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Front Cover: Ezi Magbegor, MVP for the Australian Jayco Sapphires at the Under 17 FIBA World Championships.
The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) congratulates our National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) on their achievements this year. In particular, we congratulate all of our athletes who represented Australia in the Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games.

You did so with great distinction. The country is proud of your commitment and dedication, and the manner in which you conducted yourself throughout the campaigns.

In the aftermath of the Games, the Board of the ASC has re-committed to the core principles of Australia’s Winning Edge, the ASC’s ten year plan for high performance sport introduced in 2012. The four key principles are: high aspirations for achievement; evidence-based funding decisions; sports owning their own high performance programs; and a strong emphasis on improved leadership and governance. We are confident these principles serve the long term interests of sporting sector. We will also use the experience of the last four years to seek to improve implementation of Winning Edge in ways that will benefit the sector.

The ASC is equally committed to increasing community participation in sport, particularly amongst our children and youth. We have been pleased this year to see our flagship participation program Sporting Schools reach over 4,300 schools in partnership with NSOs.

Innovations by the ASC this year included the release of our Integrity Guidelines for Directors and Leaders of Sporting Organisations, which provides directors with comprehensive and practical guidance for the first time on anti-doping, sport science and medicine, illicit drugs, match-fixing, child protection and member protection – vital issues for maintaining trust and respect in the sporting sector.

We also staged our inaugural Athlete and Coaches Forum, giving Australia’s elite athletes and coaches the opportunity to share their experiences and enhance their leadership capabilities.

And we were delighted to see fruits of our efforts to improve female opportunity in sports, with improved elite and participation opportunities in women’s sport, better media exposure, some outstanding new commercial deals, and an increase in female representation at NSO board level from 27 per cent to a 39 per cent across the top 23 NSOs.

Looking ahead, ASC priorities include:

- further institutional and governance reform in sport, with an emphasis on increased national integration and alignment
- increased funding for sport, including new non-government sources of funding
- further embedding sport in schools’ educational programs
- improved national coordination of sports infrastructure spending, and
- Improved use of data and technology in sports.

Reforms like this are often hard to achieve but have profound long term benefits. The evermore competitive environment in world sport on display in Rio highlights the critical importance of further reform if Australia is to maintain its proud reputation and traditions as a sporting nation.

It is appropriate to use this opportunity to recognise and thank the efforts of the ASC’s outgoing CEO Simon Hollingsworth, who has led the Commission very capably and with considerable effect for the past five years.

The ASC thanks all of our sector partners for your effort and contribution to Australian sport. We look forward to continued success and progress together.

JOHN WYLIE AM
Chair | Australian Sports Commission
I am pleased to present this report as Chair of Basketball Australia. The 2015/2016 year represented a significant turning point for our organisation. The business underwent major reform in 2014/15 and the outcome of these hard decisions have started to be borne out. The Basketball Australia business in 2015/16 was a lot leaner and more efficient which has created the environment for a profit result for the first time in three years.

While a profit result of $174,757 represents a financial turnaround of over $900,000, the more pleasing outcome is a management team focussed on efficiency and savings as much as it is focussed on revenue creation.

I want to thank the Board’s Finance Audit & Risk Committee, chaired by David Reid with fellow Director Brian Delaney and independent committee member, Martin Cleaver, for their leadership and oversight on a number of critical finance matters including the preparation of the 2016/17 budget process.

I am confident that we have the required processes in place to ensure that we can continue delivering positive financial results for the benefit of our sport into the future.

The Basketball Australia Board through its Finance Audit & Risk Committee approved an Operating Reserves Policy with the aim of establishing total reserves of $1.7m by June 30, 2020.

The chief aim of this Operating Reserves Policy is to ensure that Basketball Australia has sufficient funds to draw in the event that external revenues are delayed or reduced.

Given the stresses on our financial position during the previous 2014/15 year, as part of our budget deliberations in preparing this 2015/16 budget, we took the difficult but necessary decision to reduce our funding to State Association Members for high performance.

While this was and remains an unpopular decision, the resulting collaborative discussions of a High Performance Working Party, chaired by Basketball Australia Deputy Chair Ned Coten, was an agreement on the athlete pathway within basketball.

This discussion and resultant agreement on the athlete pathway was vital as it went a considerable way to defining the accountabilities and funding required within the various layers of our sport.


The one key outcome from this Working Group was a clear definition of the high performance pathway for basketball in Australia.

The Working Group also approved the creation of a model showing the athlete pathway within our sport.

A pathway that allows the Aussie Hoops kids to start his or her journey to greatness.

This model will be shared with all local associations nationally so that mums & dads know that our sport can take you places.

Out of this Working Group also came the phrase “nationally led, state delivered” to describe our high performance framework.
We have taken this positioning and used it in our new strategic plan as well as reference point to many of our internal discussions and are confident we have a good plan and right engagement to deliver.

The Basketball Australia Board approved the “Strategic Plan 2016-2020: To Tokyo & Beyond...” at its June 2016 meeting. This is a significant milestone for our organisation as we present Basketball Australia’s plan for our sport over the next four years.

This document builds on the significant body of work Basketball Australia management undertook in 2012/13 and simplifies it into four cornerstone areas: Our High Performance Programs, Our Community Programs, Our Business, Our People.

These four cornerstones focus our organisation to bring to life our Vision:

Basketball will be the sport of choice for Australian families in the 21st century

Importantly it sets a clear direction for Basketball Australia and its Executive Management Team on the pathway to the 2020 Summer Olympic Games and 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

I want to thank our State Association members for their patience and support. As Directors of Basketball Australia, we serve to advance our sport and your collaborative approach in working with us as we have worked through some major challenges for our organisation has allowed our business the time to reset and start a turnaround.

Basketball Australia enjoys strong support from our sponsors and suppliers and we are extremely grateful for the support. The ongoing support enables us to grow the sport.

We remain very thankful for the continued support and leadership of the Australian Sports Commission. Our friends at the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Paralympic Committee have been invaluable as we have planned for our national teams participation in Rio de Janerio.

I want to acknowledge the work of my fellow Board members during the year. There are countless hours spent thinking, working and actively participating in the serous role of governing basketball and your investment cannot be repaid. I remain grateful for your contribution and counsel over this past year.

I am pleased that we now have a full Executive Management Team at Basketball Australia who together share a deep passion for our sport. I especially want to call out Anthony Moore, our CEO, who brings vision and energy to each conversation. Anthony has built a strong team around him. I thank each and every member of staff in both the Melbourne office, remotely and the Centre of Excellence at the AIS for their continued efforts.

It is a great privilege to lead the Basketball Australia Board and each time I set foot in a basketball stadium around the country I am reminded of the tireless contributions of our volunteers, players, coaches, and officials all of whom continue to grow our sport.

We strive hard to improve our sport at all levels and we know that we cannot do this without you so I conclude this Report by thank you for continuing to love our game.

ROB MARCOLINA
Chair | Basketball Australia
I am delighted to present my Annual Report for the financial year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016. This financial year period represented a continuation of the change management undertaken since my commencement as Chief Executive Officer in October 2014.

The organisational restructuring that occurred in 2014/15 resulted in a considerable financial loss and while the financial result (-$750k) was difficult to present to our members, it represented a major turning point for our business as the hard decisions that were made also meant that there were no excuses for future performances.

