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FRONT COVER:
Boomers in action in Rio. Photo: @FIBA.
The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) thanks all of our partner national sporting organisations (NSOs) for your continued hard work and commitment to excellence. All of you understand innately the importance of sport in Australian life. It’s much more than a source of national identity and pride, it’s the fabric that binds us together – a common language for all, with multiplier benefits in health, education, social cohesion and the economy.

There were many great sporting events to celebrate during the course of last year - the launch of both the AFL Women’s competition and the National Netball League with prime-time TV coverage, our most successful winter sports season ever on the world stage, and fairytale victories against the odds for Cronulla in the NRL and the Western Bulldogs in the AFL.

Last year’s Olympic and Paralympic Games underscored the challenge however for Australia in retaining its status as one of the world’s pre-eminent sporting nations, given rising competition from developed and developing nations alike. We must keep innovating, being bold and willing to change both on and off the field if we are to succeed, not just in Olympic and Paralympic sports but across the sporting spectrum.

We appreciate the willingness of NSOs to embrace this challenge. We commend athletes for their dedicated commitment to training ahead of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games and, further ahead, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

One of the most important long-term challenges for our country is to help our children be physically active, to participate in sport and enjoy its lifelong benefits.

The ASC’s Sporting Schools program has now reached more than 5,600 primary schools around Australia and has already begun a targeted program for high schools. It is vital to ensure physical education is re-emphasised in the national school curriculum. To this end, the ASC has been doing ground-breaking work on physical literacy for children and youth and we look forward to rolling this out nationally in the year ahead.

As the national leadership organisation for sport in Australia, the ASC was delighted when our new Minister for Sport the Hon. Greg Hunt recently proposed a National Sports Plan, the preparation of which will be led by the ASC. This will create, for the first time, a comprehensive blueprint for Australian sport. It’s an outstanding initiative and we thank the Minister for his leadership and vision. We hope all NSOs take the opportunity to contribute their views to the plan.

Most of you will know that this year the ASC welcomed a new CEO Kate Palmer, a talented sports leader, who has quickly built excellent relationships with sports and is embracing the challenges ahead with an inspiring enthusiasm.

Finally, I say a big thank you to the army of volunteers - parents, coaches, officials and administrators - who contribute their time and services for the good of Australian sport. You bring community strength, passion and great value to the identity, productivity, cohesion and health of our nation.

The ASC wishes you every success in the year ahead. We look forward to working closely with you for the common good of Australian sport.

John Wylie AM
Chair
Australian Sports Commission
I'm honoured to provide this report as Chair of Basketball Australia (BA).

The 2016 / 2017 year has again been one of significant growth and change for our organisation. We have built on the important foundations of the prior year and focused on building assets, resources and capability for the significant opportunities we have as a sport.

In 2015/2016 BA reported a surplus after two years of significant losses. I’m pleased to report that we have been able to maintain this stability with a surplus of $237,275 for the 2016/2017 Financial Year.

Importantly, this outcome moved us closer to our stated objective of having $1.7M in operating reserves for the organisation by 2020. This ensures that BA has sufficient funds to draw on in the event of delayed income or unforeseen financial challenges. We believe this is a minimum if we are to prudently manage the future of the organisation and the sport. The Board realises that this has had a direct negative effect on the high performance funding contribution to our States and Territories and I want to be clear that once our target reserves are met, we will again focus on more direct support of Members.

I want to recognise and thank our CEO Anthony Moore and his Executive Management Team for their work in achieving this surplus. It is not easy to run a National Sporting Organisation in the current competitive environment and we are fortunate to have a strong and dedicated team working for our sport.

Working closely with our executive team is the Finance Audit and Risk Committee (FARC) chaired by BA Deputy Chair, David Reid. Also on this committee are Board Members Brian Delaney and Ian Silk, former BA Board Member Martin Cleaver, Anthony Moore, our CFO, Greg Hill and our Financial Controller, Lorraine McGady.

During the past year, the FARC has overseen the creation of a four-year ‘rolling’ budget. This is particularly important as we enter a new high performance environment where our teams compete in the FIBA Asia Zone for the first time. The 2019 FIBA World Cup in China and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics both provide significant opportunities for exposure and revenue but also risks that we must both understand and mitigate. The FARC is central in ensuring that this is the case.

In the past two years, the FARC have undertaken a significant amount of work and made some difficult decisions. The benefits of these decisions are now starting to be seen throughout Basketball Australia and the sport. I thank Members for their support in allowing us to build a secure and strong organisation for the future of the sport. I particularly want to call out David Reid who has committed many hours to FARC in addition to the time he spends in his Deputy Chair role.

At our June 2017 Board Meeting, we approved a new National Integrity Framework that will ensure Basketball Australia continues to manage integrity issues in an increasingly volatile betting and performance environment.

Led by Anthony Moore and Greg Hill, this work has been transformational for BA, States and Territories and our leagues and competitions. It also positions basketball as one of the best prepared sports in Australia to deal with issues around gambling and integrity. This work had its foundation by attending the annual Victoria Police Sports Integrity Symposium which identified our sport as significantly under-prepared in this area. Our thanks go to the National Integrity of Sport Unit (NISU) and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) for both funding and guiding us in the development of this framework.

In the 2016/2017 year, we made significant progress on the implementation of our National Registration System (NRS). We approved a pilot program to be implemented in New South Wales in conjunction with our long term partner, SportsTG. As Chair, I have participated in many conversations that further convince me of the growing importance of the NRS for the future of Australian basketball.

Thanks to Lisa Hasker our General Manager of Community and Stakeholder Relations for her work on the NRS and to Board Members David Reid and Anna Cicognani for their valuable input. We have been assisted considerably by Basketball NSW Chair Bob Elphinston, CEO Maria Nordstrom and Geoff Tripp leading the implementation team. The NRS is a standing item on every BA Board Meeting Agenda and will continue to be until its full implementation.
The Australian Sports Commission continued to be a crucial partner for both Basketball Australia and our sport. Through Chair John Wylie and recently appointed CEO Kate Palmer, Anthony Moore and I have had an open line of communication which has meant strong engagement between our organisations.

In May, we finalised an important tripartite agreement between the ASC, BA and the NBA, which sees the NBA’s Global Academy established at our Centre of Excellence at the AIS in Canberra. This underpins Australia’s position as a leading developer of players in world basketball. Under this agreement, the NBA provides twelve men’s scholarships at our CoE, seven of those being for international athletes and an additional five from Australia. The NBA appoints three coaches, one of which is an Australian. In the future, the NBA plans to extend this to include the women’s program. The NBA has also invested in infrastructure at our CoE and the engagement and open communication will see numerous benefits for the sport in our country. I want to thank Jan Stirling our GM of High Performance, for the ongoing engagement with the NBA and Patrick Hunt, who was instrumental in encouraging the NBA to consider Basketball Australia for this partnership.

The ASC has continued to encourage governance reform within sport in Australia and during the past year we undertook a Board Review, funded and implemented by the ASC. This valuable exercise ensures we are aligned and focused in our work.

The past 12 months also saw significant undertakings in High Performance. Australia’s Opals and Boomers participated in the Rio Olympic Games and our Rollers participated in the Rio Paralympic Games. As is now well documented, our teams had heartbreaking finishes at the event and medals eluded us. While disappointing, our resolve was strengthened and we remain focused on the podium for Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. As a good indication of the level of increasing interest in basketball as a sport, the Boomers game against Team USA was Channel 7’s highest rating online event.

Our performances in Rio were greatly enhanced by the support of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) and the Australian Paralympic Committee, both of which have a strong partnership with basketball. With 3x3 being a new sport at the 2020 Olympics, this relationship will be more important than ever. We communicate regularly with the key leaders in both organisations and will continue this as we focus on strengthening the profile of basketball at all levels.

Following Rio, we have re-appointed Andrej Lemanis as Head Coach for our Senior Men (Boomers) and appointed Sandy Brondello for the Senior Women (Opals). Craig Friday will lead our Men’s Senior Wheelchair Team (Rollers), while David Gould assumed the Head Coach role for the Senior Women’s Wheelchair Team (Gliders). All are wonderful leaders and advocates of our game and have our full support as they embark on the journey to Tokyo 2020.

I would like to thank departing coaches Brendan Joyce (Opals), Ben Ettridge (Rollers) and Tom Kyle (Gliders) for their significant contributions, both in their national coaching roles and the lifelong contributions they have all made to basketball.

David Reid, Anthony Moore and myself attended the FIBA Mid-term Congress in Hong Kong in May 2017 on behalf of BA. This was a well-run and very productive event that provided numerous insights for us in the future of global basketball, more detail on the impending global qualification pathway for World Championships and Olympics and the opportunity to participate in a number of practical workshops. We had the opportunity to hear from and meet with Patrick Baumann, FIBA Secretary General. An incredibly impressive leader, Patrick has his sights set on making basketball the number one sport globally and we were left with no doubt that he has the tools to support this ambition.

In 2018, our national senior teams will participate in the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. Again, we have a strong and important relationship with the Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) and their CEO, Craig Phillips, while Anthony Moore sits on the CGA Board of Management. The Commonwealth Games represent yet another opportunity for Australian basketball to demonstrate global leadership and we are determined to do this well.

I’d like to thank Burton Shipley, President and David Crocker, Regional Director of FIBA Oceania for their ongoing work both in the region and on our behalf. Both are passionate basketball people who are driving the sport forward in the region. With our entry into the FIBA Asia Zone, their guidance and support has been appreciated.
OUR LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS CONTINUE TO GROW

The WNBL season saw some of our best players on display every week, and our clubs working together to develop a strong foundation for the future. With the WNBL as the pinnacle of our pathway, Australians continue to be prominent in the WNBA and other leagues around the world. My particular thanks go to the leaders of each of our WNBL clubs, who have committed so much time and energy to the development of their own organisations and the game.

