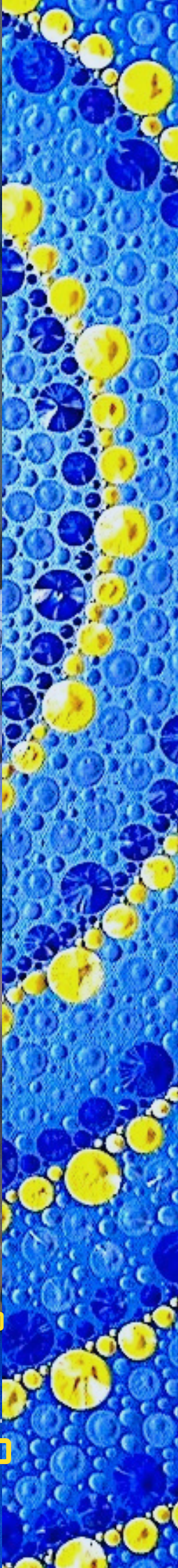


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Basketball ACT acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, the Ngunnawal people, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge and respect the continuing culture Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to the life of basketball within the city and region.



"HEALING TOGETHER"

Courtesy of Sarah Richards - Marawuy Journeys

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

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
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BASKETBALL ACT - as @ 30 September 2021

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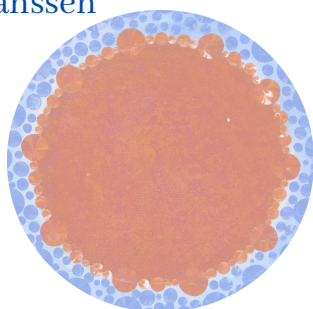
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Full Member Clubs/Schools

Belconnen Ramblers

Canberra City Stallions

Ginninderra Rats

Weston Creek Woden Dodgers

Warriors

Tuggeranong Southern Cross

Norths

Gungahlin Flames

Australian National University (ANU)

Tuggeranong Vikings

Wests

Queanbeyan Roadrunners

Burgmann Anglican School

Canberra Girls Grammar

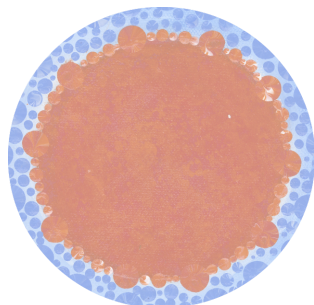
Daramalan College

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Canberra Grammar

Radford College

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BASKETBALL ACT - Staff

Chief Executive Officer - David Simpson

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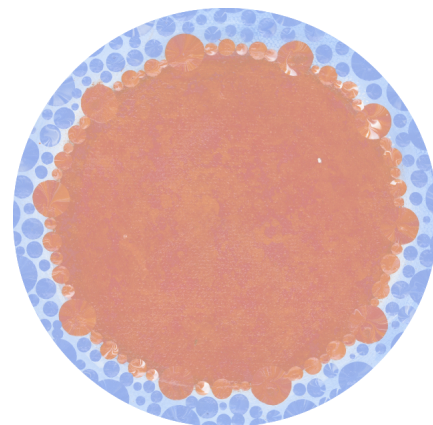
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Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)

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Erindale College

PRESIDENT'S *Allan Yates* - REPORT



Despite the ongoing restrictions and impacts of COVID-19 on the ACT community in 2021, Basketball ACT (BACT) has continued to deliver the sport to new and old members, and moves into 2022 with a stable staff and Board, and importantly, the strategic plan to progress and grow the sport on a number of fronts.

The lack of access to appropriate court space for competitions and trainings remains a high priority for BACT, and despite working closely with the ACT Government, we have been unable to gain funding to proceed with the development of further facilities at Belconnen Basketball Stadium. Accordingly, the Board has agreed to investigate the viability and cost of enclosing the outdoor 3x3 courts, as well as refurbishing existing entry areas and offices, with architect plans being prepared, and independent funding being sought.

