



ANNUAL REPORT 2025



**Basketball Victoria acknowledges the
Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Victoria
and pays respect to elders past and present.**

**Basketball Victoria extends that respect to all
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people
and their families who participate in our sport.**

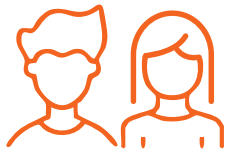
**Basketball Victoria acknowledges the deep connection
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have with the
land that we play our game on, land that Aboriginal people
have lived on and cared for over thousands of years, and
celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.**



EVERYBODY'S GAME



PARTICIPATION 2025



960,730
TOTAL PARTICIPATION

225,647

REGISTERED COMMUNITY
COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS

141 ASSOCIATIONS **601** CLUBS

126,256

SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND
COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS



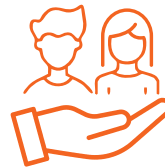
29,832

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS



98,485

FEMALE REGISTRATIONS
(PLAYERS, COACHES & TECH. OFFICIALS)



5,523

PARTICIPANTS OF
ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER ORIGIN

7,793

PARTICIPANTS WHO
IDENTIFY AS LIVING
WITH A DISABILITY

19,113

SPECIFIC DIVERSITY AND
INCLUSION PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS



8,869

REGISTERED TECHNICAL
OFFICIALS



55,868

REGISTERED COACHES



188,305

GAME DAY VOLUNTEERS



492,063

GAMES PLAYED

68%

PARTICIPANTS PLAYED
IN TWO OR MORE
COMPETITION SEASONS

1,004

COURTS USED
WEEKLY

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BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

BASKETBALL VICTORIA BOARD

Michelle Bruggeman (Chair)
Kylie Bishop
Lori Chizik
Amanda McDermott
Rob Hyatt
Tina McKenzie
Peter Meehan
Steve Swanson

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION

Ian Leckie (Chair)
Kim Round
Peter Wise
Bess Gillard
Pamela Ball
Jodie Cloke
Erin Milton
Danny King

VICTORIAN COUNTRY COMMISSION

Tracy Connors (Chair)
Rhonda Cleveland
Peter Lemke
Kira Ryan
Sean Jessup

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COMMISSION

Josh Nicholls (Chair)
Helen Pawsey
Neil Black
Pat Zerna
Declan Hamilton
Simone Hallett
Nick Tomazic

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION

Adrian Zemunik (Chair)
Brett Rolfe
Nathan Vogt
Dee Everett
Leon Sayers
Jordan Allen
Dan Kirtley
Breanna Hogan

STAFF

EXECUTIVE

Chief Executive Officer

Nick Honey

Executive Assistant

Merryn Sholer

BUSINESS SERVICES

Chief Operating Officer

Ben Pahl

Integrity Lead

Tony Henry

Integrity & Investigations Officer

Liz Johnston (Comm. Apr 2025)

Integrity Enquiries Officer

Rosemary Clark

Integrity Project Lead

Niam Westaway

Commercial & Partnerships Manager

Scott Davis

Accounts Officer

Marie Rosborough

General Manager - People & Culture

Katherine Merson

People and Culture Coordinator

Silvana Harvey

People and Culture Coordinator

Kate Lawlor (Dep. May 2025)

People and Culture Coordinator

Rachel Stephens (Comm. Jun 2025)

Child Safety Advisor

Sarah Wolokh

GOVERNMENT, STRATEGY AND INNOVATION

General Manager - Government, Strategy & Innovation

Jake Keogh

MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL SUPPORT

General Manager - Communications, Marketing and Digital

Sarah Addis

Marketing and Campaign Specialist

Stu Wai (Comm. Mar 2025)

Media and Communications Coordinator

Kym Cheeseman

Digital Content Producer

Brent Sproule

Graphic Designer

Stu Banko (Comm. Feb 2025)

Marketing Coordinator

Holly Pennell (Comm. July 2025)

Digital Support Officer

Chantal Cox

Data and Digital Coordinator

Kevin Ng (Dep. Dec 2025)

Digital Administrator

Zaehl Bellamy (Comm. Sep 2025)

MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

General Manager - Membership, Participation & Growth

David Huxtable

Community Development Manager

Jodie Harlow

Diversity and Inclusion Manager

Sheena Atkin

Diversity and Inclusion Officer (Walking Basketball)

Kathy Perry

Diversity and Inclusion Officer (Wheelchair Basketball)

Elliott Knight

Wheelchair Basketball School Program Officer

Andrea Henderson

Women and Girls Participation Manager

Katherine Gourley (Dep. Aug 2025)

Women and Girls Participation Manager

Leah Swain (Comm. Aug 2025)

Play Our Way Program Officer

Anita Diano

Participation Officer

Linda Woods

Membership Services Coordinator

Bridie McGuire

Association Development Officer

Thomas O'Connor

Association Development Officer

Chris Gorrie

Association Development Officer

Rebecca McIntyre

Association Development Officer

James Rossiter

Association Development Officer

Luke Lehman

LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS

General Manager - Leagues and Competitions

Greg Jeffers

League Manager - VJBL

Adrian Campbell

League Administrator & Events Coordinator

Emma Hayes

Operations Officer - VJBL

Warren Brown

League Administrator

Ava Geary (Comm. May 2025)

League Manager - NBL1 South

Alison Cody

League Manager - Big V

Matt Royal (Dep. May 2025)

League Manager - Big V

Andrew West

League Administrator

Amy Vine

League Administrator

Alan John De Leon (Comm. Jun 2025)

Country Competitions Officer

Sarah Szczykalski

Schools Programs Coordinator

Rebecca Ross (Dep. Dec 2025)

VJBL Association Support Officer

Lyn Payet (Dep. Jan 2025)

State Operations Coordinator/VJBL

Elite Development Officer

Kash Gaitely

Technical Officials - NBL1 Elite Development Officer

Jacquiline Dover (Dep. Sep 2025)

Technical Officials - Big V/CBL Elite Development Officer

Ian Knight

Technical Officials - Big V/CBL Elite Development Officer

Caitlin Lamont

School Programs & Daytime Administrator

Gemma Terrill

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

General Manager - Technical Officials

Jo Chu (Dep. Mar 2025)

PERFORMANCE AND PATHWAYS

General Manager - Pathways

Dominic Linossier (Comm. Sept 2025)

Manager - Coach Education

Rob Coulter

Basketball Development Officer

Nicholas Mihai

Head Coach - Metropolitan Women

Jenna O'Hea

Head Coach - Metropolitan Men

Darren Best (Dep. Jul 2025)

Head Coach - Metropolitan Men

David Peters

State Development Coach - Metro

Nathan Geer (Comm. Jun 2025)

Head Coach - Country Women

Zoe Carr

Head Coach - Country Men

Nathan Cooper-Brown (Dep. Jun 2025)

Head Coach - Country Men

Brenton O'Brien (Comm. Sept 2025)

State Development Coach - Country

Fernando Rios-Rodriguez

Metro High Performance

Administrator

Suzu Luppino

State Teams High Performance

Administrator

Leanne Yeoman

Country High Performance

Administrator

Craig Hockley

Technical Officials State Program

Development Manager

Sarah Bradbury

Technical Officials Operations Officer

Darcy Weedon

Regional Program Development

Officer

Jordan Royal

High Performance Hub Lead Coaches

Alan McAughtry

Ash Arnott

Ben Caruana

Braithyn Kerr

Chloe Hogg

Haydn Kirkwood

James McKinnon

Joshua Waight

Kaleb Foster

Nathan Morgan

Randy Shanklin

Samantha Thornton

Simon Nicholson

Tess Madgen

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As Chair of Basketball Victoria, I'm pleased to reflect on another strong and steady year for our sport. In 2025, our focus remained firmly on delivering the priorities outlined in our strategic plan and ensuring our Board continued to operate in a cohesive, aligned and future-focused way. I'm incredibly proud of the clarity, collaboration and commitment shown by our Board members to guide the sport through another year of growth and evolution.

