



The Pitch



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Photo by Mark Lenton – 'Inside the Huddle.'



Photo by Lisa Merrell – 'Hats off to Baseball!'



Photo by Mick Goddard – 'I'm running on air.'



Photo by Karen – Talen Lachmund-Davis 'eat, sleep, pitch, repeat.'



Photo by Joe Potter – 'Giving it everything on the mound.'

BNSW Game Day Pics

2023 May entries



Photo by Jenna Attard – 'I'd hit that.'



Photo by Jill Archer – 'Ouch.'



Photo by Louise McMahon – 'Chasing rainbow dreams.'

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!

Volunteer: Kylie Vella –
Quakers Hill Pirates Baseball

Coach: N/A

Umpire: N/A

Scorer: Jenny Yates –
MacKillop Baseball

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

Monthly Game Day May Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo #6 sent in by Mick Goddard – 'I'm Running on Air.'

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!



Recognising Hard Work BNSW Monthly Award Nominees

Scorers

Jenny Yates -

MacKillop Baseball

Jenny is always ready and willing to score club games. Jenny also gives so much of her time to score when it comes to State Champs for team Greater Western. Always happy to help, always willing to do all she can for Team MacKillop and Greater Western. For the love of the game!



Volunteers

Kylie Vella -

Quakers Hill Pirates Baseball

As our club secretary and number one Pirate advocate, Kylie is one of the backbones of our club and I'm sure there isn't a Pirate who doesn't know who she is! From sizing up uniforms, organising merchandise and sorting all the training kits for summer and winter, to running the best canteen in the Hills! Kylie puts in countless hours of effort to make our club work. Every club needs a Kylie Vella!

Click here to vote for someone in your club who deserves recognition.

Strike Zone

Congratulating our NSW Umpires

With many national tournaments held over the past months, NSWBUA would like to recognise and congratulate our members who have represented on the National stage. Congratulations to all!

Australian Youth Championships

Dave Brodie

Rhys Callaghan

Matt Saunders

Andrew Clements

Joel Marchant

Ian Boulton

Steve Bigwood

Jerry Cobb

Tim Peel

Michael Bryant

Oscar Iredale

Women's Championships

Steve Rymer

Rhys Callaghan

Senior League Championships

Steve Bigwood

Club corner

Are you tired of spending countless hours on grant applications and not receiving any funding for your club? Don't worry – Sports Community have got you covered!

Join in this stand-alone webinar on grant writing for clubs and learn easy ways to maximise your grant writing opportunities and increase your chances of being a successful grant winner.

Here's what you can expect to learn:

- A step-by-step guide to writing winning grants
- How to demystify the grants process
- Tips for giving your club the best opportunity to secure funding
- The secrets to writing and winning grants of any size

Don't let the grant writing process drain your energy. Register now and take your club's funding capabilities to the next level!

Wednesday, 31st May at 7pm AEST.
[Click here](#) to register.



Baseball NSW are hosting Season 2023/24 Game Day Registration Training sessions via Zoom for all BNSW Clubs.

The sessions will be held:

Monday 26th June 2023, 7pm - 9pm

Thursday 29th June 2023, 7pm - 9pm

Monday 10th July 2023, 7pm - 9pm

Baseball NSW wish to run these sessions in the best interest of the clubs, so that you feel prepared for the influx of registrations in the upcoming season. If you have any further questions, please get in contact with our Memberships and Registrations Manager, Mel Goodrich.
mel@baseballnsw.com.au

[Zoom link](#) Monday 26th June 2023

[Zoom link](#) Thursday 29th June 2023

[Zoom link](#) Monday 10th July

Club Corner cont.

Vale Peter Street Beloved Member of the Community

This month, Baseball NSW, Hills Baseball Association and Castle Hill Baseball Club lost a much beloved member of the community, Mr Peter Street.

Peter was involved with the Castle Hill Knights club since 1991. He coached many Castle Hill teams across all different age groups, he helped so many kids and Hills squads throughout his time. He and his wife Lynne were awarded CH Life Membership in the year 2000. He has an award named after him at the club as well as a age group competition within the Hills Association.

