

Baseball NSW

80th Annual Report

2022/23



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80th Annual General Meeting Agenda

Date: 23rd October 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: AFL/Cricket Function Room

Online via Zoom

1. Official Opening by Chairman
2. Record of Attendance – confirm a quorum
3. Confirm Membership of the League (appendix C-previously completed)
4. BNSW Update
5. Receive Business Reports as published in the Annual Report
6. Confirm Minutes from 2022 AGM (Appendix I)
7. Matters Arising from AGM 2022
8. Adopt Audited Financial Report (July 2022 to June 2023)
9. Notices of Motion (Appendix J)
10. Election of Life Members
11. Election of Board Members
12. Announcement of Standing Committee Delegates
13. Announcement of Audit Committee Appointees
14. Announcement of Technical Committee Appointees
15. Closure & Fraternity

NSW Board of Management

BNSW Board of Directors as of June 30th, 2023

Member	Status	Portfolio
Jason Chabi	Appointed	Chairman, BA, ABL, Little League, Finance & Commercial
Peter Worboys	Re-elected	Coaching, Umpires & Scorers
Scott Tunkin	Re-elected	Pathways, HP, Technical Committee & Rules
Mark Burns	Re-elected	Participation & Grassroots (CLSC, JLSC, SLSC, MLSC & LLI)
Beth McVicker-Murphy	Re-elected	Marketing, Communications, CX & Women's
James Morley	Appointed	People and Culture, Risk, Governance, Member Protection & Legal
Belinda Woolford	Appointed	Tools, Tech and Data Security, Venue & Facilities

Baseball NSW Staff

Name	Role
Mark Marino	Chief Executive Officer
Grahame Cassel	High-Performance Manager
Coen Wynne	State Development Officer
Melinda Goodrich	Registrations and Member Services Manager
Vassil Vasseleou	Operations Manager
Adrian Medina Scull	Head of Baseball5
Georgia Marino	Communications Officer
Tyson Crocker	Venue and Competitions Manager

Presidents Report

I am pleased to bring you Baseball NSW (BNSW) 2022/23 Annual Report.

A year of change and renewed focus.

After many years as a Director and President at BNSW, Ross Morrison stepped down from the Board of Management in November to spend time with family but thankfully, will still stay connected with our sport at a local level. As a result of this and other changes, the Board recently welcomed Bill Langler to the Board as an Independent Director. Bill served as the Country League Standing Committee Chairman for over 10 years and holds degrees in Economics and Law from the Australian National University.

In February, the CEO and I attended a two-day seminar held by Baseball Australia titled “Shaping the Future of Baseball in Australia”. Attended by other State and Territory executives and Board members, issues of participation, the sport’s alignment with Little League International, sustainability, pathways, facilities and shifting behavioural trends impacting our sport were discussed. While there was largely consensus, I observed that the different characteristics across States and Territories would necessarily result in different prioritisation and implementation timelines, albeit within the context of a shared National agenda. Many of the matters discussed are well known to the Board and indeed our members and are informing how we now prioritise, plan and collaborate with stakeholders to articulate and deliver our vision, purpose and principles.

Over the past twelve months, the Board has necessarily focused efforts on, among other things, increased levels of governance and addressing long-term strategic partnerships with Blacktown City Council with the new Sydney Blue Sox ownership group.

The previously disclosed Blacktown International Sports Park lease renewal remains in flight and is complicated by a \$2.9m funding grant received by BNSW to commence infrastructure enhancements at BISP that necessitates surety of a long-term lease. While there remains much to navigate, the Board remains optimistic that a mutually beneficial long-term arrangement can be achieved that meets the future needs of our sport, its members, and the community.

Presidents Report Cont.

With 2023/24 ABL preparations underway, BNSW is excited by plans shared with it by the new independent Sydney Blue Sox ownership group. The importance of how the Blue Sox perform on and off the field, and how BNSW partners to make games more accessible to members cannot be overstated and as such, we look forward to a greater alignment with the Sydney Blue Sox and wish the organisation the very best for the coming season.

Baseball Australia in conjunction with BNSW again hosted the Australian Youth Championships at Blacktown earlier this year with eleven NSW players being selected to train on for final selection to represent Australia at the WBSC U18 World Cup held in Chinese Taipei last September. Pittwater Baseball Club did an exceptional job hosting State Little League, Intermediate League and Junior League Championships as did North Ryde RSL Junior Baseball Club who hosted Rookies in February. BNSW was very fortunate to host the Little League National Championships in June, aided by access to Softball NSW facilities while Lismore Baseball Association which has historically hosted this exciting event continues to recover from the devastating floods of 2022. Hills and Ryde would go on to take Little League and Senior League National honours representing Australia at Williamsport, Pennsylvania and Easley, South Carolina respectively. It was wonderful to see the BNSW Women's development program expand from twenty-nine to forty-nine players this year resulting in two teams competing at the 2022 Barclay Cup held on the Gold Coast. More on these and many other wonderful achievements can be found in the CEO and Baseball Development Manager's reports herein.

The organisation remains in a sound financial position with a modest profit in the last reporting period furthering balance sheet strength. This will be important in the context of in-flight lease renegotiations and separately, to provide financial agility to ensure the organisation's resources are appropriate to deliver its participation growth aspirations and meet the evolving needs of our sport and its members.

Looking ahead.

Thanks to the continued significant efforts of association and club volunteers, participation last season drew nearer to pre-pandemic levels with registration across the board down only slightly down on 2019/20 but over-indexing in T-Ball league ages.

