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Message from the Australian Sports Commission

The countdown to an Olympic and Paralympic Games is an exciting time for Australians. As London 2012 looms on our horizon there is much work to be done to fine tune our preparations.

The Australian Government and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) continue to work closely with Olympic and Paralympic sports, along with the Australian Olympic and Paralympic Committees to ensure our athletes get the best possible support.

Through the Green and Gold project, $3.85 million in extra funding has been provided for our top Olympic athletes and teams to boost their training and preparations for London 2012.

A true sign that Australian sport is united in working together is the endorsement from the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments of the National Sport and Active Recreation Policy Framework.

What this means is that for the first time all governments have agreed on priorities for sport.

Underpinning the Framework is the new National Institutes System Intergovernmental Agreement which unites our National Institutes of Sport and national sporting organisations to work hand-in-hand to achieve common national high performance objectives to maximise resourcing and expertise in support of the development of world class athletes to achieve international success.

This Framework is supported by significant additional investment in sport by the Australian Government. The 2011–12 Budget will provide $300 million to support the full spectrum of sport from grassroots through to elite competition.

Support by the Australian Government will enable a more collaborative long term focus to drive reform within Australian sport and importantly make the connection between Australia’s standing on the podium and young Australians participating in sport.

This is an exciting and challenging time for Australian sport. The Australian Sports Commission looks forward to working with all sporting organisations, the state and territory institutes and academies of sport and state and territory departments of sport and recreation, to promote access to, and participation in, sport across the community and support Australia’s continued sporting success.

The Hon. Warwick Smith AM
Chairman
Board of the Australian Sports Commission

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On behalf of the Board of Basketball Australia, welcome to our report for business year 2010–11. We are pleased to report on the work that has been done as we continue to refine and grow our organisation, and to assist all of you, our members and stakeholders, to develop the sport of basketball.

This has not come easily, the last financial year has been full of challenges for the Board of Basketball Australia (BA). As most are aware, the Board is an independent body that is legally required to assist all of you, our members and stakeholders, to develop the sport of basketball in its annual report 2010/2011.

Central to the Board’s role is making important decisions about the future of the organisation, and ensuring that BA management implements our decisions. As a Board we are proud that we have approached this task with vigour and a clear purpose. We have not avoided the tough questions. We recognize that, at times, there is a divergence of opinion on significant issues; that will always occur and we consider that engaging in debate and consultation is healthy and central to our role. Moving forward, we ask all members of the basketball community to remember that the Board and BA management always endeavour to act in the best interests of the sport and we require your support if positive outcomes are to be achieved.

The governance model adopted by BA in its constitution allows the necessary level of independence to be obtained. It requires, however, commitment from all members and stakeholders to ensure this is implemented and maintained. The ultimate protection for the members is that BA directors remain accountable to them both legally and through the election process. We should be encouraged by what the APL has been able to achieve since its adoption of the independent commission model in 1995, and what the NBL is seeking to achieve with its move to an independent commission this year. BA must continue on this path.

Towards the end of the financial year the Board went through a transition with the resignation of Dr Jack Bendat and Bruce Spangler. Dr Bendat left the Board in June 2011 after serving since July 2009. Dr Bendat continues in basketball as owner and Chairman of the Perth Wildcats. Bruce Spangler also resigned in June after serving as a director of BA since 2008; in addition to many years service with Basketball South Australia. Bruce’s contribution to the utilisation of BA and, in particular, the review and realignment of the NBL in recent years can not be underestimated. His induction into the Board of Basketball Australia and the Sport is also noteworthy.

At the time of writing, John Maddock had also just notified the Board that he would not be seeking a further term as a Director. Although this information does not affect the period presently being reported on, it would be remiss of the not to acknowledge John’s contribution to Australian basketball, which has extended for more than 40 years. He represented Australia at the 1976 Olympics. Games then went on to become an administrator and has been the President/Chairman of his local association in Melbourne, Basketball Victoria and Basketball Australia. We thank John sincerely for his many years of dedicated service and note that he will continue to serve basketball on a global stage through his activities in FIBA.

Of course it is not only the Board that guides our sport, we very much a community based organisation and there are many individuals who also contribute to the sport in different capacities and at all levels of the sport across Australia. In particular we want to acknowledge the tireless work, in an honorary capacity, of the members of the BA Commissions. There is a challenging task, to assist the Board and BA management with the implementation of our strategy and, they have tackled it with aplomb. These Commissions are important governance vehicles for bringing the views and contributions of many skilled people together acting in the interests of basketball as a whole.

Strategy

The 2010–11 year was an important one for the strategic direction of BA. We refreshed our strategic plan through consultation and focus groups with all members and stakeholders and are consider we took a significant step forward. We restated our mission; “ignite Australia’s passion for basketball through growth, success and unity” and our shared values, priorities and anticipated outcomes for the period from 2011 to 2014.

By releasing details of our strategic plan, we are being extremely transparent which ensures that we remain accountable not just to our members, but also the public and the press who follow our sport. We have also recently taken a similar step with the renegotiated NBL Business Plan. A Community Participation Plan is also being finalised for the Board’s consideration and thanks go to BA management and the State CEOs for getting this done. We consider these plans to be a positive as we seek to win the trust and support from our community.

One of the significant findings of our research was that there was still a significant disconnect between the State basketball associations and the NBL clubs. There is no doubt that there are some links between these two portal groups, but they can and they must be improved.

One area where this has particularly problematic has been with access to corporate support and revenue streams where the lack of an holistic approach has seen some partnerships lost or diminished in key areas. Unity is critical to the health and success of our sport and this is one of the pillars of our mission and planning.

Future Actions

There is obviously still a lot of work to be done in the unification of our sport and to facilitate further growth and development. Significant opportunities exist and the Board and the management team are excited to pursue those.

Critically, we are continuously looking at the business case for new clubs in the NBL, in particular in Brisbane and Melbourne, and ensuring that we continue to deliver value to NBL sponsors. The WNBL is one of the best competitions for women in the world, but we need to refresh its brand and other elements to better capitalise on the quality of the play.

Our sport development and community engagement activities are progressing well and the Board has full confidence in the path that management and the Commissions are taking. We reiterate that it is up to members and stakeholders to engage with and assist the Board and BA management to obtain the best results for the sport.

We would like to be able to report that the Board considers our management team uniformly receives the support that it deserves from members and stakeholders. We acknowledge that debate and consultation is critical and there will always be diversity of views across our organisation. However, too often we have been disappointed with the attitude and the process that has been followed when BA management has executed the tough decisions, or tried to drive for change in an environment of scarce resources and great complexity with so many stakeholders.

The Board reaffirms its support for the management team and thanks them for their contribution this year.

Management

With an operational perspective, 2010–11 was an excellent year for BA. We were able to increase our revenue significantly over the period and record an operating surplus, which is a credit to the entire team. The details of this are included later in this report.

There was significant progress made in the NBL with our new corporate partnerships and positive results from our broadcast arrangements. There is, however, still plenty of work to be done by BA management and all stakeholders if we are to re-establish the NBL as one of the premier sporting competitions in Australia, which is where we consider it belongs.

There were also some wonderful initiatives from our management team. In particular we acknowledge the work of Wayne Carroll, who has just completed his tenure as our General Manager – High Performance. In addition to providing links to the owners and managers of layco which assisted in securing the support of that iconic Australian brand at a national level. Wayne was responsible for the implementation of BA’s ambitious plan to have our key Australian Opals commit to a local preparation for the London Olympics rather than play in the WNBA. Whilst the ultimate success of this will be measured in 2012, our planning and
This report relates to the activities of BA Limited, trading as Basketball Australia, (BA) for the period of 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. I take this opportunity to thank all those who have again contributed to another very successful year for the sport and the organisation.

This 2010–11 period marks the second year following the unification of the sport and created some major achievements in a number of areas of the sport.

It has been another busy and productive year for our sport and I offer my thanks and congratulations to all those who have participated, worked in, administered and supported the game over this period.

I would like to thank the Board of BA for their dedication and time in steering the organisation with true vision and professionalism. During the last twelve months, two members of the Board resigned and I would like to thank Bruce Spangler for his work on the NBL Commission and the time and dedication he provided to re-establishing the league.

At the time of writing this report and even though it does not coincide with the reporting period, we have been notified that both Diane Smith-Gander and John Maddock are not seeking further terms on the Board following the AGM on 15 October 2011. John has been a fixture in the administration of basketball in Australia for some 20 years, ten of those as President of the Australian Basketball Federation. His contribution has been immense and we look forward to this continuing through his FIBA involvement on BA's behalf.

