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Volunteering

Helen Panas, Bosco Braves

Helen has been the president of our club for many years (I have lost count personally). Through so many obstacles, including cancer, she has always ensured the Club continues running as smoothly as possible and is so beyond passionate about the Club and game. This year is her last as President. As she steps away, we wish to say thank you!

Scoring

Fiona Simpson, St. Marys - GWBA

Fiona stepped in at the last minute for this METRO season. Fiona has been a scoring stalwart for the club for many years from juniors to adults. Her assistance is gratefully acknowledged.

Sam Rowland, Camden Red Sox - Macarthur

Sam scores for all of the Redwings club games and tournament games and does an amazing job. She is a fantastic volunteer, and we are lucky to have her.

Coaching

Brett Kelly, Illawong Marlins - CSJBA

Brett encourages kids to love the game of baseball and takes time to mentor each player – win, lose, or draw.

Daniel Henderson, Paul Dunn and Michael Brain, Cronulla Sutherland Junior Baseball Association - CSJBA

I would like to nominate Daniel Henderson, Paul Dunn and Michael Brain as joint Coaches of the Month for their outstanding leadership of the CSJBA Rookie Reps Div 3 team. They instilled strong old-school baseball values, teaching respect for the game, teammates and opponents, while showing the boys that fun comes through hard work, discipline and commitment. Every player had the chance to improve, contribute and feel valued, and the team finished undefeated with four wins from four games.

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

BLUEprint for Baseball in NSW



Baseball in New South Wales is moving.

Over the next few months, you'll see a series of initiatives that signal a fresh direction for our sport, across participation, people, pathways & performance.

We're proud to welcome Ticara Geldenhuis as our first Women's Development Lead, a role that will drive growth, inclusion, and opportunity for women and girls across NSW baseball. This appointment marks the start of a renewed focus on creating safe, vibrant, and engaging environments where everyone can thrive.

Our partnership with the Doosan Bears will extend over multiple years, bringing international expertise, exposure, and inspiration to players, coaches, and fans alike. Alongside this, we're collaborating with the Sydney Blue Sox to establish a new development academy, delivering structured programs that strengthen pathways from grassroots to elite levels.

On the performance side, our statewide programs are evolving to create a more connected and cohesive pathway across junior, senior, and women's baseball, ensuring alignment in how talent is identified, developed, and supported across NSW. In the coming weeks, we will

also release our new Coaching Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Framework, strengthening coaching pathways by formally recognising experience, capability, and prior achievement across NSW. Behind the scenes, we're updating systems, resources, and tools to give our volunteers, clubs, and staff the support they need to deliver at the highest standard.

These initiatives are just the beginning. In the coming months, we'll also release our State of Play Report and the Baseball NSW Strategic Plan, which will outline the long-term vision for baseball in NSW and show how your feedback is shaping the future. These reports will provide context to the actions we're taking now, demonstrating how we're building a sustainable, inclusive, and high-performing game for all.

This period is about building real momentum and providing clarity about where we're heading. It's about aligning our programs, supporting our clubs, and ensuring that every initiative contributes to a stronger, more sustainable game across NSW.

I encourage everyone across the baseball community, players, coaches, administrators, volunteers, and supporters, to stay engaged as these initiatives roll out and to continue playing a role in shaping what comes next.

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](#)

Game Day Photo Winners

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winners below.

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 Carel Kriel – 'Hills Girls Winning the Gaynor Cup.'



Photo by Leesa Rowley – 'Leap of Faith.'

Club Corner

Baseball NSW is inviting our clubs and associations to join the following events from the NSW Office of Sport!



Each event is designed for people working in State Sporting Organisations and other related groups who specialize in sport integrity as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion.

You can attend workshops and expert-led discussions to gain practicable insights you can then apply in our own sectors.

Check out the following free events on the next page!



Photo credit: NSW Office of Sport.

Club Corner cont.

Sport Integrity & Inclusion Events held by NSW Office of Sport

Sport Integrity Conference – Raising the Bar

This conference has the theme “Resilience, Respect and Resolution.” It brings together sector and industry stakeholders to collaborate, network, and examine pressing issues in sport integrity.

In 2026, the Office of Sport focuses on changing the social landscape and its influence on sideline behaviour, complaints management, and wellbeing within sport.

Date: 2-3 June 2026

Time: 8:30am, to 3pm

Venue:

NSW Rugby League Centre of Excellence,
Sydney Olympic Park

Disability Sports Forum – Every Ability, Every Opportunity

Explore the Seven Pillars of Inclusion together with leaders, coaches, advocates, and athletes at the Disability Sports Forum! You can also learn how we

can shape sporting environments to accommodate people of all abilities.

This forum will also share inspiring stories and give you practical tools as well as evidence-based strategies to rethink inclusion.

People who design programs, influence policy, and champion inclusive community sport will be equipped further to create spaces where everyone can participate, progress and thrive.

Date: 4 June 2026

Time: 10am to 4pm

Venue:

Waterview in Bicentennial Park,
Sydney Olympic Park

Mark your calendars and join these events to build on your knowledge and collaborate with leaders on the key issues facing the sport sector.

For any inquiries, reach out to
sportintegrity@sport.nsw.gov.au

Club Corner cont.

Vale

Grant (Buster)

Anderson

It is with great sadness that Baseball NSW advises the sudden passing of a major contributor to our game Grant (Buster) Anderson.

He was instrumental with the formation of the Ku Ring Gai Baseball Club and the North Shore Club. As an administrator, he was also involved with Sydney University Club.

