



BASKETBALL NSW ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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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

'25 NSW RECOGNISED PARTICIPANTS

89,441

RECOGNISED PARTICIPANTS



'25 NSW REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

306,009

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS



73%
MALE



26%
FEMALE



4%
INDIGENOUS



7% **DOWN 4%**
CULTURAL & LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUND



1%
WITH A DISABILITY



.4%
GENDER DIVERSE



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS

796 JAMBOREE PARTICIPANTS

(INC PLAYERS, COACHES, REFEREES, REFEREE COACHES AND COURSE PARTICIPANTS)

463 CHALLENGES PARTICIPANTS

999

SKILLS DAYS PARTICIPANTS

574

COUNTRY/METRO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES



50 PLAYERS



8 COACHES



12 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS



COACHING ACTIVITIES

48 ACTIVITIES

882 COACHES INTERACTED WITH.

FORD AUSSIE HOOPS



60 CENTRES

8,873 PARTICIPANTS



REPRESENTATIVE COMPETITIONS THROUGHOUT NSW



62 ASSOCIATIONS



6,854 GAMES



9,144 PLAYERS



7,264 JUNIOR



1,880 SENIOR



455

PROGRAMS



54,839 PARTICIPANTS



PATHWAY PROGRAMS

180 STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

4 CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

24 WHEELCHAIR STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

8 NATIONAL PERFORMANCE CAMP ATTENDEES

183 DEVELOPMENT ATHLETE PROGRAM



TECHNICAL OFFICIALS ACTIVITIES

50 ACTIVITIES
405 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS INTERACTED WITH.



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.



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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. For the calendar year of 2025, we recorded 89,441 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 & Districts Basketball Association
- Bulls Basketball Australia Limited
- Byron Bay Basketball Association
- Camden Valley Basketball Association
- Casino Basketball Association
- Central Coast Basketball Association
- Central Coast Waves Basketball Association
- Cessnock Basketball Association
- City of Blacktown Basketball Association
- City of Sydney Basketball Association
- Coffs Harbour Basketball Association
- Cooma Basketball Association
- Deniliquin Basketball Association
- Dubbo Basketball Association
- Forbes 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
- Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association
- Illawarra Basketball Association
- Inverell 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
- Moss Vale & District Basketball Association
- Mudgee Basketball Association
- Muswellbrook Basketball Association
- Narrabri Amateur Basketball Association
- Narrandera Basketball Association
- Newcastle Basketball
- Northern Suburbs Basketball Association
- Orange & District Basketball Association
- Parramatta Cumberland Basketball Association
- Penrith & District Basketball Association
- Port Macquarie Basketball Association
- Port Stephens Basketball Association
- Queanbeyan Basketball Association
- Quirindi Basketball Association
- Scone Basketball Association
- Shellharbour City 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 2025 are listed.*



BOARD MEMBERS & BNSW STAFF

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BOARD MEMBERS & BNSW STAFF

BNSW BOARD



- Lisa Yen
(Elected 2025)



- Lauretta Claus AM
(Retired 2025)



- Mark Wilks
(Re-elected 2025)



- Janelle Reid
(Resigned 2025)



- Anton Brown



- Donna McClelland



- Alison Brandon



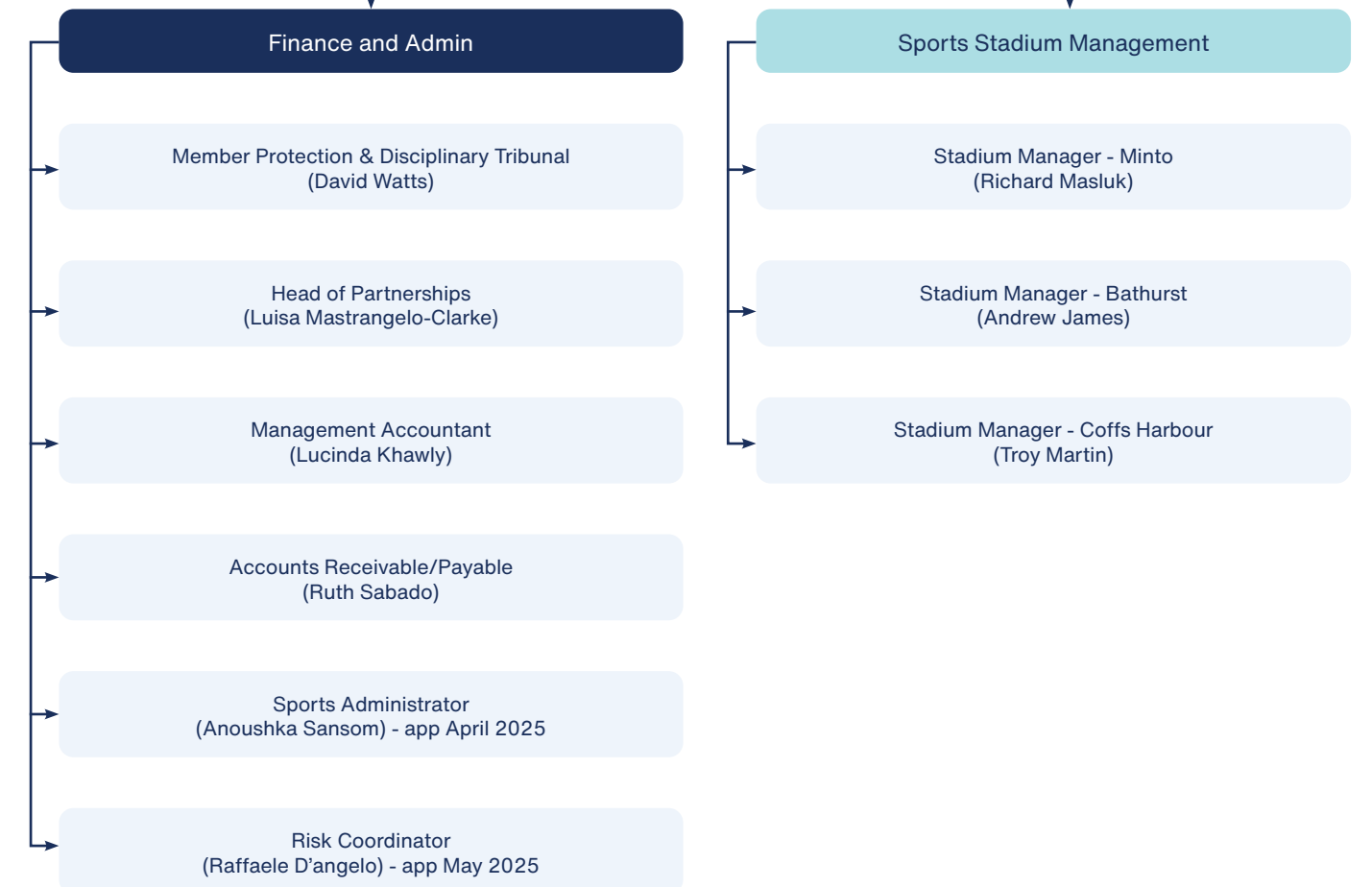
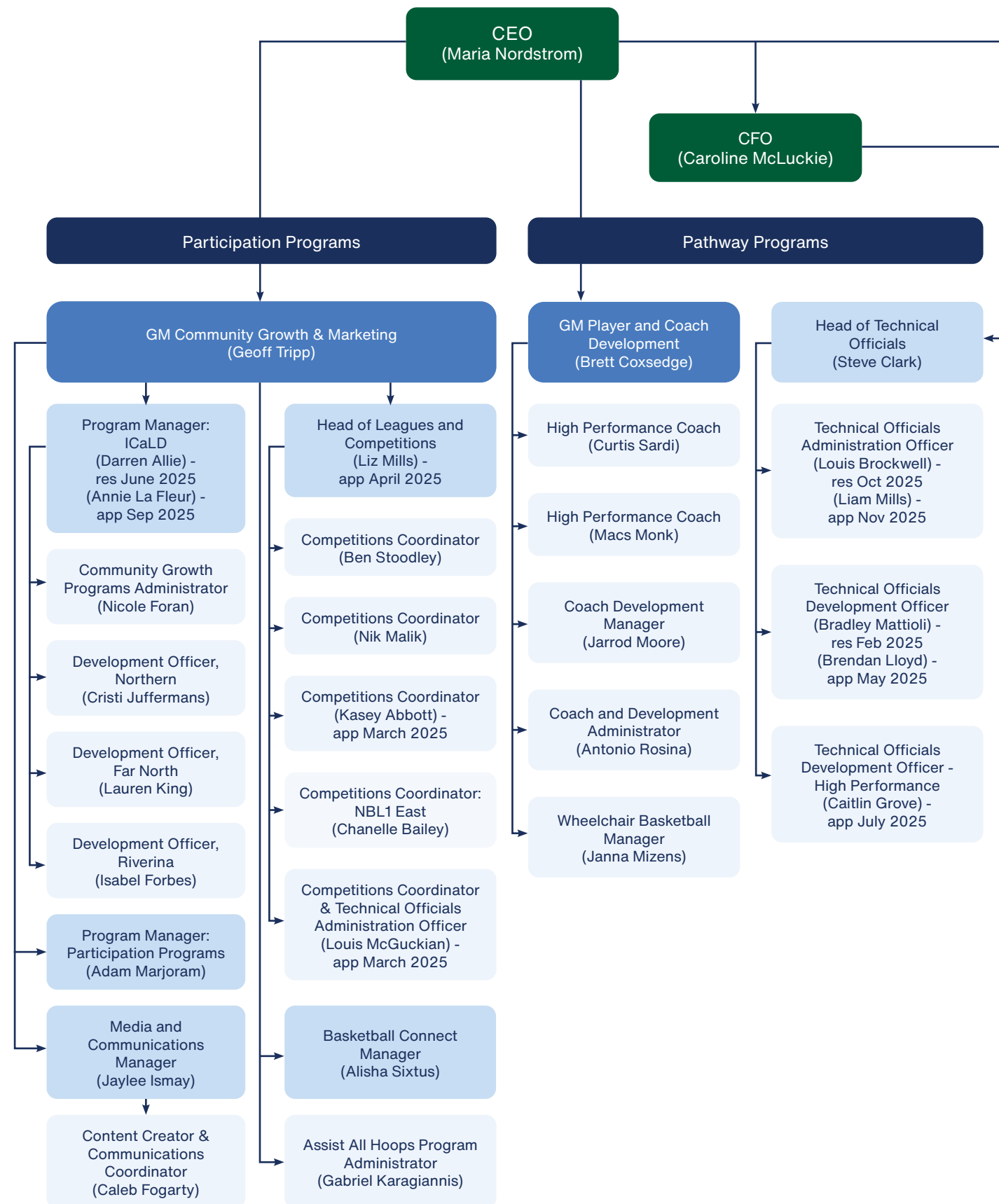
- Tom Milicevic



- Joydeep Hor
(Appointed 2025)



BNSW STAFF



Adam McIntyre
Metro Development Officer - Western Sydney
Exited Organisation Nov 2025

Rachel Herrick
Program Manager Women and Girls
Exited Organisation Nov 2025

Joeanne Jourieh
Competitions Administrator
Exited Organisation Nov 2025

*David Simpson appointed Interim CEO, January 2026.

Staff List as of December 2025.

Visit our staff page to learn more about the team

www.bnsw.com.au/bnsw-staff/



LIFE MEMBERS

- Mr. Eric L. Callaway (1954 – 1983)
- Mr. Jack D. Small OAM (1958 – 1992)
- Miss Lydia W. Molly (1960 – 1973)
- Mr. W. 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)
- Miss 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. Alex Bacic (2017 – 2026)
- 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 –)
- Dr. Adrian Hurley OAM (2024 –)
- Mr. Steve Burke (2025 –)

**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 Cadée
- 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 (dec)
- 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 AM
- Rob Beveridge
- Shelley Gorman OLY
- Steve Bignell

2021

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



2023

- Bob Turner
- Matthew Townsend
- Robyn Maher AM OLY
- Brendan Dowler OAM PLY
- Glen Saville OLY

2025

- Katie-Rae Ebzery OLY
- Donna Ritchie PLY
- Larry Davidson
- Matthew Beattie
- Brett Hogan
- Kim Perry
- Mark Dalton OLY
- Michele Austin



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
- 2025 John Martin

HALL OF CHAMPIONS



• Brad Dalton OLY



• Karen Dalton OLY



• Lauren Jackson
AO OLY



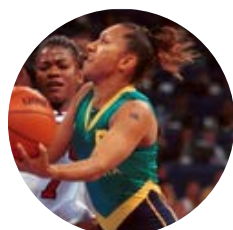
• Maree Jackson



• Terese Kennedy



• Damian Keogh
AM OLY



• Annie La Fleur OLY



• Matthew Nielsen OLY



• Suzy Batkovic 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.

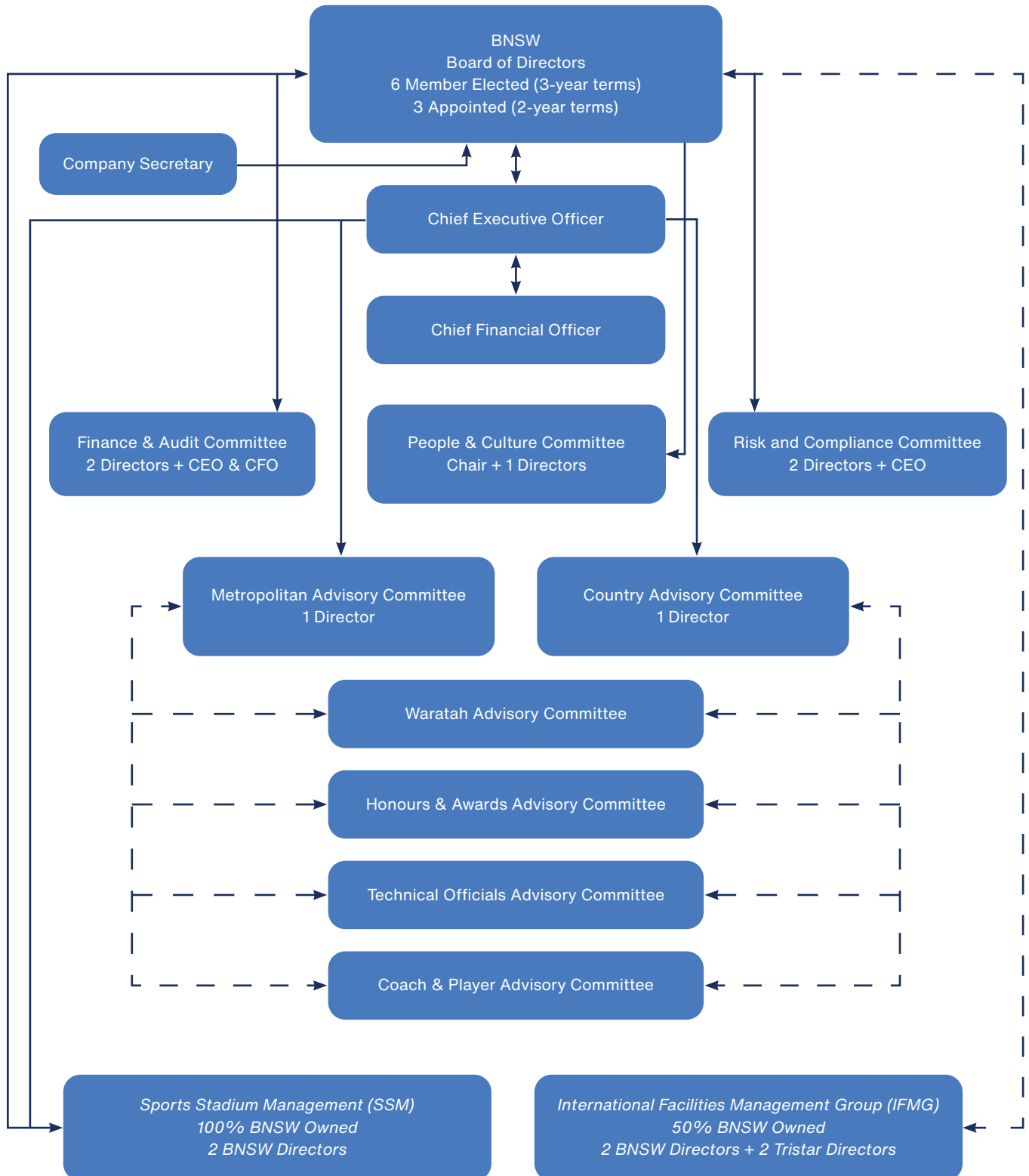


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CHAIR REPORT

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CHAIR REPORT

IT HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN A TREMENDOUS PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF BASKETBALL NSW AND PRESENT THIS MY SECOND CHAIRS REPORT, REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF CONTINUED PROGRESS, STRONG COMMUNITY CONNECTION, AND A SHARED COMMITMENT TO GROWING OUR GAME ACROSS THE STATE.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ASSOCIATIONS, VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY

Basketball in New South Wales is built on the strength of our community, and I would like to sincerely acknowledge the outstanding contribution our associations, volunteers, and the broader basketball family makes towards building and supporting basketball in the state.

To our association members, thank you for your outstanding leadership, your commitment and the care you show your communities each and every day. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities that I have had to meet and connect with Association Chairs, committees and association staff throughout the year and continue to be inspired by the work you do, your passion, your dedication to grow our game, and your commitment to inspiring your members to be the best they can be. To our volunteers a heartfelt thank you. Your contribution is often unseen, however your impact and what you contribute is enormous. Whether coaching, officiating, serving on committees, managing teams or delivering events you are the lifeblood of our sport and your contribution to our sport makes it what it is today. Your time, energy and passion make up the foundation of our sport and I am incredibly grateful for everything that you do. Without you, basketball simply wouldn't exist. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and sincerely thank our Life Members for your longstanding and invaluable contribution to basketball in New South Wales. Your contribution has been significant and your legacy continues to shape and strengthen our game.

Of particular note in 2025, I wish to recognise Laretta Claus AM on her appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in early 2025; an outstanding and well deserved honour reflecting your significant contribution to basketball over many years. Similarly, I am also delighted to also acknowledge John Martin on his elevation to Legend Status within the Basketball NSW Hall of Fame in 2025. This elevation to Legend Status is a fitting tribute to the enduring impact you have had on the sport.

