

A basketball player in a blue jersey with the number 5 is jumping high, reaching for a basketball that is suspended in the air. The player is wearing white socks and white sneakers. The background is a vibrant blue with yellow splatters.

BASKETBALL ACT

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



Basketball ACT acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land throughout the Australian Capital Territory and pays respect to their Elders past and present. We are respectful of the ongoing living cultures of Aboriginal Peoples from all of the Aboriginal Nations.

Basketball ACT would like to acknowledge and recognise our Life Members, for their contribution to the game in Canberra.

**Colin Alexander
Ray Brady
Ian Ellis
Brian Franklin
Peter Higginson
Max Landy
Barbara Lodding
Joe Marzano
Rodney Peters
Terry Ryan**

**Peter Baskett
Errol Cohen
Gary Evans
Pam Grotegoed
Natalie Hurst
Jerry Lee
Herb McEachin
Richard Nesbitt
Alan Roberts
Don Withers**

**Paul Bell
Tony Cotton
Stephen Fox
Ron Harvey
Phill Kelley
Marlene Leonard
Kel McGrath
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Ros Roberts**



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Full Member Clubs

Clubs

**Belconnen Ramblers Canberra City Stallions Ginninderra Rats Gungahlin Flames
Norths Basketball Club Queanbeyan Roadrunners Tuggeranong Southern Cross
Tuggeranong Vikings Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Wests Basketball Club**

Schools

**Burgmann Anglican School Canberra Girls Grammar School Canberra Grammar School
Daramalan College Marist College Canberra Radford College St Edmund's College**

Board of Directors

as of 30 September 2019

**President: Allan Yates Vice President: John Solomon Treasurer: Shane Lowndes
Directors: Kellie Henning Alice Coddington Jocelyn Martin Christine Higginson
Chief Executive Officer: Matt Dunstan Board Secretary: Ken Kennedy**

Basketball ACT Staff

as of 30 September 2019

**Chief Executive Officer: Matt Dunstan
General Manager of Operations: Ken Kennedy
Development Manager: Chloe Tugliach
Development Officer: Darcy Malone
Head of High Performance and Coaching: Phil Brown
Performance Programs Administrator: Barb Turner
Competitions and Membership Coordinator: Sarah Skidmore
Competitions Development Coordinator: Daniel Wilcox
Referees and Officials Coordinator: Jack Taylor
Administration Officer: Tanya Sharp
Communications and Media Officer: Tegan Scott**

Members Service Officers

**Sharon Eldridge, Callum Smith, Barb Turner, Michael Piggott, Hayden Cochrane,
Stella McRobbie, Ian Arachi, Jacqueline Spence, Stefan Fursch, Rebecca Murphy,
Erica Cooper and David Lane**

President's Report

Allan Yates - President

Basketball ACT (BACT) has been active on and off the court over the past 12 months.

While still working to improve service delivery to BACT members, competition management, support our elite programs and advocate for further facilities in the region, the Association has seen a turnover of staff and strengthening of our Committee activity.

Player numbers continue to be at record levels, particularly in the junior ranks, our senior Waratah League and junior representative teams had significant success; we are engaging with the ACT Government and stakeholders in seeking further facilities and are moving to consolidate our staff and provide proper training to ensure we are delivering a professional and competent service.

In 2019, BACT Operations Manager, Matthew Dunstan, moved into the CEO role but returned to Melbourne midway through the year for family reasons. We are pleased to advise that move has been positive for the family and wish Matthew all the best in his career.

The Board was pleased to appoint David Simpson, a senior officer at Sports Australia to the CEO role. David brings significant expertise and understanding of sport, including local sport, to the role. We are confident he will provide strong ongoing leadership for the Board, staff and members in his role. Another positive appointment has been the recruitment of Ken Kennedy as Operations Manager.

There has also been turnover of staff in the competition, referees, community development, finance and communications areas of BACT. Thank you to those staff members and we welcome our new staff and look forward to their contribution to ACT basketball. This staff turnover has provided an opportunity to examine the staff structure to ensure greater focus on members' services and competition management.

The Board has also seen changes in 2019, with the current Board of seven bringing real skills, expertise, networks and knowledge of the sport. The current Board has overseen some necessary activity, including the rewriting of the By-Laws through the refocused Competition Committee, reworking of the BACT Constitution for approval from the Clubs at the Annual General Meeting, establishment of a support group for our Waratah League programs, and consolidation of our finances.

