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CEO'S Christmas Message

From Baseball NSW's CEO Mark Marino

As the festive season approaches I wanted to take this time to wish all of our members along with their families a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I hope everyone manages to take a well earned break as I know this time of the year can get hectic with all that is going on around the diamonds.

Baseball NSW are eternally thankful for all that our members do to ensure we continue to enjoy our amazing game. Our continued success is largely due to the passion you all have for your clubs and teams.

So, on behalf of myself, our staff and Board of Directors, may you all have a joyous holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Sincerely,

Mark Marino
CEO Baseball NSW



BNSW Game Day Pics

2023 December entries cont.



Photo by Kirsty Tavae – 'Legendary funky Phil.'



Photo by Kaydee Willmott – 'That diamond dirt just gets everywhere!!'



Photo by Luke Eisenhauer – 'Theres just something beautiful about Baseball & Sunsets.'

BNSW Game Day Pics

2023 December entries cont.



Photo by Ben Pyke – 'Ethan Uncle tag.'



Photo by Joe Vella – 'What happens next.'



Photo by Amy Elise Plodthao – 'Ready to clear the bases.'



Photo by Cathy Dokter – 'The moment of impact.'



Photo by Kim Robertson – 'Sunsets at Aquatic.'

Congratulations BNSW Life Member, Stephy Thompson

This month, we dedicate our Monthly Volunteer Award Recognition to Stephy Thompson's Life Membership with Baseball NSW. Read all about Stephy on the next page.

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

Baseball NSW also say a huge thank you to our volunteers, coaches, umpires and scorers for all your hard work this year.

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 those comments and nominations coming in.

December Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo #1 by Kaydee Willmott - 'That diamond dirt just gets everywhere!!'

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!



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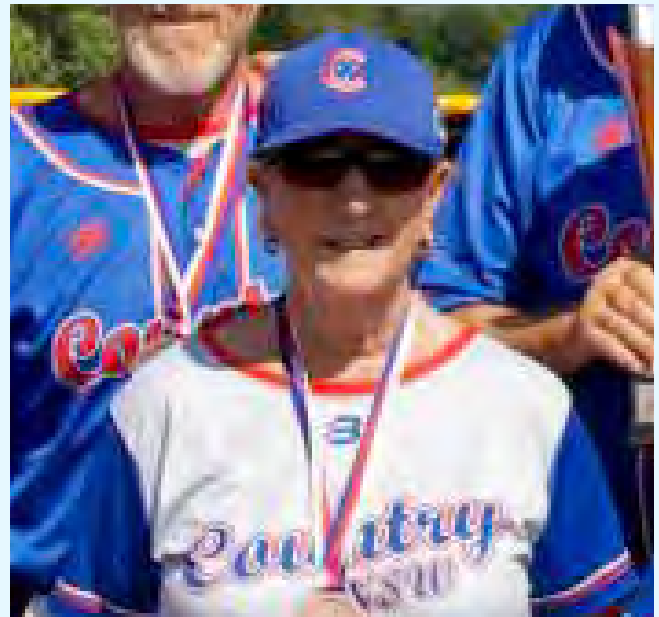
Stephy Thompson has been an outstanding servant and administrator to NSW Country Baseball for over 30 years.

Stephy commenced her involvement in baseball administration with Illawarra Juniors in 1983.

She joined the NSW Country Baseball Inc. Board from Illawarra Baseball Association in 1984. During her long tenure on the Country Board, she successfully managed several portfolios including finance.

She oversaw all aspects of the organisation's management including budgeting, policy development and implementation. She has also held an essential executive officer role in organising and managing successful NSW Country representative touring teams to Europe and Asia since 2007. Over that time she has also previously managed NSW Country Baseball recruitment and sponsorship, as well as organising and running NSW Country Championships and the Australian Provincial Championships.

