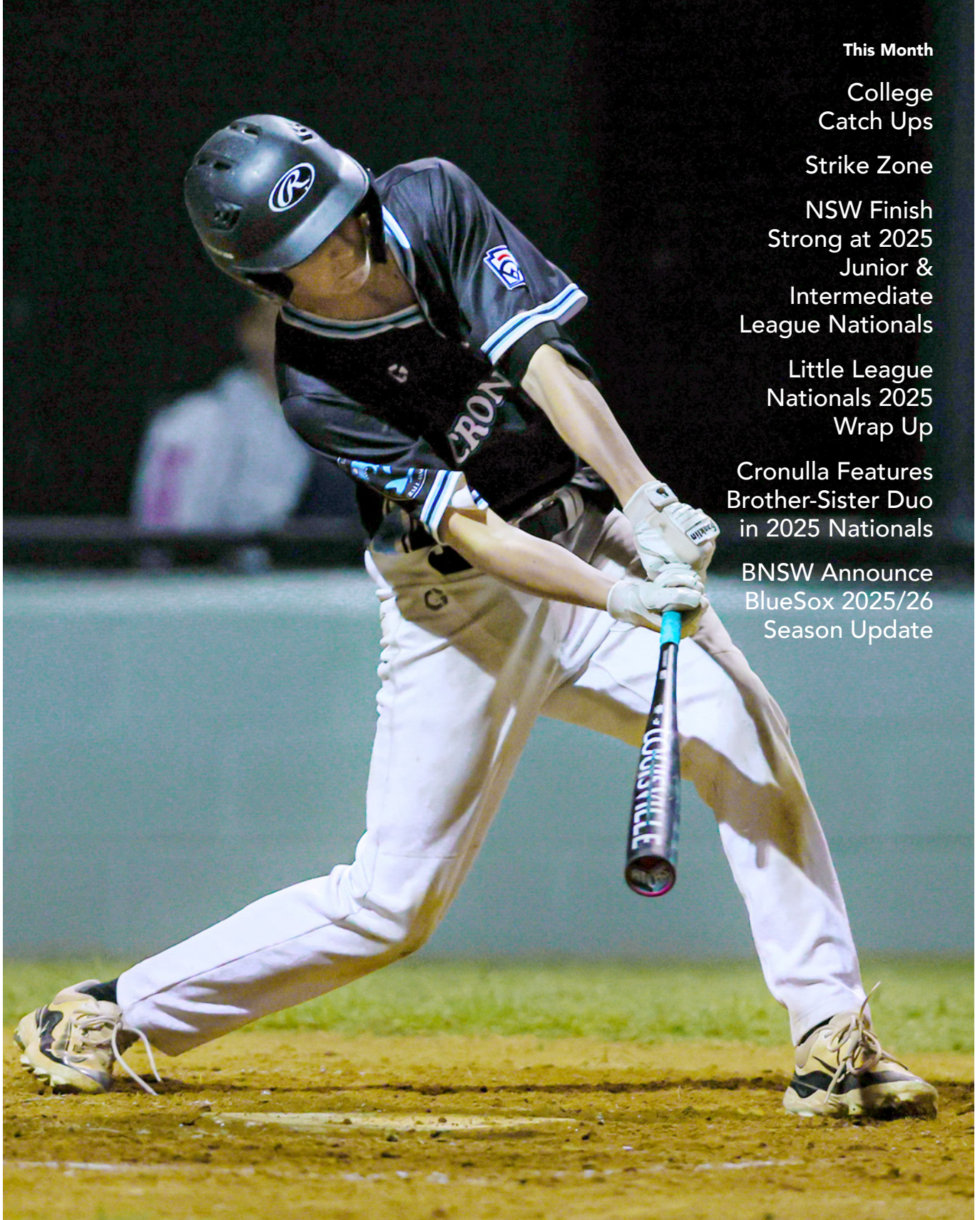




# The Pitch



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## **Volunteer** **Wayne Hall -** **Phoenix Charlestown** **Baseball Club**

Wayne has served the club well as a groundsman, secretary, registrar, and coach.

## **Simon Twiss -** **St Patrick's Baseball Club**

For over a decade, Simon Twiss has gone above and beyond as Grounds Manager, Coach, and Team Manager, helping shape not just young ballplayers but well-rounded individuals.

From restoring heavily worn fields to writing heartfelt weekly match reports, Simon's dedication has become a cornerstone of the St. Pat's community. We thank him for his tireless efforts.



