



Baseball NSW

81st Annual Report

2023/24



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81st Annual General Meeting Agenda

Date: 30th September 2024

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. Confirm Minutes from 2023 AGM (Appendix I)
5. Matters Arising from AGM 2023
6. BNSW Update by President & CEO
7. Receive Business Reports as published in the Annual Report
8. Adopt Audited Financial Report (July 2023 to June 2024)
9. Notices of Motion (Appendix J)
10. Election of Life Members
11. Election of Board Members
12. Confirmation of Standing Committee Delegate Nominations
13. Announcement of Audit Committee Appointees
14. Confirmation of Technical Committee Appointees
15. Closure & Fraternity

NSW Board of Management

BNSW Board of Directors as of June 30th, 2024

Member	Status	Portfolio
Jason Chabi	Elected	Chairman, BA, ABL, Little League, Finance & Commercial
Peter Worboys	Elected	Coaching, Umpires & Scorers
Mark Burns	Elected	Participation & Grassroots (CLSC, JLSC, SLSC, MLSC & LLI)
Beth McVicker-Murphy	Elected	Marketing, Communications, CX & Women's
Vacant	Elected	TBD
James Morley	Independent	People & Culture, Risk, Governance & Member Protection
Bill Langler	Independent	Country & Legal
Vacant	Independent	TBD

Baseball NSW Staff

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

Presidents Report

I am pleased to bring you Baseball NSW' (BNSW) 2023/24 Annual Report.

Committed to a better future for our sport

Following the 2023 President's Report titled "A year of change and renewed focus", 2024 has been marked by the Board working with the BNSW management team to critically review what the organisation does, why it does it, what it maintains; stops and needs to do more of.

Informed by a review of previous strategic planning activity and "Town Hall" learnings, and following extensive engagement with management, in November, the Board endorsed the organisation's three-year Business Plan (3YP), targeting the delivery of key elements of the organisation's strategic agenda. The 3YP informed the development of a range of Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) over the term that the Board has tasked itself and the management team to deliver that includes but is not limited to:

1. Participation growth quotas across all ages; leagues; schools' programs; regional and female representation;
2. Continued investment in its Emerging, Developing and High-Performance programs to ensure BNSW delivers activity that draws on best technologies and contemporary coaching disciplines to be best-in-class;
3. Increased participation growth timelines for Umpires, Scorers and Coaches and heightened engagement with the bodies that oversee them.

While participation in 2024 grew on the previous twelve months, Baseball like most sports has yet to fully recover to pre-COVID levels. While the reasons for this vary, the Board remains resolute in its commitment to deliver participation growth and retention targets over the next three years. Encouragingly, we saw continued growth in adult participation numbers across State and Minor Leagues that for various reasons are as equally critically as Junior participation when it comes to the sustainability of our sport.

To enable delivery of the 3YP, a critical review of the organisation's finances and investment activity was undertaken. Supported by enhanced Finance and Accounting capability afforded the organisation via a shared resource model with Baseball Australia, BNSW has transformed its accounting and budget practices to better inform investment decisions. Unfortunately, the timing of planned investments has been deferred to late FY25 given the impact to BNSW' cash-reserves arising from a key supplier to BNSW entering voluntary administration in April. Although detailed elsewhere in this Annual Report, the FY23 deficit of ~\$193k was driven primarily the previously mentioned voluntary administration and to a lesser extent, the non-accrual of FY23 expenses. Despite this, the organisation maintains sound Balance Sheet strength and the previously mentioned review of accounting practices and activity-based costing will enable improved cost control to bolster cash reserves ahead of targeted investments.

Presidents Report Cont.

The reporting period saw the resignation of Directors Scott Tunkin and Belinda Woolford to whom I, on behalf of the Board, again extend my sincere gratitude. Scott and Belinda's departure however, created an opportunity for the Board to re-think how it's historically approached Director appointments and instead, adopt best-practice from the corporate sector that resulted in the development of a BNSW Board Skills matrix. The objective was to provide a process for aligning director skillsets with the strategic priorities of the organisation; meet the demands for agility in a rapidly changing environment and move beyond basic compliance obligations that have historically been synonymous with not-for-profit organisations. Arising from this process although technically not transpiring during this reporting period, the Board was pleased to appoint Rosa Stathis and Sue Cunningham to the Board of Directors in August 2024 and in so doing, broaden the Board's capabilities in key areas of government relations, policy, multicultural and diverse community relations, marketing, communications and finance.

Much has been said over the years regarding BNSW' ongoing tenure at Blacktown and in April this year, BNSW and Blacktown City Council (BCC) agreed key terms for a 10-year lease with the option of a further 10 years. These terms necessarily contemplate the long-discussed potential resumption of current lease holdings that depending on that outcome, will see a range of capital improvement programs undertaken within the first 2-3 years of the lease to uplift the 25-year-old facility. Supplementing these upgrades will be the construction of an Indoor Facility in which BNSW will operate its various programs and explore potential commercial opportunities. I'd like to acknowledge the professionalism and consideration extended BNSW by BCC throughout the process.

I'm delighted to report the launch of the Baseball NSW Hall of Fame and establishment of the Heritage Committee. The working committee comprising stalwarts of Baseball community to whom we are indebted, BNSW Directors and management were tireless in their efforts to stand-up this long-awaited initiative that will acknowledge the contributions of many to our sport whose legacy and memory continues with us today.

In May, we commenced the first of what will be ongoing quarterly meetings with the NSW Baseball Umpires' Association (NSWBUA) to discuss operational matters and talk about the future. The aim is to better support the NSWBUA, and various Association and League based Umpire guilds to drive acquisition and retention of Umpires across junior to adult leagues which, is critically contemplated in BNSW' 3YP.

Little League as our junior program format remained topical throughout the year necessitating continued engagement with Associations. The challenges posed have less to do with how Little League operates in the main and more to do with the administrative, operational and dare I say it, strategic impositions it places on the much smaller but nonetheless important tournament and representative aspects of our sport. Given this, and following the previously mentioned consultation process, BNSW is formulating a position on Little League that it will playback to Junior Associations ahead of continued engagement with Baseball Australia.

Presidents Report Cont.

On-field activities and performances were wide and varied. It was wonderful to see Timberjacks return to the Far North Coast having been significantly impacted by the pandemic and then flooding. We witnessed the first ever Little League Girls Championship emulating the emergence of growing female participation across other sporting codes. This was further exhibited by our attendance at the Barclay Cup in Perth last October where both our teams finished in the top four while the NSW Women's League remained strong with ten Clubs across two grades to combine the very best female talent.

We saw Hills head for Williamsport in August 2023 while Ryde took off for Easley to represent in Australia at the Little League and Senior League World Series respectively. More recently, Cronulla took out Junior League National honours last May to punch their ticket to the USA. Around the same time, Hills took representative honours for Intermediate and Little League culminating in three NSW Associations representing Australia out of a possible four berths overseas highlighting the among other things, the quality, professionalism and commitment of the many volunteers, Coaches and Managers to our sport and the kids that play it.

