

BASEBALL
NORTHERN TERRITORY

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Baseball Northern Territory acknowledges Australia's First Nations people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and their continuing connection to country, sea and water. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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Thank You to Our Valued Sponsors

On behalf of our entire team, we extend our deepest gratitude to our generous and supportive sponsors. Your commitment to our mission has been instrumental in bringing meaningful impact across our communities.

Your contributions go far beyond financial support, they represent a shared belief in the power of sport, community and opportunity. Thanks to your partnership, we've been able to deliver high-quality programming, foster local talent and create memorable experiences that resonate far and wide.

We are proud to stand alongside sponsors who value integrity, inclusion and measurable outcomes. Your support empowers us to keep striving, keep growing and keep making a difference.

Thank you for being part of this journey. We look forward to continuing our collaboration and celebrating many more milestones together.

Warm regards,

Baseball NT

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Crocosaurus Cove
In the heart of Darwin City

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When it counts, count on us.



RESULTS @ A GLANCE



MEMBERS

424 ↑ **32%**

FEMALE +75%
TBALL + 116%

VOLUNTEERS

53 Volunteers +104%

26 Coaches +125%

14 Umpires First accreditations

SOCIALS

1730 FOLLOWERS
+500 & 47%

CHAIR'S REPORT

It is my honour to present this Annual Report, having stepped into the role of Chair after three years on the Board. I pay my deepest respect to outgoing Chair, Josh Ang, whose steady leadership and dedication guided Baseball NT through challenging times and laid the foundation for our current successes,

I wish sincerely thank General Manager, Rob Gower who led with critical thinking, vision and dedication. His departure at the end of the year closes a remarkable two-year chapter at the helm and we extend heartfelt thanks for his contributions to Baseball NT.

Special praise must go to Kai Meuronen, whose outstanding efforts as Development Officer led to his well-deserved promotion to Participation and Pathways Manager. It is especially pleasing to see Kai's contributions recognised on the national stage, opening new opportunities and bringing pride to our Territory.

Other successes from the year include Nathan Mitchell's selection to umpire at Little League, following his participation in the Umpiring Course held in Alice Springs; and the memorable vision of Jordan McVeigh's game-winning catch featured on the Baseball Australia highlight reel at Little League in June.



This year also saw the launch of the Darwin Women's Baseball League, supported by Taverner's NT. This initiative truly showed how fresh ideas, inclusiveness and collaboration can attract new members to our baseball community.

This year's small financial loss was an anticipated and budgeted investment in the future of our game, reflecting our commitment to ongoing growth and opportunity.

I extend my thanks to every player, volunteer, staff member, sponsor and supporter. The spirit within Baseball NT remains strong—together, we look ahead with optimism, united in our commitment to inclusion, development and excellence at every level.



Narelle Gosstray
Chair
Baseball Northern Territory



NT BUFFS REPORT

2025 was another year filled with learning, fun, progress, rain, tears, more rain, opportunity and achievement across the board for our NT Buffaloes.

Trials began in December, teams were announced in January and another season of Buffalo baseball was underway — this time stepping into new territory with the introduction of two brand new age groups: Junior League and Little League (Division 1).

Junior League Buffaloes
With most of the squad making the jump up in age group from Little League, the Junior League Buffs were the first cab off the rank, competing at the Australian Junior League Championships in Lismore, NSW, from May 28 to June 1.

The elements provided a challenge right from the start. Just a week before departure, tournament organisers announced that venues would be split between Lismore and Surfers Paradise Baseball Club (QLD), setting the stage for some long travel days.

Led by first-time Head Coach Peter Porambo, the team's mindset was clear: "*Why not us?*" and "*Win or lose, we walk off the field having given our best — and with smiles on our faces.*"

Play began on May 28 in Lismore with a tough opening double-header against eventual champions Brisbane North and 2024 titleholders Hills Red. Despite the results, the Buffs showed strong, gritty pitching performances that kept them in the fight early.











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Day two saw the Buffs make the 1.5-hour drive north to Surfers Paradise to face the eventual runners-up Melbourne Mets, putting together a far more competitive showing. Highlights included 4.1 strong innings from Logan McGargill and a *viral caught-stealing* moment from catcher Lucas Porambo.

Unfortunately, persistent wet weather brought the tournament to an early end after just three games. Still, the experience was far from lost — the team bonded over trips to Top Golf, a Gold Coast Suns game and plenty of shopping at Pacific Fair.

The Buffs held strong to Coach Pete's message and made everyone in the NT proud. A huge thank you to Pete, Gav, Lachie, Nicole and Jonni for their hard work before and during the trip and to everyone at the Far North Coast Baseball Association for their tireless efforts to get games on despite the weather. It didn't go unnoticed.