The Board has moved to ensure the financial viability of all Clubs and appointed two support officers to assist and consolidate the Gungahlin Flames Club throughout the year.

As noted in the last Annual report, Basketball ACT is finding it difficult to accommodate the increased player numbers and competitions due to a lack of adequate available court space. The Board's Facilities Committee has identified a number of possible venues for future development and discussion with key stakeholders.

BACT's representative programs had some significant success through the year. Our Waratah League program saw the senior women make the grand final, our junior men win their grand final, and our Waratah men making a late run to fall short of their finals. Our junior program continues to produce results with several teams doing well at National Championships and a number of players making Australian sides, elite training programs and playing in the US college system. Congratulations to all coaches, officials and the High Performance Committee for their leadership through the year. The 2020 Waratah League program has been bolstered with the establishment of a support group overseen by the Board.

Our officials/referees' committee continues to train and develop bench and on-court officials for BACT and representative programs. Of note is the selection of local referee Jack Taylor to officiate at the Oceania Junior Women's Championship in New Caledonia through the year.

While there has been a considerable turnover in staff over 2019, the Board looks forward to 2020 to stabilise the ship and move Basketball ACT well forward.



Chief Executive Officer's Report

David Simpson - CEO

Whilst my tenure with Basketball ACT only commenced after the end of the financial year, it is still with great pleasure that I present the CEO report for 2019.

By all accounts 2019 was in many aspects a year of growth and advancement, however it was also a relatively tumultuous year for the organisation reflected by its financial performance and staff turnover in management positions.

Whilst the organisation saw a relatively high turnover of staff in management positions, it is a credit to the core staff that service delivery to our members remained high with limited interruptions to programs, competitions, or events. Basketball ACT remains in an enviable position, where participation demands now exceeds the availability of facilities to deliver our wide range of programs and competitions.

The Treasurers report shows that it has been a relatively tough year financially for the organisation. The cost of outsourcing facilities for competition and high-performance programs continues to be a considerable burden on the organisation's finances, and has been one of the primary contributors to the reported loss during the last financial year. While our short-term reliance on external facilities will continue to hamper efforts to grow and expand the organisation and its products; it is pleasing to report that the considerable work undertaken during the year by my predecessors is now starting to show dividends. The ACT Government will partner with Basketball ACT to undertake a feasibility study into the potential expansion of the Belconnen precinct (due for completion April 2020). However, the anticipation and excitement generated from any potential stadium upgrade will be tempered by the reality of needing to secure additional revenue streams to support the anticipated maintenance and operational costs that will inevitably arise. This will be area that will continue to be a focus moving forward.

It is pleasing to report that Competitions have continued to grow year-on-year, particularly in the junior ranks with growth of approximately 9% between winter competitions; and 5% in junior summer competitions. Much of the credit for this junior competition growth should go to the clubs for their efforts in providing services that encourage the recruitment and retainment of members. To this end, special mention must go out to all the volunteers that contribute their valuable time and resources to our clubs. Without you, the lifeblood of our sport, none of what we have achieved would have been possible. It would also be remiss of me to not recognise the match and technical officials that also regularly contribute their time to ensuring the smooth running of our competitions.

Senior competitions have continued to follow a slight downward trend, however there is confidence that this trend has now been addressed with many of the underlying factors resolved. Looking forward an upward trend is now anticipated for seniors over the next twelve months.

Our development programs have continued to expand, with increased levels of participation in our Aussie Hoops, Under 8's Superstars, Pink Stars, Night Hoops and Mums Who Ball programs. Unfortunately, 3x3 has not seen the levels of support initially anticipated and will remain a challenge to fully unlock its potential in 2020.

Whilst the annual report serves as a powerful platform to reflect on the year, it is important that we continue looking forward, as there is much to be excited about for our sport in the coming year, including new products and initiatives, potential facility developments, and the excitement of the Olympics including the debut of 3x3.

There are still many challenges facing the organisation in 2020. A review of the organisation's financial position and result for 2019 shows cause for considerable constraint in order to ensure our stability and viability going forward. The challenge of continuing to maintain an ageing facility also has its own challenges, as does securing sufficient court space to accommodate ever expanding competitions. That said, there is light on the horizon.

Basketball ACT has continued its partnership with the University of Canberra in 2020, locking in a further year on our facility use agreement, which guarantees us significant exclusive court access, including throughout peak periods. Furthermore, the ACT Government's support for a feasibility study into the use of the vacant block to the south of the stadium provides a level of encouragement that the Government considers the expansion of the Belconnen site footprint to be a real possibility.

