

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024









19,946

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



31%

REGISTRATIONS BY FEMALES



200

496,848

**TOTAL PARTICIPATION** 

220,771

REGISTERED COMMUNITY
COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS

146 ASSOCIATIONS 428 CLUBS

105,512

SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS

# BASKETBALL IN VICTORIA

BASKETBALL VICTORIA PARTICIPATION NUMBERS 2024



5,352

ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER ORIGIN

7,494
PARTICIPANTS WHO

**IDENTIFY AS LIVING** 

**WITH A DISABILITY** 

9,830

SPECIFIC DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



9,828
REGISTERED TECHNICAL
OFFICIALS



22,223
REGISTERED COACHES



109,836

GAME DAY VOLUNTEERS



424,219
GAMES PLAYED

GAMES PLAYED (WEEKLY DOMESTIC)

**67%**PARTICIPANTS PLAYED IN TWO OR MORE

**COMPETITION SEASONS** 

1,133
COURTS USED
WEEKLY

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**STAFF** 

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT WICHELLE BRUGGEMAN

It has been another outstanding year for Basketball Victoria, and I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made in strengthening and growing our sport across the state.

I am also pleased with the diverse mix of skills and expertise that now sits on the Basketball Victoria Board. This collective experience and depth across the group positions us well to provide strong governance leadership and direction for basketball throughout this growth period, particularly as we work together to deliver our new strategic plan endorsed late in 2024.

One of our key priorities has been to strengthen and maintain open, transparent communication with all stakeholders across every level of our sport and broader community. In particular, we continue to foster a strong partnership with Basketball Australia (BA) to ensure a unified and collaborative approach to driving basketball's success throughout Victoria. Our member associations continue to do an incredible job to grow the sport and participation at all levels, both on court and off court, and collaborating closely with our members will be important now more than ever to deliver the plans for the year ahead.

A significant highlight this year has been our collaboration with management and key stakeholders in shaping our strategic plan that will guide us through to 2028 (see table). This plan is focused on inspiring more people to play basketball and cementing our status as Victoria's number one team participation sport.

This vision will allow us to make basketball even more accessible, inclusive, and successful for all Victorians.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new board members, Lori Chizik and Tina McKenzie, who joined us in May 2024. Their leadership and experience further strengthen our governance capability and strategic direction. Additionally, I extend my sincere thanks to Tracey Browning for her dedicated service as she concludes her tenure on the Basketball Victoria Board.

I look forward to another year of growth, innovation, and achievement as we continue to inspire more people to play and love the game of basketball in Victoria.

# Michelle Bruggeman

Presdient, Basketball Victoria

### **KEY STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND MEASURES**

# Promote Basketball:

- Grow participation at an average of 4% per year
- Establish basketball as *Victoria's largest* participation sport
- Deliver the world's largest 3x3 basketball events and community
- Increase the number of Victorians competing on the global stage for 3x3

# Increase Female Participation:

- Achieve 40% female participation in Aussie Hoops across all age groups
- Ensure 32% of all domestic basketball participants are women and girls

# **Expand Inclusive Pathways:**

- Develop a *community wheelchair basketball program* with a professional pathway
- Increase participation from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities
- Improve *retention and engagement* in underrepresented communities
- Develop and expand 3x3 programs

# GEO'S REPORT NICK



Reflecting on the past 12 months, I am proud to share that 2024 has been a year of strong progress, continued resilience, and exciting momentum across all areas of Basketball Victoria.

The State Basketball Centre (SBC) has well and truly become our home. A year on from the Stage 2 opening we have fully settled into the expanded facility, featuring new courts and refurbished amenities, that provide our sport with a true state-of-the-art hub enabling us to grow and thrive.

In a challenging economic environment, we have continued to advocate strongly at all levels of government for increased support and investment in community basketball facilities right across the state. Ensuring our sport remains accessible and welcoming to all Victorians remains central to our purpose.

I'm pleased to report that we've secured an additional 12 months of program funding for Participation and Performance Pathways (formally High Performance) - a testament to the impact and value of our work in this space. While there is still much to do, this continued support lays a strong foundation for the future.

Financially, we achieved another budget surplus, a strong indicator of prudent management and long-term sustainability. Coupled with a 3.5% growth in participation, this year's numbers show that our programs and initiatives are truly making a difference in our community and attracting new people to the game in Victoria.

We're especially proud of the growth in participation of women and girls throughout 2024, reflecting the increasing reach and impact of our focused strategies and initiatives that have cut through with this demographic. The introduction of our Women and Girls Action Plan - Power Forward and the funding we secured under the Federal Government's Play Our Way program will help us further strengthen this momentum in the coming year.

In 2024 we were proud to see Victorians once again shine at the Olympics, with three women and four men selected to represent Australia at the Paris Olympics in August 2024. Their achievements speak volumes about the strength of our pathways and the role Victoria continues to play in developing world-class athletes.

Looking ahead, we're energised and excited to implement our new strategic plan - the result of thorough, extensive engagement across the Victorian basketball community. This roadmap positions us well for the next four years and will ensure we continue to lead with purpose.

We have also made further progress in our member affiliation governance framework, aimed at better supporting our associations to deliver success across all levels and areas of the Victorian basketball community. Similarly, our ongoing focus on coach development and education remains a priority, with expanded courses and resources to support this crucial part of the basketball ecosystem.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank our Executive Team, the Board, all Basketball Victoria staff, and the broader basketball community for their commitment, expertise, and passion throughout the year. A special mention and heartfelt thanks to Grant Wallace, who has been instrumental in the success of our Performance Pathways team over many years. We wish him all the very best in this next chapter.

Basketball Victoria is in a strong position - and with our people, our plans, and our passion - we are ready to take the game even further into the future.

### Nick Honey

Chief Executive Officer, Basketball Victoria



"WE'RE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF THE GROWTH IN PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGHOUT 2024"









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# **WOMEN AND GIRLS**

2024 was a busy year in the women and girls space, with several major projects underway, as well as a range of internal and external opportunities. Funding through the Together More Active grants program allowed a second edition of Courage and Confidence to Lead (a leadership program for women on association boards) to be delivered, as well as the development of B-All-In, a social and non-competitive entry point to basketball for women and gender-diverse people. Courage and Confidence was very successful, with the twenty participants providing positive feedback about their experiences throughout the program.

The funding allowed us to engage Deakin University to undertake an evaluation of Courage and Confidence to Lead and provide feedback that would assist in the ongoing delivery of the program. The feedback was measured through participant self-reflection of their engagement, value to their leadership journey, and impact of the content, as well as researcher observations of each workshop.



The overall feedback was positive, and all sessions were rated 6 or higher (on a scale of one to seven) when determining the value of the session for each participant's individual leadership development.

- 28% of participants already held board or committee leadership positions;
- 23% aspire to hold paid positions is basketball; and
- >33% were confident that they would hold the role that they aspired to in the next 12 months due to the program.

**B-All-In** was delivered at seven associations and is set to expand in 2025 with the goal to become a sustainable, ongoing program.

Additionally, funding through the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants allowed the creation of the **BV Accelerated Women's Coaching Program**.

This program brought together eight women from around the state who aspired to hold coaching roles on Victorian state teams. The women were provided a series of online development activities which culminated in an immersive three-day experience at the 2024 U16 Foot Locker National Championships in Bendigo. As a result of this program, all eight participants received their association level coaching accreditation.

Subsequently, five of the eight participants applied for state team coaching roles for 2025, with four successful in selection. This program will be facilitated again in 2025, and it is expected to continue to deliver success in developing female coaches.

The newly designed Victorian state team shorts launched in 2024, with all teams providing navy shorts for both men and women, as well as, the publication of Power Forward, Basketball Victoria's Gender Equity Strategy to 2032. The roll-out of this strategy will be supported by funding acquired through the Federal Government Play Our Way grant, which will support the delivery of several new programs to increase participation of women and girls in all areas of basketball, both on and off the court.

# **MEMBER SERVICES**

# **AFFILIATION**

As per the amendments to the constitution adopted by the members at the BV 2024 AGM, affiliated associations will now affiliate with BV in the following categories:

- 1. Member Association
- 2. Special Purpose Member
- 3. Education Organisation Member (New Category)
- 4. Tertiary Education Organisation Member (New Category)

The required documents for affiliation were uploaded by associations to the BV Member Portal as per BV Member Obligation By-Laws. A total of 563 documents were uploaded and reviewed by the Membership Services Department.

The August Board Meeting received the following recommendations:

- 125 associations were recommended for full membership.
- 19 associations were recommended for special purpose membership.
- 2 associations were recommended for tertiary education organisation membership.

The Board were also advised that following a review of the documents submitted, a number of workplans were developed for the Association Development Officers to work with individual associations to improve processes.

This included but was not limited to, 1 association in contravention of their constitution, 32 associations who were not up to date with reporting to Consumer Affairs Victoria as required by the Act, 5 associations over the GST threshold, but not registered for GST, 31 associations reporting to incorrect financial year, and 8 associations with a financial concern. The Board accepted the recommendations, and 146 associations are affiliated for 2024-2025 period. No change in total number from 2023.

### WALKING BASKETBALL

Walking Basketball has continued to grow in 2024. There are now 29 programs with 367 players throughout Victoria, 27 delivered by associations, one managed by BV and one delivered by a U3A group.

Basketball Hawthorn and Sunbury Basketball Association launched programs in Term 1 and Camberwell Basketball Association are establishing a second location due to large numbers. Frankston and Surf Coast Basketball Associations have included a Walking Basketball division in their tournaments, and creating more opportunities in tournaments will be a focus for BV in 2025.

Masters groups added walking basketball divisions to their tournaments which were held in Bulleen, Sale and Torquay. Southern Basketball Association are planning a weekly competition with the surrounding programs to launch in Term 2, 2025.

Celebration day was again conducted in October 2024 as part of Senior Citizens week, with 19 associations and 188 players attending, enjoying either social games or the high energy of the Competitive division. During Senior Citizens week, BV staff had the opportunity to attend festival activations and Come and Try Days which were organised by Knox, Manningham, Boroondara and Darebin Council.

As our population in Victoria ages, the demand for programs like Walking Basketball and Masters Basketball is expected to increase. Looking ahead to 2028 and then 2032, we anticipate a growing need for these initiatives across all basketball associations. As of 2024, the median age in Victoria is approximately 38.5 years (ABS data). Projections indicate that by 2032, the median age in Victoria is expected to increase to between 39.8 to 40.0 years. (ABS and Australian Government projections). This trend reflects the broader demographic shift towards an aging population in this state.



### WHEELCHAIR ACTION PLAN

This plan was adopted by the Board in October 2023 and now forms part of the BV Strategic Plan 2025-2028. The strategy outlines what is required to reach our objectives and how to provide accessible and the most appropriate opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in the future.

It allows Basketball Victoria to drive and support the provision of an inclusive sport that allows people with disabilities to feel safe and welcome within the basketball community.

The plan includes ambitious targets regarding school visits and community activations. In 2024 all targets were exceeded with 226 school visits, across 4,341 participants.

Community activations included:

- 2 x Disability Sport and Recreation Festivals
- 4 x Para Sport days Paralympics Australia
- 2 x Wheelchair Camp days with South East Melbourne Phoenix
- 4 x Active Inclusion Days Disability Sport and Recreation Australia
- 4 x NBL half time showcases
- 1 x Centre for Multicultural Youth Multicultural Sports Event.