Diane Smith-Gander has been the driver of the organisation as the Chair of BA since David Thodey's resignation in 2009 and has worked tirelessly to bring all the elements of our sport together since the unification. Her guidance through this period of change is impossible to measure as she has taken on the role of mentor to me as the CEO as well as leading the Board in its decision making processes and directions for the good of the game. We are all very grateful for the contribution that Diane has made to our game.

My report is written as an overall summary of the many activities and achievements that have occurred over the last twelve months. More detail can be found in the various reports from the specific areas and Commissions in the body of the Annual Report.

During this period, BA has achieved a surplus in excess of the original forecast while delivering on the programs and activities as proposed.

The Federal Government through the Australian Sports Commission also made additional funds available for both High Performance and Participation initiatives and BA was able to attract a substantial share of the grants. These grants have been allocated to the specific programs and have been signed off by the relevant commissions and the Board. We were provided an additional $1 million for high performance and $550,000 for participation projects. In fact over the course of this period BA, through the leadership of Michael Haynes, secured an additional $3.2 million in federal government grants in various areas.

It has been another year of rebuilding the trust of the public, corporations and media at the elite level of our sport while continuing to grow the strength of the participation and development elements of basketball. We are committed to positioning basketball in its Strategic Plan to take advantage of its strengths.

During this period, management and the Board developed a revamped strategic plan for the next four years. The previous plan was created when the unification process was agreed. The developments and changes that have occurred since then meant that the Board felt a review and refinement of the plan was required. This strategic plan (2011–14) has been posted on the BA website and is available for all members of the public to view and to measure the Board’s organisation against.

Both the Boomers and Opals were involved in their respective World Championship campaigns in 2010. Whilst the final standings were not where the teams had set themselves to finish, both teams achieved some key milestones and showed great character to battle it out to the end. It has certainly provided the impetus to strive for bigger goals at the 2012 Olympic Games and both teams have already put in place significant plans to meet those objectives.

Our wheelchair teams also attended their respective World Championships at the start of the 2010–11 season and returned home with gold (World Championship for the Rollers) and a strong fourth for the Gliders. Congratulations go to both teams. On the home front we continue to produce the best quality junior national championships for all our young up-and-coming players. These events are an inspiration to attend and the way in which they are hosted and delivered in a variety of venues is an absolute credit to the many people who put their own lives on hold to provide such fantastic opportunities for our youth.

It continues that the perceived health of basketball in Australia is gauged by the success of our national league competitions and therefore it is important that the necessary effort is put into these to make sure they deliver against their objectives.

The men’s competition, the NBL, made further advances in areas of spectator support (up by 12%) and had sold-out games for all of the finals series. The 2010–11 season saw the return of basketball to free to air television via the Ten Network and their digital channel OneHD. BA signed a five-year contract with the network and promised to provide the platform for the NBL to increase its profile and commercial value.

In 2010–11, the WNBL again took some strong steps forward with the continuation of the broadcast deal with ABC TV for a further two years. The grand final was a sell-out and saw the Bulleen Boomers finally get the elusive championship over a gallant Canberra Capitals. Two of our young stars, Liz Cambage and Leanne O’Hea, ventured out off the WNBL following the season with Liz drafted number 2, a fantastic accolade for Liz and the WNBL.

During this period a review of the WNBL from a commercial perspective was undertaken. A working group was set up and headed by Brenda L’Aprete and Catriona Larritt. This report was presented to the BA Board with a number of recommendations to increase the commercial viability of the WNBL. Two of the recommendations were immediately implemented with the appointment of Lorraine Landen as the general manager of the league and the creation of a small taskforce to address the further recommendations. This exercise is currently being actioned, headed by BA director, Andrew Caze.

In the last year, BA also conducted two very successful awards ceremonies. The first was the BA Hall of Fame dinner in Melbourne in August 2010. This was a celebration of our great contributors to the game. The event was a perfect opportunity for reunions of old colleagues, but also we were fortunate enough to have the Boomers and Opals present as they departed for their World Championship campaigns. The next Hall of Fame ceremony will be in 2012.

The annual NBL/WNBL awards dinner was again conducted at Crown in Melbourne and proved to be a terrific celebration of both the premier national competitions in Australia. It is a unique aspect of sport where basketball can have a single dinner that acknowledges the achievements of both the men’s and women’s national leagues.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of BA who work over and above the expectation on a regular basis as they diligently deliver the programs and results that help to make the sport of basketball strong. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work that Wayne Carroll has done over his ten year tenure with BA as the General Manager of High Performance. Wayne has just taken up a new role with Basketball Australia as the CEO, but his efforts to refine the way BA operates in the HP area have been wide ranging. We anticipate that Wayne’s efforts will bear fruit with successful results as we enter our third London Olympics.

I would also like to thank all of the members of our Commissions for their time and effort over the year. All members give freely of their time and skill and we are very grateful to have such dedicated members.

During 2010 and early 2011, BA, with the funding support of the Victorian Major Events Company, bid for the 2014 FIBA World Championship for Women to be conducted in Melbourne. Unfortunately we were not successful in our efforts with the event to be hosted by Turkey. BA put forward a very professional and economically responsible tender and we are grateful to present this bid.

The future of BA is all about unity. If we are to be successful with the plans and objectives that we set ourselves at every level of the sport, we must do it as one body. The new Strategic Plan sets the high level direction for basketball in Australia to follow and I look forward to working together with you all as we strive for success. This report includes a copy of the BA Strategy 2011–2014 on a page to support the key directions that the Board of BA has set for us all to follow.

Thank you all once again for your efforts this past year.

Larry Songstock
CEO
Basketball Australia

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Basketball everyone’s game

To ignite Australia’s passion for basketball through growth, success and unity

Vision

Basketball Australia

Mission

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Our Shared Values

Unity
Integrity
Excellence
Innovation
Accessibility
National Pride

Three Year Outcomes

• Self-sustaining and commercial sport
• Increased player and spectator registrations and affiliations
• Increased participation and spectator involvement
• More international success
• Increased visibility of basketball in all media
• Improved unity and strategic alignment within the basketball community

Strategic Priorities

Marketing
Create and leverage National Database
International Success
People and Facilities
Integrated Inclusive Competition
Cooperation and Good Governance

BA Strategy 2011–2014 on a page

Last year the Commission developed five key themes for focus and these goals have been incorporated into Basketball Australia’s new strategic plan.

These were:
• Capture and convert unregistered players
• Develop BA accredited schools program
• Identify and share best practice
• Embed a culture of collaboration
• Develop a national BA database for participation.

In addressing these themes during this year, the Commission has paid particular attention to:

• Finalising the terms of the Collaboration Statement between BA and each of the State/Territory associations
• Working with the State CEO’s Leadership Team on developing the Aussie Hoops program, with particular focus on it becoming a brand representative of basketball for all primary school aged children and their families (previously the program was focused only on the ‘learn to play’ element)
• Reviewing the terms of reference for both the Commission and the State CEO’s Leadership Team, to ensure clear roles and responsibilities for the governance of basketball in Australia
• Working with the State CEO’s Leadership Team to develop a Community Participation and Growth Plan for basketball in Australia.

In the past year BA also secured $500,000 in funding from the Australian Sports Commission for other participation initiatives. The BA Board asked the Commission to recommend how this funding should be allocated for 2011–12. In 2010–11 this funding was applied to:
• Support Basketball NT to appoint a full-time Executive Officer (support continuing for three years)
• Increase and share national data warehouse
• Re-launch the Aussie Hoops program

These latter two projects will continue into 2011–12 and beyond and we are excited about the potential they hold. The Growth Plan that has been developed provides a key strategic focus for this funding.

The Growth Plan includes programs such as the No School No Play program, which is a partnership with the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. The program aims to increase the engagement of students in school, through sport. BA is currently operating the program in Northern NSW, SA, NT and recently extended it into Western Sydney. The program in Western Sydney has been made possible through community funding.

Another major project for Community Basketball was the continued development of the 5 on 5 Association Program. This development tool assists associations to evaluate how they are performing across ten key areas. This is critical as it sets out benchmarks for good governance and good management of our associations, which are the lifeblood of our sport. We encourage all associations to participate in this Program. We understand that it may be difficult for some volunteer based associations to find the time to review and implement the lessons contained in the Program. However, we highly recommend that they do as the benefits of well governed and managed associations can include increased participation, stable revenue streams, less legal and financial risk, and significant improvements in member confidence, satisfaction and welfare. It is clear that these are all desirable outcomes for our associations.

