

Basketball ACT
**ANNUAL
REPORT**

on the move



2014/15





*our plan
to be*

Excellent

Engaged

Accessible



on the move

Strategic Plan For 2015-18

By 2018 Basketball ACT will be demonstrating **excellence** on and off the court, be **engaged** with our stakeholders and the ACT community and be **accessible** for all.

We will:

- Be recognised as an organisation with well-defined corporate governance structures with a track record of achieving positive results.
- Have annual increases in basketball participation.¹
- Be recognised as a valued member of the community by contributing positively to community outcomes through mutually beneficial relationships with government, businesses, schools, clubs and the ACT generally.
- Have high performance pathways that are accessible and which provide the best possible opportunities for excellence.
- Have developed and/or implemented an alternate strategy to accommodate current and future basketball requirements.

¹ Participation includes volunteers, coaches, officials, spectators and players.



Basketball ACT

By 2018 Basketball ACT will...



Strategic Focus Areas

Guiding Principles

Excellent

Governance and Operations

- Be recognised as an effective and efficient organisation with well-defined corporate governance structures that adheres to accepted better practice and ethical standards.
- Have undertaken and implemented a People and Culture Review to ensure best practice which delivers service excellence to all stakeholders.

Competitions and Game Development

- Be providing excellent customer service and competitions that meet stakeholder expectations.
- Have by-laws revised, amended and implemented in accordance with Basketball Australia requirements and FIBA regulations.

Business Affairs

- Be demonstrating excellence in promoting basketball to increase participation and its benefits to the community including government, businesses, schools, clubs and the not-for-profit sector.

High Performance and Coaching

- Have developed high performance programs for players and coaches that has achieved excellence at all levels.

Engaged

- Be regularly engaging with members and stakeholders to strengthen relationships, understand and address current issues and seek opportunities for basketball to grow in the ACT region.

- Have an engaging participation, retention and growth strategy that has been developed and implemented resulting in an increase in basketball participation numbers / membership.

- Be engaged and invest in the community to provide positive outcomes by creating mutually beneficial relationships with government, businesses, schools, clubs and the ACT community.

- Have high performance athletes that are engaged, have individual development plans and have access to a training environment that meets their needs.

Accessible

- Be accessible and inclusive of all people.
- Maintain current facilities, and have explored opportunities to accommodate for future growth to make basketball accessible to all.

- Provide opportunities that promote diversity and empowers people to participate in basketball.

- Have increased awareness of our vision and encourage others to support our strategy of being a sport for all.

- Have coaching education and development programs that are consistent with best practice, are promoted and accessible to the ACT community.
- Have high performance pathways that are accessible and provide the best possible opportunities for excellence.





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FULL MEMBER CLUBS

Clubs

Belconnen Ramblers
Ginninderra Rats
Norths Basketball Club
Queanbeyan Roadrunners
Tuggeranong Southern Cross
Tuggeranong Vikings
Weston Creek Woden Dodgers
Wests Magpies

Schools

Australian Defence Force
Academy (ADFA)
Burgmann Anglican School
Canberra Girls Grammar
School
Canberra Grammar School
Daramalan College
Marist College

Radford College
St Edmund's College
Unican Lakers

2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: David Leaney

Vice President: David Simpson

Treasurer: Jocelyn Martin (*Appointed Director*)

Director: Debbie Cook

Director: Kate Corkery (*Appointed Director*)

Director: Gary Pettigrove

Secretary: Mark McKenzie

Public Officer: Mark McKenzie

Chief Executive Officer: Maxwell Gratton

BASKETBALL ACT STAFF AS OF 8 FEBRUARY 2016

Executive Office

Chief Executive Officer: Maxwell Gratton

Executive Assistant to the CEO: Mark McKenzie

Executive Manager – Group Operations:
Dan Jackson

Legal Counsel: Kim Crow

Competitions and Game Development

Head of Competitions and Game Development:
Dr. Michael Grubinger

**Competitions, Development and Events
Coordinator:** Shannon Zuccala

Competitions and Facilities Coordinator: Vacant

Referees and Officials Coordinator:
Michelle Cosier

Customer Service Officers (Casual): Ben Allen,
Emma Bourne, Sharon Eldridge, Shannon Gordon,
Mikaela Grinter, Rachael Robertson, Callum Smith,
Jacqui Spence, Barb Turner

Finance, Facilities and Administration

Head of Finance and Administration:
Simone Davies-Brown

Finance Coordinator: James Harber

Administration Assistant: Barb Turner

High Performance and Coach Development

Head of High Performance and Coaching:
Phil Brown

**Business Administration and High Performance
Coordinator:** Michael Dann

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2015 was a pivotal year for Basketball ACT. We are roughly halfway through a three-year major transformation of the organisation, and 2015 was a year with lots of hard work and thankfully some visible progress as well. I am pleased with the feedback I have received from members who recognise that things are improving, even though we know we have lots of work ahead of us.



Highlights for the year include hosting the Australian Schools Championships for the second year in a row, and we also hosted a meeting with the Basketball Australia CEO and Board of Directors in Canberra. They were impressed with the management of the competition, and we have helped position Canberra as a venue for major national competitions.

Another highlight was our bid for ACT Government funding for the design and construction of the four half-court outdoor three-on-three (3X3) courts on the north side (downhill side) of the Belconnen Stadium. This is part of our longer-term goal of boosting Belconnen to become a major sporting complex with up to seven indoor courts and four outdoor 3X3 courts, constructed

as two full courts. I mentioned in last year's Annual Report that we couldn't afford the extensions for the indoor courts at the moment, but the construction of the outdoor courts is a step in the right direction. They will provide additional court space for competition and training as well as revenue so we can afford the indoor courts in the future.

It has taken members a little while to get used to this, but the Board of Basketball ACT is not involved in the operational running of the organisation. That's the CEO's job. The Board handles strategy, policy, financial oversight, legal compliance, and some liaison with the government. The members have approved an updated Constitution, and we have also updated the Rules of Competition in addition to the Disciplinary Tribunals By-Laws. We are also addressing some of the historical financial issues, have improved compliance, and cleared out some of the old debts from previous years. This means the organisation is well positioned for positive results and growth in the future.

I'd like to thank the current Board – Dave Simpson, Debbie Cook, Gary Pettigrove, Kate Corkery, and Jocelyn Martin. Like many of you, they are unpaid volunteers, and also like many of you, they put in a lot of work behind the scenes. I'd in addition like to thank all of the members,

players, coaches, managers, scorers, referees and officials, Club Presidents/School Representatives and their Committees, and everyone else who volunteers their time to help out.

2016 is an exciting year ahead, and we will build on the improvements we have made to position the organisation for the years ahead.

David Leaney
PRESIDENT
BASKETBALL ACT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

I am delighted to present my second Chief Executive Officer's Report, this time after a full year in the chair. In 2015 I believe that we laid the groundwork for success in the times ahead. While there is still a lot of work to do, there is a lot to look forward to.