Our work this year centred on maintaining strong governance foundations, supporting the executive team, and ensuring Basketball Victoria remains well-placed to respond to the opportunities and challenges ahead.

BOARD MOVEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We also saw some changes on the Board membership throughout the year.

After more than six years of dedicated service, John Gdanski concluded his term as a Board member. John's longstanding contribution, deep legal knowledge and unwavering commitment to the sport have been invaluable. On behalf of the Board and the wider basketball community, I extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for his exceptional service.

We were pleased to welcome Amanda McDermott, who joins the Board for the first time and brings a strong legal skill set that will continue to strengthen our governance capability. Amanda's appointment means we continue to benefit from a diverse mix of experience and professional expertise as we deliver on the organisation's strategic priorities.

We were also pleased to confirm the re-election of Peter Meehan, whose ongoing contribution and steady leadership continue to be of great value.

LOOKING AHEAD

I am proud of the work the Board has delivered this year – purposeful, united and clearly aligned to the long-term success of our sport. Basketball Victoria is well positioned for the future, with a strategy that reflects the needs of our community and a Board committed to the organisation remaining strong, forward-thinking and well governed.

Thank you to my fellow Board members, our CEO Nick Honey, our Executive Team, and the entire Basketball Victoria staff for their dedication and professionalism. And to our partners, associations, volunteers and stakeholders – thank you for everything you do to support and grow basketball across our state.

I look forward to another successful year as we continue working together to inspire more Victorians to enjoy and participate in the game we all love.

MICHELLE BRUGGEMAN
President
Basketball Victoria

CEO'S REPORT

As we reflect on 2025, I'm proud of the steady growth, strong governance, and strategic progress delivered across Basketball Victoria (BV). It's been a year defined by purposeful investment in our future - strengthening the systems, structures, and relationships that support our sport at every level.

STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR SPORT

We continued to advance several major organisational priorities this year, each contributing to a more sustainable and future-ready basketball ecosystem in Victoria.

A highlight was successfully negotiating a renewed five-year NBL1 licence across all five participating states. Leading this process ensured continued stability and alignment across the competition whilst strengthening pathways for athletes, officials, and associations.

We also secured an additional 12 months of hub funding from the State Government to support our high performance program. This extension recognises the strength and impact of our pathways system and enables us to continue delivering worldclass development opportunities.

Our long-term renewal of the PlayHQ contract was another significant milestone. This sets the sport up with a secure digital platform for competitions and registrations, enhanced further by the integration of Working with Children Check verification via Oho - a PlaySafe capability that positions basketball as a leader in child safety and compliance nationally.

This year also marked the appropriate time to divest Basketball Victoria's minor shareholding in PlayHQ. Having provided seed capital in 2018-19 to stimulate competition in a previously narrow market, the divestment reflects good governance and our commitment to the sport's long-term needs.

INTEGRITY, SAFETY AND ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE

We continued to invest in and strengthen our integrity and child protection resourcing - a strategic priority and a critical part of safeguarding our community. The restructure and continued development of this area ensures we can continue to support our associations.

We also completed a comprehensive review of our organisational values and were excited to launch these to our community in October. The new values are important for our future. They enable BV to lead and grow the organisation in a meaningful and directed way. These are action statements that convey not just a word or an idea but a whole range of behaviours and attitudes that we are committed to embodying.

FACILITIES AND FUTURE PLANNING

Addressing facility access remains a central strategic priority. This year we led a productive workshop with the Board, senior leadership, and subject matter experts to map clear pathways for future facility development and investment.

Building on that work, we have been overseeing investigative projects exploring additional Victorian facility proposals through non-traditional funding sources and alternative management models. As participation continues to grow, this proactive approach ensures we're planning for the infrastructure our community needs now and in the future.

A major achievement in 2025 was securing a long-term lease for BV's home at the State Basketball Centre providing stability and continuity for our people and programs for the next 15 years.

PARTICIPATION, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Participation continued to grow at a steady and consistent rate, with pleasing progress in key focus areas, especially women and girls. This growth reflects the strength of our associations and the continued demand for basketball across Victoria.

We delivered the inaugural Game Plan Summit, a strategic initiative aimed at strengthening the administrator capability of our associations. Building off court skills is essential for supporting the volunteers and contributors who keep our sport moving forward.



NICK HONEY

On the court, we celebrated a very successful first year of the Victorian women's wheelchair team, the Wonders, in the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL). We look forward to launching the Victorian men's team, the Marvels, in the National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL) in 2026. These teams represent our commitment to providing clear pathways for all our participants in our state.

PARTNERSHIPS, ADVOCACY & SUSTAINABILITY

We delivered a strong financial result, achieving a budget surplus of just over \$182,000. We were pleased to secure further funding through government backed programs including Play Our Way, VicHealth, and Together More Active, enabling us to continue to deliver against our strategic objectives and the areas that matter most to our community.

We continue to invest in building strong and collaborative relationships across the Government and the Opposition at both ministerial and departmental levels. These partnerships are essential to driving investment in facilities, supporting participation initiatives, and ensuring basketball continues to be recognised for the positive contribution it makes across the Victorian community.

Basketball Victoria is well positioned for the future, and together I'm excited for what we will achieve in the year ahead.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to acknowledge and thank our Commission Chairs - Josh Nicholls, Tracy Connors, Ian Leckie and Adrian Zemunik - for their leadership, time, and guidance throughout the year. To our supporting partners, whose commitment and shared ambition help us deliver opportunities right across the state, and finally, to our Board, Executive Team, our Basketball Victoria staff, and every member of our basketball community - thank you. Your passion and dedication are essential to making this sport such a success.

NICK HONEY
CEO
Basketball Victoria

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MEMBER & COMMUNITY SERVICES

MEMBER SERVICES

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS – ANNUAL REAFFILIATION PROCESS

Each year, Basketball Victoria’s Member and Community Services department undertakes a comprehensive annual re-affiliation process to ensure all member associations remain compliant with constitutional requirements and member obligation by-laws.

Led by Member Services Coordinator **Bridie McGuire**, the process fulfils a critical governance function while also enabling Basketball Victoria to take a proactive and supportive approach across key areas including financial reporting, GST compliance, governance practices, child safety and member communication.

Where gaps or areas of concern were identified through the review of submitted documentation, Basketball Victoria engaged directly with associations to provide guidance, support and tailored improvement plans, strengthening the overall capability and sustainability of the association network.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Affiliations were assessed and recommended in accordance with the membership categories prescribed under the Basketball Victoria Constitution:

1. Member Association
2. Special Purpose Member
3. Education Organisation Member
4. Tertiary Education Organisation Member

REQUIRED AFFILIATION DOCUMENTATION

In line with Member Obligation By-Laws, associations were required to upload the following documents via the Member Portal:

- Annual Report
- AGM Minutes
- Strategic Plan or Top Three Strategic Objectives
- Annual Financial Statement
- Constitution and By-Laws
- Details of Child Safety Officer (mandatory)

At the time of reporting:

- **651** documents had been uploaded and reviewed
- **131** Child Safety Officer lodgements were received and recorded

AFFILIATION SUMMARY 2025–2026

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|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| • Associations applying for membership: | 131 |
| • Did not complete any part of the process: | 4 |
| • In recess or not required to affiliate: | 11 |

Following review, the Board resolved to accept affiliations for the period 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026 as follows:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| • Full Membership: | 126 |
| • Special Purpose Membership: | 13 |
| • Tertiary Education Organisation Membership: | 2 |
| • Disaffiliation: | 5 |

In total, **141 associations** were affiliated for the 2025–2026 period, representing a net decrease of five associations compared to 2024–2025.



WOMEN & GIRLS

The Women & Girls space experienced significant growth throughout 2025, highlighted by the launch of Basketball Victoria's largest program in this area to date and the continued expansion of existing initiatives. This work reflects a strong commitment to increasing participation, leadership and opportunity for women and girls across Victoria.