Under CEO David Simpson's stewardship, BACT has markedly settled its financial position over the past two years, and continued to deliver a high service standard to members and stakeholders. Team and player numbers have continued to grow, while Club communication and servicing has also continued to be highly professional, and timely.

BACT's Covid management practices have been recognised by other ACT sporting associations, and the ACT Government, and is now considered one of the leading sports associations in the ACT region. Thank you to David and the BACT staff for their continued dedication, professionalism and service delivery during what was a difficult COVID environment in 2021.

In early July 2021, BACT were able to bring together member clubs, referees, the Board, staff and stakeholders to develop a Strategic Plan that will take BACT through to 2025. The Strategic Plan is built on Five Strategic Pillars as the key to BACT's long-term success and growth.

Unfortunately our elite programs were impacted in 2021, due to the COVID environment, with the Canberra Gunners, Canberra Nationals and our respective Academies, Waratah League seasons cancelled. However the disappointment of the Waratah League being cancelled was tempered by the news that the Canberra Nationals Academy were named joint Champions in their first year, as they were leading the standing in their pool at the time.

Looking forward to 2022, it is with excitement that our elite teams - the Canberra Gunners and Canberra Nationals, coached by ACT locals Peter Herak and Natalie Hurst respectively, will compete in the debut season of NBL 1 East against the best teams in New South Wales, and with the chance to represent BACT at the NBL 1 National Finals at the end of the season.

I wish to thank all basketball stakeholders for allowing me the opportunity to lead the organisation and deliver an improved basketball product for players, teams, clubs, officials and supporters, and look forward to seeing the sport progress further over coming years.

CEO REPORT - David Simpson



Over the course of 2021, it was difficult to find any aspects of Basketball ACT's (BACT) operations that weren't impacted by COVID.

The strict hygiene practices and the use of the Check In CBR app, which were implemented in 2020, became standard practice across all facilities, while spectator restrictions, entry and exit protocols, and COVID Safe Officers were also introduced at various stages to ensure maximum protection and compliance.

Despite this, BACT was not immune to the impacts of COVID, with positive cases reported at Tuggeranong and Belconnen in 2021. Thankfully contingency plans were in place, and quickly enacted, that limited the spread through the community. I thank all of our members for your support and cooperation throughout this period in assisting us, and the ACT Government, with information gathering and contact tracing.

2021 saw major growth across junior and senior competitions, and stretched our ability to access suitable facilities to near breaking point, for both BACT and our member clubs. Despite widespread media attention on the issue, access to appropriate facilities continues to be the biggest challenge faced by the sport heading into 2022.

To this end BACT has taken control of its own destiny and has commenced proceedings to enclose the outdoor 3x3 courts as a first step towards meeting our growing demand.

Financially BACT traversed the challenges without significant financial impact, driven by further growth and a range of new sponsors coming on board. The reporting of a healthy surplus, and a substantial increase in the overall asset position of the organisation driven by the long overdue revaluation of the stadium, presents a relatively healthy financial position at year end. However, the premature halt to the winter season required the carry forward of some expense liabilities into the new financial year that will have a negative financial impact.

In early July 2021, the Board, BACT staff, clubs and referees were able to come together to set a new strategic direction for the next five years (BACT Strategic Plan - 2021-2025), identifying Five Key Pillars and an agreed vision of sustainable growth of the community by 100% by 2029.

On court it was a mixed year for BACT, with the forced shut down of all operations in August resulting in a shift of all competitions and programs into the latter part of 2021. This had an impact on the winter season as well as the pending summer seasons. BACT's Community Development programs were also severely hampered by the shift with many programs rescheduled or refunded.

BACT's High Performance programs were greatly affected in 2021, with a range of interstate tournaments and events cancelled. However, we did see success with our Under 18 men winning Bronze at the Australian Junior Championships in Werribee in April, and our Canberra Nationals Academy being crowned joint Champions of the NSW Waratah Youth League, in their debut season. Congratulations also to Head Coach Christine Higginson who was awarded Waratah Youth League Coach of the Year.