## **Coach** **Ryan McCann -** **Cronulla, CSJBA**

Ryan gives everything at all times to the kids he coaches. Towards the end of last season he was training kids six days a week. Ryan is the definition of a volunteer coach and is a really good guy too.

[Click here](#) to vote for someone in your club who deserves recognition.

# BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 June entries



Photo by Kirsty Tavae – 'Made It on Base.'



Photo by Amelia Millsey – 'Tamworth Ladies at June Long Weekend.'

# BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 June entries cont.



Photo by Sean McNally – 'Thanks for Bringing Me Home.'



Photo by Matt Shaw – 'What a Slide!'

# Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

Congratulations to this month's batch of winners for Volunteers of the Month! Thank you to all your hard work in making sure our games and activities run smoothly every time! BNSW would also like to thank the nominators who handed in their nominations.

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](#)

## June Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner from Amelia Millsey - 'Tamworth Ladies at June Long Weekend.'

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 Amelia Millsey - 'Tamworth Ladies at June Long Weekend.'

# 2025 Major Events Dates & Venues Announced

As our Metro Season has come to a close, we are extremely excited to transition into the busy period for our country associations and clubs!

We've already completed so much this year, but don't forget all of the exciting events we still have on the horizon!

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

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



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Event	Date	Host	Venue
Little League Invitational	8th to 12th July 2025	Baseball Australia	Redcliffe Baseball Club
Little League Girls Division	8th to 12th July 2025	Baseball Australia	Redcliffe Baseball Club

# 2025 Major Events

## Dates & Venues Announced cont.

Event	Date	Host	Venue
<b>Timberjacks Tournament (U12, U14, U16 &amp; U20)</b>	11th to 13th July 2025	BNSW Country	Albert Park, Lismore
<b>Junior Country Championships</b>	2nd to 3rd Aug 2025	BNSW Country	Coffs Harbour
<b>Senior Men's Country Championships</b>	4th to 6th Oct 2025	BNSW Country	Albert Park, Lismore



# Club Corner

**Baseball NSW is inviting all clubs and associations to participate in the free Game Day Registration Training Sessions leading up to the registration period this July 2025.**

BNSW Members and Registrations Manager Mel Goodrich will be leading all four training sessions during the first two weeks of July.

These sessions are intended to help clubs and association members better understand the member registration platform ahead of the 2025-2026 season.

Likewise, they are also designed for those who are learning the platform for the first time and those who want to learn more about it.

Check out the schedule of the virtual sessions as well as their corresponding Zoom links.



## **Session 1**

Tuesday, 1 July, 07:00 p.m. to 09:00 p.m.

[Click here](#) for zoom link.

## **Session 2**

Thursday, 3 July, 07:00 p.m. to 09:00 p.m.

[Click here](#) for zoom link.

## **Session 3**

Saturday, 5 July, 10:00 a.m.

[Click here](#) for zoom link.

## **Session 4**

Tuesday, 8 July, 08:00 p.m.

[Click here](#) for zoom link.

# Club Corner cont.

# Funkie Phil's

# 2025 Bashball

# Tournament

**Funkie Phil's Bashball Tournament is JUST around the corner. A high-energy and fast-paced baseball event happening 18 July 2025 at Blacktown International Sports Park.**

This event is created especially for kids 6-10 years old, where they can see a different side of baseball, with more music, movement, and "mateship."

### **What Makes Bashball Different?**

Funkie's Bashball is a modified form of baseball, where the game is fast, fun, and inclusive. It's great for kids who already play baseball, particularly with Funkie Phil in the offseason.

However, Funkie's Bashball is also terrific for kids who are new to the sport but love being with other kids and being part of a team.

More importantly, Funkie's Bashball is a fully sanctioned event from Baseball



NSW and Baseball Australia. Families registering their children for this event will enjoy part of their summer season fees already covered.

Phil is aiming to get heaps of amazing sponsors and volunteers for the wonderful event! If you're keen to volunteer or be a part of his Funkie Bunch or looking to put signage up or go on merchandise, reach out to Phil today!

**For any enquiries, please reach out to Phil at [phil@funkiephil.com.au](mailto:phil@funkiephil.com.au)**

# College Catchups

## NSW Native Jimmy Nati Named 2025 NCAA Gold Glove Finalist

Baseball NSW congratulates Sydney native and Greenway Giants Junior, Jimmy Nati, for being named as a 2B finalist for the 2025 ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Division I Gold Glove Team.