Key activities for 2025 - 2028 include:

- Delivery of school & corporate clinics
- Delivery of partner & community activations
- Development of association hubs
- Development of events & leagues
- Developing and improving high performance pathways
- Exploring and improving marketing & communication
- Developing and expanding partnership opportunities.

226 4,341 SCHOOL VISITS PARTICIPANTS

# **RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP)**

Reconciliation Australia (RA) advised in May that they had endorsed our second Reconciliation Action Plan submitted in late 2023. RA congratulated Basketball Victoria on a 'great' plan which they endorsed as an 'Innovate' RAP and confirmed our organisation was again recognised as a member of the RAP network.

This RAP detailed our commitment to reconciliation and the ongoing inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples into basketball through member associations and environments that are welcoming and culturally sensitive.

This Innovate RAP will help us to achieve objectives by enhancing existing relationships, generating new opportunities and continuing to demonstrate our dedication to provide meaningful and sustainable outcomes that advance reconciliation in forming mutually beneficial partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

To support our advocacy and expand our work around reconciliation, NBL1 and Big V fixtured a First Nations Round that was held in July 2024. To assist in the successful delivery of the round, BV grants were provided to associations for First Nations Round activations.

# **SPORTING SCHOOLS**

Sporting Schools is an Australian Government initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport and connect them with community sport opportunities. Sporting Schools programs are provided free to children and their families, to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life. Basketball Victoria has a dedicated staff member across the Sporting Schools Program and Ford Aussie Hoops.

Sporting Schools enjoyed significant growth in 2024, with 407 school bookings, a 50.18% increase YOY, with an incredible 53,840 students involved in these sessions, an increase of 57.19% YOY.

Significant work has gone into promoting basketball through the Sporting Schools platform with schools and associations across a variety of mediums and avenues to encourage more students to get involved with basketball.

### **FORD AUSSIE HOOPS**

Ford Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia's official introductory program, providing a fun and inclusive basketball experience for 5-10-year-olds. In addition to promoting healthy and active lifestyles, the program serves as a platform for social development and inclusion – fostering stronger and more vibrant communities and individuals.

Victoria continues to lead with 5 of the top 10 centres in Australia residing in our state and the Victorian and Basketball Australia Centre of the Year awarded to Pakenham Basketball Association.

While overall we saw a slight decrease in participation to 18,374 (-2.3%), we were pleased to welcome 10 new delivery centres in 2024 for a total 92 active delivery centres, broadening the reach of the program across Victoria. Whilst girls participation enjoyed an increase from 28.14% to 31.91%



### COACH DEVELOPMENT

Just under 4,500 coaches received accreditation during 2024. With the introduction of mandatory coach accreditation in 2023, 10,092 coaches have now obtained an accreditation across the last 2 years. This is an average of nearly 100 coaches a week attending a coach course in Victoria over this 24-month period.

Our percentage of women and girls receiving an accreditation is 26.61%, a slight increase on 2023.

### 2024 MANDATORY COACH ACCREDITATION DATA

LEVELS	COURSES	W&G	M&B	NS	COACHES
COMMUNITY	100	3,268	2,046	317	3,268
CLUB	58	255	670	138	1,063
<b>ASSOCIATION</b>	6	18	56	21	95
TOTAL	164	1,178	2,772	476	4,426



# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

This annual report presents a preliminary analysis of Victorian basketball participation data for the year 2024, comparing it to the same data from 2023. The data is derived from unique individual registrations on the PlayHQ platform.

\*Please note, unique domestic participants reflect individuals with a BV license, all duplicates, individuals who play multiple games, program numbers (Aussie Hoops, walking basketball, holiday camps/clinics etc and pathway numbers have been removed.

### **OVERALL PARTICIPATION TRENDS**

The total number of registered basketball participants in Victoria for 2024 shows a 3.5% increase (7,491 registrations) compared to 2023 and continues an increase in participation (10.04%) across the two years from 2022.

YEAR	NUMBER	INCREASE
2024	220,771	3.5%
2023	213,318	6.3%
2022	200,617	

10.04% INCREASE SINCE 2022

Whilst further analysis is required to determine the factors in the increase, in some areas of Victoria, participation increase is being stalled due to lack of facilities. For example, Keilor Basketball has capped their Senior Domestic Competition at 1,400 participants due to a lack of available courts. Bellarine Peninsula Basketball has 3,199 weekly domestic participants in 2024, approximately 800 more than they can adequately service and are creating a significant number of bye games per week, with some children playing basketball every 3 weeks. Again, due to lack of facilities.

The 2025 – 2028 Strategic Plan has an objective to increase participation 4% annually and ensuring we have enough facilities to support this growth is crucial to achieving this goal.

### **OVERALL REGISTRATIONS**

TOTAL NUMBER	2024	%	2023	%
WOMEN & GIRLS	63,128	29%	59,711	29%
MEN & BOYS	157,334	71%	153,260	71%
TOTAL	220,771		213,318	
TOTAL INCREASE	2024	0/ 181/		
	2024	% INC	CREASE	%
WOMEN & GIRLS	3,417	% INC	REASE	45.61%
WOMEN & GIRLS MEN & BOYS		% INC	REASE	

# **FEMALE PARTICIPATION**

Female registrations continue to sit at 29% of all registrations at the domestic level. This percentage increases to 31% when all programs, clinics, competitions, participation and pathways programs are added.

The total number of women and girls playing domestic basketball has increased and is starting to bridge the gap between men and boys.



# **JUNIOR PARTICIPATION**

NUMBER

YEAR

Junior basketball registrations have also seen steady growth and sit at 69.73% of the total registrations in domestic basketball. Junior registrations in 2024 increased by 4.58%.

**INCREASE** 

4.58%

2024 2023	153,947 147,195	3.5%	1	CREASE OM 2023
TOTAL NUMBER	2024	%	2023	%
GIRLS	48,825	31.7%	45,860	31.1%
BOYS	105,055	68.2%	101,258	68.9%
TOTAL	153,947		147,195	
TOTAL INCREAS	E 2024	% IN	ICREASE	%
GIRLS	2,965		6.4%	43.91%
BOYS	3,797		3.7%	56.23%
TOTAL	6,752		4.58%	

# **ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATION**

10 largest associations by domestic registration numbers:

NUMBER	% INCREASE
14,919	5%
11,555	6%
10,004	4%
9,822	6%
9,556	1%
8,926	6%
8,413	6%
8,227	5%
8,184	10%
7,139	10%
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# **SENIOR PARTICIPATION**

Senior domestic basketball registrations have slightly increased on 2023 data. The raw numbers show that this area is almost stagnant. Early analysis reflects that this section of our basketball participation is struggling with several factors including facility availability. Whilst the numbers are small, we have seen a better increase in senior women, compared to men.

YEAR	NUMBER	INCREASE
2024	66,824	1.1%
2023	66,123	

1.1% **INCREASE** FROM 2023

The early release of the 2024 basketball participation data provides valuable insights into the growth and trends within the sport in Victoria. It underscores the success of ongoing initiatives aimed at enhancing female engagement, supporting junior development, and fostering senior participation. Again, congratulations and thank you to the Marketing, Communications & Digital team for their diligence and efficiency in compiling and presenting this data, enabling timely analysis, planning, and decision-making for BV and its member associations.

# 3.3% INCREASE SENIOR WOMEN

# SENIOR REGISTRATIONS

TOTAL NUMBER	2024	%	2023	%
WOMEN	14,303	21.4%	13,851	20.1%
MEN	52,279	78.6%	52,002	79.8%
TOTAL	66,824		66,123	
TOTAL INCREASE	2024	% INC	REASE	%
TOTAL INCREASE WOMEN	<b>2024</b> 452		<b>REASE</b> 3.3%	<del>%</del> 62%

# **CASE STUDY**



'CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY' PROJECT

MELTON
SUBURBAN
REVITALISATION

Basketball Victoria was successful in obtaining funding through the Melton Suburban Revitalisation Scheme, the project, led by Basketball Victoria and Melton Basketball Association (MBA), aimed to strengthen the community through three core objectives: connecting the community, transition to play, and a youth leadership program.

Targeting students in the 3337 postcode, the project sought to engage youth in community sports, facilitate a smooth transition from school basketball clinics to regular competition, and empower young leaders while promoting volunteerism.

Through basketball clinics delivered by MBA coaches, students were introduced to after-school programs and pathways into the junior domestic basketball competition. In addition, the Youth Leadership Program was designed to develop leadership skills in young participants, encouraging them to embrace volunteer roles that are essential for the sustainability of community sports. Despite challenges, such as the need for better communication strategies to engage 15-19-year-olds, the program resulted in both short-term and long-term benefits, including increased participation in basketball and the creation of future community leaders.

Key lessons learned include the importance of stakeholder buy-in, centralised project management, a

clear project direction, effective youth communication strategies, and flexibility in project design. The project's successes and challenges provide valuable insights for the development of future community-focused programs.

The project took several iterations before settling on what the project would ultimately deliver. Transition to play opportunities via school connections to MBA and a Youth Leadership Program designed to empower the youth of Melton, with a focus on volunteerism.

Transition to play initiatives were focused on delivering basketball clinics in schools that were located in the 3337 postcode. These clinics were designed and delivered by MBA coaches with the intention that students in these clinics would transition to after-school programs at the association, and then into regular participation in MBA's junior domestic competitions.

With over 120 school clinic sessions delivered during Terms 2 & 3 (2024), each session was conducted for approx. 30-60 students/session. These numbers indicate significant exposure to basketball as a sport, and connection to Melton Basketball Association because of this initiative.

The aim of the Youth Leadership Program was to empower young individuals through a comprehensive leadership course by focusing on engaging participants in team building activities and imparting essential leadership skills

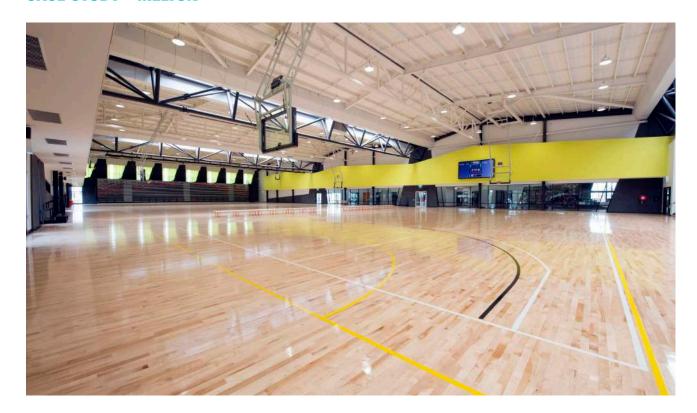
through interactive sessions. Basketball Victoria engaged GippSport to deliver a leadership curriculum which included topics such as inclusion, decision making, communication, leadership and team building.

As a program of activity, the Melton Suburban Revitalisation project successfully achieved its key objectives of fostering community connections, creating pathways for long-term sports participation, and empowering young people through leadership training.

The project highlighted the importance of strong stakeholder engagement, well-defined plans, and adaptability in achieving its goals. While there were challenges, such as capturing the attention of young people for personal development programs, the project demonstrated that with the right strategies and flexible design, community sports can play a vital role in rebuilding social cohesion and fostering longterm growth in both participation and leadership.

As the Melton community continues to grow, initiatives like this will remain crucial in ensuring that residents, particularly young people, have opportunities to connect, develop skills, and contribute meaningfully to their local communities. The lessons learned and outcomes of this project provide a solid foundation for future projects, reinforcing the enduring impact of sport in bringing communities together and shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

# **CASE STUDY - MELTON**







### PROJECT - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Basketball Victoria partnered with VicSport to conduct a research project into how Basketball Victoria (BV) can best support key administrative roles undertaken within Victorian basketball associations. These roles include general managers, operational managers and administrators, however did not extend to on-court roles such as coaching and refereeing.