I am pleased to report that our continued focus on expense reduction and revenue generation has produced a profit result of $175,757 in this 2015/16 financial year.

It is most pleasing to present a profitable financial result after recording two consecutive years of deficit.

At the macro level this represents a financial turnaround of $936,106 in the 12-month period.

This considerable improvement within 12-months represents a turning point for our organisation and with prudent management and Board oversight, we expect to continue delivering modest profits each year.

Pleasingly, the financial turnaround has been achieved through the hard work of the entire organisation.

I want to thank Rob Marcolina, Basketball Australia Chair, for his steadfast focus on improving the state of our financial position.

The tireless efforts of the Board’s Finance Audit & Risk Committee, chaired by David Reid and including Director Brian Delaney, external advisor Martin Cleaver together with Greg Hill our Chief Financial Officer and Lorraine McGadey our Financial Controller are to be applauded.

The hard work of 2014/15 has allowed a better financial result in 2015/16 and there is much to do to continue to improve our business in 2016/17.

Of course, at the start of this 2015/16 financial year was the hugely successful staging of the FIBA Oceania Championships at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne and with the return games in two venues in New Zealand.

With Rod Laver Arena sold out to a capacity 15,000 people for basketball for the first time in 15 years, our Jayco Opals and Helloworld Boomers put on a great display of international basketball. It was thrilling to have 11,400 people in the Arena at the tip-off for the Opals vs Tall Ferns game and the remaining fans taking their seats well ahead of the Boomers vs Tall Blacks game.

We were delighted to host new FIBA President, Horace Muratore and several FIBA officials at these games.

The support of the Victorian State Government through the Honourable John Eren MP, Minister for Sport and their agency Victorian Major Events Company, now part of Visit Victoria is highly valued as it ensures that our very best athletes can play in the very best sports arenas in the country.

The whole event was transformative for our organisation as it showcased the power of our national teams to unite our sport.

At the FIBA Oceania Championships, we received a presentation from Pedrag Bogosavljev, FIBA’s Events Director, on the new qualification
system for the 2019 FIBA World Cup for Men.

This exciting program will see our Helloworld Boomers play meaningful FIBA World Cup qualifiers in Australia starting November 2017 and concluding in February 2019.

From a financial perspective, this represents a significant commercial opportunity for our sport as our national men’s team will generate more exposure than ever before and provide fans all around Australia the opportunity to see the Boomers play live.

There is no reason the Boomers FIBA World Cup qualifiers cannot be played in every capital city around the country.

While the commercial upside is strong, more games also represent more costs and our travel budget alone is estimated to cost an additional $1.5m for the financial year commencing 1 July 2017.

Between now and then we have a home Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast in April, 2018, the FIBA World Championships for Women in Spain in September 2018 and the FIBA World Cup for Men in China in September 2019. We note that the IWBF is yet to announce the host for their World Championships to be held in 2018.

In considering a new strategic plan, we examined and considered our role as a national organisation in the basketball ecosystem.

One thing we believe that Basketball Australia does well is prepare national teams for international competitions.

It is worth noting that we are tasked with the responsibility of delivering 16 national teams and have partnerships with external agencies for three additional national teams.

It is a great privilege to lead these national teams and it gives me enormous pride to watch our athletes and coaches striving their very best every time they wear our green & gold uniforms.

While much of the focus was on the preparation of our senior teams for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games and 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, it was one of our junior teams who celebrated a famous victory.

As the 2016 FIBA U17 World Championships our Jayco Sapphires won the Gold Medal defeating Italy 62-38.

The win for head coach Shannon Seebohm and his young team was made all the more special after defeating the previously invincible Team USA 73-60 in the semi-final.

As in each tournament FIBA announces an “All Star Five” and 3 of 5 players were Australian - Jasmine Simmons, Monique Conti and Ezi Magbegor (also named tournament MVP).

We offer our heartiest congratulations to the entire team:
- Lucy Cochrane
- Monique Conti
- Abi Cubillo
- Meila Goodchild
- Ezi Magbegor
- Cassidy McLean
- Lara McSpadden
- Rebecca Pizzey
- Kiera Rowe
- Jazmin Shelley
- Jasmine Simmons
- Samantha Simons
- Shannon Seebohm – Head Coach
- Mark Wrobel – Assistant Coach
- Tracy York – Assistant Coach.

In one sense, the achievements of our U17 Jayco Sapphires might be considered a passing of the torch of sorts given the retirement announcement of the one and only Lauren Jackson during the year.

I had the great privilege to attend Lauren’s retirement press conference held fittingly at our Centre of Excellence at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Lauren is, in my view, our greatest ever basketballer and the accolades she received following her retirement announcement was thoroughly deserved.

A winner everywhere she played at club level and a member of the 2006 Opals World Championship team, Lauren is a giant of the global game we are a part of. On behalf of Basketball Australia, I thank Lauren for her commitment to our national team program over more than a decade. It was truly a great a pleasure to watch you play.

In 2015/16 we commenced our Wattle Valley WNBL season with high hopes as we welcomed a new franchise based out of south-east Queensland in the SEQ Stars. Everyone associated with the Stars, fans, players, coaches and administrators were hugely disappointed that the team was
placed into administration before the end of the season.

The Stars led by Jayco Opals Rachel Jarry and Bec Allen almost achieved a Cinderella-like story falling just one game short of making the Grand Final Series.

The Stars decline perhaps overshadowed what was another brilliant performance by the JCU Townsville Fire in reaching their fourth consecutive WNBL Grand Final. Head coach Chris Lucas was outstanding leading a superb group of players and has created a wonderful basketball legacy in Queensland.

The performances of Suzy Batkovic in winning her fourth MVP and joining the great Lauren Jackson in doing so was a remarkable feat.

It was, however, another new entrant that almost stole the show in 2015/16 with the newly formed Perth Lynx transforming from perennial cellar-dwellers to go into the second of the Grand Final Series games, with Townsville Fire winning in a thriller. Townsville Fire were worthy winners of the 2015/2016 Wattle Valley WNBL Grand Final Series.

We acknowledge the outstanding efforts of head coach Andy Stewart and his players led by Tessa Lavey, Nat Burton and import Sammi Witcomb. The Perth Lynx Grand Final appearance came after the WNBL licence was transferred from Basketball WA to the Perth Wildcats. The Wildcats organisation headed by CEO Nick Marvin has been the stand-out basketball club in this country for over 20 years and we welcome Nick’s contributions to the WNBL.

We thank Wattle Valley for its continued support during its third year as naming rights partner for the League.

One of our biggest challenges facing the future of the WNBL and indeed our ability to continue to retain partners like Wattle Valley as well as attract new ones is our lack of broadcast coverage.

Despite being very close to securing a network television deal during the year, the fact remains that our inability to fund the significant production costs means that the longest running women’s professional league in Australia remains invisible to the broader public.

To provide some context, the estimated broadcast cost to capture one live game each week plus finals at a level acceptable for commercial free to air television is in excess of $1.5m per year.
Further the cost to capture and produce a quality digital broadcast offering for the same match profile is close to $500,000 per year.

While our broadcaster discussions continue to be positive, the fact remains that for our WNBL to be shown on network television, we must deliver quality finished content.

Given the state of Basketball Australia’s finances, this is not something we can deliver without significant corporate investment.

The end of the 2015/16 Wattle Valley WNBL season saw a significant focus on governance reform.

