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All Stars returning

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Recognising Hard Work BNSW Monthly Award Winners



Umpiring

Glen Taylor, Chiefs - Illawarra

Glen helps junior umpires in his spare time with umpiring on Sundays in the Illawarra, even if he isn't getting paid for his efforts.

Scoring

Lisa King, Berkeley Eagles - Illawarra

She does everything for this club, not just the scoring.

Coaching

Troy King, St. Mary's - Greater Western

Troy King stepped up at the beginning of the year when we were struggling for an umpire. He also completed level A coaching level in case he was needed to assist.

Volunteering

Shaun Lever, Central Coast Bears - Central Coast Baseball Association

Shaun, also known as Knuckles, spends countless hours of his personal time per week tending to our home ground (Baseball Park, Springfield). He is there from dusk till dawn each and every weekend ensuring our grounds are perfect for each grade that plays. Our grounds would not be where they are relying on council alone. True sportsmanship!

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

CEO'S Christmas Message



Merry Christmas from Baseball NSW

As we approach the end of 2025, I want to take a moment to thank our entire Baseball NSW community for an exceptional year both on and off the diamond. Since commencing in this role, I've had the privilege of visiting a number of clubs, associations and committees across the state, and I've been reminded at every turn of the passion, commitment, and sense of community that underpin our sport.

This year has seen strong growth across New South Wales, with participation up by 11% so far this 25/26 season; an encouraging reflection of the work being done at every level to make baseball more visible, accessible, and welcoming. Whether it's the local volunteer quietly keeping a club moving, the coach giving their time to shape the next generation, or the parent supporting from the sidelines, each contribution brings the game to life.

On the field, 2025 has delivered some outstanding baseball. I had the privilege recently of attending the Sydney Cup, Association Cup and Gaynor Cup finals once again showcasing the depth of talent rising through our pathways, and the Women's League Pink Round highlighted the strength

and momentum building in our women and girls' programs. It has also been great to see the Sydney Blue Sox flying this season; an exciting boost for our broader baseball community.

As we look ahead, 2026 will be a milestone year for Baseball NSW. Early in the new year, we will release a refreshed strategic blueprint for the sport. A plan to be delivered in partnership with our members, stakeholders, and the wider community. This plan is designed to strengthen our foundations, elevate our performance, and position our sport for long-term, sustainable growth. It will guide not just our direction as an organisation, but our collective ambition for what baseball in NSW can be over the next decade.

For now, I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who continues to give their time, expertise, and energy to baseball. Our sport is built on community, and the progress we have made this year is the result of a shared commitment to creating opportunities for players of all ages and abilities.

On behalf of Baseball NSW, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe, enjoyable holiday period. I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for a big 2026.

BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 December entries



Photo by Rachel May – 'Flying High.'



Photo by Aaron De Vries – 'Lucky Ducky.'



Photo by Paul Wray – 'Playing Baseball or Twister.'



Photo by Hellas Maroulis – 'Safe.'

BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 December entries



Photo by Daneen Duarte – 'Me Myself and I.'



Photo by Kendan Jaymes of Adelyn Flynn Photo Co – 'Fun on First Base.'



Photo by Dean Trevenar – 'Fun Run.'



Photo by Lana Rae – 'Home Run.'



Photo by Emma Wilkinson – 'Xavier from Carlingford Baseball Club.'

Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

Congratulations to this month's Volunteers of the Month submissions! Thank you to all your hard work in making sure our games and activities run smoothly every time! BNSW would also like to thank the nominators put forward these amazing volunteers for recognition.

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

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

December Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner from Dean Trevenar - 'Fun Run.'

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



Photo by Dean Trevenar - 'Fun Run.'

Club Corner

Baseball NSW congratulates Tamworth Baseball for being named runners-up in the Tamworth Regional Sports Awards in the Sports Development category!

This award recognises the efforts, the passion, and the teamwork of everyone involved to grow and expand both junior and senior baseball across the region.

Moreover, this acknowledgment also celebrates the contributions of the entire Tamworth baseball community to spread love of our great sport to others.

“[This] is a proud moment for Tamworth Baseball,” Tamworth Baseball president Hayley Bullock said. “It recognises the passion, hard work and community spirit driving the growth of our sport in the region, while also reinforcing our commitment to developing the game for players of all ages.”

The Tamworth Regional Sports Awards was held on Friday, 28 November at Wests, Tamworth.



Club Corner cont.

Landen Bourassa Visits Penrith Kids for Unforgettable Q&A

Besides pro baseball, the Sydney Blue Sox also love giving back to their New South Wales community, as evidenced by Sox opening pitcher Landen Bourassa's visit to the Penrith Baseball Club.

The pitcher joined the Penrith kids for a day of fun and laughter, as he answered questions from over 70 of the club's junior baseballers.

The kids asked all the burning questions a young athlete might have, such as how to practice discipline, how to train properly, and how to make it to the top of the sport.

Likewise, Bourassa gave the kids valuable insights into the work that goes into a successful baseball career and the value of staying disciplined while having fun with the game.



Photo credit: Penrith Baseball/Facebook.

Club Corner cont.

Landen Bourassa Visits Penrith Kids for Unforgettable Q&A

He also stressed the importance of making lasting friendships with teammates and other baseballers along the journey.

