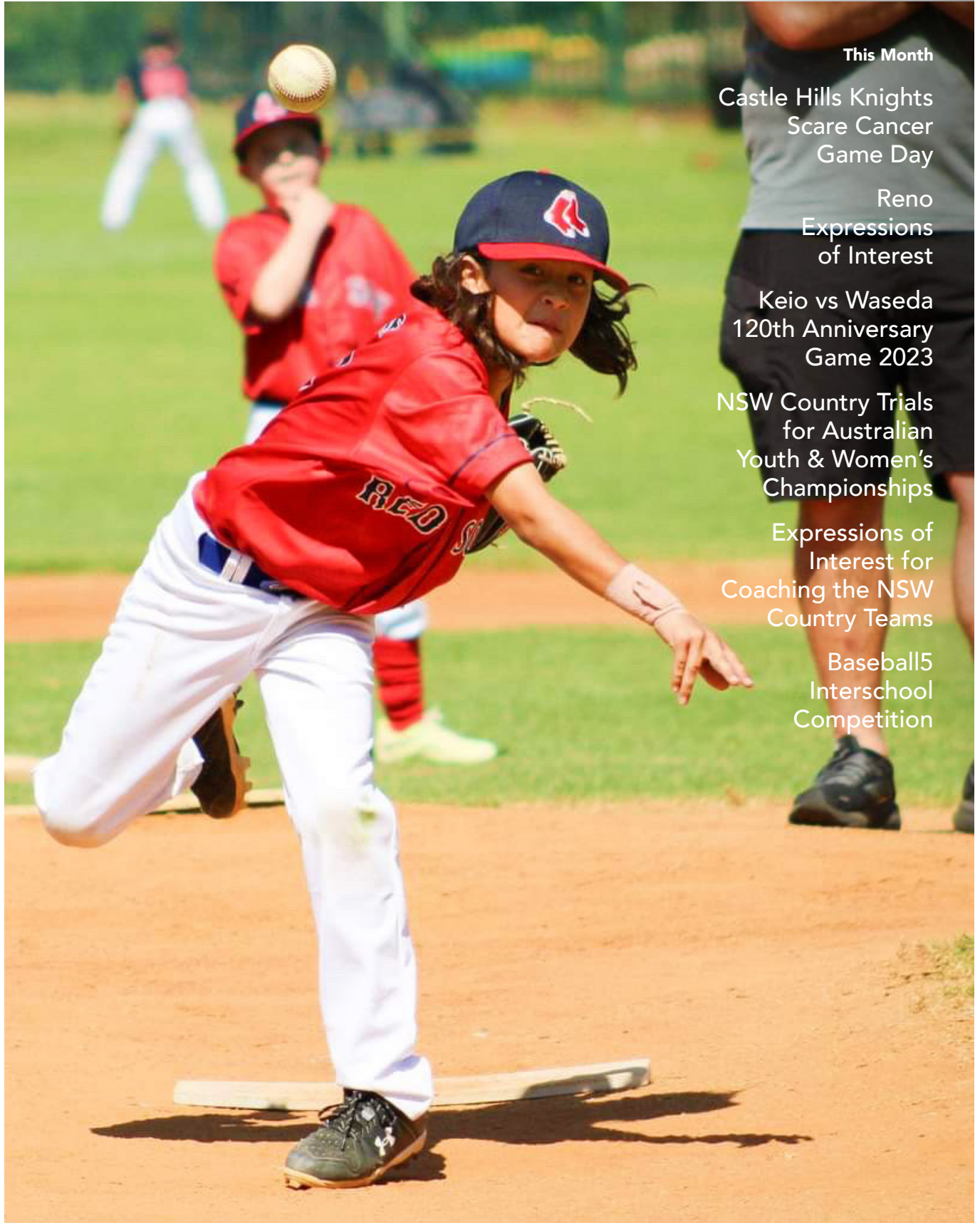




# The Pitch



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# BNSW Game Day Pics

## 2023 November entries



Photo by Christie Weber – ‘Blowing bubbles helps hit dingers.’



Photo by Megan Clifton – When you’re finally old enough to play.’



Photo by Kaydee Wilmott – ‘A great coach celebrates all the wins.’



Photo by Gregory Chavez – Kissing point Angels F2 – Los Angeles.’