It is worth noting that Basketball Australia released the Australian Sports Commission Review into the WNBL in January 2015 and has implemented the majority of the recommendations. The Review by Suiko Consulting sets out a 5-year plan to develop an Optimal Competition Model.

The Optimal Competition Model sets out three stages:
- 1 point – Free Throw – Stabilise Foundations
- 2 point – Field Goal – Build Support
- 3 point – Three Pointer – Deliver Returns.

This first stage calls for significant foundation planning work and with the support of our WNBL Clubs many of the key building blocks such as the Licence Agreement, Player Contract and Minimum Wages are in the process of being updated and discussed.

The creation of a new WNBL Committee, chaired by Basketball Australia Director, Magistrate Libby Woods, has made significant advances on this vital project.

The South-East Australian Basketball League (SEABL) had another amazing season in 2015/16 with the Mount Gambier Pioneers claiming back-to-back titles with a magnificent result over the Albury-Wodonga Bandits in the men’s competition.

To have two regional teams play-off for the Championship reinforces one of the great points of difference that the SEABL has over other competitions – it provides genuine elite pathway opportunities within metropolitan areas as well as country areas.

The SEABL women’s final in contrast was a metropolitan affair with the Dandenong Rangers outlasting the Kilsyth Cobras in a very tight contest.

The pathway that the SEABL provides athletes, coaches and referees is invaluable as it provides for many a bridge between vibrant and competitive state leagues to the national competitions such as WNBL and NBL.
The NBL staged a successful first season under a new management structure and we applaud the work of Graeme Wade League Chairman and Larry Kestleman Executive Director for their tireless work to effectively ‘reboot’ the League.

For the first time in a long time there was positive discussion about the NBL and many general sports fans took the view that ‘basketball is back’ following the successful marketing & media campaign the League undertook in its first year.

We continue to support the NBL’s aspirations to be the best sports entertainment competition in the country.

During the 2015/16 year, we worked closely with our State Association Member CEOs as we came together for our quarterly “Basketball CEOs Conference”. These forums provide a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and concepts such as the Red Bull Reign 3x3 national tour, the progression of our national registration system project and more recently securing a national agreement on integrity services to protect our sport from corruption through betting on matches.

In a landmark for our sport, all nine basketball bodies agreed on the terms of an appointment of a third party agency to provide integrity services. While that deal will be announced after the Rio Olympic Games, it is worth noting that this is one of the first agreements that involves both the national body and all of its member associations.

I applaud the vision of our State Association CEOs in agreeing to take a whole of sport view on this project.

I also take this opportunity to thank Greg Hill our Chief Financial Officer for his work in this integrity space. Greg is working closely with the Federal Government’s National Integrity in Sport Unit and the Australian Sports Commission on the development of a nationally led, state delivered integrity framework.

Pleasingly Basketball Australia’s Executive Management Team was settled with the appointment of Jan Stirling as General Manager High Performance in January 2016.

Jan’s experience in elite high performance as a coach and player is unparalleled and I am thrilled with the impact Jan has made in a short period in our organisation.

I am confident that our Executive Management Team will drive our business forward and add value to our members.

I take this opportunity to thank Chuck Harmison for his tireless work as Acting General Manager High Performance and to also acknowledge the work of Paul Gorris, our Head Coach of women’s program at our Centre of Excellence. Paul was with the Australian Institute of Sport’s basketball program and our CoE program for a combined 13 years and has made a lasting impact on our sport. Chuck has been a stalwart of Australian basketball and has contributed enormously over his long career in our sport.

I thank our staff for their diligence and hard work in the lead-up to the 2016 Summer Olympic Games and 2016 Paralympic Games.

I would like to thank my colleagues among the State Association CEOs for their continued support. The energy and focus each State Association CEO brings to our discussions enriches our knowledge and understanding of each basketball business. We enjoy working with each member body to grow our sport together.

We thank the Australian Sports Commission and its Australian Institute of Sport for their invaluable assistance in the areas of high performance space, participation and sustainable business support.

The 2015/16 year represented the turning of a corner for Basketball Australia as we improved our financial position and increased our levels of engagement with our member organisations.

The Executive Management Team at Basketball Australia is excited about the next 12 months as we embark on the implementation of a new Strategic Plan and a new 4-year high performance cycle.

Our focus will be putting into action nationally led and state delivered projects for benefit of all within Australian basketball.

ANTHONY MOORE
CEO | Basketball Australia
The High Performance area faced a number of challenges throughout the 2015/16 year which was not unexpected leading in the Olympic and Paralympic campaigns. Our FIBA World ranking was retained; we remain ranked 4th Internationally.

**UNDER 17 WOMEN (SAPPHIRES)**

In August 2015 the U17s qualified for the World Championships following a successful Oceania campaign. Success continued at the World Championship in Italy (June 22nd – 2nd July) when the team won a Gold Medal which was an outstanding accomplishment. Performances included the historical first ever defeat of the USA (73–69) in this age group. Nine of the athletes resided at our Centre of Excellence (CoE) during 2016 which enhanced their preparedness, three athletes were selected in the All-Star Five with Ezi Magbegor named as MVP of the tournament.

**UNDER 17 MEN**

Following the Oceania qualification in August 2015, their first camp was held in May 2016, after the U18 Australian Junior Championships. Four athletes selected in the World Championship team were to experience international competition at this level for the first time and only five of the CoE residential athletes were members of the World Championship team. The team finished on 3 wins and 4 losses for their 7th placing.

**UNDER 19 WOMEN (GEMS)**

During July 2015 the Gems had a successful result at the World Championships held in Russia achieving a podium finish with a Bronze Medal outcome. This was delivered on the back of seven wins and one loss. The team was 2nd in the tournament for the statistical category of 2 points per game and third in 3 point %.

**UNDER 19 MEN (EMU’S)**

In remaining true to the objective of identifying potential Boomers when selecting this demographic for major benchmark events the Emus were the youngest team at the World Championships. The Emu’s final ranking of 7th had another contributing factor in the fact they were one of the smallest teams and ranked low in the rebounding statistical category.

**JAYCO OPALS**

The Opals had a very extensive 2016 preparation with four camps and three phases of international competition which included a short test event in Rio and tournaments in Europe and Japan.

Oceania qualifications at the Rod Laver arena in August 2015 was a great showcase for both our National teams.

**BOOMERS**

July 2015 saw the team camp in Europe and play targeted opposition in Slovenia and Lithuania. This represented their preparation for the Oceania
Olympic Qualification series against New Zealand. At Rod Laver Arena on 15 August for the first time in decades both our Boomers and Opals played both teams winning and progressing on to earning their tickets to Rio.

GLIDERS
Although the Gliders won a Silver Medal at the AOZ (Asia Oceania Zone) qualification tournament in 2015 only the top team (China) progressed to the Paralympic Games. This left the Gliders out of the Paralympics for the very first time. The Gliders squad has great depth and the program will strive to ensure that in 2017 they qualify for the next World Championship.

ROLLERS
A successful top finish at the AOZ saw the Rollers qualify for the Paralympics in Rio. January 2016 a mid / lows camp was held utilizing the expanding identified talent on our depth charts. As a final preparation for Rio the Rollers accessed a tournament in Turkey combined with a camp and the results left them very optimistic about their Rio chances.

U 23 MEN
U23s had a camp and tournament at the Sunshine Coast January 2016. They will be attending a friendly four nation tournament in Japan in November 2016 versus Japan, Canada and USA.

