



BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES

ANNUAL REPORT

2024/2025





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MEET THE TEAM

BNSW Board of Directors (as at June 30 th , 2025)		
Member	Status	Portfolio
Jason Chabi	Elected	Chair, BA, ABL, Finance, Little League & Commercial
Sue Cunningham	Elected	Deputy Chair, Member of National Women's Working Group, Strategy, Women & Government Relations
Mark Burns	Elected	Participation & Grassroots (CLSC, JLSC, SLSC, MLSC & LLI)
Peter Worboys	Elected	Coaching, Umpires & Scorers
Beth McVicker-Murphy	Elected	Marketing, Communications, Customer Experience & Women's
James Morley	Independent	People & Culture, Risk, Governance, Member Protection & Legal
Rosa Stathis	Independent	Inclusion, New Markets & Social Media
Bill Langler	Independent	Country League Standing Committee & Legal

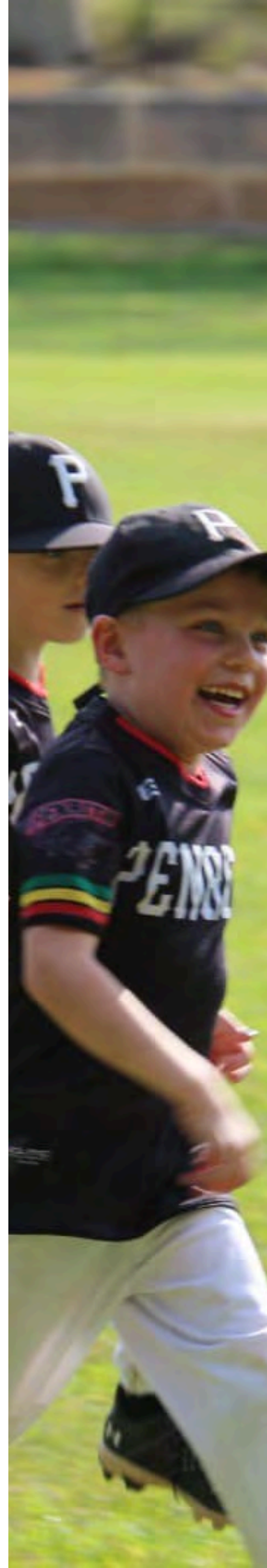
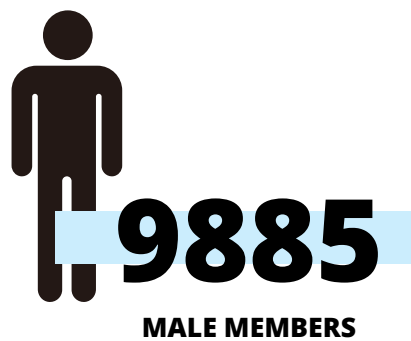
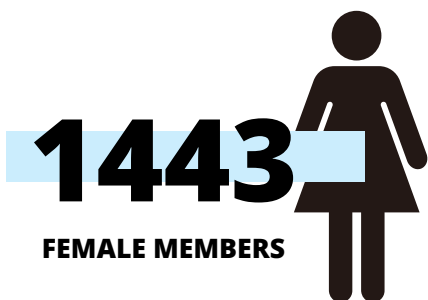
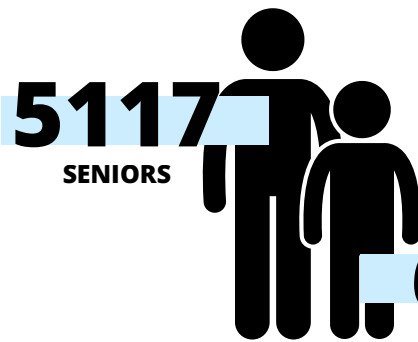
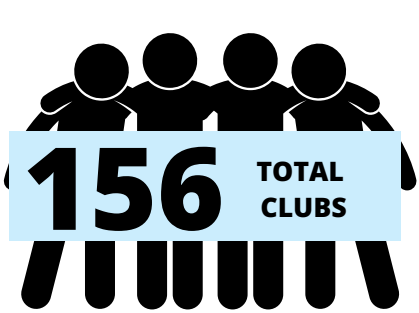
Baseball NSW Staff	
Matt Rippon	Chief Executive Officer
Tyson Crocker	Baseball Development & Operations
Darren Kelly	Participation & Partnerships Manager / Little League District Administrator (NSW)
Grahame Cassel	High-Performance Manager
Nathan Howarth	State Development Officer
Mel Goodrich	Registrations & Member Services Manager
Georgia Marino	Communications Manager

HIGHLIGHTS



GROWING THE GAME

The following statistics are relative to the 2024/25 season...



EXPANDING OUR REACH

This season has seen an immense period of growth, capitalising on Travis Bazzana’s success in the 2024 MLB Draft, inaugural state and national level competitions, notably in the female baseball spaces and NSW’ success at those events, and overall greater processes across all our social media platforms.



FOLLOWERS	IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS	
9.7K	242K VISITS	+ 43% VIEWS
5.1K	92.1K REACH	+ 222% REACH
1.65K	426K IMPRESSIONS	5.5% CLICK THROUGH RATE

TOP POSTS:



FACEBOOK

Matt Rippon CEO Announcement

Likes	219
Comments	16
Shares	14
Views	41,672



FACEBOOK

2025 Barclay Cup Team Lists

Likes	133
Comments	7
Shares	29
Views	29,017



INSTAGRAM

Developing Pathways Program 2025 Reel

Likes	132
Shares	9
Saves	3
Views	8,931



PRESIDENTS REPORTS

PRESIDENTS REPORT



I am pleased to bring you Baseball NSW' (BNSW) 2024/25 Annual Report.

A New Chapter

The 12 months to 30 June 2025 were marked by significant change within BNSW following Mark Marino's departure after over ten years of service. This transition provided the opportunity to challenge paradigms and look to the future needs of the organisation and our sport to inform the capabilities and leadership qualities the Board believed best suited to deliver its ambition. After an extensive executive recruitment process, the BNSW Board of Management appointed Matt Rippon as new CEO late June. Matt has a wealth of experience leading and advising sporting organisations and industry bodies, most recently as Senior Advisor, Sport & Community Capability at the Australian Sports Commission.

A highly qualified sports administrator with experience across multiple sports, Matt was instrumental in developing PlayWell, the country's first national participation strategy for Australian sport. Matt's proven ability to straddle strategy and operational matters and translate strategy into meaningful and collaborative outcomes across all levels of sport is perhaps most what drew the Board to make the appointment.

In other changes throughout the year, John Wingrove who was elected an NSW Life Member in 2018 stepped down from his long-standing role on the Audit Committee. It's an often overlooked but critically important role and I thank John for his contribution in this capacity, being one of many involvements John has in our sport.

I'm pleased to advise that due to concerted efforts of the Board assisted by the management team, BNSW was elevated from a Tier 3 to Tier 2 sport during the reporting period. While this availed a modest increase in annual funding provided BNSW by the NSW Office of Sport (OoS), of significance was the OoS' recognition of up-weighted performance across a range of areas including but not limited to governance, gender equity, inclusion and participation.



PRESIDENTS REPORT CONT.

While these metrics may not prove immediately meaningful to our Members, they are symbolic of a cultural change that Board has sought to drive from within, better positioning our sport when it comes to, among other things, securing government funding for intended grass roots and community-based infrastructure initiatives or at the other end of the spectrum, pursuing commercial opportunities. While there is still much work to be done, the elevation to Tier 2 is a positive first step.

Participation grew by 1% on the preceding 12-months but remains 10% down on the pre-COVID 2020 historical high of 13,834 members with the impact most notable in younger age groups.



While it is generally acknowledged COVID re-shaped community and families' attitudes, behaviours and the value they place on their time, the implications on participation, a diminishing volunteer base and the relevance and format of introductory levels of junior baseball are but a few areas being critically reviewed by BNSW.

Although elaborated on in the audited financial statements, underlying profit for the period was \$61,919; actual earnings ran at a deficit of \$11,503 given one-off abnormal expense items totalling \$73,422 partially related to organisation changes but substantively driven by the need to address prior years' underpayment of wages to existing employees, identified in June. Balance Sheet strength remains sound as does the organisation's cash position noting \$322,000 of government funding commitments, notably the Indoor Facility and Office of Sport Organisation Support Program funding activity, that will be expensed over the next 12-months.

In March, Baseball Australia held its annual planning conference which all states and territories attended. The opportunity to collaborate with senior management and Directors to discuss shared and divergent challenges across regions proved insightful. Notable attendees at this year's conference were senior management from Little League International (LLI) who had made the trip from Pennsylvania, USA.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONT.

Through Baseball Australia's introduction and in the days leading up to the conference, James Morley and I were afforded time with LLI to discuss existing and emerging operational challenges that our affiliation with LLI has on junior baseball in our state. I draw this distinction as the challenges NSW experiences by virtue of its Association and community-based Club structures coupled with operating this country's largest junior participation base are not necessarily challenges experienced by other states and territories. Importantly, the challenges conveyed to LLI were shared concerns advised BNSW by key Association stakeholders who were canvassed earlier in the year. Encouragingly, LLI acknowledged the structural and geographic limitations that its North American construct is having on junior baseball in NSW and has invited BNSW to submit to it a 'case-for-change'. At the time of writing this report, the submission is under review by Baseball Australia ahead of providing it to LLI. BNSW' objective is to secure a range of concessions that better enable high-performance pathway's while allowing the co-existence and importantly expansion of tournament baseball experiences for children of all abilities. While the timing of a determination is unclear, our aspiration is no later than January 2026 when Associations are eligible to select their State teams and should they be successful, National's teams.

In my report last year, I mentioned the establishment of the BNSW Hall of Fame and Heritage Committee. This year saw the inaugural Hall of Fame event with 64 members being recognised for their contribution to baseball dating back to the early 1900's. As an administrator of our sport who played fleetingly, frankly poorly and having only been involved in our sport for a comparatively short fifteen years, to observe the history, depth and breadth of relationships, achievements, joy and at times heartache that has and continues to span generations was humbling if not at times overwhelming. It again reminded me of how much the success of our sport is attributable to the collective passion and contributions of our volunteers.



PRESIDENTS REPORT CONT.

Without wanting to diminish the efforts of many involved in the formation of the Heritage Committee that culminated in the inaugural event, I want to acknowledge Paul Russell and his family whose commitment and enthusiasm were pivotal to getting this initiative off the ground and in so doing, leave an enduring legacy for generations to come. The inaugural Hall of Fame inductees are listed in the back of this Annual Report and on the BNSW website. We look forward to adding the new names in the future.

It was great to see the Sydney Blue Sox perform well last season and BNSW wish them well with the forthcoming ABL season. Disappointingly but perhaps unsurprisingly, commercial factors saw a change in ownership with Black Pearl Sports Group (BPSG) taking on the franchise. Early signs point to a positive future under BPSG's stewardship despite the cloud of uncertainty that remains over the ABL beyond this season. While much has been written about this, what I do observe is Baseball Australia's resolve to necessarily re-shape the construct, reach, commercials and associated economics of the League. While it would be inappropriate for me to elaborate and while Baseball Australia would likely concede there is still much work to be done, BNSW remains committed to assisting Baseball Australia and BPSG realise what may in time be lauded as a watershed moment in the establishment of a sustainable future for the ABL. I'd like to again acknowledge Executive Director James Morley's efforts to onboard BPSG without whom an ABL offering this forthcoming season, albeit ultimately in a reduced format, was at significant risk.

BNSW's ongoing tenancy at Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) remained a focus for the Board with the prospect of resumption and the redevelopment of Diamond 2 by Blacktown City Council (BCC) ongoing. In parallel, finalisation of a proposed 20-year lease at BISP pending execution and the development of a world-class multi-purpose Indoor Facility made significant progress with the NSW Office of Sport (OoS) recognising various amendments including an extension to initial funding arrangements which both BNSW and BCC extend the OoS and the Hon. Minister Stephen Kamper MP's Office its appreciation.



PRESIDENTS REPORT CONT.

Fellow Directors and the management team's reports will talk to the various successes of our junior, state, country and minor league team's successes over the last twelve months and as such, I point you to these reports.

I conclude where I started and that is to re-iterate that the last year has been one marked by significant change. Critical to assisting myself and the Board navigate that change was Director Sue Cunningham whom the Board unanimously voted to appoint to the newly created position of Deputy Chair in November last year. The position was created recognising that much work needed to be done starting with driving reform from within. Sue undertook a lead role in the recruitment of the new CEO and in administering the OoS Organisation Support Program in the absence of a CEO. To my fellow Directors, thank you for your unwavering support and to our staff, thank you for your resilience and perseverance during extended periods of uncertainty.