Besides the Q&A, Bourassa also signed autographs and took photos with the kids. He even jumped in some games with the kids, giving them a pro experience they're not likely to forget anytime soon.

It's good for pro players to take time out of their busy schedule to mingle with the community that supports them.

They've made the support count, too, as the Sox have surged to the top of the ABL standings this season with a record

of 8-3, after completing a 4-0 sweep of the Adelaide Giants in Round 3.

The Sox are also hosting Association Days during their home games this season. Previously, they've hosted Cronulla, Ryde, and Manly. In Round 5, they're set to host the Hills Baseball Association.

Baseball NSW wishes the Sox all the best as they go through the 2025/26 ABL season!

We thank the team as well for supporting the NSW baseball community!



Photo credit: Penrith Baseball/Facebook.

Club Corner cont. Landen Bourassa Visits Penrith Kids for Unforgettable Q&A



Photo credits: Penrith Baseball/Facebook.

Club Corner cont.

Vale Albert Henry, "Bert" Alderson

Baseball NSW is saddened to announce the passing of Albert Henry "Bert" Alderson on 30 November. He was surrounded by his family.

His baseball career started in 1939 as a player for the NSW Schoolboys in Melbourne, which he also played for in 1940 in Adelaide.

Afterward, Bert represented New South Wales against Victoria in the Claxton Shield trials in 1947, 1948, and 1949, though he played his 1st Claxton Shield in Adelaide in 1961, which he followed up with another Claxton Shield in Perth the next year.

Over his baseball career, Bert played for Wenty Methodists, Waverley, Western Suburbs, and Sydney University, the latter also including him in their "Team of the Century."

Besides baseball, Bert worked as Municipal Engineer and Chief Town Planner of Holroyd Council for 37 years. Likewise, his other passion was cricket.

As a cricketer, Bert held the record for the most runs in grade cricket, recording 14,010 runs with the Central Cumberland



Photo: Bert Alderson.

District in his 31-year career. In recognition of his achievements, the Bert Alderson Grandstand at Merrylands Oval was officially opened on 20 October 1966.

BNSW is sending heartfelt condolences to Bert's family and friends.

Club Corner cont. Vale Albert Henry "Bert" Alderson



BlueSox Bulletin



Baseball NSW and the Sydney Blue Sox present the Blue Sox Bulletin!

Read on to find information on the team's performance and find out what's next in Blacktown.

The Blue Sox surged to an ABL-leading 12-3 record last 4-6 December after sweeping the Perth Heat on the road. They have also tied the franchise record of nine straight wins.

Thanks to his stellar pitching throughout the four games, the **Felton Industries' Player of the Week was Landen Bourassa.**

Landen's complete game featured a whopping 97% strikes thrown, nine punch-outs, and only one surrendered earned run.

Wiffle-Ball Tournament

If you think you've got the skills in Wiffle Ball, why not join the Wiffle Ball Tournament.

The Wiffle Ball tournament follows a round-robin format with games played on **12 and 19 December**. To enter, simply

have tickets to BOTH games.

Remember: No Ticket, No Spot!
Games start at 6pm. Check in by 5:45pm.

The **Grand Final will be played on Friday, 16 January 2026**, just before the Blue Sox game! Finalists will also receive free tickets for that game, while the winners also receive a special prize.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the games on 12 and 19 December to lock in your teams for the tournament!

Register your teams [here!](#)

Club Training Nights

Every Thursday, the Sox are also hosting club training nights.

How does it work? During every Thursday night home game, your club can hold an exclusive training session at Blacktown International Sports Park. You are also free to use the same elite facilities as the pros do!

Just follow the instructions below to register your club:

1. **Submit the EOI form via this link [here.](#)**
2. Wait for the Blue Sox to confirm your participation.

BlueSox Bulletin cont.

BNSW and the Sydney Blue Sox present the Blue Sox Bulletin

3. Once confirmed, the Blue Sox will reserve a section of seating at Blacktown for your club/team. They will also send you a private link so each of your player's family can buy their own ticket.
4. If you've all got tickets and you've confirmed with the Sox, then you're good to go!

Stay tuned for more updates from the Sox as their 2025/26 ABL campaign continues!

As always, buy your Sox tickets [here!](#)

You can also sign up for the **Sydney Blue Sox Summer Camps 2026**, in cooperation with Baseball NSW and RBI Australia!

Check out the upcoming one-day clinics below:

- Ku-Ring-Gai Steelers — Hitting Clinic 12/1/26
- Ku-Ring-Gai Pitching/Catching Clinic 13/1/26
- BISP - Hitting Clinic 19/1/26
- BISP - Pitching/Catching Clinic 20/1/26

[Click here](#) to register your child to a memorable summer of baseball through this link.



Coaches Corner

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

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

Moreover, head coaches of all association teams participating in the NSW State Championships must hold Level C Accreditation before the event.

Please take advantage of the last remaining courses over these next few months, particularly in February 2026.

15 February 2026

Level B at Castle Glen

21-22 February 2026

Level C (2 sessions) BISP

22 February 2026

Level B Practical Component

22 March 2026

Level B at BISP

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



Call for Nominations 2026 BNSW Hall of Fame

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

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

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

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

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



**BASEBALL NSW
HALL OF FAME**



Aussies Across Borders



Baseball NSW congratulates right-handed pitcher Lachlan Robinson for his commitment to Weatherford Junior College in Texas, one of the most respected junior college programs in the United States.