25 associations of all sizes and spread across metropolitan and regional areas were involved in the research project. The research also conducted a review of the information available on the BV website and the association/member only portal/resource hub.

The final report, authored by VicSport' Anthony Bowd, has been completed and has identified best practice management methods for association administrative roles, making recommendations for resources BV can provide to fill gaps not currently available. During 2025 BV will continue to work with associations and further develop information and resources for our members to access.

# PROJECT - BOARD/COMMITTEE INDUCTIONS - ASSOCIATION/CLUB RELATIONSHIP

The Community Development Team completed several Board/Committee Inductions across associations in 2024 and provided support across association governance. This included assistance with constitution amendments, development of bylaws, development and structure of subcommittees, appropriate delegation of authority to individuals, employees, subcommittees and others.

The team also delivered 3 governance workshops to associations' clubs at the request of the associations. This provided valuable insight into the next level of basketball administration, operations and governance in Victoria. BV has completed preliminary research into the club structure in Victoria under the associations, and the formal process for the affiliation between associations and clubs. In 2025 this will be expanded and a 'best practice' process will be developed with assistance from associations. With close to 500 formal basketball clubs in Victoria and the responsibilities and risk that they hold, this is seen as vital to our structure.



With record demand for basketball in Victoria, there is tremendous pressure in all parts of the state to get access to courts. Increasing the number of facilities that Victorians can participate in basketball is a key priority of Basketball Victoria now, and into the future.

Ensuring that everyone who wants to participate in basketball has the opportunity to get on a court and play is one way that Basketball Victoria can help connect our community and encourage people to live healthy active lifestyles.

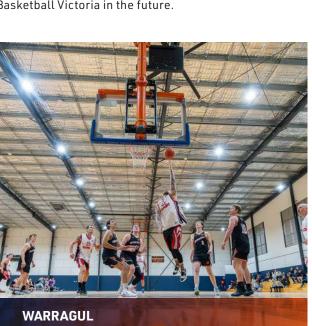
In 2024 we are pleased to report that we welcomed an additional 18 courts to help improve access to basketball facilities. These courts were:

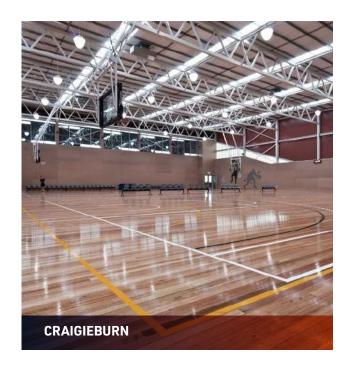
- Fitzroy Gasworks (Bundha Sports Centre)
   4 courts split over three levels
- Craigieburn Sports Stadium 3 courts
- Macedon Ranges Sports Stadium 3 courts
- Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre 2 courts
- Warragul Leisure Centre 2 courts
- Stonnington Sports Centre 4 courts

There are also several facilities currently in planning stage, that will lead to more courts coming online in 2025/26. These facilities are:

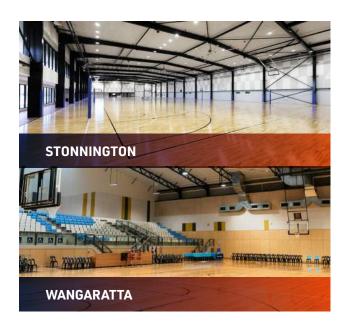
- Frankston Basketball Stadium 6 additional courts
  - Waurn Ponds (Geelong) 6 additional courts
  - Armstrong Creek (Geelong) 4 additional courts
- Macedon Ranges Sports Stadium (Stage 2)
   3 additional courts
- Bendigo Stadium 2 additional courts
- Mernda Regional Sports Precinct (Whittlesea)
  - 4 additional courts
- Yarrawonga Multipurpose Stadium
  - 2 additional courts
- Benalla Indoor Recreation Centre
  - 2 additional courts

With basketball participation continuing to grow, so too will demand for courts. Obtaining funding for additional basketball facilities so that no Victorian misses out on playing, will continue to be a key strategic focus for Basketball Victoria in the future.











# **COMMUNICATIONS**

An Olympics, international and national medals, a bumper year across all our leagues and competitions, tournaments and events, as well as a range of new programs to promote to the community – 2024 was dynamic, exciting and highly successful for Victorian basketball. As a content rich environment for the Victorian basketball community, the team chose to focus on how we extend our reach even further and utilise the existing community to help us elevate our sport whilst also driving value and providing support to our members.

As such, there was an emphasis on quality over quantity across all touchpoints, employing a full funnel approach to our marketing efforts by integrating our content across multiple channels. Coupled with a focus on elevating the standard of event photography and videography across the entire Victorian basketball landscape, ensuring a stronger and more cohesive brand presence. BV enjoyed increases in engagement across the entire owned channel network. Most notably BV's LinkedIn delivered a 100% increase in engagements and 122% increase in impressions year on year (YOY) and the BV website enjoyed a 133% increase in page views YOY which can be attributed to the integrated marketing approach with 1:1 email communications.

Several new initiatives were introduced in 2024 to provide value to our members, the basketball community and our partners including the From The Sidelines amateur photography competition which attracted over 350 number of entries from all over the state and across all levels of basketball. The competition provided another engagement opportunity for our community but also enabled our team to share stories and moments captured from all over Victoria. The team also launched an online Postcode Checker tool. Designed to assist individuals to determine if they are from Victoria Country or

Victoria Metropolitan and shows which leagues, competitions and High-Performance Pathway those can qualify for based on their home address. In its first year, the checker logged over 3,800 look ups, quickly proving its worth for Basketball Victoria. Basketball Victoria also soft launched a Tiktok account and in its first year with limited content already delivered nearly 800k views. Similarly, BV YouTube livestream returned positive results YOY for both views (33.2%) and impressions (96.6%) through greater promotion and cross-channel marketing of our streaming content.

Strategically we had a busy year hosting both the 2023 and 2024 awards within the same year, enabling better market alignment for the awards program in the future. These changes will allow us to evolve the structure and impact of our recognition initiatives moving forward with the 2025 awards to be held in November.

The CRM (HubSpot) project has been fully integrated as our primary marketing platform, enabling seamless communication across the organisation. It now serves as the foundation for both one-to-one and one-to-many email communications, ensuring consistency and efficiency. As part of the implementation process of HubSpot, an email preference centre has been introduced to improve

data hygiene. Adopting a clear framework for email communications, it has delivered more meaningful and targeted messaging to our audiences whilst streamlining processes and the amount of 1:1 communication to our members.

# **KEY STATS**

- 176,572 Fans (FB, IG and LI) delivering an increase by 12.5% YOY (157k in 2023)
- 1.77M Engagements (Socials, YT Views, Email Opens) (3.28M in 2023)
- 36.5M Impressions (Socials, YT Impressions, Email Sent) (43.8M in 2023)

Overall, we enjoyed an increase in fans overall across the main social media platforms, broadening the overall reach of the Basketball Victoria online community. Whilst engagement and impressions appear to have dropped YOY, this was due to the highly successful and viral Green Whistle campaign that ran in 2023 which has skewed the data, one Facebook post delivered 13M impressions alone.

In fact, in 2024 Instagram had an increase of 3.8M impressions, and as such demonstrates continued relevancy and growth across the platforms.





SOCIALS, YT VIEWS, EMAIL OPENS



36.5M

**IMPRESSIONS** 

SOCIALS, YT IMPRESSIONS, EMAIL CONTACTS SENT



2.4M
WEBSITE VIEWS



# DIGITAL

In the Digital space, 2024 was a big year, headlined by the release of the MyHoops app in February. MyHoops by PlayHQ enables users to follow the basketball careers of their friends and family by providing access to fixtures, results, ladders and stats at their fingertips. The day after MyHoops was launched, it was the second most downloaded free app in Australia. By year end, it had been downloaded by 318k Victorians, had an Apple App Store rating of 4.8 out of 5, and users spend an average duration of 2:39 in a session, maintaining above average industry results throughout the year.

Further to this, PlayHQ continued to build on their platform to deliver benefits back to the sport. Noteworthy financial features developed include integration with Xero, additional payment methods, an online shop front and collection of fees outside of registration. Competition enhancements include report customisation and templates, fixture preview and seed adjustment when re-grading, fixture upload for tournaments and cross-competition/association venue visibility.

A large focus in 2024 was to improve our customer support through the provision of content and educational material to keep administrators up to date and enable access to information on demand – when they need it. An educational video library on the Basketball Victoria website has been growing, coupled with a monthly digital eDM to our members

and customers via the newly established Community Connect e-newsletter. The Digital Support team provided additional assistance to administrators and participants, with 6863 requests submitted in 2024, a 10% increase from the preceding year which we are attributing to growth in participation and a growth in the overall usage of PlayHQ.

Glory League, Basketball Victoria's official video engagement platform partner, activated 32 additional courts across the state including the State Basketball Centre. 2024 saw 49,584 games recorded, 92,905 players play on a Glory League enabled court, over 3 million highlights generated, and 83,940 hours of game video viewed. In the VJBL alone, there were 3,496 games recorded, over 6k highlights downloaded, and over 4k highlights shared. 68% of players have an active account and users spent an average duration of 13:08 per session demonstrating how premium video content is for our sport.

Basketball Victoria's game payments partner, Teampay, continued to grow in 2024 with 119 clubs and associations now on board. Over 1 million player payments were processed, an increase of 27% YOY, and in the VJBL, over 1100 teams made payments each week. Notable enhancements to the Teampay platform include automated forfeit handling, missed payment reminders, upcoming game payment reminders, club payments and forfeits, and greater payments visibility for organisations.

# **COMMERCIAL & PARTNERSHIPS**

2024 proved a busy and successful year commercially for BV with a key renewal and a number of new partnerships.

The year marked the start of our new 6-year term partnership with Spalding, with several exciting product developments now underway, including new official game balls for Big V, VJBL and 3x3. Spalding are committed to helping BV put the best quality product in the hands of our athletes, so they can thrive on court, and we're excited to showcase the new game ball range later in 2025.

An important partnership renewal was secured with Action Floors, who are market leaders in basketball flooring and a current supplier to many of our stadiums, including the State Basketball Centre. As the demand for more places to play increases year-on-year, it's important to have a trusted partner in the flooring space, and the three-year renewal extends this strong partnership to twelve years.

Another key addition to our partnership roster was LED Media, who entered into a three-year partnership as BV's preferred LED digital signage provider. LED Media will help us take the game-day experience to new heights and make LED an accessible option for all Victorian basketball associations, clubs, participants, and fans. This partnership will enable our member associations to significantly elevate the spectator experience at our venues and provide new opportunities for them to grow and thrive.

In a first for our Country Basketball League (CBL), we were able to secure a multiyear partnership with Gippsland Finance Solutions (GFS). GFS are well-known as a leading brokerage in the Gippsland region, and very active in supporting local sporting associations and clubs. We're very excited to have GFS as the naming rights partner of the Gippsland Conference of the CBL for the next two seasons.

Helping to fuel our athletes in 2024 was Guzman y Gomez (GYG), who partnered with Basketball Victoria for the 2024 National Junior Classic. GYG are committed to supporting our athletes to lead healthy and active lifestyles and provided our tournament participants with access to clean menu options to help them perform at their best over the busy Classic weekend.

