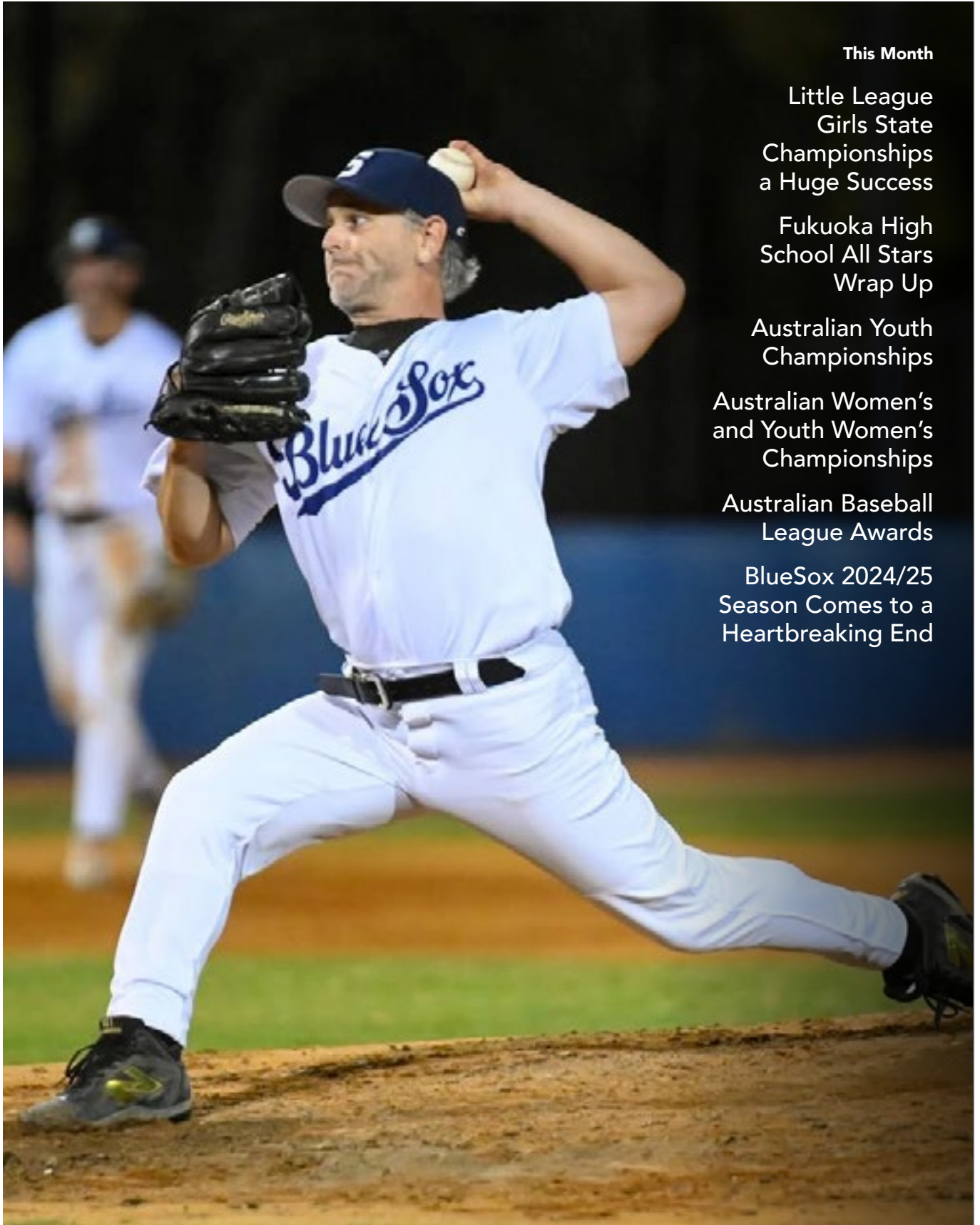




# The Pitch



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# BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 January entries



Photo by Shella Mae – 'Sliding through the dust – will the run count?'



Photo by Luke Hobbs – 'When no one is watching.'



Photo by Lisa Berwick – 'Designed by Keegan.'

# Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

A huge thank you to our volunteers and all your hard work throughout the last 12 months.

We value all our members and it's for that reason we want to see more of YOU being acknowledged for all your hard work, all year round!

You can submit someone you know who's doing a great job via the link below!

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

## January Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner from Shella Mae - 'Sliding through the dust - will the run count?'

Entries are now open for next month's #BNSWGameDayPics. Send in your favourite photo through Facebook Inbox to be in with a chance to win!



Photo by Shella Mae - 'Sliding through the dust - will the run count?'

# 2025 Major Events Dates & Venues Announced

**Baseball NSW is pleased to announce the dates and venues of our major tournaments from now, into the new year!**

The Rookies Cup and NSW State Championships will follow national tournaments such as the Australian

Youth Championship and Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships early in 2025.

We have an exciting year ahead.

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

**We can't wait to see everyone out there!**

Event	Date	Host	Venue
<b>Doosan Spring Training</b>	26th Jan to 16th Feb 2025	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark
<b>NSW Rookies Cup</b>	2nd March 2025	Baseball NSW & Greenway Giants	Greenway Park
<b>Australian Women's Championships</b>	13th to 19th April 2025	Baseball Australia	Melbourne Ballpark

# 2025 Major Events

## Dates & Venues Announced cont.

Event	Date	Host	Venue
<b>Australian Youth Women's Championships</b>	15th to 19th April 2025	Baseball Australia	Melbourne Ballpark
<b>NSW Intermediate League State Championships</b>	12th to 14th April 2025	Baseball NSW & RHBL Club – TBD	Pioneer Park, Marsfield
<b>NSW Little League &amp; Div II State Championships</b>	14th to 19th April Apr 2025	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark Softball
<b>NSW Senior League State Championships</b>	22nd to 25th April 2025	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark
<b>NSW Junior League State Championships</b>	24th to 27th April 2025	Baseball NSW & Castle Hill Knights Baseball Club	Castle Glen and Knights Fields
<b>Australian Senior League Championships</b>	21st to 25th May 2025	Baseball Australia	Geelong Baseball Centre
<b>Australian Junior League Championships</b>	28th May to 1st June 2025	Baseball Australia	Albert Park, Lismore
<b>Australian Intermediate League Championships</b>	28th May to 1st June 2025	Baseball Australia	Albert Park, Lismore

# 2025 Major Events

## Dates & Venues Announced cont.

Event	Date	Host	Venue
<b>Australian Little League Division I Championships</b>	8th to 13th June 2025	Baseball Australia	Blacktown International Sportspark
<b>Little League Invitational</b>	8th to 12th July 2025	Baseball Australia	Redcliffe Baseball Club
<b>Little League Girls Division</b>	8th to 12th July 2025	Baseball Australia	Redcliffe Baseball Club



# Club Corner

Join the Wagga Baseball Association at their Come and Try Day! The Wagga Wagga Baseball Association are excited to invite everyone interested in experiencing baseball to their Come and Try Day on Sunday, February 2nd, 2025!

