



# baseball & softball in lismore

## albert park baseball & softball complex

**L**ismore is a thriving regional city of around 45,000 people and is the economic and cultural capital of the Northern Rivers region of NSW. Nestled between the rainforest and the sea, Lismore has long been regarded as a City of Sports with excellent facilities, committed local clubs and strong affiliations with state and national sporting organisations.

The Albert Park complex is home to the sports of baseball and softball in the Northern Rivers and has hosted some of the most prestigious baseball and softball events and training camps held in Australia. The complex is unique in regional Australia in that it comprises four full-sized enclosed fields, two of which are under lights.

Lismore is well regarded as one of Australia's strongest non-metropolitan baseball and softball communities. From humble beginnings in 1937,

### The Facility – Baseball

**Baxter Field (Field 1):** 332ft to left  
313ft to right  
374 ft to centre

**Thew Field (Field 2):** 332ft to left  
332ft to right  
366 ft to centre

**Field 3:** 329ft to left  
329ft to right  
370ft to centre

**Field 4:** 309ft to left  
318ft to right  
351ft to centre

### The Facility – Softball

8 x fully fenced softball diamonds

### Features

- 7 x bull pens
- 2 x batting tunnels
- Moveable batting cage
- Soft-toss hitting areas
- Protective screen for pitchers and infielder
- First aid shelter
- Ample parking for buses

### Timberjack's House

- 2 x large locker rooms
- Function room
- Canteen
- Scorer and media facilities
- Umpires' room

**"I remember watching my dad play baseball at Albert Park when I was a kid. Years later, Albert Park has become one of the top baseball complexes in the country. I was fortunate enough to play on the same field as some of the region's and country's best players."**

#### Mathew Buckley

*Lismore-born short stop  
Australian Baseball Team  
1997 - 2002*



**"I currently play for the Australian Softball Team and so have been lucky enough to play at some of the best sporting fields in the world. For a regional facility, Albert Park certainly holds its own as a quality softball venue and with the benefit of a home crowd cheering you on, it's a tremendous atmosphere."**

#### Nick Shailes

*Lismore-born short stop  
Australian Softball Team  
2006 - 2007*



Lismore has produced a number of baseball legends who have represented NSW, QLD, Australia and even participated in Minor League in the US, Asia and Europe. Albert Park is located within a 5 minute drive of the city's CBD, the Lismore Transit Centre, accommodation and health facilities.





### Seating capacity

- 700 grandstand seating

### Lighting

- Baxter Field (#1) – international standard
- Thew Field (#2) – club competition standard

### Event Support

Council can provide the following events management assistance:

- Provision of First Aid
- Medical facilities close by at Lismore Base Hospital
- Elite sports training and athlete testing facilities at Southern Cross University
- Transport, accommodation and travel arrangements
- Administrative assistance and access to office facilities
- Ushering and crowd management
- Promotion and marketing
- Registration support
- Sponsorship and trade displays
- Site inspections
- Cross-training opportunities at Lismore Memorial Pool



### Baseball & Softball Sporting Associations

**Far North Coast Baseball Association** encompasses the region from Tweed Heads south to Grafton and west to Kyogle and includes 8 clubs from Alstonville, Ballina, Casino, Kyogle and Lismore. The competition comprises approximately 500 participants and caters for all age groups from Tee-Ball (Under 7s) to Seniors. The FNCBA has a reputation for producing quality players and staging training camps and major baseball events such as the annual Timberjacks International Friendship Series which is open to all touring sides and regional representative teams.

**Far North Coast Softball Association** covers the Lismore, Casino, Byron and Ballina areas and includes 30 teams and approximately 300 participants competing throughout the summer season. FNCSA has hosted State and Divisional Championships and produced numerous representative players for NSW, Australia and international leagues as well as State coaches and umpires.

### High Profile Events Held at Albert Park

- Asian AAA Youth Baseball Championships
- Annual Timberjacks International Friendship Series
- Australian Olympic Baseball Team training camp for the 2000 Olympic Games
- Australian Olympic Softball Team and National Academy pre 2000 Olympic Games warm-up matches



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