Little League Buffaloes

The Little League Buffs headed to Blacktown, NSW for the Australian Little League Championships from June 8 to 13.
After finishing 3–3 in the old Division 2 format last year, the Buffs made the jump to the *main game* — their first Division 1 appearance since 2015. With only two returning players from 2024, it was a young and fresh group — a challenge new Head Coach Ray Brown embraced with enthusiasm.

The Buffs held their own in pool play with close contests against Ryde Red (NSW), Brisbane North (QLD), Macarthur (NSW), Eastern Phantoms (WA) and Melbourne Rangers (VIC).

Momentum built against the Melbourne Twins, with strong pitching from Blake Derr and William George and four runs scored against one of the tournament's best defences.

What followed in their final game was something truly special. Against the Canberra Rangers, the Buffs jumped out to an early 3–0 lead thanks to a clutch RBI single from Jordan McVeigh. From there, ace pitchers Jayden Loose and Caleb Brown combined for six innings of tough-as-nails work to deliver the Buffaloes' first-ever Division 1 victory, 3–2.

The pure joy on the kids', coaches' and supporters' faces said it all, a moment that captured what this game is all about.

To top off an incredible week, the NT Buffaloes were honoured with the Little League Spirit of the Game & Sportsmanship Award — a true testament to the team's energy, attitude and respect for the game. How fun was this group? They reminded everyone exactly how baseball is meant to be played.

Off the field, the Buffs also spent an afternoon at the GWS Giants AFL facility, where they got to kick the footy and meet some of the Giants players — another highlight in a week full of unforgettable memories.

Massive thanks to Rav, Ethan, Brian, Renee and Marie for their



Kai Meuronen
Participation & Pathways Manager
Baseball Northern Territory







BASEBALL NT
Strategic Plan 2024 to 2027

WHY are we here	To grow, advance and administer baseball throughout the Northern Territory.
WHAT is our future	We will see a thriving baseball community with increased visibility, higher membership, and enhanced quality of play. Our vibrant and inclusive culture will support players of all ages and backgrounds, providing pathways and programs that promote fair play and healthy lifestyles. We will be recognised for the opportunities we provide and our community engagement.

WHERE is our focus	Identity & Profile **Raise Awareness**	Experience & Growth **Increase Participation**	Capability & Capacity **Grow our People**	Partnerships **Build Sustainability**
HOW we grow	• New NT Championships • 3 Junior Representative Teams • Professional Games in NT • More Media Coverage	• New Female Leagues • Enhanced TBall Leagues • Masters Pathways • More Recognition	• Coach Development • Umpire Development • Scorer Development • Volunteer Onboarding Resource	• Darwin Juniors into DBL • ASC Game Plan usage • New Strategic Partners • New Revenue Sources

STRATEGIC PROGRESS IN 2025

1. The Outback Super Series launched
2. Darwin Women's Baseball League launched
3. The BNT board increased from 4 to 8 volunteers
4. Little League TBall launched
5. Social Media followers increased by 47%
6. Coaching Accreditations increased by 225%
7. Umpire Accreditations increased by 7x
8. Revenue increased by 8%
9. Sponsor revenue by 126%

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

It has been an exciting and productive year for Baseball Northern Territory (BNT), marked by renewed energy, growth in membership and the successful delivery of several key programs that continue to strengthen the game across the Territory. Our focus this year has been on creating more opportunities for players of all ages and abilities to participate, while building the structures that support long-term sustainability and excellence in the sport.



Outback Super Series

One of the highlights of the year was the inaugural Outback Super Series, held in April. The week-long camp brought together players aged 12–16 from across the Northern Territory for a unique development experience combining high-quality coaching, skill development and competitive gameplay. The series not only showcased the depth of emerging talent in our region but also reinforced the importance of providing Territory-based pathways for young athletes. The event was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of our coaches, volunteers and supporters and has set a strong foundation for future editions.



Darwin Women's Baseball League

The launch of the Darwin Women's Baseball League was another significant milestone. The competition brought together women of all experience levels in a fun, inclusive and competitive environment that has reinvigorated female participation in the sport. The enthusiasm, camaraderie and quality of play on display each week highlighted the strength and potential of women's baseball in the Territory. We are proud to have created a space where women and girls can thrive and we look forward to expanding the league in the coming season.



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Umpiring Program

Our umpiring development program has also seen encouraging progress this year. BNT successfully delivered an accredited umpire course, attracting new participants and strengthening the base of officials available for both junior and senior competitions. The focus on education, mentorship and pathway development has been instrumental in improving the standard and consistency of officiating across the Territory. We extend our appreciation to all who completed the program and those who continue to support the game from behind the plate.

