of training and support will be detrimental to the game, but there is little that we can do about it with such a lack of available time between seasons and there being a desire to play more and more baseball with the same numbers of people volunteering their time to umpire.

Locally, we're still working on the next round of umpires to be capable of working games at the elite level of the ABL or WSBC tournaments. We've put in place a high-performance working group that provides new opportunities for a select number of umpires to prepare them for the next stage in their career. While we have some great talent coming through once they have finished playing in junior age competitions, we also see some great umpires step up that played State League in their younger years and now want to contribute to the game umpires. Notably, ex-catchers bring a unique perspective to the game when umpiring. So we'd certainly welcome more to join us.

NSW Umpires Association Report

I also need to thank those in the Umpire Development Program that help to deliver our Community Courses around the state on a regular basis. While this has been hampered over the last period of time, this dedicated group put in a lot of effort on a volunteer basis. The program teaches hundreds of people each year and delivers a consistent standard of teaching across all of NSW for those wishing to be accredited as an umpire. The Community Course is also the minimum Accreditation requirement for umpires for any affiliated competition of Baseball NSW, and so we look forward to seeing this program being embraced by Associations that have thus far been reluctant to do so.

While there are many positives in umpiring in Australia at this time, there are also some topics that deserve our attention, and we need to be cognisant of their long-term effects. Notably, the reduction in National Championship appointments and events will hamper the development opportunities those events provide for umpires into the future. It is disappointing that Baseball Australia's previous 'leadership' saw fit to significantly reduce the number of umpires appointed to National Championships as a cost-cutting exercise without first seeking input or consideration from interested parties. We hope that this will be addressed under the new management.

NSW continues to lead the country regarding its appointments of umpires to major national and international events. This year saw the selection of my predecessor, Trent Thomas, to officiate at the next Olympic Games scheduled for Tokyo 2020. Trent previously worked at the recent Premier 12 and continues to work locally as the Crew Chief for the Sydney crew in the ABL. As the only person representing Australia on a diamond in Tokyo, we look forward to seeing Trent work games in July 2021.

We also saw the 2nd ever Australian appointment. The 2nd umpire from NSW was appointed to the Little League World Series with Mark Gilmour from Newcastle scheduled to work in Williamsport, initially in 2020, and again planned for 2021. Furthermore, we look forward to seeing Mark work the Series next year when we hope that the standard schedule resumes.

While both of these umpires have our congratulations and thanks for all they do for the game at various levels, we're excited to see who is next to step up to the national or international stage.

The last 12 months have been challenging in many ways; however, what continues to inspire us is the following 12 months ahead. We look forward to seeing you out on the diamonds soon.

Matt Carter
NSW Director of Umpiring

Baseball NSW Life Members

* 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:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

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.
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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

Elected:	1911
Name:	Jame A. Minnett*
Notes:	<p>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.</p> <p>Annual reports are not available for the years 1917-19, but he was listed again from 1920.</p>
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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

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.
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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS	
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.
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.

[^] 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”.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

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.
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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

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.
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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS	
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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

Elected:	2002
Name:	Cheryl Barnier
Notes:	Former long-term President of the NSWJBL that ran junior baseball in Sydney. She also continues to organise teams to travel overseas to tournaments, as well as running the Sydney Metro League.
Elected:	2005
Name:	Ian Lewis
Notes:	Devoted extensive time to CBNSW, now recognised as One Baseball NSW.
Elected:	2005
Name:	Paul Birch
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)

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

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.



Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2021

New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated
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Committee's Report

30 June 2021

The committee members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Committee members

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

Ross Morrison (Chairperson)	Re-elected October 26th 2019
Therese Philibossian	Resigned 26 October 2020
Peter Worboys	Re-elected October 26th 2019
Karl Hardman	Resigned
Scott Tunkin	Re-elected October 26th 2019
James Morley	Appointed February 28th 2018
Beth McVicker-Murphy	Appointed 26th October 2020
Mark Burns	Appointed 26th October 2020
Jason Chabi	Appointed 14th November 2020

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year 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 of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ 117,414 (2020: deficit \$ (144,437)).