She has held the position of secretary of the NSW Country Baseball and the Country League Standing Committee off and on for over 30 years with her latest tenure being a period of over 10 years. She has also again taken on the position of Executive Officer of the NSW Country



Mens Touring team, where she has been an instrumental and essential part of the success in re-establishing that program. In addition to her role with NSW Country Baseball, she has also maintained an executive role with Illawarra Baseball Association for over 20 years.

Her tireless contribution to the longevity and improvement of Illawarra and NSW Country Baseball is nothing short of outstanding. Without dedicated volunteers like Stephy, NSW Country Baseball simply would not have continued for as long as it has.

In summary I cannot think of a more worthy candidate than Stephy for life membership and I commend her nomination to the Board.

*** Thank you to Bill Langler for his words in support of Stephy!*

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.
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- Canteen Operators
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Interested in fueling the fun?

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Club Corner cont. Luc Oishi, Australian Olympic Change-Maker

North Ryde RSL and Ryde Hawks Baseballer, Luc Oishi, is leading the way in his community.

He has received a nomination for the 2023 Olympic Change-Maker Program and has been recognised for all his hard work!

Sport has always been a conduit to challenge individuals to succeed. From creating friendships, socialising with others, promoting a healthy lifestyle and offering pathways for development, there are a lot of positive benefits to playing sport. For Luc Oishi, the sport of choice is baseball, and it has taught him so much over the years that he now aspires to pass that knowledge along to others.

Luc's initiatives in mentoring and leadership in his community led to his Nomination for the [Olympic Change-Maker Program](#). The program recognises secondary students from around the country who demonstrate the Olympic spirit – friendship, sportsmanship & striving for excellence –



both on and off the playing field, through leadership and driving positive change in their school and local communities.

Luc was privileged to be nominated by his school PE teachers earlier in the year, and received an invitation to the Olympic Change-Makers Forum. From there he was selected to attend the National Summit where 25 young leaders from across the country came together at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) for a three-day event.

Club Corner cont.

Luc Oishi, Australian Olympic Change-Maker

Having competed across multiple levels of sport, Luc's baseball resume includes club ball with the North Ryde Rams, representative for the Ryde Hawks and even national representation at the 2023 Senior League World Series, also for Ryde Hawks.

Playing baseball for many years, Luc is very driven, but believes that having a "wholistic approach to life – and learning – is crucial". With assistance from his school principal, Luc has implemented the "Advanced Learning Pathway" initiative in his community, giving children the opportunity to learn from an older mentor! Luc presented the initiative to sixty NSW secondary school principals at a state wide conference to advise them on how and why the initiative should be

implemented this in their own schools, in order to drive success in their students.

One of his many mentees is a young baseball player for the North Ryde Rams, 11-year-old Jenson Koch. When asked what it means to be mentored by Luc, Jenson says "he has been a positive role model for me. He has shown me the importance of self-belief, setting goals for yourself and working very hard to achieve them."

These invaluable lessons are being instilled through this community program in very simplistic ways. Jenson showed his appreciation for the fact that Luc is "always around to play catch and work with me on my fielding and batting." Jenson's father, Dan, believes Luc has



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Luc Oishi, Australian Olympic Change-Maker

been a great mentor and friend. Someone with the same dreams! "As a father, I hope that Jenson grows into a respectful, modest, yet talented young man like Luc" says Dan.

The initiative also offers valuable learning experiences for Luc. At just 16 years old, Luc mentors five kids on a regular basis. When we asked what he has learnt from being a mentor for a younger person, he believes that "communication skills (with both adults and kids) and developing maturity" have been his biggest lessons. He has been taking the time to learn sign language so that he can communicate with a mentee who is hearing impaired. His mentee would regularly attend training with a translator but Luc was dedicated to strengthening the relationship by learning phrases in sign language so that his mentee felt included.

Inclusivity in sport takes on a multitude of meanings for different people. For Luc, it means "not singling anybody out and finding ways to overcome any differences." His dedication to finding pathways that give everyone the opportunity to have a bit of fun, especially in the area of sports, is to be applauded. When asked how it feels to be nominated for such a highly regarded program, his response was "OVER THE MOON!" Upon receiving the email, there were feelings of pride and even physical excitement that are warranted for such an achievement.