This new chapter provides BNSW the opportunity to reshape and forge greater levels of connectedness and relevance to the hundreds of volunteers on whose shoulders our wonderful sport survives and to whom, the Board and management team extends its sincere gratitude.



Jason Chabi
President - Baseball NSW Board of Management

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



This past year has been another successful one for Baseball NSW. The State and Women's leagues competitions continue to thrive, with high quality, tightly contested baseball. Our junior associations continue to grow – with our State Championships highlighted by outstanding junior baseball played in a great spirit. Country baseball, and the Country Championships continue to be hard fought affairs played with passion and pride.

As a member of the Board and Acting Executive Director for the latter part of the year, I've had a chance to see first-hand just how much our sport is thriving at the grass roots level which gives us the runway for continued growth and success.

This year has also seen some change, with the departure of a number of key BNSW staff. Firstly, long standing CEO Mark Marino, after almost 11 years as CEO, following five on the Board, stepped down. Similarly, Vass Vassellou also left BNSW after almost five years as an integral part of the team.

Thank you to Mark Marino

After such a long time involved with our sport, it is difficult to touch on all the achievements Mark made whilst CEO. In particular, I'd call out his time double hatting as CEO of BNSW and General Manager of the Sydney Blue Sox (prior to the introduction of the current ABL model), working through the challenges that rose with COVID and lockdowns, and the associated financial pressure, improving our relationship with overseas partners – in particular Fukuoka Prefecture in Japan who are again bringing out a touring team to play exhibition matches at the end of January, and our long standing relationship with the Doosan Bears, who will return to conduct their early spring training activities at Blacktown in January and February. Finally, Mark's lasting legacy will be the eventual build of the indoor practice facility, which he was able to obtain a significant grant towards its construction.

On behalf of our sport, I thank Mark for his hard work and dedication to Baseball in NSW.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT.

With the change, however, comes excitement as we welcome new CEO Matt Rippon. Matt brings with him a wealth of experience from his time at the Australian Sports Commission, where he played a leading role in developing Australia's first national participation strategy, "Play Well." His strategic vision, passion for community sport, and commitment to building strong pathways align perfectly with our goals for the future, and we are confident his leadership will guide us into a period of growth and renewal.

Thanks must go to the Board and staff of BNSW for their hard work and professionalism through the transition amidst our peak operational period – delivering State and Women's League Grand Finals, NSW State Championships and all of the day-to-day tasks. The diligence and self-management of the team throughout that six-month period did not go unnoticed and our sport is lucky to have such a dedicated team.

Partnership with the Sydney Blue Sox: A New Chapter

As per my message to our community earlier this year, we also welcome new partners in the Black Pearl Sports Group, who have taken the reins of the Sydney Blue Sox franchise. Managing Director Cole Sheretz and his team have been keen to work closely with BNSW and link the Blue Sox to the community.

The Blue Sox represent an important part of the baseball landscape in NSW – as an aspirational pathway for all of our athletes - and to this end Baseball NSW have joined a partnership with Black Pearl to support this year's Blue Sox through strategic, promotional, and community engagement efforts. Importantly, this collaboration aims to embed elite baseball deeply within the grassroots ecosystem, creating clearer pathways for NSW talent.

BPSG's license acquisition ushers in a forward-looking era, with investments in coaching, facilities, and fan engagement already unfolding. Together, we're committed to aligning high-performance programs with community outreach to ensure the Blue Sox become a true flagship for NSW baseball.

There will be a dedicated focus on improving the game day experience for all members from the grandstand to the barbeque and the on-field activations. We encourage everyone to grab their memberships today, before it's too late.

This season, we encourage the NSW baseball community to get out to games, bringing their friends and family. The support from our grassroots members will be significant in uplifting the Sydney Blue Sox this 2025/26 season and celebrate any of their success. It's no secret that the Blue Sox have been through a number of transition periods over the years. Showing up for our team is how we will keep the league viable for years to come and improve the overall experience of baseball in Australia. We all need to get out to the park and support the Blue Sox as the pinnacle of NSW baseball.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT.

Highlights of the Past Year: Achievements and Momentum

Over the past year, we have continued to build momentum across all levels of the game. Our junior programs remain one of our greatest strengths, demonstrated through state events that are showcasing the immense amount of talent we have across the state. This year's events not only proceeded in the face of wet weather but did so with exceptional competition and an atmosphere that reflected the passion of our community. These events showcased the depth of emerging talent and the resilience of our participants, families and clubs.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers and broader baseball community—coaches, officials, administrators, parents and supporters—who consistently invest their time and energy to ensure the sport thrives. Their collective commitment underpins every achievement and continues to drive our success forward.

Looking forward

Our sport is amazing across all levels: you can see it in the chaos of kids t-ball, right up to our elite athletes in the NSW teams preparing for AYC campaigns then going onto bigger and better representative honours in Australian junior teams, college campaigns and professional opportunities.

None of this is possible without the dedication of our volunteers – scorers, umpires, grounds crew, club and association committees and our parents and carers. Their passion and care remain the heartbeat of Baseball in New South Wales and can only drive us to greater heights. After a year which included significant change, thank you all for your support of BNSW and our sport. I am confident that our sport is well positioned with a new CEO, passionate team and dedicated membership to build on our proud heritage and drive baseball forward.



James Morley
Acting Executive Director & Baseball NSW Board Director

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



It is my privilege to take on the role as the Chief Executive Officer of Baseball NSW.

Stepping into the role in August, I have been encouraged by the strong foundations that Baseball NSW has built. While my tenure falls outside the formal reporting period, the months since have provided valuable perspective to greater understand the opportunities before us, and begin shaping the organisation's next phase of growth.

The past year delivered strong results across the sport. From community participation and tournaments through to state team performances, the outcomes reflect the ongoing commitment of our clubs, associations, and volunteers who drive baseball at every level. Their contribution continues to strengthen the game and set the platform for future progress.

Looking ahead, Baseball NSW is focused on building a strategy that draws directly from the voices of those within our ecosystem. The recent stakeholder survey has provided clear insights into the experiences and priorities of those within in the sport across all the involvement types.

These insights will form the basis of a new strategic plan; one that is co-designed, practical, and focused on meaningful outcomes for the baseball community in NSW.

Our priorities are centered on enabling and enhancing the player and volunteer experience, supporting clubs and associations to deliver quality environments, whilst amplifying the programmatic offerings from participation to pathways through to high performance.

By grounding our direction in evidence and shared insight, we aim to ensure that Baseball NSW continues to grow its reach, relevance, and impact.

The year ahead presents an opportunity to consolidate momentum and set a clear, unified direction for the sport. I look forward to working with our community to ensure that baseball in NSW continues to thrive.

Matt Rippon
CEO Baseball NSW

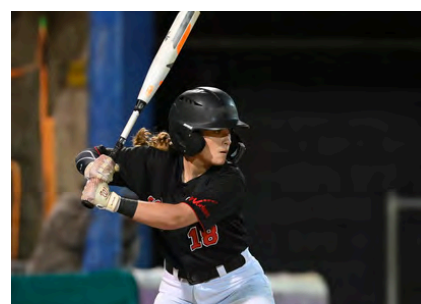


WOMEN & GIRLS IN BASEBALL



It's an exciting time in Women's Baseball. The efforts of many over a long period of time are starting to produce results with the profile of the women's game increasing and new opportunities across the globe. Most recently an exciting new pathway has emerged with eight Australian women including Ticara Geldenhuis, Claire O'Sullivan and Elodie O'Sullivan from NSW, being selected in the Women's Professional Baseball League draft. BNSW will continue working to ensure that we maximise opportunities and benefits for all our members.

The sporting landscape is changing across Australia with State and Federal Government providing stronger guidance to sporting organisations, linking funding support to government initiatives to drive change. There is an increased focus on diversity and governance in sport across all levels. BNSW is well-placed to meet these challenges having working toward improved governance under the leadership of the current President, Jason Chabi, and with the development of a Female Participation Strategy in consultation with the Female Participation Strategy Committee over the past three years.



Of particular focus has been the need to create opportunities for women and girls to continue to develop their skills in a competitive environment. Since 2022 multiple opportunities have been introduced including Rookie Girls Cup, Gaynor Cup, Australian Little League Girls Championships, and Barclay Cup.

WOMEN'S & GIRLS REPORT CONT.

BNSW teams have enjoyed success on the diamond, equally though, the quality of managers, coaches, administration and support staff has ensured that participants have enjoyed their experience and have been keen to engage in repeat tournaments. BNSW Women's Development Program continues to gain traction with 36 participants this year benefiting from a broader program that included a focus on mental health; a historically overlooked critical element of building high-performance athletes.

Mid 2025 BNSW launched its member survey, the first since 2019 and in recent months we have sought specific feedback from ex-players as well as non-players. The information gained through this engagement will be invaluable in informing future stages of the Female Participation Strategy, particularly in addressing retention of players, officials and volunteers and barriers, real or perceived, to potential new participants. The results of the surveys will be shared early 2026.

Mid 2026 also saw the launch of the "You Belong" campaign nationally, a fantastic example of the State and National bodies working together to increase participation and engagement with baseball. The campaign will continue to run over coming months showcasing diversity and opportunities for all skill levels, ages and genders.

BNSW would like to thank the members of the Female Participation Strategy Committee, the Women's League Standing Committee as well as the associations and clubs across the state for their ongoing support and insights in helping to frame and deliver a range of initiatives to improve the experience of women and girls in baseball.



Sue Cunningham & Beth McVicker-Murphy
Board Members - Women's Baseball

OPERATIONS REPORT



This year has been a huge season for Development and High Performance, with many highlights in the events held. The annual men's and women's national championships were held in January and April respectively, with good results from both team and individual perspectives. These tournaments are the premier events for these players who have dedicated many hours honing their skills to pit themselves against the best in the nation.

The following is a run down of the events BNSW has delivered in 2024/25.

U18 Australian Youth Championships (AYC)

Baseball Australia's U18 AYC for 2025 was held at BISP in January, with NSW winning the Gold Medal and NSW Country finishing 6th. Congratulations to the following players and support staff who were selected to represent NSW and NSW Country –



OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

NSW U18's	COACHES	NSW COUNTRY U18's	COACHES
Ethan Bickel Tahlan Cavill Frank Clarke Kobe Cusbert Lincoln Gruppelaar Max Hagger Campbell Harris Ashton Kennedy Christian Lane Mason Malkoun Josh Nati Riley Puckett Lachlan Robinson Daniel Thwaites Matthew Trainor Lachlan Vella Lachlan West Fletcher Willard Damien Wilson	Phil Hemmer Jack Dormor James Sammes Michael O'Neill Steve Dredge	Lachlan O'Sullivan Cormac Boggiss Riley Cooper Wil Klein-Schiphorst Riley Watson Chris Morgan Sam Davis Cameron Chivas Ben Frost Tristan Clapham Hamish Gleeson Tyler Boggiss Mikaere Pora Kallen Barker Connor McCarthy Patrick Harrison Cameron Howay Hamish Weekes Alex Poole	Ian Hook Rowan Street Danny O'Sullivan Aurora O'Sullivan

U16 Australian Youth Championships (AYC)

The 2025 AYC was also held at BISP in January, with NSW finishing 4th and NSW Country finishing 6th. Congratulations to the following players and support staff who were selected to represent NSW and NSW Country –



OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

NSW U16's	COACHES	NSW COUNTRY U16's	COACHES
Will Bonham Tristan Crynes Tim Donovan Roman Ellis Draven Fatu Harley Gibson Kai Harris Will Hooper Jack Kelly Hamish Kelly Hunter McAdam Christian Morrison Noah Nash Daniel Price Ryan Reekie Jake Shorey Cooper Smith Kai Ueki Parker Willard Lucas Williams	Nathan Willard Vince Bates Jaedan Cavill Sean McNally David Nannes	Cody Cartwright Blake Collings Riley Coombes Dustan Evans Charlie Fawdray Blake Fleming Liam Gardner Jesse Garner Cailan Hartwell Jackson Leighton Borck Moore Baxter Nee Cohen Parish Austin Turner Denzel Wynne-Primus Jian Chen Austin Murdoch Chase Peterson Owen Hart Archie Sampson	Garry Everson Boss Moanaora Karina Connors Ben McCall

BNSW acknowledges and thanks the coaches, support staff and parents for their commitment and dedication with many hours and significant costs incurred during the program.



OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

U12 World Cup

The U12 World Cup was held in Chinese Taipei in July, where they performed strongly, finishing 9th overall.

NSW players selected were –

Ben Beezley
Zeke Coughlin
Logan Jones
Izaak Johnson
Liam Kelly
Billy McCarthy
Ethan Uncle

NSW coach Matt O'Neill was the Manager of the team.

U16 Australian Representatives

After the AYC in January, two Australian squads were selected to take part in a tour of Japan in August. These teams played a series of games against international opposition at venues in Sapporo and Tokyo.

