



BASEBALL  
AUSTRALIA

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# ANNUAL REPORT



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Baseball Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands from across Australia where we are privileged to live, work and play. We recognise and celebrate their spiritual and ongoing connection to culture and Country and proudly wear an indigenous recognition symbol on our national team uniforms. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, who hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hope of First Nations people.

We believe a better understanding and respect for First Nations cultures will help us all develop an enriched appreciation of Australia's cultural heritage and support a more connected Country.



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# FROM THE CHAIR & CEO

## Reflecting on Growth and Participation

The past year has been one of momentum and growth for baseball in Australia. Registrations rose by more than 6 % year on year, and participation has expanded by over 10 % across the last two seasons. We now have over 34 000 registered players in clubs nationwide. These increases reflect a national effort: two years after we co designed a participation plan with states and stakeholders, we are starting to see real results. They also underscore our commitment to Play Well, the Australian Sports Commission's strategy that ensures everyone has a place in sport.

## Inspiring High Performance

Australian baseballers continue to perform on the world's biggest stages. A record number of our athletes are competing in NCAA Division I programs, and more than 40 Australians are now playing professional baseball around the globe. Two Australians – Liam Hendriks and Curtis Mead – opened the 2025 MLB season on big league rosters, and our development pipeline remains strong, with over 150 Australian college players in the United States.

Team Australia finished seventh at the Premier 12, gaining vital experience ahead of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic return. These achievements build on last year's landmark moment when Travis Bazzana became the first Australian selected with the number one pick in the MLB draft and seeing him playing for Team Australia at the Premier12 was a thrill for the fans. Our partnership with the Australian Institute of Sport remains focused on achieving podium success in LA 2028.

Baseball Australia, Softball Australia, and the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) continue to work together to advocate for the inclusion of baseball and softball at the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. Securing a home Games would not only showcase the hard work invested in developing our athletes, it would also accelerate growth and momentum across both sports. We remain committed to ensuring our athletes have the opportunity to compete on home soil and reach the podium.

## Advancing Women and Girls

The past year further cemented Australia's leadership in women's baseball. The national Little League Girls Championship – the first of its kind anywhere – continues to grow. At the 2025 Women's and Youth Women's Championships, we celebrated a historic first with an all female umpiring crew, reflecting the rising number of

women in officiating and administration. Several Australian women also earned professional opportunities, highlighting the expanding global pathways for female athletes. These milestones build on a year that featured successful Women's and Youth Women's Championships and an international women's showcase.

## National Events and the ABL

Baseball Australia again delivered a full calendar of national events, organising eleven national championships and showcases that drew more than 85 teams and over 1,250 athletes and support staff. We are grateful to the 625 volunteer umpires, scorers and officials who made these events possible.

The Australian Baseball League completed its fourteenth season, reaffirming its status as the premier winter league with players from MLB, NPB, KBO, CPBL and independent leagues. The Canberra Cavalry claimed their second Claxton Shield, defeating Perth Heat in the Championship Series – their first title since 2011–12. The ABL continues to provide a pathway for talent and a platform for innovation.





# FROM THE CHAIR & CEO

## Strengthening International Relationships

On the international stage, Team Australia's performances have strengthened our relationships across Asia and beyond. Japanese fans embraced Team Australia as their second favourite team as they competed in the opening game of the Premier12 in Nagoya, where we played in front of packed crowds and millions watching on television.

Hosting the Hanwha Eagles from the KBO League on home soil for the second time drew a sell out crowd and global viewership. We continue to deepen ties with NPB, KBO, the WBSC and Major League Baseball, ensuring Australian players and coaches have access to world class competition and expertise.

## A Collaborative Community

At every level, baseball's progress has been driven by our people. The passion of our players, coaches, volunteers, umpires, scorers and fans fuels our mission. We are proud of Baseball Australia's values of empathy, courage, innovation and collaboration, and it is inspiring to see these qualities reflected across our broader community. On behalf of the Board, we thank our dedicated staff and state members, the 625 officials who volunteer their time, and the thousands who contribute to our clubs on a weekly basis. We also acknowledge our national partners in the Australian Sports Commission for their support of the Play Well initiative and the Play Well Grant that is helping expand T Ball programs.

## Looking Ahead

Baseball in Australia is well positioned for its next phase. Participation is growing, our high performance pathways are producing world class athletes, and the ABL provides a unique winter showcase. With Brisbane 2032 on the horizon, we are committed to a strategy that balances Win Well – supporting athletes to reach their potential – with Play Well – ensuring everyone has a place in sport. We are excited about the opportunities ahead and remain focused on creating a legacy of success and opportunity for all involved in Australian baseball.



**David Hynes**  
President



**Glenn Williams**  
CEO

# ASC CHAIR MESSAGE

Continuing to drive Australian sport forward is at the heart of everything we do at the Australian Sports Commission.

We want to bring out the best in everyone involved in sport because that's how we will become the world's best – by working together and bound by a common purpose.

We encourage and help Australians of all backgrounds, ages and abilities to get involved in sport and we advocate for sport and the positive influence it has on the nation.

As we look towards next year's Milano Cortina Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 3032, our vision is for sport to be safe, fair, accessible and inclusive.

Every athlete will be supported to reach their full potential with the Australian Government's record \$385 million investment package for sport ensuring Australians have world class pathways and support at all levels of sport from participation to high performance.

This includes a record \$54.9 million for Para sport – doubling previous funding – ahead of Brisbane 2032.

Our grant programs support athletes, coaches, officials and organisations, while our Sporting Schools program is helping more children access free and fun sporting activities than ever before.

Work is also underway to upgrade the AIS Campus in Canberra so it is once again modern and world-leading.

The AIS Podium Project will deliver three new facilities, including a new multi-story and para-accessible accommodation, a Testing and Training Centre and indoor Sport Dome.

Construction will commence later this year with the AIS Podium Project being the first stage in delivery of the broader AIS Campus Masterplan – the ASC's long term vision to ensure the AIS Campus continue to evolve as Australia's world leading high performance sport precinct.

As Australian high performance sport continues to win well and build sustainable success towards Brisbane 2032 and beyond, we're also addressing the barriers people tell us they face participating in sport so all Australians that want to be involved can be involved in sport. This is how we will play well.

I know success will be greatest when every part of the system is able to perform their role at their best and I'm confident that the actions we take now will create a lasting legacy for Australian sport that will benefit us all for years to come.



**Kate Jenkins AO**

Chair, Australian Sports Commission



# VISIONS & PURPOSE

## VISION

TO GROW THE GLOBAL GAME OF BASEBALL IN AUSTRALIA, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL, AND REACH OUR FULL POTENTIAL TOGETHER THROUGH OUR GREAT SPORT.

## PURPOSE

TO CREATE A LEGACY OF SUCCESS FOR BASEBALL IN AUSTRALIA AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.





# STRATEGIC PILLARS

## 1. PROFILE & IDENTITY

### **RAISE AWARENESS OF BASEBALL IN AUSTRALIA.**

Showcase our aspirational athletes to drive awareness and increase the profile of baseball in Australia.  
Develop new and innovative ways to bring baseball to a wider audience.

## 2. EXPERIENCE & GROWTH

### **INCREASE LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION IN BASEBALL ACROSS AUSTRALIA BY 5%.**

Delivering amazing player and community experiences.

Ensure starter level programs are attractive to players and parents and engage kids to want to play baseball.

## 3. CAPABILITY & CAPACITY

### **FOCUS ON INTERNAL INFORMATION SHARING AND ADVANCED DATA COLLECTION.**

Strengthening communication, collaboration and alignment between BA, SSOs, clubs and the ABL.  
Invest in the growth of our people.

## 4. PARTNERSHIPS


### **USE BASEBALL'S GLOBAL REACH TO DRIVE POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR BASEBALL IN AUSTRALIA.**

Work with our partners to expand capability and capacity to deliver for the baseball community.  
Take a whole-of-baseball approach to securing new partners.

## 5. ON FIELD PERFORMANCE

### **DRIVE THE SUCCESS OF TEAM AUSTRALIA IN THE PURSUIT OF AN LA 2028 PODIUM FINISH.**

Nurture aspirational Australian baseball players to succeed at the highest levels of competition.  
Celebrate the international success of Australian baseball and its contributors.



# PREMIER 12

Team Australia claims a 7th place finish at the 2024 Premier 12 competition.

As is the case with the standard of international baseball, there are no easy games or draws. Team Australia faced this reality within the preliminary round of the event where small mistakes where the difference in key games, costing the team a progression into the finals.

The lessons learned from the preparation and performance will see a revamped preparation for the 2026 World Baseball Classic, aided by the support of the National Institute of Sport Network for the first time since 2009 with Baseball's re-introduction into the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Game 1 – Wednesday 13 Nov – Japan 9 def Australia 3

Game 2 – Friday 15 Nov – Australia 5 def Dominican Republic 0

Game 3 – Saturday 16 Nov – Cuba 4 def Australia 3

Game 4 – Sunday 17 Nov – Chinese Taipei 11 def Australia 3

Game 5 – Monday 18 Nov – Korea 5 def Australia 2



## TEAM AUSTRALIA

Tim Atherton  
Josh Guyer  
Sam Holland  
Jon Kennedy  
Steve Kent  
Dan Mcgrath  
Mitch Neunborn  
Warwick Saupold  
Lewis Thorpe

Blake Townsend  
Todd Van Steensel  
Luke Wilkins  
Coen Wynne  
Ryan Battaglia  
Alex Hall  
Robbie Perkins  
Jake Bowey  
Rixon Wingrove

Travis Bazzana  
Jarryd Dale  
Robbie Glendinning  
Darryl George  
Liam Spence  
Ulrich Bojarski  
Tim Kennelly  
Aaron Whitefield  
Solomon Maguire



# TEAM AUSTRALIA VS HANWHA EAGLES

Team Australia expose new squad members in an exhibition series against the Hanwha Eagles.