# BNSW Game Day Pics

## 2023 November entries cont.



Photo by Joe Vella – 'Peer pressure.'

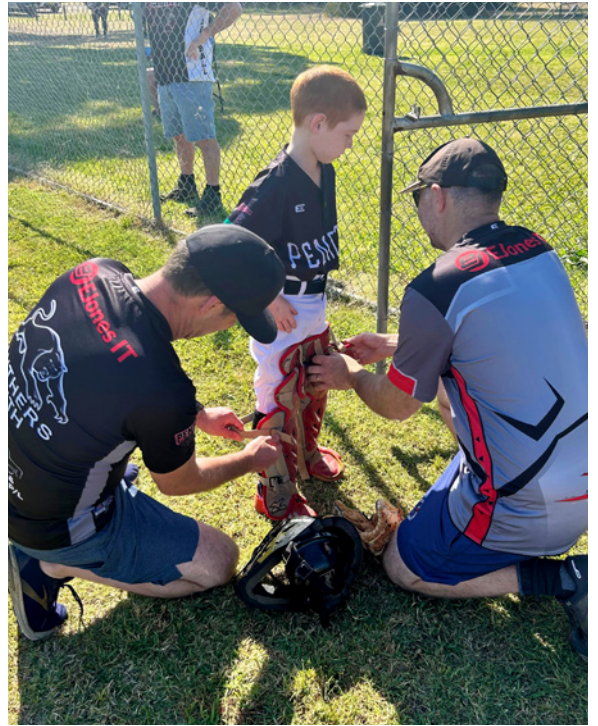


Photo by Melanie Slater – 'it takes two.'



Photo by Eryn Hackel – 'Foggy start to the day.'

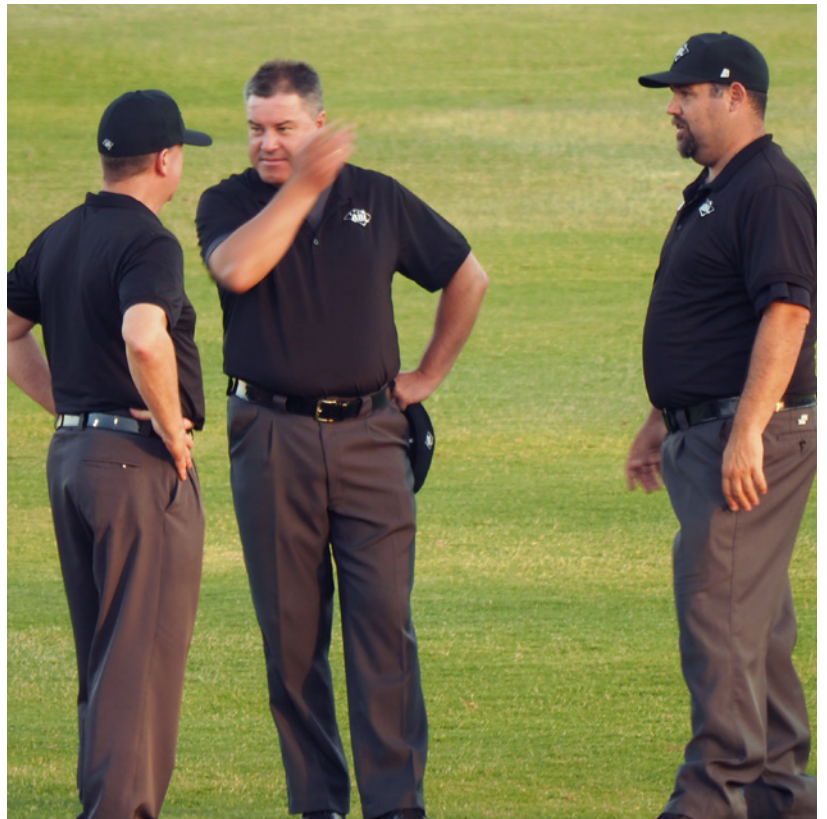


Photo by Marion Bancroft – 'When the game is over, what should we do?'



# BNSW Game Day Pics

## 2023 November entries cont.



Photo by Ketone – 'Eyes on the ball.'



Photo by Amy Elise Plodthao – 'Pitch Perfect.'



