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Coaches

Josh Parkes - Pittwater Baseball

He offers extra batting practice on weekends and is always looking forward to coaching! Even when the weather impacts us and trainings need to change, Josh accommodates us, so we don't miss a session!

Scorers

Lyn Donald - Manly Eagles Women's Baseball

Lyn has been involved scoring 2nd Grade Women's League for several teams. The current being Manly. Lyn scores for Ryde Hawks, as well as park ball. She is always happy to help different grades when needed and provides support to less experienced scorers in game situations. We need more scorers like Lyn!

Marie Ross - Arncliffe Scots Baseball

Marie scores the senior league game (my team) and many others each weekend. Don't know how she fits it all in!!

Umpires

Hayden Evans Ermington - Tigers Baseball

Hayden is an amazing umpire for our club, mentoring or junior umpires and umpiring the older games. He's calm and patient with players, coaches and parents.

Recognising Hard Work BNSW Monthly Award Nominees cont.



Volunteers

Emma Caisley - Ku-ring-Gai Stealers

Baseball Emma has been such a dedicated manager of our team (LL Minor Live Cyclones): reliable, keen, super-organised, knowledgeable, supportive, and encouraging of all.

David Greene - Penrith Baseball

David is the groundsman for Penrith Baseball Club he works very hard to keep the diamonds in great shape he spends countless hours getting them ready for the kids to train and play on.

Amanda Coles - Camden Red Sox

Baseball Amanda is the Acting Secretary who has handled everything secretarial related and done so with a smile on her face. Nothing is too much for Amanda and she also takes on the role of Manager for the Red Sox Hot Rods U14 team. All the kids view Amanda like a second Mum, and she is more than appreciated.

(Amanda is dressed in pink front row of photo)



BNSW Game Day Pics 2024 March entries



Photo by Kirsty Tavae – ‘Go on...I double dare you to steal 2nd.’



Photo by Marion Bancroft – ‘Safe.’



Photo by Peter Spanidis – Castle Hill Knights 11U ‘Team Photo.’

BNSW Game Day Pics 2024 March entries



Photo by Mick Goddard – 'That winning feeling.'



Photo by Sarah Jane – 'Eye on the ball, heart in the game.'



Photo by Ewa Kretowicz Manly Girls Unite for Rookies Cup



Photo by Jay Lee – 'Ladies day celebrated by the boys.'



Photo by Bobby Chairuttanavech – 'Thrill of victory and agony of defeat.'

Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

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

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

- Volunteer:** Amanda Coles – Camden Red Sox Baseball
- Coach:** Josh Parkes – Pittwater Baseball
- Umpire:** Hayden Evans – Ermington Tigers Baseball
- Scorer:** Lyn Donald – Manly Eagles Women’s Baseball

March Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo by Ewa Kretowicz Manly Girls Unite for Rookies Cup

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!



Coaches Corner

Welcome to Coaches Corner. Here we feature notable coaching news or stories within the Baseball NSW network.

Last chance to register for your Level B practical before state championships:

Baseball NSW are holding a Level B coaching course at Blacktown International Sports Park on Sunday the 7th April. This course is a whole day (8:30am - 5:30pm) face-to-face practical.

The practical is the final element to receiving your Level B Coaching Accreditation.

All those wanting to partake in the course MUST register and have completed all pre-requisite learning prior to attending. This course will be the last opportunity for coaches to be adequately accredited prior to the State Championships.

Please register for the course through your Canopi account!!



Club Corner

The Play the Aussie Way theme pays homage to all that we value about our sporting culture and underpins the crucial importance of protecting sport's integrity.

The campaign features five athletes (past and present) and a coach, who in their own words tell us what it means to Play the Aussie Way.

It means playing fairly - respecting the rules, your opponents, and the referees. It means being inclusive, regardless of background and ability – after all, everyone deserves to play sport – wherever they live, whatever their level or disability.

Sport should be a safe place for all participants, free of abuse, racism and discrimination. That's the Aussie Way.