Peter has been awarded Club person of the year and was groundsman for decades ... often mistakenly listing his address as Castle Glen and not Castle Hill. If you couldn't find Pete he'd be more than likely at Castle Glen or Knights Field.

He played his first baseball game at age 49 after decades of cricket. A true legend



of the Castle Hill Baseball community and the wider baseball family. He gave his everything to the club!

Our thoughts are with his family, Peter's wife Lynne and son Robbie, and all those lives whom he touched.

Rest In Peace Peter.

Club Corner cont.

Castle Hill

Baseball's Winter

Development

Programs

This year, the Castle Hill Knights have taken the initiative to run two exciting programs that have been a great success with it's junior players.

Its Knights Under Lights program has continued its momentum from past years, providing off-season player development sessions for teeball and modball players.

These sessions focus on skills-based training, including hitting, throwing, fielding, base-running, and game plays. Additionally, the inaugural Knights Winter Smash has brought the thrill of live-pitch play to a weekly tournament.

The Winter Smash tournament has taken the game to a whole new level for junior live-pitch players. It's played with four teams, each with entertaining names like



Disco Turkeys, Swamp Beasts, Pistol Shrimps, and the Yard Goats, who go head-to-head in matchups each week. Modified rules are used to encourage maximum at-bats and provide ample live-pitching opportunities for all players.

Club Corner cont.

Castle Hill

Baseball's Winter

Development

Programs

This has seen Castle Hill's home field, Castle Glen, come alive with over 100 enthusiastic junior players and dedicated coaches under the vibrant glow of the floodlights. The atmosphere has been electric, especially in the dugouts where neon disco balls and pump up music are a common sight, helping to fuel the players' passion and energy, even on the chilly winter nights.

All of this has been made possible by the Knights volunteer coaches, and organisers who the club is very grateful for. Their support and passion for the game have laid the foundation for a bright future for these kids in baseball.

To see more of the Knights Winter Development programs, follow Castle Hill Baseball on Facebook and Instagram: @castlehillbaseball



Castle Hill Knights Under Lights 2023 Gallery



College Catchups

It been a huge couple of weeks for our past BNSW representatives who are in colleges all over the United States.

Congratulations to [Penrith Baseball](#) junior Cody Godbold and his [University of Charleston Athletics](#) team mates on winning the Mountain East Conference Tournament title. From Penrith, [Greater Western Baseball Association](#), [Baseball NSW](#) to the USA winning a tournament title and making memories playing the sport you love, well done Cody!

Congratulations also to the Stanford Cardinals and Jimmy Nati who secured their second consecutive Pac 12 title last weekend!

Stanford Baseball will be the #1 Seed when the conference tournament begins in Arizona!

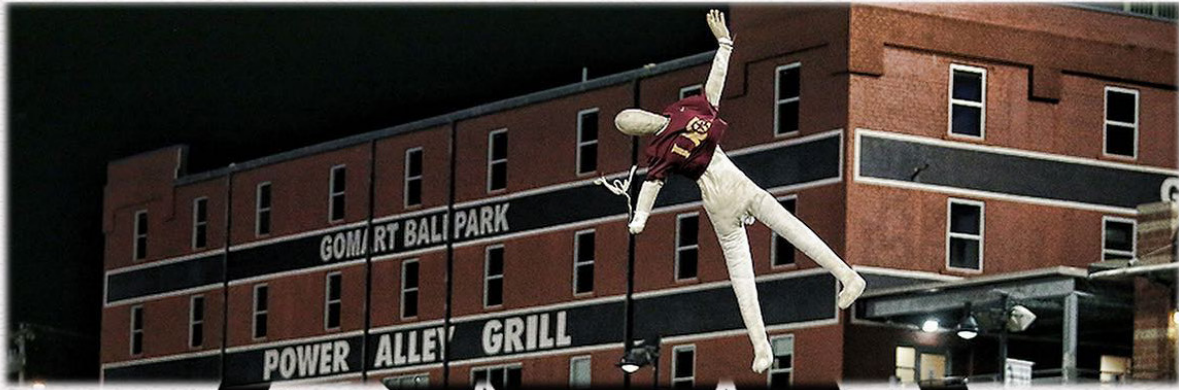
Read all about the championship title [here](#)

Many of our past BNSW representatives are competing for colleges across the US throughout our "off season".

