

# BASEBALL WA ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

**Baseball WA LTD**

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# BASEBALL WA STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**Directors:** Michael Andruskiw, Gary Arnell, Simon Eissens, Carolyne Gatward, Lance MacKichan, Ruth O'Dwyer

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## ADMINISTRATION

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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Baseball WA Limited  
ACN 087 442 822

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Baseball WA Limited will be held at as follows:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 7:00pm

Dept LGSCI - 246 Vincent St, Leederville, WA 6007

### AGENDA

Item	Topic	Notes
1	WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY	
2	• APOLOGIES & ATTENDANCE	
3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING • Annual General Meeting of 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2022	
4	ORDINARY BUSINESS • Chair Report • Financial Statements To receive and consider the Financial Statements, Directors' Declaration and Reports of the Directors and Auditors in respect of the year ended 30 June 2023.	(To be tabled) (To be tabled)
5	ELECTION OF DIRECTORS • Appointment of two (2) vacant Director positions ○ Vacant ○ Vacant	
6	APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS	
7	Presentations Strategic Update	
8	CLOSE	

Dated at Perth this 1st November 2023. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Lachlan Dale



Company Secretary

**NOTES:****1. Representatives and Alternates**

Every Member which or who is the holder of an Ordinary Share in Baseball WA Limited must appoint one or more natural persons as its representative or representatives to exercise the powers of that Member. Where more than one representative has been so appointed, only one of them may exercise the powers of that Member at any one time.

**2. Proxies and Representatives' Appointments**

Any instrument appointing a proxy or representative is to be treated as valid if the instrument and any power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed is or are either:

- (a) deposited at Baseball WA's registered office (Baseball Park, Cnr Nicholson and Wilfred Roads, Thornlie, 6108) at least 48 hours before the scheduled time for the commencement of the relevant meeting; or
- (b) presented to the chairman of the meeting as soon as practicable after the commencement of that meeting and, in any event, before the relevant vote is taken

**3. Quorum**

A quorum for a general meeting is 20% or more of Members present in person, by representative or by proxy.

**4. Election of Directors**

There are 2 vacant positions on the board and will need to be ratified in accordance with section 201E(2)(b) of the Corporations Law as directors of the company in accordance with Rule 8 of the company's Constitution for a period of two years as from the conclusion of the meeting. Where the number of nominations is less than the number of declared vacancies, no election is required.

**Vacant Director Positions**

- 1. Vacant
- 2. Vacant

**5. Life Membership**

There are no nominations for Life Membership for 2023

**6. Appointment of Auditor**

The Chief Executive Officer recommends the appointment of HTG Partners to act auditor.

**7. General Business**

If shareholders would like to add items to General Business, items must be sent to [ceo@baseballwa.asn.au](mailto:ceo@baseballwa.asn.au) by close of business Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to be reviewed and may be added to the agenda.

**BASEBALL WA LIMITED**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, 23 November 2022</b>
<b>Time:</b>	19:00pm
<b>Place:</b>	Dept LGSCI - 246 Vincent St, Leederville

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME, ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	<p>Michael Andruszkiw was confirmed as chair for the meeting. Mr Andruszkiw introduced the Board and Lachlan Dale, CEO of Baseball WA.</p> <p>Mr Andruszkiw advised that Jason Hewitt and Ruth O'Dwyer had also resigned as Directors and thanked them for their contributions.</p>
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
	Refer the attendance register
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	Chair: Marie Malaxos
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Meeting Open</b>
	The Chair declared the meeting open at 19:00pm and confirmed a quorum was present.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>
	<p><b>Proposed resolution:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the general meeting held on 8/12/2020 be accepted.</p> <p>Moved by:           The Floor</p>



	<p>Seconded by:      The Floor</p> <p>Decision:           Resolution carried</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>
	Lachlan Dale presented an update on the Strategic report and tabled an overview of the year of Baseball in WA
<b>4.0</b>	<b>ORDINARY BUSINESS</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>
	<p>Mr Andruszkiw table the Chairman's report.</p> <p>Document tabled:           Chairman's Report</p> <p>Presented by:                The Floor</p> <p>Seconded by:                The Floor</p> <p>Decision:                      Resolution carried</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Financial Statements</b>
	Mr Andruszkiw tabled the Financial Statement would not be ready for the AGM and will be provided at a later date.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>ELECTION OF DIRECTORS</b>
	<p><i>Re-election of Directors</i></p> <p>The chair advised that nominations in writing were received prior to the meeting for the following people to re-elected to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mario Malaxos</li> <li>• Simon Eissens</li> </ul> <p><i>Result</i></p> <p>An election was held by a show of hands. The above people were re-elected to the Board</p>

	<p><i>Nominations:</i></p> <p>The chair advised that nominations in writing were received prior to the meeting for the following people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lance Mackichan</li> <li>• Verity Long-Droppert</li> </ul> <p><i>Result</i></p> <p>An election was held by a show of hands. The following people were elected as directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lance Mackichan</li> <li>• Verity Long-Droppert</li> </ul>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS</b>
	<p>Proposed resolution:</p> <p><i>That HTG Partners be appointed as auditor for the year ended 30 June 2021.</i></p> <p>Moved by: Mike Thompson</p> <p>Seconded by: Craig Williamson</p> <p>Decision: carried</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>MEETING CLOSE</b>
	The meeting was declared closed at 19.28pm.