With Korean Baseball Organisation team the Hanwha Eagles based at Melbourne Ballpark for their Spring Training schedule, Team Australia was able to compete on home soil where new squad members could be exposed to international competition in the run up to the 2026 World Baseball Classic.

The three game series was played in front of sell out crowds at Melbourne Ballpark. The event saw the rosters for Team Australia and the Hanwha Eagles gaining valuable international experience.

Game 1 Friday 14 February

Australia 5 def Hanwha 0

Game 2 Saturday 15 February

Hanwha 6 def Australia 5

Game 3 Sunday 16 February

Australia 2 Hanwha 2



## TEAM AUSTRALIA

Alex Hall  
Robbie Perkins  
Mitch Edwards  
Jess Williams  
Jo Stevens  
Jaylin Rae  
George Callil  
Rixon Wingrove  
Liam Spence

Ulrich Bojarski  
Tim Kennelly  
Briley Knight  
Chris Burke  
Will Riley  
Max Durrington  
Matthew Beattie  
Brodie Cooper-Vassalakis  
Liam Doolan

Kieran Hall  
Sam Holland  
Warwick Saupold  
Connor MacDonald  
Dan McGrath  
Jon Kennedy  
Blake Townsend  
Alexander Wells  
Lachlan Wells

# U23 WORLD CUP

Team Australia wraps up the 2024 Under 23 World Cup with a 9th place finish in Shaoxing, China.

In what can only be described as a frustrating result, Team Australia narrowly missed the Super Round despite a 3-2 record due to an upset victory by an emerging Chinese team in the preliminary round.

Two losses to The Netherlands and Chinese Taipei in the supplementary games rounded out the 9th place finish.

## First Round

Game 1 – Friday 6 Sep  
Australia 4 def Colombia 2

Game 2 – Saturday 7 Sep  
Australia 5 def Puerto Rico 4

Game 3 – Sunday 8  
Japan 4 def Australia 1

Game 4 – Monday 9 Sep  
Australia 13 def Great Britain 12

Game 5 – Tuesday 10 Sep  
China 4 def Australia 1

## Supplementary Round

Game 6 – Thursday 12 Sep  
Netherlands 3 def Australia 2

Game 7 – Friday 13 Sep  
Chinese Taipei 4 def Australia 3

Game 8 – Saturday 14 Sep  
Australia 9 def South Africa 2



## TEAM AUSTRALIA - U23 WORLD CUP

Jake Burns  
Zak Skinner  
Blake Cavill  
Jo Stevens  
Byron Armstrong  
Bailey-Jay Cooke  
Ben Fierenzi  
Chris Burke

Soloman Maguire  
Cayden Nicoletto  
Alex Skepton  
Jaylin Rae  
Dylan Clarke  
Kieren Hall  
Ky Jackson  
Maddux Stivey

Ali Tanner  
Stuart Tharle  
Zak Elvy  
Josh Beezley  
Cooper Morgan  
Will Sherriff  
Conor Myles  
Lachlan Brook



# U18 WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

Team Australia delivers a dominate display on home soil to progress on to the 2025 Under 18 World Cup.

In a five game series against Tasman Sea rivals New Zealand, Team Australia delivered emphatic performances in tough weather affected conditions at Blacktown International Sports Park.

Australia delivered in all aspects of the game to lock away the five game sweep which sees the team progress to Okinawa Japan for the Under 18 World Cup to be held in September 2025.

Game 1 – Thursday 5 Dec –  
Australia 10 def New Zealand 0

Game 2 – Thursday 5 Dec –  
Australia 4 def New Zealand 2

Game 3 – Friday 6 Dec –  
Australia 16 def New Zealand 6

Game 4 – Sunday 8 Dec –  
Australia 11 def New Zealand

Game 4 – Sunday 8 Dec –  
Australia 5 def New Zealand 0



## TEAM AUSTRALIA - U18 WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

Ethan Bickel  
Will Couzner  
Mitchell Evans  
Deakin Filko  
Tyler Green  
Tyler Howarth  
Riley Peoples

Damien Wilson  
Kobi Wise  
Zach Altamura  
Tahlan Cavill  
Riley Cooper  
Max Durrington  
Liam Kiddle

Andrew Land  
Christian Lane  
Mason Malkoun  
Benjamin Nesbit  
Cooper Teichmann  
Wesley Wilford

# U12 WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

Team Australia defeated Guam to qualify for the 2025 U12 World Cup. The event, hosted by Guam was rounded out with the North Mariana islands.

Australia's record after the preliminary rounds was 3-1 with resounding run differentials in the victories in hot, humid and oppressive conditions.

Game 1 – Friday 29 Nov

Australia 26 def North Mariana Islands 1

Game 2 – Sat 30 Nov

Guam 12 def Australia 5

Game 3 – Sat 30 Nov

Australia 19 def North Mariana Islands 6

Game 4 – Sun 1 Dec

Australia 16 def Guam 0

## **Gold Medal Game**

Monday 2 December

Australia 19 – Guam 4

The victory sees Australia move on to the Under 12 World Cup to be hosted by Chinese Taipei in July 2025.



## **TEAM AUSTRALIA - U12 WORLD CUP QUALIFIER**

Izzy Astill

Ben Beezley

Reef Bevan

Audrey Cheung

Jack Clarke

Zeke Coughlin

Liam Kelly

Brock Harding

Jackson Harris

Izzy Johnson

Luku Masuda

Felix Moncrief

Billy McCarthy

Koen Needs

Harvet Ninnis

Parker Stone

Preston Taylor

Phil Toye

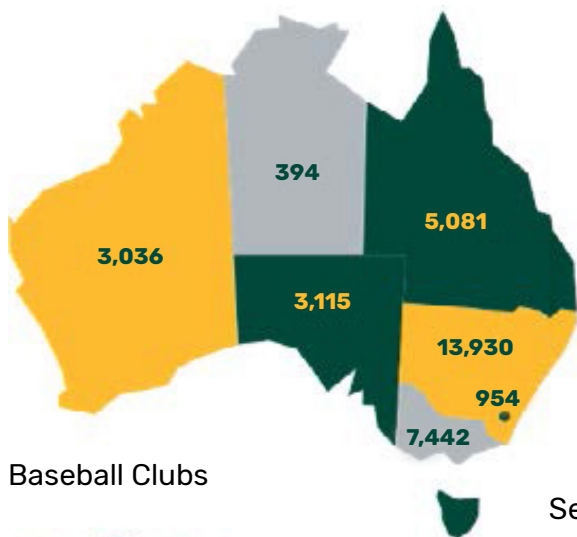
# GROWING THE GAME

33,952 PARTICIPANTS

▲ 6.06% increase from 2023-24

Baseball in Australia continues to thrive and see growth above our targets set out in our strategic plan. **10.55% growth** over the past 2 years with **growth of 6.06% last year**

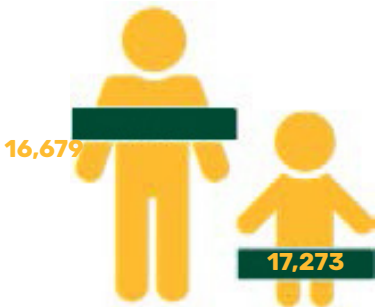
## State-by-state breakdown



## Baseball Clubs



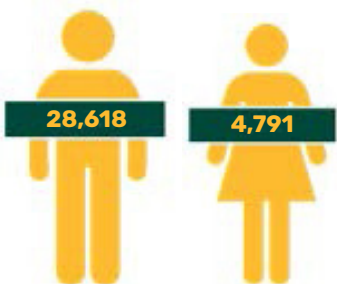
## Seniors / Juniors



## School Program participants



## Gender breakdown





# DIGITAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT

Baseball Australia continues to strengthen its position as a leading national sporting organisation through the steady growth of its digital communications. Over recent years, the organisation has embraced a proactive and strategic approach to how it engages fans, players, and stakeholders online. Through consistent storytelling, real-time coverage, and quality visual content, Baseball Australia has created an authentic connection with its audience, both at home and abroad.

This digital transformation has allowed Baseball Australia to amplify the visibility of its national teams, showcase the depth of Australian baseball talent, and highlight key milestones across the sport's ecosystem. The growth of social platforms and digital storytelling has made the game more accessible, bringing fans closer to the action and building a stronger sense of community across all levels—from grassroots participation to the professional stage.