The ABCA NCAA Div. I All-America & Coach of the Year Committee voted on and ultimately selected this year's Gold Glove finalists and Jimmy's performance with Stanford this season has stood out.

Nati received the honor as a second baseman playing at Stanford. During his tenure there, he has won a Pac-12 championship in 2023 and received a Pac-12 All-Conference honorable mention in 2024. As a junior, he was also named one of the Top 50 D1 Baseball Preseason Third Basemen.

Stanford ended their 2025 campaign with a 27-25 overall record and an 11-19 record inter-conference in the ACC. Their season ended on a 7-4 first-round loss to Virginia Tech at the ACC Baseball Championship.



Photo courtesy of @matthewtwhuangphotography on Instagram.

# College Catchups cont. NSW Native Jimmy Nati Named 2025 NCAA Gold Glove Finalist cont.

Still, Jimmy Nati finished with another strong year since entering the team in the 2022-2023 season.

In his most recent season with Stanford, Nati played 52 games and finished with a batting average of .300 and an OBP of .367 with 203 at-bats. He led the team with 16 homers this season, compared to 8 in 2023-2024. He also raised his RBI from 45 in 2024 to 50 in 2025.

Earlier in his Australian career, Nati played for Team Australia's U12 squad in 2016, and the U15 team at the U15 World Cup and Oceanic Qualifier in 2018, where he also tied for home run leader.

Once again, Baseball NSW congratulates Jimmy for yet another feather in his cap. May this honor encourage other NSW hopefuls to pursue promising college opportunities abroad!



Photo courtesy of @matthewtwhuangphotography on Instagram.

# College Catchups cont. NSW's Own Brent Iredale Competes in College World Series for Arkansas

**Baseball NSW congratulates Brent Iredale, as he made history.**

The Razorbacks advanced to the national championship together with seven other teams and first played LSU in a double-elimination bracket where they lost. They then went on to play Murray State where his pitcher made history throwing the first no hitter in a Men's College World Series since 1960. With the team fired up off the back of this win, Iredale and his team then progressed to the next stage of the CWS.

Here's how it played out. In Round 1, Arkansas eliminated the 48-18 UCLA from the CWS with a resounding 7-3 victory. The Razorbacks moved on to face SEC rival LSU following that, which was their hardest challenge yet.

The 50-14 Arkansas had to beat the LSU Tigers twice in two days in order to advance to the College World Series finals, a best-of-three series.



*Photo courtesy of Brent Iredale on Instagram.*

# College Catchups cont. NSW's Own Brent Iredale Competes in College World Series for Arkansas

Moreover, LSU had already beaten Arkansas two out of three games, first in the regular season and next a 4-1 affair in a MCWS opening match.

Whilst it was unfortunate that the Razorbacks fell to LSU once more, for their second elimination, Brent Iredale was looking comfortable amongst his teammates at Arkansas, after bouncing around different US colleges the past few years.

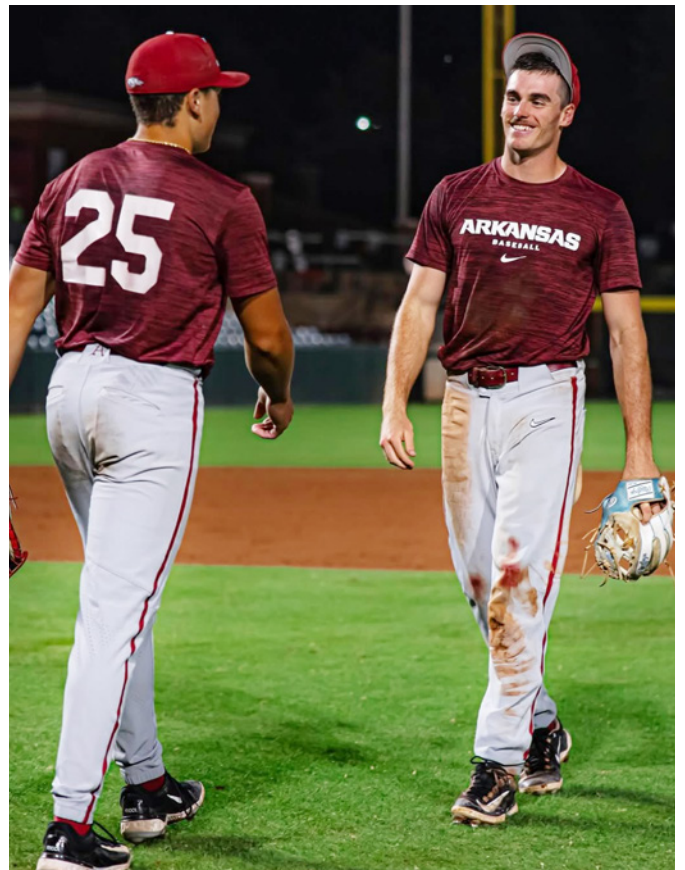
In 2021, the then-18-year-old Iredale, alongside former Blacktown Workers teammate Tyrone Fergie, committed to Howard College.

