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Photo credit: Sydney Blue Sox.

Recognising Hard Work BNSW Monthly Award Winners



Volunteering

Jessica Sorensen, Illawong Marlins - Cronulla Sutherland Junior Baseball Association

Jessica Sorensen has been a dedicated Illawong Marlins volunteer, manager, scorer and supporter for over five years. She is currently the manager of LLMP Division 1. Her commitment goes far beyond logistics, fostering fun, inclusion, and sportsmanship. Her passion and commitment truly reflect the spirit of the Illawong Marlins.

Stuart Hitchcock, Illawong Marlins - CSJBA, StGBA, CSMLBA

Stuart Hitchcock is an exceptional volunteer, serving as our Club and Association Secretary, Draw Secretary and Canteen Supervisor. He consistently goes above and beyond, ensuring smooth operations across the Marlins. Stuart's reliability, organisation and dedication make a huge impact on our players, families and club community every week.

Coaching

Matt Redman, Camden Red Sox - Macarthur

Matt is a dedicated coach who goes above and beyond for every team in the competition, not just his own. He's passionate about developing young players, creating opportunities for all, and making baseball fun, inclusive, and accessible for everyone. A true champion for the game.

Scoring

Sian Fowler, St. George Junior Baseball Club - Cronulla Sutherland Junior Baseball Association

Sian manages taking care of her 5-year-old daughter while also scoring games every single week for her youngest son. In many cases she may miss out on watching her eldest son play due to her scoring week in week out so her time is very much appreciated!

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

BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 November entries



Photo by Mick Goddard – 'Hey I Need That.'



Photo by Amanda Tran – 'Look Mum I'm Flying.'

BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 November entries



Photo by Amanda Coles – ‘Close Your Eyes and Hope for the Best.’



Photo by Darlean Fullerton – ‘Tag at Home.’



Photo by Hutton – ‘Out or Safe?’

Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

Congratulations to this month's Volunteers of the Month submissions! 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 put forward these amazing volunteers for recognition.

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](#)

November Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner from Darlean Fullerton - 'Tag at Home.'

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 Darlean Fullerton - 'Tag at Home.'

Club Corner

Rangers Baseball Club is proud to announce a new community partnership with the NSW Ambulance GoodSAM Program, a life-saving initiative that connects registered volunteers to help save a life when somebody nearby goes into cardiac arrest through mobile alerts.

This collaboration marks a significant step in Rangers' ongoing commitment to community wellbeing, visibility, and engagement.

The core message of the program is to "help keep them alive, while paramedics arrive." According to the GoodSAM Program, more than 9,000 people experience an out of hospital cardiac arrest in NSW every year. For every minute a person in cardiac arrest doesn't receive chest compressions (CPR), their chances of survival fall by 7 to 10%.



Photo credit: Karen Fisher.

Club Corner cont. Rangers and NSW Ambulance GoodSAM Community Partnership

Recognising the significant value of the advertising real estate across its club assets—including Training Shirts, Umpire Shirts, and Club Banners—Rangers Baseball Club saw this as more than just a commercial opportunity. While these spaces have traditionally been reserved for sponsors, the club’s community-first ethos inspired this bold move: to dedicate prime visibility to a cause that saves lives.

“Rangers has always been about more than baseball,” said a club spokesperson. “We play at Rofe Park, Hornsby, which is also home to the NSW Girls State Titles. It’s a place where families gather, athletes thrive, and community spirit runs deep. We wanted to use our platform to do

something that truly matters.”

That “something” is the NSW Ambulance GoodSAM program. With a community AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located at Rofe Park - the home of Rangers Baseball - and featuring NSW Ambulance GoodSAM branding prominently on club apparel and signage, Rangers’ aims to raise awareness of this vital program and encourage more locals to register as responders or simply learn where the AED is located.

The Program links the GoodSAM Responder App in with the NSW Ambulance Triple Zero (000) call-taking system and alerts nearby volunteers that



Photo credit: Karen Fisher.

Club Corner cont. Rangers and NSW Ambulance GoodSam Community Partnership

someone in their local vicinity is in need of CPR. Volunteers can choose to accept the notification, and provide this life-saving skill in the critical first moments of cardiac arrest, while NSW Ambulance paramedics are on the way. Importantly, no formal qualifications are required, volunteers simply need to be aged 18 or older and willing and able to help. The Emergency Medical Call Taker will be on the phone at the location and be able to provide instructions.

With a membership spanning ages 4 to 80, Rangers Baseball Club represents a true cross-section of the Hornsby community. From young rookies to seasoned veterans, every member plays a role in fostering a safe, inclusive, and proactive sporting environment.

The partnership will also include educational outreach, signage at the park and joint events to promote CPR and emergency response training.

This initiative reflects a growing trend in grassroots sport: leveraging visibility not just for commercial gain, but for social impact. Rangers Baseball Club invites other clubs and organisations to consider how their platforms can serve the greater good.

For more information on NSW Ambulance GoodSAM or to register as a responder, visit their page by [clicking here](#).



Photo credit: Karen Fisher.

Club Corner cont.

Huge success on our recent PlayWell Programs

Baseball NSW congratulates its member clubs and associations for successfully running their respective Play Well programs these past few months, through a grant given to Baseball Australia by the Australian Sports Commissions.

Participating clubs and associations received the funding to implement the “Play Well Little League T-Ball Program” at the grassroots level.

Across NSW so far, forty clubs and associations have registered for the Play Well Program in 2025.

These clubs of various sizes have been utilising the program to develop fundamental baseball and tee ball skills across players aged 4-10 years!