STAFF AND BOARD RECOGNITION

During the year, we also acknowledged the conclusion of Maria Nordstrom's tenure as Chief Executive Officer after 8 years. Maria's leadership has left a lasting legacy on the sport, including most recently with Basketball NSW's involvement in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup and her contribution leading the development of a nationally aligned referee framework. Maria's commitment to the game, our associations, and to strengthening our systems and pathways over many years will have a lasting impact and has positioned the organisation well for the future. We wish Maria the best for her future endeavours.

I would also like to recognise and thank the wider Basketball NSW staff. Your professionalism, passion, and dedication underpin the delivery of our programs, the support provided to associations, and the continued growth of basketball across the state. Like our volunteers, your work also often goes unseen but is critical to the success of the organisation.

To my fellow Directors, thank you. The Basketball NSW Board has continued to provide strong governance, clear strategic leadership and oversight throughout the year. I am honoured to continue to work alongside each of you and thank past and current Board members for your ongoing support, leadership, commitment, and contribution to Basketball NSW.



OUR PROGRAMS

A highlight of the past year has been the continued growth in female participation across New South Wales. This trend is not only increasing the diversity of our playing base but is also strengthening the fabric of our sport at all levels. From grassroots programs through to representative pathways, the impact is clear; more inclusive environments, stronger competitions, and a more representative basketball Community.

This growth is being supported through the ongoing efforts of our Regional Development Officers, who continue to play a critical role in strengthening grassroots programs and deepening engagement within local communities. Their work ensures that basketball remains accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of participants across metropolitan, regional, and remote areas.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The launch of the new 2026-2028 Basketball NSW Strategic Plan at the Basketball NSW State Conference 2025 marked a significant milestone for Basketball NSW, setting a clear and ambitious direction for the future of the game across the state. Developed through extensive consultation with our associations and stakeholders, the plan provides a structured roadmap to strengthen participation, performance and governance. Complementing this, the release of our infrastructure plan at the Conference reinforced our commitment to addressing one of the game's most critical challenges being access to courts, by clearly articulating the scale of demand and outlining a pathway to deliver the facilities required to support sustainable growth. Together, these plans position Basketball NSW strongly to lead, advocate and deliver for our community in the years ahead.

STATE CONFERENCE

It was a pleasure to host the State Conference again in 2025, bringing us together with our associations in a meaningful and collaborative way. The conversations were open, honest and constructive, offering valuable insights into both the opportunities and challenges across our community.

These moments of connection are so important in helping Basketball NSW stay aligned with the needs of its members, and in shaping the way we continue to grow the game across the state. The willingness of everyone in the room to share perspectives, ideas made the conference especially valuable.

I'm truly grateful for the time, energy and commitment shown by everyone who attended, and for the ongoing work you do within your associations to support and strengthen our basketball community.

As we look ahead, Basketball NSW remains committed to building on this strong foundation growing participation, strengthening our systems, and ensuring that basketball continues to thrive across every community in New South Wales.

On behalf of the Board, I thank all members, participants, partners, and stakeholders for their continued support of our game.



LISA YEN

Chair



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT THE 2025 CEO REPORT FOR BASKETBALL NSW, REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF CONTINUED SUCCESS ON AND OFF THE COURT, CONSOLIDATION, STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY IMPACT ACROSS THE STATE.

AS I ONLY COMMENCED AS INTERIM CEO IN JANUARY 2026, I WOULD LIKE TO OPEN BY ACKNOWLEDGING AND SINCERELY THANKING MARIA NORDSTROM FOR HER OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTION OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS, PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL STEWARDSHIP FOR THE ORGANISATION. WITHOUT MARIA'S LEADERSHIP MANY OF THE SUCCESSES FOR 2025 WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVABLE.

2025 STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The sport of basketball in NSW remains incredibly strong and throughout 2025 Basketball NSW continued to be a leader in the NSW sporting landscape.

Organisationally we embarked on the final year of delivery under our 2022–2025 Strategic Plan; building off incredibly strong foundations laid down over the prior year's and culminating in a period that has seen basketball strengthen its position as one of the leading sports in the state.

The 2022–2025 Strategic Plan set out an ambitious agenda to modernise the organisation, strengthen pathways, and position basketball as a sport for everyone, and on reflection, it has been a clear success. In November 2025 we reported that Basketball NSW has delivered 74% of its strategic initiatives, with a further 20% commenced and ongoing, representing a significant achievement across the organisation. It is incredibly rewarding to reflect on the progress made and the breadth of work delivered throughout this period, culminating in the successful completion of this phase of the organisation's journey across 2025. Importantly, this strong delivery positions Basketball NSW incredibly well as we transition into our next strategic cycle with substantial momentum, direction and confidence.

LOOKING AHEAD – 2026 TO 2028

While 2025 represented the conclusion of one strategic cycle, it also marked the beginning of the next phase of Basketball NSW's evolution.

The 2026–2028 Strategic Plan was launched at the annual conference in November 2025, building on the strong foundations established over the past four years. The plan is the first of three phases for the organisation (Adopt, Embed, and Transform); and recognises that sustainable change requires not only innovation, but also consistent implementation and long-term integration.



Key priorities for the next strategic period include:

- Expanding participation through flexible, accessible program models that reflect changing consumer expectations.
- Continuing facility advocacy to address the critical shortage of courts and unlock future growth.
- Enhancing digital integration to improve the participant experience and enable real-time, data-driven decision-making.
- Strengthening association capability to ensure consistent governance, delivery, and member experience across the state.
- Embedding inclusion and diversity as core elements of all programs and pathways.
- Adopting generational thinking, ensuring basketball remains relevant and engaging for emerging audiences.

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Despite significant progress, access to suitable facilities continues to be the greatest threat to our sport with the lack of courts continuing to stifle growth and restrict the ability for associations to reach their true potential. Current projections indicate that more than 330 additional indoor courts will be required across New South Wales over the next decade, alongside key infrastructure such as a State Basketball Centre, regional excellence hubs, and a network of modern multi-court venues and hence the challenge is significant.

Across 2025 Basketball NSW developed and launched its Infrastructure and Facilities Plan, setting out a clear direction for how we will work with government, partners, and local associations to improve access to safe, modern, and affordable places to play across the state. We recognise that court access remains the single greatest barrier to participation, with limited availability constraining competitions, community programs, and pathway opportunities and it is a common theme in conversations that associations continue to face difficult decisions, including compressed schedules, increased team sizes, and turning away participants due to insufficient capacity.

Acknowledging the problem is multifaceted the plan adopts a long-term, evidence-based approach focused on improving access to existing facilities, delivering new courts in areas of greatest demand, and ensuring facilities support the growth of participation, inclusion, and development programs. Whilst there is much to do we are already well positioned to start to drive new facility initiatives and advocate for change.



COMPETITIONS LEAGUES AND PROGRAMS

Reflecting the ongoing challenges associated with facility access, participation numbers in 2025 have plateaued for a second consecutive year, with some areas experiencing a slight decline. Despite this, the overall strength of the sport remains clear. We have continued to see growth across junior competitions statewide, alongside further expansion of the Waratah Leagues and continued national success in NBL1 East.

Our athletes, coaches, and officials continue to represent New South Wales with great distinction, achieving success at both national and international levels and demonstrating the depth of talent and strength of our pathways across the state.

We have continued to successfully expand our offering to our community through programs that support women and girls, First Nations communities, culturally diverse participants and people with disabilities. Encouragingly many of these participation programs continued to drive growth at entry level, with initiatives such as Ford Aussie Hoops, Assist All Hoops, I Am A Girl, and Our Mob Our Game playing a critical role in increasing access, engaging new participants, and supporting more inclusive experiences across communities. Of note, Basketball NSW was once again recognised as a leader in the inclusion space, receiving a second consecutive Sport NSW Inclusion Achievement Award; an acknowledgement that reinforced the organisation's continued leadership and commitment to driving inclusive practices across the sport.

A key focus throughout 2025 has been strengthening the systems and pathways that underpin long-term success. Off the court, we continued to work closely with Basketball Australia and our state and territory counterparts throughout 2025, playing an active role in whole-of-sport initiatives supported by the Game Development Levy. This has included Basketball NSW leading national officiating reform, as well as contributing to the development of the new Coach Development Framework and supporting ongoing digital transformation initiatives that will strengthen the delivery and experience of basketball across Australia.

PARTNER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The impact achieved across 2025 would not have been possible without the support of our valued partners. Their investment, collaboration, and shared commitment to the growth of basketball in New South Wales enable us to deliver meaningful programs, strengthen our community, and support our associations across the state.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the following partners who have worked alongside us throughout the year:

- Office of Sport and Sport NSW, for their significant and ongoing investment in basketball across New South Wales, supporting both Basketball NSW and our affiliated associations.
- Wilson, for your valued support as our official ball partner and naming rights partner for our Waratah Leagues
- GTK, for your continued commitment to the Waratah Wheelchair League.
- iAthletic, for your support of our NSW State Teams and broader programs.
- Maxwood Technologies for your continued support as our flooring partner.
- Soul Sports, for your partnership, including support for officials and staff apparel, as well as valued support for our state teams and Aboriginal basketball communities.

We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing to work together to grow the game.



HALL OF FAME

The 2025 Basketball NSW State Conference was a standout moment in the year, bringing together leaders from across our basketball community for a weekend of genuine connection, shared learning, and reflection. It was incredibly valuable for all the Basketball NSW team to spend time with more than 100 delegates from our associations, partners, and stakeholders, hearing directly from the people who deliver and shape the game across New South Wales. The insights shared, particularly around the future of basketball and the role of digital transformation, reinforced the opportunities ahead for our sport. Importantly, the conference also provided the opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the 2022–2025 Strategic Plan and to launch our 2026–2028 Strategic Plan, setting a clear and collective path forward.

The Basketball NSW Hall of Fame continues to serve as a powerful recognition of those who have shaped the game across generations, and in 2025 we were proud to celebrate another outstanding group of inductees. Elevated to Legend status was John Martin, whose contribution to basketball spans more than six decades and has had a profound and lasting impact on the sport in New South Wales and beyond. Joining him as inductees were Katie-Rae Ebzery OLY, Mark Dalton OLY, Donna Ritchie PLY, Michele Austin and Kim Perry (Players), Brett Hogan and Matthew Beattie (Referees), and Larry Davidson (Coach). These outstanding individuals represent excellence across all facets of the game and their induction highlights the depth of talent, commitment and legacy within the basketball community across the state. The evening also provided an opportunity to recognise Bob McGugen, who was formally inducted into the Basketball Australia Hall of Fame, with his award presented by Basketball Australia at the Basketball NSW Hall of Fame event.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TEAM

Without a strong and cohesive team at Basketball NSW much of what has been achieved would not have been possible and as such I would like to acknowledge the significance of what each and every one of you has contributed under Maria's guidance and leadership.

I would therefore like to close with thanks to our Board for their leadership and governance, our staff for their dedication, tireless commitment and professionalism, and our associations, volunteers, and officials for the critical role they play in delivering basketball across New South Wales.



DAVID SIMPSON

Interim Chief Executive Officer



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

THE CFO PORTFOLIO CARRIES OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR FINANCIAL PLANNING, BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF BASKETBALL NSW'S PROGRAMS AND VENUES. THIS SECTION REFLECTS THE FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE, OVERSIGHT AND DECISION-MAKING THAT SUPPORTED THE ORGANISATION'S OPERATIONS IN 2025.

CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY

Revenue	\$13,354,607
Expenses	\$13,044,644
Share of IFMG Surplus	\$20,813
Surplus from Ordinary Activities	\$330,776

Key budget variances: Revenue above budget in membership registrations (highest level in four years), management fees, sponsorship and trials income. Revenue below budget in nomination fees and course fees. Cost of sales below budget driven by court hire rate negotiations and program delivery efficiencies. Operating expenses above budget in staffing (reflecting organisational growth and CEO transition costs) and professional fees (infrastructure projects).

Infrastructure Reserve balance at year end: \$1,042,109

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Basketball NSW achieved a consolidated operating surplus of \$330,776 for the 2025 financial year. This is a sound result that reflects both the growth in our program and participation footprint and the continued discipline of our operational teams in managing expenditure. Total consolidated revenue increased by \$3.1 million on 2024, from \$10.2 million to \$13.4 million.

Revenue performance across the year was underpinned by multiple strong streams. Membership dollars reached its highest level in four years. Grants and sponsorship income grew substantially to \$3.07 million (2024: \$987,000), largely reflecting major government investment to support the Bathurst stadium upgrade project alongside continued program funding through the NSW Office of Sport. Management fee income from Sports Stadium Management and IFMG exceeded budget, and sponsorship and trials income also finished ahead of expectations. Venue hire income across the SSM stadium network continued to grow, with consolidated stadium income of \$1.28 million recorded for the year. These results reflect the increasing demand for organised basketball and sport in general, across New South Wales.



Cost management remained disciplined across the organisation, with the consolidated expense base managed carefully against approved budgets throughout the year. Direct program and competition costs of \$3.9 million finished below budget, driven by strong negotiations on court hire rates, efficiencies in coaching and camp delivery, and savings across program delivery activities. Employee costs increased year-on-year, reflecting organisational growth in staffing capacity to support program and participation expansion. Repairs and maintenance expenditure of \$1.73 million reflects part of the substantial Bathurst Stadium renovation works undertaken during 2025, with other costs under professional costs; this activity was fully grant-funded and has a nil impact on the operating surplus. Professional fees were above budget, reflecting advisory and project costs associated with infrastructure investment activity, and the Bathurst renovation project. Insurance costs increased by approximately \$110,000 on the prior year, consistent with market-wide premium pressures across the not-for-profit and sports sector. Overall, expense movements reflect our growth in scale and delivery capability.

BNSW's balance sheet position at 31 December 2025 remains strong. Consolidated total assets stood at \$9.4 million, with total equity of \$6.93 million. Cash and term deposit holdings also remain strong, and deferred income and grant balances reduced materially compared to the prior year, reflecting the delivery of programs and projects for which funding had previously been received. Receivables reduced significantly from \$1.27 million to \$609k with no debt collection concerns identified across the ledger. The organisation enters 2026 with a strong financial foundation and well-managed liabilities.

RESERVES

The Facilities & Infrastructure Reserve stood at \$1,042,109 at year end and remains available to support priority venue and infrastructure investment. During 2025, \$60,000 was utilised to support a project in the Georges River region, and a further \$91,277 was transferred into the Reserve from the 2025 BNSW single entity results in accordance with the Board-approved reserve policy. A Foundation Reserve of \$105,036 was also maintained, alongside the Property Revaluation Reserve of \$2,047,616 reflecting the independently assessed value (2024) of BNSW's land and buildings.

Basketball NSW continues to advocate to the government at all levels for increased investment in new and upgraded indoor sports facilities across New South Wales, recognising the significant infrastructure deficit that continues to constrain participation growth. Overall equity and reserve balances reflect a strong financial position and platform for continued investment in programs, people and infrastructure in 2026.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Our people remain central to Basketball NSW's ability to deliver programs, services and support across the sport. In 2025, we continued to invest in attracting, retaining and developing a capable, diverse and committed team.

WORKFORCE

- Basketball NSW employed 35 staff as at 31 December 2025, reflecting workforce growth compared with the prior year.
- Sports Stadium Management employed 21 staff, including 16 casual employees.
- Seven members of the BNSW team departed during 2025, including CEO Maria Nordstrom. Three of those roles were not replaced.
- One permanent staff member departed Sports Stadium Management during the year.



CULTURE & DEVELOPMENT

- Basketball NSW continued to invest in professional development, with most team members undertaking formal training, courses or conference participation during 2025.
- The staff performance review process was refreshed during the year to better align with the BLUES values.
- The Respectful Workplace and Wellbeing Training Program was introduced, and an Employee Assistance Program was launched to provide additional support to staff across varying workload cycles.
- An LGBTQIA+ Staff Education and Training Plan was also developed during 2025 and will be launched in 2026.
- Gender equity across the workforce and leadership remains a strategic priority, consistent with both Office of Sport funding obligations and Basketball NSW's organisational values.

VOLUNTEERS

- Across affiliated associations, events and programs, thousands of volunteers continue to power basketball in New South Wales every week.
- Basketball NSW acknowledges and sincerely thanks all volunteers for the time, commitment and energy they contribute to the sport.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Technology continues to underpin organisational efficiency, member experience and the capability of our affiliated associations. During 2025, Basketball NSW progressed a number of key initiatives to strengthen systems, modernise infrastructure and improve digital service delivery.

SYSTEMS & PLATFORMS

At the end of 2025, Basketball NSW commenced the transition of its managed IT services from Relion IT to Mercury IT following a formal tender and evaluation process. The appointment of Mercury IT reflects a strategic decision to engage a provider with the capability to deliver more proactive advice, strengthen service delivery and better align the organisation's IT environment with broader operational and risk management requirements. As part of the transition, Mercury IT has commenced reviewing systems, support arrangements and the broader technology environment, providing clearer visibility of the current state, priority gaps and improvement opportunities.

Mercury IT will also support the development of a more robust and fit-for-purpose IT strategy for Basketball NSW, helping ensure future technology priorities, systems and investments are aligned to organisational need and strategic direction.

During 2025, Basketball NSW also strengthened internal systems and decision-support capability through the use of Cash Flow Frog for cash flow forecasting and monitoring. This has improved visibility of projected cash flow positions and supported more informed operational and strategic decision-making. The organisation also continued exploring how artificial intelligence may support business operations, including opportunities to improve efficiency, administrative effectiveness and decision support. To support this work appropriately, Basketball NSW commenced development of an AI Committee to assess potential benefits, risks and suitable use cases, ensuring any future adoption is considered within an appropriate governance framework.



CYBERSECURITY & DATA

A key driver of the transition to Mercury IT was the opportunity to strengthen Basketball NSW's cyber security capability and support a more mature and forward-looking approach to technology risk. Early review work has already provided greater visibility over security controls, areas of vulnerability and opportunities to improve resilience across the organisation's digital environment. This will support clearer prioritisation of remediation actions and stronger controls relating to cyber security, system access, business continuity and broader digital governance.

This work will play an important role in supporting Basketball NSW's risk management framework and ensuring the organisation is better placed to protect its systems and data into the future. It also provides a valuable opportunity to develop a clearer roadmap for cyber security uplift and data governance as part of the broader IT strategy.

