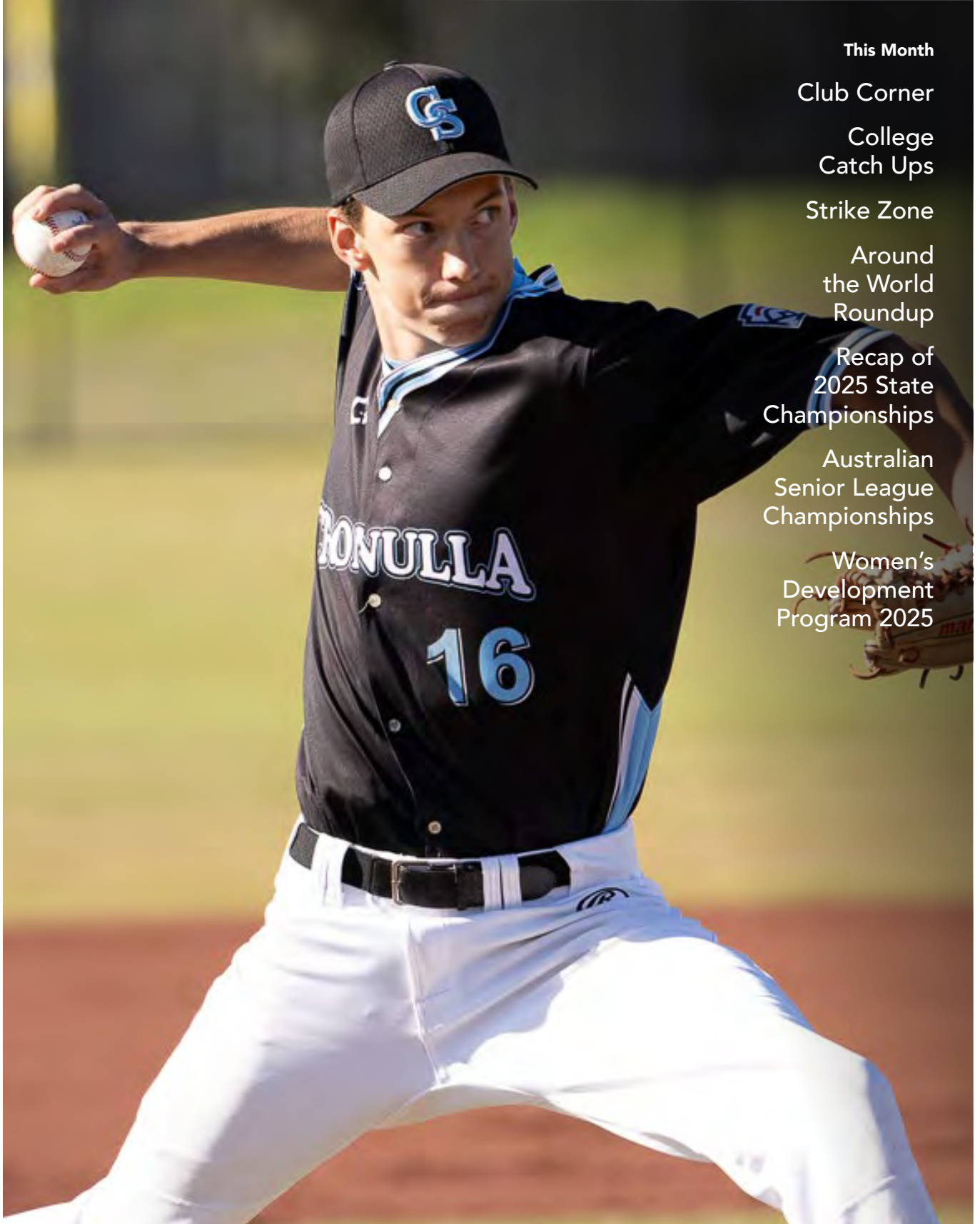




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Photo by Karen Jeffs

# Recognising Hard Work BNSW Monthly Award Winners



## Coach

**Jules Southwell - Eastern Suburbs Dolphins**

She has helped develop my skills for fielding throughout the two seasons I have played on the Dolphins team.