Luc was privileged to travel to Canberra to participate in the National Summit from Tuesday 5th December over three days, where he got to speak with former and current Australian Olympians. The students were split into focus groups, with Luc's topic area being "social inclusion" and how the Olympics can be improved in this area. Congratulations Luc!

[Click here](#) to view Luc's video submission, as part of the Olympic Change Maker Program.

Club Corner cont.

East Hills

Baseball Club Host

Inaugural Girls

'Archer Cup'

Congratulations to the East Hills Baseball Club on their success running the inaugural All Girls 'Archer Cup' tournament.

The inaugural Archer Cup, East Hills Raptors Baseball Club (EHRBC) All Girls tournament, was played this month. The idea was born after club member Chelsea Wicks, played in the 2023 Barclay Cup in Western Australia. Club President and Vice-President, Peter and Jill Archer, began thinking, what competitions are available in Sydney for young ladies to play? Specifically, in the age groups that are too old for BNSW Rookie Reps, but not old enough for women's baseball.

Following the inaugural "all-girls" division in the BNSW Rookie's Representative competition last year, Peter and Jill knew there was interest in an "all-girls" tournament.



Four Associations fielded girls' teams – Cronulla, Manly, Ryde and Greater Western. East Hills Club has always had a lot of young ladies playing. At Rookies, five East Hills girls played in the Cronulla team, with two coaches Stephen Kelly and Peter Archer, together with Chris May from Marlins. The girls had a great day and played so well coming away undefeated. From this, it was evident there would be some interest in a League Age 10/11/12 Tournament. The question was, how much interest?

Club Corner cont.

East Hills Baseball Club Host Inaugural Girls 'Archer Cup'

After some discussion, EHRBC decided to host the 'Archer Cup' for girls from League Age 10/11/12. It has been six years since the club hosted a tournament. They knew trying to get "all-girls" teams would be challenging as the number of girls playing Little League isn't huge. The aim was to get as many girls/teams as possible to play, even if it meant getting friendship players from other Associations to fill teams.

After much interest in the tournament, the date was decided. It was very steamy Sunday the 26th of November. Saturday games were washed out. Tarps had to be put on and taken off multiple times on the days before the tournament. Against the odds, the inaugural All Girls Archer Cup went ahead! Five teams were in attendance – St George, Illawong,



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East Hills Baseball Club Host Inaugural Girls 'Archer Cup'

East Hills, Penrith and Manly. All teams played four, one-hour games, with four runs across the plate. This kept the innings ticking over, and the winner was first past the post. It also allowed teams to have enough pitchers on the day to cover four games easily.

To ensure each team had twelve players, EHRBC enlisted friendship players from Quakers Hill, Eastern Suburbs Dolphins and Arncliffe Scots. Hannah Fior also flew in from Alice Springs to play in the St George team. Lots of fun was had, and lots of friendships were made! Congratulations to this year's winners, Illawong Marlins.

It was great to see that Local MP, David Coleman was in attendance on the day, and was able to throw the first pitch for the event!

The club thanks the umpires who volunteered their time on the day, and it was great to see two young female umpires, Bree and Jemma Perkert from St George. The club would like to thank Paul Muir and Compliance Advocacy Solutions who have already agreed to sponsor next year's tournament.

Thank you to the EHRBC Club Executive, Scott Kelly the Tournament Director and Brad Watson for being the Results/Admin Coordinator. To Brian McDonald the Umpires Coordinator, Stephen Kelly EHRBC Secretary and Peter Archer EHRBC



President, for agreeing to support this event. With the great feedback the club has received, they cannot wait to run the tournament again next year and hope more teams from near and far will attend.

Thank you to East Hills Raptors Vice-President Jill Archer for her words on the event!

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Club Corner cont.

Queensland Girls

2023 State

Championships

This month, Cronulla Sutherland Junior Baseball Association sent a full team to the Queensland Girls State Championship.