This event is open to anyone 15 years and older who's ready to sign up and play in our senior competition.

If you're under 15, don't worry – you're still welcome to come along, have some fun, and learn more about the sport!

**Not ready to play but want to be involved?**

Still feel free to come along! Ask one of the members how you can contribute and get involved with the WWBA.

On the day, they'll have representatives from all the clubs to chat with you, offer tips and skills advice, and provide all the



information you need to get started in this fantastic sport.

Got questions before the event? Feel free to send them a message on Facebook – one of their friendly members will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Save the Date: Season Starts March 2nd!**

# Club Corner cont.

# Volunteer Resource Hub website by Sport Australia

**The Volunteer Resource Hub, created by Sport Australia, is an essential online platform designed to support and empower volunteers in sport.**

This free resource offers a wealth of tools, templates, and practical guides tailored to the unique needs of sports organizations and their volunteers. Whether you're looking for strategies to recruit and

retain volunteers, improve governance, or enhance your club's operations, the Volunteer Resource Hub has you covered.

Perfect for anyone involved in grassroots sports, this hub simplifies the volunteer journey, helping clubs and associations thrive while making volunteering more rewarding.

Visit Volunteer Resource Hub to explore how it can benefit your organisation today!

[Click here](#) for Volunteer Resource Hub.



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# Club Corner cont.

# Newcastle Baseball

# Join Girls Day

# Out Event!

Newcastle Baseball Association are excited to be joining the 'Girls Day Out - Women in Sport' event on the 8th February at Newcastle foreshore!

It's a great opportunity for them to share the love of baseball with everyone attending this event alongside the Newcastle Women's Baseball team.

There are 11 amazing sports attending this event and they are excited to be including baseball to teach girls awesome skills and fuel their love for sports.

At Girls Day Out the mission is simple – create fun, safe inclusive events for girls (5-16 years) to try a new sport, meet their sporting hero and make a new friend.

When women and girls DREAM big, BELIEVE in themselves and are surrounded by people who INSPIRE them, they can achieve anything.

The aim is to encourage girls to be brave and have a go at sports they might not have tried or want to learn more about.



Girls Day Out want to help encourage healthy bodies, healthy minds – and possibly even help nurture our next generation of female superstars, so be sure to head down if you're in the area and check out the event!

**Club Corner cont.**

# **Christmas School Holidays Camps and Clinics Recap!**

**Over the Christmas Holidays, Former MLB player Ryan Rowland-Smith and his NxtGen team lead IGNITION camps around Sydney.**

From January 3rd to 6th, 2025, the Baulkham Hills Baseball Club hosted the NxtGen Ignition camp, an event that left a lasting impact on our young athletes. Led by former MLB pitcher Ryan Rowland-Smith, MLB All-Star Grant Balfour, and esteemed coaches Ty'relle

Harris, Ethan Stacy, and Liam McCallum, the camp provided participants aged 12 to 15 with an unparalleled opportunity to develop their skills.

The camp's comprehensive program included live competitive at-bats, instant feedback sessions, motivational talks, and personalized guidance, all designed to refine both the physical and mental aspects of the game. This immersive experience not only enhanced the players' on-field abilities but also instilled in them the values of hard work, determination, and strong character.



Photo credit: Kirsty Tavae.

# Club Corner cont.

## Christmas School Holidays Camps and Clinics Recap!

We extend our gratitude to Ryan Rowland-Smith and the entire NxtGen team for their dedication to nurturing the next generation of baseball talent. Baseball NSW CEO Mark Marino says “any opportunity to share time with someone whose primary focus is to help our young players simply get better is something we cannot pass up.” We eagerly anticipate welcoming them back for future camps and continuing this valuable partnership.

### **BNSW School Holiday Camp**

In late December, a group of young superstars came together for the Baseball NSW school holiday camp.

It was an awesome day for all, with the group split into tee-ball and baseball ages. The camp was by Hills’ Jeff Catt, alongside coaches Jack Dormer (NSW & Baulkham Hills), Adam Bates (Boston Red Sox), Blue Sox Players and Caleb Tunkin working our tee-ballers. It was an awesome opportunity for these kids to learn new skills to help improve their game.

Thank you to everyone who attended, and we can’t wait to continue offering more camps in this new year!!

Thank you to Kirsty Tavae for the awesome photos of the day!!

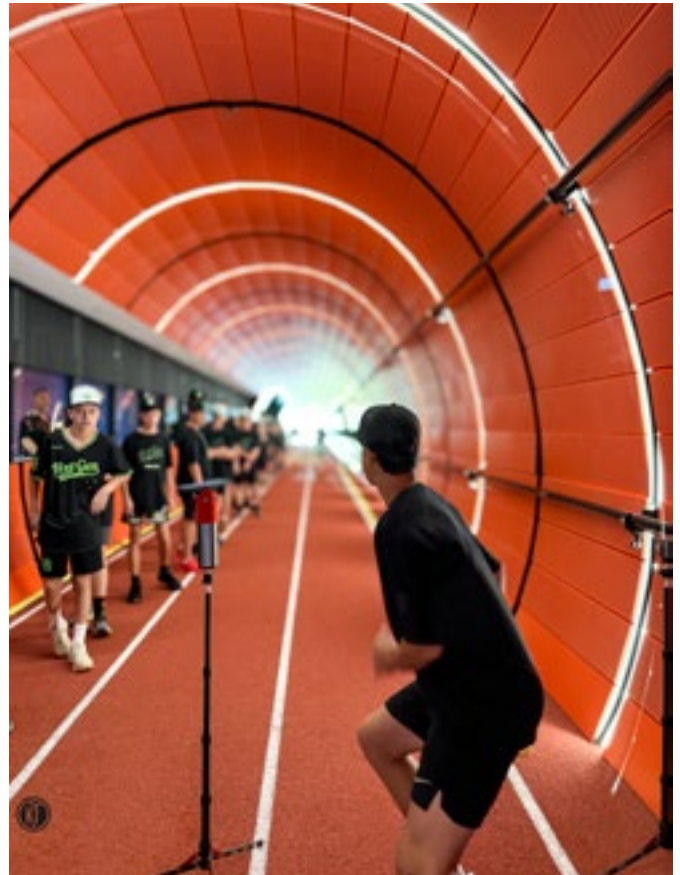


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# Club Corner cont. Christmas School Holidays Camps and Clinics Recap!

