



# BASKETBALL NSW ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

BASKETBALL NSW ACKNOWLEDGES THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF COUNTRY THROUGHOUT NEW SOUTH WALES AND THEIR CONNECTIONS TO LAND, SEA AND COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE GATHER, MEET AND PLAY. WE PAY OUR RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT AND EXTEND THAT RESPECT TO ALL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES TODAY.

*The Land we share' was created by Jordan Ardler from the Aboriginal Community of La Perouse.*





# BY THE NUMBERS

## '23 NSW RECOGNISED PARTICIPANTS

**312,000**  
RECOGNISED PARTICIPANTS



## '23 NSW REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

**95,036**  
REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS



**75%**  
MALE



**25%**  
FEMALE



**371**  
PROGRAMS

**42,016**  
PARTICIPANTS



**126** ACTIVITIES  
**2,423** COACHES INTERACTED WITH.



**147** ACTIVITIES  
**2,552** TECHNICAL OFFICIALS INTERACTED WITH.



## AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

**37** PLAYERS

**8** COACHES

**41** TECHNICAL OFFICIALS



**6%**  
INDIGENOUS BACKGROUND\*



## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS

**468** JAMBOREE PARTICIPANTS  
(INC PLAYERS, COACHES, REFEREES AND REFEREE COACHES)

**721** SKILLS DAYS / HOT SHOT PARTICIPANTS

**922** COUNTRY/METRO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



**9%**  
CULTURAL & LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUND\*



**3** NBA GLOBAL ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS

## FORD AUSSIE HOOPS



**51** PARTICIPATING CENTRES

**9,717**  
PARTICIPANTS



**1%**  
HAVE A DISABILITY\*

## REPRESENTATIVE COMPETITIONS THROUGHOUT NSW



**53**  
ASSOCIATIONS

**6,081** GAMES

**7,374** PLAYERS

**5,654** JUNIORS

**1,720** SENIORS



**.5%**  
GENDER DIVERSE\*

## PATHWAY PROGRAMS

**158** STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

**7** CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

**16** WHEELCHAIR STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

**10** NATIONAL PERFORMANCE CAMP ATTENDEES

**159** DEVELOPMENT ATHLETE PROGRAM



# VISION & PURPOSE

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## VISION

BASKETBALL UNITES COMMUNITIES BY ENABLING PARTICIPANTS TO REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH EVERY LEVEL OF OUR GAME.

## PURPOSE

WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO REALISE THE POTENTIAL OF EVERYONE, STRENGTHENING THE BASKETBALL COMMUNITY AND MAKING THE SPORT ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.



# ABOUT US

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## ABOUT US

**BASKETBALL NSW IS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR BASKETBALL IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA. ESTABLISHED IN 1938, BASKETBALL NSW HAS A RICH HISTORY OF PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING THE GAME OF BASKETBALL THROUGHOUT THE STATE. AS AN AFFILIATED MEMBER OF BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA (BA), THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY, BASKETBALL NSW IS COMMITTED TO GROWING AND ADVANCING THE SPORT AT ALL LEVELS.**

With a strong focus on supporting its members, stakeholders, and the basketball community, Basketball NSW strives to create opportunities for all to participate in this all-inclusive sport. Currently boasting over 95,000+ registered members across New South Wales, Basketball NSW provides a platform for individuals of all genders, ages, and abilities to engage in the game they love.

Basketball NSW dedicates itself to the sport with passion and a commitment to excellence. It works tirelessly to promote the game's growth through initiatives, programs, and competitions for players, coaches, officials, and administrators, earning a reputation for professionalism, integrity, and innovation.

Basketball NSW is dedicated to promoting the game, developing talent, and building a strong basketball culture across the state. With a proud history and an ambitious vision for the future, Basketball NSW continues to significantly impact the basketball landscape in New South Wales and beyond.



# MEMBERS

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# MEMBERS

- Albury Basketball Association
- Armidale Basketball Association
- Ballina Basketball Association
- Bankstown Basketball Association
- Batemans Bay Basketball Association
- Bathurst United Basketball Association
- Blue Mountains Basketball Association
- Bombala Basketball Association
- Byron Bay Basketball Association
- Camden Valley Basketball Association
- Central Coast Basketball Association
- Central Coast Waves Basketball Association
- Cessnock District Amateur Basketball Club Ltd
- City of Blacktown Basketball Association
- City Of Sydney Basketball Association
- Coffs Harbour Basketball Association
- Cooma Basketball Association
- Deniliquin Basketball
- Dubbo Basketball Association
- Gilgandra Basketball Association
- Glen Innes Basketball Association
- Gloucester Basketball Association
- Goulburn Basketball Association
- Grafton Basketball Association
- Griffith Basketball Association
- Gundagai Basketball Association
- Gunnedah Basketball Association
- Hawkesbury and District Basketball Association
- Hills Basketball Association
- Hillston Basketball Association
- Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association
- Illawarra Basketball Association
- Inner West Basketball Association
- Inverell Basketball Association
- Junee Basketball Association
- Kempsey Basketball Association
- Kiama Basketball Association
- Leeton Basketball Association
- Lismore Basketball Association
- Lithgow Basketball Association
- Macarthur Basketball Association
- Maitland Basketball Association
- Manly Warringah Basketball Association
- Marrickville Spirit Basketball Association
- Merimbula Basketball Association
- Milton Ulladulla Basketball Association
- Moruya Basketball Association
- Moss Vale & District Basketball Association
- Mudgee Basketball Association
- Muswellbrook Basketball Association
- Narrabri Basketball Association
- Narrandera Basketball Association
- Newcastle Basketball
- Northern Suburbs Basketball Association
- Orange District Basketball Association
- Penrith & District Basketball Association
- Port Macquarie Basketball Association
- Queanbeyan Basketball Association
- Quirindi Basketball Association
- Scone Basketball Association
- Shoalhaven Basketball Association
- Springwood Basketball Association
- St George Basketball Association
- Sutherland Basketball Association
- Tamworth Basketball Association
- Taree Basketball Association
- Temora Basketball Association
- Tumbarumba Basketball Association
- Tumut Basketball Association
- Tweed Valley Basketball Association
- Ungarie Basketball Association
- Valley Braves Basketball Association
- Wagga Wagga Basketball Association
- West Sydney Wolves Basketball Association
- West Wyalong Basketball Association
- Wollondilly Basketball Association
- Yamba Basketball Association
- Young Basketball

*\*Only associations that registered participants in 2023 are listed.*





# **BOARD MEMBERS & BNSW STAFF**

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# BOARD MEMBERS & BNSW STAFF

## BNSW BOARD



• Jennifer Dean (Chair)



• Lisa Yen



• Laurretta Claus



• Steve Lennon



• Mark Wilks



• Janelle Reid

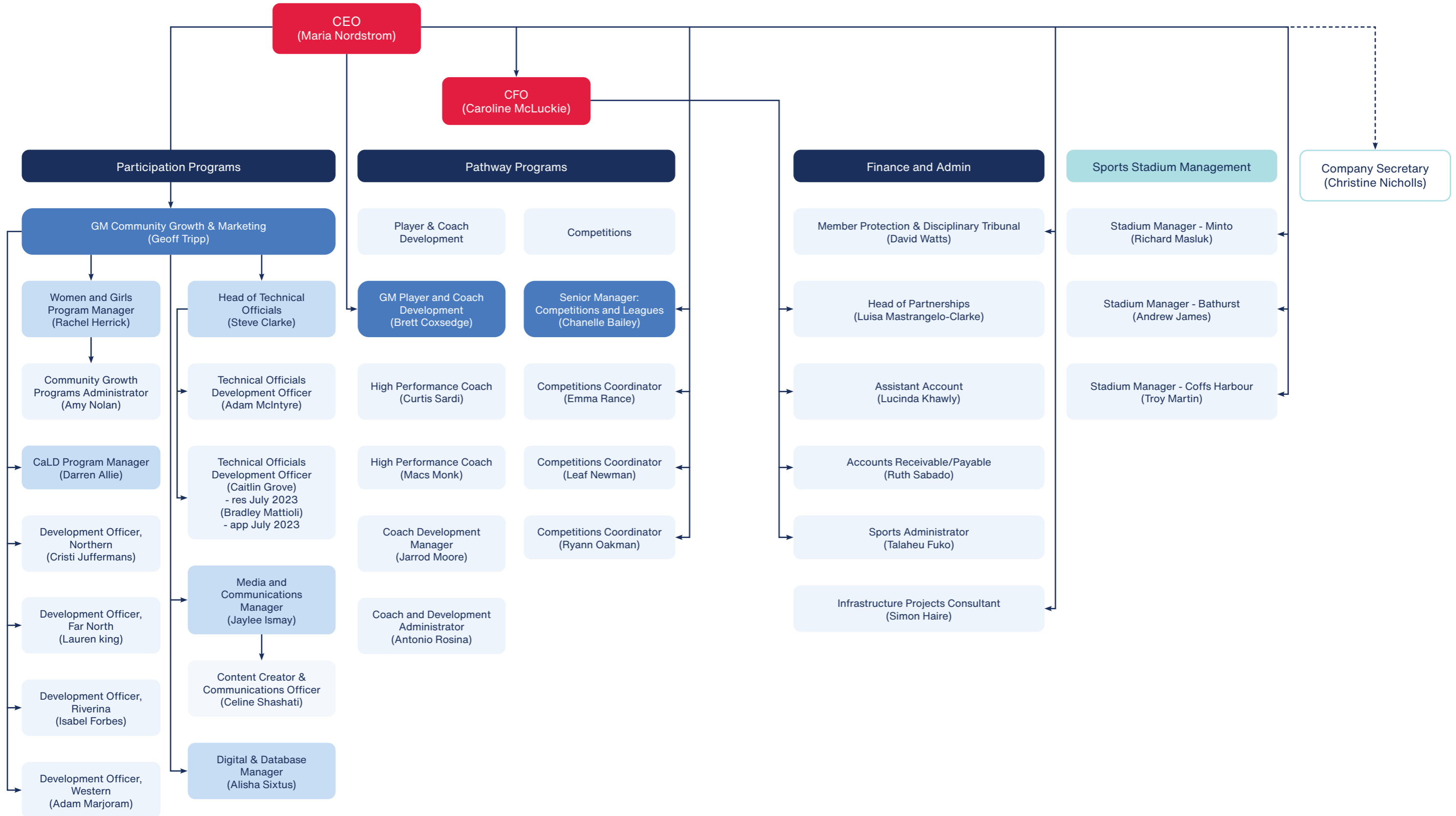


• Anton Brown





# BNSW STAFF







## LIFE MEMBERS

- Mr. Eric L. Callaway (1954 – 1983)
- Mr. Jack D. Small OAM (1958 – 1992)
- Miss Lydia W. Molly (1960 – 1973)
- Mr. William G. Young (1960 – 1974)
- Mr. George W. Francis (1964 – 2000)
- Mr. Ron S. Luke OBE (1964 – 1989)
- Mr. Merv E. Emms (1968 – 2003)
- Mr. Al M. Ramsay MBE (1972 – 2021)
- Mr. Sidney (Sid) J. Taylor OAM (1972 – 2016)
- Mr. Bob A. Elphinston OAM (1978 – )
- Mr. Robert (Bob) E. Staunton OAM (1978 – 1990)
- Mrs Pam Willmette OAM (1980 – 2013)
- Mr. Norm T. McNevin (1981 – 1998)
- Mr. Keith B. Fenton (1982 – 2011)
- Mr. Peter J. Yeend (1982 – 2015)
- Mr. John F. Martin (1985 – )
- Dr. John Raschke OAM (1985 – 1992)
- Mr. Charlie Ammit (1988 – 1990)
- Mrs Lorraine M. Landon (1990 – )
- Mr. Roy H. Brettell (1991 – 2005)
- Mr. Denis G Kibble (1991 – )
- Mrs Vickie L. Croucher (1993 – )
- Ms. Barbara Jansen (1994 – 2023)
- Mr. R. Whittaker (1994 – 2019)
- Ms. Leila Hines (1995 – )
- Mr. Lesley T. Moore (1995 – )
- Mrs. Maureen M. Elphinston (1997 – 2021)
- Mr. Ken R. Harvey (1998 – 2019)
- Mr. John G. Davidson (2000 – )
- Mr. David W. Brettell (2002 – )
- Mr. Don R. Pollock (2005 – 2010)
- Mr. Paul W. Beale (2007 – )
- Mr. Richard J. Boyle (2007 – )
- Mr. Bruce Leonard (2015 – 2020)
- Mrs. Leeanne Palmer (2015 – )
- Mr. William (Bill) Goodman (2016 – 2017)
- Mr. Alec Bacic (2017 – )
- Mr. Kim Murphy (2017 – )
- Mr. Evan Bennett (2018 – )
- Mr. Robert (Bob) McGugan (2018 – )
- Ms. Colleen Corkeron (2021 – )
- Ms. Nancy Haslop (2022 – )
- Mr. Robert (Bob) Sim (2022 – )

*\*The first year listed indicates the year the Life Membership was awarded, the reference to a second year indicates the year the life member passed away.*



# **HALL OF FAME & HALL OF CHAMPIONS**

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# HALL OF FAME & HALL OF CHAMPIONS

## 2011

- Alistair Ramsay MBE OAM (dec)
- Bob Elphinston OAM
- Bruce Flick (dec)
- Charlie Ammit (dec)
- Dr. Adrian Hurley OAM
- Dr. John Raschke OAM (dec)
- Eric Callaway (dec)
- George Thompson (dec)
- Jack Small (dec)
- John Gardiner OLY (dec)
- John Martin
- Karen Dalton OLY
- Keith Fenton (dec)
- Ken Finch OLY
- Lauren Jackson AO OLY
- Les Gough
- Lorraine Landon OAM
- Maree Jackson
- Merv Emms (dec)
- Mervyn Moy
- Michael Wrublewski OAM (dec)
- Nancy Hill
- Pamela Willmette OAM (dec)
- Robbie Cadee
- Robert Staunton OAM (dec)
- Sid Taylor AM (dec)
- Trish Fallon OLY

## 2013

- Brad Dalton OLY
- Colin Dewhurst Sr (dec)
- Evan Bennett
- Gordon McLeod OLY
- Harry Burgess (dec)
- Ken Cole OLY
- Ken Harvey (dec)
- Melva Hancock (nee Saunders) (dec)
- Roger Shiels
- Terry Charlton OLY
- Troy Sachs PLY
- Vickie Croucher





## 2015

- Denis Kibble
- Ken Clifford (dec)
- Liesl Tesch PLY
- Matthew Nielsen OLY
- Peter Yeend (dec)
- Ray Rosbrook (dec)
- Robert McGugan
- Ron Luke (dec)
- Ross Graham
- Tom York OAM
- Wendy Laidlaw OLY

