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# NSW Women's Baseball Standing Committee

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Board Activity  
Report  
2012-13

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We are pleased to present the following in line with our constitutional requirements:

- annual financial statement compared to budget (34.3(b)(ii))
- annual operational report (34.3(b)(v))

## Purpose

The purpose and main function of the Women's League Standing Committee is to conduct and develop the Sydney Women's Competition and Implement and administer junior development programs provided or devised by the Technical Committee, with a view to improving the skills of junior players and increasing player numbers.

## Chairpersons Report

The 2012/13 season has been my first term as the Chairperson for the NSWABL. I have found it to be a most rewarding experience I have had to date during my involvement in Women's baseball. This was a season of growth for all areas of women's baseball and this trend will continue into the future with New South Wales being at the forefront of innovation to foster the expected growth.

Our NSWABL competition had an A Grade competition which contained some of the best talent that is available in both NSW and Australia. The competition consisted of 6 teams, Ryde Hawks, Cronulla Sutherland Sharks, Baulkham Hills Kookaburras, Blacktown Workers, Central Coast Marlins and Greenway Giants. Ryde showed their dominance of the NSWABL competition going through the entire season undefeated to take out the Rhea Cornell Shield for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row defeating relative newcomers Blacktown in the Grand Final. With the amount of new talent coming through, Ryde may not have it all their way in future seasons however full credit must go to the club for being so successful over the last few years.

The competition also contained a growing B Grade competition. We saw the introduction of new teams which grew to 7 teams with Blacktown Workers, Macarthur Orioles, Penrith Panthers, Canterbury Bankstown Vikings, Hawkesbury Hawks and Greenway Giants fielding 2 teams. This competition contained a mixture of junior players beginning their journey into the women's ranks along with some young at heart players and proved to be a good competition. Hawkesbury continued in a similar way to Ryde and went through the season undefeated with Blacktown pushing them in the championship game.

The post season was disrupted by the weather but all in all the season was successful and I'm sure most people enjoyed their seasons with their respective clubs. I am confident the NSWABL will continue solid growth over the next 5 to 10 years to become one of the best organized women's competitions in the world. There are a lot of passionate people currently involved in the game, both on and off the field and I hope this continues.

In our charter we are also responsible for girls development. There are mechanisms in place now to show all girls that they have a place to play baseball at any level. I like to use the phrase *"to be what you want to be, play what you want to play"*. By this I mean there is a

clear pathway for all girls to reach a level that they want to reach whether it is to play for their state and country or just play with their friends and have fun.

Our League encompasses all these programs. We have the Junior All Girls (JAG), which is association based. It is non competitive in the 13's age group and gives the girls a chance to play with other girls within their association. It also gives them a chance to play in positions and pitch where they may not get the opportunities in the male dominated club teams. The heavens always seemed to open up when JAG rounds were scheduled which hindered progress. However I did make my way to one of the JAG rounds and found out how much the girls enjoyed the series along with their parents. The atmosphere was great on these days and I only hope that we can get encourage greater numbers to play, as it is a very good concept.

This JAG concept also leads into the other development program, the Girls Friendship Series (GFS). This program gives the girls a chance to spend an extended period of time together having fun with each other while enhancing their baseball skills sets. All kids love this series and look forward to it every year. Other states are doubling their efforts to field teams in this series and I am confident we will see more teams and girls playing in this event in the future. The girls travelled to Victoria for season 12/13 and from all reports it was very successful. All players, coaches and support staff enjoyed the experience of the program offered and NSW will be hosting the 2013 GFS. We hope to continuously improve this event to make it one of the must do events of each year.

Another event which we began to administer this season was the Sydney Women's Invitational. This year as was the case last year was staged at Aquatic Reserve Warringah, supported by the Manly Warringah Baseball Club. The League appointed Brian Delavere as the Series Director and the whole tournament ran as smooth as it possibly could have until once again the rain came and dampened the event. For the first time there were 2 divisions introduced to accommodate the growing numbers in women's baseball. The 1<sup>st</sup> division contained teams from Ryde, Baulkham Hills, Blacktown, Doncaster and Central Coast, while in 2<sup>nd</sup> division we had Blacktown, Central Coast, Hawkesbury, ACT, and Greenway. We managed to get Day 1 fully completed and the rain ensured we would not go any further. By day 3 it was decided to move the event from Manly to Hawkesbury as Aquatic Reserve lived up to its name. Day 3 was held at Benson's Lane Richmond. Our thanks go to both the Manly and Hawkesbury clubs for their ongoing support of women's baseball. I just hope that one year we can get the full 3 days at 1 venue.