In the 1990's, Grant was a member of the NSW Under 18's coaching staff

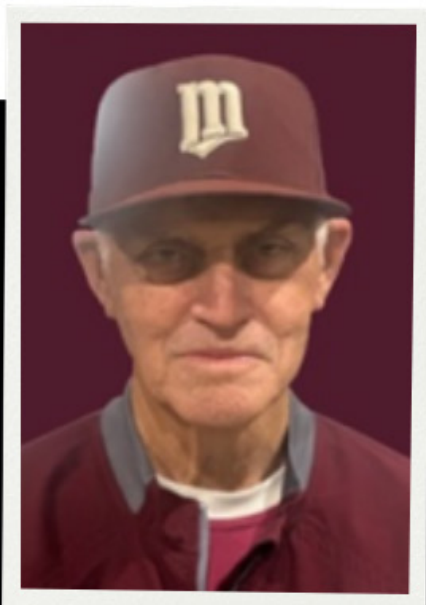
which participated in the Australian National Championship.

With the introduction of the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme Grant became an instructor, and he played an important role in devising the subject matter taught to coaches.

Most recently Grant coached at Manly State League and was involved in the Junior Programs and Junior Development.

He has left a positive influence on so many players, both juniors and seniors. Further, Grant has left a lasting legacy to our game.

Rest in peace Buster.



GRANT ANDERSON

Club Corner cont.

BNSW and Sydney Blue Sox Holiday Camps 2026

Baseball NSW and the Sydney Blue Sox congratulate everyone who attended the club's April School Holiday Camps this 18-19 April 2026 at Blacktown International Sports Park!

These camps were one-day camps focusing on the fundamental baseball skills of hitting, pitching, and catching. Moreover, the seasoned pros of the Sox led the kids through focused reps and expert veteran coaching.

The Hitting Camp took place on Saturday, 18 April. Participants practiced their hitting mechanics, approach, swing efficiency. They also gained confidence at the plate through competitive activities and structured drills under the guidance of the Blue Sox.

Meanwhile, the Pitching & Catching Camp was held on Sunday, 19 April.



This camp trained young pitchers and catchers who wish to improve their skills. Activities focused on throwing mechanics, arm care, pitching fundamentals, game awareness, and catching techniques.

Most importantly, the participants also learned to have fun while honing their baseball skills!

We hope the camps helped the kids get better at baseball and push them to stick with our beautiful sport.

BlueSox Bulletin



Baseball NSW is proud to announce the launch of the new Baseball NSW x Sydney Blue Sox Academy, a dynamic development program that replaces the previous Elite Player Program (EPP) and delivers expanded opportunities for players across New South Wales.

Delivered in partnership with the Sydney Blue Sox, the Academy brings players

closer to professional baseball pathways by combining elite-level coaching, structured skill development, and direct access to professional expertise. The program has been designed to support aspiring players at all stages of their development, creating a modern, connected pathway from grassroots participation to higher levels of competition.

The collaboration reflects a shared commitment to grow the game in NSW and provide meaningful, accessible development opportunities that strengthen both participation and performance outcomes.

THE FUTURE WEARS *Blue*
SYDNEY BLUE SOX
Academy



BlueSox Bulletin cont. BNSW and Sydney BlueSox Launch Academy cont.

“We’re thrilled to launch the Baseball NSW x Sydney Blue Sox Academy,” said Matt Rippon, CEO of Baseball NSW. “This partnership with the Blue Sox signifies an exciting new chapter for player development in NSW; one that provides clear opportunities for players to improve, engage with elite-level expertise, and be part of a vibrant and connected baseball pathway right here in our state.”

Stuart Scott from Sydney Blue Sox/Black Pearl Sports Group said the Academy represents a new model for participation and development in NSW.

“The Sydney Blue Sox Academy is built on a simple belief – every young baseballer in NSW deserves access

to professional coaching, modern methodology and a genuine pathway to grow. In partnership with Baseball NSW, this is a participation model designed for all aspiring players, not just the select few. By combining innovative health and performance technology with a holistic player wellbeing strategy, we’re creating an environment where kids can develop skills, confidence and resilience without the pressure traditionally attached to ‘high performance’. This is about growing the game the right way — healthy athletes, supported families and a stronger future for baseball in NSW.”

Details regarding program structure, registration and launch dates can be found [here](#).



Coaches Corner

BNSW is offering Level B and C Coaching Accreditation courses throughout 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:

19 April 2026

Level B – BISP

23 May 2026

Level C – BISP

23 May 2026

Level B – Illawarra

31 May 2026

Level B – BISP

Visit the BNSW Events page for the registration links.



BNSW Announces Retirement of Peter Worboys

Baseball NSW today announces the retirement of Director, Peter Worboys, marking the conclusion of more than 50 years of service to baseball across New South Wales.

A founding member of the Baseball NSW Board of Directors, Peter has played a pivotal role in coaching, mentorship and governance throughout the sport.

Peter's retirement, effective 20 March 2026, concludes a journey that began with playing junior baseball in Lismore. After relocating to Sydney, Peter commenced playing State League from 1976 before moving into coaching in 1981.

Peter has been a cornerstone of the NSW baseball community creating a legacy through his involvement in development programs, Technical Committee membership, high-performance State and elite representative coaching. Peter served as NSW Head Coach (Under 18s) from 1985 to 2005,



before returning as Assistant Coach from 2008 to 2010.

During his tenure in these roles Peter set a benchmark for coaching excellence, leading 15 teams to National Championship titles. Peter's influence extended to the national level through his appointment as an Australian Youth Coach, where he played a significant role in developing elite junior talent.

BNSW Announces Retirement of Peter Worboys cont.

Beyond coaching, Peter has made a lasting contribution through his 22 years on the Board of Baseball NSW. As a founding Board Member, Peter helped establish the governance protocols that continue to guide our organisation today. His advice and deep experience have been fundamental in shaping the strategic direction of Baseball NSW.

Stepping back from the Baseball NSW Technical Committee in recent years, Peter was a founding member of the Baseball NSW Hall of Fame Committee established in 2025, helping to create a forum for the celebration and recognition of extraordinary past players and coaches.