Our priorities in the coming year will be to monitor the implementation of the Community Participation and Growth Plan to ensure BA achieves the outcomes required by the Australian Sports Commission.

I thank the members of the Association Commission, BA management and the State CEO’s Leadership Team for their collective contribution to the work program of the Commission during 2010–11.

Gillian McFee
Chair

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The High Performance Commission has the responsibility to ensure that development and competition structures are integrated and provide for sustainable international success of senior national teams.

Opals
The Opals with Carrie Graf at the helm, faced the difficult task of preparing for the World Championships, which were held in the Czech Republic, with little or no time with WNBA stars Lauren Jackson, Penny Taylor, Belinda Snell, Erin Phillips and Tully Bevilaqua. Jackson in particular had just won the WNBA MVP and led the Seattle Storm to another Championship, but this meant that she arrived in the Czech Republic only days before the start of the Championships.

Australia qualified second in their group after wins over Canada, Belarus, China, Greece and France followed by a hard fought loss against USA.

The quarter final against home team Czech Republic in Karlovy Vary saw the highly organised and motivated home team play the game of their lives to defeat the Opals 79–68.

Mental fatigue and lack of time as a collective group haunted the Opals.

The Opals regrouped to record excellent wins against Russia and France to finish fifth, despite having the second best record in the tournament.

Under 17 Men
Guy Molloy coached the Men at the World Championships in Germany to a sixth placed finish, which included excellent wins over China, Germany and Spain. The undersized group battled hard before losing in the quarter finals to a powerful USA team.

Under 17 Women
Peter Lonergan coached the Women at the World Championships in France to a seventh placed finish with wins over Argentina, Mali and Spain, but defeats to China, Belgium, France and Japan.

Emus and Gems
The Under 19 Men, coached by Damian Cotter, qualified for the 2011 World Championships in Latvia with a 3–0 series win over New Zealand in Palermo North. The Under 19 Women, coached by Cheryl Chambers, also qualified for the 2011 World Championships in Chile also with a 3–0 series win.

The FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament was held in New Caledonia with the Australian Men and Women’s teams winning Gold Medals with victories over New Zealand in the respective finals.

Australian Sports Commission Funding
Following a submission from BA, the Australian Sports Commission has allocated an additional $1 million annually towards the approved High Performance Plan.

The High Performance Plan includes the following initiatives:
• Dedicated Opals preparation period prior to the London Olympics including incentive program for Opals to not play in WNBA prior to 2012 Olympics.
• Emerging Opals program to identify and address specific gaps in emerging Opals development including specialist coaching.
• National Strength and Conditioning Manager to plan and oversee conditioning programs.
• National Manager – Player and Coach Development, with Mike McHugh being appointed to this role.
• Increased funding and delivery partnerships for NITP through SIS/SAS network.
• Athlete monitoring system.
• Increased program for World University Games.

Bruce Spangler
Chair
High Performance Commission
Competitions Commission Report

The Competitions Commission, through consultation, evaluation, analysis and recommendations, provide advice to Basketball Australia’s management in relation to the conduct of all national competitions, including the Women’s National Basketball League (WNBL), Australian Junior Championships, and State based leagues and competitions (formally known as the Australian Basketball Association), the underpinning leagues to Australia’s management in relation to the WNBL. Oversight of the NBL is not part of the Competitions Commission’s charter as it is overseen by a separate BA Commission, however the Competitions and NBL Commissions work closely together and consult each other when necessary.

In 2010–11, the Competitions Commission consisted of the chairman, Bruce Spangler who resigned in May 2011 and was replaced by Andrew Craig (appointed June 2011), Libby Wood, John Martin, Brian Kerle, Grant Wallace, John Maddock and Lorraine Landon. The Competitions Commission has met on three occasions in the past 12 months. Key outcomes from these meetings include the following.

Women’s Working Panel
The Women’s Working Panel, chaired by Brenda La Porte, met on a number of occasions and presented their report to the BA Board in May 2011.

They recommended a number of strategies for the WNBL with two recommendations being endorsed by the BA Board. One was the establishment of the WNBL Advisory Task Force comprising the BA Chair, Catriona Larritt and BA CEO Larry Sengstock. The second recommendation was the appointment of a WNBL General Manager which was endorsed with the appointment of Lorraine Landon OAM to this position.

Underpinning League
Extensive work has been undertaken in the past 12 months by BA, under the leadership of Wayne Carroll, to introduce the new league to improve the development pathway from junior basketball to our national leagues. Whilst there was in principle support for the league, it was agreed that more work needed to be undertaken before it was introduced, particularly in relation to the involvement of the States and the existing state leagues, and the impact that the new league would have on these state leagues.

National Wheelchair Leagues
BA has worked extensively with Wheelchair Sports Australia over the past 12 months. We have now entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to work in partnership to develop wheelchair basketball at all levels. One of the key areas is the development of the national leagues and a change in time of the year for the operation of the leagues. In 2012, both the men’s and women’s national league will commence in late February and will finish in June to enable the men’s and women’s Paralympic teams to prepare efficiently for London Paralympics.

Other partnership projects will be:
- Scholarship coach for wheelchair basketball funded through the AIC program
- Kevin Coombs Cup for U20 athletes and to be held in conjunction with the U18 Championships in March 2012
- Development camp to be held annually as part of BA’s Australian Development Camp program.
- Continuation of the Frank Ponta Cup development league which was held in March and April 2011 at the AIS.

Technical Officials
A small working group was established, headed by Commission member Libby Wood, to examine the pathway for technical officials across the sport. A preliminary meeting has been held and work is ongoing in this regard to develop a chart for each of the areas identified:
- Referee Development Pathway split into Education, competition and development
- Referee Coaches
- Statistics & Scorable Officials
- Wheelchair Classifiers
- Technical commissions.

The plan is to identify the overlap and gaps and be able to identify the materials that lie beneath each area, including education modules.

John Maddock
Chair
Competitions Commission Report

Honours and Awards Commission Report

Members
Ken Madsen (Chairman), Barry Barnes, Grantley Bernard, Patricia Mickan, Lesley Podesta, Rachel Sporn and Larry Sengstock. BA support: Lorraine Landon.

Role of the Honours and Awards Commission
The overall role of the Honours and Awards Commission is to ensure the recognition of basketball participants for their contribution to the sport at all levels, and to Australia and the Australian community. In particular:
- To ensure recognition within the basketball community of: excellence in performance at national and international level by Australian basketballers outstanding contribution to basketball in Australia.
- To manage, promote and administer a sense of fraternity amongst Australian basketballers.
- To review and develop national policies and processes for the recognition of contribution by, Australian basketballers in the wider community.
- To promote the recognition of the achievements of, and contributions made by, Australian basketballers in the wider Australian community.
- To provide recognition and funding to basketball players, coaches, referees (or a combination of the three) in the NBL; or 250 games for players and coaches or referees (or a combination of both) in the WNBL; or 150 games for referees in the WNBL.

Candidates for WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership will be considered only on the basis of their contributions to, and achievements in, the WNBL and/or NBL competition.

Candidates should have displayed the highest level of performance and competitive spirit while making a significant, memorable, positive, commendable and lasting contribution to the sport. Life time membership of the WNBL and/or NBL is awarded for long and outstanding service to the relevant competition and/or its organisation and operation.

There shall be no limit on the number of people awarded WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership in any one year, but the Basketball Australia Honours and Awards Commission may use its discretion in recommending how many awards will be made.

The BA Honours and Awards Commission may at its discretion recommend to the BA Board people it considers deserve the honour of being named a WNBL and NBL Lifetime Member.

The Basketball Australia Honours and Awards Commission takes ultimate responsibility for recommending WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership and ensuring nominations and recommendation of such an honour is consistent with the guidelines and policy as adopted and reviewed by the Commission.

It is anticipated that the announcement of WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership will be made at the annual WNBL and NBL Presentation Dinner. In exceptional cases, WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership may be revoked by the BA Board on the recommendation of a 75 per cent vote of the BA Honours and Awards Commission.

Australian Paralympic Committee Awards
Nominations were made to the Australian Paralympic Committee Hall of Fame for Kevin Coombs and Sandie Byrnes. Both athletes were not successful in the inaugural awards for 2011.