He has already shown himself to be a legit talent during his tenure in Blacktown, hitting the winning run in the Workers' comeback 6-5 Game 3 win to secure the championship at the 2021 NSW State League.

He was also selected to Team Australia's U15 World Cup Oceania Qualifier roster in 2018.

With the Razorbacks, Iredale was also named an NCAA Division I mid-season All-American thanks to his strong play in the first half of the season, where he hit .345 with a .515 OBP in 30 games, with nine homers and 43 RBI.

Congratulations to Brent on an unreal season, and we cannot wait to see what is next for him in his baseball career.



Photo's courtesy of Brent Iredale on Instagram.

# Coaches Corner

## Stay Ahead in Coaching: Find Everything You Need Online!

Coaching is at the heart of baseball development, and at Baseball NSW, we're here to support you on your journey. Whether you're just starting or looking to advance your skills, we've made it easier than ever to access all the coaching information you need!

**Looking for resources and guidance?** Visit our [Coaching Hub](#) for up-to-date coaching materials, guidelines, and development pathways.

## Want to attend a coaching course?

Check out upcoming opportunities under our [Events Tab](#) or explore courses on Canopi, our dedicated coaching education platform.

Don't miss out on the latest coaching insights – stay informed, stay prepared, and help grow the game! Check out our upcoming Level C Courses below which are filling up quickly!

For any questions, feel free to reach out to us at [coaching@baseballnsw.com.au](mailto:coaching@baseballnsw.com.au).



# Coaches Corner cont.

## Baseball NSW Coaching Accreditation Level B 2026

**Baseball NSW Coaching Accreditation Level B**  
**Blacktown International Sports Park**  
**All dates from 8:30am. to 5:30pm.**

These Level B coaching courses will be a whole day face to face event at Blacktown International Sports Park.

This is the practical component of the Coaching Accreditation.

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

- Sunday 1 February 2026
- Sunday 22 March 2026
- Sunday 19 April 2026
- Sunday 31 May 2026
- Sunday 28 June 2026
- Sunday 26 July 2026
- Sunday 23 August 2026
- Sunday 20 September 2026
- Sunday 25 October 2026
- Sunday 29 November 2026

Please [click here](#) to register for a course that suits you.



# Strike Zone

## NSWBUA Annual Umpire Seminar

Baseball NSW and the NSW Baseball Umpires Association invites all interested participants to join the 2025 NSWBUA Annual Umpire Seminar – Adult Baseball from **19 to 20 July 2025 at the Blacktown International Sports Park.**

The two-day event starts at **8:30a.m.** and ends at **4:30p.m**

[Click here](#) for all the details.

## 2025 NSWBUA Annual General Meeting

All members of the NSWBUA are requested to attend the annual general meeting on **22 July 2025 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Blacktown International Sports Park – Baseball Function Room.**

[Click here](#) for more details.



## Illawarra Baseball – Association Umpire Seminar (abridged) 2025

Interested applicants are invited to attend the 2025 Association Umpire Seminar (abridged) on **16 August 2025 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at Hector Harvey Park at Gilba Road Dapto.**

[Click this link for more details.](#)

# Aussies Across Borders



## Team Australia Pitcher Lachlan Wells Inks Deal w/ Kiwoom Heroes

Baseball NSW congratulates NSW Country and Newcastle native, as well as former Sydney Blue Sox pitcher, Lachlan Wells, on his new deal with the Kiwoom Heroes of the Korean Baseball Organization (KBO). The KBO is one of the world's biggest pro baseball leagues.

The 28-year-old LHP has signed a six-week deal with the Heroes as an injury replacement for another foreign pitcher, Kenny Rosenberg, for a reported salary of \$30,000 (USD).