Robinson is a national champion who also plays for the Blacktown Workers in the current season of the NSW State League.

Across the junior colleges in the US, Weatherford has built a solid reputation for developing quality pitchers. These pitchers go on to play for elite NCAA Division 1 schools or else go on to play professionally.

At Weatherford, Robinson hopes to improve on his deep arsenal of pitches: a four-seam fastball, cutter, slider, a two-seam fastball, and a curveball.



Photo credit: Baseball Australia – Lachlan Robinson.

Aussies Across Borders

Lachlan Robinson Commits to Weatherford Junior College cont.

His deep pitching made him a key contributor to the gold-medal winning New South Wales team at the 2025 U18 National Championships. He also attended the U18 National Team Camp in August 2025.

Speaking to Baseball Australia, Robinson said, "The 2025 U18s AYC was my first taste of national baseball outside of juniors. It was the moment I realized I had a chance at playing baseball overseas."

"Playing against some of the best talent in Australia boosted my confidence as a pitcher knowing I can compete," he added.

Moreover, Robinson said that joining the U18 World Cup selection camp helped him with his focus.

"The camp helped me set a clear goal and made me a better, more focused and goal-oriented pitcher," he said. "Even after getting cut, I was able to get back to work and compete day in and day out."

The young pitcher has tremendous potential, and he hopes Weatherford would help him realize it to the fullest by building on his pitching strengths.

"My biggest strengths are having a big presence on the mound, my rawness to pitching, and my velocity," he said.

Player development manager of Baseball Australia Andrew Riddell also said that Lachlan is a strong arm with a high ceiling in the U18 age group.



Photo credit: Baseball Australia – Lachlan Robinson.

Aussies Across Borders

Lachlan Robinson Commits to Weatherford Junior College cont.

“It is really exciting to see him commit to a great program with a structured player development approach and continue his hard work to becoming a well-rounded pitcher,” Riddell said.

Additionally, Riddell credits Robinson’s early success to his effort and work ethic that remained consistent despite some setbacks.

“He didn’t make a state team until second-year U18s where he really put himself on the map,” Riddell said. “Even after missing out on the World Cup team at U18 selection camp, he remained positive with how much growth and development he still had to come to reach the higher levels he wants to play in.”

Riddell also added, “He is evidence to all young players that development and maturity happens at different ages and regardless of what club or level you start at. Working hard and continuing to push yourself leads to positive outcomes.”

Among Robinson’s baseball influences are his uncle and former Sydney Blue Sox player James Yates.

“He played on some of the biggest levels in Australia with the Blue Sox and travelled to the US multiple times,” Lachlan said. “He sparked my love for the game early when I watched him play. It made me dream of playing baseball at the highest level. Since then he has helped me develop physically and mentally.”



Photo credit: Baseball Australia – Lachlan Robinson.

As a junior, Robinson started his baseball career with McKillop Baseball Club, while also spending time at Greater Western Sydney.

Baseball NSW wishes Lachlan Robinson all the best as he joins one of America’s most competitive junior college conferences!

Aussies Across Borders cont.

Travis Bazzana commits to World Baseball Classic

Team Australia is getting an early boost in the build-up to the 2026 World Baseball Classic as NSW's own Travis Bazzana has confirmed his intent to represent his country at the tournament.

He will be joined by Liam Hendriks, three-time MLB All-Star and considered to be one of the best closers of his era, and Curtis Mead, who has played three seasons in Major League Baseball.

Travis himself was the Number 1 overall pick in the 2024 MLB Draft, after completing a record-breaking collegiate season at Oregon State. He currently is part of the Cleveland Guardians, where he has improved into one of the league's most exciting prospects.

He has also represented Australia at the youth level, having played for the nation's U23 squad at the U23 World Cup and the Premier12.

Australia is set to compete in Pool C at the tournament, to be played from 5-10 March



2026 at the Tokyo Dome. The nation had advanced to the quarterfinals at the same venue in 2023.

Moreover, the World Baseball Classic gathers together the best players in the world, giving participating countries the chance to compete at full professional strength.

For Travis Bazzana, playing for Team Australia at the World Baseball Classic

Aussies Across Borders cont. Travis Bazzana commits to World Baseball Classic

since 2019, even writing down his potential lineups in the Notes app on his phone.

"I've kind of always dreamt of playing in the World Baseball Classic," he said in an interview on MLB Office Hours.

Still, the idea of playing for his home country only became real to him around the time he committed to college in the United States. That was when he "started to kind of see a future for myself in the game," he added.

Bazzana, Hendriks, and Mead should make for an excellent foundation as Team Australia finalizes its World Baseball Classic roster ahead of the tournament.

Baseball NSW wishes the best for Travis and the rest of Team Australia as they prepare to face the world's best baseballers in Japan!



Photo credit: Scott Powick/Team Australia Media – Travis Bazzana.

Aussies Across Borders cont.

Ashton Kennedy

Commits to

Connors State

College Oklahoma

Baseball NSW congratulates Ashton Kennedy for committing to Connors State College in Oklahoma!

Kennedy is one of the most versatile young talents across New South Wales, and he has proven his ability in his representations on various levels. In 2025 alone, he has played for Team Australia at the 2025 U18 National Championship and the U18 World Cup.

