



**BASKETBALL
AUSTRALIA**



2025
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REPORT**

Basketball Australia respectfully acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Straits Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we live, work and play basketball. Basketball Australia pays their respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders past, present and future.



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VISION AND VALUES

As the national governing body for basketball, Basketball Australia (BA), together with its State and Territory Member Associations, leads the promotion, development and growth of the sport across the country.

We are entering an exciting new phase, underpinned by critical foundations that provide a clear, coordinated pathway for the next stage of basketball's evolution. These include the Whole of Sport Basketball 2040 Vision and BA's refreshed Values. The BA Strategic Plan 2026–2028, which delivers the first phase of the Vision, is scheduled for launch in early 2026.



VISION

Basketball Australia and every State and Territory Member Association have united behind the Australian Basketball 2040 Vision – Everybody's Game, setting an ambitious goal for basketball to become Australia's largest team sport by 2040.

This marks the first time the sport has aligned around a single, long-term plan to guide its future growth, from grassroots participation through to elite performance on the world stage.

Developed through a nationwide consultation involving more than 1,200 players, coaches, referees, administrators and fans, the 2040 Vision provides a shared roadmap to increase participation, improve facilities, strengthen community and culture, and empower the people who bring the game to life. It also outlines how basketball will evolve its pathways, sustain international success, and build a strong, consistent national identity.

VALUES

The BA Values provide a clear framework for decision-making and behaviour across the organisation. They promote consistency, shape workplace culture, and guide ethical and professional conduct, underpinning sustainable performance and long-term success.

Refreshed by staff in 2025, the Values reflect how BA operates and lives its purpose every day. Embedding the Values into everyday business includes their integration into the BA Performance Review and Development Program, as well as staff reward and recognition initiatives.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES SUMMARY

Basketball Australia has now launched its new Strategic Plan – Elevate (2026-2028) and following the release of the Australian Basketball 2040 Vision – Everybody's Game. The plan outlines five key priorities that will underpin the organisation's key focuses as we grow into the future.

PARTICIPATING – PLAYING WELL

We will enhance the experience of participants by making basketball safe, fun and accessible.

PEOPLE – GROWING CAPABILITIES

We will recognise all people who make our sport thrive in the community, and support and develop the basketball community to enhance their skills and capabilities to deliver the safest, most inclusive and best game at all levels.

PERFORMING – WINNING WELL

We will provide Australia's basketballers and officials with the opportunity to be their best on and off the court.

LEADING – WORKING TOGETHER

We will lead through best practice governance and optimise and align how we operate and engage with our members and participants.

IMPACT – CONVERTING UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

We will celebrate, promote and grow the sport by continuing to integrate basketball into Australian culture.





JOHN CAREY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The past year marked an important chapter in the continued evolution of Basketball Australia. On behalf of the Board, I acknowledge the commitment of our Executive, staff, athletes, volunteers and partners whose collective efforts have strengthened both the organisation and the sport nationally. Together, we have upheld strong governance, fostered collaboration across the basketball community and positioned the game for sustained growth in the years ahead.

A defining milestone was the launch of the Australian Basketball 2040 Vision – Everybody's Game — the first time our sport has united behind a single, long-term national ambition. Developed through consultation with more than 1,200 stakeholders across every State and Territory, the Vision sets a bold goal for basketball to become Australia's largest team sport by 2040. Importantly, it reflects a whole-of-sport commitment — co-created and jointly owned by Basketball Australia and our Member Associations — providing a clear and collaborative roadmap to guide participation, facilities, leadership, high performance and our unique national identity toward Brisbane 2032 and beyond.

The strength of Australian basketball remains evident in communities across the country. Participation continues to be strong and diverse, with players of all ages and abilities embracing the game. Basketball's accessibility, cultural reach and community spirit are among its greatest assets, forming the foundation that underpins both our national ambition and long-term sustainability.



On the court, that foundation was again reflected in the performance and character of our national teams, who continue to represent Australia with pride on the international stage.

For the first time, Australian teams swept the Asia Cup window across seven months of tournament play, with our women's team losing just one game throughout 2025 to rise to fourth in the FIBA World Rankings.

At home, we worked closely with our event partners to deliver FIBA Qualifying and national championship events, bringing more basketball to more parts of the country than ever before. In the regional Victorian town of Traralgon in February, we were especially proud to launch our Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, continuing our journey of recognition, education and understanding.

The year has reinforced what is possible when our sport acts together, and we remain steadfast in our responsibility to steward its continued growth for generations to come.

John Carey





MATT SCRIVEN

CEO'S MESSAGE

We entered this year with clarity of purpose and a strong platform for delivery. With the launch of the Australian Basketball 2040 Vision, our focus has been on turning shared ambition into measurable action - strengthening participation and pathways, enhancing performance and building the capability required to support a growing national game. I am proud of the momentum generated across every level of the sport and the collective effort driving Australian basketball forward.

In early 2026, we launched the Basketball Australia Strategic Plan 2026-2028, the first phase of delivering on the 2040 Vision and a focused roadmap for the years ahead. The foundations were laid throughout the year as we worked closely with our Member Associations to align priorities and sharpen execution.

The Plan is anchored by five pillars — Participation, People, Performing, Leading and Impact — providing a clear framework

for investment and decision-making. Importantly, it defines not only what we will deliver, but how we will deliver it. During the year, we introduced Basketball Australia's organisational Values, establishing a shared standard for leadership, accountability and collaboration. As we grow, these values ensure we remain grounded in integrity, inclusion and excellence.

Participation remains the foundation of our game, with more than 1.4 million participants nationwide and demand continuing to grow. Ford Aussie Hoops once again demonstrated its national impact in 2025, welcoming 45,886 participants — a 7.3% increase year-on-year — delivered across 267 centres and expanding the reach of our introductory pathway.

The Ford Dealer Network has been central to this growth, and in August we were pleased to announce a two-year partnership extension that now spans all levels of the game. We are equally grateful to our wider partner family, including Seven Consulting, Foot Locker, iAthletic and the Australian Sports Commission, whose continued support strengthens basketball communities nationwide.



A major priority for the sport remains the development of a comprehensive Safe Sport framework. In 2025, we launched new child safeguarding resources and online training to further protect and support young people across the basketball community. In collaboration with the NBL and WNBL, we also introduced the Social Protect online safety platform, with additional initiatives to follow.

We successfully brought elite basketball to more parts of the country than ever before, working with government and event partners to ensure more Australians could see their national teams in action. The inaugural Trans Tasman Throwdown, featuring both Boomers and Opals teams, delivered matches in Adelaide, the Sunshine Coast and Hamilton, further strengthening the Australia–New Zealand rivalry.

On the international stage, our national teams achieved unprecedented success during the Asia Cup window, claiming six titles across the year. Gold medals were secured by both the Opals and Boomers at their respective Asia Cup events, while our Rollers went undefeated at the Asia Oceania Championships to secure gold and qualification for the upcoming World Championships. Our U16 Crocs, U17 Sapphires and Gangurrus 3x3 men's and women's teams also delivered standout campaigns.

Our national under-age and schools championships remain a highlight of the calendar, with thousands of participants competing in Willerton (U14s), Bendigo (U16s), Moreton Bay (U18s), Ballarat (U20s & Ivor Burge) and the Gold Coast (Schools). We were particularly pleased to confirm multi-year extensions for both the

Bendigo U16 and Gold Coast Schools Championships events, reinforcing long-term stability for these important pathways.

At such an important time for the future of our sport, I extend my sincere thanks to Basketball Australia's Board and the many leaders and staff across the basketball community who work tirelessly in the best interests of the game.

Your passion and dedication will be critical as we continue to deliver on our Vision for basketball to become Everybody's Game.

Matt Scriven CEO



AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION CHAIR'S MESSAGE



KATE JENKINS AO

Continuing to drive Australian sport forward is at the heart of everything we do at the Australian Sports Commission.

We want to bring out the best in everyone involved in sport because that's how we will become the world's best – by working together and bound by a common purpose.

We encourage and help Australians of all backgrounds, ages and abilities to get involved in sport and we advocate for sport and the positive influence it has on the nation.

As we look towards next year's Milano Cortina Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 3032, our vision is for sport to be safe, fair, accessible and inclusive.

Every athlete will be supported to reach their full potential with the Australian Government's record \$385 million investment package for sport ensuring Australians have world class pathways and support at all levels of sport from participation to high performance.

This includes a record \$54.9 million for Para sport – doubling previous funding – ahead of Brisbane 2032.

Our grant programs support athletes, coaches, officials and organisations, while our Sporting Schools program is helping more children

access free and fun sporting activities than ever before.

Work is also underway to upgrade the AIS Campus in Canberra, so it is once again modern and world-leading.

The AIS Podium Project will deliver three new facilities, including a new multi-story and para-accessible accommodation, a Testing and Training Centre and indoor Sport Dome.

Construction will commence later this year with the AIS Podium Project being the first stage in delivery of the broader AIS Campus Masterplan – the ASC's long term vision to ensure the AIS Campus continue to evolve as Australia's world leading high performance sport precinct.

As Australian high performance sport continues to win well and build sustainable success towards Brisbane 2032 and beyond, we're also addressing the barriers people tell us they face participating in sport so all Australians that want to be involved can be involved in sport. This is how we will play well.

I know success will be greatest when every part of the system is able to perform their role at their best and I'm confident that the actions we take now will create a lasting legacy for Australian sport that will benefit us all for years to come.





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JOHN CAREY

Elected 2020 AGM

CHAIR

John has been practicing as a solicitor for over 25 years and predominantly advises in relation to risk and risk management on construction and infrastructure projects. He has a particular interest in project delivery and probity and governance.

John is a partner at wilson/ryan/grose Lawyers. He is a sessional member of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and a registered adjudicator under the Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act.

John has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws.

John was elected to the Board of Basketball Australia in May 2020. He is the current Chair of the Board, a position held since May 2021.



DAMIAN ARMOUR

Elected 2021 AGM

DEPUTY CHAIR

Damian has significant experience in governance, finance, strategy, HR and change management, encompassing an executive career in the healthcare industry holding various roles at Barwon Health and Epworth Health Care including CEO of Epworth Geelong, before returning to KPMG as a Partner in Management Consulting.

Damian holds a Bachelor of Commerce, Master of Business Administration and is a Fellow, Australian Institute of Company Directors.

As a basketball player Damian represented Country Victoria at two National Championships and subsequently played at SEABL (NBL1) and Big V level with a brief stint in the Geelong Supercats NBL squad. Damian has held numerous administration positions in basketball as a Commissioner, Director and Chair.

Damian was elected to the Basketball Australia Board in May 2021. He is the current Chair of the BA Finance and Audit Sub Committee, a position held since July 2019.





ANDREW MAJOR

Elected 2021 AGM

Andrew is an experienced financial services professional with broad expertise across a range of disciplines including law, enterprise risk & compliance, investment banking, investment management and superannuation. Andrew is a strategic advisor at HESTA, a director of Assemble Communities and a former Director and Chair of the Australian Investment Council.

Andrew holds a Master of Applied Finance, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Economics and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He is a former manager of the Sydney Flames and has been a member of various basketball associations as a player, coach, tribunal and board member.

Andrew was elected to the Basketball Australia Board in May 2021. He is currently a member of the Finance & Audit Committee and serves as observer on the board of W Basketball Co, operator of the Women's National Basketball League.



SARAH GARDINER

Appointed October 2024

Dr Sarah Gardiner is an expert in marketing, consumer behaviour and data analytics and research. She is a Professor in Business and the Director of the Griffith Institute for Tourism at Griffith University, Queensland. Sarah regularly delivers research and strategic planning consultancy services and grants for the government and business and provides commentary to the media.

Playing basketball since juniors, she currently plays in the Gold Coast senior competition.

Sarah has a PhD in Marketing and a Bachelor of Exercise Science/Bachelor of Business in Sport Management with Honours. She is an Australian Institute of Company Directors Graduate and a non-executive director on the Australian Regional Tourism Board.

She has been on the BA Risk and Governance Committee since November 2023 and was appointed to the BA board in October 2024.



GREG SAM

Elected 2021 AGM

Greg has considerable international and national senior executive level experience in public, private and non-government organisations. He has extensive skills and expertise in management and corporate governance

He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Doctor Service of Australia- South Eastern section

He holds a Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Public Health, Graduate of London Business School Senior Executive Program and has completed the Company Secretary's Course at the Australian Institute of Company Directors

Greg was elected to the Basketball Australia Board in May 2021. He is currently the Chair of the BA Governance and Risk Committee, a position held since December 2023



RANA HUSSAIN

Appointed May 2025

Rana has a strong understanding of the cultural, structural and leadership dynamics required to create inclusive sporting environments. She is one of the few Muslim women of colour to have held senior roles in elite sport, working with organisations such as Cricket Australia and Richmond Football Club. Rana is a respected broadcaster, writer, and speaker on leadership and belonging.

Rana is the Founder and CEO of Good, Human, a consultancy dedicated to shaping workplaces, teams, and communities where people feel they truly belong. Rana also currently serves as a Board Member for Reconciliation Australia and Welcoming Australia.

Rana has worked across the sports sector consulting and advising for the Australian Sports Commission, AFL Clubs, National Sports and government sports portfolios. She is an Opals fan through and through.

Rana holds a Master of Social Work and a Bachelor of Creative Arts. She also has a Certificate IV in AUSLAN

Rana was appointed to the Basketball Australia Board in May 2025



SUZY BATKOVIC OLY

Appointed January 2023

Suzy has invaluable knowledge and experience in strategic planning and financial management, governance and infrastructure management

She is the Deputy Mayor and Councillor with Townsville City Council.

Suzy has 23 years' experience as a professional basketball player, beginning as a 15-year-old with a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport. She has had playing contracts in Australia (WNBL), the United States (WNBA) and Europe (Euro League and Euro Cup). She has also represented Australia at World Championships and three Olympic Games, winning two silver medals and a bronze medal at the Olympic Games.

Suzy was appointed to the BA Board in January 2023. She is currently the Chair of the High-Performance Committee.



SAM CHARMAND

Elected 2024 AGM

Sam Charmand is an accomplished executive with a unique style of leading business growth and change through strong technology leadership and a successful history of unlocking true business value through technology, innovation and data. Sam has in-depth experience at management and Board levels to design, manage and drive a strong cyber culture across multinational, highly operational organisations. He is well known as a big-picture thinker, a pioneer with strong problem solving and business relationship capability.