Following the season, an incredible amount of work has been done by Paul Maley our GM of Competitions and Sally Phillips, our Head of WNBL to secure coverage with Fox Sport Australia for the 2017 / 2018 season. This is a significant and critical achievement and places one of the best women’s leagues in the world in front of fans every week during the season, with every finals game also being televised.

Our SEABL had another significant season come to an end in September and then commence again in April. Importantly, a number of clubs have stabilised off the court, which is critical to the successful growth of the league. I’d like to thank Simon Brookhouse, Chair of the SEABL Commission for his focus on building this stability, enabling communication and raising our ambitions for the competition.

The Australian Junior Championships again highlighted the depth of talent Australia continues to produce within every age group. I would like to thank those Associations around the country that undertook one of these events and to the States and Territories for the considerable effort taken to develop, select and prepare their teams.

I’d like to recognise the significant work of Larry Kestelman and his team led by CEO Jeremy Loeliger at the NBL. We saw perhaps the best season of NBL ever in the past twelve months and Larry’s vision for the league and for the sport is to be admired. We have absolute respect for the NBL’s ambitions and are working actively to ensure we work together for the betterment of the entire sport.

Our Management team, lead by CEO Anthony Moore, are to be congratulated on a year of great achievement, underpinned by hard work, passion and integrity. With offices in both Canberra and Melbourne, along with individuals around the country, this group ‘leaves nothing on the floor’ and I am thankful for the results that could not have been contemplated, let alone achieved, without you.

Thank you to each of my fellow Board members for their work during the year. We are so fortunate to have an incredibly talented and dedicated Board who consistently go above and beyond what should reasonably be expected of them. Thank you for your hard work, guidance and support in me as Chair.

I was elected as Chair in January 2017, following the resignation from the Board of former Chair Rob Marcolina in December, 2016. Rob is an incredible strategist, leading us through a challenging period in his two years and two months at the helm. There is no doubt that my own Chairmanship has been made much simpler because of his work and I would like to thank Rob for the focus and drive he gave basketball and the personal support he has given to me.

Later this year we will stage our Annual General Meeting to present our financial results to our Members and for our Members to elect our Directors. This year, we will lose an incredible icon of the game from our Board: Andrew Gaze. His basketball credentials need no mention, however Andrew’s significant passion, experience and wisdom as a Board Member are perhaps less celebrated. Such is the value we place on Andrew’s input, the Board have asked that he remain as a Special Advisor, an undertaking he has graciously accepted. I want to thank Andrew for his significant impact as our current longest-serving Board Member and for all he continues to do for basketball.

Lastly, I would like to thank the ongoing and tireless contribution of the many people who contribute to our sport, including volunteers, players, coaches, officials and sponsors. It is a great honour to lead knowing that we have an army that marches on relentlessly, come rain, hail or shine. Your work can never be repaid and my thanks for all that every one of you does.

Ned Coten
CHAIR
Basketball Australia
It is pleasing to reflect on another 12 months in the role as Chief Executive Officer of Basketball Australia.

This is my third Annual Report as CEO and the past year has seen a consolidation of our financial position and increased stability of our organisation. In many respects these two outcomes are complementary and we have been able to deliver both outcomes despite the fast moving dynamic changes within sport, broadcast media and commercial sponsorships.

The financial year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 was the last of our Olympic cycle quadrennial for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

In many respects this provides a benchmark on how the organisation has progressed since our national teams took the court in London in 2012.

Our financial year-end result for 2016/17 resulted in a profit of $237,275 which marks consecutive profit outcomes for the organisation. The financial performance comes from a continued focus on our expenses as well as increasing commercial revenues.

While there is still significant work to do to grow commercial revenues across the business, we are pleased that prudent financial management has seen another positive financial result. We believe that consistency and reliability of financial performance is vital as we continue to improve the financial base of the business.

From a national team perspective, we catapulted into the financial year with gold medal success from our U17 Sapphires and headed in the 2016 Summer Olympic Games and Paralympic Games with high hopes for podium success for all three teams – our Boomers, our Opals and Our Rollers.

We prepared well with the final Opals camp in the Gold Coast and our Boomers in Melbourne. With the support our event partner TEG and new partner TLA Worldwide we successfully staged two friendly games against the PAC12 Conference College All Stars at Melbourne’s Hisense Arena with 15,000 fans attending the two mid-week games.

I am grateful for the continued support of the Victorian Government, notably The Hon John Eren MP, Minister for Sport, Racing, Events and Veterans Affairs in the Andrews Government for his continued support of basketball in Victoria. The event would not have been possible without the ongoing commitment of the Victorian Government and I also acknowledge the work of Geoff Jones from TEG who via TLA Worldwide introduced us to Jamie Zaninovich, Deputy Commissioner of the PAC12 Conference.

At relatively short notice, the PAC12 put together a team and visited Melbourne to help prepare our Boomers for their Rio campaign.

Our Opals final preparation before Rio was a four-team series in the USA against Canada, France and the USA including a game in the world-famous Madison Square Garden; an historic first for our Opals.

I take this opportunity to thank the Australian Olympic Committee and, in particular, Kitty Chiller Chef de Mission for their outstanding work in preparing our teams for Rio. The AOC’s Ignite sessions for our teams were truly inspirational and reinforced the passion and pride associated with representing your country at an Olympic Games. It was the thrill of a lifetime to witness our Olympians receive their boarding pass to Rio from Kitty Chiller and see that moment of realisation that their dreams had come true.

Similarly, our friends at the Australian Paralympic Committee led brilliantly by Lynne Anderson, CEO, and Kate McLoughlin, Chef de Mission held their “Mob” sessions around the country prior to the Paralympic Games. We are immensely proud to be associated with such a wonderfully inclusive organisation as the APC.

We should always remember that basketball is part of the Olympic and Paralympic family and our sport has what many in Australian sport do not have; that is the opportunity to represent Australia at these Games - the biggest sporting event in the world!

As is well documented, our visit to Brazil did not meet the expectations of our three national teams despite how close we came in our final matches.
What it did highlight however was the depth of passion for our national teams. In a multi-sport tournament like the Games, our basketball teams were the last national teams standing in Rio. The support and pride in their performance from the casual Australian sports fan was evident during and after the Games.

This augurs well as our Boomers embark on a new qualification system for the FIBA 2019 World Cup in China which will see the team play more meaningful games in Australia than ever before.

As noted in the Chairman’s Report, Ned Coten, David Reid and I attended the FIBA Mid-Term Congress in Hong Kong during May 2017. We were overwhelmed by the good wishes from our national basketball federations congratulating our team play in Rio. Further, we received several requests from major basketball nations to visit Australia for tournament play ahead of the FIBA 2019 World Cup and the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo.

We look forward to bringing these opportunities forward for the benefit of all Australian basketball fans and our partners.

Our role in producing great talent was recognised through the formalisation of a partnership with the National Basketball Association to base its Global Academy at our Centre of Excellence in Canberra. Having successfully run a pilot program to prove the concept, the NBA agreed to a 5-year partnership to base its NBA Global Academy program at our COE.

This cements our COE program as the best in the region and further strengthens our partnership with the Australian Institute of Sport as one of its anchor tenants on the Bruce Campus.

I congratulate Jan Stirling and Adam Caporn for their tireless efforts in this project.

During the year, I had great pleasure of meeting with each State & Territory Association to present our Strategic Plan 2016-2020, To Tokyo & Beyond. The overwhelming feedback from our Members was positive in that Basketball Australia has a plan to drive its business and for our Members to align to the relevant parts.

As I have stated several times in various forums around the country, the ethos of this Plan is ‘nationally led, state delivered’. I genuinely believe that the role of Basketball Australia is to lead the sport on a range of subjects however this does not mean that we need to control everything and certainly does not mean that we can do it alone. The role of our State & Territory Members is crucial as we continue to drive our sport forward together.

To this end, I want to thank my colleagues among the State Association CEOs for their support and passion for basketball. We get together every quarter as a group and while the discussions are always lively, the focus inevitably is on continual improvement.

In November 2016, we successfully staged the Australian Basketball Hall of Fame Awards Dinner. It was the first time in three years that the event had been staged and we warmly welcomed a number of Inductees and confirmed a Legend in our midst.

The night would not have been possible without the sterling efforts of Ken Madsen MBE, Chair of our Honours & Awards Commission. Many in Australian basketball will know Ken through his lifetime of involvement with the game and we owe him a great debt for his efforts in ensuring that our history and pioneers who came before us are not forgotten.

Those recognised on the night included: Jeanie Kupsch, Jenny Whittle, Ken Watson, Leisl Tesch, Michele Timms, Patrick Hunt, Perry Crosswhite and Ron Harvey.
It was a wonderful celebration for our sport and we look forward to continuing this as an annual event.

It is appropriate to recognise the retirement of Nick Marvin as CEO of the Perth Wildcats. Under Nick's reign, the Wildcats built a formidable record in the NBL both on court and off court and we enjoyed working with Nick in the formative stages of the Perth Lynx's existence in the WNBL.

I want to congratulate Suzy Batkovic for winning her record fifth WNBL Most Valuable Player Awards. The 2016/17 WNBL Season was a thriller with 5 teams battling it out for the final four right to the end of the regular season. Perth Lynx’s Sammi Whitcomb made the most Teams of the Week in recent history and yet when it came down to the weekly coaches and referee votes, Suzy finished ahead to claim the Award. In surpassing Lauren Jackson's record of 4 MVP's Suzy is the most decorated player in WNBL history.

To the Australian Sports Commission and its Australian Institute of Sport, we thank you once again for your invaluable expertise in the areas of high performance sport, participation and organisational support.

Thank you to all our sponsors and suppliers that are listed in the final page of this report. Your support of our wonderful sport is much appreciated and your efforts in partnering with us to promote basketball are making a huge difference to our sport.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Jacob Homes, CEO of Australian Basketballers Association (ABA) and his Chairman Greg O'Neill, for the invaluable role they play in supporting our athletes. I have often remarked that no one is paying to watch me play and this is an important position as we become a people focused and athlete focused organisation. Our players are the stars of the show and we appreciate the work of the ABA in helping Basketball Australia raise the bar for our players on and off the court.