## MLBPAA Camp

What a way to kick off our 2025!! We opened our new year with plenty of camps and clinics and one that stood out was the Legends for Youth sponsored by the MLBPAA and Ryan Rowland-Smith!

A huge thank you to the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association (MLBPAA), the guys and NxtGen Baseball coaches for the clinic!

As always, this free clinic is a great day for all involved, getting to enjoy the fundamentals of our awesome sport with Major League legends. It was great to see some familiar faces who had come through the NSW baseball pathways themselves, coaching the youngsters!

We hope to see the camp returning in the future!



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# Club Corner cont. Christmas School Holidays Camps and Clinics Recap Gallery



Photo credits: Kirsty Tavae.

# Club Corner cont.

# BNSW Hall of Fame & Heritage Committee Reminder

In early August of 2024 we informed all clubs & associations of the official launch of the NSW Hall of Fame and Heritage Committee.

The objective of the Hall of Fame is to recognise and acknowledge those who have contributed to the growth of NSW Baseball, through outstanding or continued achievements within the sport.

NSW baseball has had a long and rich history and has significantly contributed to the development of the sporting landscape within NSW and Australia, which we are keen to recognise and would love your help to do so.

**Nominations close on the 31st December!!**

[Click here](#) to visit the website.



**BASEBALL NSW  
HALL OF FAME**

Thank you to all those who have been involved in establishing this committee

Please stay tuned for further communication regarding the official Hall of Fame Launch Event scheduled for early March 2025.

If you have any questions or queries please email us [here](#).

# Coaches Corner

## Baseball NSW Coaching Accreditation Level C

### Course Option 1:

Weekly Sessions starting Monday,  
3rd February through to Monday,  
10th March, 2025 @ 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm.

The Level C coaching course is being run  
at Blacktown International Sports Park.

Sessions will run weekly for 6 weeks  
from Monday, 3rd February through  
to Monday, 10th March, 2025 inclusive.

This is the highest current practical  
component of the Coaching Accreditation.

You must have achieved your Level B  
prior registering for your Level C!

All those wanting to partake in the course  
MUST pre-register and have completed all  
pre-requisite learning prior to attending.

**Please register through your  
[Canopi account here!](#)**

### Country Course Option:

February 8th – 9th in Wauchope,  
Mid North Coast.

Level C Coach Accreditations are  
for Head coaches in junior charter  
baseball, club head coaches, NSW  
and Australian coaches.



# Coaches Corner cont.

## Baseball NSW Coaching Accreditation Level C

This 2 day course will cover the practical components of the Level C Coaching Accreditation. You must be a Level B coach before applying for Level C.

The course will be held at Blackbutt Reserve in Wauchope.

The Level C is a pre-requisite for coaching at the State Championships in 2025!

Minimum Age – 18 years of age

Length of Accreditation – Lasts 3 years

Cost – \$150

If you require assistance please email: [learning@baseballnsw.com.au](mailto:learning@baseballnsw.com.au)

### Course Option 2:

Weekly Sessions starting Monday, 16th June through to Monday, 4th August, 2025 @ 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

**The Level C Coach Accreditation is replacing the previous Level 4, and is designed for Head coaches of junior charter baseball eg. All Star Coaches, State League Club Head Coach/ Manager, NSW and Australian coaches.**

Limited spaces are available for the Level C courses, and preference will be given to the above.

This session will run weekly for six (6) weeks from Monday, 16 June through to Monday, 4th August, 2025 inclusive. **Coaches must attend all sessions to achieve their Level C Accreditation.**



Each session will start at 6 pm and finish at approximately 9.30 pm. Each session will cover a different skill.

- Monday 16 June 2025
- Monday 23 June 2025
- Monday 30 June 2025

### NSW SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK

- Monday 21 July 2025
- Monday 28 July 2025
- Monday 4 August 2025

**Please note that a minimum of 15 attendees is required for the course to proceed.**

# Coaches Corner cont.

# Expression of Interest: Sporting Schools Program Coaches Wanted

**Baseball NSW is excited to announce an opportunity for baseball coaches to inspire the next generation of players by delivering baseball and tee-ball programs in schools across New South Wales as part of the Sporting Schools Program.**

The Sporting Schools Program is an Australian Government initiative designed to encourage school-aged children to participate in sports and connect with their local sports communities. As an affiliated partner of this program, Baseball NSW aims to introduce baseball to young people and foster their passion for the game.

**Role Overview: As a coach in the program, you will**

Teach baseball fundamentals and skills to school-aged children.

- Represent Baseball NSW in schools, promoting a love for the game.
- Deliver sessions during school hours on weekdays over multiple weeks.

**Requirements: To be eligible, you must**

- Hold a current Baseball Level 'A' Coaching Accreditation.
- Have a valid Working with Children Check.
- Be available during weekdays and within school hours.

This is a unique chance to play an integral role in growing baseball at the grassroots level while inspiring a new generation of players.

**If this opportunity interests you, please email your Expression of Interest to [coaching@baseballnsw.com.au](mailto:coaching@baseballnsw.com.au)**

**We look forward to hearing from passionate coaches who are eager to make a difference!**

# Doosan Bears Return for 2025 Spring Training

**We are thrilled to announce that the Doosan Bears, one of the powerhouses of the Korean Baseball Organization (KBO), will return to Blacktown International Sports Park for their 2025 Spring Training from January 26th to February 16th.**

Their annual Spring Training is a highlight event on our calendar, and we are excited to once again host this

prestigious team as they prepare for another KBO season. Since 2016, the Bears have made Blacktown their training ground, showcasing their commitment to excellence and strengthening their bond with Baseball NSW and the Blacktown City Council.