Sam continues to coach the game that he loves and is currently coaching the U18 Men JPL basketball team at Bankstown Bruins for the 2024 representative season. Sam has also held the role of Board Director, Finance Director and Chair of the Representative Committee for Bankstown Basketball Association.

He is currently the Global Chief Digital & Information Officer at BlueScope Steel Limited. Most recently, Sam held the role of Group Chief Information Officer at Qantas Airways Limited. Sam is also a board advisor to the C'Day Group/ Discovery Parks.

Sam holds a Bachelor of Commerce, a Masters of Business & Technology and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Directors.

Sam was elected to the Board of Basketball Australia in May 2024



CLINTON BENJAMIN

Elected 2024 AGM

Clinton belongs to the Yawuru, Bardi, and Kija peoples in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

His career has been dedicated to research, communication, stakeholder engagement, strong governance, advocacy, policy reform, and program management, all aimed at driving positive change for Indigenous communities.

He is currently a Director of Native Title at the National Native Title Council.

Clinton holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne and a Juris Doctor degree from Melbourne Law School. He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He is passionate about basketball and was a professional athlete in the AFL.

Clinton was elected to the Basketball Australia Board in May 2024 and is a member of the Integrity Committee.



SAMANTHA CULBERT

Resigned March 2025

Samantha Culbert is a sport business strategist, innovator and marketer with her industry experience spanning all levels of sport and recreation, from grass roots to global. Her areas of interest include gender equality in sport (on and off the field), active recreation for all ages, participation pathways, major events and commercialisation of event properties.

As co-owner of Jump Media & Marketing, a sports marketing agency, Samantha has worked on world championship events in multiple sports as well as with Commonwealth Games Australia, Unisport, The Sport Australia Hall of Fame and a range of large, multi-sport, community and charity events.

She holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Physical Education from Victoria University.

Samantha was appointed to the BA Board in October 2024.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

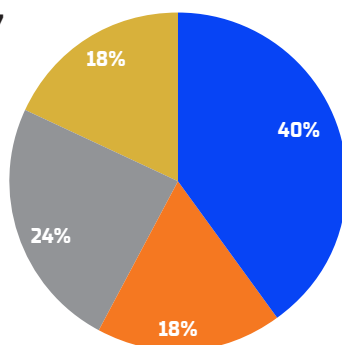
During the year Basketball Australia (BA) generated \$27m in revenue and \$30m expenditure. 39% of which was AIS funded High Performance activity.

PKF have completed their seventh audit for Basketball Australia (BA) for the calendar year ending 31 December 2025 and have returned an unqualified opinion on the financials with zero unadjusted audit differences.

FY25 operating deficit is distorted by exceptional one off Integrity costs and final season costs related to the transition of the Women's Basketball league to the NBL and WCGS consortium effective from April 2025.

BA is reporting an overall surplus for the year of \$822k due to the inclusion of the WNBL asset valuation (FY 2024: deficit \$587k) with reserves of \$3.1m.

REVENUE SPLIT BY BUSINESS UNIT



FY 2025 AT A GLANCE

REVENUE	2025		2024		INC/(DEC) %	MOVEMENT %
	\$000	% OF TOTAL	\$000	% OF TOTAL		
HIGH PERFORMANCE	10,731	40%	12,549	36%	-14%	4%
COMMERCIAL	4,812	18%	9,822	28%	-51%	-10%
CORPORATE OPERATIONS	6,419	24%	5,357	15%	20%	9%
BASKETBALL OPERATIONS	4,816	18%	6,972	20%	-31%	-2%
TOTAL REVENUE	26,778	100%	34,700	100%	-23%	

EXPENDITURE	2025		2024		INC/(DEC) %	MOVEMENT %
	\$000	% OF TOTAL	\$000	% OF TOTAL		
HIGH PERFORMANCE	10,564	39%	12,099	35%	-13%	5%
COMMERCIAL	4,695	17%	8,990	26%	-48%	-9%
CORPORATE OPERATIONS	7,336	26%	5,601	16%	31%	10%
BASKETBALL OPERATIONS	5,297	19%	8,069	23%	-34%	-4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	27,892	102%	34,759	100%	-20%	

NORMAL OPERATING DEFICIT	(1,114)	-4.2%	(59)	-0.2%
ASSET VALUATION GAIN	3,901	-	(528)	-
PROFIT / (LOSS) FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	(995)	-	-	-
OTHER ONE OFF / EXCEPTIONAL EXPENDITURE	(970)			
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	822	3.1%	(587)	-1.7%

BALANCE SHEET

	31 DEC 25	31 DEC 24	MOVEMENT
	\$000	\$000	\$000
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
CASH	4,460	6,068	(1,608)
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES	5,080	4,356	724
INVENTORIES	43	51	(8)
OTHER ASSETS	344	837	(493)
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	9,927	11,312	(1,385)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
INVESTMENTS	12	12	-
OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS	4,137	-	4,137
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	100	158	(58)
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	608	276	332
RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS	298	16	282
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	5,155	462	4,693
TOTAL ASSETS	15,082	11,774	3,308
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	3,067	2,628	439
LEASE LIABILITY	233	19	214
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	769	819	-50
OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	7,106	5,964	1,142
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	11,175	9,430	1,745
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	700	-	700
LEASE LIABILITY	66	-	66
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	15	40	-25
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	781	40	741
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,956	9,470	2,486
EQUITY			
AMALGAMATION RESERVES	-	-	-
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	3,126	2,304	822
NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST	-	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY	3,126	2,304	822

FINANCIAL REVIEW

LIQUIDITY

	31 DEC 25	31 DEC 24	MOVEMENT
CURRENT RATIO	0.89	1.20	(0.31)
DEBTOR DAYS	67	37	30
CREDITOR DAYS	21	15	6
SUSTAINABLE COVERAGE (WEEKS)	8	9	(1)

ASC METRICS

	31 DEC 25	31 DEC 24	MOVEMENT	ASC BENCHMARK
TOTAL LIABILITIES / TOTAL ASSETS	● 79%	● 80%	● -1%	<75%
NET ASSETS / TOTAL REVENUE	● 12%	● 7%	● 5%	>10%
QUICK RATIO	● 85%	● 111%	● -25%	>100%
NON-ASC REVENUE	● 70%	● 76%	● -7%	>30%

GOVERNANCE AND RISK

Basketball Australia continues to strengthen its governance with a clear focus on building a capable, diverse and effective Board and meeting the highest standards expected of a Tier One sport.

Significant progress has been made against the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Governance Standards. Each year, BA sets clear priorities and targets to lift its level of maturity across all standards. The 2025 assessment shows improvement in a further three standards, with work underway expected to see four more reach the highest level of maturity in 2026.

Board renewal and continuity remained a priority during the year. Damian Armour was re-elected by the members at the 2025 AGM, and Rana Hussain joined the Board as an Appointed Director in May 2025 following the resignation of Samantha Culbert. The Board now comprises six male and three female Directors and is on track to meet the ASC gender criteria following the AGM to be held in May 2026.

A major milestone was reached with the completion of the BA Constitution review, which began in 2024. The updated constitution, passed by members at the 2025 AGM, reflects ASC requirements and contemporary governance best practice. Key changes include adjustments to the balance of Elected and Appointed Directors and strengthened commitments to gender equity.

The Board was pleased to recognise outstanding service to the sport, with BA Life Membership awarded to Bob McGugan at the 2025 AGM.

The Board continues to hold itself accountable through regular performance reviews conducted by the ASC. These biannual reviews alternate between assessments of the Board as a whole and individual Directors. Recommendations from the 2025 review focused on further embedding BA's Values and strengthening induction processes for new Board and Committee members.

In addition, the Board has introduced a more structured approach to reviewing its Committees, with formal evaluations every two years and reflective reviews in alternate years. These reviews are managed internally, with oversight from the Governance and Risk Committee.

Risk management across the organisation has also been strengthened. The BA Risk Framework is being embedded, with key risks regularly reviewed by the Governance and Risk Committee and reported to the Board.

To support consistency and good practice across the organisation, BA has established a central policy bank. Policies are being reviewed and updated on a rolling basis, and all policies are currently up to date with no overdue reviews.





INTEGRITY

In 2025, the Integrity Unit focused on the development of the Safe Sport Framework, a process that required strong national alignment across the sport. Early planning centred on establishing the framework, forming national working groups, and undertaking stakeholder engagement with participants across all levels of basketball, including players, coaches, officials, administrators and parents. This collaborative approach ensured the policy reflected the collective voice of the basketball community and created a consistent national position to drive implementation in 2026.

A key initiative in 2025 was the formalisation of a partnership with Social Protect, delivering proactive monitoring and protection for participants across BA national teams, NBL, WNBL and NBL1. This partnership provides specialist support to protect the wellbeing and safety of participants exposed to online harm.

Recognising the growing risk of online harm, the Integrity Unit collaborated with the eSafety Commission to deliver a national webinar focused on online safety, respectful online behaviour, and practical strategies when receiving online abuse. This initiative complemented the Social Protect partnership and further strengthened the sport's proactive stance on participant wellbeing in online environments.

Education remains a key focus with face-to-face integrity education sessions delivered to more than 5,000 participants nationally, covering key issues including child safeguarding, gambling and match fixing, and anti-doping. These sessions strengthened awareness, clarified reporting pathways, and reinforced behavioural expectations across all levels of the game.

To further strengthen child safeguarding capability, the BA Integrity Unit developed a dedicated eLearning module that clearly outlines what safe environments look like in practice. It also supports the community to better prevent, identify and respond to concerns involving children.

Complementing this, the BA Integrity Unit produced a suite of practical resources to assist children and young people, clubs and officials to recognise unsafe behaviour, understand how to respond appropriately, and ensure clubs and associations are actively creating and maintaining safe environments.

The work undertaken in 2025 has positioned the sport to embed Safe Sport consistently across all levels of basketball, while reinforcing a proactive, nationally aligned approach to safety, integrity, and wellbeing.



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ENGAGEMENT

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ABILITY HOOPS

FOOTLOCKER NATIONAL CHAMPS

DIGITAL SNAPSHOT

SHE HOOPS WOMEN & GIRLS

In 2025, She Hoops continued to drive unprecedented growth in participation, leadership development, and national visibility for women and girls in basketball. As Basketball Australia's flagship women and girls initiative, She Hoops delivered programs across metropolitan, regional, rural, and First Nations communities, connecting elite role models with grassroots participants and creating meaningful pathways into the sport.

Total program reach increased from 1,072 participants in 2024 to 3,512 in 2025, a 227.8% increase demonstrating both growing demand and the effectiveness of a coordinated national approach.



PARTICIPATION AND CAMPS

She Hoops Holiday, Super, and Community Camps remained the largest participation driver, delivering 27 camps nationally and engaging 2,750 girls aged 5–16. These camps provide an inclusive entry point into basketball while fostering confidence, teamwork, and a lifelong connection to sport. Importantly, camps are delivered by WNBL and Opals athletes and coaches, ensuring participants have direct access to visible role models.

Through the Australian Government's Play Our Way initiative, She Hoops delivered an additional 19 camps focused on increasing participation among women and girls, particularly in regional and under-represented communities. Combined with leadership workshops, the program reached over 1,000 participants and exceeded grant targets by 16%, highlighting the program's effectiveness in engaging new audiences.

LEADERSHIP PATHWAYS

A defining feature of She Hoops is its focus on leadership development alongside participation, creating clear, connected pathways for women and girls to grow into coaching, officiating, administration, and community leadership roles. The Leadership & Confidence Scholarship Program is designed for emerging leaders aged 15–18, providing an entry point into leadership within basketball. The program combines mentorship from elite female athletes, coaching and officiating accreditations, and evidence-based wellbeing development to build confidence, capability, and a strong sense of belonging in the sport. Delivered as a national cohort experience, it culminates in a residential camp at the Australian Institute of Sport and extends beyond Australia through partnerships with FIBA Oceania, providing opportunities for young women across the Oceania region to participate, connect, and grow through a shared leadership experience.

The Future Leaders Program is focused on women aged 18–30 who are already involved in basketball as coaches, officials, or administrators and are ready to step into leadership roles. Delivered through structured leadership development sessions alongside mentor sessions with global leaders in women's basketball — including Ezi Magbegor, Dee Kantner, Donna Orender, and Sami Whitcomb — the program provides real-world insight into leadership at the highest level. With a strong emphasis on exposure, perspective, and network, the program supports participants to step confidently into influential roles across the basketball ecosystem.

The Indigenous Leadership Program (ILP) is designed specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls aged 12–17, creating a culturally safe and empowering entry point into both basketball and leadership. Led by proud Ngarrindjeri woman, Gangurru and Opal Ally Wilson, and delivered through a hybrid model of in-person workshops, on-court sessions, and follow-up learning, the program integrates a structured leadership curriculum with cultural identity, storytelling, and community connection at its core. It builds confidence, strengthens cultural pride and belonging, and supports participants to grow as leaders within their communities as well as within the sport.

Together, these programs form a connected leadership pathway from early engagement, to emerging leadership, to advanced leadership development ensuring women and girls are supported at every stage of their journey in basketball.





SEATTLE STORM FELLOWSHIP

2025 marked the second year of the She Hoops x Seattle Storm Administration Fellowship, a unique international leadership initiative designed to develop the next generation of female sports administrators. This year, the program was strengthened through greater structure and deeper collaboration with the Seattle Storm, creating a more intentional and aligned learning experience. The Fellowship continues to evolve year-on-year, building a high-quality global development opportunity for Australian women in basketball.

STRENGTHENING THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ECOSYSTEM

Across all programs, 27 Opals athletes and six professional coaches were actively engaged in delivery, reinforcing the connection between elite pathways and grassroots participation. This integration is central to She Hoops' success, ensuring young participants see clear and attainable pathways within the sport and have access to their role models.

DIGITAL GROWTH AND VISIBILITY

She Hoops' digital presence expanded significantly in 2025, reflecting increased national awareness and engagement.

Instagram followers grew by 36%, while website users increased by 65% and page views by 48%. This growth highlights the impact of digital storytelling in amplifying role models, promoting programs, and connecting communities across Australia.

The Legacy Documentary Series also expanded to five series comprising sixteen episodes, further elevating the visibility of women's basketball and celebrating the contributions of athletes, coaches, and leaders.

PLAY OUR WAY - NATIONAL IMPACT

The Australian Government's Play Our Way initiative has enabled She Hoops to expand into regional, rural, and First Nations communities.