In recognition of his lasting impact on grassroots development, the Sydney Cup Under 12 competition was named the Worboys Cup, a fitting tribute reflecting



BNSW Announces Retirement of Peter Worboys cont.

the generations of young athletes who benefited from his leadership, mentorship, and passion for the game.

“Peter’s service to baseball in New South Wales is simply unparalleled,” Sue Cunningham, President, said. “He has shaped our sport from grassroots to the elite level, always with integrity, humility, respect and a deep commitment to developing players and coaches. His passion for the game of baseball is infectious, demonstrated by the countless beneficiaries of his advice who have returned to give back to the game. This may be his greatest legacy. On behalf of the Board and our entire community, we thank Peter for his wisdom, leadership, and tireless dedication.”

Matt Rippon, Baseball NSW CEO stated, “Peter represents the very best of our game. His relentless commitment to developing people, strengthening our systems, and lifting standards across every level of baseball in NSW. The governance foundations and performance pathways we continue to build upon today are in no small part due to his leadership. On behalf of our staff and broader baseball community, I thank Peter for his service and wish him every success in this next chapter.”

Reflecting on his retirement, Peter said, “It has been a privilege to serve the sport I love for so many years. Baseball has given me unforgettable memories and the opportunity to work with incredible players, coaches,



and volunteers. I am particularly proud of the pathways we have built for young players in New South Wales. I leave confident the game is in strong hands and look forward to watching the next generation lead it forward.”

Baseball NSW will undertake a public recruitment campaign in the coming months and remains committed to a smooth transition and the continuation of strong governance.

Inductees for 2026 BNSW Hall of Fame

Baseball NSW wishes to congratulate the latest inductees to the BNSW Hall of Fame, who were honored at the Hall of Fame Presentation held last 11 April.

We celebrate and recognise the inductees' achievements and contributions to the development of baseball in New South Wales.



BASEBALL NSW HALL OF FAME

Inductees for 2026 Hall of Fame	
Arthur Kenny	Matt Bennett
Brad Thomas	Max Yuile Snr
Brian Murphy	Norm O'Neill
David Hynes	Paul Hyham
Ian Angerson	Robert Andreoni
Ian Hendy	Shane Barclay
Katie Gaynor	Trent D'Antonio
Mark Shipley	

The Baseball NSW Heritage Committee is also opening nominations for the Hall of Fame batch of 2027. Please see the nomination guidelines, criteria, and nomination forms [here](#).

Congratulations once again to our latest Hall of Fame inductees! May this well-deserved milestone inspire our community to aspire for greatness.

Aussies Across Borders



Baseball NSW congratulates Team Australia for their solid representation at the 2026 World Baseball Classic in Tokyo, Japan, from 5 to 9 March!

While the Australian squad ultimately bowed out of the tournament after an agonizing loss to South Korea in pool play, the team showed they could hang with the top teams on the world stage.

First, the World #11-ranked Team Australia stunned the World #2 Chinese Taipei squad with a 3-0 win to open their campaign at the Tokyo Dome.

The near-capacity crowd at the Dome saw Robbie Perkins and Travis Bazzana score all three of Australia's runs, while the debuting Curtis Mead had two hits in his first WBC stint.

On the mound, Alexander Wells, Jon Kennedy, and Jack O'Loughlin



were masterful, each throwing three shutout innings and allowing only three total hits from their opponents.

During their last appearance at the WBC, Australia also defeated powerhouse Korea during their opener, proving that they could compete with the best of them at any given day.

Aussies Across Borders cont. 2026 World Baseball Classic Recap cont.

"I think we're there with the best in the world on any given day," Perkins said post-game, referring to reporters calling this victory a "major upset." "I think we need to start acknowledging we can give it to them."

On their second game, Team Australia dominated Czechia on the plate and on the mound, improving to a 2-0 record in pool play at the WBC.

The third inning saw Mead score three runs to pull his team up 3-1, before ultimately sealing the game with two more runs in the ninth.

While Mead's offense put his team over the top, Australia's pitching kept Czechia from gathering momentum and mounting any sort of consistent offense.

Josh Hendrickson started for the Aussies and led the a shutout performance from the bullpen to keep the Czechs at arm's length.

For his part, Hendrickson threw three innings and allowed only one run, paving the way for his relievers – Coen Wynne, Blake Townsend, Ky Hampton, Todd Van Steensel, and Mitch Neunborn – to let zero runs in their six innings.



Aussies Across Borders cont.

2026 World Baseball Classic

Recap cont.

Offensively, Alex Hall, Jarryd Dale, Chris Burke also scored two hits each to spearhead the Australian bats.

This win pushed Team Australia to the top of Pool C, also dubbed the "Group of Death" because of the presence of baseball powerhouses Japan, Korea, and Chinese Taipei.

So far, the Australians have passed every test put in front of them, but their biggest was yet to come as they prepared to face World #1 Japan next, led by one of the greatest players to ever hit the field, two-time MLB champion Shohei Ohtani.

The Japanese won a tightly contested game 4-3, but the loss also showed the world the Australians meant business and they belonged in conversations with the world's best baseball teams.

For instance, the Australians took a 1-0 lead in the seventh inning, and it took a massive swing from Boston Red Sox superstar Masataka Yoshida to score two runs off a homer with two outs and to give his team the lead for good.

Throughout the game, the Aussies had more hits than the Japanese, 8-5, and made impeccable plays on the field. They also showed incredible spirit in the final out and nearly knocked off Japan for the first time since the 2004 Olympics.

Connor MacDonald set the tone for Team Australia on the mound, throwing three shutout innings to start the game.

Meanwhile, Robbie Perkins got his team out of a bases-loaded jam by throwing a runner out at second, and Aaron Whitefield gathered three hits to give Australia a late lead.