One of the best things about playing sport is the camaraderie between teammates and competitors. It's about supporting them, whether they win or lose.



But it also means calling things out when you know they are wrong.

Club Corner cont.

QLD Masters Tournament Team Registrations Open for 2024

Team Registrations are now open for the 2024 Queensland Masters Tournament hosted by Surfers Paradise Baseball Club, on 25-28th April 2024.

Players aged 35 years and above, and female players aged 25 years and above, are eligible to participate, in one of the three divisions (Female players are encouraged to select from any of these divisions):

- Division 1
- Division 2
- Women's

The tournament, commencing at 12pm on ANZAC Day, will provide ample opportunities to play four fun-filled days of games on the sunny Gold Coast. Get your mates together and appoint a Team Manager to register your team via the link below!



Club Corner cont.

QLD Masters Tournament

Team Registrations Open for 2024

Upon registration, managers will receive a unique team code to send out so players can register themselves. The registration cost for a team is \$220 incl GST + Game Day Fees

[Click here to register a team \(prior to individual registration\)](#)

Once your team is registered, each player can then begin to registers to their team. Players will need their Team Code to be able to register into your team. This can be found by your Team Manager logging into membership.gameday.app with their Team Manager email.

[Click here to register as an individual](#)

If you can provide a scorer, executive officer or umpire, ask them to please register via this link also, selecting the appropriate member type for your team.

Player Fee:
\$110 incl GST + Game Day Fees

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the [Baseball QLD Staff](#).

Registrations will close on the 7th April, so get in quick!



College Catchups

Daniel Mills signs with Columbia!

We are extremely proud of NSW U18's Metro and Manly baseball player, Daniel Mills as he embarks on his college journey. Mills is combining his baseball and academic passions by heading to Ivy League school, Columbia University, to study and play later this year.

The pitcher is coming off the back of an esteemed junior baseball career. The product of the Manly Eagles represented Australia at the 2023 U18 World Cup, while playing for New South Wales at the U16 Australian Youth Championships in 2022, and for the U18 squad in 2023 and 2024. He most recently claimed victory in the NSW State League U18's Grand Final, with Manly, defeating the Cronulla Sharks for the premiership.

Not only is Mills a talented on the baseball field, he's strong in the classroom. The New York City-based university [is ranked #7 in the top global](#) universities. To get in to the school, students need to typically score in the 98th percentile or higher on their mandatory Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).



Daniel Mills

"I have always loved New York City," says Mills. "I love the buzz of the city and the community [feel] at Columbia. I was drawn to the school's elite academics, combined with a great NCAA Division 1 Baseball program.

We wish Daniel all the best on his journey and can't wait to follow along his college career!

Read the full story [here](#) on the website.

NSW State and Women's League Grand Finals

The NSW State and Women's Baseball League Grand Finals once again captivated audiences with a showcase of talent, determination, and unforgettable moments on the diamond.

From thrilling comebacks to dominant performances, the grand finale of the 2023/24 season delivered excitement in abundance across both the men's and women's divisions.

First Grade Grand Final Series

Blacktown Workers Baseball etched their name in history, going back-to-back winning the First Grade Grand Final series. They secured victory in both games against the formidable Macarthur Orioles. In Game 1, Blacktown staged a remarkable comeback in the top of the ninth inning, overturning a 2-0 deficit to claim a 5-2 lead, with the Martin duo, Jordan and Dylan, leading the charge. Game 2 saw Blacktown continue their winning ways, sealing a 2-0 victory with back-to-back hits from Jordan Martin and Lachlan Bojarski.



Jordan Martin was ON in the grand final games, earning himself the MVP Award for this season, with a batting average of .314 for the season.

Second Grade Grand Final

The Macarthur Orioles celebrated success in the Second Grade Grand Final, delivering a commanding 4-0 victory over the Blacktown Workers. Pitchers Riley Puckett and Brendon Lower orchestrated a shutout game to stifle Blacktown's offense, with Lower earning the title of 2nd Grade MVP for his stellar performance.

NSW State and Women's League Grand Finals cont.