Reflecting over the past 12 months, some of the key Basketball ACT (BACT) outcomes and achievements, to name a few, have included:

- Delivering key outcomes from our four year Strategic Plan *Basketball ACT: On the Move, our plan to be Excellent, Engaged and Accessible*, including improvements in governance and operations, customer service delivery, engagement with stakeholders, compliance, addressing some of the historical financial issues, and the promotion of diversity and a sport for all;
- The approval of a new BACT Constitution that is compliant and adheres to the principles of best practice as well as work on the Rules of Competition and By-Laws;
- Belconnen Stadium improvements including the installation of new LED lights (on and off the court), the introduction of a new kiosk service provider "Café Bounce", the provision of baby change room facilities, with more updates planned for 2016 including addressing issues with the roof, plumbing and storeroom upgrades;

- Increased investment in the development of Referees and Officials through the appointment of Michelle Cosier as the Referees and Officials Coordinator, as well as the implementation of ambitious plans to recruit, retain and develop Referees and Officials;
- The restructuring of the BACT Secretariat's staffing resources to underpin the organisation's role as a customer service organisation;
- The launch of the Inclusive Basketball Program, that aims to promote diversity and empower people, particularly those that identify as same sex attracted and gender diverse, to participate in basketball;
- Enhanced engagement with Clubs, Schools and other key stakeholders, through proactive communications, regular meetings, and other initiatives;
- The launch of our new contemporary and modern website that meets our needs and,
- Plans to develop, with the support of the ACT Government, Outdoor 3X3 Courts to the north of the existing Belconnen Stadium.

Along the journey in 2015 some bold decisions had to be made. Such underpins our position to achieve what we all want, an organisation that is successful, strong and sustainable.

What makes BACT great is the efforts, participation, dedication, assistance and contributions of all of the Clubs, Schools, players, coaches, referees, officials, volunteers, parents, sponsors and other stakeholders. I thank you all!

I would also like to express my thanks to the BACT Board for it's leadership and support.

The last year has been very much about protecting, securing and building Basketball ACT's future. As mentioned in my previous report's remarks, Basketball is a sport that can offer pathways and opportunities from grassroots participation to the elite level for girls and women, boys and men, people with disabilities, people from all cultural backgrounds and demographics, same sex attracted and gender diverse, and everyone and anyone who wishes to participate in our sport. Through our efforts in 2015 we now have the foundations in place and with unity we can build something to remember.

I look forward to continuing the journey with all in the basketball community in 2016 and beyond.

All the best,

Maxwell Gratton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BASKETBALL ACT

TREASURER'S REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Basketball ACT I am pleased to present the 2015 Annual Financial Statements. Our auditors, MCS Audit Pty Ltd, submitted an Auditor's Opinion that the Financial Reports represent a true and fair view of the financial position of A.C.T. Basketball Incorporated (T/A Basketball ACT) as at 30 September 2015.



For the period ended 30 September 2015, Basketball ACT reported a Revenue of \$2,637,427 (2014 - \$4,213,091) and a Deficit of \$282,180 (2014 Deficit of \$349,461). Depreciation and Amortisation was \$109,817 (2014 - \$83,821).

The significant difference between the 2015 and 2014 results is due to the divestment of the Canberra Capitals, which occurred during 2014 resulting in a drop in Elite and Development Income, Grant and Sponsorship Income and Administration and Facilities Income. Competition Revenue continued to be the significant contributor to revenue and exceeded the 2014 result by over \$200,000.

Despite the change in financial circumstances the auditors noted an improvement in operating activities compared to 2014, noting 2014 included a \$300,000 injection from the leasing of roof space for telecommunications and \$26,000 of 2014 expenses were accounted for in 2015. What this amounts to is an operational improvement of some \$400,000, which has been noted by the auditor in the Management Report.

The Net Assets for Basketball ACT as at 30 September 2015 were \$4,913,222. The Balance Sheet continues to show a stable position anchored by the Belconnen Facility.

The cash position for the period ended 30 September showed a decrease of \$274,611 and the Cash Balance at year end was \$138,536. However it should be noted that the end of the financial year coincides with the commencement of the summer competition which generally sees cash at lower levels, due to the seasonal nature of Basketball ACT's income streams.

Throughout 2015 the Management and Board of Basketball ACT concentrated heavily on improving financial controls, developing a more relevant chart of accounts and the improved management of aged Payables and Receivables. In addition, the Board supported this focus through the introduction of regular Finance, Audit and Risk Committee meetings and more detailed monthly reports.

Throughout the year, Basketball ACT enlisted the support of an external accounting firm to support the transition to more robust and defensible accounting systems. It is important to acknowledge the work of Callaghans Accounting, and in particular Prabh Sandhu, throughout the year.

The result for 2015, although conservative, is representative of the work which has been undertaken during 2015 to ensure a sound approach to managing creditors, cash and that accounting systems at Basketball ACT can be relied upon to deliver reliable support to Management going forward. The 2016 Budget plans for a Surplus in excess of \$100,000 and to incorporate the delivery of some capital improvements, as well as all expenditure commitments. In addition, there are plans to revalue the Belconnen Facility in 2016.

It is important to recognise the work of Basketball ACT staff, in particular Dan Jackson and Maxwell Gratton, for significant effort improving the financial systems and reporting in 2015.

Jocelyn Martin
TREASURER
BASKETBALL ACT

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

The Competitions Committee has again worked to further progress the links between Clubs, Schools, Basketball ACT and the Competition Management staff. The Committee met several times during the year, as well as the two Club-based competition meetings and a Basketball Discussion Forum provided to discuss and debate issues within the competition and Club area.



Purpose:

Basketball ACT has established a Competitions Committee to provide strategic advice and support to the BACT Board and CEO with regard to developing and establishing guiding principles, competition rules, policies, guidelines and procedures for competitions conducted by the organisation. The Committee will also ensure appropriate and relevant communication with stakeholders on prospective changes to the above guiding principles, competition rules, policies, guidelines and procedures before they are recommended to the BACT Board for approval.

The Committee would also like to welcome the Basketball ACT Referees and Officials Coordinator Michelle Cosier as a new member to the Committee. We envisage this will enhance the relationship between referees, officials and our Members as we work towards increasing the standard and number

of qualified referees and officials that service competitions.

One of several tasks that the Committee undertook over the past twelve months was a consultation process regarding the Competition Rules and By-Laws, and to update some areas that were causing contention. This was also done in line with the constitutional review process. The Committee, in conjunction with Competition Management, will work more closely with Clubs and Schools in the areas of upholding Rules and By-Laws.

The Terms of Reference of the Competitions Committee has also been reviewed and updated to take a more strategic approach to how the Committee operates, and to better support Clubs and Schools in other areas of development, such as training venues and what opportunities there are for growth in competitions with limited venues. The Committee has also looked at developing a policy in relation to representative programs and the

potential for them to participate in competitions. It is hoped this will be finalised in early 2016.