### Confirmation of the minutes

These minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed by:



Lachlan Dale

20/12/2022

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(signature)

(name)

(date)

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*Baseball WA formally acknowledges our Life Members with heartfelt appreciation extended to all.*

1947	Glen H. Dunstan OBE *	1986	Eric Knight *
1951	W.H. (Bill) Hosken *	1988	Mrs Jan Thurley
1953	Les F. Matthews *	1988	Don Rodger
1955	H.V. (Vic) Barrett *	1989	Mrs Rose Corker *
1957	H.J. (Bert) Kortlang *	1990	Ian Ross
1958	Thomas G. Nisbet *	1992	John Radalj
1959	Merv G. Muggleton *	1993	Michael (Mick) Mount
1960	Rob M. Gordon *	1995	Mrs Ursula Wade
1963	R.J. (Snow) McFarlane *	1996	Alan Luscombe
1964	Les R. Brain *	1997	Graham H. Johnson
1965	Harry Duncan *	1998	Mrss Athalia Munro *
1967	R.D. (Bill) Arrowsmith	2010	Mark Pettit
1970	Neville J. Pratt OAM	2013	Mrs Patricia Williamson
1971	Max Heron	2015	William (Spider) Sinclair
1972	Alf Leutchford	2018	Mark Richardson
1973	Peter Solomon	2019	Darryl Moyle*
1974	Don Callanan *	2020	Paul Tye
1974	Neville Laird *		
1977	Doug Corker		
1978	Kevin Parry AO *		
1979	Rodney P. Byrne OAM *		
1980	Mrs Norma Goodridge *		
1981	Dennis Osborn		
1982	Alf Dyer *		
1983	Mrs Kath Dyer		
1984	Mrs Evelyn Harvey		
1985	John Cole		

\* Deceased

*All of these people were recognised as Life Members, in the stated year, by any of the former organisations of, the West Australian Baseball League (Inc), the West Australian Junior Baseball League (Inc), the Baseball Development Foundation (Inc). Those Life Members are now recognised as Life Members of Baseball WA Ltd.*

*Baseball WA formally acknowledges Meritorious Awards and Outstanding Achievement Awards. Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to each.*

## MERITORIOUS AWARD

1984-85	Jack Cody - Perth
1986-87	Margaret Carter - Fremantle
1988-89	Kevan Langdon - West Stirling
1993-94	Eric Knight - Victoria Park
1997-98	Maurie Reynolds - Umpire

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1981-82	Ian Butcher	Fremantle State League
1982-83	Brian Davis	Fremantle "A" Reserve
1983-84	Harry Duncan	Long Service Award
1984-85	Don Knapp	Playing/Admin Award
1987-88	Tony Adamson	Playing Award
1988-89	Greg Harvey	Playing Award
1988-89	Corey Loehr	Playing Award
1996-97	Shane Tonkin	Playing Award
2008-09	Ken McGee	Pitched 22 inning game



# CHAIR'S REVIEW

What a great year for baseball in WA. A full season of competitions, with minimal impact from COVID-19, for the first time in three years.



The board has taken time to review strategy for the next five years. Important areas of focus are grassroots participation, club health, diversity, facilities and high performance programs. Additionally, the Board is working to ensure governance of the sport is undertaken to the highest possible standards.

It was again pleasing to see increased participation during the 2022-23 season, with extra teams in both the senior and junior competitions. Improving participation pathways and opportunities is one of BWA's main areas of strategic focus. This includes working with Tee-Ball WA, schools, and other organisations to generate grassroots interest and transition young players into baseball.

The Boards of Baseball WA, Tee-Ball, and Softball WA all agreed to work together to promote and encourage participation in Diamond Sports in WA. Initially a letter of intent was agreed to by all parties, with Terms of Reference for the group finalised recently. Watch your social media platforms for updates.

We continue to work with the Perth Heat to support the growth of baseball in WA. We thank former CEO Steve Nelkovski for his efforts and welcome Brett Patten to the role. Let's hope for a successful season.

As always, the Baseball WA Heritage Committee achieved notable progress during the year. The Heritage Committee's goals include increasing awareness of the history of baseball in WA, and ensuring high achievers are duly recognised through Life Membership or Hall of Fame Membership. The committee also works to ensure the history of baseball is accurately recorded. The Museum is continually expanding and improving. Again, I urge you all to check for opening times; it is worth taking the opportunity to have a walk through when you can.

As a not-for-profit community sporting association, Baseball WA's goal is to ensure we have sufficient funds to sustainably deliver our programs. The board has continued to focus on careful budgeting and financial management. We received continued financial support from Healthway and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, which we greatly appreciate. The Board continually explores additional funding sources. We are well placed financially for the future.

I thank Verity Long-Droppert for her contribution to the Board and Heritage Committee and Carolyn Gatward for her contribution to the Board. I also welcome Paul Morgan and Renee Farmer to the Board. We look forward to ratifying their appointments at the coming AGM and welcoming any other new members.

I wish to thank all clubs, players, officials, volunteers, the greater baseball community and my fellow board members, our chief executive Lachlan Dale, and his small, dedicated team for their contribution to baseball in Western Australia.

Marie Malaxos

Chair, Board of Directors, Baseball WA



# CEO'S REPORT



First and foremost, thank you to the clubs, volunteers, supporters, and committees within Baseball WA. We can't say it enough, but the game itself is what it is because of the clubs, members, and volunteers that put countless time, effort, and sacrifice in at the local level, persevering through challenges to allow the sport to be in such a strong position and ready to launch forward. Your work is greatly appreciated.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Baseball WA for their ongoing support and dedication to ensure the best outcomes for the game.

I would also like to thank the Baseball WA Staff who work tirelessly to provide support and guidance to clubs and members throughout the year. Most of their work is behind the scenes when nobody is around with the main objective of delivering better outcomes for the baseball community. To Tamieka, Caroline, Andrew, Rod, Dave, Jonathan, Dave, Natalie and Jes, thank you.

Thank you to our commercial partners: Department of Local Government Sport Cultural Industries, Healthway, The Garment Exchange/Belgravia Apparel, Diamond Fitness, Fielders Choice, Sixteen23 and our newest partner Harcher as our platinum naming rights partner for State League.

It's been an exciting 12 months for WA baseball as we returned to normal play.