In summing up the NSWBL could not have had the success it has had without the work of our volunteers. I would like to make special mention to the secretary of NSWBL, Lindsay Eden. This man has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that all off field tasks run smoothly. He has been instrumental in the success we have enjoyed through his work on the website and competition management right through to the not so fun tasks of issuing breach notices, setting up hearings and answering most enquiries to the League. I would also like to thank Narelle Fox, Tim Harradine and Ray Vercoe for their ongoing support throughout season 12/13. It makes the job easier knowing you have their full support in moving the game forward.

Steve Taylor

## Activities

### Women's League Competition

As per previous years the Standing Committee conducted a two grade completion between 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013.

#### A grade

The A grade competition consisted of six team competing over 20 rounds. Of the 60 games scheduled, eight were washed out.

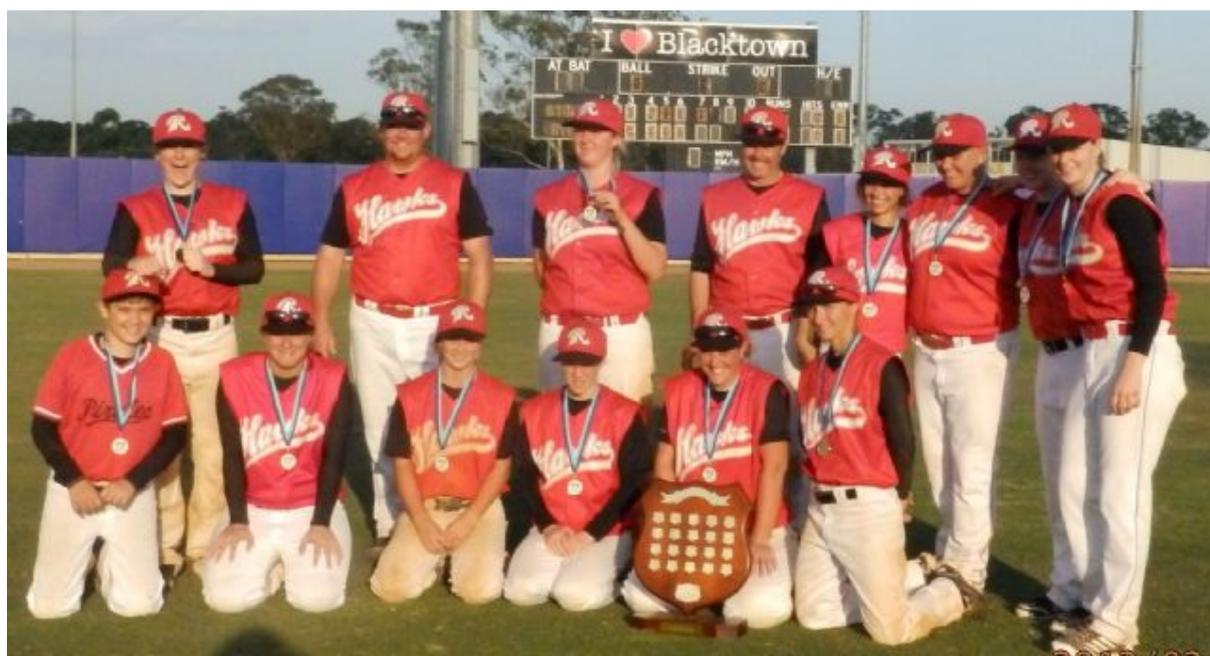
The grade consisted of 79 players, one less than the previous season.

Clubs and team numbers were static over the 2011-12 season.

Unfortunately the first and second semi finals were washed out. The competition was won by Ryde 8 over Blacktown 5.