Information on committee members

Ross Morrison	Chairperson
Special Responsibilities	President, BA ABL, BNSW CEO
Therese Philibossian	
Qualifications	RN, RM, B Soc Sc, Grad Dip Bus Stud, M Ed (Adult Ed), Cert IV (Workplace Training & Assessing), Cert IV (Frontline Managers), JP
Special Responsibilities	Member Value, Communications
Peter Worboys	
Special Responsibilities	Country, Coaching, Umpires, Scoring
Karl Hardman	
Qualifications	ABA
Special Responsibilities	Tool & Tech, Commercial, BVM
Scott Tunkin	
Qualifications	B Comm, MBA
Special Responsibilities	HP, Technical Committee, Rules

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Committee's Report

30 June 2021

James Morley

Qualifications

MLLP Employment Law, B.Ec (Soc Sci)

Special Responsibilities

People and Culture, Government, Governance

Beth McVicker-Murphy

Qualifications

BFA MBA

Special Responsibilities

Member Value, Communication, Womens

Mark Burns

Special Responsibilities

State League, Juniors, Pathways

Jason Chabi

Qualifications

BA (Phil), MBA (Marketing)

Special Responsibilities

Finance, Facilities, LLI

Meetings of management committee

During the financial year, 9 meetings of directors (including committees of directors) were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

Directors Meetings		
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Ross Morrison	9	9
Therese Philibossian	3	-
Peter Worboys	9	9
Karl Hardman	8	8
Scott Tunkin	9	9
James Morley	9	8
Beth McVicker-Murphy	6	6
Mark Burns	6	6
Jason Chabi	6	6

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

Committee member:
Ross Morrison

Committee member:
Jason Chabi

Dated 20 September 2021

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income		
Member receipts	675,989	445,925
Grants received	407,847	268,294
Events & competitions	324,997	134,270
Ground hire	56,973	74,425
Interest received	879	540
Sales & other income	70,895	54,853
	1,537,580	978,307
Expenditure		
Administration and other expenses	(235,127)	(161,660)
Audit fees	(5,960)	(5,700)
Bank charges & interest costs	(1,120)	(2,100)
Depreciation	(15,885)	(18,352)
Development & country costs	(216,193)	(103,600)
Employee remuneration and associated costs	(735,082)	(646,334)
Events & competitions	(75,415)	(50,480)
Facility & ground hire	(107,685)	(102,880)
Purchases	(26,415)	(31,639)
Finance expenses	(1,284)	-
Profit before income tax	117,414	(144,438)
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit from continuing operations	117,414	(144,438)
Profit for the year	117,414	(144,438)
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax		
Total comprehensive income for the year	117,414	(144,438)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	562,827	712,759
Trade and other receivables	6	85,097	65,859
Other assets	8	43,525	29,803
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		691,449	808,421
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	81,704	94,516
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		81,704	94,516
TOTAL ASSETS		773,153	902,937
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	224,667	153,977
Employee benefits	11	62,891	50,665
Other financial liabilities	10	104,727	434,840
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		392,285	639,482
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		392,285	639,482
NET ASSETS		380,868	263,455
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		380,868	263,455
TOTAL EQUITY		380,868	263,455

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

2021

	Retained Earnings
	\$
Balance at 1 July 2020	263,454
Surplus for the year	117,414
Balance at 30 June 2021	380,868

2020

	Retained Earnings
	\$
Balance at 1 July 2019	407,893
Surplus for the year	(144,438)
Balance at 30 June 2020	263,455

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Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from registrations & affiliations			
Receipts from grants		675,989	445,925
Events, development & developments		407,847	268,294
Other receipts		381,970	144,075
Interest paid		129,642	341,531
Interest received		(1,284)	-
Payments to suppliers and employees		879	540
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		(1,741,901)	(901,291)
		(146,858)	299,074
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(3,074)	(22,362)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(3,074)	(22,362)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		(149,932)	276,712
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		712,759	436,047
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	562,827	712,759

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

The financial statements cover New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated as an individual entity. New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated is a not-for-profit Association incorporated in New South Wales under the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009* and *Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010* ('the Act').