This three-year investment has supported targeted program delivery, strengthened local relationships, and built a deeper understanding of community needs and barriers to participation. Importantly, it has established a strong foundation in areas that previously had limited access, creating a clear pathway to secure ongoing funding and sustain these opportunities into the future.

WOMEN AND GIRLS STRATEGY

In 2025, Basketball Australia's Board formally approved the Women and Girls Strategy, establishing a clear long-term framework to grow participation, strengthen development pathways, increase leadership representation, and enhance visibility for women and girls across the sport.

The strategy establishes a nationally aligned approach across participation, people, performance, leadership, and impact, ensuring a more consistent and connected system to support women and girls at all levels of the game.

Implementation commenced immediately, with She Hoops leading priority initiatives in close collaboration with States and Territories to align national direction with local delivery.

A NATIONAL MOVEMENT

Alongside the work led by Basketball Australia and She Hoops, significant progress is being driven by States and Territories across Australia to grow opportunities for women and girls in basketball. As momentum continues to build, Basketball Australia, through She Hoops, established a National Women and Girls Working Group with representation from every State and Territory, recognising the need for greater alignment, connection, and shared direction across the system.

She Hoops, alongside this national working group, is increasingly central to supporting Basketball Australia's long-term vision for participation growth, leadership diversity, and high-performance success, leading into Brisbane 2032 and beyond.

Through this coordinated and collaborative approach, national leadership and local expertise are brought together in a more connected way strengthening delivery, reshaping the landscape of women's sport in Australia, and setting a new benchmark for how sport can be designed, delivered, and experienced.

SHE HOOPS PARTNERS

PREMIER PARTNER



INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP PARTNER



KEY PARTNERS



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission



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INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS & ENGAGEMENT

Key Achievements 2025

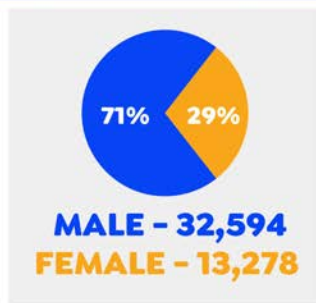
- Successfully strengthened Basketball Australia's National Indigenous athlete pathway through the continued evolution of the National Indigenous Performance Camp (NIPC), creating culturally safe high-performance environments for First Nations athletes, coaches, and mentors.
- Expanded strategic engagement with existing Indigenous basketball programs, academies, and community partners nationally, strengthening pathways for participation, development, and leadership across the sport.
- Supported athlete wellbeing, communication, and cultural connection at the Boomers camp in Hobart, helping strengthen connection and camp outcomes within the national team.
- Played a key leadership role in the Indigenous All Stars versus Māori welcome dinner and camp, serving as MC and helping create a culturally powerful environment celebrating identity, pride, and Trans-Tasman Indigenous connection through basketball.
- Facilitated cultural capability experiences for staff, coaches, and athletes, including a National Reconciliation Week learning visit to Melbourne Museum, where participants engaged with Indigenous collections and deepened their understanding of the history of Aboriginal people in Victoria.
- Oversaw continued implementation of Basketball Australia's 2024–2026 Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, achieving approximately 75 per cent completion of second-year deliverables, reflecting strong organisational commitment to action, accountability and visibility.
- Supported the continued growth of She Hoops Indigenous leadership and scholarship initiatives, increasing visibility, aspiration, and participation opportunities for young First Nations girls in basketball.
- Supported Indigenous basketball development through the donation of a Centre of Excellence shooting machine, increasing access to elite training resources for community-based programs.





2025 STATISTICS

45,886
PARTICIPANTS



267
CENTRES
2649
PROGRAMS

21,460
NEW PARTICIPANTS



	CENTRES	PROGRAMS
ACT	1	79
NSW	59	516
NT	3	22
QLD	11	218
SA	25	183
TAS	16	76
VIC	104	1168
WA	48	387

7.3% PARTICIPANT GROWTH FROM 2024

3.9% CENTRE GROWTH FROM 2024

\$45,000 OF GRANTS AWARDED TO CENTRES TO SUPPORT PROGRAM GROWTH AND DELIVERY

PARTICIPANTS BY LOCATION

ACT	1,440
NSW	8,834
NT	507
QLD	3,334
SA	2,824
TAS	1,162
VIC	20,108
WA	7,677

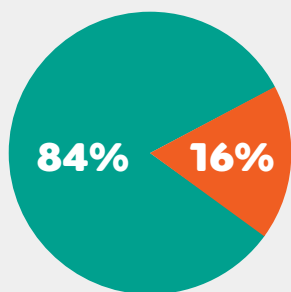


2025 STATISTICS

**BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA'S ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM FOR KIDS
WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND/OR AUTISM**

275
PARTICIPANTS

237
COACHES COMPLETED
ABILITY HOOPS
COACHES COURSE



MALE - 231
FEMALE - 44

13
CENTRES
43
PROGRAMS

	CENTRES	PROGRAMS
ACT	1	4
NSW	0	0
NT	1	1
QLD	3	14
SA	1	5
TAS	0	0
VIC	4	10
WA	3	9

PARTICIPANTS BY LOCATION

ACT	25
NSW	0
NT	12
QLD	77
SA	21
TAS	0
VIC	62
WA	78

FOOT LOCKER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Footlocker National Championships (NC) program remains a cornerstone of Australia's high-performance basketball pathway, providing athletes with the opportunity to represent their state, club or school in elite national competition. The program continues to serve as a proven development platform and has played a significant role in the journey of many of Australia's leading players and reinforcing the strength of the national talent pipeline.

The NC structure brings together teams from every State and Territory, with competitions spanning Under 14 through to Under 20 age groups. Hosting rights rotate nationally, ensuring engagement across the country. In addition to the core age-group championships, the program also incorporates the Ivor Burge Championships for athletes with an intellectual disability and the Kevin Coombs Cup for junior wheelchair athletes, reflecting Basketball Australia's commitment to inclusion and accessibility.

All seven national championship events were successfully delivered across the 2025 calendar year. In partnership with Newscorp / KommunityTV, every game from the Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 and Under 20 Championships was live streamed, significantly enhancing visibility, stakeholder engagement and athlete exposure. Selected games from the Australian Schools Championships were also broadcast.

The year commenced in late January in Ballarat, Victoria, which hosted the Under 20 and Ivor Burge Championships. Victoria Navy secured the Under 20 Men's title, while New South Wales claimed the Under 20 Women's Championship. Victoria also achieved a clean sweep of the Ivor Burge Championships, winning both the Men's and Women's divisions.

In April, Moreton Bay, Queensland hosted the Under 18 Championships alongside the National Junior Wheelchair Championships. Victoria Country were crowned Under 18 Men's Champions, Victoria Metro secured the Under 18 Women's title, and South Australia claimed the National Junior Wheelchair Championship.

Bendigo, Victoria once again welcomed the Under 16 Championships in July, where Victoria Metro delivered a dominant performance, winning both the Men's and Women's gold medals.

The Under 14 Club Championships travelled west for the first time, with Willerton, Western Australia hosting the event. Logan Thunder (Qld) won the Boys' Championship Division, while hometown club Cockburn Cougars (WA) claimed the Girls' Championship Division title.

The 2025 calendar concluded in early December with the Australian Schools Championships returning to the Gold Coast. A record 224 teams participated across the five-day tournament, including six international teams from New Zealand and California. Ginninderra (ACT) secured the Men's Championship Division title, and Brisbane State High School (Qld) won the Women's Championship Division.



DIGITAL SNAPSHOT

BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA | FORD AUSSIE HOOPS | BA COMPETITIONS | BA PLAY | SHE HOOPS

	Total Views	Unique Users
2025	3,187,767	859,555
2024	3,654,764 (+49%)	1,075,657 (+35%)
2023	1,852,609	751,078

HIGHLIGHTS

Despite being considered a “quiet year” with no major senior international events (such as the Olympics or World Cups), performance remained strong, ranking third for views and users since 2014.

A total of 482 articles were published across five platforms throughout the year. Content production and audience engagement are now more evenly distributed, with internal teams across She Hoops, BA Play, Aussie Hoops, and BA Competitions establishing their own content streams and growing dedicated audiences. This reflects a shift away from reliance on BA Main, with all platforms now contributing meaningfully to overall performance.

A new media asset management solution was also trialled, combining Iconik with Google Cloud as the backend storage. This system now provides access to 144,685 assets, offering a scalable and cost-effective solution through a flexible month-to-month model.

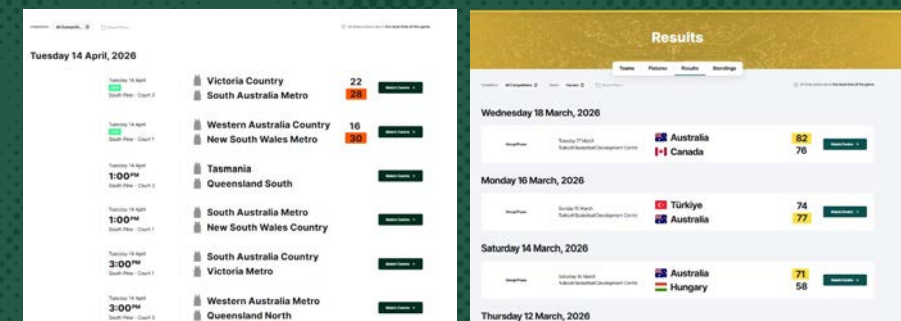
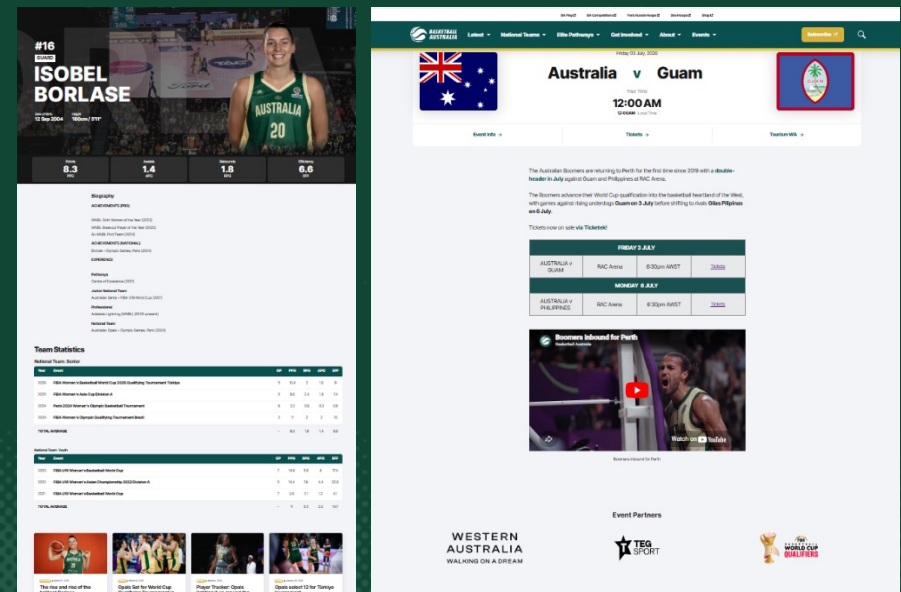
The platform has significantly improved internal workflows, delivering enhanced searchability, a more intuitive user experience, and streamlined processes for creatives at events. This enables more efficient uploading and sharing of photos, video, and brand assets with key stakeholders.

API | DATA

Continued progress was made in strengthening data integration across all digital platforms, enhancing both the accuracy and timeliness of information delivered to users. These improvements have enabled a more seamless flow of data between systems, ensuring consistent and reliable presentation across all touchpoints.

Enhancements to how data is surfaced and visualised have improved the overall user experience, making key information more accessible and engaging for audiences. This has supported a stronger focus on elevating athletes and competitions, with richer data storytelling helping to showcase performances, results, and narratives more effectively.

Ongoing optimisation in this space positions the organisation to better leverage data as a strategic asset, supporting future innovation, deeper audience engagement, and more dynamic digital experiences.



BASKETBALL CLOUD

The BasketballCloud was created and developed within the Basketball Australia Google environment as a centralised data solution designed to provide a comprehensive, real-time view of basketball participation across the country.

Once released, the platform will enable greater visibility of participation trends, supporting more informed decision-making across all levels of the game. By consolidating data into a single, accessible source, the BasketballCloud is expected to enhance reporting capabilities, improve strategic planning, and strengthen the organisation's ability to track growth and engagement nationwide.

The project remains on track, with an estimated release in mid-2026, and represents a significant step forward in leveraging data to support the long-term development of basketball in Australia.



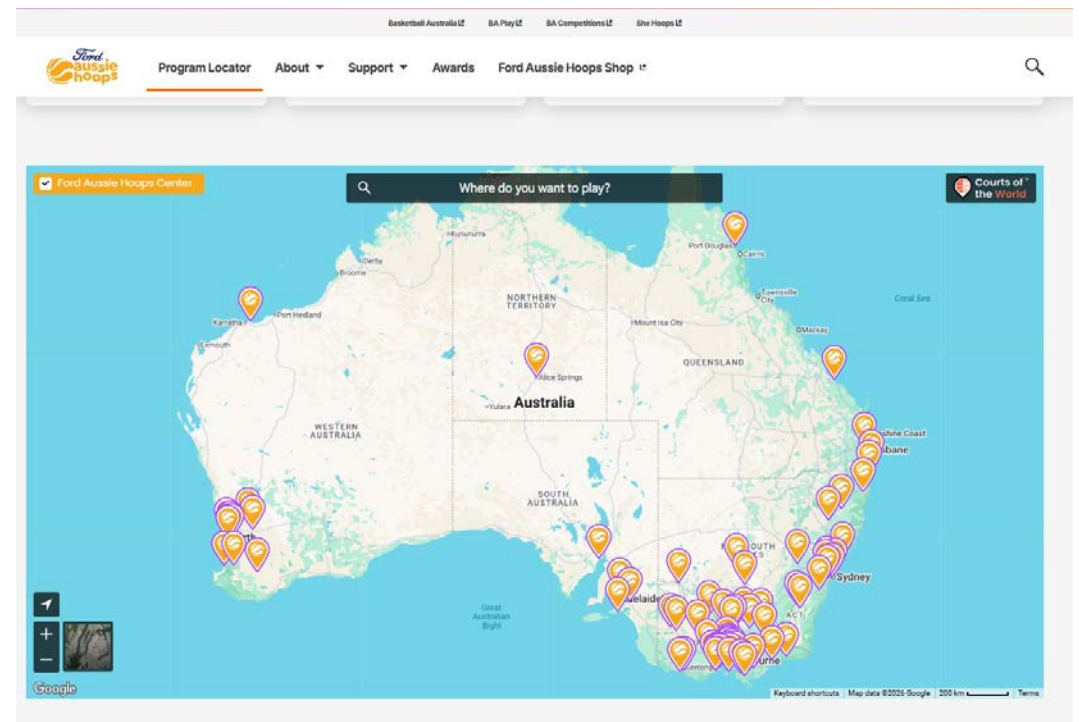
COURTS OF THE WORLD

Courts of the World (COTW) was trialled as a program locator solution, with an initial focus on supporting Ford Aussie Hoops as a key entry point for participation. The platform is designed to improve discoverability of local programs, providing a more accessible and user-friendly way for participants to find opportunities to engage with basketball.