This event was a huge success and gave the girls another opportunity to compete at a high level, before the year ended.

Coach Stephen Kelly offered some really great insight into how the team went. In his recap of the tournament, he started by saying "Thank Baseball QLD for holding this tournament and allowing us to participate and enter a team in from NSW."

The two-day tournament displayed exceptional baseball and Stephen believes that "all the young ladies in each and every team should be extremely proud of their efforts and hard work."

"I am beyond proud of the Girls from CSJBA. For these girls, it was their first experience of tournament baseball and WOW they blew it out of the water!"



Club Corner cont.

Queensland Girls

2023 State Championships

"They all worked so hard for each other, in each and every game. [They] never gave up, the learning and development from Day 1..... when we got together in early October to now, is just amazing."

The girls were very successful at the tournament, coming away taking home the gold! "Winning was the icing on the cake and without each and every one of these girls it would not of been possible to take it out and for me I hope all the players know that!"

"This is only the beginning and I can't wait to see where each and every player ends up, remember girls of what you have achieved and what you can achieve when you work hard and put your mind to something."

Stephen finalised his message, saying "I want to thank CSJBA and my Club East Hills for all their support of me and the girls team. This has been a work in progress for a while now and to see it finally take off has given me



GIRLS' GOLD & TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS
CRONULLA SHARKIES



Club Corner cont.

Queensland Girls

2023 State Championships

goosebumps.” Baseball NSW are extremely proud of the efforts that local volunteers and coaches have put into furthering our girls programs and the opportunities they have to play, this year!

Stephen was asked by one of the players after the last game “are you crying?” to which he answered “no” he said “lucky I had sunglasses on.... the emotion and happiness I felt after the last game was something I have never felt before and it’s because of this bunch of young ladies.”

“To say that I am proud of these girls would be a huge understatement and I want to thank them for allowing me to be a part of something so very special.” A final message from one very proud Coach. Thank you Stephen for your words and we can’t wait to see these young girls continue excelling in their baseball!



Club Corner cont. Queensland Girls 2023 State Championships Gallery



School Holidays Camps and Clinics

This December, Baseball NSW have been extremely privileged to be able to host multiple Camps and Clinics for our members.

BASEBALL NSW SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC - 28TH & 29TH DEC

Looking for an AWESOME baseball clinic this school holidays?

Baseball NSW have got you covered, with State Development Officer, Team Australia and Blue Sox Player Coen Wynne running the Baseball NSW holiday clinic, alongside fellow Sydney Blue Sox players this December 28th and 29th!

The camp offers:

- Tee Ball - for 6-10 year old players who want to improve their baseball abilities and have fun playing games and learning basic fun drills. Runs from 9am to 12pm.
- Baseball - for 11-16 year old players who want to improve their baseball abilities throughout the holiday period. Runs from 9am to 3pm.



The cost covers two jam packed days of baseball/tee-ball, a t-shirt and hat, and a FREE ticket to the Friday night Blue Sox game on the 29th December (against the [Brisbane Bandits](#))

You don't want to miss this one!
[Click here](#) to register.

School Holidays Camps and Clinics cont.

2024 MLBPA Clinics

Baseball NSW, in collaboration with the Major League Baseball Players Association and NxtGen Baseball, will be running a free clinic for players aged 6-12 with an additional seminar for coaches and parents following the clinic.

Baseball NSW are offering our coaches and parents the opportunity to participate in a FREE seminar this summer, with former Major League Baseball Players Ryan Rowland-Smith and Johnny Gomes!

Both the players clinic and seminar will be held on the 8th of January at Blacktown International Sportspark. Players Clinic will be on field from 9am to 12pm.

The Coaches and Parents seminar will be held in the BISP Function Room from 12:30-1:30pm. The session will not follow a fixed program, but there will be time for the following:

- Open Q&A session
- Opportunity to meet the MLB ex players
- Coaching in the Modern Era
- Player Welfare

There is no limit on registrations for the coaching seminar, so all are welcome.