On a personal note, I wish to thank former Chair Rob Marcolina for his leadership and guidance as well as his colleagues on the Basketball Australia Board. Your oversight has allowed our organisation to navigate through an organisation-wide rebuild while keeping our high performing teams focussed on the Rio Games. While I now have my third Chair in a little over two years, I am confident that Ned Coten will continue in the role for many years to come which should provide the stability we require to continue improving off the court.

It is my great pleasure to lead a wonderful staff throughout Basketball Australia. Your efforts often go unnoticed however I want to acknowledge the tremendous commitment and loyalty you demonstrate week after week. While we have a small team, I am delighted by the cohesion and collegiate nature of our workforce combined with a ‘can do’ attitude.

Lastly, to our inspirational athletes I thank you for your endeavours on and off the court. It is a great source of pride when I hear how well regarded our national team athletes at all levels conduct themselves on and off the court. I acknowledge that when you pull on the green & gold uniform you are not only representing our country but also the many people in your life, paid and unpaid, who have supported you on your journey.

My vision for Basketball Australia is to ensure that our organisation provides the best environment for you to succeed, for if you are winning on the court then so are we…

Anthony Moore
Chief Executive Officer
Basketball Australia
The year captured an Olympic and Paralympic cycle offering an excellent opportunity to evaluate, review, reflect and revise the processes and structures of our high-performance programs.

The appointment of a Head of High Performance Coach Development has strengthened our capacity to support the collaborative efforts of our states and territories with alignment to the National pathway. Enhancement of the manner in which coach and athlete education and resources are distributed remains a key strategic priority.

FIBA's new qualification system which has all our National teams qualifying through the Asian Zone presents both challenges and opportunities. Accessing our elite athletes for benchmark events will be a necessary focus to ensure we retain a top 5 FIBA ranking.

**UNDER 17 WOMEN [SAPPHIRES]**
Transitioning to a new qualification system for competing in World Cups saw coaches and team support staff appointed in early May with the focus to select a team for the U16 Oceania Championships which were held in Guam in July.

The Gold Medal result at Oceania will see the Sapphires progress to the Asia Cup phase in 2018. The Sapphires also had three athletes named in the All Star Five.

**UNDER 17 MEN [CROCS]**
Our U17 men were also transitioned to FIBA's new qualification system for gaining entry to phase two being the Asia Cup in 2018. Coaches and team support staff were appointed in May and team selection comprising of ten athletes was completed shortly thereafter.

The Crocs were dominant throughout the U16 Oceania Championships in Guam achieving a Gold Medal further complimented with three athletes named in the All Star Five. Our Crocs progress to the Asia Cup to be played in 2018.

**UNDER 19 WOMEN [GEMS]**
The U18 Oceania Qualification held in Fiji in December 2016 saw the Gem's Gold Medal success progress the team to the 2017 World Championships' of July 2017. The program required a change in Head Coach after Oceania which saw the progression of the teams former Assistant to that role. The transition was seamless.

An injury setback eliminating an athlete following the third game impacted on the team’s ability to achieve a medal outcome, however their efforts were highly commendable.

**UNDER 19 MEN [EMUS]**
Access to our best college athletes for qualifying events certainly impacted the Emu’s Oceania outcome in which only the Gold Medal, and not the silver achieved, would see them qualify for the U19 Worlds which took place in Egypt. A late withdraw of a one of our best US College based athletes five days prior to the event was unfortunate.

The Emus, will now embark on a qualification cycle that sees them compete as part of Asia.

**WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES**
This is a bi-annual event to which we send Emerging Boomers and Emerging Opals teams comprising of athletes that attend university or TAFE and reside here in Australia and or attend USA Colleges.

Coaches and support staff have been appointed in consultation with our Boomers and Opals Head Coaches and under the direction of our Head of High Performance Coach Development.

Coaches consult with respective clubs in Australian and/or liaise with respective USA College coaches seeking releases for athletes to compete for Australia at this event which is considered part of our High Performance Pathway.

**OPALS**
A 5th placing in RIO was unfamiliar territory for the Opals but the new Olympic cycle received a major boost with the announcement of three time Olympian Sandy Brondello as Head Coach. Australia needs to qualify through the Asian Zone for World Cups and the Olympic Games which presents both challenges and opportunities.

A selection camp for the Asia Cup qualifier was held in Phoenix in June enabling some of our US College athletes to be involved. A Podium finish at the Asia Cup has the Opals qualify for the 2018 World Cup.

The appointment of a Head of Medical Services will provide one central person to coordinates athlete’s injury and welfare monitoring. The inclusion of WNBL coaches to the coaching panel is another positive step as the program makes adjustments to new FIBA format.
The Boomers have revised their depth chart and a workshop with all coaches and support staff enabled a pathway to be clearly defined.

BOOMERS
The Rio Olympics saw the Boomers achieve a number of firsts with their exceptional performances. Andrej Lemanis decision to continue as Head Coach is considered a vital aspect with the new FIBA Qualification system.

There will be some fantastic opportunities when the Boomers compete in a home and away series and the timing of these competition windows validates BA’s strategic appointment of a Head of Medical Services providing one central person to coordinate an athlete’s injury and rehab monitoring.

The Boomers have revised their depth chart and a workshop with all coaches and support staff enabled a pathway to be clearly defined. The Asia Cup events will become an integral component of the qualifying format.

AUSTRALIAN ROLLERS - SENIOR NATIONAL MEN’S WHEELCHAIR TEAM
The Australian Rollers preparation for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games was tipped off with attending the Continental Clash in Worcester, UK tournament competing against Great Britain, Japan and the Netherlands in a friendly international tournament. The Rollers performed well defeating GB in fine fashion and taking care of both Japan and the Netherlands quite comfortably in the lead-up competition. Following this and returning home to Australia the Rollers took part in a final August Preparation camp for Rio, where the final team was selected prior to September departure.

The Aussie Rollers started well in Rio and looked to be in some good form going 3-0, even though they did not seem to be hitting their straps early in competition. Defeating the Netherlands in game one 70-50 and taking care of a very strong Turkey line-up 62-60 in a tight match-up, then taking out some retribution over London gold medallist Canada 78-53. The run stopped here with Spain up next and the Rollers starting well, but a mid-point Spanish line-up caused the Rollers headaches, taking out this 4th pool game 75-64 and ensuring the Rollers finished 3rd in pool play following a 3-way tie.

Rollers took care of Japan in the final game of pool play winning 68-55 but without conviction and a quarter final match-up against the ever-improving Great Britain (2nd in other pool) now on the horizon. Only back in July the Rollers took care of GB in comfortable fashion but unfortunately the Rollers could not repeat the result going down to Great Britain in a big way 74-51 ending the Rollers medal hopes.

From there the Rollers ended up taking on Brazil to finish off the tournament, competing for 5th & 6th position, but with the local support behind them the Brazilians rallied to come from behind for most of the game, to defeat the Aussie line-up in a tight one 70-69 in a heart-breaking loss.

Following review of the Paralympic Tournament and Rollers program for the last 4-year cycle, it was decided a new direction and fresh start was needed for our men. Ben Ettridge the Rollers coach since 2007 had decided to take some time away from the game and spend some quality time with his young family. The recruitment process began and it was settled in February 2017 that Craig Friday would be taking over the role, and supported by current Captain Brad Ness.

Past Rollers Head Coach Murray Treseder was also engaged as a ‘mentor coach’ for Craig & Brad to work with, lean on and learn from while building their own Rollers brand.

WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM TEAMS
2016/17 was a year of change in the National Wheelchair Basketball program, with two new Head Coaches in David Gould (Gliders Women) and Craig Friday (Rollers Men) successfully landing the highly coveted and prestigious coaching positions.

The Rollers men unfortunately failed to keep their successful medal run going at the Rio Paralympic Games, finishing a disappointing 6th at the benchmark event. The Gliders failed to qualify out of the Asia Oceania region for the Rio 2016 games, so our women’s program was looking for a fresh start under new Coach David Gould and that is now successfully well underway.

Our Junior U23 Men program ‘the Spinners’ had a very successful World Championship campaign taking on the junior men’s world best in Toronto, Canada with young Rollers Tom O’Neill-Thorne leading this group of young athletes under the guidance of Luke Brennan to bring home a hard-earned Bronze medal.

The Junior U25 Women group ‘the Devils’ began early 2019 World Championship campaign preparations with a successful Australian Development camp squad identification under Gliders Coach David Gould & Stephen Charlton to start that 3-year planning process for our young women.
The Australian Gliders had a slightly slower 2016/17 year with missing the Rio Paralympics qualification, there was a void for a period for the program. There was however a great opportunity for newly appointed Head Coach David Gould (Rollers Gold medal winner) to take over the reins to start the rebuilding process, aiming for Asia Oceania 2017 qualification in China for the 2018 World Championships.

The process started through appointment of David Gould in September 2016, then planning for an Australian Institute of Sport first camp gathering of all squad members to set the expectations and program plan for the next 12 months. Support staff to help and assist David was next on the agenda, with able-bodied experienced Coach Stephen Charlton joining the Gliders ranks, to work alongside David and Physio Anna de Araugo and newly recruited Team Manager from the APC; Cathy Lambert.

The support network was taking shape, and with some new athlete additions in to the playing group in Annabelle Lindsay (Canberra, ACT) and Bree Meltberg (Bendigo, Vic) with options on returning athletes Clare Nott, from having her first child and Sarah Stewart for personal reasons the Gliders squad of athletes was reforming and taking shape once again. Only Kylie Gauci due to a shoulder injury and Bridie Kean, wanting some time off and away from the Sport reduced the available athletes up for selection for the new Coach.

The Gliders first reintroduction to international competition would be to take on some of the World’s best at the Osaka tournament, in the strong Dutch outfit of the Netherlands and a developing young Great Britain team and home nation Japan. The Gliders under new coach David Gould would perform well in their first outing together under the new regime and take away a well-earned silver medal.