## Scorer

**Jo-Anne Riley - GWBA Metro**

Jo has been a scorer for many years for various clubs. Always happy to stand up and fill in where needed. Hard working behind the scenes lady. Always a pleasure to score with.

## Umpire

**Cate Moon - MacKillop**

Cate is an emerging umpire. Being a player for many seasons it's great to see her transition into another role. She will be a great asset.

## Volunteer

**Leanne Gately - MacKillop**

Leanne co-founded MacKillop Baseball Club in 1989 and remains a driving force behind its success. Her commitment to inclusion and junior growth is unmatched, and her tireless work running the canteen at Chapman Gardens supports both MacKillop and Warriors grade games, making her vital to the club's continued success.



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

# BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 May entries



Photo by Jayme Burrows – 'Blood, Sweat & Tears.'



Photo by Lily Atkins – 'Eyes on Noah Atkins.'



Photo by Peter Spanidis – 'Two Pots of Gold.'



Photo by Luke Hsieh – 'Early Mornings.'

# 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](#)

## May Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner from Lily Atkins - 'Eyes on Noah Atkins.'

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 Lily Atkins - 'Eyes on Noah Atkins.'

# 2025 Major Events Dates & Venues Announced

As our Metro Season comes 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!**



Event	Date	Host	Venue
<b>Australian Junior &amp; Intermediate League Championships</b>	28th May to 1st June 2025	Baseball Australia	Albert Park and Gold Coast, QLD
<b>2025 Umpire Community Course</b>	6th June 2025	Tamworth Baseball Association	Tamworth

# 2025 Major Events

## Dates & Venues Announced cont.

Event	Date	Host	Venue
<b>Tamworth Baseball Carnival</b>	6th to 9th June 2025	Tamworth Baseball Association	Carters Lane, Tamworth
<b>Australian Little League Division I Championships</b>	6th to 13th June 2025	Baseball Australia	Blacktown International Sportspark – Softball
<b>U16, U18 &amp; Women's Country Championship</b>	21st to 22nd June 2025	BNSW Country	Illawarra
<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
<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 always looking for ways to grow and improve our great sport, and that starts with understanding the experiences of people who know it best: you.**

Whether you're part of a local club or a representative team, a player, parent, coach, or volunteer – we want to hear about your experience with baseball in NSW. We also welcome feedback from past members. Even if you're not currently involved with our sport anymore, your experience matters!

[\*\*Click here to complete the survey!\*\*](#)

### **About This Survey**

This survey is designed to better understand how members experience baseball across all levels and formats. We're particularly interested in:

- How satisfied you are with your club, coach, and competitions
- What you value most about baseball
- How inclusive and supportive the sport feels



- Your interest in development programs like camps, clinics, and pathways
- Ideas for improving participation, especially among teenagers and females

The survey takes around 8 minutes to complete, and your responses can be submitted anonymously if you prefer.

Click on the link above to begin shaping the future of baseball in NSW.

**The survey will be open until the 14th of June, so get in quick!**

**Thank you for being part of our baseball community!**

# Club Corner cont.

# Free Game Day Registration Training 2025

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.

# Free De-Escalation Training Course from Sport NSW!

Baseball NSW is inviting members to join the free de-escalation, occupational violence and aggression training course hosted by Sport NSW, with the support of the NSW Office of Sport.

This course is recommended for Club/Community Development Managers, Coordinators and Officers, Competition Management and Operations Staff (including venues, ground managers, and key volunteers at the community sport level.)

Feel free to reach out to Sport NSW if you want to know if this course suits you.

After the sessions, participants should have attained the following outcomes:

- Enhanced situational awareness
- Recognising early signs of escalating situations
- Manage emotions and communicate effectively in aggressive situations
- Implement de-escalation strategies while



- maintaining composure
- Enhance confidence in managing aggressive situations
- Use appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication in aggressive situations
- Learn how to address different types of aggressors, including those influenced by drugs and alcohol

The course is scheduled on Wednesday, 11 June 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at The Erina Centre, Erina Fair, 620-658 Terrigal Dr., Erina NSW 2250.

[Click here](#) to register for the event.