[Click here](#) to head to our website for all the details.



Photo: Johnny Gomes – Sydney Red Sox.



Photo: Ryan Rowland-Smith – Seattle Mariners.

School Holidays Camps and Clinics cont.

Pittsburgh Pirates Sydney Scouting Camp

This month, we had the pleasure of having the Pittsburgh Pirates Sydney Camp out at Blacktown International Sports Park.

We got to chat with Tony Harris, Pittsburgh's International Supervisor and Sydney Blue Sox Manager as well as David Kim, ABL legend and the first Australian to break into the Korean Baseball Organisation (KBO)!

The kids were lead by a combination of expert Pittsburgh Pirates staff and local staff over the duration of the camp, designed to replicate a "combine" approach similar to what is run in the states.

[Click here](#) to watch the full interview.

Pittsburgh Pirates Sydney Scouting Camp Gallery



State and Women's League Washout Round Memo

With the Christmas break officially in action, we hope that all State and Women's League members enjoy the well deserved break and we will see you all in the New Year!

Due to the unprecedented wet weather we have been having this season for State League, please see the wet weather memo as per the draw for the season. Some State League teams will be playing the second wet weather round on Sunday the 14th January. Women's League returns the same week, on the 12th of January for Round 14.

Please get in contact with Tyson Crocker if you have any questions, as soon as possible. Baseball NSW staff will be on break from the 22nd December until the 2nd January!

[Click here](#) for the Washout Round Memo.

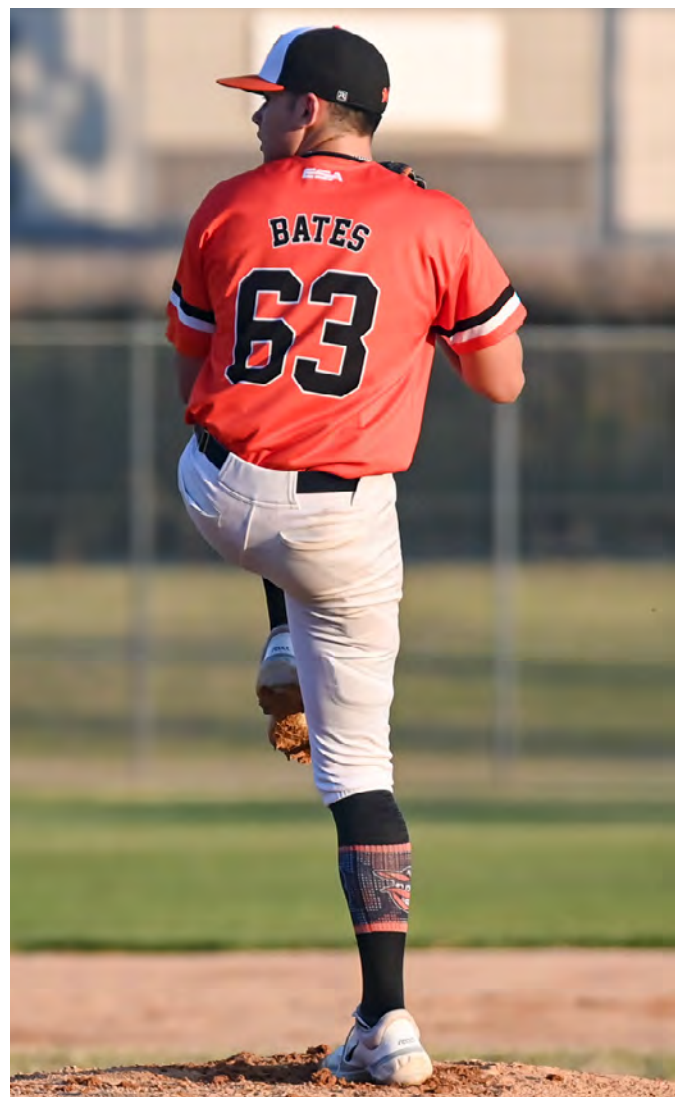


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2024 Australian Women's & Youth Championships Team Lists

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected in the NSW teams to represent at the Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships in 2024.