Finally I would like to thank our Board, our staff, our clubs, our sponsors and our volunteers for their continued drive, dedication, commitment and professionalism in providing and supporting opportunities for basketball to grow in our region, in what was a very challenging and difficult year.

TREASURER'S *Glenn Cummings* - REPORT



For the year ending 30 September 2021, Basketball ACT (BACT) reports a surplus of \$279,952 on total revenue of \$3,388,871 and net assets of \$6,708,739.

Total Revenue for the 2021 financial year of \$3,388,871 (2020: \$2,833,595) represents an increase of 19.6%. Competition revenue of \$2,345,530 in 2021 represented approximately 69% of total revenue. An increase in Development and Performance revenue over 2020 also contributed to the increase as pandemic-related restrictions eased and more activities could be held during the year. This was curtailed to some extent by a further lockdown late in the financial year which saw some winter competition revenue not recognised this year as the season could not be completed.

Total expenditure for the 2021 financial year was \$3,108,919 (2020: \$2,741,928); an increase of 13.4%. The increase is primarily driven by a return to normal levels of activity for both Competition and Performance. Management and Support expenditure also increased due to additional staff being added, however this is offset by a reduction in Facility expenses which primarily reflects a return to normal levels of spending in 2021 after the significant work done on the stadium during the lockdown in 2020.

Despite the uncertain operating environment faced in 2021 due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, BACT reports an operating surplus of \$279,952 (2020: \$91,667).

The cash position as at 30 September 2021 was \$859,681, an increase of \$184,696 from the same time in 2020. Net Assets as at 30 September 2021 are \$6,708,739 (2020: \$5,101,166). The increase in Net Assets is largely attributable to a revaluation of land held by BACT. Block 16, which sits adjacent to the Belconnen stadium, and the stadium itself were both independently revalued to reflect their current market value – an increase of just over \$800,000 for Block 16 and \$526,000 for the stadium. An improved cash balance and reduced competition fees received in advance due to the postponement of the summer season also had a positive impact on Net Assets.

The staff and Board of BACT recognise that the strength of our competitions, and basketball more broadly in the ACT, relies on having strong, stable basketball clubs. We are committed to offering continued support to member clubs, particularly with regards to administration, and financial systems and processes to ensure the ongoing strength of our members.

We are pleased to advise Hardwicks have stated the Financial Statements represent a true and fair view of the financial position of Basketball ACT for 2020/2021 financial year.

FACILITIES REPORT - Nick Janssen



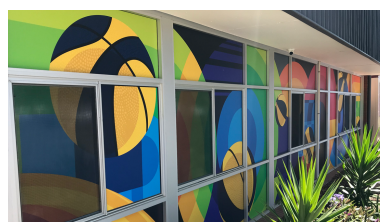
Following the initial makeover of the Belconnen Basketball Stadium last year over the COVID-19 shutdown period, further enhancements of Basketball ACT's (BACT) facilities have occurred both enhancing BACT's image and that of its facilities. Both the stadium and vehicles have been improved through window stickers and car decals enhancing and promoting BACT's image.

Players, life members and Premier winners displays within the Belconnen stadium have been added and augmented to recognise the efforts of these teams and individuals and their contributions to basketball. These have added to the welcoming feel of the stadium and the enhancement of our sport within the community.

BACT has continued to promote and increase the level of participation within the basketball community with a large number of additional teams wanting to play over the past year despite the impacts of the COVID-19 situation. This has stretched both the current facilities to capacity across both basketball stadiums, but also required the use of halls and gyms across the Canberra region within schools, universities and facility providers to facilitate both the playing of games and training sessions.

Whilst BACT is very appreciative of being able to use the services provided at these facilities which have greatly assisted throughout the current period, they do not provide purpose built facilities that would be required to facilitate the level of participation anticipated over the coming years. BACT are now looking at options including undertaking the enclosure and conversion of the 3x3 courts at Belconnen as a way to address some of these facility issues.

With the anticipated increase in teams over the coming years likely to exceed even this additional capacity, additional investment is going to be required to further add to the current basketball stadiums across the Canberra region. The continued use of good quality courts from a range of providers and stakeholders for competitions and training will continue to be an area BACT will need to address over the coming years.