#### A Grade Standings

|   | Team           | P  | W  | L  | D | Bye | Win pct | For | Ag  | Runs Diff |
|---|----------------|----|----|----|---|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----------|
| 1 | Ryde           | 18 | 15 | 3  |   |     | 83.3    | 173 | 56  | 117       |
| 2 | Central Coast  | 18 | 13 | 5  |   |     | 72.2    | 175 | 114 | 61        |
| 3 | Blacktown      | 17 | 11 | 6  |   |     | 64.7    | 157 | 108 | 49        |
| 4 | Baulkham Hills | 17 | 8  | 8  | 1 |     | 50      | 140 | 124 | 16        |
| 5 | Greenway       | 18 | 5  | 12 | 1 |     | 30.6    | 90  | 160 | -70       |
| 6 | Cronulla       | 18 | 0  | 18 |   |     | 0       | 70  | 243 | -173      |



## *A Grade Award Winners*

### Batting Award:

#### **Kim McMillan from Blacktown Workers**

Kim had 46 At bats and 7 walks, scoring 19 runs with 29 hits, 22 singles, 6 doubles and 1 triple. A batting average of 630, slugging % of 804 and an on base % of 679.

### Pitching Award:

#### **Brittany Hepburn from Ryde**

Brit had 29 innings pitched facing 132 batters. Gave up only 9 earned runs. Struck out 56 batters, Had 21 walks, 17 hits with an ERA of 2.90 and a strike % of 57.6

### Golden Glove:

#### **Tahnee Lovering from Ryde**

Tahnee played 15 games, with 115 put outs, 14 assists and 0 errors. A fielding % of 1000 which is not easy when you touch the ball as often as a catcher does. She had 6 catchers caught stealing and only gave up 15 stolen bases all season.

### Rookie of the Year:

#### **Ebony Hughes from Greenway Giants**

Ebony played all 17 games season. She had 72 put outs, 11 assists and 5 errors. She has a fielding % of 943. With the bat, she had 51 at bats, 8 walks, scored 13 runs, had 19 hits, 17 singles and 2 doubles. She had 16 RBIs. She has a batting average of 373, a slugging % of 412 and an on base % of 475.

### A Grade MVP

#### **Pani Moanoroa-Taylor from Blacktown Workers**

The MVP was very close this season. Only 4 points separated the top 8 point scorers. Pani pitched 28 innings, facing 141 batters, had 23 earned runs, gave up 14 walks, 33 hits and struck out 30 batters. She had an ERA of 5.75. She played 16 games, had 12 put outs and 12 assists with a fielding % of 774. Pani had 47 at bats, 6 walks, scored 23 runs, had 15 hits, 12 singles and 3 doubles, she had 12 RBIs. She had a batting average of 319, a slugging % of 383 and an on base % of 439

## B grade

The B grade competition consisted of seven team competing over 18 rounds. Of the 54 games scheduled, eight were washed out and four were forfeited.

The grade consisted of 89 players, an increase of 23 players over the previous season.

We saw:

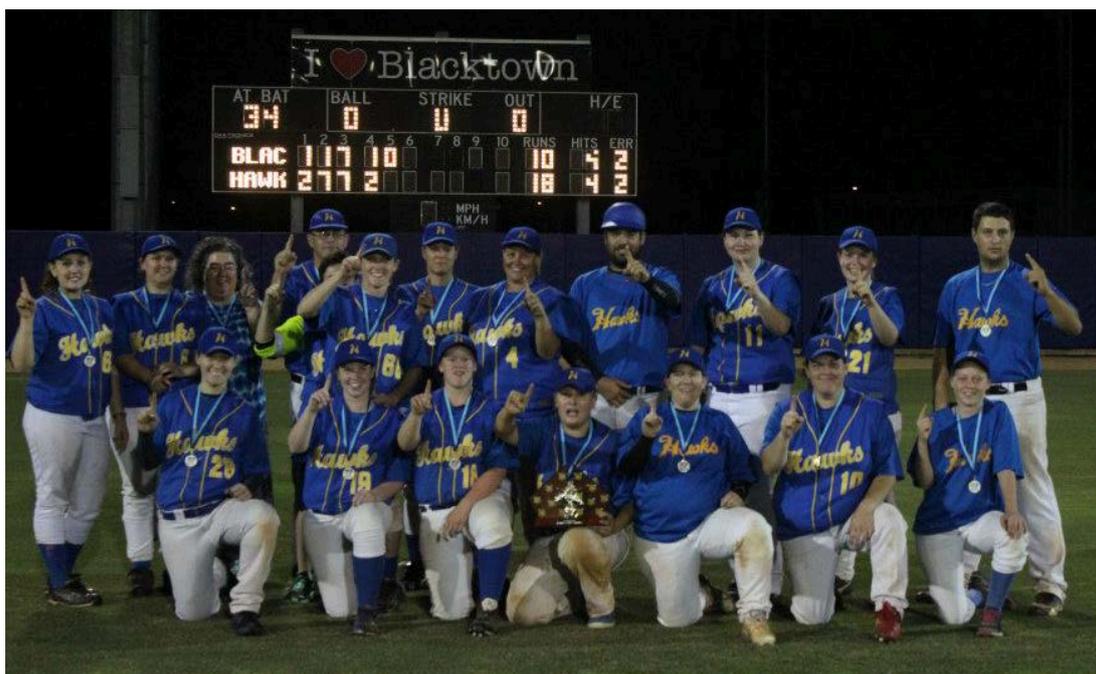
- Warriors withdraw from the competition
- one of the two Penrith teams transfer to Hawkesbury
- a new team established under the Greenway banner
- Blacktown entered the competition
- Macarthur entered the competition