Photo by Nick Limbrey – 'Stealers Zooka Panthers show out for Pink Month!'



# BNSW Game Day Pics

## 2023 November entries cont.



Photo by Kirsty Tavae – 'Strike!'



Photo by Mick Goddard – 'Sunset at Gilchrist.'



# Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

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

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

**Volunteer:** Rich Williams –  
Greenway Giants Baseball

**Coach:** Brett Ardill –  
Ermington Tigers Baseball

**Umpire:** Jeremy Bredon –  
Thornleigh Baseball

**Scorer:** Vera Bonham –  
Blacktown Workers Baseball

## November Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #BNSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo #6 by Nick Limbrey - 'Stealers Zooka Panthers show out for Pink Month!'

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



## Coaches

**Lachlan Storman -**

**Wollongong Cardinals Baseball**

Baseball He is there for every training session during the week and visits each game on Sundays.

**Brett Ardill -**

**Ermington Tigers Baseball**

Tigers Baseball Brett is always the first one there, setting up the field and BBQ, keeping the shed in order, and then coaches his team of Zooka players with so much patience and encouragement. Tigers are lucky to have him.

**Ty Tavae -**

**Camden Red Sox Baseball**

He has gone above and beyond with all his commitment to coaching, training and giving these kids such confidence when they are on field.

## Scorers

**Vera Bonham -**

**Blacktown Workers Baseball**

Vera is the unsung hero of scorers. Helping, training, and organising; she does it all for State League, and has for many seasons now.

## Umpires

**Jeremy Bredon -**

**Thornleigh Baseball**

50 words or less is the key really. Thanks for your contribution to the club Jeremy!



# Recognising Hard Work

## BNSW Monthly Award Nominees cont.



### Volunteers

#### **Jamie Redman - Kellyville Kolts Baseball**

Jamie has been the president of Kellyville Baseball Club for over 3 years now. In his spare time from running his own business, Jamie is always down at our fields mowing, edging, filling the diamonds with new dolerite, painting foul lines and setting up fields for all our junior games. He gives Kellyville Baseball so much of his time I think I should buy him a caravan so he can sleep at the fields!!

#### **Keeley Hodge - St Pat's Baseball**

Keeley has shown dedication to running the canteen, taking so much time out of her personal life to build a strong business!

#### **Sean Doudle - Phoenix Charlestown Baseball**

Sean spends a large number of hours per week - after work and on weekends - looking after fields and making sure they are ready for games all season, as well as managing other aspect of the club's business.

#### **Rich Williams - Greenway Giants Baseball**

Rich is always on hand for our club. Already a coach of JL2, on hand to umpire IL or JL1 and then ready to assist with grounds, working bees, you name it. Then at our recent Greenies tournament he was always there. From BBQ, grounds, clean up, he never went home during the 4 days. Rich is very low key just getting on with it, but his work doesn't go unnoticed. We need more people like Rich in community sport!

[Click here](#) to vote for someone in your club who deserves recognition.



# Strike Zone

The following NSW umpires have been selected to officiate the 2024 Australian Youth Championships this coming January in Blacktown.



Boston Stead

Brandon Lee

Dave Brodie

Dave Brown

Ian Boulton

Ji Min Li

Michael Bryan

Rhys Callaghan

Steve Bigwood

Half of the umpiring cohort will hail from NSW this year and it is a huge achievement for the NSW Baseball Umpires Association.

The overall group includes a large, capable cohort of new and returning AYC umpires from all over the country who we are excited to see at Australia's premier youth tournament.

Thank you to all!



# Club Corner

## Canteen Staff/Co-ordinator

**Fuel the Fans! Run Our Canteen!**  
**Calling all individuals, teams, and clubs!**  
**We're seeking canteen operators for BNSW events throughout the year.**  
**Be part of the game-day experience and keep fans satisfied.**

### Roles Available:

- Canteen Operators
- Weekly Canteen Coordinator
- Catering Teams

### Responsibilities:

- Provide delicious food and drinks to hungry fans.
- Ensure smooth canteen operations.
- Run a weekly canteen or be part of a catering team.

### Benefits:

- Fundraise for your club or team.
- Connect with the baseball community.
- Contribute to the event's success.