## 2017

- Annie La Fleur OLY
- Bruce Leonard (dec)
- Debbie Cadee
- Gordon Young (dec)
- Ian Davies OLY (dec)
- Lisa Edmonds PLY
- Patrick Hunt AM
- Paul Beale
- Terese Kennedy
- Tom Penrose (dec)

## 2019

- Andrew Lazaris OAM
- Barrie Meadows
- Carl Rodwell OLY
- Damien Keogh AM OLY
- Eve Craddock
- Gerry Hewson OAM PLY
- Jeff Davies
- Laretta Claus
- Rob Beveridge
- Shelley Gorman OLY
- Steve Bignell

## 2021

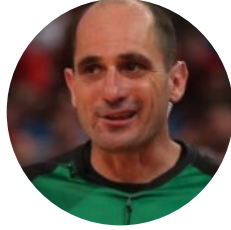
- Suzy Batkovic OLY
- Belinda Snell OLY
- Kylie Gauci PLY
- Maureen Elphinston (dec)
- Brad Giersch
- Matthew Wells



## 2023



• Bob Turner



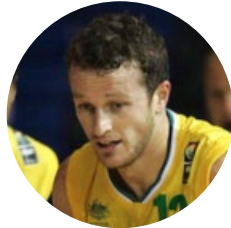
• Matthew Townsend



• Robyn Maher AM OLY



• Brendan Dowler  
OAM PLY



• Glen Saville OLY

## LEGENDS



• 2013 Alistar Ramsey  
MBE OAM



• 2015 Dr. John  
Raschke OAM (dec)



• 2017 Dr. Adrian  
Hurley OAM



• 2019 Bob  
Elphinston OAM



• 2019 Lauren  
Jackson AO OLY



• 2021 Lorraine  
Landon OAM



• 2023 Liesl Tesch  
AM PLY



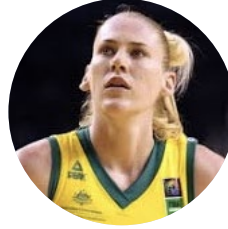
# HALL OF CHAMPIONS



• Brad Dalton OLY



• Karen Dalton OLY



• Lauren Jackson  
AO OLY



• Maree Jackson



• Terese Kennedy



• Damian Keogh  
AM OLY



• Annie La Fleur  
OLY



• Matthew Nielsen OLY

Hall of Champion (Sport NSW) inductees are approved by the Minister for Sport following recommendations from the Hall of Champions Selection Committee and NSW peak sporting bodies.





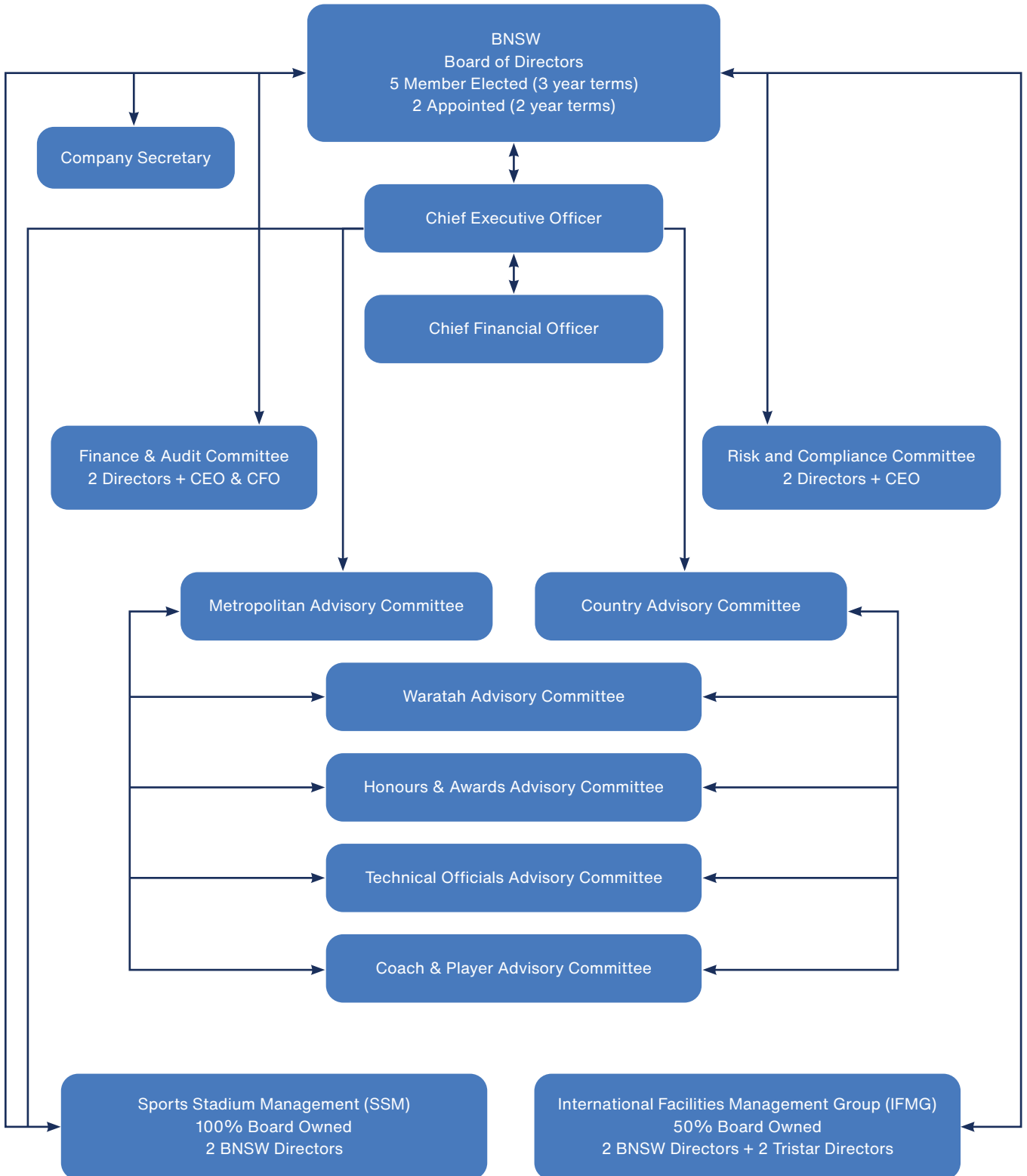
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# CHAIR REPORT

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# CHAIR REPORT

**AS I WRITE MY FINAL MESSAGE AS CHAIR OF BASKETBALL NSW, THIS WAS A CHANCE TO NOT ONLY FOCUS ON THE FANTASTIC YEAR WE HAD IN 2023 BUT TO ALSO REFLECT ON THE CONSIDERABLE CHANGE AND GROWTH WE HAVE HAD AS A SPORT OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS.**

On behalf of my fellow directors, I want to take this opportunity to thank our Association Members for the amazing job you have done throughout the last year as well as all the directors, staff and volunteers I have had the pleasure to work with over the years. Our local associations are the lifeblood of our sport and National and State Sport Organisations are only as strong as the grassroots organisations that run the sport.

With a variety of media around sporting organisations this year, it was an opportunity to reflect on the federated model of governance we operate under and how it can work cohesively and efficiently. The key is for all parties to understand and agree that we are involved because we love the sport of basketball and want to see it grow and operate sustainably into the future whether at local, state or national level. This shared mission then needs to be supported by clear governance structures and a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities.

It was my absolute pleasure last year to be able to meet with many of our volunteer Directors across the state to discuss the role of our constitution in setting governance standards and why we needed to make changes to ensure future sustainability. The trust and support the member associations showed by unanimously supporting this change humbled me. I want to thank the members of the Governance Working Group, particularly the member representatives Russell Graham and Donna McClelland.

**AT THE SAME TIME, THE STATE SPORTING ORGANISATIONS AND BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA ASSESSED ALL THE FUNCTIONS IN THE SPORT AND AGREED ON A ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FRAMEWORK FOR BASKETBALL. IN 2024, WE WANT TO CASCADE THIS WORK TO INCLUDE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK.**

Whilst focusing on future sustainability, basketball in New South Wales continued to grow and operate effectively in 2023. I want to acknowledge the outstanding work undertaken by the BNSW staff and our CEO, Maria Nordstrom. Our sport is seeing significant growth and the leadership shown by Maria over the last year has continued our growth in participation rates despite the facilities constraint. In 2023 we were also named the number 1 sport in NSW for Sporting Schools. In addition, we have continued our focus on being a sport for all with the inaugural Pride Basketball Australia Tournament being held in conjunction with World Pride in Sydney, the introduction of a wheelchair basketball High-Performance Program, the final plan for the Reconciliation Action Plan was submitted to Reconciliation Australia for approval, approval of our guidelines for the inclusion of Transgender and Gender Diverse People in Community Basketball policy and engagement with our various culturally diverse communities.



Reflecting on the growth of female participation in basketball over the past year and the significant progress made in the last decade is crucial. Serving as the first female Chair of Basketball NSW and a dedicated coach and mentor to women, this focus holds personal importance to me. I annually donate my Chair honorarium to support our female engagement initiatives.

The higher profile of our female players is reflected in the increased spectators numbers for the Sydney Flames as well the equal treatment and focus on the women's teams in NBL1 East. We have also made a conscious effort to promote female coaches in our High Performance Program and state programs as well as female officials. However, this is still more work to be done!

Following on from the success of the FIBA Basketball Women's World Cup, Sydney hosted the FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2023 which resulted in record attendance over six days of competition. The passion of the crowds supporting their countries was amazing and reflects the multicultural nature of our sport especially in the Asia Pacific region. Sport NSW recognised it as Event of the Year for 2023. Big thanks to all the volunteers and staff that assisted with the tournament.

## **SOME OF THE OTHER KEY AREAS OF ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE YEAR WERE**

- Congratulations to Norths Bears Women and Sutherland Sharks Men, our NBL1 East 2023 Champions. In particular, the Bears demonstrated the increasing strength of our league by competing outstandingly at the National Finals to finish National runners-up that was held in Perth.
- The growth in facilities with 26 courts become available whilst 194 courts are in development or were granted funding with several more funding announcements particularly in relation to large facilities in Penrith and Newcastle.
- The unbeatable U14 Illawarra Hawks Girls took on the best from all over Australia to be crowned the U14 National Club Champions. I look forward to following the careers of this outstanding group of girls.
- Congratulations to all our NSW players who were selected into Australian teams this year, this is captured on pages 79 of this report.
- Successfully hosted the BNSW State Conference with over 100+ attendees, covering topics such as sports governance, inclusion, overview of the BNSW strategic plan, infrastructure development, referee development, the launch of our diversity, equity and inclusion plan, leadership & governance, and customer engagement, alongside an Extraordinary General Meeting addressing roles & responsibilities for basketball in Australia.
- The 2023 Hall of Fame event that recognised those who have reached the pinnacle of our sports. Liesl Tesch AM PLY was elevated to legend status whilst the following individuals were inducted into the Hall of Fame, Bob Turner, Matthew Townsend, Robyn Maher AM OLY, Brendan Dowler OAM PLY, and Glen Saville OLY.





Thank you to my fellow Directors who provided amazing support and stepped in individually to help with specific issues throughout the year. I also wish to personally thank all the BNSW Directors I have worked with over the last 10 years with a special shout out to Bob Elphinston OAM. Without your support and belief, I would not have stepped up and carried out one of the most fulfilling roles in my life. I also wish to thank Maria for being a great CEO to work with as we both equally supported and challenged each other. I have full confidence that Lisa Yen, as your new chair, and the rest of the Board will lead basketball in NSW to bigger and better things.

On a final note, I take this opportunity to thank the whole basketball community for their support and passion not only over the last year but the last 10 years and to look forward to the exciting times ahead for our sport. See you around the courts!



## JENNIFER DEAN

*Chair*





# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

## AT THE END OF 2023 BASKETBALL HAD COMPLETED ANOTHER YEAR OF ACCELERATED PARTICIPATION GROWTH.

We reached 95,000 participant members across NSW, a 11% growth on the 2022 numbers. This is the largest number of participant members NSW has ever had, which is exceptional and will move us up to the top tier of participation sports in NSW.

This significant member participant growth can only be achieved with the support of our associations, staff and volunteers, who are using innovative ways to provide more spaces for everyone to play while we continue to have a shortage of courts in metropolitan Sydney and our major regional centres. For that I thank you. I also want to congratulate you on both recognising the opportunity and the challenge, and for example changing the game formats and available time for each game to fit more people in and put basketballs in more young kids' hands.

There is significant continued excitement around the sport which is underpinning this growth and we are hoping this will continue as we move into 2024.

Following the success of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022, we co-hosted FIBA Women's Asia Cup with Basketball Australia in June 2023. The tournament again garnered massive support from the local community and we saw record fan engagement and spectator attendance at the Quaycentre in Sydney Olympic Park.

**SYDNEY HAS DEFINITELY FALLEN IN LOVE WITH BASKETBALL. THIS IS FURTHER SUPPORTED IN THE FAN ENGAGEMENT AND SPECTATOR NUMBERS FOR BOTH THE SYDNEY FLAMES AND THE SYDNEY KINGS IN THE PAST WNBL AND NBL SEASONS.**

2023 was our final year of running the NSW Legacy Programs emanating out of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022. The 'I Am A Girl', Indigenous and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse programs provided almost 35,000 kids opportunities to come and try our sport during the 2.5 year period. Following a review of these programs, we will continue in 2024 with new branding and some new additions to the existing programs. While the program will continue to be funded through support from the NSW Government, the programs will now need to move to the user pays model in 2024. The popularity of the programs allowed us to retain all our resources on the grounds delivering them and expand their focus as per our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plan launched in November 2023.

Girls participation grew by 11% in 2023. We are seeing many girls developing strong fundamental skills, leadership on and off the court and resilience throughout the development pathway in NSW. Many are going on to represent Australia as players and coaches at the junior level and through scholarships to the Centre of Excellence and NBA Global Academy. For the first time an Under 14s girls team from NSW won the National Club Championship in 2023. Congratulations to the girls and coaches from Illawarra U14 Girls team.

At our State Conference in November 2023 we published our 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Progress Report. It is important to reflect where we have come from and what we have been able to achieve based on our strategic plan and strategic roadmap. Traditionally strategies focus on the growth and governance elements of a sport. We deliberately set out to focus on those but also to unlock our key barriers to future growth; facilities, diversification of funding, marketing and communications and data.

I am proud to say while facilities require ongoing significant focus our pipeline as of the end of 2023 looks healthier and we will see a number of projects completed over the next few years. We will continue to strategically focus on facilities through advocacy, directly partake in master planning and development of venues and to strategically consider various facilities formats to meet our sport's short, medium and long term requirements for more places to play.