You can help share the good news stories of our players overseas by messaging Baseball NSW, for the chance to feature them in our [#CollegeCatchups](#) section of The Pitch each month!!



College Catchups Mountain East Conference Tournament Gallery



MOUNTAIN EAST CONFERENCE



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



Jaylin Rae Plunders Awards, Buccaneers Celebrate

Jaylin Rae has had an unreal season for the CSU Buccaneers. This month, Rae was named to the Big South All-Conference Honorable Mention Team.

Jaylin was also the offensive leader for the Buccaneers this season, hitting .357 in 47 games and flashed power with 12 XBHs while also scoring 36 runs. He sported an OPS of .911 while also slugging .462.

These numbers were a huge contributor to Jaylin being awarded MVP and Best Hitter by CSU Bucs Baseball this season. A solid performance from one of our past BNSW juniors. We're super excited to continue following Jaylin's journey!



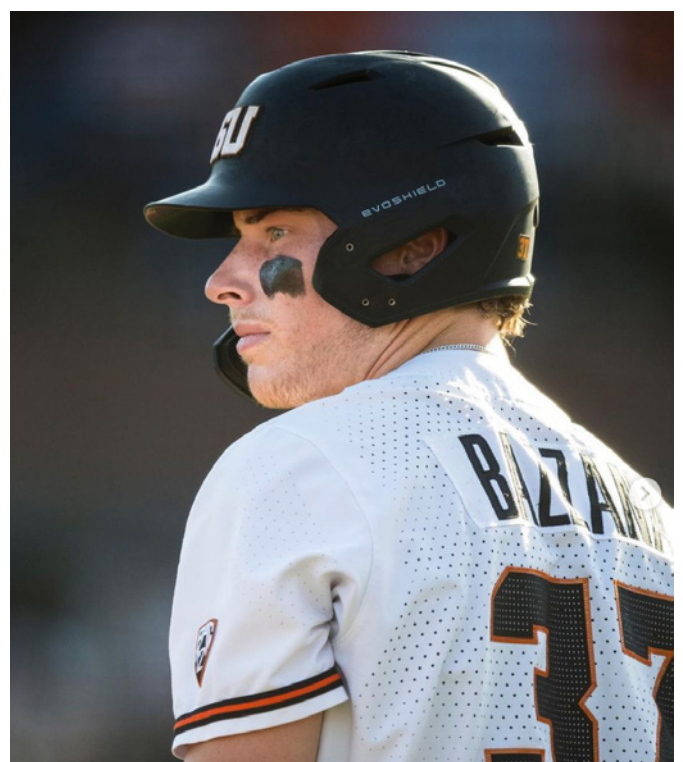
Travis Bazzana: Australian Dynamo Lights Up Oregon State

"An Australian name to keep an eye on!" is a direct quote from Team Australia Baseball and we couldn't agree more. Bazzana has put together one of the greatest regular seasons in Oregon State history in 2023.

The Baseball NSW junior has made an impact at Oregon State University with the Beavers, leading the Pac-12 in stolen bases (with a school single-season record 36), runs scored (74, second all-time to Cole Gillespie's 83), walks (56, second all-time to Adley Rutschman's 76) and on-base percentage (.509) and is tied for the league lead in hits (79). Bazzana ranks fifth in batting average (.376) and also has 19 doubles, 10 home runs, 52 RBIs and 134 total bases in 55 games.

All these stats have greatly contributed to Bazzana's naming in the All-Pac-12 First Team and Pac-12 All Defensive team. An explosive player who continues to light up our screens. We are excited to see everything Trav has in store in his future.

To read more about the unreal season Travis is having, head to the following [link](#):



Representative Events 2023 Dates & Venues Announced

Baseball NSW is pleased to announce the dates and venues of our major tournaments taking place in the new year.

With the Australian Youth Championships and Rookies Cup completed for this year, our representative season continues with the 2023 NSW State Championships, and we could not be more excited!

Be sure to mark your calendars as some of the most exciting junior competitions of the season approaches!

Thank you to the clubs who have volunteered to host these events.

We can't wait to see everyone out there in 2023!