**527K**

baseball.com.au Website Page Views

**188K**

baseball.com.au Website Page Users

**1.02M**

theabl.com.au Website Page Views

**224K**

theabl.com.au Website Page Users



**4.4M**

Facebook accounts  
reached across  
our channels



**2.7M**

Instagram  
accounts reached  
across  
our channels



**42M**

Impressions across  
our channels

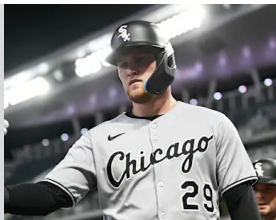
# AUSSIES ABROAD

Australian baseball reached new heights this year, highlighted by Travis Bazzana becoming the first Australian ever selected first overall in the MLB Draft. Three Australians, Curtis Mead, Jack O'Loughlin, and Liam Hendriks took the field in the Major Leagues, while 27 others competed across the Minor Leagues. In total, 43 Australians played professionally overseas, with notable milestones including KBO debuts for Lachlan Wells and Coen Wynne and Jarryd Dale signing in Japan. The next generation also shone brightly, with a record 24 Australians in NCAA Division I programs, over 100 competing at various college levels, and nine prospects attending the MLB Showcase, and seven women being selected to play in semi-pro leagues overseas, reinforcing Australia's growing influence on the world baseball stage.



## #1 MLB DRAFT PICK TRAVIS BAZZANA

**Three** Australians, Curtis Mead, Jack O'Loughlin and Liam Hendriks play MLB Baseball in the financial year



27

Australians played Minor League Baseball

4

Australians signed first contract to MLB teams

43

Australians play professional baseball overseas

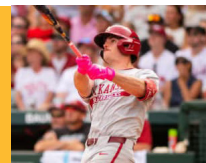
**Two** Australians (Lachlan Wells and Coen Wynne) make their KBO debuts  
**One** Australian signs in Japan (Jarryd Dale)



COLLEGE

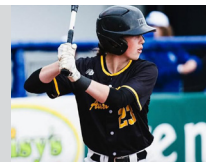
**Record 24 Australians** play NCAA Division I Baseball

**Over 100 Australians** play college baseball at some level in the USA



WOMEN

**Seven women play in semi-pro leagues overseas:**  
E O'Sullivan, Eynon, C O'Sullivan, Geldenhuis, Erwin, Cornish and Newman



# BASEBALL+

Baseball+ exists to showcase the premier summer baseball league in the Southern Hemisphere, national events and tournaments, Team Australia matches and state based baseball.

Celebrating Australia's best, future global talent, and the next generation of Australian baseball stars, and delivering an unforgettable, world-class sporting experience for fans at home and abroad.

Entering into the fourth year of hosting and delivering Australian baseball content, Baseball Australia continues to strive to build upon the foundation to deliver high quality broadcasts for baseball fans all around the world.

**53K**

Subscribers  
to the platform

**1h6m**

Average view time  
for ABL games

**270k**

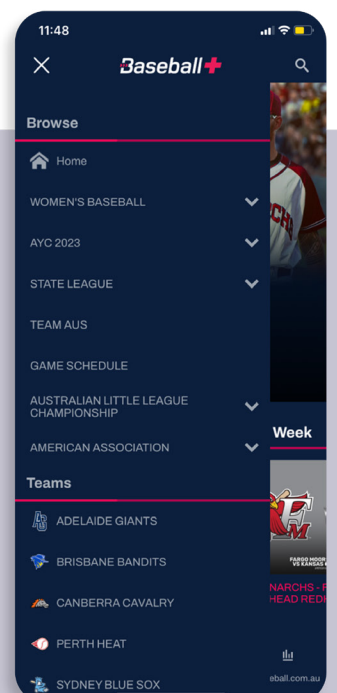
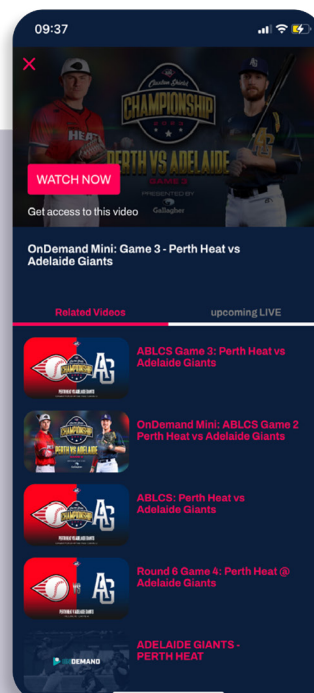
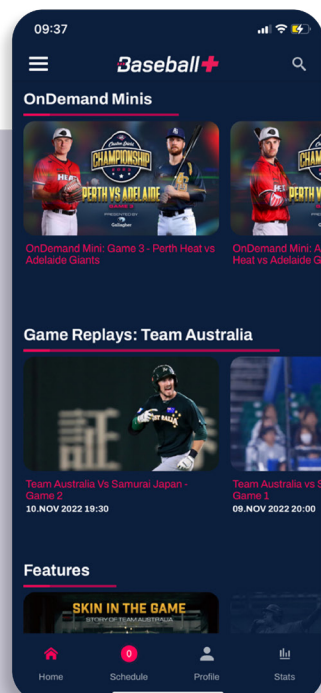
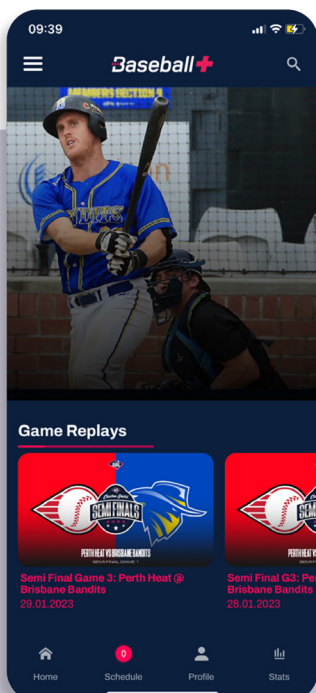
Viewers across  
ABL Season

**1,400**

Average  
viewers for  
National  
Tournaments

**27%**

Percentage increase  
of viewers for National  
Tournaments



Our strategy is to continue to lead, serve, and grow the sport through strong governance, partnerships and community engagement.

## The 2024-25 season

The 2024-25 season showcased one of the strongest classes of player representation to date. From Team Australia, emerging local and collegiate talent in the United States, to top-tier professionals from the NPB, CPBL, KBO, and MLB – with fans having the chance to tune in and see ABL games on Baseball+.

In what proved to be yet another tightly contested season, the 24/25 season went down the wire. It took all 120 games to determine the four playoff teams with late inning heroics in both Melbourne and Brisbane determining the final spot in the playoffs.

Sydney entered the semi-finals as minor premiers and faced the Canberra Cavalry, who swept the series to advance to the Finals. In the other bracket, Perth travelled to Adelaide and also recorded a sweep, securing their place in the ABL Finals.

The Perth Heat hosted sellout crowds for games 1 & 2 for the ABL Finals (presented by Gallagher) but it was the visiting Cavalry who went on to win the Claxton shield. Their first title since 2013. premiers, and the ABLCS in Perth.

## SEASON STANDINGS

	Win	Loss
Sydney Blue Sox	24	16
Adelaide Giants	23	17
Perth Heat	20	20
Canberra Cavalry	18	22
Melbourne Aces	18	22
Brisbane Bandits	17	23



## MODERN ABL CHAMPIONS

- 2010/11 **Perth Heat**
- 2011/12 **Perth Heat**
- 2012/13 **Canberra Cavalry**
- 2013/14 **Perth Heat**
- 2014/15 **Perth Heat**
- 2015/16 **Brisbane Bandits**
- 2016/17 **Brisbane Bandits**
- 2017/18 **Brisbane Bandits**
- 2018/19 **Brisbane Bandits**
- 2019/20 **Melbourne Aces**
- 2020/21 **Melbourne Aces**
- 2022/23 **Adelaide Giants**
- 2023/24 **Adelaide Giants**
- 2024/25 **Canberra Cavalry**

## 2024-25 ABL AWARDS

- Helsm Award (MVP)** Alexander Wells
- Pitching Champion** Alexander Wells
- Hitting Champion** Aaron Whitefield
- Defensive Player OTY** Jason Matthews
- Relief Pitcher OTY** Tyler Beardsley
- Rookie OTY** Jaylin Rae
- Coach OTY** Brooke Knight
- Umpire OTY** Paul Latta
- Broadcaster OTY** Adelaide Giants
- Best Playing Surface** Brisbane Bandits



# AUSTRALIAN WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2025 Australian Women’s Baseball Championships (AWC) were held in April at Melbourne Ballpark, showcasing the best female baseball talent from across Australia.

Teams from New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia competed in a 7 day event to crown a champion.

New South Wales fought their way through the Preliminary Final versus Western Australia, to then come out eventual winners over their rival and defending Champions, Victoria. In every way, this truly was a final two years in the making.

Claire O’Sullivan (NSW) was awarded the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the event, among tournament leaders in Batting average, Fielding average and ERA. Caitlin Eynon’s (WA) weeklong performance continued to show that she is one of the best female players in the country. Caitlin’s efforts were rewarded with both the Golden Glove and Golden Arm awards. Chloe Atkinson (WA) was deservedly awarded the Golden Bat.

The competitiveness of Women’s baseball in Australia will continue to rise as talented young players continue to transition from the AYWC into each respective senior program. With the next Women’s baseball world cup on the horizon, the 2026 AWC will be one to watch.