In the ninth, Australia trailed 4-1 but they fought their way back thanks to a pair of homeruns from Rixon Wingrove and Alex Hall. Whitefield also led Australia with three hits, while team captain Tim Kennelly had two.

After the game, Robbie Perkins tipped his hat to the Japanese team. "They're the best for a reason," he said. "They stick with every game and are never out of it."

Still, Perkins was hopeful that they could improve on their performance, having gained confidence from going toe-to-toe with the world's baseball giants.

However, it was not to be, as the Australians failed to advance to the WBC quarterfinal in Miami after a heartbreaking loss to Korea.

The final score was the exact score that prevented the Australians from advancing. With a 2-1 record, they still would have advanced with a loss, provided they didn't lose by more than four, and they didn't allow 7 runs.

They lost to Korea 7-2.

Korea, Chinese Taipei, and Australia all finished 2-2 in Pool C, but Korea won the tiebreaker by a single run, an unearned run in the final inning.

Aussies Across Borders cont.

2026 World Baseball Classic Recap cont.

The Australians were on a knife's edge all game as they trailed 4-0 early. Throughout the game, the deficit went between four and five: 5-0, 5-1, 6-1, and 6-2.

In the eighth, Australia was almost through as Travis Bazzana came up with a tremendous RBI single to trim the five-run deficit to the magic number of four.

If the Australians could have held strong, they would have advanced to Miami with a 6-2 score.

However, Hyun Min Ahn hit a sacrifice fly that put Hae-Min Park on the plate. A throwing error from shortstop Jarryd Dale moments earlier let Park reach third and score the winning run.

Still, Rixon Wingrove hit what looked like a sure double and that would have scored a runner from first, but right fielder Jung Hoo Lee dashed the Australians' last hopes as he dove to catch the ball, booking their ticket to the quarterfinal.

After the game, Team Australia manager David Nilsson spoke highly of his team while acknowledging the heavy loss. "We can play on this stage but we have more work to do, more improvements to make in the big moments," he said. "We keep looking forward and to build on the program."

He also added, "I told the players how much I believe in them, and how much I trust them, and that's all I can do."

Team Australia's campaign may have come to a sudden end, but they proved that Australian baseball belonged in the same tier as the world's heavyweights, which is worth admiring nonetheless.

Baseball NSW congratulates Team Australia for their tremendous performance at this year's World Baseball Classic!

We look forward to seeing you play more thrilling games at the international stage against the world's best players.



Strike Zone



The New South Wales Baseball Umpires Association (NSWBUA) invites all interested umpires to attend their annual seminar on adult baseball this 4 July 2026 at BISP.

The event starts at **8:30am** and ends at **4:30pm**.

Dave Brodie and Brandon Lee will be guest instructors at the course. Both Brodie and Lee have recently attended the Wendelstedt School last January.

Interested participants can attend the annual seminar held by the New South Wales Baseball Umpires Association.

Members can avail of a discount when buying tickets. **Ticket prices with discount code cost \$130.** Members must use their discount codes, which has been sent to everyone.

Non-members must pay \$150 for the tickets.

[Click here](#) to register.



NSW Country Coaching EOIs for 2027 AYCs

NSW Country Baseball is calling for Expressions of Interest for vacant positions in both coaching and EO staff as they prepare to field U16 and U18 teams for the 2027 AYCs to be held next January in Victoria.

They are looking for applicants to fill the following vacant positions:

- Manager for the U16 NSW Country Representative Team
- Manager for the U18 NSW Country Representative Team.
- Assistant Coach for the U16 NSW Country Representative Team.
- Assistant Coach for the U18 NSW Country Representative Team
- Pitching Coach for the U16 NSW Country Representative.
- Pitching Coach for the U18 NSW Country Representative.
- Development Coach for the U16 NSW Country Representative Team



- Development Coach for the U18 NSW Country Representative Team
- EO for the U16 NSW Country Representative Team
- EO for the U18 NSW Country Representative Team

NSW Country has a rich history of competing in the national championships, and this might be your chance to lead their teams to the cup.

Before applying, check out the required criteria [here](#).

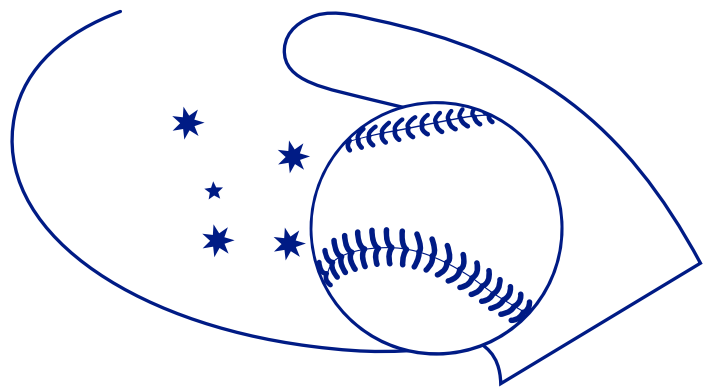
Apply today!

BNSW Launches Performance Support Programs

Baseball NSW is proud to announce a significant uplift of its Performance & Pathways Programs for 2026, marking a major step forward in the development of our aspirational players across the state.

Following the recent launch of the BNSW/Sydney Blue Sox Academy program (U9-14); the Baseball NSW Performance Support Programs will represent a major uplift from the former, EPP, DPP and PPP programs of previous years.

For the first time, the program will include an Under 14 age group, while also aligning the Women’s Program alongside the established Under 16 and Under 18 programs. This evolution reflects Baseball NSW’s commitment to providing a more



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inclusive, structured, and progressive athlete development pathway.

Underpinning this expansion is a landmark partnership with the Regional Academies of Sport, elevating the initiative into a fully integrated Performance Support Program.