Our 2025 data informs us that at 10 years of age, girls make up 36% of junior domestic basketball registrations, gradually falling to 28% by 15 years of age and 22% by 17 years of age. Girls' domestic registrations are increasing year on year (up 4% on 2024) and make up 32% of all junior domestic registrations across all age groups.

PLAY OUR WAY – SKILLS, FUN AND PLAY CLINICS

A major milestone was the receipt of **Play Our Way** funding from the Australian Sports Commission, enabling the delivery of Basketball Victoria's most ambitious Women and Girls program to date.

The Skills, Fun and Play clinics are being delivered to **500 Victorian primary schools**, with a target of reaching **20,000 girls** in Years 3–6 between May 2025 and June 2027.

2025 outcomes:

- Schools attended: **92**
- Girls provided with a basketball experience: **6,098**

The **Play Our Way** grant also supports the following initiatives:

Association Grants (up to \$2,000 per association across four rounds), recipients included:

Ballarat, Broadmeadows, Pakenham & District, Riddells Creek Junior Mixed, Western Port, Diamond Valley, Wyndham, Benalla, Chelsea & District, Keilor, Lakes Entrance, Warragul & District, Darebin, Maryborough, Melbourne Central, Mornington District, Port Fairy, St Arnaud and Surfcoast Basketball Associations.

Wheelchair Road Shows – expanding adaptive sport opportunities for women and girls.

Lead Your Way – leadership development activities for girls aged 13–17.

B-ALL-IN – The B-All-In program continued to grow under the State Government's Together More Active funding, expanding from **7 to 14** associations in 2025.



Notably, **three domestic teams** formed directly as a result of program participation, demonstrating tangible community impact.

Calling the Court – Women Leaders in Sport – Established in 2025 through the Women Leaders in Sport grant, Calling the Court brought together 12 women for a full day seminar at the State Basketball Centre, facilitated by Making the Call. The program focused on developing confidence, communication and leadership in sports broadcasting and commentary.

Accelerated Women's Coaching Program – Now in its second year, the Accelerated Women's Coaching Program continues to establish itself as one of the most sought-after development opportunities in the state. Led by Rob Coulter, the program selected **10 participants from 46 applicants**, culminating in a three-day immersive experience at the 2025 U16 Foot Locker National Championships in Bendigo.

Participants received training and development from an outstanding team of experienced coaches and leaders, including:

Rob Coulter, BV's High Performance Coach – Vic Country, Zoe Carr, Carol Fox, Dr. Julia Walsh and Basketball Australia's GM Performance Pathways and Centre of Excellence at Basketball, Peter Lonergan.

Outcomes:

- All participants completed association level coaching accreditation
- Five participants were appointed to State Team coaching roles for the 2026 National Championships

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

2025 marked the first year of Basketball Victoria's *2025–2028 Wheelchair Action Plan*, with ambitious targets across schools, community, pathways and elite competition. Basketball Victoria has invested heavily in this area and is proud to be the custodians of Wheelchair Basketball.

School Wheelchair Clinics:

Sessions delivered:	400+
Participants:	8,206

The program's reach and impact reflect the increasing demand for adaptive sport experiences within Victorian schools and underscores BV's commitment to expanding access and awareness of wheelchair basketball across the community.

WHEELCHAIR COMMUNITY HUBS

Basketball Victoria has created a sustainable, community-driven infrastructure that supports participation at every level, from first-time players to those pursuing competitive pathways. The continued expansion of this network reflects BV's long-term vision for an inclusive basketball landscape where geography is no barrier to opportunity.

Basketball Victoria's **12 Wheelchair Community Hubs** operate across Mildura, Wodonga, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Kilsyth, Waverley, Frankston, Shepparton, Warrnambool, Wyndham and MSAC, with Warragul pending establishment. These hubs remove barriers to access by providing equipment and localised programming across metropolitan and regional Victoria.

CORPORATE WHEELCHAIR TEAM BUILDING

Basketball Victoria partnered with SALTO Systems to deliver an immersive wheelchair basketball team building experience led by former Paralympian Leanne Del Toso. The session challenged participants to adapt, collaborate and build resilience, deepening their understanding of adaptive sport and strengthening SALTO's connection to the athletes and pathways they support. This initiative will be further explored in 2026, enabling more organisations to experience the powerful role inclusive sport can play in team building.

VICTORIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE (VWBL)

2025 saw the launch of the inaugural **Victorian Wheelchair Basketball League**, with teams representing Frankston, Kilsyth, Wyndham, Geelong, Bendigo and Diamond Valley.

The Kilsyth Cobras were crowned inaugural champions, completing an undefeated season and defeating Wyndham in the Grand Final at the State Basketball Centre.

The establishment of the **VWBL** represents a landmark step forward in the growth and formalisation of competitive wheelchair basketball across Victoria.

VICTORIA WONDERS (WNWBL)

The debut of the **Victoria Wonders** women's wheelchair basketball team was a major milestone, with the team finishing fourth nationally in their inaugural season of the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League.

National League honours:

Coach of the Year:	Jeremy Synot
Defensive Player of the Year:	Shelley Matheson
All Star 5:	Leanne Del Toso

The team's debut elevated the profile of women's wheelchair basketball in Victoria and provided a clear and aspirational progression point for female wheelchair basketball athletes across the state.



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

WALKING BASKETBALL

Walking Basketball continued its strong growth trajectory in 2025:

Programs delivered: (22 metro, 10 regional & 1 BV managed)	33
Participants:	421
Year-on-year growth:	14%

“Walking basketball isn’t about how fast you are. It’s not about how high you can jump. It’s about belonging. It’s about building genuine friendships, feeling seen and valued, staying active in both body and mind, and being part of something bigger than yourself. For many, it’s the highlight of the week. A reason to get out of the house. A reason to laugh. A reason to move. A reason to connect.”

*Tanya Thomas – Program Support Officer,
Frankston and District Basketball Association*

Participation opportunities expanded significantly throughout the year. Frankston now delivers a weekly competition alongside its skills and development sessions, while many associations are hosting regular monthly games in partnership with neighbouring associations. Southern Basketball Association has established a weekly competition involving surrounding programs, a model that continues to inspire similar growth across the network.

The annual *Walking Basketball Celebration Day* attracted **16 associations** and **192 participants**, while festival activations and Come and Try days were delivered with Knox, Manningham, Boroondara, Darebin, Melbourne and Stonnington Councils.

Walking Basketball was also proudly featured at the Masters Games, with a dedicated division included in tournaments held in Bulleen and Torquay. These activations further strengthened community engagement and awareness, reinforcing Walking Basketball’s role as a vital pathway for older Victorians to stay active, connected and involved in the sport.



PRIDE MONTH

Pride Month was delivered for a second consecutive year, with Pride Rounds hosted across NBL1 and Big V competitions, further deepening the sport’s commitment to inclusion and visibility for the LGBTQ+ community.

Growth from 2024 to 2025:

Teams participating:	68 → 86
Associations involved:	27 → 33
Year-on-year growth	22%



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER – MULTICULTURAL

In late 2025, Basketball Victoria secured VicHealth funding to appoint a **Multicultural Diversity and Inclusion Officer**, commencing in 2026. The role will support local partnerships and drive an integrated approach to improving health, equity and sustainability outcomes for culturally and racially diverse communities.

The position will focus on increasing participation and representation across all areas of basketball while embedding culturally safe, welcoming and inclusive practices. Working closely with communities, associations and the sport and recreation sector, the role will support the design and delivery of programs that reflect the needs and aspirations of diverse cultural groups, strengthening long-term inclusion across participation pathways, governance and decision-making.





DEAKIN / OHIO UNIVERSITY / BASKETBALL VICTORIA GLOBAL CONSULTING PROJECT

In 2025, Basketball Victoria partnered with Deakin University and Ohio University's College of Business students on an international consulting project that brought fresh, external insight to key participation programs.