With a new year comes other new opportunities, including the roll out of new products such as walking basketball and wheelchair basketball, and the expansion of our 3x3 offering.

Finally, I would like to make special mention to the incredible Board and staff at Basketball ACT, all of whom are incredibly dedicated to ensuring the most for the sport in the ACT.

Whilst I have only been here a short time, I am incredibly proud of what the organisation has achieved in the past year, and despite the many hurdles, we are still very well placed for a strong 2020. I look forward to working with you all even closer in the coming year.

Treasurer's Report

Shane Lowndes - Treasurer

For the year ending 30 September 2019, Basketball ACT (BACT) would like to report a deficit of \$256,783 on Total Revenue of \$3,115,532 and Net Assets of \$5,009,883.

Total Revenue for the 2019 financial year of \$3,115,532 (2018: \$3,266,278) represents a decrease of approximately 4.6%. Competitions Revenue of \$2,235,133 in 2019 represented approximately 72% of Total Revenue. A decrease in Competition Revenue of 7% from \$2,405,110 in 2018 to \$2,235,133 in 2019 had a significant impact on the decrease in Revenue overall.

Total Expense for the 2019 financial year was \$3,372,315 (2018: \$3,212,263); an increase of approximately 4.7%. External Court Hire and Competition outgoings had a significant impact on the increase in Expense overall.

The Total Comprehensive Income for the year is reported as (\$256,783) (2018: \$125,136). The cash position as at 30 September 2019 was \$510,762, an increase of \$142,581 from the same time in 2018.

Net Assets as at 30 September 2019 are \$5,009,883 (2018: \$5,266,666) and the decrease reflects the increase in our Unearned Revenue Liabilities due to the timing of the 2019/2020 Summer Season Fees received. Additionally, our Auditors Vincents previously recommended that the Board undertake revaluations approximately every 3 years and this has been considered by the Board during this current financial period. The Balance Sheet reflects a stable position for BACT.

As in previous years, a focus continues to be on prudent management of Receivables and Payables for the Association. The Board has in place a range of payment policies which might be called upon where teams, clubs and individuals fail to meet payment obligations. These continue to be acted upon throughout 2019 & 2020.

We continue to recognise that the consequences of this can have a significant impact on players and member clubs and decisions to introduce penalties are not taken lightly by the BACT Board. The staff and Board of Basketball ACT recognise the need to offer continued support to member clubs, particularly in the administration of finances and it will continue to be a focus of the Board going forward.

We are pleased to advise our Auditors Vincents have stated the Financial Statements as at 30 September 2019 represent a true and fair view of the financial position of Basketball ACT for 2019.



Senior Competitions

Daniel Wilcox - Competitions Coordinator

The annual Canberra Classic started the 2019 season on the Australia Day weekend, with 25 teams competing. The winning teams were:

- Invitational Men - NBA Global Academy
- A Men - Hawkesbury Jets
- B Men - Al-Dente Bathurst



The 2019 Season showed stable team numbers across the senior competitions, with good growth in the Premier and Slam/Open competitions. Having the additional teams in the Premier competition allowed for a more balanced draw for the season in both Premier 1 Men's and Women's.

The large number of teams on Thursday nights across A Grade and Premier 2 meant there was some issues with court space, especially at Belconnen.

Senior Social Teams	Male	Female	Mixed
2018/19	92	32	27
2019 Winter	110	24	26

Premier Teams	Male	Female	Total
2018/19 (Slam/Open)	16	15	31
2019 Winter	21	17	38



Senior Champions and Awards

Premier 1

Champions
Most Valuable Player

Leading Scorer

Defensive Player of the Year

Coach of the Year

Men

Tuggeranong Vikings
Will Mayfield
Tuggeranong Vikings
Will Mayfield
Tuggeranong Vikings
Darcy Malone
Wests
Andrew Martin
Norths

Women

Ginninderra Rats
Hannah Kaser
Tuggeranong Vikings
Kristen Langhorn
Weston Creek Woden Dodgers
Alice Coddington
Weston Creek Woden Dodgers
Brian Demmery
Tuggeranong Vikings



Premier 2

Champions
Most Valuable Player

Leading Scorer

Defensive Player of the Year

Coach of the Year

Men

Wests
Rory Haupt
Tuggeranong Vikings
Jon Harris
Wests
Tate Harris
Belconnen Ramblers
Vivek Gupta
Ginninderra Rats

Women

Wests
Ashley Jones
Tuggeranong Vikings
Sarah Taylor
Wests
Raingsey Kevin
Weston Creek Woden Dodgers
Connor Stein
Canberra City Stallions

Summer Competition

Summer Slam
Summer Open

Men

NBA Global Academy
Wests

Women

Team Shane
Ginninderra Rats

Junior Competitions

Sarah Skidmore - Competitions Coordinator

Junior basketball competitions across the ACT have continued to grow in 2019.