The Doosan Bears are coming off an impressive 2024 KBO season, finishing in the top 4 with a strong showing across the board. Whether it's their standout pitching staff or explosive hitters, the Bears have proven why they are one of the most respected teams in the league.

This year, Doosan are looking forward to building on their success as they



# Doosan Bears Return for 2025 Spring Training cont.

prepare for the 2025 season, and their time in Blacktown will be critical to their preparations. They will be one of multiple KBO teams training in Australia in 2025!

We encourage all our members to come down to Blacktown International Sports Park during their training dates to watch the Bears in action. It's an incredible opportunity to see professional baseball up close and experience the energy and precision these athletes bring to the field.

**Check out their full training schedule below!**

Let's show our support for the Doosan Bears and celebrate the fantastic partnership between Australian baseball and the KBO. Mark your calendars now – we'll see you at the park!



# Doosan Bears Spring Camp Schedule 2025

Date	Days	DAY	GYM	NIGHT
Jan-31	Friday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-01	Saturday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-02	Sunday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-03	Monday OFF		OFF	OFF
Feb-04	Tuesday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-05	Wednesday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-06	Thursday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-07	Friday	OFF	OFF	OFF
Feb-08	Saturday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-09	Sunday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-10	Monday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-11	Tuesday	OFF	OFF	OFF
Feb-12	Wednesday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-13	Thursday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-14	Friday	09:00 - 13:00	12:00 - 14:00	18:00 - 21:00
Feb-15	Saturday	HALF DAY		
Feb-16	Sunday	HALF DAY		

# 2025 NSW Little League Girls State Championship a Huge Success!

Baseball NSW is thrilled to celebrate the success of the inaugural NSW Little League Girls State Championship, hosted by the Rangers Baseball Club.

The event marked a significant milestone for youth baseball in the state, showcasing incredible talent and sportsmanship across all participating teams.

Congratulations to Cronulla Black, who emerged as champions after a hard-fought victory over a strong Hills outfit in the final. Both teams displayed top-notch performances, thrilling the spectators in an intense and competitive showdown.

The weekend saw remarkable individual achievements, with several players earning recognition for their outstanding contributions on and off the field:



## **Women’s Baseball: The Inside Pitch Individual Award Winners:**

**Women’s Baseball Player of Day 1:**  
Lilly Farrell (Cronulla Black)

**Women’s Baseball Player of Day 2:**  
Zoe Mallam (Manly)

**Women’s Baseball Player of the Tournament:**  
Emma Gainsford (Hills)

# 2025 NSW Little League Girls State Championship a Huge Success cont.

## Team MVPs & Coaches Awards:

### MVP Hills:

Emma Gainsford

### MVP Cronulla Blue:

Alannah Cavanough

### MVP Cronulla Black:

Lilly Farrell

### Coaches Award Cronulla Black:

Saharah Marshall

### MVP Ryde:

Lily Wolstenholme

### Coaches Award Ryde:

Summer Moroney

### MVP Greater Western:

Jessica Kennedy

### MVP Macarthur:

Brianna Cooke

### MVP Manly:

Darci Madden

Each player contributed to a memorable event that demonstrated the bright future of baseball for girls in New South Wales. Special thanks to the volunteers at Rangers Baseball Club for their excellent hosting of the championship. Your hard work and hospitality made this event a resounding success.

Thank you to all the players, coaches, parents, and supporters who made the weekend unforgettable. We can't wait to see even more growth and excitement in future championships!



Photo: MVP Hills – Emma Gainsford.



Photo: MVP Cronulla Blue – Alannah Cavanough.

# 2025 NSW Little League Girls State Championship a Huge Success Gallery



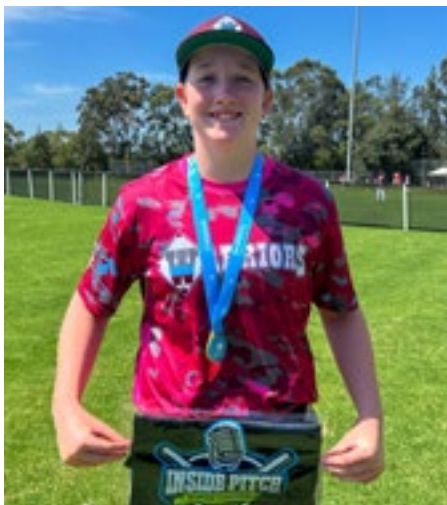
MVP Cronulla Black – Lilly Farrell.



Coaches Award Cronulla Black – Sarah Marshall.



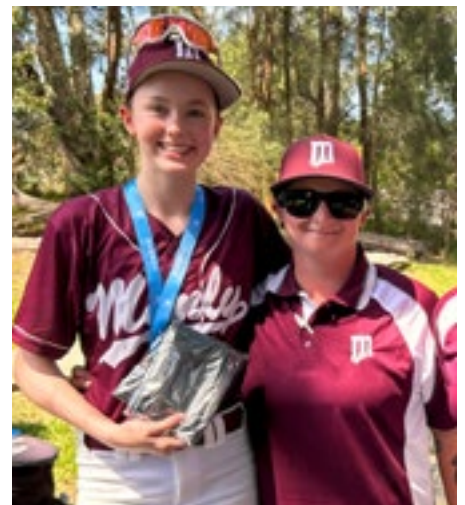
MVP Ryde – Lily Wolstenholme & Coaches Award Ryde – Summer Moroney.



MVP Greater Western – Jessica Kennedy.



MVP Macarthur – Brianna Cooke.



MVP Manly – Darci Madden.