Twenty-five students worked in five teams to analyse and develop growth strategies for one of BV's key participation programs – B-All-In, Walking Basketball, Wheelchair Basketball, Ford Aussie Hoops and All Abilities. The objective of the project was to identify opportunities to increase participation across Victoria, with each team developing and delivering a tailored growth strategy specific to their assigned program. Over a two-week period in Victoria, each team conducted detailed research and presented practical, data driven recommendations directly to Basketball Victoria.

The project delivered valuable, objective perspectives on participation growth while providing students with real-world experience addressing a genuine industry challenge. The partnership reinforced the value of external collaboration in strengthening programs and supporting Basketball Victoria's mission to grow the game across the state.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW

2025 was another strong year for basketball participation across Victoria, with growth recorded across key participation metrics. In 2025, Victoria recorded **225,647 unique domestic participants**, including:

- Total juniors: **162,699**
- Junior girls: **53,428 / 33%**
- Total women and girls: **66,168**

OVERALL PARTICIPATION

YEAR	NUMBER	INCREASE
2025	225,647	2.2%
2024	220,771	3.5%
2023	213,318	6.3%

↑ **6%**
INCREASE
SINCE 2023

Women and girls participation grew to **66,168**, driven by targeted investment in programs including **Play Our Way** and **B-All-In** and association level grant programs. Junior participation remained the foundation of Victoria's basketball community, with **162,699 junior participants** recorded statewide. Whilst the emergence of **11-year-olds as the largest single participation cohort (17,169 registrations)** reinforces the importance of investing in high quality junior programs and pathways to support retention as players progress through the sport.

Please note: Unique domestic participant figures reflect individuals holding a BV license. All duplicate registrations, individuals participating across multiple competitions, and program numbers, including Ford Aussie Hoops, Walking Basketball, holiday camps and clinics, and pathway numbers, have been removed to ensure accuracy and consistency of reporting.

OVERALL REGISTRATIONS

TOTAL NUMBER	2025	%	2024	%
WOMEN & GIRLS	66,168	29%	63,128	29%
MEN & BOYS	159,479	71%	157,334	71%
TOTAL	225,647		220,771	

TOTAL INCREASE	2025	% INCREASE	%
WOMEN & GIRLS	3,040		58.63%
MEN & BOYS	2,145		41.36%
TOTAL	5,185	2.2%	

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Basketball Victoria's Sporting Schools program continued to deliver strong growth with a **21% increase in bookings and a 23% increase in participation** from 2024 to 2025. These numbers reinforce basketball's role as an accessible entry point to the sport and strengthening pathways into local associations across Victoria.

YEAR	SESSIONS	PARTICIPANTS
2025	511	66,377
2024	422	53,951
2023	289	32,430

↑ **23%**
INCREASE
PARTICIPATION



FORD AUSSIE HOOPS

The Ford Aussie Hoops program continues to record year-on-year growth, including positive increases in girls' participation. However, the overall participation share has remained relatively stable, indicating that boys' participation is growing at a similar, or slightly higher, rate.

- Total participants: **20,136**
- Year-on-year total participation growth: **+1,762 / +9.6%**
- Girls' participation: **6,325 / 32%**
- Year-on-year girls participation growth: **+642 / 11.3%**



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY & GROWTH

In 2025, the Community Development Team partnered with basketball associations across Victoria to strengthen governance, strategic planning and data informed decision-making, supporting sustainable participation growth aligned to Basketball Victoria's strategic pillars.

Targeted support lifted governance capability through board coaching, governance reviews and health checks, improving role clarity, accountability and risk oversight. Associations were supported to develop and refresh strategic plans aligned to community needs, translating priorities into practical, measurable actions that strengthen organisational sustainability and growth management.

Data analysis was embedded into planning processes to identify participation trends, opportunities and risks, shifting decision-making from anecdotal insights to evidence based strategies. Partnerships with councils and external stakeholders also supported facility planning, feasibility work and advocacy, strengthening long-term provisions to meet community demand. This integrated approach has improved governance maturity, strengthened strategic planning, enabled informed growth decisions and deepened relationships with local government, supporting sustainable basketball growth across Victoria.

KEY PROJECTS AND DELIVERY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

- Association Health Checks with follow-up recommendations and governance support.
- Internal benchmarking across fees, court hire, participation trends and workforce models.
- Strategic planning support for Macedon Ranges, Wonthaggi, Morwell and Westgate.
- Volunteer strategy support and Community Connect weekly communications.
- Damian Pyle Grants (six recipients received \$3,000 each).
- Festival of Basketball delivered with SEM Phoenix, engaging 300 participants.
- Contributions to the BV Growth Strategy, Game Plan Summit and Child Safety initiatives.
- Facility advocacy and council engagement.





FACILITIES, GOVERNMENT & INNOVATION

With demand for basketball continuing to surge across Victoria, access to courts remains one of Basketball Victoria’s most pressing challenges. Demand in many parts of the state continues to far outstrip supply and expanding the availability of high quality indoor facilities is critical to supporting associations, meeting community needs and ensuring every Victorian who wants to play basketball can get on court.

Throughout 2025, Basketball Victoria continued to advocate strongly to all levels of government for ongoing investment in basketball infrastructure. Our focus is clear: improve the condition of and increase the number of courts across the state to sustain participation growth and ensure grassroots basketball remains accessible, equitable, and community centred.

DELIVERING NEW COURTS FOR VICTORIAN COMMUNITIES

In 2025, construction commenced on 25 new courts across six locations, strengthening the state’s pipeline of new community sport infrastructure. These projects included:

- Frankston Basketball Stadium – 6 new courts
- Wauron Ponds Stadium (Geelong) – 4 new courts
- Armstrong Creek (Geelong) – 6 new courts
- Forest Hill Chase – 3 new courts
- Bendigo Basketball Stadium – 2 new courts
- Mernda Regional Sports Precinct – 4 new courts

In addition, five projects completed design phase, securing funding and preparing to begin construction in 2026/27. Upon completion, these venues will add a further 22 courts for Victorian participants:

- Yarrowonga Multipurpose Stadium – 2 courts
- Benalla Indoor Recreation Stadium – 2 courts
- Albert Park – 7 additional courts
- Shorten Reserve (RecWest) – 2 courts
- Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct – 3 courts
- Nunawading Basketball Stadium – 11 courts

These projects collectively represent significant momentum in expanding Victoria’s indoor court network, ensuring that rapidly growing participation numbers are matched by continued infrastructure investment.



FACILITIES, GOVERNMENT & INNOVATION



ARMSTRONG CREEK



FOREST HILL CHASE



WAURON PONDS



ADVOCATING FOR THE FUTURE

The message from our associations has been clear: court capacity is the limiting factor on sustainable growth. *“Demand is strong, but the system jams up quickly when facility access, condition, and planning aren’t moving.”* As participation continues to rise, ensuring a strong and sustainable pipeline of new basketball facilities will remain a strategic priority.

Basketball Victoria has already begun preparations ahead of the November 2026 Victorian state election, developing a refreshed list of 33 council-endorsed priority projects for government consideration. This work ensures our advocacy efforts remain coordinated, evidence-based and responsive to the needs of associations and their communities.



NUNAWADING REDEVELOPMENT

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Luminaire Selection

There are many factors that need to be considered when selecting a luminaire. These include:

- Cost
- Energy Efficiency
- Maintenance Costs
- Light Loss Factor
- Comfort

LED luminaires consume far less energy and require almost zero maintenance compared to older style metal halide luminaires. Additionally, LED luminaires provide better quality, quantity and uniformity of light resulting in approximately 50% less kilowatt-hours (kWh).

Reduced number of total luminaires ensures less light sources for glare and increases power savings (especially when coupled with effective dimming or switching).