**Please note that the course only holds a maximum of 25 places, on a first-come first-served basis, so register quickly!**

# Club Corner cont.

# Australian Sports Commission Workshop for Women and Girls

## Join Free Community Coaching and Officiating Workshops from the Australian Sports Commission!

The Australian Sports Commission invites interested coaches and officials to a free workshop designed to support those who are working with women and girls in sport.

The program engages participants in practical activities, collaborative learning sessions, and discussion groups, all tailored to their needs.

These free workshops will also take place across Western Australia, New South Wales, and Tasmania. Moreover, while the workshop focuses on women and girls, it is open to coaches and officials of all genders.

However, spaces are limited, so please apply today! Your participation will help create a more inclusive future in sport.



*Photo courtesy of Studio Honsa.*

Register now by [clicking here](#).

Likewise, you can learn more about the workshops on this webpage from the [Australian Sports Commission](#).

# Club Corner cont. Club Success Webinar: 'Planning for the Future'

Baseball NSW invites interested participants to join the Club Success Webinar titled "Planning for the Future," hosted by CLUBMAP!

This free webinar will be on Monday, 2 June 2025 at 07:00p.m. AEST.

It offers participating community sports clubs the opportunity to build a roadmap to achieve success not only in 2025 but in the future.

Set your club up for long-term success and register for the webinar [here](#).

You can also sign up for regular updates [here](#).

Finally, if you want more webinars, feel free to look into more sessions of the fortnightly series by [clicking here](#).



# 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

Let's check on how New South Wales' own young players are doing in college!

## **Brent Iredale – Arkansas Razorbacks**

The Arkansas Razorbacks are the No. 3 national seed heading to the NCAA Tournament, though betting odds have currently [put them as the favourite](#) to win the College World Series in June, ahead of LSU, Vanderbilt, North Carolina, and Texas.

Sydney's own Brent Iredale should contribute to the Razorbacks' campaign to lift the trophy next month. Per Baseball Australia, Iredale is hitting .297 with 12 homers this year and was recently named as one of the MLB Pipeline's Top 150 draft prospects.

## **Blake Cavill – Troy University**

On the other hand, fellow Sydney-sider Blake Cavill has been making a name for himself at Troy University. In college, Cavill has reached base for an amazing 65 straight games. He also led the team with an average of .341 in 50 games with 11 homers and 49 RBI.



Photo: Brent Iredale.



Photo: Blake Cavill.

# College Catchups cont. Max Miotto Commits to Missouri State University – West Plains

**Baseball NSW congratulates and wishes Max Miotto well in the next stage of his career after the two-way player committed to Missouri State University - West Plains, a junior college in the United States.**

During his Australian career, Max has already gathered a few accomplishments under his belt.

From 2022 to 2024, he represented New South Wales at the Australian Youth Championships and joined Team Australia's U18 roster in 2024. In 2019, he also played in the Little League World Series with Cronulla. Max currently plays for Petersham Leichhardt in the winter

and Manly-Warringah in the summer.

Speaking to Baseball Australia, Max described his playing career in Australia.

"Playing for Australia in the Little League World Series when I was 12 really inspired me to work harder to push myself to compete at the highest level," he said.

He added, "More recently, being part of those three NSW teams at AYC has given me valuable experience and shown me what it's like to be part of a highly competitive and committed team."

Additionally, the Sydney infielder and pitcher cited Blue Sox player Max Brennan as one of his influences. Brennan has also seen success in the state league in Sydney.

"He has definitely been a big influence on my baseball journey," Max said of Brennan. "He's a great role model in the way he plays the game and is a fierce

# College Catchups cont. Max Miotto Commits to Missouri State University – West Plains

competitor. I have learned a lot from him both physically and mentally.”

Besides his competitive drive, Max also brings his big frame, strong plate discipline, and strong compact swing plus bat-to-ball skills to the Missouri Grizzlies. He also has a nice pitching arm with decent velocity.

“I’m a strong all-around player that will do whatever it takes for the team,” he said.

Likewise, West Plains should make good use of his two-way talents, as they’d let him both hit and pitch there.

“I see my baseball development as a two-way player as being really strong,” he remarked. “The coaches have been on board with the goals I want to achieve. I know they’ll push me to improve every

part of my game. I’m excited to keep learning, work hard, and grow both as a player and teammate.”