Women's Baseball Player of Day 1:  
Lilly Farrell (Cronulla Black)

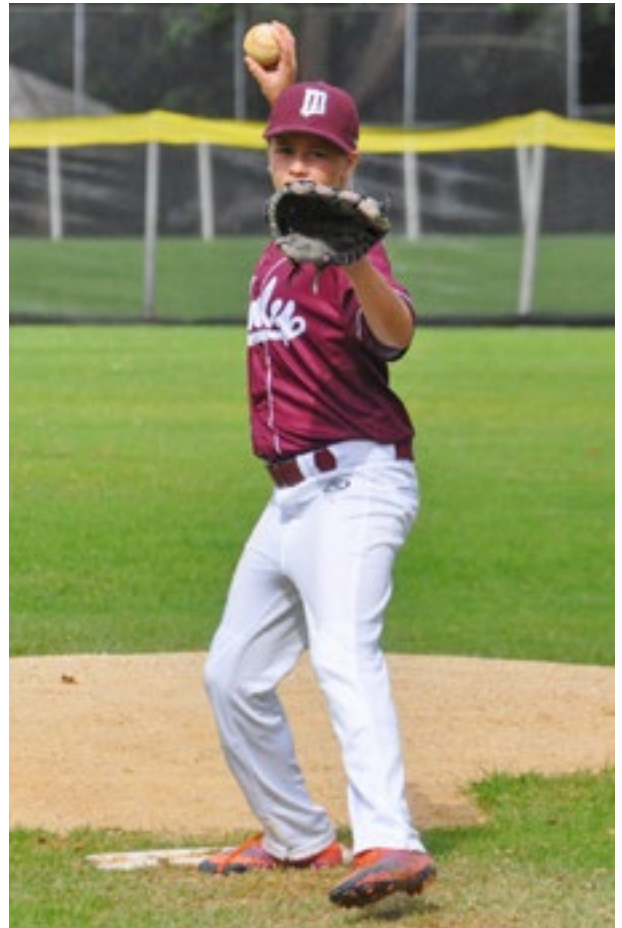


Women's Baseball Player of Day 2:  
Zoe Mallam (Manly)



Women's Baseball Player of the Tournament:  
Emma Gainsford (Hills)

# 2025 NSW Little League Girls State Championship a Huge Success Gallery



Cronulla Black State Championships 2025.

# 2025 NSW Little League Girls State Championship a Huge Success Gallery



# Fukuoka High School All Stars Wrap Up

**At the end of 2024, Baseball NSW once again hosted a team from the Fukuoka Prefecture in Japan. The Fukuoka High School All stars were made up of 16 players from schools all across the prefecture, and this was their first time coming together as a team.**

They got to partake in training at our facilities and participated in practice games against our U18's Australian Youth Championships teams. They finished off their trip immersing themselves in the sights of Sydney, taking ferries through the harbour and visiting Australian landmarks, The Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House.

It was once again, a great experience hosting this group of Japanese players and with some notable talent amongst the team, we're excited to follow along their future baseball endeavours!



Baseball NSW CEO Mark Marino believes that opportunities such as these, “breed lasting relationships with Fukuoka and offer great international opportunities for our players, in return. We are excited to continue our partnership with Fukuoka into this year [2025]!”

Baseball NSW have been privileged to build a relationship with the Fukuoka prefecture since the signing of the MOU in 2023 that dictates a shared desire to develop baseball in both countries!

# Fukuoka High School All Stars Wrap Up cont.

We are excited to continue the partnership with both inbound and outbound tours between Japan and Australia. We have conducted two female outbound tours in the years of this partnership, with players such as Lisa Nakashio, Isobel Lambert, and Coach Laura Neads participating and Ticara Geldenhuis and Claire O’Sullivan receiving the opportunity to play for the Softbank Hawks in the 2024 Shutter Cup and All Nations Tournaments!

The Fukuoka Prefectural teams, the SoftBank Hawks and Kyūshū Honeys are among the premier baseball teams in Japan. Through the MOU, they are committed to sharing resources such as players and coaches and creating opportunities for tours in order to further develop and strengthen local players.

We look forward to many more opportunities in the future.



# Fukuoka High School All Stars Gallery



# Australian Youth Championships 2025

**We hit the ground running in January opening our 2025 with the Australian Youth Championships.**

Blacktown was buzzing with excitement through the tournament which ran from the 7th to the 15th with all kinds of action across Sydney!

The Under 18 and Under 16 National Championships are a huge attraction. With much hype around MLB and college scouts making appearances

at the grounds, the event is a chance to showcase our best junior Australian talent. Baseball Australia reported that “nearly all of Australia’s 37 Major Leaguers have played in this tournament,” highlighting the caliber of talent that comes from this event.

Our U18’s NSW team were a highlight of the weekend, securing the Championship for the first time in years! Lead by Coach Phil Hemmer, Jack Dormer, James Sammes, Michael O’Neill and EO Stephen Dredge, the boys were in good hands! The team secured all four individual



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# Australian Youth Championships 2025 cont.

awards categories for the AYC's with Lachlan Vella receiving the Golden Bat, Riley Puckett the Golden Arm, Lincoln Gruppelaar the Golden Glove and Matthew Trainor the MVP Award for the tournament! It was a clean sweep!

It was great to see all our teams giving it a crack over the weeklong tournament, with the NSW Country U16's securing the "CARVE Play of the Tournament" for Owen Hart's Walk off win against Queensland! A special mention to all our players who also had the opportunity to compete for ACT at the championships.

Congratulations to all the teams for their efforts throughout the AYC's. Wishing those players who now face discussions with college and MLB scouts about their prospective futures, all the best in their decisions. We love being able to share the good news stories of our members, so any news regarding college or pro ball opportunities, **please feel free to reach out to Baseball NSW by email [here](#) to discuss a story!!**