A few quick highlights throughout the year have been state and national charter tournaments with two of the four National Champions coming from WA. Wanneroo Giants in Intermediate League and Eastern Phantoms in Junior League represented WA with distinction both on and off the field and I'm sure a trip of a lifetime.

Our programs continued throughout the winter with both male and female high-performance programs, Pro League, and the newly added Barclay Cup national event which will this year be hosted here at Carine in September.



Our state teams again performed well with our Women's taking home bronze in the 2022 Nationals, Bronze for our Under 16's at the 2022 Nationals, then silver for both our Under 16's and Under 18's at the 2023 Nationals and of course the Perth Heat missing out on the Claxton Shield against the Adelaide Giants in the Championship Series. Thank you to Andy Kyle and Dean White and the team at Diamond Fitness for the athlete development program you lead across our performance programs. Best of luck to the Women's and Youth Girls State Teams who head to Melbourne later this week to compete in their National Championships.



WA also had 25% of the representation of the Under 18 Australian roster in addition to the team being managed by our own Andy Kyle. A further 4 WA players playing in the Under 23 World Cup and of course the sensational performance by our Men's World Baseball Classic team, led by WA stars Tim Kennelly, Warwick Saupold, Alex Hall, Ulrich Bojarski, Will Sherriff, Jake Bowey, Robbie Glendinning and Mitch Nuenborn. Outstanding efforts by all that wore the green and gold.

Over the past few years, the sport has also recognised that we also need to do things a little differently if we want to grow. In working closely with clubs, working groups, and via feedback from members we implemented a new competition structure this season. The State, Community and Women's Baseball Leagues allow a more targeted focus on what's important and valuable to that specific participant.

Baseball's relationship with tee-ball continues to grow with an expanded MOU between the two organisations as BWA increases its level of delivery across participation and recruitment of grassroots participants throughout the state.

Tee-ball numbers have increased over 8.4% in the past 12 months which is the first increase in over 10 years. This is in addition to increases in overall baseball participation at juniors and seniors resulting in a 7.5% increase to players playing our game. Our programs and activations through schools, clubs, and the community saw over 60,000 participants engaged throughout the year. With a collaborative planning and delivery approach between baseball, tee-ball, clubs, members, and volunteers we believe this will continue to thrive. We again thank you and appreciate the role that you play in this.

Baseball WA also hosted its first Indigenous Rounds last November 2022. With artwork designed by Loretta Egan, Mike and the team at Garment Exchange went to work and produced jerseys for all 11 State League clubs with both Kwinana and Kalamunda also supporting the project. We believe this will be the starting point for clubs to engage with local government, the Indigenous community, and its members to build better relationships and programs of inclusion.



We also launched our Friday Night Broadcast of State League games from Empire Ballpark. Every Friday night game was streamed with commentary and the opportunity to watch a game from the Ballpark or from home.

In addition to the broadcast and games at the Ballpark, we also launched a weekly podcast. The simple agenda covered the week that was, good news stories, events, great performances, or just something exciting that happened during the season. Thank you to our guests who joined the podcast and provided insights from on the ground at tee-ball, junior and senior baseball across participation and performance areas of our game.

For the first time in nearly two years, the Perth Heat were back and narrowly missed out on bringing home the Claxton Shield in the Championship Series vs the Adelaide Giants. To Steve and the ownership group, thank you for your continued investment into the team to ensure the Perth Heat remains relevant in the sporting landscape as we know it provides great entertainment but also an aspirational goal for many of our young players coming through the pathways.

Of course, the recognition and preservation of the history of the game continues so to Paul Tye and the other volunteers at the only Baseball Museum in the country, thank you. On display here tonight and during the Perth Heat season, please stop by or come see the great work they've done over the past few years.

As an organisation, we continue to work hard to grow the game in WA, and with passionate people not only in this room but the wider baseball community, WA will continue to shine and be the benchmark in Australia.

Thank you for your efforts and I'm looking forward to the new success that we all achieve together in the 2023/2024 season.

Lachlan Dale  
Baseball WA CEO



# HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

## PERTH HEAT

### Pre-Season: Perth Heat vs Wanneroo

We kicked off the preseason with a game against the 2022 State League Champions Wanneroo Giants. This was a great success and a positive warm up for the local Australian players, along with some of the High-Performance Futures players.

The day was positive, with a lot of community involvement and an opportunity for our local Perth Heat talent to come together as a group to play in a competitive environment leading into the season. A great blend of veteran players and an opportunity for some of our emerging stars were able to share the field and begin the transition into the Perth Heat.

### Training

Pitchers were provided throwing programs during the winter and opportunities to come and work out on the field with our High-Performance program. Pitchers started programs between July-August in their preparation for the season. Position players were also provided an opportunity to come down and get some specific on-field training in from August to prepare swings and condition arms. We began specific work as a group on Tuesday evenings and Thursdays in September.

### Season

The group came together down the stretch and put together a fantastic season. Beating Brisbane in Brisbane in the Semi-Final showed great resilience and determination. Taking game one against Adelaide in the Championship in front of a sold-out crowd was a highlight, before losing to Adelaide both games on the road. It was a sombre feeling to finish the season, coming so close to bringing the Claxton Shield back to Perth.

It was a challenging year losing a few of our imports from the Rays and also our pitching coach (Levi) prior to the Playoffs. Alex Hall matured as a local leader and put in a memorable season, winning the Helms award. We continue to build a great opportunity of local talent with a fond partnership with the Tampa Bay Rays. We saw rookies BJ Cooke, Riley Marsh, Jaxon Limpus, Josh Davies, Sam Gooch all made their debuts with the team. Overall another fantastic accomplishment and a positive season.

## WBSC - World Baseball Classic

Congratulations to Tim Kennelly, Alex Hall, Ulrich Bojarski, Jake Bowey, Warwick Saupold and Will Sherriff on making the Australian WBC team. The made it onto the second group stage for the first time, losing to Cuba and narrowly missing out on a finals birth in the USA.