Still, there are some parts of his game that he wants to prioritize.

“I’m hoping to improve my mental toughness and going through failures and also overall consistency on and off the field,” he said.

Playing for the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 16, Missouri State University - West Plains has a record of 16-37 overall and a 3-11 record in the conference.

**Congratulations again, Max, from the BNSW family!**



# 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

Baseball NSW Coaching  
Accreditation Level B  
@ Watanobbi Oval (NSW Country)

## Course Details:

Sunday 13 July 2025

8:30a.m. to 5:30p.m.

D1 Watanobbi Baseball Field

This Level B coaching course will be a whole day face to face event. 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

**Note:** U18 coaches, must still enrol into the WWCC component, and upload a copy of their birth certificate, driver's licence or photo card for proof of age.

Please [click here](#) to register for the course through your Canopi account.

Baseball NSW Coaching  
Accreditation Level B  
@ Blacktown International Sports Park:

## Course Details:

All dates are from 8.30am to 5.30pm

- Sunday 20 July 2025
- Sunday 24 August
- Sunday 21 September
- Sunday 19 October
- Sunday 16 November
- Sunday 14 December

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



# Coaches Corner cont.

## Baseball NSW Coaching Accreditation Level C

### Baseball NSW Coaching Accreditation Level C

Baseball NSW have limited spaces available for the upcoming Level C Course being held over 6 weeks from June to August. You must attend all weeks of this course. Please pre-register through your Canopi account to attend and get your accreditation.

#### Course Details:

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.**

# 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](#)



## Umpire Community Course

Baseball NSW and the Tamworth Baseball Association would like to invite all interested umpires to join the 2025 Umpire Community Course to be hosted by the Tamworth Baseball Association on **6 June 2025, from 5:30p.m. to 8:00p.m.**

This event will be held at Field 8, Carter St Tamworth NSW 2340.

You can register for the event by [clicking here.](#)



# Aussies Across Borders



## Coen Wynne Shines in LG Twins Debut

Team Australia/Sydney Blue Sox pitcher and former BNSW State Development Officer Coen Wynne starred in his debut for the LG Twins versus the SSG Landers in the Korean Baseball League (KBO), the top league in South Korea.

Before the game, the Twins had named Coen their starting pitcher, and he rewarded his team's trust by giving up only five hits, three earned runs, and a single walk in his six innings of action.

Last April, the Twins had signed Coen to a Temporary Foreign Replacement Player deal as a substitute for their injured import Elieser Hernandez, per Baseball.com.au. Chosun Biz also reported that the Twins signed Coen only six days after they announced the test results for Hernandez on 16 April.

Prior to his Korean stint, Wynne played for Team Australia at the Premier12 and became a starter for the Blue Sox.



As starter and reliever for the Sox, Wynne posted a 2.35 ERA in 38.1 innings with a WHIP of .934 in 2024-25. His numbers earned him a nomination for Pitcher of the Year while helping the team win the minor premiership.

Currently, per MyKBO Stats, the Twins have won two games in a row to cement their hold on the top spot in the KBO standings with a record of 22-12.

**Check out the highlights from Coen's debut by [clicking here!](#)**

# Aussies Across Borders cont.

# Around The

# World Roundup

**Do you want to know how our very own Australian players are doing in the pros? You've come to the right place!**

According to Baseball Australia, over 30 Australians are playing pro baseball in North America and Asia, with 22 of them playing in a club affiliated with Major League Baseball.

Meanwhile, one player is in Japan and one is in Korea, while the rest are playing independent baseball.

For our BNSW community, here are some updates on New South Wales' very own!

## **Travis Bazzana**

In Double-A baseball, the top pick of the 2024 MLB Draft has already hit four homers with 17 RBI for an average of .252. Likewise, in the last ten games for the Akron RubberDucks (the Cleveland Guardians' AA team), Bazzana has gone on base while slashing .279/.362/.795 in May. However, a recent injury had sidelined him and he has yet to return to the lineup.