This was a net increase of two clubs and two teams over the 2011-12 season.

Unfortunately the first and second semi finals were washed out. The competition was won by Hawkesbury 18 over Blacktown 10.

### B Grade 2012/13 - Standings

|   | Team           | P  | W  | L  | D | Bye | Win pct | For | Ag  | Runs Diff |
|---|----------------|----|----|----|---|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----------|
| 1 | Hawkesbury     | 14 | 14 | 0  |   | 3   | 100     | 220 | 29  | 191       |
| 2 | Blacktown      | 13 | 10 | 3  |   | 2   | 76.9    | 189 | 102 | 87        |
| 3 | Greenway Black | 12 | 8  | 4  |   | 3   | 66.7    | 126 | 78  | 48        |
| 4 | Penrith        | 14 | 5  | 8  | 1 | 2   | 39.3    | 104 | 147 | -43       |
| 5 | Macarthur      | 13 | 4  | 8  | 1 | 4   | 34.6    | 106 | 189 | -83       |
| 6 | Greenway Red   | 13 | 4  | 9  |   | 2   | 30.8    | 95  | 157 | -62       |
| 7 | Vikings        | 13 | 0  | 13 |   | 3   | 0       | 71  | 209 | -138      |



## *B Grade Award Winners 2012/2013*

### Batting Award:

#### **Kylie Pedler from Blacktown Workers**

Kylie had 15 At bats and 11 Walks. She scored 21 runs. She had 11 hits, made up of 5 singles, 2 doubles, 3 triples and 1 Home Run. She scored 18 RBIs.

She had a batting average of .733, a slugging % of 1.467 and an On base % of .852.

### Pitching Award:

#### **Erin Morgan from Hawkesbury**

Erin pitched 13.33 innings, facing 49 batters. Only 4 earned runs were scored off her pitching. She allowed 5 walks and only 3 hits. With an ERA of 2.10 and a Strike % of 40.84

### Golden Glove:

#### **Jessica Edwards from Blacktown**

Jess played 11 games as catcher. Has 44 put outs, 6 assists and only 1 error. She had a fielding % of 980 and had 3 catchers caught stealing.

### Rookie of the Year:

#### **Alison Powell from Greenway Black**

Alison played 11 games this season. With 63 put outs, 6 assists and 4 errors, she has a fielding % of 945. She had 4 catchers caught stealing. Alison had a batting average of .522, a slugging % of .870 and an on base % of .645. She had 23 at bats, 8 walks, scored 20 runs, had 12 hits (7 singles, 3 doubles, 1 triple and 1 Home run). She scored 14 RBIs.

### B Grade MVP

#### **Erin Morgan from Hawkesbury**

Erin had 20 at bats, 21 walks, scored 21 runs, had 7 hits (5 singles & 2 doubles) and 10 RBIs. She has a batting average of .350, a slugging % of .450 and an on base % of .717. Erin pitched 13.33 innings, with only 4 earned runs. She gave up only 5 walks and 3 hits facing 49 batters. She has an ERA of 2.10 and a strike % of 40.84 % with a fielding % of 974, she had 29 put outs, 8 assists and 1 error.

## **Female Development**

This season the Standing Committee agreed not to conduct an All Stars Day, in favour of a Girls Development day held at Fred Finch Park, Berkley.

We continued with the development of the Junior All Girls (JAG) series as well as taking control of the hosting of the Sydney Invitational Women's Tournament.