Club Corner cont. Huge success on our recent PlayWell Programs

Feedback from parents and players who have joined the program are saying they are loving it! Gifted with a Baseball Australia glove and ball upon joining, participants are equipped with the tools to succeed in the program whilst the coaches and senior players help the kids have a great time due to their guidance and instruction.

This year, the participating clubs and associations also saw their first-year player numbers grow. The Play Well Program allows clubs and associations to run their own Little League T-Ball program using the program resources developed by Little League International, Kiddo, and Baseball Australia.

The program’s structure also allowed the kids to get a good head start on developing their baseball fundamentals, while helping them build lasting friendships with other kids.

At the basic level, this program encourages Australians to enjoy sport and reap its physical benefits. In 2024, the grant provided over \$10 million in funds to several sports.

General Manager of Growth and Experience of Baseball Australia explained that “Little League T-Ball will go a long way to teach kids the skills they need to love the game.”

“It is important for our sport to allow us to attract kids at a younger age,” she said. “By implementing this program, kids will



feel more confident once they reach the level of playing competitive baseball.”

Baseball NSW looks forward to more clubs joining the Play Well program next year and seeing more kids fall in love with the great sport of baseball.

If your club/association has also completed the Play Well Program, then please tag us in your social posts!

Club Corner cont. PlayWell Programs Gallery



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Club Corner cont.

Baseball NSW Partners with Victor Sports

Baseball NSW is excited to announce its partnership with Victor Sports as an endorsed supplier.

Victor Sports is Australia’s leading one-stop shop for sporting essentials, providing access to over 10,000 products, including medical supplies, sports equipment, footies, fitness and recovery gear, and much more.

Victor Sports is offering all Baseball NSW clubs the opportunity to register your sports club today and utilise the unique discount code for all BNSW affiliates!

All clubs and association delegates have been sent the information on how to register!

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Club Corner cont.

Vale Ken Reus, Cherished Player and Coach

Baseball NSW sends our condolences to the family and friends of Ken "Rooster" Reus, a cherished member of the New South Wales baseball community as a player and coach for various clubs.

Reus passed on November 18th 2025.

As a player, he represented NSW from 1972 to 1979. He played for the Claxton Shield from 1972 to 1973 in Brisbane and Perth. He also played for the NSW squad against Queensland in 1974 and 1975.

From there, he also played for the NSW composite squad that represented Australia against Japan Nippon at Oriole Park in 1977.

Reus became a coach after his playing days. In 1980, he became the head coach of the NSW U15 team, which position he held until 1981.

In 1985, he worked as assistant coach to Jack Gaynor for the NSW U13 team.



This 1985 U13 team was special in that under Gaynor and Reus' guidance, the squad went undefeated, committing only four errors in the entire series.

Then, two years later, Reus became the head coach of the NSW U16 team.

Club Corner cont. Vale Ken Reus, Cherished Player and Coach Gallery



1985 National Pee-Wee Baseball Tournament
UNDEFEATED 'ALL-STARS'



Assistant Coach Ken Reus with Coach Jack Gaynor at the conclusion of Tournament. The Cumberland All-Star team recorded only 4 errors in the Series. (Results speak highly for the efforts of the coaching staff who worked on the theory that "practice makes perfect" — Editor.)

Congratulations to the N.S.W. representative Under 13 team from the Cumberland Junior Baseball Association who performed so well in the National Championship at Oriole Stadium during January.

Anthony Jones, Bradley Whitaker, Nick Harris, Allan Douglas.
Coach: Jack Gaynor
Assistant Coach: Ken Reus
Manager: Tony Mulheron
Scorer: Mrs. Reus

TEAM:
John Rollo, Patrick Mulheron, Brett Hammond, Bao Huynh, Michael Webb, Adam Haggar, Justin Antonelli, Chris Johnston, John Gaynor, Jason Pine, Shane Delaney, Glen Reus, Dean Birmingham,

RESULTS:
Cumberland V South Australia 10-0
Cumberland V Queensland 18-8
Cumberland V Tasmania 17-2
Cumberland V Western Aust. 18-7
Cumberland V Victoria 10-2
Cumberland V Northern Terr. 8-1



Club Corner cont. Blue Sox Immersive Camp

BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES

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SYDNEY BLUE SOX PRESENTS

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IMMERSIVE CAMP

BLACKTOWN
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Coaches Corner

BNSW is offering Level B and C Coaching Accreditation courses for the remainder of 2025 and beginning of 2026.

Interested participants must register beforehand and must have also completed all pre-requisite learning before attendance.

Moreover, head coaches of all association teams participating in the NSW State Championships must hold Level C Accreditation before the event. Please take advantage of the last remaining courses over these next few months, particularly in February 2026.

3 December 2025

Level B at Hylton Moore Oval

14 December 2025

Level B at Golden Jubilee

Level B at BISP

1 February 2026

Level B at BISP

21-22 February 2026

Level C (2 sessions) BISP

22 February 2026

Level B Practical Component

22 March 2026

Level B at BISP

Visit the BNSW Events page for more dates in the new year and the registration links.



Call for Nominations 2026 BNSW Hall of Fame

Baseball NSW is proud to announce that the Heritage Committee is accepting nominations for the 2026 Hall of Fame Induction.

The Hall of Fame recognises individuals who have made a lasting impact on the game in New South Wales, whether through playing, coaching, umpiring, administration, or significant contribution to the growth of our sport.

We invite our community to put forward nominations and help us honour those who have shaped the history and future of baseball in NSW.