Rounding out a busy year in the partnerships space were two digital media partnerships with leading private health insurer HCF and the wildly popular video game franchise NBA 2K. We look forward to working with HCF, who will be offering some amazing deals on private health insurance to help ease the cost-of-living pressures on the BV Family in 2025. We know there are many enthusiasts of NBA 2K in the BV Family, but we worked with the publisher to offer best-in-market offers on NBA 2K25 for those who don't already have the game (with some scoring up to 60% off the retail price through exclusive offers for BV). We look forward to working more closely with NBA 2K, as we continue to explore e-sports participation opportunities for our network.

BASKETBALL VICTORIA PARTNERS



















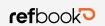




















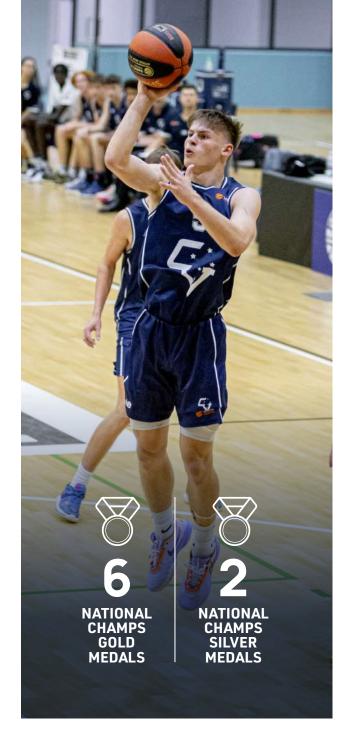












# **STATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

In 2024 our High-Performance and Pathways team went through some changes. We said goodbye to Grant Wallace, General Manager – High Performance & Pathways in late 2024, after just over 10 years of service helping to shape the Victorian High Performance and Pathways vision and strategy. Grant had an enormous impact on the future of Victorian basketball, he was instrumental in the development of the High-Performance Hub structure, and we thank him for his significant contribution to the game and to our organisation.

We also said thank you to Paul Groat for his service to Basketball Victoria and welcomed Leanne Yeoman from Knox Basketball Association in the position of State Teams High-Performance Administrator.

Demonstrating our commitment to the welfare of our High Performance & Pathway program participants, we introduced a number of new roles to support the smooth execution of our programs. Including Metro High Performance Administrator (Suzy Luppino), State Development Coach – Country (Fernando Rios-Rodriguez) and State Development Coach – Metro (David Peters).

Our High-Performance Hub program, supported by the State Government, continued to lead the way with skill development and provision of the best possible daily training environment. Thank you once again to our host associations that we partner with to support the delivery of the highly successful State Development Program at our 11 High Performance Hubs (see below) In 2024 we again supported a significant number of athletes (1,449) and coaches (236) participate in our skill development and acquisition programs:

- Future Development Program Under 14 / 15
  - 400 females (50.9% increase) and 503 males (50.6% increase)
- State Development Program Under 16 / 18
  - 263 females (31.5% increase) and 188 males (50.5% increase)
- Wheelchair State Development Program
  - 4 females and 18 males
- National Performance Program Athletes on National Depth Charts
  - 21 females (12.5% decrease) and 25 males (3.8% decrease)

Performance & Pathways can be a very tough environment, particularly with the incredible depth we have here in Victoria.

The reality is that not everyone is selected in the teams and programs that we manage. To help mitigate the subjectivity that inherently exists in the program and team selection process, we rely on policies, protocols and procedures to cover all identified areas of concern and conflict.

However, given the many basketball pathways that exist, non-selection in our teams and/or programs is not the end of an athlete's/coach's journey, with many developing and/or peaking at different times. Further, our programs aim to not only support on court performance but also develop valuable life skills that assist individuals to realise success in their day to day lives.



BALLARAT BENDIGO BROADMEADOWS CASEY

GEELONG (GEELONG UNITED)
MONTMORENCY (ELTHAM)
MELBOURNE SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE
SHEPPARTON

STATE BASKETBALL CENTRE (KNOX) TRARALGON WYNDHAM

# **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

In 2024 we attended all National Championships hosted by Basketball Australia with the following results achieved:

# U20 and Ivor Burge - 28th Jan - 4th February held in Ballarat (VIC)

- Ivor Burge (Intellectually Disabled)
   Women GOLD
- Ivor Burge (Intellectually Disabled)
   Men GOLD
- U20 Women GOLD
- U20 Navy (Development) Women 5th Place
- U20 Men GOLD
- U20 Navy (Development) Men 7th Place

# U18 and Kevin Coombs Cup - 7-14 April held in Brisbane (QLD)

- Kevin Coombs Cup (Under 23 Wheelchair) SILVER
- U18 Country Women BRONZE
- U18 Metropolitan Women 8th Place
- U18 Country Men BRONZE
- U18 Metropolitan Men GOLD

# U16 National Championships – 6-14 July held in Bendigo (VIC)

- U16 Country Women 5th Place
- U16 Metropolitan Women SILVER
- U16 Country Men 6th Place
- U16 Metropolitan Men GOLD

In summary our National Championship medal tally from the 15 state teams we send each year, was ten (10) medals being:

# **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

- Victoria Ivor Burge Women
- Victoria Ivor Burge Men
- Victoria U20 Women
- Victoria U20 Men
- Victoria Metropolitan Under 18 Men
- Victoria Metropolitan Under 16 Men

# **SILVER MEDALISTS**

- Kevin Coombs Cup
- Victoria Metropolitan Under 16 Women

# **BRONZE MEDALISTS**

- Victoria Country Under 18 Women
- Victoria Country Under 18 Men

# **BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA**

# **CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

The following Victorians held scholarships at Basketball Australia's Centre of Excellence, located at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra:

# Women

David Herbert (Head Coach), Bonnie Deas, Sarah Portlock, Sienna Harvey, Sophie Taylor, Emilija Dakic and Sitaya Fagan.

# Men

Ash Arnott (Assistant Coach), Braden Cotter (Assistant Coach), Roor Akhuar, Che Brogan, Guer Bar, Marcus Vaughns

# **NBA Global Academy**

Dash Daniels, Mading Kuany, Sa Pilimai

# **NATIONAL PERFORMANCE CAMP**

We also had 18 athletes, 5 coaches and 1 camp manager from Victoria recognised and invited to attend the 2024 National Performance Camp in Canberrra.

# Centre of Excellence, 22 - 25 January, 2024.

Charles Webb, Dash Daniels, Edward Brammall, Harrison Beachamp, Henry Sewell, Joel Robinson, Mading Kuany, Marcus Krasnadamskis, Marcus Vaughns

# Shanghai Sharks Future Star Basketball Championship (August 6-11) - 3rd Place finish.

Harrison Beauchamp, Edward Brammall, Ryder Cheesman, James Coleman, Austin Foxwell, Joel Robinson, Keegan Johnson, Marcus Krasnadamskis, Henry Sewell, Marcus Vaughns, Denver Warry, Charles Webb

# Opals - Women's Olympic Games, (Paris, France) August 2024 (BRONZE)

Alana Smith, Cheryl Chambers (Assistant Coach), Ezi Magbegor, Jade Melbourne, Rebecca Allen

Victorians Alanna Smith, Ezi Magbegor and Jade Melbourne also received prestigious tournament honours named in All-Star Five, All-Second Team and Rising Star of the Women's Tournament respectively.

# Boomers - Men's Olympic Games (Paris, France) August 2024 (6th)

Dante Exum, Dyson Daniels, Jack White, Jason Smith (Head of Delegation), Jock Landale, Josh Giddey, Matthew Dellayedova

# U15 Women - FIBA Women's Oceania, (Canberra, Australia), 11-16 November 2024 (GOLD)

Jacqui O'Neil (Assistant Coach), Jenna O'Hea (Assistant Coach), Katrina Barry (Team Manager), Madison Ryan, Mark Sainsbury (Mentor), Sophie Richardson, Vanessa Tavete

# U15 Men - FIBA Men's Oceania, (Canberra, Australia), 11-16 November 2024 (GOLD)

Alex Mabbott, Ash Arnott (Head Coach), Ben White (Team Manager), Charlie Wilson, Darren Best (Assistant Coach), Dom Linossier (Assistant Coach), Lucas Byrne, Tom Dammers, Will Hamilton (MVP of the Tournament)

# U17 FIBA Women's World Cup (Leon & Irapuato, Mexico), 13-21 July 2024 (5th)

Emilija Dakic, Madison Ryan, Sitaya Fagan

# U17 FIBA Men's World Cup (Istanbul, Turkey) 29 June -7 July 2024 (15th)

Ash Arnott (Assistant Coach), Dash Daniels, Harrison Beachamp, Henry Sewell, Mading Kuany, Nathan Cooper-Brown (Head Coach), Roor Akhuar, Ryder Cheeseman, Sa Pilimai, Joel Robinson

# Albert Schweitzer Tournament (Mannheim, Germany) 30 March - 6 April 2024 (GOLD)

Ned Renfree, Che Brogan, Luke Fennell, Jack Whitbourn, Ash Arnott (Assistant Coach), Darren Best (Assistant Coach)

# U18 FIBA Men's Asia Cup (Amman, Jordan) 2 - 9 September 2024 (GOLD)

Che Brogan, Luke Fennell, Jack Whitbourn, Jesse McIntosh

# U18 FIBA Women's Asia Cup (Shenzhen, China), 24 - 30 June 2024 (GOLD)

Bonnie Deas, Emilija Dakic, Sienna Harvey

# **NATIONAL LEAGUES**

We are also pleased to now report on athletes and coaches progressing to the elite competitions here in Australia as contracted players, or non-reimbursed training squad players, all from our SDP graduating classes of the past four years:

# **WNBL**

- Abbey Ellis Townsville Fire
- Alex Sharp Geelong United
- Asha Nightingale Bendigo Spirit
- Bonnie Deas Sydney Flames
- Chantel Horvat Canberra Capitals
- Dakota Crichton Geelong United
- Dallas Loughridge Southside Flyers
- Gemma Potter Geelong United
- Georgia Booth Bendigo Spirit
- Georgia Pineau Adelaide Lightning
- Grace Graham Adelaide Lightning
- Imogen Rock Southside Flyers
- Jazmin Shelley Geelong United

- Lavinia Cox Bendigo Spirit
- Lucy Cochrane Townsville Fire
- Maddi Rocci Southside Flyers
- Manuela Puoch Southside Flyers
- Nya Lok Townsville Fire
- Nyadiew Puoch Canberra Capitals
- Paige Burrows Southside Flyers
- Stephanie Gorman Perth Lynx
- Tanielle Knight Geelong United

# NBL

- Austin Rapp S.E. Melbourne Phoenix
- Campbell Blogg Melbourne United
- Craig Simpson Assistant Coach, Adelaide 36ers
- David Okwera Perth Wildcats
- Fraser Delbridge Adelaide 36ers
- Joel Foxwell Melbourne United
- Josh Bannan Brisbane Bullets
- Justin Schueller Head Coach, Brisbane Bullets
- Nick Mihai Tech Coach, S.E. Melbourne Phoenix
- Owen Foxwell S.E. Melbourne Phoenix
- Tom Koppen Melbourne United
- Tristan Devers Brisbane Bullets
- Josh Kunen Brisbane Bullets
- Gabe Hadley Brisbane Bullets
- Matt Johns Brisbane Bullets
- Zac Tripplett Melbourne United
- Andy Lim Technical Assistant, Melbourne United
- Dejan Vaseljevic Adelaide 36ers
- David Barlow Assistant Coach, Melbourne United
- Rhys Carter Assistant Coach, Melbourne United
- Luke Fenell S.E. Melbourne Phoenix
- Luke Rosendale S.E. Melbourne Phoenix
- Dane Pineau NZ Breakers
- Tyler Robinson Sydney Kings
- Shaun Bruce Sydney Kings
- Keli Leaupepe Syndey Kings
- Brody Nunn Tasmania Jack Jumpers
- Sean McDonald Tasmania Jack Jumpers
- Jack Fleming Assistant Coach, Tasmania Jack Jumpers

# **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Victorian Basketball had strong representation in international competitions, with the following graduates of our Performance and Pathway programs involved with USA Collegiate programs, European professional leagues and the WNBA and NBA.