Games were broadcast on Baseball+ and Gamechanger, allowing fans to follow the live action.



RESULTS			
	 NSW	 VIC	 WA
Goldern Arm	Caitlin Eynon (WA)	Goldern Glove	Caitlin Eynon (WA)
Goldern Bat	Chloe Atkinson (WA)	MVP	Claire O’Sullivan (NSW)



# AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2025 Australian Youth Baseball Championships (AYC) features Australia's best young talent in U16 and U18 age divisions. The championships were held at Blacktown International Sports Park in January.

We must acknowledge the efforts of the baseball community in Sydney, coming together in what were very trying conditions. Macarthur Baseball League, Castle Hill Knights and Eastern Suburbs Dolphins all rallied to ensure games were played and champions crowned.

## U16

South Australia emphatically returned to the winner's circle in U16's, awarded the Keith Cant trophy for the first time since 2016. South Australia were undefeated through the 7 days of play, defeating silver medallists Victoria in the final. Western Australia placing third and awarded the bronze medal.

Ollie Hayes (SA) left the 2025 event with a championship and the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award. Victoria with standouts on both sides of the ball, Cooper Busch (VIC) with Golden Bat and Copper Bishop-Worn Golden Glove. Will Bonham (NSW) was awarded the Golden Arm.

## U18

New South Wales crowned 2025 champions, saving one of their best performances until the final, defeating the formidable Western Australia side. New South Wales took a 4-2 record into the playoff, then ran the table to win the Jim Brown Shield. South Australia awarded the bronze and the first time both U16 and U18 medalled in the same year.

New South Wales with a clean sweep of the individual awards. Matthew Trainor awarded Most Valuable Player (MVP) based on performances with the bat and on the mound. Riley Puckett winning the Golden Arm off the back of a CG Shutout. Lincoln Gruppelaar won the Golden Glove and Lachlan Vella the Golden Bat.

## Australian Youth Women's Championships

The 2025 Australian Youth Women's Baseball Championships (AYWC) were held in April at Melbourne Ballpark, showcasing the best U16 female baseball players in Australia, highlighting future Emeralds and the growth of women's baseball.




In their third year competing in the Youth Women's Championships, South Australia win a second consecutive title and maintaining a perfect 14-0 win loss record across both titles.

Last years Silver (QLD) and Bronze (WA) medallists remained on the podium in 2025. Queensland were awarded bronze after a late rally from eventual silver medallists Western Australia in the preliminary final, in what was the game of the tournament.

Regan O'Rielley (SA) was awarded tournament Most Valuable Player (MVP), with teammate Alice Brown (SA) taking home the Golden Arm award. Aleigha Auld (WA) earned herself the Golden Bat award and catcher Ivy White (NSW) won the Golden Glove.




# AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS



-  South Australia
-  Victoria
-  Western Australia




- Goldern Arm Will Bonham (NSW)
- Goldern Bat Cooper Busch (VIC)
- Goldern Glove Cooper Bishop-Worn (VIC)
- MVP Ollie Hayes (SA)



-  New South Wales
-  Western Australia
-  South Australia

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- Goldern Bat Lachlan Vella (NSW)
- Goldern Glove Lincoln Gruppelaar (NSW)
- MVP Matthew Trainor (NSW)



-  South Australia
-  Western Australia
-  Queensland

- Goldern Arm Alice Brown (SA)
- Goldern Bat Aleigha Auld (WA)
- Goldern Glove Ivy White (NSW)
- MVP Regan O'Rielley (SA)

# LITTLE LEAGUE

The world's largest organised youth sports program with 2.6 million players in 80 countries. Little League provides a fun, supportive environment for kids ages 9-16 to learn baseball fundamentals, including teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship.

Beyond individual growth, Little League is about camaraderie. Being a part of a team helps players make friends, learn how to support on another, and understand the importance of collaboration to achieve common goals.




There's also the thrill of competition and the possibility of participating in the National Little League Championships and the Little League World Series in the USA, where Australian teams face off against teams from around the globe.

For participants, Little League isn't just about playing baseball; it's a fun and rewarding way to develop life skills, form friendships, and embrace the spirit of healthy competition while being part of a global sporting community.



Baseball Australia would like to acknowledge our event hosts and the significant work taken on by volunteers within the baseball community. East Belmont Saints, Guild Allstars Lions, Far North Coast Baseball Association, Baseball NSW, Softball NSW and the Redcliffe Padres.

Further recognition must be given to those who take on contingency plans to ensure players have a chance to take the field. We are grateful that Surfers Paradise Baseball Club, Mudgeeraba Baseball Club, Essendon Baseball Club and La Trobe University Baseball Club played a significant role in completing our events.






-  Wanneroo Giants  
Western Australia
-  Brisbane Metro  
Queensland
-  Eastern Phantoms  
Western Australia






-  Brisbane North  
Queensland
-  Melbourne Athletics  
Victoria






-  Hills  
NSW
-  Melbourne Athletics  
Victoria
-  Central Firebirds  
Western Australia






-  Brisbane North  
Queensland
-  Ryde Red  
New South Wales
-  Manly  
New South Wales



-  NSW COmposite  
New South Wales
-  West Coast Rays Blue  
Western Australia
-  West Coast Rays Gold  
Western Australia



-  Hunter Coast  
New South Wales
-  Adelaide Armada  
South Australia
-  Sun City Thunder  
Western Australia



# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

## COMPANY AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Australian Baseball Federation (BA) is a not-for-profit Company limited by guarantee and registered in Australia. The Company's purpose is to conduct, encourage, promote, advance, control, foster, develop and manage all levels of baseball in Australia, interdependently with Members and others.

The Members of BA are the five state and two territory baseball associations.

The Australian Baseball League Pty Ltd (ABL) is majority owned and the ABL is organised by BA each year.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors is responsible for guiding and monitoring the Company, its strategic direction, setting its strategic direction and goals for management, and monitoring performance against these goals.

The Board met seven times during the year and received reports from the Chief Executive Officer and other team members.

The names and qualifications of Directors are shown on page 22 and a record of meeting attendance and other data for the Directors is shown in the Directors' report.

Directors committed to continuing the education available to them through the ASC Sport Governance Foundations.

## COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The Board comprises up to ten Directors, of whom six are elected by the Members at a General Meeting and up to four are appointed by the Directors at a Board meeting.

All Directors are independent and are unable to hold any Member positions while they serve on the Board. The President is appointed annually by the Board.



## BOARD MEMBERS

At the Annual General Meeting on 28 November 2024, Graeme Lloyd and Ian Williams were elected to the Board for three-year terms. David Hynes and Robert Hazan were reappointed to three-year terms at a BA Board meeting held directly after the AGM.

There were no changes to the composition of the Board during the financial year. All Directors continued in their roles as appointed or elected in prior periods.

## ROLE OF THE CEO

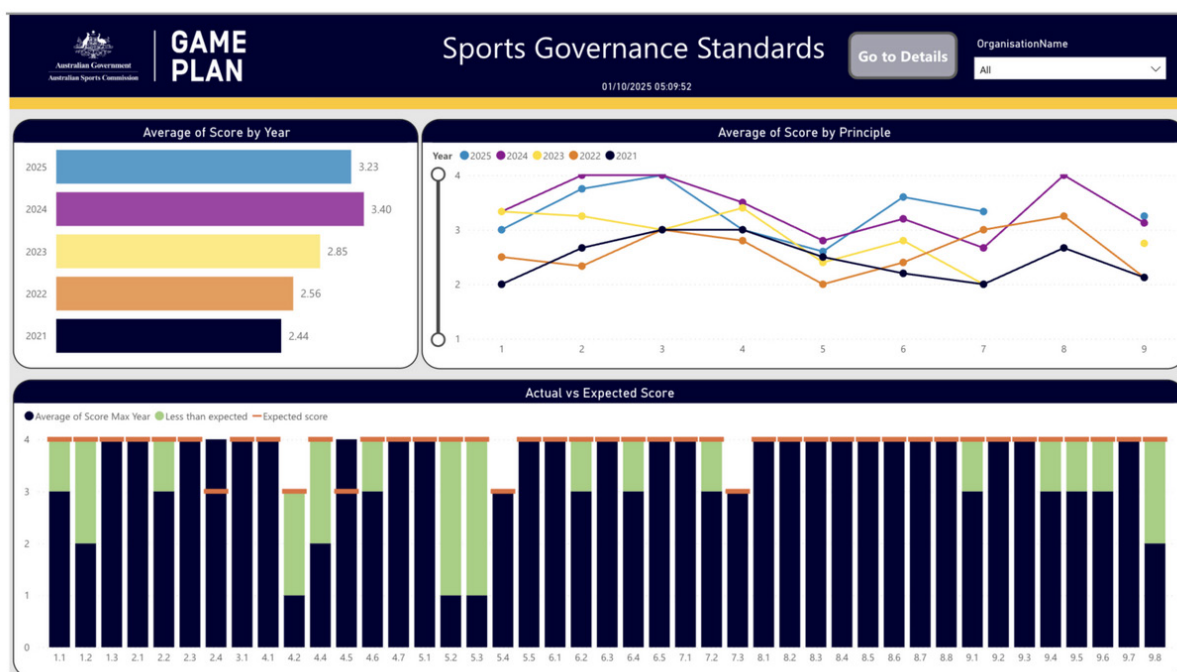
Responsibility for the management and administration of the Company lies with the CEO, who reports directly to the Board.