Basketball NSW also acknowledges and sincerely thanks Relion IT for its many years of dedicated service. Its support over a significant period has been greatly valued and appreciated.

RISK

RISK FRAMEWORK

In 2025, Basketball NSW continued to strengthen its risk management framework and further embed a consistent approach to identifying, assessing and managing risk across the organisation. Focus during the year was placed on aligning risk management more closely with governance, planning and operational decision-making, while continuing to build accountability for risk across relevant portfolios.

Basketball NSW also progressed work to build risk capability more broadly across the sport. This includes the development of practical resources and webinars to support associations in their own risk management journey and help promote greater consistency in risk awareness and practice across the basketball community.

A further milestone during 2025 was the completion of a new Business Continuity Plan, strengthening organisational preparedness and supporting a more structured approach to responding to disruption and maintaining critical operations.

Basketball NSW also acknowledges and thanks Marnie Edwards Management for its support in helping drive the development and implementation of the organisation's new Risk Management Framework.

KEY RISK AREAS MANAGED IN 2025

Throughout 2025, Basketball NSW actively managed a broad range of strategic and operational risks. Key areas of focus included:

- Governance and compliance
- Financial sustainability
- Cyber security and digital systems
- Operational delivery
- People and capability
- Stakeholder trust
- Child-safe and member protection related risks

Attention remained on maintaining appropriate controls, strengthening oversight and ensuring key risks were monitored and escalated through the appropriate governance channels.

The organisation also continued to respond to evolving risks in areas such as technology, infrastructure, business continuity and data governance. Collectively, this work has strengthened organisational resilience and supports a more mature and forward-looking approach to risk management across Basketball NSW.

For more information, Basketball NSW's Risk Management Framework is available on the website:

<https://www.bnsw.com.au/risk-management-framework/>



STADIUMS

Basketball NSW owns and operates venue assets that support both competition delivery and broader community access. In 2025, all three stadiums within the portfolio recorded strong results, reflecting improved utilisation, strengthened community impact and a continued focus on financial sustainability.

BATHURST INDOOR SPORT STADIUM

During 2025, Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium underwent a major redevelopment, with the upgraded venue officially reopening in June 2025. Supported by more than \$1.15 million through the NSW Government's Level the Playing Field Program and a further \$700,000 from Bathurst Regional Council for roofing infrastructure, the works delivered substantial improvements across the facility. Upgrades included new playing surfaces across all four courts, enhanced spectator seating and viewing areas, refurbished player and visitor amenities, replacement of the roof and ventilation system, and installation of LED lighting. These improvements have significantly enhanced the quality, accessibility and functionality of the venue, providing a safer and more modern environment for participants, officials and spectators, while also strengthening the stadium's capacity to host regional events and support the continued growth of basketball and indoor sport in the Central West.

Following the redevelopment, more than 2,000 participants engaged weekly across a wide range of programs and activities. Strong demand was reflected in more than 1,200 BNSW members, approximately 300 participants in SSM competitions, more than 400 participants in other sporting activities, and six external sporting bodies regularly using the venue, reinforcing its position as a genuine multi-purpose regional facility. Key operational objectives were also achieved during the year, including stabilising and modestly growing junior basketball participation to more than 80 teams. The implementation of Basketball Connect supported this growth by streamlining fee collection and improving financial processes. Importantly, despite an eight-week closure period during the year, the stadium significantly exceeded its profit target, achieving a \$75,000 surplus against a budget target of \$30,000. The introduction of new programs such as futsal and pickleball also helped activate quieter periods, adding approximately 14 to 15 hours of weekly usage and further strengthening participation and venue utilisation.

SPORTZ CENTRAL

During 2025, Sportz Central continued to strengthen its role as a key regional venue within Basketball NSW's stadium portfolio, with a strong focus on maximising court utilisation, improving programming efficiency and expanding community access across all five courts. Following the major upgrades completed in early 2024, including the addition of a fifth court and the enhancement of Hall 2 to include full-size netball courts, the venue has been better positioned to accommodate multiple user groups simultaneously, reduce booking conflicts and expand programming across both peak and off-peak periods. These improvements have supported increased participation, stronger venue utilisation and revenue growth, while positioning the stadium well for continued growth into 2026 and beyond.

A key operational achievement during the year was the continued development of more efficient booking, scheduling and reporting processes to support customer service and decision-making. This included the development of internal reporting tools, a streamlined court booking systems and automated workflows, providing a practical and cost-effective way to improve user experience, strengthen communication with customers and better track booking demand and usage trends. Sportz Central also expanded targeted participation initiatives and partnerships, including off-peak pickleball sessions, school-based access opportunities and stronger engagement with private user groups to activate underused court times, reinforcing the venue's value as an accessible and responsive regional sporting hub.



MINTO INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM

The strong result at Minto Indoor Sports Centre in 2025 reflected continued growth in core sports bookings, strong venue utilisation and the benefits of a diverse and active user base. In recognition of this performance and the ongoing quality of venue operations, Campbelltown City Council extended SSM's management contract for a further two years through to February 2028. This extension provides important continuity and reflects confidence in the management and long-term operation of the centre.

Minto also continued to demonstrate its value as a key community and event venue within the region. During the year, the centre hosted several major events, including the Macarthur Careers Expo, which attracted approximately 3,000 local public and independent high school students, and the KARI Indigenous Employment Expo, attended by around 200 Indigenous students. In May, the centre also hosted the NSW PSSA Basketball State Championships over three days, drawing more than 1,000 participants and spectators. Its diverse user base remains a significant strength, supporting both strong financial performance and operational resilience, particularly during periods where participation in individual sports or programs may fluctuate.

STADIUMS FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Sports Stadium Management Pty Ltd recorded its strongest financial result in recent years in 2025, delivering a net profit after tax of \$107,063 against a prior year result of \$9,895. Total revenue grew to \$1,683,377 (2024: \$1,495,805), driven by increased venue hire activity and canteen performance across all three SSM-operated locations at Bathurst, Coffs Harbour and Minto. Stadium income of \$1,281,931 and canteen income of \$401,303 each grew in the prior year, reflecting sustained and growing demand for the facilities. All three venues delivered positive net contributions: Bathurst \$75,656, Coffs Harbour \$145,860 and Minto \$104,932. Total equity in SSM increased to \$279,290 at year end, reflecting the accumulation of retained earnings as the company continues to strengthen its financial position.

The standout capital project of the year was the Bathurst Stadium renovation, a significant infrastructure investment delivered during 2025 with major government grant support. This project has substantially upgraded the facility's playing and experience and positions the venue for increased utilisation and community impact in coming years. Basketball NSW continues to invest in the long-term capability and amenity of its operated venues, and the SSM result in 2025 reinforces the value of maintaining and upgrading these facilities as both participation hubs and revenue-generating platforms for the broader organisation.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships remain a vital pillar of Basketball NSW's financial sustainability and community impact. In 2025, the organisation's Partnership Strategy continued to support the attraction and retention of quality partners aligned to Basketball NSW's values and mission.

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

- Wilson commenced as Basketball NSW's official ball partner in 2025 under a new five-year agreement, marking an important new chapter and succeeding the long-standing partnership with Spalding.
- iAthletic continued its valued partnership with Basketball NSW under a renewed five-year agreement, providing premium apparel and merchandise to athletes and supporters across the state. This partnership will expand further in 2026 to include apparel support for officials, staff and the broader basketball community.



- Maxwood Technology, Aussie Basketball Travellers and Momentum Physiotherapy continued to provide valuable services and support to the basketball community throughout 2025, contributing to the strength of programs and participant experience.
- GTK, Soul Sports, Allied Couriers and PCYC also continued their long-standing and valued commitment to basketball across New South Wales. Their ongoing support remains deeply appreciated and continues to make an important contribution to the sport.
- Basketball NSW was pleased to welcome NBA 2K as a new gaming partner in 2025. This partnership creates an exciting opportunity to strengthen the connection between on-court and virtual participation, helping engage new and more diverse audiences with basketball across the state.
- Basketball NSW also extends its sincere thanks to Soul Sports for its partnership over the past five years, including support for officials and staff apparel, as well as valued support for state teams and Aboriginal basketball communities.

FUNDRAISING & GRANTS

Diversifying revenue through grants and fundraising remains an important part of Basketball NSW's ability to invest in programs, reduce participation barriers and strengthen infrastructure across New South Wales.

During 2025, more than \$3.07 million in grant funding was recognised, supporting a range of strategic and operational initiatives across the organisation. This included \$1.15 million through the Office of Sport Level the Playing Field Program and \$689,000 from Bathurst Regional Council for upgrades to Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium. This funding supported key improvements to the venue, including replacement of the ageing and non-compliant playing surface and upgrades to amenities to provide more equitable access, particularly for women and girls. These works have improved the safety, quality and accessibility of the stadium, while also supporting increased participation, broader programming and an improved experience for users.

Other significant grant funding recognised in 2025 included:

- \$244,000 from the Department of Social Services for delivery of the Assist All Hoops program, an inclusive initiative designed for young people with an intellectual impairment, while also supporting the development of parents, carers and community members as coaches and referees.
- \$232,000 from the Office of Sport Organisational Support Program to enhance organisational governance and capability, support women and girls programs, and assist Basketball NSW in progressing initiatives aligned to the Federal Government's National Gender Equity in Sport Governance Policy targets for 2027.
- \$176,000 from Office of Sport and Basketball Australia Asia Cup Legacy funding to continue Indigenous, multicultural, and women and girls programs.
- \$86,000 from the Office of Sport FWBWC Legacy funding, also supporting ICALD and women and girls initiatives.

At the end of 2025, and into 2026, a number of these grant funding streams concluded or are expected to conclude. As Basketball NSW looks ahead to the next strategic plan, continued focus will be placed on identifying and leveraging grant opportunities to help fund priority initiatives and support long-term strategic outcomes.



DREAM HOOPS 1000

Dream Hoops 1000 remains one of Basketball NSW's most community-focused initiatives, ensuring that no child misses out on playing basketball due to financial hardship. In 2025, Dream Hoops 1000 awarded \$27,300 in financial assistance grants.

LEGACY GIVING

Free Wills Week campaigns continued to build Basketball NSW's legacy giving pipeline, encouraging supporters to consider the long-term future of the sport through planned giving.

Basketball NSW Foundation says THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

Looking ahead to 2026, Basketball NSW will focus on maintaining a disciplined and sustainable financial position while supporting delivery of the first year of the new 2026–2028 Strategic Plan. From a CFO portfolio perspective, this will include continued oversight of budget performance, cash flow, reserves, grant replacement, and funding diversification, while ensuring financial settings support investment in people, systems, infrastructure and our programs. There will also be a strong emphasis on aligning operational delivery with clear performance measures so that strategic priorities are supported by sound financial planning, measurable outcomes and responsible resource allocation.

A key focus in 2026 will also be supporting the continued strength and sustainability of the stadium portfolio. Following a record year across all three venues in 2025, attention will turn to consolidating those gains through strong utilisation, disciplined venue management and continued investment in systems, programming and infrastructure planning. This includes maximising community access, supporting regional growth, and ensuring the stadium portfolio continues to make a meaningful contribution to both participation outcomes and overall financial sustainability of Basketball NSW.

More broadly, 2026 will also see continued investment in the organisational enablers that underpin long-term sustainability and risk management, including progressing the IT strategy and cyber uplift work with Mercury IT, further embedding the risk management framework and business continuity planning, supporting the next phases of the Child Protection Action Plan, and continuing to pursue grant, partnership and fundraising opportunities to fund strategic priorities.



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Chief Financial Officer



2025 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

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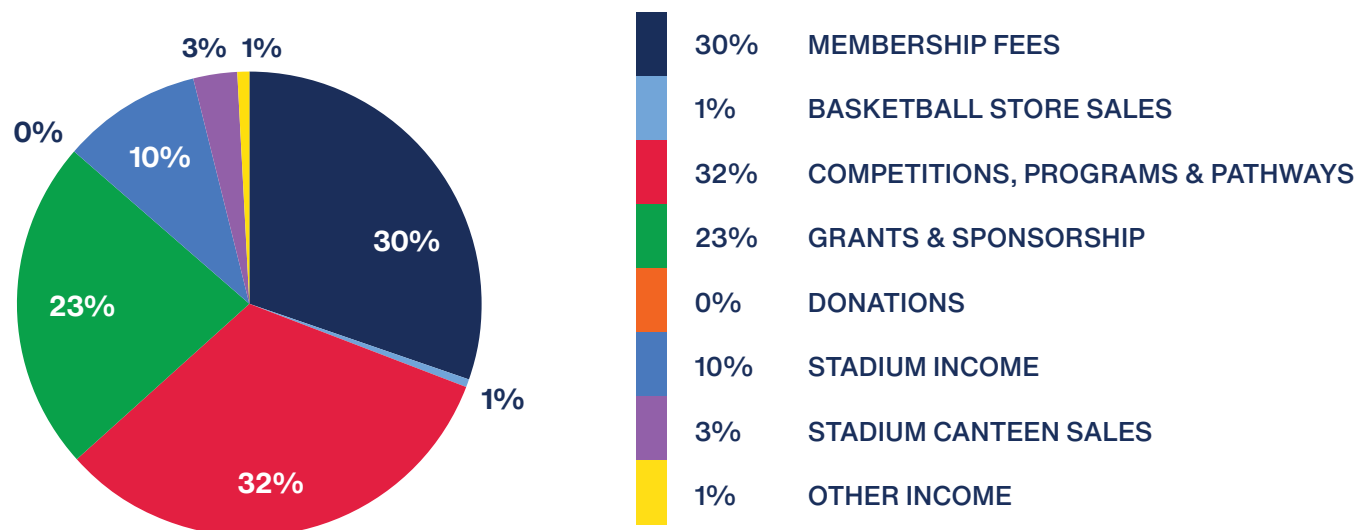


PROFIT & LOSS

REVENUE

REVENUE	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
Membership Fees	4,051,382	3,730,860	9%
Basketball Store Sales	98,267	132,444	-26%
Competitions, Programs & Pathways	4,337,041	3,798,232	14%
Grants & Sponsorship	3,067,946	986,638	211%
Donations	7,218	8,128	-11%
Stadium Income	1,281,937	1,115,538	15%
Stadium Canteen Sales	401,303	380,267	6%
Other Income	109,513	91,415	20%
	13,354,607	10,243,522	30%

REVENUE SPLIT





EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
Competitions, Programs & Pathways	3,904,528	3,512,355	11%
Basketball Operational Costs	7,408,030	5,317,701	39%
Stadium Operations	1,732,086	1,167,533	48%
Share of (Profit) / Loss of IFMG	(20,813)	(10,967)	90%
Income Tax Expense / (Benefit)	36,615	6,880	432%
	13,060,446	9,993,502	31%

SURPLUS FOR YEAR

SURPLUS FOR YEAR	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
	294,161	250,020	18%





BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
Cash	2,047,576	3,989,776	(1,942,200)
Receivables	608,665	1,268,626	(659,961)
Inventories	56,949	76,831	(19,882)
Prepayments	630,037	537,686	92,351
Other Assets	2,044,569	761,909	1,282,660
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	5,387,796	6,634,828	(1,247,032)

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
Receivables	13,850	13,850	-
Investments	122,271	101,458	20,813
Property, Plant & equipment	3,808,541	3,874,769	(66,228)
Intangible Assets	4,773	11,943	(7,170)
Other Assets	62,656	86,207	(23,551)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	4,012,091	4,088,227	(76,136)

TOTAL ASSETS

	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
TOTAL ASSETS	9,399,887	10,723,055	(1,323,168)



LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
Payables	715,016	714,332	684
Lease Liabilities	24,185	24,185	-
Provisions	239,944	267,015	(27,071)
Grants & Deferred Income	1,321,294	2,813,509	(1,492,215)
Other Liabilities	30,854	-	30,854
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,331,293	3,819,041	(1,487,748)

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
Lease Liabilities	14,108	32,846	(18,738)
Provisions	126,626	177,469	(50,843)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	140,734	210,315	(69,581)

TOTAL LIABILITIES

	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,472,027	4,029,356	(1,557,329)

NET ASSETS

	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
NET ASSETS	6,927,860	6,693,699	234,161



EQUITY

EQUITY	2025	2024	INC / (DEC) YOY
Reserves	3,194,761	3,156,266	38,495
Retained Surplus	3,733,099	3,537,433	195,666
TOTAL EQUITY	6,927,860	6,693,699	234,161

RATIOS

LIQUIDITY	2025	2024
Net Income Ratio	2%	2%
Current Ratio	2.31	1.74
Debt to Asset Ratio	0.26	0.38
Sustainable Coverage (weeks)	16	15
Membership % of Total Revenue	30%	36%



INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES

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STATEWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

Basketball NSW launched its Infrastructure Strategy and Facility Plan at the State Conference, setting a clear direction for improving access to facilities across New South Wales.

Access to courts remains the greatest barrier to participation, with many associations facing limited venue availability that restricts competition growth and community programs. In response, the strategy outlines three key priorities: improving access to existing courts, delivering new courts in areas of greatest demand, and strengthening player pathways and community programs through better facilities.

Current projections indicate that more than 330 additional indoor courts will be required across NSW over the next decade, including the development of a State Basketball Centre, regional excellence hubs and new multi-court venues in metropolitan and regional communities.

The Facility Plan will be reviewed every two years to ensure it remains aligned with population growth and participation trends. Delivered in partnership with associations, councils, governments and community organisations, the strategy supports Basketball NSW's commitment to sustainable growth and its vision of Basketball for Everyone – Everywhere.

For more information, Basketball NSW's Infrastructure updates are available on the website:

<https://www.bnsw.com.au/risk-management-framework/>





NEW AND IMPROVED FACILITIES

Thanks to the effort and commitment by our associations, local government and state government funding, the following projects were completed in 2025 -

- Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium (upgrade – new roof, sports floor, seating and lighting).
- Saxby Stadium, Taree (additional 2 court extension).
- Lauren Jackson Stadium, Albury (upgrade of 5 full size courts with new grand stand).

Basketball NSW (SSM) was the successful tenderer for the management of Sportz Central in Coffs Harbour. Securing ongoing management of the recently extended and upgraded facility to continue to grow basketball in the region.