# **WNBA**

- Alanna Smith Chicago Sky
- Ezi Magbegor Seattle Storm
- Jade Melbourne Washington Mystics
- Rebecca Allen New York Liberty

# **NBA**

- Ben Simmons Brooklyn Nets
- Brett Brown San Antonio Spurs Assistant Coach
- Damien Cotter Chicago Bulls Assistant Coach
- Dante Exum Dallas Mavericks
- Dyson Daniels New Orleans Pelicans
- Jack White Oklahoma City Thunder
- Jock Landale Houston Rockets
- Johnny Furphy Indiana Pacers
- Josh Giddey Oklahoma City Thunder
- Trevor Gleeson Toronto Raptors Assistant Coach

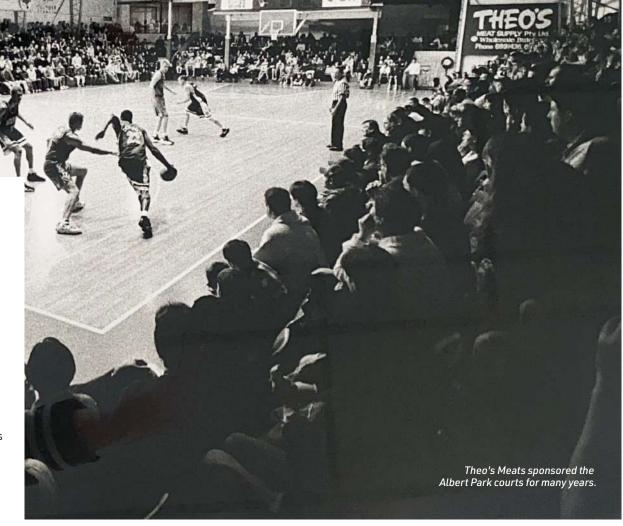
What a year 2024 was for our elite athletes, coaches and teams, and 2025 promises to be even stronger.



# THEODOROS KOTSABAKIDIS CONTINUES TO SUPPORT ASPIRING ATHLETES

In 2024, Basketball Victoria distributed over \$37,000 to 32 athletes participating in the high-performance program via the Theodoros Kotsabakidis Athlete Assistance Fund to help with the cost of participating in elite events including National Junior Championships thanks to the generous bequest of long-time basketball supporter, Theodoros Kotsabakidis (Theo's Meats).

The bequest made in 2018 is for the specific purpose of assisting talented young basketballers who in the opinion of Basketball Victoria, have the potential to participate in basketball at an elite level and who would otherwise not be able to pursue that potential. The application of these funds is determined by the Basketball Victoria Board and its nominated representatives. To date, over \$87,000 has been distributed to over 60 athletes and the funds are managed to ensure that the program can continue indefinitely with annual distributions to successful applicants.





# **JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE**

# **VICTORIAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

The Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) strengthened its team entry requirements from competing associations in 2024, encouraging a focus on junior domestic programs and participation. Whilst this proved to be successful on many fronts, the VJBL still grew to 1,546 teams for the 2023/24 season, up from 1,446 teams in the 2022/23 season.

This number of teams equates to:

- 20,349 registered players, coaches and team managers
- 21,243 VJBL games

A new highlight in 2024, we took the opportunity to make the U18 Boys and Girls Victorian Championship Grand Finals a feature event, playing them as standalone games on a Saturday night on the redeveloped show court at the State Basketball Centre. The game was also televised live on Kayo. It allowed the best U18 teams to be a true marquee event with commentary, change rooms and all the excitement of a professional game. A crowd of 1,575 attended the special event for the players and spectators alike.

Through August, the VJBL engaged associations to contribute through a series of focus group meetings regarding the future of the U20 competitions. The result saw the U20 Men's and Women's competitions re-structured for 2025, features of which included:

- Sunday evening games
- Two seasons one for VC, and another for VJL
- Collaboration with Big V and NBL1 South seasons
- Flexibility for associations and for players

From a staffing perspective, Emma Hayes moved into the VJBL programs providing grading and fixturing support, leading the National Junior Classic and leading the preparation of the new U20 competition and the pilot U12/14 competitions for 2025.

After almost 10 years of service, we farewelled Lyn Payet from the staff of the VJBL, the key liaison to associations and the 'go to' person on a Friday night. when teams or stadiums were affected by bad traffic, poor weather or things weren't working.

# NATIONAL JUNIOR CLASSIC

The National Junior Classic proved to be a great success once again in 2024, the first year we were able to use the expanded State Basketball Centre. Alongside Dandenong Basketball Stadium, it provided an outstanding facility to house Australia's strongest association based junior tournament for U12's to U18's.

We saw strong representation once again from New South Wales, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, A highlight for Victoria was the attendance of Swan Hill in the U12 Girls competition.

128 of the games at the event were live streamed with a focus given to interstate and regional teams. We're proud to be able to provide the stream for family, friends and supporters of the teams.

# JUNIOR COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

As is a feature annually, from late February through to April a series of four tournaments make up Basketball Victoria's Junior Country Championships. These events are the pinnacle for junior teams and officials alike after 6-8 months' worth of preparation at association-based tournaments.

Whilst three events were held in Bendigo, we were pleased to take the U14 Junior Country Championships to Mildura for the first time to the newly built Mildura Sporting Precinct Stadium, as well as the famous 'Hothouse'!

The four events combined drew just over 3.200 players competing in 339 teams, including first time entrant - Corryong. We hope to see them grow and continue their involvement in Junior Country Championship events in future. Basketball Victoria provided live streaming at each event, enabling people to watch free of charge if they could not attend in person.

# 2024 Division 1 Champions

U12 Boys: Geelong United

U12 Girls: Swan Hill

U14 Bovs: Maffra

U14 Girls: Bendigo

U16 Boys: Ballarat U16 Girls: Ballarat

U18 Boys: Ballarat

U18 Girls: Traralgon





**SWAN HILL U12 GIRLS** FIRST DIVISION 1 **TITLE SINCE 1986** 

**VJBL 2024** 

20,349

Players, Coaches and Team Managers:

Teams: 1,546 21,243 Games:

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# **SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE**

# **NBL1 SOUTH**

The 2024 NBL1 South season demonstrated that Basketball Victoria conducts unarguably the strongest and most competitive men's and women's competition in the country. On the back of completing their 2023/24 WNBL and NBL seasons, we had 39 WNBL and 29 NBL players take up positions within associations of the NBL1 South. They competed alongside 55 international players and most of the very best local players across Victorian, Tasmanian and South Australian basketball.

This was highlighted when playoff teams weren't decided until the final day of the regular season. In a 19-team competition (in each of the men's and women's divisions) to have 11 teams still competing for an 8 team playoff spot is an incredible proposition, and a credit to the competing associations.

Since the introduction of NBL1 South, we're yet to see an association win more than one title, another sign of the depth of the competition. This continued in 2024 with Waverley (women) and Eltham (men) winning.

For both clubs, it was their first ever standalone senior team championship (NBL1 or Big V Championship) in that gender. Both teams were awarded positions at the NBL1 National Finals on the Sunshine Coast, alongside defending champions Bendigo (women) and Knox (men). Congratulations to Knox (men) and Waverley (women) for winning the NBL1 National Finals for 2024.

We introduced some new partners and awards in 2024 to NBL1 South:

- RSL Victoria
- Bartercard
- Local Legend Award
- CREST Award Combined Results End of Season Tally

Often local players are contributing a lot through their association, whether it be coaching, mentoring and/or volunteering in other capacities. The 'Local Legend' award gave associations the chance to nominate such people and have them recognised.

NBL1 South is tough to win. In an initiative devised to recognise the best overall association performance we created the CREST award. It is awarded to the association with the most combined wins between their men's and women's teams. The inaugural winner was Knox with 33 wins.

# By the numbers:

- 836 games across 14 rounds of competition.
- 244,288 people attended regular season games.
- 5.7% increase in crowd attendance from 2023.
- Mt Gambier attracted the biggest average crowds.
- Record single game crowds for Ringwood and Eltham, both over 1,000 people.
- Highest live streamed game: Sandringham v Knox, 293,000 minutes watched.
- Frankston were the highest ranked association for live stream minutes with 1,442,584 minutes across the season.

# **2024 NBL1 SOUTH CHAMPIONS**

Women: Waverley Men: Eltham



Games: 836 Total Attendace: 244,288

# **BIG V**

The overall team entries in Big V basketball continued to grow in 2024. Disappointingly on face value, we saw late withdrawals in women's entries at the Division 1 and 2 level, which saw Basketball Victoria put in place an innovative format to help alleviate the challenge. Strategically though, beneath the senior women's competitions, the league staff had been working with a number of associations over 2-3 years in rebuilding senior teams via the youth competitions.

The depth and standard of the top flight Big V Championship Men's and Women's competitions reached the highest levels it has for some time. After several years of rebuilding the depth of both competitions, stability in 2024 had been found, and with it came opportunity. In the men's competition, all 12 teams remained highly competitive, with 8 teams in the mix for playoffs until the final stages. Likewise, with relegation to Division 1 back in play for the first time in many years, Blackburn, Camberwell and Western Port were all fighting for wins late in the season. For the first time in almost 20 years, Shepparton returned to the top division and did so strongly, making the playoffs.

In recent years, there would be few examples more deserving of the term 'dominance' than what Wyndham and Bulleen have achieved. In 2024, whilst they were both once again amongst the best, pleasingly the likes of Bellarine, Sunbury, Pakenham, Sherbrooke and Warrnambool all had very strong seasons.

The Championship Men's and Women's Grand Final night for the second time was brought together at a central venue. In 2024, with the unavailability of the State Basketball Centre, the game was played at Dandenong Stadium following the demand for tickets experienced in 2023. The Championship Women's game attracted 750 people, the highest crowd in memory of those involved; whilst the Championship



Men's game attracted 1,100 people. Both games were also available to watch via live stream, free of charge.

For the Youth competitions, in 2024 we hosted the first Youth Qualification Series, the purpose of which was to provide more opportunity for teams to be promoted/relegated based on their teams for the upcoming season. The result, throughout the season it appeared that there were no teams out of their depth in their competition, as had arguably occurred many times in the past.

# **2024 CHAMPION SENIOR TEAMS** Championship

Women: Wyndham 50 def Bulleen 48 Men: Wyndham 80 def McKinnon 79

### Division 1

Women: Warrandyte 73 def Chelsea 50 Men: RMIT University 95 def Gippsland United 84

Division 2

Women: Melbourne University 72 def Wallan 70

Men: Craigieburn 80 def Surfcoast 71

# **COUNTRY BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

Sixty-three teams competed across four geographical conferences in men's and women's competitions for the 2024 season. Whilst overall there was a slight drop, the return of a Myrtleford women's team was a notable highlight.