## ANNUAL GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT

BA completes an annual assessment against the Sport Governance Principles and Standards to identify and prioritise areas for governance improvement and enhancement.

The self-assessment is submitted to the Australian Sports Commission and helps inform governance improvement activities. The table below outlines BA's assessment against each principle and areas identified for improvement.

BA's average self-assessed score continued to improve, increasing from 3.23 to 3.4. The SG assessment continues to shape AB Governance and Organisational Enhancement Plan with support and advice from the ASC.





## **FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

Anthony Brasher (Chair), Jessica Goddard

The committee met twice during the year to review the annual financial statements and the draft annual budget.

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Ian Williams (Chair), Paige Williams, Narelle Gosstray (State Member Nominated), Erni Rauter (State Member Nominated), Samantha Macpherson (Independent)

The committee met four times during the year to consider proposed amendments to the constitution, alignment of state member constitutions and to provide oversight and advice on completion of the governance and organisational enhancement plan.

## **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Jo Setright (Independent Chair), Anthony Brasher, Lisa Hansen (State Member Nominated)

The committee met once during the year to assess and agree recommendations for nominations for elected and appointed director positions.

## **PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Jessica Goddard (Chair), Robert Hazan, Melissa Achten

The committee met one times during the year, providing oversight and advice related to the national participation plan and it's contribution to the ASC Play Well Strategy.

## **HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

John Boulton (Chair), Graeme Lloyd, Jeff Simons, Michael Crooks

The committee met two times during the year, discussing performances in International tournaments including the World Baseball Classic, Women's World Cup Qualifier, U18 World Cup, U12 World Cup and providing advice on the development of the 2024-2028 performance and pathways strategy.

## **HERITAGE AND HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE**

Shayne Bennett (Chair), Robert Moden, Catherine Beachley

The committee consulted with stakeholders through the year and met twice during the year, reviewing the Hall of Fame nomination and assessment process and establishment of state member heritage committees.

## **AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL LEAGUE PTY LTD BOARD**

Anthony Brasher (Chair), David Hynes, Robert Hazan, Brett Ralph (resigned in March 2025), Shayne Bennett.

The ABL Board met five times during the year.

# BASEBALL AUSTRALIA BOARD



## **David Hynes, President**

David has served as a Director since 2006 and as President since 2012. A property developer and Olympian, David is committed to working with the Australian baseball community to grow baseball in Australia at all levels.



## **Catherine Beachley**

Appointed in 2023, Catherine is a communication and strategy adviser and the principal of Eastwick Consulting. She has facilitated strategic workshops and undertaken engagement for the current BA Strategic Plans.



## **Shayne Bennett**

A former MLB player, Olympian and long time contributor to baseball, Shayne was appointed in 2023. Post playing career he has developed a successful business in the building and fire prevention industries.



## **John Boulton**

John is a current arbitrator of the International Court of Arbitration in Sport, and former head of the AIS, NST and World Rowing. A highly respected figure in Australian sport, John was elected in 2023.



## **Anthony Brasher**

Appointed to the Board in 2019 and elected in 2023, Anthony is a chartered accountant, former Chair of Baseball NSW and founding partner of Barrenjoey Capital.



## **Jessica Goddard**

Jess is a sports management, marketing and communications professional and the General Manager Corporate Affairs at the National Rugby League. She was appointed in 2020 and elected in 2023.



## **Robert Hazan**

Robert is the co-founder of Australia's fastest growing food brand, Guzman y Gomez Mexican Kitchen. Appointed in 2020, he is an accredited coach, involved with grass roots baseball in Australia since 2008



## **Graeme Lloyd**

Graeme is one of Australia's most successful baseballers, winning two World Series with the New York Yankees and holding the best lifetime ERA for an Australian pitcher. He was appointed to the Board in 2020 and elected in 2023.



## **Paige Ridgwell**

Elected in 2023, Paige is a senior executive in the Queensland Government. As Deputy Director General of Sport & Recreation she led the development of the Activate Qld 2019-2029 sport strategy.



## **Ian Williams**

Ian provides strategic advice to Japanese/Australian companies on their business relationships. A partner in global law firms for 20 years, he is a former Wallaby and Australian baseball representative. Ian was appointed in 2018 and elected to the Board in 2023.

# VALUED PARTNERSHIPS

Baseball Australia expresses its deep gratitude to our funding partners and sponsors, whose unwavering support enables the growth and success of baseball across the country.

Through their generosity, we can invest in essential programs, facilities, and community engagement initiatives, fostering the next generation of Australian baseball talent.

Our ongoing partnerships also allow us to compete on the global stage, helping players reach their full potential and represent Australia internationally. Our sponsors share our passion for the game and help us achieve shared goals of inclusion, excellence, and sporting integrity.

We look forward to continuing these valuable relationships as we work together to grow the sport and create lasting impact within the baseball community.

Baseball Australia thanks each of our partners for their dedication and continued belief in the future of Australian baseball.

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# LIFE MEMBERS

1957	MR REG E DARLING
1976	MR GC (DON) MOULD
1977	MR JB (JOHN) HOLLANDER OBE
1977	MR E (TIM) BASSINGTHWAIGHTE
1978	MR ROBERT (BOB) J BLACK
1985	MR JOHN ANDERSON
1992	MR NEVILLE PRATT OAM
1993	MR KINGSLEY WELLINGTON
2000	MR KEN DOUGLASS
2000	MR PETER DIHM
2001	MS JAN THURLEY
2003	MR ROSS STRAW
2003	MR RODNEY BYRNE OAM
2004	MR IAN ROSS
2005	MR ALAN WALDRON
2009	MR RON MORGAN
2011	MR MARK PETERS
2013	MR GEOFF PEARCE
2013	MR RON FINLAY

# HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

TONY ADAMSON	1989-99	WA	JAMES SEARLE	PRE 1900	NSW	SIMONE WEARNE	2000-	VIC
LES AGNEW	1900-18	NSW	RON SHARPE	1919-46	SA	GLENN WILLIAMS	2000-	NSW
ROD BYRNE	1968-88	WA	CRAIG SHIPLEY	1989-99	NSW	GEOFF MARTIN	1968-88	QLD
KEVIN CANTWELL	1947-67	NSW	HARRY SIMPSON	PRE 1900	NSW,SA,VIC	JOE QUINN	PRE 1900	QLD
NORRIE CLAXTON	1900-18	SA	ROSS STRAW	1947-67	VIC	DON RICE	1947-67	SA
PHIL DALE	1989-99	VIC	JOHN SWANSON	1968-88	VIC	SYDNEY SMITH	PRE 1900	SA
GRAEME DEANY	1947-67	VIC	HAROLD TURNER	1900-18	NSW	GARRY THOMPSON	1947-67	SA
DON DEEBLE	1947-67	VIC	KINGSLEY WELLINGTON	1947-67	SA	PHIL ALEXANDER	1968-88	SA
GEORGE DICKINSON	1919-46	NSW	ERNIE YUM	1947-67	SA	KAYE GREENHAM	1989-99	WA
ALF EMMERICK	1919-46	NSW	ALAN ALBURY	1968-88	QLD	BRENDAN KINGMAN	1989-	NSW
RUE EWERS	PRE 1900	SA	JON DEEBLE	1999-	VIC	JOHN GALLOWAY	1968-88	SA,VIC
BILLY FORD	1919-46	NSW	MERV DEIGAN	1947-67	NSW	TRENT DURRINGTON		NSW
HAROLD FRANKS	1900-18	NSW	LIONEL HARRIS	1947-67	NSW	GRANT BALFOUR		NSW
TOM GLEESON	PRE 1900	NSW	RAY MICHELL	1968-88	WA	PHILIP BRIDEOAKE	1947-67	SA
KEVIN GREATREX	1968-88	SA	JACK ROWLEY	1947-67	NSW	ERNIE BOLTON	1947-67	VIC
KEN GULLIVER	1919-46	NSW	CHARLES SIMMONS	1900-18	NSW	PETER VOGLER	1989-99	QLD
LARRY HOME	1968-88	QLD,NSW,WA	BILL EDMONDS	1947-67	NSW	MICHEAL NAKAMURA		VIC
RON JOHNSON	1989-99	QLD	MATTHEW SHELDON-COLLINS	1989-99	VIC	JOHN STEPHENS		NSW
CEC KEMP	1947-67	NSW	SHAYNE BENNETT	1989-99	SA	WALTER BUCHANAN	PRE-1968	SA
FRANK LAVER	PRE 1900	VIC	HAROLD KENNETT	1919-46	NSW	BOB OSSEY	1968-88	WA
RAY LAWLER	1946-67	NSW	DON KNAPP	1968-88	WA	BEN SHOM	1919-67	WA
GRAEME LLOYD	1989-99	VIC	WALLACE PRATT	1900-18	NSW	MARK ETTLES	1989-99	WA
ERIC MCELHONE	1900-18	NSW	PAUL ELLIOTT	1989-99	NSW	GREG ELKSON	1968-88	SA
RON MC PHERSON	1947-67	NSW	GARY WHITE	1989-99	NSW	BRETT WARD	1968-99	VIC
ADRIAN MEAGHER	1968-88	QLD	DAVID CLARKSON	1989-99	VIC	JUSTIN HUBER	2000-	VIC
DAVID MUNDY	1968-88	SA	CYRIL GRAHAM	1919-46	NSW	NEVILLE PRATT	1947-1967, 1968-1988, 1989-1999	WA
BOB NILSSON	1989-99	QLD	DOUG MATELJAN	1968-88	WA	GREG JELKS	1981-17	WA
DAVID NILSSON	1989-99	QLD	MONTAGUE NOBLE	1900-18	NSW			
NEIL PAGE	1968-88	SA	ANDREW WATSON	1900-18	NSW			
CHARLIE PUCKETT	1947-67	SA	GRAHAME CASSEL	1989-99	NSW			
DAVE ROBERTS	1947-67	SA	NORMAN WHITE	1947-67	SA			
ANDREW SCOTT	1989-99	SA	DICK SHIRT	1968-88	NSW			