I'll leave it the CEO, Mark Marino and other co-contributors to this year's Annual Report to elaborate on the many other local, state and national on and off the field achievements during the reporting period and conclude by thanking fellow Directors, the Management team and importantly, the many volunteers across our community for your continued commitment to our sport.

Yours in Baseball,
Jason Chabi
Chairman – Baseball NSW Board of Management

Chief Executive Officer Report

The past year has been marked by significant achievements and challenges, demonstrating the resilience and commitment of our Baseball NSW community. As we continue to restructure and expand, it is gratifying to see the fruits of our collective efforts in various areas. This report will highlight key positive outcomes from the past year, acknowledge challenges, and outline our strategic focus for the future.

Positive Outcomes

Recent years have witnessed a continued improvement in our membership, with numbers returning to near to pre-COVID levels. This resurgence is a testament to the growing interest in baseball across New South Wales and the effective combined engagement strategies implemented in our Try Baseball and female programs as well as the diligence of our clubs and associations to attract new members both young and old. BNSW has pro-actively engaged with these clubs and associations to support their initiatives through our communication channels and staff.

The continued growth of our girls' development programs has been particularly noteworthy. This progress is evident in our performance at the Barclay Cup and the Girls Little League Nationals, where our teams showcased their growing talent and competitiveness. BNSW were able to subsidise the 2023 Girls Development Program through Government funding with a partial subsidy in 2024. 2023 also saw the inaugural partnership with Japan's Fukuoka Prefecture where we sent four players and a coach to Fukuoka to train and participate in their Shutter Cup which has led to two of our athletes joining the Kyushu Honeys Japanese Professional team. We will be sending players again in 2024 to continue building on this partnership.

One of the major accomplishments this year was finetuning our online education processes where the Level A, B and C coaching courses are available with an expectation to have Umpiring and Scoring courses added by the end of the year.

Locally, we continued to strive to spotlight our State Tiles across Senior League, Junior League as well as the Little League Majors, Minors and Girls tournaments. Our goal is making these events the pinnacle of our programs within the state whilst providing opportunities for greater participation at a higher level of representation for our junior players. From this we saw Lismore hosting the Junior League Titles for the first time which was a great success allowing our associations to visit their renewed facility and the amazing hospitality shown by the locals.

Our senior competitions saw Baseball NSW introduce a bespoke streaming service within our State and Women's Leagues with many of our Senior competitions taking it upon themselves to create their own media content which has greatly increased the exposure of our sport to the community.

Chief Executive Officer Report Cont.

On the National front, our Baseball NSW teams achieved remarkable success at the Little League National Tournaments, securing victories in the Little League Junior League, Intermediate League, Little League Majors, Minors and Girls events. These accomplishments underscore the strength of our development programs and the dedication of our coaches and players. Regardless of the merits of the Little League format, NSW continue to flourish in the potential opportunities available to us.

Our U16 team's repeat success at the National Championships and a Silver Medal result from our Women's team further highlights the effectiveness of our development pathways and the quality of talent emerging from our programs. As you will see in our High-Performance Report, Baseball NSW has continued to enhance our Participation Programs through greater technological resources and specialised physiological testing to provide greater value for our participants. This will continue to be a focus area for us moving forward.

In addition to our domestic successes our international relationships have flourished, particularly through our inbound and outbound exchanges with Fukuoka, Japan. These opportunities have provided our players with invaluable exposure to international competition, fostering both cultural exchange and skill development.

Competitively, Baseball NSW is working with Baseball Australia and the other member states to develop an International Tournament program for our U16, U14 and U12 age groups where players can be combined from across the country to create teams to compete in Internationally recognised tournaments such as Perfect Game.

From an administration perspective, the introduction and refinement of our competition management system via Game Day and Team App has significantly enhanced the efficiency of our operations. So much so, Baseball Australia has adopted both platforms for their National Registration and event communications resources. Both of which has streamlined communication and coordination across all levels of our competitions, providing a better experience for players, coaches, and administrators alike. Additionally, I must acknowledge all the hard work our Member Relations Manager, Mel Goodrich, has done to provide support to all our members with the transition to a national solution.

Baseball NSW has seen a substantial investment from local government in our marquee venue at Blacktown International Sports Park with the opening of the Blacktown Exercise, Sport and Technology (BEST) hub. We now have a dedicated High-Performance centre with medical services, gym, recovery centre, sprint and cafeteria facilities literally at our doorstep. In addition to these there is a 100-room lodge available to all venue partners which has been a welcome benefit to our visiting teams.

Chief Executive Officer Report Cont.

A major advent in Sports Administration these past years has been the development of greater gender equality and inclusion across all forms of Sports Administration and Governance. The Australian Sports Commission along with the NSW Office of Sport are encouraging all Sports to attract a greater diversity of administrators, staff and volunteers which Baseball NSW are pro-actively supporting and promoting.

Economically, one of the significant challenges we faced this year was the liquidation of one of our service providers. This unexpected development had a substantial impact on our capital reserves. Fortunately, our conservative financial management in prior years allowed us to maintain a strong fiduciary position to absorb this impact without jeopardizing our financial stability. This experience underscores the importance of our prudent approach to financial planning and risk management.

Strategically, the Board of Directors, in collaboration with Baseball NSW staff, has been actively engaged in developing a renewed strategic plan. Greater detail will be contained with the Chairman's report however, our focus will continue to be on ensuring that our development programs are the best in the country, we continue to focus on growing our member base with an emphasis on expanding access to advanced coaching and development resources. This strategic direction will require that our staff are capable and enabled to deliver on these objectives so they may guide us in building on our successes, addressing our challenges, and ensuring that we continue to provide outstanding opportunities for our members.

In conclusion, the past year has been a period of growth and resilience for Baseball NSW. Our achievements are a reflection of the dedication and hard work of our members, coaches, staff, and the Board of Directors. As we look to the future, I am confident that our renewed strategic plan will position us for continued success and ensure that Baseball NSW remains at the forefront of the sport in Australia.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our success this year. Your commitment and passion for baseball are what make our community strong.

Yours in Baseball,
Mark Marino
CEO – Baseball NSW

Baseball NSW Operations Report

2024 has been another busy year on the High Performance/Development front. The annual men’s and women’s national championships were held in January and April respectively. These tournaments are the premier events for these players who have dedicated many hours honing their skills to pit themselves against the best in the nation. Both these tournaments were affected by rain and the Baseball Australia staff are to be commended for being able to complete the events under trying circumstances.

The Australian Emeralds team were unfortunately knocked out of the 2024 World Cup in August 2023 and have had no activity as a group in 2024.

The Australian Senior Men’s team has the Premier 12 in Japan, Taiwan and Mexico, in November. This squad will be selected at a later date.