The intention is to scale the platform over time to include additional programs such as **Walking Basketball, Wheelchair Basketball, and Women & Girls initiatives**, creating a more comprehensive ecosystem for participation pathways.

As an official partner of **FIBA**, Courts of the World has delivered similar solutions internationally, including with **Basketball New Zealand**, providing confidence in its capability and scalability. The trial has offered a practical and low-risk workaround to address a critical gap in the participation journey, establishing an effective initial touchpoint for new and returning participants.

This initiative represents an important step toward improving accessibility, supporting grassroots growth, and strengthening the connection between communities and basketball programs nationwide.





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COACHING

OFFICIALS

HIGH PERFORMANCE

Basketball Australia charged into the first year of the HP 2032 Strategy and delivered on a range of foundational projects that will set the national teams and pathway up for a successful run at LA 2028 and Brisbane 2032.

Australia's national teams continue to compete at the highest level in tournaments across the world. The systems at the foundation continue to be adapted to meet the demands of professional and international sporting environments, led by specialist staff across areas of Coaching, Athlete Management, Performance Wellbeing and Support.

Sandy Brondello continued as the Opals Head Coach with Paul Gorriss operating as the Associate Head Coach. Adam Caporn led the Boomers to his first taste of gold medal glory alongside Dean Vickerman as Associate Head Coach to claim the FIBA 2025 Asia Cup. Damon Lowery continued as the 3x3 Gangurru women's coach with Adam Forde appointed for the men. The 3x3 Gangurru went back-to-back at the Asia Cup and set themselves up for a run at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2026.

The cumulative win / loss record of all Australian national teams in 2025 was 104 – 20. AUS teams collected 12 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze across all international tournaments.





3X3

GANGURRUS

CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Men and Women won bronze at the inaugural FIBA 3x3 Champions Cup in Bangkok, Thailand. Men beat USA and Women beat Germany for the 3rd place finish.

ASIA CUP

Women secured Gold in Asia Cup [5 – 0 RECORD] - 26th March to 30th March in Singapore

- Aus women beat Japan convincingly 21 – 17 in the finals

Men also secured Gold in Asia Cup [4-1 RECORD] - 26th March to 30th March in Singapore

- Aus men beat China 21-19 in a closely contested finals.

WORLD CUP

Men and Women secured direct qualification to the 3x3 World Cup in Mongolia by winning the 2024 3x3 Asia Cup

- Aus women finished 5th
- Aus men finished 10th

WOMEN'S SERIES

- Aus Women attended four 3x3 women's series stops, accumulating 278 points on tour and narrowly missing out on finals by 50 points.
- Silver at the Chengdu stop
- Finished 10th at the Marseille stop
- Gold at the Ulaanbaatar stop
- Silver at the Jakarta stop

WOMBATS

Australia men and women competed at the inaugural 3x3 World Championships in Sun City, South Africa from August 1-3.

- Men finished 5th defeating Portugal 17-10 to secure the win
- Women finished with a bronze medal 12-10 win against Great Britain





BOOMERS

The continental window continued for Australia's Boomers which culminated in the highs of a third consecutive Asia Cup title and strong foundations for Adam Caporn in his first window as Head Coach of the program.

Caporn was confirmed as the man for the job in March 2025 ahead of the Asia Cup and the team struck gold in his first-ever campaign with a comprehensive run in Jeddah.

The schedule commenced in the basketball hotspot of Traralgon with a double header against Thailand and Korea firing up the crowd at the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium in February.

A new era of rivalry was launched in May with the inaugural Trans-Tasman Throwdown with the Boomers featured in a three-game series against New Zealand's Tall Blacks. Australia produced uncompromising basketball in two home wins in Adelaide and Sunshine Coast, but the Tall Blacks stood tall in the Hamilton home leg.

The Boomers centred their preparation for the Asia Cup on the Gold Coast with a training camp and an exhibition match against the University of Colorado Buffaloes. Queenslanders were treated to an intense battle against the young Buffaloes, who pushed the Australia's Asia Cup 12 to the final buzzer.

All eyes turned to the FIBA 2025 Asia Cup hosted in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and the Boomers met lofty expectations to their third consecutive title despite a massive challenge from China in the final.

Australia proved dominant in the group stages, guided by newly appointed Caporn, Dean Vickerman as Associate Head Coach, LSU's David Patrick and Rockets assistant Garrett Jackson.

The gold medal matchup between the Boomers and Team China produced one of the games of the year, with a stellar performance from Xavier Cooks and eventual tournament MVP Jaylin Galloway lifting Australia's men in a 90 – 89 comeback victory.

With a FIBA Asia title in the bag, the international basketball cycle quickly shifted into the World Cup phase. The final challenge of the year landed with two FIBA 2027 World Cup Asian Qualifiers confirmed against a familiar rival, New Zealand.

The AUS v NZL rivalry is genuinely building. Two epic battles featured in Hobart and Wellington with the Boomers narrowly clinching both with late game heroics by Davo Hickey.

The Boomers finished the year with a 13 – 1 win loss record to retain #6 in FIBA's Global Rankings.



FIBA ASIA CUP 2025 QUALIFIERS

Date	Opponent	Result
21 November	Thailand	W 98 - 75
24 November	Korea	W 101 - 48
20 February	Indonesia	W 109 - 58
20 February	Thailand	W 114 - 64

TRANS-TASMAN THROWDOWN – AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND

Date	Opponent	Result
7 May	New Zealand	W 106 - 97
9 May	New Zealand	W 98 - 57
11 May	New Zealand	L 88 - 60

EXHIBITION – BOOMERS v UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Date	Opponent	Result
31 July	University of Colorado	W 106 - 97

FIBA ASIA CUP 2025 JEDDAH

GROUP STAGE		
Date	Opponent	Result
6 August	South Korea	W 97 - 61
9 August	Lebanon	W 93 - 80
10 August	Qatar	W 110 - 82

QUARTER FINAL		
Date	Opponent	Result
13 August	Philippines	W 84 - 69

SEMI FINAL		
Date	Opponent	Result
17 August	Iran	W 92 - 48

FINAL		
Date	Opponent	Result
18 August	China	W 90 - 89

ACHIEVEMENTS		
Jaylin Galloway (MVP) and Jack McVeigh (All-Star 5)		

FIBA 2027 BASKETBALL WORLD CUP - ASIAN QUALIFIERS

Date	Opponent	Result
28 November	New Zealand	W 84 - 79
1 December	New Zealand	W 79 - 77





OPALS

The Seven Consulting Opals refocused after an iconic Olympics campaign to prepare for the continental window and FIBA 2025 Asia Cup hosted in Shenzhen.

An Asia Cup title had alluded the Opals since joining the FIBA Asia conference in 2017 with bronze being their previous best finish. The drought was broken in historic fashion with a riveting triumph over Japan, claiming an 88 – 79 win in the Final to stand on top of the mountain in Asia.

The first piece of the puzzle for the Opals was to extend Head Coach Sandy Brondello in February. Brondello's commitment through to LA28 and instilled consistency for the program and was amplified with the elevation of Paul Gorriss to Associate Head Coach and appointment of assistants Shannon Seebohm, Cheryl Chambers, Kristi Harrower and Renae Garlepp.

An exciting group of next-generation talent filtered through the Opals roster throughout the schedule and the full potential was on display with a three-game sweep of the Tall Ferns in the Trans-Tasman Throwdown in May.

In the Asia Cup, Australia's women started well in the group stages with clinical wins over Philippines and Chinese Taipei before their first meeting with Japan resulting in a 79–67 victory and an undefeated progression to the knockout stages.

The Opals took a step further than ever before, winning 86–73 over Korea in the Semi Final to book their spot in the final game of the tournament.

Opals v Japan proved a fitting finale, delivering a thrilling contest between two of the region's strongest programs. It was a back-and-forth encounter with both teams exchanging blows. With the game on the line, it was rising talent and eventual tournament MVP, Alexandra Fowler that caught the attention of the basketball world.

Australia's Opals finished undefeated in 2025 with a record of 8-0 and were elevated to 2nd in the global FIBA Rankings by the end of 2025.

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GLIDERS

2025 OSAKA CUP — JAPAN

Following a staging camp held in Melbourne at The Hangar, The Gliders claimed the 2025 Osaka Cup title, winning all four games.

Opponent	Result
Japan	W 54–51
Thailand	W 56–33
Canada	W 68–44
Japan (Final)	W 49–41 (Gold Medal)

These results reflect a dominant Gliders performance, delivering a positive international win early in the 2025 season.

TRAINING CAMP

In preparation for the Asia Oceania Championships later in the year, The Gliders a training camp at the Hangar in July (24–28) alongside the 3x3 Wombats squad in preparation for the World Cup.

ITALY TOUR

In September (22–29), the Gliders toured Italy to further preparations for the AOZ's, playing games against Netherlands and France.

2025 IWBF ASIA OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS — BANGKOK

BRONZE MEDAL

The Gliders delivered a determined campaign at the 2025 IWBF Asia Oceania Championships, remaining competitive throughout the tournament and recording key wins in pool play to progress to the semi-finals.

Opponent	Result
Japan	L 51–50
China	L 32–44
Japan	L 44–40
China	L 32–56
Japan (Semi-Final)	L 42–44
Thailand (Bronze Medal Match)	W 58–39 (Bronze Medal)

A narrow loss denied them a place in the gold medal match; however, they responded with a composed performance to secure bronze.

The result advances the team to the repechage pathway for qualification to the 2026 IWBF World Championships, maintaining momentum heading into the next international cycle.

Key performers included Georgia Munro-Cook (13.0 ppg, 9.8 rpg, 3.2 apg) and Laura Davoli (12.2 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 1.5 spg).

ROLLERS

TRAINING CAMPS

The Rollers commenced their 2025 program with training camps at the AIS in March (5–9) and June (11–15), before travelling to Europe to prepare for the IWBF Asia Oceania Championships in November.

EUROPEAN TOUR (August 2025)

In the lead-up to the AOZ Championships, the Rollers completed a European tour across Germany and Italy. The tour began at the Rollstuhlbasketball Nations Cup in Cologne, followed by a series of international friendlies in Italy, providing valuable match exposure against European opposition ahead of qualification.

2025 IWBF ASIA OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS — BANGKOK

Gold Medal | Undefeated (8–0)

Following a selection camp at the AIS in September (8–14), the Rollers delivered a dominant IWBF Asia–Oceania Zone Championship campaign in Bangkok, finishing undefeated and securing qualification for the 2026 IWBF World Championships.

Australia recorded a series of strong performances throughout pool play before progressing confidently through the semi-finals and defeating Japan in the gold medal match. The campaign reaffirmed the Rollers' long-standing dominance in the Asia Oceania zone and provides a strong platform heading into the next international cycle.

Key performers included Jaylen Brown (21.3 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 5.5 apg), Bill Latham (14.4 ppg, 7.6 rpg, 3.5 apg), and Tom O'Neill-Thorne (12.1 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 6.8 apg).

Opponent	Result
Japan	W 72–57
Thailand	W 63–43
Iran	W 79–71
China	W 69–42
Korea	W 72–56
Kuwait	W 101–17
Korea (Semi-Final)	W 79–44
Japan (Final)	W 62–57 (Gold Medal)

EMERGING ROLLERS – KITAKYUSHU CHAMPIONS CUP

Basketball Australia also named an Emerging Rollers squad for the Kitakyushu Champions Cup in Japan, reinforcing depth within the national pathway and providing developing athletes with valuable international experience.

Opponent	Result
Japan	L 53–51
Netherlands	L 64–51
Japan	L 55–44
Netherlands	L 68–52



DEVILS

AUSTRALIAN U25 WOMEN'S TEAM

No international matches were contested in 2025.

In November 2025, Basketball Australia announced Jeremy Synot as Head Coach of the Australian Devils national Under 25 Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team. Shortly after his appointment, Synot, who also leads the Wheelchair Basketball Program at the Victorian Institute of Sport, led a high performance camp at the Centre of Excellence in December. The camp featured a combination of senior newcomers and members of the Gliders squad, as well as a wave of players who are new to the sport, all ultimately vying for selection into the Devils' roster for the 2027 U25 World Championships.





SPINNERS

AUSTRALIAN U23 MEN'S TEAM

2025 IWBF U23 World Championship — São Paulo, Brazil (12–20 June 2025)

4th Place

Australia competed against five nations in group play before advancing to classification rounds and ultimately the bronze medal match.

Match by Match Results (Publicly Reported Outcomes)

Opponent	Result
Germany	L
Brazil	W
Türkiye	W
Canada	L
Israel	W
Great Britain (Bronze Medal Match)	L — GB wins bronze [Jaylen Brown 25 pts / 18 rebs]

The Spinners' tournament featured standout individual performances and competitive match play across one of the strongest U23 fields.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The Basketball Australia Centre of Excellence once again enjoyed a successful year, with 24 athletes (12 female, 12 males) engaged in a daily training environment on the Australian Institute of Sport campus in Bruce, ACT.

The program supports holistic athlete development across a wide range of areas, including:

- 5 basketball practices per week, either in the team, small group or individual format
- 4 structured and supervised strength and conditioning sessions per week with AIS experts
- Education in areas such as –
 - Time management
 - Preparation and recovery techniques
 - Financial management
 - Cooking
 - Respectful relationships

All residential athletes attend high school and participate in supervised study sessions each week, supporting the balance between elite sport, education and career development.