# Australian Youth Championships 2025 U16's Country Gallery

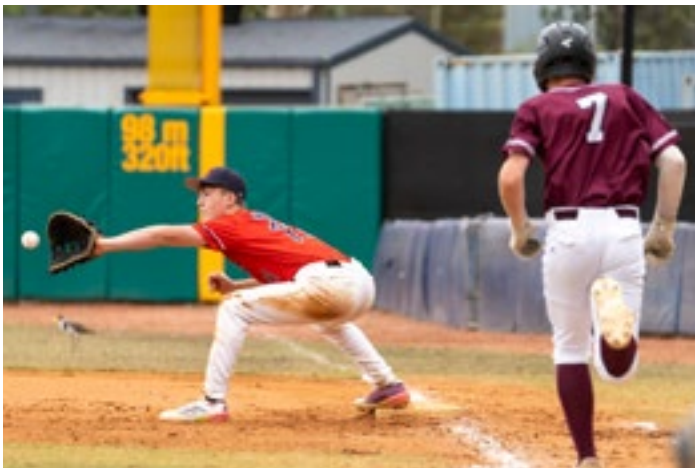
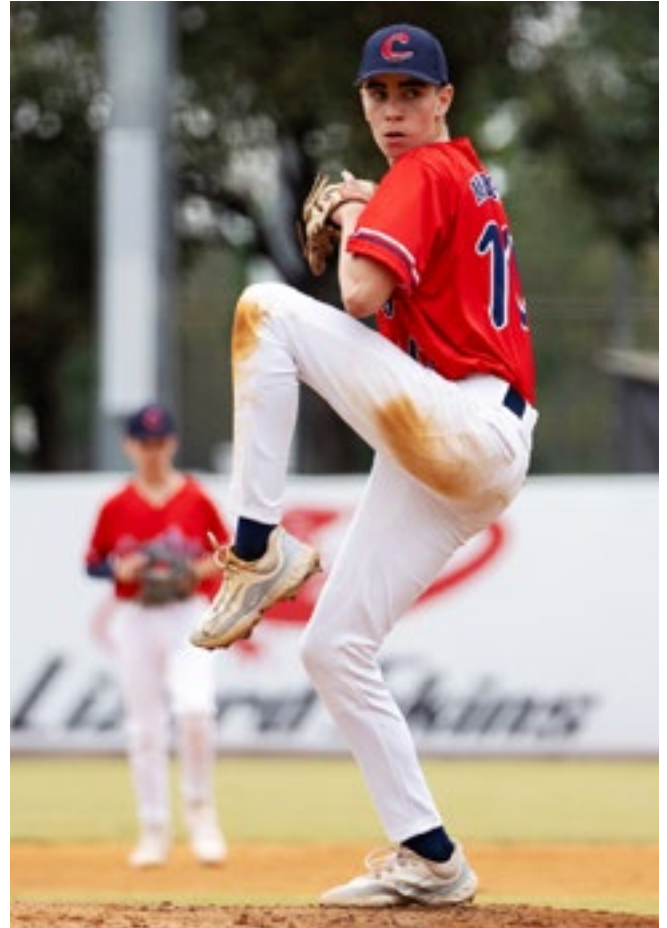


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# Australian Youth Championships 2025 U18's Country Gallery



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# Australian Youth Championships 2025 U16's NSW Gallery

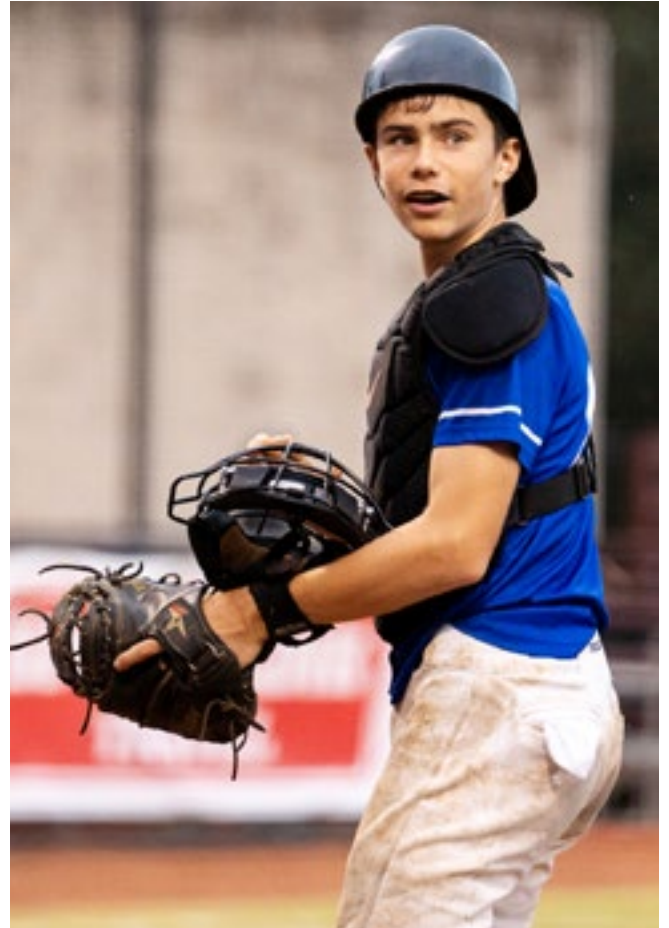


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# Australian Youth Championships 2025 U18's NSW Gallery



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# Australian Youth Championships 2025 Award Recipients



U18's MVP – Matthew Trainor.



U18's Golden Arm – Riley Puckett.



U18's Golden Glove – Lincoln Gruppelaar.



U18's Golden Bat – Lachlan Vella.



U16's Golden Arm – Will Bonham. Photo credit: Baseball.com.au / Hugh Whittle Media.

# Australian Women's and Youth Women's Teams 2025

## Congratulations to the ladies named on our NSW teams for the Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships!

Baseball NSW is proud to announce and congratulate the players selected to represent New South Wales at the upcoming Australian Women's Championship and Australian Youth Women's Championship.

The tournaments will take place from April 13 to April 19th, 2025, as two consecutive events at Melbourne Ballpark. The Youth Championship starts later on the 15th of April.

These talented athletes will compete against the best from around the country, showcasing the depth of talent in NSW baseball. Their hard work, determination, and passion for the game have earned them this well-deserved opportunity.

We encourage all fans, friends, and families to show their support and



cheer on the NSW teams. You can catch every moment of the action, as all games will be broadcast live on Baseball+.

**Announcements will be made via [Baseball.com.au](https://www.baseball.com.au) closer to the event.**

**Good luck to all our players – make NSW proud! Go NSW!**

# Australian Women's Championship 2025 Team List



NSW Women's	
Breanna Green	Maddison Erwin
Cayla Johnston	Maddison Heath
Claire O'Sullivan	Maddison McGuire
Ebony Van Eynde	Mahaela O'Neill
Elise Izzard	Mattea Karn
Isobel Lambert	Ryleigh Delacour-Batch
Jordan Richardson	Sayaka Mori
Lisa Nakashio	Tiana Lascala
Mackenzie Jackson	Ticara Geldenhuis
Coaches	
Head Coach: Grahame Cassel	Pitching Coach: Coen Wynne
Assistant Coach: Laura Neads	EO: Peter Neads

# Australian Youth Womens Championship 2025 Team List



NSW Youth Women's	
Breearna Zavec	Lily Baxter
Charley Le Grice	Lily Warren
Emily Nannes	Mackenzie Paroz
Francesca Powell	Madison Forbes
Georgia Gately	Mariam Arifaki
Ivy White	Nicola Blyton
Jessica Rosser	Tallara Joseph- Riogi
Laura Cheevers	Tamryn Love
Coaches	
<b>Head Coach:</b> Amy Saliba	<b>Pitching Coach:</b> Rodger Morris
<b>Assistant Coach:</b> Phil Cassidy	<b>EO:</b> Houda Arifaki
<b>Development Coach:</b> Abbey Nannes	

# Australian Baseball League Awards 2024/25 Season

The Australian Baseball League (ABL) recently announced its 2024-25 season award winners, and Baseball NSW are proud to recognise the NSW & Sydney Blue Sox players who have been nominated and awarded!