The Gliders got to work on their return to Australia, to prepare for two European tournaments, the first in Germany which would include the strong German (Silver medal winners in Rio) host nation and the Rio Paralympic Bronze medal winners Netherlands in a 3-team tournament. The Gliders had some great battles in this first-up tournament, taking a good win over Germany and pushing their opponents throughout all games.

From Munich, the team headed to the Continental Clash in Worcester, UK to take on Great Britain, Germany and Japan which would provide the European teams with some handy competition leading in to their European qualifiers. The Gliders again performed admirably with Cobi Crispin and Amber Merritt leading the way to bring home another Silver medal performance from the UK tournament.

The Gliders 2016/17 will be an important period for David Gould and the squad members as they look to rebuild their brand and on-court successes, leading them in to the AOZ 2017 tournament in Beijing, China. This will be a new group with a new focus and belief, and a supporting cast of staff members passionate and committed to the cause with this new group. It is an exciting time to be part of this Gliders group as they build their belief in each other and the talent they now have available to them.

The year finished with a Mini camp in Shellharbour for the Rollers program, on the back of an NWBL Cluster round in Wollongong, and the squad had a hard and physical camp following on from all teams competing in Wollongong for the National Wheelchair Basketball League. Grant Mizens and Brendan Dowler were two welcomed coaching additions to the mini camp in Shellharbour under Craig Friday.
AUSTRALIAN DEVILS – WOMEN’S NATIONAL U25 WHEELCHAIR TEAM

This new young group is currently being led by current Gliders women Head Coach David Gould & Stephen Charlton (Gliders AC) until the new Coach has been appointed in the coming months.

A Devils squad is being put together from WNWBL performances from 2016 & 2017 seasons, which has just come to an end, and the Kevin Coombs Cup performances from Townsville in April 2017.

This group of young athletes with their eye on qualification and selection to the 2019 World Championships team, will be led by up and coming athletes; Annabelle Lindsay, Isabel Martin and Jessica Cronje, whom all form part of the current Gliders senior national squad.

The Coaches will be looking to add some new talent to this trio in the coming months, and invites have gone out to some prospective squad members to attend the Australian Development Camp in Canberra at the AIS Centre of Excellence for Basketball Australia. This camp will take part from the 28th September through to the 1st October, with our new ‘2019 Devils group’ taking shape from that High-Performance talent identification camp.

AUSTRALIAN SPINNERS – MEN’S NATIONAL UNDER 23 WHEELCHAIR TEAM

The 2017 IWBF Under 23 World Championship campaign was a culmination of 18 months of preparation and hard work across the entire program, and started back at the Kevin Coombs Cup in April of 2016 where the first squad of athletes were identified that would form the nucleus of our successful bronze medal winning team.

Luke Brennan and his superb Assistant coaches; Craig Campbell & Shane Furness worked tirelessly over the course of the tournament in Toronto, to deliver a game plan and successful strategies that would play to our strengths as a group, and make it very difficult for opposition teams key players.

Tom Kyle helped in the back ground of this one, acting as the Team Manager when key staff member Brett Jones had to step aside for personal reasons back home. Tom came in at late notice and helped the young coaching staff put some technology strategies in place, that would enable them to focus on the task at hand of improving the team with each outing.

The U23 men started their international tournament campaign back in January 2017, at the IWBF AOZ qualifying tournament in Thailand, where the team was lucky to qualify in the end in the 3rd position in our zone, and it identified some areas of focus we needed to work on. The team returned home and worked hard to improve, with another camp scheduled for the QAS in Brisbane and a 2017 Kevin Coombs Cup it was obvious the squad was maturing and improving.

Tom O’Neill-Thorne was the stand-out player of the tournament for our Australian line-up, eventually earning an All-star 5 award and leading the team throughout this one, with our minnow low point crew of Jeremy Tyndall, Bailey Rowland and Nick Scott working tirelessly at this tournament and possibly proving the difference when defeating key opposition teams in Iran, Germany & Canada.

This Spinners group can hold their head high bringing home a hard-fought bronze medal, while earning the moniker of the ‘comeback kids’, by regularly making double digit comebacks in all key games to eventually earn hard wins. The bronze medal play-off versus Japan was won by the Spinners 71-66 after a stirring double-digits comeback in the second half, and taking care of the AOZ Silver medal winning team in the process.
WOMEN’S CoE 2017

The CoE Women finished the 2017 SEABL Season with a 9-5 record, which placed us 3rd overall on the East and would have seen us play finals if the CoE competed in a full season. Good contributions from all players with consistent performances from Maddy Rocci, Ezi Magbegor and Jas Shelley.

In July after 2 selection camps the U19’s travelled to France and then Italy for the 2017 FIBA World Championships, where they finished 6th overall after narrowly losing to Russia in the quarter final by 2pts. Russia went on to win the gold medal. 8 CoE athletes earned selection into the U19’s Gems team; Maddy Rocci, Zitina Aokuso, Kiera Rowe, Rebecca Pizzey, Abby Cubillo, Ezi Magbegor, Sam Simons and Jazmin Shelley.

Also in July, the first qualifying stage for the next U19’s Gems Campaign for 2019 was held in Guam. We had 3 CoE athletes earn selection into that team that went on to win the gold and move through to the next qualifying stage in Asia, in 2018. The CoE athletes selected into that team; Emma Clarke, Isabelle Bourne and Shyla Heal.

Post the U19 World Championships we graduated 5 CoE athletes, all 5 athletes signed with either a WNBL program for the upcoming 2017/18 season or with a USA College commencing 2018:

- Maddy Rocci – Canberra Capitals WNBL
- Kiera Rowe – Dandenong Rangers WNBL
- Rebecca Pizzey – Dandenong Rangers WNBL
- Zitina Aokuso – Townsville Fire WNBL
- Jasmine Simmons – Oregon State University

3rd year scholarship holder Ezi Magbegor signed an amateur contract with the Canberra Capitals WNBL and will complete the remainder of her scholarship and year 12 studies whilst playing with the Capitals, resulting in 5 CoE graduates suiting up in the WNBL for the 2017/18 season.

With the Global Academy operating successfully on the men’s side, the women’s CoE were offered a 13th scholarship from the NBA. In August, we utilized that scholarship and brought in 6 new athletes to the CoE to replace the 5 graduating athletes:

- Kobe King-Hawea
- Eliza Hollingsworth
- Ashlee Hannan
- Isabel Palmer
- Last-Tear Poa
- Shyla Heal

5 of the above athletes have since earned selection in the U17 Sapphires team to compete in India at the U16 FIBA Asia Qualifiers to be run in November 2017.

Isabelle Bourne will also represent Australia at the upcoming 2017 3X3 FIBA Asia Cup to be held in Mongolia in late October. Women’s CoE assistant coach Matt Paton has been appointed coach of the women’s team.

Lastly, we just completed (September) a WNBL roadshow where we played 5 games against WNBL clubs in their respective states, and 1 game against Japanese team, the Fujitsu Redwaves (WJBL – equivalent WNBL). With a couple of injuries and no Ezi Magbegor, the girls did an outstanding job and embraced the opportunity to play against professional athletes, the physicality/skill of senior women and a number of big WNBL/WNBL names such as Liz Cambage, Kelsey Griffin, Sara Blicavs, Katie Ebzery and Jordan Hooper.
The CoE Men finished the 2017 SEABL Season with a 2-14 record in a season that has seen 5 senior athletes graduate to the NBL and NCAA D1 programs over the course of the year. 2017 saw the launch of the NBA Global Academy in partnership with Basketball Australia at the Australian Institute of Sport. This launch was tied in with the NBA Academy Games Tournament that included teams from Africa, China, India, NBA Global Academy and BA Centre of Excellence.

Notable performances included Samson Froling at the U18 AJC’s and U17 Oceania Qualifiers, Angus Glover being selected in the Nike Hoops Summit and Lat Mayen as a reserve, Matthew Johns being invited to Boomers Asia Cup selection camp, and Mate Colina being invited to join Melbourne United for the NBL Blitz.

Other projects included participation in the NBL Combine and the Centre of Excellence working with the AIS Research Department in an NBA funded injury-related research project that incorporated a 3-day talent identification camp with 18 athletes bought in from across the country.

2017 Centre of Excellence Graduates; Angus Glover – Illawarra Hawks (NBL), Tom Fullarton – Brisbane Bullets (NBL), Kyle Zunic – Winthrop University (NCAA), Lat Mayen – TCU (NCAA) and Mate Colina (University of Hawaii).
The Women’s National Basketball League (WNBL), established in 1981, entered its 37th consecutive season in 2016/17.

The league featured eight clubs across Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales and Queensland:

1. MAC Adelaide Lightning
2. Bendigo Bank Spirit
3. Jayco Dandenong Rangers
4. Deakin Melbourne Boomers
5. Perth Lynx
6. Brydens Sydney Uni Flames
7. JCU Townsville Fire
8. University of Canberra Capitals

The year’s influx of internationally recognised talent left no doubt that the WNBL remains one of the most prominent league’s in the world.

Townsville Fire’s Suzy Batkovic started the season aiming for her fifth MVP Award in six seasons which would place her first all-time on the MVP list ahead of Lauren Jackson. Dandenong were hoping for a big season from Opals squad members Sara Blicavs and Steph Cumming while Melbourne were looking to step it up with their own Opals squad members Maddie Garrick and Alice Kunek. Fresh from the Rio Olympic campaign, 5 members of the team competed in the WNBL season; Perth Lynx boasting two players in point guard Tessa Lavey and starting forward Natalie Burton. Leilani Mitchell made the move from Adelaide to Sydney, Lightning welcomed back Laura Hodges after a stint in Europe and the Capitals welcomed back Marianna Tolo from a successful comeback after injury. Bendigo were also aiming high with the impressive front court of Gabe Richards and Kelsey Griffin.

At the end of the 16/17 season, one of the most closely contested in many seasons, it came down to the last round for the final four to be decided.