In our diversification of funding space we completed our first partnership strategy and significantly improved our success rate on grant applications and launched our NSW fundraising strategy with a number of initiatives including our first fundraising campaign 'Pay it Forward', raising funds for Dream Hoops 1000. I would like to personally thank all our generous donors for your support which provides opportunities for those who need it the most.

We further established the Communications Group which will continue its work in 2024 with an implementation plan in 2025. Our focus is to have a clear business to business communications plan as well as a business to consumer communications strategy completed by the end of 2024.

In our data space we are now at a point where we manage everything we do through data. In 2023 we were in the market to replace Gameday, our registration and competition management system. We will see the implementation of the new system from Q2 to the end of Q3 2024.

A special Thank You goes out to our partners, without you we would not be able to do what we do: Specially I would like to thank GTK our wheelchair parter, Spalding, iAthletic, Soul Sports and Allied transport for your ongoing support.

It takes many dedicated volunteers to allow a sport to flourish and in 2023 we celebrated and thanked Steve and Trish Nicolls for their 30 years of service to the sport. Steve and Trish have given their all to the development and evolution of basketball in this state, especially to our Technical Officials community and for that I personally and on behalf our organisation and community thank you both.

Further to this, I am truly grateful to our whole outstanding community. Many individuals have made significant contributions to our sport and have been vital in supporting our staff and representing our stakeholders. I want to especially express my gratitude to Bob McGugan, a BNSW Hall of Fame and Life Member who has chaired the Waratah Advisory Committee for many years.

Bob, your dedication to upholding integrity, adherence to rules, and unwavering support and guidance for both me and our team have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for all your years of service. Basketball in NSW has flourished due to your dedication and advice.

The acknowledgement of our staff is paramount as without you we would not be able to do what we do. We have asked you to move mountains and you definitely have ! With our 31 people we have achieved many milestones over the last five years but 2023 was again exceptional. Thank you for being part of our team and putting basketball where it belongs in our sporting landscape, as #1 in Sporting schools and in the top tier of participation sports in our state.

I would finally like to thank our Directors and volunteers in our Board sub committees and advisory committees, you provide us with great insights and feedback on everything we do and that is invaluable to the ongoing development of our sport.

A special thank you, goes out to Jenny Dean, who has been the Chair of Basketball NSW for the last five years. It has been enjoyable working with you and I am grateful for your support, vision, robust and open dialogue and for driving us to achieve the key milestones in our governance improvements for both BNSW through our new Constitution and Basketball Australia through their new Constitution and the national game development levy (GDL). These improvements will hold us in good stead for years to come as a sport.

Myself and the staff wish you the very best in your next endeavours and again thank you for your support and everything you have done for our sport.



**MARIA NORDSTROM**  
*Chief Executive Officer*





# CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

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# CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

**2023 SAW THE CONTINUED GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS ACROSS THE STATE WITH A 11% INCREASE, WHICH IN TURN RESULTED IN A 25% INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP REVENUE YEAR ON YEAR.**

Year on year, grants fell with the 2022 FIBA Basketball Women's World Cup Legacy Program coming to an end in the year, and no further funding for COVID19 Community Sport Packages. In saying that, the organisation was supported with key grants from the following, as well as others:

- Basketball Australia, High Performance: \$49k
- Basketball Australia, Participation: \$64k
- Office of Sport, Governance: \$55k
- Office of Sport, ActiveFest: \$26k
- Office of Sport, (Her Sport Her Way) Female Leaders in Officiating Program: \$27k
- Office of Sport, (Her Sport Her Way) Grit For Girls Program: \$17k
- Office of Sport, FWBWC Legacy Program: \$261k

The work of the NSW Legacy Programs will continue into 2024 with the support of funding made available by the success of the FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2023.

We also saw continued support from our partners including Spalding, Soul Sports, iAthletic, and GTK. For 2024, we have a partnership strategy, which you can read more about later in the annual report. This will look to enhance engagement from current and future partners in supporting participation and reduce barriers in our game.

The year saw the return of our January High Performance events that had been put on hold due to COVID: Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup; East Coast Challenge; Southern Cross Challenge; and Shootout. Revenue for these all included in our income received, with relevant costs in our direct cost. These events bring in double the amount of income than what the January D League produced but had higher level of costs incurred. Our Talented Athlete Program had an increase in revenue of 25% year on year.

Keeping with High Performance, unfortunately we are still experiencing high cost of travel and accommodation for our state teams. Whilst supported in part by our partners, these costs are still predominantly user pays. A part of our partnership strategy looks to target this area to reduce costs for the participant.



In the community growth space, our Country Development Camps and Hot Shots Programs continue to grow. The Country Development Camps more than doubled in gross profit year on year and Hot Shots Programs increased their GP by 19%.

Investment into officiating programs increased by 74% in the year, including a significant enhancement of the Elite and Junior Referee Programs.

Basketball NSW as a single entity made a surplus of \$294k in the year.

Sports Stadium Management made a small surplus of \$1.3k in 2023 and IFMG provided a management fee to the group of \$34k.

SportzCentral in Coffs Harbour went through an extension in 2023, resulting in two of the current courts being closed for access. The works took longer than expected meaning that for a significant portion of the year, revenue was lost as a result. The impact being a negative result for that stadium. However, this was supported by significant surpluses in both Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium and Minto Indoor Sports Centre.

Following the re-introduction of the Sports Stadium Management fee payable to Basketball NSW for strategic management and financial operations, the organisation paid a fee of \$40k to Basketball NSW in the year.

From a group perspective, the organisation made a surplus of \$300k in the year with \$154k being transferred to the infrastructure reserve, making the total in the reserve fund \$896k.

2024 will focus on engaging partners that we can work together with to operationally and financially support our game, delivery of Women & Girls, First Nations and Multicultural Programs to achieve the deliverables of the 2024-25 NSW Legacy Program, and further look to reduce barriers of participation in our sport throughout all levels of the game by reducing costs, and diversifying income to support participation.



**CAROLINE McLUCKIE**

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# 2023 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

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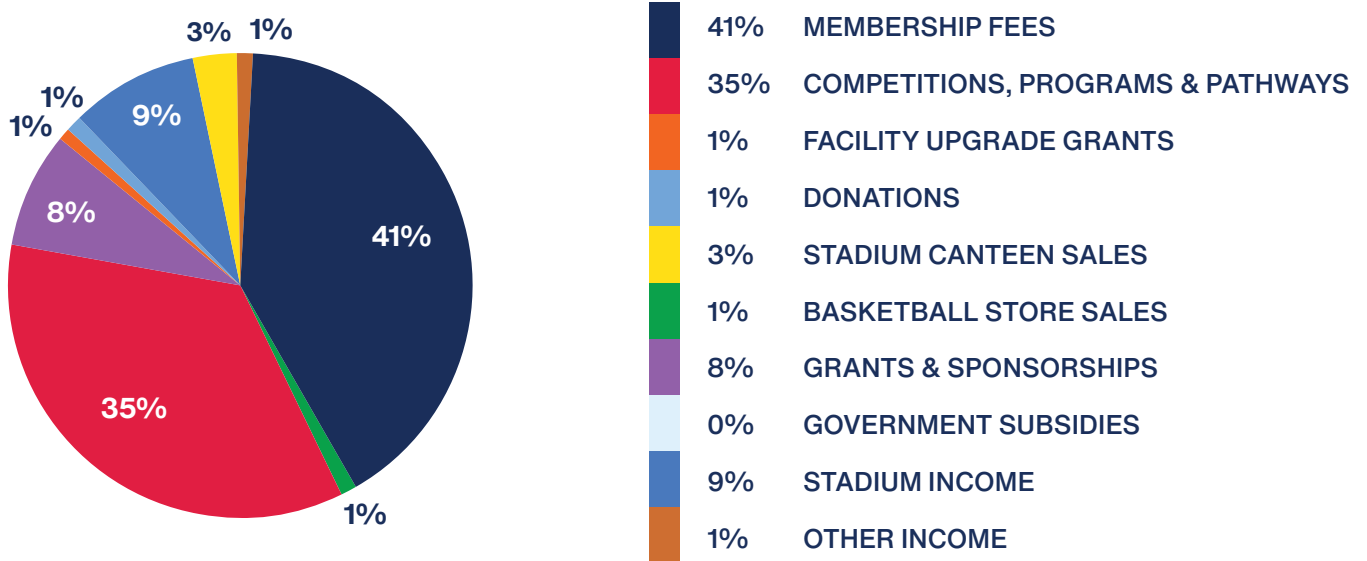


# PROFIT & LOSS

## REVENUE

REVENUE	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
Membership Fees	4,000,342	3,192,577	25%
Basketball Store Sales	144,714	144,513	0%
Competitions, Programs & Pathways	3,389,273	2,806,034	21%
Grants & Sponsorship	744,661	740,237	1%
Facility Upgrade Grants	145,948	1,125,541	-87%
Government Subsidies	-	165,000	-100%
Donations	54,888	27,708	98%
Stadium Income	917,646	920,849	0%
Stadium Canteen Sales	288,341	282,374	2%
Other Income	67,864	50,242	35%
	<b>9,753,677</b>	<b>9,455,075</b>	<b>3%</b>

## REVENUE SPLIT





## EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
Competitions, Programs & Pathways	3,641,973	2,730,120	33%
Basketball Operational Costs	4,641,217	4,974,074	-7%
Stadium Operations	1,203,241	1,130,043	6%
Share of (Profit) / Loss of IFMG	(19,896)	6,784	-393%
Income Tax Expense / (Benefit)	(13,214)	6,102	-317%
	<b>9,453,321</b>	<b>8,847,123</b>	<b>7%</b>

## SURPLUS FOR YEAR

SURPLUS FOR YEAR	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
	<b>300,356</b>	<b>607,952</b>	<b>-51%</b>





# BALANCE SHEET

## ASSETS

### CURRENT ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
Cash	3,800,821	2,774,710	1,026,111
Receivables	489,607	963,580	-473,973
Inventories	79,641	42,439	37,202
Prepayments	627,791	413,524	214,267
Other Assets	77,826	253,640	(175,814)
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>5,075,686</b>	<b>4,447,893</b>	<b>627,793</b>

### NON-CURRENT ASSETS

NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
Receivables	13,750	14,351	(601)
Investments	90,490	70,594	19,896
Property, Plant & equipment	2,615,778	2,559,003	56,775
Intangible Assets	19,113	26,283	(7,170)
Other Assets	109,538	23,414	86,124
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2,848,669</b>	<b>2,693,645</b>	<b>155,024</b>

### TOTAL ASSETS

	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,924,355</b>	<b>7,141,538</b>	<b>782,817</b>



# LIABILITIES

## CURRENT LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
Payables	631,386	874,518	(243,132)
Lease Liabilities	22,258	9,447	12,811
Provisions	269,334	226,934	42,400
Grants & Deferred Income	1,613,607	1,057,907	555,700
Other Liabilities	5,500	10,886	(5,386)
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,542,085</b>	<b>2,179,692</b>	<b>362,393</b>

## NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
Lease Liabilities	57,516	-	57,516
Provisions	172,966	110,417	62,549
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>230,482</b>	<b>110,417</b>	<b>120,065</b>

## TOTAL LIABILITIES

	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,772,567</b>	<b>2,290,109</b>	<b>482,458</b>

## NET ASSETS

	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>5,151,788</b>	<b>4,851,429</b>	<b>300,359</b>





# EQUITY

EQUITY	2023	2022	INC / (DEC) YOY
Reserves	1,699,251	1,489,855	209,396
Retained Surplus	3,452,537	3,361,574	90,963
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>5,151,788</b>	<b>4,851,429</b>	<b>300,359</b>

# RATIOS

LIQUIDITY	2023	2022
Net Income Ratio	3%	7%
Current Ratio	2.07	2.04
Debt to Asset Ratio	0.34	0.32
Sustainable Coverage (weeks)	14	13







# DIVERSIFICATION OF FUNDING REPORT

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# DIVERSIFICATION OF FUNDING REPORT

In 2023, our dedication to diversifying funding sources through grants, partnerships, and fundraising took a strategic turn. These strategic efforts serve as the foundation for program diversification, overcoming participation barriers, and basketball's impact on our communities.

Our efforts in the grants space witnessed increased success, marked by a more proactive and strategic approach. Our approach involved diversifying the types of grants we pursued and expanding our scope to encompass a broader range of funding sources. We explored diverse opportunities that align with our multifaceted programs. The diverse array of funding bodies from which we successfully secured grant funding underscores the breadth of our programs. It showcases how basketball serves as a powerful tool in addressing various societal challenges and breaking down barriers.

The grants awarded in 2023 are helping us achieve our Growth Objectives:



Additionally, we supported our Associations by addressing grant inquiries, assisting with application processes, and aiding in reporting procedures. By creating a comprehensive suite of grant resources accessible to all community members, we are equipping our Associations with the necessary tools for success in the grants space.

In 2023, we developed a Partnership Strategy with Other Side of the Table, marking a new era in collaborative partnerships.

This undertaking lasted six months, involving the BNSW board, all staff, and community leaders in shaping the strategy and developing the necessary tools for its successful execution. A notable milestone was reached by developing the Partnerships Prospectus, which showcased our strengths and reach and articulated our vision.

Aligning our partnership strategy with BNSW's overarching objectives wasn't merely a shift from transactional collaboration; it paved the way for mutually beneficial relationships. We continue to nurture and strengthen our bonds with current partners, and we recognise the importance of these relationships in creating change.

View the official partners of Basketball NSW here: [www.bnsw.com.au/about/partners](http://www.bnsw.com.au/about/partners)



The generosity of the BNSW community was evident in 2023, with a remarkable number of donors contributing over \$73k exemplifying the generosity of our community and our shared goals. Donations toward Dream Hoops 1000 increased by 87% in 2023, and we directed donations toward other areas, including Women's and Girls' programs and the newly created Building Blues Fund.

At the heart of our fundraising efforts was the Dream Hoops 1000 initiative, a testament to our community's shared dream of breaking down financial barriers. The funds raised translate into 157 grants, allowing new kids across NSW to step onto the courts for the first time, regardless of financial circumstances.

As Dream Hoops 1000 enters its second year, it continues to gain traction in the community with increased awareness of its mission and easier access to the grants it provides. We are grateful to have Soul Sports as our Official Dream Hoops 1000 Partner, who has been unwavering in their support.

This year, we produced three campaigns: the End of Financial Year, our annual Pay it Forward, and the Free Wills Week Campaign. These campaigns and our continuous fundraising efforts demonstrate our commitment to being leaders in the area. Head to the back of this report for the full list of donors.





# INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES

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# INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES

A MAJOR CONSTRAINT FOR FUTURE BNSW MEMBERSHIP GROWTH IS THE AVAILABILITY OF COURTS FOR ASSOCIATIONS TO CONDUCT PROGRAMS AND COMPETITIONS.

- Current modelling has identified demand for over 300 more courts over the next 10 years.
- Basketball alone has demand for 160 additional courts.
- The main need is in high growth metropolitan areas and major regional centres.
- The 'court pipeline' includes a total of 270 courts.
  - 72 courts across 21 projects are fully funded or scheduled for construction.
  - An additional 18 high priority projects delivering 70 courts have been identified.
  - The pipeline includes a further 128 courts across 44 projects that are largely unfunded and at various planning stages.







## FUNDED PROJECTS

As of December 2023, there are 270 courts in the pipeline for indoor facilities. Out of these, 72 courts are part of 21 projects that are either fully funded or slated for construction.

Highlighted in bold are the projects currently under construction, with some already completed in 2023.

FACILITY NAME	COUNCIL	PROJECT TYPE	NEW COURTS
Penrith Indoor Multi-Sports Arena	Penrith	New	10
Hyland Road Sporting Complex	Cumberland	New	4
Fairfield Showground – ISC	Fairfield	New	4
St Ives High School	Ku-ring-gai	Extension	2
Lane Cove Indoor Sports Centre	Lane Cove	New	4
Oran Park Indoor Sport Centre	Camden	New	4
Huntley Street ISC	Sydney	New	4
Tumut Basketball Stadium	Snowy Valleys	New	2
PCYC Head Quarters (PCYC)	Parramatta	New	3
PCYC Auburn	Cumberland	Upgrade	
PCYC Blacktown	Blacktown City	New	3
North Richmond Community Precinct	Hawkesbury	New	2
PCYC Port Macquarie	Hastings	New	2
Gore Hill Sport Complex	Willoughby	New	6
<b>Cooma Indoor Sports Stadium</b>	<b>School Infrastructure</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>3</b>
Dubbo Sporting Hub (PCYC)	Dubbo Regional	New	5
<b>PCYC Wagga</b>	<b>Wagga</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Griffith Indoor Sports Stadium</b>	<b>Griffith</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Sportz Central Stadium</b>	<b>Coffs Harbour</b>	<b>Extension</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PCYC Hawkesbury</b>	<b>Hawkesbury</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>2</b>
Kevin Betts Stadium	Blacktown	Extension	2

These projects provide tremendous potential for accommodating and boosting membership growth. However, the final ‘yield’ for BNSW will depend on the availability and affordability of these facilities for basketball along with other activities.

Therefore, continued work on supporting access to these venues and facilitating future projects is vital.



# PRIORITY PART FUNDED + UNFUNDED PROJECTS

The pipeline for indoor facilities includes an additional 18 high priority projects delivering 70 courts have been identified and are in various stages of planning and funding.

FACILITY NAME	COUNCIL	PROJECT TYPE	NEW COURTS
Basketball Central - Centre of Excellence	Parramatta	New	6
Hunter Indoor Sport Centre*	Newcastle	New	12
Tallawalla Reserve	Georges River	New	4
Northern Beaches ISC	Northern Beaches	Extension	2
Morris Iemma Sports Stadium	Canterbury-Bankstown	Extension	2
Lismore Basketball Stadium	Lismore	Extension	2
Gunnedah Basketball Stadium	Gunnedah	Upgrade	0
Sutherland Leisure Centre	Sutherland	New	10
Lauren Jackson Sports Centre (Excellence Hub)	Albury	Extension	3
The Brick Pitt	Hornsby	Extension	2
Bernie Mullane Sports Complex	The Hills Shire	Extension	3
Beaton Park - Illawarra Sport Excellence Hub	Wollongong	New	6
"HorseWorld" - Box Hill	Hills Shire	New	6
Ryde Community Sports Centre	Ryde	Extension	3
Taree Indoor Sports Stadium	Manning	New	3
Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium	Bathurst Regional	Upgrade	0
Bankstown Basketball Stadium	Canterbury-Bankstown	Extension	2
Manly	Northern Beaches	New	4





## FOCUS PROJECT: HUNTER INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

- The Hunter Indoor Sport Centre will deliver state of the art multi-purpose indoor sports courts; allied health suites; cafe, social spaces; gym/movement studio, multi-purpose function rooms; change rooms; spectator seating and car parking. Co-located with the visionary Hunter Park Precinct, the project will deliver crucial indoor sport infrastructure to serve the Lower Hunter as well as providing an excellence hub for the Hunter Region.
- The project will address the chronic short fall in the quantity and quality of indoor courts in the region and provide athlete development and high performance opportunities. This will reduce barriers to participation that are currently preventing people from participating in sport and physical activity.
- The design vision for the Hunter Indoor Sports Centre is for a multifaceted sports hub that serves the whole community. All facilities are fully accessible and inclusive for all users regardless of age or ability. Courts will be marked and fitted out for multiple sports including basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton and futsal. The facility has been designed in modules to enable a range of activities and services to be provided at one time but connected through a central movement zone.

## FUNCTIONAL FEATURES

- Showcourt module – includes retractable seating so that in normal use contains 3 courts but in ‘show mode’ can hold approximately 2,400 spectators and includes a function room overlooking the main court
- High Performance module – includes one standard court and one training and performance hub that will include a range of specific training and performance and analytical equipment to help all athletes reach their optimum levels
- Community court modules
  - Two 3 court sports halls enables connectedness yet separation of activities, each big enough to accommodate full sized international futsal and/indoor hockey courts for tournament play
  - One two court hall provide a separate training and competition space for an alternative activity, it also provides an opportunity for specific group users (e.g. school, community service providers) to utilise a secure space
- Allied health hub – will be available to service providers that support and complement the core functions of the centre, connecting community health as well as athlete development
- Administration spaces (upstairs) – provide accommodation for Newcastle Basketball, Basketball NSW, Volleyball, Hunter Academy of Sport and for a future NBL team (potentially other partner sports)
- Studios and rooms – combined provide a multi-functional suite of spaces that can cater for fitness, physical conditioning and testing, education, meetings, functions and events.

## FUNDING AND STAGING

- \$25m was granted to Newcastle Basketball in 2019.
- Some funding was expended on planning for previous identified sites at Hillsborough and Glendale.
- The remaining funding is adequate to deliver 6 courts in a stage 1 development.
- Additional funding \$15m is being sought to deliver more courts in Stage 1 (8 courts) and further tranche to fund the full development (Stage 1 and 2).



# COMMUNITY GROWTH & MARKETING

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## ACTIVE KIDS

The Active Kids voucher program closed on 31 January 2024 and was replaced by the combined Active and Creative Kids voucher program.

Since 2018, the Active Kids voucher program provided more than seven million vouchers, contributing more than \$560 million towards the cost of participation in sport and active recreation for school-aged children.

Since its inception, over \$19.63 million of the Active Kids budget spent on basketball activities.



## SPORTING SCHOOLS

Basketball dominates as the top sport choice for schools in the Sporting Schools program in NSW, uniting 42,016 students in grassroots sports development. Nationally, basketball climbs to the #3 spot in 2023. NSW stands out as the heart of sports engagement, contributing 35% to national programs. This exceptional participation highlights the excellence of the programs offered.

Sporting Schools programs are provided free to children and their families to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life.

To help achieve this, the Australian Sports Commission has partnered with more than 35 national sporting organisations (NSOs) and national sporting organisations for people with disability (NSODs). There are programs for primary schools and a targeted program for Year 7 and 8 students in secondary schools.



## FORD AUSSIE HOOPS

2023 marked a significant milestone for the Aussie Hoops program as Basketball Australia partnered with Ford in a multi-year deal to be the naming sponsor.

Ford also introduced a multi-million dollar nationwide advertising fund for Dealers to collaborate with Ford Aussie Hoops Centres, along with launching a national advertising campaign titled “Because all dreams start somewhere” across various platforms.

Although there was a slight 5% decrease in program participation to 9,717 children in 2023, there was a positive 2% increase in complimentary membership upgrades for families whose children transitioned from Aussie Hoops to regular competitions.





## PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS

Our U12 participation programs, Skills Days (Country) and Hot Shots (Metro), have been a hit in enhancing children's skills. We observed a 26% increase, totalling 721 participants.

Furthermore, 922 children engaged in our "Prep for Rep + Be Ready, Stay Ready" programs, with the Country program honouring Leeanne Palmer. This marked a 35% rise from 2022. The camps focus on individual skill development in various game scenarios and emphasize shooting techniques to foster more shooters in NSW while promoting fast play using the BNSW Country 5v5 Style.

In 2023, we hosted the John Davidson Jamboree in Port Macquarie & Griffith, attracting a total of 468 participants. Emphasising participation and enjoyment over winning, the Jamboree features specially tailored rules for all players' involvement. Apart from games, participants enjoy social activities and coaching clinics, creating a holistic and enjoyable experience for all involved.



## NSW LEGACY PROGRAM

The NSW Legacy Program was born as a major component of the successful bid for Sydney to host the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022, and made possible thanks to the investment and overall support of the NSW Government via the Office of Sport, the NSW Legacy Program 2021-2023 has positively impacted over 30,000 people across the state.

In the past three years, our sport has experienced unprecedented growth; with particularly pleasing areas of that growth including a 23% increase in total female participants, a 50% growth in Indigenous participants and 75.9% increase in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse participants. There is no question these positive shifts are the result of the activities run as part of the NSW Legacy Program.

Amongst the many highlights of the NSW Legacy Program are:

- A total of 35,158 people participated in NSW Legacy Program activation.
- Our 'I Am A Girl' program ran 236 'Come 'N' Try' clinics, reaching 10,104 girls under the age of 18 across the state. Almost 8,000 (79%) of the participants were trying basketball for the first time, with 1,718 (17%) now regularly playing as BNSW members.
- 99% of our Associations ran an 'I Am A Girl' Clinic, demonstrating their willingness and enthusiasm to adopt popular community programs and support the growth of women and girls in basketball.
- 5058 children participated in our Community Camps, 176% above our initial Program target.
- We ran 41 3x3 Hustle Tournaments, well above the 24 scoped, to give just under 3,000 kids the chance to experience the newer, more flexible format. 46% of participants identified as Indigenous, the highest of any program, demonstrating how well the product resonates with the Indigenous community and its potential for growth in the future.
- 75.9% growth in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse participants across the three year period. The CaLD community now make up 7.4% of our total participants (up from 5.9%) and are a key growth target for coming years.
- 50% increase in Indigenous participants across the three years, up from 2,438 in 2020 to 3,657 in 2023.
- 14% of participants have become regular basketball consumers by joining one of our affiliated member associations. We believe that this number is higher, however we were unable to collect individual participant data for activations held at schools.

In addition to the Legacy Program outputs, the collaboration and engagement opportunities for our staff and the whole basketball community around the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022 was uplifting.

After a difficult period for the entire community throughout COVID-19, for many, the chance to rub shoulders with the sport's greatest players whilst they were volunteering or appearing as one of the Hoyts Little Champions on the court pre-game, will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience they won't forget.

We were thrilled that the collective success of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022 gifted us a second female elite competition in as many years, the FIBA Women's Basketball Asia Cup 2023, and even more so that it will enable us to continue to run our Legacy Programs in 2024 and 2025.

With the learnings of the past three years to guide us, we're more confident than ever of the impact we and the sport of basketball can have on our target communities.





# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

At the 2023 Basketball NSW State Conference, we launched the 2023-2025 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan, a first for Basketball NSW.

The overarching goal of our DEI plan is to embed diversity, equity and inclusion principles into every aspect of our operations and programs. By doing so, we aspire to achieve increased participation, enhance accessibility, foster inclusive governance, promote education and awareness, implement equity initiatives and measure progress and accountability.

In our DEI plan, we identified the following priority community groups:

- Women and Girls
- First Nations
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse People
- People with a physical impairment
- People with an intellectual impairment
- Age/Masters
- LGBTQIA+ Community

To read our full plan, visit our website: [www.bnsw.com.au/dei](http://www.bnsw.com.au/dei)

# PCYC NATIONS OF ORIGIN

Nations of Origin is a multifaceted sport, cultural, education and leadership program that culminates around NAIDOC week annually. Basketball NSW has partnered with the PCYC to assist in the running of the 3x3 basketball competition.

The 2023 Nations of Origin 3x3 basketball competition was held at Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre with over 60 teams participating in the one day tournament.

Basketball NSW supports this event through staffing, managing the tournament and the appointment of technical officials.





## PRIDE IN BASKETBALL

As part of our Pride in Basketball program, Basketball NSW co-hosted the inaugural Pride Basketball Australia Tournament with Basketball Australia, as part of the Sydney WorldPride 2023 Pride Amplified Program.

This event took place from February 22 to 24, 2023, at the Alexandria Basketball Stadium in Sydney. With a total of 11 teams competing across three different divisions.

The first ambassadors for the Pride Basketball Australia Tournament included AJ Ogilvy and Anneli Maley.

Sydney Spectres Classic triumphed in the men's division, Brisbane Spectres clinched the women's division, and Perth Spectres - Coackatoos emerged victorious in the non-gendered division.

## PHYSICAL & INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENTS

A number of our associations and councils continue to support and deliver programs for the elderly (walking basketball), people with physical impairments (wheelchair basketball) and intellectual impairments (Sport Inclusion Australia, 4Titude and Special Olympics).

As part of a Federal Governments Strong and Resilient Communities (SARC) Activity grants program, Basketball NSW has created a new program called "Assist All Hoops", if successful we will deliver a state-wide program. Organisations awarded the grant will be announced in Q2 2024.

We also signed a MOU with Sport 4 All, a not-for profit, registered charity with over 15 years experience to delivering programs for individuals with intellectual and physical impairments, together we conducted a pilot of Assist All Hoops at Stanhope Gardens, the pilot was further supported by the City of Blacktown Basketball Association.

The target group for the pilot was for individuals of all ages who meet the Virtus classification of Intellectual Impairment (II1, II2, II3) this includes but not limited to people with Intellectual disability, Down Syndrome & Autism.

Basketball NSW will continue to collaborate with Sport 4 All to assess risks, implement mitigation strategies, and plan for the program's launch in 2024 pending being successful in obtaining grant.





## THE BASKETBALL NETWORK

The Basketball Network (TBN) is the overarching name used by Basketball Australia for a whole of sport technology solutions.

The Basketball Network comprises of a range of extensive products for competition and membership management. Through our partnership with Stack Sports (GameDay), these products are all provided free of any licence fees to all associations and clubs across NSW.

From a customer support perspective, we resolved 644 support tickets, with an average first response time of 1h.45mins.

Over 15 million was transacted through the platform.