The local Junior Competitions have seen a growth of approximately 7% for the 2018/2019 Summer Season and a growth of 5% for the 2019 Winter Season. These increases are spanning across all age groups and divisions. The trend of team numbers being higher in Summer seasons continued again in 2019.

The 2019 Sue Geh Cup and Jamie Pearlman Cup saw an increase of over 50% of team numbers from 2018. The 2019 Kate Tominac Cup and John Stelzer Cup had a slight increase in the number of teams as well. The addition of an U15s division allowed for younger high school students to participate. Surrounding NSW based schools are starting to enter these competitions on a regular basis.

Court space is becoming a significant issue for junior competitions as numbers continue to grow. The basketball facility at the University of Canberra (UC) was used for Friday night and Sunday morning competitions to cater for the increase in junior teams.

Basketball ACT Junior Competition Statistics

Male Junior Teams	U10	U12	U14	U16	U19	Total
2018/2019 Summer	20	63	80	83	79	325
2019 Winter	23	56	70	70	67	286

Female Junior Teams	U10	U12	U14	U16	U19	Total
2018/2019 Summer	19	44	45	35	37	180
2019 Winter	22	47	42	31	33	175

	Junior Male Participants	Junior Female Participants
2018/2019 Summer	2647	1363
2019 Winter	2366	1377



Junior Champions

Cliff Ellis Memorial Shield

1st	Tuggeranong Southern Cross	1505
2nd	Ginninderra Rats	1350
3rd	Canberra City Stallions	1020
4th	Norths Basketball Club	1015

Junior Division 1 Champions

U12 Girls	Gungahlin Flames
U12 Boys	Tuggeranong Southern Cross
U14 Girls	Tuggeranong Southern Cross
U14 Boys	Canberra City Stallions
U16 Girls	Tuggeranong Southern Cross
U16 Boys	Wests Basketball Club
U19 Girls	Ginninderra Rats
U19 Boys	Wests Basketball Club



School Competition Results

Competition

Sue Geh 3/4 Championship
 Sue Geh 5/6 Championship
 Jamie Pearlman 3/4 Championship
 Jamie Pearlman 5/6 Championship
 Sue Geh 3/4 Challenge
 Sue Geh 5/6 Challenge
 Jamie Pearlman 3/4 Challenge
 Jamie Pearlman 5/6 Challenge
 Kate Tominac
 John Stelzer
 Kate Tominac U15s
 John Stelzer U15s

Champion

Canberra Grammar School
 Canberra Girls Grammar School
 Radford College
 Radford College
 St Anthony's Primary School
 St Anthony's Primary School
 Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School
 Burgmann Anglican School
 UCSSC Lake Ginninderra
 UCSSC Lake Ginninderra
 St Clare's College
 Daramalan College

Referees Report

We are pleased to see major growth in referee numbers in the past year in our junior competitions. Off the back of three junior referee courses, we were able to increase our numbers by over 100 referees. To support this, a new grading method was introduced, that easily allowed feedback to be recorded and forwarded to individual referees, to assist in their development.

Sixteen ACT referees, as well as a referee instructor, were involved across seven national tournaments throughout year. Mitchell Hudson was appointed to a bronze medal game in the Under 20 Men, whilst Harrison Savill was nominated to the Gold Medal Men's at the Ivor Burge Championships. While Sharna Edwards was our representative score table official at the U16 Junior Championships, and Michael Hanley as our representative statistician at the U18 Junior Championships

Tournament	Referee 1	Referee 2	Referee 3	Commissioner
U20 Junior Championships	Mitchell Hudson	Ted Pettigrove	Alex Robinson	
Ivor Burge Championships	Jackson Tomas	Liam Krogh-Neumann	Harrison Savill	Jack Taylor
U18 Junior Championships	Ethan Tulk	Tegan Edwards		
U16 Junior Championships	Sophie Drysdale	Kevin Poulton		
U14 Junior Championships	Adrian Brown	Harrison Savill		
Australia Schools Championships	Kevin Poulton	Sophie Drysdale		
ASC Zebra Tour	Bianca Stoneman	Jadon Semenas		Jack Taylor

Basketball ACT's senior program has also seen major growth in 2019, as we continued to introduce our junior referees to this level of competition. A senior social referee coordinator was introduced in 2019, to assist in gaining full coverage on our senior games, as well as providing mentoring and guidance for senior social referees. A senior social referee course was held in October of this year, adding a new group of referees to the senior social competition.