2025 FEMALE ATHLETES

Reece Anticevic	Western Australia
Eliza Ashby	Victoria
Aspen Crase	South Australia
Jade Crook	New South Wales – graduated July to NCAA
Emilija Dakic	Victoria - graduated July to NCAA
Sitaya Fagan	Victoria - graduated November to NCAA
Callie Hinder	New South Wales - graduated November to NCAA
Violet Johnson	Queensland
Jemyma Manyok	Queensland
Lily Mapp	Queensland
Olivia Olechnowicz	Queensland
Zara Russel	ACT
Jade Sherrington	Queensland
Andie Smith	Tasmania
Isabel Smith	Queensland
Sophie Taylor	graduated November

2025 MALE ATHLETES

Emmett Adair	NSW – graduated July 2025 to NCAA
Roor Akhuar	Victoria – graduated July 2025 to NCAA
Guer Bar	Victoria – graduated December
Che Brogan	Victoria – graduated July to NBL
Indy Cotton	Queensland – graduated June
Alex Dickeson	South Australia
James Dyson Merwe	NSW – graduated July 2025 to NCAA
Luke Fennell	Victoria – graduated July 2025 to NCAA
Jacon Furphy	Tasmania – graduated July 2025 to NCAA
Ajak Nyuon	ACT
Flynn Pavely	NSW
Marcus Vaughns	Victoria – graduated November to NCAA
Harry Cook	Queensland
Jai Fa'ale	Victoria
Will Hamilton	Victoria
Mading Kuany	Victoria – graduated July
Jongkuch Mach	Western Australia
Luke Paul	Western Australia
Nash Walker	Tasmania – graduated November to NCAA

HIGHLIGHTS

Sitaya Fagan
 NBL1 East All Star 5
 NBL1 East Youth Player of the Year
 NBL1 East Defensive Player of the Year
 Bob Staunton Memorial Scholarship

Will Hamilton
 FIBA Asia U16 Cup All Star Five

Luke Paul
 FIBA Asia U16 Cup MVP and All Star Five

Alex Dickeson
 Bob Staunton Memorial Scholarship
 Gold Medal, Australia Schools Championship



JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAMS

The Basketball Australia Junior National Teams program enjoyed a highly successful 2025, highlighted by a silver medal at the FIBA Under 19 Women's World Cup and two gold medals at the Asia Cups.

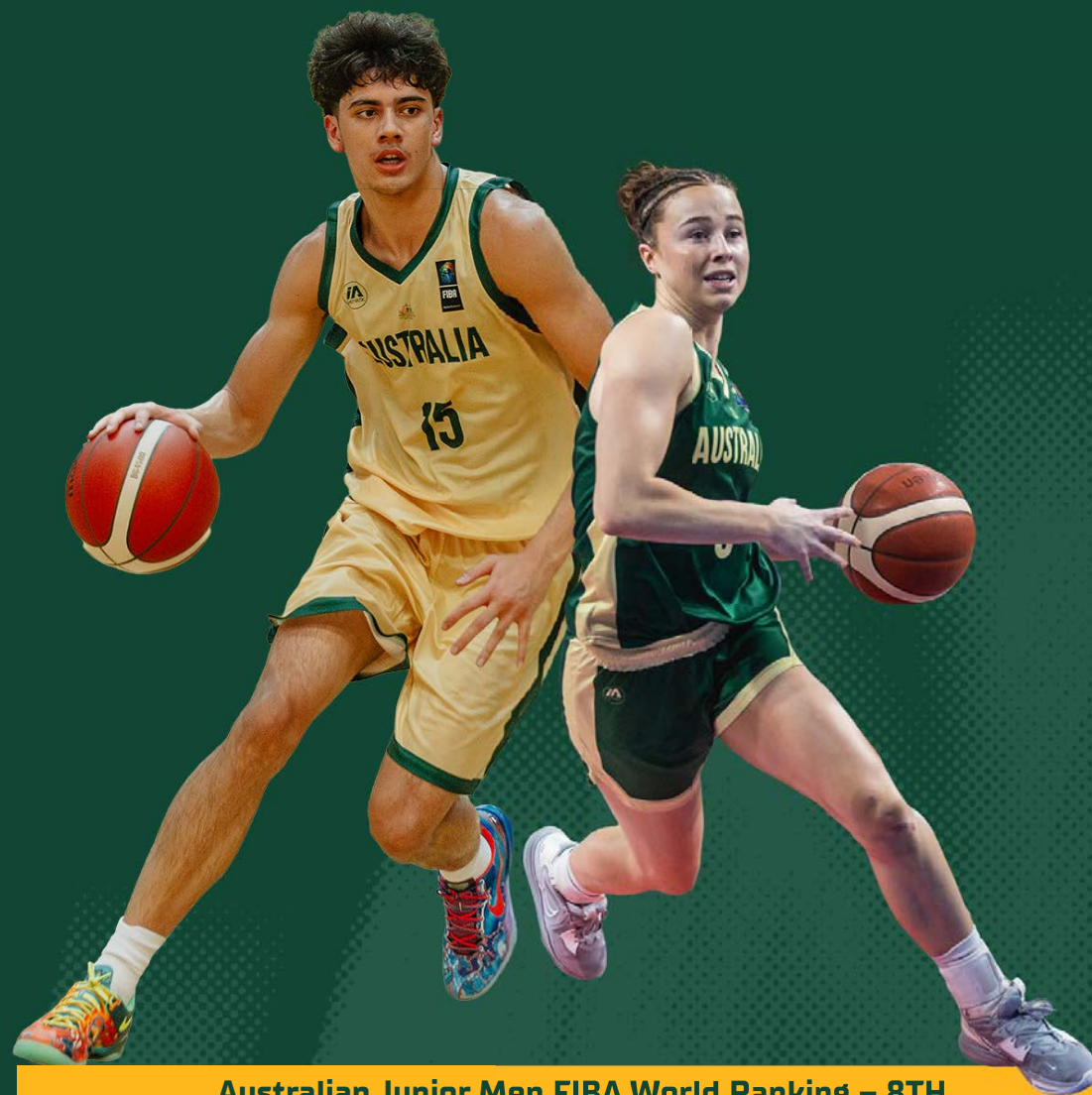
Our young players, coaches and support staff represented Australia across two World Cups, two Asia Cups and a FIBA Oceania Championship, claiming three gold and two silver medals.

Some highlights:

- Bonnie Deas – U19 World Cup All-Star Five
- Renae Garlepp – U19 World Cup Coach of the Tournament
- Luke Paul – U16 Asia Cup MVP
- Madison Ryan – U16 Asia Cup MVP

Events & Results

Event	Result
U19 Men World Cup	6th
U19 Women World Cup	2nd Silver All Star 5 - Bonnie Deas
U16 Men Asia Cup	1st Gold All-Star Five – Will Hamilton & Luke Paul MVP – Luke Paul
U16 Women Asia Cup	1st Gold All-Star Five - Madison Ryan & Isabel Smith
U17 Men Oceania Cup	2nd Silver All-Star Five – Jai Fa'ale & Luke Paul
U17 Women Oceania Championship	1st Gold All-Star Five – Sitaya Fagan & Madi Ryan MVP – Sitaya Fagan



Australian Junior Men FIBA World Ranking – 8TH

Australian Junior Women FIBA World Ranking – 4TH



COACHING



THE YEAR THAT WAS

Ability Hoops Coaching Resources created for coaches working with athletes with an intellectual disability

20,724 CLUB COACHES **27,860** COMMUNITY COACHES



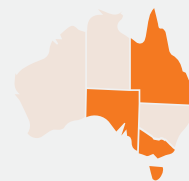
45,584 ACCREDITED COACHES NATIONWIDE

3854 FOLLOWERS



↑49% YEAR ON YEAR

21,868 USERS LOGGED ONTO LMS



NATIONAL TEAM COACHING CLINICS DELIVERED IN VICTORIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND AND TASMANIA

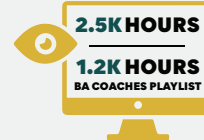


SOLD OUT NATIONAL COACHES CONFERENCE



AT LEAST 1 COE LED COACHING CLINIC DELIVERED IN EVERY STATE AND TERRITORY.

NATIONAL COACHES CONFERENCE PLAYLIST



2.5K HOURS BA COACHES PLAYLIST



66,194 WEBSITE VIEWS
39,024 WEBSITE USERS

MOST VISITED: ACCREDITATION COURSES PAGE



15,905 COACHES

[PLAY.AUS.BASKETBALL/COACH](https://play.aus.basketball/coach)

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OFFICIALS

PERFORMANCE REFEREE NATIONAL STRATEGY 2024-2034

This strategy entered its first full year of implementation in 2025, with strong national alignment across the sport. Each State and Territory committed to supporting locally delivered Referee Development Programs designed to strengthen and underpin the national pathway.

The strategy also underwent its first formal review cycle, reaffirming its relevance and ensuring it continues to guide the development of performance pathway referees.

NATIONAL REFEREE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (NRDP)

The first cycle of the new NRDP began in 2025 with 12 referees identified for their potential to reach the WNBL and NBL and eventually FIBA accreditation.

The program is aimed at developing the “athlete referee” through a holistic strategy of physical preparation, game knowledge, rule knowledge, self-evaluation, and exposure to performance environments. An identified cohort of specialists also work closely with the referees in one on one as well as small group environments.

The NRDP group participated in the National Performance Camp at the AIS, joining shared sessions with emerging players from across Australia. Referees also took part in officiating-specific and broader professional development sessions during the camp.

NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (NJC)

The NJCs continue to serve as a cornerstone of Basketball Australia’s officiating educational pathway, by providing officials with the opportunity to officiate at a national junior level.

The NJC program remains a proven talent development pathway, with many of Australia’s officials having progressed through this system and into NBL1 and higher. In 2025, the Championships once again delivered a professional, high-intensity environment that supported officials’ growth, and reinforced FIBA standards of officiating.

For emerging referees and technical officials, the Championships provided invaluable exposure to interstate competition, structured mentoring, and performance feedback — strengthening the officiating pipeline within Australia.

Referee communication units were used during the National Junior Wheelchair Championships with the view of rolling this system out to all NJC in 2026.

For the first time in 2025, three-person officiating was introduced at the Under 16 National Junior Championships to better meet and service the demands of the game.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICIATING

Officials can achieve a FIBA licence in the role of referee, scoretable, statistics, commissioner and technical delegate. Congratulations to the referees who obtained their licence for the first time: Joshua Durand, James McEwan, Bradley Henshaw and Taylor Folker. Congratulations also to Michelle Nicholas who joins our panel of technical delegates after successfully completing her training during the Women's Asia Cup in China. Our international friendlies such as the Trans Tasman, allow opportunities for our FIBA licence candidates to be paired with current FIBA officials in order to be assessed in an elite environment.

Congratulations to all Australian Statisticians and Scoretable Officials who attained FIBA Licensing during 2025 and attended international events.

NATIONAL LEAGUE'S COLLABORATION

Basketball Australia's collaboration with the National Basketball League (NBL) and the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) plays a central role in the structured development of referees across Australia. This collaboration elevates both the pathway and quality of officiating in high performance environments.

Basketball Australia, in consultation with league stakeholders from the NBL and WNBL, provides opportunities for the progression of referees into high performance environments. Referees progressing through State and Territory pathways are exposed to national panels and elite-level coaching as part of their development journey, reflecting a unified officiating framework.

Regular joint initiatives support the long-term growth and professionalism of officiating across the Australian basketball landscape.



NATIONAL, CLUB & SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

These tournaments provide education and experience for emerging officials to support their transition from the state to national level. The experience for the officials has been elevated through a number of inclusions and revamping of engagement process.



PERFORMANCE PSYCHOLOGY

Dr Jo Lukins continued her work with our tournament officials, delivering strategies for resilience and self-confidence. Having worked with many professional sporting teams including those in the WNBL, as well as the Australian Defence Force, Dr Jo is well versed in high-pressure environments.

• Participation Division of Australian Schools Championships

- Due to the large number of appointments required, an open nomination process was undertaken with candidates then vetted through the states and territories. This allowed a more efficient process, whilst also upholding the participative philosophy of the tournament.
- Education booklets were created to allow referees to take down important notes during their pre-tournament clinics and post-game feedback from referee coaches. This allowed both reference information during the tournament, and summative information for their home state or territory.
- Panels per competition age group, allowed referees to build stronger working relationships with the fellow official, be more familiar with teams for their preparation, and be better matched with the player skill and age suited to their experience level.



PTP RECOVERY EQUIPMENT

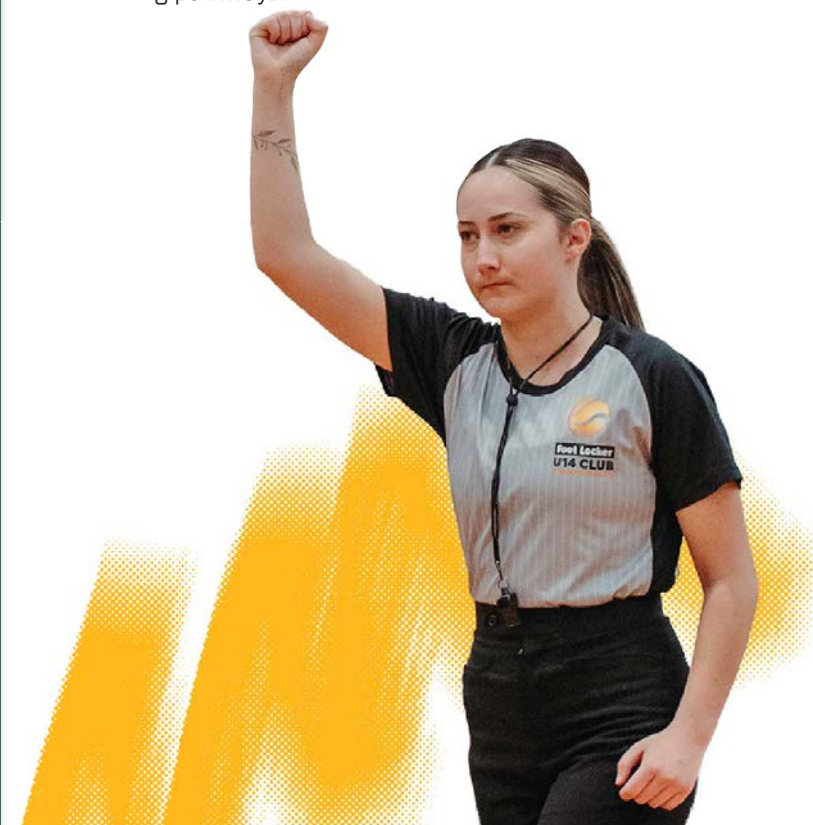
Our partners PTP supplied our tournament officials with warm up and recovery equipment. This enhanced their championship experience by decreasing soreness and improving recovery. Tools such as massage guns, foam rollers, trigger point balls and stretch bands were popular amongst the group in their warmup and cool down routines.