In late 2022, Basketball NSW initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP) for its digital platform project. Over the year, the Digital Platform Taskforce conducted technical assessments, engaged with suppliers, clarified requirements, and shortlisted vendors. Super users were involved in providing feedback. Contract negotiations began in Q4, with the chosen vendor announced in Q1 2024.

## ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Basketball NSW has two advisory groups that represent our affiliated members, these groups were formed under the direction of the Basketball NSW Board, have their own charters, and meet quarterly or as required.

These advisory groups review, monitor, and make recommendations as appropriate to management and the Board in relation to basketball related matters. Meetings consisted of matter for information and matters for discussion, plus a forum meeting that is held as part of the State Conference.

The respective committees were also asked to appoint representatives to other BNSW advisory committees or working groups.

The Metropolitan Advisory Committee (MAC), Chaired by Laretta Claus in 2023 included Peter Hermann, Bret Mactavish, Christian Gobolos, Steve Burke, Kate Joveski, and Donna Flynn. Basketball NSW staff Maria Nordstrom and Geoff Tripp attended all meetings.

In 2023, following previous work by BNSW & NSW Country Committee Steering Group, the Country Basketball Advisory Committee (CBAC) held its first meeting chaired by Paul Beale and in later months Janelle Reid. Members included John Martin, Bob McGugan, Leeane Palmer, Donna McClelland (Glen Innes), Jason Bashforth (Lismore), Rachel Martin (Shoalhaven), Richard Marjoram (Lithgow) & Steve Gentle (Junee) along with Basketball NSW staff Maria Nordstrom, Caroline McLuckie, Brett Cocksedge and Geoff Tripp.





## DIGITAL SNAPSHOT

A significant highlight of 2023 was the remarkable growth of our social media presence, particularly on platforms such as Instagram and the burgeoning TikTok platform. Leveraging the power of social media, we engaged with our audience in innovative ways, sharing captivating content, behind-the-scenes glimpses, player features, and highlights from games and events. Our strategic use of social media not only enabled us to amplify our message but also facilitated direct interaction with our followers, allowing us to cultivate a vibrant online community passionate about basketball.

In line with the evolving digital landscape, our communications and marketing efforts also embraced the rising popularity of TikTok, a platform known for its short-form, engaging video content. By harnessing the creativity and virality of TikTok, we reached a younger demographic of basketball fans, showcasing the excitement and energy of the sport in fresh and engaging ways. Through viral trends, interactive content, and collaborations with different aspects of the sport, we are seeing a connected new younger generation of fans.

The Basketball NSW website underwent significant enhancements and updates in 2023 to ensure optimal functionality, user experience, and accessibility. We prioritised the development of user-friendly interfaces, intuitive navigation pathways, and responsive design elements to cater to the diverse needs and preferences of our audience.

ACROSS ALL THE DIGITAL ASSETS WE USE TO MARKET BASKETBALL NSW, WE HAVE GROWN 29% FROM 2022 TO 2023.





# COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Over the past twelve months, our dedicated team worked tirelessly to connect with our diverse stakeholders, including players, coaches, officials, associations, sponsors, and the broader basketball community through our marketing and communications plan to make sure that Basketball NSW was well positioned in the public eye.

Our efforts were anchored by a comprehensive communication plan that encompassed various channels, including digital platforms, social media, newsletters, press releases on our website, and direct outreach. Through these channels, we shared timely updates, important announcements, and compelling stories to keep our audience informed and engaged.

A significant milestone happened in early 2023, when the Basketball NSW brand underwent a significant refresh, marking the first update in nearly a decade. This initiative began with the development of a brand new style guide, followed by the implementation of brand changes across all digital channels. Subsequently, we gradually introduced logo updates and new designs across various assets, including merchandise, apparel, state and staff team uniforms, and other materials. This comprehensive overhaul aimed to ensure consistency, modernity, and attractiveness to both participants and partners alike, aligning with our commitment to maintaining a strong and dynamic brand presence.

In addition to branding initiatives, our marketing efforts focused on promoting participation, driving attendance at events, and fulfilling partner obligations. We launched targeted campaigns to showcase the excitement and inclusivity of basketball, such as the I AM A GIRL Program rebrand, encouraging young girls of all skill levels and backgrounds to get involved in the sport.

Furthermore, our communications and marketing team played a crucial role in supporting the growth of Competitions, including NBL1 East and the Spalding Waratah Leagues. Through weekly strategic messaging and promotional activities, we amplified the impact of these leagues on our social platforms while also leveraging our relationships with our key partners and sponsors.

The Foot Locker National Championships also provided an invaluable opportunity for our media team to capture dynamic footage, vibrant imagery, and insightful interviews with players, coaches, and officials representing our state teams. Through a combination of photography, videography, and multimedia storytelling, we were able to document the journey of our teams, from preparation and training to competition and pride for the NSW jersey. Through strategic dissemination of this content across our digital channels, including our website, social media platforms, and newsletters, we were able to engage with our audience, build excitement, and generate support for our state teams. By spotlighting the achievements of our athletes, coaches and officials in this way, we reinforced our reputation of producing quality content.

Looking ahead, we are dedicated to utilising efficient communication and marketing tactics to further advance the sport of basketball, enhance community involvement, and accomplish our organisational strategic plan objectives. We will also continue to embrace and adjust to new trends, embracing innovation, and maintaining a strong and trusted online brand presence.

## CONNECT WITH BNSW

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# TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, OUR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS DEMONSTRATED UNWAVERING DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM AT VARIOUS EVENTS ACROSS THE STATE, CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SUCCESS OF EACH COMPETITION. THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS HAVE ENSURED THE DELIVERY OF COMPETITIVE, SAFE, AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL OF OUR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND COMMITMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Furthermore, in addition to our on-court achievements, we take pride in acknowledging several off-court accomplishments within this domain.

The High-Level Technical Officials Development Plan 2022-2025, specifically focused on enhancing standards for referees, was meticulously formulated and successfully presented at the State Conference. The implementation of this comprehensive plan has commenced, laying the groundwork for sustained growth and advancement in officiating standards.

The plan has four development priorities:



To read our Development Plan, visit [www.bnsw.com.au/officials](http://www.bnsw.com.au/officials).

As part of the Development Plan for pathway opportunities, we received the Her Sport Her Way Grant in 2023 from the NSW Office of Sport. This provided us with \$26,000 in funding towards investment in leadership training, referee development and a female officiating conference. 10 female officials were invited to participate in the grant program and over the course of seven months, received leadership training and refereeing development from Jacqui Dover, a FIBA licensed womens' official.

As part of the grant program, the 10 female officials worked together to create and host the first ever Women's Officiating Conference in NSW, held at Sydney Olympic Park in November 2023. The purpose of this conference was to celebrate Female Officiating in Basketball, where we hosted female basketball officials from both past and present to connect, share experiences and hear from two female presenters in Chloe Dalton (Gold Medalist at Rio Olympics in Rugby 7s) and Carra-Lee Nolan (Current NSW Rugby League High Performance Referee).

Another pathway opportunity that kickstarted in 2023 was the launch of Elite Referee Scholarship Program delivered by the NBL. This is a tailored mentoring program for nine officials which has provided them with ongoing goal setting, group interaction, development plans and performance assessments over a 12-month period from the NBL's Referee Department.



## IN TOTAL WE HAD:



# 147

ACTIVATIONS HELD IN 2023



# 162

SCORETABLE OFFICIALS COMPLETED AN ACCREDITATION COURSE

UP  
**285%**



# 2,281

REFEREES COMPLETED AN ACCREDITATION COURSE

UP  
**65%**



# 34

STATISTICIANS COMPLETED AN ACCREDITATION COURSE

UP  
**126%**



# 75

REFEREE INSTRUCTORS COMPLETED AN ACCREDITATION COURSE

DOWN  
**1%**

With the steadfast commitment to providing educational opportunities and ensuring the availability of multiple pathways, we have observed referees consistently choosing to remain engaged and contribute to our leagues. As a result, in 2023, not a single junior or senior Waratah or NBL 1 East game was lost due to a shortage of available referees. This accomplishment is a source of great pride for us, and we express our sincere gratitude to the hard-working members of our officiating community for their dedicated efforts.

In 2023, a Senior League Referee Leadership Group was established, comprising of referees chosen by their peers, which stands as a testament to our commitment to fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement. This group convenes quarterly with Basketball NSW to provide transparent feedback on various facets of their involvement in the game.

The Technical Officials Department operates as a support unit to the Competitions Department. In addition to this pivotal role, we collaborate closely with numerous technical official representatives who serve as Program Managers. We extend our deepest appreciation to these individuals for their tireless dedication and invaluable contributions to the sport.

- NBL1 East - Jonathan Parkinson
- Southern - Courtney Smith
- Waratah Senior League - Shahrad Shafaghi
- Western - Blake Testoni & Adam McIntyre
- Junior Premier League - Caitlin Grove
- Statisticians - Trish Nicholls
- Metro - Oliver Toon
- Scoretable Officials - Michelle Nicholas
- North Eastern - Deb Burghardt





## INDIVIDUAL OFFICIALS HIGHLIGHTS

### FIBA REFEREE LICENCES

- Scott Beker
- James Boyer
- Nicolas Fernandes

### FIBA 3X3 REFEREE LICENSE

- Riannan De La Torre

### FIBA REFEREE INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM (FRIP)

- Albert Joseph
- Bruce Keirs
- Debbie Keirs
- John Rearden

### IWBF REFEREE LICENSE

- Helen Rosenberg

### IWBF REFEREE INSTRUCTOR LICENSE

- Matthew Wells, re-elected to the IWBF World Executive Council

### FIBA EVENTS

#### FIBA Women's Asia Cup, Sydney, Australia, 26th June - 2nd July

- Statisticians - Daniel Giffney, Jordan Knight (Gold Medal Game), Matthew Ryan, Andrew Napper, Helen Budd, Olivia Nicholls, Nikita Bradford, Stuart Thom (Bronze Medal Game),

Robyn Dening (Gold Medal Game), Rosalind Graham (Gold Medal Game), Daniel Licayan (Bronze Medal Game), Danielle Schwarzer, Sherwin Halder, Emma Claus, Trish Nicholls (Gold and Bronze Medal Games) & Supervisor - Laurretta Claus

- Scoretable - Heidi Wong, Michael Bills, Tro Manjikian, Jeffrey Cooper, Sue Baxter (Bronze Medal Game), Rachael Condon, Terrie-Lee Cross, Peter Nicholas (Gold Medal Game), Roupen Zarigian (Gold Medal Game), Colin Hart (Bronze Medal Game), Moses Kassas (Gold Medal Game), Keria Rostirolla, Greg Stevenson (Bronze Medal Game) & Supervisor - Michelle Nicholas





- Referees Manager - Albert Joseph, Referee Instructor - Debbie Keirs, Referee Instructor - Bruce Keirs, Video Operators - Shahrads Shafaghi, Sarah Cherry and Shaun Dodds

#### **FIBA U17 Oceania Championships, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 2nd - 7th October**

- Head Table Official - Michelle Nicholas

#### **FIBA Intercontinental Cup, Tenerife, Spain, 10-12 February**

- Referee - Scott Beker (Grand Final)

#### **FIBA Basketball World Cup Asian Qualifiers, New Zealand**

- Referee - Scott Beker
- Technical Delegate - Debbie Keirs
- Live Stats Review - Laurretta Claus

#### **FIBA Basketball World Cup Asian Qualifiers, Philippines**

- Referee - James Boyer
- Live Stats Review - Laurretta Claus

#### **FIBA Basketball World Cup, Indonesia, 25 - 30 August**

- Referee - Scott Beker

#### **FIBA Intercontinental Cup, Singapore, 21 - 24 September**

- Referee - Scott Beker (Grand Final)

#### **FIBA Women Olympic Qualifiers, Sopron, Hungary, 8 - 11 February 2024**

- Referee - Nico Fernandes

#### **Euro Qualifiers**

- Live Stats Review - Laurretta Claus

#### **FIBA Technical Delegates Workshop, Doha**

- Debbie Keirs

#### **FIBA 3x3 Events**

- Referee - Riannan De La Torre
  - Expo 2023 Doha Men's Challenger - (Quarter Final)
  - Womens Series Yichang Stop - (Semi Final)
  - U23 Nations League stop 4 - (Men's Grand Final)
  - U23 Nations League stop 5 - (Men's Grand Final)
  - U23 Nations League stop 6 - (Men's Grand Final)
  - U18 World Cup - (Women's Grand Final)

#### **IWBF**

- **World Championships, Dubai, UAE, 9 - 20 June** - Referee Supervisor/Instructor - Matthew Wells
- **Mens U25 World Championship, Bangkok, Thailand, 2 - 10 October** - Referee Supervisor/Instructor - Matthew Wells
- **Para Games in Guangzhou, China, 17 - 29 October** - A member of the Tournament Technical Committee as the Lead Referee Instructor - Matthew Wells

#### **INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES/ OTHER EVENTS**

##### **Boomers Pre World Cup Competition, Melbourne, 14 - 17 August**

- Referee - James Boyer

##### **2023 Pacific Games, Solomon Islands, 19 Nov - 2 December**

- Scoretable Instructor and Technical Delegate for 5x5 and 3x3 - Debbie Keirs
- Referee Instructor - Bruce Keirs

#### **NATIONAL LEAGUES FINALS 2022/23**

##### **WNBL**

- Referee - Byron Geddes (Game 1)

##### **NATIONAL LEAGUES 2023/24**

##### **NBL**

- Referees - Scott Beker & Nico Fernandes
- Scoretable - Michelle Nicholas, Peter Nicholas, Greg Stevenson, Roupén Zargarian, Michael Bills, Maddison Thacker, Heidi Wong, Colin Hart, Nicholas Rosenberg, Peter Hain, Moses Kassas, Keira Rosterolla, Mary-Jane Toole, Rachel Condon, Sue Baxter
- Statisticians - Daniel Giffney, Robyn Denning, Matt Ryan, Teresa Roscoe, Andrew Napper, Emma Claus

##### **NBL Elite Scholarship Program - A BNSW Initiative**

- Michael Beevers, Bradley Mattioli, Nathan Paff, Caitlin Grove, Zara Baldwin, Logan Bilby, George Kostakis, Marcus Hayden & Marko Nikolic.