PROJECTS IN THE DELIVERY 'PIPELINE'

The 12 projects in the table below have a committed funding and/or construction program. They will collectively deliver 51 courts.

PROJECT NAME	LGA	PROJECT TYPE	NEW COURTS
Huntley Street ISC	Sydney	New	4
Lane Cove Indoor Sports Centre	Lane Cove	New	4
St Ives High School	Ku-ring-gai	Extension	2
Tumut Multi-purpose Centre	Snowy Valleys	New	2
Kevin Betts Stadium	Blacktown	Extension	2
Penrith Indoor Multi-Sports Arena	Penrith	New	10
West Ryde Multisport Facility	Ryde	New	4
Fairfield Showground – Indoor Sports Centre	Fairfield	New	2
Hyland Road Sporting Complex	Cumberland	New	4
Dubbo Sporting Hub (PCYC)	Dubbo Regional	Extension	4
Queanbeyan Basketball Centre	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional	New	1
Hunter Indoor Sports Centre	Newcastle	Upgrade	12

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

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

FUTURE PROJECTS

In addition to the committed projects above, BNSW is tracking and facilitating a further 44 unfunded projects in various stages of planning. Collectively these projects could deliver a further 131 courts.



RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

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RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY

2025 marked the final year of Basketball NSW's inaugural Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2023–2025. Across the life of the RAP, Basketball NSW continued to take meaningful steps in its reconciliation journey by strengthening relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, embedding cultural respect across the organisation, and creating opportunities for participation, visibility and connection through basketball. In 2025, this work remained focused on practical action, ensuring reconciliation commitments were reflected in events, programs, governance processes and the broader culture of the organisation.

Throughout the year, Basketball NSW continued to build on the foundations established in the earlier years of the RAP. Key achievements included ongoing engagement with Elders and communities at major events, the continued visibility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through uniforms and events, financial support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes through partnership royalties, and the maintenance of a strong governance structure through the Reconciliation Working Group. At the same time, the final year of the RAP also provided an opportunity to reflect on areas that require further development, particularly in relation to formal strategies for engagement, cultural learning, employment pathways and procurement.

As Basketball NSW concludes its first Innovate RAP, the organisation is now progressing development of its second Innovate RAP for 2026–2028. This next phase will build on the progress achieved to date, with a stronger focus on formalising systems, deepening accountability and creating more sustainable reconciliation outcomes across the organisation and the broader basketball community. Annie La Fleur will lead the development and implementation of the next RAP, supported by the Reconciliation Working Group and RAP advocates from across the Basketball NSW team.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1. STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH BASKETBALL

Basketball NSW continued to use basketball as a platform for connection, inclusion and engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across New South Wales. Relationships with Elders, Traditional Owners and community stakeholders remained an important part of event delivery and community engagement, including Welcome to Country and other cultural protocols at major events where possible. Basketball NSW also continued encouraging associations to engage with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and communities, particularly in connection with NAIDOC Week and other local initiatives.

The organisation also maintained a focus on identifying regional communities where ICALD programs and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement activities could be delivered and expanded. While some engagement activities were progressed informally rather than through a formal engagement plan, the organisation continued to build connections through practical program delivery and community-based participation opportunities.



2. PROMOTING CULTURAL RESPECT AND AWARENESS

Basketball NSW continued to promote cultural respect across the organisation through the use of cultural protocols, education and awareness activities. A cultural protocols document was developed and implemented, and Acknowledgement of Country continued to be incorporated into important meetings and events. Welcome to Country and smoking ceremonies were also delivered at key events where appropriate, supporting a respectful and visible acknowledgement of Country and community.

During the year, Basketball NSW continued to celebrate National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week through internal communications, presentations and community-facing activities. Staff were provided with reconciliation resources, and cultural awareness training opportunities were delivered during the RAP period. Aboriginal artwork also continued to be displayed within the organisation and embedded within selected uniforms and event presentation. While progress was made, 2025 also highlighted the opportunity to further strengthen this area through a more formal cultural learning strategy, stronger induction processes and greater structured participation in external NRW and NAIDOC events.

3. INCREASING VISIBILITY AND REPRESENTATION

A key area of progress across the RAP period was the continued visibility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture across Basketball NSW programs and events. Indigenous-designed uniforms remained an important feature of state team representation and selected event apparel, helping to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture remained visible and celebrated across the sport.

Basketball NSW also continued publishing content and messages that recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, programs and initiatives. While this work was progressed consistently, it was delivered more informally than originally intended, highlighting an opportunity for the next RAP to introduce a more structured communications and media approach to reconciliation storytelling and visibility.





4. CREATING OPPORTUNITIES IN SPORT

Basketball NSW continued to create and support opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants through grassroots and pathway initiatives. Financial assistance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes continued through the use of partnership royalties, helping reduce barriers to participation in high performance pathways and state team programs. A huge thank you goes to both Soul Sports and iAthletic in supporting the financial assistance.

Across the RAP period, Basketball NSW also maintained its focus on participation and pathway development through community programs and regional engagement. However, 2025 also reinforced the need to further strengthen this work through more formal mentoring structures, clearer scholarship pathways, and more targeted opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander coaches, officials and athletes. These areas will be an important focus in the development of the next RAP.

5. GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Governance remained a significant strength of Basketball NSW's inaugural Innovate RAP. The Reconciliation Working Group continued to provide oversight and support for RAP delivery, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation maintained and a Terms of Reference in place.

Basketball NSW also completed key governance actions during the RAP period, including annual reporting on RAP progress and completion of required reporting to Reconciliation Australia. While some reporting and meeting rhythms were not as consistent as originally planned, the overall governance structure provided a strong foundation for the organisation's reconciliation work. This foundation will support the transition into the next Innovate RAP and provide an opportunity to strengthen planning, reporting cadence and implementation discipline across 2026–2028.

FUTURE FOCUS

As Basketball NSW prepares its second Innovate RAP for 2026–2028, several priority areas have emerged from the learnings of the inaugural RAP period. These include:

- Formalising stakeholder engagement and communications strategies to better support reconciliation outcomes.
- Developing a clearer cultural learning strategy, including stronger induction and staff education processes.
- Strengthening employment, mentoring and pathway initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the sport.
- Revisiting procurement opportunities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses where practical and sustainable.
- Continuing to build internal accountability, supported by the Reconciliation Working Group and RAP advocates across the organisation.

With Annie La Fleur OLY taking on responsibility for leading the next RAP, and with continued support and insight from the Reconciliation Working Group and RAP advocates within the Basketball NSW team, the organisation is well placed to build on the momentum of its inaugural Innovate RAP and continue progressing its reconciliation journey with greater clarity, structure and impact.



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STATE CONFERENCE

The 2025 Basketball NSW State Conference brought together leaders from across the basketball community for a weekend of collaboration, learning and celebration. The conference welcomed more than 100 delegates representing our associations, partners and key stakeholders from across New South Wales. Hosted by respected broadcaster Stephanie Brantz, who served as Conference Chair, the event provided a platform to share ideas, explore future opportunities for the sport, and strengthen the connection between Basketball NSW and its member associations.

A key feature of the conference was a presentation on the Australian Basketball 2040 Vision and Digital Transformation, delivered by Greg Sam (Director, Basketball Australia), Nadine Parkington (Think Nimble) and Luke Bould (Alacria Global). Their session provided valuable insights into the future direction of the sport nationally and the role technology and innovation will play in supporting the continued growth of basketball.

During the conference, Basketball NSW also reflected on the progress achieved through the 2022–2025 Strategic Plan, presenting the final report on its delivery and impact across the state. The weekend also marked an important milestone with the launch of the Basketball NSW 2026–2028 Strategic Plan, outlining the organisation's next phase of priorities and its continued commitment to supporting associations, growing participation and strengthening the basketball community.

The conference celebrations extended beyond the meeting rooms. The Basketball NSW Hall of Fame Dinner welcomed 250 guests, recognising individuals whose extraordinary contributions have helped shape the history of basketball in the state. The weekend concluded with the Annual Awards Function, attended by more than 150 members of the basketball community, celebrating the volunteers, officials, athletes and administrators whose dedication continues to drive the success and growth of basketball across New South Wales.



ACTIVE CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER

We extend our sincere thanks to the NSW Government for their continued support of the Active and Creative Kids Voucher program, which provides families with financial assistance to help cover the cost of registration, participation, and equipment for children's sport, recreation, and creative activities.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit can apply for an Active and Creative Kids voucher for each eligible child.

The program plays a vital role in reducing cost barriers, encouraging more young people to stay active, engaged, and connected to their communities. Through this initiative, children aged 4.5 to 18 years who are enrolled in school and hold a valid Medicare card are eligible for up to two \$50 vouchers each year to use towards eligible activities.



SPORTING SCHOOLS

We gratefully acknowledge the Australian Sports Commission for their ongoing support of the Sporting Schools program, a national initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport and physical activity.

In 2025, the Sporting Schools program continued to play a key role in introducing basketball to students across NSW. Through the delivery of Ford Aussie Hoops and 3x3 basketball programs, Basketball NSW collaborated with affiliated associations and accredited coaches to bring high-quality basketball experiences directly into schools.

Over the year, 400 schools participated in the program, with 455 programs delivered, engaging 54,839 students. This saw basketball rank as the #1 team sport and #2 sport overall in NSW.

The program also strengthened connections between schools and local basketball associations, providing clear pathways for students to transition from school-based participation into community basketball.

Sporting Schools remains a vital entry point for young people to experience basketball in a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment. The program provides funding for Australian primary schools, and targeted secondary school year levels, to deliver free, high-quality sporting experiences before, during, or after school. Through our partnership with Basketball Australia, Sporting Schools helps students develop essential skills, build confidence, and foster a lifelong love of sport.

This support has been crucial in expanding basketball participation across New South Wales, particularly in regional and remote communities, introducing thousands of children to the game in a fun, inclusive, and safe environment.



FORD AUSSIE HOOPS

We sincerely thank Ford for their continued sponsorship of the Ford Aussie Hoops program — Basketball Australia's official introductory program. This initiative provides children aged 5–10 with a fun, safe, and engaging environment to learn and enjoy basketball.

In 2025, the Ford Aussie Hoops program continued to grow as a key entry point for young players into basketball across NSW. Across 63 different programs, 8,873 participants engaged with grassroots basketball in their local communities.

The year's highlight was the remarkable achievement of Maitland Basketball, recognised nationally as the Ford Aussie Hoops Centre of the Year. This award acknowledges their exceptional efforts in delivering a high-quality, welcoming program for young participants. Wagga Wagga Basketball was also recognised for their strong program, finishing among the top three centres nationally.

These successes reflect the dedication of associations, coaches, and countless volunteers who work tirelessly to create fun, inclusive environments where children can learn the game and develop a lifelong love of basketball.

Ford's support continues to play a critical role in growing the game at the entry level, giving more children the opportunity to be active, learn new skills, and build a lasting passion for basketball.



I AM A GIRL

The I AM A GIRL (IAAG) program continued to play a vital role in increasing female participation in basketball across NSW in 2025. The program significantly exceeded its delivery targets, with 130 clinics delivered (173% of the annual target of 75) and 3,341 participants engaged (115% of the participation target).

IAAG clinics created welcoming and supportive environments for girls to try basketball, build confidence, and develop skills. The program demonstrated strong reach across diverse communities, with 6% of participants identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and 10% identifying as culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD). With an average of 10 participants per session, clinics remained small and supportive, helping more girls feel comfortable entering the sport. Importantly, IAAG also acted as a pathway into local basketball, with many girls progressing from Come 'N' Try clinics into local clubs and competitions, supporting long-term female participation.

The program provided ongoing opportunities for girls to engage with basketball in a fun and inclusive environment:

- Come 'N' Try sessions introduced participants to the game.
- Come 'N' Play sessions offered more advanced training for girls with prior experience.
- Capacity-building initiatives supported the growth of female coaches, helping them develop skills and pursue leadership roles within the sport.

The IAAG Scholarship Program further strengthened the program's impact by engaging ambassadors to share positive messaging and inspire young women to dream big and succeed in basketball. In 2025, Renae Garlepp and Katie Rae Ebzery joined the ambassador team, championing the program's goals.

The Families Program encouraged participants to involve a family member in a unique empowerment experience, including attending elite-level basketball games and engaging directly with high-performance athletes, creating lasting memories and inspiring the next generation of female players.

The IAAG Heroes Program (Challenges) celebrated homegrown excellence by providing development opportunities for U13 Metro and Country girls. Each Challenge was proudly named in honour of NSW athletes who have represented Australia at the Olympic Games or FIBA World Championships as members of the Opals, fostering pride, identity, and aspiration. We thank Annie La Fleur OLY, Suzy Batkovic OLY, and Katie Rae Ebzery OLY for their invaluable contributions to the program.

The Challenges also included a tournament-style component, giving girls the chance to train, play, and even coach one another in a dynamic and empowering environment. This approach strengthened leadership, teamwork, and confidence, ensuring participants gained both on-court skills and personal growth.

It has been particularly encouraging to see more local associations running girls-only programs, reflecting the growing demand for inclusive, female-focused basketball experiences across New South Wales.



OUR MOB OUR GAME

Basketball NSW continued its strong commitment to reconciliation and meaningful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through the Our Mob Our Game initiative. The program engaged 8,945 participants, including boys, girls, men, and women, through over 60 activations across both regional and metropolitan areas of NSW. These community-focused events provided safe, welcoming, and culturally inclusive basketball experiences, introduced participants to the sport in a fun environment, and helped establish connections with local basketball associations and providers, creating clear pathways for ongoing participation.

At the heart of the initiative are Come 'N' Try and Come 'N' Play sessions, which offer people of all ages and abilities the chance to engage with basketball in a culturally respectful and inclusive way. These sessions not only welcomed new players to the sport but also celebrated culture, community, and connection through basketball.

NAIDOC WEEK

In celebration of NAIDOC Week 2025 Basketball NSW ran a series of free basketball events across the state, celebrating the rich culture, achievements, and enduring legacy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy' highlighted the strength drawn from Elders, the collective vision of communities, and the legacy being shaped by the next generation of First Nations leaders. In recognition of this powerful message, Basketball NSW delivered and supported a range of regional events to celebrate the week through basketball.

Two major 3x3 Basketball Gala Days in Coffs Harbour and Wagga Wagga, designed to bring together communities in a fun and inclusive setting.

These events were open to participants of all skill levels and featured a mix of on-court and off-court activities. Designed to be fun and engaging for the whole family, the Gala Days which included:

- Skills sessions for 5–10 year-olds.
- 3x3 basketball tournaments across 4 divisions and age ranges from U12's through to Opens.
- Shooting competitions and mini-games.
- Music, entertainment, food, and prizes.

These events offered a dynamic way to honour NAIDOC Week while promoting participation, teamwork, and cultural pride through basketball.



NAIDOC WEEK COMMUNITY EVENTS

Basketball NSW also supported a series of community-led NAIDOC Week celebrations across regional NSW, partnering with local organisations to bring communities together through basketball while honouring First Nations cultures and stories.

- **Grafton:** Inaugural High School Sports Day with 3×3 basketball, music, and a free BBQ (PCYC Grafton).
- **Ballina:** 3×3 basketball and skills clinics for children and youth, including music and lunch (READY QUIT SOLID & Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service).
- **Port Macquarie:** Youth Hub Sports Day featuring futsal and 3×3 basketball, alongside cultural activities and BBQ (Hastings NAIDOC Committee).
- **Armidale:** Community 3×3 Basketball Day with Aussie Hoops for younger children and 3×3 games for older youth (Armidale Basketball & Pathfinders).
- **Inverell:** 3×3 Community Day at the Skate Park for local youth, fostering connection and fun (NSW Police).





SKILLS DAYS

Basketball NSW's Skills Days program continued to play an important role in early talent identification and foundational skill development in 2025. Designed to provide accessible, high-quality development opportunities for young players, the program delivered 20 activations across the state, engaging 999 participants across the Under 12 and Under 13 age groups.

The Under 12 Skills Days remain the cornerstone of the program, with 16 activations attracting 860 participants. These one-day clinics focus on developing essential basketball skills in a fun, safe and structured environment. Delivered by experienced coaches, the sessions aim to build confidence, improve fundamental skills and foster a strong connection to the game. For many participants, the program provides their first experience of representative-style coaching and serves as an introduction to the Basketball NSW development pathway.

The Under 13 Skills Days built on this foundation, with four activations engaging 139 participants. These sessions introduce more advanced skill concepts and training environments, supporting players as they continue their development and prepare for potential progression into representative programs.

For regional athletes, the Country Skills Days also form the first stage of the selection process for the John Davidson Country Jamboree, a highlight event on the junior basketball calendar that brings together emerging talent from across regional New South Wales. Participation in these Skills Days provides country athletes with an opportunity to be identified and progress within the Basketball NSW development pathway.

The continued reach of the Skills Days program reflects the strong demand for structured development opportunities and Basketball NSW's ongoing commitment to nurturing the next generation of basketball talent across both metropolitan and regional communities.



CHALLENGES

Basketball NSW's Challenges Program continued to grow in 2025, providing emerging athletes with high-quality development opportunities in structured and competitive environments. Originally launched following a successful pilot in 2023 as part of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Legacy Program, the initiative has quickly become an important component of the Basketball NSW development pathway.

In 2025, a total of seven Challenges were delivered, engaging 463 participants across a range of age groups and divisions. These events included the Suzy Batkovic Challenge (U15 & U17 Girls), Glen Saville Challenge (U15 & U17 Boys), Katie-Rae Challenge (U13 Country Girls), Annie La Fleur Challenge (U13 Metro Girls) and the Damien Martin Challenge (U13 Boys). Each Challenge is named in honour of former Australian Opals and Boomers athletes, recognising their achievements at the highest international level and celebrating their contributions to the sport.

The Challenges are designed to support the growth and development of young athletes by combining 3x3 and 5-on-5 training sessions and games, providing opportunities to develop skills, teamwork and game understanding in a high-performance environment. For female participants in the U15 and U17 programs, the experience also included female empowerment sessions, reinforcing the program's commitment to supporting the next generation of women in basketball.

Participants were selected based on their performance and potential demonstrated during the trial process, ensuring each Challenge delivered a competitive and development-focused environment. The program also provided unique experiences for athletes, including opportunities to engage with the Challenge Ambassadors, along with NBL and WNBL game-day experiences, further inspiring young athletes as they continue their basketball journeys.