Event	Date	Venue
Tamworth Baseball Carnival	10th-12th Jun 2023	TBA
NSW Country Mens Europe Tour	13th-28th Jun 2023	Vienna and Prague
NSW Country Senior League and NSW Womens Country Championships	24th-25th Jun 2023	Tamworth
Senior Mens A and B Division Country Championships	4th-6th Aug 2023	Blacktown International Sportspark
Coasties Cup	Aug 2023	TBA (Central Coast)
Junior Country Championships	30th Sep - 2nd Oct 2023	Coffs Coast Sport and Leisure Park

NSW Reign Champions of 2023 All Schools Competition

This month, the 33rd Annual School Sport Australia (U18) Baseball Championship was held in Lismore for a week.

The tournament is a contest between the top talent across Australian schools. Teams are pre-selected from school competitions in each of the states, and they come together to compete for the All Schools Championship title. This year, NSW competed for seven wins, with one loss and one draw.

The team then went on to reclaim the championship title from QLD with a 6-4 win in the gold medal match.

Going into the grand final, the reigning title holders Queensland, had beaten NSW in one game (5-2) and drawn the other (7-7). The grand final game was a fiercely contested battle, with Queensland creating an early two run lead. The strong lineup of NSW batters quickly took back the lead in the bottom of the second, from which Queensland chased for the remainder of the game. NSW pitcher, Jackson Frame, kept the Queensland



NSW Reign Champions of 2023

All Schools Competition Cont.

batters under control for seven innings and was named MVP of the game by the opposing team.

Congratulations to the following players who received awards for their efforts during the event. Luke Donaghey was named MVP of the tournament. Hayden Purchase won the batting award with four NSW players hitting above .500 for the tournament.

As part of the tournament, a twelve player All Australian squad is selected and this year six positions were awarded to NSW players.

We recognise the following NSW who have been selected:

- Luke Donaghey
- Zac Morris
- Hayden Purchase
- Logan Fielder
- Callum Donnelly
- Lachlan Vella

To take home the championship is a huge achievement which will remain a highlight of these players high school baseball memories.

Congratulations to all involved!



2023 Barclay Cup Registrations Now Open

Baseball NSW will again be sending two teams to the Barclay Cup for 2023.

To be eligible to participate in the Barclay Cup the girls must be between the ages of 13 and 16 by the 31st of August 2023.

The Barclay Cup Program and trials will be conducted and organised by our State Development Officer Coen Wynne. Trials for the Barclay Cup will take place at Blacktown International Sports Park on June 13th and 15th from 6pm-9pm.

After a successful inaugural tournament in the Gold Coast, the Barclay Cup is an event you don't want to miss. This year the tournament moves to Perth and will be hosted by Baseball Western Australia from the 1st – 7th of October.

The competition features teams across the five states, NSW, QLD, VIC, WA, and SA. This new but exciting tournament brings in talent from across the country and provides an opportunity to celebrate and develop the future of Women's baseball in Australia.



This year, Baseball NSW are striving to have greater women's participation in the variety of roles, be it player, coach or staff, in order to continue growing all aspects of the game.

If you have any questions please email our State Development Officer, Coen Wynne at coen@baseballnsw.com.au

[Click here](#) to register for the trials.

Registrations will close 11:59pm on the 11th June. 2023.

View the 2023 Barclay Cup Information Pack by [clicking here](#).

2022 Barclay Cup Gallery



Emerging Pathway Program Back for 2023

Baseball NSW will be conducting this development program over winter, from mid-July to late August.

This program will focus on locking down the fundamentals of baseball offering the best opportunity in all of NSW for your young athletes to further develop their skills and make them better baseball players.

You will be training alongside the best kids in the age group and with some of the best coaches NSW has to offer. Learn new skills and sharpen existing skills throughout the EPP program.

As Baseball NSW's youngest development program, it is targeted to players who are turning/or have already turned 12, 13, 14, or 15 years old in 2023. For more information on age eligibility, view the EPP information pack below.

BNSW State Development Officer, Coen Wynne, will direct and lead the Emerging Pathways Program and will be assisted by a pool of coaching talent who have experience at multiple levels throughout baseball including NSW State Team



Coaches, State League Coaches, and Development Coaching Staff. BNSW will be conducting the program at three venues across the Metropolitan area of Sydney.