The following is a run-down of the remaining events BNSW has delivered in 2024 -

Australian U23 National Team

The U/23 National Team to compete at the 2024 World Cup in early September in Shaoxing, China has been selected. Congratulations to the following NSW players who have been selected –

Jake Burns

Solomon Maguire

Adam Bates

Jaylin Rae

Travis Bazzana

Jo Stevens

Blake Cavill

Josh Beezley

Dylan Clarke

Zak Elvy

Ky Jackson

Baseball NSW Operations Report Cont.

U18 National Squad 2024

This year sees two squads of 20 players selected from the AYC Championships in January to represent Australia at the prestigious World Wood Bat Championships in Jupiter and Fort Myers, Florida, USA.

Congratulations go to the following NSW players who have been training 3 times a week from May to September –

James Fergusson	Christian Lane	Cal Fingleson
Ben Karakasis	Mason Malkoun	Ethan Bickel
Ed Noy	Phoenix McFarland	Max Hagger
Jacob Palmer	Max Miotto	Daniel Mills
Damien Wilson	Josh Nati	Lucas Stancic
Luke Donaghey		

Congratulations also to Trent D’Antonio for being named as Assistant coach.

U16 National Squad 2024

After the 2024 U/16 AYC in January, two squads of 20 players each were selected to participate in the 16U World Wood Bat Championships in Atlanta, Georgia, USA in September. Congratulations to the following NSW players who have been training 3 times a week from May to September –

Cohen Ryan	Brady Stockdale
Riley Jones	Ryan Chou
Kobe Cusbert	Lucas Seda
Cash Robinson	Liam Worne
Fletcher Willard	Wil Klein – Schiphorst
Frank Clarke	Draven Fatu
Cameron Howay	

Congratulations also to NSW coach Phil Hemmer for his selection as an Assistant Coach.

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Women's National Championships 2024

The 2024 Women's National Championships were held in Melbourne at Easter. NSW had 16 women on the roster, and they had an outstanding tournament winning the silver medal after the final was unfortunately rained out.

Congratulations to the following players and staff –

Manager	John Gaynor
Assistant Coach	Katie Gaynor
Pitching Coach	Laura Needs
Executive Officer	Peter Needs

Players were –

Ticara Geldenhuis	Ebony Van Eynde	Cayla Johnson
Elise Izzard	Maddison Erwin	Alina Hawron
Mackenzie Jackson	Brianna Hosie	Maddison Heath
Isobel Lambert	Sayaka Mori	Tiana Lascale
Lisa Nakashio	Ashleigh Bruce	Erin Partridge
Claire O'Sullivan		

Australian Women's Showcase 2024

At the conclusion of the AWC, teams were selected to participate in the Women's Showcase held in Lismore.

NSW players selected were –

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BANDITS	GIANTS
Ticara Geldenhuis	Maddison Erwin
Elise Izzard	Breanna Green
Isobel Lambert	Ebony Van Eynde
Lisa Nakashio	Mackenzie Jackson
Laura Neads	Sayaka Mori
Claire O’Sullivan	Brianna Hosie
Jordan Richardson	

Youth Women’s National Championships 2024

The 2024 Youth Women’s National Championships were held in Melbourne at Easter. NSW had 16 women on the roster, and they finished 5th. Congratulations to the following players and staff –

Manager	David Gledhill
Assistant Coach	Amy Saliba
Pitching Coach	Phil Cassidy
Development Coach	Trent Burnett
Executive Officer	Houda Arifaki

Players –

Alyssa Frame	Tayla Jones	Tamryn Love
Aaliyah Te Ahuru-Kostic	Mariam Arifaki	Ruby Allison
Kara Cassidy	Ryleigh Delacour-Batch	Ivy White
Gabriella Nutman	Alysha Mobberley-Barreto	Quincy Hindmarsh
Ava Makin	Sienna Gledhill	Breearna Zavec
Jessica Burnett		

Baseball NSW Operations Report Cont.

Little League Girls National Championship

For the first time in Women’s Baseball worldwide, a national Little League Championship was held in Lismore specifically for girls.

This Championship was run at the same time as the Australian Women’s Showcase, with games being played early in the day and the showcase played in the afternoon/evening.

NSW entered two teams into the event with the following players –

NSW BLUE		
Miranda Murray	Adele Acosta	Isla Metuisela
Caitlyn Gainsford	Nevaeh Fungalei	Riviera Harris
Lilly Farrell	Juno Bromley	Yvette Wyld
Chilli Hanlon	Ashleigh-Rose Thompson	Hannah O’Keefe
Emma Gainsford		

NSW WHITE		
Caitlyn Hamilton	Taylor Stevens	Alicia Gereux
Kali Hanrahan	Hallie Dantas	Georgia Williams
Indianna Birtles	Zoe Mallam	Lily Wolstenholme
Isabella Kosanic	Georgia Gately	Skyla Coyle
Maya Kanagaratnam		

U18 Australian Youth Championship (AYC) 2024

Baseball Australia’s U18 AYC for 2024 was held at BISP in January, with NSW finishing 4th and NSW Country finishing 6th. Congratulations to the following players and support staff who were selected to represent NSW and NSW Country –

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NSW (METRO)		
Ethan Bickel	Zac Morris	Joshua Nati
Luke Donaghey	Edward Noy	Jacob Palmer
James Fergusson	Lucas Stancic	Damien Wilson
Max Miotto	Nick Suykens	Daniel Mills
Liam Grant	Caleb Tunkin	Ben Karakasis
Mason Malkoun	Lachlan Vella	Hayden Elliott
Phoenix Mcfarland	Darcy Williams	

Coaches

Gavin Fingleson
Scott Tunkin

Chris Oxspring
Steve Dredge

NSW COUNTRY		
Bailey King	Lachlan O'Sullivan	Oskar Boggiss
Hamish Gleeson	Lewis Mercieca	Riley Cooper
Hamish Weekes	Liam Anderson	Riley Puckett
Jack Elasi	Lincoln Gruppelaar	Riley Watson
Jake Connelly	Max Hagger	Rylan Angel
Jonah Beath	Oliver Flokstra	Sam Davis
Kallen Barker		

Coaches

Ian Hook
Chris Beath
Jake Amos

Rowan Street
Rodney Angel

Baseball NSW Operations Report Cont.

U16 Australian Youth Championship (AYC) 2024

The 2024 AYC was also held at BISP 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 –

NSW (METRO)		
Tyler Brown	Riley Jones	Kimi Miyamoto Soong
Tahlan Cavill	Ashton Kennedy	Kai Stacey
Ryan Chou	Ryan Reekie	Brady Stockdale
Frank Clarke	Aiden Riddle	Fletcher Willard
Kobe Cusbert	Cash Robinson	Liam Worne
Jackson Griffiths	Cohen Ryan	Lincoln Stead
Cameron Howay	Lucas Seda	

Coaches

Matt O'Neill	Justin Chou
James Morley	Jaedan Cavill
Nathan Willard	Sean McNally

NSW COUNTRY		
Hamish Phelps	Tyler Boggis	Kieren Weekes
Wil Klein-Shiphorst	Cormac Boggiss	Ryan Luker
Nash McBeath	Jayden Perrett	Bailey Thorne
Ben Frost	Patrick Harrison	Bailey Richards
Ashton Leicht	Callum Spanidis	
Connor McCarthy	Aaron Peachey	

Coaches

Duane Harrison	Jason Brommell
Clint McCarthy	Ashleigh Brommell
Liam Weekes	

Baseball NSW Operations Report Cont.