### **NBL Elite Referee Program (ERP)**

- Michael Beevers, Bradley Mattioli & Nathan Paff

### **WNBL**

- Referees - Michael Beevers, James Boyer, Haylee Cole, Nico Fernandes, Byron Geedes, Bradley Mattioli & Nathan Paff
- Referee Coaches - Albert Joseph, Debbie Keirs & Jonathan Parkinson
- Scoretable - Tro Majikian, Roupén Zargarian, Rachel Codon, Jeff Cooper, Irene Wong, Debbie Keirs, Michael Paino, Rachel Benton-Doyle, Terri Lee Cross, Tony Ordors, Lyn Acroyd
- Statisticians - Helen Budd, Nikita Bradford, Danielle Schwarzer, Saskia Towers, Lauretta Claus, Sean Mackie, Ros Graham, Sherwin Haldar

### **Wheelchair National League**

- Referees - Adam McIntyre (Men's Gold Medal Game) & Oliver Pittman (Women's Gold Medal Game)

## **BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **National Referees Development Program**

- Caitlin Grove, Zara Baldwin, Logan Bilby, George Kostakis, Marcus Hayden & Marko Nikolic

### **AIS National Wheelchair Camp 2023**

- Helen Rosenberg, Annette Flanagan, Mark Flanagan, Liam Flanagan, Ian Lemes & Nathan Smith

### **Under 20's**

- Referees - Marko Nikolic (Men's Gold Medal Game), Caitlin Grove (Women's Gold Medal Game), Zara Baldwin (Women's Gold Medal Game)
- Technical Commissioner - John Rearden
- Referees Instructor - Debbie Keirs

### **Ivor Burge**

- Referees - Jake Jennings (Men's Bronze Medal Game), Belinda Dalton (Men's Gold Medal Game)
- Technical Commissioner - Adam McIntyre

### **Under 18's**

- Referees - Jacob Brennan (Men's Bronze Medal Game), Jesse Brown (Women's Bronze Medal Game), James Poelczer (Men's Gold Medal Game), Rhys Boreham (Women's Gold Medal Game) & Oliver Toon (Men's Gold Medal Game)
- Technical Commissioner - Debbie Keirs

### **Kevin Coombs Cup**

- Referee - Ki Lun (Freddy) Ng (Gold Medal Game)
- Technical Commissioner - Helen Rosenberg

### **Under 16's**

- Referees - Sarah Fahey, Kaitlyn Neate, Blake Testoni & Cooper Elliis (Women's Gold Medal Game)
- Referee Coach - Anthony O'Brien

### **U14 Club Championships**

- Referees - Louis Brockwell, Rylee Bowles (Women's Bronze Medal Shield Game), Yashar Ellin (Women's Bronze Medal Championship Game), Josh Garnon (Men's Bronze Medal Shield Game), Rachel Hogan (Women's Bronze Medal Shield Game), Isabella Naylor (Men's Bronze Medal Shield Game), Maddie Suprain (Men's Gold Medal Championship Game) & Matthew Venticinque
- Referee Coaches - Oliver Toon & Logan Bilby

### **Australian School Championships - Championship Division**

- Referees - Jakson Peach (Women's Gold Medal Game), Courtney Smith, Nick Newman (Gold Men's Medal Match), Michael Napper (Women's Gold Medal Match)
- Referee Coach - Zara Baldwin

### **Australia Schools Participation Division**

- Referees - Lachlan Francis, Davinia Kuang, Matias Chong, Matt Wray, Claire Kelly, Ysobel Croucher, Corey Wilkinson, Alex Davidson, Broughton Hamilton, Kale Armstrong, Caitlin Bloomfield, Jeremy Karam & Cooper Skelly
- Referees Coach - Wendy Field



# LEAGUES & COMPETITIONS

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# LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS

**IN 2023, ALL COMPETITIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR RETURNED WITH A BANG, BOASTING EVEN GREATER PARTICIPATION AND ENTHUSIASM. ACROSS BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR COMPETITIONS, TEAM NUMBERS AND OFFICIATING BODIES EXPERIENCED A NOTABLE 8% AND 3% INCREASE RESPECTIVELY.**

NBL1 East, now in its second season, has firmly established itself as a beloved fixture in the NSW basketball landscape. The league expanded to include 16 Men's and 16 Women's teams, with notable additions such as Centre of Excellence, Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Spiders, Penrith Panthers, Sydney Comets, and Bankstown Bruins Women's team. This expansion translated into a substantial rise in regular season games, increasing from 243 in 2022 to 352 in 2023. The season culminated in a historic moment as BNSW hosted the NBL1 East Grand Finals for the first time as a standalone event, with Sydney University serving as the venue. The overwhelming response was evident as the Men's grand final between Maitland and Sutherland sold out, while the Women's grand final between Manly and Norths came close to reaching capacity.

Congratulations to the Norths Bears Women and Sutherland Sharks Men, who demonstrated incredible skill and talent, and performed well against the best of the best. The high energy both teams brought to the National Finals, as well as their ability to have fun and team cohesion was on full display and earned the attention of all. Although knocked out of the Championships competition on Saturday, a huge round of applause is due for the Sutherland Sharks, who gave National Finals everything they could, and brought an unmissable energetic dynamic to HBF Arena, that was unrivalled by any other men's team. A huge congratulations to the Norths Bears Women, who played their way to the Women's Championship game, and earned National Runner-up status!

The Waratah Wheelchair League also witnessed significant growth, thanks in part to the support from the new naming rights partner, GTK, renowned wheelchair specialists. GTK's involvement allowed for enhanced support for wheelchair teams at each round, with GTK staff offering guidance on chair setup, providing repairs for tire punctures, and supplying athletes with personalised toolkits. The competition saw further development with the introduction of two divisions for the first time, alongside a notable increase in participant numbers, rising from 88 players in 2022 to 105 in 2023.

To address challenges in the number of female teams participating in our Senior Waratah Leagues, a Waratah Women's Working Group was established, comprising women from diverse backgrounds across NSW with varying roles within the sport to help improve and grow our numbers. This initiative aimed to identify factors contributing to low participation rates in the women's competition and devise strategies to foster growth for future seasons. Moving forward, BNSW plans to leverage this collaborative approach to consult with stakeholders and enhance other areas of development, such as the U20s category, in order to further strengthen the sport's inclusivity and appeal.





## NUMBER OF TEAMS (WARATAH & NBL1 EAST)



For the 2023 and Past Title Holders visit: [www.bnsw.com.au/about/resource-directory](http://www.bnsw.com.au/about/resource-directory)

In 2023, Basketball NSW reintroduced Schools Tournaments for the first time in nearly a decade, organising three separate events: Primary Schools, U15s, and Opens tournaments. The response from schools across NSW was overwhelmingly positive as these tournaments provided a unique opportunity for schools to compete against unfamiliar opponents, fostering a spirit of healthy competition. Open to all schools within the state, the tournaments attracted a total of 153 teams, showcasing the widespread interest and engagement in basketball among students across NSW.

## 3X3 EVENTS IN 2023

3x3 Basketball continues to thrive within the state, with numerous associations organising their own competitions and school holiday programs, further fueling its popularity among players of all ages. During 2023, BNSW ran numerous tournaments in conjunction with 3x3 Hustle.







## WARATAH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Once again, the Waratah Advisory Committee (WAC) played a pivotal role in supporting the Competitions Department by offering invaluable insights derived from their profound understanding of the sport. Meeting multiple times throughout the year, the WAC contributed to the ongoing development of competitions and provided innovative ideas aimed at enhancing procedures and overall experiences for participants. Basketball NSW and the Waratah Advisory Committee would like to express gratitude to Chair Bob McGugan who stepped down in 2023 for his years of chairing the committee, advising on competition by-laws, league expansion, and fostering collaboration for the sport's benefit.

Thank you, Bob.

The WAC consists of:

- Robert McGugan (Chair)
- Albert Joseph
- Bob Sim
- Duane Jordan
- Eric Kivi
- Peter Herrmann
- Tim Hudson

Basketball NSW extends its heartfelt gratitude to the associations, their delegates, coaches, team managers, referees, scoretable officials, statisticians, BNSW program managers, and all association volunteers for their unwavering commitment and collaboration in facilitating basketball competitions. We also express our sincere appreciation to our naming and ball rights partner, Spalding, for their continued support. Additionally, we would like to welcome and thank GTK for their involvement and support in enhancing the Waratah Wheelchair League.





# MEMBER PROTECTION

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# MEMBER PROTECTION

BASKETBALL NEW SOUTH WALES CONTINUES TO BE HIGHLY COMMITTED TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF ITS 95,000+ REGISTERED MEMBERS. IT IS ALSO DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A SAFE SPORTING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OF ITS VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS THROUGHOUT NSW. THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF BEING INVOLVED IN OUR SPORT ARE WELL-FOUNDED AND EVIDENCED BY THE MANY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN BASKETBALL ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS ACROSS THE STATE EACH WEEK.

In order to minimise all areas of risk to our valued members, BNSW has appointed specially trained personnel to perform the role of Member Protection Officers, who have the ability to investigate complaints, help with dispute resolution, and to also recommend a wide variety of sanctions in order to prevent this type of conduct recurring or spreading within our sport. Instances of harassment or abuse in sport can have a devastating impact on not only those individuals directly involved but also for each of the organisation(s) that may be indirectly affected. Apart from exposing the club or association to potential criminal or civil legal actions, an unpleasant working environment for volunteers may develop, officials may develop low morale, and there may be a higher turnover of personnel, with a real prospect of the long-term damage being done to that organisation's image and reputation.







These are all preventable harms that BNSW takes proactive steps to prevent through its adoption of various State and National initiatives including the National Integrity Framework, the National Member Protection by-laws, BNSW Disciplinary by-laws, the BNSW Zero-Tolerance & Sports Rage guidelines and the establishment of Codes of Conduct for each of the various participants within our sport. NSW's strict adherence to these guidelines, and the various statutory responsibilities that govern our sport, reflect BNSW's dedication to serving and protecting its members and participants throughout all levels of Basketball. In recent years, Basketball NSW was recognised by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian as having industry best practices with regard to child safety and in relation to its complaints handling procedures & protocols in sport. BNSW was also invited to be part of the Sport & Recreation Sector Engagement Committee as a testament to its ongoing hard work and contribution within all areas of child protection.

BNSW wishes to thank each of our valued volunteers who assisted with disciplinary tribunal matters throughout the 2023 season.

## SEASON 2023 OUTLINE

There has continued to be an upward trend with regard to some of our participants behaving poorly. Despite this increase in these types of complaints being reported (which is to be somewhat expected given the large increase in participants involved with our sport over the past two years) the nature and severity of these complaints is reducing overall.



**128**

TRIBUNALS  
CONDUCTED



**43**

ZERO TOLERANCE COMPLAINTS  
REPORTED (SAME AS 2022)



**25**

MEMBER PROTECTION  
COMPLAINTS  
INVESTIGATED



**60**

GENERAL COMPLAINTS  
LODGED





# PLAYER AND COACH DEVELOPMENT

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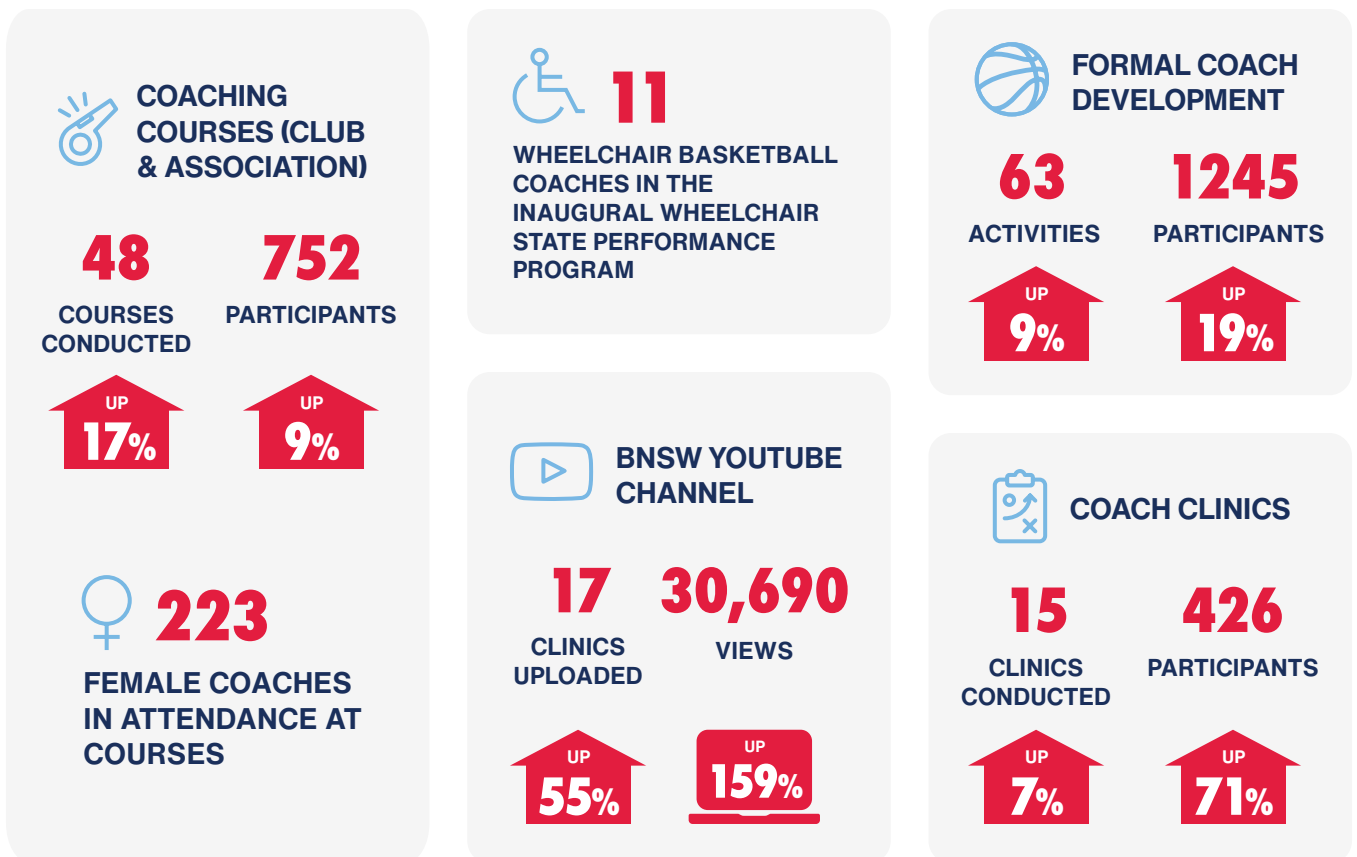
# PLAYER AND COACH DEVELOPMENT

IN 2023, THE COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF BASKETBALL NSW WITNESSED A BUSTLING YEAR OF ACTIVITY, REFLECTING THE ONGOING EXPANSION OF THE SPORT. COACH EDUCATION EMERGED AS A PIVOTAL FACTOR IN SHAPING THE DEVELOPMENT OF BASKETBALL, UNDERSCORING ITS SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE ON OUR SPORTING LANDSCAPE. ATHLETES ALSO HAD A LOT OF CHANCES TO COMPETE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, DEMONSTRATING THE CONTINUED VALUE OF THE PLAYER PATHS THAT ARE NOW IN EXISTENCE.