The two tournaments will be played concurrently and are scheduled for Easter, 2024, at Melbourne Ballpark.

New South Wales has seen great success at past Australian Championships. This is the pinnacle event for our senior female athletes and offers a great opportunity to represent your state and play high level competition!

Thank you to the coaching staff who will be leading these teams at the events.

Best of luck to all those involved!



2024 Australian Women's & Youth Championships Team List cont.

Australian Youth Womens Team	
Alyssa Frame	Alysha Mobberley Barreto
Aaliyah Te Ahuru - Kostic	Sienna Gledhill
Kara Cassidy	Tamryn Love
Gabriella Nutman	Ruby Allison
Ava Makin	Ivy White
Tayla Jones	Quincy Hindmarsh
Mariam Arifaki	Breearna Zavec
Ryleigh Delacour-Batch	Jessica Burnett
Coaches	
Head Coach: David Gledhill	Development Coach: Trent Burnett
Assistant Coach: Amy Saliba	EO: Houda Arifaki
Picking Coach: Phil Cassidy	

2024 Australian Women's & Youth Championships Team List cont.

Australian Womens Team	
Maddison Erwin	Mackenzie Jackson
Rhiannon Bojarski	Sayaka Mori
Tiana Lascala	Isobel Lambert
Maddison Heath	Alina Hawron
Brianna Hosie	Cayla Johnston
Claire O'Sullivan	Erin Partridge
Elise Izzard	Ticara Geldenhuis
Ashleigh Bruce	Ebony Van Eynde
Lisa Nakashio	Mattea Karn
Coaches	
Head Coach: John Gaynor	Pitching Coach: Laura Neads
Assistant Coach: Katie Gaynor	EO: Peter Neads

Country Men's Tours Expressions of Interest 2024

NSW Country Baseball (CLSC) are calling for Expressions of Interest to play in the 2024 Great Barrier Reef Tournament, in Cairns.

These trials will also provide a chance to identify players who would like to participate in the 2025 Europe Tour. Players must be born in 2006 or before. Both Country and Metro players are eligible.

TRIAL DETAILS:

- **WHEN:** Saturday the 20th of January
- **WHERE:** Blacktown International Sports Park (Diamond 3)
- **TIME:** 9am to 12pm

Parking available at the AFL Entrance (Gate C)

CAIRNS 2024 DETAILS:

- Projected dates are the 14th of July 2024 to 21st of July 2024.
- Cost of approximately \$2200 – This includes ground transport, accommodation & breakfast, uniform and ancillary costs. This is a self-funded tour for players and staff, any excess money will be refunded at the end of the tour.



This tournament will be a precursor to the Europe Tour in 2025.

- Projected dates are 3 weeks in June of 2025. (Dates to be confirmed)
- Cost of approx. \$6200 – This includes return air fares, ground transport, accommodation & breakfast, uniform, and ancillary costs.
- As with our Country Senior Programs, this is self-funded with players and staff contributing the same amount. At this stage this is an estimated cost, any excess money will be refunded at the end of the tour.

Country Men's Tours

Expressions of Interest 2024 cont.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

To register your Expression of Interest to trial for either one or both of these tours, [click here](#).