All participants will be recognised as Western Sydney Academy of Sport athletes, gaining access to a comprehensive network of high-performance services delivered through the Blacktown Exercise, Sports and Technology Hub.

BNSW Launches Performance Support Programs cont.

This collaboration brings together elite coaching with leading support in strength and conditioning, sports science, psychology, nutrition, and athlete wellbeing ensuring players are developed holistically, both on and off the field.

The programs are designed for athletes who are committed to their development and ready to train and compete alongside the best emerging talent in New South Wales.

All sessions will be delivered at Blacktown International Sports Park from early June through to late August.

Baseball NSW CEO, Matt Rippon said:

“This is a defining step forward for baseball in New South Wales. We are building a genuine high-performance environment that not only identifies talent, but systematically develops it through world-class support and structure. By partnering with the Regional Academies of Sport, we are ensuring our athletes have access to the best level of expertise. This is about creating complete athletes physically, mentally, and personally; and setting a new benchmark for our sport.”

Erin Wilson. General Manager – Performance & Innovation, said:

“This has been a truly co-designed approach with Baseball NSW, bringing together expertise to build a stronger development environment for athletes. It’s the first of many opportunities to align capability across our sports and deliver better outcomes through a more connected system.”



Regional Academies of Sport

For more information on the Baseball NSW Performance Support Programs, [click here](#).

Likewise, you can register for the program through this link [here](#).

NSW Uni Teams Join University of Sydney's Hume Intervarsity Cup

On Easter weekend, Wagga Wagga Baseball Association hosted university teams from New South Wales and Victoria in the inaugural Hume Intervarsity Cup.

Boasting current university students from Melbourne Uni, RMIT, Monash Uni and Sydney Uni, the tournament builds on University rivalries that have been present since the 1920s, as well as giving young players a pathway to further representative baseball after finishing highschool.

The tournament was a round robin style event, with Sydney Uni taking the top seed with 3 wins, playing in the grand final against Monash, who had 2 wins and a loss. Sydney Uni were the dominant team all weekend on both sides of the diamond, walking away as tournament champions after winning the gold medal match 11-1.

The tournament couldn't have gone ahead without the local Wagga Baseball crew



who volunteered their time over the two day tournament, with the varsity teams hosted at a celebratory dinner on the Saturday night to build new traditions.

The tournament is looking to expand the university baseball calendar and welcome more student teams for Easter 2027.

Interested university baseball clubs can email Shane Cantelmi from UniSport on shane.cantelmi@unisport.com.au

NSW Uni Teams Join University of Sydney's Hume Intersvarsity Cup cont.



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2026-2028 BNSW Supplier Procurement

Baseball NSW is seeking submissions from suitably qualified suppliers to provide apparel, equipment, and merchandise across key operational categories that support the delivery of competitions, high-performance programs, and member engagement initiatives.

This open tender process is an opportunity for suppliers to establish preferred commercial arrangements with Baseball NSW.

While the initial term of appointment is two years (2026–2028), there is potential for extension to three years subject to performance and mutually agreed terms.

Proponents may also consider opportunities that provide complementary benefits to both parties, such as initiatives that support program delivery, brand alignment, or member engagement.

Scope of Categories

Submissions are invited across one or more of the following categories:

Corporate Attire – Staff uniforms, executive apparel, and event-branded clothing to ensure professional presentation across all Baseball NSW touchpoints.

State Team / Pathway Uniforms – Playing and training kits for all representative teams, including Pathways, Australian Youth Championships, Australian Women’s Championships, and Australian Youth Women’s Championships.

Balls – Endorsed Suppliers – Baseballs for tournaments and competitions, including Sydney Cup, State League, Women’s League, and State Championships, with support for club orders.

Supporter Merchandise – Fan merchandise including replica jerseys, caps, and other products to support engagement and revenue generation.

For full submission guidelines, evaluation criteria, and detailed category requirements, suppliers are invited to **download the full Tender Document [here](#)**.

2026 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships

Baseball NSW congratulates both the NSW Women's and Youth Women's squads for winning bronze at the 2026 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships at Melbourne Ballpark last 12-18 April!

Both teams gave impressive representation at the tournament, as the Women's squad, for example, won back-to-back medals after having won gold in 2025.

The NSW Women's team opened with a dominant 12-3 victory over Western Australia. Led by Isobel Lambert, who tallied two hits and drove in five runs, the team also played their gold-medal defense to prevent Western Australia from generating any offense.

Moreover, Lisa Nakashio, Cayla Johnston, Sayaka Mori, and Maddi Heath also



collected multiple hits in the win. On the mound, Ebony Van Eynde started and threw 4.2 innings, where she allowed three runs (with one earned), four hits, four walks, and struck out three.

As reliever, Maddi Erwin threw 1.1 innings and struck out four.

2026 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships cont.

In the next game, the 2025 MVP Claire O'Sullivan proved why she is one of the best players nationally as she went 2-4 with 3 RBI at the plate and took a no-hitter deep in the fourth inning as her team defeated Queensland 17-14.

On the mound, O'Sullivan threw 4.0 innings, allowing only one hit and one walk while striking out four.

The NSW Women's bats were humming as well, scoring the first 11 runs of the game, with seven of them coming in the fourth.

Nakashio, O'Sullivan, Heath, and Ticara Geldenhuis each had multi-hit performances; Nakashio drove in four runs while Geldenhuis and O'Sullivan had three.

While Queensland attempted a comeback with six runs deep in the fifth, NSW scored three more in the sixth and seventh to go up 17-7 near the bottom of the final inning.

However, Victoria avenged their gold medal loss in 2025 with a 12-3 victory over NSW thanks to a team effort that brought them 15 hits. Four of them came from Lili Cavanagh, who also added a walk to reach base five times.

On the other hand, Maddi Heath had three of NSW's five hits, who were unable to mount any offense against their biggest rival.