These are outstanding achievements for many of our players who have come through the BNSW Pathways and are excelling in the ABL.

**Award Winners:**

**Alex Wells – Helms Award:**

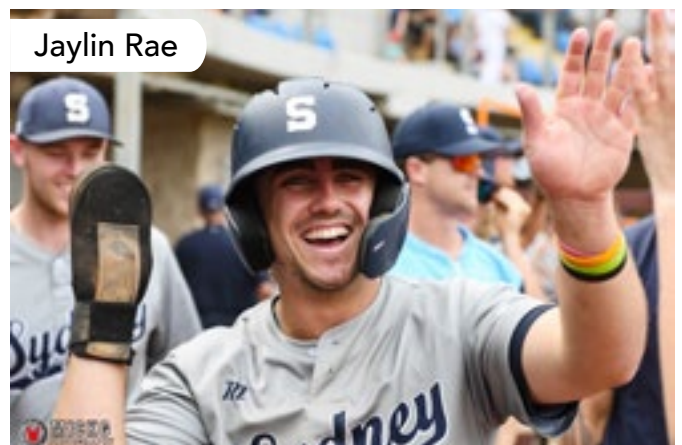
Awarded to the Most Valuable Player in the 2024-25 regular season, Alex Wells made a huge impact in his return to the ABL and the Sydney Blue Sox! A consistent performer on the mound, he had a dominating season with the SBS and it was so great to see him back out there!

**Jaylin Rae – Rookie of the Year:**

In his first year back from college, Jaylin Rae was a spark plug for the Sydney offense. The 23-year-old hit .292 with 14RBI in 35 games. He stole eight bases



Alex Wells



Jaylin Rae

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# Australian Baseball League Awards 2024/25 Season cont.

and made numerous highlight reel efforts at second. A versatile athlete who can play multiple roles on a team.

## **Alex Wells – Pitcher of the Year:**

Alex was honoured as the ABL's Pitching Champion for the 2024-25 season. He led the league with an impressive ERA of 1.55 and secured six wins, showcasing his dominance on the mound.

## **Brook Knight – Manager of the Year (Sydney Blue Sox):**

Brooke Knight helped lead a remarkable turnaround of the Sydney Blue Sox in his first season at the helm. In two seasons from 2022 to 2024, the Blue Sox won just 23 games. In 2024-25, Sydney won 24 games and claimed their first minor premiership in 14 years. Sydney played an aggressive game on the base paths, relying on a team-based approach to cause chaos and generate runs. They were backed up by the best pitching staff in the ABL.

## **Paul Latta – Umpire of the Year:**

The Far North Coast local Paul's leadership – both on and off the field - is truly inspiring and this award is evidence of recognition of his on field work. Paul has consistently been viewed as one of Australia's best umpires, and this is evidenced by appointments in the ABLCS for the last six years.

## **Nominations:**

**Jo Stevens – Rookie of the Year**

**Ben Nash – Umpire of the Year**

**Coen Wynne – Relief Pitcher of the Year**



Brook Knight



Paul Latta



Coen Wynne

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# Australian Baseball League Awards 2024/25 Season cont.

## Sydney Blue Sox and Blacktown Venue Management – Playing Surface of the year:

Honourable mention to the BVM Staff lead by Jack Parker, who made significant upgrades to BISP in the lead up and throughout the 2024/25 ABL season! Jack and his team are extremely solid and would manage to get games on at Blacktown even in the face of inclement weather, when in some cases it looked impossible! Well done Jack!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all award nominees and recipients for the Sydney Blue Sox for their remarkable contributions to the team. Their dedication and hard work have been instrumental in this historical season.

**For a complete list of award winners and nominees, please visit the ABL's official announcement.**



Ben Nash



Jo Stevens



Jack Parker

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# BlueSox 2024/25 Season Comes to a Heartbreaking End

## The Sydney Blue Sox's remarkable 2024-25 Australian Baseball League season concluded in a heart-wrenching semi-final series against the Canberra Cavalry.

Despite leading the league with a 24-16 record, the Blue Sox faced a formidable opponent in the fourth-seeded Cavalry.

In the semi-final series, the Blue Sox were eliminated after two consecutive losses. The decisive game saw the Cavalry secure a 5-2 victory, ending Sydney's championship aspirations.

Reflecting on the season, the Blue Sox's turnaround is noteworthy. After winning a combined 23 games over the previous two seasons, the team achieved 24 victories this year, marking a significant improvement.

While the season's end is disappointing, the Blue Sox have laid a strong foundation for future success. The team's resilience and growth throughout the season have reignited hope and excitement among fans and players alike.

We wish all of our NSW players in the minor leagues the best in their next endeavours as they head back to the states for Spring Training!



# BlueSox 2024/25 Season Gallery



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# NSW Players Named on Team Australia to Play Hanwha in Feb

Baseball NSW congratulates and wishes the best of luck to our NSW players who have been named on the Team Australia roster for the upcoming series against the Hanwha Eagles!

These talented athletes will showcase their skills from February 14-16, 2025, at Melbourne Ballpark.