Please complete and send through your nominations to ensure deserving members of our community are considered for this prestigious honour.

[Click here](#) for the Nominations Form.



**BASEBALL NSW
HALL OF FAME**



Aussies Across Borders



Baseball NSW congratulates Ticara Geldenhuis, Claire O’Sullivan, Elodie O’Sullivan and Maddi Erwin for their selections in the inaugural Women’s Pro Baseball League (WPBL) Draft.

This draft populated four teams representing four major cities in the USA--San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, and New York--ahead of the league’s first season, planned for 1 August 2026 at Robin Roberts Stadium in Springfield, Illinois.

Ticara Geldenhuis became the first Australian selected in the draft, going in Round 2 as Pick 9 to Boston.

Geldenhuis, who has represented NSW across multiple levels and plays for the Blacktown Workers in the NSW Women’s Baseball League competition,



Photo: Ticara Geldenhuis.

Aussies Across Borders

WPBL Draft Results cont.

said this selection “means absolutely everything” and “having this opportunity in front of me is such a surreal feeling... and it fills my heart with so much joy knowing that the next generation of girls get to grow up fully, wholeheartedly believing that this is a real possibility for them.”

Following her was Claire O’Sullivan, selected as the 14th pick in the third round by New York. The right hand pitcher is not only a threat on the mound but offers so much at the plate, making her two way skills an asset to the New York roster.

In her testimony, Claire states this chance “is a great opportunity for me to play baseball internationally at the highest level and hopefully it gives young girls in Australia something to aspire to in the future & helps to grow baseball in Australia, and around the world”.

Her sister Elodie, meanwhile, was chosen two rounds later as the 7th pick by the Los Angeles team. A big day making history for the O’Sullivan family.

Finally, Maddison Erwin, who is an ACT native but represents NSW at the Australian Women’s Championship and competes in the NSW WBL alongside



Photo: Maddi Erwin.

Aussies Across Borders

WPBL Draft Results cont.

teammate Ticara Geldenhuis for the Blacktown Workers, was selected as Pick 2 in Round 4 of the draft.

She is headed to New York joining Claire O'Sullivan. Maddi commented that "this league allows us to leave baseball bigger than we found it, and it puts us on a whole new platform to grow the sport".

Notably all nine Australian women were selected across all rounds of the draft this year.

The WPBL Draft was a snake-style draft, with San Francisco holding the first overall pick, which they used on American Kelsie Whitmore. In all, the draft comprised six rounds, each team picking five players per round.

Besides the Australians, the Draft also saw selections representing various countries, including the powerhouses USA, Japan, and South Korea, as well as the Dominican Republic.

These players were a select few in a pool of 150 players pulled from over 600 baseballers from across the world who attended the draft tryouts last August.

BNSW congratulates Ticara, Claire, Elodie and Maddi for taking the next step in their baseball journey and for leading the charge for women's pro baseball!



Photo: Claire O'Sullivan.



Photo: Elodie O'Sullivan.

College Catchups

Baseball NSW congratulates Blacktown Workers pitcher Ethan Bickel for committing to North Central Texas College in the United States.

His commitment is a fitting cap to his terrific 2025 campaign that took Bickel across the club, state, and international levels of baseball.

First, Bickel was a key player in the NSW U18 squad who won the 2025 National Championship last January, and he also helped the Workers clinch the State League title later in the year.

Internationally, Bickel made his mark after throwing 8.0 shutout innings in three appearances at the U18 World Cup.

A particular World Cup highlight from the NSW pitcher was throwing 3.1 scoreless innings against eventual gold medalist Team USA.

He was also one of the 11 Australians chosen for the MLB College Showcase Tour that immediately followed the U18 World Cup.

Speaking to Baseball Australia, Bickel said, "I think the Australian Youth Championship tournaments we have every year have really helped me develop and learn the standard of baseball and talent around our country."

"That's helped me find things to work on and get better," he added. "Playing in events like the World Cup has shown me that I can compete at that level."

What makes Bickel a special pitcher is his ability to throw strikes with any pitch in any count.

The RHP runs a four-pitch mix in his arsenal: a fastball, sinker, change-up, and a slider.

As he transitions to college baseball, he mentions adding velocity to his pitches as his next goal as a player.

"That's a big goal of mine to move onto the next level," he said. "I'm always refining my pitches in a way that will help me compete at the next level."

Moreover, Player Development Manager of Baseball Australia Andrew Riddell said that Bickel's pitching talents have put him on the radar of several teams over the years.

College Catchups cont. Ethan Bickel Commits to North Central Texas College

"He was part of the Team Australia U16 camp in Canberra in 2023 which really put his name on the map with how many strikes he threw with multiple pitches and his poise on the mound," Riddell told Baseball Australia.

Likewise, Riddell adds that Bickel's determination and work ethic helped him stand out among the rest, noting his drive to join the U18 bracket at the AYC as a first-year player.