COMPETITIONS

Sarah Skidmore - REPORT



Despite COVID restrictions, Basketball ACT (BACT) was able to complete the 2020 Junior Winter and Senior Premier League season, with both finishing in December 2020.

The delayed completion of the Winter season had an impact on our Summer competitions with only our Senior Social season going ahead, with a significant growth in the number of teams participating. While not proceeding with the Junior Summer Season was disappointing, it did allow BACT to restructure upcoming junior competitions.

The 2021 Winter Season saw the introduction of the new junior competition structure with a longer Winter Season followed by a shorter Summer Season and the introduction of Junior Premier League. Although 2021 was another tough year, with a lengthy lockdown impacting all competitions, BACT were able to complete the full 2021 Winter Season in December 2021.

Team numbers grew significantly for the 2021 Winter Season with an additional 89 Junior Teams, 68 Senior Social Teams and three Senior Premier League Teams.

The 3x3 program continued to grow, with BACT running numerous one-day tournaments, as well its first Street Hustle Tour event over a 4-week period.

BACT's Primary School (Sue Geh and Jamie Pearlman Cup) and High School/College (Kate Tominac and John Stelzer Cups) competitions saw 150+ teams register in 2021, however a majority were unable to proceed due to lockdowns.

The Canberra Classic and Ron Harvey Cup went ahead in 2020, with a slight decrease in teams across both competitions. The Canberra Classic was contested across A grade (men and women) and B grade men, while the Ron Harvey Cup had 12 teams across the men's and mixed competitions.

Registration Totals

2020/2021 Summer (Male/Female).

Junior (n/a)

Senior (1055/381)

2021 Winter (Male/Female).

Junior (3102/1543)

Senior (1226/484)

2021 Winter Junior Premier League Champions

U12 Boys - Ginninderra Rats

U12 Girls - Canberra City Stallions

U14 Boys - Ginninderra Rats

U14 Girls - Queanbeyan Roadrunners

U16 Boys - Ginninderra Rats

U16 Girls - Weston Creek Woden Dodgers

U19 Boys - Weston Creek Woden Dodgers

U19 Girls - Ginninderra Rats

Cliff Ellis Memorial Shield

1st - Ginninderra Rats (2395 pts)

2nd - Canberra City Stallions (1545 pts)

3rd - Tuggeranong Southern Cross (1300)

Senior Premier League Champions

Premier 1 Men - Tuggeranong Vikings

Premier 1 Women - Weston Creek Woden Dodgers

Premier 2 Men - Ginninderra Rats

Premier 2 Women - ANU Owls

REFEREES REPORT - Darryl Durham



This year saw significant changes at Basketball ACT (BACT) with the appointment of two part-time positions to support officiating activities - an Officials Coordinator and an Officials Administrator. To ensure a smooth transition, the Referee Management Team, who previously managed this responsibility, were able to impart their knowledge and processes and BACT would like to acknowledge and commend their dedication.

The growth of BACT's competitions, across both juniors and seniors and the activation of two additional venues, stretched the refereeing community to its capacity, and demanded a high investment of availability from our community including our on-court referees, referee coaches, score table and statisticians.

The provision of twenty referees for Basketball New South Wales' Southern Junior League and Junior Premier League competitions also added to the commitments of our pathway referees.

Despite the many challenges and pressures, BACT also had many highlights throughout the year. Congratulations to:

- Jack Taylor on achieving his Black FIBA License, while also being named the BACT Referee of the Year;
- Ethan Tulk (U20s), Adrian Brown and Kevin Poulton (U18s) who were able to attend the Australian Junior Championships in Mackay and Werribee respectively;
- Ted Pettigrove and Alex Robinson on officiating their 300th Premier League games.

2021 saw the implementation of a number of programs to enhance the recruitment and competence of our refereeing cohort.