## HIGH PERFORMANCE: HEAT FUTURES

The Heat Futures High Performance Program continues to grow and establish itself as one of the best programs across the country. Athletes are involved in an on-field component which is in two 10-week blocks during the winter and S&C component all year round with Diamond Fitness.

Pitching coaches - Mark Pettit & Stu Howell (Raleigh Pelkenon - development)

On-field coaches - Kurt Russell, Leigh Moyle, Brendon Migro, Adrian Versaico

## STATE JUNIORS

### 16U NYC's:

Thank you to Daniel Calverley for managing the team and his support staff. It was a great tournament with the team finishing in second place, losing to NSW in the Championship game.



### 18U NYC's:

Thank you to Leigh Moyle for managing the team and his support staff. The group had a great series and performed very well. They too made the Championship game, falling 7-5 to Queensland.



### 18U National Team Selection 2022:

Congratulations to Riley Marsh, Flynn McGahan, Tyson Noel and Josh Davies who were selected to represent Australia at the World Cup in September 2022. Sam Gooch and Cam Landy were also part of the 40man touring squad that went to the USA as part of the pre-tournament selection process.

### College:

Riley Marsh, Flynn McGahan, Cooper MacDonnell all signed to junior colleges in 2023. Tyson Noel and Maddux Stivey continue their second year at school. Kieren Hall and Joseph Ranford completed their final years at college and returned home to try and begin their professional careers with the Heat.

Andrew Kyle

Perth Heat Manager & High Performance BWA Coach



# PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS

Below is an overview of all Baseball WA participation programs, and how we are making a positive impact on the community by encouraging physical activity and engagement through a wide range of activities.



## PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS

SUMMARY 2023-24

### PARTICIPATION PILLARS....1

Pillar	Strategies	Strategic Plan Goals
Little League	<p>Provide additional tournament pathway options for players not selected by their charter and players whose teams do not qualify for national tournaments.</p> <p>Promote Machine Pitch as the preferred transition product out of Tee-ball.</p>	<p>2.5% annual growth TB – MP transition</p>
Tee-ball	<p>Drive new players into tee-ball at the entry level.</p> <p>Work with TBABA on changes to encourage retention.</p>	<p>2.5% annual growth 50% clubs with TB-BB Working Agreement</p>
Womens	<p>Create a pathway from tee-ball to adult.</p> <p>Retain players by providing exciting value-add opportunities.</p>	<p>7.5% annual growth</p>

## PARTICIPATION PILLARS....2

Pillar	Strategies	Strategic Plan Goals
Schools	<p>Maximise the number of schools participating in the Sporting Schools program.</p> <p>Develop and facilitate inter-school tee-ball and baseball competition.</p> <p>Work on programs to capture student information into a marketable database.</p>	100 Sporting Schools per annum
Regional	<p>Annual visitation to all regional baseball / tee-ball towns – school clinics</p> <p>Drive regional association development to expand pathways (ie tee-ball into baseball).</p> <p>Expand our reach by partnering with regional service delivery organisations.</p>	Meet delivery criteria set within Healthway funding agreement

## PARTICIPATION PILLARS....3

Pillar	Strategies	Strategic Plan Goals
Retention (engagement)	<p>Develop new programs and/or take advantage of opportunities to provide value-add experiences to our existing membership.</p> <p>Develop programs to increase the number of quality coaches.</p>	<p>2.5% / 7.5% growth targets</p> <p>Female tournament teams to have a large number of female coaches.</p>
Sub-elite Performance	<p>Work within the FTEM framework to develop programs to be offered to the F3+, T1 and T2 identified athletes in the "depth chart".</p> <p>Work with charter committee on developing grass roots programs aimed at improving player performance.</p>	-



## PROGRAMS – LITTLE LEAGUE

Current Program	2023 outcome	Desired Outcomes
Combined teams at State Champs	"Cavaliers" teams completed at 2023 state championship tournaments.	Retention of players not selected by their own charter.
West Coast Rays – Down Under Winter Classic	5 x teams sent to DUWC 2023.	Increase retention & reduce charter hopping by providing a tournament pathway to players not going to LL national tournaments.
WA Country	Port Hedland LL added to Sun City LL charter.	Providing player pathways for regionally located players and encouraging local pathway development.
Machine Pitch	Special pricing for MP. Increased take up in regions. MP State Champs.	Provide tournament pathways to a younger cohort and encouraging transition from tee-ball.
MP70 Summer Classic	Not held in 2023 due to clashes with third-party provider programs.	Expose tee-ballers to MP for the first time and encourage registration into their local club.
Maximising use of media options	Increased Livestreaming at 2023 tournaments and engaging with social media company (Montas)	Increase promotion of Little League pathway.

## PROGRAMS – TEE-BALL

Current Program	2023 outcome	Desired Outcomes
Tee-ball Super Challenge	2022 program run with two clubs.	Provide value-add to encourage growth and retention and expose players to BBP.
Tee-ball Schools Competition	2022 program run with four schools	Expose tee-ball to as many primary school students as possible and encourage registration with their local club.
Tee-ball Camp – October school holidays	October 2023 camp run with 79 participants.	Open to all tee-ball camp to drive new membership and encourage existing players to re-register.
Additional Tee-ball activity	Stephen Michael Foundation (Murchison & Northern Goldfields) – SMF Nightfields – Ngurra Kajungka – HBF Stadium – Murdoch Uni – Curtin Uni – Scouts WA – School visit support to Kalamunda and Perth Cubs	Community engagement.
Regional School visitation	Hedland – Exmouth – Tom Price/Paraburdoo – Newman – Karratha – Goldfields – Busselton – Batavia – Northam	Increase Regional Tee-ball participation.
Tee-ball Participation Plan	Workshop and feedback sessions conducted and a plan document finalised.	Greater planning at club level.