Australian Junior Awards
The Commission approved the 2010 Australian Junior Awards which were presented at the Australian U16 championships in Kilphill in July. Ken Madsen
Chair

Abby Bishop
The 2010–11 NBL season was one of the most competitive in its 31-year history. It culminated in the championship being won by the Bulleen Boomers, culminating a near capacity crowd of adoring fans. The Boomers’ championship was not only a triumph of talent, but also persistence given it was the club’s first NBL championship in 28 seasons of trying.

It was an extraordinary performance from the Boomers in the Grand Final with their mix of youth and experience proving the perfect balance as Shahn Miler, Elizabeth Cambage and Eepe Peuskaa led them to victory. It was the third season in succession that Bulleen and the Canberra Capitals had met in the season finals and, which they were defeated in historic three-peat, the Capitals must be congratulated for the ongoing strength of their program and the quality of their play.

However, it was about more than just these two clubs in a fantastic WNBL season. Clubs were fighting for finals spots till the last night of the regular season. Bulleen and Canberra fielded the top two spots on the ladder, but were followed into the post-season by Benidong Spirit, Dandenong Rangers and Logan Thunder.

Benidong and Logan, in particular, should be applauded. By finishing third, Benidong earned themselves a home final for the first time. The Logan Thunder were rewarded for their efforts with a finals berth for the first time in their short history. They competed in a big stage, upsetting Dandenong and then challenging the Spirit strongly in Benidong despite having a large and vociferous Victorian crowd against them.

Behind these clubs, the Sydney Uni Flames and Townsville Fire were desperately close to making the finals and should be congratulated on their efforts. The West Coast Waves were undoubtedly inspired by the leadership and play of Australian Opals, Tatyla Beralucas, who returned to the competition after a two-year absence. Tatyla was one of the eight players available in the season, more than they have enjoyed in over a decade. For the Adelaide Lightning, season 2010–11 was a rebuilding period and, they lost the WNBL championship in 28 seasons of trying.

We were proud that the ABC continued their support of the WNBL this season with its television coverage. One of the longest partnerships in Australian sport and we look forward to continuing it in the future. The ABC television one game per week in the regular season, then televiused all of our finals – four of them live. We received a significant boost in our audience for these finals, with TV viewers increasing by between 20 and 40% for the finals series.

In season 2010–11 we also continued our relationship with BPM Media who produced WNBL Radio, a live audio commentary of matches from around the country. We were delighted with the quality of this product and look forward to it having a greater audience in future seasons.

However it was not just through the media that people were accessing our sport. Fans also continued to attend the games. Our five match finals series saw crowds nearing capacity, whilst attendances were consistently strong across the league all season. We were particularly encouraged by the strong growth in crowd numbers in Perth, where, in their new venue, the West Coast Waves were able to introduce a number of excellent initiatives to entice fans to the games.

Our WNBL website continued to develop, but continuing this development and its interaction with the sites of the WNBL clubs will be a major area of focus during the next year. We were, however, very happy with the growth in our social networking activities. The WNBL Facebook site has well over 3000 fans and we are developing a presence on Twitter as well. We acknowledge the power that social media has and we are focused on continuing growth in this area.

Commercially, we had several new partners for season 2010–11. iNet was our naming rights partner for the WNBL finals. We also had new uniform sponsors in Champion and a new basketball sponsor in Spalding. We thank Nicker, Champion, Spalding and all our other commercial partners for their ongoing support.

We also had a rewarding partnership with Ovarian Cancer Australia which saw us develop a round in February dedicated to its promotion. The ABC supported this with their TV coverage, and the Bulleen Boomers and Dandenong Rangers were also involved in the launch in Melbourne.

The year was not without its challenges, in particular we have not had the financial or human resources available to us to market the league to the extent that we would like. We are confident that with some new commercial goals we will be able to grow this area with new initiatives in the coming year. However, we also cannot lose sight of the fact that despite the challenges we face, the WNBL continues as the premier national sporting competition for women. Women, which is a great credit to all of our staff and volunteers, as well as the players, officials, staff and volunteers at all of our clubs.

Lorraine Landon
General Manager
WNBL
**NBL and WNBL Awards**

**NBL**
- Coach of the Year (Lindsay Gaze Trophy): Trevor Gleeson (Townsville Crocodiles)
- Most Valuable Player (Andrew Gaze Trophy): Gary Ervin (Wollongong)
- Rookie of the Year: Ben Madgen (Sydney)
- Best Defensive Player: Damian Martin (Perth)
- Most Improved Player: Oscar Forman (Wollongong)
- All-NBL First Team:
  - Kirk Penney (New Zealand)
  - Gary Ervin (Wollongong)
  - Marianna Tolo (Canberra Capitals)
  - Elizabeth Cambage (Bulleen Boomers)

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- Coach of the Year: Tom Maher (Bulleen Boomers)
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- Betty Watson Rookie of the Year: Gretel Tippett (Logan Thunder)
- Robyn Maher Defensive Player of the Year: Rachael Faranag (Townsville Fire)
- WNBL All-Star Five:
  - Kathleen Macedo (Dandenong Rangers)
  - Jenna O’Hea (Bulleen Boomers)
  - Amy Denson (Sydney Uni Flames)
  - Mariana Tolo (Canberra Capitals)

**Finance Management Report**

In its second year of operations, BA Limited (BA) recorded a surplus of $191,164 for 2010–11. This was an improvement against budget of some 25.3% (2010–11 budgeted surplus $152,522). The surplus was built around revenues of $11.181 million, and expenses of $10.989 million.

### 2010–11 Revenues of $11.181 million were comprised as follows:

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BA’s financial management focus for the company for 2011–12 remains much the same as in prior years – that is working hard to maintain and support traditional funding sources, whilst continuing to seek new funding opportunities, together with ensuring that costs remain tightly managed across all areas of the organization.
Senior National Men’s Team

The primary focus of this period for the Boomers was their World Championship campaign that tipped off in Turkey in August 2010. The Boomers were missing NBA star Andrew Bogut through injury, but assembled a talented squad nonetheless. The team was confident of positive results at the tournament given they had prepared well, defeating high caliber nations such as Argentina, Brazil, China and Slovenia in lead up events.

However, FIBA World Championships are extraordinarily tough events with the level of play at very high calibre. The unique nature of tournament play, where nations are typically playing matches every day, tests the mental and physical strength of a squad, and its depth. Accordingly, the Boomers faced close competition to begin the tournament, beating Jordan by one, but losing to Argentina by two the following day. The team enjoyed a solid win against Germany and confidence rose. However a loss to Serbia ensured they faced a difficult task in their cross over match, against Slovenia. Jackson’s success in the WNBA meant that she did not join the team until immediately prior to the World Championships in the Czech Republic and when this was combined with an injury cloud over Taylor, there were some question marks over the Opals early in the tournament. However, the Opals cruised through the pool matches with great poise, recording comfortable wins over Canada (72–49), Belarus (83–59) and China (91–68). The second round saw the Opals face Greece, France and arch rivals the USA. The Opals dispatched of both Greece (93–54) and France (82–52) without problem. World Championship debutant, Elizabeth Cambage, carried over her WNBL form and was a huge threat for opposition defences. The final match of this phase was of little real consequence to either the Opals or their opponent, the USA, and the Americans won 83–75. The Opals then faced the hosts in a quarter final clash. The Czech Republic side were inspired and the Opals had no answer, with the Czech’s triumphing 79–68. The loss relegated the Aussies to 5th–8th playoff rounds where they first faced Russia, winning 78–73, then France, winning 74–62 to take fifth place. The team was disappointed with the result, however many positives came from the event and the group will take a new found determination into the quest for Olympic glory in London.

The Opals primary target in this period was success at the World Championships commencing in September 2010. The lead up form for the Opals was encouraging. Touring China, the USA and Europe, the team achieved mixed results on court but was continuing its development under the leadership of coach Carrie Graf. In particular, given the absence of WNBA stars Lauren Jackson and Penny Taylor for much of the preparation, less experienced international players were developing as leaders.