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/Development Programs

The 2024 BNSW High-Performance/Development programs were conducted over 10 weeks from mid-June to late August. There were 201 players selected to take part over 4 levels of our development system:

- 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 goes to

- Sydney West Sports Medicine staff for their highly professional approach to the strength and conditioning testing.
- The grounds staff of Blacktown Venue Management for their continued support and diligence in preparing the fields during this time. There were several nights where they were flexible enough to enable us to train when there was bad weather.

Performance Pathway Program (27 players)

This program is comprised of 27 players selected from a trial process in May. This was a 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, Coen Wynne, Trent D'Antonio, Jason Dormor, Gavin Fingleson, Zac Shepherd, Jack Dormor, Mark Shipley, Nathan Willard, David Ninnes and myself.

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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 Sammes, Nick Chappell, Coen Wynne, Max Brennen, Ticara Geldenhuis, Vince Bates, Nathan Willard, Brad Griffin and myself.

Strength and Conditioning

A big thank you to Jack Dormor, David Ninnes and Ticara Geldenhuis for the writing and delivering of the S & C programs for our squads in 2024. Jack and David ensured the exercises and loads undertaken by the players were appropriate for their age and physical maturity.

Emerging Pathway Program (115 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 Ku-ring-gai 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 115 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:** Will Edwards, Abbey Ninnes, Isobel Lambert, Sebastian Matthews, Jackson Heap.
- **West:** Jeff Catt, Scott Wright, Dylan Wright, Garry Everson, Steve Dredge.
- **South:** Peter Worboys, Fady Karam, Brad Griffin, Mitch Austin, Claude Bova, Zac Moran.

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Women's Developing Pathway Program (28 players)

Our Women's Development Program was another huge success this year, with a healthy number of players consistent with the rise in the profile of women's sport. 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 Ticara Geldenhuis who assisted in instructing the program

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

Coaches were –

- Rodger Morris
- Phil Cassidy
- Garry Everson
- Amy Saliba
- Trent Burnett
- Coen Wynne

Barclay Cup 2024

NSW again will be participating in the Barclay Cup, this time as the host. The games will be held at Chapman Gardens, and we wish to thank the Mackillop club for doing the hard yards and making their facility available.

This year we are excited to be entering 3 teams into the competition and continuing the legacy of Jacinda through the involvement of her former teammates Tahnee Lovering, Laura Neads, Jordan Richardson. Coaches also involved are Amy Saliba, Peter Neads, Lisa Nakashio.

Interstate team are from WA, SA, Vic (2 teams).

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Sports High School Program

Baseball NSW and the Sports High School Association of New South Wales have continued their MOU into 2024. Baseball NSW is lucky to have coaches of the calibre of Nathan Wright (Hills), Peter Worboys and Mitch Austin (Endeavour), Ian Hook (Hunter), and Chris Fraietta (Westfields).

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

Coaching Accreditation Report

BNSW is committed to improving the Coach Accreditation system in line with Baseball Australia and Baseball USA.

Coaches can obtain their Level A, B, C by following the link on our website and below – [Click here](#).

- Level A is free and is applicable to T-ball and Zooka/coach pitch.
- Level B costs \$90 and is applicable to all live ball, from Little League up to senior baseball.
- The Level B involves a practical component (one day) that must be passed to obtain your certificate.
- Level C is \$150 and is applicable to high level baseball such as State Championships, National Championships. It involves 2 full days of practical.

All practical courses are advertised on the BNSW website.

BNSW thanks Jeff Catt, Michael Hagarty, Peter Worboys, Fady Karam, Shane Dodd, Garry Everson, Nathan Willard, Brook Russell, Ian Hook, Stephen Hook, Michael Potts, Al Connors and Warwick Pethybridge for their hard work and dedication in delivering these practical courses around the state.

As of 30 th June 2024, Baseball NSW has 1,633 accredited coaches		
Level	Male	Female
Level A	897	149
Level B	531	50
Level C	6	0
Totals	1434	199

Baseball NSW Operations Report Cont.

Blacktown Exercise and Sports Technology (BEST)

In October 2023, the construction of BEST directly across the road from our baseball stadium was finalized.

BEST boasts world leading technology in the areas of exercise science, health, sports medicine, research and high-performance sport.

BEST features a gym, recovery pools, indoor running track, auditorium, café, accommodation, all weather playing surface, and a kids playground.

BNSW has already begun a relationship with Sydney West Sports Medicine and Australian Catholic University to use the gym, force plates and running track for our High-Performance squads this past winter.

We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship in the future for all our representative squads.

I would also like to thank Coen Wynne for his dedication and commitment in helping to implement all our High Performance and Development programs. Coen was aided by one of our coaches Jack Dormor who put in a few hours each week around his university commitments.

During my prolonged absence due to health reasons this past winter, Coen worked many long hours and with Jack's help, they kept the programs running efficiently and to the highest standards.

Yours in Baseball,
Grahame Cassel
Baseball NSW Development Manager

NSW State League Report

It was great to have a much less interrupted season than those of late, which have been adversely affected by Covid and Weather.

I'd like to thank all the players, supporters, volunteers and officials of all the clubs whom without we have no game.

Acknowledgment needs to go to our coaches, who volunteer enormous amounts of time to fine tune their athletes which in turns delivers a great product on the diamond week in week out. The quality of our coaches is also evidenced by the number of our younger players committing to colleges across the US and the very elite signing professionally, and we can't forget those representing both their State and Country. For all those players their roots are in the State League Clubs and junior associations under the guidance on these Coaches.

Please join me in congratulating all our State League competition winners for 2023/24:

2023-24 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

UNDER 18'S

Minor Premiers:	Cronulla Sharks
Premiers:	Manly Eagles
Batting Champion:	Luke Donaghey – Manly Eagles
Pitcher of the Year:	Damien Wilson – Baulkham Hills
Most Valuable Player	Luke Donaghey – Manly Eagles
Under 18's for the 2023/24 Season	

THIRD GRADE

Minor Premiers:	Ryde Hawks
Premiers:	Ryde Hawks
Batting Champion:	Ashley Hapgood – Canterbury Vikings
Pitcher of the Year:	Charlie Steer – Ryde Hawks
Most Valuable Player	Charlie Steer – Ryde Hawks
Third Grade for the 2023/24 Season	

NSW State League Report Cont.