**Interested in fueling the fun?**

Reach out to [communications@baseballnsw.com.au](mailto:communications@baseballnsw.com.au) with your availability and interest.



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# Club Corner cont.

# Changes to GameChanger Scoring

The GameChanger scoring platform will be undergoing huge changes at the end of this year!

In order to prepare for the upcoming transition from web to app, we encourage all of our members to download the new GameChanger app as soon as possible to begin adjusting to the new platform.

Baseball NSW and the NSW Baseball Scorers Association will be running all major competitions on the new GameChanger moving forward.

[Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

To download the app [click here](#).



## DOWNLOAD THE APP

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The GameChanger logo, consisting of a green 'GC' icon followed by the word 'GAMECHANGER' in white, with a trademark symbol (TM) at the end.



# Club Corner cont.

# Castle Hill Knights

# Scare Cancer

# Game Day

**At the end of last month, Castle Hill Knights' held a Scare Cancer Game Day.**

All home and visiting teams were invited to dress up themselves and their dugouts in the most creative way possible to raise funds for the Kids with Cancer Foundation.

The day was a lot of fun! From creepy scars to spooky skeletons, harlequins to

haunting ghosts, and enough blood to make a vampire jealous – the day had it all! Coaches got into the spirit too, and dugouts were transformed into spooky spectacles with spider webs and hazard tape.

Every dollar raised went towards helping children and their families navigate the challenging journey of pediatric cancer. One of the most inspiring aspects of the event was the incredible involvement of



# Club Corner cont.

## Castle Hill Knights

### Scare Cancer Game Day

visiting clubs. Winston Hills, Quakers Hills, and Schofields went above and beyond to embody the true essence of community spirit. The Scorpions not only showed up but brought their A-game in terms of creativity, enthusiasm, and generosity, donating a significant amount to the cause. A heartfelt thank you to all clubs for their wholehearted participation!

The Scare Cancer Dress-Up Game Day was a striking example of how our baseball community comes together, not just on the field, but in support of a greater cause. The Kids with Cancer Foundation is always looking for donations. Every donation, no matter how big or small, makes a world of difference to children battling cancer.

**So if you'd like to donate, please [click here.](#)**





# Club Corner cont.

## Castle Hill Knights

### Scare Cancer Game Day





# College Catchups

## Blacktown Workers' Brent Iredale Signs with Arkansas

Congratulations to Brent Iredale, Student Athlete and 2020/21 Blacktown Workers championship winning shortstop. Brent announced this month that he plans to attend Arkansas in 2024.

Iredale is a former Quakers Hill Pirate Junior and Hills Sports High School alumnist, boasting a strong junior career in which he attended both the Little League and Junior League World Series with the Hills Association (homering in both tournaments).

Brent joined the Blacktown Workers State League program at just 15 and made an immediate impact with the 1st grade and U18 ball-clubs. The entire Workers community are extremely proud of Brent's achievements, alongside those who have worked and played with Brent throughout his time with Baseball NSW.

**Best of luck to Brent in his future baseball endeavours!**



# College Catchups cont. **Kyan Wallington** **Signs with** **Odessa College**

**Baseball NSW own, Kyan Wallington, featured on Baseball.com.au this month following his announcement to commit to Odessa College in Texas, USA.**

Wallington, alongside Lachlan Smith (VIC) with whom he has shared a national jersey with, will be joining each other in Texas next year!

This is an exciting venture for the young players! Kyan has been with Baseball NSW for many years, having most recently won a Premiership with the First Grade Blacktown Workers team in the 2022/23 Season. He has represented at many levels from National to State level, and the young outfielder is looking forward to “the school’s coaching, the location and the opportunity” Odessa is offering him!

**All the best in your future Kyan!**

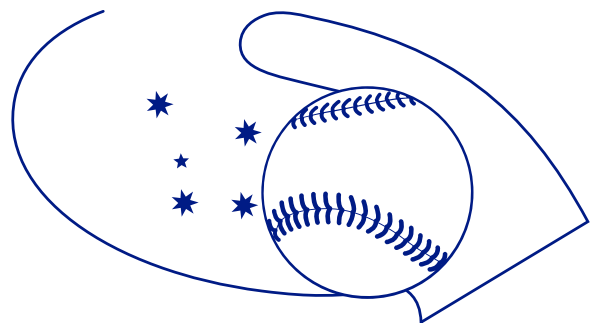
**Read the full story [here](#).**





# USA Tours/Reno Expressions of Interest

View the Youth Baseball  
USA Tours Information Flyer  
by [clicking here](#).