Presidents Report Cont.

While registration numbers for the season now commenced have further improved on last year, BNSW is investigating heightened communication, participation, and digital marketing opportunities to assist in the promotion of our sport at the grass-roots level in readiness for next Summer's recruitment schedule.

More broadly, our game has yet to realise its potential and among other things, is constrained by structural and resource limitations across our State, Winter, Women's, Country, Minor and Junior leagues. Given this and in consultation with a cross-section of stakeholders spanning the breadth of our community, the Board and management team have now commenced a review of specific leagues as to leave these challenges unattended would prove counter-productive to the growth and welfare of the sport for which we have a shared passion.

Operationally and off the back of the successful implementation of the Game Day registration platform, BNSW will lean into and optimise its coaching accreditation platform that in and of itself, has many positive attributes but also introduces unnecessary complexity when it comes to the re-accreditation of our largely volunteer coaches.

In closing and in no particular order, to club and association executive teams; umpires; scorers; coaches; canteen staff; uniform coordinators; registrars; grounds people and no doubt the many others whom I have unintentionally omitted and without whom our wonderful sport would not function, the BNSW Board and management team extend you its profound thanks for all you have and continue to do.

Yours in Baseball,
Jason Chabi– Chairman
[Baseball New South Wales](#)

Chief Executive Officer Report

2022-2023 saw a return to normality with the weather being kind and the majority of our competitions, events, and programming managing to be completed. A welcome relief from previous years that have been substantially disrupted.

Personnel changes at State and National levels have seen an injection of energy into the strategic direction of our sport that has been a boost to Baseball NSW's own strategic thinking. Meanwhile continuing to deliver on those existing principles that have guided us these past years.

Communication

We have been consistent in delivering on our Communication Strategy through the addition of a dedicated Communications Manager. We continued messaging via our digital and Social Media platforms as well as refining our technical platforms such as TeamApp, Game Changer, and Game Day which are integrated into our registration platform. The ability to share our good news stories with our members as well as keep them informed of what is happening throughout the community has been imperative.

This engagement with all our stakeholders, both at local and National levels, has allowed us to align our communications and messaging into a cohesive format. Regular engagement via our Monthly Newsletter ('the Pitch') as well as direct contact with our Standing League Committees and Strategic Planning sessions has been fundamental in making sure information is readily accessible.

Collaboration

This increased focus on our communication has allowed us to better engage with our stakeholders to provide input into our future Strategic Planning and better understand how we can provide support to our clubs and associations with their governance and administration. Online resources we have developed and shared with our members such as My Club and Childsafe.

Baseball Australia's Conference in February allowed the States to collectively consider how to best move forward with several initiatives to move our sport forward. Whether the continued adherence to the current Little League structure was the best solution or whether there may be more suitable solutions was topical and not without debate. Initiatives aimed at specifically identifying ways to grow participation and strengthen retention.

Our commitment to developing beneficial partnerships with various stakeholders has been seen in areas such as expanding our major events into the wider community venues, engagement with the Australian Baseball League (ABL) and the Sydney Blue Sox and boosting our Asia strategy via the signing of a historic Partnership Agreement with the Fukuoka Prefecture in Japan. An opportunity where we have a reciprocating tournament agreement that kicks off this October.

Chief Executive Officer Report Cont.

We continue to be proactive in delivering programs to Primary and High Schools via our Sporting Schools Program as well as enlisting greater support from local and State Governments as seen by our many successful grant applications.

Community

As a family-centric sport Baseball continues to be a unifying force within the community where we have actively promoted Baseball as a 'Safe Place' to play sport. Our Member Protection practices have been stringently overhauled, and our increased awareness of member behaviour has been a focal point of the staff and Board.

We are continuing to promote positive events such as the Barclay Cup for our young girls, the Sydney Cup for our younger age groups, our Country Seniors Prague Tour, and the USA touring teams to the Cooperstown New York tournament where two NSW teams competed.

The expectation is to provide positive experiences for our members that will encourage them to want to return and play.

Cultivation

Baseball NSW continues to be successful in developing our up-and-coming talent. This can be seen in the representative numbers in the National teams. We have also been competitive at the National Youth & Women Championships as seen with our multiple teams in these events as well as the many 'friendship' players we have playing around the country for other states in the National Titles. These numbers can be seen in the Development Report.

It has been very exciting to see the many NSW representatives who have gone on to higher levels of competition abroad. Predominantly in US Colleges which is an amazing result when considered. Our aim is that this will translate into stronger participation in our local, state, and National Leagues.

One major focus area for BNSW is our continued work on developing an efficient Coach Accreditation Program. As is often the case, we are the pioneers in these National programs where we have unique requirements as the largest state in the Baseball Federation.

It has also been apparent that many of our members are looking for greater opportunities to play and learn at a higher level both domestically and abroad. Whilst we cannot be all things to all people, BNSW is looking at expanding our programming to provide these opportunities to the greater membership.

Chief Executive Officer Report Cont.

The ability of BNSW to bring in professional expertise from overseas as well as identify international tournaments has always been great. In addition to that we possibly have the best dedicated baseball facility in Australia. One that will soon have its own indoor training facility. Therefore, our aim is to provide these same opportunities and provide our members with the best programming available at an affordable level.

So, this past year has very much been getting on with business as usual. Going forward, Baseball NSW is looking at finalising our new Strategic Plan for 2024 and beyond and focusing on bringing our members along for the journey. Our financial health is strong, and our personnel are growing into their roles, so I see no reason not to be able to continue to prosper as a sport.