The NSW players selected to represent Australia were –

Will Bonham
Harley Gibson
Christian Morrison
Ryan Reekie
Kai Ueki
Lucas Williams

NSW coaches in the squads were –

Phil Hemmer
Max Brennen
Steve Dredge (EO)

OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

U18 World Cup

Australia competed in the U18 World Cup in Okinawa, Japan in September. The NSW players selected after their performances at the AYC and the selection camp on the Gold Coast were –

Josh Nati
Lachlan Vella
Damien Wilson
Ethan Bickel
Riley Puckett
Christian Lane
Matt Trainor
Ashton Kennedy

NSW coaches in the squad are

Jason Pospishil
Grahame Cassel

Australian Women's Championships (AWC)

The 2025 Womens National Championships were held in Melbourne at Easter. NSW had 16 women on the roster and they had an outstanding tournament winning the Gold Medal.

Congratulations to the following players and staff -

NSW WOMEN'S		COACHES
Ticara Geldenhuis Elise Grenfell Mackenzie Jackson Isobel Lambert Lisa Nakashio Claire O'Sullivan Ebony Van Eynde Maddison Erwin Sayaka Mori	Cayla Johnson Maddison McGuire Maddison Heath Tiana Lascala Ryleigh Delacour-Batch Kara Cassidy Mattea Karn Bree Green Mahaela O'Neill	Manager: Grahame Cassel Assistant Coach: Laura Neads Pitch Coach: Nathan Willard EO: Peter Neads

OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

Australian Youth Women’s Championships (AYWC)

The 2025 Youth Womens National Championships were held in Melbourne at Easter. NSW had 16 girls on the roster and they finished 5th.

Congratulations to the following players and staff -

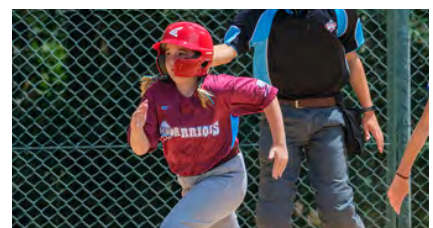
NSW YOUTH WOMEN'S		COACHES
Mariam Arifaki Tamryn Love Ivy White Breearna Zavec Jessica Burnett Georgia Gately Madison Forbes Francesca Powell	Nicola Blyton Mackenzie Paroz Charley Le Grice Laura Cheevers Tallara Joseph-Riogi Emily Nannes Lily Warren Jess Rosser	Manager: Amy Saliba Assistant Coach: Phil Cassidy Pitch Coach: Rodger Morris EO: Houda Arifaki

NSW Little League Girls State Championship

For the first time in NSW, a little league state championship for girls was held in January at Rofe Park in Hornsby.

Teams competing were from Hills, Cronulla (Blue and Black), Ryde, Greater Western, Macarthur and Manly.

Congratulations to the Cronulla Black team who were crowned State Champions after a hard fought win over Hills in the final.



OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

Little League Girls National Championship

The national Little League Girls Championship was held in Redcliffe, Brisbane, in July.

Cronulla Black were given direct entry after their win in the NSW State Championships, while a composite team was selected from the remaining six teams.

The NSW Composite team won the National Title after going through the tournament undefeated. Congratulations to the following players and staff –

NSW COMPOSITE TEAM		COACHES
Maxine De Vries Emilia Arkhult Sophie Lotan Hallie Dantas Lily Wolstenholme Maya Gaffney Chilli Hanlon	Indianna Birtles Caitlyn Gainsford Rose Edmonds Flip Shines Skylah Steele Stella Cheevers Georgia Williams	Manager: Maddison McGuire Assistant Coach: Lisa Nakashio Assistant Coach: Abbey Nignes EO: Ticara Geldenhuis



OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

High Performance Development Programs

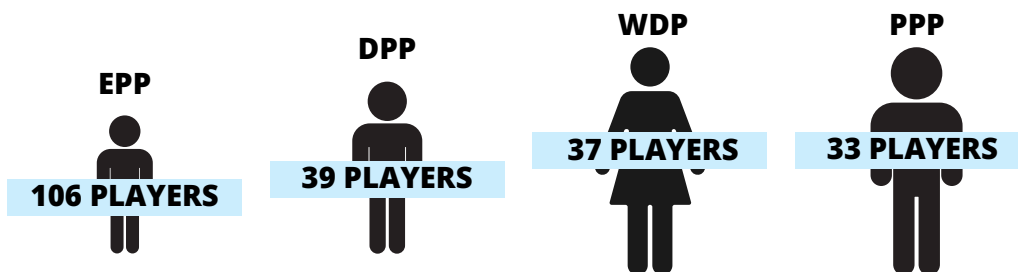
The 2025 BNSW High-Performance/Development programs were conducted over 10 weeks from mid June to late August. A total of 215 players were selected to take part over four levels of our development system:

- Performance Pathway Program
- Developing Pathway Program
- Emerging Pathway Program
- Women's Developing Pathway Program

These development programs had some weather disruptions this year that led to the program being extended. The players involved to maximised their opportunity to work with the various instructors to improve their game.

Special thanks goes to:

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



Performance Pathway Program

This program is comprised of 33 players selected from a trial process in May. This was an U/18 squad that trained twice a week for 10 weeks (June to August) at BISP with an emphasis on building up their strength, running speed, arm and bat velocity as well as game awareness.

They used development tools such as Driveline, RAPSODO ball flight technology, Speed Development/Mobility, and Strength & Conditioning programs. For the first time, these players embarked on a 12 week Mental Fitness Course with Prime Mind Coaching as part of their program.

Coaches were Phil Hemmer, Coen Wynne, Trent D'Antonio, Michael Campbell, Jack Dormor, Jason Pospishil, Nathan Willard, David Nannes, Nathan Howarth and myself.

OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

Developing Pathway Program

This program was comprised of 39 of the best U/16 age eligible players selected after a trial process in May.

These players trained twice a week for 10 weeks (June to August) at BISP, building up their strength, running speed, arm and bat velocity as well as game awareness.

They have been using development tools such as Driveline, RAPSODO ball flight technology, Speed Development/Mobility, and Strength & Conditioning programs.

Coaches were James Sammes, Nick Chappell, Max Brennen, Ticara Geldenhuis, Nathan Willard, Nathan Howarth and myself.

Strength and Conditioning

A big thank you to Jack Dormor, David Ninnes and Ticara Geldenhuis for the writing and delivering of the S & C programs for our squads in 2025. They ensured the exercises and loads undertaken by the players were appropriate for their age and physical maturity.

Emerging Pathway Program

The EPP was again broken into three regions this year with the North running out of Golden Jubilee Field, the West running out of Caddies Creek Reserve and the South running out of Riverside Park. I want to thank the three clubs the Kuringai Stealers, Rouse Hill Wildcats and the Canterbury Vikings for allowing us to use their fields.

For the EPP we were able to provide winter development programs to 106 young athletes. The coaches we used in each program were outstanding and we are lucky to have them dedicate their time to the next crop of young Aussie baseball talent. The coaches for each program are –

North: Jerry Cobb, Dan Goodsall, Sean Chivers, Shane Charman

West: Jeff Catt, Scott Wright, Dylan Wright, Steve Dredge, Brett Lennox

South: Fady Karam, Mitch Austin, Claude Bova, Pete Worboys



OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

Womens Developing Pathway Program

Our Womens Development Program was another huge success this year, with a healthy number of players consistent with the rise in the profile of women's sport. It was held at BISP on a Tuesday/Thursday night for 8 weeks.

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

Coaches were –

- Phil Cassidy
- Garry Everson
- Amy Saliba
- Trent Burnett
- Nathan Howarth
- Abbey Nannes

Barclay Cup

NSW once again participated in the Barclay Cup, with this year's tournament held in Adelaide.

We entered two NSW teams into the competition, continuing the legacy of Jacinda Barclay. The teams were finalised in early September. The teams were the the Barky Ball-hers and the Cinda Spirit. They finished third and fourth respectively!

Interstate teams were from WA, SA, Victoria, Queensland, with an international team from the US - the Florida Bolts - joining for the first time.

Staff appointed to the teams were –

Amy Saliba, Lisa Nakashio, Abbey Nannes, Jordan Richardson, Iris Ng, Steve Coyle, Jenny White and Robynne Young.



OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

Sports High School Program

Baseball NSW and the Sports High School Association of New South Wales have continued their MOU into 2025. Baseball NSW is lucky to have coaches of the calibre of Nathan Wright (Hills), Peter Worboys and Mitch Austin (Endeavour) , Ian Hook (Hunter) , Chris Fraietta (Westfields).

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



Coaching Accreditations

BNSW is committed to improving the Coach Accreditation system in line with Baseball Australia and Baseball USA. Coaches can obtain their Level A, B, C by heading to our website for all the information. [Click here](#) to visit the Coaching webpage.

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

All practical courses are advertised on the BNSW website.

BNSW thanks Jeff Catt, Michael Hagarty, Peter Worboys, Fady Karam, Shane Dodd, Garry Everson, Nathan Willard, Brook Russell, Ian Hook, Stephen Hook, Michael Potts, Al Connors, Warwick Pethybridge, Jack Dormor, Jason Pospishil, Trent D'Antonio, Chris Oxspring, Coen Wynne and Peter Gahan for their hard work and dedication in delivering these practical courses around the state.

OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

See the following coach accreditation numbers for the state:

As of 30 th June 2024, BaseballNSW had 1,633 accredited coaches		
LEVEL	MALE	FEMALE
LEVEL A	1139	282
LEVEL B	632	82
LEVEL C	116	12
TOTALS	1887	376

Blacktown Exercise Sports & Technology (BEST)

In October 2023, the construction of BEST directly across the road from our baseball stadium was finalised. BEST boasts world leading technology in the areas of exercise science, health, sports medicine, research and high performance sport.

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

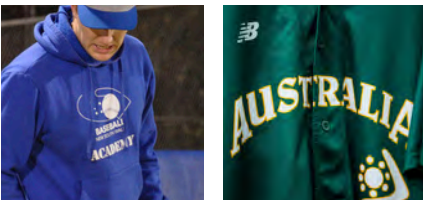
BNSW has already begun a relationship with Sydney West Sports Medicine and Australian Catholic University to use the gym, force plates and running track for our High Performance squads this past winter.

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

OPERATIONS REPORT CONT.

In April, Development Officer Coen Wynne left his full time role at BNSW. I would like to thank him for his dedication and commitment in helping to implement all our High Performance and Development programs. Coen will stay on as a part time pitching coach in our programs, where his knowledge and passion is of great benefit to our young players.

The Development Officer role has been filled by Nathan Howarth, a young coach who only recently graduated through our playing ranks as a member of NSW and Australian youth teams and has spent two years in College in the USA. In his short time as part of our team here at BNSW, Nathan has already brought several fresh ideas and I look forward to working with him into the future.



Grahame Cassel
Baseball NSW High Performance Manager

STATE LEAGUE REPORT



The 2024/25 season saw an extension in the number of rounds from 14 rounds with provisions for washouts, to 21 rounds with no wash-out rounds and a smaller break over Christmas. The weather was somewhat kinder and all in all a successful format that saw more baseball for our players, and a format that is now in place for the 2025/26 season.

During the season, Baseball NSW launched its long overdue Hall of Fame, where we inducted over 60 former greats, including NSW players already inducted into the BA Hall of Fame, NSW Players named in the 75th Diamond Anniversary Claxton Shield All-Star Team and the NSW players who competed in the 2004 Silver Medal Olympic Team in Athens.

Nominations are already open for our 2026 Induction. The form can be [found here!](#)

There were some outstanding club and individual performances over the season, with the culmination of the season at the Bankstown Sports Club for our annual Awards Night.

Please join me in congratulating all our State League winners for 2024/25:

Under 18's Minor Premiers – Ryde Hawks
Under 18's Champions – Cronulla Sharks
3rd Grade Minor Premiers – Blacktown Workers
3rd Grade Champions – Blacktown Workers
2nd Grade Minor Premiers – Blacktown Workers
2nd Grade Champions – Blacktown Workers
1st Grade Minor Premiers – Blacktown Workers
1st Grade Champions – Blacktown Workers

The Don Mould Club Championship Trophy deservedly went to Blacktown Workers.

The award winners for the the 2024/25 State League season can be found on the next page.

Congratulations to all who were successful.