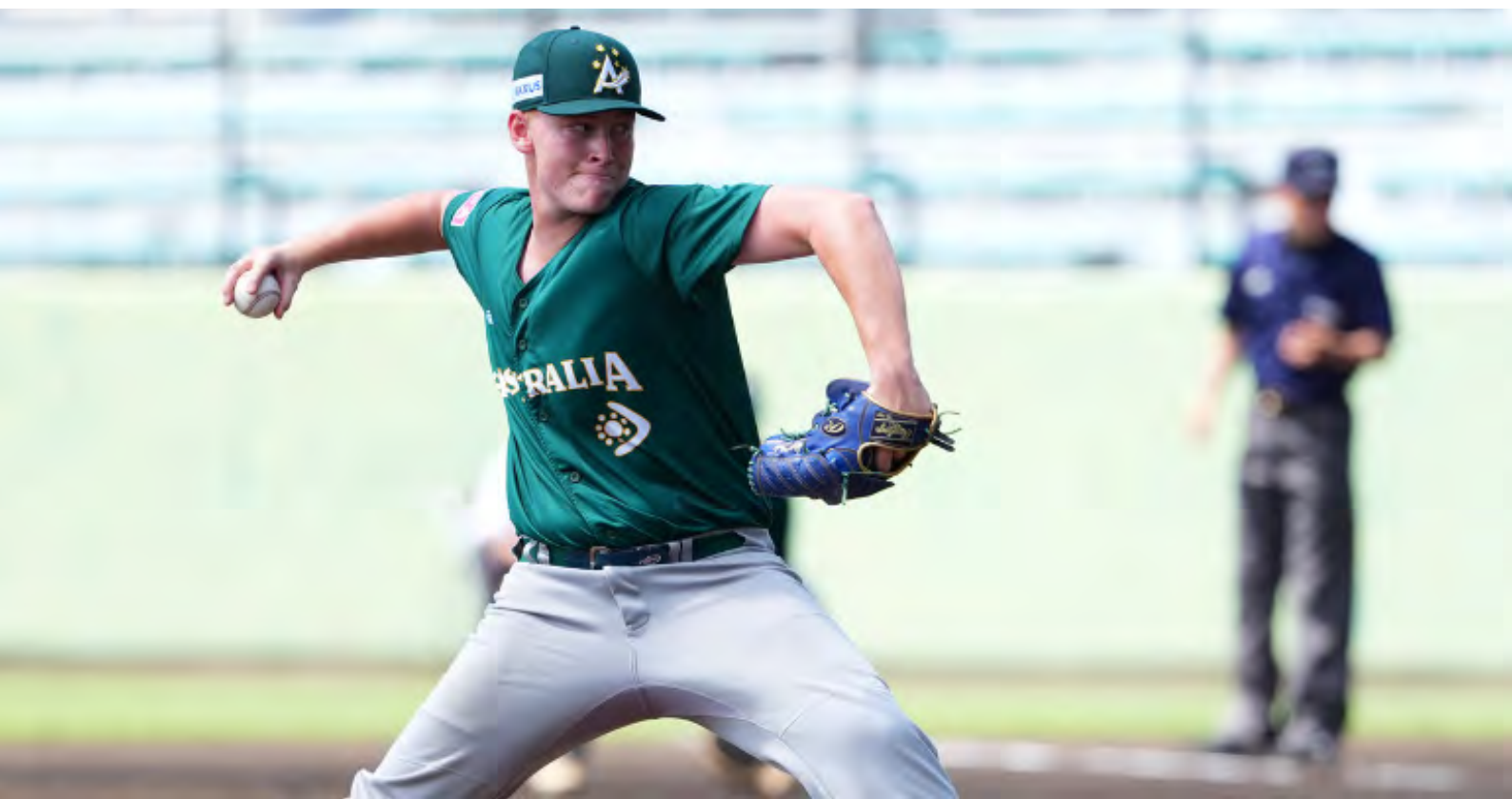
This desire to improve also contributed to his selection to the U17 team that headed to Fort Myers for the WWBA Underclass World Championship.

"He continued to refine and develop his secondary pitches," Riddell added.

Prior to flying to the US, Bickel mentioned some of the inspirations who have helped him throughout his journey, such as his family, his coaches at the Blacktown Workers, and the baseball community.

"My dad taught me the basics and really got me into baseball," he said. "The coaching staff at Blacktown Workers changed the way I approach the game and helped me understand the fundamentals behind everything. I've also been very fortunate to have great coaches at both state and Australian level who've helped me develop over the years."

BNSW wishes Ethan all the best in this next step of his baseball journey!



2025/26 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!

As we continue the 2025/26 season, check out all of the exciting events we have on the horizon!

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!



BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES

| Event | Date | Venue |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 2025/26 State League | Sep 17th - Mar 8th 2025 | Local Clubs |
| NSW Women's League Pink Round | Dec 7th 2025 | Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) |

2025/26 Major Events

Dates & Venues Announced cont.

| Event | Date | Venue |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| U16 & U18 National Championships | Jan 7th - 15th 2026 | Essendon, Preston & Port Melbourne, VIC |
| Fukuoka Girls High School Tour | Jan 29th - Feb 1st 2026 | Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) |
| Rookies Cup | 22nd Feb 2026 | Pittwater Baseball Club |
| Little League & Little League Div II State Championships | Apr 7th - 12th 2026 | BISP Softball |
| Senior League State Championship | April 8th - 11th 2026 | Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) |
| NSW Hall of Fame Presentation | April 11th 2026 | Club Auburn |
| Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships | April 12th - 18th 2026 | Melbourne (Altona) |
| Intermediate League State Championship | April 13th - 16th 2026 | TBD |
| Junior League State Championship | April 13th - 17th 2026 | TBD |
| NSW Little League Girls State Championship | April 17th - 19th 2026 | Rangers Baseball Club, Hornsby |
| Australian Senior League Championships | May 13th - 17th 2026 | Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) |
| Australian Intermediate League Championships | May 21st - 25th 2026 | Lismore, NSW |

2025/26 Major Events

Dates & Venues Announced cont.

| Event | Date | Venue |
|---|----------------------|---------------|
| Australian Junior League Championships | May 21st - 25th 2026 | Lismore, NSW |
| Australian Little League Championships | Jun 5th - 11th 2026 | BISP Softball |
| Little League Invitational | July 7th - 11th 2026 | Redcliffe |
| Little League Girls Nationals | July 7th - 11th 2026 | Redcliffe |



Team Australia U23 Sweeps Guam in Championship

Baseball NSW congratulates the Team Australia U23 squad for bagging the 2025 WBSC Oceania Championship and qualifying for the 2026 U23 World Cup.