2023-24 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

SECOND GRADE

Minor Premiers:	Manly Eagles
Premiers:	Macarthur Orioles
Batting Champion:	Daniel Schroot – Canterbury Vikings
Pitcher of the Year:	Harrison Riley – Blacktown Workers
Most Valuable Player Second Grade for the 2023/24 Season	Ashley Roberts – Manly Eagles

FIRST GRADE

Minor Premiers:	Blacktown Workers
Premiers:	Blacktown Workers
Batting Champion:	Timothy Nelson – Macarthur Orioles
Pitcher of the Year:	Matthew Rae – Blacktown Workers
Most Valuable Player First Grade for the 2023/24 Season – Lionel Harris Medal	Timothy Nelson – Macarthur Orioles
Rookie of the Year –	Cooper Wilson - Ryde Hawks & Josh Nati - Baulkham Hills

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Club Championship:	Blacktown Workers
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NSW State League Report Cont.

2023-24 NSW STATE LEAGUE AWARDS

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Starting Pitcher:	Matthew Rae – Blacktown Workers
Relief Pitcher:	Tom Stancic – Blacktown Workers
Catcher:	Jack Dormor – Baulkham Hills
First Base:	Shanin Hislop – Macarthur Orioles
Second Base	Jesse O’Connell – Ryde Hawks
Third Base	Mitchell Austin – Blacktown Workers
Short Stop	Lachlan Bojarski – Blacktown Workers
Left Field	Dylan Martin – Blacktown Workers
Centre Field	Timothy Nelson – Macarthur Orioles
Right Field	Tom Newbold – Manly Eagles
Designated Hitter	Ben Martin – Blacktown Workers
Utility	Jaeden Cavill – Cronulla Sharks
Manager of the Year	Matt O’Neill – Ryde Hawks

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Scorer of the Year	Lyn Donald
Umpire of the Year	Ben Nash

In finishing, I’d like to thank the State League Delegates, Club Committees as well as the staff of Baseball New South Wales for your contribution and support throughout the year.

Yours in Baseball,
Mark Burns
State League Standing Committee Chairman

NSW Women's League Report

For the first time in four years, we were finally able to start our season at its traditional time. With pandemics and adverse weather in the rear view mirror our six First Grade teams and eight Second Grade teams kicked off the season in mid-September with March on their mind.

The new season also kicked off without defending champions in either grade with a shift in the landscape. Greenway (First Grade) & Cronulla (Second Grade) joined forces and moved to the Eastern Suburbs to under the banner of the Eastern Suburbs Dolphins, a growth area in our sport.

Both competitions were tight all season long, but it was the experience of the West Sydney Boomers in Second Grade saw them pip the Dolphins for regular season honours. In First Grade, Blacktown's perfect season was undone on the final day of the season but their success throughout the season meant they would finish with the top spot heading into the playoffs.

Like any season we lost a handful of games during the season and right on cue weather threatened to play havoc during the finals. With the flexibility of teams, we were able to get the finals played in full. A huge effort for the Eastern Suburbs Dolphins to take out both divisions in their first year. Congratulations to Peter Neads, Jules Southwell & Club President Henry Twaddell on a successful first year in the Women's League.

This season saw the introduction of a Team of the Year, in the same style that is currently done in the State League. With impressive numbers in all positions, it was very rewarding to recognise those players for their performances. Congratulations to our inaugural team of the year.

We continued our successful Pink Round in support of Beyond Blue & the Cancer Council. A big thanks to the Eastern Suburbs Dolphins who played host to the event and put on an incredible day. It included three great games of First Grade Women's Baseball, a Girls Little League Exhibition game and an incredible amount of money raised for our charities.

The growth of the Women's game continues to be a topic of conversation in meetings and around the ballparks. The Women's League Committee and its Clubs continue to have positive conversations about continuing to grow the game and we are hoping to see some of the initiatives this season.

With another season in the books with plenty of positives to enjoy but plenty of progress still to be made, I would like to thank everyone involved who continue to work their hardest in making our great game better.

A big thank you to the Executive, Kim Robertson, Mel Thompson & Rodger Morris who took over this year as Vice President. A big thank you to our outgoing Vice President Fiona Hiscock-Heath for all of her work over the years.

NSW Women’s League Report Cont.

Thanks to Baseball NSW for their running of the competition. Whilst we did have a few speed bumps along the way we hope that this will only make things better going forward.

We can’t forget about our Umpires and the job done by John Bailey and his crew. We are lucky to have every game covered with at least one umpire each week and whilst two is always better than one, one is better than none.

Finally, a big thanks to our Clubs, Coaches, Managers, Scorers and our payers for making the competition what it is. This game has plenty of growth ahead and the work the Clubs do to facilitate that growth is exciting.

Here is to another successful year of Women’s Baseball.

2023-24 NSW WOMEN’S LEAGUE AWARDS

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Starting Pitcher:	Mackenzie Jackson– Blacktown Workers
Relief Pitcher:	Maddie Erwin – Blacktown Workers
Catcher:	Maddison Heath– Blacktown Workers
First Base:	Laura Neads – Eastern Suburbs Dolphins
Second Base	Sayaka Mori – Eastern Suburbs Dolphins
Third Base	Claire O’Sullivan – Eastern Suburbs Dolphins
Short Stop	Jordan Richardson – Eastern Suburbs Dolphins
Outfield	Ticara Geldenhuis – Blacktown Workers
Outfield	Ashleigh Bruce – West Sydney Boomers
Outfield	Mahaela O’Neill – Ryde Hawks
Utility	Maddie Erwin – Blacktown Workers
Manager of the Year	Maddie Tabrett – Blacktown Workers

NSW Women's League Report Cont.

2023/24 NSW WOMEN'S LEAGUE AWARDS

SECOND GRADE

Minor Premiers:	West Sydney Boomers
Premiers:	Eastern Suburbs Dolphins
Batting Champion:	Mariam Arifaki – Macarthur Orioles
Golden Arm:	Seveene Patakos – Eastern Suburbs Dolphins
Rookie of the Year:	Aaliyah Te Ahuru-Kostic – Penrith Blackcats
Most Valuable Player Second Grade for the 2023/24 Season	Clarissa Sloane – Eastern Suburbs Dolphins

FIRST GRADE

Minor Premiers:	Blacktown Workers
Premiers:	Eastern Suburbs Dolphins
Batting Champion:	Maddison Heath – Blacktown Workers
Golden Arm:	Maddie Erwin – Blacktown Workers
Rookie of the Year:	Jess Burnett – Baulkham Hills
Most Valuable Player First Grade for the 2023/24 Season	Claire O'Sullivan – Eastern Suburbs Dolphins

Yours in Baseball,
Luke Eisenhauer
NSW Women's Baseball League Chairman

NSW Country League Report

2024 posed some challenges for NSW Country Baseball but there have been positive signs as country continues to build.

The CLSC held a face-to-face meeting in Newcastle and further built on the work undertaken at the previous years' workshop. Further recognition of the need for player and coaching developments across all levels of country baseball being one of the clear themes and the need to plan country championships and activities on a agreed schedule giving associations reasonable notice and also ensuring that those who wished to host tournaments etc. have the opportunity to do so. We look forward to our face-to-face meeting in November it is an invaluable get together for the committee.