COUNTRY AND METRO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Basketball NSW's Country and Metro Development Programs continue to play a vital role in our athlete development pathway, providing players from across the state with the tools, support and opportunities to progress within the sport. In 2025, a total of 574 participants engaged in the program across 12 activations, reflecting strong ongoing interest in structured development opportunities across both metropolitan and regional communities.

These Development Programs are designed to nurture aspiring athletes through a focus on fundamental skill development, decision-making and game understanding, delivered in a positive, safe and structured environment. Sessions are led by experienced coaches and aligned with Basketball Australia's national style of play, ensuring athletes are well prepared for higher levels of competition while being supported in their overall development journey.

In regional areas, the Country Development Program continues to play an important role in ensuring equitable access to development opportunities, regardless of location. The program supports athletes in preparing for key progression opportunities, including the Country Jamboree, State Performance Program and NSW Country representation at national events. By investing in regional talent, Basketball NSW ensures athletes in country areas receive the same quality of coaching and exposure as their metropolitan counterparts.

The continued delivery and reach of these programs in 2025 highlights Basketball NSW's commitment to providing accessible, high-quality development opportunities across the state. By fostering talent at the grassroots level and maintaining clear and connected pathways, the Country and Metro Development Programs continue to strengthen the future of basketball in New South Wales.



JOHN DAVIDSON U12'S COUNTRY JAMBOREE

The Southern and Northern John Davidson Country Jamboree once again proved to be a highlight of the Basketball NSW calendar in 2025, bringing together young athletes from across regional New South Wales for a memorable experience focused on development, learning and community connection. The Southern Jamboree was held in Griffith, while the Northern Jamboree took place in Coffs Harbour, providing accessible opportunities for participants across both regions.

In 2025, the Jamboree engaged 526 players, supported by 56 coaches and 56 managers, highlighting the strong commitment from associations and volunteers across country basketball. The event also played a critical role in the development of technical officials, with 60 referees and 28 referee coaches involved, ensuring a well-supported and high-quality learning environment both on and off the court.

The Jamboree remains the final stage of the Under 12 Country Development pathway, with athletes identified through regional Skills Days. The program focuses on individual skill development, team concepts and sportsmanship, while also providing participants with their first experience of a representative-style environment. For many, it is an opportunity to connect with peers from across the state and build lasting friendships through basketball.

Beyond competition, the Jamboree continues to deliver valuable education opportunities, including three coaching clinics attended by 70 coaches, supporting the ongoing development of coaches within regional communities. The event also provides a platform for the growth and mentoring of referees, referee coaches and team officials, strengthening the overall capability of country basketball.

Now in its 38th year, the Jamboree continues to honour the legacy of John Davidson, delivering a high-quality and enriching experience for regional athletes. It remains a vital component of Basketball NSW's talent development pathway and a celebration of the passion, resilience and strength of basketball communities across regional New South Wales.

U12'S METRO JAMBOREE

Basketball NSW hosted the inaugural Metro Jamboree from 29 September to 1 October 2025 at Sutherland Basketball Stadium, marking an important addition to the state's Under 12 pathway. The event brought together 8 boys' and 8 girls' teams, with athletes selected from metropolitan Skills Days. Introducing a format long established in Country regions, the Metro Jamboree focused on providing young players with a fun, inclusive environment centred on development rather than results.

Across the three days, participants engaged in a mix of on-court games and off-court learning, encouraging them to try new skills, learn from different coaches, and build confidence. Coaches also benefited from a dedicated clinic, while girls took part in a "Grit for Girls" session focused on resilience, confidence, and leadership. The experience was further enhanced by the involvement of Sydney Flames representatives, including ambassador Lauren Nicholson and head coach Caitlyn Martin, giving players exposure to elite role models.

As a new addition to the pathway, the Metro Jamboree represents a strong step forward in creating more opportunities for young athletes to develop, connect, and grow within the game.



NIBL

The Northern Inland Basketball League (NIBL) continued to provide inclusive, community-focused basketball opportunities for young athletes throughout the New England region in 2025. As a regional junior development competition, the league prioritises participation and low cost enjoyment, bringing together players from communities such as Gunnedah, Armidale, Inverell, Scone, Glen Innes, Guyra, Tamworth, Quirindi and nearby areas.

In 2025, NIBL expanded its reach by delivering school-based events, hosting two days of fast-paced 3x3 basketball competitions. High schools from across the region were invited to enter teams, with successful tournaments held in Armidale and Gunnedah. Across the two events, more than 200 students took part, including many who were not previously involved in club basketball. The 3x3 format is particularly effective at the grassroots level. The game is fast, engaging and inclusive, and can be easily delivered with minimal facilities, requiring only half a court and a single hoop. With straightforward rules and continuous play, participants remain actively involved, receive plenty of ball touches and are able to fully experience the enjoyment of the game.

Looking ahead to 2026, NIBL aims to build on this success by expanding the one-day 3x3 school tournaments to additional centres across the Northern Inland region. These school-day events present a valuable opportunity to connect with students during school hours and introduce the sport to young people who may not otherwise have access to organised club basketball.





DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

The 2023–2025 Basketball NSW Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan concluded in 2025, marking an important milestone in our commitment to fostering a more diverse, equitable and inclusive basketball community across New South Wales. The plan was developed with the overarching aim of creating environments where every participant feels welcome, supported and valued. Through collective action and collaboration with our members, partners and community groups, we have continued to strengthen a vibrant basketball community that reflects the diversity of our society and reinforces our belief that basketball is truly a sport for all.

The plan identified 19 action items across four key pillars, visibility, education, engagement and funding. Of these, 16 actions were successfully achieved during the life of the plan, with the remaining initiatives continuing as ongoing priorities. Importantly, all 19 action areas remain active, ensuring the work undertaken through the plan continues to evolve and respond to the changing needs of our community.

We are proud of the progress made over the past three years and the strong foundation that has been established. The initiatives and partnerships developed through this plan will continue to be strengthened and expanded as they align with the priorities outlined in the 2026–2028 Basketball NSW Strategic Plan, ensuring diversity, equity and inclusion remain central to the future growth of basketball in New South Wales.

PCYC NATIONS OF ORIGIN

The PCYC Nations of Origin program continues to be a powerful initiative that brings together sport, culture, education and leadership, and is proudly delivered each year in alignment with NAIDOC Week. Basketball NSW is proud to support this important program through our ongoing partnership with PCYC NSW, assisting in the delivery and management of the 3x3 basketball competition.

In 2025, the Nations of Origin 3x3 tournament held at the PCYC in Hawkesbury was once again provided a vibrant platform for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants to come together through sport while celebrating culture, community and identity. The event featured 65 teams, highlighting the strong interest and continued growth of the program as it provides meaningful opportunities for young people to engage with basketball in a supportive and culturally connected environment.

Basketball NSW supported the event by providing staff, overseeing the competition structure and appointing technical officials to ensure a well-managed and enjoyable experience for all participants. The ongoing success of Nations of Origin reflects the strength of our partnership with PCYC NSW and reinforces our commitment to creating inclusive opportunities that celebrate diversity and strengthen communities through basketball.



PRIDE IN BASKETBALL

Basketball NSW continued its commitment to inclusion and visibility through the Pride in Basketball program in 2025, celebrating diversity and reinforcing basketball as a sport where everyone belongs. As part of this commitment, Basketball NSW was proud to co-host the third Pride Basketball Australia Tournament alongside Basketball Australia during the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras festival period.

The tournament once again brought together teams from across the country and New Zealand, providing a welcoming and inclusive environment that celebrated community through sport. The event featured men's, women's and non-gendered divisions, alongside a wheelchair basketball exhibition game, showcasing the diversity of participation within the basketball community. On the court, Sydney Spectres Magenta claimed the men's division title, Firstsubs Thunder won the women's division, and Melbourne Spectres were victorious in the non-gendered competition.

The program also continued to grow its ambassador network, with AJ Lamarque appointed as the Pride in Basketball Ambassador. AJ's advocacy and visibility for LGBTQ+ inclusion in sport was further recognised nationally when he received the 2025 Pride in Sport LGBTQ+ Positive Media Award. In addition to the tournament, Basketball NSW also hosted a basketball stall at Fair Day within the sports precinct, an event held as part of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

Through these initiatives, Pride in Basketball continues to strengthen connections within the LGBTQ+ community, promote participation and demonstrate the positive role sport can play in creating safe, welcoming and inclusive environments.



ASSIST ALL HOOPS

Basketball NSW's Assist All Hoops (AAH) program continued to create meaningful and inclusive opportunities for people with intellectual impairments to engage with basketball in 2025. Through this initiative, Basketball NSW remains committed to ensuring that basketball is a sport where everyone belongs, regardless of ability, while supporting associations to develop sustainable and inclusive participation pathways within their local communities.

Since the program commenced in 2024, 7,688 participants have taken part across a range of activities including Come 'N' Try sessions, Come 'N' Play programs, Gala Days and school-based initiatives. These programs provide an accessible introduction to basketball while creating opportunities for participants to build confidence, develop skills and experience the enjoyment of being part of a team environment.

A major milestone in 2025 was the delivery of the first Assist All Hoops 3x3 State Championships for our associations, alongside a High School Support Units competition, providing participants with the opportunity to experience representative-style competition in an inclusive and supportive environment. The continued growth of the program has also been supported by the development of 67 accredited coaches and officials, helping to build the capability within associations to deliver inclusive basketball programs across the state.

During the year we also announced the adoption of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Australia program, a global initiative that supports individuals living with non-visible disabilities. This program marks a meaningful step towards fostering greater inclusivity, awareness, and support within the basketball community.

Throughout the entire month of May, referees officiating in the Waratah Junior and Senior Leagues, as well as the NBL1 East competition, will swap out their usual lanyards and wear the white Hidden Disabilities Sunflower "Sunflower Supporter" lanyard. This small but powerful symbol signifies each referee's commitment to being an ally to those with hidden disabilities.

The Sunflower Supporter lanyard serves as a visual cue that the wearer is someone who recognises and understands the challenges that can come with living with an invisible disability and that they are supportive, respectful, and willing to help where needed.

The Assist All Hoops curriculum remains aligned with the successful Ford Aussie Hoops model, while providing flexibility for coaches to adapt sessions based on the age, needs and abilities of participants. Through strong partnerships and ongoing collaboration with schools, associations and community organisations, Assist All Hoops continues to build a sustainable pathway for inclusive basketball participation across New South Wales.





ASSOCIATION SUPPORT

Basketball NSW would like to acknowledge and thank the hundreds of volunteers who lead our associations across the state. These individuals generously donate their time serving on Boards and committees, and their dedication and commitment to the game are both valued and deeply appreciated.

In 2025, we welcomed the new associations of Port Stephens Basketball and Parramatta Cumberland Basketball, further expanding our network and ensuring more communities across New South Wales can access the benefits of structured and inclusive basketball programs.

The rollout of our Best Practice Constitution for Basketball also continued throughout the year, with a growing number of associations adopting this framework. A constitution is a foundational document that acts as an association's internal rulebook, providing a clear roadmap for governance, decision-making and organisational structure.

Alongside updated constitutions, many associations are also developing aligned strategic plans, refreshed policies and procedures, and modernised competition by-laws. Together, these documents help establish strong governance practices and support the development of positive and inclusive organisational cultures.

In 2025, Basketball NSW also released a simple yet practical cheat sheet to assist associations with the onboarding and offboarding of Directors, providing clear guidance to support good governance and leadership transitions.

With 80 associations across the state, Basketball NSW continued to provide direct support to our members, assisting them to strengthen governance, improve operational practices and build organisational capacity. This support included working closely with associations on a range of administrative and compliance matters, including guidance on Fair Trading and Australian Securities and Investments Commission requirements, assistance with General Meeting preparation and facilitation, and support across areas such as financial management, grant applications, child safeguarding and day-to-day basketball operations.

Now in its fifth year, our partnership with TidyHQ remains a key element of our association support strategy. Through this initiative, 40 associations have received free access to the TidyHQ platform, enabling them to run efficient meetings with tools for agenda creation, minute-taking, document storage and automatic capture of attachments for regulatory compliance. This solution continues to play an important role in helping associations streamline their operations and manage their affairs with greater confidence and clarity.



ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Basketball NSW maintains two key advisory groups that represent and advocate for the interests of our affiliated members: the Metropolitan Advisory Committee (MAC) and the Country Basketball Advisory Committee (CBAC). These committees were established under the direction of the Basketball NSW Board, operate under formal charters, and meet quarterly, or as required, to provide strategic input into the development and delivery of basketball across New South Wales.

The role of each committee is to review, monitor and provide recommendations to Basketball NSW management and the Board on matters relating to the sport. Meetings include a combination of updates for information, strategic items for discussion, and culminate annually in a forum held during the Basketball NSW State Conference, providing a broader platform for consultation and collaboration with member associations.

In 2025, the advisory committees also played an important role in strengthening cross-committee collaboration by nominating representatives to participate in other Basketball NSW advisory groups and working groups, ensuring diverse perspectives continue to shape the sport at every level.

The Metropolitan Advisory Committee, chaired by Laretta Claus AM, included representatives Peter Herrmann (Hawkesbury), Eric Stephens (Norths), Christian Gobolos (Bankstown), Steve Burke (Hills), Anthony Karam (Inner West) and Lachlan Arford (City of Blacktown). Basketball NSW staff Maria Nordstrom and Geoff Tripp attended meetings in support of the committee's work.

The Country Basketball Advisory Committee was chaired by Donna McClelland, and included representatives John Martin, Paul Beale, Bob McGugan (resigned March), Leeanne Palmer, Rachel Martin (Shoalhaven), Meghan Kemp (Kempsey), Maxine Babinski (Central Coast – resigned August), Jody King (Gunnedah), David Blakemore (Albury) and Mel Sullivan (Bathurst). Basketball NSW staff Maria Nordstrom and Geoff Tripp also supported this committee throughout the year.

Both committees held their annual forums on Sunday as part of the Basketball NSW State Conference, providing an opportunity for broader consultation with associations.

Basketball NSW extends its sincere thanks to both committees for their valuable time, insights and continued support in 2025. Their contributions play an essential role in ensuring our programs, policies and priorities remain informed by the voices of our member associations.





BASKETBALL CONNECT

2025 marked our second calendar year using Basketball Connect as our state competition management platform, and our first full year of implementation. Adoption remained strong across the state with over 140 associations, clubs and other basketball providers accepting registrations via the platform and 68 associations and leagues using the fixturing and scoring functionality. This was also the first year that our Waratah representative leagues were run through Basketball Connect, with live scoring available during matches via the app. While a few technical issues arose, these provided valuable insights for future improvements. Overall, the season ran successfully.

As association administrators became more familiar with the platform, their usage expanded beyond core functions such as registrations and competition management to include additional features. In the finance space, integration with Xero accounting software has been adopted by 13 associations to streamline reconciliation processes. A small number have also begun using the invoicing tool introduced at the end of 2024. We have also seen strong uptake of the Shop tool, which is being used to manage sales ranging from player uniforms and event tickets to branded merchandise.

We continued to collaborate with Basketball Connect on new development initiatives, driven by feedback from our associations and identified gaps where additional functionality could improve processes. Key features introduced in 2025 include:

- Option for associations to receive settlements daily or weekly
- Ability to create custom questions and add them to registration forms
- Ability to add notes to a user profile for admin view
- Enhanced communication options by match/es and user groups
- Discount codes can now be applied to team and player to team registrations
- Addition of audit logs across the platform to track change history
- Added time zone to game times showing in the app



COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

Throughout 2025, the Communications and Media team continued to strengthen Basketball NSW's digital presence, ensuring our community remained informed, connected, and engaged across all levels of the game.

Our strategy focused on consistency, and relevance. Through a coordinated multi-channel approach including social media, website news, EDMs, competition coverage, and direct stakeholder communications we delivered timely updates, promoted participation pathways, and highlighted the people and programs driving basketball across NSW.

In 2025, storytelling remained a central pillar of our communications approach. Beyond reporting scores and announcements, we placed greater emphasis on capturing the stories behind the game, the athletes chasing opportunity, the referees developing through pathways, the coaches shaping culture, the volunteers sustaining associations, and the families supporting participation.

A key objective was to ensure every part of the basketball ecosystem felt seen and represented. From grassroots programs such as I AM A GIRL, Our Mob Our Game, Assist All Hoops and through to State Teams and NBL1 East, our content aimed to give voice to all members of the community. By showcasing diverse experiences and pathways, we reinforced that basketball in NSW is inclusive, aspirational, and accessible.

This storytelling approach strengthened community connection, built pride across associations, and supported broader strategic goals around participation, visibility, and belonging.

In 2025, our content approach further evolved into a video-first model. Short-form video remained central to our digital strategy, with increased investment in reels, mic'd-up moments, behind-the-scenes storytelling, and competition highlights. This shift allowed us to showcase the personality of our athletes, coaches, referees, and programs while meeting the expectations of modern digital audiences.

TikTok continued to serve as an important platform for reaching younger demographics, with creative and personality-driven content designed to humanise the sport and build relatability. At the same time, Instagram remained our most influential and consistent growth platform across the organisation.

A significant highlight in 2025 was the continued expansion and professionalisation of the NBL1 East Instagram presence. The platform experienced strong growth in both reach and engagement, establishing itself as the primary digital destination for league coverage.

Through structured content pillars including game-day coverage, player features, highlight packages, referee recognition, and finals storytelling the account delivered consistent, high-quality coverage across the season. Increased emphasis on reels and fast-turnaround highlights significantly boosted visibility, while collaborative posts with clubs and athletes expanded audience reach across the NBL1 East ecosystem.

The page has become a key promotional asset for clubs, athletes, commercial partners, and the league itself, reinforcing NBL1 East's reputation as a premier competition within the national pathway.

Across the broader Basketball NSW landscape, we continued to support major competitions and programs through targeted, structured communications planning.

At national events, including representative campaigns, our media team provided comprehensive coverage through photography, videography, and daily storytelling updates. This ensured visibility for NSW teams while strengthening engagement with families, associations, and stakeholders.



Late 2025 saw the introduction of new legislation impacting social media access for individuals under 16. In preparation, Basketball NSW will begin reviewing its digital practices to ensure compliance while maintaining strong engagement with young participants and their families.