U25 WOMEN
U25’s had World Championships in July 2015 in China, winning a Silver Medal which highlights our depth of talent for our Gliders Program.

A GOLD MEDAL FOR THE JAYCO AUSTRALIAN SAPPHIRES WAS A HIGHLIGHT FOR 2016
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WATTLE VALLEY WOMEN’S NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Women’s National Basketball League (WNBL) entered its 36th consecutive season in 2015/16, it its third with Wattle Valley as naming rights sponsor through its parent company Monde Nissen.

The calibre of players in the League made for yet another thrilling season, highlighting why the WNBL is seen as one of the best basketball competitions in the world for women.

At the end of a highly competitive 108 game regular season, the Townsville Fire earned consecutive Minor Premierships with a 17-7 record. For the first time in league history the Grand final was played over a three game series, with Townsville Fire winning back-to-back championships in two games against the Perth Lynx. Townsville travelled to Perth for game 1, and were able to silence the packed out crowd of 2220 fans to secure a 73-57 win. The following week in front of a sold out home crowd of 2215, the Fire secured the championships with a comfortable 80-70 victory. New Zealand International Micaela Cocks had a consistent series, earning her the Rachel Sporn Medal for MVP of the Grand Final Series.

Award Winners:
- WNBL Most Valuable Player Award – Suzy Batkovic (Townsville Fire)
- Coach of the Year – Andy Stewart (Perth Lynx)
- Robyn Maher WNBL Defensive Player of the Year – Steph Cumming (Dandenong Rangers)
- Betty Watson WNBL Rookie of the Year – Alex Ciabattoni (Adelaide lightning)
- Wattle Valley WNBL’s 2015/16 All-Star Five – Sami Whitcomb (Perth), Katie-Rae Ebzery (Sydney Uni), Kelsey Griffin (Bendigo), Leilani Mitchell (Adelaide), Suzy Batkovic (Townsville).

During the season the league celebrated Jess Bibby of the UC Capitals playing a League record 378 games. Jess retired at the end of the season with 394 games. Team mate Carly Wilson is the next best active player with 339 games.

The League also said goodbye to veterans Kristen Veal, Hannah Zavecz, Rachel McCully, and Rohanee Cox, all of whom had stellar WNBL Careers. After 25 seasons (as a player and a coach) in the League Carrie Graf also decided to step away for a personal break.

Once again, the WNBL’s corporate partners were Monde Nissen, Peak, Spalding, Virgin Australia, the Australian Sports Commission, 2XU, and Fox Sports Pulse.

In 2015/16, the game attendances for the Wattle Valley WNBL were 30% up from the previous season, finishing with 104,696 attendees including finals.

THE SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL) is Australia’s Premier, Inter-state Winter Basketball League, providing basketballers with the opportunity to represent their club in a semi-professional league. The SEABL is a proven pathway for many basketballers, having produced a number of Australian Boomers and Opals players in Patty Mills, Joe Ingles and Penny Taylor (to name but a few).

In the 2015/16 SEABL season, Mount Gambier Pioneers achieved back to back Championships by defeating fellow regional team Albury/Wodonga Bandits. Dandenong Rangers with Larissa Anderson at the helm secured their fourth SEABL Championship.
in 6 years, defeating Kilsyth Lady Cobras in the Final. Dandenong import Daequon Montreal was named the SEABL Men’s MVP and Kilsyth Lady Cobras Steph Cumming was named the SEABL Women’s MVP.

At the 2015 Annual League Meeting, Australia’s most famous basketball club, the Melbourne Tigers re-joined the League, with Australian Basketball legend Andrew Gaze at the helm as Head Coach. Their inclusion brought the league to 16 men’s teams and 15 women’s teams for the 2016 season.

Statistically, the SEABL website had 816,914 page views during the 2015/16 financial year, with over 144,000 unique users accessing the website.

In 2015 the League’s social media numbers increased by 23%. SEABL once again livestreamed the Championship games receiving a significant number of viewers for both the 2015 SEABL Women’s Grand Final and the Men’s Grand Final. Each of the Conference Finals were also livestreamed by the respective home clubs to strong audiences as well.

**AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Australian Junior Championships (AJCs) bring together all states and territories for competition from Under 14’s up to Under 20’s. There are five separate tournaments held throughout the country over the year. In addition to the age categories, championships are also run for athletes with an intellectual disability (Ivor Burge Championships) and junior wheelchair basketball (Kevin Coombs Cup).

The AJCs provide young basketballers with the opportunity to play in an elite tournament representing their club, school or state on the national stage. Throughout the year, we’re continually entertained and inspired by the most promising young talent in Australia as our stars of tomorrow vie for the title of National Champions. An important stepping stone in the career of junior players, the AJCs have played a critical role in the development of some of Australian basketball’s biggest names, including Lauren Jackson, Elizabeth Cambage, Patty Mills, Andrew Bogut and Dante Exum.

The AJCs are also a fantastic event for local associations to host as they shine the spotlight on their association and on the sport of basketball in their area. In addition they bring significant income to the association and the local area with a recent economic impact study estimating the 2015 U18 Championships and Kevin Coombs Cup put almost $1.7million into the Ballarat economy.

**2015 Australian U16 Junior Championships: Ulverstone, TAS**

Robert Young Trophy for the Australian U16 Boys Champions was won by Queensland North defeating Victoria Metro 74–70.

Norma Connolly Trophy for the Australian U16 Girls Champions...
was won by Queensland South defeating South Australia Metro 59-58.

The Trish Fallon Fair Play Award was awarded to WA Metro Men.

2015 Australian U14 Girls Club Championships: Gosford, NSW

The Michele Timms Championship Trophy was won by Bullen Boomers (VIC) defeating Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (NSW).

The Rachel Sporn Shield was won by Sturt Sabres (SA) defeating Rockingham Flames (WA).

The Jenny Cheeseman Fair Play Award was awarded to Gosford City Rebels (NSW).

2015 Australian U14 Boys Club Championships: Perth, WA

The Ken Watson Championship Trophy was won by Sturt Sabres (VIC) defeating Keilor Thunder (VIC) and ending a three year Victorian winning streak.

The Phil Smyth Shield was won by Willetton Tigers (WA) defeating Canberra Gunners (ACT).

The Andrew Gaze Fair Play Award was presented to Canberra Gunners.

2016 Australian U20 & Ivor Burge Championships: Ipswich, QLD

The Jack Terrill Trophy for the U20 Men’s Champions was won by Victoria Navy in an all Victorian Grand Final against Victoria White defeating them 91-61.

The Arthur McRobbie Trophy for the U20 Women’s Champions was won by Victoria Metro defeating South Australia 88-66.

The Ivor Burge Men’s Championship was won by Victoria Metro defeating South Australia 67-53.

The Ivor Burge Women’s Championship was won by New South Wales Metro defeating Victoria Metro 58-44 and ending their seven year winning streak.

The Kim Larkin Fair Play Award for the Ivor Burge was presented to ACT Men.

The Bob Staunton Medals for Most Outstanding Player of the Tournament were presented to Alexandra Sharp (VIC) and Tom Wilson (VIC).

The Ivor Burge Most Outstanding Players of the Tournament were presented to Nicole Harris & Bruce Stanley.