Prior to signing with the Heroes, Wells started for the Adelaide Giants during the 2024-2025 season of the Australian Baseball League. He helped the team to a 5-1 record with an ERA of 3.17.

He also led the league with 66 strikeouts and even threw a near-perfect game in the playoffs. Wells played six seasons in



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the ABL, appearing in 34 games and setting a record of 13-3 with an ERA of 2.91.

Previously, Wells also won the ABL's Most Valuable Player award during the 2023-2024 campaign.

He also played in the minor leagues for the Minnesota Twins and the Philadelphia Phillies. In his five seasons, he appeared in 66 games, ending with a 23-27 record with an ERA of 3.14.

We wish Lachlan the best of luck with the Heroes and hope to continue seeing our players take up opportunities internationally!

# BNSW Announce BlueSox 2025/26 Season Update

**Baseball NSW is pleased to announce its support for the Sydney Blue Sox as they confirm their participation in the 2025/26 Australian Baseball League (ABL) season.**

Baseball NSW is proud to stand behind the Blue Sox's continued presence in the ABL, under exciting new leadership.

We encourage our entire membership to get behind the team as the Blue Sox look to improve on their success of last season, having finished Minor Premiers.

While the league has undergone significant changes, the Blue Sox remain a vital part of the New South Wales baseball community. Having given many NSW juniors a pathway and opportunity for success, the ABL have remained committed to showcasing the best quality Australian talent.

BNSW will be offering strategic, promotional, and community engagement support to help elevate the team's presence and strengthen ties with the grassroots baseball community. Notably, Baseball NSW's support of the Blue Sox does not involve a financial commitment,



but rather a shared belief in the value of elite local baseball.

"The Sydney Blue Sox's participation in the Australian Baseball League is vital for the growth and visibility of baseball in New South Wales" said James Morley, Interim CEO of Baseball NSW. "It provides a clear pathway for our homegrown talent to compete at the highest level nationally, inspires the next generation of players, and strengthens community engagement with the sport. We are eager to be working with Cole and the Black Pearl Sports Group for the coming ABL season".

"We are also excited for the opportunities that this partnership will provide to our grassroots membership and elite athletes" says Morley.

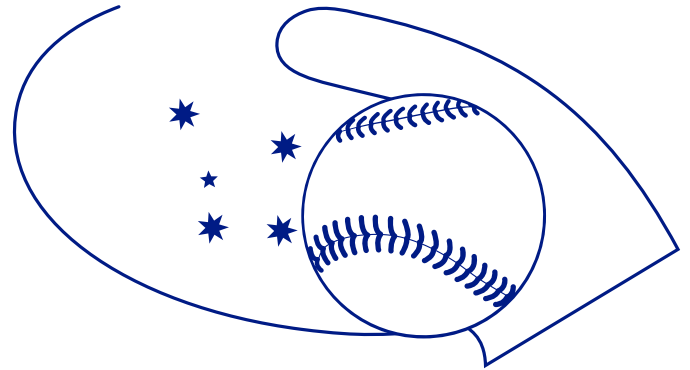
# BNSW Announce BlueSox 2025/26 Season Update cont.

“At the heart of everything we’re building is a belief in opportunity, community, and integrity,” said Cole Sherertz, Managing Director of Black Pearl Sports Group.

“My deepest passion is serving people. I love people, and I love culture — especially when it’s rooted in great baseball. What we’re building in Sydney has the power to inspire far beyond the diamond. We’re laying the foundation for a new era of baseball in Australia.”

Baseball NSW encourages all members to rally behind the Sydney Blue Sox this summer. Their success is our success – let’s fill the stands, wear our colours, and continue building a strong future for baseball in New South Wales.

Our Interim CEO, James Morley, shares an important message with extra details



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of the decisions behind our partnership this season. You can read the letter via the button below.

**For more information on the Sydney Blue Sox and the upcoming ABL season, visit:**  
[www.sydneybluesox.com.au](http://www.sydneybluesox.com.au)



# NSW Finish Strong at 2025 Junior & Intermediate League Nationals

**Baseball NSW congratulates Cronulla and Hills teams for representing New South Wales at the 2025 Junior and Intermediate League Nationals.**

What a tournament it was for these teams, as they battled weather and relocation to get to the finals! Cronulla fell 5-2 to the eventual gold medalist Brisbane North in the Junior League semi-final.

Brisbane's bats only produced three hits, but their pitching helped save the game. Chase Crew pitched for 7.0 innings, allowing two runs, four hits, and four walks while striking out eight.