## PROGRAMS – WOMENS

Current Program	2023 outcome	Desired Outcomes
Pony Girls pathway – Tee-ball , Futures, League	Pony Girls League in place. Sent 2 x teams to Japan World Series event.	Increased female participation on both tee-ball & baseball – greater entry level recruitment and retention/transition.
Barclay Cup	Held in Qld 2022 and Perth 2023.	Girls-only tournament – great experience – retention – great coaching.
Bakranich Cup MP70 Summer Classic	WDC attending Bakranich Cup. MP70 event converted into a Girls Only program.	Supporting female tee-ball and transition initiatives.
Womens All-Star Series	Planning completed – to occur March 2024.	Showcase event – increased community awareness.
Womens Participation Plan	Workshop and feedback sessions conducted and a plan document finalised.	Greater planning at all levels.

## PROGRAMS – SCHOOLS

Current Program	2023 outcome	Desired Outcomes
Sporting Schools	Record number of school bookings - 77	Awareness & exposure – increased club membership.
School competitions– TB & MP	5 x school tournaments held in 3 different locations. Pilot of Open competition conducted.	Awareness, exposure & experience – increased club membership.
Tee-ball Recruitment Support program	2 x clubs supported	Provide additional support to tee-ball clubs who engage with pathway and planning initiatives.



## PROGRAMS – IN DEVELOPMENT

Pillar	Planned Program	Desired Outcomes
Regional	Regional Development Plans.	Tailored plans in place for each town designed to grow membership and pathways.
Little League	Modified DUWC pathway plan.	Simplify the pathway to DUWC and provide charters with greater control over operations.
Little League / Regional / Womens	On-line system launch – CANOPI. One Day session part of Cert B. Mentoring system part of Cert C.	Addition of face-to-face content in the coach accreditation platform.
Regional	DLGSC Regional Servicing Grants.	Additional support to develop regional players.
Womens	Little League travel teams. Barclay Cup updates.	Additional female opportunities.
Sub-Elite Performance	Programs to be developed.	Programs specific for F3+, T1 and T2 athletes.



# OPERATIONS SUPPORT

Report by Caroline Adamson - Operations Support Manager



It's a pleasure to present this report for the 2022-2023 season. A big thank you goes out to all club volunteers for the huge job you are required to do for the season. Being a volunteer is a demanding task, often thankless, so thank you for contributing so much of your time, energy, and efforts.

## Team Nominations

Of all the registered players, the competition broke down to:

- Senior Competition: 102 teams
- Big League: 13 teams
- Senior League: 19 teams
- Junior League: 23 teams
- Intermediate League: 26 teams
- Little League Majors/Minor Player pitch: 43 teams
- LL Minors Machine Pitch: 17 teams

## Registration System for Clubs & Charters

To register all players in the 2022-23 season, Sportslomo database was maintained and used by clubs and all charters. In the 2023-2024 season, we will be moving to our new database, GameDay and basic training will be given to all clubs.

All Charters were required to use the Sportlomo database for Championships registration which made the process simpler to track player registration fees for the tournaments. For future State Championship tournaments, all charters will use the new Events portal Gameday for player registration and fees.

## Juniors and Seniors Scoring with GameChanger.

All senior teams and junior teams from Big League down to Intermediate League used GameChanger. It was mandatory for each game to have the away team book scorer and home team use GameChanger. A second book scorer was optional if the club wished to do so. Games scored using GameChanger will not be required to submit game reports taking added pressure off the volunteers.



The seniors' scorers went on a big learning curve to use GameChanger and everything went smoothly after the first few weeks, and we thank all the scorers for their dedication and commitment. Many team fans were happy to see games online live and loved that results were instant on completion of the game. There was good feedback from members and spectators to keep growing the use of GameChanger.

We provided support and help to all the scorers for the use of GameChanger. There were pre-season scoring clinics provided by WA Scorers Association for GameChanger. In 2023-2024 GameChanger will move to their new platform, but the scoring will still be the same as the Classic program.

### State Championship Winners 2023



Senior League - Eastern Phantoms





Junior League - Wanneroo Giants who also won the 2023 Australian Junior League Championship







Intermediate League - Southern Hills Warriors



Little League Majors Division 1 - Eastern Phantoms





**Little League Majors Division 2 - Central Firebirds**



**Machine Pitch 60 State Championship - Carine Cats Blue**  
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# COMPETITIONS – 2022/23 SEASON

Report by Jes Fitzgerald - Competition & Member Service Manager

## Senior Competition Changes

The Senior Baseball Competitions were split into three unique Leagues this season: The **State Baseball League** which incorporates all 9 batter formats of the game in the State League, Reserves (SL2) as well as Grades (A to D), the **Community Baseball League** (14 batter formats) and the new **Women's Baseball League** which will focus on growing our female competitions.

Competition Departments were established for both the State Baseball League and the Women's Baseball League to provide greater focus on the individual needs of each League. Thank you to everyone who stepped up into a position as your guidance and assistance has been greatly appreciated.

## Naming Rights Partner - Harcher State Baseball League

I'd like to thank Derek Bird and his team at Harcher for coming on board as the State Baseball League Naming Rights Partner this year and for their assistance with the food and beverage at Empire Ballpark. Derek has been a long standing supporter of baseball and I look forward to continuing this partnership into the future.

## Big League - Under 21s

The age range of the Big League competition was expanded from Under 19s to Under 21s which saw further expansion of the number of teams participating at that level on Saturday Afternoons. The increase in teams has allowed for the introduction of multiple divisions with consistent player skill sets.

## Empire Ballpark

The food and beverage at Empire Ballpark was expanded as we attempted to offer a range to suit everyone's needs as tastes obviously varied greatly from club to club. We also endeavored to get as many teams as possible onto Empire Ballpark for a game which was greatly appreciated by many of the Community League teams which seldom get a chance to play there.