Still, the Women's squad punched their ticket to the Finals with an 18-hit performance to beat South Australia 7-4 last 13 April.



2026 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships cont.

Several NSW players delivered multiple hits, collecting 18 in all: Sayaka Mori, Isobel Lambert, and Maddi Heath had three hits; Lisa Nakashio, Claire O'Sullivan, Ivy White, and Ryleigh Delacour-Batch each had two.

While South Australia cut the lead to 4-2 in the third, NSW followed up with two insurance runs to put the game away.

The NSW pitching staff also did their part. Olivia Bonello started the game on the mound and threw 4.0 innings, allowing two runs. Then, Kara Cassidy threw 2.0 relief innings and allowed two runs, while Maddi Erwin threw 1.0 innings and allowed zero runs and struck out three.

With the win, NSW improved to 3-1 and earned a spot in the Top Four.

On Day 4 last 15 April, the Roos earned their first win of the tournament with a stunning six-run comeback and walkoff victory over the defending champions, 7-6.

After both teams finished 0-0 in the first four innings, NSW rattled off six runs early in the fifth to jump to a 6-0 lead, but the Roos replied with five runs deep in the same inning.

They also gave themselves a chance to win via Mariam Arifaki's 1-2-3 relief inning in the sixth, and Maddy Patrick tied the game with a single on her third base knock of the game. With two outs, Arifaki then hit a double to right field to score the walkoff win.



2026 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships cont.

In the stunner, Delacour-Batch, Van Eynde, and Tamryn Love put up two hits for NSW, who ended pool play with a 3-2 record.

On their quest for the gold medal game, NSW then fell 17-5 to Western Australia, who advanced to the Qualifying Final and sent the former to the Elimination Final.

In the final, NSW mounted an 8-4 comeback against Queensland to advance to the Preliminary Final, thanks in part to a standout performance from Olivia Bonello.

The Blues faced a 4-1 deficit deep in the third, with bases loaded for Queensland and nobody out.

However, NSW pulled out a double play to prevent a run and ended the inning, which kickstarted their comeback.

They then rattled off ten of the next 11 hits. Ticara Geldenhuis and Lisa Nakashio each scored a run in the fourth, cutting the lead to 4-3.

Then, Sayaka Mori drove in a two-out and two-RBI single in the next inning to put NSW up for good.

In the sixth, Isobel Lambert and Claire O'Sullivan scored two more runs to add to the lead, 7-4.

It was Bonello's defense that set the stage for NSW's bats. The relief pitcher threw 4.0 innings and allowed only two hits, one walk, and zero runs.

Against Victoria at the Preliminary Final, NSW came up short 8-0 and ended their 2026 AWC run with the bronze medal.



Victoria's Allie Bebbere came up big on the mound, throwing 6.0 shutout innings and allowing only six hits and a pair of walks.

A double from Kira Kuwamoto put Victoria on the board after she scored two runs, and they scored four more runs in the fifth, blowing the game open to the tune of an 8-0 margin.

Ebony Van Eynde started on the mound for NSW and allowed four runs.

The victory pushed Victoria to the Gold Medal game against Western Australia, which they ultimately won 8-5.

BNSW congratulates the Women's team for their run at this year's AWCs! We applaud your heart, grit, and effort in representing the state at the national level.

We also tip our hats to the other winners and thank everyone who made the tournament a success.

2026 Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships cont.



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Baseball NSW 2026 State Championships

Baseball NSW congratulates the winners of the 2026 State Championships played last 7-19 April!

The tournament comprised the Little League/Little League Div II, Little League Girls, Junior League, Intermediate League, and Senior League divisions.

We applaud your performance and efforts throughout the tournament and celebrate your achievements in pushing the game forward for the young baseballers.

These following teams are the 2026 State Champions in their respective divisions:

Little League:

Ryde Red

Little League Div II:

Manly

Little League Girls:

Cronulla

Intermediate League:

Ryde Red

Junior League:

Hills Blue

Senior League:

Manly



We also congratulate the following teams for earning spots at the upcoming Nationals:

Little League Girls:

Cronulla

Little League:

Ryde Red/Ryde Black/Cronulla Black

Intermediate League:

Ryde Red/Cronulla Black

Junior League:

Hills Blue/Cronulla Black

Senior League:

Manly/Cronulla Black/Ryde Red

Congratulations once again to all our winning teams, and we wish you the very best as you compete in the Nationals! We also thank every player, coach, and volunteer who put together a successful State Championship tournament this year.

Baseball NSW 2026 State Championships cont.



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Baseball NSW 2026 State Championships cont.



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2025/26 State and Women's League Tournament Recaps

Baseball NSW congratulates the winners of the 2025/2026 State and Women's League! The tournament began in September 2025 and concluded with thrilling Finals games in April 2026.

The Blacktown Workers captured their fifth premiership in six years after winning the State League First Grade tournament, capping off four straight premierships and cementing a dynasty. They defeated a feisty Macarthur Orioles squad in a thrilling series that went all three games.

Tom Stancic received the Grand Final MVP for his tremendous performance across two of the three games.

Meanwhile, the Blacktown Workers 2nd Grade team also won their division, coming back from an early 2-0 deficit to defeat Baulkham Hills 9-5.



Photo credit: Mick G Photography.

2025/26 State and Women's League Tournament Recaps cont.

Top performances from Lucas Stancic, Spencer Williams, and Mason Malkoun helped the Workers seize the initiative in the third inning, where they scored all their runs. Defensively, the Workers also staved off a comeback attempt from Baulkham, who only managed to score a single run after cutting the lead to 9-4.

In the third grade, the Ryde Hawks defeated the Blacktown Workers 4-3 to win the premiership, in a tug-of-war between two determined teams. Ultimately the Hawks took the lead deep in the eighth inning, and they shut out the Workers to capture the trophy.