Lighting Glare

Glare from both natural and artificial lighting can have a negative impact on both the safety of participants and the experiences of spectators. In the worst case, bad glare can render a court unusable during certain times of the day. It suggests undertaking diligence during the facility design phase to map natural light glare throughout different times of the day.

There are two types of glare that need to be considered with lighting design:

- **Discomfort glare:** This affects individuals over time, leading to headaches and visual discomfort (e.g. an area is so bright that everyone in the space has to 'squint').
- **Disability glare:** Has a more immediate effect, impeding the visibility and performance in sports, and can cause errors or injuries (e.g. a player looks directly at the light source when competing in a jump ball, causing them to not see the ball).

Light Loss Factor

The light output of all luminaires will gradually decrease over time. To ensure longevity of the lighting system, the light loss factors should be incorporated into the design to optimise the time the lighting system is expected to remain compliant for.

STRENGTHENING INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE VICTORIAN BASKETBALL FACILITIES GUIDE

A major milestone in 2025 was the release of Basketball Victoria's first comprehensive indoor basketball facilities guide. This document is the most detailed resource of its kind in Australia.

This guide streamlines the planning and design process for local councils, state and federal government partners, and industry professionals by consolidating all stadium design requirements into one accessible, practical document. It provides planners with a clear rationale for new court investment, ensures alignment with participant and association needs, and helps deliver facilities that meet contemporary standards for safety, accessibility and community use.

The guide has already become a key reference point for government agencies and is strengthening the consistency and quality of basketball facility planning across the state.





MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS & DIGITAL





2025 was a year of sustained growth across Basketball Victoria's (BV) digital ecosystem, with strong gains in audience, engagement, and platform reach despite significant changes in the broader marketplace.

Our combined social media audience across Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube grew to **191,934 fans**, up from 176,000 in 2024 – a **9.1% year-on-year increase**. Total engagements reached **1,695,293**, representing **48.7% growth** from 2024, while impressions also enjoyed a healthy increase to **53.95 million**, a **66.5% increase** in overall digital visibility.

These results were achieved in a year where social platforms began removing under 16 accounts ahead of the Australian Government's December ban on social media access for minors. Between 1–10 December alone, BV recorded a reduction of **1,848 accounts** across platforms. Despite this mandated decline, full year audience growth remained firmly positive, demonstrating both the strength and resilience of BV's community.

Growth was supported by a consistent cadence of content production, expanded tournament coverage, strategic partnership integrations, and major events including the **Game Plan – Basketball Summit**. Collectively, these efforts ensured that Basketball Victoria maintained strong digital engagement while continuing to elevate our sport's presence across the state.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

The CRM (HubSpot) remained central to BV's communications ecosystem, enabling structured, targeted messaging to distinct audience segments across our 335k+ database.

Data integrity was a major focus in 2025, with substantial cleansing and re-engagement efforts improving our understanding of real performance.

- **Open rate:** **20.38%** (up from 15.47% in 2024)
- **Opens:** **761,170** (639,957 in 2024)
- **Emails sent:** **3.74M** (down from 4.17M in 2024)
- **Click through rate (CTR):** **5.83%** (18.83% in 2024)

A targeted workflow re-engaged inactive subscribers, boosting unique opens despite sending fewer total emails. CTR decline was anticipated due to fewer partner offers and a shift towards operational content servicing our community as the priority.

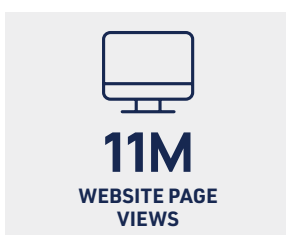
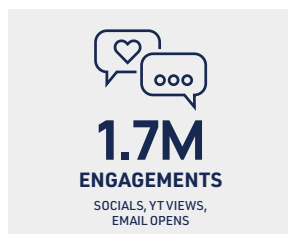
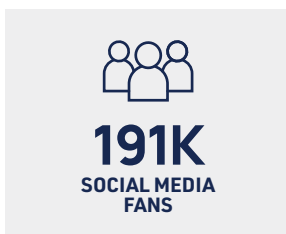
Basketball Victoria's website continued to perform strongly as a central information source for the community:

- **Sessions:** **1.9M** (up from 1.8M)
- **Page views:** **11M** (up from 10M)

Ongoing improvements to content structure and cross channel promotion supported consistent growth.

In 2025, Basketball Victoria recorded **1,061 media mentions** across broadcast audio, online news and television, reflecting high interest in community basketball and BV activities.

Online news delivered the strongest proportion of positive coverage, while audio media remained the dominant channel for reach, with sentiment patterns reflecting broader trends across community sport reporting.



MAJOR INITIATIVES

FROM THE SIDELINES

Back for its second year, the From the Sidelines amateur photography competition saw exceptional growth, attracting **1,000+ entries – a 200% increase** on 2024. The initiative has become a genuine talent pathway, offering aspiring photographers the opportunity to shoot live games alongside professionals. Finalists were recognised at the Basketball Victoria Awards night, highlighting the creative talent within our community.

PROJECT WHISTLE

Launched in two phases, **Project Whistle** addressed behaviour towards referees with a focus on safety, respect and cultural change. This campaign over indexed in all performance metrics, demonstrating the desire for this topic to be prioritised in our community.

The first phase '**Breathe**' drove a broad awareness campaign with the launch to market aligned to International Referee Day on October 11th.

The first post was extremely successful, achieving **105k+ views, 2K+ likes and 584 shares**.

The second phase, '**Green Whistle**' highlighted the vulnerability of junior referees, educating the community that 'green whistle' referees are under 18.

Project Whistle continues into 2026 with more content and resources, reinforcing BV's ongoing commitment to safeguarding our referees' and officials' community.

DIGITAL ENABLEMENT

In its inaugural year, **BV Passport** became the primary platform for Big V registrations and BV media accreditation, replacing several manual processes with a single, centralised system.

- **Media applications:** **259**
181 male / 77 female / 1 prefer not to say
- **Big V applications:** **3,497**
1,985 male / 1,511 female / 1 prefer not to say
2,723 players / 505 coaches / 186 team staff
67 delegates / 16 BV

The platform provided complete visibility across roles and competitions, supporting improved data capture and operational consistency whilst providing a live system to make adjustments throughout the year and enable review of these accreditations/registrations in real time.

The **Postcode Checker** continued to be a high value self-service tool for associations, participants, and staff with over **3k suburb lookups** and **18k postcode checks**.

The tool significantly reduced administrative burden by offering clear, reliable Country/Metro designation without manual interpretation.



GAME PLAN – BASKETBALL SUMMIT

The 2025 **Game Plan – Basketball Summit** marked a major evolution – transitioning from online delivery to BV's first largescale, i- person professional development event for basketball and sport administrators more broadly. Some very positive results in its inaugural year with over **200+ attendees**.

- **Event webpage: 17k+ views** from **11k+ unique visitors**
- **Paid social reach: 24k+ people reached** and **36k+ views**

A three-month marketing campaign, strengthened by a strong line-up of industry speakers and an exhibitor expo, established the event as a key professional development asset within Victorian basketball and community sport.

GAME
BASKETBALL VICTORIA SUMMIT
PLAN





PLAYHQ PLATFORM AND PARTICIPATION HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, PlayHQ continued to evolve as a comprehensive competition and administration platform, delivering new tools that strengthened governance, improved operational efficiency, and enhanced the participant experience across basketball.

BV became the first major sporting organisation in Australia to implement **PlaySafe**, a strengthened safeguarding and compliance framework designed to ensure that all coaches and team managers meet required eligibility, screening and integrity standards before participating in competition environments.

PlaySafe integrates role-based verification and credential checks directly into the competition registration process. This ensures individuals in child-related, or leadership roles complete the necessary screening and acknowledgements prior to participation, supporting a safer and more accountable basketball environment.