That mission is already underway and whilst the first half of 2011 has been quiet for the Opals squad, the team is looking forward to the remainder of this year and beyond. In July 2011 the team played a series in China, then met China in Australia before facing New Zealand in September for the right to participate in the London Olympics. At time of writing, the Opals had just secured that Olympic berth and now have their sights set on the Games.
Senior National Men’s Wheelchair Team

The pinnacle for any team is gold medal success at an Olympic Games or World Championships. Following their win in Beijing in 2008, the Rollers were driven to complete the set with gold at the IWBF World Championship in Birmingham in July 2010. The team achieved their goal, going through the tournament undefeated and being crowned World Champions. They faced a battle in the gold medal game against the French, as expected, but were able to secure the championship with a 76–69 win. The Rollers were otherwise dominant in the tournament, at an average winning margin of 22 points per game demonstrated.

There were many standouts, however particular credit must be given to Justin Eveson and Dylan Alcott who were both named to the tournament’s All-Star 5, along with coach Ben Ettridge and his team.

Following this win, the Rollers have had some time to reflect and regenerate as they plan to participate in teams named after famous roller basketball and the pathway for future Rollers and Gliders athletes.

2010 IWBF World Championships

The squad participated in a camp at the AIS in February followed by another camp in Varese, Italy. Many of the Rollers play professionally in Italy so it is an ideal venue for preparation. These camps provided the opportunity to develop some new athletes in the squad.

At the Varese camp, the team played a series of friendly games against Italy as part of their preparation for 2011 Asia Oceania Zone Championships. This is the major event for 2011 and it will be held in South Korea in November. The best two teams qualify for the 2012 London Paralympics.

The Rollers also recently hosted South Africa and the Netherlands at the AIS for a series of matches. The Rollers proved two strong for those developing squads, winning all games in the tournament.

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Senior National Women’s Wheelchair Team

Similarly to their male counterparts, the Gliders participated at the 2010 IWBF World Championships in Birmingham. The Gliders were looking to build upon their success in Beijing at the 2008 Paralympics where they won bronze.

Unfortunately for the team, they narrowly missed a medal at the World Championships. The Germans outclassed the Gliders in a semi-final (66–47) meaning that they needed to defeat Canada to again take the bronze. The Canadians proved too strong, winning 59–49 and collecting the prize.

A full review of the Gliders program was conducted after the World Championships and some change was implemented. The most significant of these was the introduction of Ian Stirling as the new director of coaching. Ian is best known to the basketball community as the coach who guided the Opals to a World Championship in 2006 and Olympic silver medals in Athens and Beijing. This is a new role and the Gliders program is already benefiting from Ian’s expertise.

The team then toured Europe, Germany, Great Britain and France. Gliders players have also competed in both the Men’s and Women’s National Wheelchair Basketball Leagues and, for the first time, the Gliders competed as a squad in the Frank Ponta Cup tournament against the male players.

Many of the Gliders have also been involved in the Australian U25 women’s team. This is a new program introduced by the IWBF this year with the World Championships held in July 2011. Gerry Hewson was appointed coach and Paralympian Alison Moseley was one of his assistants, which is excellent for the Gliders’ program as the experience gained by this team will be invaluable in future Paralympic and World Championship campaigns.

One of the major initiatives for 2010–11 has been working with Wheelchair Sports Australia (WSA) and the men’s National Wheelchair Basketball League clubs to develop the league in partnership with BA and WSA. One of the primary changes will be that the league will commence in late February and be completed in June.

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Again similarly to the Rollers, the main focus for the Gliders in 2011 is the Asia Oceania Zone Championships in South Korea in November as this is the qualification event for the London 2012 Paralympics.

In preparing for this, the Gliders have participated in camps at the AIS, toured Japan for the Osaka Cup tournament, and also toured Germany for a camp and matches against Germany, Great Britain and France.

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The primary focus for the Australian U19 squad in 2011 was preparing the team for the World Championships. The Emus attended two camps before heading off to Croatia and Russia for preparation games. In a small village on the Croatian coast, the Emus lost their first game 77–67. However after shaking off the jet lag the Emus went on to beat Croatia in their next games comfortably.

Following these games the Emus travelled to Moscow, where they played the Russian U18 team winning 86–67. The following day the Emus played the Russian U19 team winning by 7. However their last game in Moscow saw the Emus lose a close one to the Russian U19 team, 83-78.

Heading back home, the Emus had two weeks to recover before turning around and heading back to Europe for the Global Games in Lithuania and, ultimately, the World Championships in Latvia.

The Emus started the Global Games tournament off well with a solid win over Brazil, 88–64. However they suffered close losses against Lithuania and Canada in the next two games. Worse news followed for the Emus, with starting point guard Mitch Norton injuring his ankle and being ruled out of the World Championships.

Moving into the World Championships, the Emus once again started the tournament well, dispatching Argentina with ease, 73–49. The team’s next task was an early challenge, to play the host nation. Unfortunately, the Latvian team was on fire in front of their home crowd and despite some solid defence from the Emus they couldn’t pull it back, leaving Latvia to win by 10.

The Emus went on to win the rest of their pool games, beating Chinese Taipei, Russia, Brazil and Poland. This placed them in a match against Serbia. The Emus did the job and won convincingly 93–74. Unfortunately due to a complicated tie in the results, the Emus didn’t progress to the semi finals, playing Croatia instead in the classification games. Winning this game the team then faced the talented USA for their final game. Unfortunately the Emus couldn’t pull off a win for their last game, going down by the narrowest margin, 78–77, thus ending the Championships in sixth place.

The Gems held several camps and played a number of matches and events in preparation for the U19 FIBA Oceania Championships in New Zealand in September 2010. In July, the team had visited Troyes in France for a tournament involving Belgium, Germany and France. The Gems swept their matches at this event. This meant that the team approached the U19 FIBA Oceania Championships with form and confidence, sweeping the three-match series against New Zealand and thereby qualifying for the 2011 FIBA U19 World Championships in Chile.

The first half of 2011 was all about preparation for the World Championships that were to be held in July. Under coach Cheryl Chambers, the Gems kicked off 2011 with a tour to China for an extended international junior tournament hosted in three different cities. The tournament saw the Gems take on the forces of USA, China and the Czech Republic. In the first city, Shanghuo, the Gems were in outstanding form to win all three matches. The tournament then moved to Shouzhou where the Gems dropped only one match, to the USA. Finishing the tournament in Ya’an, the Gems defeated the USA, but dropped matches to both the Czech Republic and China to take them to a win-loss record of 6-3 for the series. It was a fantastic event for the Gems and served as excellent preparation for the upcoming World Championships.

Next stop for the Gems were camps at the AIS in both June and July, including two matches against the Japan senior women’s team. The Gems put up a credible flight against the Japanese despite losing both matches. However, again, this competition ensured that the Gems were well prepared for the World Championships that were held later in July 2011.

The Australian Gems squad
Junior National Under 17 Men’s Team

As was reported last year, the U17 Men participated in the inaugural U17 Men’s FIBA World Championship in Germany in July 2010. The team lost their first two games, to Poland and Canada, before rebounding to beat Korea and Germany. The team prepared well for their critical final pool match, but unfortunately lost a thriller to Spain by two points. The Australian’s then tackled the eventual World Champions, the USA, in a quarter final, losing 105–70. Australia recovered the following day to beat China by two points, 68–66, but lost their final classification match to Serbia, ultimately recording a commendable sixth place finish.

The team has been relatively quiet in 2011; holding a successful training camp which unearthed and developed some of our best young talent. The primary focus was preparing the team for the Oceania Championship series against New Zealand in September.

In July 2010 the team headed to the inaugural FIBA U17 World Championships in Toulouse, France. As was detailed in last year’s report, they started the tournament with an exciting one-point win over Spain. In game two, the physically strong Chinese defeated the Aussies 92–75.

By now, the girls were becoming accustomed to the speed of the international game and they strung together wins over Argentina (77–57) and Mali (88–39). Despite a loss in the next match to Belgium (67–61), the team still had its eyes focused on a medal. However, a tough match against tournament hosts France (69–59) in the quarter-final ended those ambitions. The Australians lost narrowly to Japan (95–92) and then defeated Spain (74–48) in the classification games to secure seventh spot and a positive end to the tournament.

Under new coach Marissa Fillipou, the team commenced their 2011 campaign with a series of camps at the AIS. The first was held in January, followed by another camp and international matches in June. The goal for the first half of 2011 was preparation for the FIBA Oceania Series that was to be held in September 2011. This Series serves as the qualification tournament for the FIBA World Championships in 2012.

We hosted Chinese Taipei in June for a two match series at the AIS. In game one, the Australians failed to match the pace of the team from Chinese Taipei, with the visitors winning 77–53. However, the hosts were able to adjust and reverse the result in the second match. An improved shooting performance was the catalyst for the 61–59 win. These matches proved a wonderful learning experience for the team as they look forward to the FIBA Oceania Series.