1. Brydens Sydney Uni Flames: 18 wins, 6 losses
2. Jayco Dandenong Rangers: 15 wins, 9 losses
3. Perth Lynx: 15 wins, 9 losses
4. JCU Townsville Fire: 14 wins, 10 losses

The Brydens Sydney Uni Flames became the 2016/17 WNBL Champions after defeating the Jayco Dandenong Rangers 75-62 in Game 2, clinching the Grand Final series 2-0.

It is the Flames’ first title since 2001 and snaps a run of six consecutive losses in Grand Finals while the club finished the 2016/17 season with 12 straight victories which included a sweep of the entire playoff series.

16/17 Season Award Winners:
- WNBL Most Valuable Player Award – Suzy Batkovic (JCU Townsville Fire)
- Coach of the Year – Cheryl Chambers (Brydens Sydney Uni Flames)
- Robyn Maher WNBL Defensive Player of the Year – Marianna Tolo (University of Canberra Capitals)
- Betty Watson WNBL Rookie of the Year – Monique Conti (Deakin Melbourne Boomers)
- 2016/17 All-Star Five: Sami Whitcomb, [Perth], Suzy Batkovic (JCU Townsville Fire), Marianna Tolo (University of Canberra Capitals), Leilani Mitchell (Brydens Sydney University Flames), Asia Taylor (Brydens Sydney University Flames).

Retirees
The end of the 2016/17 season marked the culmination of two of the longest serving careers in the WNBL’s history with Jacinta Kennedy (née Hamilton) and Carly Wilson calling time on their playing days.

With 27 seasons and 549 games across four different teams between them, Kennedy and Wilson also combined to win six WNBL Championships since beginning their careers together in the 1998/99 season with the Dandenong Rangers.

Season Attendance
- Regular Season: 96,527
- Finals: 8,981
- Total Attendance: 105,508

Corporate Partners
We’d like to thank our Commercial Partners for another season of invaluable support; Qantas Assure, PEAK, Spalding, 2XU and the Australian Sports Commission.
SEABL

The SEABL is Australia's leading, association-linked basketball competition for males and females focussed on talent development and strong community engagement. The SEABL is a proven pathway for many basketballers, with 17 of the 24 Rio Olympians having played in the SEABL. Patty Mills, Andrew Bogut, Penny Taylor and Rachel Jarry all having developed their games in the strong interstate basketball league.

After a tremendous season recording a 21-3 regular season record, the Bendigo Braves won the Mens Championship by defeating fellow regional team Mt Gambier Pioneers, who were appearing in their fourth consecutive SEABL Grand Final. Dandenong Rangers under new coach Jeremi Moule secured their fifth SEABL Championship in 7 years, defeating Kilsyth Lady Cobras in the Final for the third consecutive year.

Kilsyth Lady Cobras Steph Cumming was named the SEABL Women's MVP for the second consecutive season and Bendigo Braves import guard Jeremy Kendle was named the SEABL Men's MVP.

Statistically, the SEABL website had 724,601 pageviews during the 2016/17 financial year, with over 135,906 unique users accessing the website.

SEABL once again livestreamed the Championship games and received great numbers with over 1500 views for the 2016 SEABL Women's Grand Final, while the Men's Grand Final had 2500 views. All Clubs continue to improve live stream capabilities within the stadiums, with 7 clubs regularly livestreaming games in the 2017 SEABL season.

At the 2016 Annual League Meeting, Australia's most notable basketball club, the Melbourne Tigers agreed to add a womens team into the 2017 competition. SEABL also welcomed the addition of the Sydney Uni Sparks team, bringing the womens competition to 16 teams. The Sydney Uni Sparks is a development team for the Sydney Uni Flames WNWBL program. Unfortunately, the league lost Brisbane Spartans from the competition, but will work to have the program re-join the league in the coming years.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUES

The National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL) and the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL) are Australia's elite competitions for wheelchair basketball. These leagues provide an important pathway to the national team programs for the Australian Rollers, Australian Gliders and Australian Under-23 Spinners, and Australian Under-25 Devils. Established in 1988 and in 2000 respectively, the 2016 season saw 6 teams in the NWBL and 5 teams in the WNWBL.

The Kilsyth Cobras were back-to-back Champions in the NWBL, capping off an impressive 2015 regular season with a sweep of the finals that ended in a one-sided contest by defeating the Perth Wheelcats 80-54 in the gold medal game. Tristan Knowles recorded a season-high 26 points to go with 15 assists and six steals.

Amber Merritt and Chihiro Kitada proved unstoppable for most of the year, with Merritt named the 4-point MVP. The other MVP Award winners for the 2016 WNWBL season for 1.0 and 2.0 classifications were Sarah Vinci and Kylie Gauci. The 2016 All Star Five Awards included the four MVP Award winners and Bridie Kean from the Sydney Metro Blues. She was the team's leader in points (18.5), rebounds (10.7) and assists (3.4) and was the league's best free-throw shooter with 38 (five more than any other player) at a 70% clip.

The award for the best new talent for the 2016 WNWBL season, was presented to Annabelle Lindsay who shot at 41% from the field overall, averaging 8.6 points and 7.2 rebounds. Amber Merritt also won the Season Top Scorer award with 30.4 points per contest.
AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Australian Junior Championships bring together all states and territories for competition from Under 14’s up to Under 20’s. There are four age group tournaments rotated 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].

2016 Australian U16 Junior Championships: Kilsyth, VIC
The 2016 Australian Under-16 Junior Championships were hosted by Kilsyth Basketball Association. The competition was of outstanding quality bringing in many spectators from the greater Melbourne area as well as interstate. The Grand Finals were sold out the morning of with over 1,200 spectators attending the Men’s Grand Final between Victoria Metro and Victoria Country.

Robert Young Trophy for the Australian U16 Boys Champions: Victoria Metro
Norma Connolly Trophy for the Australian U16 Girls Champions: Victoria Metro
The Trish Fallon Fair Play Award was awarded to WA Metro Girls.

2017 Helloworld Australian U20 & Ivor Burge Championships: Bendigo, VIC
The 2017 Helloworld Australian Under-20 & Ivor Burge Championships were hosted by Bendigo Stadium in February 2017. The competition was of a high standard with South Australia taking out the Men’s Under-20 Championship in a tight grand final. Victoria were too strong in the Women’s Under-20 and Ivor Burge competitions taking out all other gold medals.

Jack Terrill Trophy for the U20 Mens Champions: South Australia
Arthur McRobbie Trophy for the U20 Women’s Champions: Victoria
Ivor Burge Mens Championship: Victoria
Ivor Burge Women’s Championship: Victoria
Kim Larkin Fair Play Award for the Ivor Burge: Victoria Women

The Bob Staunton Medals for Most Outstanding Player of the Tournament were presented to Cassidy McLean (NSW) and Jacob Rigoni (SA).

The Ivor Burge Most Outstanding Players of the Tournament were presented to Lisa Mackie (NSW) & Jake De La Motte (VIC)

2016 Helloworld Australian U14 Club Championships: Newcastle/Maitland, NSW
The 2016 Helloworld Australian Under-14 Club Championships marked the first occasion that the Boys and Girls Club Championships had been held together as one event. The Championships were co-hosted by Newcastle Basketball Association and Maitland Basketball Association. The format of the boys and girls together was well received and created a standard going forward. Both Newcastle and Maitland put on an excellent event with great community support.

Ken Watson Championship Trophy: Sydney Comets (NSW)
Michelle Timms Championship Trophy: Knox Raiders (VIC)
Phil Smyth Shield: Coffs Harbour Suns (NSW)
Rachel Sporn Shield: Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (NSW)
Jenny Cheeseman Fair Play Award: North West Tasmanian Girls (TAS)
Andrew Gaze Fair Play Award: Geraldton Buccaneers Boys (WA)

2017 Helloworld Australian U18 Championships & Kevin Coombs Cup: Townsville, QLD
The 2017 Helloworld Australian Under-18 Championships & Kevin Coombs Cup were hosted by Townsville Basketball Association across Star FM Stadium and Townsville Stadium. The tournament was well planned and executed by the organising committee and culminated in phenomenal grand finals in front of a packed Townsville Stadium of 2000 spectators. Reports following the championships showed an economic impact of $3.7million to the local economy.

Merv Emms Trophy for the U18 Men’s Champions: Victoria Metro
Maree Jackson Trophy for the U18 Women’s Champions: Victoria Country
Kevin Coombs Cup: Queensland Maroon
2016 HELLOWORLD AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 34th Australian School Championships was held from 5-9 December, 2016 in South East Melbourne. 19 courts were utilised across four venues with the State Basketball Centre being the main venue in Wantirna South.

The 2016 Australian School Championships was the first of three to be hosted by Basketball Australia in conjunction with Basketball Victoria and Knox Basketball. The championships saw a record 154 teams compete expanding the championships to nineteen different divisions. All States & Territories were represented except Northern Territory with a total 1,911 participants.

TEAMS PER STATE:

ACT: 5
NSW: 32
QLD: 15
SA: 13
TAS: 2
VIC: 77
WA: 10

CHAMPION TEAMS:

Championship Division Men – Box Hill Senior Secondary College (VIC)
Championship Division Women – Marcellin College (VIC)
U20 Men Division 1 – Rowville Secondary College (VIC)
U20 Men Division 2 – St Augustine’s College (NSW)
U20 Men Division 3 – Willetton Senior High School (WA)
U20 Men Division 4 – Central Coast Adventist School (NSW)
U20 Women – St Pauls Anglican Grammar (VIC)
U17 Boys Division 1 – Carey Grammar (VIC)
U17 Boys Division 2 – Lyneham High School (ACT)
U17 Boys Division 3 – Aquinas College (VIC)
U17 Boys Division 4 – Bonnyrigg High (NSW)
U17 Girls Division 1 – Rowville Secondary College (VIC)
U17 Girls Division 2 – Tenison Woods College (SA)
U17 Girls Division 3 – Aquinas College (VIC)
U15 Boys Division 1 – Maribyrnong College (VIC)
U15 Boys Division 2 – Shore School (NSW)
U15 Boys Division 3 – Berwick College (VIC)
U15 Girls Division 1 – Maribyrnong College (VIC)
U15 Girls Division 2 – Siena College (VIC)

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2016-17 continued to see significant improvement in Australian Referee Development particularly in the relation to off-court initiatives introduced during this year.