To ensure a high-quality user experience, implementation was rolled out in a phased approach, launching to the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) in late 2025. During the initial phase the system reached:

- **3,658 coaches**
- **2,179 team managers**

Based on unique registrations to competitions and programs between October 2024 and October 2025, we are forecasting approximately **45,000 credential checks** to be completed within the first 12 months of full implementation.

Following the successful VJBL implementation, preparations commenced for broader activation, with all competitions scheduled to go live in 2026.

The 2025 rollout phase has positioned **PlaySafe** as a critical safeguard within our competition ecosystem, strengthening governance, reducing administrative burden on our members, enhancing compliance visibility, and reinforcing our commitment to safe participation for everyone.

We're also proud to share the impact of the **'Play It Forward'** partnership with TeamSports4All (TS4A) over the past year. Throughout 2025, basketball participants had the option to contribute \$10 to TS4A during their PlayHQ registration, and the response from the community was incredible. A total of **\$205,000 was donated**, with every dollar going directly to helping children from low socio-economic backgrounds access local sporting clubs through uniforms, equipment, and registration support. This is a testament to the generosity of the basketball community and their commitment to breaking down barriers, so more kids get the chance to play.



COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIPS

2025 delivered strong commercial outcomes, with major partnership renewals, new sponsors to the Basketball Victoria family and expanded support for accessibility, wellbeing and community connection.

OrthoSport Victoria Institute (OSVi) - The year began with a new three-year partnership with OSVi, a leading provider of musculoskeletal and sports medicine care. This collaboration enhances athlete wellbeing across all levels of basketball in Victoria by combining OSVi's world-class expertise with BV's commitment to athlete development.

Through this partnership, BV athletes now have access to: Weekend Sports Injury Emergency Clinic, Allied Health Services, Integrated Musculoskeletal & Orthopaedic Services, Biomechanics and Performance Testing, Elite Strength and Conditioning Programs and Athlete Education and Development.

This partnership will significantly boost athlete fitness, safety, and overall wellbeing across the basketball community.

HLS Healthcare - We also welcomed HLS Healthcare as a new two-year partner. HLS specialises in patient handling, lifting, and transfer solutions, including Australia's largest supply of Changing Places and Accessible Adult Change Facility installations. HLS also continued its commitment to inclusive sports programs, as a sponsor of BV's Junior Wheelchair State Team in 2025.

Endeavour Foundation Cup - We were pleased to welcome Endeavour Foundation as the naming rights partner for our specialist schools competition, now known as the Endeavour Foundation Cup. Their support strengthens our ability to deliver meaningful sporting opportunities for all-abilities students through eight tournaments culminating in the State Championships each December.

AUSA Hoops - Basketball Victoria established a new strategic partnership with AUSA Hoops in 2025, appointing it as the exclusive College Pathways Partner to enhance Victorian athletes' access to U.S. collegiate opportunities. The collaboration delivers education, exposure tours and subsidised opportunities aligned with BV's high-performance pathway.

Belgravia Apparel / New Balance Renewal - A major highlight was the renewal of our partnership with Belgravia Apparel / New Balance for a further three years. This extension ensures Victorian players, associations, clubs, and officials continue to access high-quality performance and lifestyle apparel from one of the world's fastest-growing sportswear brands, backed by Belgravia's extensive expertise. The New Balance range remains a staple across all BV programs, from grassroots to elite state teams.

Transport Accident Commission (TAC) - Basketball Victoria also entered a new partnership with the TAC in 2025 to support a statewide road-safety initiative engaging associations and clubs across Victoria. The collaboration centres on the TAC Club Participation Program and the 2026 Road Safety Round (held 19 Jan - 1 Feb 2026), where players, coaches and officials wore blue armbands to promote safer driving and honour those affected by road trauma.

With basketball being Victoria's highest-participation team sport, the partnership empowers BV to promote critical messages - *Slow down. Make the right choice. Be the Difference* - to a community that collectively travels significant distances each season. As part of the partnership, clubs also have access to TAC resources and are eligible for merchandise and voucher incentives by actively championing road safety.

NBA 2K - Our ongoing collaboration with 2K Games continued in 2025 as we delivered a multi-channel media campaign supporting the launch of their flagship title, NBA 2K26.

Game Plan - Basketball Summit - A strong lineup of sponsors and exhibitors for our inaugural Game Plan Summit in November was another commercial milestone. As BV's first large-scale conference and expo for associations and clubs, the support of our partners was instrumental in delivering a high-quality event.





PATHWAYS & HIGH PERFORMANCE

PATHWAYS

2025 was a strong year for Basketball Victoria's Pathways programs, underpinned by continued growth and high level outcomes across national and international environments.

Under the leadership of our High Performance Coaches – **Darren Best (Metro Men)**, **Jenna O'Hea (Metro Women)**, **Zoe Carr (Country Women)** and **Nathan Cooper-Brown (Country Men)** – Victorian athletes continued to perform at an elite level across a wide range of competitions.

Midyear, we farewelled **Darren Best** and **Nathan Cooper-Brown** as they progressed onto new opportunities, concluding highly successful tenures leading the Metro and Country Men's programs respectively. We thank both coaches for their significant contribution to the development of Victorian athletes and the broader Pathways system. Following their departures, Basketball Victoria was pleased to appoint **Brenton O'Brien** as High Performance Coach – Country Men, elevate **David Peters** to High Performance Coach – Metro Men, and welcome **Nathan Geer** as State Development Coach – Metro. These appointments ensured continuity, experience and depth across the Pathways coaching structure. We also welcomed **Dom Linossier** to the role of General Manager – Pathways to lead the department and look forward to seeing what the Pathways team will achieve in this evolution.

Supported by the Victorian State Government, the High Performance program continues to deliver best practice, worldclass training environments, with an increased focus on the holistic development of athletes both on and off the court. We extend our sincere thanks to the associations who partner with us to host and deliver programs across our 11 **High Performance Hub** locations: Ballarat; Bendigo; Broadmeadows; Casey; Diamond Valley; Geelong; Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC); Shepparton; State Basketball Centre (Knox); Traralgon; and Wyndham.

In 2025, High Performance programs supported **1,830 athletes** (47% female) and 276 coaches (28% female), reflecting the continued growth of basketball across Victoria and our commitment to accessible, inclusive pathways.

Program participation included:

- **Future Development Program (U13 & U14)**
1,020 participants – 475 female participants (46.5%)
- **State Development Program (U15, U16, U17 & U18)**
758 participants – 363 female participants (47.9%)
- **National Performance Program (U16, U17 & U18)**
33 participants – 10 female participants (30.3%)
- **Wheelchair State Development Program**
19 participants – 6 female participants (31.6%)



HIGH PERFORMANCE

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Victorian teams delivered an outstanding year of results at the **Basketball Australia Foot Locker National Championships**, with **seven (7) teams crowned National Champions**.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

- U16 Victoria Metro Women
- U16 Victoria Metro Men
- U18 Victoria Metro Women
- U18 Victoria Country Men
- U20 Victoria Navy Men
- Ivor Burge Men
- Ivor Burge Women

BRONZE MEDALLISTS

- U20 Victoria Women

PLACINGS

- U16 Victoria Country Men – 5th
- U16 Victoria Country Women – 6th
- U18 Victoria Country Women – 4th
- U18 Victoria Metro Men – 5th
- Victoria Junior Wheelchair – 4th
- U20 Victoria Men – 4th
- U20 Victoria Navy Women – 7th

These results reinforce the depth, consistency and strength of Victoria's Pathways system across all disciplines.