The last item the Committee is finalising is the Club Structure Document. This document was initially put on hold due to the ongoing constitutional review process, but as that has now been largely completed a draft of the Club Structure Document should be available shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Competitions Committee for their valued input and commitment to the ongoing improvement of the Basketball ACT competitions. I'd also like to thank the many volunteers that work tirelessly for their Clubs and Schools to provide opportunities and quality coaching for their members, and enable them to participate in such a great sport.

Debbie Cook
CHAIRPERSON
COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE



HIGH PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

The High Performance area again made great progress over the past twelve months. Phil Brown continued to do an excellent job in his role as Head of High Performance and Coach Development, and provided quality leadership and coaching within this area.

Barry Barnes and Michelle Hocking again provided valuable contributions as High Performance Committee Members and attended bi-annual meetings during the year, or on an as-needed basis.

Program reviews were held for all representative programs after completion of the respective program, from Under 12s through to SEABL Men and Women, and the feedback provided will be used to guide areas for improvement during 2016. All program Head Coaches were also selected for the 2016 programs through Expressions of Interest and, where required, interview processes.

The “ACT Way” continues to guide coaches and create expectations across programs, as well as providing a platform for coaches to build their teams for the 2016 programs. During 2015 two Community Coach Courses were delivered, and coaches were also provided the opportunity to attend two “Blue and Gold” coaching

clinics. The opportunity for Club coach development will be another area that the Committee will look to provide more opportunities for in 2016.

The Committee also worked on updating the Representative Coaches and Managers Agreements, looked into improving financial controls to assist Team Managers, and the Head of High Performance and Coaching developed a finance calendar of events for parents. The area of finance was one area that has received much attention during 2015, and it is hoped that this will create more certainty around costings and payment time frames for program staff and parents.

2016 will also see a new uniform/clothing supplier for the High Performance programs. S-Trend Sportswear has come on board as the official apparel supplier, and will be involved with Basketball ACT for multiple years. Standard program uniform kits were also developed,

and each player in a representative program will purchase the appropriate kit for the specific program they play in.

The next major concern for the Committee is finding ways to support the High Performance area with Basketball Australia announcing it will not be providing high performance funding into the first half of 2016, and reviewing such after the end of the financial year. This will provide some challenges, but with the many extraordinary volunteers and coaches Basketball ACT has I am sure we will find ways to overcome them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee Members for their time, efforts and valuable knowledge and insights of all things High Performance, and look forward to the continued progress of the Basketball ACT representative programs in 2016.

Debbie Cook
CHAIRPERSON
HIGH PERFORMANCE
PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

Gunners Head Coach, Shawn McEachin



UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA CAPITALS COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

The Collaboration Agreement between Basketball ACT and the University of Canberra (UC) Capitals has again been a work in progress. During 2015 we have not seen much progress between the two parties due to circumstances with staff changes, and a lack of understanding of the agreement and re-familiarisation of such required due to these staff changes.

There have been two meetings held with UC staff to date, and an acknowledgement of creating a stronger relationship in areas of player pathways, mentoring, community engagement and internship opportunities with Basketball ACT High Performance and UC students. It is also envisaged that the collaboration may also provide opportunities to alleviate the burden placed on the Basketball ACT High Performance Program due to Basketball Australia ceasing to provide funding in the area.

A meeting/workshop has been scheduled for early 2016 to work more collaboratively with UC to make sure that we are in a better position to uphold the Collaboration Agreement and work to foster mutually beneficial outcomes during 2016.

Debbie Cook
COMMITTEE MEMBER
UC CAPITALS COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

LIFE AND FOUNDATION MEMBERS LIST

Life Members

Kel McGrath 1960(d)
Max Landy 1968(d)
Don Withers 1971
Rodney Peters 1972
Brian Franklin 1975
Graham Owen 1975
Ron Harvey 1980
Ian Ellis 1980
Peter Baskett 1981
Colin Alexander 1984
Terry Ryan 1985
Peter Higgisson 1985
Phill Kelley (pre 92)
Ray Brady (pre 92)
Gary Evans (pre 92)
Jerry Lee (pre 94)
Herb McEachin (pre 94)
Alan Roberts (pre 94)
Ros Roberts (pre 94)
Joe Marzano 1995
Pam Grotegoed 1996

Errol Cohen 1996
Barbara Lodding 2001
Stephen Fox 2009
Richard Nesbitt 2011

Foundation Members

Albert Campling
Ray Campling
Allan Campling
Les Hurst
Ken Kaus (*transferred to Jenny Ball*)
Julie Kaus
Barbara Kaus
Jenny Kaus (*transferred to Matthew Ball*)
Karen Kaus
David Kaus
John Soustal
Ron Hendry
Don Patton

Peter Higgisson
Ken Campbell
Irene Campbell
Susie Geh (d)
Gaby Geh
Ian Haugh
Graham Withers
Anthony Steer
Ian Hardy
B.T. Wall
Ashley Cross
Geoff Baker (*transferred to Sheree Martel*)
Yvonne Baker (*transferred to Marlene Baker*)
Sheree Baker
Marlene Baker (*transferred to Jess Leonard*)
Paul Baker
Doug Hourigan (*transferred to Jodie*

Hourigan)
Rob Van Belcom
Ian Ellis
Celia Bew
Richard Ryan
Bill Horsfall (*transferred to Paul Horsfall*)
Fay Richardson (d)
Neil Richardson
Robert Hobson
Nick Gasgoine
Rita Pogson
Geoff Pogson (*transferred to Michael Pogson*)
Robert Matruglio
Rod Pedifer

REFEREES AND OFFICIALS REPORT

During the course of this past year, the Referees and Officials Department has been brought back in-house and Basketball ACT has been fortunate to have secured the services of recently retired Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) player and currently active Basketball ACT referee Michelle Cosier.

The Department faced a number of challenges in 2015, which have been able to be resolved in most cases thus far.

One of the key issues had been referee coverage for juniors and senior social grades, which saw a significant increase over the last two quarters of the year. Several former referees have also returned over the last few months to provide additional referee coverage.

Another area where positive change has occurred was within the Referee Services Officer (RSO) role. The Department previously had just four active RSOs, however we now have doubled this number to eight. The RSOs are doing a great job providing support, training and encouragement to junior officials to assist in their development.

Back in September, a Level 0 referee course was held where a record number of 63 attendees received an invaluable start to their referee careers with the course led by WNBL and South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL) referee Simon Cosier. Simon also created the entire Level 0 Referee Education Program, including a new and

improved 'Simplified and Illustrated Rule Book,' along with a PowerPoint presentation which was extremely well received from all participants.

An entirely new referee uniform has been created for the junior referee program. The new uniform includes Trainee Referee Shirts, Beginner Referee Shirts and referee shorts, along with redesigned RSO polo shirts.

The on-court ability of Basketball ACT referees has seen them achieve success at several events for which they have been selected to attend, or be appointed to finals within their relevant leagues. At the representative and elite levels in 2015, Jack Taylor was appointed to the WNBL Panel, Robert Rice was rewarded with the SEABL Women's Championship Game, and Simon Cosier was selected to officiate the SEABL Men's Finals. At a National Junior level, Micayla Helson was selected to officiate the Bronze Medal game at the Australian Schools Championships and Ted Pettigrove was selected to officiate the Shield Gold Medal match at the Under 14 Boys Club Championships.