Another key improvement was the agreement to form a technical subcommittee to help co-ordinate rules and tournaments (along with other advice etc. as required). This was agreed and elected at the meeting, the committee comprises of Ben McCall, Stephy Thompson, and Brad Donald. The committee will also recruit other personnel as required for particular tasks. The committee immediately set to work and have been busy with on rules etc. surrounding our tournaments.

Our tournaments this year have been successful however weather impacted our ability to complete our normal tournament fixtures. Unfortunately, with the wet weather that effected much of the eastern seaboard ours Women's and Under 18's Championships had to be cancelled. The committee tried our best to reschedule but the board scale nature of the rain and timing and ability to find alternative weekends to accommodate team commitments etc. proved to be incredibly difficult and we unfortunately had to cancel them for this year. The committee and member associations did not take this decision likely but unfortunately no suitable alternative could be found.

We were incredibly excited for our junior development day that was to be held at Port Macquarie with juniors due to travel from country associations statewide. Unfortunately, the weather again beat us, and we were unable to proceed. We are committed to host this weekend moving forward to further develop our country juniors.

On a positive note, with regard to our events the NSW Country Senior Men's Tournament was able to be held and was well attended. With five teams in the A division and ten teams in B division the tournament was highly successful and lots of positive feedback from players and supporters. Congratulations to Newcastle who took out both A and B division titles. Organising and running a tournament with an increased number of teams is a challenge and we thank everyone who was involved.

A special shout out and mention to the Baseball NSW staff who helped and assisted us with tournaments, communications, co-ordination etc. The Baseball NSW support of country is invaluable and appreciated.

NSW Country League Report Cont.

We are looking forward to our Junior Country Championships will again be held at Coffs Harbour over the October long weekend. We are hopeful the weather is in our favour, and we are anticipating a great tournament.

Our Europe tour is coming together with a strong group of players coaches and support staff starting to engage in preparation for this major tour.

Thanks also to all of our coaches and volunteers that are engaged in preparations for AYC. We look forward to following their progress over the coming months.

CLSC is very excited to have Peter Gahan come on board as the country development and HP manager. We are privileged to have such a wealth of knowledge and experience on board with Peter and he has begun to contact and work with member associations and importantly has started work on a development program for country.

I also wish to extend a thank you to Duane Harrison for his time and dedication to the HP role and in laying important groundwork for a HP program for country.

On a final note, this is my first year as CLSC Chairman I consider myself very privileged and lucky to have been appointed to the role vacated by Bill. I took over with Country in a great position due to his work and the work of the CLSC committee I extend my thanks to all of the CLSC delegates and association members who have assisted and worked through the year. Country baseball runs on our volunteers, and I am thankful that there is a dedicated group out there who consistently put their hands up to help. We face unique challenges as country associations and the CLSC plays a vital role in helping our associations face those and develop baseball in country areas.

Yours in baseball,
Craig Scheibel
Country League Standing Committee Chairman

Sydney Winter League Report

The 2024 season was greatly impacted by the weather this season, but despite this we still had a nail-biting finish to the season.

All play off positions went down to the last innings of the last round, with phones and Gamechanger running hot. Final standings are below.

FIRST GRADE							
Team	Win	Loss	Draw	Percentage	For	Against	Ratio
PETERSHAM	10	2	0	0.833	66	30	0.688
PIRATES	7	2	0	0.778	53	20	0.726
GREENWAY	5	4	0	0.556	39	56	0.411
UNIVERSITY OF NSW	4	6	0	0.400	47	53	0.470
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	3	7	1	0.318	62	60	0.508
CASTLE HILL	1	9	1	0.136	41	89	0.315

SECOND GRADE							
Team	Win	Loss	Draw	Percentage	For	Against	Ratio
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	8	2	1	0.773	72	53	0.576
PETERSHAM	8	4	0	0.667	78	40	0.661
CASTLE HILL	6	4	1	0.591	64	50	0.561
GREENWAY	5	4	0	0.556	49	68	0.419
PIRATES	3	6	0	0.333	59	59	0.500
UNIVERSITY OF NSW	0	10	0	0.000	29	81	0.264

THIRD GRADE							
Team	Win	Loss	Draw	Percentage	For	Against	Ratio
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	8	2	0	0.800	73	44	0.624
PETERSHAM	8	4	0	0.667	60	41	0.594
PIRATES	4	4	1	0.500	45	51	0.469
UNIVERSITY OF NSW	4	5	0	0.444	55	50	0.524
GREENWAY	3	5	0	0.375	33	55	0.375
CASTLE HILL	1	8	1	0.150	36	61	0.371

Sydney Winter Report Cont.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP as at Rd 15				
Team	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	Total
PETERSHAM	6.667	4.000	2.667	13.333
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	2.545	4.636	3.200	10.382
PIRATES	6.222	2.000	2.000	10.222
GREENWAY	4.444	3.333	1.500	9.278
CASTLE HILL	1.091	3.545	0.600	5.236
UNIVERSITY OF NSW	3.200	0.000	1.778	4.978

The Play Off Series was played at Petersham Oval, and we thank the Petersham Club for hosting the Finals, running the canteen and looking after the ground preparation, particularly following the unexpected downpour on the first weekend.



Figure 1: Petersham First Grade Premiers

Sydney Winter Report Cont.

2024 NSW WINTER LEAGUE AWARDS

THIRD GRADE

Premiers:	Sydney University
Grand Final MVP:	Gabe Quoye – Sydney University
Batting Award:	Mitch Liddle – Sydney University
Pitching Award:	Brendan Johnson - Petersham
Most Valuable Player Third Grade for the 2024 Season – Jim Hall Trophy	Mitch Liddle – Sydney University

SECOND GRADE

Premiers:	Sydney University
Grand Final MVP:	Riley Puckett – Sydney University
Batting Award:	Ryan Chou - Greenway
Pitching Award:	Travis Webster – Castle Hill Knights
Most Valuable Player Second Grade for the 2024 Season – Geoff Gorman Trophy	Gustavo Landin – Sydney University

Sydney Winter Report Cont.

2024 NSW WINTER LEAGUE AWARDS

FIRST GRADE

Premiers:	Petersham
Grand Final MVP:	Jake Burns - Petersham
Batting Award:	Logan Fielder - Greenway
Pitching Award:	Scott Cone- Petersham
Most Valuable Player	Scott Cone- Petersham
First Grade for the 2024 Season - Jack Rowley Trophy	
Rookie of the Year –	Luke Donaghey - Petersham

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Club Championship:	Petersham
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Figure 2: Sydney University - Second Grade Premiers



Figure 3: Sydney University – Third Grade Premiers

Sydney Winter Report Cont.

Thank you to all those who participated in the season, players, coaches, umpires, scorers, canteen staff and all those who came to watch our game.

The commitment of all members of the committee, Annette Zagalak, Kim Robertson, Janine Hunt & Brad Hawkins especially, 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.