Our premier league and development panel referees have grown tremendously in the past 12 months, with new additions to both panels and new members appointed to our premier division games, and additional referees on A-grade.

In the elite environment, we are pleased to have seen Mitchell Hudson nominated for the first time to WNBL Referees Panel, while Jack Taylor became just the second official ever from the ACT to receive his international license from FIBA - a reminder of how much our little Territory punches above its weight.

Finally, we would like to recognise and acknowledge the tremendous work of our volunteers - the referee coaches, score table officials, statisticians, as well as our members who work tirelessly behind the scenes doing rostering, management and helping our program run smoothly. We would also like to give a special thanks to Marlene Leonard for her continued contribution to our program.

Development Report

Chloe Tugliach - Development Officer

After a year of growth and laying foundations throughout 2018, this year was set to be one of excitement and expansion... and that it was!

We welcomed Darcy Malone into the Development space and with him were able to deliver entry level programs across 25 primary, secondary and specialist schools. Through Sport Australia's Sporting Schools program, a \$200 million Australian Government initiative, we have been able to meet and deliver basketball experiences to over 4250 school aged students. A proud moment for our department was being in a position to donate portable basketball hoops to Monash Primary School as part of our Community Outreach Initiative. Our team, along with some of the elite men and women from our Gunners and Nationals Waratah teams, delivered a fun and inclusive program to the students.

In 2020 we hope to continue delivering basketball experiences to school children across the ACT that leave a lasting impression. After its initial success in 2018, we again ran the In-The-Mix 'rep-ready' program, seeing 150 participants in the U11, U13 and U15 age groups through the 10-week program. With a focus on building fundamental skills as well as team play aspects (3v3 and 5v5) the program positioned participants well heading into their respective representative trials.

In 2019 our Learn-to-Play programs continued to bring in stable numbers across programs covering the Gungahlin, Belconnen, Tuggeranong and Woden regions. Aussie Hoops, the nationally accredited introduction to basketball program, currently runs at 8 locations around Canberra, with 830 children participating in the fun, game-based sessions throughout the year. Basketball Australia has been working on some exciting changes that will come in 2020 for the Aussie Hoops program, and we are enthusiastic to continue our support of the program.

Our 8 and Unders Superstars program continued to grow at a rapid pace, with over 120 new participants joining the program in 2019. We are excited to announce that in 2020, to support our commitment to increasing participation in girls and women, we will be introducing a "girls only" 8 and Unders Superstars program. This will support the girl's only Pink Stars Aussie Hoop program that we successfully introduced in Term 3 of this year.

We are pleased to announce that in 2020 we have secured funding to run Walking Basketball, in partnership with Basketball Australia, 3x3 Community Hustle, in partnership with the NBL and Basketball Australia, and Night Hoops. We are also working with students at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) to bring back our Mums Who Ball and Baby Ballers programs.

Looking forward, 2020 is shaping up to be a year of building, and in some instances rebuilding, relationships with the ACT community, as well as celebrating the diverse and unique individuals within the basketball community. Development will shift into Community Basketball with the goal of being adaptive and inclusive across all Basketball ACT programs and competitions.

I would like to personally take a moment to thank the BACT community, our participants, our parents, our referees, our volunteers, the BACT Board and most importantly the BACT Staff. To be welcomed with open arms by what has grown to be my now wildly passionate, supportive and ever-challenging basketball family is something I will forever be grateful for. I am excited for what is to come and believe in the direction Basketball ACT is heading, and hope that our sport will continue to thrive for many years to come.