2015 Australian U18 Championships & Kevin Coombs Cup: Adelaide, SA

The Merv Emms Trophy for the U18 Men’s Champions was won by Victoria Metro defeating Queensland South 79-51.

The Maree Jackson Trophy for the U18 Women’s Champions was won by Victoria Metro defeating Queensland South 76-59.

The Kevin Coombs Cup was won by New South Wales for the first time since the competition’s inception, defeating Queensland Navy 62-53.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Established in 1988 and in 2000 respectively, the National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL) and the Women’s National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL) are elite competitions organised and managed by Basketball Australia.

The 2015 NWBL saw two new teams, the Red Dust Heelers and the Australian Women’s National team, the Gliders join the League, with the latter being the first ever all-women’s team to compete in the Championship.

The Kilsyth Cobras won the 2015 NWBL title by beating the Red Dust Heelers in a tough contest. Award winners for the season included Jannik Blair, Luke Pople and Tristan Knowles who won the Low-point, Mid-point and High Point MVP respectively. Joshua Allison and Brett Stibners joined the MVPs to complete the All-Star Five team of the 2015 NWBL. The Coach of the season was Jim Williams from the Wollongong Roller Hawks. The season top scorer for the 2015 NWBL was Tristan Knowles from the Kilsyth Cobras.

The first round of the 2015 WNWBL season took place in Sydney where the reigning Champions MineCraft Comets dropped down to fourth place, while Kilsyth Cobras, the runners up from 2014, finished on top with wins from every game. The Cobras continued their stellar performance through to the finals series that took place in Perth, where they met the home team in the Grand Final. Although the Stars had the home court advantage, the Cobras proved that they were the best team in the league with a convincing 15 point win.

The MVP Award winners for the 2015 WNWBL season for 1.0,2.0,3.0 and 4.0 classifications were Clare Nott, Kylie Gauci, Leanne Del Toso and Amber Merritt. The overall MVP for the league was Kylie Gauci with 46 votes, the highest in the league. The 2015 All Star Five Awards included the four MVP Award winners and Sarah Vinci, who played a key role for the Western Stars by averaging 11 points, and 5 rebounds for the season. The award for the best new talent for the 2015 WNWBL season, was presented to Zeena Sauvage from...
Stacks Goudkamp Bears. Amber Merritt also won the Season Top Scorer award averaging 29.5 points per game.

As the 2016 NWBL season was an important one for the Australian Rollers as key part of the lead up to the Rio Paralympics, the Wheelchair Basketball League Executive Committee (WBLEC) decided to condense the timing of the season so that it finished prior to the Rollers’ departure for Rio. All 12 members of Rollers squad participated in the League. Another significant milestone for the 2016 NWBL was that it marked 20 years of history, since Australia won its first Paralympic Gold medal for Men’s Wheelchair Basketball in Atlanta in 1996.

In another exciting first for the NWBL, round 1 was held in Newcastle – a brand new venue for the League. The RSL Qld Spinning Bullets, Kilsyth Cobras, Wollongong Rollerhawks, Red Dust Heelers and Sydney Metro Blues all returned to the League for another season whilst the Perth Wheelcats returned to the NWBL after a break in 2015. The level of competition in the League was exceptionally high in 2016 and the teams matched up evenly.

Ultimately, the Kilsyth Cobras managed to score a back-to-back Championship title with a convincing win against the Perth Wheelcats in the Gold medal match. Jannik Blair of Red Dust earned the Low-Point MVP after averaging 7.8 points per game in the most productive season of his career, helping the Heelers to make the finals. The season’s top scorer, Be Active Perth Wheelcats’ Shaun Norris, was awarded the Mid-Point MVP having finished the season with an incredible triple-double average of 31.3 points, 11.3 rebounds and 11.3 assists. Tristan Knowles of the Kilsyth Cobras rounded out the three MVP winners, taking home the High-Point MVP. Additionally Brett Stibners and Luke Pople from the Wollongong Roller Hawks joined the MVPs to make up the All-Star Five. Kelvin Browner earned Coach of the Year as he led the Perth Wheelcats through an exceptional season, as they finished as runners up in the League.

REFEE DEVELOPMENT

2015-16 has been a big year for Australian Referee Development. Basketball Australia worked with the Australian Sports Commission to review and update Australian Referee pathways. This led to the creation of a National Referee Development Framework, which was submitted to the ASC at the end of June, 2016.

Online Referee Development

An exciting part of this framework is the creation of a National Online Referee Development Program. The program provides assessments, exams, workbooks and PowerPoint presentations at three levels of development (Apprentice through Level 1A). This aligns with the Basketball Australia NAOS grading matrix. All resources will be available to view online, embedded into the program website, or downloadable as hard copies onto a computer.

Feedback from every State was sought, received and incorporated into the competencies for the program which, in turn, has led to updates to the course content and presentation materials for each level. Next steps are underway for integration and implementation within the respective State educational programs and pathways.

FIBA Camps

In conjunction with the above, grass-roots level program, Basketball Australia staged and ran a series of FIBA Referee Development camps in each of the major cities across the country. These camps were led by FIBA Global Head of Referees Carl Jungebrand and were designed to help unify the States’ approaches to referee development and, at the next level, to bring the teaching of advanced level referees into line with FIBA guidelines and development work.

National Panel

The National Panel Referee Commission was established in early 2016 and met for the first time on June 26. After some initial discussion reviewing terms of reference, the Panel began examining the proposed structure of the National Panel; bringing together the NBL and WNBL panels into one, integrated Panel for the nation’s elite level referees.

Having input from FIBA Oceania, NBL, WNBL, Victoria (as a State representative on the Commission) and an Australian Junior Championship Referee Advisor made for healthy, robust debate on criteria and selections. Ultimately this led to what all involved believe to be a thoroughly considered Panel.

AJC’s

The Australian National Junior Championships continue to be valuable tournaments where promising referees can improve their skills by officiating in the highest level of junior competition in Australia. Many referees who officiate in these tournaments progress to appointments in State League competitions, SEABL panel and, ultimately to the National Panel.
Basketball continues to thrive in all levels of the sport, particularly the grass roots level. Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops provides a great entry into our sport and the professional leagues and Australian teams provide role models and exciting competitions.

**VICINITY CENTRES AUSSIE HOOPS**

Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops participation grew 64 percent in 2015/16 with 18,887 kids aged between 5 – 10 years taking part in programs nationally. There are now 254 local clubs and associations partnering with Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops, up from 186 in the previous year. This lift in numbers is due to the dedication of Community Basketball Manager, Darren Anderson and the support of our Corporate sponsor, Vicinity Centres, along with continued strong support from State Associations. A further 30,567 schoolchildren experienced Basketball through the Federal Governments initiative, Sporting Schools.

The FIBA Oceania Championships brought about several “money can’t buy” experiences for Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops partner associations including a Jayco Opals clinic in Ballarat, local coaches and players attending Helloworld Boomers trainings and 12 lucky Aussie Hoopers featuring in the double-header main event at Rod Laver Arena, in front of 15,000 fans.

November 2015 saw the inaugural Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops Round in the WNBL, with program participants across Australia receiving free entry to games and the chance to meet some of the best female sportswomen in the world. Later that month Basketball Australia was proud to announce Vicinity Centres – a leading Australian retail property group owning more than 90 centres across Australia – as the new principal partner of Aussie Hoops.