The functional and presentation currency of New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated is Australian dollars.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Committee of Management on 20 September 2021.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

2 Change in Accounting Policy

Revenue from Contracts with Customers - Adoption of AASB 15

The Association has adopted AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* for the first time in the current year with a date of initial application of 1 July 2020.

The Association has applied AASB 15 and AASB 1058 using the cumulative effect method which means the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under AASB 111, AASB 118, AASB 1004 and related interpretations. All adjustments on adoption of AASB 15 and AASB 1058 have been taken to retained earnings at 1 July 2020.

3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

For comparative year

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers

For current year

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(d) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for nil or nominal consideration have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.

Land and buildings

Land and buildings are measured using the cost model.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

Leased assets and leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or their estimated useful life.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Class of Fixed Assets	Depreciation Rate
Leasehold improvements	13%
Office furniture & equipment	5% - 66.6%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(f) Employee benefits

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 benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(g) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Association has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 30 June 2021, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Association.

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4 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The committee make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions specific to the Association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

Key estimates - receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	562,827	712,759
	562,827	712,759

6 Trade and other receivables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	87,097	67,859
Provision for impairment	(2,000)	(2,000)
	85,097	65,859
Total current trade and other receivables	85,097	65,859

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

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7 Property, plant and equipment

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	120,042	116,968
Accumulated depreciation	(83,004)	(73,793)
Total plant and equipment	37,038	43,175
Leasehold Improvements		
At cost	75,535	75,535
Accumulated amortisation	(30,869)	(24,194)
Total leasehold improvements	44,666	51,341
Total property, plant and equipment	81,704	94,516

8 Other Assets

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	43,525	5,803
Accrued income - JobKeeper	-	24,000
	43,525	29,803

9 Trade and Other Payables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	55,831	30,753
Deposits	3,000	2,500
GST payable	15,868	40,984
Employee benefits	20,007	19,247
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	57,571	28,169
Funds held	72,390	32,324
	224,667	153,977

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

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10 Other Financial Liabilities

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Office of Sport - COVID deferred income	94,564	220,649
Grassroots funding deferred income	-	183,000
Amounts received in advance	<u>10,163</u>	31,191
Total	<u>104,727</u>	434,840

11 Employee Benefits

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Current liabilities		
Provision for employee benefits	<u>62,891</u>	50,665
	<u>62,891</u>	50,665

12 Capital and 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.

13 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2021 (30 June 2020:None).

14 Related Parties

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

The Committee are not aware of any related party transactions during the year.

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15 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

The financial report was authorised for issue on 20 October 2021 by the Committee of Management.

COVID-19

A global pandemic was declared by the World Health Organisation on 11 March 2020. The New South Wales Public Health Act introduced restrictions that the Association has to comply with for the foreseeable future. These measures are expected to have an ongoing impact on the revenue and profitability of the Association throughout the 2022 financial year however, due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, it is not possible to predict the effect of the matter.

Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

16 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

81 Eastern Road, Rooty Hill NSW 2766

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Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 3 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 3 to 13:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

Committee member
Ross Morrison



Committee member
Jason Chabi



Dated 20 September 2021



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New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated

Independent Audit Report to the members of New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010.

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 auditor independence requirements of 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.

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Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the 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 management.

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- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management'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 reporter, 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.

We communicate with the management 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.

We also provide the management with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the management, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



Matthew Edwards (CPA)
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PDD Advisory Group

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Dated this 21st day of September 2021