## COACH EDUCATION AND COACH DEVELOPMENT

The escalating demand from coaches for additional educational and learning avenues set the stage for yet another dynamic year of growth in the realm of coach education. Coaches were able to access a variety of content for learning and growth through attendance at coaching courses and clinics. The availability of online material such as on the Basketball NSW YouTube coaches playlist has also enabled coaches of all levels to foster their development and skill enhancement.

### KEY ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS INCLUDED





# PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The on-court outcomes proved to be encouraging, reaffirming the effectiveness of the existing development systems in affording players opportunities to showcase their abilities across all levels of competition.

## THE FOLLOWING WERE OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST



**159**

ATHLETES PARTICIPATED IN THE DEVELOPING ATHLETE PROGRAM (DAP) IN METRO



**16**

ATHLETES PARTICIPATED IN THE AUGURAL WHEELCHAIR STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM (SPP)



**158**

ATHLETES PARTICIPATED IN THE STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM (SPP) IN COUNTRY AND METRO

Development Tours (Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup, South Coast Challenge, East Coast Challenge and Shootout) operated in their full capacity in January across the U14-U18 age groups with a total of 461 athletes and 104 coaches in attendance.

The D-League continues to thrive as one of the most popular events on the High Performance calendar and this is evident in the overwhelming response from athletes seeking to participate. With over 1000 athletes trialling the D-League event ran at full capacity with a total of 480 athletes and over 48 dedicated coaches across the U14-U18 age groups.

We remain committed to our ongoing efforts to ensure that our players have access to the necessary knowledge, tools, and programs essential for their success, both on and off the court in the future.





## WHEELCHAIR DEVELOPMENT

In 2023, Basketball NSW placed a significant focus on establishing pathways within the Wheelchair High Performance space, aiming to solidify structures that would facilitate progression from grassroots participation to representative basketball. This foundational work is crucial not only for fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all, but also for aligning with our broader objectives of building a strong coaching base and increasing female participation.

With the unique position of Janna Mizens, serving as both Basketball Australia Wheelchair Basketball Coach Developer and Basketball NSW Wheelchair Manager, efforts were dedicated to bridging the gap between national, state, association, and local levels of pathway participation to High Performance. This integrated approach ensured a cohesive and coordinated effort in advancing wheelchair basketball across all levels.

In line with our commitment to equality and the strategic goals outlined in the BNSW strategic plan, the State Performance Program (SPP) for wheelchair athletes was launched in the latter part of 2023. The establishment of training hubs in metropolitan and regional centres proved successful, providing athletes with weekly supervised training sessions guided by network coaches and state camps as a collective group.

Another key focus throughout the year was the growth and development of coaches across the state, enabling new coaches to benefit from enhanced training educational opportunities and skill development. This was included in each SPP State Camp and NSW coaches participated along with wheelchair basketball coaches from across Australia in the Frank Ponta Cup wheelchair basketball pathways camp, where they received intensive training aimed at supporting emerging athletes and preparing coaches for involvement in the national program. Additionally, practical coach education was delivered at the Junior National Championships, further bolstering the national wheelchair basketball coach network.

To support and elevate female coaches with a disability, Mizens contributed to the Women in High Performance leaky pipeline Action Plan released by the Australian Institute of Sport. She also served as a guest speaker for the NSW Office of Sport's Fast Track Female Coach Course, advocating for increased representation and support for female coaches in High Performance sports.

In collaboration with Paralympics Australia (PA), wheelchair basketball was showcased at a multi-sports day targeting potential pathway athletes. Close collaboration with PA ensured that wheelchair basketball pathway athletes received support from Regional Academies in the newly expanded 2023 NSW Regional Academy of Sport – Para-sport Program.

Looking ahead, our objective is to continue collaborating with associations to expand the reach of wheelchair basketball, providing more athletes with the opportunity to participate and align within our High Performance pathways.

Furthermore, ongoing education for coaches in the wheelchair space will be essential in driving the growth and development of the sport.





# STATE TEAMS

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# STATE TEAMS

Some notable individual highlights from members of our 2023 State Teams include Isla Juffermans (U20 Women) honoured with the prestigious Bob Staunton Medal as the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament, Noah Pagotto (U20 Men) and Mackenzie Wills (Ivor Burge Women) earning the title of Defensive Player of the Tournament respectfully.

The highlight of 2023 was the remarkable Gold medal victory of the U20 Women's team against Victoria, marking their second triumph in three years. Similarly, the U20 Men's team showcased outstanding performance, securing the Silver medal in a closely contested final against WA.

Notable achievements also included medals for the U18 Metro Girls (Silver), Ivor Burge Women (Silver) and the U16 Metro Boys (Bronze).

Below are the final placings for all teams:

TEAM	FINAL PLACING
U16 Country Boys	8 <sup>th</sup>
U16 Country Girls	9 <sup>th</sup>
U16 Metro Boys	3 <sup>rd</sup>
U16 Metro Girls	4 <sup>th</sup>
U18 Country Boys	6 <sup>th</sup>
U18 Country Girls	8 <sup>th</sup>
U18 Metro Boys	4 <sup>th</sup>

TEAM	FINAL PLACING
U18 Metro Girls	2 <sup>nd</sup>
U20 Men	2 <sup>nd</sup>
U20 Women	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ivor Burge Men	4 <sup>th</sup>
Ivor Burge Women	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kevin Coombs Cup (Wheelchair)	4 <sup>th</sup>







# U16

## U16 COUNTRY BOYS

- Tyrone Ah Wong - Maitland Mustangs
- Joshua Boyle - Sydney Comets
- Bailey Wilton - Maitland Mustangs
- Benjamin Flegeltaub - Albury Cougars
- Rohan Greentree - Newcastle Falcons
- Brodi Kirby - Newcastle Falcons
- Aki Langford - Illawarra Hawks
- Solomon Liu - Leeton Eagles
- Charles Mogg - Central Coast Rebels
- Isaac Turton - Illawarra Hawks
- Kuchtel Chathouk - Newcastle Falcons (Reserve)
- Peni Finefeuiaki - Newcastle Falcons (Reserve)
- Edward Ockenden - Albury Cougars (Reserve)
- Oluwakorede Olutayo - Sydney Comets (Reserve)
- Thomas Wells - Albury Cougars (Reserve)
- Jett Chaniotis - Lithgow Lazars (Injured)

**Head Coach** Tom Farrar - Illawarra Hawks  
**Assistant Coach** Alvin Caoyonan - Byron Beez  
**Assistant Coach** Andrew Williams - Coffs Harbour Suns  
**Development Coach** Eric Hackett - Illawarra Hawks  
**Manager** Leisa Mihai - Coffs Harbour Suns

## U16 METRO BOYS

- Kingsley Barnett - Hills Hornets
- Antonio Browne - Bankstown Bruins
- Bol Diing - Norths Bears
- Bailey Hanson - Norths Bears
- Dominik Lisica - Sydney Comets
- Zion Okeke - Hills Hornets
- Jamaal Osikoya - Blacktown Storm
- Austin Prosser - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Trasel Rone - Blacktown Storm
- Nikola Valkovic - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Obi Adler - Norths Bears (Reserve)
- Maxwell Benson - Penrith Panthers (Reserve)
- Riley Hayhow - Hills Hornets (Reserve)
- Noah Keogh - Bankstown Bruins (Reserve)
- Jico Reyes - City of Blacktown (Reserve)
- Francesco Scarpa - City of Sydney (Reserve)
- Max Venardos - Bankstown Bruins (Reserve)

**Head Coach** David Hayman - Hills Hornets  
**Assistant Coach** Blake Macfarlane - Penrith Panthers  
**Assistant Coach** Liam Cavanagh-Downs - Norths Bears  
**Manager** Ivana Hayman - Hills Hornets

## U16 COUNTRY GIRLS

- Isabelle Burns - Newcastle Falcons
- Molly Coble - Illawarra Hawks
- Alek De Bol - Illawarra Hawks
- Kira Juffermans - Coffs Harbour Suns
- Ellie Lyons - Albury Cougars
- Kijana McCowan - Albury Cougars
- Kiara McKeown - Dubbo Rams
- Alina Pasakarnis - Illawarra Hawks
- Mia Roseworne - Newcastle Falcons
- Millie Sutcliffe - Dubbo Rams
- Sienna Curtis - Illawarra Hawks (Reserve)
- Hayley De Friskbom - Maitland Mustangs (Reserve)
- Charlie Gibson - Albury Cougars (Reserve)
- Mackenzie Hassan - Griffith Demons (Reserve)

**Head Coach** Kristy Bultitude - Newcastle Falcons  
**Assistant Coach** Maddison Delaney - Illawarra Hawks  
**Assistant Coach** Lesa Matthews - West Wyalong Wildcats  
**Manager** Nicole McMahon - Port Macquarie Dolphins

## U16 METRO GIRLS

- Nadia Aukuso - Sydney Comets
- Angelina Bezzina - Sydney Comets
- Sienna Clark - Hills Hornets
- Ebony Dixon - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Rebecca Donnelly - Sydney Comets
- Malki Halwala - Sydney Comets
- Olivia Hastings - Norths Bears
- Kaila Proctor - Bankstown Bruins
- Imogen Trout - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Matilda Trout - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Abbey Hush Manly - Warringah Sea Eagles (Reserve)
- Desiree Lin - Sydney Comets (Reserve)
- Lauren Martin - Penrith Panthers (Reserve)
- Mia Minshall - Sydney Comets (Reserve)
- Marley Sialeipata - Sydney Comets (Reserve)

**Head Coach** Tim Hill - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles  
**Assistant Coach** Michele Austin - Sydney Comets  
**Assistant Coach** Lauryn Curtin - Bankstown Bruins  
**Manager** Rebecca Palmer - Penrith Panthers



# U18

## U18 COUNTRY BOYS

- Bradley Ballinger - Illawarra Hawks
- James Bartlett - Batemans Bay Breakers
- Sam Blain - Maitland Mustangs
- Hudson Boocker - Newcastle Falcons
- Oliver Dyason - Batemans Bay Breakers
- Tamatoa Isaac - Maitland Mustangs
- Jackson McCabe - Byron Beez
- Tom Parsons - Tamworth Thunderbolts
- Dylan Jett Tea - Central Coast Rebels
- Simon Troup - Newcastle Falcons
- Luka Cuda - Illawarra Hawks (Reserve)
- John Ryder Edwards - Moss Vale Magic (Reserve)
- Henry Wawszakowicz - Maitland Mustangs (Reserve)
- Charlie Whale - Tamworth Thunderbolts (Reserve)
- Charlie Caffery - Maitland Mustangs (Reserve)

**Head Coach** Callum Wade - Maitland Mustangs  
**Assistant Coach** Darren Duff - Newcastle Falcons  
**Assistant Coach** Tom Cranney - Illawarra Hawks  
**Manager** Todd Turner - Newcastle Falcons

## U18 METRO BOYS

- Emmett Adair - Norths Bears
- Lachlan Clague - Hornsby Ku Ring Gai Spiders
- Jesse Edwards - Sutherland Sharks
- Joaquin Gonzalez - Norths Bears
- Steven Hall - Bankstown Bruins
- Henry Lau - Norths Bears
- Goc Malual - Sydney Comets
- Charlie McBeath - Bankstown Bruins
- Saxon McWilliam - Hills Hornets
- Bailey Thom - Hills Hornets
- Brian Anshu-Yeboah - Penrith Panthers (Reserve)
- Kingsley Gyesi-Bisah - Sydney Comets (Reserve)
- Bailey Holt - Sydney Comets (Reserve)
- Xavier Istomin-Monroe - Sydney Comets (Reserve)
- Harry Liubinskas - Norths Bears (Reserve)
- Noah Webb - Penrith Panthers (Reserve)

**Head Coach** Reece Potter - Hills Hornets  
**Assistant Coach** Will Hill - Sydney Comets  
**Assistant Coach** Lachlan Clark - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles  
**Manager** Stu Thom - Hills Hornets

## U18 COUNTRY GIRLS

- Hannah Chicken - Newcastle Falcons
- Timeeka Coleman - Albury Cougars
- Jade Crook - Albury Cougars
- Lara Dobbins - Maitland Mustangs
- Charlotte Giles - Illawarra Hawks
- Claudia Hocking - Albury Cougars
- Trelise Kirkby - Maitland Mustangs
- Aleira McCowan - Albury Cougars
- Alexis Plater - Coffs Harbour Suns
- Emerson McCrea - Illawarra Hawks
- Matilda Burns - Maitland Mustangs (Reserve)
- Charlotte Cogle - Coffs Harbour Suns (Reserve)
- Abbey McGregor - Maitland Mustangs (Reserve)
- Charlize Morrison - Coffs Harbour Suns (Reserve)
- Saffron Shiels - Newcastle Falcons/COE (Injured)

**Head Coach** Adam Marjoram - BNSW  
**Assistant Coach** Cindy Bonham - Illawarra Hawks  
**Assistant Coach** Felicity Cook - Coffs Harbour Suns  
**Assistant Coach** Brodey Fruean - Albury Cougars  
**Manager** Dhana Davidson - Maitland Mustangs

## U18 METRO GIRLS

- Emilie Bessell - Norths Bears
- Freya Bijkerk - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Kira-May Filemu - Bankstown Bruins
- Erica Finney - Norths Bears
- Jessie-May Hall - Bankstown Bruins
- Zoe Jackson - Norths Bears
- Lucy Mead - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Ruby Perkins - Norths Bears
- Alana Reddy - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Sienna Tutani - Bankstown Bruins
- Lily Austin - Bankstown Bruins (Reserve)
- Chloe Dix - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (Reserve)
- Georgia Ell - Norths Bears (Reserve)
- Jennifer Mailei - Bankstown Bruins (Reserve)
- Cassidy Thomson - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (Reserve)
- Abbey Vallance - Bankstown Bruins (Reserve)
- Opal Bird - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles/CoE (Injured)

**Head Coach** Renae Garlepp - Norths Bears  
**Assistant Coach** Danielle D'Morias - Hills Hornets  
**Assistant Coach** Fleur McIntyre - Sydney Kings  
**Manager** Natalie Donnelly - Sutherland Sharks