STATE LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

STATE LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS 2024/25		
INDIVIDUAL AWARDS	Scorer of the Year	Jenny Yates
	Umpire of the Year	Ben Nash
	Club Head Coach of the Year	Ben Maguire - Blacktown Workers
PITCHER OF THE YEAR	U18's	Damien Wilson - Baulkham Hills
	3 rd Grade	Nathan MacKeon - Blacktown Workers
	2 nd Grade	Jarrod Davidson - Blacktown Workers
	1 st Grade	Matthew Rae - Blacktown Workers
BATTING CHAMPIONS	U18's	Max Hayhow - Blacktown Workers
	3 rd Grade	Michael Margerison - Blacktown Workers
	2 nd Grade	Miguel Nixon - Ryde Hawks
	1 st Grade	Matthew Trainor - Cronulla Sharks & Josh Pearl - Blacktown Workers
MVP's	U18's	Matthew Trainor - Cronulla Sharks
	3 rd Grade	Brett Elliot - Cronulla Sharks
	2 nd Grade	Miguel Nixon - Ryde Hawks
LIONEL HARRIS MEDAL	1 ST Grade MVP	Josh Pearl - Blacktown Workers



STATE LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

STATE LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS 2024/25		
ALBERT PEARCE TROPHY ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	1st Grade	Matthew Trainor - Cronulla Sharks
STATE LEAGUE ALL STAR TEAM OF THE YEAR	Starting Pitcher	Matthew Rae - Blacktown Workers
	Relief Pitcher	Tyrone Fergie - Blacktown Workers
	Catcher	Jake Burns - Canterbury Vikings
	First Base	Shanin Hislop - Macarthur Orioles
	Second Base	Lachlan Ross - Cronulla Sharks
	Third Base	Mitchell Austin - Blacktown Workers
	Short Stop	Luke Clapson - Baulkham Hills
	Outfielders	Michael Campbell - Cronulla Sharks
		Matthew Trainor - Cronulla Sharks
		Josh Pearl - Blacktown Workers
	Designated Hitter	Matt O'Neill - Ryde Hawks
	Utility	Luke Donaghey - Manly Eagles
Head Coach	Ben Maguire - Blacktown Workers	



STATE LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

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

“Acknowledgment needs to go to our coaches, who volunteer enormous amounts of time to fine tune their athletes which in turn delivers a great product on the diamond week in week out.”

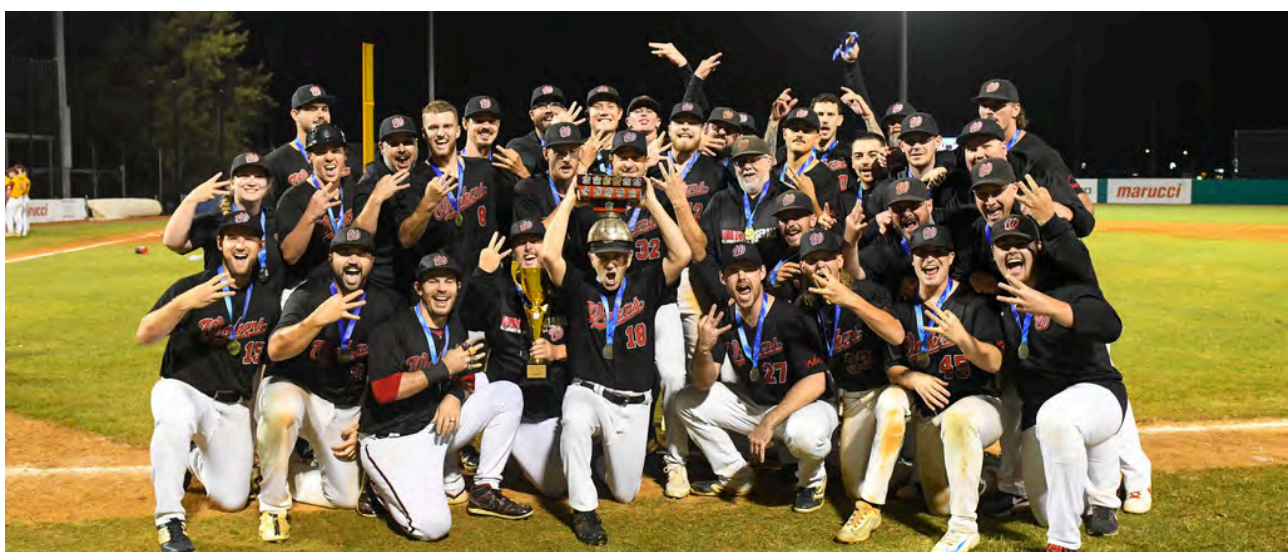
The quality of our coaching is also evidenced by the number of our younger players committing to colleges across the US, and the very elite playing professionally both locally and internationally, as well as those representing both their State and Country.

For all those players, their roots are in the State League Clubs and junior associations under the guidance of these Coaches.

Finally, I'd like to thank the State League Delegates, Club Committees, as well as the staff of Baseball New South Wales and in particular Tyson Crocker, for your contribution and support throughout the year.

Mark Burns

State League Standing Committee Chairman | Board Member



WOMEN'S LEAGUE REPORT



They say a week is a long time in baseball, well a year may seem like forever but wow it has come around quick. It only feels like last week that I was writing this report recapping the 2023/24 season and here I am again to tell you all about 2024/25.

Our Premier competition was reduced to five teams with the withdrawal of Macarthur, however they were able to maintain strong enough numbers and compete in the Second Grade competition which saw some new faces.

We welcomed the Ryde Hawks & Baulkham Hills Kookaburras in to the fold to take us to ten teams.

Blacktown and Eastern Suburbs once again battled it out for regular season supremacy, another dominant season by our top two teams, only dropping two games each. Ryde though, were still hungry after tasting Grand Final defeat a season ago and once again proved that it's how you play on the day. They upset the Dolphins in the Preliminary Final to earn the right to go one better after heartbreak twelve months earlier. After rain washed out the originally scheduled Grand Final it was Blacktown who flexed their muscles to lift their second premiership in three years.

It looked like a two-horse race in Second Grade with perennially strong Eastern Suburbs & West Sydney Boomers battling it out at the top. Come finals time however Blacktown and Penrith had squeezed themselves in between our previous two Champions and it was second versus third in an epic of a Grand Final. For Penrith, they were looking to improve on the semi final appearance a year ago and go a couple of steps better. But it was the might of the Blacktown Workers who proved they are going to be hard to beat, in both Mens & Women's, for a long time coming and for the second time in as many years both trophies were headed to the same Clubhouse.

Congratulations to Maddison McGuire, Rick Price & everyone involved at the Blacktown Workers for a successful year in the Womens League.

Our Second Annual First Grade Team of the Year was stacked with outstanding performances across the board. Despite only five teams in the competition, each Club had at least one representative. Congratulations to our team of the year award winners as well as the major award winners from their performances across the season in both grades.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

Pink Round in support of Beyond Blue & the Cancer Council was another successful event. Once again hosted by the Eastern Suburbs Dolphins, it was another successful day, despite being a game fewer than previous seasons. Plans are already in place for a bigger and better day next season so stay tuned.

“The highlight of the season was certainly the introduction of the Gaynor Cup, a State Cup-like competition for our junior female players.”

This was a huge talking point over the last couple of years in our Strategy Meetings to bring back a JAG-style program and we thank Baseball NSW & the Associations for jumping on board and giving the girls another avenue to achieve their dreams. We can't wait to see this competition grow over the coming years and welcome these athletes into the Women's competition in the years to come.

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



WOMEN'S LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

A big thank you to the Executive, Janine Hunt (Secretary) & Rodger Morris (VP) and the members of the Women's League Standing Committee. We are finally starting to see the fruits of our labour and the future of female baseball is definitely in the right hands.

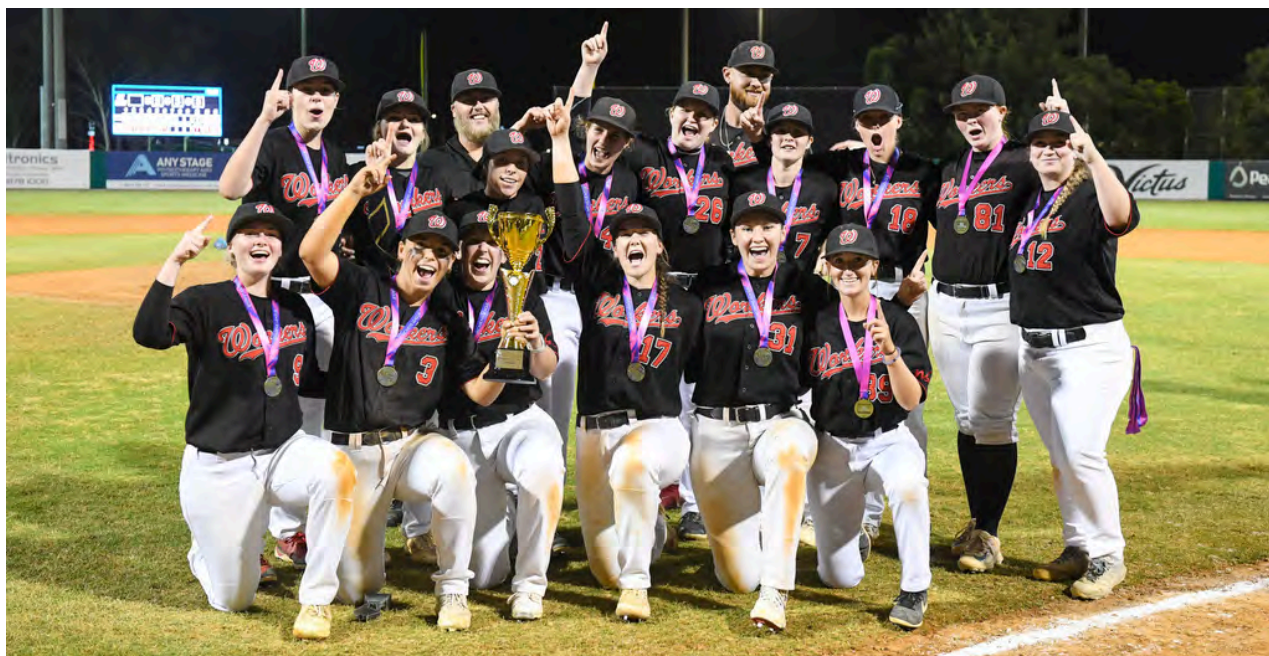
Once again we thank Baseball NSW for looking after the day-to-day operations of the competition. A much smoother ride this year, despite battling the elements at the back end of the season, but what's a little rain during finals!!

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

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

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

Luke Eisenhauer
Chairperson NSW Womens Baseball League



COUNTRY LEAGUE REPORT



"Country" - a strong word to include belonging in all languages.

"Country" to our indigenous peoples is a living place and a main part of their "dreaming"

"Country" to many people born overseas who have travelled to call this their own country.

It emphasises Country NSW members as an important, strong and resilient group. We have once again worked through floods and travelled distances to continue to grow while gathering to compete for Championships.

History:

- 1932 saw baseball played in Newcastle.
- 1936 was the first Country Championships held between Wagga, Newcastle, Lithgow & Bathurst.
- 1948 Illawarra joined the Championships, followed by Central Coast and Tamworth.
- Country Baseball NSW INC was formalised with a constitution, Warren Williams being the first President.
- 1987 After Tasmania withdrew from the Australian Youth Championships, CBNSW was invited to enter an U18 team in their own right.

Today - As a group of regional country Associations, we have faced many challenges to continue to grow the game outside the Sydney metro area. 2024/25 has brought many changes and upheavals to our sport.

The resignation in February of Craig Scheibel CLSC Chair, who resigned due to OS work commitments. Shortly after, Mark Marino resigned after 10 years as BNSW CEO. We would like to express our thanks to both for their support. Mark was an advocate for Country Baseball, sometimes manning the canteen or BBQ at Country Championships and chatting to all.

In March, I was elected CLSC Chairperson. I would like to thank Bill Langler BNSW Board Of Management for his help and direction assisting me into the position. We are now moving forward with Governance and Core programs of Work document to set direction. The overarching areas of budget, media, communication and reports are ongoing.

COUNTRY LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

Player & Coach Development:

We thank our coaches and umpires generously giving up their time to conduct accreditations in both Level B & C also conducting Umpire accreditation in Associations.

Thank you to three highly experienced and skilled baseball development people who volunteer their time, travelling to Country areas imparting their knowledge and experience.

- Peter Gahan was previously employed by Baseball Australia for many years in this role.
- Alan Connors was previously from Baseball Queensland and with BA in this role.
- Garry Everson who we all know and respect, as one of the best development officers was previously with BNSW. He worked in this role implementing his and BA programs through NSW for many years.

The weather impacted many local competition games this past year and we needed to cancel skill weekends. This team is now working on dates to travel throughout Country Associations with programs to assist coaches to instruct and grow the player skills.