The competition was a weekly feature of Basketball Victoria's new podcast – Leagues HQ, a platform that provided a rundown on games and player highlights.

We welcomed Gippsland Finance Solutions as a sponsor of the Gippsland Conference in 2024 and it was terrific to see them at venues in the region during the season and a part of the Grand Final night.

The Country Basketball League once again demonstrated the platform it provides for players who've had to relocate elsewhere, to return home and play for their home association, for locals to play at a high level and for upcoming juniors to get their first taste of senior basketball. Many NBL1 South and Big V players took the chance to return home and play for their junior associations.

# **2024 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS** Gippsland

Women: Warragul 72 def Moe 62 Men: Pakenham 102 def Warragul 99

# North East

Women: Myrtleford 81 def Albury 44 Men: Wodonga 84 def Albury 63

# North West

Women: Bendigo 110 def Kyneton 55 Men: Castlemaine 67 def Bendigo 55

# South West

Women: Portland 76 def Millicent 67 Men: Horsham 88 def Mount Gambier 82





# 3X3

After a successful inaugural year of 3x3 in 2023, Basketball Victoria had many learnings, but also opportunities to build upon, and, we did just that.

2024 saw us focus on expanding the accessibility and pathways of 3x3 basketball, particularly at the junior levels; both through our associations, and school competitions. Importantly 3x3 was added as part of the Sporting Schools initiative, making it accessible for Primary Schools to choose as a sport.

Amongst several new initiatives, Basketball Victoria ran the 'Festival of 3x3', an event hosted over two days, the weekend before Melbourne Cup Day. Not only was it our first Open Men and Open Women's competition, but we also ran a wheelchair event and had a high-level junior event for boys and girls, all running at the same time. Every team was required to represent an association, and the results were terrific. The weekend saw Australian Gliders and Rollers competing alongside some of our most talented juniors and senior players ranked inside the top 10 in Australia for FIBA 3x3. Importantly, some of our officials appointed to these games had Paralympic, FIBA and WNBL/NBL experience. The event formed a great platform for something even more special in the future.

# **SCHOOLS**

Participation Players: Events:	1,498 20
ASSOCIATIONS Participation Numbers: Events:	1,501 11
GAMES Total Number BV 3X3 games (2024):	3,991

# **3XCUP - ASSOCIATIONS & SCHOOLS**

Across Victoria associations had the opportunity to host their own 3x3 event. In doing so, these events would also be 'qualifiers' into Basketball Victoria's 3XCup, our 3x3 tournament pathway. During the July school holidays we hosted a series of events in metro and regional areas, where qualifying teams could compete in as many events as they wanted; gaining experience in FIBA 3x3 basketball, but also collecting ranking points on FIBA's global system.

In age groups from U11 – U19, the best 160 3x3 teams were brought together to compete in the 2nd 3XCup State Championships over 2 days in the spring school holidays. It was exciting to see teams from Swan Hill, Bairnsdale, Hamilton and Mooroopna, compete alongside domestic clubs such as Greenhills, metro associations Frankston, Whittlesea, Nunawading and many more. Having teams from all across Victoria compete at the one event, demonstrates the potential of this format.

A staggering outcome, we witnessed 20 3x3 courts playing at the one time with a total of 654 games over 2 days! In that regard, it was the biggest FIBA 3x3 event in Australia for 2024.

The 3XCup also provides an avenue for Primary and Secondary Schools to have a competition pathway in 3x3. Learning from 2023, we worked with the schools to provide a calendar, allowing time for 3x3, without any crossover with the traditional format of the sport and its established competitions.

We saw 220% growth with 362 teams competing within the Secondary Schools 3XCup. Whilst there are many very good basketball academies in schools who continue to shine, it is pleasing to see 'non-academy' schools and their students win medals. This continues to occur in 3x3 with schools such as Doncaster Secondary College and Wellington Secondary College amongst the Division 1 medal winners in 2024.



# **SCHOOL COMPETITIONS**

# **HOOP TIME**

Hoop Time continues to play an integral role of introducing primary school children to game play for the first time. In previous years, competition days had grown too big, seeing many schools playing away from their local stadiums, resulting in rising costs for the school, connection between our associations and the school diluting, and our ability to provide a great day reduced.

With that in mind, Basketball Victoria made some minor changes, aiming to have local children playing at their local stadiums and at numbers that ensured, children had lots of game play and a great time overall.

At the conclusion of the 2024 Hoop Time season, a survey was provided to schools, seeking feedback, understanding their priorities and thoughts on potential changes for 2025 and beyond. Based on this feedback, some exciting initiatives were devised for the new year.

# 2024 WINNERS Senior All Star

Girls: St Finbars Primary School Boys: Woodlands Primary School



Cranbourne West Primary School

# Junior All Star

Girls: Templestowe Heights Primary School

Boys: Jells Park Primary School

# **Junior Future Stars**

St Mary's Mt Evelyn

# **HOOP TIME**

School Teams: 3,886 Participants: 34,974

# **CHAMPIONS CUP**

The best of the best in Secondary School basketball came together to win the State Championship title. The winning teams in the senior divisions also get the coveted Victorian invitation to the National Schools Championships hosted by Basketball Australia.

The State Championship Grand Final day was held at Nunawading Basketball Stadium with approximately 1,000 people through the doors to watch the 6 games. All Grand Finals were live streamed and commentated, available to watch free of charge.

All games were livestreamed with stats and full score benches.

# 2024 WINNERS

U15 Girls: **Edinburgh College** U15 Boys: **Berwick College** 

U17 Girls: Rowville Secondary College

U17 Boys: Berwick College

U20 Girls: Rowville Secondary College

U20 Boys: Berwick College

# **CHAMPIONS CUP**

Teams: 145 Participants: 1,740



# **VICTORIAN COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

A participation style tournament for secondary schools, the Victorian College Championships provides schools with the opportunity to provide more games for their students outside of the School Sporting Association. 346 teams competed in 2024, with 4,152 players representing their schools. We provided competitions for U20, U17 and U15, consistent with Basketball Australia's age brackets.

After consultation, this event will be re-branded 'Victorian Secondary Schools Challenge' in 2025 to provide clearer understanding as to its purpose and place within our suite of competitions.

# **VICTORIAN COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Teams: 346 Participants: 4,152







The Technical Officials Department has concluded a year marked by substantial growth and impactful achievements. Our success stems from a leadership philosophy prioritising strong direction, peoplefocused initiatives, and unwavering integrity. We are committed to accountability, innovation, and a balanced approach, enabling us to modernise practices, effectively utilise technology, and drive positive change within officiating, while remaining mindful of its broader impact on the sport. Our core objective has been - to appropriately value and resource technical officials, support their development and ensure a safe environment - as the quiding principle for all departmental decisions.



# **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP & INFLUENCE**

The department has significantly expanded its influence beyond state borders. Key contributions include secondments to Basketball Australia for national curriculum development and to the National Technical Officials Working Group, demonstrating our expertise in shaping national officiating initiatives. Our leadership was further recognised through keynote speaking invitations at Netball Victoria, Sport Canada, and the National Sports Officiating Summit. Direct engagement with all State Sporting Organisations across Australia underscores our commitment to sharing knowledge and best practice nationwide.

# STRATEGIC PLAN KPI'S

Our 2022-2024 Strategic Plan, centred on the pillars of Recruit & Retain, Safe Environments & Good Governance, Pathways, and Development, has delivered exceptional results. We have exceeded our targets in key areas, including a 48% increase in active officials (vs. 20% goal); an 82% achievement in licensed officials (vs. 80% target); a 30% growth in active League Officials (vs. 20% goal); and a 66% increase in active Referee Coaches (vs. 20% goal).

# PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Our program development initiatives support associations and foster grassroots growth. We assist associations in recruiting and developing officials, providing opportunities for exposure to higher standards, and preparing officials for progression. We facilitate networking through monthly forums and celebrate achievements via social media.

Recognising the critical need for strong leadership within our affiliated associations, the department prioritised the development of future leaders through the pilot Program Manager Course. This year-long specialised training program equipped aspiring administrators with the essential skills to manage

technical officiating programs at the association level. The curriculum covered key areas such as recruitment and retention, program development, financial management, communication, and conflict resolution. Nineteen individuals participated, representing a significant investment in the future of our associations. This initiative will ensure our associations are led by capable individuals who can champion the growth of technical officials in our community.

# **COURSES & EVENTS**

Basketball Victoria (BV) is committed to developing technical officials at all levels, offering a comprehensive suite of courses and diverse event participation opportunities. This year, we saw significant engagement in our referee and referee coaching courses. 84 participants participated in the Level 1 course (73 successful), 66 in the Level 2 course (51 successful), and 16 in the Level 3 course (10 successful). We also trained 90 Grade 1, 57 Grade 2, and piloted a Grade 3 course with 2 successful participants, along with 19 participants in our pilot Program Manager course. These robust training programs have led to 484 course participant appointments and 1,631 course assessment form reviews, demonstrating our dedication to continuous improvement.

Our officials put their training into practice across a wide range of events, contributing to 5,653 event game appointments. From grassroots events like the Country and Metro Jamborees through to the NBL1 South Blitz our officials are actively involved. These events were supported by 1,664 event observation forms, ensuring quality and consistency.

This combination of robust training and diverse event participation, underscores our commitment to developing technical officials at every stage of their careers.

# **LEAGUES**

Basketball Victoria's leagues provide the crucial experience for officials aspiring to develop within the BV pathway to FIBA. These leagues offer an elite competition environment with high-calibre players and coaches, alongside the guidance of experienced referee coaches and referees. The significant involvement of our officials in these leagues is demonstrated by 11,769 game appointments and to ensure quality and consistency, we conducted 1,411 League Observation Forms. Highlighting the importance of league experience, 85% of Program Leaders in Associations have served as officials in our leagues.

Our Game Day Officials are essential to the smooth and accurate operation of all games. Our Scoretable Officials program trained 90 Level 1, 35 Level 2, and 10 Level 3 officials who contributed to events including Southern Cross Challenge (SCC), NBL1 South, Big V, National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL), Ballin' 24, National Junior Classic (NJC), Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL), Asia-Pacific Deaf Championships, Champions Cup, and Uni Basketball League (UBL). We conducted 190 Level 1, 125 Level 2, and 68 Level 3 game assessments. Our Statisticians program trained 96 Level 1 statisticians who serviced events including NBL1 South Grand Finals, Big V Championship Grand Finals, VJBL Grand Finals, NWBL, Ballin' 24, NJC, Big V Youth Qualification, Champions Cup Grand Finals, and UBL.

Their contributions are vital for providing accurate game information to coaches, players, media, and fans, enhancing the overall experience for all stakeholders.