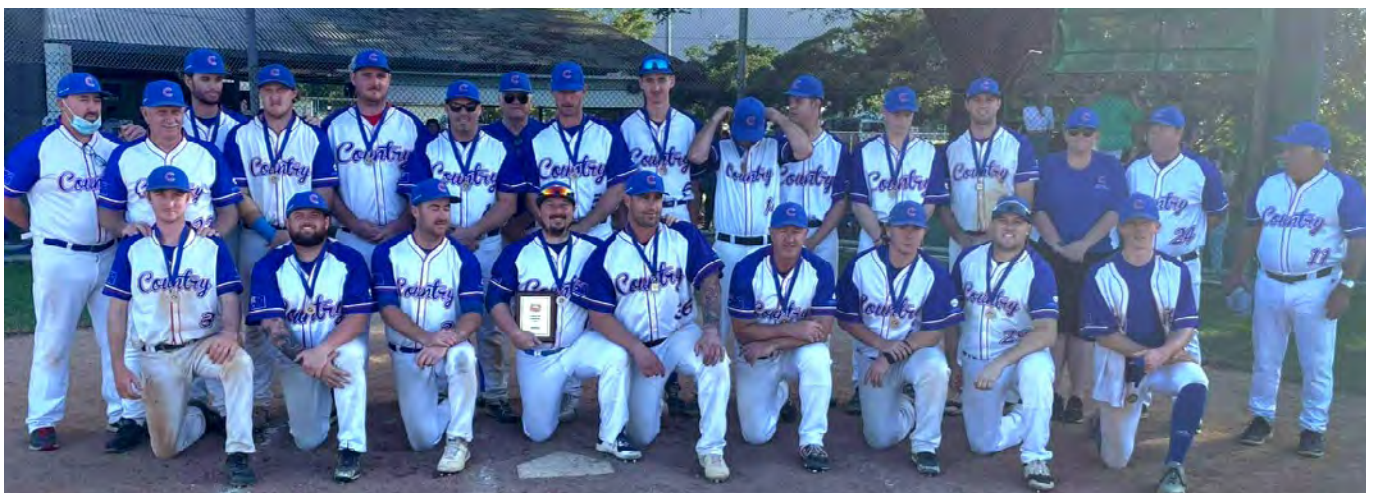
NOTE:

If you are selected in the Cairns final team, you will be asked to deposit a non-refundable amount into the BNSW Tour account.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Steph Thompson](#) on **0409710459** if you have any questions.



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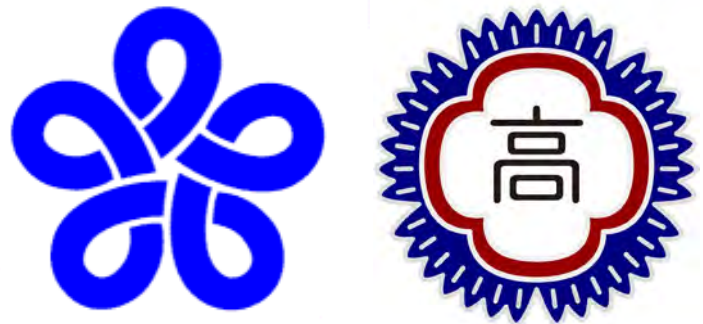


Orio Aishin High School Sydney Tour

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. To return the gesture, we welcomed the Orio Aishin Girls High School to Sydney this month!

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 spent much time preparing for the Japanese tour to Sydney from the 20th to the 23rd of December. The high school team was comprised of school girls aged 15-17 years and they will joined us at our facilities in Blacktown, to train and play against NSW representatives.

They dedicated lots of time on their tour to practices, soaking in Australian culture



Orio Aishin High School Sydney Tour cont.

with activities each day and three days of games against our High-Performance teams (NSW Women's Opens and Under 18's and AYC Metro Under 16's). We were 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, and 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 the local high school's from Fukuoka coming to Australia, as part of the reciprocating agreement we have with the prefecture. These tour's are a great opportunity for our female athletes to see how they compare to international talent. We look forward to this partnership developing into the future."



2023 Sydney and Association Cup Tournaments

The Sydney Cup competition was a huge success this year! Thank you to all that participated in the 2023 Sydney and Association Cup tournaments!

Congratulations to Cronulla (U12 Sydney Cup), Hills (U14 Sydney Cup /Association Cup, U16 Sydney Cup) and Manly (U12 Association Cup) on winning their respective comps, and an additional thank you to the host venues throughout the regular season. Baseball NSW appreciate the work from Carlingford Baseball Club, Greenway Baseball Club and Manly Warringah District Baseball Association for volunteering to host the Finals.