He also earned a spot on the MLB Showcase Tour in Arizona, where he pitted his skills against other decorated and highly touted global prospects.

On the pro level, he was also named to the Sydney Blue Sox roster for their 2025/26 ABL campaign.

The World Cup saw Kennedy at his best. The dual-threat hit .444 on the plate and threw 4.1 shutout innings in three appearances on the mound, giving up only one hit and two walks.



Photo credit: Hugh Whittle Media – Ashton Kennedy.

Aussies Across Borders cont. Ashton Kennedy Commits to Connors State College Oklahoma

His stunning play earned him the Leading Hitter Award at the tourney.

Several American programs have showed interest in Ashton thanks to his modern pitching arsenal that includes a fastball with a natural arm-side run with late carry, a splitter and sinker with arm-side action and depth, and a sweeper with a wide range of movement.

He is also 6'4" and blessed with enough athleticism that gives him a powerful bat.

Speaking to Baseball Australia about his commitment, Kennedy listed his "work ethic, mental toughness, and the natural advantage that comes with being 6'4"" as his main advantages.

"Offensively I make consistent contact, and I'm building on the power I bring both at the plate and on the mound," he added. "On the mound, I'm working toward having reliable strikeout stuff and



Photo credits: Baseball Australia – Ashton Kennedy.



Aussies Across Borders cont. Ashton Kennedy Commits to Connors State College Oklahoma

doing a good job limiting traffic, which helps me stay calm in big moments.”

Moreover, Kennedy enters a collegiate baseball program led by NJCAA Hall of Fame coach Perry Keith. Under his leadership, the Connors State program has produced four-year transfers and professional players at a consistently elite level.

The NSW native is aware of his potential for development at Connors State.

“While I’m away, I want to develop as a complete player,” he said. “Getting 1% better each day might sound small, but it adds up. Coach Keith and his staff have so much experience, and being in a program with that history of success is an incredible opportunity.”

Likewise, Kennedy looks forward to improving as a two-way player under Keith’s coaching.

“They’re excited to work with me as a two-way player, which I’m really looking forward to,” he added.

Another point of pride for Kennedy is that he will also be the only Australian in the program.

Besides, player development manager of Baseball Australia Andrew Riddell said that Kennedy’s baseball tools were in full display at the U18 World Cup.

“His growth in his maturity--both mentally and physically--meant he never gave up on

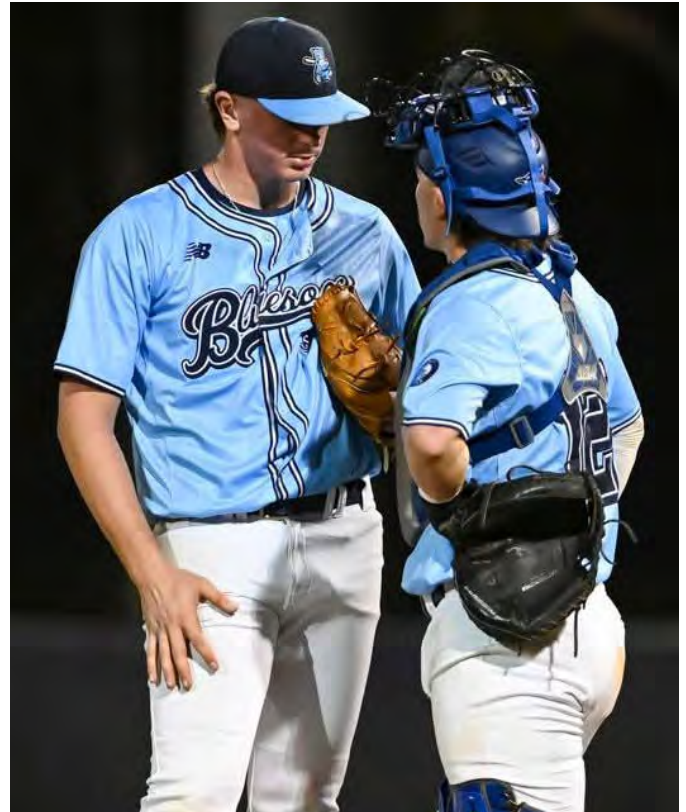


Photo credit: Mick G Photography – Ashton Kennedy.

what he wanted to do and he became a real asset for Team Australia especially in tournament-play with roster size limits.”

For Ashton, committing to Connors State is only the next step in his continual journey in baseball.

“I’ve been really fortunate to compete all over the world, and each tournament has prepared me for what comes next,” he said. “Connors State feels like the perfect environment to keep growing and take my game to the next level.”

Baseball NSW wishes Ashton the very best as he continues to progress as one of the world’s top young baseballers!

2025/26 Major Events Dates & Venues Announced

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

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

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

We can't wait to see everyone out there!



BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES

Event	Date	Venue
2025/26 State League	Sep 17th - Mar 8th 2026	Local Clubs
U16 & U18 National Championships	Jan 7th - 15th 2026	Essendon, Preston & Port Melbourne, VIC

2025/26 Major Events

Dates & Venues Announced cont.

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

2025/26 Major Events

Dates & Venues Announced cont.

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



Baseball NSW Appoint New Chairperson, Sue Cunningham

Baseball NSW is pleased to announce the appointment of Sue Cunningham as the new Chairperson of Baseball NSW, marking a significant step forward in the organisation's continued renewal and growth.