Our focus remains on protecting young people while continuing to promote participation pathways in a compliant and responsible manner.

As digital behaviours continue to evolve, Basketball NSW remains committed to adapting strategically. In 2026, we will continue refining our video-first approach, strengthening NBL1 East digital coverage, enhancing stakeholder communications, and ensuring compliance with emerging regulatory frameworks.

Our objective remains clear: to deliver professional, informative, and engaging communications that support participation, competition, and high performance across basketball in New South Wales.

PLATFORM	FOLLOWERS AS OF DEC 2025
Basketball NSW Facebook	27,753
Basketball NSW Instagram	23,925
NBL1 East Instagram	9,491
Waratah League Facebook	6,891
YouTube	8,990
LinkedIn	1,679
TikTok	5,313
Mailjet	50,038

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TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

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TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

BASKETBALL NSW'S TECHNICAL OFFICIALS CONTINUED TO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE DELIVERY AND SUCCESS OF COMPETITIONS ACROSS THE STATE THROUGHOUT 2025. FROM GRASSROOTS LEAGUES TO HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS, REFEREES, SCORETABLE OFFICIALS, STATISTICIANS, AND REFEREE COACHES DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, COMMITMENT, AND INTEGRITY IN SUPPORTING THE GAME.

Their contribution ensures that competitions are delivered to the highest standards while maintaining safe, fair, and enjoyable environments for players, coaches, and spectators.

Basketball NSW sincerely thanks all members of the officiating community for the time, expertise, and passion they dedicate to the sport each year.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

During 2025, the High-Level Technical Officials Development Plan 2022–2025 continued to guide the strategic direction of officiating in New South Wales. The plan focuses on strengthening standards, increasing opportunities for officials, and building sustainable development pathways across all levels of the game.

The plan is built around four key priorities:



CAPACITY BUILDING



RETENTION



PATHWAYS



EDUCATION

These priorities underpin the work undertaken across the state to recruit, develop, support, and retain technical officials, ensuring the continued growth and sustainability of officiating across Basketball NSW competitions.

HIGH PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS

One key initiative supporting high-performance officiating continues to be the NBL Elite Referee Scholarship Program, a Basketball NSW initiative delivered in partnership with the NBL Referee Department.

The program provides selected referees from the NSW high-performance program with structured mentoring, individual development planning, and regular engagement with NBL referee coaches and administrators. Participants benefit from ongoing performance feedback, goal setting, and group learning opportunities across a 12-month period.

Now firmly established within the officiating pathway, the program continues to provide valuable exposure and development opportunities for referees progressing towards national and international appointments.



EDUCATION AND ACCREDITATION

Basketball NSW remains committed to providing accessible education and accreditation opportunities for officials across the state. These programs support the continued growth of officiating at both grassroots and elite levels and play an important role in maintaining the high standards expected across Basketball NSW competitions.

Through continued commitment to education, development, and recruitment initiatives, the officiating community has remained strong across all competitions. Importantly, no Junior Premier League, Waratah League, or NBL1 East games were lost due to a shortage of referees during the year, reflecting the effectiveness of strategies implemented to support officiating across the state.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Technical Officials Advisory Committee continued to provide valuable guidance and expertise to Basketball NSW throughout the year. The committee represents all officiating disciplines, including referees, scoretable officials, and statisticians, ensuring a broad and collaborative approach to developing officiating programs.

The committee contributes to discussions around national selections, education initiatives, development strategies, and the ongoing advancement of technical officials both on and off the court.

The members of the Committee are;

- Steve Clark
- Jon Parkinson
- Shahrads Shafaghi
- Anthony O'Brien
- Deb Keirs
- Greg Stevenson
- Daniel Giffney



OFFICIATING SERVICES AND PROGRAM DELIVERY

The Basketball NSW Technical Officials Department works closely with multiple departments across the organisation to support the delivery of competitions and events. This includes collaboration with the Competitions, High Performance, and Growth and Marketing teams to ensure the successful provision of officiating services across Basketball NSW programs.

In addition, the department works closely with external competitions including the GPS Program and the University Basketball League to help provide qualified officials.

A key strength of the officiating program is the network of Technical Official Program Managers who provide leadership and coordination across leagues and regions throughout New South Wales. Basketball NSW acknowledges and thanks these individuals for their ongoing commitment to developing officials within their respective competitions and regions.

- **NBL1 East** – Jonathan Parkinson
- **Waratah Senior League** – Shahrad Shafaghi
- **Junior Premier League** – Lachy Power
- **Metro** – Oliver Toon
- **Northern** – Deb Burghardt
- **Eastern** - Louis Brockwell
- **Southern** – Courtney Smith
- **Western** – Blake Testoni
- **Statisticians** – Daniel Giffney
- **Scoretable** – Michelle Nicholas

REPRESENTATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Technical Officials from New South Wales continued to achieve strong representation at both national and international levels throughout 2025. Officials were selected to officiate and support a wide range of FIBA, IWBf, and Basketball Australia events, reflecting the strength of the development pathway and the high standards maintained within the Basketball NSW officiating program.

These appointments highlight the quality of officials emerging from the NSW system and reinforce the state's reputation as a leading contributor to officiating at the highest levels of the sport.

Basketball NSW congratulates all officials who received national and international appointments during the year and thanks them for representing the state with distinction.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

As the current High-Level Technical Officials Development Plan (2022–2025) concludes, Basketball NSW will begin implementing the next phase of its officiating strategy in 2026. The next stage will focus on further strengthening recruitment and retention initiatives, expanding education and mentoring opportunities, and continuing to support high-performance pathways for officials progressing to national and international levels.

The introduction of a New National Curriculum for Officials in our game is a true game changer for the education and development of the officiating component of Basketball. It will provide the officiating community with a consistent, world-leading education platform for every official in our game.

Basketball NSW remains committed to building a strong, sustainable officiating community that supports the continued growth of the sport across the state.



INDIVIDUAL OFFICIALS HIGHLIGHTS

FIBA REFEREE LICENCES

- James Boyer
- Nicolas Fernandes
- Scott Beker
- John Rearden (FRIP)
- Shahrads Shafaghi (FRIP)
- Jonathon Parkinson (FRIP)
- Debbie Keirs (FRIP)
- Bruce Keirs (FRIP)
- Matthew Wells (IWBF Instructor)
- Riannon De La Tore (3X3)
- Helen Rosenberg (IWBF)

FIBA COMMISSIONERS

- Moses Kassas
- Michelle Nicholas
- Peter Nicholas

FIBA EVENTS

FIBA ASIA CUP

- Scott Beker

FIBA ASIA CUP QUALIFIERS

- James Boyer

FIBA U/17 OCEANIA CUP

- Scott Beker

FIBA U/17 WOMEN'S OCEANIA CUP

- Scott Beker

FIBA U/19 WORLD CUP

- Nicolas Fernandes

FIBA WOMEN'S ASIA CUP

- Scott Beker

FIBA OCEANIA RISING WHISTLE PROGRAM

- Zara Baldwin



FIBA OCEANIA

FIBA 2025 MELANESIA CUP

Statistics Educator

- Daniel Giffney

FIBA U17 OCEANIA CUP

Statistics Educator

- Robyn Denning

FIBA LIVE REVIEWS

Asia Cup Qualifiers, World Cup Qualifiers, U19 World Cup, AfroBasket Qualifiers

- Daniel Giffney
- Emma Claus
- Laurreta Claus AM

Technical Commissioner

- Debbie Keirs

NBL ELITE REFEREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (NSW INITIATIVE)

- Zara Baldwin
- Sarah Fahey
- Jakson Peach
- Caitlin Grove
- Marko Nikolic
- Jayden Krieg
- Oliver Toon
- Yashar Elliin
- James Poelczer

NATIONAL REFEREE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- Caitlin Grove
- Sarah Fahey
- Marko Nikolic

ELITE REFEREE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- Bradley Mattioli
- Logan Bilby
- Marcus Hayden

NATIONAL PANEL MEMBERS

- Nicolas Fernandes
- James Boyer
- Nathan Paff
- Logan Bilby
- Bradley Mattioli
- Marcus Hayden
- Zara Baldwin
- Marko Nikolic
- Scott Beker

NATIONAL SCORETABLE PANEL

WNBL & NBL

- Rachel Benton Doyle
- Peta Haynes
- Sheree Smith
- Sue Baxter
- Maddi Thacker
- Michelle Nicholas
- Peter Nicholas
- Nicholas Rosenberg
- Colin Hart
- Heidi Wong
- Tro Manjikian
- Roupen Zarigian
- Aram Zarigian
- Keira Rostirolla
- Mary Jane Toole
- Rachael Condon
- Tracy Childs
- Tony Ohrdorf
- Michael Bills
- Debbie Keirs
- Moses Kassas
- Michael Paino
- Greg Stevenson



NATIONAL STATISTICIANS PANEL

- Daniel Giffney
- Robyn Denning
- Nikita Bradford
- Jordan Knight
- James Letham
- Sherwin Haldar
- Ros Graham
- Teresa Ruscoe
- Helen Budd
- Emma Claus
- Sean Mackie
- Nikita Bradford
- Laurretta Claus AM

BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER 20 AND IVOR BURGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Referees

- Jayna Bonney
- Sarah Fahey (Mens Gold Medal Game)
- Tom Marsh (Womens Gold Medal Game)

Ivor Burge Referees

- Broughton Hamilton
- Clare Kelly

Referee Coaches

- Tahni Whybrow
- Adam Harris-Byron

UNDER 18 AND JUNIOR WHEELCHAIR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Referees

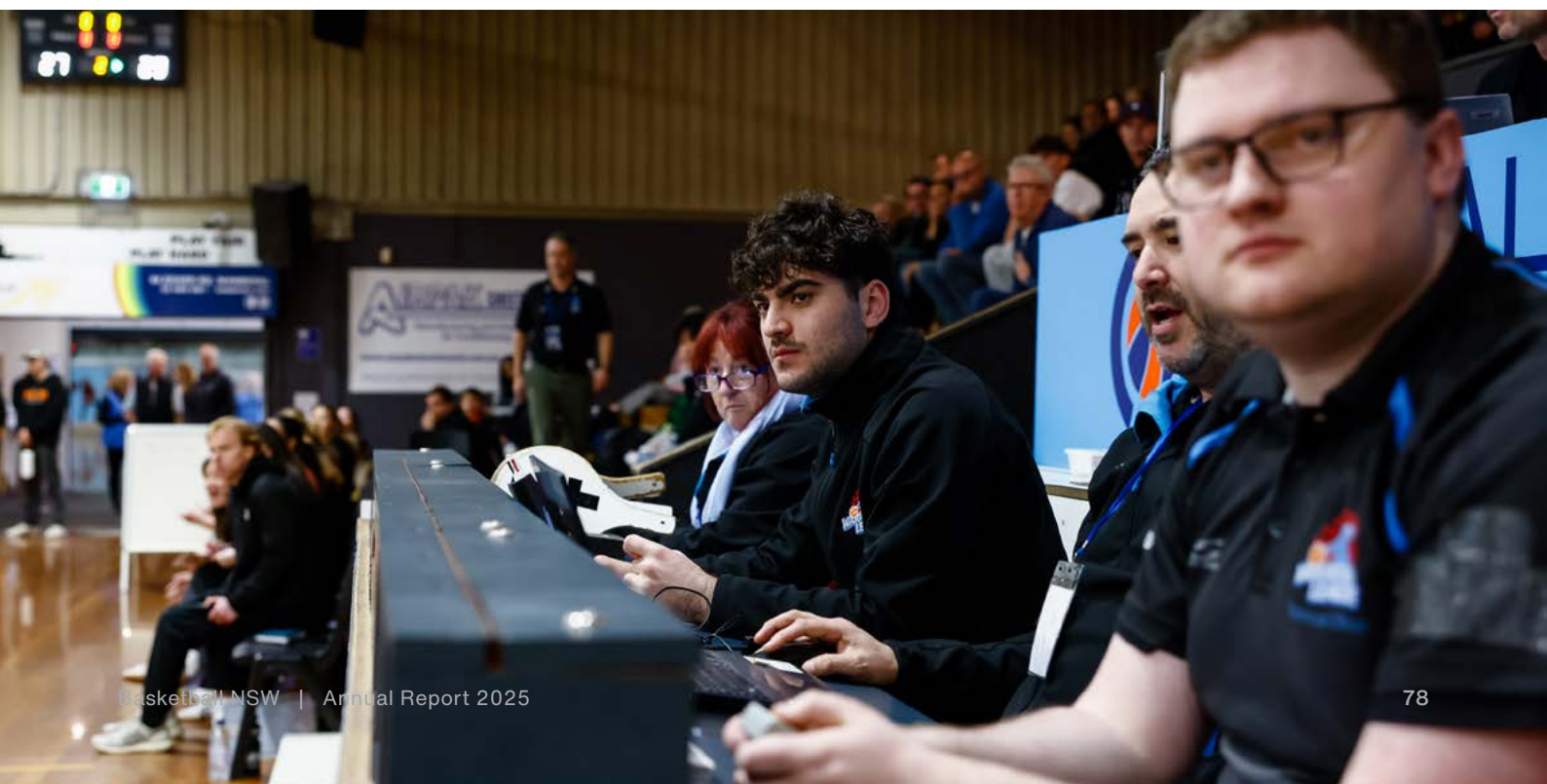
- Yashar Elliin (Girls Bronze Medal Game)
- Kaitlyn Neate (Boys Bronze Medal Game)
- Jakson Peach (Boys Bronze Medal Game)
- Blake Testoni
- Joey Henderson (Girls Gold Medal game)
- Eloy D'Rozario

Junior Wheelchair Referees

- Liam Flanagan
- Helen Rosenberg

Scoretable and Statisticians

- Kylie Montgomery
- Saskia Towers
- Jessie Skeen-Fisher





UNDER 16 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Referees

- Jake Jennings (Boys Bronze Medal Game)
- Rylee Bowles (Boys Gold Medal Game)
- Lachlan Nicholas (Girls Gold Medal Game)
- Isabella Naylor (Girls Bronze Medal Game)

Scoretable and Statisticians

- Amanda Lapidoth
- Ros Graham

UNDER 14 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Referees

- Alexander Palmer
- Belinda Dalton
- Caitlyn Bloomfield (Championship Boys Gold Medal Game)
- Holly Powell
- Lachy Francis
- Lily Hogan
- Lucas Nicol (Shield Girls Bronze Medal game)
- Riley Gilchrist
- Sarah White (Shield Girls Gold Medal Game)

Referee Coaches

- Brendan Lloyd
- Oliver Toon

SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Referees

- Maddie Suprain (Championship Boys Bronze Medal Game)
- Davina Kuang (Championship Girls Bronze Medal Game)

Commissioner

- Lachy Power

Championship Referee Coach

- Bruce Keirs
- Jayden Krieg

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION

Referees

- Alice Godfrey
- Allan Melicov
- Brianna Bohlson
- Brooklyn Tsykalas
- Daniel Cropp
- Eamon Hines
- Hayden Blais
- Jackson Romanis
- Katelyn Rawlinson
- Levi Bruderlin
- Logan Peters
- Lyla Nardo
- Makayla Hawker
- Matthew Wray
- Maya Horgan
- Reegan Fokes
- Zachary Chan

NBL1 EAST GRAND FINALS REFEREE APPOINTMENTS

MEN'S

- Jack Taylor
- Nathan Paff
- Bradley Mattioli

WOMEN'S

- Marko Nikolic
- Caitlin Grove
- Zara Baldwin

WARATAH LEAGUE GRAND FINALS REFEREE APPOINTMENTS

YOUTH WOMEN 1

- Courtney Smith
- Joey Henderson
- Matthew Chau

YOUTH WOMEN 2

- Maddie Suprain
- Brendan Reid
- Molly Manns

YOUTH MEN 1

- Rhys Boreham
- Tom Marsh
- Yashar Elliin

YOUTH MEN 2

- Andrew Cannings
- Blake Testoni
- Jake Jennings



WARATAH WOMEN

- Kelsey Ortiz
- Kaitlyn Neate
- Isabella Naylor

WARATAH MEN

- David Nicholls
- James Poelczer
- Michael Napper

GTK WARATAH 1 WHEELCHAIR

- Freddy Ng
- Iam Lemes
- Nathan Smith

GTK WARATAH 2 WHEELCHAIR

- Liam Flanagan
- Brad Lynch
- Mark Flanagan

2025 NBL1 EAST GRAND FINALS SCORETABLE APPOINTMENTS

- Sue Baxter
- Neil McNaught
- Debbie Keirs
- Nicholaos Rosenberg
- Maddie Thacker
- Tro Manjikian
- Rachael Benton-Doyle
- Keira Rostirolla

2025 NBL1 EAST GRAND FINALS STATISTICIANS APPOINTMENTS

MEN'S

- Sean Mackie
- Jon Crosby
- Amelia Holland
- Teresa Ruscoe
- Daniel Giffney

WOMEN'S

- Heidi Wong
- Sarah Plunkett
- Aris Andriano
- Rachele Rangitahataha
- Robyn Dening



LEAGUES & COMPETITIONS

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LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS

IN 2025, ALL COMPETITIONS CONTINUED TO GROW, BUILDING ON THE STRONG FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED IN PREVIOUS YEARS. PARTICIPATION INCREASED ACROSS JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEVELS PLUS SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS, WITH 13,849 PLAYERS COMPETING IN 1,287 TEAMS PLAYING MORE THAN 7,000 GAMES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, REFLECTING THE ONGOING STRENGTH AND MOMENTUM OF BASKETBALL ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES.

NBL1 EAST & NATIONAL FINALS

NBL1 East continued to strengthen its position within the NSW basketball landscape in 2025, maintaining a highly competitive structure of 16 Men's and 16 Women's teams. The league's quality was further elevated through a number of signings from both the National Basketball League and the Women's National Basketball League, bringing additional experience, talent and visibility to the competition.

The 2025 season culminated in two outstanding Grand Finals. In the Women's competition, the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles delivered a dominant performance to defeat the Basketball Australia Centre of Excellence and claim the Championship. The Men's Grand Final provided a thrilling contest, with the Canberra Gunners narrowly overcoming the Illawarra Hawks to secure the title. NBL1 East and Basketball ACT held the NBL1 National finals, with the Gunners winning the title in front of their home fans.