**BASEBALL**  
NEW SOUTH WALES



# Keio vs Waseda 120th Anniversary Game 2023

**The milestone game of the rivalry between powerhouse Japanese Universities Waseda and Keio is scheduled to be played in Blacktown, Sydney!**

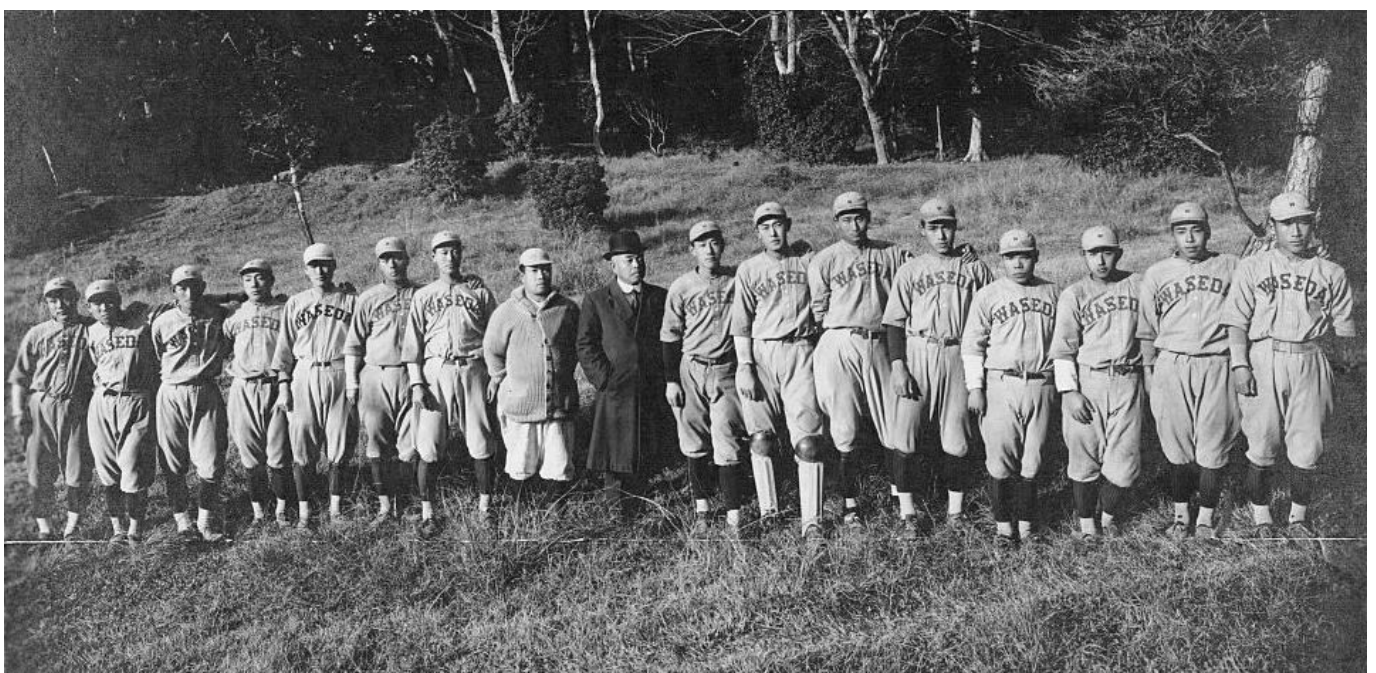
The game will be played on Saturday the 25th November at Blacktown International Sportspark for all to attend! Baseball NSW are extremely excited to be working with Baseball Australia to put on this showcase game. Gates will be opening at 5:30pm with the game scheduled to start at 7pm.

There will be a brief presentation prior, from Japanese dignitaries and the game will begin shortly after.

The match offers a unique opportunity to celebrate in Japanese university baseball history. You don't want to miss it!

Over a century ago Japanese Universities, Waseda and Keio, challenged each other for the first time establishing a rivalry that has extended over generations.