Sue brings extensive leadership experience across industry and community organisations, alongside her long-standing involvement in baseball as a player, coach and former club administrator. Over the past 12 months, Sue has served as Deputy Chair, playing a central role in Baseball NSW's reform agenda and shaping the organisation's future direction.

During this period, Sue led the recruitment of the organisation's new CEO, administered the NSW Office of Sport Organisation Support Program, and helped drive the development of

the Baseball NSW Women and Girls Strategy. She also represents Baseball NSW on the National Baseball Women and Girls Strategy Working Group.

Sue succeeds Jason Chabi, who has stepped down after three years as President, and will continue to support the organisation as Deputy Chair, ensuring strong leadership continuity during this next phase of Baseball NSW's evolution.

Jason's tenure has delivered significant reform across governance, financial management, organisational culture and performance, and while there remains much work to be done, this activity has been instrumental in re-setting and ensuring Baseball NSW's stability and long-term sustainability. He also played a pivotal role in advocating for improvements to the Little League model, securing soon to be announced concessions from Little League International, and progressing the extended lease and planning for the new indoor batting facility at Blacktown International Sports Park, set to commence construction in 2026.

Baseball NSW Appoint New Chairperson, Sue Cunningham cont.

Incoming President, Sue Cunningham, said she is deeply honoured to step into the role at such a key time for the sport, "It is a privilege to serve as President of Baseball NSW and to continue the important reform and growth agenda underway."

"I would like to acknowledge Jason's significant contribution over the past three years. His courage and tenacity to improve governance and strengthen Baseball NSW's financial position is the reason we are now able to focus on improving our programs. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Jason, Matt, the Board, our clubs and volunteers to grow participation, strengthen pathways, and build a more inclusive and vibrant future for baseball across NSW."

Baseball NSW CEO Matt Rippon welcomed Sue's appointment,

"Sue's leadership experience, strategic capability and deep understanding of particularly grassroots baseball make her exceptionally well placed to guide Baseball NSW into its next chapter."

"Jason has made a significant contribution over the past three years, and Sue's appointment ensures we continue that momentum. We are entering a period of opportunity for the sport, and under Sue's presidency we are well-positioned to accelerate growth and strengthen our community."

This leadership transition marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Baseball NSW. With a strengthened foundation and a clear strategic direction, the organisation is poised to advance key participation, development and infrastructure priorities in partnership with the baseball community.



Summer Baseball Camps Around Sydney 2026

Help your kids sharpen their baseball skills this summer with the help of the Sydney Blue Sox!

This year, the team is offering different one-day clinics across two locations and four days that each focus on these fundamental skills: Catching, Pitching, and Hitting. With pro-level coaching and behind-the-scenes access, your kids will be improving fundamental skills to help them develop as players!

One-Day Camps 2026

Ku-ring-gai
– Hitting Only Clinic (12 January 2026)

Ku-ring-gai
– Pitching/Catching Only Clinic
(13 January 2026)

Blacktown International Sports Park
–Hitting Only Clinic
(19 January 2026)

Blacktown International Sports Park
– Pitching/Catching Only Clinic
(20 January 2026)

[Click here to register today](#)
[2026 Sydney Blue Sox, Baseball NSW](#)
[RBI School Holiday Clinics](#)



Baseball NSW Spring Camps 2025 Gallery



Doosan Bears Spring Training 2026

The Doosan Bears will be making Blacktown International Sports Park the home of their spring training from the 19th January to 19th February in 2026!



The Doosan Bears are one of the powerhouse clubs of the Korean Professional league, the KBO, with a rich history dating back to 1982. Throughout the years, the Seoul-based club has also won six Korean Series championships (1982, 1995, 2001, 2015, 2016, 2019).

This coming January, the squad joins us in Sydney under the new leadership of Kim Won-hyung. The former pitching coach for the Korean National team, he debuted as a pitcher in 1991 with the now-disbanded Ssangbangwool Raiders after playing for Jeonju Dong Middle School and Jeonju High School. Kim’s professional career spanned 21 years and following that, Kim began coaching professionally.

“The Bears have always been a team that puts pressure on opponents with dynamic,



high-energy play. I will work to restore that ‘Hustle Bears’ identity and bring meaningful baseball to our fans,” Kim said in his interview with Korea JoongAng Daily.

Doosan Bears Spring Training 2026 cont.

Baseball NSW’s facilitation of the Doosan Bears Spring Training signifies the strengthening of the relationship between the Asia Pacific baseball organisations.

Fans are welcome to watch the Bears during their training sessions. We encourage baseball fans to come to the park and see how world-class professional teams prepare for the KBO season through high-intensity training sessions.

However, we also remind fans to be respectful during practice sessions.

Please do not disturb the team during their training on the field. You can find the training schedule via the button below.

Stay updated through social media for training schedules and announcements.

For media enquiries, please contact georgia@baseballnsw.com.au.

We can’t wait to see you at the park!
Go Bears!



Doosan Spring Training 2026 cont.