### **State League Player Transfers**

Clubs voiced their concerns over State League player movement and a new system was introduced that addresses both the Integrity of the League, but also allows for the Development of the Player in determining if transfers will be approved to other clubs.

### **Import Pitching Regulations**

Import pitching rules have been changed to an Inning Cap Allowance to provide clubs greater flexibility and strategy in their use of import pitchers going forward. The new cap replaces the previously allowed fortnightly system.

### **Community Baseball League**

After a successful split of the G Grade into North and South competitions last season, the rebranding of all previously 14 batter grades “E, F and G” into the Community Baseball League. Split initially into a North and South League each with separate division underneath, further expansion could see the addition of other regions (East for example).

### **State League Broadcasts**

Following on from successful broadcasts of the 2021/22 State League Finals Campaign, Friday night Broadcasts were introduced for the 2022/23 Season. Front Row Screens were engaged to provide the service which allows for our many sponsors and partners to advertise and promote within the broadcast. Commentary was provided by Paul Morgan and Guy Bellair.

### **Winter League**

2023 saw the introduction of the Inaugural Winter League for Baseball WA. A total of 10 teams competed over 10 weeks throughout the winter months. Games were based mostly out of John Moloney Reserve which held up consistently well through the rain.

### **Special Mentions**

I'd like to make note of the long standing efforts of David Gripper and Lou Bonomi from the WA Baseball Umpires Association who finished off major tenures within the organisation. To Mark Richardson and all of the Charter Competition Managers who provided the fixturing for the season, I'd like to thank you all for doing such an amazing job. I'd like to make special mention to John McDonnell, David Gripper and Chris Rapley who were often involved in the difficult area of Tribunals last season.