The players, coaches, umpires, scorers, parents, and supporters' commitment to the tournament significantly contributed to its success. The event was a true celebration of baseball, showcasing the talent and spirit of the players from all participating associations. It was also a great way to launch into the New Year and provides a bridge to major tournaments such as the AYC's and State Championships. Baseball NSW are grateful for the collaborative



efforts from each association, making it a memorable experience for all involved. Your dedication to the sport and the baseball community has not gone unnoticed, and our staff are appreciative of the commitment and patience shown throughout the tournament which saw us try some new things to make the Sydney Cup a unique event to the members of Baseball New South Wales.

Please be on the lookout for a survey that will be sent out to the associations looking for feedback regarding everything surrounding this year's Sydney Cup. Whether it be rules, scheduling, rosters, and everything in between to help streamline the tournament as we move forward.

Thank you once again – if anyone has any questions, please reach out to [Tyson Crocker](#).

2023 Association Cup Winners Gallery



Photo: Under 12's Association Cup Winners - Manly.



Photo: Under 14's Association Cup Winners - Hills.

2023 Sydney Cup Winners Gallery



Photo: Under 12's Sydney Cup Winners - Manly.



Photo: Under 14's Sydney Cup Winners – Hills.

2023 Sydney and Association Cup Tournaments Gallery



Photo: Under 16's Sydney Cup Winners – Hills.



2023 Sydney and Association Cup Tournaments Gallery



BNSW Hosts 120th Anniversary of Waseda vs Keio

Baseball NSW were honoured to host the 120th Anniversary of the Waseda Versus Keio baseball rivalry in Sydney this month!

Not even the weather could keep us away, as a last-minute rescheduling of the game saw the teams taking to the diamond on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

The Waseda and Keio Universities of Tokyo, Japan, sent their Junko Baseball teams

down under to compete in a one-day match in Sydney. Baseball Australia CEO, Glenn Williams commented prior to the game, "Baseball has been the vehicle that has created many friendships and strong partnerships between Japan and Australia, and we have no doubt that this event will bring our countries closer together and be a memorable experience for all involved." The game followed a three-day series in Adelaide which is part of an ongoing partnership with the Adelaide Giants. The teams were so much fun to host and a nail-biting game in Sydney definitely provided a



BNSW Hosts 120th Anniversary of Waseda vs Keio cont.

memorable experience for those both playing and spectating.

Thank you to the two Universities for a great game, and congratulations to Waseda University, winning the match to settle this year's competition! It was great fun to experience the rivalry firsthand in Australia. A special thank you to the Waseda and Keio University Dignitaries for their presentations, CEO of Baseball Australia Glenn Williams, the Sydney Sakura Kids Cheerleaders for their performance, and to the Sydney Japanese Consul-General, Shuichi Tokuda, for throwing the first pitch of the game!

The Consul General believe that "promoting sports exchanges transcends borders and undoubtedly contributes to fostering international friendship, goodwill, and mutual understanding among

nations" and this is why we enjoy hosting these events.

Baseball NSW CEO Mark Marino says "Events such as these are a great opportunity to showcase international baseball and attract a broader audience of followers to the game." With such a large Japanese community in Sydney, it was wonderful to be able to host a game on Australian soil that allowed a celebration of Japanese culture. "The quality was of an exceptional standard and the event gave us the chance to strengthen our relationship with international competition."

Baseball NSW look forward to the opportunity to do this again in the future.

See our write up on SBS Japan [here](#).

See Facebook post [here](#).



BNSW Hosts 120th Anniversary of Waseda vs Keio Gallery



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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
Rookies Cup	25th Feb 2024	North Ryde RSL Junior Baseball Club	Magdala Reserve
Senior League	13th-16th Apr 2024	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark
Little League & Division II	18th-21st Apr 2024	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark
Junior & Intermediate League	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.



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



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