## **Solomon Maguire**

After his assignment to the Bradenton Marauders from the FCL Pirates in April, outfielder Solomon Maguire was unfortunately released from the team in May. Maguire averaged .170 in 130 minor league games since 2021.

## **Adam Bates**

Bates has had an impressive showing in his first year above Rookie Ball, posting a 4.68 ERA in 25.0 innings through seven games for the Salem Red Sox (Boston Red Sox). In May, Bates also posted an ERA of 3.46.

## **Clayton Campbell**

Campbell is in the Rookie League playing in the Florida Complex where he has gone 5-for-20.

## **Coen Wynne**

Wynne has started two games for the LG Twins in the KBO. In his debut, he threw for 6.0 innings and allowed just three earned runs off five wins, helping the team pick up the win. In his second start, he allowed four runs in 5.0 innings and the Twins won again. For the Twins, Wynne has posted a 5.73 ERA and 1.09 WHIP. The Twins are in first place in the KBO, and Wynne is poised to make another start.

## **Will Riley**

In Canada's Frontier League, the Lismore native has already smashed two homers in his first five pro games in Quebec. He has also driven in six runs.

## **Rixon Wingrove**

Wingrove has decided not to play this season in accordance with Korean import rules for the KBO's 2026 season. He is on the Kansas City Monarchs in the American Association.

# 2025 State Championships Recap

## Wrapping up the 2025 Representative Season - Congratulations to all our winners!

As we conclude all our major events for the 2024/25 representative season, Baseball NSW congratulates the winners of all our events: Cronulla White (Rookies Cup), the Macarthur Colts (Little League & Division 2), Hills (Intermediate League), Cronulla Black (Junior League), and Ryde Red (Senior League)!

BNSW applauds all the players for showing the skill and competitive spirit needed to clinch victory in this year's representative tournaments. Likewise, congratulations also goes to the team's managers, coaches, and officials for their leadership and guidance to their teams.

Early in the year, we saw the NSW Rookies Cup kickstart our rep tournaments, with Cronulla White winning the field! Out of 26 participants, Cronulla White, Manly Blue, Ryde Green, and Ryde Black became Pool Champions.



This tournament aims to introduce the community's youngest players to the world of rep baseball, and its smashing success certainly helped inspire the teams to keep playing and learning the game. Congratulations to the players, teams, volunteers, and parents who gave their time and energy to make the tournament a success!

Bouncing back from their defeat in the 2024 LL State Championships, the Colts' Little League squad secured the gold medal last April with a hard-fought win against Manly Maroon, while the Colts' Div II squad edged out Cronulla Blue in a high-scoring 18-10 affair to win the gold.

# 2025 State Championships

## Recap cont.

The Colts also dominated Little League, finishing with a 6-1 record and a total of 58 runs scored and 24 allowed.

In the Intermediate League, Hills relied on the experience gained from their 2024 Little League World Series win at Williamsport to put themselves over the top against Ryde to win the gold in the IL. Justin Jang singled in the bottom of the third to score two runs for Hills, breaking a 2-2 tie that led to the win.

Cronulla Black won the Junior League at Knights Field, beating Hills Red, amid the inclement weather that postponed the games for a week. Falling down a five-run deficit, Cronulla stormed back and scored seven runs off four hits to effectively steal the game.

Finally, Ryde Red ended this year's chapter of their longstanding rivalry with Cronulla Blue by winning the 2025 Senior League State Championships. Kai Ueki's single to center field in the bottom of the seventh won the game for Ryde in an epic walk-off. Both teams have gone toe-to-toe in the past few years, their rivalry starting in Little League.

**Check out the full team rosters below and show them some love:**

[Click here](#) for 2025 Rookies Cup.

[Click here](#) for 2025 Little League.

[Click here](#) for 2025 Little League Div II.

[Click here](#) for 2025 Junior League.

[Click here](#) for 2025 Intermediate League.

[Click here](#) for 2025 Senior League.



# State Championships 2025 Junior League: Cronulla Black Rally to Victory

Despite trailing by as many as five runs, Cronulla dug deep and found a way to win against Hills Red 9-5 to clinch the Junior League championship on 4 May 2025 at Knights Field.