Team Australia swept their five-game series against Guam from 6 to 9 November at Blacktown International Sports Park to secure their spot!

This tournament was crucial for Team Australia, as only one team from the Oceania region could earn a spot on next year's World Cup.

During the qualifying tournament, the Aussies handled their business and outscored Guam 53-5 across the five games.

Despite these dominant scores, Guam did not go down quietly. In Game 4, Team Australia escaped with a 4-2 walk-off win after Drew Davies dinged a two-run homer to break a 2-2 tie.

The Australians jumped onto a 2-0 series lead after convincing performances in the first two games.



Game 1 saw NSW's own Matthew Trainor and Josh Nati drive in early runs to help the team take a 5-0 lead en route to a comfortable 6-3 victory.

In Game 2, Guam took a 2-0 lead in the first frame but the Aussies rallied back thanks to Davies' sizzling bat to win 9-2.

Trainor, Nati, Jake Burns, and Brad Griffin also garnered hits for Team Australia in Game 2. Nine different players reached base.

However, Game 3 saw the Australians at their most dominant, clinching their World Cup spot with an 18-1 trouncing of Guam.

Team Australia U23 Sweeps Guam in Championship cont.

Nati drove in six runs to help his team cruise to the U23 Oceania Championship and earn their trip to the World Cup in 2026.

Meanwhile, pitcher Damien Wilson threw six innings and drew only five hits and one walk while striking out three.

Game 5 was similarly academic. Team Australia rolled Guam 10-0 to end the series, as they scored in four straight innings: three in the second, three in the third, one in the fourth, and another three in the fifth.

Jake Burns had two hits as every batter in the starting lineup reached base. The Aussies' bats were unstoppable, out hitting Guam 7-2.

On the mound, Tyrone Fergie pitched four scoreless innings, allowing only two hits and two walks while striking out four.

BNSW congratulates our NSW players and Team Australia for punching their ticket to the U23 World Cup and we wish the boys all the best as they prepare to compete against the world's top teams!



Team Australia U23 Sweeps Guam in Championship Gallery



Photo credits: @smp_images/Baseball Australia.

Team Australia U23 Sweeps Guam in Championship Gallery cont.



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Baseball NSW Women's League Pink Round 2025

The 2025 NSW Women's League Pink Round will be held on Sunday 7th December at Blacktown International Sports Park.

We are holding a festival of baseball event at the home of baseball in NSW.

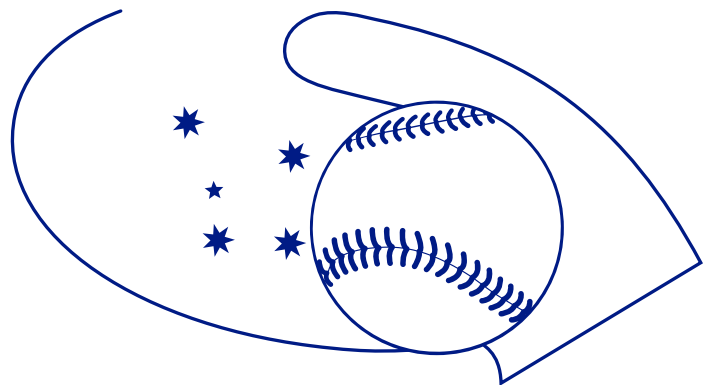
The schedule can be found below, as all three diamonds come alive for the Pink Round.

The NSW Women's League will be holding a coaching clinic prior to the marquee game on Diamond 1, between the Eastern Suburbs Dolphins and the Baulkham Hills Kookaburras.

This clinic is open to all Australian and NSW players of all ages and will focus on hitting, pitching, and defence.

To join the clinic, you'll need a \$5 donation, which will all go to charity.

There will be fundraising on the day with details of the raffle and prizes to come.



BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES
WOMENS LEAGUE

Prizes include:

- Hampers
- Gift vouchers
- Homewares
- Baseball gear
- Memorabilia

Tickets are also as low as \$2 each, but if you're with your mates, you can buy group tickets below:

- 3 for \$5
- 7 for \$10
- 15 for \$20
- 20 for \$25

Baseball NSW Women's League Pink Round 2025 cont.

Don't forget to smile for the camera, as Mick G Photography will be the official event photographer and roaming around all day as well as members of the WL Committee.

Be sure to get around your club and check out the action on the day to support the efforts of Pink Round.

Visit your local club to buy tickets or you can also buy your Pink Round tickets and merchandise with the QR on this page or by clicking [here](#).

Check out the draw below!



Baseball NSW Women's League Pink Round 2025 Draw

Women's League Pink Round Draw

| | DIAMOND 1 | DIAMOND 2 | DIAMOND 3 |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11:00am | Penrith vs Boomers Gold | Boomers Green vs Macarthur | Baulkham Hills vs Manly |
| 1:30pm | Clinic – 1hr | | |
| 2:45pm | Dolphins vs Baulkham Hills | Boomers vs Macarthur | Ryde vs Blacktown |
| 5:15pm | Presentation and Raffle | | |
| 5:30pm | Ryde vs Blacktown | | Dolphins vs Bye |
| | Second Grade | First Grade | |



The Sydney Cup Finals are quickly approaching!