Trials will be held at:
Diamond 2, Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP), 81 Eastern Road, Rooty Hill.

Tuesday 6th June – 6pm to 9pm

Thursday 8th June – 6pm to 9pm (if required)

Registrations close 11:59pm June 4 2023.

[Click here](#) to view the information pack and register for the program.

Central Coast High Performance Program 2023

Central Coast Baseball Associations will be conducting a High Performance Program for 2023 and are now calling upon players who wish to register for this program.

Baseball NSW will be helping to coordinate the program and will be actively involved. The program will also be made available to Newcastle Baseball Association members.

Age eligibility for this program are players born in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

This is a 10 week program comprising of 2 x 3 hour training sessions per week on Monday's and Wednesday's, 6pm to 9pm between the dates of May 29 and August 23 at Baseball Park, Newcastle St, Springfield.

[Click here](#) to view the Central Coast High Performance Information Pack for all the necessary information regarding registration links and cost.



The program includes:

- Baseball specific skill development
- Arm velocity development
- Running speed development
- Bat speed development
- Strength + Conditioning
- Incorporation of modern technology such as Rapsodo, Blast Motion.
- Game play/awareness

Women's Development Program 2023

Baseball NSW are once again running the Women's Development Program (WDP) for 2023.

This female focused, winter high performance program will run over eight weeks from mid-July to early September.

This year the Baseball NSW Women's program will be set up in two tiers. There will be the Women's Elite Tier and the Women's Futures Tier. Both programs will run on the same dates out of the same venue but will have separate session plans which will better fit the skill level of the individual player.

Baseball NSW are pleased to announce that the WDP will be free for all players selected into the program as part of our initiative to grow women's development and participation in the game of baseball. If you would like to register for the Women's Development Program then please [click here](#) and fill out the form.

Trainings will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Blacktown International Sportspark.



If this program is something you or someone you know would be interested in, please register to trial via the information pack below.

**Registrations close at 11:59pm
Monday June 19 2023.**

[Click here](#) to view all the details in our 2023 Women's Development Program Information Pack.

Tamworth Baseball Carnival Coming Soon

Each year on the June long weekend, Tamworth Baseball Association host one of the biggest events on the calendar.

This year will be the 54th Annual June Carnival and we're super excited for the competition.

The round robin competition will see nine divisions competing this year and is expected to be a great day of fun baseball.

Wishing the teams all the best at the event and for all information and updates about the tournament, head to the **Tamworth Baseball Facebook page** [here](#).

[Click here](#) to view the draw.



Baseball NSW Online Coaching Accreditation

Are you interested in obtaining your Baseball Coaches Accreditation?

Baseball NSW offers an online coaching accreditation program through the Canopi platform. It aligns BNSW practices with the Baseball Australia revisions for coach accreditations. There are 3 levels (A, B and C) that are recognised nationally. As such, we have updated our coach accreditation requirements, with the USA Baseball Certification being a mandatory component of the BNSW accreditation.

Anyone interested in partaking in our courses can now access everything through the 'Education' section of our updated BNSW website. The online courses allow those interested in acquiring accreditation to do so during the times that work best for them.

To assist with the transition to online education, we've put together a full document outlining the requirements and changes.



Download the document [here](#).

To begin your accreditation pathway today, [click here](#).

For any queries relating to the coach accreditation requirements, please email: coaching@baseballnsw.com.au

Sporting Grants Now Open for Application

Each year there are various grants provided by organisations and government departments that can provide much-needed support and funds to nurture sporting talent, help build sports facilities and develop the sports industry as a whole.

Purpose:

As part of Sport NSW's commitment to advocating for and strengthening the sports sector – grants information and updates are a regular feature of the fortnightly Blues eNews newsletter.

Join the network and subscribe to Blues eNews [here](#).

The full Sport NSW Grants Schedule Summary document is regularly updated and details available grants with the view to making this information easily accessible and in one place.



Bookmark the [Sport NSW Grants page](#) and check back regularly for updates.

The full summary of all grants available throughout the year can be downloaded [here](#).

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



- 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



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