We must also note the success of some of our U17 national team athletes who participated in a new FIBA initiative, the 3-on-3 tournament at the 2010 Singapore Youth Olympics. The team comprised Olivia Bontempelli, Mikhaela Donnerly, Rosemary Fadljevis and Hannah Kaser. The girls were in great form, winning five of their six preliminary matches, including a victory over the USA. However, in the gold medal game the Chinese were fractionally too strong, winning 33–29. The girls are congratulated on their efforts.

Junior National Under 17 Women’s Team

2011 FIBA Oceania Series

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In 2010–11, the highlight for the program was the World Championship win by the Pearls in Portugal. It was the Pearls second World Championship which is a wonderful achievement.

The success of the Pearls program has been led by Head Coach Larry Davidson from Newcastle and well supported by Jo Larkin from Melbourne and the amazing team manager, Sally Duncan.

The Pearls went undefeated in the World Championship to defeat Portugal 105–24 in the gold medal game. Their results were a win over Brazil 94–38 and 98–19, and over Portugal 98–19 and 105–24.

The members of the successful team were Bernadette Mills, Melissa Marlborough, Danni Burden, Sam Hough, Eliza Jane Mills, Mina Aldobasic, Kellie Pappworth, Monique Faveiro, Natasha Excell, Nicole Harris, Nicole Skerman and Karina Barnes.

The Boomerangs did not participate in the 2010 World Championships held in Portugal. Following the 2011 Ivor Burge Championships, BA appointed a new head coach and team manager. Simon Robinson, the championship winning coach from the Ivor Burge from Victoria Metro was appointed as head coach to support long time assistant coach George Havakis. Carmen Skidmore from Orange (who is the head coach of the NSW Country men’s team) was appointed as team manager.

A squad was selected and three training camps have been held with the following athletes selected to represent Australia in September at the Global Games in Liguria, Italy. The athletes are Michael Patterson, Nicholas Mifsud, Clinton Lee, Matthew Johnson, Mitchell Mavrak, Adam Meredith, Dean Parker, Jamie Phillips, Matthew Skerman and Jordan East.

The mentions of the Ivor Burge Championships above are because BA, in conjunction with Ausrapid, introduced this championship into our Australian Junior Championships back in 1995. Since then athletes with an intellectual disability have competed alongside our U20 age athletes at the Australian Championships. This has been a fantastic experience for these athletes, as well as providing a springboard for selection of national squads and teams.

Athletes with an Intellectual Disability

BA has two national teams for athletes with an intellectual disability, the Pearls (women) and the Boomerangs (men). As part of the program, the national teams have competed in international events which have included the World Championships and the Global Games.

FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament

In November 2010, BA sent a boys and girls team to the FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament. This tournament was held in Noumea and Kone, New Caledonia. The tournament is conducted every second year and BA selects teams based on the potential for players to represent Australia at under age or open events in the future.

Girls Squad Members

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They were managed by Simon Pitchard (Head Coach), Paul Simpson (Assistant Coach) and Judi Roberts (Team Manager).

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Australian Junior Championships

The Australian Junior Championships are without a doubt one of the most anticipated events on the basketball calendar as every State and Territory is represented in events for both boys and girls from the U14’s age group through to the U20’s, in addition to these age categories are also Championships for athletes with an intellectual disability and junior wheelchair championships.

These Championships are a breeding ground for talent as Australia’s Stars of Tomorrow come from these very courts, a pathway not only for players but for coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers.

Australian Junior Championships in 2010 continued to entertain basketball fans from all over Australia with crowds on the increase, congratulations and thanks to our hosts for the 2010 Australian Junior Championships.

2010 Australian U16 Championships Logan, Qld
2010 Australian U14 Men’s Club Championship ACT
2010 Australian U14 Women’s Club Championship Hobart, Tas
2010 Australian Schools Championship Bendigo, Vic
2011 Australian U20 Championships Maitland, NSW
2011 Ivor Burge Championships Maitland, NSW
2011 Australian 18 Championship Lithgow, Tas

2010 Championships Results
U20 Women’s Championships
The Arthur McRobbie Trophy
Victoria 72 def New South Wales 56
U20 Men’s Championships
The Jack Tierrell Trophy
Victoria 77 def Queensland 70
U16 Women’s Championships
The Norma Connolly Trophy
Victoria Metro 82 def Queensland South 50
U16 Men’s Championships
The Robert Young Trophy
New South Wales Metro 53 def Victoria Metro 52
U14 Girls Club Championships
The Michelle Tornos Trophy
Melbourne Tigers 66 def Logan (Qld) 40
U14 Boys Club Championships
The Ken Watson Trophy
Melbourne Tigers 54 def Hills (NSW) 37
Australian Schools Championships – Women
John Paul College (Qld) 61 def Caulfield Grammar School (Vic) 60
Australian Schools Championships – Men
Victoria Metro 83 defeated ACT 46
MVP – Kenton Passmore (Victoria Metro)
Ivor Burge Championships – Women
Victoria Metro 54 defeated New South Wales Metro 49
MVP – Kaitlyn Papworth (Victoria Metro)
Ivor Burge Championships – Men
Victoria Metro 54 defeated New South Wales Metro 49
MVP – Dean Packer (New South Wales Country)
Kevin Coombs Cup
Not held in 2011
2011 RE Stauton Medal
(MVP at the U20 Championships)
Women – Rebecca Cole, Vic
Men – Mitchell Creek, Vic

An important part of the Australian Junior Championship series is acknowledging some of our most talented performers and rewarding them privately, whether they are athletes, coaches, referees, administrators or volunteers.

Winning the prestigious Athlete of the Year was Mitch Creek from Victoria. Mitch had an amazing 2010 winning the gold medal with the 2010 U20 Victoria Men’s team. He was part of the Australian U19 Men’s team that won the gold medal at the 1st Schweizer Turnier tournament in Germany where he also won the MVP. Mitch also had his debut in the NBL with the Adelaide 36ers.

Rebecca Cole was named as the Female Athlete of the Year with an outstanding season for the AIS in the WNBL. Rebecca was also a member of the Australian U19 team that defeated New Zealand in September to qualify for the World U19 Championships in Chile.

Winning the inaugural Wheelchair Athlete of the Year was Bailey Rowland from Queensland. Bailey is the youngest ever wheelchair athlete to participate in a Rollers low pointer camp. Bailey was injured in a car accident at 8 years of age, but has been playing wheelchair basketball for five years and is one of the exciting young talents in the game.

The winner of our women’s Wheelchair Athlete of the Year was Amber Merritt from Perth. Amber made her debut for the senior team, the Gliders, in the World Championships last year and was also part of the Australian U25 wheelchair team competing in the inaugural IWBF World Championships.

The year’s best male Athlete with an Intellectual Disability was Michael Paterson, also from Melbourne. Michael was the Captain of the 2010 Victorian Metro Ivor Burge Team that won gold at the 2010 tournament, at which he was the MVP. In June 2010, Michael was awarded a VIS scholarship.

Winner of the Patrick Hunt Female Coach of the Year was Kristy Flores who was head coach of the silver medal team that competed in the inaugural Youth Olympics Games 3-on-3 team in Singapore. Kristy is also an assistant coach at the AIS women’s program. The winner of the men’s award was Mark Watkins who was the head coach of the gold medal team at the FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament men’s team in 2010 and his new South Wales metro team won the gold medal at the 2010 U18 championship for the first time in 33 years.

The Referees of the Year were Rhainna De La Torre and Jamie Boyer, both of New South Wales. Rhainna refereed the Men’s gold medal game at the 2010 U18 Championships whilst James refereed the Men’s gold medal game at the U20 Championships.

Other Awards
Contribution to wheelchair basketball – Tom Kyle from Queensland and Lisa Teisch from New South Wales. Both winners have made outstanding contributions to the development of wheelchair basketball with Tom developing the game in Brisbane and regional centres in Northern Qld. Lisa’s contribution has been as an athlete for over 20 years and in recent years taking the game to many parts of Australia and the world encouraging young females to try wheelchair basketball.

James McGill from Canberra won the award for contribution to Athletes with an Intellectual Disability. James has been involved with the Ivor Burge Championships since inception in 1995 and has progressed from athlete to coaching Administrator of the Year was won by Paul Lyth from Newcastle Basketball Association and Joanne McCormick from Sunshine Coast Basketball Club in Queensland.