Catch the games on the 7th December at Arncliffe Scots Baseball Grounds and enjoy a full day of competitive baseball from our finalists across all Sydney Cup competitions!

There will be a canteen open on the day so you can support the local club by grabbing a bite to eat or some snacks in between games.

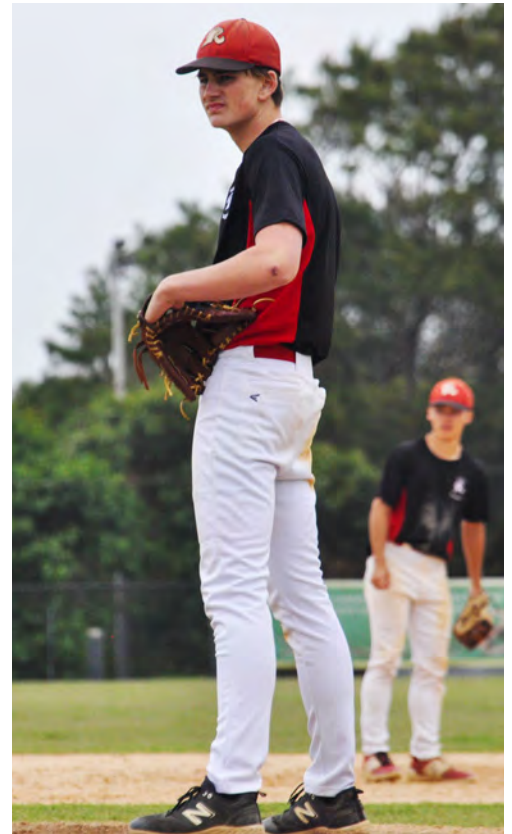
Our warmest thanks to the Arncliffe Scots, of the Cronulla Sutherland Junior Baseball Association, for hosting this major event on the Baseball NSW calendar!

Let's support our young baseballers and catch the games live! Game times will be released on TeamApp in the coming days!

Visit the Sydney Cup competitions webpage [here](#).



The Sydney Cup Finals 2024 Gallery



The Sydney Cup Finals 2024 Gallery cont.



Sydney Blue Sox

ABL 2025/26

Round 1 & 2

Recaps

The Sydney Blue Sox started their 2025/26 ABL campaign with a vengeance, finishing their Round 1 weekend series against the Brisbane Bandits with a 2-1 record and a record-setting offensive display.

In their first game, the Sox put a beatdown on the Bandits, winning 8-1 thanks to a three-homer barrage in the first three innings, and eventually led to eight hitters recording hits.

Reigning MVP Alex Wells also held off the Bandits after allowing only four hits and striking out nine in 5.2 innings. His only run allowed was a homer from Bandits star Will Riley.

The Sox scored a total of 26 runs in three games, including an 18-run banger on 15 November that helped shatter their previous season's total home run record of 19.



Photo credit: Sydney Blue Sox.

What's more, prolific junior Josh Nati scored his first-ever hit in the ABL in the Sox's 18-run demolition of the Bandits. The 18-year-old's first hit turned out to be a three-run homer, too!

The Bandits did edge out the Sox 1-0 in a defensive duel on Sunday.

Check out the game schedules and buy your tickets [here](#).

Sydney Blue Sox ABL 2025/26

Round 1 & 2 Recaps cont.

The Sydney Blue Sox ended their first home series with a split against the Brisbane Bandits, as they sit in second place in the ABL standings at 4-3, just one loss behind the Adelaide Giants (4-2).

Game 1 against the Bandits saw the Blue Sox dominate 11-1, their bats riding the hot streak from last week. The Sox opened the scoring with a four-run third inning, then blew the game open in the fourth and fifth, scoring another three and four runs, respectively.

One highlight in the decisive third was Jaylin Rae (Manly) scoring off a wild pitch from Connor MacDonald, after doubling on a line drive to left fielder Max Durrington.

Rae was also instrumental in sealing the game for the Sox, as he singled home Pablo Nunez and then scored a run off a Briley Knight triple to right field.

A standout game from pitcher Alex Wells also helped fend off Brisbane. He threw for 5 innings, allowing 0 runs and 0 earned runs, while striking out 5.

However, the Bandits got one back over the Sox in Game 2, as they held off a late rally from the home team to win 9-3.

Despite the return of key starter Landen Bourassa, the Blue Sox fell to an early deficit. Still, relief pitcher Josh Bishopp performed well on the mound to keep the Sox in reach.

At the bottom of the eighth, Hansel Jimenez and Josh Nati breathed life into the crowd at BISP with some timely hits that scored a pair of runs to cut the lead to 4-3.



Sydney Blue Sox ABL 2025/26

Round 1 & 2 Recaps cont.

But the Bandits responded with five insurance runs in the ninth, thanks to their patience and persistent contact, and they tied the home series 1-1 heading into the weekend.

On Saturday, the Bandits and Blue Sox played a double-header, which they then also split 1-1, ending the home series with an even 2-2.

The first game of the double-header saw the Bandits continue their momentum from their earlier win, defeating the Sox 5-2.

Sydney's hitters couldn't get around Bandits pitcher Jon Kennedy in the first five innings. Then, in the third, Brisbane opened the scoring off a sacrifice fly from Rixon Wingrove that allowed George Callil to run home.