WARATAH SENIOR LEAGUE

A key priority for Basketball NSW is strengthening female participation and creating clear, sustainable pathways from junior to senior representative basketball, which is vital for retaining athletes and maintaining the sport's long-term visibility. The Waratah Women and Youth League Division 1 and 2 are crucial to this pathway by providing a structured environment for athlete development and transition. To further enhance competitive balance and progression opportunities as participation and talent depth grow, the long-term objective is to strengthen these leagues, exploring structural elements such as a promotion and relegation system (similar to the Youth Men's competition) and introducing an Under 20s division.

GTK WARATAH WHEELCHAIR COMPETITION

The GTK Waratah Wheelchair Competition continued to strengthen its position as a key element of the NSW basketball landscape in 2025. In a significant step towards enhancing competitive balance and accommodating growth, the competition was successfully split into two divisions for the first time, featuring a total of nine participating teams and holding games at central venues to promote accessibility. The season culminated in two exciting Grand Finals with Manly Warringah Sea Eagles claiming the Division 1 and City of Blacktown Storm winning the Division 2 Final. The success of the new two-division structure has provided more opportunities for a wider range of programs and athletes, and the priority remains to continue building on this momentum by increasing the number of participating teams, ensuring the long-term strength and visibility of wheelchair basketball.



UNDER 20'S TOURNAMENT

In a continued effort to strengthen development pathways between junior and senior representative basketball, the Under 20's competition remained an important focus in 2025. While plans to introduce a new competition format were considered, the number of participating teams ultimately led to the decision to instead deliver a two day tournament. The positive response from teams and stakeholders has reinforced the effectiveness of this model, with plans to adopt the same tournament-based structure again in 2026. Looking ahead, the long-term objective remains to further strengthen the pathway between junior and senior competitions, with the aim of incorporating an Under 20's competition within the Waratah Senior League structure by 2027. This would provide a clearer transition point for developing athletes as they progress toward senior representative basketball.

MASTERS LEAGUE

The inaugural Master's League was successfully launched in 2025, operating under a 'socially competitive' classification to foster a new participation opportunity within the representative pathway. The competition attracted strong interest in its first year, featuring 7 Men's 40s teams, 6 Men's 50s teams, and 5 Women's Opens teams. Congratulations are extended to the teams who claimed the inaugural season titles. Building on this positive start, the long-term objective is to transition the competition into a fully competitive league structure for the 2026 season, further expanding the representative pathway for senior athletes.



WARATAH JUNIOR LEAGUE

All Waratah Junior Leagues continued to grow and develop in 2025, with strong participation across all age groups reflecting the ongoing strength of basketball throughout New South Wales. The sustained growth in team and player numbers is a testament to the outstanding work being undertaken by our Associations and Development Officers. As these competitions continue to expand, a key focus moving forward will be reviewing and restructuring the leagues to better manage this growth while also creating an increasingly elite and competitive environment for athletes. At the same time, continued investment in coach and referee development remains essential. Strengthening these areas will further enhance the overall basketball ecosystem, ensuring players are supported by well-trained coaches and officials as they progress through the representative pathway.

JOHN MARTIN COUNTRY TOURNAMENT

The 2025 John Martin Country Tournament once again cemented its position as a highlight in the junior basketball calendar, eagerly anticipated across the June long weekend every year. The edition drew strong participation, with over 240 teams competing across a wide range of regional venues, including Bathurst, Gosford, Maitland, Shoalhaven, Newcastle, and Illawarra. The competition plays a vital role in developmental and engagement opportunities. It successfully facilitates 'cross-pollination' by enabling teams to compete against teams outside of their usual leagues. This unique structure continues to have a positive impact on the development of junior athletes, serving as a key factor in broadening team experience and fostering relationships across the state's basketball landscape.

SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

In 2025, the Basketball NSW Schools Tournaments continued to build on the expanded regional model, providing schools across the state with greater access to structured and high-quality competition across three divisions, Primary, Under 16s, and Opens and culminating in a State Championship event. The tournaments received a strong response, with participation reaching 362 teams, a 36% increase from 2024, highlighting the continued rise in basketball's popularity within the school sporting landscape. With this growth, Basketball NSW remains focused on further strengthening the program and creating even more opportunities for schools and students to engage with the sport across the state.

WARATAH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Waratah Advisory Committee (WAC) remained a cornerstone of support for the Competitions Department throughout the past year. By leveraging their extensive basketball expertise, the committee met frequently to offer strategic insights that fueled the continued evolution of our leagues. Their contributions were instrumental in refining operational procedures and elevating the standard of competition for all involved.

The 2025 WAC comprised:

- Laretta Claus AM (Chair)
- Steve Smith
- Duane Jordan
- Trish Nicholls
- Peter Herrmann
- Lou Testoni



THANK YOU

Basketball NSW extends its deepest gratitude to the vast network of associations, delegates, coaches, team managers, and the dedicated mums, dads, and families whose support is essential in bringing our sport to life. Our competitions simply could not function without the tireless commitment of our referees, scoretable officials, statisticians, BNSW program managers, and volunteers, along with the BNSW Competitions team, all new to their roles, working with exceptional dedication to ensure the successful and seamless delivery of the 2025 league. Your collective hard work forms the foundation of basketball in our state, ensuring a seamless experience for every participant, and we look forward to restructuring and reshaping the leagues in 2026 to elevate all competitions.

We also wish to recognise our valued partners for their ongoing commitment. Our thanks go to Wilson, our naming and ball rights partner, for their continued investment in the game. Additionally, we appreciate GTK for their sustained support of the Waratah Wheelchair League, helping us champion inclusion and accessibility across the court.





MEMBER PROTECTION

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MEMBER PROTECTION

BASKETBALL NSW REMAINS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF EACH OF ITS 90,000+ REGISTERED MEMBERS, AND TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SPORTING ENVIRONMENT FOR VOLUNTEERS, PARTICIPANTS, OFFICIALS AND FAMILIES ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES. PROTECTING MEMBERS FROM HARM AND RESPONDING APPROPRIATELY WHEN ISSUES ARISE REMAINS A CORE ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. TO SUPPORT THIS, BASKETBALL NSW'S COMPLAINTS HANDLERS AND MEMBER PROTECTION OFFICERS CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS, SUPPORTING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES AND RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE OUTCOMES AND SANCTIONS WHERE REQUIRED. THESE PROCESSES ARE CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS ACROSS THE SPORT AND HELPING PREVENT BEHAVIOURS THAT CAN UNDERMINE WELLBEING, CONFIDENCE, TRUST AND PARTICIPATION.

Basketball NSW's approach to member and child protection is underpinned by a range of state and national frameworks, including the National Integrity Framework, National Member Protection Policy, National Child Safeguarding Policy, Basketball NSW Disciplinary By-laws and the Codes of Conduct that apply across the sport. Compliance with these frameworks, together with relevant statutory obligations, reflects Basketball NSW's ongoing commitment to protecting members and participants at all levels of the game.

Following the 2024 ChildSafe Audit, Basketball NSW finalised its Child Protection Action Plan 2025–2027, setting out a structured roadmap to strengthen child-safe culture, systems and practices across the organisation. While most implementation activity is scheduled to occur from 2026 onwards, the plan establishes clear priorities across leadership, policy, training, child participation, family engagement, complaints handling, supervision, risk management and continuous improvement. This work will guide Basketball NSW's child-safe uplift over the coming two years and support a more consistent, embedded and proactive approach to child safety across the sport.

Basketball NSW would also like to acknowledge and thank each of the valued volunteers who assisted with disciplinary tribunal matters throughout the 2025 season. Their time, professionalism and commitment make an important contribution to the integrity and safe operation of the sport.



SEASON 2025 OUTLINE

Overall there has been a slight decline with regard to poor participant behaviour on-court, with a slight increase in off-court incidents reported. The most pleasing aspect of these figures is that the nature and severity of the complaints seems to also be reducing.



91

TRIBUNALS
CONDUCTED (DOWN
44 FROM 2024)

DOWN

33%



44

ZERO TOLERANCE
COMPLAINTS REPORTED
(UP 10 FROM 2024)

UP

29%



29

MEMBER PROTECTION
COMPLAINTS
INVESTIGATED (UP 2
FROM 2024)

UP

7%



53

GENERAL COMPLAINTS
LODGED (NON
DISCIPLINARY MATTERS,
UP 5 FROM 2024)

UP

10%





PLAYER AND COACH DEVELOPMENT

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PLAYER AND COACH DEVELOPMENT

IN 2025, BASKETBALL NSW'S COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DELIVERED A DYNAMIC AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR, REFLECTING THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE SPORT ACROSS THE STATE. COACH EDUCATION REMAINED A CENTRAL PILLAR IN SUPPORTING BASKETBALL'S DEVELOPMENT, EQUIPPING COACHES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO POSITIVELY INFLUENCE ATHLETES AND STRENGTHEN THE WIDER BASKETBALL COMMUNITY. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, ATHLETES WERE ALSO PROVIDED WITH NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPETE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, REINFORCING THE VALUE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ESTABLISHED PLAYER PATHWAYS AND SUPPORTING THE ONGOING PROGRESSION OF TALENT WITHIN THE SPORT.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026, WE ARE EXCITED FOR A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION. BY SHARPENING THE ALIGNMENT ACROSS OUR PROGRAMS, WE WILL CREATE MORE PATHWAYS FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES TO GROW, EXCEL, AND THRIVE AT EVERY LEVEL OF THE GAME.





COACH EDUCATION AND COACH DEVELOPMENT

The demand for coach education and development continued to grow in 2025, and Basketball NSW remains committed to enhancing learning opportunities through modern technology and innovative training programs.

In 2025, we broadened the availability of coaching resources, equipping coaches across all levels with the essential tools and expertise to nurture athlete development. Constantly sharing resources with our Associations, and reaching out to our community, NSW coaches were able to progress their professional growth via a variety of educational pathways, participating in accredited coaching courses, clinics, and digital resources accessible through eTrainU and social media channels.

We were also a part of Basketball Australia's working group to modernise the Coach Development Framework across the country. Launching in 2026, this framework was focused on providing learning resources for all coaches, at all levels. Setting the foundation for Australian coaches to succeed at any level.



COACHING COURSES (CLUB & ASSOCIATION)

37

COURSES
CONDUCTED

672

PARTICIPANTS



BNSW YOUTUBE CHANNEL

36,423

VIEWS

9

CLINICS
UPLOADED

22

DRILLS
UPLOADED



FORMAL COACH DEVELOPMENT

45

ACTIVITIES

865

PARTICIPANTS



COACH CLINICS

9

CLINICS
CONDUCTED

193

PARTICIPANTS



17

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL
COACHES ATTENDED
TWO ONLINE WHEELCHAIR
CLUB COACH COURSES



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

On-court performances during the year were highly encouraging, demonstrating that Basketball NSW's development programs are effectively providing players with opportunities to progress and showcase their talents, from grassroots participation through to elite-level competition. These outcomes highlight the strength and impact of the pathways supporting athletes at every stage of their basketball journey.

Development Tours (Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup, Southern Cross Challenge and the East Coast Challenge) operated in their full capacity in January across the U14-U18 age groups with a total of 300 athletes and 86 coaches/managers in attendance.



183



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



24

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



180



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

972

ATTENDED THE TALENTED ATHLETE PROGRAM (TAP) TRIALS IN



549

COUNTRY

423

METRO

1,428

ATHLETES ATTENDED HIGH PERFORMANCE TRIALS



618

COUNTRY

810

METRO

The D-League continued to deliver structured training sessions and competitive opportunities with the aim to accelerate athlete development whilst also serving as a talent identification opportunity. The program also played an important role in coach development, providing opportunities for coaches to work with talented athletes, collaborate with their peers, and further enhance their coaching knowledge within a high performance environment.

Interest in the program remained exceptionally strong, with more than 1,000 athletes trialling for selection. The D-League ultimately ran at full capacity, featuring 480 athletes across the U14-U18 age groups and supported by more than 96 dedicated coaches.





WHEELCHAIR DEVELOPMENT

In 2025, Basketball NSW continued to strengthen the Wheelchair High Performance pathway, refining the structures that support athlete development from grassroots engagement through to representative competition. A focus was placed on improving talent identification, increasing development opportunities for emerging athletes, and ensuring clearer progression opportunities within the state's high-performance system.

The third year of the State Performance Program (SPP) saw the program solidify with 24 on scholarship. Once again, Wheelchair SPP athletes and coaches participated in the SPP Induction and Graduation Camps alongside their able-bodied peers, reflecting Basketball NSW's strong commitment to inclusivity and the development of athletes across all programs. Further development opportunities were also provided through a Development League Tournament which involved both athletes and coaches.

Coach development continued to be a key focus, with opportunities including two online Wheelchair Club Coach Courses being conducted. Basketball NSW also participated in a Tri-Sport event, partnering with NSWIS, Volleyball, Rowing and Paralympics Australia.

Basketball NSW also supported the AIS ASPIRE Coach Program which was the first women's course targeted at entry-level high performance coaches



STATE TEAMS

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STATE TEAMS

THE STANDOUT MOMENT OF 2025 WAS THE GOLD MEDAL VICTORY OF THE U20 WOMEN’S TEAM, WHO TRIUMPHED IN THEIR STATE OF ORIGIN GAME AGAINST QLD, BUILDING ON THEIR BRONZE MEDAL PERFORMANCE IN 2024 TO CLAIM THE TOP SPOT THIS YEAR.

Similarly, the U16 Metro Girls and U18 Metro Boys teams delivered strong performances, securing Silver medals in highly competitive matchups against VIC Metro and VIC Country, respectively.

Another notable achievement came from the U16 Country Men, U18 Metro Women, Ivor Burge Women and Junior Wheelchair teams, who demonstrated their resilience and skill to secure a Bronze medal, adding to NSW’s success on the national stage.

Individual performances were also recognised across the U20 Women’s and Ivor Burge Women’s tournaments, with Ruby Perkins named Most Valuable Player and Brittany Anderson awarded Defensive Player of the Tournament honours.

Below are the final placings for all teams:

TEAM	FINAL PLACING
U16 Country Boys	3 rd
U16 Country Girls	8 th
U16 Metro Boys	7 th
U16 Metro Girls	2 nd
U18 Country Boys	8 th
U18 Country Girls	9 th
U18 Metro Boys	2 nd

TEAM	FINAL PLACING
U18 Metro Girls	3 rd
U20 Men	7 th
U20 Men (Blue)	8 th
U20 Women	1 st
Ivor Burge Men	4 th
Ivor Burge Women	3 rd
Junior Wheelchair (Kevin Coombs Cup)	3 rd





U16

U16 COUNTRY BOYS

- Will Dooley - Sydney Comets
- Noah Fenton - Sydney Comets
- Jacob Fox - Newcastle Falcons
- Lewis Gommers - Albury Cougars
- Owen Howes - Central Coast Rebels
- James Lezcano - Illawarra Hawks
- Samson Nathan - Newcastle Falcons
- Riley Saville - Illawarra Hawks
- Logan Tupaea - Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Spiders
- Jarrah Van Den Berg - Newcastle Falcons
- Reid Bradley - Illawarra Hawks (Reserve)
- Edem Dowling - Illawarra Hawks (Reserve)
- Snow Harland-Wright - Illawarra Hawks (Reserve)
- Mason Potestas - Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Spiders (Reserve)

Head Coach Tom Cranney - Illawarra Hawks

Assistant Coach Dan Howard - Maitland Mustangs

Assistant Coach Todd Turner - Newcastle Falcons

Manager Howard Marzans - Port Macquarie Dolphins

U16 METRO BOYS

- Jasper Boreham - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Elias Abi Abdallah - Bankstown Bruins
- Cooper Hanson - Norths Bears
- Marcus Heuston - Hills Hornets
- Thomas Moloney - Norths Bears
- Samuel O'Donnell - Norths Bears
- Darius Potloka - Hills Hornets
- Cooper Skinner - West Sydney Wolves
- Luka Stevanovic - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Zachary Thompsett - Hills Hornets
- James Cossey - Norths Bears (Reserve)
- William Evans - Norths Bears (Reserve)
- Luca Farmer - Norths Bears (Reserve)
- Ceefah Lemiri - Blacktown Storm (Reserve)
- Henry O'Neil - Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Spiders (Reserve)

Head Coach David Hayman - Hills Hornets

Assistant Coach Liam Cavanagh-Downs - Norths Bears

Assistant Coach Blake Macfarlane - Penrith Panthers

Manager Emma Claus - Hills Hornets

U16 COUNTRY GIRLS

- Addison Bonham - Illawarra Hawks
- Sarah Campbell - Illawarra Hawks
- Taylah Curtis - Illawarra Hawks
- Poppy Fruean - Albury Cougars
- Samantha Kerr - Narrandera Knights
- Grace Lane - Illawarra Hawks
- Olivia Pupovac - Illawarra Hawks
- Lily Spruce - Newcastle Falcons
- Zara Suka - Illawarra Hawks
- Jordyn Townsend - Queanbeyan Road Runners
- Ella Broderick - Port Macquarie Dolphins (Reserve)
- Grace Garwood - Central Coast Rebels (Reserve)
- Josephine Irvin - Leeton Eagles (Reserve)
- Summer Riddle - Newcastle Falcons (Reserve)
- Lara Tillott - Central Coast Rebels (Reserve)

Head Coach Macs Monk - Basketball NSW

Assistant Coach Cindy Bonham - Illawarra Hawks

Assistant Coach Natalie Turner - Newcastle Falcons

Manager Emily Brokmann - Basketball NSW

U16 METRO GIRLS

- Sasha Clague - Norths Bears
- Emma Lukell - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Izabella Mansory - Norths Bears
- Rykkah Mareta-Manu - Penrith Panthers
- Aliya Medrzejewski - Bankstown Bruins
- Holly Mulheron - Hills Hornets
- Summer Paki - Hills Hornets
- Victoria Veleski - Sutherland Sharks
- Olive Waters - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Eliza Wilson - Sutherland Sharks
- Adelaide Filemu - Bankstown Bruins (Reserve)
- Amaali Gordon-Roqica - Sydney Comets (Reserve)
- Azaria Maua - Bankstown Bruins (Reserve)