In closing, I must thank all of you, the members, who tirelessly work on keeping your teams going and functional. We could not do it without you. I would also like to thank the BNSW Board of Directors for their support and guidance as well as the BNSW staff, the backbone of the organisation. It has been a year of pulling together as a team and as a family, which makes it so much easier.

Yours in Baseball,
Mark Marino
CEO – Baseball NSW

BNSW Baseball Operations Report

2023 has been a successful year for baseball development. The disruptions of the past few years due to Covid lockdowns and record-breaking rain events have subsided and we have been blessed with beautiful weather so that the players can be on the field, working on their game and having fun.

There have been numerous events during the year, more than usual, and it is very pleasing to see the participation levels increasing over time.

Australian Senior National Team - World Baseball Classic 2023

The Australian Senior National Team competed at the 2023 World Baseball Classic in Japan in March.

For the first time in our history, the team reached the quarterfinals, where we suffered an agonizing loss to Cuba, 4-3.

Congratulations go to NSW players –

Liam Doolan

Josh Guyer

Coen Wynne

Australian Emeralds Team 2023

Australia's National Female team, The Emeralds, competed at the 2023 World Cup in Canada in August. The Emeralds finished 4th in their Group A, which unfortunately was not enough for them to advance to the next stage of the World Cup.

Congratulations to NSW representatives –

Ticara Geldenhuis

Maddison Heath

Claire O'Sullivan

Jordan Richardson

Maddison Tabrett

Congratulations also to Jason Pospishil (Manager) and Chris Oxspring (Pitching Coach).

BNSW Baseball Operations Report Cont.

U/23 National Team

The U/23 National Team competed at the 2022 World Cup in Taiwan last October. Australia finished a very credible 6th.

NSW players to be congratulated are =

Coen Wynne

Jayden Bastow

Travis Bazzana

Dylan Clarke

Ky Jackson

Solomon Maguire

Jaylin Rae

U/18 National Team 2022

The U/18 National Team competed at the 2022 World Cup in Florida last September. This tournament was supposed to be played in 2021 but was delayed by COVID. Australia finished 9th, with congratulations going to NSW players –

Adam Bates

Kyan Wallington

BNSW Baseball Operations Report Cont.

U/18 National Team 2023

The U/18 National Team competed at the 2023 World Cup in Taiwan in August/September. Australia finished, with congratulations going to NSW players –

Adam Bates	Ben Karakasis
Kobe Chesterton	Jacob Palmer
Lachlan Rosser	Josh Nati
Callum Donnelley	Daniel Mills

Congratulations also to Coen Wynne for being named as Bullpen coach.

U/12 National Team 2023

The U/12 National Team competed at the 2023 World Cup in Taiwan in July. Australia finished 11th, with congratulations going to NSW players –

Ignatius Carter	Harrison Thomas-Mclean
Jacob Cruz	Harry Roberts
Travis Holborrow	Max Minard
Hugh Kelly	Toby Kelman

Congratulations also to Phil Hemmer for being named Manager of the team.

U/16 National Talent Camp

After the 2023 U/16 AYC in January, a squad of players were selected to take part in a week-long training camp in Canberra in September. These players will be training every morning then playing intra-squad games in the afternoon. They will be staying at the Australian Institute of Sport and will be learning what it is like to be a Collegiate or professional athlete.

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Congratulations to the following NSW players –

Ethan Bickel	Simon Slapeta	Campbell Harris
Sam Davis	Damien Wilson	Mason Malkoun
Lincoln Gruppelaar	Riley Cooper	Lachlan Vella
James Lander	Lucas Gallardo	

Congratulations also to NSW based coaches Max Brennen, Trent D’Antonio for their selection to join the camp.

Women’s National Championships

The 2023 Women’s National Championships were held in Melbourne at Easter. NSW had 18 women on the roster, and they finished 5th.

Congratulations to the following players and staff who were selected to represent NSW –

John Gaynor	Manager
Jason Dormor	Assistant Coach
Jack Dormor	Pitching Coach
Marilyn Jackson	Executive Officer

Players were:

Ticara Geldenhuis	Mahaela O’Neill	Maddison Erwin
Elise Izzard	Claire O’Sullivan	Ashley Patton
Mackenzie Jackson	Jordan Richardson	Brianna Hosie
Chloe Jones	Maddison Tabrett	Molly Donald
Isobel Lambert	Ebony Van Eynde	Sayaka Mori
Lisa Nakashio	Angelique Iredale	Ashleigh Bruce

BNSW Baseball Operations Report Cont.

U/18 Australian Youth Championships (AYC) 2023

Baseball Australia's U18 AYC for 2023 was held at Blacktown International Sportspark in January, with NSW finishing 4th and NSW Country finishing 7th. Congratulations to the following players and support staff who were selected to represent NSW and NSW Country –

NSW Metro:

Coaches were:

Gavin Fingleson	Travis McDonald
Scott Tunkin	Stephen Dredge

Players were:

Adam Bates	Blake Gooding	Joshua Nati
Connor Bell	Liam Grant	Jacob Palmer
Hayden Chappell	Luke Hayhow	Lucas Stancic
Koby Chesterton	Benjamin Karakasis	Caleb Tunkin
Luke Donaghey	Daniel Mills	Kyan Wallington
Chris Fergie	Max Miotto	Darcy Williams
James Fergusson	Zac Morris	

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NSW Country

Coaches were:

Ian Hook	Tim Noy
Chris Beath	Stewart Frame
Jake Amos	

Players were:

Jonah Beath	Jackson Frame	Ed Noy
Shane Bennett	Lachlan Jones	Liam Padovan
James Burgess	Tom Karnaghan	Quinlan Pitt
Lachlan Coe	Phoenix McFarland	Lachlan Rosser
Jake Connolly	Lewis Mercieca	Noah Watts
Callum Donnelly	Emrys Mulvihill	Liam Weekes
Jack Elasi	Eli North	

U/16 Australian Youth Championships (AYC) 2023

The 2023 AYC was also held at Blacktown International Sportspark in January, with NSW winning the Gold Medal and NSW Country finishing 5th.