WOMEN AND GIRLS STRATEGY

Game Development continued to support the growth of women and girls in officiating through targeted initiatives delivered in partnership with She Hoops, the WNBL and FIBA.

In 2025, this included the delivery of a She Hoops Referee Come & Try session during the Townsville WNBL season tip-off, providing participants with practical on-court experience and direct engagement with elite referees.

Planning also progressed for the 2026 Rising Whistle program, with Australian participants joining referees from across the Oceania region in a development initiative featuring education across performance, wellbeing and officiating pathways.





STATES & TERRITORIES BOODIES

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NEW SOUTH WALES

NORTHERN TERRITORY

QUEENSLAND

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TASMANIA

VICTORIA

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BASKETBALL ACT

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Belconnen Basketball Stadium development advanced through key design and planning stages—an essential project to meet the demands of our rapidly expanding participation base and ensure our facilities reflect the scale and ambition of our sport.
- Growth continues to be one of our defining strengths. Demand for basketball across the ACT remains exceptionally high, and our clubs and staff have worked tirelessly to support expanding competitions and programs.
- We modernised our Constitution and turned our focus to the Sharing the Load recommendations, examining organisational structure, functional responsibilities, performance pathways, competition standards, stakeholder relationships, and capability gaps across the ecosystem.
- We established the Operating Model and Governance sub-committee to progress work on a new operating model designed to maximise delivery and organisational outcomes. This positions Basketball ACT to operate with greater clarity, efficiency, and alignment across all functions, ensuring we are structured to meet the demands of a rapidly growing sport and deliver consistently high-quality services in partnership with our community.
- Canberra hosted in NBL Blitz and NBL1 National Finals in 2025

PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- Registered Members = 13650 (including aussie hoops)
Aussie Hoops = 835
- 3% growth in Winter competition participants from 2024 - 2025
- 11.8% growth in Summer competition participants from 2024-25 - 2025-26

GAME DEVELOPMENT

- Basketball ACT recorded significant growth in wheelchair basketball engagement throughout 2025. A total of six wheelchair basketball clinics were delivered across the year, reaching both the basketball community and the broader public. To support the continued development of the pathway, a Wheelchair Basketball Referee Course was delivered, resulting in 12 referees now qualified to officiate wheelchair basketball.

- Significant progress was also made in the Indigenous participation space. Basketball ACT launched the Waraa Joeys program for children aged 5–10, with “Waraa” meaning shine in the Dunghutti language and “Joeys” symbolising the next generation. The program averaged 11 participants across three terms, providing a culturally safe and engaging introduction to basketball. Additionally, the Indigenous Game Development Program was renamed The Gudhurr Boys, with “Gudhurr” meaning strong in Dunghutti. Participants in the program contributed to the design of Indigenous artwork featured within Basketball ACT stadiums, collaborating with Marraway Journeys to create meaningful and lasting visual representations of culture and community.
- In July 2025, Canberra proudly hosted the SSANBA Junior Classic, delivered across Belconnen and the Australian Institute of Sport. The event was a significant success, welcoming close to 30 teams from across the country. This event further strengthened the ongoing Memorandum of Understanding with The Eagles Sports Association, reinforcing collaboration and cultural connection through basketball.
- A new Mums & Bubs program was launched in Term 1, welcoming women back into the game and averaging five participants per session across the three terms. The department also secured a partnership with Fearless Women, enabling the delivery of community workshops and providing free one-on-one counselling support for female members of the basketball community.
- Referee recruitment remained a major success in 2025. A total of 411 participants achieved their Community (Level 0) referee accreditation. This included 331 new referees completing the community course, 80 participants from the U14 Development Program, 97 officials undertaking club-based programs at Marist College and Gungahlin Flames, and 15 participants through the BACT Gudhurr Boys Indigenous Program. This strong intake has significantly strengthened match coverage while building a sustainable pipeline for future development.
- Our Scoretable cohort also experienced steady growth in 2025, with 36 officials completing the Level 1 Scoretable accreditation. Throughout the season, the team delivered coverage across 11 WNBL games, 45 NBL1 East games including finals, 18 Waratah League games, and 65% of Senior Premier League 1 fixtures, in addition to supporting Basketball Australia camps and national scrimmages.
- The statistics program, while the smallest group within Technical Officials, continued to perform strongly. Nine new statisticians joined in 2025, further strengthening capacity in this specialised area. Across the season, the group supported 11 WNBL games, 45 NBL1 East games and 85% of Senior Premier League 1 competitions, as well as contributing to Basketball Australia camps and national scrimmages at the AIS. Their attention to detail and commitment underpin the performance analysis and integrity of our competitions.

- In 2025 we hosted 12 Club Accreditation courses (old Level 1) and ran over 20 coaching clinics for our Clubs. We also hosted a representative coaching clinic with over 70 coaches attending.
- Basketball ACT also invested in female coaches, and ran a female leadership breakfast during the Basketball Australia National Coaching Conference. Basketball ACT also provided 15 scholarships to coaches to attend the conference.



MICHELLE HOCKING | PRESIDENT
NICOLE BOWLES | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



FACILITIES & FUNDING

- In partnership with the ACT Government, the Belconnen Basketball Stadium expansion reached a key milestone in 2025 with SQC Group appointed for early planning and design of three new courts including a FIBA Level 1 show court (≈1,800 seats) on the adjoining Oatley Court site; preliminary design is scheduled to complete in early 2026.
- Basketball ACT maintained its position as a credible and influential voice advocating for indoor sport infrastructure investment across the ACT. With the ACT Government announcing the consideration of additional multisport indoor sport facilities in the Gungahlin and Woden regions. Whilst opening four new indoor multisport courts across two ACT Government Public Schools has assisted in creating more spaces for the basketball community to train and play.

PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

ACT Ivor Burge Women's Team - Silver Medallists
Canberra U14 Girls - Shield Club Champions
Canberra Gunners - NBL1 East Champions
Canberra Gunners - NBL1 National Champions

Alex Toohey
 Golden State Warriors, NBA

Isabelle Bourne
 Australian Opals, Asia Cup winners

Ajak Nyuon
 Australian Emus, FIBA U19 World Cup + Basketball Australia COE

Zara Russell
 Australian Gems, FIBA U19 World Cup + Basketball Australia COE

Jontee Brown
 Australian Rollers, Rollstuhlbasketball Nations Cup, Germany

Victoria Simpson
 Australian U25 Devils

Jackson Gray
 Australian U23 Spinners

Madilyn Janssen
 Australian Pearls

Temeka Swanston
 Australian Pearls

Jasmine Funnell
 Australian Pearls

Jack Taylor (Referee)
 NBL/WNBL, U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

STATS AND SCORETABLE

Sharna Edwards
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Carolyn Ackland
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Liam Krogh-Neumann
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Paul Vels
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Cheryl Olley
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Annette Anderson
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Suzanne Helson
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Patrick Munn
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Michael Hanley
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Allison Rankin
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Mark Harris
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Amy Jones
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

Vidas Sadauskas
 U15 FIBA Oceania Cup

BASKETBALL NSW

HIGHLIGHTS

- Maria Nordstrom retired in December 2025 after nine years serving as Chief Executive Officer of Basketball NSW.
- Joydeep Hor, Founder and Managing Principal of People + Culture Strategies (PCS), one of Australia's leading firms in people management law and strategy, joined the Basketball NSW Board in October 2025 as an appointed Director.
- Basketball NSW concluded its 2022–2025 Strategic Plan and launched the 2026–2028 Strategic Plan at the 2025 Basketball NSW State Conference.

PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- Basketball NSW recorded 89,944 registered members in 2025.
- A total of 8,873 children participated in the Ford Aussie Hoops program in 2025, with Maitland Basketball Association named the National 2025 Ford Aussie Hoops Centre of the Year.

GAME DEVELOPMENT

- Through Assist All Hoops, our basketball program for people with intellectual impairments, 7,688 participants engaged in Come 'N' Try, Come 'N' Play, Gala Days and school-based programs.
- Basketball NSW completed the 2024–2025 Legacy Program, funded by the NSW Government as part of Sydney's hosting of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup, engaging 25,787 participants across two streams: 9,228 participants in I AM A GIRL and 16,559 participants in OUR MOB OUR GAME. Of all participants, 56% identified as female, 15% as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and 16% as from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- Basketball NSW delivered 48 formal coach development activities in 2025, engaging 882 participants. This included 39 Club and Association coaching courses (689 participants) and nine coach clinics (193 participants). Key initiatives included two deliveries of the Online Wheelchair Club Coach (Level 1) Course, a visit from Chris Oliver of Basketball Immersion, and the inaugural S.Wish Hoops Foundation clinic delivered with Coach Peter Lonergan and Shelley Bates. Seventeen wheelchair basketball coaches also attended the second Wheelchair Club Coach Course.

- Technical official development remained a priority, with 405 attendees completing officials courses and 50 activations delivered across the state. Nine elite officials participated in the National Basketball League (NBL) Mentoring Program, receiving one-on-one coaching, access to NBL feedback sessions and game day experiences over a 12-month period. The State Referees Development Program (SRDP) was launched as a pilot, integrating the former Junior Development Program and Advanced Referee Program into a three-tiered pathway 'Emerging, Accelerate and Breakthrough', with participants undertaking Motivation Profiling as part of their development.

FACILITIES & FUNDING

- At the 2025 Basketball NSW State Conference, Basketball NSW launched its 10-Year Infrastructure and Facility Plan. The plan has been developed to influence planning and investment towards additional basketball facilities to meet current demand and future growth, prioritise resources to optimise outcomes, and clearly articulate infrastructure needs to both internal and external stakeholders. While the Infrastructure Strategy will remain constant over the life of the plan, the Facility Plan will be reviewed and updated at least every two years to align with state and local government election cycles and to refresh infrastructure gap analysis data. Basketball NSW will implement an internal action plan to prioritise projects and allocate resources to address identified gaps, including region- and local area-specific analysis where required to support project planning and funding submissions.
- In June 2025, the redeveloped Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium was officially reopened following significant upgrades supported by \$1,151,773 from the NSW Government's Level the Playing Field Program (2023/24 grant round) for the Sport for All Upgrade, along with a further \$700,000 investment from Bathurst Regional Council to replace the roofing infrastructure and address long-standing leaks. The redevelopment delivered new playing surfaces across all four courts, upgraded spectator seating and viewing areas, refurbished player and visitor amenities, a new roof and ventilation system, and LED lighting throughout the venue. The project has revitalised a key regional facility, ensuring a modern, accessible and safe environment that meets the evolving needs of the local sporting community.



LISA YEN | CHAIRPERSON

MARIA NORDSTROM | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

- At the Australian Junior Championships, Basketball NSW entered 14 teams. NSW U20 Women claimed gold; NSW Metro U18 Boys and NSW Metro U16 Girls secured silver; and NSW Metro U18 Girls, NSW Country U16 Boys, the NSW Junior Wheelchair Team and the Ivor Burge Women each earned bronze medals.
- At the Australian U14 Club Championships, Hills Hornets won bronze in the Boys Championship Division, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles finished in the Boys Shield Division, while Bankstown Bruins claimed bronze in the Girls Shield Division.
- The Illawarra Hawks were crowned the 2024/25 NBL Champions.
- The Canberra Gunners were crowned the NBL1 National Champions.
- NSW athletes were selected to represent Australia and other nations at official FIBA and IWBF events in 2025, including:

WHEELCHAIR

2025 Osaka Cup (Japan) = Georgia Munro-Cook & Jess Cronje

2025 IWBF Asia Oceania Zone Championships (Thailand) = Jessica Cronje, Hannah Dodd, Maryanne Latu, Georgia Munro-Cook, & Victoria Simpson.

2025 Asia Oceania Commonwealth Games Qualifier (Thailand) = Victoria Simpson.

2025 IWBF Men's U23 World Championship (Brazil) = Evander Conroy & Jackson Gray

2025 IWBF Asia Oceania Cup (Hangzhou, China) = Luke Pople

2025 IWBF 3x3 World Championship (Johannesburg, South Africa) = Luke Pople

2025 IWBF Asia Oceania Zone Championships (Rollers) - Thailand = Tristan Knowles, Bill Latham & Luke Pople

2025 Asia Oceania Commonwealth Games Qualifier (Wombats) - Thailand = Luke Pople

2025 IWBF 3x3 World Championship (Johannesburg, South Africa) = Hannah Dodd, Georgia Munro-Cook & Maryanne Latu

ABLE BODY

2025 FIBA 3x3 Women's Series (Chengdu, China) = Lara McSpadden

2025 IWBF Asia Oceania Cup (Hangzhou, China) = Jessica Cronje, Breanna Fisk, Maryanne Latu & Victoria Simpson

2025 FIBA U19 Women's World Cup (Czechia) = Callie Hinder & Ruby Perkins

2025 FIBA U16 Women's Asia Cup Division B (Malaysia) - Samoa = Adelaide Filemu, Tyra Lee-Hang, Rykkah Mareta-Manu & Marley Sialeipata.