For Cronulla, Zac Jacenko led the charge with a triple, while Ben Napier and Liam McGuckin-Anderson each had an RBI.

While Cronulla may have fallen short this year, we still congratulate their efforts and their success at making it to the semi-final round.



*Photo's courtesy of Baseball.com.au*

In the Intermediate League, Hills has proven its championship mettle once again, as the experienced squad, with players who had won the 2024 Little League Nationals, sealed the deal at this year's Intermediate League Nationals.

Moreover, Hills dominated the Melbourne Athletics 12-2, with Sayre Howick striking out 12 hitters and Hugh

# NSW Finish Strong at 2025 Junior & Intermediate League Nationals cont.

Graham hitting a massive dinger that kickstarted their momentum. His monster two-run homer tied the game and sparked the Hills rally.

Melbourne had built a 2-0 lead after the first two innings, but Hills' bats heated up in the third, fifth, and sixth, scoring four runs.

It was an all-around victory for Hills. Not only were their bats sizzling, but their pitching was also superb.

Ten players combined for 12 hits, including Anton Jacovides, Harry Hobbs, and Justin Jang. Likewise, Howick threw for 5.0 innings and allowed for five hits and two runs.

This win sends Hills to their second straight World Series, to be played in Livermore, California.

It was an impressive showing from both clubs, who dealt with the rain-outs that postponed the final games for both leagues earlier in the month.

BNSW congratulates both teams for their efforts and success, and we wish Hills the very best of luck as they make their way to the World Series!

**For more information on the full event recaps (Junior and Intermediate League) visit our website [here](#).**



# NSW Finish Strong at 2025 Junior & Intermediate League Nationals cont.



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# NSW Finish Strong at 2025 Junior & Intermediate League Nationals cont.



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# Little League Nationals 2025 Wrap Up

## NSW Teams Secure Three Top Five Positions at 2025 Little League Nationals

What a showing from our NSW teams at the 2025 Little League Nationals held in Blacktown, Sydney! This year, we couldn't punch the World Series ticket, but congratulations to silver medallists Ryde Red, with Manly Maroon finishing in third place and Macarthur in fifth, overall.

Baseball NSW proudly congratulates Ryde Red on earning their place in the Grand Final. They faced off against Brisbane North in a tough battle for the Gold Medal and a coveted spot at the Little League World Series in Williamsport.

Although they fell short, we are incredibly proud of their effort and achievement in winning the silver medal at the recently concluded Little League Nationals!

Ryde fell on the other end of a complete shutout game from Brisbane's Braxton



Photo's courtesy of Baseball.com.au

# Little League Nationals 2025

## Wrap Up cont.

Black, who struck out 12 batters and allowed only four hits and two walks.

Still, Ryde's pesky pitching staff of Miles Powell, Flynn Helliard, and Jenson Koch gave the opposing team major trouble as well. Brisbane only managed three hits all game, resorting to walks, errors, and passed balls to move around the diamond.

Both Ryde and Brisbane dominated Pool A, moving on to the gold medal game having lost only once. Likewise, Manly ruled over Pool B, going undefeated until losing to Brisbane at the semi-final.

Manly followed closely, withstanding a late rally from Gold Coast in the last inning to win the bronze medal 6-4. Charlie Fegan started the game and pitched 5.0 innings, striking out 11 batters.

Strong play from Manly gave them a 6-1 lead into the last inning. However, Chris Hill of Gold Coast led his team all the way back with a three-run homer off the top of the wall, cutting the lead to 6-4. Still, Manly's early play was too much to overcome. They hit first with three runs deep in the second. Gus Phegan scored on a bases loaded walk while Tyson Storey scored another run on an error. Koen Needs also scored on a sacrifice fly. Congratulations to Manly on a tough fought win for the bronze.

Meanwhile, Macarthur also rode a 4-1 record from Pool A, though they bowed out of the three-way tie to advance to the semi-final. They also withstood another late rally from Southern Titans to secure the 8-6 win.



Like Manly, Macarthur built a huge lead, 6-0, heading into the late innings. However, an Aiden Wieman triple scored three runs for the Titans, making it a game in the last inning. Despite Macarthur's bats going cold, making only four hits throughout the game, they still found a way to move their runners around. Lucas Falls went 1-1 and walked twice, and he also had two runs with an RBI.