**7 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
GOLD MEDALS IN 2025**

NATIONAL TEAMS & PROGRAMS

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (AIS, CANBERRA)

Women Eliza Ashby, Emilija Dakic, Bonnie Deas, Sitaya Fagan, Sienna Harvey, Sarah Portlock, Sophie Taylor David Herbert (Head Coach)

Men Roor Akhwar, Guer Bar, Che Brogan, Will Hamilton, Marcus Vaughns Braden Cotter (Assistant Coach)

NBA GLOBAL ACADEMY

Dash Daniels, Jai Fa'ale, Mading Kuany

NATIONAL PERFORMANCE CAMP

Eliza Ashby, Guer Bar, Tom Dammers, Jai Fa'ale, Sitaya Fagan, Will Hamilton, Sam Haslett, Nyapath Machot, Alexander Mabbott, Sophie Richardson, Madison Ryan, Willow Smith, Vanessa Tavete, Matilda Trout

VICTORIA SELECT & INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

B.League U18 International Cup, Japan – Men (Champions)

Xavier Adams, Tom Dammers, Austin Foxwell, Lochlin Harvey, Sam Haslett, Brody Hull, Keegan Johnson, Lachlan Kangeisser, Alexander Mabbott, Joshua McCann, Heath McPherson, Harry Nielson Darren Best (Associate Head Coach), Nathan Cooper-Brown (Associate Head Coach), James McKinnon (Assistant Coach)

BLIA Cup, Taiwan – Women

Eliza Ashby, Elisa Brown, Maddison Crotty, Harriet Drummond, Lily Exton, Valerija Ljubicic, Ruby Mewett, Poppy Myers, Mica Nightingale, Charlotte Ogier, Willow Smith Mat Holmes (Head Coach), Cristy McClusky (Assistant Coach), Joanne Holmes (Team Manager)

BLIA Cup, Taiwan – Men

Ragge Abeil, Joseph Buckle, Logan Hamilton, Ayden Kenshole, Emmanuel Majak, Cooper McCallam, Mitchell McIntosh, Ivan Muric, Nathan Schofield, Chandler Siegle, Jacob Stefek Fernando Rios-Rodriguez (Head Coach), Dean Gluyas (Assistant Coach)

Shanghai Future Stars Basketball Championship – Men (Bronze Medallists)

Christian Beecroft, Floyd Brooks, Ryder Cleary, Archie Coady, Riley Dilges, Ashel Fernandes, Sam Haslett, Keegan Johnson, Liam Keogh, Sonny Maxwell, Bior Mayen, Edward O'Neill Brenton O'Brien (Head Coach), David Quinn (Assistant Coach), Ben White (Team Manager)

FIBA & INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

U16 Sapphires Asia Cup – Women (Champions)

Marianela Fakalata, Sophie Richardson, Madison Ryan (All-Star Five), Laura Seiz, Matilda Trout Jenna O'Hea (Assistant Coach)

U16 Crocs Asia Cup – Men (Champions)

Lucas Byrne, Tom Dammers, Will Hamilton (All-Star Five), Alexander Mabbott, Joshua McCann, Max Pavey Ash Arnott (Assistant Coach), Rhys Carter (Assistant Coach)

U19 Gems World Cup – Women (Silver Medallists)

Emilija Dakic, Bonnie Deas (All-Star Five), Sitaya Fagan, Sienna Harvey, Manuela Puoch, Madison Ryan Jack Fleming (Assistant Coach)

U19 Emus World Cup – Men

Che Brogan, Dash Daniels, Luke Fennell, Mading Kuany, Jack Whitbourn Mark Sainsbury (Team Manager)

U17 Gems Oceania Championships – Women (Champions)

Eliza Ashby, Sitaya Fagan (Tournament MVP & All-Star Five), Madison Ryan (All-Star Five) Zoe Carr (Head Coach), Jacqui O'Neal (Assistant Coach)

U17 Emus Oceania Championships – Men (Silver Medallists)

Guer Bar, Yahya Basaran, Jai Fa'ale (All-Star Five), Will Hamilton Brenton O'Brien (Head Coach), Braden Cotter (Assistant Coach), Luke Kendall (Assistant Coach)

SENIOR NATIONAL TEAMS

Opals Asia Cup – Women (Champions)

Chloe Bibby, Sara Blicavs, Abbey Ellis, Steph Reid Cheryl Chambers (Assistant Coach)

Boomers Asia Cup – Men (Champions)

Dash Daniels, Owen Foxwell, Jack White Dean Vickerman (Head Coach)

2025 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTIONS

Opals

Lauren Scherf, Nyadiew Puoch, Maddi Rocci, Alexandra Sharp

Boomers

Ben Ayre, Josh Bannan, Luke Fennell, Keli Leaupepe, Sean Macdonald, David Okwera, Elijah Pepper, Austin Rapp





PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS

WNBL

Abbey Ellis, Alex Sharp, Chantel Horvat, Dakota Crichton, Dallas Loughridge, Gemma Potter, Georgia Booth, Imogen Rock, Jazmin Shelley, Maddi Rocci, Manuela Puoch, Nya Lok, Nyadiew Puoch, Stephanie Gorman, Georgia Taylor, Abbey Wehrung, Agnes Emma-Nnopu, Caitlyn Van Es, Isobelle Wightman, Isabella Brancatisano, Jade Melbourne, Kelly Wilson, Nikita Young, Olivia Pollerd, Poppy Stevens, Sara Blicavs, Tayha Watkins, Tayli DiMarco, Jo Wood, Kristi Harrower, John White, Mat Holmes, Kaleb Sclater, Hannah Ronan-Black, Simon Nicholson, Megan Moody.

NBL

Anthony Drmic, Ben Ayre, Brody Nunn, Che Brogan, Daniel Foster, Campbell Blogg, Dash Daniels, David Okwera, Austin Foxwell, Josh Bannan, Owen Foxwell, Tom Koppen, Tristan Devers, Dejan Vasiljevic, Tyler Robertson, Shaun Bruce, Keli Leaupepe, Sean McDonald, Ellis Biggar, Nathan Sobey, Elijah Pepper, Henry Sewell, Jack Purchase, Jensen Bradtke, Kobe Williamson, Kyle Adnam, Mason Peatling, Matthew Dellavedova, Nicolas Tata, Patrick Ryan, Andy Lim, David Barlow, Rhys Carter, Luke Rosendale, Jack Fleming, Dean Vickerman, Tom Wilson.

WNBA

Alanna Smith, Ezi Magbegor, Jade Melbourne, Rebecca Allen, Georgia Amoore (pictured), Nyadiew Puoch, Chloe Bibby

NBA

Dyson Daniels, Johnny Furphy, Josh Giddey, Jock Landale, Dante Exum, Jack White, Ben Simmons, Brett Brown, Damien Cotter.

COACH DEVELOPMENT

In 2025, **over 4,000 coaches** completed nationally accredited courses through Basketball Victoria, supported by **23,378 coach education touchpoints** across courses, clinics, mentoring and event based feedback. **Female coaches represented 27.8%** of all accreditations.

Key highlights included:

- Continued growth in school based Community Coach accreditation.
- Delivery of Community and Club courses in Darwin and Alice Springs.
- The second **Accelerated Women's Coaching Program**, with multiple participants appointed to 2026 Victorian State Team staff.
- The **Talking Split** podcast surpassing **250,000 listens across more than 175 episodes**.

2025 MANDATORY COACH ACCREDITATION DATA

LEVELS	COURSES	W&G	M&B	NS	COACHES
COMMUNITY	100	905	2,046	317	3,268
CLUB	58	255	670	138	1,063
ASSOCIATION	6	18	56	21	95
TOTAL	164	1,178	2,772	476	4,426



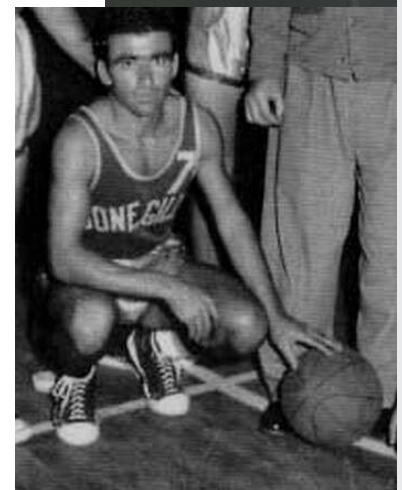


*Theo's Meats
sponsored the
Albert Park courts
for many years.*

THEODOROS KOTSABAKIDIS CONTINUES TO SUPPORT ASPIRING ATHLETES

In 2025, Basketball Victoria awarded more than \$45,000 in grants through the Theodoros Kotsabakidis Athlete Assistance Fund, supporting 40 emerging athletes. These grants help young people with the potential to compete at an elite level, who may not otherwise have the means to pursue their ambitions – made possible thanks to the enduring generosity and bequest in 2018 of long-time basketball supporter Theodoros Kotsabakidis (Theo's Meats).