During the Christmas break, the Referees Room has had a make-over with new carpet and a fresh coat of paint. The old couches have also been replaced with chairs that provide more storage space and comfort within the room.

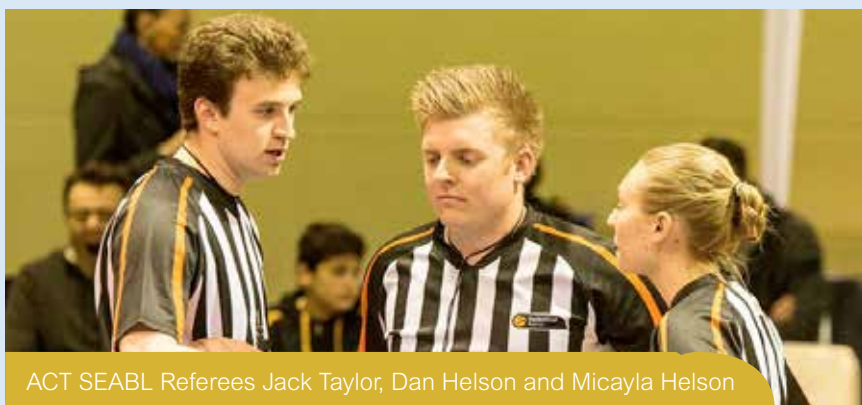
Currently there are 256 active referees, which is an increase from 2014. With new referee courses planned throughout 2016, the goal is to have 300 active referees by the end of 2016. To achieve this goal, there will be 4 to 6 Level 0 courses throughout the year, along with both Level 1 and Level 2 referee courses to assist with the ongoing development of referees.

Additionally, there are also plans to conduct a pilot referee education program in an ACT high school during 2016, with the view for this to become a program that can be rolled out across several schools.

There is also a Referee Action Day scheduled for Saturday 30 January. Topics being covered on the day will include Mechanics, Calling the Game, Player/Coach communication along with a fitness testing session. This day will also provide an opportunity to present the 2015 Referee Awards.

Lastly, to ensure the Referees and Officials Department achieves sustainable short and long-term success, a three-year education and action plan will be developed and implemented this year with the assistance of a Referee Advisory Group, which will be in place in early 2016.

Michelle Cosier
REFEREES AND OFFICIALS
COORDINATOR
BASKETBALL ACT



ACT SEABL Referees Jack Taylor, Dan Helson and Micayla Helson



2015 ANNUAL AWARDS

Basketball ACT Management Awards

Male Player of the Year:

Justin Koenig - *Norths Basketball Club, ACT Ivor Burge Program and Australian Boomerangs*

Female Player of the Year:

Isabelle Bourne - *Norths Basketball Club and ACT Under 16 Women Representative Program*

All-Abilities Player(s) of the Year:

Brittany Anderson - *Norths Basketball Club and Australian Pearls*
Taylor Anderson - *Norths Basketball Club and Australian Pearls*

Volunteer of the Year: Marlene Leonard - *Referee Services*

Community Administrator of the Year: Rachel Grant - *Canberra Girls Grammar School*

Coach of the Year: Paula Jansen - *Under 14 Girls ACT Development Program*

Employee of the Year: Dan Jackson - *Executive Manager – Group Operations*

Chief Executive Officer's Award: James Toohey - *Marist College, Tuggeranong Vikings and ACT Under 18 Men Representative Program*

Premier League Most Valuable Player Awards

Premier 1 Men: Ben Allen - *Ginninderra Rats*

Premier 1 Women: Kristen Langhorn - *Weston Creek Woden Dodgers*

Premier 2 Men: Brendan Hoang - *Tuggeranong Vikings*

Premier 2 Women: Nadezda Dorsoski - *Queanbeyan Roadrunners*

Referee Awards

Referee of the Year: Simon Cosier

Senior Representative Referee of the Year: Jack Taylor

Junior Representative Referee of the Year: Micayla Helson

Senior Domestic Referee of the Year: Rod Grieve

Referee Coach of the Year: Gordon Young



**Saturday Encouragement Awards:**

 Kevin Poulton (*Belconnen Male*)

 Bekky Williams (*Belconnen Female*)

 Sam Soar (*Tuggeranong Male*)

 Sophie McWatt (*Tuggeranong Female*)

Sunday Encouragement Awards:

 Rhys Kerec (*Belconnen Male*)

 Gabby Skelton (*Belconnen Female*)

 Kieran Krogh-Neumann (*Tuggeranong Male*)

 Chloe Smith (*Tuggeranong Female*)

Saturday Most Improved Awards:

 Charlie Benson (*Belconnen Male*)

 Myah Jetter (*Belconnen Female*)

 Mitch Parr (*Tuggeranong Male*)

 Rebecca Murphy (*Tuggeranong Female*)

Sunday Most Improved Awards:

 Luke Coombe (*Belconnen Male*)

 Rosie Schweizer (*Belconnen Female*)

 Anwar Hamill (*Tuggeranong Male*)

 Milka Stosic (*Tuggeranong Female*)



CLIFF ELLIS MEMORIAL SHIELD

The Cliff Ellis Trophy is awarded to the Junior Championship Club and it is calculated using a point system for each team based on the final standings at the end of the regular season with additional bonus points awarded for teams that finish top of their Division at the end of the regular season.

2015 Podium Results

Place	Club Name	Totals
1st	Ginninderra Rats	742.05
2nd	Radford College	630.35
3rd	Marist College	611.70



COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL CLUBS – TEAM NOMINATIONS

Club/School	2015 Junior Nominations		2015 Senior Nominations		Club/School Total Nominations	
	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer
Australian Defence Force Academy	0	0	7	0	7	0
Big Bang Ballers*	0	0	2	0	2	0
Belconnen Ramblers	24	31	9	7	33	38
Burgmann Anglican School	21	24	0	0	21	24
Canberra City Stallions*	0	5	0	6	0	11
Canberra Girls Grammar School	17	16	0	0	17	16
Canberra Grammar School	15	21	0	0	15	21
Daramalan College	19	24	0	0	19	24
Ginninderra Rats	34	37	11	10	45	47
Gungahlin Flames*	0	2	5	7	5	9
Marist College	27	36	0	0	27	36
General Club**	5	2	122	132	127	134
Norths Basketball Club	29	29	6	5	35	34
Queanbeyan Roadrunners	15	14	2	0	17	14
Radford College	38	44	0	0	38	44
St Edmund's College	12	14	0	0	12	14
Tuggeranong Southern Cross	31	33	1	1	32	34
Tuggeranong Vikings	18	22	5	3	23	25
Unican Lakers	0	0	6	3	6	3
Weston Creek Woden Dodgers	26	38	4	1	30	39
Wests Magpies	19	18	8	4	27	22
Winnunga Warriors*	4	9	0	0	4	9
Totals	354	419	188	179	542	598

*Denotes a non-Full Member of Basketball ACT.