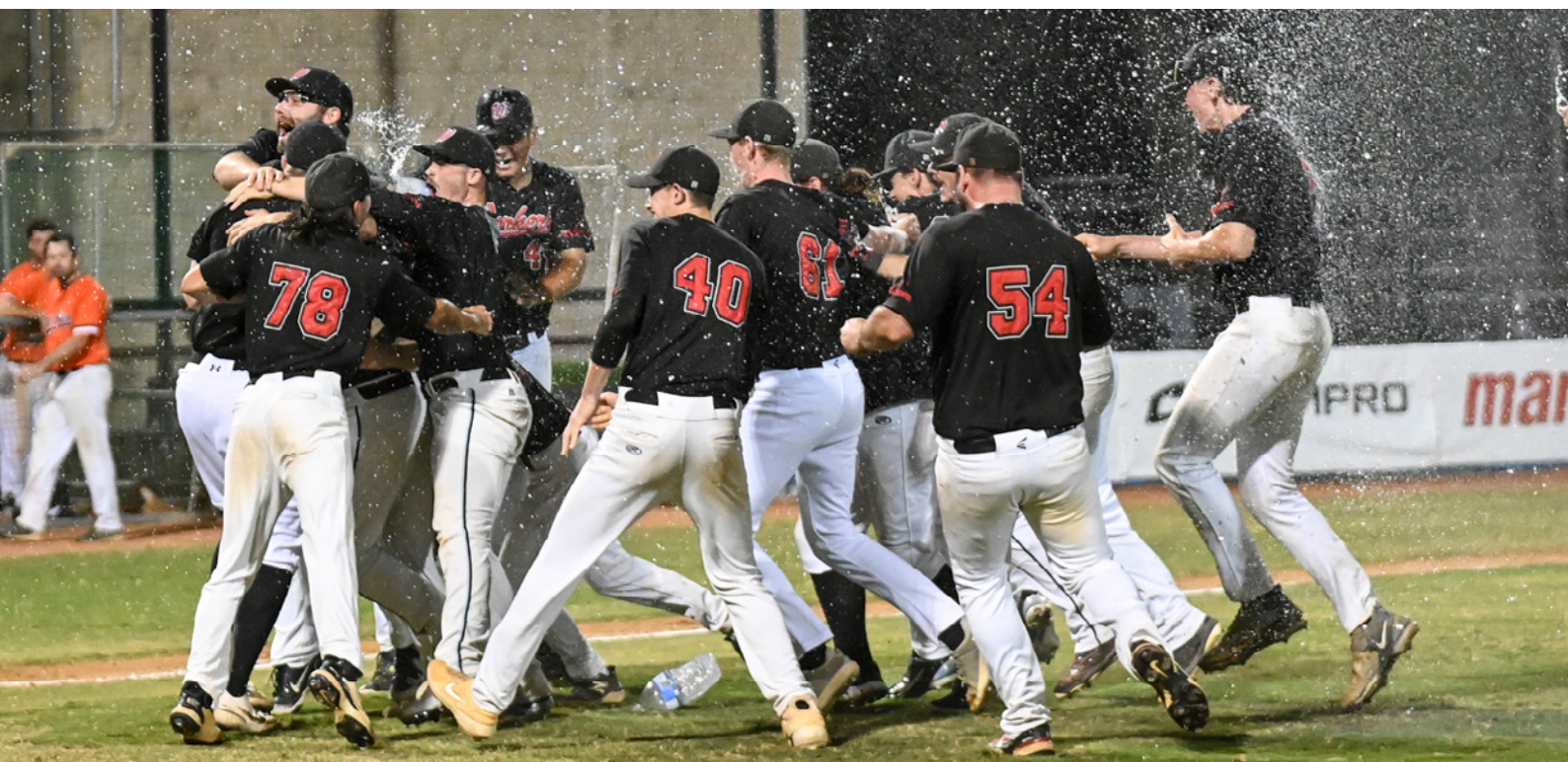
Third Grade Grand Final

Ryde Hawks emerged victorious in the Third Grade Grand Final, defeating the Greater Western Warriors with an emphatic 8-2 win. Led by Ethan Zirinsky's stellar batting performance, Ryde set the tone early and never looked back. Zirinsky, alongside Scott Edwards, Hamish Lambert, and Matthew Kelleher, showcased their offensive prowess by driving in crucial runs, propelling the Hawks to victory.