Hills jumped to an early lead in the bottom of the third, scoring runs off Isaac Meighan's single down the right field, Jaydan Rogan and Hayden Salmon's walk, and Jack Drummond's grounder into a fielder's choice.

However, Cronulla flipped the game on its head with a rally in the seventh, scoring seven runs off four hits to take the lead, 9-5.

Benjamin Napier, Travis Holborow, Zac Jacenko, and Liam Carmody each had two hits for Cronulla; Napier, Carmody, and Bailey May batted in two runs. Meanwhile, Carmody also stole two bases.

This match saw the top team in the tournament, Cronulla Black (6-1), against the top four in Hills Red (4-2).



Along with the entire community, Baseball NSW congratulates both teams for a hard-fought game and thanks the Castle Hill Knights Baseball Club for helping make sure the games could be played and Nationals positions could be finalised.

Many thanks also goes to tournament director Andrew Clements for leading all efforts to make the tournament a resounding success.

**Good luck to both Cronulla and Hills at the Nationals!**

# State Championships 2025 Junior League: Cronulla Black Rally to Victory cont.

Photos by Charlie Straumietis



# Ryde Red & Cronulla Blue at 2025 Australian Senior League Championships

**BNSW congratulates Ryde Red and Cronulla Blue for their representation at the 2025 Australian Senior League Championships held at Geelong, Victoria from 21-25 May 2025.**

The Wanneroo Giants ultimately clinched the gold medal in a 7-2 victory over the Brisbane Metro, while the Eastern Phantoms defeated the Melbourne Rangers 10-5 to win the bronze. Both our NSW teams narrowly missed the semi-finals, going 2-2 and both finishing 3rd in their respective pools.

Meanwhile, in the final days Ryde Red and Cronulla Blue played out their Consolation Games, with Ryde defeating the Melbourne Mets on Day 4 and then going



*Photo courtesy of Baseball Australia (baseball.com.au)*

# Ryde Red & Cronulla Blue at 2025 Australian Senior League Championships cont.

on to draw against the Adelaide Armada in the Fifth Place Final. Cronulla lost to Adelaide but then went on to finish their tournament on a high, with a win in their matchup against the Canberra Rangers on the Final Day.

Ryde Red rode an undefeated streak in the NSW State Championships to clinch a spot in the Nationals. They beat Ryde Black in the semifinal to advance and won gold in the State Championships against Cronulla Blue in a thrilling 3-2 walk-off win.

Meanwhile, Cronulla relied on their pitching and defense to advance to the Nationals, allowing only 13 runs in six games at the State Championships. They defeated Cronulla Black in the semifinal at State to advance to the nationals.

BNSW wishes the rest of the NSW squads in the other division the best of luck as the Nationals continue with the Little League, Junior League, and Intermediate League Championships!



Photos by Karen Jeffs

# Registrations Now Open for 2025 Women's Development Program

## Baseball NSW is inviting interested participants to register in the 2025 Women's Development Program (WDP)!

The WDP is Baseball NSW's female-focused winter high-performance program that runs from mid-July to early September. The WDP operates in two tiers: the Women's Elite Tier and the Women's Futures Tier giving our players the best opportunity to develop in the environment best suited to them.

Both tiers run concurrently on the same dates and at the same venue. However, they will follow separate session plans that are appropriate to the skill levels of the individual players. Likewise, both tiers will challenge all participants, regardless of skill level, giving them the best chance to sharpen their skills in the offseason.

This year, Grahame Cassel will lead the

WDP and he will be assisted by a pool of coaching talent with experience at multiple levels of baseball, such as State Team coaches, NSW Women's League coaches, and Development coaching staff.

The WDP trials will be at the Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) Diamond 2. The trial dates are:

- **Tue, 24 June @ 6:00 p.m.**
- **Thu, 26 June (if required) @ 6:00 p.m.**

The WDP will not follow a specific age range. However, all athletes must have birth dates in or before 2011.

Training dates for the WDP can be found in our **information pack** [here!](#)

You can register for the WDP today either in the Information Pack or by clicking the link below and filling out the form.

[Click here](#) to register for the WDP. Registrations close at 11:59p.m. on Sunday 22 June 2025.

For any enquiries, [email Grahame Cassel](#).