Doosan Bears Spring Schedule 2026

Date	Days	Day Session	Night Session
19-Jan	Monday	11:00 - 13:00	N/A
20-Jan	Tuesday	11:00 - 13:00	N/A
21-Jan	Wednesday	11:00 - 13:00	N/A
22-Jan	Thursday	11:00 - 13:00	N/A
23-Jan	Friday	OFF	OFF
24-Jan	Saturday	11:00 - 13:00	N/A
25-Jan	Sunday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
26-Jan	Monday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
27-Jan	Tuesday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
28-Jan	Wednesday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
29-Jan	Thursday	OFF	OFF
30-Jan	Friday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
31-Jan	Saturday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
1-Feb	Sunday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
2-Feb	Monday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
3-Feb	Tuesday	OFF	OFF

Doosan Spring Training 2026 cont.

Doosan Bears Spring Schedule 2026

Date	Days	Day Session	Night Session
4-Feb	Wednesday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
5-Feb	Thursday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
6-Feb	Friday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
7-Feb	Saturday	OFF	OFF
8-Feb	Sunday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
9-Feb	Monday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
10-Feb	Tuesday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
11-Feb	Wednesday	OFF	OFF
12-Feb	Thursday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
13-Feb	Friday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
14-Feb	Saturday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
15-Feb	Sunday	OFF	OFF
16-Feb	Monday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
17-Feb	Tuesday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
18-Feb	Wednesday	9:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 21:00
19-Feb	Thursday	9:00 - 13:00	

Sydney Cup 2025 Finals Crowns Division Champs

Baseball NSW congratulates the winners of the 2025 Sydney Cup Finals, which were played over the weekend at the Arncliffe Scots Baseball Club Grounds!

After a grueling and competitive tournament, these teams were crowned division champions:

- Sydney Cup Worboys U12: Macarthur
- Association Cup U12: Manly
- Sydney Cup Balfour U14: Hills
- Association Cup U14: Hills Red
- Sydney Cup Shipley U16: Hills Blue
- Gaynor Cup U12: Cronulla

In the U12's Sydney Cup Macarthur opened the scoring in the bottom of the first. Ryde Black took a 5-1 lead in the top of the third inning, thanks to their persistent offense and some wild pitching from Macarthur.

Still, Macarthur clawed back into the game after a single from Jett S allowed Benjamin P to score and cut their deficit to 5-3.



Photo credit: Adelynn Flynn – U16's Hills Blue Celebrate.

After another score from Jett S and a stolen home plate from Beau B that tied the game deep in the sixth, Macarthur won after Oliver C scored off a wild pitch. Both Jett and Oliver led the team on the plate, with two at bats and one run, and one RBI each.

Great pitching kept the Sydney Cup U14 Grand Final between Cronulla Black and Hills scoreless until the top of the third. Z Fordyce opened up the scoring with a double on a hard ground ball to right field, which allowed B short to score for Cronulla.

Sydney Cup 2025 Finals Crowns Division Champs cont.

Then Hills took initiative by scoring two runs in a row from a single from Justin Jang first for L Lawes to score and a double from A Jacovides for Emma Gainsford to score.

Hills effectively took control of the game deep in the fourth, scoring three additional runs to go up 5-1. Cronulla clawed back to within two runs in the seventh, but a fly out ended the game and sealed the win for Hills.

The Hills pitching staff kept Cronulla at bay, led by Sayre Howick, who pitched 4.2 innings and allowed three hits and struck out eight.

Tough defense also defined the Grand Final between Manly and Hills Blue for the Sydney Cup U16 trophy. D Price scored the only run for Hills deep in the fourth, thanks to a wild pitch.

Neither team managed to take control of the game, and Hills won 1-0. J Creamer pitched 4.0 innings and allowed four hits but zero runs and earned runs, striking out three.

C Stark followed with 3.0 innings and allowed zero hits, zero runs, and zero earned runs while striking out four.



Photo credit: Adelynn Flynn – U12's SC Trophy Macarthur.

Sydney Cup 2025 Finals Crowns Division Champs cont.

The Association Cup U12 Grand Final between Ryde and Manly lit up the scoreboard with Manly ultimately coming out on top 31-17.

Caden T led the Manly lineup with four at bats, where he scored three runs, dinged four hits and four RBI. Behind him was Xander S with another four at bats and three runs, three hits, and two RBI.

Meanwhile, Hills Red took control of the U14 Association Cup Grand Final early, scoring three runs in the third.

J Birkett led the Hills Red pitching staff in keeping Hills Blue at bay, throwing 4.2

innings where he allowed two hits and three runs, but struck out ten.

Another high-scoring game took place between Macarthur and Cronulla in our second ever Gaynor Cup U12 Grand Final.

While Macarthur was in the lead for most of the game, Cronulla hung in there until deep in the fifth, when they banged out six runs that turned an 8-5 Macarthur lead to an 8-11 margin in favor of Cronulla.

It was a balanced effort from the Cronulla lineup, with Callie S leading the team with three runs, one hit, and one RBI.



Association Cup U12's, Manly.

Sydney Cup 2025 Finals Crowns Division Champs cont.

The Gaynor Cup Grand Final for the U15 division will be played at Col Sutton Reserve on 1 March 2026. We thank the Winston Hills Warriors for hosting this event.

[Click here](#) for the Gaynor Cup U15 Draw draw

Moreover, we would like to thank the competition namesakes--Peter Worboys, as well as Katie and John Gaynor--for attending the games and presenting the trophies to each of the champions.