2025 FIBA Oceania U17 Championships (Samoa) = Rebecca Donnelly

2025 FIBA Asia qualifying (Boomers) - Taralgon = Emmett Adair, Nick Kay & Fabijan Krslovic

2025 FIBA U19 Men's World Cup (Switzerland) = Emmett Adair, & Tamatoa Isaac (representing New Zealand)

2025 FIBA Asia Under 16 Cup (Mongolia) = Antonio Browne

2025 FIBA Asia Cup (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia) = Xavier Cooks & Will Hickey

2025 FIBA Oceania U17 Championships (Samoa) = Bailey Hanson & Austin Prosser

2025 FIBA Basketball World Cup 2027 Asian Qualifiers = Angus Glover, Jordan Hunter, Nick Kay & Will Hickey

- NSW coaches were appointed to official FIBA and IWBF events in 2025, including:

2025 FIBA U19 Women's World Cup (Czechia) = Renae Garlepp (Head Coach)

2025 FIBA U16 Women's Asia Cup (Malaysia) = Tom Garlepp (Head Coach)

2025 FIBA U19 Men's World Cup (Switzerland) = Robbie McKinlay (Head Coach) & Jacob Jackomas (Assistant Coach)

2025 IWBF Men's U23 World Championship (Brazil) = Brett Stibners (Head Coach)

- NSW support staff were also appointed to international events, including:

2025 FIBA Asia Under 16 Cup (Mongolia) = Adam Messenger (physio)

BASKETBALL NT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued growth of Basketball throughout urban, regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory
- Recognised success with Regional and Remote Engagement Plan 2025
- BNT working with BA to implement recommended improvements to governance as highlighted in commissioned reports
- Continued work towards new structure for delivery of competition in Darwin through the establishment of the Darwin Basketball League
- Continued cooperation with BA and attendance at National AGM and National Basketball Congress

PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- 3,566 Players
3 Associations
4 Staff
- **Rising Stars All Abilities Program continued in Term 3 and Term 4**
 - 7 Teams in Term 3
 - 6 Teams in Term 4
- **Ford Aussie Hoops**
 - Wheelchair Program run with support from Territory Sports Academy
 - Aussie Hoops Program run in Darwin and Alice Springs by respective organisations.
- **Eastern Cup**
 - Run in collaboration with East Arnhem Regional Council.
 - Teams from Galiwin'ku, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Gove and Groote Eylandt flew into Galiwin'ku for a two day tournament.
 - BNT organise scheduling and refereeing, including flying in NBL referee Jacqui Dover to help with referee development.
 - Discussions with all programs regarding an additional training day supported by Territory Sports Academy

GAME DEVELOPMENT

- Planning for 2026 structure to include under 12s and under 14 development programs, including advanced groups and club champs groups.
- Discussions around restructure of girls program.
- Under 16 Territory Development Program planning for Girls completed (Trials in Darwin and Alice Springs planned for February 2026).
- Full calendar for 2026 created
- Confirmed Timelines for the following:-
 - Representative programs
 - Development programs
 - Coach Development

PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

- 4-14 July – U16 Australian Junior Championships
- 1-4 July – HP Girls tour of Canberra (Supported by COE at AIS)
- 2026 Under 18 Program underway
- 22 Boys from Darwin
- 1 Girl from Darwin
- 5 Boys from Alice Springs
- 2026 Under 16 Boys First Trial
- Boys Second trial and girls trial scheduled for early 2026
- Planning for 2026 structure to include under 12s and under 14 development programs, including advanced groups and club champs groups.
- Discussions around restructure of girls program. All DBA clubs emailed for discussion on how we can best support development in the girls space.
- Under 16 Territory Development Program planning for Girls completed (Trials in Darwin and Alice Springs planned for February 2026).
- Full calendar for 2026 created
- Timelines for the following
 - Rep programs
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JANE BOCHMANN | CHAIRPERSON

MIKE SKEGGS | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FACILITIES AND FUNDING

- Grants secured for delivery of programs into Urban, Regional and Remote Communities across the NT
- Work surrounding plans for 2026 should BNT need to acquire the Darwin Basketball Stadium

SCHOOLS

- "Catholic Cup"
- School comp for O'Loughlin, St Johns, Mackillop and Xavier (Tiwi) Boys and Girls divisions
- Discussions with schools around a High School tournament - discussions ongoing
- Darwin schools delivered by Darwin Basketball Association
- Palmerston Schools delivered by PaRBA
- Dundee Beach School delivery
- St Joseph's (Katherine) School delivery
- Woolianna School (Daly River) Delivery
- Bees Creek Primary School
- After School Programs delivered by Basketball NT – Wulagi, Alawa, Zuccoli, Howard Springs, Woodroffe
- Programs delivered in Don Dale Youth Detention Centre



BASKETBALL QLD

Basketball Queensland continued to experience strong growth across the state in 2025, supporting a basketball community spanning 43 affiliated associations and 75,584 registered participants statewide. Participation continues to expand across competitions, school programs and grassroots pathways, supported by 8,755 coaches and 3,920 officials delivering basketball across Queensland.

Queensland's major competitions continue to grow in scale and reach. The CarCoop Queensland State League expanded to 76 teams, while the State Championships welcomed 4,913 participants across 478 teams. School basketball remains a key pillar of the sport, with 7,900 students participating in CBSQ, while the Queensland Junior Club Championships continued to provide an important development pathway for emerging athletes.

Queensland continues to produce elite basketball talent, with more than 20 athletes selected to represent Australia across junior and senior national teams in 2025, including a record six Queensland women selected for the FIBA Under-16 Asia Cup Qualifier. Queensland's influence is also evident at the professional level, with 19 Queensland athletes currently competing in the NBL and 17 in the WNBL.

Basketball Queensland also achieved several key organisational milestones throughout the year. The second round of the Facility Project Accelerator Fund provided support to 10 associations to progress key infrastructure projects across the state, while the launch of a centralised tribunal system strengthened governance and streamlined disciplinary processes across competitions. The organisation also extended its long-standing partnership with Molten through to 2031, ensuring continued support for competitions and athlete development.

Basketball Queensland remains focused on growing participation, strengthening pathways and supporting the continued development of basketball across the state.

KEY PARTICIPATION & MEMBERSHIP DATA

- Registered Participants: 75,584 (2025)
- Male Participation: 74.9%
- Female Participation: 25%
- Introductory Basketball Participants: 11,980
- Registered Coaches: 8,755
- Registered Officials: 3,920
- Affiliated Associations: 43

MAJOR COMPETITIONS

- CarCoop Queensland State League (QSL): 1,157 participants across 76 teams (up from 65 teams – 17% growth)
- State Championships: 4,913 participants across 478 teams (up from 409 teams – 17% growth)
- Champion Basketball School of Queensland (CBSQ): 7,900 participants across 738 teams (up from 649 teams – 14% growth)
- Queensland Junior Club Championships (QJCC): 860 participants across 99 teams



FIONA ALLEN | CHAIRPERSON
JOSHUA PASCOE | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BASKETBALL SA

HIGHLIGHTS

- No changes in Basketball SA CEO or Chair for 2025.
- **Major announcement:**
Basketball SA launched a rebrand of our organisation, moving from historical colours of Orange and Black to Red, Blue and Yellow - representing the South Australian state colours and tying us to a rich South Australian heritage.
- Renaming of Halls Medal to Eiler Medal - Fairest and most brilliant Female player of NBL1 Central
- Commissioned independent Organisational Review of Basketball SA

PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- **Basketball competition participants (GDL regos)**
Across Metro and Country= 39,496
Country - 16,544
Metro - 22,952
- **Combined demographic data**
29% female
29 (0.08%) indicated Non-binary/gender fluid
1800 (5%) Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander
Over 70 different languages spoken at home
- **Aussie Hoops record participation year**
Term 1= 612
Term 2= 533
Term 3= 684
Term 4= 1004
Total = 2822 / 1941 Unique participants
+232 participant increase YoY.
- **Walking basketball record year**
Term 1= 362
Term 2= 282
Term 3= 237
Term 4= 310
Total= 1191, 102 Unique participants

GAME DEVELOPMENT

- **COACHING 2025:**
5 Club Courses
2 Association
1 Performance
- **Coaching courses completed in 2025:**

Introduction to Coaching	148
Community Coach	223
Club Coach	49
Association Coach	23
Performance Coach	0
Ford Aussie Hoops Coach	90
Ford Aussie Hoops Leaders	10
Sporting School – Teacher	4
3x3 Coach	0
- **Officials Courses:**
L 0 - 11 courses, 229 participants
L 1C - 2 courses, 33 participants
L 1B - 2 courses, 30 participants
L 1A - 2 courses, 20 participants
L 2 - 1 course, 10 participants
No L3 courses
Wheelchair - 1 course, 9 participants
- Introduction of the 2025 SARDP (South Australian Referee Development Program), those invited to the program are provided with top-tier training, mentoring and Game Day experiences to further support their development into high level
- **TRANS TASMAN**
In 2025, the Opals and Boomers visited Adelaide, providing a valuable opportunity to host a Super Clinic and a Coach Development session.

The Super Clinic attracted 122 participants—85 boys and 37 girls—and was delivered with the support of 14 NBL1 players from all clubs without a fixtured home-and-away game. It was a fantastic experience to see the State Basketball Centre filled with enthusiastic participants and coaches, alongside visits from the Boomers and Opals.

Furthermore, the Trans-Tasman event enabled Opals and Boomers coaches to conduct a coach development session for 122 coaches, following an observational training session.

FACILITIES AND FUNDING

- **State Basketball Centre**
Grandstands installed - hosted first ever WNBL season, with Adelaide Lightning playing all their home games at our venue, housing approximately 22,000 spectators across the season.
- **State Championships** - For the first time, fans could watch the Grand Finals from the newly constructed grandstands at the State Basketball Centre, which had been completed just in time for this historic occasion.
- Erin Phillips 2025 NBL1 Central Woodville player won championship in her last season prior to retiring.

PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS



JAMES KITCHING | PRESIDENT

TIM BRENTON | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BASKETBALL TAS

PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- Access to facilities and clubrooms continues to provide challenges for the basketball economy at most clubs in Tasmania with little capacity for generating revenue beyond team and competition fees on participants. In spite of this basketball participation keeps growing with 9% overall growth in participation during 2025.
- Our Regional Schools Tournaments continue to be very popular with space being the only limiting factor to growth with over 500 teams competing in an event focussed on team work and fun and a gateway to bringing new players into the game.
- We launched the Her Court and Her Game programs funded through the "Play Our Way Grants" demonstrating what grassroots investment in community sport participation can look like. We saw huge interest and demand for girls only spaces and programs to support entry points and retention in the sport.
- The Northern Tasmanian Basketball club was successful in its licence bid for the 2nd NBL1 licence in Tasmania and will join forces to provide a pathway for male and female players from Smithton to St Helens into the NBL1 levels of basketball.
- The JackJumpers continued to sell out all home games highlighting the ongoing demand for NBL basketball in Tasmania and were joined late in the year with the launch of the Tasmanian Jewels to compete in the WNBL in 2026/27.

GAME DEVELOPMENT

- Through support from the Tasmanian Government, we invested in developing our Participation programs through a Participation Programs Lead and Referee Development Coordinators. The Launceston Basketball Association took out the coveted Ford Aussie Hoops centre of the year with ongoing commitment and excellent participation numbers in the program. This investment continues to impact with 19% growth of attendance at Maccas on your Team Holiday Camps, ongoing Sporting Schools and Club membership drives along with Referee coordination, development and support at all levels.
- Supporting participation growth, we held a blend of over 30 coach development activities (i.e., Coach Clinics, Coach Huddles and Courses) and have had over 750 participants at these activities across the State.

- Several key highlights shaped the 2025 calendar.
 - Coaches were provided access to an Australian Boomers practice session and accompanying Coach Clinic featuring John Rillie and Kerry Williams, offering valuable insight into elite international standards and preparation.
 - In March, National Performance Program (NPP) Weekend Clinics were delivered statewide, led by Braden Cotter and Peter Lonergan, ensuring consistent messaging and alignment across regions.
 - The Coach Acceleration Initiative returned in 2025, with selected coaches undertaking a year-long professional learning journey. Participants engaged with both national and international coaches before sharing their key learnings with the broader Tasmanian coaching network – strengthening collective capability across the system.
 - In addition, personalised Coach and Mentor (CAM) Development Sessions were delivered across six regions, with more than 75 coaches participating. These sessions provided tailored, practical support and reinforced Basketball Tasmania's commitment to ongoing, accessible coach development opportunities statewide.

FACILITIES AND FUNDING

- Basketball Tasmania launched its Facility Strategy in early 2025 providing state and local government with a compelling evidence base for investment into Infrastructure.
- The Claremont College project progressed beyond planning with a builder appointed and works set to commence in early 2026.
- The Elphin Sports Centre project was shelved in favour of expanding the Mowbray hub project to include a third phase and a further 4 basketball courts.
- The two-court high performance facility in Kingston is due for completion in mid-2026 and we look forward to extensive community use of this much needed publicly funded asset.
- A six-court hub in Devonport is under construction due for completion in early 2027.
- Disappointingly none of the current projects nor those at planning stages include the provision of "homes for basketball", placing the sport in a predicament and at a distinct disadvantage to every other mainstream sport in the state.



TRUDY PEARCE | CHAIRPERSON

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HIGH PERFORMANCE AND REPRESENTATIVE

- Tasmania hosted international basketball for the first time in 18 years with the Boomers facing New Zealand in front of a sold out crowd at MyState Bank Arena in late November. With excellent support from Basketball Australia and the State Government the match was supported with multiple community activations covering coach and referee education and development, a Ford Aussie Hoops clinic, a She Hoops clinic with Tess Madgen and Alanah Smith and numerous visits to schools supporting the Her Court program.
- At the national level, Tasmania's State Teams once again demonstrated strong competitiveness. Four of six teams progressed to the Quarter Final stage at National Championships, while the Ivor Burge Men secured another bronze medal.
- Tasmania maintained significant representation within Australian high-performance pathways throughout 2025.
 - Athletes selected to the 2025 National Performance Camp included Portia Chopping, Mason Ling, Andie Smith, Tony Webb and Hayden Zasadny.
 - Lucy Aherne, Jacob Furphy and Nash Walker were selected into Australian U19 World Cup Squads, while Ella Lee and Harry Blyth attended the 2025 National Indigenous Performance Camp.
 - Portia Chopping earned selection to the prestigious Nike All-Asia Camp. Nikki Parker, Andie Smith and Jack Smith were selected into the U17 Oceania Squad.
- Several Tasmanian athletes achieved major international milestones in 2025:
 - Jacob Furphy made his debut for the Australian Boomers.
 - Lachlan Barker won gold with the Australian 3x3 Men's Team at the Asia Cup.
 - Jeremiah Rickard claimed gold at the Virtus World Championships.
 - Reyne Smith secured gold with the Australian Boomers at the Asia Cup.
- At the collegiate level, Tasmania's pathway continues to provide access to elite international opportunities. Three program graduates committed to prestigious NCAA Division I institutions:
 - Lucy Aherne committed to Saint Mary's College of California.
 - Nash Walker committed to Marquette University.
 - Jacob Furphy committed to the University of Connecticut.

- At the professional level, Tasmanian athletes continued to excel across domestic and international competitions.
 - Jacob Richards, Tanner Krebs, Taylor Mole and Lachlan Barker continued their careers in the NBL and WNBL. Sharn Hayward signed her first professional contract, joining the UC Capitals as a Development Player in the WNBL. Reyne Smith made his NBL debut with the Cairns Taipans.
 - Micah Simpson was part of the WNBL Championship-winning Bendigo Spirit.
- In a historic milestone for Tasmanian basketball, Taran Armstrong became the first Tasmanian to sign an NBA contract, inking a two-way deal with the Golden State Warriors — a landmark achievement for both the athlete and the state's high-performance pathway.