Matt Kelleher led Ryde with three runs and three walks, while Jeremy Watts collected two hits and three RBI in the victory. Timothy Donovan also took full advantage of his single at-bat, notching one hit and scoring one run.

On the mound, the Hawks' pitching staff turned in a complete team effort. Jake Smith threw 4.0 innings and conceded one hit, one run, one walk, and struck out one. Meanwhile, Liam Sainsbury tossed 1.1 innings and allowed two runs and one walk but struck out two.

Baulkham Hills won the U18 division after defeating Ryde in another closely fought game, with the final score of 11-9. Kai Ueki and Daniel Price led Baulkham in hits, as they both notched two hits; Ueki also scored two runs and had one walk while Price chipped in a run of his own. Meanwhile, Leo Turco scored three runs in three at-bats, notching one hit and two RBI while walking once.

Baulkham Hills' pitching staff also rose to the occasion, led by Fletcher Willard who pitched 3.2 innings and allowed two hits and one run (zero earned), and zero walks while striking out five.



Photo credit: 1st Grade Grand Final – Mick G Photography.

2025/26 State and Women's League Tournament Recaps cont.

The Eastern Suburbs Dolphins also won the Women's League First Grade division after a nailbiter against the Blacktown Workers 12-11.

Both teams' lineups were humming at bat, though ultimately the Dolphins won the day. Ryleigh Delacour-Batch, Laura Neads, and Rebecca Nelson each had multi-hit games, tallying three, three, and two hits respectively. Meanwhile, Claire O'Sullivan paced the team scoring with four runs scored. Delacour-Batch also scored three runs. Starting pitcher Claire O'Sullivan also anchored the team's defense, throwing 4.2 innings, where she allowed eight hits and eight runs, with four earned and one walk, while striking out four.

The same teams also faced off in another close game for the second grade division,

but with different results. The Blacktown Workers came away with the win over the Dolphins in another high-scoring affair, 16-14. Several Blacktown players recorded multi-hit games. Chloe Neuhold led the team with four hits, with Annette Green close behind with three. Pheebe Watson, Amelia Macdonald, Daina MacKenzie, and Hayley Jones had two runs apiece. Green also led the team with three runs scored. Likewise, Desiree Edgley held her own on the mound, throwing 5.1 innings where she allowed 12 hits and seven runs, with two earned and one walk. She also struck out five.

Congratulations once again to this season's winners of the State and Women's Leagues! We also applaud every team, player, coach, and volunteer who put together another terrific season of baseball.



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2025/26 State and Women's League Tournament Recaps cont.



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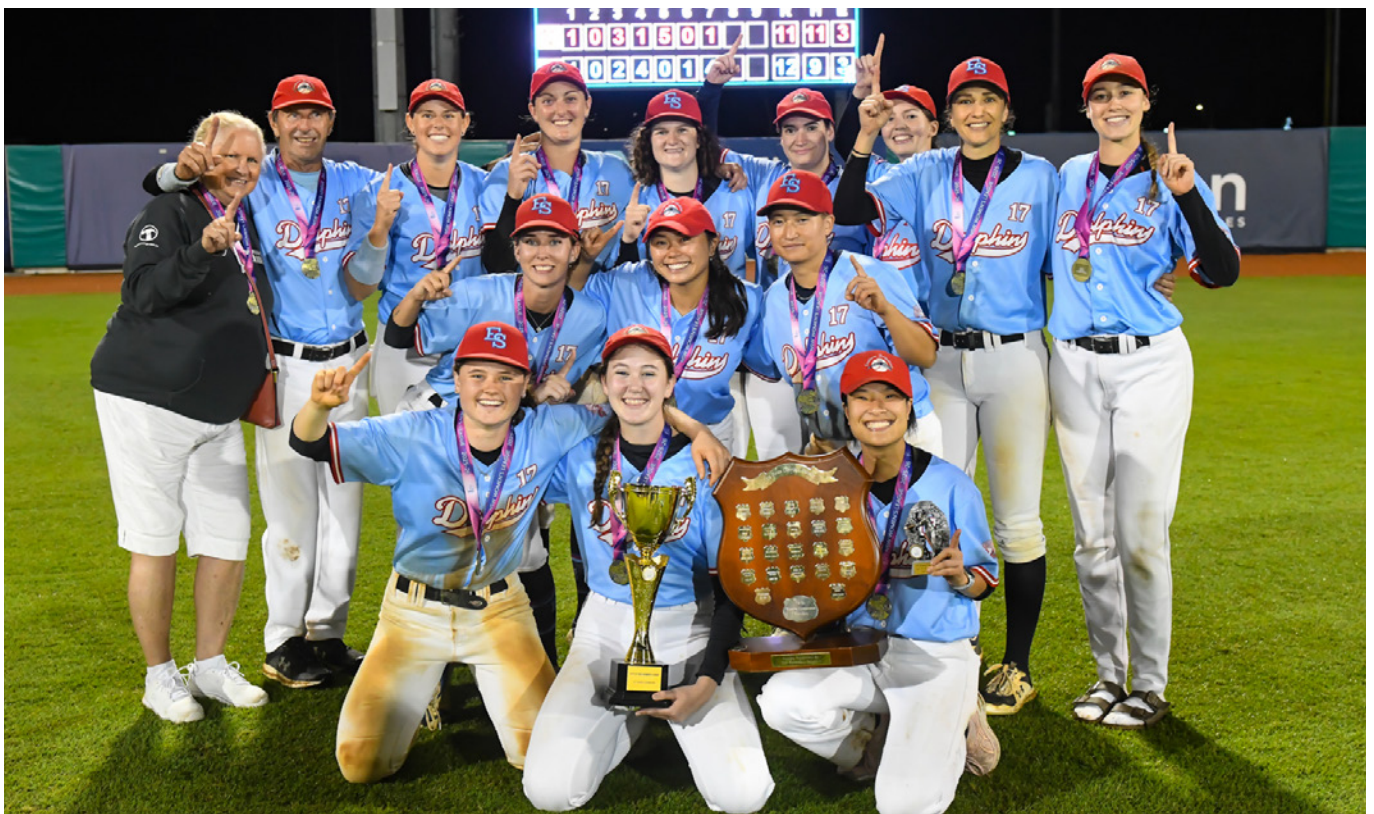