In Term 1 2016 Basketball Australia launched a Local Centre Grants program, which funded over $10,000 worth of basketballs for school clinics, coach education and basketball rings across many partner associations nationally.

In May 2016 the Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops program received a well-deserved feature on Channel Nine’s Today. This was a great exposure opportunity for our program with over 1.8 million viewers tuning in to watch live crosses featuring appearances from the Australian Rollers, Jayco Australian Opals Tess Madgen and Rebecca Allen, Andrew Gaze and Lauren Jackson.

A select group of Aussie Hoopers participated in a special skills session with Helloworld Boomer and NBA Champion Matthew Dellevadova, thanks to Spalding.

Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops continues to enjoy valued support from Principal Partner Vicinity Centres, and...
Major Partner Peak Sport Australia, and official supplier Spalding; as well as program ambassadors Lauren Jackson and Patty Mills.

THE BASKETBALL NETWORK

The Basketball Network (TBN) continues to grow with more usage of the modules within the past year. Over 60% of the nation's local associations are utilising the TBN platform for registrations and websites. 3692 administrators across the nation use TBN with more than 448,480 fixtured games throughout the season. TBN websites have delivered 126,275,899 page views.

The focus of the year has been to provide more training and support to Associations and Clubs using the TBN as well as rolling out an upgrade of the registrations module that allows a nationally consistent registration form and compliance to new privacy laws. Training has been delivered to 312 association and club administrators by Basketball Australia.

Basketball Victoria Country, Basketball Queensland and Basketball Tasmania have integrated all Associations TBN.

The Basketball Network Working group was reinstated and is made up of members including: Anna Cicognani (Basketball Australia Board), David Reid (Basketball Australia Board), Anthony Moore (Basketball Australia CEO), Lisa Hasker (GM Community and Stakeholder Relations, Basketball Australia), Nick Honey (CEO, Basketball Victoria), Graham Burns (CEO, Basketball Queensland). This Working Group represents that States and Territories in the development and evaluation of TBN as well as overseeing commercial rules and contract matters on behalf of the States.

“49,454 CHILDREN HAVE EXPERIENCED VICINITY CENTRES AUSSIE HOOPS IN ASSOCIATIONS AND SPORTING SCHOOLS IN THE PAST YEAR
The last twelve months has been a very busy and eventful period at Basketball ACT (‘BACT’), one of consolidation and achievement.

We were fortunate enough to host the Australian Schools Championships in December 2015, which is the largest event, by participant numbers, on the basketball calendar each year. 2015 was the second consecutive year that BACT hosted the event, and we are very happy to report that a significant amount of very positive feedback regarding the Championships was received.

We have also seen significant growth in the ACT over the past year, with our participation numbers continuing to increase season after season, from 6,900 (in 2014) to 8,000 (in 2016). This presents additional challenges to the organisation, although good ones, as we are currently facing a facility shortage.

This year also saw the development of the largest BACT capital works project in some 25 years, with the construction of four dedicated Outdoor 3X3 Courts scheduled for completion in early 2017. We obtained over $1,000,000 of funding from the ACT Government for the development, and we envisage that this will assist the organisation with some of the capacity issues we currently face following significant growth in participation, whilst positioning us strongly to deliver recreational basketball offerings.

BACT has also continued to develop the Inclusive Basketball Program, which aims to promote diversity and empower people to participate in the sport. The first pillar of the program was focused on those that identify as same-sex attracted and gender diverse, and through this initiative BACT has worked closely with Team Sydney and Pride in Sport (Pride in Diversity). The construction of the Program’s second pillar is also underway, with a focus being on and empowering those of Indigenous heritage to participate in our great sport.

BACT has also undertaken a review and update of its Constitution that was approved by the Membership at the Annual General Meeting in early 2016. BACT’s Constitution now adheres to the principles of best practice and good governance, whilst also better meeting the needs of the association.

Overall, there has been an immense amount of work undertaken over the past year, with a lot more to go. I would like to thank my Board of Directors, and Staff, for their assistance, and I look forward to continuing to work with Basketball Australia and the basketball community for the growth of the game generally. Also in the ACT in particular, I continue to work towards achieving the ethos of our strategic plan – BACT On the move, our plan to be Excellent on and off the court, Engaged with our stakeholders and the wider ACT community, and Accessible for all.
The 2015–16 season has been one of great growth and success for Basketball NSW both on and off the court.

In the 15/16 season our Molten Waratah Junior Leagues has reached new heights! Across 6 junior leagues, there were over 500 representative teams playing from our 89 associations.

We had 32 associations enter 89 teams across 7 divisions in our Molten Waratah Senior Leagues. Our finals weekend hosted by Gosford City Basketball Association was a resounding success. Those who could not see Bankstown Men and Newcastle Women take out the Championship Division respectively enjoyed all the action watching via the live stream!

Special congratulations to the NSW Ivor Burge Women and NSW Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team who both brought back gold at their respective national championships.

Basketball NSW was proud to have three athletes in Cassidy McLean, Lara McSpadden and Jasmine Simmons help the Australian Under 17 Girls team take out gold at the world championships! Special mention to the head coach, New South Wales very own Shannon Seebohm.

We would also like to congratulate Lachlan Dent, Kyle Zunic and Dragan Elkaz who were selected in the Boys Australian under 17’s Team.

The 15/16 season was again another successful year for our officials. With 17 officials receiving medals at Junior National Championships, 2 officials refereeing in the NBL Grand Final series, 5 officials receiving international appointments from FIBA, 2 officials receiving IWBF appointments and finally Matthew Wells being appointed to officiate the gold medal men’s game at the Rio Paralympics capped off what has been a great year.

In 2015, Basketball NSW was excited to open the BNSW Campus. Headed up by its Director of Coaching Peter Lonergan. The BNSW Campus offers athletes high performance training while also receiving a Diploma in Sports Management. What started with 10 student athletes has now quickly grown to over 30 in a short amount of time.

Basketball NSW is proud to have 89 associations across the state. Working with these associations on growing our game through programs such as Aussie Hoops or supporting the growth of their domestic competitions with the hope of entering teams into the Molten Waratah Leagues. We have a diverse and committed basketball family in NSW.
Basketball Northern Territory has had a very successful year with some major changes including a new Board Chair and staff.

Both full time positions (Executive Officer and the High Performance and Development Manager) changed early in the New Year. The changes created a renewed focus on good stakeholder engagement, maintenance of good relationships with the Associations and re-establishment of high performance pathways and programs.

Much of the work undertaken in the latter part of the year was to complete outstanding commitments and ensure the basics were in place such as appropriate polices and frameworks.

Highlights of the year include:

- that most affiliates have noted an increase in interest in the sport resulting in increasing participation.
- the selection of Abby Cubillo for the Australian Under 17 team. The first time a Northern Territory female junior athlete has been selected to represent Australia at a World Championships.
- implementing an extensive senior remote development programme in partnership with the Northern Territory Department of Sport and Recreation with Basketball NT representatives visiting over 25 remote communities, culminating in Northern and Southern Tournaments, held in Batchelor and Alice Springs respectively. This programme involved coaching and referee training for community members and staff, and the commencement of basketball competitions in many communities.
- the International Basketball Invitational event held in Darwin in September 2015. The Adelaide 36ers were the key NBL team with the Townsville Crocodiles joining them. The third team, “Rain and Shine”, travelled from the Philippines. As well as a game against the Adelaide 36ers, “Rain and Shine” had a game against a representative team from FAANT one of our affiliate associations attached to the Filipino and Australian Association of the NT.