Online Referee Development
Following on from the creation of a National Online Referee Development Program implemented in 2015-16, all resources are now available to view online through the Basketball Australia Website or downloadable as hard copies onto a computer.

NRDP (National Referee Development Program)
The NRDP Camp was re-instated into the Basketball Australia Calendar in 2017 after it had been laying idle for a couple of years and was conducted in Canberra from January 22 to January 25.

The camp is conducted in conjunction with the Australian Development Camp for players selected from National Junior Championships and Development Programs who have been identified by BA’s High Performance Department. The ADC has been responsible for the launching of international careers of many Opals and Boomers players as well as referees who have gone on to officiate at National League level and represent Australia at World Championships.

The 2017 NRDP Camp (conducted at the Australian Institute of Sport) was similar to previous camps, aiming to provide selected officials with additional education and training to enhance their officiating development.

Conducted in tandem with the NRDP Camp was Basketball Australia’s Level 3 Instructor Course. Again, this is a program that has been dormant for some time and, given the level of experience of all involved, the re-introduction of the program was aimed at engagement and active involvement of the participants.

To ensure the NRDP is running successfully, additional resourcing was identified as essential. Bill Mildenhall and Tim Whealing were appointed in May to honorarium positions to lead the program. These appointments were another significant piece in bringing the National Referee Development Framework to life.

States will bolster/ reintroduce State Referee Development Program (SRDPs) as their development programs. The States aim will be to produce the best referees to service their State programs. The best of these (with State consultation) to be identified and invited to take part in the BA NRDP. This will be a genuine BA development program with an aim at developing national panel referees and must be a highly cooperative and interactive venture with the State programs.

NBL Combine Tournament
The NBL staged a two day combine at MSAC on Monday and Tuesday April 17 & 18 and asked BA for some assistance in the supply of suitable referees. This provided an opportunity for the NRDP referees to receive some additional development and coaching built around some games which, though shortened, featured high level male players.

FIBA Referee Instructor Program
Invitations were sent in June 2017 to National Panel Referee Coaches who had been recommended by the National Federation (Oceania) to participate in the next FIBA Referee Instructor Programme (FRIP).

This 4-day event will be held on the Gold Coast, Australia between the 26th and the 29th October 2017 and is the first time it will be conducted in Australia. International Instructors will travel to Australia to provide the very best education in line with FIBA global standards of education and training. Successful completion of this course will provide attainment as a FIBA Level 1 Referee Instructor.

National Federation Referee Instructor
Another important piece in the National Referee Development Framework was a resource to manage FIBA accreditations, training and resources. Strengthening the pathway of Australian referees through to the international stage, BA created a new honorarium position: National Federation Referee Instructor.

John Rearden was appointed to the role in May, 2017. The role is seen as an important conduit between Basketball Australia and FIBA as Rearden will be responsible for managing all aspects relating to FIBA referees on behalf of BA. This will include maintaining the FIBA on line platform as well as identifying and proposing new talent (potential FIBA candidates) on behalf of BA.

Working with FIBA, he will then implement training and provide
resources to escalate those referees to a FIBA license which will enable them to officiate international tournaments.

In conjunction, Rearden will also ensure the referees that are currently representing Australia on the world stage, such as those recently appointed to various FIBA tournaments, are fully supported in their endeavours by providing necessary materials and proper education.

**AJC’s**

To address an identified decline in referee education and consistency of message over the past few years, a select group of people were identified to act as Technical Delegates (TDs) for AJCs.

As part of the process, all TDs will meet 2 days before the U20’s and determine the educational material and methods of delivery. All will remain at U20’s and run this event outlaying the educational material and providing tuition during the event (theory and practical components).

The TDs will then be assigned an AJC event (U18, U16, U14 Boys, U14 Girls, Australian Schools Championships). Local State referee instructors will be nominated to these events. The TD will be responsible for providing the education and training to the referees and referee instructors during the event. This will ensure a consistent education package is delivered and will provide an excellent nexus to the State education programs.
Participation in Basketball Australia’s junior introductory program Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops grew 25 percent in FY 16/17, with 23,668 kids taking part in 1,180 programs nationally equating to 108 percent growth compared to FY 14/15.

VICINITY CENTRES AUSSIE HOOPS

The growing popularity of Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops was supported by a further 26,030 schoolchildren experiencing Basketball and Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops through 1,002 Sporting Schools programs, making up 8 percent of all Sporting Schools programs delivered across 32 sports under the $160 million federal government initiative. The introduction of Basketball Australia’s Store for Schools has enhanced the accessibility of schools to use official basketball equipment for their programs, with 3,164 basketballs distributed into schools during FY 16/17.

A further 7,920 families participating in nationally-led promotional events and activations across Australia including shopping centre promotions hosted by Vicinity Centres and the Good Friday Appeal Kids Day Out. Engagement between the Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops program and the WNBL and NBL leagues continued to develop with half-time activations in all participating States/Territories throughout the respective 2016/17 seasons.

The Farewell Series for the Australian Boomers provided a range of opportunities for community coaches and players to engage with the national team program. Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops Local Centres provided training assistants for each Boomers training session as well as coach observers, as well as floor wipers and half-time participants for the Series itself, whilst Emporium presented Vicinity Centres program ambassador Patty Mills to a huge crowd of Aussie Hoopers and basketball fans.

Similarly, the Australian Opals conducted a special Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops clinic on the Gold Coast as a final community activity before their Rio Olympics campaign.

Program satisfaction was maintained a high level with 90 percent of participating families and 95 percent of Local Centres indicating they would recommend the program to a peer.

Basketball Australia’s commitment to engaging children in basketball extended beyond the court by partnering with Penguin Books to develop “Ball Stars”, a children’s book series that highlights the inclusiveness and basketball and its power as a social and physical wellbeing.

Aussie Hoops continues to enjoy valued support from Principal Partner Vicinity Centres, Major Partner Peak Sport Australia, and support partners Spalding and Helloworld Travel; as well as program ambassadors Lauren Jackson and Patty Mills.
Basketball Australia held its second annual Coaches Conference at the Centre of Excellence in May 2017, with 110 attendees from all States/Territories representing a 60 percent increase on the inaugural edition. The conference centred around the topic “Teaching the Why of the How” and featured presentations from local and international industry leaders.

Basketball Australia’s Centre of Excellence coaching staff became increasingly proactive in the community during FY 16/17, conducting 41 coach development sessions to local association coaches across Australia. Many of these clinics were filmed and then distributed through the coaching network of each State/ Territory Association.

Under its National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS), Basketball Australia continues to offer e-learning solutions under both its Community Coach stream (via the Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops online course) and Club Coach stream. Plans have also commenced for a new, dedicated national coaches website, which is scheduled for release later in 2017.

The Basketball Network (TBN) continues to grow with increased usage of the modules within the past year and the rollout of the new scoring product, Courtside. Total payments through the national payment gateway was $38.9M in the last year. Of the 3502 administrators using the network, 709 joined the basketball network this year.

The focus of the year has been to prepare Associations and Clubs for the transition STG and to the new TG Platform as agreed by the National Associations meeting at the AGM in November 2016.

The Basketball Network Committee has worked throughout the year to keep the project moving along. Thank you to the TBN Committee for their ongoing work. The committee includes: 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 (Basketball Victoria, CEO), Graham Burns (Basketball Queensland, CEO). 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.
Basketball ACT continued the consolidation of its strong position in 2016-17, providing an excellent foundation for the growth and development of the sport in years to come.

CEO Maxwell Gratton left in December to return to Melbourne and the importance of his work and that of management and the Board during his tenure cannot be overestimated. Maxwell was replaced in March by former Basketball Australia Chief Operating Officer Michael Haynes and in the interim Dan Jackson did an outstanding job as acting CEO.

Basketball ACT’s dedicated 3x3 facility was opened on the 9th of June and coincidentally less than 24 hours later the IOC announced the inclusion of 3x3 in the Tokyo Olympics. This facility, which was funded by the ACT Government, provides a world class showcase for the 3x3 discipline with plans to host local, national and international 3x3 tournaments. The courts also provide much needed additional courts as basketball continues to experience growth in excess of 10%.

Aussie Hoops continues to be a very successful program with 1,000 participants being involved in 2016/17 in programs run both by Basketball ACT and our member Clubs. In February a full-time Development Officer was appointed which enabled the introduction of an exciting “8’s and Under” program to transition players from Aussie Hoops into our regular competitions. Aussie Hoops has grown by 8% and is a key factor to the strong growth experienced in our competitions.

The opening of the NBA Global Academy at Basketball Australia’s Centre of Excellence is exciting for the sport nationally and has presented an opportunity to bolster the standard of our Premier League with Global Academy athletes participating in our Premier League.

Our Premier League did achieve some national prominence in regards to Sports Betting, with a number of betting operators framing a market on the competition. Basketball ACT has worked closely with Basketball Australia in the implementation of the national integrity framework to ensure the integrity of the Premier League.

We have a diverse and growing basketball community and look forward to working closely with Basketball Australia, the WNBL and NBL and the other State bodies as we grow and develop the sport.

“AUSIE HOOPS HAS GROWN BY 8% AND IS A KEY FACTOR TO THE STRONG GROWTH EXPERIENCED IN OUR COMPETITIONS”
BNSW Board spent 2016 focused on re-building with strong efforts being made to improve the governance and financial management of the sport, efforts to unify the sport, working closely with all stakeholders both within NSW and Nationally.

The 2016 AGM re-elected Jenny Dean for a further three year term and Lauretta Claus was elected to a three year term replacing Fiona Johnson, who chose not to re-nominate.