These NSW squads comprise three of the top five placings Nationally, highlighting an unreal strength across the board in our LL division.

Once again BNSW wishes to congratulate all the NSW squads for representing the state with such strength at the Little League Nationals this year!

**We can't wait to see what the future holds for these teams!**

# Little League Nationals 2025 Wrap Up cont.



Photo's courtesy of Baseball.com.au

# Cronulla Features Brother-Sister Duo in 2025 Nationals

**This year, a brother and sister pair will have played for the same club in the Nationals--Bailey and Matilda May from Cronulla!**

Bailey played on the Cronulla Black squad representing New South Wales at the 2025 Junior League Nationals in June while his sister Matilda will represent Cronulla Black in the Little League Girls Division in July.

Likewise, Bailey also received his team's Little League "Courage, Character, Loyalty" medal honor after Cronulla Black won gold at the 2025 Junior League State Championships.

Their mother Rachel shares that Bailey and Matilda are part of a family of four siblings, with their older brother Charlie inspiring them to take up baseball. His continued support has been instrumental in nurturing their love for the sport.

Moreover, additional family lore roots the siblings deeper in sport.

Their grandfather, for example, represented Australia in softball,



*Photo courtesy of Rachel May: Bailey and Matilda May.*

and was also one of the founding members of a sport association that became the baseball club Illawong Marlins, where the kids also play. On the other hand, their great aunt was the first Australian woman cricketer to take a wicket at Lord's.

Rachel also said that for the kids (particularly her little girl Matilda), watching their brothers play baseball was the key factor in pushing them to enter the sport.

"Watching Charlie play for our local team, the Illawong Marlins, inspired them to pick up a bat and glove themselves," Rachel said.

# Cronulla Features Brother-Sister Duo in 2025 Nationals cont.

On and off the field, Bailey and Matilda are also very supportive of each other. "They are each other's biggest cheerleaders," she said.

This mutual support also started from playing baseball in their yard during their early childhood years. Now, as they've grown older, they give each other tips "when they watch videos of each other pitching or batting or when the family discusses games around the dinner table."

Currently, Matilda and Charlie are with their parents in Northern NSW to watch and support Bailey as Cronulla Black look to repeat as Junior League Champions. (Per Baseball Australia, the team has clinched a spot in the Finals in after posting a 3-0 record in pool play.)

After the Juniors, Rachel said it'll be Bailey's turn to cheer on Matilda as she plays in Little League Girls at Redcliffe Baseball Club in July. It's even more special this year since it'll be Matilda's first chance to play in the Nationals, while it's already Bailey's third.

"It's heartwarming to see how they lift each other up and celebrate each other's successes," she said.

Thanks to her daughter's experiences with baseball, Rachel noted how sports are now becoming more accessible to young girls.

"It is wonderful there are now opportunities for the girls to develop in this sport and have [access to] pathways that were historically geared towards boys," she said.



*Photo courtesy of Rachel May: Matilda May.*



*Photo courtesy of Rachel May: Bailey May.*

Likewise, playing baseball together for that long has instilled in the siblings some useful values on and off the diamond.

Rachel says that as parents they've always "emphasized the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship."

# Cronulla Features Brother-Sister Duo in 2025 Nationals cont.

Thanks to these values, Bailey and Matilda are able to “navigate the challenges of competitive sports while maintaining a strong sibling bond.”

“Baseball has helped our kids develop resilience and grit in more ways than we could have ever imagined,” she added.

Baseball has also improved the siblings’ bond with each other. As Rachel mentioned, the sport “provides opportunities for shared experiences, mutual support, and the development of valuable life skills.”

On a final note, Rachel also shared some advice to other families who want to introduce their kids to sports, not just baseball.

“Our advice would be to encourage them to find a sport they enjoy and to emphasise the fun and teamwork of the game,” she

said. “As parents, we have always believed in the importance of team sport so kids can be part of something bigger than themselves, which will be especially important as they navigate [their] teenage years.”

She also shared a particularly helpful motto they’ve learned from the Illawong Marlins.

“Success is not if they win a premiership,” she said. “The real success is if the kids want to return to sport the next season.”

Baseball NSW wishes both Bailey and Matilda continued success and a stronger relationship as they continue their baseball adventures!

Their story is a wonderful reminder that baseball is truly a sport for all – one that brings families together, fosters lifelong connections, and creates opportunities for every generation to thrive.