The teams travelled extensively throughout the Darwin area visiting several primary schools in the Darwin area, including a Special Education Centre. Aussie Hoops centres provided the half time entertainment at the events.

- Work commenced on a review into Governance and Management of Basketball in the Northern Territory focussing on the future growth and development of the sport throughout the NT. Mr Michael Haynes was engaged as the consultant to lead the process, which ultimately could mean the removal of all Associations in the governance structure. The three separate elements of the review include:
  1. develop a Business Case for Change;
  2. develop (and have accepted) a new governance and management structure; and
  3. implementation of the preferred structure.
The 2015–16 Financial year was a very good year for Basketball Queensland with success across all of our major indices.

1. MARKETING

BQ built on the success of our digital advertising campaign launched in January 2015. This incorporates AdWords, Remarketing and Facebook advertising. Digital marketing enables us to monitor the success of the campaigns and adapt quickly to trends we see through our regular analysis of results. After some tweaking we are averaging 750 responding to the ads with approximately 60% of these clicking through to search for both junior and senior competitions.

We have also continued to grow engagement with our stakeholders through the Basketball Queensland App, which grew to 6,059 downloads by July 2016 and our social media platforms which grew by 51% when compared to 2014–15.

2. PARTICIPATION GROWTH

The total number of registered participants for the year ended December 2015 (which is the timeframe used to measure participation) was 34,259 which is an increase of 3,645 (12%) when compared to 2014. This figure includes players, coaches, referees and Aussie Hoops participants.

The number of Aussie Hoops Centres expanded to 28 with 3,472 participants. This represents growth of 978 (39%) when compared to 2014. Registered coaches and referees also grew with an increase of 881 (36%) to 3,329. 30.5% of our registered participants are female. There has been a slight decline in the proportion of female participants when compared to 2014; however, there is a positive sign with 35.7% of Aussie Hoops being girls which is an increase when compared to 2014.

3. NATIONAL SUCCESS

Our Under 16 State Teams performed exceptionally well with the South Queensland Girls and the North Queensland Boys winning Gold Medals at the 2015 Australian Junior Championship (AJC). In addition, the Under 16 South Queensland Boys won the Bronze Medal. This is the first time Queensland teams have won both the Boys and Girls championships at the same tournament and is testament to the focus and dedication of the staff working in the State Performance Programs. In addition, the Queensland Under 18 South Boys and Girls won Silver medals at the 2016 AJC and the Queensland Women’s team won the Bronze medal at the 2016 Under 20 AJC.

While the 2015 Under 16 Australian Junior Championship was being conducted ten (10) Queensland Under 15 and 17 Emerging Teams were competing in tournaments in California, USA. This is our first foray into sending teams to the US and we chose to send a very large contingent of teams, but we believe that this is a very worthwhile exercise as the US teams play aggressively under different rules from those used in Australia challenging our players to rise to the occasion.

Three Queensland boys and one girl were awarded Centre of Excellence Scholarships and six Queensland athletes were selected in Australian Junior Teams.

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It was a whirlwind 18 months since January 2015 that resulted in reporting to members in last year’s Annual Report that Basketball SA would take on management of the Adelaide Lightning for the 2015-16 season. Whilst there was a significant amount of work; and resource commitments, we couldn’t be more proud of the season by the team and the pleasing transition of the Lightning to the management of Adelaide Basketball (the management group of the Adelaide 36ers) from the 2016-17 season.

Basketball SA recognises that infrastructure for our sport is a leading priority for members, and essentially for the longevity of Basketball. For this report, we shall summarise the key projects for the state:

- Basketball SA’s Updated Facilities Report completed and published outlining priority projects for SA in next five years.
- Campbelltown Recreation Centre opened (5-courts)
- Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre being built in 2016-17 (4-courts)
- Mt Barker Indoor Facility proposed in 2017-18 (4-courts)
- Mitchell Park Sport and Community Centre master plan completed, $9.875m allocated by Council.
- St Clair Recreation Centre (5-courts) – Build of a new stadium confirmed to commence July 2017
- Lightsview/Ross Smith Indoor Sports Centre (4-5 courts) – Land allocated by State Government for a new indoor facility with local Council
- Pasadena Sports Centre – Working to secure 3-court facility through merger of Pasadena & Unley High Schools.
- Wayville Sports Centre – Basketball SA has identified expansion of Wayville Sports Centre to 6-7 courts, discussions have started with the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds.

A significant achievement in 2015 was the formation of a high performance partnership with the University of South Australia. The partnership provides the opportunity for elite athletes to be provided with program, equipment and support services giving them the best chance of reaching their potential. The partnership provides an excellent dedicated facility at Magill; state of the art gymnasium; pool; and access to support services provided by the UniSA Health Science staff and students. Additionally, a PhD student is being supported by BSA and UniSA.

Basketball SA has worked with the Office for Recreation and Sport on governance; and is currently working through a governance review with members to consider its membership structure; board structure; and program/service delivery options.

Basketball SA has undergone reviews of Premier League with key modifications being a reduction in rounds from 21 to 18; a more compact season that better aligns with the NBL/WNBL seasons and move to permit two imports/restricted players. The U18 Women and Youth League competitions are being reviewed with changes prompted for 2017.

A restructure has occurred for the Development area with greater focus on delivering new member education, training and support services; and implementing a new individual member registration process.

Participation continues to grow with an estimated 36,550 people playing basketball in South Australia; and the formation of new junior domestic competitions from our metropolitan district clubs, creating new opportunities across Adelaide to play the game.
The year 2015 saw some good consolidation of our new governance direction after some major changes in the previous year with the completion of our governance review, Constitution change, new strategic and independent Board and the development of our Strategic Plan 2014–18.

Some of the highlights for 2015 were:

- Participation numbers continue to rise (breakdowns in the Annual Report) as we break through the 10,000 member number for the first time with 10,357 members which represents a 4.4% increase from the previous year and a 30.7% increase from 5 years ago.
- Increased service to our associations and affiliates (e.g. appointment of David Munns in the new position to service the sport further).
- Development of our athletes and progression of our teams at the Junior National Championship level with an overall improvement on the previous year and a terrific performance in the Under 20 Boys where we recorded our highest ever finish – a silver medal.
- Seven representatives in National teams or squads – Brady Armstrong (U17 Australian squad), Rebecca Abel (U17 Australian squad), Taylor Mole (U17 Australian team), Josh Cleary (Australian PWID team), Tanner Krebs (U19 Australian team), Kyle Clark (U19 Australian team), Mark Radford (U19 Australian Assistant Coach).
- Successful review and re-alignment in 2015 for progression through to the U14 National Club Championships in 2016 with the teams coming out of our Future Development Program (in line with the governance changes and new strategic direction).
- Record junior representative numbers (456) trialing for our Future Development Program and State Development Program. 300 athletes were successful in being selected for the programs that include a weekly training session in their area and a series of state camps.
- Very successful U16 National Championships with Ulverstone Basketball Association as the excellent event host association.
- Record numbers entering the State Junior Championships with 120 teams competing across the age groups throughout August and September.
- Record numbers entering the School Championships with 209 Primary School teams and 163 High School teams entering the respective events.
- Continued development of the State Senior League with a successful 2nd season that saw 9 x Men’s teams competing and 5 x Women’s teams competing.
- Investment of 12 months into the development the Kingborough Huon Basketball Association (which has 10% of the state’s population) which we hope will become a flagship association for others to follow.
- Investment of 12 months into progressing plans for a new 9 court stadium in Hobart with regular meetings and attendance as a major stakeholder in the Southern Steering Committee along with Communities Sport and Recreation.
It has been a momentous 12 months for Victorian Basketball.