In the sixth, Hansel Jimenez was finally able to get one over Kennedy, dinging a two-run homer over the left field fence, that cut the deficit to 5-2. However, that was the closest the Sox ever got.

Still, the Sox came roaring back in the next game as they beat the Bandits 8-1.

The Sox anchored their offense on the strong hitting of Briley Knight, who brought four of the Sox's eight runs.

Likewise, the Sox kept their hitters flying around the bases, preventing the Bandits from settling into a groove defensively.

On the other hand, Ben Ferrer shut out the Bandits in his five innings on the



mound. Their defensive effort ultimately led to several Bandits errors that finally gave Sydney the victory.

Relief pitcher Ky Jackson kept the Sox's defense humming, throwing for two innings and allowing the Bandits' only run off a homer by Noah Barber in the seventh.

Strong pitching and terrific individual performances from both teams characterized the competitive series last weekend.

Catch the Blue Sox in action next round against the Adelaide Giants! The Sox will face another tough challenge as the Giants have some of the hottest bats in the league.

This matchup promises plenty of fireworks so don't miss it! Buy your tickets from the [here](#).

Sydney Blue Sox ABL 2025/26 Round 1 & 2 Recaps cont.

On another note, we also congratulate the Sox for their successful Association Day last weekend featuring the Cronulla Sutherland Junior Baseball Association Inc!

The Association Day drew over 200 registrants! The Sox ran a clinic with the kids featuring 10 of the current players and offered the opportunity for meet and greets.

Moreover, the dedicated seating area for all proud Cronulla members added to one of the biggest crowds that a Sox game has seen in years.

Likewise, the Sox gave out some awesome shoutouts to the clubs throughout the game, making for a good day out at the park despite the weather.



This weekend the Sydney Blue Sox "Association Day" will host the Ryde Hawks Baseball League & Manly Warringah Junior Representatives.

Grab some tickets and enjoy a weekend of baseball and family fun!



Sydney Blue Sox ABL 2025/26 Round 2 Gallery



ABL Season Association Saturdays

This ABL season, the Sydney Blue Sox are dedicating their Saturday home games to the NSW junior associations, where their members can enjoy the following:

Free on-field coaching clinics (2pm to 4pm) for junior players who bought tickets to the game

Allocated seating blocks for clubs to host and entertain their sponsors

Opportunities for the junior players to meet the SBS players in person

The following associations will be hosted on the following dates:

- 22 November: Cronulla
- 29 November: Manly & Ryde
- 13 December: Hills & Greater Western
- 17 January: Macarthur

The Blue Sox hopes for your association's participation in these days to bring your communities and the SBS team closer



throughout the season. Moreover, the team wishes for your association to help promote these days to your members to drive attendance at the games and create a community-driven atmosphere at the ballpark.

Baseball NSW Hiring Women's Development Lead

Baseball NSW is on the hunt for a Women's Development Lead to join our team!

Following a sustained period of participation growth and a renewed focus on strategic development, Baseball NSW is entering an exciting phase of transformation, shaping future participation pathways and building a thriving, inclusive community for all who love our sport.

Women and girls are crucial to the future of Baseball NSW. This role is central to accelerating female participation at every level through all involvement types across grassroots, performance, and community leadership.

Purpose of the Role

The Women's Development Lead will champion the growth, retention and experience of women and girls across baseball in NSW.

The role drives key participation programs, develops improved pathways for female athletes, advocates for the needs of women and girls, and builds capability



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across the sport to ensure strong and sustainable female participation outcomes.

Reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer, the role works collaboratively with clubs, associations, coaches, schools, representatives and the broader community.

How to Apply

To apply for the position of Women's Development Lead with Baseball NSW, please submit:

A current resume outlining relevant experience and achievements

A cover letter (1–2 pages) addressing your suitability for the role against Key Criteria.

Baseball NSW Hiring Women's Development Lead cont.

Applications should be submitted via email to:

Matt Rippon – Chief Executive Officer at ceo@baseballnsw.com.au

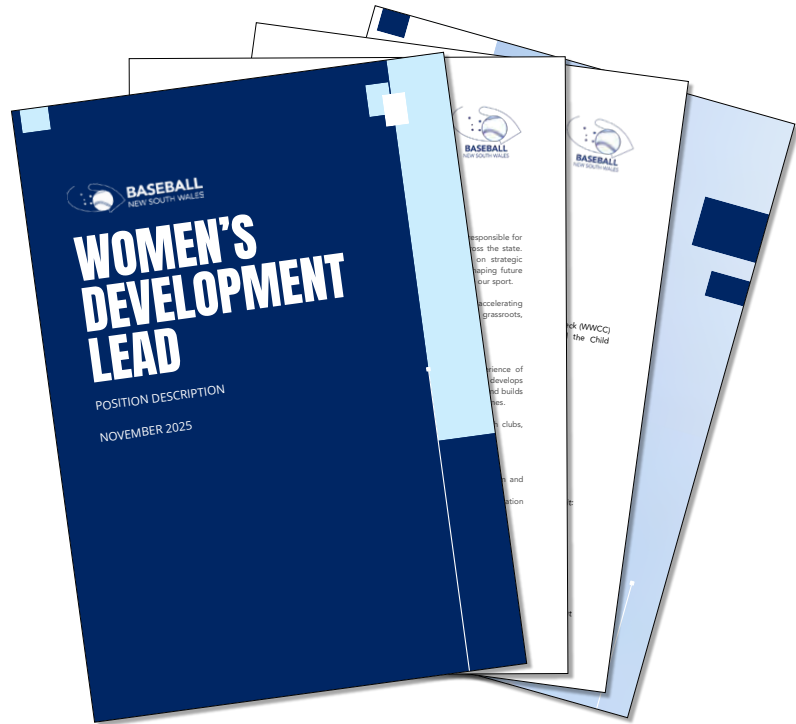
Subject: Women's Development Lead – [Your Name]

Applications close 5:00pm, Sunday 30 November

Baseball NSW will actively review applications and engage with suitable candidates throughout the application period — early submissions are encouraged.