U18's Grand Final

The Manly Eagles Baseball team etched their name in history as the champions of the U18's division for the 2023/24 season. Despite starting from the fourth spot overall, their journey to victory was nothing short of remarkable. Facing off against the formidable Cronulla Sutherland Major League Baseball Club, Manly Eagles exhibited resilience and determination, culminating in a hard-fought 4-1 win.



NSW State and Women's League Grand Finals cont.

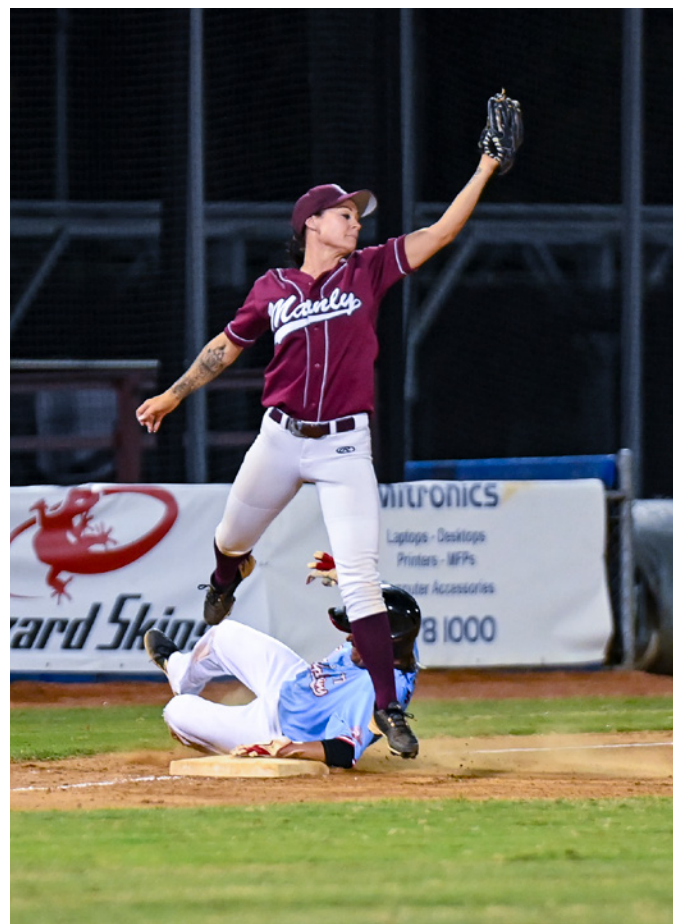
With standout performances from Cronulla players like Matthew Trainor, Tahlan Cavill, and Jackson Griffiths, Manly Eagles overcame the odds to claim the coveted title. Congratulations to Manly's grand final pitcher, Zac Morris, who was named MVP for his outstanding performance on the mound.

Women's League First Grade Grand Final

In a captivating showdown, the Eastern Suburbs Dolphins clinched a dramatic walk-off win against the Ryde Hawks in a closely contested 7-6 ballgame. With the score tied at six in the bottom of the seventh inning, Iris Ng emerged as the hero for the Dolphins, delivering a clutch single to drive in the crucial run and seal victory for her team. The Dolphins' resilience and determination were on full display as they overcame the Hawks in a thrilling encounter that kept supporters on the edge of their seats until the very last moment.

Women's League Second Grade Grand Final

The Eastern Suburbs Dolphins continued their winning streak in the Second Grade Women's League Grand Final, delivering a dominant performance to secure victory over their opponents. Clarissa Stone emerged as a standout performer for the Dolphins, driving in an impressive four runs on three hits to lead her team to a resounding 14-4 win. The Dolphins' relentless offensive onslaught proved too much for their opponents to handle, as they capped off their season in style, clinching the title!