**Australian Baseball Federation Limited**  
**and its controlled entities**

**ABN 28 639 940 435**

**Annual Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2025**





## Directors' report

### For the year ended 30 June 2025

The Directors present their report together with the consolidated financial statements of the Australian Baseball Federation Ltd ('Baseball Australia') and its controlled entities ('the Group') for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 and the auditor's report thereon.

#### INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

<b>Catherine Beachley</b> Qualifications Experience	Director Bachelor of International Relations Founder, Eastwick Consulting
<b>Shayne Bennett</b> Qualifications Experience  Special Responsibilities	Director Diploma of Occupational Health and Safety Director, Australian Fire Services Director National Fire Industry Assoc of Australia Director, Fire Industry Training Pty Ltd Chair, Heritage & Hall of Fame Committee
<b>John Boulton</b> Qualifications  Experience  Special Responsibilities	Director Bachelor of Arts Master of Laws Member, Administrative Review Tribunal Arbitrator, International Court of Arbitration of Sport Vice President, Sydney University Boat Club Chair, High Performance Committee
<b>Anthony Brasher</b> Qualifications Experience Special Responsibilities	Director Bachelor of Commerce, ACA, MBA Founding Partner, Barrenjoey Capital Chair, Finance, Audit & Risk Committee Member, Nominations Committee Chair, Australian Baseball League Pty Ltd
<b>Jessica Goddard</b> Qualifications  Experience  Special Responsibilities	Director Bachelor of Arts (Hons), Master of Sports Management General Manager Corporate Affairs, National Rugby League Chair, Participation & Engagement Committee Member, Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

<b>Robert Hazan</b>	Director
Qualifications	Bachelor of Business Administration Co-Founder Guzman Y Gomez Mexican Kitchen
Experience	Director, Oz Harvest Ventures Director, Sydney Blue Sox
Special Responsibilities	Member, Participation & Engagement Committee Director, Australian Baseball League Pty Ltd
<b>David Hynes</b>	Director
Qualifications	Bachelor of Economics Bachelor of Laws
Experience	Director, Winston Langley Pty Ltd
Special Responsibilities	Chair of Board Director, Australian Baseball League Pty Ltd
<b>Graeme Lloyd</b>	Director
Qualifications	Harvard Business School Leadership Program
Experience	Two-time World Series Champion 10 year Major League veteran 2004 Olympic Silver Medallist
Special Responsibilities	Member, High Performance Committee
<b>Paige Ridgewell</b>	Director
Qualifications	Bachelor of Recreation & Leisure Studies, MBA, MPPM.
Experience	Assistant Director General, Qld Government Chair, Judo Australia Nominations Committee
Special Responsibilities	Member Governance Committee
<b>Ian Williams</b>	Director
Qualifications	Bachelor of Economics Bachelor of Laws
Experience	Chair, McDonald Jones Homes Director, New Hope Group Chair, Lindsay Australia Ltd Director, National Group Corporation Director, Stoddart Group Director, Vimimera Recreation Grounds Vice President, Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee Founder, Australia Japan Roundtable Dinner
Special Responsibilities	Chair, Governance Committee

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

## **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activities of the Group during the course of the financial year were to conduct, encourage, promote, advance, standardise, control and administer all forms of the sport of baseball in and throughout Australia.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Group's activities during the year.

## **FORM OF ENTITY**

The parent entity of the Group, the Australian Baseball Federation Ltd is a company limited by guarantee.

## **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS AND RESULTS**

Baseball Australia continued to promote and administer the sport of Baseball in Australia, including conducting the Australian Baseball League, the Australian National Championships for Women, Youth Men and Youth Women, the Australian Little League Championships, selecting and managing Australian baseball teams and was also responsible for the development and marketing of the sport in Australia.

The net result of the operations of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2025 was a net operating surplus of \$180,657 (2024: deficit \$131,030).

## **OBJECTIVES**

The Entity's objectives are to:

- Act as the national federation for baseball in Australia and be the single controlling body and administrator of baseball in Australia.
- Conduct, encourage, promote, advance, control, foster, develop and manage all levels of baseball in Australia interdependently with its Members and others.
- Facilitate participation by National Teams in international competition, tournaments and matches.
- Foster, control, conduct and administer national, interstate and other championships, tournaments, competitions and matches and participation in those competitions.
- Make rules, regulations and by-laws and policies for the control and conduct of baseball in Australia.

## **STRATEGIES**

To achieve its stated objectives, the company has adopted the following strategies:

1. Profile and Identity – Raise awareness of baseball in Australia.
  - a. Showcase our aspirational athletes to drive awareness and increase the profile of baseball in Australia.



- b. Develop new and innovative ways to bring baseball to a wider audience.
2. Experience and Growth - Increase levels of participation in baseball across Australia
  - a. Delivering amazing player and community experiences.
  - b. Ensure starter level programs are attractive to players and parents and engage kids to want to play baseball.
3. Capability and Capacity - Focus on internal information and advanced data collection.
  - a. Strengthening communication, collaboration and alignment between BA, SSOs, clubs and the ABL.
  - b. Invest in the growth of our people
4. Partnerships - Use baseball's global reach to drive positive outcomes for baseball in Australia.
  - a. Work with current partners to expand capability and capacity to deliver for the baseball community.
  - b. Take a whole-of-baseball approach to securing new partners.
5. On Field Performance - Drive the success of Team Australia in the pursuit of an LA28 podium finish.
  - a. Nurture aspirational Australian baseball players to succeed at the highest levels of competition.
  - b. Celebrate the international success of Australian baseball and its contributors.

## MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

During the financial year, six (6) meetings of Directors were held. Attendances by each director were as follows:

<b>Full meeting of Directors (incl. teleconferences)</b>		
<b>Meetings held (H) whilst a Director and attended (A)</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>A</b>
David Hynes	6	6
Anthony Brasher	6	5
Graeme Lloyd	6	3
Jessica Goddard	6	6
Ian Williams	6	2
Robert Hazan	6	6
Shayne Bennett	6	2
John Boulton	6	6
Paige Ridgewell	6	4
Catherine Beachley	6	5

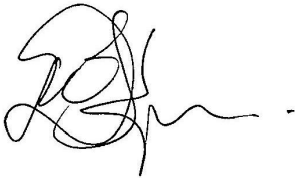
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The Entity is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the Entity is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10.00 towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Entity. On 30 June 2025, the total amount that members of the Entity are liable to contribute if the Entity is wound up is \$200.00.

#### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2025 has been received and can be found on page 36 of the financial report.

Signed this 5th day of November, 2025, in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hynes', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

**David Hynes**  
Director & President  
Sydney, Australia

**AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL FEDERATION LTD AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES  
ABN 28 639 940 435**

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION  
UNDER S 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF  
AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL FEDERATION LTD AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2025 there have been:

- I. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- II. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

C.W. Stirling & Co

C.W. Stirling & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

John A Phillips

John A Phillips  
Partner

Dated this 5th day of November 2025 Melbourne, Victoria



## Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

### For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Revenue and other income	4	8,769,568	7,782,095
Interest income		50,510	8,939
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>8,820,078</b>	<b>7,791,034</b>
Expenditure from operating activities			
ABL operations expenses		(1,403,805)	(1,531,030)
Employee benefit expenses		(1,746,459)	(1,566,588)
Event and team expenses		(4,202,137)	(3,646,234)
Baseball operations expenses		(906,153)	(773,131)
Marketing and advertising expenses		(5,086)	(5,729)
Administrative expenses		(225,239)	(298,252)
Other expenses		(57,156)	(20,333)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	5	(82,436)	(69,029)
Interest expense	5	(10,949)	(11,738)
<b>Net surplus (deficit) for the year</b>		<b>180,657</b>	<b>(131,030)</b>
Other comprehensive income/(loss)		-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year attributable to:			
Members of the Australian Baseball Federation Ltd		180,657	(131,030)
Minority Interest		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period</b>		<b>180,657</b>	<b>(131,030)</b>