The job posting can also be found on Seek, LinkedIn and Sportspeople!

[Click here](#) for pdf document of Women's Development Lead position description.



NSW Office of Sport Launches "Shoosh for Kids"

The NSW Office of Sport is launching the "Shoosh for Kids" campaign, a collaborative effort between the office and sector partners that aims to inspire positive behaviour among spectators of junior sports.

This campaign also offers free digital resources for stakeholders to help raise awareness and promote the message: If you don't have anything nice to say, then "shoosh for kids!"

However, this campaign doesn't want us to stay silent during games. Instead, it encourages us to keep things positive.

The campaign runs according to the following key themes:

- **Overarching:** Think Before You Speak
- **General Participation:** Keep It Positive. Keep It Fun.



- **Volunteer Appreciation:** Remember, Volunteers Run Kids Sport
- **Respecting the Officials:** Respect the Referee
- **Supporting the Coaches:** Let Coaches Do the Coaching

The "Shoosh for Kids" campaign will run for two month-long iterations: May for winter-based sports, and November for summer-based sports.

For more information, please check out the "Shoosh for Kids" page at the NSW Office of Sports website [here](#).

NSW Office of Sport 2025 Local Sport Grant Program

The NSW Office of Sport is inviting all local baseball clubs and associations to apply for the 2025 Local Sport Grant Program!

This program offers funding of up to \$4.65 million earmarked to support grassroots programs across New South Wales.

Your baseball club might be interested in this grant if you want to:

- Upgrade your facilities
- Procure new baseball equipment
- Start your own programs to promote inclusion and participation in sport and active recreation

Last year's edition of the program provided \$4.4 million in funding to 579 community sport projects statewide.

This year, the grant focuses on local clubs, with grant amounts starting from \$2,000 to a maximum of \$20,000.



The application process begins 30 June 2025 and ends on 1:00PM of 18 August 2025. Outcomes are advised from February 2026 onwards.

Interested clubs can [apply here](#).

You can also check out other grants on this page [here](#).

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](#).

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.



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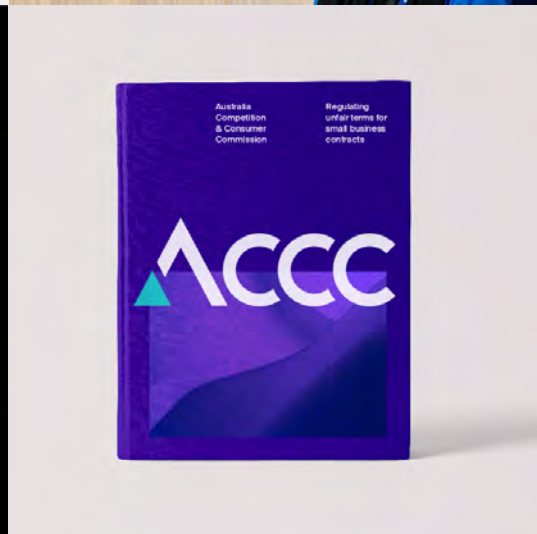
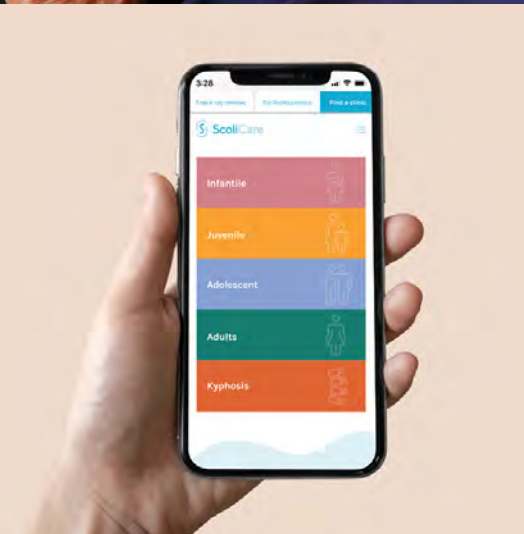
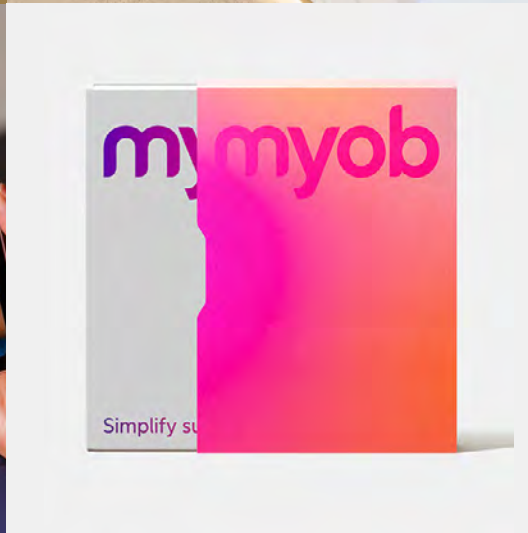
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