**Denotes teams that are not affiliated to Clubs and/or Schools.



2015 ACT REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAMS

Basketball ACT participates in the Australian Junior Championships (AJC) in the Under 20, Under 18 and Under 16 age groups. Basketball ACT also participates in the Ivor Burge Championships for people with an intellectual disability, and at the Under 14 Australian Club Championships. More information on how the ACT squads fared in these tournaments is listed below.

ACT Ivor Burge Men's Representative Program

FINAL PLACING: 6th overall (of 8)

TEAM LIST

Peter Bandle	Andrew Hoatson	Chris Ilic	Jack Littleton
Anthony Costa	Leigh Howard	Justin Koenig	Michael Tipler

Head Coach: James McGill	Assistant Coach: Kim Malcolm	Team Manager: Dean Hoatson
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Results

Pool A Results	Finals
Game 1 - L vs Victoria Metro 51-136	Quarter Final – L vs NSW 51-76
Game 2 - L vs Tasmania 72-86	Classification Final – W vs Western Australia 82-59
Game 3 - W vs Japan 70-61	Playoff 5&6 – L vs South Australia 45-80

ACT Men's Under 20 Representative Program

FINAL PLACING: 7th overall (of 7)

TEAM LIST

Jez Baron	Paul Douglas-MacDonald	Jarrold Hampton
Matthew Boardman	Jackson Duffey	Bul Kuol
Mitchell Brown	Evan Fowler	
Pavle Davidovic	Hamish Gooden	

Head Coach: Jerry Lee	Assistant Coach: Cal Bruton	Team Manager: Barb Turner
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Results

Round Games	Finals
Game 1 – L vs NSW 50-91	Playoff for 7th – L vs Queensland 61-85
Game 2 – L vs Tasmania 59-92	
Game 3 – W vs Queensland 85-82	
Game 4 – L vs Western Australia 59-66	
Game 5 – L vs Victoria 48-89	
Game 6 – L vs South Australia 63-97	

ACT Women's Under 20 Representative Program

NATIONALS/CLUB CHAMPS FINAL PLACING: 7th overall (of 7)

TEAM LIST

Emma Bourne	Rebecca Lee	Renee Polyak
Renee Duffey	Yaar Mayen	Sarah Taylor
Morgan Elvin	Molly McPhee	
Ashleigh Evans	Holly Moore	

Head Coach: Greg Evans **Assistant Coach:** Kristen Langhorn **Team Manager:** Deb McAppion

Results

Round Games	Final
Game 1 – L vs South Australia 44-72	Playoff for 7th – L vs Tasmania 75-78
Game 2 – L vs Queensland 51-78	
Game 3 – L vs Victoria 36-118	
Game 4 – L vs Western Australia 39-70	
Game 5 – L vs NSW 39-79	
Game 6 – W vs Tasmania 57-55	

ACT Men's Under 18 Representative Program

NATIONALS/CLUB CHAMPS FINAL PLACING: 8th overall (of 13)

TEAM LIST

Jack Bartholomeusz	James Martin	Jarrod Phillips
Nathan Brown	Glenn Morison	James Toohey
William Cooper	Alex Ophel	
Patrick Cross	Thomas Parker	

Head Coach: Debbie Cook **Assistant Coach:** Dan Jackson **Team Manager:** Rob McIntosh

Results

Pool B Games	Finals
Game 1 – L vs Western Australia Metro 55-86	Quarter Final – L vs Queensland North 59-89
Game 2 – L vs NSW 52-79	Classification Final – L vs South Australia Metro 62-73
Game 3 – W vs South Australia Country 72-55	Playoff for 7th – L vs Victoria Country
Game 4 – L vs Victoria Metro 52-108	
Game 5 – W vs Queensland South 70-54	

ACT Women's Under 18 Representative Program

NATIONALS/CLUB CHAMPS FINAL PLACING: 12th overall (of 13)

TEAM LIST

Nyankir Abuoi	Alana Dalglish	Annabelle Lindsay
Callie Bourne	Nadezda Dorsoski	Bridie McDonald
Ruby Cooper	Ashleigh Easton	
Lily Cunningham	Tarushi Fernando	
Head Coach: Simon Pritchard	Assistant Coach: Carly Wilson	Team Manager: Karen Lindsay

Results

Pool A Games	Consolation Finals
Game 1 – L vs NSW Metro 58-79	1st Round – W vs Northern Territory 61-57
Game 2 – L vs South Australia Country 61-72	2nd Round – L vs Queensland North 53-54
Game 3 – L vs Victoria Metro 31-123	Playoff for 11th – L vs Western Australia Country
Game 4 – L vs Tasmania 52-71	
Game 5 – L vs Western Australia Country 39-55	
Game 6 – L vs Queensland South 41-59	

ACT Men's Under 16 Representative Program

NATIONALS/CLUB CHAMPS FINAL PLACING: 14th overall (of 14)

TEAM LIST

Kai Adams	Jarrod Fenwick	Brad Pateman
Rahul Arsakulasuriya	Dylan Giles	Tristan Scotcher
David Cox	JJ Jalloh	
Derek Emlifeonwu	Isaac Maher	
Head Coach: Markus Klusemann	Assistant Coach: Brad Luhrs	Team Manager: Melanie Steele-Hick

Results

Pool A Games	Finals
Game 1 – L vs Victoria Metro 50-105	Classification Final – L vs NSW Metro 66-76
Game 2 – L vs Northern Territory 54-57	Playoff for 13th – L vs Northern Territory 61-63
Game 3 – L vs Western Australia Metro 59-90	
Game 4 – L vs Queensland North 50-86	
Game 5 – L vs South Australia Country 66-76	
Game 6 – L vs NSW Metro 57-88	

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ACT Women's Under 16 Representative Program

NATIONALS/CLUB CHAMPS FINAL PLACING: 8th overall (of 14)

TEAM LIST

Isabelle Bourne	Annie Leszczynska	Rosemary Schweizer
Brooke Childs	Hayley Mason	Mikala Williams
Sarah Cooper	Emma Rowcliffe	
Zoe Kershaw	Caitlin Rowe	

Head Coach: Ray Brady

Assistant Coach: Shane Wallace

Results

Pool B Games	Finals
Game 1 – L vs Victoria Country 75-78	Quarter Final – L vs Queensland South 64-71
Game 2 – W vs Queensland North 54-53	Classification Final – L vs South Australia Country 54-70
Game 3 – L vs South Australia Metro 52-64	Playoff for 7th – L vs Queensland North 47-72
Game 4 – W vs Northern Territory 87-36	
Game 5 – W vs Western Australia Metro 85-54	
Game 6 W vs NSW Metro 65-54	

ACT Boy's Under 14 Club Championships Program

NATIONALS/CLUB CHAMPS FINAL PLACING: 14th overall (of 24) Shield Silver

TEAM LIST

Mamadou Fall	Harry Matthew	Thomas Tracy
Blake Jones	Maximus Monaghan	Henry Wallace
Fraser Kelly	Luke Murphy	
Lachlan Kendrick	Mitchell Robinson	