The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Consolidated statement of financial position As at 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,300,228	1,412,706
Trade and other receivables	7	719,555	826,624
Inventories	8	18,169	36,000
Other current assets	9	942,373	753,237
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>2,980,326</b>	<b>3,028,567</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	10	119,713	47,954
Other non-current assets	11	27,069	31,737
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>146,782</b>	<b>79,690</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>3,127,108</b>	<b>3,108,257</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	12	1,048,921	1,034,223
Borrowings	13	220,158	201,214
Lease liability	14	59,815	-
Employee benefits	15	183,824	143,931
Revenue received in advance	16	1,005,000	1,302,466
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>2,517,718</b>	<b>2,681,834</b>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Employee benefits	17	14,658	17,542
Lease liability	18	5,118	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>19,776</b>	<b>17,542</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,537,494</b>	<b>2,699,376</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>589,614</b>	<b>408,881</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO:</b>			
Members of the Australian Baseball Federation Limited		589,539	408,881
Non-controlling Interest		75	-
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<b>589,614</b>	<b>408,881</b>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Consolidated statement of cash flows

### For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from members, sponsors and customers		8,610,530	8,090,456
Payments to suppliers, players and employees		(8,641,816)	(7,578,680)
Interest paid		(10,949)	(11,738)
<b>Net cashflow from operating activities</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>(42,235)</b>	<b>500,039</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for property, plant, equipment	<b>10</b>	(33,690)	(21,000)
<b>Net cashflow from investing activities</b>		<b>(33,690)</b>	<b>(21,000)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Payments of lease liabilities		(55,572)	(14,578)
Payments of borrowings		18,944	(73,035)
Proceeds from issue of shares		75	-
<b>Net cashflow from financing activities</b>		<b>(36,553)</b>	<b>(87,613)</b>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		(112,478)	391,427
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		1,412,706	1,021,279
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,300,228</b>	<b>1,412,706</b>

The above consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Consolidated statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Share Capital (\$)	Accumulated Surplus (\$)	Total Equity (\$)
Balance at 1 July 2023	-	539,912	539,912
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	-	(131,030)	(131,030)
<b>Total surplus (deficit) for the year</b>	-	(131,030)	(131,030)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>408,882</b>	<b>408,882</b>
Balance at 1 July 2024	-	408,882	408,882
Share Issued	75	-	75
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	-	180,657	180,657
<b>Total surplus (deficit) for the year</b>		180,657	180,657
<b>Balance at 30 June 2025</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>589,539</b>	<b>589,614</b>

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



## **Notes to the consolidated financial statements For the year ended 30 June 2025**

### **1. PARENT ENTITY**

The financial statements cover the consolidated group of Australian Baseball Federation Ltd (Baseball Australia) and controlled entities, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Baseball Australia is a company limited by guarantee.

The separate financial statements of the parent entity, Australian Baseball Federation Ltd have not been presented within the financial report as permitted by the *Corporations Act 2001*. Supplementary information about the parent entity is disclosed in Note 24.

### **2. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

#### **a. Statement of compliance**

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Entity is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. The Entity is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Corporations Act 2001 and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### **b. Basis of measurement**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

### **c. Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Australian Baseball Federation Ltd and its controlled entities as at the period end and at any time during the period. The entity controlled during the period was the Australian Baseball League Pty Ltd.

Controlled entities are those entities over which Baseball Australia has the power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain the benefits from their activities. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether Baseball Australia controls another entity.

All inter-entity balances and transactions between entities in the consolidated entity, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation.

Where consolidated entities have entered or left the consolidated entity during the year, their operating results have been included from the date control was obtained or until the date control ceased.

### **d. Functional and presentation currency**

Items included in the consolidated financial statements of the group are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the group's functional and presentation currency.

#### *Translations and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

### **e. Going concern**

The financial report is prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates continuation of normal operations and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of operations. In making this assessment, the Directors have considered future events and conditions for a period of at least 12 months following the approval of these financial statements, by way of a budget for the 12 months ending 30 June 2026 and a cashflow forecast from 1 July 2025 until 30 June 2026.

The entity is economically dependent on the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) for grant funding, along with income from a range of other sources such as sponsorship revenue and broadcast rights revenue. Most ASC funding has been secured for the period up until 30 June 2026. If funds are not spent in accordance with grant conditions, ASC can suspend future grants or reclaim all or part of the grants. The entity is also dependent on the continued receipt of player membership income, team participation levies and grants which expire within the 12-month period after the signing date of these financial statements.

The Group has achieved a surplus of \$180,657 for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 (2024: \$131,030 deficit). Furthermore, the Group has net current assets of \$462,608 (2024: \$346,733) and net assets as of 30 June 2025 of \$589,614 (2024: \$408,881). At the year ended 30 June 2025, the Group held \$890,626 in restricted cash.

The Directors have prepared cash flow projections for the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 that support the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern. Most notable aspects of the cash flow projections include:

- To reduce the risk exposure, the Group is currently working to diversify its funding base to reduce its reliance on Government funding by increasing sponsorship levels, broadcast rights and financial support associated with the Australian Baseball League. This will be underpinned by a continued focus on conservative business practices and cost management. The cash flow projections are therefore based on improved trading results on a progressive basis as a result of this diversification; this includes an expectation that the respective Australian Baseball Clubs will continue normal operations.
- Securing funding to support cash flow requirements, should it become necessary.

These conditions give rise to a material uncertainty that may cast doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. In the event that the Group cannot achieve the budgeted assumptions as outlined above, the Group may not be able to continue its operations as a going concern and therefore may not be able to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the ordinary course of operations and at the amounts stated in the financial statements.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements and have been applied consistently by the group.

#### a. Revenue Recognition

##### *Operating Grants, Donations and Bequests*

When the entity received operating grant funding, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the entity:

- Identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant;
- Recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement; and
- Recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Entity:

- Recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (for example AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116, and AASB 138);
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions); and
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the Entity recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

##### *Revenue from baseball events*

Revenue from baseball events is generated via proceeds from participation levies relating to other Baseball Australia teams and events. All revenue from baseball events received throughout the year is recognised in the period to which it specifically relates.

##### *Grant revenue*

Grants and other contributions are recognised when the Group obtains control of the contribution or right to receive the contribution and it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contributions will flow to the Group.



### *Membership revenue*

Membership income is recognised throughout the duration of the financial period.

### *Sponsorship and broadcast revenue*

Sponsorship and broadcast revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

### *Other revenue*

Revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated at net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

## **b. Income Tax**

No income tax is payable by the parent entity, as it is an exempt sporting organisation in accordance with Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

### *Current tax*

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. It is measured using tax rates enacted at the reporting date.

### *Deferred tax*

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow the manner in which the Group expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

A deferred tax asset is recognised for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilised.

## **c. Trade and Other Debtors**

Trade and other debtors include amounts receivable from customers for goods sold. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the

end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. Refer to Note 1(e) for further discussion on the determination of impairment losses.

#### **d. Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period that remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability. Trade and other payables are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **e. Impairment of assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the Entity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the Entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of a class of asset, the Entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is debited against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

#### **f. Plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less depreciation and any impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(e) for details of impairment).

Plant and equipment that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, are recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

#### *Depreciation*

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including capitalised lease assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Computer equipment	1 – 3 years
Office equipment	1 – 5 years
Plant & equipment	1 – 10 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained surplus.

## **g. Financial Instruments**

### **Initial recognition and measurement**

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs.

### **Financial assets**

#### *Classification*

On initial recognition, the Company classifies its financial assets as measured at amortised cost.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets.

The Company's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis.

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Company has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Company renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

#### *Other financial assets measured at amortised cost*



Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

### **Financial liabilities**

The Company measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Company comprise trade payables and lease liabilities.

#### **h. Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

#### **i. Leases**

At inception of a contract, the Entity assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the Entity where the Entity is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Initially the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Entity uses the incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are as follows:

- fixed lease payments less any lease incentives;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;

- the exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options;
- lease payments under extension options if lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability as mentioned above, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date as well as any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset whichever is the shortest. Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Entity anticipates exercising a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

## **j. Employee Benefits**

### *Short-term employee benefits*

The entity classifies employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements as other long-term employee benefits as they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Provision is made for the entity's obligation for other long-term employee benefits, which are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon the remeasurement of obligations for other long-term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in profit or loss classified under employee benefits expense.

The Entity's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as part of employee benefits in the statement of financial position.

### *Other long-term employee benefits*

The entity's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current liabilities in its statement of financial position, except where

the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current liabilities.

#### **k. Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

#### **l. Good and services tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

#### **m. Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### **n. Economic dependence**

The Group is dependent on the ASC for a significant proportion of revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report, the ASC have committed \$1.9m to participation and performance outcomes in 2025-26. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that the ASC will not continue to support the Group into the future.

#### **o. Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

The directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the company

## **Key estimates**

### *Impairment*

The entity assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the entity that may lead to impairment of assets. When the impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Fair value less costs to sell or current replacement costs calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

## **Key judgements**

### *Performance obligations under AASB 15*

To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the promise must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. Management exercises judgement to determine whether the promise is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, management includes the nature/-type, cost/-value, quantity and the period of transfer related to the goods or services promised.

### *Lease term and option to extend under AASB 16*

The lease term is defined as the non-cancellable period of a lease together with both periods covered by an option to extend the lease if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and also periods covered by an option to terminate the lease if the lessee is reasonably certain not to exercise that option. The options that are reasonably going to be exercised is a key management judgement that the Entity will make. The Entity determines the likeliness to exercise the options on a lease-by-lease basis.