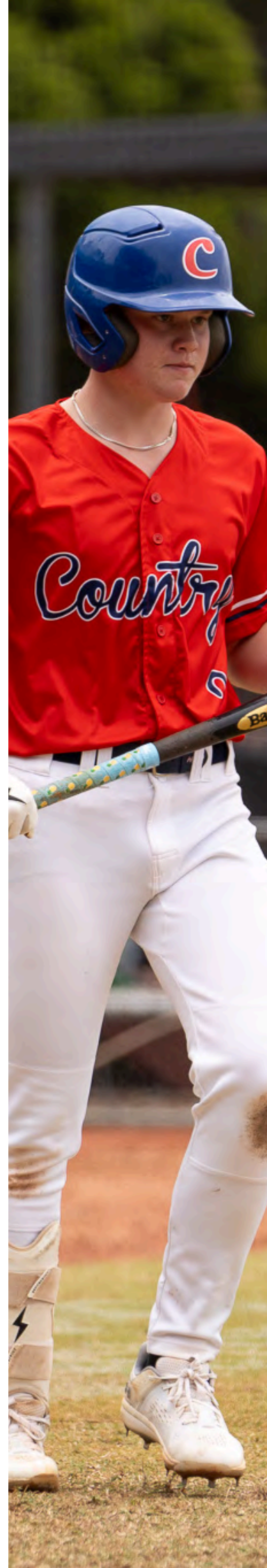
They recognise each area has their own unique needs and they will set up Regional Hubs, so our players don't have the extra cost and time needed to travel for training and development.

Country Championships:

We have had better luck with the weather this year with Ben McCall Tournament Director, running three successful Tournaments. We'd like to thank Benny, Judy Clifford (results and statistics) and Brian Sullivan and Brad Donald (Umpire Coordinators) for their tireless work with the Championships.

Due to Travel Ball Tournaments moving from January to the October weekend, we needed to realign Championships by changing dates, and age divisions this year. We didn't want our young players to miss the honour of representing their own Country Associations.

Congratulations to all Association teams who competed in the Country Championships.



COUNTRY LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

It is a time when Country people travel distances to gather, compete and renew friendships formed over the years. Hard baseball is played, many stories are told of shared experiences both on and off the diamond.

Association Country Tournaments are played each year. Congratulations to Tamworth who hold the very successful long running Senior June carnival with 59 teams competing and lots of fun being had by all.

Congrats also, to Far North Coast who hold the Timberjacks at Lismore each July for U12 to U20 with many teams competing over the weekend. Great credit goes to FNC and Tamworth's hard-working volunteers who prepare grounds and facilities to host high-quality Tournaments for both NSW and BA games.

See the 2024 Country Championship winners:

DATES	EVENT	AGE DIVISION	CHAMPION
2024 October Coffs Harbour	Junior Championships	Zooka	Coffs Harbour
		U12	Far North Coast
		U14	Far North Coast
		U16	Newcastle
2024 August BISP	Senior Championships	A Division	Newcastle
		B Division	Newcastle
2025 June Illawarra	Women's and Youth Championships	Womens	Far North Coast
		U16	Illawarra
		U18	Illawarra

COUNTRY LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

Rules and Competition Team:

Last year, we formed the Rules and Competition (R&C) team to oversee and co-ordinate the scheduling and technical areas throughout NSW Country baseball.

This team is led by Brad Donald and Michael Potts - included are Ben as Tournament Director and myself. They efficiently navigated through PONAGS, exceptional circumstance appeals and enquires, thus dealing with varied ages and skill levels from all regions.

Thanks to this team for getting the best and safest outcomes for our players to compete. Also, to Grahame Cassell BNSW HP for his experience and guidance when needed.



Representative Teams:

As said previously, Country has a long history of entering National Representative teams since 1987. Country has many coaches and players over the years who have excelled to elite levels in Australia and overseas.

Our teams have overcome the challenge of distance and lack of resources to get together to form a cohesive group, who compete every year at National Level since 1987. Our teams should never be underestimated as their dedication, drive and pride can't be ignored.

The 2025 AYC was definitely challenging for all teams due to weather interruptions with Baseball Australia needing to reschedule games, venues and times. Our thanks to Country NSW U18 Manager Ian Hook and staff, and U16 Manager Garry Everson and staff who did an amazing job over the AYC campaign.

COUNTRY LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

Thanks to Kass Turner and Kelly Nee, U16 parents, who organised a sponsorship campaign for our AYC players. They were able to raise approx. \$30,000 to assist in offsetting the AYC costs for the players. Great effort!

It is with regret that the 2025 Senior team tour of Europe was cancelled. Unfortunately, the Senior Program is now in hiatus and will hopefully return soon. This is a very important pathway for our players to aspire to, as they transition from U18 teams to Seniors. It is the avenue for them to continue their journey to play, coach or administer the game, while adding so much to the growth of their local Associations.

I would like to thank BNSW BOM and BNSW staff for their ongoing support of NSW Country and our programs. A particularly important thank you to our volunteers, parents and players who are "Country". Without you we don't exist. It is through your great support and overwhelming resilience we grow.

I am looking forward to our annual get together for a planning meeting in November, at Newcastle, where we will map out the calendar and programs for the upcoming year.

Stephanie Thompson
Chairperson NSW Country League Standing Committee



SYDNEY WINTER LEAGUE REPORT



The 2025 season was greatly impacted by the weather this season, but despite this we still had a nail-biting finish to the season. All play off positions went down to the last innings of the last round, with phones and Gamechanger running hot. Final standings can be found at the end of this report.

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



Thank you to all those who participated in the season, players, coaches, umpires, scorers, canteen staff and all those who came to watch our games. The commitment of all members of the committee - Annette Zagalak, Kim Robertson, Janine Hunt, Max Brennen & Brad Hawkins especially - and the club delegates, is voluntary and contributes significantly to the strength of our administration and the competitiveness of the Clubs making up the 'premier winter league', so thank you again.

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

SYDNEY WINTER LEAGUE REPORT CONT.



We look forward to the 2026 season with the hope that we may be able to restructure the competition and possibly add more clubs. Our main priority is the continuation of the Sydney Winter Baseball League.

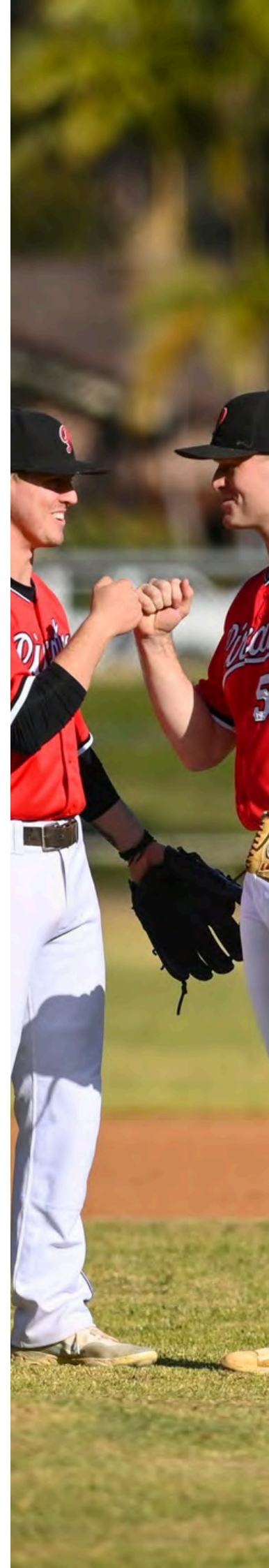
This year saw a Celebration of our 50th Season and we took the opportunity to host an Awards Night for the 2025 Season and also recognise our Life Members, inducting two new Life Members - Brad Hawkins and Kerry Jackson. It was a great night and seemed to be greatly enjoyed by those in attendance. Check out the photos and award recipients on the next pages.



Annette Zagalak
Chairperson Sydney Winter Baseball League

SYDNEY WINTER LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

FIRST GRADE							
Team	Win	Loss	Draw	%	For	Against	Ratio
PIRATES	7	1	0	0.875	71	24	0.747
PETERSHAM	7	1	0	0.875	67	25	0.728
SYDNEY UNI	3	6	0	0.333	36	60	0.375
GREENWAY	3	7	0	0.3	39	80	0.328
CASTLE HILL	2	7	0	0.222	55	79	0.41
SECOND GRADE							
Team	Win	Loss	Draw	%	For	Against	Ratio
PIRATES	6	2	0	0.75	61	29	0.678
PETERSHAM	5	3	0	0.625	62	35	0.639
GREENWAY	6	4	0	0.6	59	55	0.518
SYDNEY UNI	3	6	0	0.333	36	48	0.429
CASTLE HILL	2	7	0	0.222	43	94	0.314
THIRD GRADE							
Team	Win	Loss	Draw	%	For	Against	Ratio
PIRATES	6	1	1	0.813	87	26	0.77
SYDNEY UNI	6	2	0	0.75	42	56	0.429
PETERSHAM	4	3	0	0.571	41	53	0.436
CASTLE HILL	4	5	0	0.444	39	44	0.47
GREENWAY	0	9	1	0.05	35	65	0.35



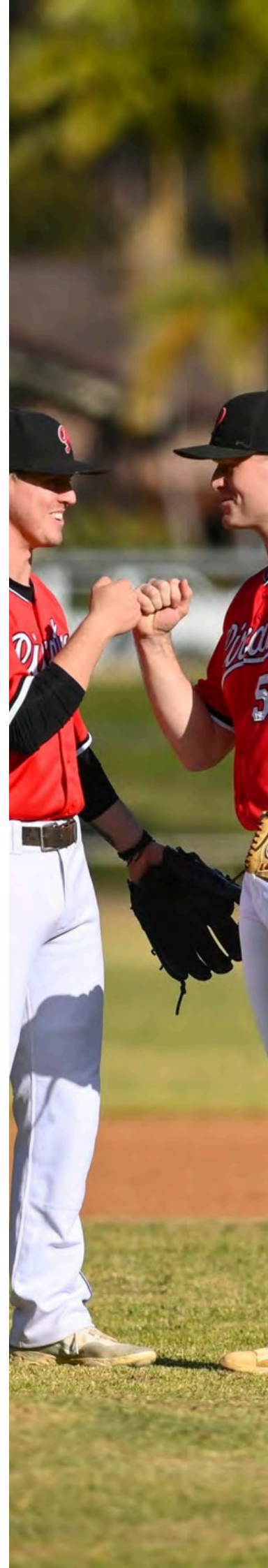
SYDNEY WINTER LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP as at RD 15

TEAM	1ST GRADE	2ND GRADE	3RD GRADE	TOTAL
PIRATES	7	4.5	3.25	14.75
PETERSHAM	7	3.75	2.286	13.036
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	2.667	2	3	7.667
GREENWAY	2.4	3.6	0.2	6.2
CASTLE HILL	1.778	1.333	1.778	4.889

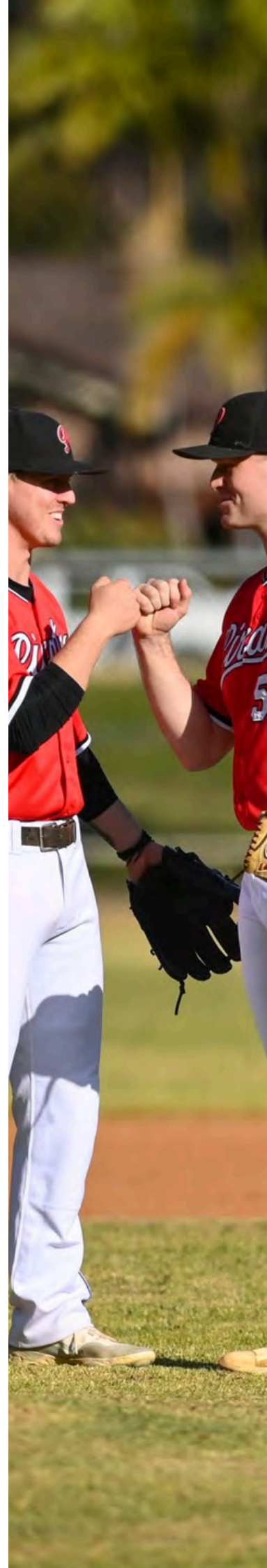
SWBL PREMIERS 2025

CLUB CHAMPIONS	McDOUGALL TROPHY	QUAKERS HILL PIRATES
FIRST GRADE	JIM STRICKLAND TROPHY	PETERSHAM
SECOND GRADE	KEN GULLIVER TROPHY	QUAKERS HILL PIRATES
THIRD GRADE	ARTHUR BLANE TROPHY	QUAKERS HILL PIRATES



SYDNEY WINTER LEAGUE REPORT CONT.

ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS 2025		
FIRST GRADE		
MVP Grand Final	Josh Bishopp	Petersham
Batting Award	Jaylin Rae	Petersham
Pitching Award	Josh Bishopp	Petersham
Jack Rowley Trophy <i>MVP Season</i>	Jaylin Rae	Petersham
SECOND GRADE		
MVP Grand Final	Todd Grattan	Quakers Hill Pirates
Batting Award	Ryan Chou Jaxon Nash	Greenway Castle Hill Knights
Pitching Award	Scott McAdam	Quakers Hill Pirates
Geoff Gorman Trophy <i>MVP Season</i>	Jake Wilkins Chris Thebridge	Petersham Quakers Hill Pirates
THIRD GRADE		
MVP Grand Final	Bailey Richards	Quakers Hill Pirates
Batting Award	Eli Lewis	Sydney University
Pitching Award	Bailey Richards	Quakers Hill Pirates
Jim Hall Trophy <i>MVP Season</i>	Eli Lewis	Sydney University
Terry Lewis Trophy <i>SWBL Rookie of the Year</i>	Frank Clarke	Greenway Giants



NSW SCORERS ASSOCIATION REPORT



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

The major competitions we were involved in include:

- 1. Australian Baseball League**
- 2. Little League State Championships – all age groups**
- 3. Little League Girls State Championships**
- 4. State League**
- 5. Womens League**
- 6. Sydney Winter League**
- 7. Barclay Cup**
- 8. Little League National Championships**
- 9. U16 and U18 Australian Youth Championships**
- 10. U18 World Cup Qualifier**

With so many events, especially with those being played at multiple venues, the support received from the local clubs, teams, BNSW and other staff was much appreciated. A big thanks also to the scorers from Queensland that helped our local Sydney scorers at this years' AYC.

We would like to thank Mark Marino for his help and support during his time as CEO and look forward to continuing our relationship with the new CEO.

Several accreditations were also completed – congratulations to our scorers on achieving their Level O, 1 or 2.

I would like to thank the associations, clubs and umpires for supporting our scorers.

Vera Bonham
President NSW Scorers Association

NSW UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT



The New South Wales Baseball Umpires Association (NSWBUA) has continued its mission of supporting the game through the education, development, and coordination of baseball umpires across the state throughout the 2024–25 baseball year.

Our members again provided high-quality officiating across Baseball NSW competitions, including the men’s and women’s State Leagues, national championships, and various junior and representative tournaments. NSWBUA also supported events sanctioned by Baseball Australia, demonstrating the continued trust placed in our umpires at all levels of the game.

NSWBUA remains the leader in umpire education and professional development. Our training programs, delivered across both metropolitan and regional NSW, have been refined to accommodate local needs and deliver value across the umpiring spectrum. Community-level courses continue to offer flexible formats, helping introduce new umpires to the game, many of whom are already involved in other volunteer capacities.

This year marked the introduction of the NSWBUA Peer Awards, recognising individual excellence through the votes of fellow umpires. These awards complement our formal awards program and further strengthen our sense of community, professionalism, and mutual respect within the Association.



NSW UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT CONT.

We also released an updated Code of Conduct, reflecting the evolving expectations of umpiring standards and personal conduct. Compliance with this Code is a requirement of membership and underscores our commitment to integrity and respect both on and off the diamond.

Our umpires continued to earn recognition for their skill and professionalism:

Trent Thomas

- **Officiated in the Premier 12 in November 2024**
- **Panel member for the Australia V Hanwha Eagles in Melbourne in February 2025**
- **Delivery of annual umpiring seminar in Auckland, New Zealand in October 2024**
- **Appointed by the International Olympic Committee as an Ambassador, Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions in March 2025**

Ben Nash

- **Panel member of the ABL championship series crew**
- **Nominated for ABL umpire of the year**
- **Appointed to the U/12 World Cup in Taiwan in July 2025**

Dave Brodie

- **Appointed to the U/18 World Cup Oceania qualifiers in Sydney in December 2024**

In addition to our service at elite levels, NSWBUA has strengthened its connection with grassroots and junior baseball. Dedicated liaisons have improved communication between umpiring groups and associations, ensuring that our role extends beyond officiating to actively supporting the game's development.

Umpiring remains a demanding volunteer role, often under appreciated despite its essential nature to the sport. The Executive Committee continues to work constructively with Baseball NSW to uphold standards of respect and ensure the safety and wellbeing of umpires. With year-round baseball now common in NSW, balancing the needs of the game with volunteer sustainability is a growing challenge—one that requires coordination, communication, and considered scheduling.

NSWBUA is proud of its contribution to baseball in NSW. We remain committed to developing a strong and respected umpiring community and ensuring the game is officiated with professionalism, fairness, and pride.

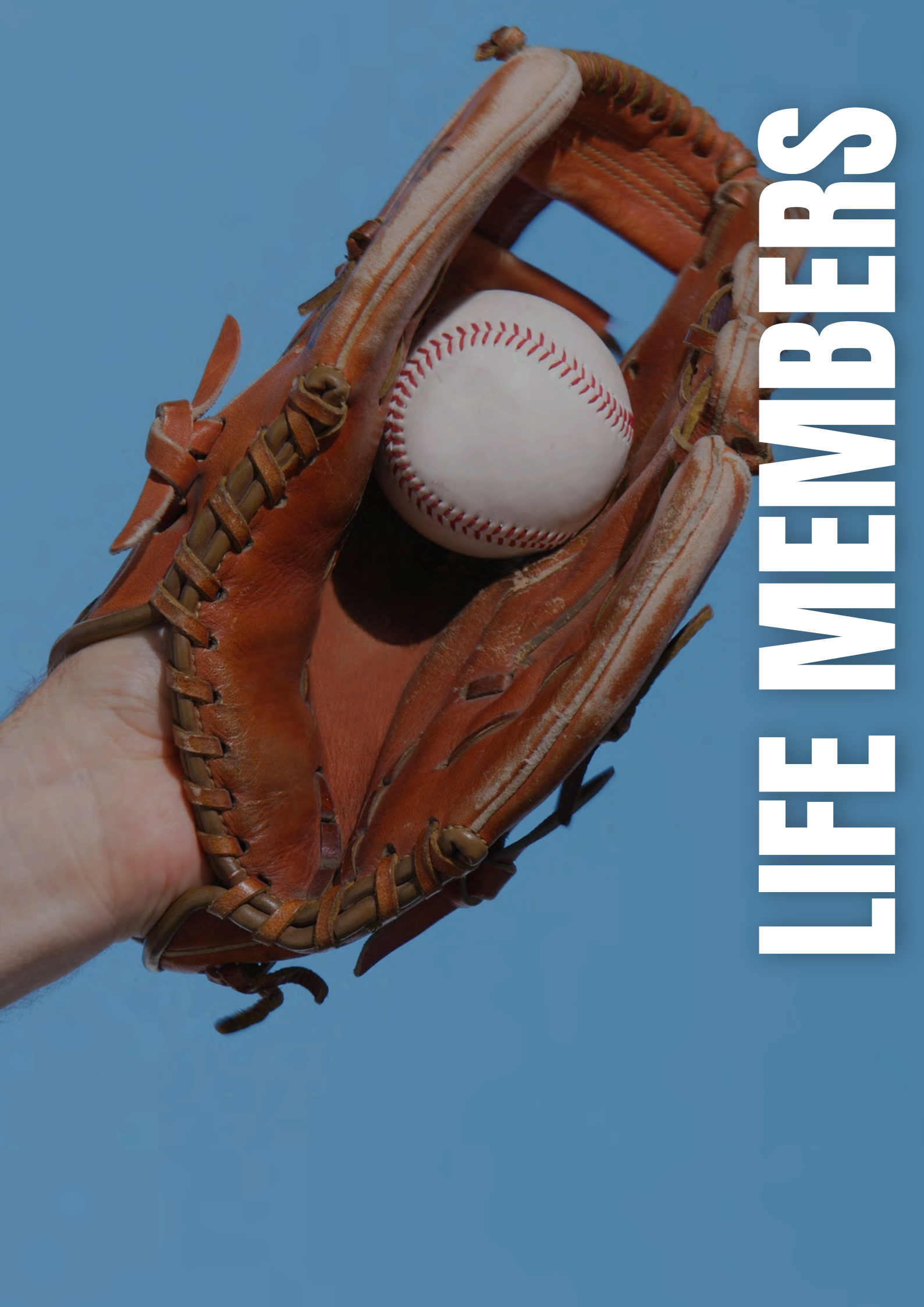


NSW UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT CONT.

ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS 2024/25	
Gerard Tancred Trophy <i>Umpire of the Year</i>	Trent Thomas
Jim Riley Memorial Award <i>for service to the game</i>	Don Washburn
John Roberston Shield <i>Women's League Umpire of the Year</i>	Glen Taylor
Geoff Robertson Shield <i>State League Rookie of the Year</i>	Joel Marchant
Little League Umpire	Andrew Templeton
State League Umpire (Men) <i>As awarded by the men's State League</i>	Ben Nash
State League Peer Award	Joel Marchant
Women's League Peer Award	Leanne Gearside
Cowdroy-Stephens Medal <i>For Grand Final Plate Umpires</i>	2024 Winter 1 st Grade: Jason Spurway 2024 Winter 2 nd Grade: Ji Min Li 2024 Winter 3 rd Grade: William Green 2024/25 Summer Women's 1 st Grade: Glen Taylor 2024/25 Summer Women's 2 nd Grade: William Green 2024/25 Summer Men's 1 st Grade (G1): Ben Nash 2024/25 Summer Men's 1 st Grade (G2): Jerry Cobb 2024/25 Summer Men's 1 st Grade (G3): Jason Spurway 2024/25 Summer Men's 2 nd Grade: Ji Min Li 2024/25 Summer Men's 3 rd Grade: Joel Marchant 2024/25 Summer Men's U18s: Steve Bigwood

Dave Brodie
NSW Baseball Umpires Association





LIFE MEMBERS

Baseball NSW Life Members

* Denotes deceased

1898: Metropolitan Baseball Association
 1900: New South Wales Baseball Association
 1944: New South Wales Allied Baseball Council 1945:
 New South Wales Baseball Union
 1970: New South Wales Baseball League

This listing of Life Members is taken from Annual Reports and newspaper articles. Annual Reports are not available for years 1898 to 1907, 1909 to 1911 and 1917 to 1919. The year of election of some life members in this period has been recorded as the year the member's name first appeared in an annual report or in a newspaper report of an annual meeting in those years when annual reports are not available.



LIFE MEMBERS	
Elected:	Not Known
Name:	Richard C. Callaway*
Notes:	<p>Played in 1886 with Sydney and Union Baseball Clubs. Was a foundation member in the 1898 establishment of the NSWBA and secretary from 1903 to 1905. Prominent umpire and initiator of schoolboy's baseball in 1909. Waverly Club member from 1898 to 1930s.</p> <p>Tom Roberts who was prominent in promoting baseball among schoolboys, wrote a letter to the Sydney Sportsman in 1911 seeking recognition for Dick Callaway's dedication and work for baseball stat- ing, "Surely no one is more entitled to be called 'Father of Baseball in Australia'. He added "I am aware that he was made a life member of the Association" Lack of documentation prevents confirmation of Richard Callaway's appointment.</p>

LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1901
Name:	James Cassius Williamson*
Notes:	Was first President of Victorian Baseball League after the Spalding visit and a Vice President of NSWBA from 1900 to 1903. Year of appointment appears to be 1901, when he presented a 'Challenge Shield' for interstate competition between NSW and Victoria which NSW won permanently in 1903. His name appears in a list of life members in 1908 Annual Report, but not in subsequent years. The whereabouts of the challenge shield is not known.
Elected:	1902
Name:	Harry A. Solomon*
Notes:	Harry Solomon was a Vice President till 1903 before leaving Australia and not returning till 1933 when he presented evidence to the NSW Baseball Association that he had been elected a life member of the association in 1902.
Elected:	1903
Name:	Charles H. Barnes*
Notes:	Secretary of the NSWBA from 1899 to 1902 and prominent interstate umpire from earliest years of interstate fixtures against Victoria and during the 1914 Giants White Sox games.
Elected:	1908
Name:	R.T. Kelly*
Notes:	First appears as life member in 1908 report. Actual year of appointment not known, but may have been that year, as he presented the R.T. Kelly silver cup for establishment of a second-grade competition in 1907.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1911
Name:	Jame A. Minnett*
Notes:	Was President of the NSWBA from 1909 to 1919. Life membership was conferred in June 1911, but he is not in the list of life members in the 1915 & 1916 annual reports. Annual reports are not available for the years 1917-19, but he was listed again from 1920.
Elected:	1920
Name:	Edwin A. Tyler*
Notes:	Petersham player from club's inception in 1900. First appears as a life member in 1920 which may well be the date of his election as he was Treasurer from 1907 to 1910 and secretary of the Association from 1911 until 1919.
Elected:	1923
Name:	Albert C. Bain*
Notes:	In 1918 managed the Bondi Club in the NSWBA winter, which maintained Waverley Oval for baseball and NSWBA when Waverley switched to the NSW National Baseball League's winter and summer competitions from 1915 to 1918.
Elected:	1927
Name:	Harold G. Kilminster*
Notes:	Was a prominent umpire, summer advocate, administrator with NSWNBL and NSWBA and chairman of the NSWBA executive committee in 1926.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1929
Name:	Frederick C. 'Pony' Young*
Notes:	An American who played with St. George from 1914 Manager of Kellogg's (Australia) Ltd, till he returned to live in US in late 1920s and negotiated the visit of Multnomah Athletics in 1929.
Elected:	1931
Name:	James L. 'Jimmie' Searle*
Notes:	Jimmy Searle was known as the 'Father of Baseball' in this state, initiated the formation of the Redfern Baseball Club in 1897 leading to the establishment in 1898 of the Metropolitan Baseball Association, due to his close association with cricketers in his sporting goods business. Umpired after playing days ended. Co-founder of Western Suburbs Churches Baseball Union in 1912, owner of Imperial Oval, Dulwich Hill during world war one and early twenties. Official coach of schoolboys in 1920s.
Elected:	1931
Name:	David M. Angus*
Notes:	Was a prominent umpire.
Elected:	1934
Name:	Thomas C. Bury*
Notes:	NSWBA player, umpire and official. One of several brothers all playing baseball in the Leichhardt area. Became a summer baseball advocate, who managed National League NSW representative teams on interstate visits in early 1920s.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1936
Name:	Harold W. Turner*
Notes:	<p>If Jimmy Searle was the 'father', Harold W. 'Mum' Turner, as his nickname implies, was a veritable mother' to baseball, becoming involved in the game with the formation of the Petersham Club in 900, playing for and managing NSW teams.</p> <p>Secretary of NSWBA 1909, 1910, chairman of executive committee 1934,37 & 1941,43 before retiring. Designed J.C. Williamson Shield for 1908 US Fleet visit, editor of 'Baseball Weekly' and souvenir programmes for Stanford and Multnomah visits and the General Douglas Macarthur Cup series during World War II.</p>
Elected:	1940
Name:	Alfred B. Solomon*
Notes:	NSWBA administrator and NSW team manager. Prominent umpire and Petersham official.
Elected:	1944
Name:	Milton J. 'Jim' Chapman*^
Notes:	Was an official of the City Houses Association and heavily involved in the organisation of games with American servicemen during World War II.
Elected:	1944
Name:	Bert McTaggart*^
Notes:	Began his baseball with Ewart Coo-ee club in late 1920s, official of the City Houses Association in the 1930s, Secretary of the Allied Baseball Council in 1944, initiator and first Secretary of the NSW Baseball Union from 1945 to 1956. Was Secretary of the Australian Baseball Council in 1958 and 1959. Bert returned as an official of Sydney Winter Baseball League after the controversial NSWBL switch to 'summer only Baseball' in 1973.

^ These life members appeared in the first annual report of the NSW Baseball Union for the year 1945 resulting from clause 27 (b) of the incoming Union's constitution adopted in February 1945 stating "The existing life members of the Allied Baseball Council shall automatically become Life Members of the NSW Baseball Union".



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1944
Name:	Jack Lambert*^
Notes:	Was a Leichhardt summer and winter player during first world war years and the 1920s. Represented NSW from 1921-25 & 1927-29, Australia against US Stanford University 1928 and US Multnomah 1929. He was a member of NSWBA Executive 1929-30 & 1933, delegate to ABC 1930,1932, 33, 34, State Selector 1937 to 1940 and Vice President 1934 to 1944 Presented the Brother Lambert Shield for inter-association All Age competition.
Elected:	1944
Name:	Harold C. Steele*^
Notes:	First played in Western Suburbs Churches Union during World War I, then Dulwich Hill and Marrickville clubs, represented NSW and became administrator of NSW Association and NSWBA Secretary prior to and during World War II years.
Elected:	1944
Name:	Harold E. Kennett*^
Notes:	Player with Burwood, then Marrickville clubs, represented Australia against Stanford & Multnomah 1928/9 and captained NSW in early 1930s. Became an administrator of NSWBA till World War II.
Elected:	1944
Name:	Arthur P. Nichols*^
Notes:	City Houses Association official pre-world war II, first President of the NSW Baseball Union from 1945 to 1950. Brother to life member George J. Nichols.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1948
Name:	Jack Mould*
Notes:	Prominent with University from World War I time and then Waverley club. Father of later NSWBU President and NSWBL Commissioner/life member G.C. 'Don' Mould.
Elected:	1950
Name:	Robert M. Anthony*
Notes:	Bob Anthony was an administrator from the 1930s till after World War II. A St George club player and official.
Elected:	1951
Name:	Roland H. 'Roly' Pearce*
Notes:	'Roly' Pearce was an official of the NSW Baseball Union. One of the founders of Canterbury-Bankstown club. Father of NSW player and coach Albert Pearce.
Elected:	1956
Name:	George J. Nichols*
Notes:	City Houses player and years Treasurer of the NSW Baseball Union 1945-54 & 1961-3. Initiator of the travel scheme for Claxton Shield tours and carnivals. Brother to life member Arthur Nichols.
Elected:	1957
Name:	Archer Phillip Austin, BEM*
Notes:	Was a player in the 1920s that represented a National League NSW team against Victoria in Melbourne in 1922, then a lifetime involvement with St George club and St George Association.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1959
Name:	Gordon Charles 'Don' Mould*
Notes:	Waverley and NSW player in 1930s, President of the NSW Baseball Union from 1951 to 1969, NSW Commissioner for Baseball 1970 to 1980 and President of the Australian Baseball Council/Federation from 1963 to 1975. Life member of Waverley club.
Elected:	1959
Name:	Alfred Emmerick*
Notes:	Alf Emmerick began playing baseball as a schoolboy in 1911 and became a long-time member and president of St George club. He represented NSW through the 1920s, Australia against Stanford and Multnomah and early 1930s continued his involvement in NSWBU administration from 1949 to 1960 as a selector at State and Australian levels. Father of NSW players Colin and Alan Emmerick.
Elected:	1962
Name:	Kenneth C. Gulliver, OAM*
Notes:	Mosman and NSW player in late 1930s through 1940s and then in administration. Life Member of Mosman club.
Elected:	1964
Name:	John B. Hollander, MBE*
Notes:	Lane Cove player in Northern Suburbs Association then coach and club Life Member of Lane Cove in Major League, Chairman of NSWBU Executive Committee from 1958, through the changeover to summer baseball when he switched to the Baulkham Hills club, till 1980. Became Commissioner for NSW Baseball from 1981 to 1986. NSW member/director of the Australian Baseball Council/Federation from 1963 to 1986 and life member.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1965
Name:	Jack P. Ross*
Notes:	Petersham player in 1930s, post-war official with Canterbury Bankstown, Chairman of Executive Committee of NSW Baseball Union from 1955 to 1957, assisting financially in Union's recovery from problems after disastrous night baseball trials.
Elected:	1967
Name:	Roy Vivian Crook*
Notes:	First played with the Dulwich Hill Club during World War I and administrator in W.S. Churches Union, then Bankstown-Sydenham Association and President of Metropolitan Baseball Association post World War II. Was Secretary of the NSW Baseball Union from 1957 to 1971.
Elected:	1969
Name:	Frank G. Stewart*
Notes:	Umpire from 1930s, President of NSW Umpires Association post World War II and President of St George club.
Elected:	1971
Name:	Cecil R. Kemp*
Notes:	Petersham and NSW player through the 1930s and non-playing captain coach in Claxton Shield 1950 to 1954, 1958 to 1967. Australian All Star selection as captain/coach 1951 to 1953 and 1963. Chairman of NSW Baseball Union Executive Committee from 1950 to 1955. Life Member of Petersham-Leichhardt Club.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1976
Name:	Colin A. Emmerick*
Notes:	St George and NSW player from 1940s to 60s, St George club administrator and life member. Son of life member Alf Emmerick, brother to Alan Emmerick.
Elected:	1976
Name:	Brian V. Davis*
Notes:	Marrickville player from 1945 to 1962, NSW Chrysler Cup representative 1955-56, Assistant Secretary of NSW Union 1963-69. Baseball journalist for SM Herald and AAP in 60s & 70s. As President of Auburn Baseball Club Ltd negotiated NSW government grant for floodlights and extensions to make Oriole Stadium Australia's first international standard playing field in 1980. NSWBL historian and author of 'Complete Book of Aussie Baseball'.
Elected:	1982
Name:	Harry Waddington*
Notes:	Player from Nestanglo in 1930s, player & administrator with Western Suburbs district club post war and later an official of Cumberland Association. Life Member of Cumberland Association and Western Suburbs and Auburn Clubs.
Elected:	1984
Name:	Clifford Watson*
Notes:	Player from 1940s turned umpire and committeeman. Long standing Judiciary Chairman of NSWBL. NSW Commissioner for Baseball from 2000 - 2002.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1991
Name:	Barry Holland
Notes:	Canterbury-Bankstown and NSW representative before taking up accredited coaching position with NSW League. Pitching Coach of ABL's Sydney Storm in the late 1990s.
Elected:	1993
Name:	James Strickland*
Notes:	Son of City Houses and NSW pitcher of thirties James R. Strickland. NSWBL Secretary from 1983 to 2000.
Elected:	1994
Name:	Ken Douglass
Notes:	Played baseball with Balmoral and Lane Cove Clubs, then with Port Melbourne in Victoria, then on return to Sydney played with Lane Cove and then coach and administrator with the Baulkham Hills Club. Commissioner for NSW Baseball from 1989 – 2000 and is a Life Member of the Australian Baseball Federation, Port Melbourne and Baulkham Hills Clubs.
Elected:	1998
Name:	David Hill*
Notes:	Began a lifetime interest in baseball from the early 1900s following the Leichhardt Club. He became an umpire, but his involvement was difficult as his work as a merchant seaman kept him away for long periods. When he retired he continued his umpiring and attends all Annual meetings including the 1999 AGM at which he was elected a life member.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	1999
Name:	Peter Worboys
Notes:	Canterbury-Bankstown player, accredited coach and Development Officer with the NSWBL. Coached the Under 18 NSW state team.
Elected:	2002
Name:	Cheryl Barnier
Notes:	Former long-term President of the NSWJBL that ran junior baseball in Sydney. She also continues to organise teams to travel overseas to tournaments, as well as running the Sydney Metro League.
Elected:	2005
Name:	Ian Lewis
Notes:	Devoted extensive time to CBNSW, now recognised as One Baseball NSW.
Elected:	2005
Name:	Paul Birch
Notes:	Devoted extensive time to CBNSW, now recognised as One Baseball NSW.
Elected:	2005
Name:	Warren Williams*
Notes:	Devoted extensive time to CBNSW, now recognised as One Baseball NSW.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	2008
Name:	Allan Parrott*
Notes:	Devoted extensive time to CBNSW, now recognised as One Baseball NSW. Head Coach of Australian Provincial teams for many years and other Country teams.
Elected:	2008
Name:	Montague Alfred "Monty" Noble*
Notes:	A notable administrator in his era. Was President of the NSW Baseball Association for 21 years consecutively. Monty was an Australian cricketer in the summer and then a baseballer in the winter. (Posthumous Life Member)
Elected:	2014
Name:	John Pond
Notes:	A lifelong volunteer and Executive Assistant / Administration for various clubs.
Elected:	2014
Name:	David Balfour*
Notes:	Renowned throughout Australia's baseball landscape for his tireless work in raising awareness of the game – David always had the hunger to develop the game of baseball especially at grassroots level.



LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED	
Elected:	2018
Name:	John Wingrove
Notes:	A second-generation member of a four-generation baseball family, past president and life member of Newcastle Baseball Association. NSW Claxton Shield player in 1967, longest-serving NSW Country player, longest tenure as player-coach and head coach for NSW Country. Coach of first the NSW Country age team to compete at the Australian Youth Championships in 1987, coach of the Australian team that participated in Oceania Games, Guam 1994, coach first Australian Provincial team to travel to Europe in 1997. Long term CLSC delegate.
Elected:	2023
Name:	Stephanie Thompson
Notes:	A vital figure in NSW Country Baseball for over 30 years, starting with Illawarra Juniors in 1983. Joined the NSW Country Baseball Inc. Board in 1984, managing portfolios like finance and policy. Responsible for organising NSW Country representative tours since 2007, as well as overseeing recruitment, sponsorship, and major championships. Has held executive roles with both NSW Country and Illawarra Baseball and has greatly contributed to the success and longevity of these organizations. President of the NSW CLSC.
Elected:	2025
Name:	Ian Hook
Notes:	Offered over 25 years of outstanding service to the game. Since 1985, he has coached across all levels at Belmont and Newcastle, contributed to NSW Country and Hunter Coast programs, and served in key administrative roles. His enduring dedication and leadership have left a lasting impact on the baseball community in New South Wales.