The provision of statistics and Facebook information by Janine Hunt was invaluable. Special thanks to the club scorers who have assisted the process by using the scoring software and submitting the information quickly to enable Janine to keep everyone fully informed. The credibility of the stats is greatly enhanced by this method.

We look forward to the 2025 season knowing that the increased number of games in the State League Competition this season may impact our plans for the coming year.

Hopefully we will be able to tackle any issues that may arise.

Yours in Baseball,
Kerry Jackson
Sydney Winter Baseball League Competition Manager

NSW Scorers Association Report

Another busy year with our usual local competitions and a number of national tournaments being held in NSW.

The major competitions we were involved in include:

- Australian Baseball League
- Little League State Championships – all age groups
- State League
- Women's League
- Sydney Winter League
- Little League National Championships (Divisions 1 and 2)
- U16 and U18 Australian Youth Championships
- U23 World Cup Qualifier

A big thanks to the scorers from Far North Coast and South Australia that helped our local Sydney scorers at these competitions when needed.

Our new website was launched, with numerous training modules available online. Several accreditations were also completed – congratulations to our new Level 2 scorers. I would like to thank the associations, clubs and umpires for supporting our scorers.

Yours in baseball,
Vera Bonham
NSW Scorers Association President

NSW Umpires Association Report

Throughout the 2023/24 baseball year, NSWBUA has continued to serve its membership and provide umpires to each of the men's and women's NSW State League competitions, the Australian Baseball League, and numerous other Baseball Australia and Baseball NSW events/championships/tournaments.

The Association has been operating for over a century. In that time much has changed and continues to change both on and off the diamond.

NSWBUA continues to lead the education of umpires within the state of NSW. It is also a national training leader, which is evident in the achievements of both its member umpires and umpires generally from NSW. This is a testament to NSWBUA maintaining adherence to the well-trying and tested education programs and techniques, while also being adaptive to modern technology for training.

Umpiring education was carried out both within metropolitan Sydney and regional NSW. The regional courses have been amended to cater to the smaller groups that attend in a short period. This has been done to accommodate the distances travelled by attendees. Community courses are also ones that can be tweaked to accommodate the audience at a given event. This is where many get their first exposure to umpiring while mostly also engaged in a variety of other volunteer roles within the game.

Members of the Association continue to gain national and international recognition. Ben Nash officiated the Asia Professional Baseball Series in Tokyo, Japan; Trent Thomas instructed on behalf of the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) at the umpiring and technical officials' course in Yizheng, China; Jason Spurway, Jerry Cobb, Ben Nash officiated the Oceania U23 Qualifier in Sydney; and Trent Thomas officiated the ABL Championship Series.

Several members of the Association were appointed to national championships and tournaments conducted across the season, with many earning allocations to finals/medal games at each event conducted.

NSWBUA continues to increase its involvement and interaction with the junior levels of the game through its support of various tournaments and the baseball association's representative competitions. Dedicated individuals have been tasked with liaising between the State umpiring body and the various groups to ensure there is some linkage beyond just that of providing umpiring education via periodic courses.

NSW Umpires Association Report Cont.

Umpires are volunteers. However, many do not see them in that fashion. It is a position in the game that is generally the last one any individual puts their hand up to do. But they are the independent game arbiters. They are there for the game, and not any individual, group, or other purpose. Like many areas of society, the volunteer is becoming something of a rarity. Many like to root for the volunteer cause, but not as many volunteer in a significant way. Governing bodies, and even the government like to stand up and talk about reducing burdens on volunteers, but in the next breath outline more requirements to be undertaken merely to do something you do because you enjoy it.

NSWBUA is not a big organisation by membership number. It is however a proud and quality member-based support for umpires mainly with the State Leagues, but also the wider umpiring fraternity. Those who wish to learn, seek to engage and develop, and find enjoyment in what they do will continue to be welcomed. But one issue remains with maintaining these valued volunteers. And that is the support of the sport's governing bodies. NSWBUA and BNSW are working to ensure umpires are valued and treated with the respect they deserve. The game doesn't operate without them. This isn't necessarily financial support as umpiring bodies have done well to be largely self-sufficient in that area throughout their existence. The support comes from working together in ensuring that the removing those individuals who through their on-field actions forfeit their opportunity to be part of the game.

With baseball continuing to operate year-round in much of NSW, the demands placed upon the small group of volunteer umpires increase. There will be periods of significant coverage of all events, but there will also be times when coverage is minimal. While no one would deny people the opportunity to enjoy the game they have a passion for, there does need to be some sensibility by those governing the sport and scheduling events to ensure volunteers generally, not just umpires, are given time to also have a quality of life away from the game.

Yours in baseball,
Trent Thomas
NSW Baseball Umpires Association President

NSW Umpires Association Report Cont.

2023-24 NSW BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Gerard Tancred Trophy: Umpire of the Year	Ben Nash
Jim Riley Memorial Award: Service to the game	Brian & Jenny McDonald
John Robertson Shield: Women's League Umpire of the Year	Chantelle Cornick
Geoff Robertson Shield: Rookie of the Year	Steve Bigwood
Little League Umpire:	Zachary Dankert
State League Umpire:	Ben Nash

As awarded by the State, Women's & Winter Leagues:

2023-24 NSW BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Cowdroy-Stephens Medal For Grand Final Plate Umpires	2023 Winter 1st Grade: David Brodie
	2023 Winter 2nd Grade: Andrew Clements
	2023 Winter 3rd Grade: Geoff Ollerton
	2023/24 Summer Women's 1st Grade: Chantelle Cornick
	2023/24 Summer Women's 2nd Grade: Glen Taylor
	2023/24 Summer Men's 1st Grade (G1): Jason Spurway
	2023/24 Summer Men's 1st Grade (G2): Ben Nash
	2023/24 Summer Men's 2nd Grade: Michael Bryan
	2023/24 Summer Men's 3rd Grade: Paul Jones
2023/24 Summer Men's U18s: Steven Bigwood	

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.

Baseball NSW Life Members Cont.

LIFE MEMBERS

Elected: 2023

Name: Stephanie Thompson

Notes:

A vital figure in NSW Country Baseball for over 30 years, starting with Illawarra Juniors in 1983. Joined the NSW Country Baseball Inc. Board in 1984, managing portfolios like finance and policy. Responsible for organising NSW Country representative tours since 2007, as well as overseeing recruitment, sponsorship, and major championships. Has held executive roles with both NSW Country and Illawarra Baseball and has greatly contributed to the success and longevity of these organizations.



Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2024

New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated ABN: 56 568 633 609

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

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Committee's report

For the year ended 30 June 2024

The committee members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Committee members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Jason Chabi (Chair)	Elected 23rd October 2023
Peter Worboys	Re-elected 23rd October 2023
Scott Tunkin	Re-elected 23rd October 2023, resigned February 2024
Mark Burns	
Beth McVicker-Murphy	
James Morley	
Bill Langler	Appointed 17th July 2023
Belinda Woolford	Resigned February 2024

Principal Activity

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were to conduct, encourage, promote, advance and administer the sport of baseball in New South Wales for its members.