### *Employee benefits*

For the purpose of measurement, AASB 119: Employee Benefits defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. The Entity expects most employees will take their annual leave entitlements within 24 months of the reporting period in which they were earned, but this will not have a material impact on the amounts recognised in respect of obligations for employees' leave entitlements.

## **p. New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods**

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards that have mandatory application dates for future reporting



periods, some of which are relevant to the Company. The Company has decided not to early adopt any of the new and amended pronouncements. The directors anticipate that adoption of the new and amended Accounting Standards may have an impact on the Company's financial statements, however it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

#### 4. REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Grants	2,315,222	1,658,861
Revenue from baseball tournaments	2,817,630	2,576,951
ABL licence fee revenue	648,000	630,000
Sponsorship, broadcast & fundraising revenue	335,757	528,422
Membership revenue	1,662,814	1,546,992
Appearance fees and prizemoney	103,950	63,480
Revenue from oncharges	683,735	586,385
Other revenue	202,461	191,003
	8,769,569	7,782,095

Grant revenue includes monies received from the Australian Sports Commission which are required to be expended on game development and high-performance programs. There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attached to these grants.

#### 5. SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

The net result includes the following specific items:

Expenses	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Depreciation	82,436	69,029
Write-off/(recovery) of bad & doubtful debts	19,250	-
Right-of-use interest	3,875	264
Other interest expense	7,074	11,474
Total Interest Expense	10,949	11,738

#### 6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Cash at bank and on hand	1,300,228	1,412,706
	1,300,228	1,412,706

### a) Restricted Cash

The cash and cash equivalents balances include amounts which are held as restricted reserves. These deposits are subject to restrictions and are, therefore, not available for general use by the Group, as follows:

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Aces Sporting Club Reserve	399,820	504,780
Project Funds	123,606	-
Government Grant Income in Advance	367,200	209,591
	890,626	714,371

## 7. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Trade receivables	694,382	771,532
Provision for doubtful debts	(19,250)	-
	675,132	771,532
Other receivables	44,423	55,092
	719,555	826,624

The movement in the provision for expected credit losses in respect of receivables during the year was as follows:

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Balance as at 1 July	-	56,695
Impairment/(recovery) of amounts	19,250	-
Amounts written-off	-	(56,695)
Balance as at 30 June	19,250	-

## 8. INVENTORY

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Sporting equipment, uniforms and merchandise at cost	18,169	36,000
	18,169	36,000

## 9. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Prepayments	407,969	304,965
Deposits	534,404	399,773
Other accrued income	-	48,500
	942,373	753,237

## 10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Reconciliation of the carrying amount of each class of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the year are set out below:

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>		
Baseball equipment - cost	261,379	227,689
Less accumulated depreciation	(209,386)	(182,829)
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>51,993</b>	<b>44,860</b>
Computer equipment - cost	11,432	11,432
Less accumulated depreciation	(11,228)	(8,338)
<b>Total Computer Equipment</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>3,094</b>
Right of use asset - cost	120,505	-
Less accumulated depreciation	(52,989)	-
<b>Total Leasehold Improvements</b>	<b>67,516</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>119,713</b>	<b>47,954</b>

The group has a lease contract for its office. The Group's obligations under its lease are secured by the lessor's title to the leased asset.

	Computer Equipment \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Right of Use Asset \$	TOTAL \$
<b>At 1 July 2024</b>	3,093	44,859	-	47,952
Additions*	-	33,690	120,506	154,196
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(2,890)	(26,557)	(52,989)	(82,436)
<b>at 30 June 2025</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>51,993</b>	<b>67,517</b>	<b>119,713</b>

	Computer Equipment \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Right of Use Asset \$	TOTAL \$
<b>At 1 July 2023</b>	6,811	75,267	24,189	106,269
Additions*	-	21,000	-	21,000
Fixed asset write offs	-	-	(10,286)	(10,286)
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(3,718)	(51,409)	(13,903)	(69,031)
<b>at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>3,093</b>	<b>44,859</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,952</b>

## 11. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Security deposits	27,069	31,737
	27,069	31,737

## 12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Trade payables	180,852	128,894
Aces Sporting Club funds	399,820	504,780
ABL Team Bonds held	120,000	120,000
Sundry creditors and accruals	348,249	280,549
	1,048,921	1,034,223

## 13. BORROWINGS

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Insurance Premium Loan	220,158	201,214
	220,158	201,214

## 14. LEASE LIABILITY

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Leased office	59,815	-
	59,815	-

## 15. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Provision for annual leave	117,905	98,645
Provision for long-service leave	65,919	45,286
	183,824	143,931

## 16. REVENUE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Revenue received in advance - Grants	367,200	209,591
Revenue received in advance - ABL Club Licence Fees	285,000	570,000
Revenue received in advance - Tournament Income	352,800	522,875
	1,005,000	1,302,466

## 17. NON-CURRENT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Provision for long-service leave	14,658	17,542
	14,658	17,542

## 18. NON-CURRENT LEASE LIABILITY

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Leased office	5,118	-
	5,118	-

## 19. MEMBERS GAURANTEE

The parent entity is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the entity is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10.00 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. On 30 June 2025, the number of members was 20.

## 20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group has no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2025.

## 21. RECONCILIATION OF NET SURPLUS O NET CASH INFLOW(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Net surplus/(deficit)	180,657	(131,030)
Depreciation and amortisation	82,436	69,029
Doubtful debt provision	19,250	-
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	87,818	(680,544)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	17,831	(36,000)
Decrease/(increase) in Prepayments	(103,005)	(3,857)
Decrease/(increase) in other current assets	(81,564)	517,773
Decrease/(increase) in other non-current assets	-	(1,652)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	14,698	(246,460)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	37,009	32,814
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	(297,366)	979,966
<b>Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>(42,235)</b>	<b>500,039</b>

## 22. EVENTS OCCURING AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There is at the date of this report no other matters or circumstances which have arisen since 30 June 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2025.



## 23. GROUP ENTITIES

	Country of Incorporation	Ownership Interest	
		2025	2024
<i>Parent entity</i>			
Australian Baseball Federation Ltd	Australia		
<i>Controlled entities</i>			
Australian Baseball League Pty Ltd	Australia	92.5%	92.5%

## 24. PARENT ENTITY DISCLOSURES

The Australian Baseball Federation Ltd is the parent entity of the Group for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year</b>	728,537	548,611
<b>Total comprehensive income / (deficit) attributable to the members</b>	<b>728,537</b>	<b>548,611</b>
<b>Financial position of the parent entity at the</b>		
Current assets	2,634,872	2,247,808
Non-current assets	1,295,760	800,210
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,930,631</b>	<b>3,048,018</b>
Current liabilities	2,091,528	1,934,566
Non-current liabilities	14,658	17,542
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,106,185</b>	<b>1,952,109</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>1,824,446</b>	<b>1,095,909</b>

As at 30 June 2025 there were no material or significant legal claims or contingencies against the parent entity (2024: nil).

The contractual commitments and contingent liabilities of the parent entity are per note 20.

## 25. PARENT ENTITY DETAILS

The registered office of the group is:	The principal place of business is:
Australian Baseball Federation Ltd Unit 51 11-21 Underwood Road HOMEBUSH NSW 2140	Australian Baseball Federation Ltd Unit 51 11-21 Underwood Road HOMEBUSH NSW 2140

## 26. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of that entity is considered key management personnel.

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel (KMP) of the Company during the year are as follows:

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Key management personnel compensation	704,725	839,575
	704,725	839,574

## 27. AUDITORS REMUNERATION

Remuneration of the auditor for:

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
- auditing of the financial statements	21,000	20,600
	21,000	20,600

## 28. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

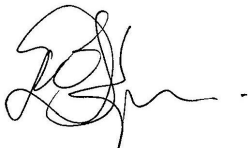
There were no related party transactions at Balance Sheet date.

## Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Australian Baseball Federation Limited and its controlled entities ("the Group"), the directors of the Entity declare that, in the directors' opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes, set out on pages 31 to 59, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
  - a. Comply with the Australian Accounting Standards applicable to the company; and
  - b. Give a true and fair view of the financial position of the group as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed this 5th day of November 2025, in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



**David Hynes**  
Director and President

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*Opinion*

We have audited the financial report of Australian Baseball Federation Ltd (the Company), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the director's declaration

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the group is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Notes 1, 2 and 3, and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

*Basis for Opinion*

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

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Australian Baseball Federation Ltd, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

*Emphasis of Matter – Material uncertainty related to going concern*

We draw attention to Note 2(e), "Going Concern" in the financial report. The conditions disclosed in Note 2(e) indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt over the company's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, whether it will realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business and at the amounts stated in the company's financial report. Our opinion is not modified in relation to this matter.

*Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting*

We draw attention to Notes 1, 2 and 3 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Corporations Act 2001*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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**Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

*Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report*

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

*Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report*

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



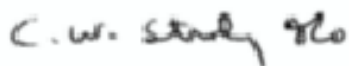
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As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



C.W. Stirling & Co.  
Chartered Accountants



John A Phillips  
Partner

Dated this 5th day of November 2025 Melbourne, Victoria



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