Basketball at community level is stronger than it has ever been and that is not coincidental. It results from a clear vision and understanding of our target market and a structure that ensures deliverables both meet the needs of our current participants and generates new interest in our sport.

Our record growth is reflected in Basketball Victoria’s Pathway Program numbers. We have seen unprecedented growth across our development programs. Registrations in our Aussie Hoops and Skill Fun and Play Programs have risen almost 40% on previous year figures.

Inclusion programs, coach education and the development of technical officials was a major strategic focus and numbers across all of these programs rise significantly.

Sustained growth inevitably brings infrastructure challenges as experienced with a lack of courts within pockets of Melbourne and Regional Victoria. This is a critical issue and will require collaboration with other sports in order satisfy the challenges of infrastructure funding and availability to satisfy basketball growth.

One of the most significant outcomes over the past 12 months was the adoption of a new constitution by the BV members. After a number of years of extensive consultation, an updated constitution, along with a number of revised by-laws delegating authority to various commissions, was unanimously endorsed at the State Conference.

Over the past couple of years, a major focus for Basketball Victoria has been to ensure our properties are best placed to not only attract commercial consideration but also to compete with other options in this competitive environment. As a result, 2015/16 has resulted in record investment across a range of Basketball Victoria categories.

We thank all of our partners for their commitment and investment and look forward to working with them to develop mutually beneficial outcomes in 2016/17 and beyond.

These results would not be possible without the continued development of the sport at grass roots level. It would like to acknowledge our 156 Member Associations and their team of tireless volunteers who support our great game. I also offer my personal thanks and appreciation to the BV Board, in particular, to our former president, Dan Kirtley who stepped down in 2016 after more than ten years as President. Dan presided over an era of extraordinary change and his monumental contribution to Victorian basketball cannot be understated.

2015/16 was a massive year for Basketball in Victoria however, we recognise where improvements and advancements can be made to ensure our sport is truly that of first choice for all Victorians. We look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.
Basketball in Western Australia has had a strong year of growth led by the appointment of a new CEO in the second half of 2015. The new management team has been busy developing a new Strategic Plan, developing new programs, and continuing to deliver core programs and services.

PARTICIPATION

Since the introduction of the new Participation Managers role, Basketball WA has been extremely active in the grass roots space. Aussie Hoops has grown 116% with strong take up in the metro area and continuing growth in regional WA. In addition to strong growth in Aussie Hoops, WA has been active in Sporting Schools with basketball being a top three sport in the first half of 2016. Associations have been working overtime to accommodate the continuing rise in popularity, with many Associations at capacity and utilising external venues.

3X3

In 2016 Basketball WA organised 3x3 tournaments, for the first time, throughout WA. In conjunction with Healthway, Basketball WA delivered successful 3x3 tournaments in Karratha, Onslow and other regions. The new Basketball WA 3x3 initiative, To The Hoop, was held in the metropolitan area with a pilot in Armadale. Plans are underway for growth in 3x3 in 2017 with Basketball WA engaging with Local Government Authority’s and other key stakeholders.

COMPETITIONS

Basketball WA has seen significant growth in competitions, with the second year of the WABL Growth Plan, seeing over 300 junior representative teams. Grading was successfully implemented with winning margins reduced by 15%. Other key competitions such as state Championships also increased by 20% and attendance at SBL matches increased.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board and Management team have visited regional WA engaging with all 63 Associations and stakeholders to develop a new Strategic Plan. Successful workshops were held in eight regional areas with multiple Associations, LGA’s and other key stakeholders. The Strategic Plan will be finalised with a stronger emphasis on enabling affiliated Associations, engaging with the whole sport and fostering positive relationships with the community.

Over the year, Basketball WA appointed dedicated coach and official resources for the first time. This resulted in over 240 referees and over 370 coaches accredited. Associations have also begun transitioning to the National Registration Database to ensure full participation data is captured.
After two years of restructuring and consolidation and on the back of increased sponsorships and carefully managed expenditure, BA Limited returned its first operating profit in three years in 2015/16. BA also incorporated the operations and balance sheet of the South East Australian Basketball League resulting in an overall strengthening of net BA assets.

BA LIMITED HISTORICAL FINANCIALS

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Notes:
- 2009/10 includes the inbound transfer of net assets from the previous Basketball Australia entity.
- 2015/16 includes the inbound transfer of net assets from the amalgamation of the South East Australian Basketball League Inc.
- Retained earnings at 30 June 2016 ($1,198,020) represents 10.4% of FY15/16 revenue, which remains below the ASC’s recommended level for reserves ($1m/20%).
- Retained earnings at 30 June 2016 ($1,198,020) represents 70.1% of BA’s strategic reserving target of $1.71m (to be achieved by 2019/20).
### Financial Result Components

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Total: $11,505 (100%) vs. $10,121 (100%) with a movement of $1,384 (14%).

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<td>55%</td>
<td>$342</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grant Revenues (Other)</td>
<td>$1,234</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>$1,112</td>
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<td>$122</td>
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<td>Sponsorships</td>
<td>$1,526</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>$954</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>$572</td>
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<td>State/Territory Membership Fees</td>
<td>$1,142</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>$1,125</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>$17</td>
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<td>Leagues</td>
<td>$1,208</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>$906</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Merchandise Sales</td>
<td>$351</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>$281</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>$70</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Income</td>
<td>$133</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>$175</td>
<td>2%</td>
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Total: $11,505 (100%) vs. $10,121 (100%) with a movement of $1,384 (14%).
### BALANCE SHEET

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<th>30 June 2016</th>
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<td><strong>Assets</strong></td>
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<td>Current Assets (Cash, Receivables, Inventories, Prepayments)</td>
<td>$5,083</td>
<td>$3,305</td>
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<td>Non-Current Assets (Physical &amp; Intangible Assets)</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>$164</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td>$5,183</td>
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<td>Current Liabilities (Payables, Staff Entitlements, Deferred Income)</td>
<td>$3,985</td>
<td>$2,702</td>
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<td>Non-Current Liabilities</td>
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<td><strong>Equity</strong></td>
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<td>Amalgamation Reserves</td>
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<td>Accumulated Funds</td>
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<td>$767</td>
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<td><strong>Total Equity</strong></td>
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## CASH

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<td>$100</td>
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<td>CBA Transactional Accounts (ASF)</td>
<td>$0</td>
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<td>CBA “Cash Maximiser” Account</td>
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<td>CBA Term Deposits</td>
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<td>Petty Cash</td>
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<td>ING Direct Online Saver Account (SEABL)</td>
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<td>Bendigo Bank Account (SEABL)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,194</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,197</strong></td>
<td><strong>$997</strong></td>
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### Notes:
- The National Integrity of Sport Unit (NISU) and Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) require distinct accounts for cash held on their behalf.
- All SEABL banking has subsequently been closed and consolidated into CBA accounts.
Corporate Partners and Suppliers

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Australian Sports Commission

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Jayco

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MUSASHI
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Rising Stars
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SportsTG

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