The Waseda and Keio rivalry began way back in 1903 making this the 120th Anniversary! Known as the





# Keio vs Waseda 120th Anniversary Game 2023 cont.

“sokei-sen,” this game is one of the pinnacles of Japanese university sports and the ultimate experience for many who attend the institutions. The two teams will be travelling to Sydney to celebrate the continuation of over a century battling for victory.

Tickets to the event are free and the canteen and bar will be available on the night.

With such a rich history surrounding their competition, we invite all baseball lovers to attend.

Baseball NSW can't wait to see everyone out at Blacktown International Sportspark for this exciting event!

[Click here](#) to watch the video below: 'What's a Japanese University baseball game like? KEIO VS. WASEDA'





# NSW Country Trials for Australian Youth & Women's Championships

**Baseball NSW are calling upon players wishing to trial for the NSW Country Youth Women's and Open Women's State Teams.**

These teams will compete in the Australian Youth Women's and Women's Championships scheduled for Easter, 2024, at Melbourne Ballpark. New South Wales teams have seen great success at past Australian Women's Championships. The National Championships are the pinnacle event for our female athletes offering a great opportunity to represent your state and play high level competition!

## **Age Eligibility**

To be eligible to trial and be eligible for selection in the Women's team, players have been born in 2008 or earlier.

To be eligible to trial and be eligible for selection in the Youth Women's team, players have been born in 2008, 2009 or 2010.

**Registrations close 5pm, Thursday 30th November, 2023**

If you have any further questions, please get in contact with Grahame Cassel via email [here](#).

**To register click the relevant links below.**

[\*\*NSW Country Women's\*\*](#)

[\*\*NSW Country Youth Women's\*\*](#)





# Expressions of Interest for Coaching the NSW Country Teams

**Baseball NSW are calling for Expressions of Interest in Coaching the NSW Country teams at the Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships in 2024.**

The Championships will be held at Easter in late March/early April of 2024 at Melbourne Ballpark. The exact dates are yet to be announced by Baseball Australia.

Baseball NSW has a very rich and successful history competing at National Championship level and this is your chance to lead our teams to success. There are multiple voluntary positions available!

If this sounds like something that will interest you, please view the documents below!

Applications including Coaching Experience and Resume (No longer than 2 pages) should be sent via email to BNSW Baseball Development Manager,



[Grahame Cassel](#). Please place "2024 Australian Women's OR Youth Women's Championships Coaching Application – NSW Country" in the subject line and outline the position you wish to apply for.

**Applications close COB Friday, November 24, 2023.**

[Click here](#) for the link to coach the Women's Country Team.

[Click here](#) for the link to coach the Youth Women's Country Team.

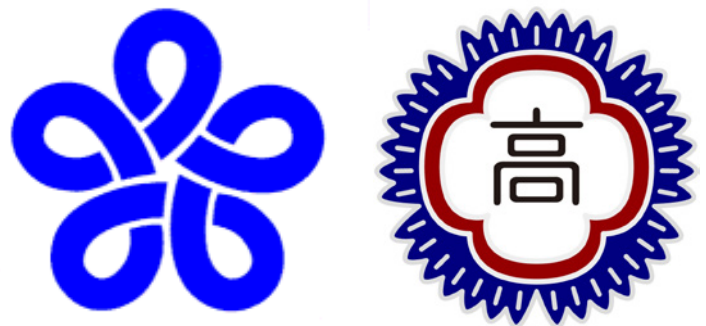
# Fukuoka Tour Comes to Sydney 2023 December

**In October of this year, Baseball NSW had the privilege of sending a roster of female players including one coach, to Fukuoka, Japan in order to solidify the first steps in the relationship with ourselves and Japan.**

A major element of this partnership is a strong focus on female athletes, with an objective to promote the sharing of players and coaching expertise across the two organisations. Baseball NSW are now preparing for the Japanese tour to Sydney this coming December, where they will join us at our facilities, and players from the Orio Aishin High School will train and play with our NSW representatives.

From the 20th to the 23rd of December, we will host the High School athletes at Blacktown International Sportspark, as they partake in joint practices and three days of games against our High Performance teams (Women's and Under 16's).

We are extremely privileged to be able to host strong junior talent from Fukuoka.