In accordance with the Constitution, the Board chose to fill two vacancies with two excellent candidates – a former BNSW President, with a distinguished career in sport, business and Not for Profit Organisations - David Brettell and Amanda Truong, a highly qualified and experienced accountant, who has been invaluable in becoming the Chair of the Board Finance and Audit Committee.

In establishing the key priorities for BNSW, the Board established three Working Groups, chaired by a Board member and involving recognized practitioners including staff to provide recommendations to the Board – a. Membership b. Facilities c. High Performance d. Female Participation

A Governance Committee and a Finance and Audit Committee was established.

Governance Committee - Bob Elphinston (Chair), Bob McGugan, Jenny Dean, David Brettell.

Finance and Audit Committee - Amanda Truong (Chair), Jenny Dean, Paul Beale.

The BNSW Country Committee under the Chairmanship of Anthony Foy has enjoyed a most active year focusing on development programs across the State and across most age groups.

Metropolitan Forums were expanded in 2016 creating a communication and ideas sharing platform for the 19 Metro Associations. A Metropolitan Advisory Committee has been elected and will meet regularly providing advice to BNSW on development opportunities for the growth of basketball in Metropolitan Sydney.

Maria Nordstrom was appointed by the Board for a five year term commencing 2 February, 2017. Maria brings a great combination of an extensive basketball involvement and a highly successful business career supported by an engaging personality and a burning desire ‘to grow the game of basketball, her sporting love,’ to record levels in NSW. Maria’s primary task in the first half of 2017, is to complete the Strategic plan for BNSW for 2016 and beyond in line with BA strategic focus and plan for the same period.

Caroline McLuckie, a fully qualified and experienced accountant, was appointed in September, 2016, giving BNSW a full time Chief Financial Officer for the first time. Caroline has done a remarkable job in managing the finances and working with the Board Finance and Audit Committee.

Financially in 2016, we have seen success in the basketball specific areas as well as ‘off the court’, which has further strengthened our balance sheet.

There has been increased participation, well above expectation in the Waratah Senior Leagues and the Talented Athlete Program, whilst we have been able to keep costs to a minimum over all the domestic competition and high performance areas.

BNSW entered into a financially beneficial agreement with the Sydney Kings, with financial support being provided to the 19 Metro Associations aimed at ‘growing the game’ in Sydney and in turn attracting greater attendances at the SK home games.

BNSW continues to seek avenues of support in working with the Sydney Flames WNBL Club and the Illawarra Hawks NBL Club, who enjoyed a most successful Finals program in March, 2017.

BNSW has been an active participant in Basketball Australia activities and meetings providing strong support to the BA Board’s initiatives to recover BA’s financial position, the introduction of a National Registration System, the revamping of BA High Performance program (which has included less financial support to the States), Aussie Hoops, higher levels of governance and significantly improved communication channels.

Basketball is now positioned to make significant progress in 2017 with renewed levels of management and a willingness of all stakeholders across NSW to work together to grow the sport.
Basketball in the Northern Territory (BNT) continues to grow through remote delivery and with other providers strengthening their basketball delivery. We are proud to be one of the top participative sports and the most awarded sport in the Northern Territory.

While basketball has been good on the surface the struggles have contributed to the increasing issues through governance and sustainability. To manage through this the BNT board engaged a consultant to complete an organisational and governance review and restructure. After great consultation the member associations voted to retain the current structure so the next step was to employ a new CEO to drive the basketball movement and look at sustainable outcomes. The board then regrouped to work with the new CEO on a structure that would support this new drive and movement.

The CEO was engaged in June and came with a focus that has enabled the Board to clarify roles, strategic and operational priorities moving forward. The introduction of a Participation Manager, to compliment the pathways management already in place will continue to growing the number of programs offered by BNT to all Territorians.

Another contribution to this growth is the Remote Sports Voucher Scheme Project, conducted with Sport and Recreation in the Department of Tourism and Culture has allowed a basketball program to be delivered in more than 40 remote communities. This after schools program allows local children to experience an Aussie Hoops style program, with the coach also helping with competitions, game play, and umpire and coach development. With the sometimes challenging distances to travel to the remote communities, being able to reach across the entire footprint of the Northern Territory is difficult, but important to the continued growth of the sport in our regions – and has proven to be a popular choice for local boys and girls whom are eager to emulate their basketball hero’s.

Basketball were also the most prominent recipient of awards at the Northern Territory Sports Awards taking out the Sports Person of the Year and the Club of the Year. Out of five categories basketball were finalists in four. We also pay tribute to our Territorians that have been recognised on the international stage, our very own Australian Sapphires player Abby Cubillo and Australian Spinners Tom O’Neil-Thorne.

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2016 saw Basketball Queensland build on the success of previous years with improvements in most major indicators.

1. MARKETING
Basketball Queensland continued with digital advertising strategy incorporating a number of Google and Facebook products. Unlike traditional advertising, digital marketing enabled us to monitor the success of the campaigns and adapt quickly if the results are not tracking as expected.

We have grown engagement with stakeholders through the Basketball Queensland App, increasing by 45% to 6,853 downloads by December 2016. Our social media platforms grew by 48% when compared to 2015. In addition, we maintained website traffic at over 400,000 visitors throughout 2016.

2. PARTICIPATION GROWTH
The total number of registered participants in 2016 was 35,559 which is an increase of 1,300 (4%) from last year. This figure includes players, coaches, referees and Aussie Hoops participants.

The number of Aussie Hoops participants grew by 8% when compared to 2015 to 3,739.

In 2016, females represented 27.6% of our registered participants and 72.4% of participants were male. This is a decline in the proportion of female participants compared to 2015 and this decline in participation of women and girls is a focus for Basketball Queensland moving forward.

3. CAPACITY BUILDING

Coaches
Throughout the year 568 people completed a Level 1 coaching Course which is the same number as 2015. There was; however, a significant increase in the number of people attending Level 2 Coaching Courses with a 94% increase to 97.

To support the development of coaches we also conducted a coaching conference in association with the Australian Basketball Challenge. Central and North Queensland conferences were completed in association with the tour of an American skills coach, Jason Wright.

We have also used our player development programs to develop coaches with 27 coaches benefiting from the development activities at the Future Development Program Whole of State Camp. We also have Development Coaches involved in our State Teams with each team generally having at least one Development Coach. The Emerging Team program is also assisting in the development of our coaches as they have to learn to adapt to the different challenges of games in the US.

The new Basketball Queensland Coaching App was rolled out in January 2016. This App enables coaches to store their accreditation details on their phone or tablet, register and re-register their accreditation, be notified of events and has video resources as well as a training plan builder.

Referees
There were 615 participants who attended referee accreditation courses throughout 2016. Basketball Queensland continues to offer accreditation courses free of charge which is unique to our State.

We also introduced a “Flying Squad” of referee coaches for our Junior Representative Basketball Competitions so referee coaches visited associations to support the development of association referee coaches and referees.

Organisational Development
Once again the Basketball Queensland Annual Conference was well attended. This provided an opportunity for associations to hear from experts in governance and financial management and to share ideas as we showcased some of the great work being done by associations throughout Queensland.

We also rolled out a number of webinars to assist in training associations to use the Fox Sports Pulse database and competition software.
2016-17 has been a strong year for basketball in South Australia with positive outcomes across the majority of our strategic indicators.

Last year we noted that with continued participation growth, our greatest challenge was the lack of infrastructure to cater for demand. This continues to be our priority, but at least pleasingly we can report continued progress with a number of key facility projects that will alleviate some pressure and create opportunities to satisfy some of the demand. In 2016 and 2017 we will see an investment of over $70m in the construction of indoor sports centres across the state, including:

- Completion of the 4-court Copper Coast Leisure Centre at Kadina
- Construction commence on a new 5-court venue at Lightsview
- Construction commence on a new 5-6 court venue at St Clair
- Construction commence on a new 4-court venue at St Francis de Sales College in Mount Barker

There are a number of other projects that are currently in planning phases, or partly funded that we will continue to drive.

In relation to our participation, we have seen ongoing growth in new junior domestic programs across Adelaide with a focus from Basketball SA to support the growth and expansion of these programs. The progression of our District Clubs into Associations is exciting but is also putting additional pressure on the needs to increase access to new courts. Basketball SA has significantly changed its development focus in the past 12-months to work more directly with our members to provide them the support required to develop or build new participation programs at both schools and home venues. We look forward to continuing to deliver improved member support and engagement into the next year.

Apart from our member support programs, one other key participation program to highlight is the introduction of the Year 4/5 Primary Schools tournament. Basketball SA worked with SAPSASSA to introduce a new Year 4/5 level competition with 84 teams from schools across SA competing. Basketball SA envisages this number doubling next year to start getting closer to the 300 teams that compete in the Year 6/7 tournament.

We are proud of our high performance teams and officials who have achieved success over the financial year, especially for our Under 20 Men who broke a long drought to take home the gold medal in February. Congratulations is also extended to our Under 20 Women for winning the bronze, the Under 18 Metro Women's Silver medal, and the Ivor Burge Men's Silver medal.

Our officials have also been well recognised at national championships and other key national tournaments. There were 8 SA referees appointed to medal games at Australian National Championships; and 10 SA referees appointed to medal games at the Albury Country Cup. We have especially taken great pride in the achievements of the country officials as it recognises the benefits of increased commitment to referee development by our country associations.

We have just finished one of the highest standard Premier League seasons for a very long time that culminated in an exciting finals series. The Grand Final held at the Titanium Security Arena was attended by 3,000 people and the live streaming watched by over 20,000 people. Most pleasing was the 2,200 people that attended the Women’s Grand Final; and the exceptional engagement through our social media.

On that front, our marketing, social media and engagement has grown substantially following the appointment of a new Communications and Marketing Officer, Chelsea Bowring, who within her first year has delivered great campaigns for our venue operations, competitions and general communication to members and the community.

Our venue operations, which now includes over 11,000 domestic participants, had a massive turnaround in performance from 2015-16 with team numbers and revenues hitting an all-time high. The work from our diligent Venue Managers and staff turned around the organisations financial performance.