# **NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS**

# **FIBA**

# U15 Asia Cup

- Sarah Bradbury (Referee Instructor)
- Shannon Jennings

# U17 Women's World Cup

• Ruben Woolcock (Bronze)

# Ballin' 24

- Ruben Woolcock
- Chris Reid
- Tayla Flint

# **Paris Paralympics**

• Blaine Krapljanov (Semi Final)

# NBL

- Mitch Hare (Grand Final)
- Ruben Woolcock (Grand Final Emergency)
- Chris Reid (Semi Final)
- Brad Henshaw (Promoted to Panel)
- Joshua Durand (Debut)
- Shannon Jennings (Debut)

# **ERP**

- Joshua Durand
- Shannon Jennings
- Bianca Vernon
- Sam Viergever

# WNBL

- Tayla Flint (Grand Final)
- Elliot Green (Semi Final)
- Joshua Durand (Semi Final)
- Brad Henshaw (Semi Final)
- Sam Viergever (Debut)
- David Pretty on (Referee Coach Debut)

# **NBL1 National Finals**

- Joshua Durand (Men's Final)
- Elliot Green (Women's Final)
- Shannon Jennings (Women's Final)
- Brad Henshaw
- Bianca Vernon
- Sam Viergever

# NRDP

- Ken Spratt
- Meaghan Sheehy
- Cameron Crees
  - Niam Westaway

# **Foot Locker National Championships**

9x Gold, 10x Bronze, 3x Shield

# **U20** (3x Bronze)

- Manuel Olivares Iglesias (Men's Bronze)
- Ty Storer (Women's Bronze)
- Tate Wheatland (Women's Bronze)

# **U18** (1x Gold)

Darcy Williams (Men's Gold)

# **ASC** (2x Gold, 1x Bronze)

- Sarah Bradbury (Technical Commissioner)
- Ethan Clare (Men's Gold)
- Ryan Attard (Women's Gold)
- Sarah Lace (Women's Bronze)

# **U16** (2x Gold, 1x Bronze)

- Ben Sirianni (Men's Gold)
- Joshua Dahdah (Women's Gold)
- Owen Attard (Men's Bronze)

# U14 (1x Gold, 2x Bronze, 3x Shield)

- Corey Akers (Women's Gold)
- Cara Jelinek (Women's Bronze)
- Shaun Cook (Women's Bronze)
- Jack Vukadinovic (Shield Women's Gold)
- Sarah Shelton (Shield Men's Bronze)
- Ela Greentree (Shield Women's Gold)

# Wheelchair Nationals (1x Gold, 1x Bronze)

- Simon Hayes (Gold)
- Alec Christov (Bronze)

# IB (2x Bronze)

- Con Economou (Men's Bronze)
- Kirsty McClellan (Women's Bronze)

# **U18 Club Championships** (2x Gold)

- Dean McCarthy (Technical Commissioner)
- Kash Gaitely (Men's Gold)
- Manuel Olivares Iglesias (Men's Gold)



## **SCORETABLE**

Basketball Victoria has continued to work with associations, with the aim of providing them with some level of independence in the introductory stages of educating Scoretable Officials in line with the state and national system.

We have now implemented Scoretable Regional Development Officers; individuals who work with the local officials and their associations to provide evaluations, advice and support to existing officials. This occurs during the association's senior representative team season, be that CBL, Big V and/or NBL1 South.

Many of our Basketball Victoria events are utilised as education opportunities for Scoretable Officials, whilst Grand Finals for NBL1 South, Big V Championship, Champion School of Victoria Tournament and similar events. Officials are chosen for their exceptional performance and opportunities are awarded to provide them with the recognition they deserve. Further below, we have listed the Victorian Scoretable Officials who've been awarded national and international opportunities in 2024.

#### Scoretable Education

• Level 1 Courses: 13/96 New Officials

Level 2 Courses: 2Level 3 Courses: 1

#### REGISTERED SCORETABLE OFFICIALS

Female	443
Male	331
Total Active	520
Inactive	254

## **NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PATHWAYS**

#### FIBA

Amy Vine, Caitlin Vine, Catherine Moller, Glenn Peach, Ian Collings, Julianne Van Veenendaal, Justine Moller, Karen Carmody, Kevin Ng, Matthew Carpenter, Michael Cleef, Patricia Collings, Paul Morrissey, Paul Moller, Scott Samson, Simon Venn, Stephen Creek, Trevor Nanscawen, Vivian Hughes

#### NBL

Amy Vine, Caitlin Vine, Glenn Peach, Jordan Brammer, Karen Carmody, Mark Bywater, Michael Cleef, Paul Morrissey, Scott Samson, Shahn Dielemans, Simon Venn, Stephen Creek, Trevor Nanscawen, Vivian Hughes

#### **WNBL**

Beth Davis, Bryce Brand, Caitlin Nanscawen, Catherine Moller, Cathy Davidson, Chris Vine, Courtney Wright, Daniel Nancarrow, Helen Tyrrell, Joanne Greenwood, Jordan Bengtson, Kerri Fielding, Kiran Krishnan, Leanne Wells, Matthew Carpenter, Naomi Eddy, Naomi Potts, Natalie Dean, Nicole Moller, Paul Moller, Sam Karag, Sarah Kubik, Stefan Savic



## **STATISTICIANS**

We'd also like to acknowledge the Statisticians appointed to FIBA and WNBL games in 2024:

#### **FIBA**

- Jordon Perillo
- Ben Craven
- Kate Hodgson
- Jess Allford
- Alicia Vengust
- Celine Kearney
- Matt Royal
- Sam Northcott
- Cooper Aisen
- Simone Hallett
- Danielle Wilson
- Kyenan McCorriston

#### WNBL

- Cooper Aisen
- Ben Craven
- Ryan Gardiner
- Alex Georgeallis
- Simone Hallett
- Celine Kearney
- Cameron Norton
- Jordon Perillo
- Krvstal Waters
- Danielle Wilson
- Daniel Nancarrow
- Amy McCoy
- Courtney Cross
- Angus Moss
- Aaron Barry

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# BASKETBALL VICTORIA AWARDS 2024



EZI MAGBEGOR BETTY WATSON MEDAL FEMALE PLAYER

OF THE YEAR



GIDDEY

ALAN HUGHES MEDAL

MALE PLAYER

OF THE YEAR



RYAN

JUNIOR FEMALE
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



BEAUGHAMP

JUNIOR MALE
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



BASKETBALL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY



BROWN
CHARLES RYAN AWARD
WHEELCHAIR ATHLETE
OF THE YEAR

## KNOX ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR



PHILLIP ISLAND
JUNIOR PROGRAM OF THE YEAR



BLUES



# MITCH TAYLOR CASEY

LINDSAY GAZE AWARD COACH OF THE YEAR

MITCH HARE
ELTHAM
HENRY PERAZZO AWARD
TECHNICAL OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

CASEY
EDDIE CROUCH
REFEREE PROGRAM OF
THE YEAR



## MELANIE HEDLEY

ALLAN ASHE MEMORIAL AWARD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

SARAH SIMPSON
WESTGATE
JACK CARTER MEMORIAL MEDAL
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR



## **BASKETBALL VICTORIA INC.**

ABN 92 328 079 452

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

## **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	4	16,629,378	15,450,063
Depreciation and amortisation	5(b)	(452,226)	(439,231)
Cost of Services	5(a)	(12,827,298)	(11,675,320)
BA Composite fee		-	(516,154)
Other operating expenses	_	(3,034,572)	(2,672,493)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	=	315,282	146,865
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to surplus/(deficit) for the year		044400	(5.750)
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of other financial assets		344,188	(5,759)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of other financial assets	10	(112,182)	200,003
Other comprehensive income for the year	_	232,006	194,244
Total comprehensive income for the year	=	547,288	341,109

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## **Statement of Financial Position**

## As At 31 December 2024

	N-4-	2024	2023
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS		4.040.444	0.404.000
Cash and cash equivalents	6	4,919,441	6,421,633
Trade and other receivables	8	557,459	528,957
Inventories Other financial accets	9	126,680	35,292
Other financial assets Other assets	10	3,962,448	2,889,488
	13 _	693,274	552,718
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	_	10,259,302	10,428,088
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Other financial assets	10	2,390,000	2,390,000
Property, plant and equipment	12	477,237	582,874
Right-of-use assets	15	440,718	321,189
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	_	3,307,955	3,294,063
TOTAL ASSETS	=	13,567,257	13,722,151
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade and other payables Lease liabilities Employee benefits Other liabilities TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Lease liabilities Employee benefits Other liabilities TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	16 15 17 19 - 15 17	798,251 237,210 919,504 4,636,014 6,590,979 176,761 62,176 - 238,937 6,829,916	838,682 123,033 981,573 5,329,961 7,273,249 156,659 71,690 30,500 258,849 7,532,098
NET ASSETS	=	6,737,341	6,190,053
EQUITY Accumulated surplus Reserves TOTAL EQUITY	<sup>22</sup> -	4,674,207 2,063,134 6,737,341	4,014,737 2,175,316 6,190,053
	=	0,101,041	0,100,000

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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## **Statement of Changes in Equity**

## For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Accumulated Surplus	Special Reserve	Asset Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2024	4,014,737	1,264,190	911,126	6,190,053
Surplus for the year	315,282	-	-	315,282
Revaluation increment for other financial assets	-	-	(112,182)	(112,182)
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of other financial assets	344,188	-	-	344,188
Balance at 31 December 2024	4,674,207	1,264,190	798,944	6,737,341
Balance at 1 January 2023	3,873,631	1,264,190	711,123	5,848,944
Surplus for the year	146,865	-	-	146,865
Revaluation increment for other financial assets	-	-	200,003	200,003
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of other financial assets	(5,759)			(5,759)
Balance at 31 December 2023	4,014,737	1,264,190	911,126	6,190,053

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## **Statement of Cash Flows**

## For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from programs, registrations and insurance		15,067,352	14,381,048
Payments to suppliers and employees		(17,729,161)	(16,531,219)
Sponsorship income received		892,942	760,752
Receipts from interest and other investment income		281,484	261,966
Receipts from funding		941,914	624,723
Other receipts		226,969	138,276
Interest paid	_	(10,899)	(2,848)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	7	(329,399)	(367,302)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(106,961)	(61,857)
Purchase of investment in listed equities		(2,552,710)	(329,301)
Proceeds from disposal of investments	_	1,711,756	119,163
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	_	(947,915)	(271,995)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Payment of lease liabilities		(224,878)	(230,338)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	- -	(224,878)	(230,338)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		(1,502,192)	(869,635)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		6,421,633	7,291,268
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6	4,919,441	6,421,633

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#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The financial statements cover Basketball Victoria Inc. as an individual entity. Basketball Victoria Inc. is a not-for-profit Association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 ('the Act').

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

#### 1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented in the accounting treatment area of the relevant notes and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The Directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described under each relevant note in this financial report.

#### Key estimates - fair value of financial instruments

The Association has certain financial assets and liabilities which are measured at fair value. Where fair value has not been able to be determined based on quoted price, a valuation model has been used. The inputs to these models are observable, where possible, however these techniques involve significant estimates and therefore fair value of the instruments could be affected by changes in these assumptions and inputs.

#### 3 Income taxes

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

#### 4 Revenue

Revenue	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Registration fees	6,505,380	6,121,717
School/beginner programs income	701,210	609,025
Development programs income	1,829,584	1,575,088
State team income	374,213	285,517
JRC competition and trading revenue	1,165,956	1,081,038
SRC competition and trading revenue	1,013,580	955,876
BVC competition and trading revenue	222,238	277,406
NBL1 competition and trading revenue	1,226,556	1,182,156
HP Program Income	1,242,246	1,272,216
Sponsorship and marketing income	811,765	691,593
Government and other funding	364,938	594,510
	15,457,666	14,646,142
Revenue from other sources		
Basketball and merchandise sales	226,969	138,276
Events income	9,835	15,743
Investment income	281,484	261,966
Sundry income	653,424	387,936
	1,171,712	803,921
Total Revenue	16,629,378	15,450,063

#### **Accounting treatment**

Basketball related activity income is earned from provision of services when performance obligations are either satisfied over time or at a point in time. Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

Revenue from the provision of registration subscriptions is recognised when performance obligations are satisfied over time.