Congratulations to the following players and support staff who were selected to represent NSW and NSW Country –

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NSW Metro

Coaches were:

Matt O'Neill	Justin Chou
James Morley	Richard Harris
Nathan Willard	

Players were:

Alasdair Ballantyne	James Lander	Akira Bastionon
Matthew Harris	Lachlan Vella	Kalin Murray
Lachlan West	Damien Wilson	Lucas Gallardo
Campbell Harris	Lincoln Gruppelaar	Ryan Chou
Simon Slapeta	Mason Malkoun	Ashton Kennedy
Christian Lane	Jack Fletcher	Frank Clarke
Ethan Bickel	Christopher Morgan	

NSW Country:

Coaches were:

Terry Pearce	Glenn King
Sam Evatt	Matt Peachey

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Players were:

Aaron Peachey	James Peel	Riley Cooper
Bailey King	Kallen Barker	Riley Watson
Benjamin Frost	Lachlan Heap	Ryan Padovan
Cameron Chivas	Lachlan New	Sam Davis
Cameron Howay	Matthew Trainor	Seven Stephens
Hamish Gleeson	Nicholas Sinclair	Wil Klein-Shiphorst
Jackson Griffiths	Patrick Harrison	

BNSW acknowledges and thanks the coaches, support staff and parents for their commitment and dedication with many hours and significant costs incurred during the program.

High Performance/Player Development Programs

The 2023 BNSW High-Performance/Development programs were conducted over 10 weeks from mid-June to late August. There were 229 players selected to take part over 5 levels of our development system -

- National squad members
- Performance Pathway Program
- Developing Pathway Program
- Emerging Pathway Program
- Women's Developing Pathway Program

All these development programs had minimal disruptions this year which enabled the players involved to maximise the opportunity to work with the various instructors to improve their game.

Special thanks go to:

- Cricket NSW for the use of their Indoor Practice Centre, where the National Squad members conducted their strength and conditioning in the gym.
- The grounds staff of Blacktown Venue Management for their continued support and diligence in preparing the fields during this time.

BNSW Baseball Operations Report Cont.

National Squad Players (27 players)

This squad was comprised of players identified by Baseball Australia for World Cup preparation. They trained 3 times a week at BISP from March to August =

- 16 players from NSW U18
- 2 players from ACT U18
- 2 players from NSW Country U18
- 7 players from the NSW Women's team

The coaches were Coen Wynne, Brendon Bojarski, Jason Pospishil, Chris Oxspring, Mark Shipley and myself.

Performance Pathway Program (32 players)

This program is comprised of 32 players selected from a trial process in May. This was an U/18 squad that trained 3 times a week for 10 weeks (June to August) at BISP with an emphasis on building up their strength, running speed, arm and bat velocity as well as game awareness.

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

Coaches were Phil Hemmer, Travis McDonald, Jason Dormor, Gavin Fingleson, Brendon Bojarski, Coen Wynne, Jack Dormor, Mark Shipley, Brad Griffin and myself.

Developing Pathway Program (32 players)

This program was comprised of 32 of the best U/16 age-eligible players selected after a trial process in May.

These players trained twice a week for 10 weeks (June to August) at BISP, building up their strength, running speed, arm and bat velocity as well as game awareness.

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

Coaches were James McCallum, James Sammes, Nick Chappell, Coen Wynne, Max Brennen, Vince Bates, Nathan Willard, Justin Chou and myself.

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Strength and Conditioning

I would like to thank Johnny Freeston, Head Lecturer of Exercise Science at Sydney University, who has provided BNSW with his vast knowledge over the years.

A big thank you to Shane Cassel and Jack Dormor for the writing and delivery of the S&C programs for our squads in 2023. Shane and Jack ensured the exercises and loads undertaken by the players were appropriate for their age and physical maturity.

Emerging Pathway Program (98 players)

The EPP was again broken into 3 regions this year with the North running out of Golden Jubilee Field, the West running out of Col Sutton Reserve, and the South running out of Riverside Park. I want to thank the three clubs the Kuringai Stealers, Winston Hills Warriors, and the Vikings for allowing us to use their fields.

For the EPP we were able to provide winter development programs to 98 young athletes. The coaches we used in each program were outstanding and we are lucky to have them dedicate their time to the next crop of young Aussie baseball talent. The coaches for each program are –

- North: Jayson Page, Darren Kelly, Liam Goodrich, David Nannes.
- West: Jeff Catt, Scott Wright, Garry Everson, Brett Elsley, Steve Dredge, Matt Bennett.
- South: Peter Worboys, Fady Karam, Jesse Toon, Brad Griffin.

Women's Developing Pathway Program (42 players)

Our Women's Development Program was a huge success this year, with a record number of players consistent with the rise in the profile of women's sports. It was held at BISP on a Tuesday/Thursday night for 8 weeks.