## NSW Players Representing Team Australia:

Jo Stevens (IF)

Jaylin Rae (IF)

Rixon Wingrove (IF)

Liam Doolan (RHP)

Coen Wynne (RHP)

Alexander Wells (LHP)

Lachlan Wells (LHP)



Liam Doolan

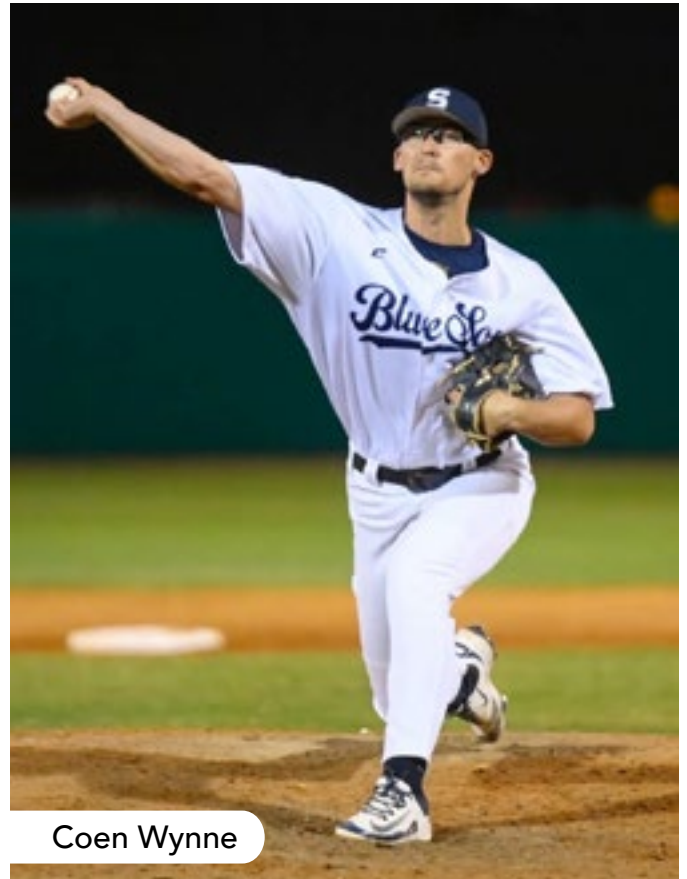
We are incredibly proud to have such strong representation from NSW, and we encourage our community to show their support! You can catch all the action **live on Baseball+** as our athletes go head-to-head with the KBO's Hanwha Eagles.

Let's cheer on Team Australia as they aim for victory! Go, Aussies!

# NSW Players Named on Team Australia to Play Hanwha in Feb



Jo Stevens



Coen Wynne



Rixon Wingrove

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# NSW Players Named on Team Australia to Play Hanwha in Feb



Alex Wells



Jaylin Rae



Lachlan Wells

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# Team Australia Roster for the upcoming series against the Hanwha Eagles



## SQUAD ANNOUNCEMENT

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**IF - JESS WILLIAMS**

**IF - JO STEVENS**

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**IF - GEORGE CALLIL**

**IF - RIXON WINGROVE**

**IF - LIAM SPENCE**

**OF - ULRICH BOJARSKI**

**OF - TIM KENNELLY**

**OF - BRILEY KNIGHT**

**OF - CHRIS BURKE**

**UTL - WILL RILEY**

**UTL - MAX DURRINGTON**

**RHP - MATTHEW BEATTIE**

**RHP - BRODIE COOPER-VASSALAKIS**

**RHP - LIAM DOOLAN**

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**RHP - WARWICK SAUPOLD**

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**RHP - COEN WYNNE**

**LHP - JON KENNEDY**

**LHP - BLAKE TOWNSEND**

**LHP - ALEXANDER WELLS**

**LHP - LACHLAN WELLS**

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# e-Safety in Sport

## How to Stay Safe Online



**In today's digital age, online safety is more important than ever, especially within our sporting communities.**

As baseball clubs across New South Wales increasingly use online platforms to connect, engage, and grow their communities, it's essential that we all stay informed about the best practices for ensuring a safe and positive online environment.

The Australian eSafety Commissioner provides a wealth of resources specifically tailored for sports organisations. These tools are designed to help clubs, coaches, and players protect themselves and their communities online. We strongly encourage all our NSW baseball clubs and members to take advantage of these resources to enhance their understanding of e-safety and to implement effective strategies within their teams.

The eSafety website offers valuable information on a range of topics, including how to manage online abuse, protect personal information, and create safe online spaces for all participants. Whether you're a club administrator, coach, player, or parent, there's something relevant for everyone.

### **Key Resources Available:**

- **Online Safety for Sports Clubs:** This guide provides practical advice on how to create a safe and supportive online environment for all members.
- **Managing Online Abuse:** Learn how to recognise, prevent, and respond to online abuse, ensuring that all interactions remain respectful and positive.
- **Protecting Personal Information:** Understand the importance of safeguarding your personal information and the information of others when engaging online.
- **Creating Safe Online Spaces:** Get tips on how to foster a community culture that values respect, inclusion, and safety, both on and off the field.

We urge all members to visit the [eSafety for Sport Communities](#) page and explore the available resources. By doing so, you are not only protecting yourself but also contributing to a safer online environment for our entire baseball community.

**Let's work together to ensure that our love for the game extends to a safe and supportive online experience for everyone involved.**

# Sporting Grants Now Open for Application

Each year there are various grants provided by organisations and government departments that can provide much-needed support and funds to nurture sporting talent, help build sports facilities and develop the sports industry as a whole.

## **Purpose:**

As part of Sport NSW's commitment to advocating for and strengthening the sports sector – grants information and updates are a regular feature of the fortnightly Blues eNews newsletter.

**Join the network and subscribe to Blues eNews [here](#).**

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



Bookmark the [Sport NSW Grants page](#) and check back regularly for updates.

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

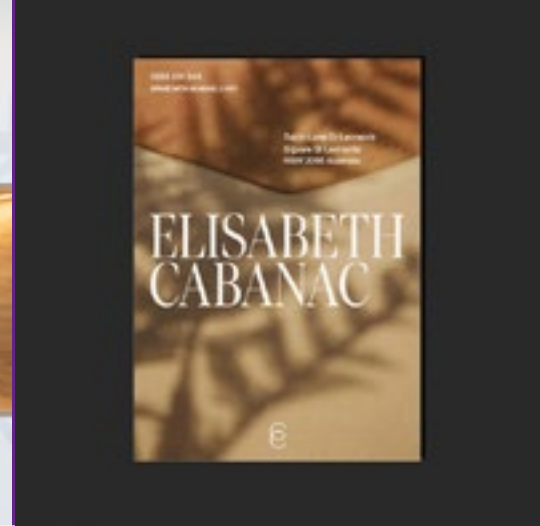


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