Government and other funding income is recognised when performance obligations are satisfied under the terms of the funding agreement.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

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Other investment income is recognised as revenue when received.

Other revenue in relation to rendering of services as the service is performed.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

#### 5 Expenses from transactions

#### **Accounting treatment**

Expenses are recognised as they are incurred and reported in the financial year to which they relate.

Employee benefits expenses include salaries and wages (including associated on-costs), leave expenses, termination payments, superannuation expenses (i.e. employer contributions), fringe benefits tax, workcover premiums and other employee related expenses. Employee benefits expenses have been allocated to respective cost centres.

Basketball related expenses are recognised as expenses in the reporting period in which they relate.

Other expenses are recognised as expenses in the reporting period in which they incurred.

All expenses are stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

#### 6 Cash and cash equivalents

2024	2023
\$	\$
2,419,441	6,421,633
2,500,000	
4,919,441	6,421,633
	2,500,000

2024

2022

#### **Accounting treatment**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, demand deposits and term deposits which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

#### 7 Cash flow information

Reconciliation of net result to net cash provided by operating activities: Surplus for the year	315,282	146,865
Non-cash flows in surplus:		
- depreciation	452,226	439,231
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(28,502)	76,632
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	(140,556)	93,083
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#### 8 Trade and other receivables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade and other receivables	587,459	558,957
Provision for doubtful debts	(30,000)	(30,000)
	557,459	528,957

#### **Accounting treatment**

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances. No interest is charged on trade receivables.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

Receivables are stated inclusive of GST.

#### 9 Inventories

Merchandise	126,680	35,292
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#### Accounting treatment

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first-in-first-out basis and is net of any rebates and discounts received. Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

#### 10 Other financial assets

Listed investment portfolio at market value	3,962,448	2,889,488
NON-CURRENT		_
Investment in non-listed equity at fair value	2,390,000	2,390,000

Movement in investment in other financial assets

	Listed investment Non-listed		ed equity Tot		al	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance	2,889,488	2,485,106	2,390,000	2,390,000	5,279,488	4,875,106
Additions	2,552,710	329,307	-	-	2,552,710	329,307
Disposals - cost	(1,367,568)	(124,928)	-	-	(1,367,568)	(124,928)
Revaluation movements	(112,182)	200,003	-	-	(112,182)	200,003
Closing balance	3,962,448	2,889,488	2,390,000	2,390,000	6,352,448	5,279,488

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#### 11 Fair value measurement

The Association measures its listed investment portfolio and investment in non-listed equity at fair value on a recurring basis. Where fair value has not been able to be determined based on quoted price, a valuation model has been used.

#### Fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a level in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1	Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
Level 2	Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
Level 3	Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

The table below shows the assigned level for each asset and liability held at fair value by the Association.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
31 December 2024	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets				
Listed investment portfolio	3,962,448	-	-	3,962,448
Investment in non-listed equity		2,390,000	-	2,390,000
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
31 December 2023	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets				
Listed investment portfolio	2,889,488	-	-	2,889,488
Investment in non-listed equity	-	2,390,000	-	2,390,000

There were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy. The current use of each asset measured at fair value is considered to be its highest and best use.

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## 12 Property, plant and equipment

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Office equipment		
At cost	745,784	672,164
Accumulated depreciation	(612,708)	(541,321)
Total office equipment	133,076	130,843
Computer software		
At cost	599,003	569,643
Accumulated depreciation	(315,517)	(197,904)
Total computer equipment	283,486	371,739
Leasehold Improvements		
At cost	367,388	363,498
Accumulated amortisation	(306,713)	(283,206)
Total leasehold improvements	60,675	80,292
Total property, plant and equipment	477,237	582,874

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Office Equipment	Computer Software	Leasehold Improvements	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 31 December 2024				
Balance at the beginning of year	130,843	371,739	80,292	582,874
Additions	73,620	29,360	3,890	106,870
Depreciation expense	(71,387)	(117,613)	(23,507)	(212,507)
Balance at the end of the year	133,076	283,486	60,675	477,237

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#### 12 Property, plant and equipment

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Office Equipment	10-33%
Computer Equipment	10-33%
Leasehold improvements	6.7%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

#### Key estimates - impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions specific to the Association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

#### Key estimates - useful life of assets

The Association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated.

#### 13 Other non-financial assets

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Prepayments	693,274	540,218
Accrued income		12,500
	693,274	552,718

#### 14 Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

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#### 15 Right-of-Use Assets and Lease Liabilities

#### (a) Statement of financial position

The Association has leases over a range of assets including vehicles, office and IT equipment.

Right-of-use assets Accumulated depreciation	2024 \$ 953,642 (512,924)	<b>2023</b> \$ 594,485 (273,296)
Total	440,718	321,189
Current lease liabilities	237,210	123,033
Non-current lease liabilities  Total	<u>176,761</u> 413,971	156,659 279,692

#### (b) Statement of comprehensive income

The amounts recognised in the statement of comprehensive income relating to leases are shown below:

Interest expense on lease liabilities 10,899 2,848
Depreciation of right-of-use assets 239,628 241,123

#### **Accounting treatment**

#### Right-of-use assets

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

#### Lease liabilities

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the Association's assessment of lease term.

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# Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

#### 15 Right-of-Use Assets and Lease Liabilities

#### **Exceptions to lease accounting**

The Association has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. The Association recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### Key judgements - lease term

The lease term is a significant component in the measurement of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Judgement is exercised in determining whether there is reasonable certainty that an option to extend the lease or purchase the underlying asset will be exercised, or an option to terminate the lease will not be exercised, when ascertaining the periods to be included in the lease term. In determining the lease term, all facts and circumstances that create an economical incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option, are considered at the lease commencement date. Factors considered may include the importance of the asset to the company's operations; comparison of terms and conditions to prevailing market rates; incurrence of significant penalties; existence of significant leasehold improvements; and the costs and disruption to replace the asset. The company reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option, if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances.

#### Key estimates - incremental borrowing rate

Where the interest rate implicit in a lease cannot be readily determined, an incremental borrowing rate is estimated to discount future lease payments to measure the present value of the lease liability at the lease commencement date. Such a rate is based on what the Association estimates it would have to pay a third party to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset, with similar terms, security and economic environment.

#### 16 Trade and other payables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade payables	334,609	223,954
GST payable	252,778	200,240
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	210,864	414,488
	798,251	838,682

#### **Accounting treatment**

The Association's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, which are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying amounts are considered to be a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

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#### 17 Employee benefits

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Provision for annual leave	399,672	487,693
Provision for long service leave	519,832	493,880
	919,504	981,573
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for long service leave	62,176	71,690

#### **Accounting treatment**

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

#### Key estimates - employee benefits provision

The liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

#### 18 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The total remuneration paid to 9 (2023: 9) key management personnel of the Association was \$1,705,756 (2023: \$1,560,132).

#### 19 Other liabilities

	2024 \$	2023 \$
CURRENT		
Government funding contract liabilities	3,225,621	1,170,030
Other contract liabilities	1,410,393	4,159,931
	4,636,014	5,329,961
NON-CURRENT		
Government funding contract liabilities		30,500

Income from funding with sufficiently specific performance obligations are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the Association has satisfied the performance obligations under the terms of the funding.

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#### 19 Other liabilities

The Association exercises judgement over whether the performance obligations have been met, on a funding by funding basis. The performance obligations for activity-based funding are the number of services provided or program objectives achieved in accordance with terms and conditions agreed to with the funding providers.

Revenue is recognised when a service provision is completed or a program objective is achieved. The performance obligations have been selected as they align with funding conditions set out in the agreements issued by the funding providers.

#### 20 Total Equity

		BV			
	BV	Country	JRC	SRC	Total
2024	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at the beginning of the year	4,159,472	443,685	970,616	616,280	6,190,053
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of other financial assets	344,188	_	_	_	344,188
Revaluation increment	(112,182)	-	-	-	(112,182)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	159,919	-	153,917	1,446	315,282
Balance at the end of the year	4,551,397	443,685	1,124,533	617,726	6,737,341
2023					
Balance at the beginning of the year	4,080,064	443,685	711,888	613,307	5,848,944
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of other financial assets	(5,759)	-	-	-	(5,759)
Revaluation decrement	200,003	-	-	-	200,003
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(114,836)		258,728	2,973	146,865
Balance at the end of the year	4,159,472	443,685	970,616	616,280	6,190,053

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#### 21 Financial risk management

The Association is exposed to a variety of financial risks through its use of financial instruments. The Association's overall risk management plan seeks to minimise potential adverse effects due to the unpredictability of financial markets.

The most significant financial risks to which the Association is exposed to are liquidity risk, credit risk, price risk and interest rate risk. The principal categories of financial instrument used by the Association are trade receivables, cash at bank, other financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, trade and other payables and lease liabilities. The Association does not have any derivative financial instruments at 31 December 2024.

The Board has overall responsibility for the establishment of the Association's financial risk management framework including investment policy. The Board monitors the proportion of equity securities in its investment portfolio based on market indices. Material investments within the portfolio are managed on an individual basis and all buy and sell decisions are made in line with the Basketball Victoria Investment Strategy with approval from a nominated member of the Board and the CEO. The primary goal of the Association's investment strategy is to maximise investment returns whilst preserving capital and management is assisted by external advisers in this regard. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Association's activities.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,919,441	6,421,633
Trade and other receivables (cost)	587,459	558,957
Other financial assets - current	3,962,448	2,889,488
Other financial assets - non-current	2,390,000	2,390,000
Total financial assets	11,859,348	12,260,078
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables (i)	798,251	638,442
Lease liabilities - current	237,210	123,033
Lease liabilities - non-current	176,761	156,659
Total financial liabilities	1,212,222	918,134

Note: (i) The amounts disclosed here exclude statutory amounts (e.g. GST payable and other tax payables).

#### **Accounting treatment**

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs.

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#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 21 Financial risk management

#### **Financial Assets**

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

#### Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through other comprehensive income equity instrument (FVOCI equity)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

#### Amortised cost

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Fair value through other comprehensive income

The Association maintains a strategic listed investment portfolio and an interest in an unlisted entity over which they do not have significant influence nor control. The Association has made an irrevocable election to classify these equity investments as fair value through other comprehensive income as they are not held for trading purposes.

#### Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

#### **Financial liabilities**

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables and lease liabilities.

#### 22 Reserves

#### Financial asset reserve

Change in the fair value of investments are recognised in other comprehensive income - financial asset reserve. Amounts are reclassified to statement of comprehensive income when an impairment arises.

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 23 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

The Association did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023: None).

#### 24 Events occurring after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

#### 25 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the Association is: Basketball Victoria Inc.
State Basketball Centre, 291 George St
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## **Statement by the Board of Directors**

In the opinion of the Board of Directors of Basketball Victoria Inc. the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 19:

- Gives a true and fair view of Association's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Board of Directors by:

President.

Michelle Bruggeman

Dated 29 April 2025



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## Independent Audit Report to the members of Basketball Victoria Inc.

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Basketball Victoria Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and the statement by the board of directors.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2024 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Information other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

Those charged with Governance are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the Annual Report of the Association, (but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon).

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

The Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do

The Board is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

## Independent Audit Report to the members of Basketball Victoria Inc.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design
  and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate
  to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher
  than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations,
  or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial reporter, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and
  whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair
  presentation.

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

From the matters communicated with the management, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

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The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



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