Female junior Basketball Vocation and Education Award was presented to Hayley Douglas from Rockhampton Basketball Association, with the Male Junior Award being won by Victoria Stefan Ionescu. Both athlete have combined their passion for the game with a high academic achievement during 2010.

Faye Fuda from the Macarthur Basketball Association in New South Wales won the female volunteer of the Year whilst Peter Voltz won the male award. Peter comes from the Rockhampton Basketball Association.

Scoreboard Official of the Year was won by Carina Croxford from Queensland whilst Trish Nicholls from Sydney won the Statistician of the Year. Both ladies have been responsible in encouraging many new officials to the game.
International Scorecard

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Boomers

Boris Stankovic Cup
Liuzhou, China
28 July – 1 August 2010

Players
David Andersen, David Barlow, Mark Worthington, Joe Ingles, Patrick Mills, Adam Gibson, Damian Martin, Brad Newley, Matthew Nielsen, Al Ogilvy, Aron Baynes, Steven Markovic

Staff
Brett Brown (Head Coach), Andrej Lemanis (Assistant Coach), Shane Heal (Assistant Coach), Nic Mercer (Operations Manager), Steve Evans (Physiotherapist), Peter Harcourt (Doctor), Diana Glazer (Massage Therapist)

Results
28.07.10 Australia defeated China 64–63
29.07.10 Australia defeated Slovenia 77–63
31.07.10 Australia defeated Iran 69–60
01.08.10 Australia lost to Slovenia 60–71

Australia finished 2nd at the tournament.

France Tour
Lyon, France
22 August – 24 August 2010

Players
David Andersen, David Barlow, Mark Worthington, Joe Ingles, Patrick Mills, Adam Gibson, Damian Martin, Brad Newley, Matthew Nielsen, Aron Baynes, Steven Markovic, Aleks Maric

Staff
Brett Brown (Head Coach), Andrej Lemanis (Assistant Coach), Shane Heal (Assistant Coach), Mo Dakhil (Video Assistant), Nic Mercer (Operations Manager), Steve Evans (Physiotherapist), Peter Harcourt (Doctor), Diana Glazer (Massage Therapist)

Results
22.08.10 Australia defeated Brazil 72–69
23.08.10 Australia defeated France 67–66
24.08.10 Australia defeated Ivory Coast 80–59

2010 Fiba Men's World Championships
Kayseri & Istanbul, Turkey
28 August – 5 September 2010

Players
David Andersen, David Barlow, Mark Worthington, Joe Ingles, Patrick Mills, Adam Gibson, Damian Martin, Brad Newley, Matthew Nielsen, Aron Baynes, Steven Markovic, Aleks Maric

Staff
Brett Brown (Head Coach), Andrej Lemanis (Assistant Coach), Shane Heal (Assistant Coach), Mo Dakhil (Video Assistant), Nic Mercer (Operations Manager), Steve Evans (Physiotherapist), Peter Harcourt (Doctor), Diana Glazer (Massage Therapist)

Results
28.08.10 Australia defeated Jordan 76–75
29.08.10 Australia lost to Argentina 72–74
30.08.10 Australia defeated Germany 78–43
01.09.10 Australia lost to Serbia 79–93
02.09.10 Australia defeated Angola 76–55
05.09.10 Australia lost to Slovenia 58–47

Australia finished 10th at the World Championships.

Youyi Series
Perth 24 June 2010
Singapore 26 June 2010

Players
Damien Martin, Ben Madgen, Clint Steindl, Daniel Dillon, Peter Crawford, David Barlow, Daniel Kickert, Jesse Wagstaff, Luke Nevill, Anatoly Bose, Aron Baynes, Rhys Martin

Staff
Brett Brown (Head Coach), Andrej Lemanis (Assistant Coach), Marty Clarke (Assistant Coach), Nic Mercer (Operations Manager), David Philip (Physiotherapist), Gary Cousins (Doctor), Diana Glazer (Massage Therapist)

Results
24.06.11 Australia defeated China 67–65
26.06.11 Australia defeated China 82–77

Pat Mills
**Fiba Oceania Championships**

Palmerston North, New Zealand

17 September - 19 September 2010


**Staff**

Damiun Cotter (Head Coach), Paul Coris (Assistant Coach), Bob Magcugan (Manager), Graham Lee (Doctor), Peter Sufikf (Physiotherapist)

**Results**

17.09.10 Australia defeated NZ 109–92
18.09.10 Australia defeated NZ 101–71
19.09.10 Australia defeated NZ 94–86

**European Tour**

Crikvenica, Croatia

29 May – 31 May 2010

Moscow, Russia

3 June – 5 June 2010


**Staff**

Damiun Cotter (Head Coach), Paul Coris (Assistant Coach), Markus Kussman (Technical Assistant Coach), Bob Magcugan (Manager), Dr Graham Lee (Doctor), Peter Sufikf (Physiotherapist)

**Results**

24.06.10 Australia defeated Brazil 88–64
25.06.10 Australia lost to Lithuania 70–80
26.06.10 Australia lost to Canada 70–76

Fiba U19 World Championship

Latvia

30 June – 10 July 2010

Players: Iakov Aldridge, Mitchell Creek, Anthony Drmic, Andrijana Domic, Hugh Greenwood, Igor Hadzisemirovic, Jackson Hussey, Mitchell McCarron, Owen Odgbc, William Sinclair, Lewis Thomas, Daniel Trist

**Staff**

Damiun Cotter (Head Coach), Paul Coris (Assistant Coach), Markus Kussman (Technical Assistant Coach), Bob Magcugan (Manager), Dr Graham Lee (Doctor), Peter Sufikf (Physiotherapist)

**Results**

30.06.10 Australia defeated Argentina 73–49
01.07.10 Australia lost to Latvia 68–64
02.07.10 Australia defeated Chris Taylor 93–65
04.07.10 Australia defeated Russia 85–78
05.07.10 Australia defeated Brazil 83–57
06.07.10 Australia defeated Poland 72–32
08.07.10 Australia lost to Serbia 74–93
09.07.10 Australia defeated Croatia 90–63
10.07.10 Australia lost to USA 77–78

Australia finished 6th at the World Championships.

**Opals**

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**International Women's World Championships**

Ostrava, Brno, Karlovy Vary

23 September – 3 October 2010

Players: Erin Phillips, Lauren Jackson, Abby Bishop, Samantha Richards, Hollee Grima, Kristi Harrower, Laura Summersmitt, Jenna O'Hea, Elizabeth Cambage, Marriana Tolo, Tully Bevilaqua, Penny Taylor

**Staff**

Carrie Griffin (Head Coach), Phil Brown, Michele Timms and Peter Buckle (Assistant Coaches), Dr David Hughes (Team Doctor), Graeme Backen and Rachel McIlrath (Physiotherapists), Renee Maycock (Manager)

**Results**

23.09.10 Australia defeated Canada 72–47
24.09.10 Australia defeated Belarus 83–59
25.09.10 Australia defeated China 91–54
27.09.10 Australia defeated Greece 93–54
28.09.10 Australia defeated France 62–52
29.09.10 Australia lost to USA 75–43
01.10.10 Australia lost to Czech Rep. 68–79
02.10.10 Australia defeated Russia 78–73
03.10.10 Australia defeated France 74–62
04.10.10 Australia defeated Lithunia 70–51

Australia finished fifth in the World Championships.

**Fiba World Championships For U17 Men**

Hamburg, Germany

2 July – 11 July 2010

Players: Daniel Carlin, Phil Ciric, Ashley Constable, Tom Dozier, Andrijana Domic, Hugh Greenwood, Jarrod Frye, Sam Gilmour, Daniel Hill, Mitch Norton, Owen Odgbc, Corey Richardson

**Staff**

Guy Molloy (Head Coach), Paul Jones (Assistant Coach), Alan McIntosh (Assistant Coach), Kim White (Manager), Eirk Ulvestad (Physiotherapist)

**Results**

02.07.10 Australia lost to Poland 71–54
03.07.10 Australia lost to Canada 76–48
05.07.10 Australia defeated Korea 87–70
06.07.10 Australia defeated Germany 62–58
07.07.10 Australia lost to Spain 68–46
09.07.10 Australia lost to USA 105–70
10.07.10 Australia lost to Lithuania 68–48
11.07.10 Australia lost to Serbia 74–64

Australia finished 6th at the World Championships.