Head Coach: Barry Barnes

Assistant Coach: Adam Kendrick

Team Manager: Sheree Harrison

Results

Pool F Games	Shield Pool FF Games
Game 1 – W vs Willetton Tigers 53-49	Game 1 – W vs Cockburn Cougars 65-51
Game 2 – L vs Central Districts Lions 32-57	Game 2 – W vs Sunshine Coast Rip – 63-61
Game 3 – L vs Sydney Comets 47-75	
Shield Finals	
Quarter Final – W vs North West Tasmania Thunder 72-40	
Semi Final – W vs North Adelaide Rockets 60-53	
Shield Grand Final – L vs Willetton Tigers 45-48	

ACT Girl's Under 14 Club Championships Program

NATIONALS/CLUB CHAMPS FINAL PLACING: 4th overall (of 24)

TEAM LIST

Sophie Anderson	Charlie Hiskins	Pyper Thornberry
Zali Andrews	Natasha Lyall	Maddison Wheatley
Jasmyn Boutzos	Caitlin Quester	
Kassidy Fox	Abby Solway	

Head Coach: Paula Jansen	Assistant Coach: Brad Hiskins	Team Manager: Fiona Wright
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Results

Pool B Games	Championship Pool CC Games
Game 1 – W vs Gosford City Rebels 63-33	Game 1 – W vs Diamond Valley Eagles 48-44
Game 2 – L vs Bulleen Boomers 40-81	Game 2 – L vs Knox Raiders 37-48
Game 3 – W vs Rockingham Flames 46-28	

Championship Finals
Championship Quarter Final – W vs Ipswich 43-40
Championship Semi Final – L vs Manly Sea Eagles 42-54
Championship Bronze Medal Final – Knox Raiders 33-43

2015 ACT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM NOTABLE RESULTS

NSW Waratah Southern Junior League:

Under 12 Boys Division 1 Champion:

Canberra Gunners Blue

Under 12 Girls Division 1 Champion:

Canberra Capitals Gold

Under 12 Girls Division 1 Runner-Up:

Canberra Capitals Navy

Under 14 Boys Division 1 Champion:

Canberra Gunners Blue

Under 14 Boys Division 2 Champion:

Canberra Gunners White

Under 14 Boys Division 2 Runner-Up:

Canberra Gunners Blue

Under 14 Girls Division 1 Champion:

Canberra Capitals Blue

Under 14 Girls Division 1 Runner-Up:

Canberra Capitals White

Under 14 Girls Division 2 Champion:

Canberra Capitals

Under 16 Women Division 1 Champion:

Canberra Capitals Blue

Under 16 Women Division 1 Runner-Up:

Canberra Capitals White

Under 18 Men Division 1 Champion:

Canberra Gunners

NSW State Cup:

Under 12 Boys Champions:

Canberra Gunners Blue

Under 12 Girls Runner-Up:

Canberra Capitals Gold

Under 16 Women Champion:

Canberra Capitals Blue

2015 CANBERRA GUNNERS

The Canberra Gunners is the elite Men's basketball program in the ACT. Competing in the South East Australian Basketball League ("SEABL"), the Gunners have a long-standing history in the League, having competed in SEABL for over 25 years.

COMPETITION: East	RECORD: 8W, 16L
FINAL PLACING: 7th in East Conference (14th overall)	MAJOR SPONSOR: ACT Government

TEAM LIST:

Samuel Adams	Evan Fowler	Luke Jamieson	Shaun Mills
Ben Allen	Joshua Hathaway	Daniel Joyce	Andrew Murphy
Nnaebuka Anyaorah	Daniel Jackson	Reece Kaye	Stephen Rowe
Mitchell Brown	Nicholas Jackson	Bul Kuol	Dylan Simpson

2015 Program Staff

Head Coach: Shawn McEachin	Assistant Coach: Andrew Coulter	Team Manager: Adele Simpson
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2015 Gunners Award Recipients

Most Valuable Player: Ben Allen	Best Team Player: Reece Kaye
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Notable Mentions

- Ben Allen led all players in Total Defensive Rebounds with 213 for the season. Allen also finished third in Average Rebounds with 10.6 per game, to go with 17.0 points per game to average a double-double.
- Import Nnaebuka Anyaorah finished 7th in Average Points with 19.2 per game. Anyaorah also finished 11th overall in Total Points with 422 for the season.
- Ben Allen and Andrew Murphy both played their respective 100th SEABL game in 2015. Murphy played all 100 games with the Gunners.



2015 Canberra Gunners

2015 CANBERRA CAPITALS ACADEMY

Having only joined the SEABL competition in recent years, the Capitals Academy program was formed to foster talent and create a pathway for local athletes into the Canberra Capitals WNBL program. The program has been very successful, with a number of WNBL-calibre players competing for the Academy, and making the jump to the WNBL.

COMPETITION: East	RECORD: 4W, 18L
FINAL PLACING: 6th in East Conference (12th overall)	

TEAM LIST:

Jessica Bibby	Ashleigh Evans	Kristen Langhorn	Carlie Smith
Emma Bourne	Julia Forster	Annabelle Lindsay	Stephanie Talbot
Alice Coddington	Jo Guthridge	Sarah McAppion	Julie Ticehurst
Alana Dalglish	Tara Hay	Molly McPhee	
Brianna Dalglish	Ellie Junod	Holly Moore	

2015 Program Staff

Head Coach: Greg Evans	Assistant Coach: Debbie Cook	Team Manager: Deb McAppion
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2015 Capitals Academy Award Recipients

Most Valuable Player: Kristen Langhorn	Rising Star: Carlie Smith
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Notable Mentions

- Stephanie Talbot competed for the Australian Opals squad that won the 2015 Oceania Championships and qualified for the 2016 Olympics in Rio, Brazil. She also competed for the Australian team at the World University Games in South Korea.
- Stephanie Talbot was named in the All SEABL Women's Team for 2015, after posting averages of 19.0 points, 10.6 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game.
- Import Julia Forster finished second in the League in Average Rebounds at 14.7 per game. Forster also posted 15.6 points per game to average a double-double for the season.
- Julia Forster was named the Player of the Week for Round 13 after posting 24 points on 9/14 shooting, 15 rebounds, 9 assists and 2 steals at home against Sandringham.
- The majority of the 2015 Canberra Capitals squad was comprised of locally-developed talent from the Canberra region.



2015 CANBERRA GUNNERS ACADEMY

The Gunners Academy compete in the NSW Waratah League, and provide a pathway for male Canberra junior players into the Gunners program. Designed to develop local talent to progress into the SEABL ranks, the Gunners Academy have been competing in the Waratah League since its inception.