Head Coach Bilal Akalo - Sydney Comets

Assistant Coach Michele Austin - Bankstown Bruins

Assistant Coach Laurie Fleming - Norths Bears

Manager Rebecca Palmer - Penrith Panthers



U18

U18 COUNTRY BOYS

- Joshua Boyle - Sydney Comets
- Cooper Crowe - Mudgee Lakers
- William Dobbins - Maitland Mustangs
- Caleb Dunstan - Central Coast Rebels
- Oliver Keene - Illawarra Hawks
- Brodi Kirby - Sydney Comets
- Aki Langford - Illawarra Hawks
- Solomon Liu - Illawarra Hawks
- Jack Rumble - Port Macquarie Dolphins
- Jayden Tawake - Maitland Mustangs
- Hendrix Fry - Illawarra Hawks (Reserve)
- Rohan Greentree - Newcastle Falcons (Reserve)
- Rory Milross-Rose - Illawarra Hawks (Reserve)
- Lochy Nolan - Newcastle Falcons (Reserve)

Head Coach Mathew Neason - Batemans Bay Breakers

Assistant Coach Alvin Caoyonan - Byron Beez

Assistant Coach Eric Hackett - Illawarra Hawks

Manager Scott Goodier - Central Coast Waves

U18 METRO BOYS

- Antonio Browne - Bankstown Bruins
- Bol Diing - Norths Bears
- Curtis Evic - Bankstown Bruins
- Bailey Hanson - Norths Bears
- Archie Lucas - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Zion Okeke - Bankstown Bruins
- Oluwakorede Olutayo - Sydney Comets
- Jamaal Osikoya - Norths Bears
- Austin Prosser - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Nikola Valkovic - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Obi Adler - Norths Bears (Reserve)
- Riley Hayhow - Hills Hornets (Reserve)
- Francesco Saffioti - Norths Bears (Reserve)
- August Straker - Penrith Panthers (Reserve)
- Liam Viljoen - Hills Hornets (Reserve)
- Marley Wilczek - West Sydney Wolves (Reserve)

Head Coach Will Hill - Sydney Comets

Assistant Coach Angus Bourke - Norths Bears

Assistant Coach Darren Duff - Bankstown Bruins

Manager Yoppy Suwanto - Sydney Comets

U18 COUNTRY GIRLS

- Rose Bond - Newcastle Falcons
- Isabelle Burns - Newcastle Falcons
- Molly Coble - Illawarra Hawks
- Hayley DeFriskbom - Maitland Mustangs
- Jazzy Gordon - Dubbo Rams
- Kira Juffermans - Coffs Harbour Suns
- Kijana McCowan - Albury Cougars
- Isabel Morgan - Newcastle Falcons
- Alina Pasakarnis - Illawarra Hawks
- Lillian Ragan - Illawarra Hawks
- Sienna Curtis - Illawarra Hawks (Reserve)
- Elley Hawken - Central Coast Rebels (Reserve)
- Tully Pickering - Dubbo Rams (Reserve)

Head Coach Andrew Williams - Coffs Harbour Suns

Assistant Coach Maddison Delaney - Illawarra Hawks

Assistant Coach Brodey Fruean - Albury Cougars

Manager Leisa Mihai - Coffs Harbour Suns

U18 METRO GIRLS

- Nadia Aukuso - Sydney Comets
- Sienna Clark - Hills Hornets
- Ebony Dixon - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Rebecca Donnelly - Norths Bears
- Lola Gralton - Norths Bears
- Olivia Hastings - Norths Bears
- Mia Minshall - Sydney Comets
- Kaila Proctor - Bankstown Bruins
- Peyton Skinner - Hills Hornets
- Angela Tako - Penrith Panthers
- Angelina Bezzina - Sydney Comets (Reserve)
- Francesca Cusack - Hills Hornets (Reserve)
- Makenzie Disher - Norths Bears (Reserve)
- Sophie Dix - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (Reserve)
- Marley Sialeipata - Sydney Comets (Reserve)

Head Coach Danielle D'Morias - Hills Hornets

Assistant Coach Lauryn Curtin - Bankstown Bruins

Assistant Coach Shac Shorer - Norths Bears

Manager Emily Brokmann



U20

U20 MEN

- Bradley Ballinger - Illawarra Hawks
- Jesse Edwards - Bankstown Bruins
- Steven Hall - Hornsby Spiders
- Harry Liubinskas - Hills Hornets
- Joaquin Gonzalez - Norths Bears
- Ethan Marten-Coney - Sydney Comets
- Charlie McBeath - Bankstown Bruins
- James Dyson Merwe - Sydney Comets/CoE
- Flynn Pavely - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles/CoE
- Dylan Tea - Central Coast Basketball

Head Coach Reece Potter - Hills Hornets

Assistant Coach Tim Mallon - Maitland Mustangs

Assistant Coach Rowan Choi - Hornsby Spiders

Manager Andris Jaunalksnis - Maitland Mustangs

U20 MEN BLUE

- Brian Ansu-Yeboah - Hornsby Spiders
- Campbell McSpadden - Newcastle Falcons
- Eric Downes - Lithgow Lazars
- Henry Lau - Norths Bears
- Bailey Macarthur - Sutherland Sharks
- Nicholas Kimball - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Tom Parsons - Tamworth Thunderbolts
- Simon Troup - Newcastle Falcons
- Jesse Weinstein - Norths Bears
- Charlie Whale - Tamworth Thunderbolts
- Ethan Buchanan - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (Reserve)

Head Coach Pat Williamson - Sutherland Sharks

Assistant Coach Lachlan Clark - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles

Assistant Coach Aidan Zlotnick - Norths Bears

Manager Marliyn Rowan - Sutherland Sharks

U20 WOMEN

- Freya Bijkerk - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Jade Crook - Albury Cougars/ CoE
- Chloe Dix - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Jessie-May Hall - Hornsby Spiders
- Emerson McCrea - Illawarra Hawks
- Lucy Mead - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
- Ruby Perkins - Norths Bears
- Alexis Plater - Coffs Harbour Suns
- Claudia Hocking - Albury Cougars
- Maya Wilks - Norths Bears
- Keira Hudson - Hornsby Spiders (Reserve)
- Olivia Johnston - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (Reserve)
- Cassidy Thomson - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (Reserve)
- Yvette Volk - Norths Bears (Reserve)

Head Coach Tom Garlepp - Norths Bears

Assistant Coach Shelley Bates - Wollondilly Razorbacks

Assistant Coach Rachel Higgison - Norths Bears

Manager Renelle Genner - Illawarra Hawks



WHEELCHAIR

- Brad Burns
- Evander Conroy
- Jackson Gray
- Max Groves
- Ethan Hallak
- Hamish Muir
- Tallow Ra
- Talyn Reedy
- Victoria Simpson
- Rafferty Stevens

Head Coach Rohan Foy

Assistant Coach Janna Mizens

Assistant Coach Richard Howard

Manager Melissa Sullivan

IVOR BURGE MEN

- Keelan Crawford
- James Doyle
- Justin Koenig
- Jackson Loy
- Nicholas Pana
- Clay Perkins
- Hayden Richens
- Darcy Rollins
- Mackingdezz Savusa
- Lachlan Skellet

Head Coach Paul O'Neill

Assistant Coach Michael Harris

IVOR BURGE WOMEN

- Brittany Anderson
- Taylor Anderson
- Isabella Conroy
- Shalana Russell
- Jordan Schmich
- Ruby Thomson
- Eveleen Wallace
- Mackenzie Wills

Head Coach Cheryl Wills

Assistant Coach Cindy Mascord

Assistant Coach Rosalind Wells-Davies

Manager Sarah Mottram





REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

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

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

- Emmett Adair (Norths Bears)
- James Dyson Merwe (Sydney Comets)
- Flynn Pavely (Manly Warringah Sea Eagles)
- Jade Crook (Albury Cougars)
- Head Coach - Robbie McKinlay (Sutherland Sharks)

NSW ATHLETES HAD SUCCESS REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONALLY AT BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEVEL.

WOMEN - OPALS

FIBA 3X3 WOMEN'S SERIES (CHENGDU, CHINA)

- Lara McSpadden (Newcastle Falcons)

MEN - BOOMERS

FIBA MEN'S ASIA CUP QUALIFIERS - FEBRUARY

- Emmett Adair (Norths Bears)
- Nick Kay (Tamworth Thunderbolts)
- Fabian Krslovic (Norths Bears)
- Assistant Coach - Robbie McKinlay (Sutherland Sharks)

AUS VS NZ TRANS-TASMAN THROWDOWN - APRIL

- Xavier Cooks (Illawarra Hawks)
- Angus Glover (Illawarra Hawks)
- Assistant Coach - Gerard Martin (Manly Warringah Sea Eagles)

AUS VS UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO (GOLD COAST) - JULY

- Xavier Cooks (Illawarra Hawks)

FIBA MEN'S ASIA CUP (JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA) - AUGUST

- Xavier Cooks (Illawarra Hawks)
- Will Hickey (Sydney Comets)

FIBA MEN'S ASIA CUP QUALIFIERS - NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER

- Angus Glover (Illawarra Hawks)
- Will Hickey (Sydney Comets)
- Jordan Hunter (Norths Bears)
- Nick Kay (Tamworth Thunderbolts)

JUNIOR MEN

FIBA U19 WORLD CUP (SWITZERLAND) - JUNE/ JULY

- Emmett Adair (Norths Bears)
- Head Coach - Robbie McKinlay (Sutherland Sharks)
- Assistant Coach - Jacob Jackomas (Sydney Comets)

FIBA U16 ASIA CUP (MONGOLIA) - AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER (GOLD)

- Antonio Browne (Bankstown Bruins)
- Manager - Anthony Foy (Newcastle Falcons)
- Physio - Adam Messenger (Momentum Physiotherapy and Health Services)
- Head of Delegation - Brett Coxsedg (Basketball NSW)



FIBA U17 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS (SAMOA) - DECEMBER (GOLD)

- Bailey Hanson (Norths Bears)
- Austin Prosser (Manly Sea Eagles)

JUNIOR WOMEN

FIBA U19 WORLD CUP (CZECHIA) – JULY (SILVER)

- Callie Hinder
- Ruby Perkins (Norths Bears)
- Head Coach - Renae Garlepp (Norths Bears)

FIBA ASIA U16 ASIA CUP (MALAYSIA) – SEPTEMBER (GOLD)

- Head Coach - Tom Garlepp (Norths Bears)

FIBA U17 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS (SAMOA) - DECEMBER

- Rebecca Donnelly (Norths Bears)

THE FOLLOWING ATHLETES REPRESENTED OTHER COUNTRIES AT INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

SENIOR MEN

AUS VS NZ TRANS-TASMAN THROWDOWN - APRIL

- Kaia Isaac (Maitland Mustangs)
- Tamatoa Isaac (Maitland Mustangs)

JUNIOR MEN

FIBA U19 WORLD CUP (SWITZERLAND) - JUNE/ JULY

- Tamatoa Isaac (Maitland Mustangs)

FIBA U17 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS (SAMOA) – DECEMBER

- Kobi Maeva (Bankstown Bruins) - Cook Islands
- Gosho Vishanin (Sydney Comets) - Fiji
- Micah Watson (Manly Warringah Sea Eagles) - Samoa
- Kingston Tutani (Bankstown Bruins) - Samoa

JUNIOR WOMEN

FIBA U16 ASIA CUP DIVISION B (MALAYSIA)

- Adelaide Filemu (Bankstown Bruins) - Samoa
- Tyra Lee-Hang (Manly Sea Eagles – Samoa
- Rykkah Mareta-Manu (Penrith Panthers) – Samoa
- Marley Sialeipata (Sydney Comets) - Samoa

FIBA U17 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS (SAMOA) - DECEMBER)

- Adelaide Filemu (Bankstown Bruins) - Samoa
- Persaiyce Kiriau-Paulo (Penrith Panthers) - Samoa
- Azaria Maua (Bankstown Bruins) - Samoa
- Rykkah Mareta-Manu (Penrith Panthers) - Samoa
- Marley Sialeipata (Sydney Comets) - Samoa
- Zara Suka (Illawarra Hawks) - Fiji
- Assistant Coach - Jim Griggs - Samoa



THE FOLLOWING ATHLETES REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA AT INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR TOURNAMENTS:

WOMEN - GLIDERS

WHEELCHAIR AOZ 5X5 (JANUARY) OSAKA CUP (JAPAN) - FEBRUARY

- Jess Cronje PLY
- Georgia Munro-Cook PLY

IWBF ASIA OCEANIA CUP (HANGZHOU, CHINA) - JUNE

- Jess Cronje PLY
- Breanna Fisk
- Maryanne Latu
- Victoria Simpson

IWBF 3X3 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA) - AUGUST

- Hannah Dodd PLY
- Maryanne Latu
- Georgia Munro-Cook PLY

ITALY TOUR (GAMES VS FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS) - SEPTEMBER

- Jess Cronje PLY
- Hannah Dodd PLY
- Maryanne Latu
- Georgia Munro-Cook PLY

IWBF ASIA OCEANIA ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS (THAILAND) - NOVEMBER

- Jess Cronje PLY
- Hannah Dodd PLY
- Maryanne Latu
- Georgia Munro-Cook PLY
- Victoria Simpson

ASIA OCEANIA COMMONWEALTH GAMES QUALIFIER (WOMBATS) - THAILAND - DECEMBER

- Victoria Simpson

MEN - ROLLERS

WHEELCHAIR AOZ 5X5 (JANUARY)

- Tristan Knowles PLY
- Luke Pople PLY
- Shawn Russell PLY
- Assistant Coach - Brett Stibners OAM
- Assistant Coach - Darren Allie

IWBF ASIA OCEANIA CUP (HANGZHOU, CHINA) - JUNE

- Luke Pople PLY

IWBF 3X3 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA) - AUGUST

- Luke Pople PLY



ROLLSTUHLBASKETBALL NATIONS CUP (COLOGNE, GERMANY) - AUGUST

- Tristan Knowles PLY
- Luke Pople PLY

IWBF ASIA OCEANIA ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS (ROLLERS) - THAILAND - NOVEMBER

- Tristan Knowles PLY
- Bill Latham PLY
- Luke Pople PLY

ASIA OCEANIA COMMONWEALTH GAMES QUALIFIER (WOMBATS) - THAILAND - DECEMBER

- Luke Pople PLY

JUNIOR MEN – SPINNERS

SPINNERS VS JAPAN SERIES (CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA) - FEBRUARY

- Evander Conroy
- Jackson Gray
- Ethan Hallak
- Head Coach - Brett Stibners OAM

IWBF MEN'S U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (BRAZIL) - JUNE

- Evander Conroy
- Jackson Gray
- Head Coach - Brett Stibners OAM

EMERGING ROLLERS - KITAKYUSHU CHAMPIONS CUP (JAPAN) - NOVEMBER

- Jarrod Emeny
- Jackson Gray





2025 ANNUAL AWARDS

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- **Karen Dalton Metro Junior Female:** Kaila Proctor (Bankstown Bruins)
- **Matthew Nielsen Metro Junior Male:** Antonio Browne (Bankstown Bruins)
- **Gordon McLeod NSW Country Junior Male:** Aki Langford (Illawarra Hawks)
- **Lauren Jackson NSW Country Junior Female:** Kira Juffermans (Coffs Harbour Suns)
- **Wheelchair:** Georgia Munro-Cook PLY (Sydney Blues)
- **Junior Male:** Emmett Adair (Norths Bears)
- **Junior Female:** Ruby Perkins (Norths Bears)

STATE TEAM OF THE YEAR

- NSW U20 Women (Gold)

ASSOCIATION TEAM OF THE YEAR

- **Junior League:** Bankstown Bruins U14 Girls
- **Senior League:** Manly Warringah Sea Eagles Women NBL1 East
- **Senior League:** Moss Vale Magic Waratah Men

COACH OF THE YEAR

- **Coach of the Year:** Renae Garlepp (Norths Bears NBL1 East Women)
- **Aussie Hoops Coach of the Year:** Tatiana Beaumont (Penrith & District Basketball Association)

MOST SUCCESSFUL ASSOCIATION ON-COURT PERFORMANCE AWARDS

- **Junior:** Northern Suburbs Basketball Association
- **Senior:** Manly Warringah Basketball Association
- **Overall:** Northern Suburbs Basketball Association

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

- **Paid:** Sarah Dawes (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)
- **Volunteer:** Alfa Kabiling (City of Blacktown Basketball Association)

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

- Kurt Watts (Penrith & District Basketball Association)

ASSOCIATION COACHING PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

- **Under 1000 Members:** Coffs Harbour Basketball Association
- **Between 1001 – 3000 Members:** City of Blacktown Basketball Association
- **Over 3000 Members:** Hills Basketball Association

REFEREE PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

- **Under 1000 Members:** St George Basketball Association
- **Between 1001 – 3000 Members:** City of Blacktown Basketball Association
- **Over 3000 Members:** Hills Basketball Association & Northern Suburbs Basketball Association



ASSOCIATION WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

- Manly Warringah Basketball Association

REFEREE OF THE YEAR

- **NBL1 East Men:** Nathan Paff
- **NBL1 East Women:** Marko Nikolic
- **Waratah Men:** David Nicholls
- **Waratah Women:** Kelsey Ortiz
- **Youth League Men 1:** Rhys Boreham
- **Youth League Men 2:** Andrew Cannings
- **Youth League Women 1:** Courtney Smith
- **Youth League Women 2:** Maddie Suprain
- **GTK Wheelchair Division 1:** Ian Ribeiro Lemes
- **GTK Wheelchair Division 2:** Liam Flanagan

SCORETABLE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

- Aram Zarigian (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)

STATISTICIAN OF THE YEAR

- Daniel Licayan (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)

I AM A GIRL AWARDS

- **The Leadership Award:** Abbey McGregor (Maitland Basketball Association)
- **Emerging Leader:** Olivia Weeden (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)
- **Mentor Award:** Isabelle Gaynor (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

- Carolyn Stanton (Newcastle Basketball)
- Paul Buttsworth (Northern Suburbs Basketball Association)
- Jeff Cooper (Penrith & District Basketball Association)
- Jamahl Zegzula (Orange District Basketball Association)
- Joseph Lattouf (Bankstown Basketball Association)

GEORGE THOMPSON MEMORIAL AWARD

- Northern Suburbs Basketball Association

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

- Northern Suburbs Basketball Association





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