Basketball SA had budgeted for a $91,000 loss stemming from forecast impacts from grant reductions and increased venue operation costs; but instead produced a $9,300 surplus after transferring $45,000 in grants across to 2017-18 to allow for acquittal.
Recently I was asked by Anthony Moore, CEO of Basketball Australia, to provide a Progress Report after our Governance Reform in 2013. We often don't pause and reflect on where we have come from and that we have made quantum leaps forward over the past 4 years.

The report went to Kate Palmer, CEO of the ASC who commented: “What a wonderful reflection on the power of strong leadership, a vision for the future and the right support in the right place. Basketball Tasmania deserves all the accolades. Thanks for taking the time to share this story.”

**BTAS GOVERNANCE**
- **2013** - State being run by 3 regional bodies with massive issues – e.g. Conflicts of interest, regional focus only, state nearly bankrupt, lack of development,
- **2017** - Proper governance within the Federation Model.

**BTAS BOARD STRUCTURE**
- **2013** - Individuals representing the interest of their regions.
- **2017** - Strategic and independent Board where decisions are made for the best interest of basketball in Tasmania.

**ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS**
- **2013** - 38 associations and clubs - each with small member numbers and all voluntarily run (apart from one).
- **2017** - 21 Constituent Association Members – further reductions need to occur to create CAMs of critical mass size operating professionally.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**
- **2013** - Major issues in IT – dysfunctional website, no social media, no database, no member newsletters, no domain name.
- **2017** - Major advances in each of the above areas.

**BTAS JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**
- **2013** - State Development Program (14-17 year olds) with 65 athletes under the guidance of 3 volunteer coaches receiving honorariums. The regions also conducted teams and training for the Under 14 Clubs.
- **2017** - Over 300 athletes in development programs under the guidance of 3 full time professional coaches.
  - State Development Program - 14 to 17 year olds.
  - Future Development Program - 9 to 13 year olds.

Development starting much younger than before with excellent early signs.

**BTAS EVENTS – GENERAL**
- **2013** - Bare minimum of events being conducted. Many events being outsourced to regions or not conducted.
- **2017** - 500% increase in BTAS Event Activity (based on turnover) – including several new events.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS**
- **2013** - 64 teams competed in State Championships
- **2017** - 126 teams competed in State Championships

**SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS**
- **2013** - 253 teams competed in our School Champs.
- **2017** - 398 teams completed in our School Champs.
  - 242 Primary School teams with 654 new registrations (compared to 54 in 2005).
  - 156 High School teams with 571 new registrations (compared to 97 in 2005).

**HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM**
- **2013** - Lost control of the HP Program and the BTAS/TIS relationship was one of the main sources of angst in the basketball community. A small group of athletes were being serviced very well however it was at the detriment of many other areas – eg. Development program, state team and Country Cup athletes outside HP, coach development, etc.
- **2017** - High Performance Program achieving success
  - 7 athletes selected in Australian Junior squads or teams in the last two years.
  - State Head Coach, Mark Radford, appointed as the Australian Under 19 Boys Assistant Coach.
  - 3 professional HP level coaches guiding our athletes.

**BTAS BRANDING**
- **2013** - Outdated branding and uniform issues
- **2017** - Strong branding with vibrant look
  - BTAS Store at the Head Office in Launceston
  - Partnership with Peak and Champion
  - New items introduced to our merchandising range
  - Online store commenced in 2016 with success

**EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT**
- **2013** - Reactive approach in this area
- **2017** - Proactive approach with the employment of an Education and Operations Manager
When we reflect on 2016 it is clear that it was a year of significant development, change, challenges, opportunity and achievement for Victorian basketball.

In my four years as CEO, I don’t think I have experienced a year that has presented such opportunity for our sport to be best placed to not only meet the challenges presented by a competitive and demanding market, but also, to lead the sporting sector across the many and varied segments of the business and the industry it operates in.

Our role as a governing body, along with our Member Associations, has evolved over recent years and both will continue to develop and grow in the future. We are seeing our Member Associations invest heavily in the business of basketball and each has established a firm base for future growth, reform and the achievement of business objectives. This development should be both acknowledged and commended, and establishes the basis of a successful and sustainable future.

The work carried out behind the scenes has ensured our sport has a very solid base from which we can grow, develop and meet any challenges that an already competitive sport market may throw our way.

Simultaneously, on the court – Victorian’s excelled across the state, the country and on the world stage with multiple state teams and athletes achieving national glory.

Basketball Victoria continues to lead the way in program innovation, inclusive practices and leadership.

Our programs go far beyond the participation spectrum as we focus a large part of our attention on facilitating social change by influencing broad community attitudes and knowledge on how basketball and better social and health outcomes are interlinked.

Grass-roots basketball remains strong with growth figures exceeding targets across the state. Yet while we should celebrate the growth, it is also critical that we continue to find ways in which we can grow our business and appeal to a wider audience.

The continued focus and subsequent growth at the community level is a positive outcome and provides a solid base for future pathway development. Hoop Time participation numbers went through the roof as young kids from across the state – pleasingly with many from the country regions - got involved with their first taste of basketball.

From a commercial perspective, we channelled our focus on not only servicing but also growing our partnership portfolio, which now includes more than twenty partners.

Our continued focus on the delivery of targeted and topical news and communications has resulted in exponential growth in both our online community and digital readership. Following the launch of a news-based website, the outward presentation of the sport is unified under a single structure, highlighting the brand and meeting the demands of a wider audience than ever before.

Our online community continues to flourish with a strong focus on digital content and presentation.

2016 saw the completion of another planning period. The 2012-2016 BV Strategic Plan delivered on a number of key platforms, all of which required greater levels of leadership from the governing body.

In 2016, Basketball Victoria Country held the inaugural Basketball in Regional Victoria Conference, focusing on a range of topics relevant to the business of basketball. The feedback from our members was very positive and as a result it will become a regular fixture on the Victorian basketball calendar.

At all levels of our organisation, from the Board to the Executive team and our staff, we recognise the importance of leading by example and delivering on agreed targets. This can only be achieved in a team environment where all members are working towards common and agreed goals and targets. As CEO, it is my responsibility to ensure that this environment matures and delivers the services both expected and required in the most effective and efficient manner.

My report highlights a number of areas where Basketball Victoria has excelled in 2016 however, it is important that we recognize the need for continuous improvement across all aspects of people, inclusion, growth, facilities, awareness and leadership.
OVERVIEW
Basketball WA has continued to grow and now boasts affiliated numbers above 41,000 with recent and soon to be completed upgrades of key association facilities in Mandurah, Joondalup, Stirling and Rockingham some of our metro associations will be welcoming their new state of the art facilities. Facilities continue to be a key strategic issue with the continued growth of the sport hampered by the ability to expand. BWA recently purchased 2 outdoor mobile basketball courts, these have proved to be a boost to driving the 3X3 version of the game and engaging the community in basketball at the grassroots level.

REGIONAL PLANNING
Since the development the strategic plan last year BWA has now set up regional Presidents forums in each of the nine country regions of Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne, Midwest, Goldfields, Wheatbelt, Peel, South West, and Great Southern as well as the metro region. These forums oversee the development of regional plans which are aligned and linked to the strategic plan incorporating the same seven strategic pillars. The regional plans provide the guidance for the priorities in the region. Operationally then BWA aligns its resources to these priorities.

PARTICIPATION
Since basketball WA’s (BWA) role out of its new strategic plan, the organisation has seen strong growth in its community engagement participation projects which is a direct result of working with local government and community members/stakeholders to develop and support a range of programs and events which encourage participation in basketball.

These programs include:

Collie Youth Basketball Program
A Basketball WA initiative to increase engagement between regional youth, their Local Government Authority and their community using the ‘spectrum of community participation’ tool and our portable 3x3 basketball courts. The program promotes and guides youth leadership skills over a ten-week period to encourage disengaged youth to become empowered and active members within their community using 3x3 as the vehicle for social good.

ICEA 3x3 Streetball support
Basketball WA has partnered with ICEA (Indigenous Communities Education & Awareness) which is a foundation youth-run not-for-profit organisation which aims to achieve reconciliation through mutual respect and positive experiences for all Australians. Basketball WA supports these positive experiences by running its 3x3 Streetball event at one of ICEA’s major youth events which engages both Indigenous and non-indigenous youth.

Naidoc Basketball Carnival
Basketball WA celebrated Naidoc Week by hosting its first Naidoc Basketball Carnival which supported both affiliated BWA members and community members to participate. The carnival saw over 322 competitors participate over the three days, including teams from, Albany, Bunbury, Kununurra, Kalgoorlie, Perth, Pinjarra and Tambellup. Basketball WAs post review of the carnival was positive and opportunities to improve on future events for Indigenous participants was well received. These basketball related programs and support achieve broader social outcomes and provide a greater impact and more relevance of the sport in the broader community.

“SINCE THE DEVELOPMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN LAST YEAR BWA HAS NOW SET UP REGIONAL PRESIDENTS FORUMS IN EACH OF THE NINE COUNTRY REGIONS”
In recent years BA has undergone a period of restructuring and consolidation and as a result, FY16, returned an operating surplus for the first time in 3 years.

BA has built on that with continued sponsorship and commercial growth to return an operating surplus of $237,275 for the FY17 period.

### 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.
- 2016/17 includes the inbound transfer of remaining assets from the amalgamation of the South East Australian Basketball League Inc.
- Total equity as at 30 June 2017 ($1,474,043) represents 11.65% of FY16/17 revenue, which remains below the ASC’s recommended level for reserves ($1m/20%).
- Total equity as at 30 June 2017 ($1,474,043) represents 86.7% of BA’s strategic reserving target of $1.7m (to be achieved by 2019/20).
YEAR END FINANCIAL POSITION

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MANAGEMENT REPORTING - BUSINESS UNIT REVENUES AND EXPENSES

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#### OPERATING REVENUES

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### CASH

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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.
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