# Tamworth June Long Weekend Carnival 2025

## Baseball NSW congratulates Tamworth Baseball Association for successfully hosting their annual June Long Weekend Baseball Carnival!

For over 50 years, the Tamworth Baseball Association has hosted this Long Weekend carnival that covers all ages with men, women, and mixed teams from all over New South Wales, Queensland, and the Australian Capital Territory coming together for a great weekend of baseball.

The tournament invited teams from all over to play baseball and strengthen the friendships built over the years through this beautiful game. The long weekend carnival is a great opportunity for families to play with each other, old mates to take the diamonds as a team again.

Moreover, the tournament also allowed players of all skill levels to participate in a team from A grade to J grade.

Tournament organiser and President of the Cougars Baseball Club, Hayley Bullock, also shared a few words about the carnival's success. "All in all I think it was a success, like friendships made, and



people get to catch up once again," she said. "Overall the standard of baseball was pretty good for the weekend."

She also noted the tournament's accessibility to everyone who has a passion for baseball.

"[The tournament] is for everybody," she said. "It's for the more elite players who play at the high level and the higher grades, right down to those who are just here for the pure enjoyment and love for the game."

**BNSW and the NSW Country Baseball Association joins everyone in looking forward to the next iteration of the carnival... we'll see everyone next year!**

# Tamworth June Long Weekend Carnival 2025 cont.

WINNERS ALL GRADES	
<b>A Grade</b>	<b>F Grade</b>
Deadstars	Roughtails
<b>B Grade</b>	<b>G Grade</b>
Ramen Raiders	The Giants
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Beers	Beers Gold
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Muppets	Beers White



# 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.



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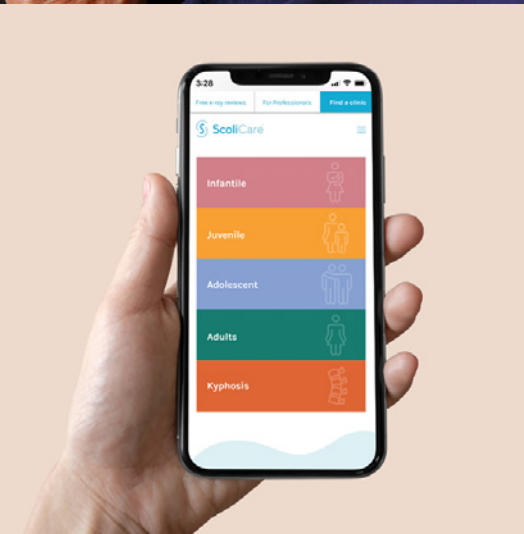
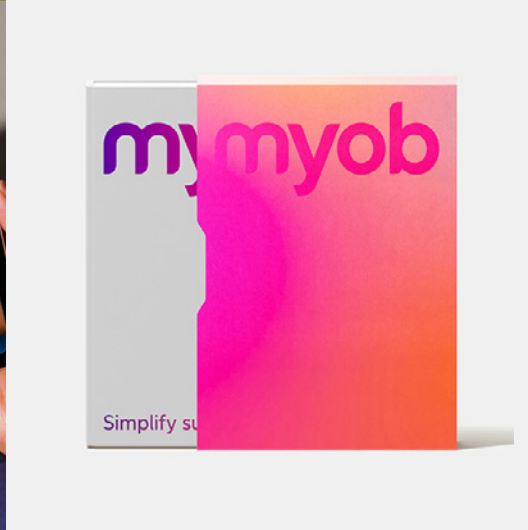
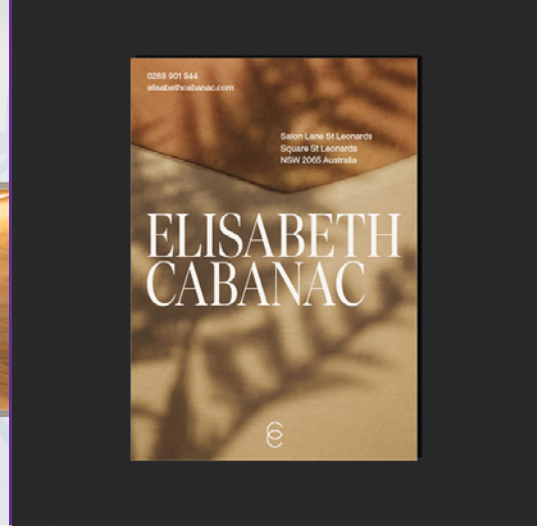


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