NSW State and Women's League Grand Finals cont.

As the curtain falls on another season of the NSW State and Women's Leagues, we celebrate the triumphs and commend the efforts of all the teams who competed. From the exhilarating moments on the field to the camaraderie off it, the grand finals encapsulated the essence of the sport. Congratulations to all the champions, and may their successes inspire future generations of baseballers to follow in their footsteps.



Womens 1st Grade Grand Final Winners –Eastern Suburbs Dolphins



Photo by Mike G Photography – Men's First Grade Grand Final Series Winners, Blacktown Worker's.



Photo by Mike G Photography – Men's First Grade Grand Final Series Team, Macarthur Orioles.

Australian Little League Girls Championships Teams Listed

An Australian Little League Girls tournament is set to take place in May this year!

This year, Little League Girls teams from across the country will be given the opportunity to participate in the inaugural Australian Little League Girls Championship from May 8-12 in Lismore, NSW.

The event is targeted at young female baseball players and will run in cohesion with the highly anticipated Australian Women’s Showcase! From May 9-12 in Lismore, selected women’s players will be on display for the Adelaide Giants, Brisbane Bandits and Victorian Aces and will play a four-day professional tournament thanks to support from NSW Government.

Emeralds stars, emerging Australian talent, and World Cup players from Canada, Japan and the United States will partake in the four-day tournament, giving our young female players something to aspire to and watch in between their own games!



We are very excited to see the return of this event for our strong female players out of NSW! Stay tuned via baseball.com.au for all the details of the Women’s Showcase event.

Based on interest in the Little League Girls Championship, there will be a six-teams competing in the first event. There will be a team from Queensland, Western Australian and Victoria, two teams from New South Wales and a combined squad of Northern Territory and South Australia.

The Girls Championship will run independently of the Little League National Championships.

Australian Little League Girls Championships Teams Listed cont.

Team A – WHITE	Team B – BLUE
Indianna Birtles	Heba Arifaki
Georgia Gately	Emma Gainsford
Maya Kanagaratnam	Lilly Farrell
Kali Hanrahan	Nevaeh Fungalei
Hallie Dantas	Adele Acosta
Alicia Gereaux	Taylor Okeefe
Zoe Mallam	Miranda Murray
Taylor Stevens	Caitlyn Gainsford
Lily Wolstenholme	Juno Bromley
Caitlin Hamilton	Chilli Hanlon
Georgia Williams	Yvette Wyld
Skyla Coyle	Isla Metuisela
Isabella Kosanic	Hannah Okeefe



Baseball NSW Proudly Hosting 2024 Barclay Cup

Baseball NSW are excited to join its fellow states in the third edition of the Barclay Cup, a pinnacle event in the Junior female calendar.

This year, Baseball NSW are proud to announce that the event will be held in Penrith, Sydney, from the 29th of September to the 5th of October. Thank you to Mackillop Baseball Club who will be the hosts, with the event being run out of their new facilities in Kingswood, Chapman Gardens Baseball Oval.

The tournament is named to honour Jacinda Barclay, who had a major contribution to Women's Baseball and overall Women's sport in Australia. Jacinda was an Australian representative Baseball player, playing professionally in three different sports over her career.

Barclay was also a pioneer for equal rights in women's sports and hosting an event in her name for junior female athletes highlights the impact she had on many during her life. The event is an invitational tournament which encourages participation by welcoming each of the states to compete.



BARCLAY CUP
SYDNEY 2024



Baseball NSW Proudly Hosting 2024 Barclay Cup cont.

This event strives to have teams representing Victoria, Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia, and New South Wales. The tournament is open to female players between the ages of 13 and 16.

The Barclay Cup has been hugely successful in the past, with the inaugural tournament held in the Gold Coast and last year's in Perth.

Baseball NSW CEO Mark Marino has said that "We are very excited to host this year's Barclay Cup. As the third edition of the event, it is a great opportunity to honour Jacinda on NSW turf and continue her legacy."