# Diamond Advantage Announcement

**Baseball NSW are excited to continue our High Performance partnership between Diamond Advantage and our High Performance and Development Programs.**

Baseball NSW has been a major collaborator in the development of 'Diamond Advantage'. We have a joint objective of providing state of the art programming and technology for our athletes through advanced motion capture and sports science and making this more accessible to Australian baseballers and softballers.

Diamond Advantage are very fortunate to have Australia's leading sports scientists working alongside them, with internationally recognised advisors and coaches to help our baseballers continuously advance their skills. This program has been developed with the guidance of state and national sporting bodies for baseball and softball and with leading academic institutions such as Australian Catholic University, LaTrobe University and the University of Nebraska.



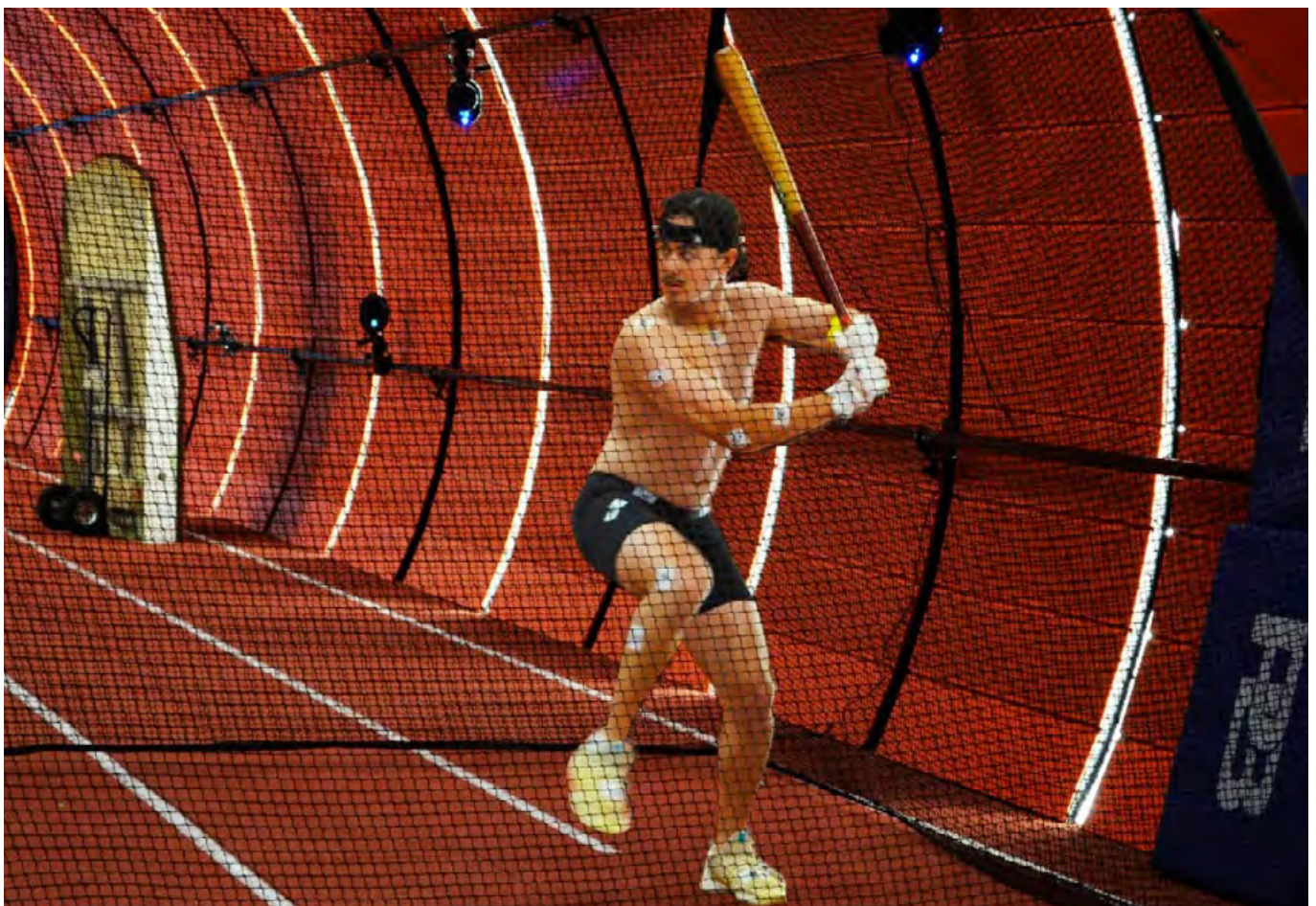
The program utilizes advanced technology specifically designed for sports biomechanic analysis to improve baseball and softball performance. The resounding feedback in establishing Diamond Advantage has been that this style of program will help Australia to continue our growing prominence in college and professional baseball.