The programs included:

- *Referee Development Schools Program* - held over 6-weeks at the University of Canberra High School - Kaleen with 15 students receiving Level 0 accreditation;
- *Rules July* - 6 x 45-minute webinars designed to assist in the development of rules knowledge for junior and senior referees;
- *"On Demand" Community Referee Courses* - delivered in person and online to schools (Burgmann Anglican School and Daramalan College) and clubs (Weston Creek Woden Dodgers);
- *Performance Officiating Academy* - which provides access to a sports psychologist, dietitian, recovery specialist and consistent game reviews with video analysis, to 15 identified young referees;
- *Referee Coaching Pods* - a trial program to maintain the engagement of new and younger referees during the lockdown period and aimed at reinforcing rules and rules interpretations under the guidance of appointed Referee Coaches.

Looking to the future, BACT is excited to partner with a local indigenous owned organisation, Willyama Services, to support junior referees as well as the Performance Officiating Academy, over the next three years.

Finally I would like to thank all statisticians, score table officials and referees for their professionalism during 2021 and look forward to expanding and consolidating achievements of the year.

DEVELOPMENT

Travis Young - REPORT



Despite the challenges of 2021, which impacted the delivery and continued participation in Basketball ACT's (BACT) Development programs, it was still a year of growth for the Community Development team.

While participation numbers were generally maintained across the majority of BACT's *Learn to Play* programs (Aussie Hoops, Pink Stars and Level Up), our school programs were impacted throughout the year due to ACT Government directives during lockdown.

2021 also saw the integration of the U12 Representative program into the Community Development area, as well as the debut of the Futures Program (a supported program to prepare young players for future representative opportunities). Both programs were able to make their mark on-court with participation at interstate events.

BACT was able to trial our *Walking Basketball* program in 2021, with a solid group of regular attendees, and we were also eager participants at several Community Sport and Recreation Expo events throughout the year.

Several staffing changes in 2021 had a minor impact on deliverables, with Terry Johnson and Ben Merchant heavily involved prior to my commencement in September 2021, and I would like to thank them both for their contribution into shaping the Community Development landscape.

Thanks also to our Community Development Officer, Lachie Mayo, who was able to maintain a high-level of service to BACT's numerous programs, while also completing a Cert III in Sport and Recreation, as part of a traineeship with BACT.

Development Program Totals (Male/Female)

8 & Under Wonders - 302 (230/72)

Aussie Hoops - 784 (521/263)

Level Up - 131 (97/34)

Pink Stars (Girls Only) - 43 (0/43)

School Holiday Camps - 186 (142/44)

Schools Program - 2,299 (1,379/920)

Overall Total - 3,745 (2,369/1,376)

Looking to 2022, BACT is excited to launch of our partnership with Indigenous Basketball Australia (IBA), with Community events and the introduction of an ACT Indigenous Community Basketball League competition

We are also looking forward to the integration of the U14 Representative program in the Community Development area, as well enhancing our *Learn To Play* programs and school holiday camps, after a review and realignment.

The return of our *Mums who Ball* program, as well as the continued growth of *Walking Basketball*, will see BACT complement the key fundamental development of our junior coaches and players, with the extension into a wider community participation base.

HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT - Phil Brown



For a second year, Basketball ACT's (BACT) Junior and Senior Performance Programs were significantly disrupted by COVID lockdowns. This resulted in a number of competition programs being cancelled prior to completion or Canberra/ACT Teams unable to travel interstate to compete in events/tournaments. These included the U16 Australian Junior Championships, the U14 Australian Club Championships, the Basketball NSW (BNSW) Waratah Junior Premier League (JPL) and the Senior Waratah Leagues.

Prior to the season disruptions, Canberra Junior and Senior representative teams competed favourably in their respective competitions, with the U14, U16 and U18 boys and U16 Girls teams all placing either first or second in their respective BNSW JPL competitions, while the Canberra Gunners were placed second behind the Centre of Excellence (COE) and the Canberra Nationals in third place in the Waratah 1 standings at the time of their season being cancelled.

While disruptions to the representative schedule in 2021 was disappointing, it did allow BACT to review and realign BACT's Performance program supporting procedures, policies and documents, as well as support the transition of the U14 Representative program to the Development area for 2022.