MacKillop Baseball Club President Josh Gately, has said they are "excited and appreciate the opportunity to showcase women's baseball in the Greater West. The competition offers the chance to

spotlight the investment into the new facilities our club offers!!"

"Our area has a proud history with women/girls in our sport and I feel like the work of some people in the area is helping it grow rapidly. We have two Women's State League Clubs, two Female Club Presidents and an ongoing year to year increase in female participation numbers"

Josh continued to say "As a Dad to a baseball playing daughter, I'm very excited for the growth of the womens game"

We can't wait to see everyone out there!

We will be utilising Stack TeamApp throughout the tournament, so be sure to download the app, set up an account and join "Barclay Cup 2024" today!

All information on the event can be found on our dedicated Barclay Cup competition page [here](#).



Hong Kong to Host Baseball5 World Cup 2024

The II WBSC Baseball5 World Cup will be hosted by the Baseball Association of Hong Kong, in China.

The 12-team tournament will be held at the Central Harbourfront Event Space.

This is set to be the second WBSC Baseball5 World Cup to be held at this venue, and it will run from the 7th to 12th October 2024.

Baseball Australia were extremely privileged to be a part of the Youth World Cup in Turkey last year. We can't wait to be a part of this upcoming senior event!

Baseball5 is more than a game, it offers our athletes a chance at a new olympic pathway and World Cup representation like no other.

Don't miss out! Get in touch today.

[Click here](#) for the official announcement.



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.

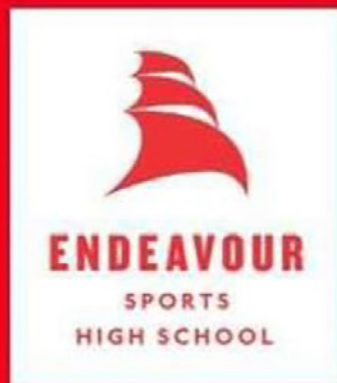
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The full Sport NSW Grants Schedule Summary document is regularly updated and details available grants with the view to making this information easily accessible and in one place.



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



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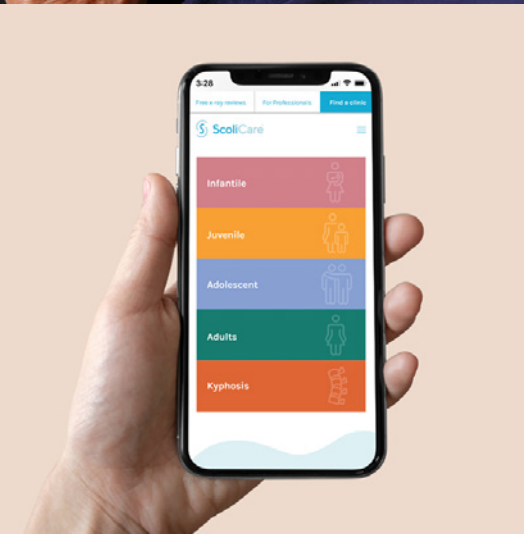
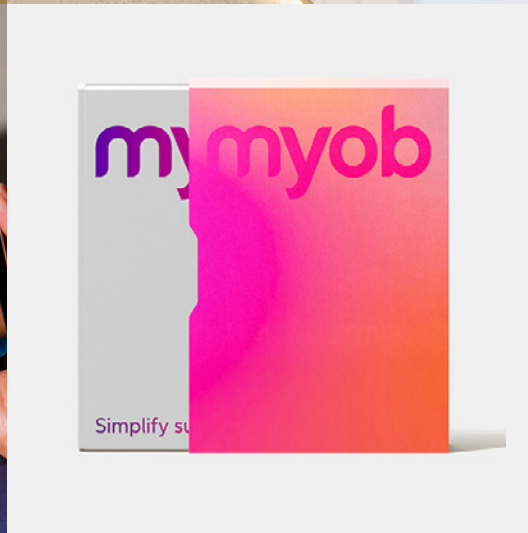
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