COMPETITION: NSW Waratah League Division 1 Men

RECORD: 8W, 9L

FINAL PLACING: 4th in Pool C (12th overall)

TEAM LIST:

Mitchell Brown	Hamish Gooden	Mitchell McGee	Sean Richardson
Nathan Brown	Joshua Hathaway	Shaun Mills	Jordan Rowe
Aaron Crowe	Nicholas Jackson	Jarrod Phillips	Stephen Rowe
Pavle Davidovic	Bul Kuol	Isaac Plunkett	James Toohey
Evan Fowler	Antoine Joel Mbah Ahandra	Declan Pratt	

2015 Program Staff

Head Coach: Tony Plunkett

Assistant Coach: Eric Malcolm

Team Manager: Jon Pratt

2015 Gunners Academy Award Recipients

Most Valuable Player: Sean Richardson

Rising Star: Shaun Mills

Notable Mentions

- Mitchell Brown and Evan Fowler both left the program in 2015 to attend college and play basketball in the United States.
- James Toohey was nominated for the 2015 Waratah League Division 1 Men Rookie of the Year Award.
- Mitchell Brown, Evan Fowler, Joshua Hathaway, Nicholas Jackson, Bul Kuol, Shaun Mills and Stephen Rowe all received call-ups to the Gunners in SEABL throughout the season.



2015 Canberra Gunners Academy

2015 ACT ACADEMY OF SPORT (ACTAS) AND NATIONAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM (NPP)

Throughout 2015, Basketball ACT worked in conjunction with ACTAS and Basketball Australia to deliver the ACTAS athlete development program and NPP.

ACTAS/NPP Scholarship Holders

The nine selected ACTAS Scholarship athletes undertook twice weekly athletic development (strength) sessions and were supported with Sports Nutrition, Performance Psychology and Personal Excellence (Athlete Career & Education) services by ACTAS. All athletes showed excellent commitment to the ACTAS program and demonstrated solid progress in their physical development.

ACTAS Scholarship Holders

Male

Will Cooper (<i>Ginninderra Rats</i>)
Broderick Doran (<i>Canberra Grammar School</i>)
Bul Kuol (<i>Canberra Gunners</i>)
Tim Markcrow (<i>Wheelchair</i>)
Glenn Morison (<i>St Edmunds College and Tuggeranong Vikings</i>)
James Toohey (<i>Marist College and Tuggeranong Vikings</i>)

Female

Callie Bourne (<i>Norths Basketball Club</i>)
Isabelle Bourne (<i>Norths Basketball Club</i>)
Rosemary Schweizer (<i>Canberra Girls Grammar School</i>)

NPP Athletes

Male

Jack Bartholomeusz (<i>Marist College</i>)
Mitchell Brown (<i>Ginninderra Rats</i>)
Nathan Brown (<i>Ginninderra Rats</i>)
Evan Fowler (<i>Tuggeranong Vikings</i>)
Jarrold Hampton (<i>Tuggeranong Southern Cross</i>)
James Martin (<i>Radford College</i>)
Alex Ophel (<i>West's Magpies</i>)

Female

Alana Dalglish (<i>Norths Basketball Club</i>)
Ashleigh Easton (<i>Belconnen Ramblers</i>)
Tarushi Fernando (<i>Canberra Girls Grammar School</i>)
Annabelle Lindsay (<i>Belconnen Ramblers</i>)
Emma Rowcliffe (<i>Queanbeyan Roadrunners</i>)
Caitlin Rowe (<i>Belconnen Ramblers</i>)

2015 NATIONAL REPRESENTATION – ACT ATHLETES

Patrick Mills (Marist College): Australian Boomers – 2015 FIBA Oceania Championships

Stephanie Talbot (Canberra Capitals Academy): Australian Emerging Opals – World University Games & Australian Opals – 2015 FIBA Oceania Championships

Justin Koenig (ACT Ivor Burge Men’s Program & Norths Basketball Club Junior): Australian Boomerangs – 2015 Inas Global Games (4th overall)

Brittany Taylor (Norths Basketball Club): Australian Pearls Gold – 2015 Inas Global Games (Gold Medal)

Taylor Anderson (Norths Basketball Club): Australian Pearls Green – 2015 Inas Global Games (Bronze Medal)

Jarrold Hampton (Tuggeranong Southern Cross): Australian Indigenous All Stars – 2015 Trans-Tasman Challenge

2015 ACT JUNIORS IN THE US COLLEGE SYSTEM

Pietro Badalassi (Marist College):

Central Maine Community College Mustangs - USCAA

Mitchell Brown (Ginninderra Rats):

Southeast Community College Storm – NJCAA Division 2

Tad Dufelmeier Jr. (Tuggeranong Vikings):

Salt Lake City Community College Bruins – NJCAA Division 1

**Hayden Jackson
(Marist College):**

Harford Community College Fighting Owls – NJCAA Division 1

**Jake Jobling
(Belconnen Ramblers):**

University of West Alabama Tigers – NCAA Division 2

Darcy Malone (Wests Magpies):

Louisiana State University Tigers – NCAA Division 1

Molly McPhee (Belconnen Ramblers):

St Mary’s Gaels – NCAA Division 1

Chima Moneke (Wests Magpies):

University of California Davis Aggies – NCAA Division 1

Iain Morison (St Edmunds College & Tuggeranong Vikings):

University of St Francis Fighting Saints – NAIA Division 2

Olivia Simpson (Canberra Girls Grammar School & Tuggeranong Vikings):

Patrick Henry Community College Patriots – NJCAA Division 2

2015 BASKETBALL ACT PREMIER LEAGUE AND DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

Premier 1 Men:

Tuggeranong Vikings

Premier 2 Men:

West's Money Mechanics Magpies

Under 19 Men Division 1:

Marist College

Under 16 Men Division 1:

Ginninderra Rats

Under 14 Boys Division 1:

St Edmunds College

Under 12 Boys Division 1:

Norths Basketball Club

Premier 1 Women:

Weston Creek Woden Dodgers

Premier 2 Women:

Tuggeranong Vikings

Under 19 Women Division 1:

Belconnen Ramblers

Under 16 Women Division 1:

Norths Basketball Club

Under 14 Girls Division 1:

Ginninderra Lake Rats

Under 12 Girls Division 1:

Ginninderra Rats

2015 SCHOOL COMPETITION CHAMPIONS

Throughout 2015, Basketball ACT delivered numerous school basketball tournaments. The champions of each tournament are outlined below.

Sue Geh Cup (Grade 5/6):

North Champion – Burgmann Anglican School
 South Champion – Fadden Primary School
 Overall Champion – Burgmann Anglican School

Sue Geh Cup (Grade 3/4):

North Champion – Burgmann Anglican School
 South Champion – Holy Family Primary School
 Overall Champion – Burgmann Anglican School

Jaime Pearlman Cup (Grade 5/6):

North Champion – Radford College
 South Champion – Marist College
 Overall Champion – Marist College

Jaime Pearlman Cup (Grade 3/4):

North Champion – Amaroo Primary School
 South Champion – Canberra Grammar School
 Overall Champion – Amaroo Primary

Kate Tominac Cup:

Lake Ginninderra College

John Stelzer Cup:

Lake Ginninderra College

2015 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Basketball ACT hosted the Australian Schools Championships (ASC) in Canberra for the second consecutive year in 2015.