Baseball NSW CEO Matt Rippon and Board Members Sue Cunningham and Jason Chabi also attended the games

and assisted with presentations on the day. Thank you!

All in all, the Sydney Cup Grand Finals offered a wonderful day of baseball for the players and visitors! Besides the champions, we also congratulate the third place teams who played over the weekend.

Thank you to all the teams and associations who make this competition so great.

Baseball NSW looks forward to next year's iteration!



U14's Sydney Cup, Hills.

Sydney Cup 2025 Finals Crowns Division Champs cont.



U14's AC Hills Red.



Pictured: Katie Gaynor & Gaynor Cup Finalists.

A Rookie Season to Remember: Melody Jones

Baseball NSW celebrates Melody Jones of the Huskies Baseball Club, the newest expansion club of the Tamworth Baseball Association, for a marvelous first season in 2024-2025!

Initially coming from softball, the 15-year-old Jones joined the Huskies and showed the grit, talent, and determination that proved she was an athlete well beyond her years and helped her make her mark on several levels of the sport.

In her first year, Jones became Tamworth Timberwolves Representative and joined the Tamworth Timberwolves Development Academy. She also became a Tamworth Open Women's Development Player and represented the Association at the Barclay Cup.

She also won the David McMurray Junior of the Year Award. Moreover, at the Tamworth Sports Awards, the young Jones received the Young Achiever of the Year honour, a well-deserved recognition of her growth and improvement as a player, a teammate, and a leader.



Photo credit: Tamworth Baseball Association.

Jones joined the Tamworth Baseball Association in receiving honours at the ceremony, as the Association were also named runners-up in the Sports Development category.

Baseball NSW congratulates Melody Jones for her stellar rookie season, and we wish her all the best as she progresses in her baseball journey!

Fukuoka Girls All Stars returning to Australia in January 2026

Baseball NSW welcomes the all-star team of high school girls from Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, to New South Wales for the third iteration of the Australian tour, in January/February 2026.

Each year we welcome a team from Japan, with the first year being the Orio Aishin Girls High School team and the second, the Boys High School All Stars. The young women from Fukuoka will participate in training sessions and play exhibition games against our female representative players at the Blacktown International Sports Park.



Photo's from Orio Aishin Girls High School Team Tour 2023.

Fukuoka Girls All Stars returning to Australia in January 2026 cont.

In previous exchanges, some of our top NSW female baseballers travelled to Japan to play and train with the Kyushu Honeys, a professional women's baseball team in 2023 and 2024. These include the likes of Claire O'Sullivan, Ticara Geldenhuis, Maddi Heath, Jordan Richardson, Isobel Lambert, Lisa Nakashio and Laura Neads as a Coach.

This year, the Fukuoka All Stars will be led by two decorated female Coaches. Notably their "Kantoku" or Head Coach will be Risa Nakashima, coach of the Japanese women's national team who are also the world's number 1 team in women's baseball.

Coach Risa has also visited New South Wales before and has led coaching clinics alongside some of NSW's best women's representatives. She also led the Baseball NSW All Girls clinic held last February 2025 in Canterbury.

As a player, she has played four seasons of professional baseball in Japan and has competed in five Women's World Cups, winning six gold medals.

This visit celebrates our international partnership with Fukuoka Prefecture in developing both Australian and Japanese players through mutual exchanges.

She will be joined by Yuki Kawabata, former Japan Women's National team Captain and Kyushu Honey's infielder. She has won three batting titles in the Japan Women's Baseball League. Since retiring from playing, she has focused her efforts



Photo's from Orio Aishin Girls High School Team Tour 2023.

on building the next generation of female baseballers in Japan, through coaching.

Let's welcome the Fukuoka All Stars back to NSW with open arms! We look forward to growing the women's game here and abroad through intense competition and shared experiences.

Fukuoka Girls All Stars returning to Australia in January 2026 cont.



Photo's from Orio Aishin Girls High School Team Tour 2023.



Coach Risa Nakashima (far left) will be the Head Coach of the inbound Fukuoka All Stars Girls in 2026

Team Australia Sweeps U15 2025 Oceania Championships

Baseball NSW congratulates the Team Australia U15 squad for winning the U15 Oceania Championships in Hagatna, Guam, played last 28 November - 1 December 2025. With the win, the Australians have qualified for the 2026 U15 World Cup in Italy.

Still, the Australians didn't have an easy road. With a 2-0 record heading into Game 3, the Aussies had to climb back from a three-run hole against Guam to capture a 13-7 victory. At the top of the first, Team Guam erupted early with three runs to force the Australians on the back foot for the first time in the tournament.

Team Australia proved their mettle, though, as they chipped away at the lead little by little, and they tied the game 3-3 in the second, thanks to Archer Petersen's second homer of the tournament, and Aaron Hsieh's game-tying RBI.



While Guam retook the lead in the fourth, the Aussies' bats caught fire in the fifth, leading to four runs in the inning. Pinch-hitter Beau Stockdale dinged a 2-RBI triple while Rylan Ottaway smashed an RBI single to give their team a 7-4 advantage.

The Australians then followed up with six more runs in the sixth, blowing the game wide open. Besides Petersen and Ottaway adding to their RBIs, Jacob Tyler and Edison Bush also contributed with RBI singles.

Team Australia Sweeps U15 2025 Oceania Championships cont.