BASKETBALL VIC

HIGHLIGHTS

● PlaySafe Introduction

In 2025, PlayHQ continued to evolve as a comprehensive competition and administration platform, and BV became the first major sporting organisation in Australia to implement PlaySafe. A strengthened safeguarding and compliance framework designed to ensure that all coaches and team managers meet required eligibility, screening and integrity standards before participating in competition environments.

Based on unique registrations to competitions and programs between October 2024 and October 2025, we are forecasting approximately 45,000 credential checks to be completed within the first 12 months of full implementation.

The 2025 rollout phase has positioned PlaySafe as a critical safeguard within our competition ecosystem, strengthening governance, reducing administrative burden on our members, enhancing compliance visibility, and reinforcing our commitment to safe participation for everyone.

● Basketball Facilities Guide

Basketball Victoria released the first ever detailed facilities guide for indoor basketball infrastructure in Australia. Further detail shared in the 'Facilities & Funding' section.

PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP

● Participation highlights

Unique domestic participants – 225,647 [2.21% increase year on year]

Ford Aussie Hoops 2025 total participation 20,136 and 105 active Centres in 2025. Total Participation YoY Growth 2024 → 2025 / 18,374 → 20,136 = +1,762 [+9.6%].

● Growth highlights within specific demographic groups (i.e. indigenous, girls and women, CALD, etc.)

2.21% overall growth in participation

2.1% growth in females

3.2% growth in Indigenous players

3.99% growth in players that identify as living with a disability

● New opportunities to play

Introduction of a 3x3 Tour for junior players spread over 5 months.

The feature event – 2025 3XCup State Championships:

- 668 players (169 teams) qualified via a competition pathway
- 689 games in 2 days, played on 33 3x3 courts

Masters: Planning and development undertaken for integrated competition system for those aged 30+ through to Walking Basketball.

● Wheelchair Pathways Expanded

Completed the pathway for Women's Wheelchair opportunities with the creation of the Victorian Wonders who were entered into the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League.

The Wonders' excellence was further recognised through a series of prestigious individual honours:

- National League Coach of the Year - Jeremy Synot
- Defensive Player of the Year - Shelley Matheson
- All-Star Five Selection - Leanne Del Toso

This pathway was further strengthened with the development of 12 Wheelchair Basketball hubs across Victoria and the establishment of the Victorian Wheelchair Basketball League with 6 Associations competing in its inaugural year (Frankston, Kilsyth, Wyndham, Geelong, Bendigo, Diamond Valley).

FACILITIES AND FUNDING

- Basketball Victoria released the first ever detailed facilities guide for indoor basketball infrastructure in Australia. This resource has become a key asset for all Governments when planning new facilities and has put the needs of basketball associations and participants front and centre for all planning decisions. The guide streamlines the planning process for local councils, government and industry by consolidating all stadium design requirements into one comprehensive resource, which will help us provide clear rationale for investment decisions for new courts.

In 2025, we saw construction commence on 25 new courts across 6 different locations. These locations were:

- Frankston Basketball Stadium (6 additional courts)
- Waurin Ponds Stadium, Geelong (4 additional courts)
- Armstrong Creek, Geelong (6 additional courts)
- Forest Hill Chase (3 additional courts)
- Bendigo Basketball Stadium (2 additional courts)
- Mernda Regional Sports Precinct (4 additional courts)

In addition to those projects that began construction, an additional 4 projects completed the design phase in 2025. With funding secured, these projects are expected to begin construction in 2026/2027, adding a further 18 courts across 4 different locations.

- Yarrawonga Multipurpose Stadium (2 additional courts)
- Benalla Indoor Recreation Stadium (2 additional courts)
- Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct (3 additional courts)
- Nunawading Basketball Stadium (11 additional courts)



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NICK HONEY | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



GAME DEVELOPMENT

● Coaching initiatives, course numbers

4,015 coaches received national accreditation through 187 courses (117 community, 65 club and 5 association) facilitated by Basketball Victoria coach education presenters in 2025 (27.8% female coaches). A total of 23,378 coach education touchpoints were recorded through courses, clinics, formal mentoring, and event-based feedback.

Highlights of the year include:

- Significant increase in school participation within the Community Coach accreditation program;
- Delivery of Community & Club accreditation courses in Darwin and Alice Springs in conjunction with Basketball Australia;
- Delivery of the second annual Accelerated Women's Coaching Program and appointment of a number of the participants to 2026 Victorian State Team staffs; and
- Continued growth of the Talking Split coaching podcast to over 250,000 listens across 175+ episodes.

● Officials development initiatives, course numbers

Direct engagement and support with 85 associations, a growth of 12% on 2024. 7 courses were conducted with a total of 179 participants. Highlights from the year's work include:

- A specific lens on Child Safety through the delivery of bespoke courses to 13 associations and updates to the Referee Coach education courses and accreditation;
- Ongoing work in leading the development of the National Curriculum project with Basketball Australia; and
- The development of additional resources for associations including: Job descriptions, budget templates, referee coach review forms, and child safety best practice guides.

Referee Coach Appointments

- FRIP (FIBA) – Sarah Bradbury – facilitated FIBA Level 1 referee training in Samoa as a part of the ADF x FIBA program.
- NBL - Adrian Schruhm, Sarah Bradbury
- WNBL - Adrian Schruhm, David Pretty, Armann Kumruyan, Sarah Bradbury

● Participation program initiatives

Wheelchair Basketball

- BV delivered 400+ clinics at 196 schools across 8,206 participants.
- Solidified partnerships with the Victorian Institute of Sport, which included 15 Wheelchair Basketball Scholarships.
- Continued to invest in our wheelchair assets, purchasing a further 10 sports wheelchairs.

Walking Basketball

Walking Basketball continued its impressive growth trajectory with 33 programs delivered across Victoria, a total of 421 participants delivering 14% growth year on year - cementing its place as one of Victoria's most accessible and inclusive basketball programs.

Pride Month

Supported by Basketball Victoria, NBL1 and Big V associations hosted Pride Rounds and games throughout June for the second year, creating welcoming and celebratory environments across the state and deepening the sport's commitment to inclusion and visibility for the LGBTQ+ community. The 2025 initiative saw strong growth on the previous year. 86 teams participated across NBL1 South and Big V (increase of 18 teams) and 33 associations were involved (a 22% increase).

● Working with new communities

Women and Girls Initiatives

'Calling the Court' Program — Women Leaders in Sport To further diversify Basketball Victoria's offerings and create new pathways for women within the sport, 'Calling the Court' was established in 2025 with funding through the Women Leaders in Sport grant from the Australian Sports Commission. This initiative brought together 12 women from across Victoria for a full-day seminar on commentating/court announcing, facilitated by industry experts Making the Call.

Play Our Way

The receipt of Play Our Way funding saw the inception of Basketball Victoria's largest program to date dedicated to women and girls. Utilising this funding, Basketball Victoria will deliver 'Skills, Fun and Play' clinics to 500 Victorian primary schools, reaching 20,000 girls in Years 3–6 from May 2025 to June 2027. From May to December 2025 alone, we attended 92 schools and engaged 6,098 participants.

PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

● AJC results of note

National Champions (7)

U16 Victoria Metro Women,
U16 Victoria Metro Men,
U18 Victoria Metro Women,
U18 Victoria Country Men,
U20 Victoria Navy Men,
Ivor Burge Men
Ivor Burge Women

Bronze Medallists (1)

U20 Victoria Women.

● State League major highlights (L&C)

- In 2025 BV restructured the U20 representative competition and timing within the calendar. The result saw more than 100% growth in women's competition.
- Introduction of VJBL regional competitions (South Gippsland region).
- Big V Champions – Women: Bulleen defeated Bellarine (71-55); Men: McKinnon defeated Hume City (87-81).
- Over 2,000 people attended the U18 Boys and Girls State Championship Grand Finals.

● NBL 1 major highlights (L&C)

- NBL 1 South Champions – Women: Knox defeated Geelong United (84-64); Men: Sandringham defeated Melbourne (99-80).
- In game attendances increased 6% year on year.
- 15 different clubs qualified for finals out of a possible 16 positions available.

● Major individual player highlights – National call up, NBA, WNBA etc (P&P)

U16 Asia Cup

5 female athletes, 6 male athletes, 1 female coach, 2 male coaches

U19 World Cup

6 female athletes, 5 male athletes, 1 male coach, 1 male team manager

U17 Oceania Championships

3 female athletes, 4 male athletes, 2 female coaches, 3 male coaches

Opals

8 female athletes, including 4 as Asia Cup Champions. 1 female coach

Boomers

12 male athletes, 1 male coach

WNBL

29 athletes, 4 female coaches, 4 male coaches

NBL

33 athletes, 5 male coaches

WNBA

7 athletes

- Alanna Smith - DPOY

NBA

7 athletes, 2 coaches

- Dyson Daniels – MIP

National Wheelchair Teams

3 female athletes, 9 male athletes

VIRTUS National Team

5 female athletes & 1 female coach (World Champions), 4 male athletes & 1 male coach (World Champions)

LEAGUE/PROGRAM REFEREES REFEREE COACHES

FIBA	6	1 (FRIP)
NBL	7	2
WNBL	10	4
ERP	2	N/A
NRDP	4	N/A



BASKETBALL WA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Basketball WA appointed Fabian Ross as Chief Executive Officer in 2025, bring extensive leadership experience across Western Australia's sporting and corporate sectors, including his previous tenure as CEO of Hockey WA, where he strengthened government partnerships and secured record sponsorships. His appointment supports BWA's continued growth and strategic direction.
- Basketball WA secured a landmark four year partnership with TCD Group, becoming the first-ever Naming Rights Partner of the Western Australian Basketball League. From 2026, the competition will operate as the TCD WABL Championship, with co-branded visibility across uniforms and game-day apparel. This partnership marks a significant milestone for the league, strengthening pathways for junior athletes, enhancing community connection, and supporting the long-term growth of basketball across Western Australia
- Hall of Fame Induction - WA Basketball - Martin Cattalini
- Basketball WA's development of new Strategic Plan for 2026-2030.

PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- The Fuel to Go & Play School Slam Series continued strong in 2025, engaging 2,815 primary students across 323 teams and expanding into new regional areas. Aussie Hoops participation remained high with 7,803 young players across 59 centres statewide, while SEDA students again supported program delivery and gained valuable industry experience. WA's 3x3 scene grew through 27 events involving 5,230 athletes, highlighted by the Groundswell Festival State Championships - where female participation surpassed males for the first time and continued development through WABL and School Sport WA 3x3 competitions.
- Basketball WA expanded its community impact in 2025 through stronger female participation and deeper Aboriginal engagement across metro and regional WA. The EmpowerHer program grew significantly, offering extended leadership, coaching and officiating opportunities, while additional female-focused events and courses supported skill development in regional areas. Partnerships with the Perth Lynx also provided inspirational game-day experiences for young players. Across the Kimberley, Pilbara and Western Desert regions, BWA delivered wide-reaching community visits, clinics, referee training and culturally connected programs in collaboration with local organisations, increasing participation and strengthening relationships with Aboriginal communities statewide.

- Basketball WA delivered a highly engaging 10-day community visit to Cocos Keeling and Christmas Island, reaching more than 300 students and 60 community members through clinics, games and school sessions. Despite weather and scheduling challenges, participation remained strong, with students eagerly playing before, during and after sessions. Donations of basketballs, shirts and jerseys helped strengthen local connections, and strong support from teachers and community leaders highlighted clear potential for future development - particularly through establishing an annual 3x3 event.

FACILITIES AND FUNDING

- Basketball WA welcomed growing investment from State and Local Governments in new and upgraded basketball and multi-court facilities to meet rising demand, highlighted by construction beginning this year on a new indoor centre in Bunbury.
- A new Hard Courts Implementation Strategy Plan has also been launched to guide future sports infrastructure planning. With court shortages limiting participation and growth, Basketball WA has made facility access a top priority and established a new General Manager Infrastructure role to drive development, upgrades and improved utilisation of basketball facilities into 2026.

GAME DEVELOPMENT

- Coach development in WA continued to grow, with a record 1,000 coaches accredited across the pathway. Blended learning models improved access, highlighted by strong attendance at the Association Coach course. BWA also expanded broader development opportunities through clinics, online workshops, and increased regional support. A new Head of Coach Development role further strengthened coaching pathways, positioning the program for key national framework changes in 2026.
- Basketball WA strengthened officiating across the state in 2025, delivering major support to regional carnivals in the Kimberley and Pilbara, expanding statewide referee courses through the Regional Referee Hub, and accrediting record numbers of officials in both regional and metro areas. WA referees continued to excel nationally and internationally, with multiple officials appointed to Australian Junior Championships medal games and several advancing to FIBA and Wheelchair Basketball FIBA licensing, reflecting a strong and growing officiating pathway.



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PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

- BWA released its Performance & Pathways Strategy 2025–2028, a major reform initiative strengthening the state’s high performance basketball system. The strategy introduced a unified Athlete and Coach Development Framework, enhanced talent identification and coaching pathways, expanded regional servicing, integrated wheelchair basketball planning, and increased investment in coach education – marking one of the organisation’s most significant structural shifts.
- The 2025 Basketball WA State Championships marked a landmark year for participation and delivery, with a new record 612 teams from 29 Associations competing across five weekends. This included all 14 WABL clubs, alongside regional associations from Albany up to Karratha, highlighting the continued growth and statewide reach of the competition.

NBL1 West:

- A key achievement was the successful expansion of state-level basketball into regional WA, with the Great Southern region hosting its first NBL1 game. More than 1,000 local supporters attended, confirming strong demand for elite basketball outside metropolitan areas.
- Broadcast performance reached unprecedented levels. The men’s Grand Final set a new national record with 737,000 minutes watched, contributing to more than 12 million minutes streamed across the season—a 21% increase on 2024. NBL1 West led the nation in digital viewership, with the top four clubs nationwide all coming from the conference.
- Grand Finals returned to RAC Arena for the second consecutive year. Over 6,000 attendees created a showcase event for Western Australian basketball. On the court, the Cockburn Cougars Women completed an undefeated season to claim the championship, while the Geraldton Buccaneers secured the men’s title in the most-watched NBL1 game nationally for the fourth straight year.

National Wheelchair League:

- Both Wheelcats teams had a strong 2025 season, qualifying for finals in Manly and adapting well to the new 3x3 competition format. The year also featured the inaugural Kevin Combs Ingenious Round, where the Women’s team hosted Adelaide and took part in a cultural education session. Both teams finished the National Wheelchair League season with competitive performances, securing third place overall.



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