Played across three venues from 29 November – 4 December 2015, the ASC saw over 120 teams, hundreds of referees and scores of volunteers converge of the Nation's Capital for the event.

Numerous Canberra schools participated in the ASC, with Lake Ginninderra College taking out the Men's Championship Division by defeating Ignatius Park College 90-75 in front of a capacity crowd.

The 2015 Championship was the second for Lake Ginninderra College in three years, also taking out the Men's Championship Division in 2013. Lake Ginninderra's team list is as follows, and contains several Basketball ACT Juniors:

- Galen Barritt (*Norths Basketball Club*)
- Nathan Brown (*Ginninderra Rats*)
- Mitchell Di Maria
- Jamie Kirkpatrick (*Ginninderra Rats*)
- Bul Kuol (*Canberra Gunners*)
- Harry Muir (*Ginninderra Rats*)
- Jarrod Phillips (*Ginninderra Rats*)
- Matthew Sneddon
- Dejan Vasilijevic
- Jack White

Congratulations to Lake Ginninderra College, and all other participants in the 2015 ASC.



2015 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

Aussie Hoops

In each school term during 2015, Basketball ACT delivered Aussie Hoops programs to approximately 150 participants per term across four Aussie Hoops Centres in Belconnen, Gungahlin, Tuggeranong and Woden.

The Aussie Hoops program is Basketball Australia's official junior game development program for 5 to 10 year olds and their families.

On 22 November 2015, 20 of our Aussie Hoops participants were given the rare and unique opportunity to be up close with some of Australia's best female basketball players as part of the WNBL's Aussie Hoops Round. The participants formed a Guard of Honour during player introductions for the University of Canberra Capitals vs Townsville Fire fixture, and got to demonstrate their talents on court during half-time.



Shoe Donation Bin

In November 2015 Basketball ACT launched a shoe recycling initiative to assist those in need. Basketball ACT will be partnering with other community organisations in 2016 to ensure that the donations will be put to good use, and make basketball accessible and provide opportunities for those in need to participate.

Floriade Exhibit

On Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 September 2015, Basketball ACT hosted an exhibit during the 2015 Floriade festivities. With a large inflatable basketball hoop setup, hundreds of kids had fun shooting hoops in perfect weather. Some were even lucky enough to win a basketball or drink bottle!

Canberra Day Exhibit

On Monday, 9 March 2015 Basketball ACT participated in the Canberra Day celebrations. With a large inflatable hoop setup, several Gunners and Capitals Academy players challenged anyone and everyone to games and shooting contests on a day that was enjoyed by all.

Connect and Participate Expo

Coordinated by the ACT Government, the Connect and Participate Expo is a community event that showcases the range of opportunities available for Canberrans of all ages and abilities to join local groups and build social connections based around common interests.

At the 2015 Expo, Basketball ACT hosted a "come and try" stall, with a large inflatable hoop set up that saw hundreds of people shooting hoops throughout the day.

Say No to Racism Program

Throughout 2015, several SEABL players and Basketball ACT representatives participated in the Say No to Racism Campaign.

The Campaign saw numerous local athletes attend several schools around the ACT and encourage children to stand up and say no to racism. The Canberra Gunners

also featured in a marketing campaign for the Say No to Racism project.

Sporting Schools

Sporting Schools is an initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport, and to connect children with community sport.

In conjunction with Basketball Australia, Basketball ACT delivered 10 Sporting Schools programs across 3 schools that saw over 470 participants take part in the initiative in 2015.

All-Abilities Program

In Term 4 of 2015, Basketball ACT delivered the pilot for the All-Abilities Program. Delivered with the assistance of Australian Opals Stephanie Talbot and Marianna Tolo, the program saw 30 children with a mental disability have their first experience with the sport of basketball.



2015 Connect and Participate Expo

24 Hour Ballin' for Eli Fundraiser

In late November 2015, Ginninderra Rats and Basketball ACT Junior Elijah Arranz was critically injured in a tragic skydiving accident.

Will Cooper, who is a friend of Elijah's and a Rats junior, organised a 24 hour basketball fundraiser to raise funds to assist with Elijah's recovery.

Held at the Belconnen Basketball and Sports Centre from 12:00pm on Saturday, 19 December 2015 until 12:00pm on Sunday, 20 December 2015, the event showcased the generosity and collectiveness of the basketball community in the ACT, with over \$5,000 raised for Elijah's recovery.

Special Children's Christmas Party

Held in December each year, the Special Children's Christmas Party gives up to 1600 deserving children in our community an experience that they will never forget, including shows, stalls and food.

During the Junior Championship Season Grand Final Weekend, several Gunners players were out and about fundraising for the Special Children's Christmas Party and Make-A-Wish Australia. Through the generosity of our stakeholders, Basketball ACT were able to raise a sizeable donation!

Canberra CBD 'Christmas in the City' Event

As part of an initiative by Canberra CBD Limited, Basketball ACT was invited to participate in the Garema Place 'Christmas in the City' activities in December. Basketball ACT had an inflatable basketball hoop on display, and visitors engaged in a shooting competition and enquired about participating in basketball in the ACT. This was a great opportunity for Basketball ACT to engage and interact with the community and the thousands of visitors at the event.

Inclusive Basketball Program

On Wednesday 23 September 2015, BACT launched its Inclusive Basketball Program which aims to provide opportunities that promote diversity and empower people, particularly those that identify as same sex attracted and gender diverse, to participate in basketball. The program will also be used as an engagement mechanism that provides support and promotes basketball's attitude towards making our sport safe and inclusive for all.

The Program is comprised of 6 key stages:

- Stage 1 – Basketball ACT Inclusive Basketball Survey (completed in 2015).
- Stage 2 – Analyse Survey findings & develop strategies based on feedback.
- Stage 3 – Implement strategies in consultation with program stakeholders.
- Stage 4 – Deliver and promote strategies in consultation with program stakeholders.
- Stage 5 – Program evaluation.
- Stage 6 – Completion of a second survey to assess changes.

2015 saw the completion of Stage 1 of the Program – the Inclusive Basketball Survey. The Program will continue in 2016, with Stage 2 envisaged to commence in the first part of the year.

SPONSORS & PARTNERS

Basketball ACT would like to acknowledge the following partners and sponsors for their outstanding support in 2014-2015. As a result of their generous sponsorship and ongoing support our organisation is able to prosper and continue to grow into 2016.

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- Canberra Web
- Club Lime
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- Outback Jacks – Belconnen
- Random Computing Services
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- SEABL
- Spalding
- The Good Guys – Belconnen
- Transit Graphics
- University of Canberra
- Yabba Guru

SEABL Player Sponsors

- Ron Young – Sarah McAppion (Canberra Capitals Academy)
- Phil McAppion – Julie Forster (Canberra Capitals Academy)
- Clarity Accountants – Stephanie Talbot (Canberra Capitals Academy)
- St Edmund's College – Reece Kaye (Canberra Gunners)

FINANCE REPORTS

(The Finance Report will be supplied separately to this Annual Report.)



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