The Prefecture's team, the SoftBank Hawks and Kyūshū Honeys are among the premier baseball teams in Japan through the MOU, are committed to sharing players, coaches, and these touring teams with us, in order to further develop and strengthen our local players.

Baseball NSW CEO, Mark Marino, said "It's great to have a local high school from Fukuoka coming to Australia, as part of the reciprocating agreement we have with the prefecture. It's a great chance for our female athletes to see how they compare to international talent. We look forward to many more opportunities in the future."





# BNSW's Unique Opportunity in Collaboration with NxtGen

Baseball NSW and Ryan Rowland-Smith from NxtGen, are co-ordinating a private camp at Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) in December of this year.

It will give players an opportunity to access some of the best instruction and technology available in the country, in preparation for the Australian Youth Championships that will take place in January 2024.

The five-day camp will be featuring one of [Driveline Baseball's](#) head-hitting instructors and catching coordinator, [Maxx Garrett](#). There will be a pitchers, hitters and dual focused component throughout the camp.

Baseball NSW continues to look for relationships that will provide our members with the very best instruction available. In supporting Ryan and NxtGen, we can harness the best of our respective



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resources to provide an unparalleled platform for the development and pathways of our Athletes.

Ryan Rowland-Smith is a former Australian professional baseball player. Having notably played in the US Major League he has a wealth of baseball knowledge and experience to share with our up-and-coming athletes who may be looking to progress their careers through

# BNSW's Unique Opportunity in Collaboration with NxtGen cont.

college, as a professional or simply to be the best player they can be.

The pitcher was a notable name in the 2004 Olympics Australian Silver Medallist team! A huge part of Australian baseball history, he continues to run NxtGen Baseball, a training and development company for young baseball players.

Rowland-Smith has acknowledged "This is [my] first chance in a while to impact our Aussie athletes in person! To have the chance to work with Baseball NSW is a true blessing and a collaboration I look forward to continuing. I have long strived to work alongside BNSW, and now we have the chance to create the most impactful streamlined opportunities; I am beyond honoured and excited."

Baseball NSW CEO Mark Marino says "Any opportunity to share time with someone whose primary focus is to help our young players simply get better is something we could not pass up. Ryan's proven record of helping players get into college is significant which has been a major goal of BNSW's over the years."

Ryan will be home in Australia over the December/January holidays running camps and clinics with some major names in Australian Baseball! You won't want to miss out.

**Visit the NxtGen site for more details**  
[nxtgenbaseball.com/events](https://nxtgenbaseball.com/events)



Photo: Ryan Rowland-Smith from NxtGen.



# Baseball5 Interschool Competition



**This month, BNSW Baseball5 ran the second edition of the Interschool Competition, with participating schools from Wattle Grove and Dalmeny Primary Schools.**

The event was a huge hit, held at Moorebank Baseball Park and was a day full of fun and learning new skills. There were ten participating teams each

with five members per team, and two supporting units composed of Students living with disabilities. The event offered a safe space for all 60 participants to compete and enjoy sport!

Congratulations to Wattle Grove Green who were this event's winners.

Any schools interested in further interschool competitions, please feel free to reach out to BNSW Baseball5 Co-Ordinator, **Adrian Medina** via email at: [adrian@baseballnsw.com.au](mailto:adrian@baseballnsw.com.au)





# Baseball5 Interschool Competition cont.





# 2023 State Championships Dates & Venues Announced

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

The Rookies Cup and NSW State Championships will follow national tournaments such as the Australian Youth Championship and Australian Women's

and Youth Women's Championships early in 2024. We have an exciting year ahead.

Be sure to mark your calendars as some of the best competitions of the season approach!

Thank you to North Ryde RSL Junior Baseball and Far North Coast Baseball Association for volunteering to host each of the respective events.

We can't wait to see everyone out there in 2024!

Event	Date	Host	Venue
<b>Rookies Cup</b>	25th Feb 2024	North Ryde RSL Junior Baseball Club	Magdala Reserve
<b>Senior League</b>	13th-16th Apr 2024	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark
<b>Little League &amp; Division II</b>	18th-21st Apr 2024	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark
<b>Junior &amp; Intermediate League</b>	24th-27th Apr 2024	Far North Coast Baseball Association	Albert Park Baseball Complex

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# 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](#).



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