High Performance

Phil Brown - Head of High Performance

High Performance Committee Members:

Michelle Hocking (Chairperson), Debbie Cook, Barry Barnes, Shane Lowndes, Phil Brown

The Basketball ACT High Performance Committee (HPC) establishes the strategic direction and policies for the ACT High Performance Programs. This includes the appointment of Coaches and Managers to all programs, annual reviews of each program and providing support for the ongoing professional development of coaches from the U12 & U14 Boys and Girls Canberra Representative, ACT U16, U18 & U20 Junior State Representative Programs through to the senior Canberra Gunners, Gunners Academy and Canberra Nationals Teams.

The HPC establishes the High Performance (HP) selection criteria, develops training and competition programs to strengthen the HP Pathway, determines athlete eligibility and selection criteria for HP junior programs and creates the ACT HP philosophy including The ACT Way and ACT Style of Play. These documents can be accessed on the BACT website. The HPC have developed Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager Agreements for all volunteer staff working in BACT HP Programs. Coaches are required to have Basketball Australia Coaching Accreditation and to continue to access coaching clinics and participate in HP activities including NPP minicamps, monthly coaching forums to further develop their coaching knowledge and capabilities.

The HPC meet regularly throughout the year to discuss strategies to enhance and develop programs to support talented athletes on the Basketball ACT High Performance Pathway. These include the ongoing development of the National Performance Program (NPP) in partnership with the ACT Academy of Sport and Basketball Australia to support identified ACT junior players that have the potential to progress to the higher levels of the sport. The NPP conducts weekly individual and small group skill sessions and twice weekly athletic development sessions at ACTAS. The NPP conducts minicamps with invited National and BA Centre of Excellence Coaches leading those sessions.

Coach Education / Clinics:

- HP Coaching Forum conducted every month
- Three NPP minicamp clinics presented to HP and Club Coaches. Invited COE Coaches Peter Lonergan, Matt Paton & Opals Assistant Coach Paul Goriss presented
- NBA specialist Shooting Coach Dave Love conducted ACT Coaching Clinic
- 25 ACT Coaches completed Basketball Australia Club Coach Accreditation Course
- Community Coach course presented to 13 Club Coaches
- Three ACT female representative coaches undertook coach development opportunity at Australian Opals Training Camp at COE

Key Initiatives:

- Mentor coaches appointed to assist in development of appointed junior HP Head Coach
- Monthly Coaching forums conducted to assist in development of HP & Club Coaches
- New Talented Athlete program (TAP) Term Three Program introduced to assist in the development of identified current bottom-age U13 & U15 HP athletes
- Piloting a Physical Preparation Program for HP athletes (conducted in collaboration with Toby Conroy and Momentum Sports and Rehabilitation)
- HP Survey reviewed & updated
- Implemented new HP coach application and appointment process
- Coach and Manager Agreements updated
- Prepared proposal to BA on new U20W Allies Model

High Performance

2019 Highlights and Achievements

- BACT brought the Illawarra Hawks v Cairns Taipans NBL game to the Canberra AIS Arena
- Canberra Nationals players Keely Froling & Abby Cubillo win WNBL Championships with UC Canberra Capitals
- Canberra Nationals (18 wins/6 loss season) place 2nd in NSW Waratah Championship League including being undefeated at home (12-0)
- Keely Froling selected in Australia 3x3 National Team for 3x3 World Championships (4th Place) and then winning Gold at the World Series in Japan.
- Keely Froling selected to All-Star 5 and League MVP and Jenny Lonergan as Coach of the Year for BNSW Waratah Championship League
- ACT U16M placing 4th at U16 Australian Junior Championships (best result since 2011 ACT U16M winning Silver Medal)
- Gunners Academy (16-4 win/loss record) winning the BNSW Waratah Men's Division One Championship defeating Tamworth 75-63 in the Grand Final. Will Mayfield and Dhal Fieg selected to All-Star 5.
- ACT Ivor Burge Women win Bronze Medal at IB National Championships and also being awarded the Kim Larkin Fair Play Award
- ACT Ivor Burge Head Coach Sarah Skidmore appointed Assistant Coach to Pearls National Team
- ACT NPP Squads toured the USA with the women's team having a 3 win - 6 losses record and the men 4 - 4
- Alex Toohey selected to the U15 National Team
- Harry Matthew selected to January 2019 Australian Development Camp
- Abby Solway selected to January 2019 Australian Development Camp
- Bowyn Beatty & Alex Toohey selected to U16 National Team Selection Camp
- Bowyn Beatty selected to U16 National Team for FIBA U16 Asia Championships
- Bowyn Beatty & Alex Toohey selected to September 2019 Australian Development Camp
- Isabelle Bourne selected to U19 Australian Junior Team - U19 World Cup, July 2019 in Thailand - Silver Medal
- Annabelle Lindsay selected to Australian U25 National Team - IWBF U25 World Championships in Thailand - Silver Medal
- Annabelle Lindsay selected to All-Star 5 at U25 IWBF World Championships. Teams leading scorer and rebounder and Team Captain
- Louwanna Sheridan selected to the Australian Pearls Green National Team for INAS Global Games winning Bronze Medal. Cassandra Ivory selected to the Australian Pearls Gold National Team for INAS Global Games winning the Silver Medal.
- Justin Koenig selected for Australian Boomerangs National Team for INAS Global Games winning the Silver Medal
- Isabelle Bourne started a Scholarship at University of Nebraska