Little League T-Ball Introduction

In another exciting initiative, BNT introduced the Little League T-Ball program, designed to engage children aged 6–9 in a fun, safe and welcoming introduction to baseball. The program aims to build fundamental skills, teamwork and confidence while sparking a lifelong love for the game. Early participation and feedback from families have been overwhelmingly positive, with the program already expanding into schools and local clubs.

Looking Ahead

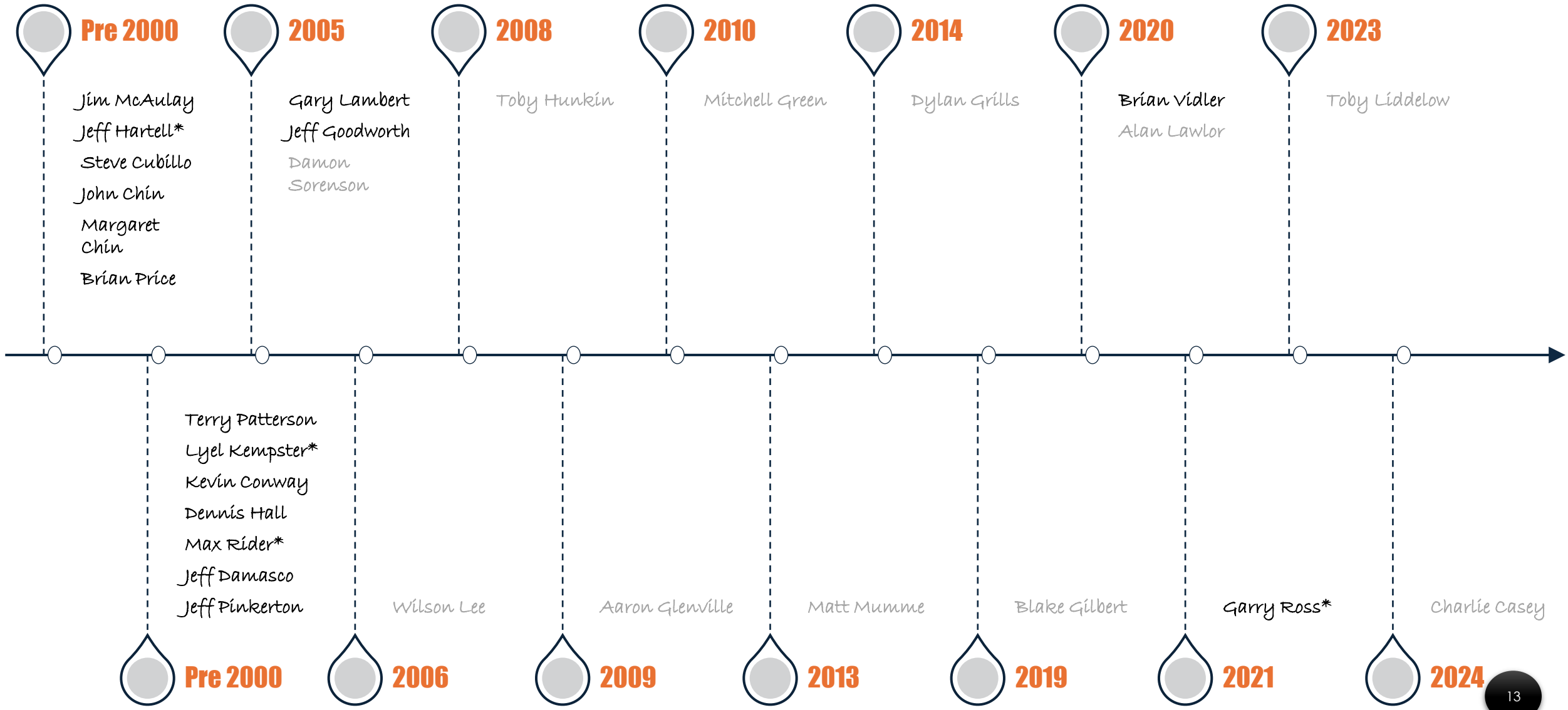
The achievements of this past year are a testament to the dedication of our players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and partners. As we look forward, our focus will remain on building strong participation pathways, enhancing competition structures and developing the next generation of Territory baseballers.

Baseball Northern Territory continues to grow stronger each year and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. Thank you to our community for your continued support and passion for the game.

Rob Gower
General Manager
Baseball NT

HONOUR ROLL

Life Members & Junior of the Year



* indicates deceased

indicates Junior of the Year