The young women had the chance to work with NSW and Australian Emeralds player Jordan Richardson who instructed the program before and after her World Cup commitments.

All the girls showed their passion and dedication and had the same goal of getting better and developing their skills.

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Coaches were:

David Gledhill	Garry Everson
Rodger Morris	Jordan Richardson
Phil Gruppelaar	Trent Burnett

Sports High School Program

Baseball NSW and the Sports High School Association of New South Wales have continued their MOU into 2023. Baseball NSW is lucky to have coaches of the calibre of Nathan Wright (Hills), Peter Worboys (Endeavour), Ian Hook (Hunter), and Heath Gray (Westfields).

These coaches do a great job coaching and mentoring the players and we thank them and also the schools for their ongoing support.

Coaching Accreditation Report

Thanks to Adrian Medina for administering the coach accreditation process in the Canopi platform.

One-day practical courses are held monthly at BISP, with courses also running at Ryde, Cronulla and Macarthur twice a year. BNSW thanks Jeff Catt, Michael Hagarty, Peter Worboys, Fady Karam, Shane Dodd, Garry Everson and Nathan Willard for their hard work and dedication in delivering these practical courses on Sundays.

As of September 2023, Baseball NSW has 1,350 accredited coaches

Level	In Progress	Completed
Level A	1236	724
Level B	545	596
Level C	30	30
B5 Level A	-	104
B5 Level B	-	10
WBSC Level	-	7
Totals	1,811	1,471

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 Adrian Medina, was able to engage with 74 schools with a total student reach of 8302 kids through a combination of teacher, private provider or BNSW-delivered programs.

Programs delivered:

Aussie T-ball (ATB) - 25

Baseball5 (B5) - 37

Total delivered - 62

BNSW would like to thank the following coaches for delivering the program –

Michael O'Neill

Gil Reyes

Jose Rodriguez

Yasser Corp

Adrian Medina

Lachlan Stormon

Liam Goodrich

Justin Chou

Matt O'Neill

Ryan Wentzel

Grant Anderson

Pete Huish

The following 3rd party providers were also used – Ausiso, Gecko Sports, Exergames, RBI, Manly Baseball Club.

I would like to thank all abovementioned coaches who have worked tirelessly all year to develop our young baseballers.

I would also like to thank Coen Wynne for his dedication and commitment in helping to write and implement all our programs.

Yours in Baseball,

Grahame Cassel

Baseball Development Manager

NSW State League Report

The 2022-2023 season had seen some truly great games of Baseball across the State League competition. Even though the league has been impacted by COVID over the past years it has been great to see the clubs complete the current season.

Thank you to the players, supporters and officials of all the clubs involved who managed to complete the season. I would like to thank the volunteers and the coaching staff of each club. The dedication and passion you have for the game reflect the way in which the teams play.

The clubs as a whole from 18's to 1st Grade, showcased new talent. The under 18's in which have had the opportunity to play in higher grades. 3rds to 1st Grade overall the competition was quite tight the final series showcased great baseball all around.

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 and 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 final's series but for the whole season.

Congratulations to the following Teams: Ryde Hawks Under 18's; 3rd Grade Minor Premier and Premiers Blacktown Workers, 2nd Grade Manly, and 1st Grade Blacktown Workers.

Congratulations to the following people: Scorer of the Year Sue Ings, Umpire of the Year David Brodie and State League Coach of the Year Ben Macguire.

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

To the many players that have left our shores to participate in college/university or have been signed, we wish you well as it inspires the juniors to pursue their dreams abroad.

We hope to see you watching around the grounds in the 2023/2024 season.

NSW State League Report

2022-23 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

UNDER 18'S

Minor Premiers:	Baulkham Hills
Premiers:	Ryde Hawks
Batting Champion:	Lachlan Vella – Canterbury Vikings
Pitcher of the Year:	Jacob Palmer – Canterbury Vikings
Most Valuable Player	Logan Fielder – Ryde Hawks
Under 18's for the 2022 Season	

2022-23 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

THIRD GRADE

Minor Premiers:	Blacktown Workers
Premiers:	Blacktown Workers
Batting Champion:	Matthew Kelleher – Ryde Hawks
Pitcher of the Year:	Daniel Cruise – Canterbury Vikings
Most Valuable Player	Michael Margerison – Blacktown Workers
Third Grade for the 2022 Season	

NSW State League Report Cont.

SECOND GRADE

Minor Premiers:	Blacktown Workers
Premiers:	Manly Eagles
Batting Champion:	Jordan Castle – Baulkham Hills
Pitcher of the Year:	Ashley Roberts – Manly Eagles
Most Valuable Player	Ashley Roberts – Manly Eagles
Second Grade for the 2022 Season	

2022-23 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

FIRST GRADE

Minor Premiers:	Macarthur Orioles
Premiers:	Blacktown Workers
Batting Champion:	Tom Newbold – Manly Eagles
Pitcher of the Year:	Shayne Fogorty – Macarthur Orioles
Most Valuable Player	Shayne Fogorty – Macarthur Orioles
First Grade for the 2022 Season Lionel Harris Medal	
Rookie of the Year –	Harrison Riley – Blacktown Workers

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Club Championship:	Blacktown Workers
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NSW State League Report Cont.