**Harcher State League - Braves**



**State League Reserves - Swan Districts**





**A Grade - Wanneroo Giants**



**B Grade - Morley Eagles**





**C Grade - Alkimos Titans**



**D Grade - Willetton Wildcats**





Community Baseball League Div 1 - Willetton Wildcats



Community Baseball League Div 2 - Vic Park Belmont

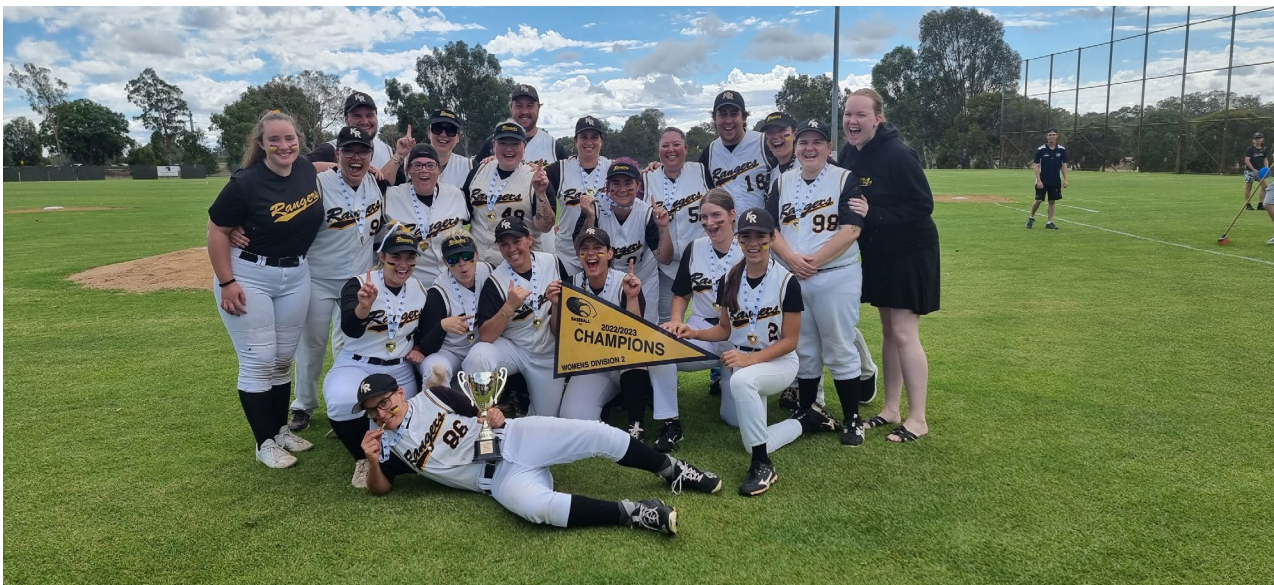




Community Baseball League Div 3 - Carine Cats



Women's Baseball League Div 1 -Braves



Women's Baseball League Div 2- Kalamunda Rangers





**Intermediate League South Division 1 - Gosnells Hawks White**



**Intermediate League South Division 2 - Gosnells Hawks Blue**





Junior League North - Morley Eagles



Junior League South - South Perth



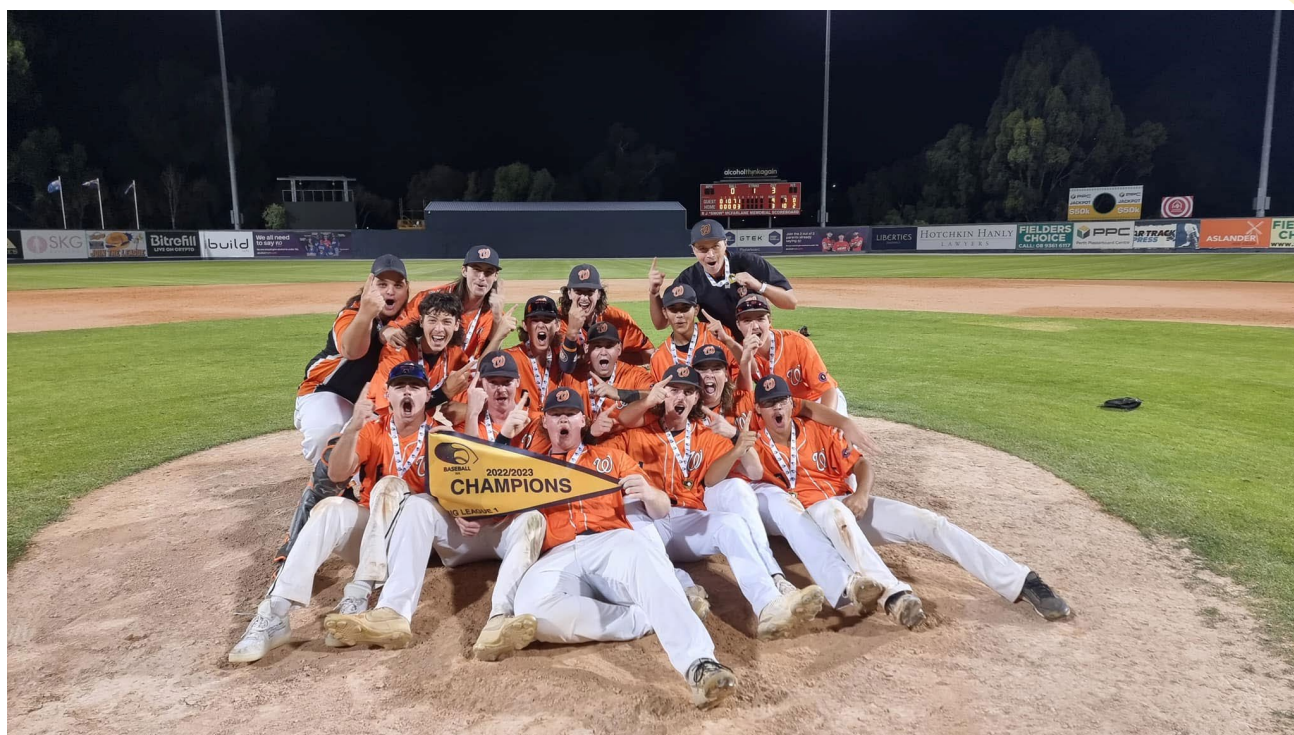


Senior League North - Morley Eagles



Senior League South - Rockingham Red





**Big League 1 - Wanneroo Giants**



**Big League 2 - Carine Cats**





**Inaugural Division 1 Winter League - Vic Park Belmont Reds**

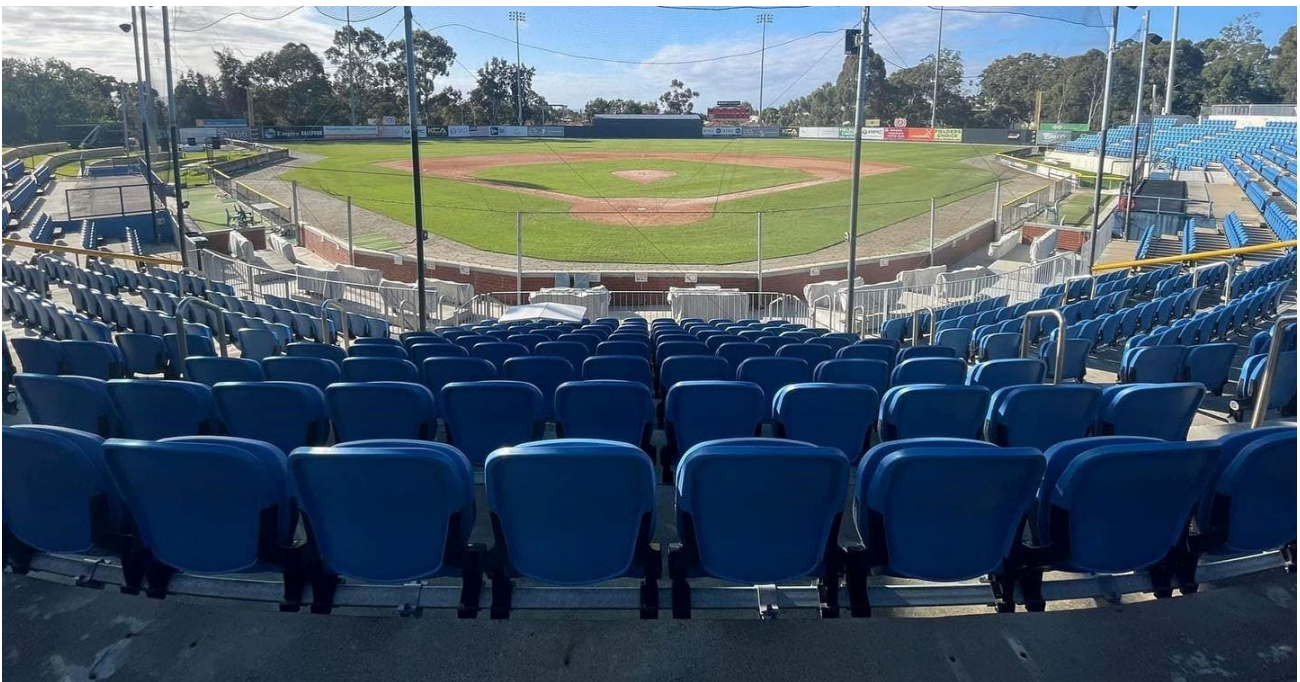


**Inaugural Division 2 Winter League - Peel Mariners**





**Inaugural Junior Winter League - Wanneroo Giants**





# BASEBALL WA MUSEUM & ARCHIVES






It is my pleasure to present a report on the activities of the Baseball WA Museum & Archives.