2019 Canberra Gunners



The Canberra Gunners are Basketball ACT's elite men's basketball team, competing in the Waratah League.

Played: 22 Record: 7-15 (Win/Loss)

**Aashay Verma Tom Commins Shaun Mills Adam Gavranich
Iain Morison Jarrod Fenwick Jack Bartholomeusz Isaac Plunkett
Pietro Badalassi Brody Doran Darcy Malone Nick Jackson
Dylan Simpson Mitchell Brown Daniel Joyce**

**Head Coach: Anthony Plunkett
Assistant Coaches: Andrew Coulter
Manager: Cathy Morison**



2019 Canberra Nationals



The Canberra Nationals are Basketball ACT's elite women's basketball team, competing in the Waratah League.



Played: 22 Record: 19-6 (Win/Loss)

**Abby Cubillo Abby Solway Caitlyn Rowe Chloe Tugliach
Clare Newton Emerson Clarke Hannah Kaser Hayley MacDonald
Kate Gaze Keely Froling Kristen Langhorn Maddison Penn
Maddison Wheatly Natasha Lyall Pyper Thornberry Mikayla Williams**

**Head Coach: Jenny Lonergan
Assistant Coach: Sarah McAppion
Manager: Sophie New**



The Canberra Nationals finished in second place and played finals on the Weekend of 17-18 August 2019.

**Elimination Final : - defeated Sutherland - 86-78
Semi-Final: - defeated Norths Bears - 71-59
Grand Final: - defeated by Newcastle Hunters - 61-86**

**Season Awards
Head Coach, Jenny Lonergan was named Waratah League Women's Coach of the Year;
Keely Froling was named Waratah League MVP and selected in the Waratah League All-Star 5 team.**



2019 Canberra Gunners Academy

The Canberra Gunners Academy is Basketball ACT's elite development pathway for male players generally in the 22 and under age group. The Academy competes in the Waratah League - Division 1 competition.



Played: 18 Record: 16 -4 (Win/Loss)

**Aidan Barnett Akech Mayom Alex Archer Alex Watson
 Angus Williams Bradley Pateman Declan Pratt Dhal Fieg
 Harry Matthews Henry Wallace Jack Braddock Jack Muston
 Jarrod Phillips John Mapiou Mikus Eversons Ronan Busing
 Will Mayfield Zac McDermott**

**Head Coach: Sam Adams
 Assistant Coach: Grant Keys
 Manager: Jon Pratt**



The Canberra Gunners Academy finished 1st at the end of the normal season.

- Quarter Final:**
- defeated Hills Hornets - 80-73
- Semi Finals:**
- defeated Ilawarra Hawks - 77-67
- Grand Final:**
- defeated Tamworth Thunderbolts - 75-63

**Season Awards
 Canberra Gunners Academy players
 Will Mayfield and Dhal Fieg were selected
 for the All-Star 5**

2019 Waratah League



2019 Representative Programs

Ivor Burge Men

Record: 3-3 Placing: 5th

**Leigh Howard Matthew Blatchford Chris Illic Justin Koenig Brent Morris Andrew Hoatson
Michael Tipler Daniel Johnston Matthew Skerman Jack Littleton
Head Coach: Chloe Tugliach Assistant Coaches: Michelle Cosier James McGill
Manager: Jenny Koenig**

Ivor Burge Women

Record: 4-2 Placing: Bronze Medal

**Cassandra Ivory Louwanna Sheridan Tallera Sheriden Aeysha Williams Jasmine Funnell
Noami Amala Alliston San Pedro Nicole Skerman Traceyanne Bibora
Head Coach: Sarah Skidmore Assistant Coach: Daniel Ferrington
Manager: Vickii Saunders**