2022-23 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Starting Pitcher:	Shayne Fogorty – Macarthur Orioles
Relief Pitcher:	Harrison Riley – Blacktown Workers
Catcher:	Jackson Heap – Ryde Hawks
First Base:	Shanin Hislop – Macarthur Orioles
Second Base	Jesse O'Connell – Ryde Hawks
Third Base	Christopher Douglas – Macarthur Orioles
Short Stop	Lachlan Bojarski – Blacktown Workers
Left Field	Tom Newbold – Manly Eagles
Centre Field	Timothy Nelson – Macarthur Orioles
Right Field	Josh Strong – Blacktown Workers
Designated Hitter	Matt Bennett – Baulkham Hills
Manager of the Year	Ben McGuire – Blacktown Workers

Richard Harris
State League Standing Committee Chairman

NSW Women's League Report

The 2022/23 NSW Women's Baseball season saw a changing of the guard with Paul O'Neill stepping down after five years at the helm, overseeing one of the stronger periods the Women's game has enjoyed. We thank Paul for his efforts over the years in getting our competition to where it is now, especially in the wake of a global pandemic and some of the wettest weather we have ever experienced in our lifetime. I know I have a lot of work to do stepping up in your place to continue your legacy and taking our game to the next level and beyond.

With the majority of grounds still affected by the relentless rain earlier in the year it was decided to delay the start of the season, meaning an October start. We were able to still play a full 18-round competition in First Grade & Second Grade, capping the season off with two very hard-fought grand finals.

Our competition numbers were strong again with six teams in our First-Grade competition and eight teams in the Friday night Second Grade competition. We had a few run-ins at the start of the season with rain causing some headaches but once the season got started it was pretty much smooth sailing to the finish line, no interference from heat, smoke, health pandemics, monsoonal rains and any other imaginable interruption possible.

The final standings in Second Grade came down to the last week of the regular season with Boomers taking out the Minor Premiership by the smallest of margins over the Cronulla Sharks. Penrith earned their first finals appearance in over five years with Blacktown once again making an appearance in the playoffs. Boomers were looking for their third straight Second Grade Championship but were halted on Grand Final night by Ellen Koutsoukos and the Cronulla Sharks who finally broke through for another Second-Grade championship after coming so close over the last few years. Ellen was named Grand Final MVP firing a complete game to get her team home.

Last year's Champions Blacktown Workers and the five-time champions Greenway Giants fought it out at the top of the First-Grade competition with Baulkham Hills & Ryde keeping it close in the back end of the regular season. A see-sawing battle saw Ryde hold on against Baulkham Hills in the first week of the finals with Greenway earning the week off and the first spot in the Championship game. Blacktown got over Ryde in week two to earn the right to challenge Greenway to defend their title. After jumping out to an early lead the Workers were halted by Jordan Richardson for the final 2 2/3 innings with Greenway capitalising on a couple of Blacktown errors to lift the First-Grade trophy one last time. Richardson was named Grand Final MVP for her late-game heroics, allowing just two base runners.

NSW Women's League Report

Our Pink Round was another success with its multiple iterations and clubs taking the opposition to don their pink jerseys on several occasions across the season. A big thank you to our clubs for their generous donation of prizes that were raffled off at our Triple Header in January out at Gilchrist. We raised over \$1500 for the Cancer Council and Beyond Blue which will be put to very good use.

To cap off the year we had the privilege of awarding our high achievers at the Baseball NSW Awards Night. Congratulations to all of our award winners. They were all very hotly contested and very well deserved. Check out the winners below.

As always, our Umpires cannot be thanked enough for their tireless efforts week in-week out, ensuring our games can go ahead. It is great to see some fresh faces each year and a testament to John Bailey and his team in bringing them up to the level that is required for our competition.

Whilst I have only been in the position for half a season, I am certainly thankful to those around me who have helped with the transition to the role, and I am looking forward to them helping continue to move our sport on the upward trajectory. I am very grateful for the assistance from Kim Robertson, Fiona Hiscock-Heath & Mel Thomson and all of the Women's League Club Delegates. We have had some very positive meetings in the offseason and a clear picture is being formed on how we can continue to grow our game.

I would like to thank all of our Coaches, Managers, and Scorers for their continued dedication to women's baseball and of course, our players who put in every week and turn up on gameday and give their all. I am excited to be involved in the next chapter of NSW Women's Baseball with such a dedicated group who all have one clear goal – MAKING OUR GAME THE BEST IT CAN BE.

Bring on 2023/24 and beyond!!

NSW Women's League Report

2022-23 NSW WOMEN'S LEAGUE AWARDS

SECOND GRADE

Minor Premiers:	West Sydney Boomers
Premiers:	Cronulla Sharks
Batting Champion:	Leni Ward – Manly Eagles
Golden Arm:	Abigail McNamara – West Sydney Boomers
Rookie of the Year:	Brydi Peppard – Penrith Baseball Club
Most Valuable Player	Abigail McNamara – West Sydney Boomers
Second Grade for the 2022 Season	

FIRST GRADE

Minor Premiers:	Blacktown Workers
Premiers:	Greenway Giants
Batting Champion:	Laura Neads – Greenway Giants
Golden Arm:	Lauren McGrath – Baulkham Hills
Rookie of the Year:	Sayaka Mori – Greenway Giants
Most Valuable Player	Lauren McGrath – Baulkham Hills
First Grade for the 2022 Season	

Luke Eisenhauer
NSW Women's Baseball League Chairman

Country League Report

Despite the challenges of recent years, 2023 has seen a promising resurgence of NSW Country Baseball.