Dave Ninnes is the founder for Diamond Advantage's and has been involved with Baseball NSW at multiple levels as a high-performance specialist coach. Dave has said that he is "deeply passionate about helping baseballers and softballers in Australia achieve their goals through this venture".

# Diamond Advantage Announcement cont.

Diamond Advantage have begun accepting applications for their next session starting July 17th. The session will include baseline testing, development, training, and analysis that can be used by the athlete to improve their own athletic advantage.

If this is something you're interested in participating in, spots are limited – We don't want you to miss out!  
**For all details email Diamond Advantage [here](#).**



# 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.

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



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](#).

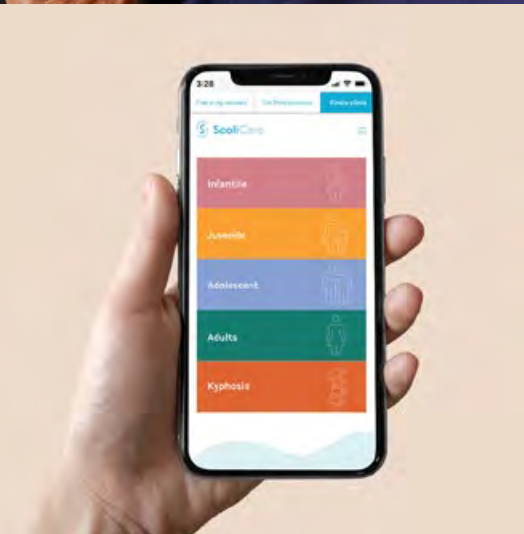
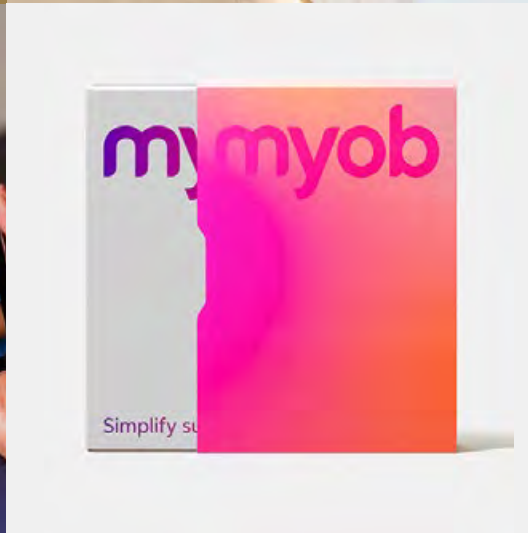
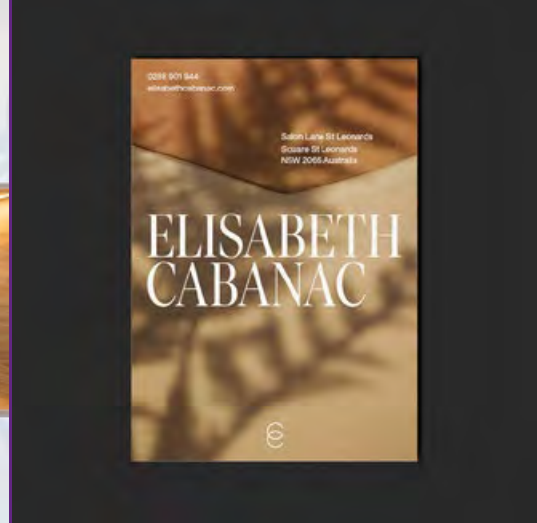


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