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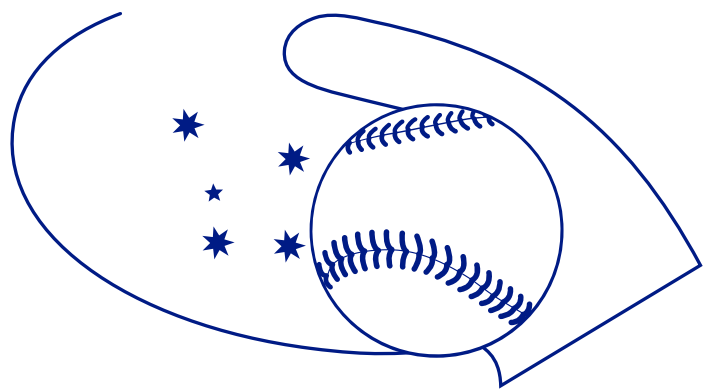
2026 Major Events Dates & Venues Announced

Baseball NSW is pleased to announce the dates and venues of our major tournaments throughout the year!

As we continue the 2026 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!



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Event	Date	Venue
2025/26 State League	Sep 17th - Mar 8th 2026	Local Clubs
Little League & Little League Div II State Championships	Apr 7th - 12th 2026	BISP Softball

2026 Major Events

Dates & Venues Announced cont.

Event	Date	Venue
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
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

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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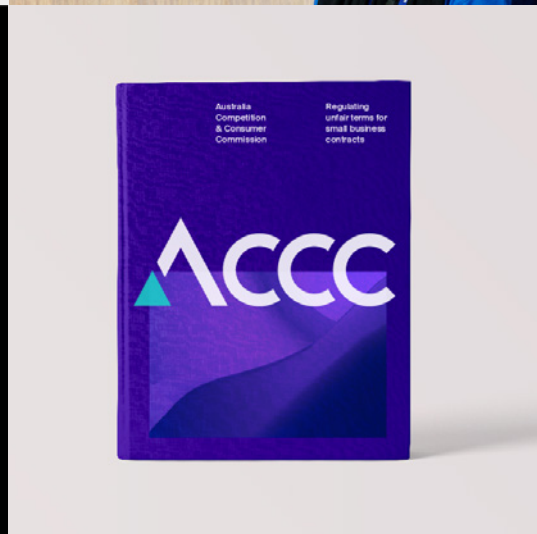
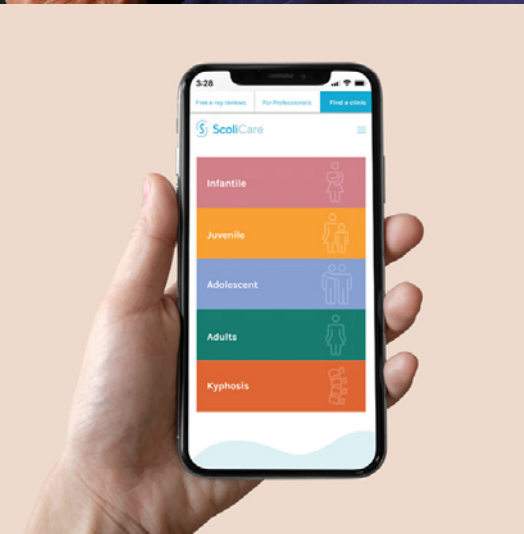
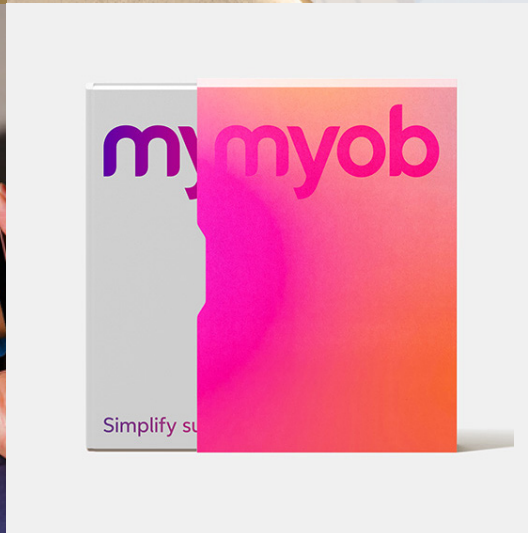
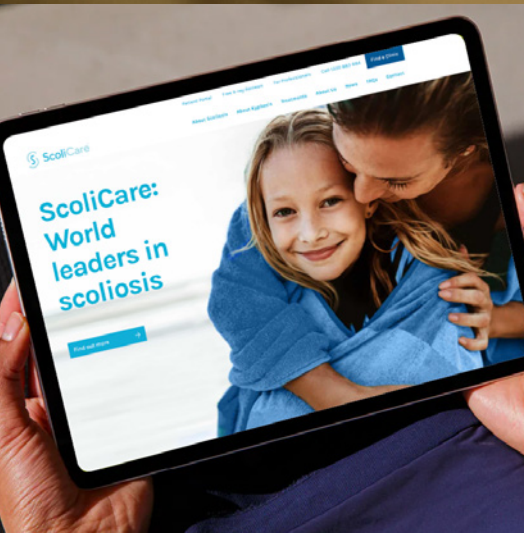


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