### ***Girls Development Day (GDD)***

The A grade Round 11 was played at Fred Finch Park, Berkley on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 as part of the GDD. The aim of the day was to promote female baseball in the Illawarra Baseball Association region. Approximately 30 girls attended and were treated to a first class morning of development from a range of our A grade players and team coaching staff.

### ***Girls Friendship Series (GFS)***

NSW travelled to Victoria with 69 players and 18 coaches and support staff to compete in the 2012 GFS. The players made up six team, two in each age group of U17 (21 players), U15 (23 players) and U13 (25 players). The Series was held over three days with 11 teams competing in all. NSW offered to hold the 2013 series which was held in late September 2013.

### ***Junior All Girls Series (JAG)***

The JAG Series was again well supported with six team in each of the U13's and U15's. Unfortunately the weather again was not on our side with games across three of the seven rounds being rain affected. However approximately 70 girls were able to enjoy a number of games over the December – February period.

### ***Sydney Invitational Women's Tournament***

The Invitational unfortunately was rain affected with the event moving from Aquatic to Bensons Lane. However most teams were able to get four games in over three of the four days that the tournament was scheduled. Division 1 was won by Melbourne Wolverines, taking home the \$1200 purse and Division 2 saw ACT undefeated in the round games and taking home the \$600 purse.

Rain aside a well run event thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and supporting hosts of Manly Warringah District Baseball Assn and Hawkesbury Hawks Baseball Club.

## Financials

| Women's League 2012/13                                          |                                                        |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| ACTUAL                                                          |                                                        |                   |
| INCOME (all income includes GST)                                |                                                        |                   |
|                                                                 |                                                        | Budget            |
| Team Registration - A Grade                                     | 6                                                      | \$3,000.00        |
| Team Registration - B Grade                                     | 7                                                      | \$3,500.00        |
| Fines - Forfeits                                                |                                                        | \$600.00          |
| Fines - Breaches                                                |                                                        | \$600.00          |
| Fines - Protests                                                |                                                        | \$200.00          |
| Sponsorship ( Anonymous- JAG Trophies)                          |                                                        | \$200.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                    |                                                        | <b>\$8,100.00</b> |
| EXPENSES (all expenses include GST)                             |                                                        |                   |
| Trophies (Incl JAG)                                             |                                                        | \$1,105.80        |
| Final Series Balls (6 balls per game x 8) @ \$55                |                                                        | \$0.00            |
| Umpires (Final Series) - 8 umps                                 |                                                        | \$480.00          |
| BISP Hire (Prelim. Rounds)                                      |                                                        | \$1,110.00        |
| BISP Hire (Finals Series ONLY, with lights, games)              |                                                        |                   |
|                                                                 | With Lights @ \$150 per game                           | 1 \$150.00        |
|                                                                 | With No Lights @ \$35 per hour (3hrs per game = \$105) | 1 \$105.00        |
| Printing & Stationary - Girls Promotion Day at Fred Finch       |                                                        | \$555.00          |
| BNSW Admin Fee (5% x \$4,594.20)                                |                                                        | \$229.70          |
| Women's Invitational Series 2014                                |                                                        | \$1,000.00        |
| JAG Series 2013/14                                              |                                                        | \$1,000.00        |
| Refund of Fees to G/Final Winners of 2012/13 Comp. Both Grades) | 2                                                      | \$1,000.00        |
| Friendship Series 2013/14                                       |                                                        | \$700.00          |
| Development of Women's Umpires                                  |                                                        | \$500.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                    |                                                        | <b>\$7,935.50</b> |
| <b>Profit/Loss</b>                                              |                                                        | <b>\$164.50</b>   |

**Notes for 2012/13 Season**

\*\* Umpire Fees @ \$60 per umpire for the Final Series. Total of \$480 as the semis weren't played due to wet weather.

\*\* Baseballs for the final series were at no cost as left over balls were used.

\*\* BNSW 5% Admin Fee based on profit.

\*\* Refund of fees paid to the Grand final Winners of the 2012/13 Women's competition

\*\* JAG & Friendship Donations are for replacement of Uniforms due to logo change & to further in the development of Junior girls.

\*\* Paid Development & Accreditation of 2 Women's Umpires. A MINIMUM OF 10 women's games MUST BE umpired throughout the season, or the Course fees must be repaid back to the Women's Committee.

**\*\*\$1400 in Income not budgeted for, but that occurred, due to the large number of Forfeits, Breaches & Protests that occurred during the season.**