BNSW HALL OF FAME

FULL NAME	CATEGORY	ERA
<u>TOM GLEASON</u> *	PLAYER	PRE-1900
<u>HARRY SIMPSON</u> *	PLAYER	PRE-1900
<u>JAMES SEARLE</u> *	MANAGER	PRE-1900
<u>LES AGNEW</u> *	PLAYER	1900-1918
<u>HAROLD TURNER</u> *	MANAGER	1900-1918
<u>CHARLES SIMMONDS</u> *	PLAYER	1900-1918
<u>HAROLD FRANKS</u> *	PLAYER	1900-1918
<u>ERIC McELHONE</u> *	PLAYER	1900-1918
<u>WALLACE PRATT</u> *	PLAYER	1900-1918
<u>MONTAGUE NOBLE</u> *	PLAYER	1900-1918
<u>ANDREW WATSON</u> *	PLAYER	1900-1918
<u>CYRIL GRAHAM</u> *	PLAYER	1919-1946
<u>HAROLD KENNETT</u> *	PLAYER	1919-1946
<u>KEN GULLIVER</u> *	PLAYER	1919-1946
<u>ERNIE YUM</u> *	PLAYER	1919-1946
<u>BILLY FORD</u> *	PLAYER	1919-1946
<u>ALF EMMERICK</u> *	PLAYER	1919-1946
<u>KEVIN CANTWELL</u>	PLAYER	1947-1967
<u>RON McPHERSON</u> *	PLAYER	1947-1967
<u>RAY LAWLER</u> *	PLAYER	1947-1967



BNSW HALL OF FAME

FULL NAME	CATEGORY	ERA
<u>CEC KEMP</u> *	MANAGER	1947-1967
<u>MERV DEIGAN</u> *	PLAYER	1947-1967
<u>JACK ROWLEY</u> *	PLAYER	1947-1967
<u>BILLY EDMONDS</u> *	PLAYER	1947-1967
<u>LIONEL HARRIS</u>	PLAYER	1968-1988
<u>DICK SHIRT</u> *	PLAYER	1968-1988
<u>PAUL ELLIOTT</u>	PLAYER	1989-1999
<u>CRAIG SHIPLEY</u>	PLAYER	1989-1999
<u>GRAHAME CASSEL</u>	PLAYER	1989-1999
<u>GARY WHITE</u>	PLAYER	1989-1999
<u>GLENN WILLIAMS</u>	PLAYER	2000+
<u>BRENDAN KINGMAN</u>	PLAYER	2000+
<u>GRANT BALFOUR</u>	PLAYER	2000+
<u>JOHN STEPHENS</u>	PLAYER	2000+
<u>GAVIN FINGLESON</u>	PLAYER	2000+
<u>RODNEY VAN BUIZEN</u>	PLAYER	2000+
<u>TRENT OELTJEN</u>	PLAYER	2000+
<u>RYAN ROWLAND-SMITH</u>	PLAYER	2000+
<u>RICHARD THOMPSON</u>	PLAYER	2000+



BNSW HALL OF FAME

FULL NAME	CATEGORY	ERA
<u>CRAIG LEWIS</u>	PLAYER	2000+
<u>CRAIG ANDERSON</u>	PLAYER	2000+
<u>CHRIS OXSPRING</u>	PLAYER	2000-2009
<u>PAUL RUSSELL</u>	PLAYER	1968-1988
<u>TONY STRAND</u> *	PLAYER	1946-1967
<u>RON HUCKEL</u> *	PLAYER	1946-1967
<u>IAN KINNEY</u>	PLAYER	1968-1988
<u>BARRY PRATT</u>	PLAYER	1946-1967
<u>NEVILLE McDOUGALL</u> *	PLAYER	1946-1967
<u>PETER WHALAN</u> *	PLAYER	1946-1967
<u>BARRY HOLLAND</u>	MANAGER	1968-1988
<u>GEOFF ROBERTSON</u>	UMPIRE	1968-1988
<u>BOB MEDLICOTT</u>	UMPIRE	1968-1988
<u>ALAN JONES</u>	UMPIRE	1968-1988
<u>ALAN KENNY</u>	PLAYER	1947-1967
<u>ALBERT PEARCE</u> *	PLAYER	1947-1967
<u>BOBBY SMILES</u>	PLAYER	1947-1967
<u>COLIN EMMERICK</u> *	PLAYER	1947-1967
<u>GARRY WILLIAMS</u>	PLAYER	1968-1988



BNSW HALL OF FAME

FULL NAME	CATEGORY	ERA
<u>JOHN QUINT</u> *	PLAYER	1947-1967
<u>NOEL BLANCH</u> *	PLAYER	1919-1946
<u>SCOTT FRANKLIN</u>	PLAYER	1968-1988
<u>SCOTT TUNKIN</u>	PLAYER	1989-1999
<u>TERRY DUNDAS</u>	PLAYER	1968-1988
<u>GERARD TANCRED</u>	UMPIRE	1989-1999

* denotes deceased





BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES

FINANCIAL REPORT

2024/2025

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The committee members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Committee Members

Jason Chabi (Chair)	Re-elected 29 November 2023
Peter Worboys	Re-elected 29 November 2023
Mark Burns	Re-elected 30 September 2024
Beth McVicker-Murphy	Re-elected 30 September 2024
James Morley	Re-appointed to 10 February 2025
Bill Langler	Re-appointed 10 February 2025
Sue Cunningham	Elected to casual vacancy 29 July 2024
Rosa Stathis	Appointed 29 July 2024

Principal Activity

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

Operating result

The deficit of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$11,503 (Prior year deficit: \$193,713). The committee members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Significant changes in state of affairs

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

Events after the reporting date

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

Information on committee members

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

Peter Worboys	
Special Responsibilities	Coaches, Umpires, Scorers

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

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ABN: 56 568 633 609

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Beth McVicker-Murphy

Qualifications

BFA, MBA

Special Responsibilities

Marketing, Communications, Customer Experience & Women

James Morley

Qualifications

BEC, MLLP

Special Responsibilities

People and Culture, Risk, Governance, Member Protection and Legal

Bill Langler

Qualifications

BEC, LLB

Special Responsibilities

Country League Standing Committee, Legal

Sue Cunningham

Qualifications

Deputy Chair

Special Responsibilities

BBus (Accounting & Finance), MBus

Deputy Chair, Member of National Women's Working Group, Strategy, Women, Government Relations

Rosa Stathis

Qualifications

BA

Special Responsibilities

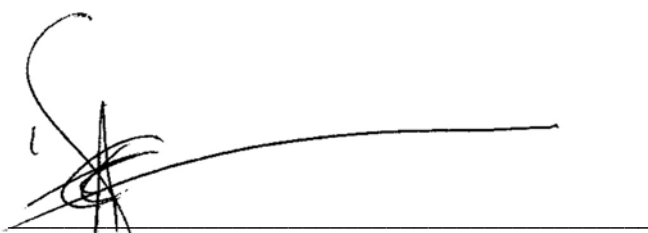
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Meetings of management committee

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

	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Jason Chabi	8	8
Peter Worboys	8	8
Mark Burns	8	7
Bath McVicker-Murphy	8	8
James Morley	8	8
Bill Langler	8	8
Sue Cunningham	7	7
Rosa Stathis	7	7

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



Jason Chabi

President

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue			
Interest		651	2,417
Other Income		2,680,893	2,973,824
Total Revenue		2,681,544	2,976,241
Expenses			
Administration & other expense		427,018	262,220
Audit Fees		-	6,000
Bad Debts		19,734	4,347
Bank and transaction fees		30,447	28,944
Contractors		281,780	384,190
Events & Competitions		439,964	998,221
Facility Costs		212,653	193,770
Long service leave provision		(23,951)	41,307
Foreign currency translation		(148)	925
National tournament contributions		524,646	554,427
Salaries & associated costs		689,297	683,030
Total expenses		2,601,440	3,157,381
Depreciation		18,185	12,574
Surplus (deficit) from ordinary operating activities		61,919	(193,714)
Abnormal one-off expenditure	3	73,422	-
Surplus (deficit) after extra-ordinary items		(11,503)	(193,714)

BALANCE SHEET

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	532,601	541,640
Trade and other receivables	5	225,756	96,103
Other current assets	7	19,499	40,587
Total current assets		777,856	678,330
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	91,359	45,227
Total non-current assets		91,359	45,227
Total assets		869,215	723,557
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	563,653	323,342
Employee benefits	9	92,895	115,366
Total current liabilities		656,548	438,708
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	-	20,201
Employee benefits	9	827	41,307
Total non-current liabilities		827	61,508
Total liabilities		657,375	500,215
Net assets		211,840	223,342
Members' funds			
Equity		211,839	223,342
Total Members Funds		211,840	223,342

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Retained earnings		
Opening retained earnings	223,342	417,055
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	(11,503)	(193,713)
Retained earnings	211,840	223,342
Total Equity		
Balance as at the beginning of the year	223,342	417,055
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(11,503)	(193,713)
Balance as at end of the year	211,840	223,342

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts members, funders and customers	2,962,102	3,309,184
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,971,792)	(3,469,540)
Interest received	651	2,417
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(9,039)	(157,939)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(9,039)	(157,939)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	541,640	699,579
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	532,601	541,640

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The functional and presentation currency of New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated is Australian dollars. Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1. Basis of preparation

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

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

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

2. Material accounting policy information

Revenue and other income

Interest revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Rendering of services

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Property, plant and equipment

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

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

Depreciation

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

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

Employee benefits

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

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

Impairment of non-financial assets

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

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

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

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

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

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

Provisions

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

3. Abnormal one-off expenditure

The Association recognised a non-recurring expense during the year substantively related to addressing prior years' underpayment of wages to existing employees and separately, organisational changes.

Payments were made in accordance with contractual obligations and are included as abnormal one-off expenditure in the statement of profit or loss.

4. Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	532,601	541,640
	<u>532,601</u>	<u>541,640</u>

5. Trade and other receivables**Current**

Trade debtors	215,208	73,647
Deposits paid	4,515	16,422
Uniforms in stock	6,033	6,033
	<u>225,756</u>	<u>96,102</u>

6. Property, plant and equipment**Leasehold land**

Leasehold improvements at cost	127,637	66,992
Less accumulated depreciation	(56,198)	(43,019)
	<u>71,439</u>	<u>23,973</u>

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment at cost	50,562	46,891
Less accumulated depreciation	(30,643)	(25,638)
	<u>19,919</u>	<u>21,254</u>

Property, plant and equipment	<u>91,359</u>	<u>45,227</u>
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7. Other assets**Current**

Prepayments	19,499	40,587
	<u>19,499</u>	<u>40,587</u>

8. Trade and other payables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current		
Trade Creditors	55,319	26,300
Income received in advance	112,369	12,955
Grant income in advance (NSW Office of Sport)	322,118	229,355
Other Creditors	8,575	1,254
PAYG Withholding payable	31,394	9,306
Accrued expenses	22,647	26,159
GST Payable	11,231	18,013
	<hr/> 563,653	<hr/> 323,342
Non-current		
Funds held	-	20,023
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 20,023

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

9. Employee Benefits


Current		
Provision for annual leave	55,173	88,220
Provision for long service leave	16,529	(0)
Accrued time off in lieu	21,193	27,146
	<hr/> 92,895	<hr/> 115,365
Non-current liabilities		
Provision for long service leave	827	41,307
	<hr/> 827	<hr/> 41,307

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee declares that in its opinion:

- 1) The financial statements and notes for the year ended 30 June 2025 are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and:
 - a) Comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures; and
 - b) Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Association.
- 2) In the members' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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



Jason Chabi
President

Dated: 20 October 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of New South Wales Baseball League Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the statement by members of the committee.

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

- i. Giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- ii. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards -Simplified Disclosure Standard and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis for opinion

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

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

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

Responsibility of management and those charged with governance

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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

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

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

We communicate with the management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. We also provide the management with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards. From the matters communicated with the management, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED

ABN: 56 568 633 609

For the year ended 30 June 2025



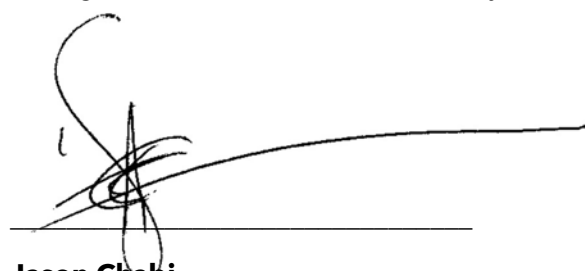
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Dated: 20 October 2025

CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

We, being the members of the Committee of the New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated certify that the statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of New South Wales Baseball League Incorporated during and at the end of the financial year of the Association ending on 30 June 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Jason Chabi
President

Dated: 20 October 2025

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