Operating result

The loss of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$(193,713).

Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the nature of the activities which occurred during the year.

Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

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Committee's report

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Information on committee members

Jason Chabi Chairperson
Qualifications BA, MBA
Special Responsibilities Chair, BA, ABL, Finance, Little League, Commercial

Peter Worboys
Special Responsibilities Coaches, Umpires, Scorers

Scott Tunkin
Qualifications BComm, MBA
Special Responsibilities Pathways, Technical, Rules

Mark Burns
Special Responsibilities Participation and Grassroots (CLSC, JLSC, SLCS, MLSC & LLI)

Beth McVicker-Murphy
Qualifications BFA, MBA
Special Responsibilities Marketing, Communications, CX & Womens

James Morley
Qualifications BEc, MLLP
Special Responsibilities People and Culture, Risk, Governance, Member Protection and Legal

Bill Langler
Qualifications BEc, LLB
Special Responsibilities Country League Standing Committee, Legal

Belinda Woolford
Special Responsibilities Tools, Tech and Data Security, Venue & Facilities

Meetings of management committee

During the financial year, 7 meetings of the committee were held. Attendances by each committee member during the year were as follows:

Committee Meetings	
Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Jason Chabi (Chair)	7
Peter Worboys	7
Scott Tunkin	4
Mark Burns	7
Beth McVicker-Murphy	7
James Morley	7
Bill Langler	7
Belinda Woolford	4

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:



Jason Chabi, Chair

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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Interest	2,417	2,657
Other income	2,973,824	1,964,705
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	2,976,240	1,967,362
Expenses		
Administration & other expense Audit fees	262,220	529,437
Bad debts	6,000	6,320
Bank and transaction fees	4,347	-
Contractors	28,944	3,552
Development	384,190	204,759
Events & competitions	-	4,525
Facility costs	998,221	129,893
Long service leave provision	193,770	265,826
Foreign currency translation	41,307	-
National tournament contributions	925	-
Purchases	554,427	253,820
Salaries & associated costs	-	13,720
	683,030	515,456
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	3,157,379	1,927,308
Depreciation	12,574	12,198
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	3,169,954	1,939,506
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Surplus (deficit) for the year	(193,713)	27,856

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	541,640	699,579
Trade and other receivables	4	96,103	355,968
Other current assets	6	40,587	15,400
Total current assets		<u>678,330</u>	<u>1,070,947</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	45,227	56,170
Total non-current assets		<u>45,227</u>	<u>56,170</u>
Total assets		<u>723,557</u>	<u>1,127,117</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	323,342	510,830
Employee benefits	8	115,366	84,714
Total current liabilities		<u>438,708</u>	<u>595,544</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	20,201	114,518
Employee benefits	8	41,307	-
Total non-current liabilities		<u>61,508</u>	<u>114,518</u>
Total liabilities		<u>500,215</u>	<u>710,062</u>
Net assets		<u>223,342</u>	<u>417,055</u>
Members' funds			
Equity		223,342	417,055
Total members' funds		<u>223,342</u>	<u>417,055</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Retained earnings		
Opening retained earnings	417,055	389,199
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	(193,713)	27,856
Retained earnings	<u>223,342</u>	<u>417,055</u>
Total equity		
Balance as at beginning of the year	417,055	389,199
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(193,713)	27,856
Balance as at end of the year	<u>223,342</u>	<u>417,055</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from members, funders and customers	3,309,184	3,934,458
Payments to suppliers and employees	(3,469,540)	(4,097,377)
Interest received	2,417	2,657
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>(157,939)</u>	<u>(160,262)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(157,939)	(160,262)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	699,579	859,841
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<u><u>541,640</u></u>	<u><u>699,579</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

The financial statements cover New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated as an individual entity. New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated is a not-for-profit association incorporated in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

The functional and presentation currency of New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Material accounting policy information relating to the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Material accounting policy information

Revenue and other income

Interest revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period.

If the outcome cannot be reliably estimated then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

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Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

Employee benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits, those benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements.

Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the assets is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss, except for goodwill.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
3 Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at Bank		541,640	699,579
		<u>541,640</u>	<u>699,579</u>
4 Trade and other receivables			
Current			
Trade Debtors		73,647	314,882
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts		-	(2,318)
Other Debtors		-	216
Deposits Paid		16,422	-
Uniforms in stock		6,033	-
GST Receivable		-	43,188
		<u>96,103</u>	<u>355,968</u>
5 Property, plant and equipment			
Leasehold land			
Leasehold Improvements at Cost		66,992	75,535
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(43,019)	(44,447)
		<u>23,973</u>	<u>31,088</u>
Plant and equipment			
Plant & Equipment - at Cost		46,891	120,042
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(25,638)	(94,960)
		<u>21,254</u>	<u>25,082</u>
		<u>45,227</u>	<u>56,170</u>
6 Other assets			
Current			
Prepayments		40,587	15,400
		<u>40,587</u>	<u>15,400</u>

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
7 Trade and other payables			
Current			
Trade Creditors		26,300	138,483
Income Received in Advance		12,955	-
Grant Income in Advance (NSW Office of Sport)		229,355	-
Other Creditors		1,254	322,605
PAYG Withholding Payable		9,306	-
Accrued Expenses		26,159	49,742
GST Payable		18,013	-
		<u>323,342</u>	<u>510,830</u>
Non-current			
Funds held		20,201	114,518
		<u>20,201</u>	<u>114,518</u>

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

8 Employee benefits

Current liabilities

Provision for Annual Leave and Accrued Time off in Lieu		115,366	84,714
		<u>115,366</u>	<u>84,714</u>

Non-current liabilities

Provision for Long Service Leave		41,307	-
		<u>41,307</u>	<u>-</u>

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED


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Statement by members of committee

The committee declares that in its opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes for the year ended 30 June 2024 are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and:
 - a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures; and
 - b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the association.
2. In the members' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee.



Jason Chabi, Chair

Dated: 09 September 2024

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

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Independent audit report to the members of NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of New South Wales Baseball League Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the statement by members of the committee.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of the association is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Standard and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the management of the Association, would be in the same terms if given to management as at the time of this auditor's report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibility of management and those charged with governance

Management of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Standard and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

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Independent audit report to the members of NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

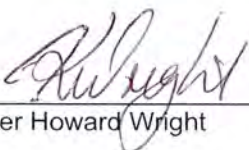
My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial reporter, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. We also provide the management with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the management, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



Meagher Howard Wright

Suite 806, Level 8, 35 Spring Street Bondi Junction 2022

Dated: 23 September 2024

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

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Certificate by members of committee

We, being the members of the Committee of the New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated certify that the statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated during and at the end of the financial year of the Association ending on 30 June 2024.



Jason Chabi, Chair

Dated: 09 September 2024