## Strategic Plan

**VISION:** To preserve the history of Western Australian baseball

**MISSION:** To collect, preserve, exhibit, and promote Western Australian baseball history and heritage

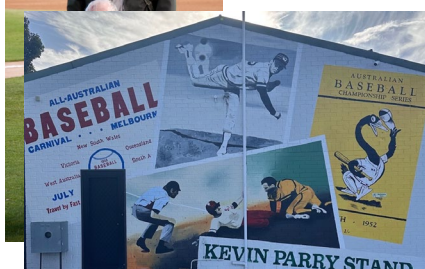
The Strategic Plan has been derived from alignment with the vision and mission and soliciting inputs and feedback. A key part of the quest for performance over the next few years relates to the interaction of priorities which are:

-  TO INCREASE INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES
-  TO IMPLEMENT SKILL TRANSFER
-  TO IMPLEMENT SERVICE PROVISION
-  TO ATTAIN FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
-  TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY EDUCATION

A strong foundation in building sustainability for the Museum has been achieved most notably through the continued commitment, enthusiasm and dedication of the small group of volunteers.



*Basil Rigg (aged 93 years) member of the 1952 winning Claxton Shield team who threw the celebratory first pitch at a Perth Heat game. There are only two surviving members of the 1952 team.*



*Installation of a historic art mural.*

## Highlights

- Expansion of the Museum to create a Baseball WA Hall of Fame room.
- A successful celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WA winning their first Claxton Shield in 1952.
- Financial contributions from the baseball community totalling \$14,095.
- The continuing acquisition of baseball memorabilia from the baseball community and the subsequent recording, cataloguing, photographing and implementation onto the Collections WA website.
- Installation of a historic art mural on the outside of the Museum.
- Collaboration with staff from the WA Museum to assist in the personal development of the volunteers.
- Accommodating visits from influencers such as the Federal Member for Burt and the City of Gosnells Heritage Committee.
- 80 -120 visitors to the Museum during a Perth Heat game.
- Induction tours to WA State representative team members, including Perth Heat.
- The contribution of the Museum to the heritage of the Gosnells and Thornlie communities.

### **Acknowledgements**

The Museum greatly acknowledges and appreciates the contributions from the following:

- Richard and Lesley Lockwood
- BWA Umpires Association
- Bob Ossey (player)
- Dayna Montgomery (player)
- City of Gosnells
- Perth Heat for the production of a commemorative 1937 - 1989 Claxton Shield playing top
- The Museum volunteers who generously give their time

Paul Tye

BWA Museum & Archive Project Coordinator

# BASEBALL WA HERITAGE COMMITTEE

## GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY

The Chair of BWA leads the strategic management and oversees the operations management of the Heritage Committee. The Heritage Committee defines the principal activities, functions, duties, guidelines, policies and direction of the Terms of Reference which include:

1. Research, discuss and recommend candidates to the BWA Board as nominees for induction into the Australian Baseball Hall of Fame (HOF).
2. Research, discuss and recommend candidates to the BWA Board as nominees for induction into the Baseball WA Hall of Fame (BWA HOF).
3. Research, discuss and recommend candidates to the BWA Board as nominees for Life Membership of Baseball WA (LM)BWA) and Life Membership of Baseball Australia (LMBA).
4. Research, discuss and recommend candidates to the BWA Board as nominees for Life Membership of Baseball WA (LM)BWA) and Life Membership of Baseball Australia (LMBA).
5. Report to the BWA Board through the Chair of the HC and provide appropriate advice and recommendations on matters relevant to its terms of reference in order to facilitate informed decision-making by the BWA Board in relation its functions and duties.

From July 2022 to June 2023, the Heritage Committee members comprised:

Ms Marie Malaxos (Chair BWA)

Mr Lachlan Dale (CEO BWA)

Mr Paul Morgan

Ms Verity Long -Droppert

Mr Simon Eissens

Mr Bob Grove

Mr Paul Tye

Mr Bob Ossey

Mr Don Knapp

Mr Doug Corker (Honorary Guest)



The Committee met on four occasions throughout the year in August 2022, November 2022, February 2023 and May 2023.

Committee Member	Appointed	Resigned	Eligible to attend	Attended
Ms Marie Malaxos	November 2020		4	4
Mr Lachlan Dale	February 2018		4	4
Mr Paul Morgan	February 2021		4	3
Ms Verity Long - Droppert	November 2020	May 2023	4	4
Mr Simon Eissens	February 2020		4	3
Mr Bob Grove	February 2023		2	1
Mr Paul Tye	February 2018		4	4
Mr Bob Ossey	February 2018		4	4
Mr Don Knapp	November 2018		4	2
Mr Doug Corker (Guest)	N/A		N/A	N/A

# UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

## National Championship Appointments

ABL	Peter Bowie Ryan Harder Mike Penn Chris Rapley Brett Robson Ben Stone
Women's Showcase	Fiona Lambrick
Women's National Championship	Fiona Lambrick
Australian Youth Championships (U18 & U16)	Ross Drinkwater Chis Rapley
Little League	Wally Ninnis Kobe Bull
Intermediate League	Ross Drinkwater
Junior League	Mike Sherwood
Senior League	Daryl Archer Terry Ford
Australian School Sports Championships	Peter Bowie David Gripper Chris Rapley
Sun Rays (Gold Coast)	Paul Depiazzi Gary Arnell



*AYC Umpires: Class of 2023*



## State Championships

Little League & Intermediate League	Ross Drinkwater Wally Ninnis Terry Ford Kobe Bull Ryan Eastwood Mike Sherwood Graham Baker Gary Arnell Cooper Barber (c) Jaxson Elliot (c) Michael Elliot (c) Steve Lawson (c) Xavier de Haas (c) Chayce Benseman (c) Woody Wood (c) Xavier Fatai (c) Jake Haley (c) Johnathan Giddens (c)
Junior & Senior League	Steve Lawson (c) Xavier Fatai (c) William Dibley (c) Darryl Archer Terry Ford Ryan Eastwood Kevin Delahaye Mike Sherwood David Gripper Kobe Bull



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