The CLSC has recognized for some time the need for forward planning. To that end, we held a planning workshop in April in Newcastle. The Workshop was well attended by representatives from each Association with some excellent ideas emerging to improve and develop Country Baseball over the next 5 years, incorporating development pathways from our juniors through to senior ranks. The Workshop was a resounding success, and a detailed plan is now being drafted which will be circulated to our Associations and the BNSW Board for approval in the coming months.

Our Women's and Under 18's Championships were held at Tamworth earlier this year in late June, with Central Coast winning the Women's Championship and Illawarra again taking out the Under 18's. The Men's A and B Division Championships were held at Blacktown in early August, with 5 teams competing in the A Division and 8 teams in the B Division. This is the most teams we have had for many years. Another pleasing feature was that the North Eastern Association from the Albury region also sent a side to compete. By all accounts, they will be back again next year and may also send sides to our Junior Country Championships. In a high-quality competition over the course of the weekend, Coffs Harbour was successful in winning the B division and Central Coast won the A division.

The Annual Tamworth Baseball Carnival over the June long weekend was again very well attended, with the NSW Country Men's Touring side winning the A division. The team then went on to further honours winning the bronze medal against the Austrian National Team at the prestigious Prague Baseball Week. The CLSC is very proud of this tour's continued success, which again was due to the outstanding work of Allan Parrott and Stephy Thompson. They will remain involved in mentoring roles from here on in, to ensure the continued success of what is, as far as I am aware, the only touring men's baseball team outside our national teams. As a result of the connections and goodwill generated from this tour, we now have the opportunity to send an Under 19's team to tour Germany next year. EOIs will be issued shortly for that proposed tour.

Our Junior Country Championships will again be held at Coffs Harbour over the October long weekend from Zooka to Junior League age divisions. At this stage, we are confident we will see increased team and player numbers from last year.

On a final note, this will be my last year as CLSC Chairman as I have accepted a position on the BNSW Board as an independent director. It is my intention to continue to advocate for the needs of Country Baseball in that role.

Country League Report

I would like to thank all of our delegates on the CLSC for your unwavering help and support. You are a very special group of people, who share a deep and genuine passion for the game and a commitment to Country Baseball's success. That is why, in my view, we have been such an effective committee. It has been an honour and a privilege to work and learn from you all during my time in this role.

I am very pleased to announce that Craig Scheibel from Far North Coast Baseball has kindly accepted the position of CLSC Chairman. Craig brings a wealth of skills and fresh ideas to this role, and I am sure that the CLSC and Country Baseball are in very good hands under his management. I wish him and the CLSC all the very best of success moving forward.

Bill Langler

Country League Standing Committee Chairman

Sydney Winter Report

The 2023 Season saw just five clubs' teams competing, Castle Hill, Petersham, Pirates, Sydney University & University of NSW. Greenway withdrew from the competition at the last minute.

The weather allowed most games to be played this season, and once again the makeup of the semi-finals came down to the last games.

2023 NSW WINTER LEAGUE AWARDS

THIRD GRADE

Premiers:	Petersham
Grand Final MVP:	Charlie Aznavoorian - Petersham
Batting Award:	Jackson Muldoon – Castle Hill Knights
Pitching Award:	Zac Horton – Sydney University
Most Valuable Player	Connor Casey – University of NSW
Third Grade for the 2023 Season – Jim Hall Trophy	

SECOND GRADE

Premiers:	Sydney University
Grand Final MVP:	Lachlan Dean – Sydney University
Batting Award:	Max Miotto - Petersham
Pitching Award:	Zac Horton – Sydney University
Most Valuable Player	Lachlan Dean – Sydney University
Second Grade for the 2023 Season – Geoff Gorman Trophy	

Sydney Winter Report

2023 NSW WINTER LEAGUE AWARDS

FIRST GRADE

Premiers:	Petersham
Grand Final MVP:	Lachlan Wells - Petersham
Batting Award:	Jaedan Cavill - Petersham
Pitching Award:	Lachlan Wells - Petersham
Most Valuable Player	Harry Fullerton - Petersham
First Grade for the 2023 Season - Jack Rowley Trophy	
Rookie of the Year –	Hayden Chappell – Castle Hill Knights

MCDUGALL TROPHY

Club Championship:	Petersham
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The First-Grade Grand Final saw a repeat of the 2022 Grand Final, but with a different result. A wonderful game which had everyone on the edge of their seats.

First Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Knights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	3	0
Petersham	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	x		2	6	1

Sydney University defended their Second Grade Premiership, taking an early lead, but Pirates fought back valiantly, just falling short.

Second Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Quakers Hill	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0		6	11	4
Sydney Uni	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	X		9	9	1

Sydney Winter Report

In Third Grade Sydney Uni took an early lead, but Petersham reined them in before running away late in the game.

Third Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Sydney University	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0		4	8	3
Petersham	1	4	1	0	0	0	4	2	X		12	17	2

Thank you to Petersham for hosting the Final Series, and particularly to the Cone Family for the continual efforts over the final 2 weekends.

I would also like to thank the Umpires association for their efforts this season, with John Bailey & Jason Spurway at the helm.

Thank you to Janine Hunt and Vera Bonham for their work with Game Changer. It can be challenging at times but provides a great deal of information.



The commitment of all members of the committee, 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.

Special thanks to Janine Hunt who stepped up as Pinch Competition Manager when I was sent to the DL prior to the start of the season. Without Janine, it's doubtful that the SWBL season would have happened.