# U20

## U20 MEN

- Christian Aukuso - Sydney Comets
- Harley Kent - Byron Beez
- Isaac Ayoubi - Sydney Comets
- Jalen Blanchard - Illawarra Hawks
- James O'Donnell - Norths Bears/NBAGA
- Joshua Dent - Illawarra Hawks/CoE
- Lucas Morgan - Norths Bears
- Mackenzie Morgan - Norths Bears
- Noah Pagotto - Illawarra Hawks
- Will Mortimore - Maitland Mustangs
- Harrison Evans - Inner West Bulls (Reserve)
- Benjamin Kaye - Inner West Bulls (Reserve)
- Vaughn Prosser - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (Reserve)
- Marko Rangan - Hills Hornets (Reserve)
- Brodie Schwarzer - Penrith Panthers (Reserve)
- Jake Weinstein - Sydney Comets (Reserve)
- Isaiah Walter - Central Coast Rebels (Reserve)

**Head Coach** Brook Pearce - Norths Bears  
**Assistant Coach** Miles Bench - Norths Bears  
**Assistant Coach** Pat Williamson - Sutherland Sharks  
**Manager** Noah Mitchell - Sydney Comets

## U20 WOMEN

- Meera Coburn - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Jada Crawshaw - Sydney Comets
- Emma Donnelly - Sydney Comets
- Emily Foy - Newcastle Falcons
- Felicity Henderson - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Isla Juffermans - Coffs Harbour Suns/CoE
- Alexandra Kayrouz - Sydney Comets
- Caitlyn Martin - Norths Bears
- Carla Pitman - Norths Bears
- Mila Wawszkowicz - Maitland Mustangs
- Sari Mowbray - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (Reserve)
- Alexandria Oliver - Sydney Comets (Reserve)
- Peggy Schell - Norths Bears (Reserve)
- Bridie White - West Wyalong Wildcats (Reserve)

**Head Coach** Tom Garlepp - Norths Bears  
**Assistant Coach** Rachel Higginson - Norths Bears  
**Assistant Coach** Lauren King - Lismore Storm  
**Manager** Renelle Genner - Illawarra Hawks

# WHEELCHAIR

- Taitum Brown
- Maryanne Latu
- Brad Burns
- Jarrod Emeny
- Breanna Fisk
- Jackson Gray
- Ethan Hallak
- Aaliyah Rauchle
- Victoria Simpson
- Cooper Tarleton
- Luke Greco (Reserve)

**Head Coach** Brett Stibners  
**Assistant Coach** Shawn Russell  
**Assistant Coach** Gerry Hewson  
**Manager** Brodie Palmer

# IVOR BURGE MEN

- Clay Perkins
- Darcy Rollins
- Edward Parker
- Jack Littleton
- James Doyle
- Jerome Etteridge
- Justin Koenig
- Koby Banks
- Lachlan Skellet
- Nicholas Pana

**Head Coach** Paul O'Neill  
**Assistant Coach** Mick Harris  
**Manager** Susan Skellet

# IVOR BURGE WOMEN

- Brittany Anderson
- Taylor Anderson
- Isabella Conroy
- Jessica Duncan
- Mackenzie Wills

**Head Coach** Cheryl Wills  
**Assistant Coach** Rosalind Wells-Davies  
**Manager** Sarah Mottram (3x3 Tournament)



# REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

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THE FOLLOWING ATHLETES WERE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS AT BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA'S CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (COE) AND THE NBA GLOBAL ACADEMY:

## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

- Josh Dent (Illawarra Hawks)
- James O'Donnell (Norths Bears)
- Opal Bird (Manly Warringah Sea Eagles)
- Jade Crook (Albury Cougars)
- Isla Juffermans (Coffs Harbour Suns)
- Saffron Shiels (Newcastle Falcons)
- Head Coach - Robbie McKinlay (Sutherland Sharks)

## NBA GLOBAL ACADEMY

- Emmett Adair (Norths Bears)
- Josh Dent (Illawarra Hawks)
- James O'Donnell (Norths Bears)

MANY NSW REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONALLY AT BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEVEL

## WOMEN - OPALS

### OPALS CHINA TOUR - AUGUST

- Shyla Heal (Sutherland Sharks)
- Isla Juffermans (Coffs Harbour Sun)
- Saffron Shiels (Newcastle Falcons)
- Renae Garlepp (Norths Bears) - Assistant Coach

### FIBA WOMEN'S ASIA CUP (BRONZE)

- Lauren Nicholson (Sutherland Sharks)
- Shyla Heal (Sutherland Sharks)
- Renae Garlepp (Norths Bears) - Assistant Coach

## MEN - BOOMERS

### FIBA MEN'S ASIA CUP QUALIFIERS

- Isaac Humphries (Sutherland Sharks)
- Nick Kay (Tamworth Thunderbolts)

### FIBA MEN'S WORLD CUP (10TH)

- Xavier Cooks (Illawarra Hawks)
- Nick Kay (Tamworth Thunderbolts)
- Josh Green (Hills Hornets/Penrith Panthers)
- Assistant Coach - Matt Nielsen (Penrith Panthers)

### 3X3 TRANS SERIES VS NEW ZEALAND

- Josh Dent (Illawarra Hawks)
- James O'Donnell (Norths Bears)

## JUNIOR MEN

### FIBA OCEANIA U17 CHAMPIONSHIP (PNG)

- Emmett Adair (Norths Bears)
- Goc Malual (Sydney Comets)
- Robbie McKinlay - Head Coach (Sutherland Sharks)

## JUNIOR WOMEN

### FIBA OCEANIA U17 CHAMPIONSHIP (PNG)

- Opal Bird (Manly Warringah Sea Eagles)
- Jade Crook (Albury Cougars)
- Saffron Shiels (Newcastle Falcons)

### FIBA ASIA U16 CUP (JORDAN)

- Jade Crook (Albury Cougars)
- Jessie-May Hall (Bankstown Bruins)
- Zoe Jackson (Norths Bears)
- Ruby Perkins (Norths Bears)
- Tom Garlepp - Head Coach (Norths Bears)





THE FOLLOWING ATHLETES REPRESENTED SAMOA AND NEW ZEALAND AT INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

## JUNIOR MEN

### FIBA OCEANIA U17 CHAMPIONSHIP (PNG)

- Tamatoa Isaac (Maitland Mustangs) - New Zealand

## JUNIOR WOMEN

### FIBA OCEANIA U17 CHAMPIONSHIP (PNG)

- Klra-May Filemu (Bankstown Bruins) - Samoa
- Sienna Tutani (Bankstown Bruins) - Samoa
- Azaleeah Oloapu (Bankstown Bruins) - Samoa

### FIBA ASIA U16 CUP (JORDAN)

- Cassidy Thomson (Manly Warringah Sea Eagles) - New Zealand
- Jennifer Mailei (Bankstown Bruins) - New Zealand
- Azaniah Afualo (Norths Bears) - Samoa

THE FOLLOWING ATHLETES REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA AT INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR TOURNAMENTS:

## WOMEN - GLIDERS

### GLIDERS MAY TOUR (USA) & IWBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (DUBAI) (6TH)

- Georgia Munro-Cook
- Jess Cronje
- Maryanne Latu
- Hannah Dodd
- Breanne Fisk

## MEN - ROLLERS

### ROLLERS MAY TOUR (THAILAND), JUNE TOUR (ISTANBUL) & IWBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (DUBAI) (7TH)

- Tristan Knowles
- Shawn Russell
- Assistant Coach - Grant Mizens

## JUNIOR WOMEN - DEVILS

### IWBF U25 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (THAILAND) (9TH)

- Breanna Fisk
- Maryanne Latu
- Aaliyah Rauchle
- Victoria Simpson
- Coach - Janna Mizens



## JUNIOR MEN - SPINNERS

### FRANK PONTA CUP AIS

- Bradley Burns
- Matthew Caruana
- Ahmad Chatah
- Luke Greco
- Ethan Hallak
- Jamie Scorer
- Cooper Tarleton

THE FOLLOWING ATHLETES WITH AN INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA AT THE 2023 VIRTUS GLOBAL GAMES HELD IN FRANCE:

### PEARLS (SILVER)

- Brittany Anderson
- Taylor Anderson
- Mackenzie Wills
- Coach - Larry Davidson

### BOOMERANGS (GOLD)

- James Doyle
- Justin Koenig





# 2023 ANNUAL AWARDS

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## ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

- Paid: Ben Madgen (City of Sydney Basketball Association) & Rachael Woo (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)
- Volunteer: Jody King (Gunnedah Basketball Association)

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

- Junior: Danielle Brown (Scone Basketball Association)
- Senior: Denise Flores (City of Blacktown Basketball Association) & Kumar Manix (City of Sydney Basketball Association)

## ASSOCIATION COACHING PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

- Associations with under 1000 Members: Queanbeyan and District Basketball Association
- Association with 1001 – 3000 Members: City of Blacktown Basketball Association
- Associations over 3000 members: Hills Basketball Association

## COACH OF THE YEAR

- Representative: Renae Garlepp (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)
- Aussie Hoops: Cleo Pickard (Hawkesbury Basketball Association)

## REFEREE PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

- Associations with under 1000 Members: Shoalhaven Basketball Association
- Association with 1001 – 3000 Members: St George Basketball Association
- Associations over 3000 Members: Hills Basketball Association

## SCORETABLE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

- Tro Manjikian (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)

## STATISTICIAN OF THE YEAR

- Jordan Knight (Illawarra Basketball Association)

## REFEREE OF THE YEAR

- NBL 1: Bradley Mattioli
- Waratah 1: Robert King
- Youth League: Sarah Fahey

## ASSOCIATION WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

- Hills Basketball Association

## GEORGE THOMPSON MEMORIAL AWARD: (OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPING FEMALE BASKETBALL)

- Northern Suburbs Basketball Association

## DR JOHN RASCHKE AWARD (OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPING BASKETBALL)

- Danielle D'Morias (Hills Basketball Association)

## LONG SERVICE AWARDS

- Chris Surmacz (Illawarra Basketball Association)
- Greg Maraun (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)
- Rachel Martin (Shoalhaven Basketball Association)
- Anto Panoyan (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)
- Val Stoddart (St George Basketball Association)





## ON-COURT PERFORMANCE AWARDS

- Most Successful Junior Association on-court: Hills Basketball Association
- Most Successful Senior Association on-court: Manly Warringah Basketball Association
- Most Successful Overall Association on-court – Hills Basketball Association

## ASSOCIATION TEAM OF THE YEAR

- Senior League: Norths Bears Women NBL1 East
- Junior League: Illawarra Hawks U14 Girls

## STATE TEAM OF THE YEAR

- NSW U20 Women

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

- Karen Dalton Metro Junior Female: Ruby Perkins (Norths Bears)

- Matthew Nielsen Metro Junior Male: Emmett Adair (Norths Bears)
- Gordon McLeod Country Junior Male: Bradley Ballinger (Illawarra Hawks)
- Lauren Jackson Country Junior Female: Jade Crook (Albury Cougars)
- Wheelchair Player of the Year: Tristan Knowles (Illawarra Hawks)

## JUNIOR MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- James O'Donnell (Norths Bears)

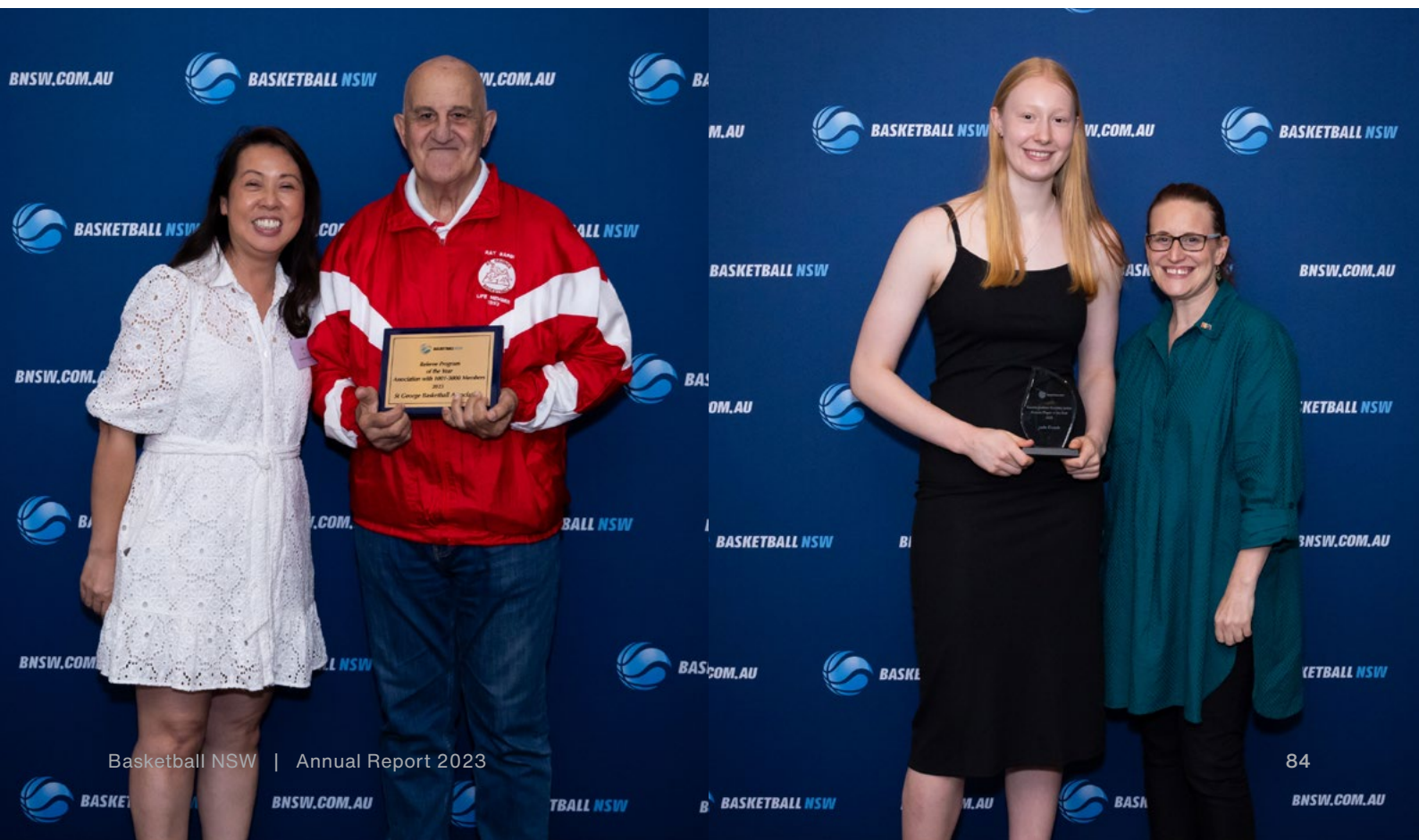
## JUNIOR FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Isla Juffermans (Coffs Harbour Suns)

## CHAIRMAN'S AWARD (ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR)

- Northern Suburbs Basketball Association

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