**Rollers**

**Ibaf Men's World Championships**

Birmingham, England

8 July 2010 – 15 July 2010

Players: Justin Ewans, Bill Latham, Brett Sibbers, Shaun Norris, Michael Hartnett, Tristan Knowles, John McPhee, Tigo Simmons, Grant Adams, Dylan Alcott, Jeremy Doyle, Brad Ness

**Staff**

Ben Ettridge (Head Coach), Craig Friday (Assistant Coach), Tom Kyle (Assistant Coach), Matto Ferney (Assistant Coach), Iose Adams (Physiotherapist), Joanna Valle (Physiologist), Leigh Coogan (Team Manager)

**Results**

01.07.10 Australia defeated France 75–63
09.07.10 Australia defeated Turkey 66–54
10.07.10 Australia defeated Algeria 92–44
11.07.10 Australia defeated Mexico 81–43
12.07.10 Australia defeated Canada 67–49
13.07.10 Australia defeated Poland 68–34
14.07.10 Australia defeated USA 68–58
15.07.10 Australia defeated France 76–69

Australia won the World Championships.

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**International Tournament**

Salamanca, Spain

17 September – 18 September 2010

Players: Erin Phillips, Alicia Poto, Jennifer Screen, Samantha Richards, Hollee Grima, Kristi Harrower, Laura Summersmitt, Jenna O'Hea, Elizabeth Cambage, Marriana Tolo, Tully Bevilaqua, Penny Taylor

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**Results**

17.09.10 Australia defeated USA 83–77
18.09.10 Australia defeated Spain 85–64
19.09.10 Australia defeated China 91–54
20.09.10 Australia defeated Greece 93–54
21.09.10 Australia defeated France 62–52
22.09.10 Australia lost to USA 75–43
01.10.10 Australia lost to Czech Rep. 68–79
02.10.10 Australia defeated Russia 78–73
03.10.10 Australia defeated France 74–62
04.10.10 Australia lost to Lithuania 75–45

Australia finished fifth in the World Championships.

**Exhibition Matches**

Hartford, USA

10 September – 11 September 2010

Players: Erin Phillips, Alicia Poto, Jennifer Screen, Samantha Richards, Hollee Grima, Kristi Harrower, Laura Summersmitt, Jenna O’Hea, Elizabeth Cambage, Marriana Tolo, Tully Bevilaqua

**Staff**

Carrie Griffin (Head Coach), Phil Brown, Peter Buckle (Assistant Coach), Dr David Hughes (Team Doctor), Graeme Backen (Physiotherapist), Renee Maycock (Manager)

**Results**

10.09.10 Australia lost to USA 89–56
11.09.10 Australia lost to Spain 87–74

Hollie Grima
Gems

Troyes Junior Women's Basketball International

Troyes, France

2 July – 4 July 2010

Players

Rebecca Allen, Rebecca Coile, Madeleine Carrick, Kerryn Harrington, Jillian Haughton, Hayley Lepaio, Georgia Minar, Nicole Seekamp, Ashleigh Stonehouse, Courtney Williamson, Narelle Zammit

Staff

Phil Brown (Head Coach), Wayne Pollock (Assistant Coach), Merryn Aldridge (Physiotherapist), Michele Menso (Manager)

Results

02.07.10 Australia defeated Belgium 72-63
03.07.10 Australia defeated Germany 72-63
04.07.10 Australia defeated France 65-41

Australia won this tournament.

2010 U19 Fiba Oceania Women’s Championships

Palmerston North, New Zealand

17 September – 19 September 2010

Players

Rebecca Cole, Amie Clyde, Kerryn Harrington, Jillian Haughton, Madeleine Carrick, Rebecca Allen, Ashleigh Stonehouse, Hayley Lepaio, Narelle Zammit, Alexandra Bunton, Sara Blicavs

Staff

Cheryl Chambers (Head Coach), Karen Dalton (Assistant Coach), Wayne Pollock (Assistant Coach), Dr Clifford Baxter (Team Doctor), Paula Peratta (Physiotherapist), Michele Menso (Manager)

Results

01.07.10 Australia defeated China 94-69
02.07.10 Australia defeated USA 83-79
03.07.10 Australia defeated Czech Rep. 73-91
05.07.10 Australia defeated China 66-52
06.07.10 Australia lost to USA 61-68
07.07.10 Australia defeated Czech Rep. 76-61
10.07.10 Australia defeated USA 66-57
11.07.10 Australia lost to China 75-64
12.07.10 Australia lost to Czech Rep. 72-65

Friendly Series U19 Australian Women’s V Japan Senior Women

Canberra

5 July – 6 July 2011

Players

Rebecca Allen, Sara Blicavs, Alexandra Bunton, Amie Clyde, Rebecca Cole, Madeleine Carrick, Kerryn Harrington, Ashleigh Karatana, Carley Miyic, Narelle Zammit, Tayla Roberts, Grace Parker,viron

Staff

Cheryl Chambers (Head Coach), Karen Dalton, Wayne Pollock (Assistant Coach), Ashleigh Joyce (Physiotherapist), Michele Menso (Manager)

Results

05.07.11 Australia lost to Japan 88-77
06.07.11 Australia lost to Japan 91-76

U17 Women

2010 U17 Women’s Fiba Championships

Tolouse, France 16 July – 27 July 2010

Players

Sara Blicavs, Alexandra Bunton, Amie Clyde, Tessa Laven, Carley Miyic, Lauren Nicholson, Narelle Zammit, Hayley Lepaio, Tayla Roberts, Anika Smith, Stephanie Tabot, Olivia Thompson, Gretel Tippett

Staff

Peter Loresigan (Head Coach), Sandy Torley (Assistant Coach), Marissa Filipou (Assistant Coach), Dr Kellie Bird (Team Doctor), Rosie Molloy (Physiotherapist), Donna Ironmonger (Manager)

Results

16.07.10 Australia defeated Spain 58-57
17.07.10 Australia lost to China 92-75
18.07.10 Australia defeated Argentina 77-57
20.07.10 Australia defeated Mali 88-39
21.07.10 Australia lost to Belgium 67-41
22.07.10 Australia lost to France 65-59
24.07.10 Australia lost to Japan 95-62
25.07.10 Australia defeated Spain 74-48

Australia finished 7th at the FIBA U17 World Championships.

Friendly Series U17 Australian Women’s V Chinese Taipei

Canberra

24 June – 25 June 2011

Players

Daniele Angley, Kaye Biddle, Louise Brown, Stephanie Collins, Alice Froling, Keely Froling, Grace Lennox, Lily Longley, Tiana Mangakahia, Molly Matthews, Alexia Myers, Grace Parker, Lauren Sheer, Alanna Smith, Brodie Theodore, Carly Turner, Katherine Yips, Abigail Welling

Staff

Marissa Filipou (Head Coach), Chris Lucas (Assistant Coach), Simon Pritchard (Team Doctor), Rosie Molloy (Physiotherapist), Donna Ironmonger (Team Manager)

Results

08.06.10 Australia defeated Mexico 82-16
10.07.10 Australia defeated China 66-40
11.07.10 Australia defeated Netherlands 57-44
12.07.10 Australia defeated Canada 59-52
14.07.10 Australia defeated China 77-35
15.07.10 Australia lost to Germany 66-47
17.07.10 Australia lost to Canada 59-49
18.07.10 Australia defeated China 61-59

Gilders

4 Nations Tournament

Berlin, Germany

2 July – 4 July 2010

Players

Clare Burzynski, Shelley Chaplin, Cobi Crispin, Melanie Domachenzhen, Leanne Del Toso, Kyle Cau, Katie Hart, Bridie Keen, Tina McKenzie, Amber Meritt, Sarah Stewart, Lais Teich

Staff

John Trisciu (Head Coach), Matthew Dunstan, Ben Osborne (Assistant Coach), Miranda Wilks (Physiotherapist), Marian Stewart (Manager)

Results

02.07.10 Australia lost to Germany 62-42
03.07.10 Australia defeated Canada 65-45
03.07.10 Australia lost to Netherlands 66-47
04.07.10 Australia lost to Germany 80-55

Iwbf Women's World Championships

Birmingham, UK

16 July – 25 July 2010

Players

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Players of the Year

Opals International Player Of The Year

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1989 Luc Longley
1990 Andrew Gaze
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Rollers International Player Of The Year

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2007 Shae Grenenger
2008 Jodi Mead
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Boomers International Player Of The Year

Gaze Medal

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Gazer Kendall Medal

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