Sydney Winter Report



Figure 2: Petersham First Grade Premiers



Figure 3: Sydney University - Second Grade Premiers



Figure 1: Petersham – Third Grade Premiers

Kerry Jackson
SWBL Competition Manager

NSW Scorers Association Report

This past year has seen all major competitions returning to their usual schedule and a number of national tournaments being held in NSW.

The major competitions we were involved in include:

1. Australian Baseball League
2. Little League State Championships – all age groups
3. State league
4. Women's League
5. Sydney Winter League
6. Little League National Championships (Divisions 1 and 2)
7. U16 and U18 Australian Youth Championships
8. Schoolsports Australia

With Lismore unable to host the Little League Nationals, the competition was relocated to Blacktown International Sportspark at the Softball complex. Softball NSW did a fantastic job as host, and it was a great experience to assist Baseball Australia and support the team scorers.

The Schoolsports Australia competition was held twice this year, both in NSW. The delayed 2022 competition was held at Blacktown in August. The 2023 competition was held at Lismore in April, thanks to the huge efforts of the local baseball community and the council.

A big thanks to the scorers from FNC, Queensland and South Australia who helped our local Sydney scorers at these national competitions.

Our training has continued via Zoom, with the groundwork started on developing a new website and online training.

I would like to thank the associations, clubs and umpires for supporting our scorers.

Vera Bonham
NSW Scorers Association President

NSW Umpires Association Report

Over the course of the 2022/23 baseball year, NSWBUA continued to provide its member umpires across each of the men's and women's NSW State League competitions, the Australian Baseball League, and other various Baseball Australia national championships/tournaments.

In June 2023, the Association celebrated a century of providing member umpires to the NSW Leagues. The celebration was held in conjunction with our Annual Awards Night where individual members and special guests are recognized for the services provided and support given to NSWBUA.

Such a milestone celebration permitted the mixing of new and experienced, current, and past umpires all with a common interest – their enjoyment and love of the game and their umpiring craft.

NSWBUA is proud of its history and of its current umpires that serve the Association, and baseball, weekly during the season. Four of the five umpires who have served NSWBUA and been recognized with an appointment to an Olympic Games, were on hand at the centenary celebration, as were several World Cup umpires and many others who have stepped onto a field in the Australian Baseball League (first and second editions).



NSWBUA - Olympic Umpires. (L- R) Trent Thomas, Gerrard Tancred, Geoff Robertson and Paul Hyham at the Annual Awards night. (Absent- Iain Rouse)

After three disruptive calendar years, two with COVID and one with exceptionally wet weather, NSWBUA was able to return to conducting umpire education sessions more regularly.

NSW Umpires Association Report

The main State-run umpire training seminar attracted over 40 individuals seeking to upskill their umpiring or commence their umpiring journey. Additionally, a specific training event for those umpires seeking just to work junior baseball on smaller diamonds was conducted last September. The success of this event has led to a second instalment being conducted this coming September and into the future.

Members of the Association continue to gain national and international recognition. Ben Nash and Trent Thomas officiated in the ABL finals, with Trent additionally appointed to officiate the World Baseball Classic. Ten NSWBUA members were appointed to the Australian U/18 and U/16 Championships, and two members were appointed to the Australian Women's Championships. Several more members took part in the national Little League charter tournaments at each level.

The organization is well placed to provide for its members and provide umpiring education experiences for all into the future. Jason Spurway has taken a leadership role as a Director of Umpiring in managing the delivery of educational opportunities. He is supported by a team of individuals working at all levels of the game assisting anyone who seeks to become an umpire and improve their umpiring.

2022-23 NSW BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Gerard Tancred Trophy: Umpire of the Year	Mark Gilmore – Little League World Series
Jim Riley Memorial Award: Service to the game	Shaun Smith
John Robertson Shield: Women's League Umpire of the Year	Steve Rymer
Geoff Robertson Shield: Rookie of the Year	Tim Peel
Little League Umpire:	Robert Hooper
State League Umpire:	Dave Brodie

Trent Thomas
NSW Umpires Association President

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: 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.
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 stat-ing, "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.

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:	<p>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.</p>
Elected:	1923
Name:	Albert C. Bain*
Notes:	<p>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.</p>
Elected:	1927
Name:	Harold G. Kilminster*
Notes:	<p>Was a prominent umpire, summer advocate, administrator with NSWNBL and NSWBA and chairman of the NSWBA executive committee in 1926.</p>

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 1920sand 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 WesternSuburbs 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 teamson interstate visits in early 1920s.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

Elected:	1936
Name:	Harold W. Turner*
Notes	<p>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 1900, playing for and managing NSW teams.</p> <p>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.</p>
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/lifemember 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 postworld 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 postworld 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 LifeMember 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 BaseballNSW.
Elected:	2005
Name:	Paul Birch
Notes:	Devoted extensive time to CBNSW, now recognised as One BaseballNSW.
Elected:	2005
Name:	Warren Williams
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 BaseballNSW. Head Coach of Australian Provincial teams for many years and other Country teams.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS	
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)
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.
Elected:	2018
Name:	John Wingrove
Notes:	A second-generation member of a four-generation baseball family, past president and life member of Newcastle Baseball Association. NSW Claxton Shield player in 1967, longest-serving NSW Country player, longest tenure as player-coach and head coach for NSW Country. Coach of first the NSW Country age team to compete at the Australian Youth Championships in 1987, coach of the Australian team that participated in Oceania Games, Guam 1994, coach first Australian Provincial team to travel to Europe in 1997. Long term CLSC delegate.