Against the Northern Mariana Islands, the Australians won their seat at the 2026 World Cup through a dominating 17-2 victory.

Team Australia scored six runs in the second inning, and then added five more in the fourth to put away the game, invoking the run rule.

Their bats were hitting from up and down the lineup, with Finn Fuller and Zavier Leigh leading the charge. Fuller went 2-2 with 3 RBI, while Leigh went 2-3 with 3 RBI. Meanwhile, Cruize Chase-Tukapua went 2-4 with 2 RBI.

Likewise, the Aussies felt no pressure from their opponents, as both Cale Morries and James McCabe pitched for 2.0 innings each, striking out a combined seven and refusing to let the momentum slide.

While they had already punched their tickets to Italy in Game 4, Team Australia closed the Oceania Championships with an even more dominant performance, trouncing Guam 23-0 in a four-inning run-rule victory.

The Australians opened the scoring with an eight-run outburst in the third inning, then followed it up with an incredible



Photo credit: Team Australia Baseball/Luke Hsieh.

Team Australia Sweeps U15 2025 Oceania Championships cont.

thirteen-run explosion in the very next inning.

Harrison Thomas-McLean blasted a two-run homer in the third to put a cap in their astounding performance.

Every player in the lineup was hitting. Noah McCabe had three hits, while Zavier Leigh, Hugh Kelly, Benji Baitch, and Thomas-McLean all recorded two. Kelly and McCabe also had 4 RBI.

On the mound, the Aussies' pitching staff held their own. Finn Fuller tossed for 2.0 innings and allowed one hit

and zero runs. Then, Rylan Ottaway pitched 1.0 frames and allowed zero hits. Meanwhile, Aaron Hsieh closed the game out with a clean fourth.

Baseball NSW congratulates our boys for their staggering performance at this year's Oceania Championships! We also congratulate Guam and Northern Mariana Islands for giving it their all in the tournament.

We wish you all the best as you head to Italy for the World Cup!



Photo credit: Team Australia Baseball/Luke Hsieh.

NSW Office of Sport Launches "Shoosh for Kids"

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

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

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

The campaign runs according to the following key themes:

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



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

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

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

NSW Office of Sport 2025 Local Sport Grant Program

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Interested clubs can [apply here](#).

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

Sporting Grants Now Open for Application

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

Purpose:

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

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

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



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

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

e-Safety in Sport

How to Stay Safe Online



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

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

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

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

Key Resources Available:

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

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

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



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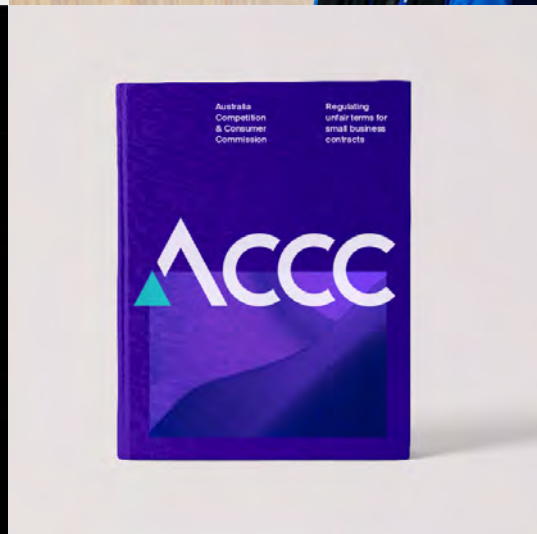
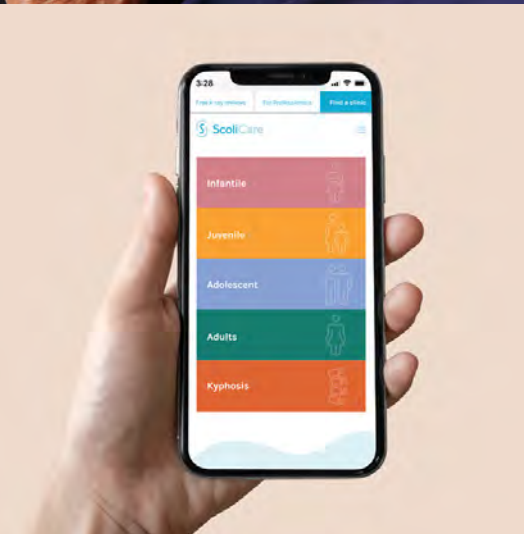
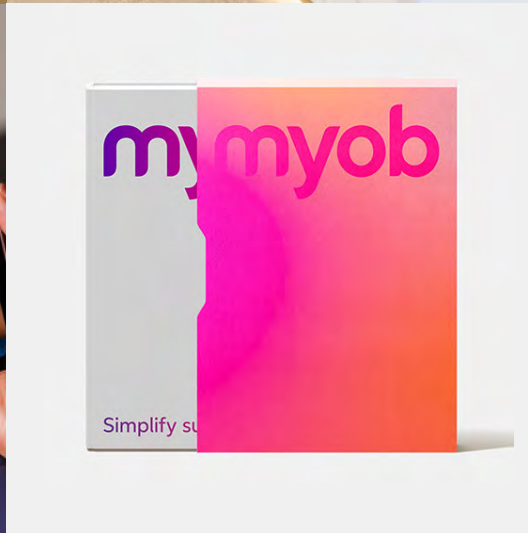
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