Thank you to all the coaches, managers, players and parents who were a part of the representative program (both Junior and Senior) for your commitment, dedication and support of our basketball pathways in 2021

Notable Highlights, Achievements & Initiatives in 2021

- NPP scholarship athletes Alex Toohey & Bowyn Beatty selected to NBA Global Academy;
- Abby Solway selected as a Development Player for 2021/22 UC Capitals;
- Former Canberra player Eddie Palubinskas inducted into the ACT Sports Hall of Fame;
- ACT U18 Men winning the Bronze Medal at U18 Australian Junior Championships;
- Canberra Nationals Academy named Waratah Youth League joint Champions in their first season after finishing at the top of their pool (8-2 win/loss record) before COVID lockdown impacted their season;
- Canberra Nationals Academy Head Coach, Christine Higginson awarded Waratah Youth League Coach of the Year;
- BACT partnered with Club Lime to introduced athletic development programs to all NITP scholarship athletes;
- U12 & U14 programs completed their transition from BACT Junior Performance into the BACT Development Program;
- A number of Coaching Accreditation Courses, online Forums/Presentations and a BA coaching clinic delivered to ACT club & performance coaches;
- A number of documents created to support the Performance programs including the BACT Athlete Framework, Development/Performance Infographics, Senior Rep Programs Guidelines and an updated Performance Pathway document;
- Canberra Gunners & Nationals accepted into NBL-1 East in 2022;
- U16 Boys Head Coach Jarryd Heywood completed Basketball Australia's Emerging Coach Initiative Program;
- Canberra Nationals Head Coach Nat Hurst and ACT Representative coach, Jenny Lonergan, selected for Basketball Australia's Elite Female Coach Advancement Program.

WARATAH LEAGUE SQUADS (W1)



- 1 - Declan Pratt
- 2 - Will Mayfield
- 3 - Glenn Morison
- 4 - Jarrod Fenwick
- 5 - Jack Bartholomeusz
- 6 - Tom Commins
- 7 - Shaun Mills
- 8 - Alex Archer
- 9 - Pietro Badalassi
- 10 - Adam Gavranich
- 11 - Broderick Doran
- 12 - Glenn Morison
- 13 - Iain Morison
- 14 - Akech Aliir
- 21 - Mitch Brown

Coach - Peter Herak
Asst Coach - Eric Malcolm
Manager - Matt Deady



- 1 - Nyakiir Dau
- 4 - Caitlin Rowe
- 5 - Abby Cubillo
- 7 - Hannah Kaser
- 8 - Natasha Lyall
- 10 - Sarah McAppion
- 11 - Yar Mayen
- 12 - Abbey Morton
- 13 - Kristen Langhorn
- 15 - Michelle Cosier
- 20 - Emmy Clarke
- 21 - Jasmyn Boutzos
- 23 - Elizabeth Tonks
- 24 - Mikala Williams

Coach - Natalie Hurst
Asst Coach - Shane Wallace
Manager - Sophie New

WARATAH LEAGUE SQUADS (W2M & W1YW)



2021 SQUAD

Zac McDermott

Angus Williams

Charlie Mellick

Mitch Robinson

Jake Saunders

James Hurley

Dan Busing

Robbie Emelifeonwu

Sam Bates

Deng Diing

Charlie Potter

Amath Fall

Isaac Maher

Dylan Giles

Ben Mitchell

Mohammed JJ Jolah

Tristan Scotcher

Coach - Andrew Martin

Asst Coach - Peter Herak

Manager - Patty Mitchell



2021 SQUAD

Keeley Dunbar

Emily Nguyen

Lauren Armstrong

Alison Francis

Kelsy Maher

Monique Emelifeonwu

Claudea Waihape-Andrews

Mary Mayen

Jasmyn Boutzos

Nikki Worner

Hayley McDonald

Emmersyn Clarke

Michayla Wood

Laura Topp

Laura Shortt

Coach - Christine Higginson

Asst Coach - Peta Sinclair

Manager - Kate Tominac

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