U20 Men

Record: 2-7 Placing: 6th

**Alex Archer Akech Mayom Brad Pateman William Mayfield Jarrod Fenwick
John Mapiou Zac McDermott Dhal Fieg Hunter Clarke Ronan Busing
Head Coach: Sam Adams
Assistant Coaches: Jack Bartholomeusz, Anthony Plunkett and Frank Arsego
Manager: John Pratt**

U20 Women

Record: 1-7 Placing: 6th

**Caitlin Rowe Rebecca Haisman Georgia Noack Sharna Thompson Ashlee Hannan
Isabelle Bourne Sophira Bryen Clare Newton Mikala Williams Zoe Ramshaw
Head Coach: Tony Cotton Assistant Coach: Ellen Robinson
Manager: Vicky Maplesden**

2019 Representative Programs

U18 Men

Record: 1-6 Placing: 12th

**Jake Saunders Airi Wolff Henry Wallace Charlie Potter Harrison Matthew
Charlie Mellick Amath Fall Robbie Emelifeonwu Daniel Busing Sam Bates
Head Coach: Ben White Assistant Coach: Jarryd Heywood
Manager: Jackie Mellick Athletic Development: Luke Neville Physiotherapist: Toby Conroy**

U18 Women

Record: 1-6 Placing: 11th

**Emmersyn Clarke Alexandra Gorddard Pyper Thornberry Maddison Wheatley
Natasha Lyall Chloe Hope Kelsy Maher Keeley Dunbar Hayley MacDonald Abby Solway
Head Coach: Jenny Lonergan Assistant Coaches: Daniel Barnett and Emma Bourne
Manager: Barb Turner Athletic Development: Luke Neville Physiotherapist: Toby Conroy**

U16 Men

Record: 4-9 Placing: 4th

**Bowyn Beatty Caden Spinks William Rice Mason Bruce Alexander Toohey
Lachlan Smith Cameron Pender Lachlan Fitzpatrick Jordan Johnathon Che Peters
Head Coach: Deb Cook Assistant Coach: Brad Luhrs
Manager: Andrew Rice Athletic Development: Luke Neville Physiotherapist: Toby Conroy**

U16 Women

Record: 2-8 Placing: 10th

**Tilly Bean Seini Melekiola Olenka Moran Michayla Wood Mia Slater Lauren Armstrong
Hannah Briskey Emily Nguyen Elise Finney Alison Francis
Head Coach: Shane Wallace Assistant Coaches: Kate Gaze and Aidan Barnett
Manager: Belinda Meame Athletic Development: Luke Neville Physiotherapist: Toby Conroy**

U14 Boys

Record: 2-8 Placing: 8th (Shield Division 19th from 24 teams)

**Zac Charhouh William Canavan Vinusha Abeywickrama Myles Parolin Jaren Chitsaka
Harper Smeed Darcy O'Keefe Callan Dunne Arjun Rao Alex Culver
Head Coach: Phil Cole Assistant Coaches: Nicole Johnson and Liam Crossman
Manager: Fiona Wright**

U14 Girls

Record: 4-8 Placing: 8th (Championship Division 8th from 24 teams)

**Zara Russell Eva Lehmann Grace Kent Maddison Farrah Ella Collins Rena Cao
Sophie Brennan Skylar Bingwa Tia Bhaskar Emma Slater
Head Coach: Sean Barnett Assistant Coaches: Claire King and Kelly Grandin
Manager: Jodie Farrah**

2019 Merit Awards

Merit Awards are for an individual action or collection of activities, which brings credit to Basketball ACT including noteworthy representation at the National level as a player, coach, manager, administrator or official. In 2019, recipients of our Merit Awards were:

- **Louwanna Sheridan** **Australian Pearls**
- **Cassandra Ivory** **Australian Pearls**
- **Justin Koenig** **Australian Boomerangs**
- **Sarah Skidmore** **Australian Pearls Asst Coach**
- **Phil Brown** **WNBL Champions Asst Coach – Canberra Capitals**
Australian U17s Asst Coach
- **Bowyn Beatty** **Australian U16s**
- **Keely Froling** **WNBL Champions – Canberra Capitals**
Australian 3x3
- **Abby Cubillo** **WNBL Champions – Canberra Capitals**
- **Annabelle Lindsay** **Australian Gliders**
Australian U25s Wheelchair
- **Isabelle Bourne** **Australian U19 Gems**

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