The Basketball Victoria Board manages the fund to ensure it can continue supporting talented athletes well into the future, with annual distributions to successful applicants.



*Theo in his playing days
for Bonegilla*



LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE



NBL1 South remains a critical pathway for Victorian athletes aspiring to the NBL, WNBL and professional opportunities globally. The calibre of talent continues to be a point of distinction:

PLAYER CATEGORY	NUMBER
WNBL	37
NBL	26
INTERNATIONAL	52



NBL1 SOUTH

The 2025 NBL1 South season reinforced the competition’s position as Australia’s leading state based league, delivering an on-court standard that continues to rise, outstanding competitive balance and strong growth in audience engagement.

Once again, 19 teams competed in a 22-game home and away season.

The depth of the competition was reflected in finals qualification, with 15 of 19 clubs having at least one team qualify for finals across the men’s and women’s competitions.

2025 NBL1 SOUTH CHAMPIONS

Women:	Knox
Men:	Sandringham

TOTAL GAMES	436
Regular season games:	418
Finals series games:	18

ATTENDANCE **6% INCREASE**

In 2025, two new champions were crowned: Knox Raiders (Women), who went on to claim the NBL1 National Championship in Canberra, and Sandringham Sabres (Men). Knox defeated Geelong United in the Championship Final, with Geelong United recording an extraordinary 24-0 run prior to the decider. In the men’s competition, Sandringham defeated long-time local rival Melbourne Tigers.

Audience engagement continued its upward trajectory:

- **Instagram followers surpassed 11,000**, making NBL1 South the leading state based competition nationally on the platform.
- In-game **attendance increased by 6%** compared with 2024.
- The most watched livestream of the season was Ringwood Hawks v Nunawading Spectres, a midweek school holiday fixture.
- The largest average crowd attendance was recorded by Knox Raiders, with **3,390 spectators per game night**.

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE

BIG V

2025 saw the welcome return of both Hawthorn and Darebin to Big V basketball, with each club recommencing via the Youth League competitions following strong collaborative planning and support from Basketball Victoria. Both clubs brought renewed energy to their game day environments, with Darebin in particular attracting strong crowds through family focused engagement.

With the return of several senior women's teams, Big V returned to clearly defined senior leagues (Championship, Division 1 and Division 2). Continued growth in Youth Men's competitions also saw the competition expand to a fourth division (Victorian Youth Championship – Youth 3).

The second edition of the Youth Qualification Series again achieved its purpose – rewarding results from the previous season through promotion opportunities ahead of the new season. It has contributed to greater movement between divisions and, importantly, more competitive seasons, while also providing valuable development opportunities for referees, scoretable officials and statisticians.

The Big V Awards Night remained a highlight of the calendar, welcoming almost 800 attendees and continuing to strike the right balance between celebrating award winners and creating a meaningful social occasion for the broader Big V community.

Grand Finals across Championship, other senior divisions and Youth competitions were again split across three weekends, ensuring each division received appropriate focus and recognition. The Championship Grand Finals for men and women were held at the State Basketball Centre for the first time. Following Preliminary Finals crowds in excess of 1,000 the week prior, it was pleasing to see more than 2,000 attend across the Championship Grand Final night.



GRAND FINAL RESULTS (SENIOR)

Championship

Men: McKinnon 87 d Hume City 81
 Women: Bulleen 71 d Bellarine 55

Division 1

Men: Gippsland United 99 d Warrandyte 90
 Women: Western Port 59 d Craigieburn 56

Division 2

Men: Surf Coast 92 d Sherbrooke 75
 Women: Keysborough 93 d Gippsland United 75

GRAND FINAL RESULTS (YOUTH)

Championship

Men: Kilysth 73 d Frankston 72
 Women: Kilsyth 97 d Keilor 89

Division 1

Men: Pakenham 93 d Ballarat 71
 Women: Eltham 99 d Knox 77

Division 2

Men: Wallan 67 d Altona 50
 Women: Warrandyte 69 d Sunbury 62

Division 3

Men: Darebin 86 d Warrandyte 72



COUNTRY BASKETBALL LEAGUE (CBL)

The Country Basketball League increased by three teams in 2025, taking the competition to 66 teams across men’s and women’s programs and four geographical regions.

The league remains vital in providing regional associations the opportunity to compete in a senior representative environment – bringing local communities together, supporting athletes returning home to represent their towns, and providing emerging juniors with meaningful exposure to senior basketball. Many NBL1 South and Big V players again returned to compete for their home associations.

The season also continued to provide important opportunities for regional officials to referee high standard fixtures and explore higher level pathways. Tight ladders, strong rivalries and ongoing work with associations on the Player Points Cap system supported competitive balance across the season.

Notable achievements included Portland women completing a threeppeat, Maryborough finishing undefeated to defeat Bendigo, and Seymour securing its 10th men’s title in the North East conference.

GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Gippsland

Men: Pakenham 103 d Moe 81
 Women: Morwell 79 d Korumburra 76

North East

Men: Seymour 82 d Wallan 78
 Women: Albury 84 d Wodonga 66

North West

Men: Castlemaine 90 d Macedon Ranges 81
 Women: Maryborough 97 d Bendigo 95

South West

Men: Mt Gambier 97 d Terang 70
 Women: Portland 75 d Millicent 52



JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE

VICTORIAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE (VJBL)

The Victorian Junior Basketball League delivered a year of measured innovation and continued improvement in 2025. U20 competitions transitioned to a new two season format on Sunday evenings, and new concepts for regional representative competition were trialled in lower age groups to ensure pathways remain accessible across Victoria.

The competition entered its second year of strengthened entry requirements, reinforcing association focus on junior domestic programs. With increased demand for representative opportunities, the South East Metro Regional Development League pilot was introduced, involving 8 associations across 46 teams.

Across the season, **1,635 teams** participated in **21,900 games**, involving **21,544 players, coaches and team managers**.

The Under 18 Victorian Championship Grand Finals for boys and girls were again delivered as a standalone marquee double-header at the State Basketball Centre, attracting more than 2,000 spectators.

The introduction of the South Gippsland Regional League initiative provided a meaningful representative option for communities without a traditional VJBL pathway. Participating centres included Phillip Island, Korumburra, Foster, Meeniyar, Mirboo North, Wonthaggi and Leongatha, with Mirboo North registering for the 2026 Junior Country Championships for the first time in many years.

VJBL grew by 89 teams in 2025.

↑ 5.75%
INCREASE FROM 2024

VJBL 2025

Players, Coaches and Team Managers:	21,544
Teams:	1,635
Games:	21,900



AGE GROUP	2024	2025	GROWTH
U12 BOYS	217	224	22
U12 BOYS - RDL	0	15	
U14 BOYS	258	259	16
U14 BOYS - RDL	0	15	
U16 BOYS	247	242	-5
U18 BOYS	169	171	2
U20 BOYS	60	65	5
U12 GIRLS	150	154	10
U12 GIRLS - RDL	0	6	
U14 GIRLS	184	191	17
U14 GIRLS - RDL	0	10	
U16 GIRLS	155	165	10
U18 GIRLS	88	95	7
U20 GIRLS	18	23	5
TEAM TOTALS	1546	1635	+ 89



JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE

NATIONAL JUNIOR CLASSIC

The National Junior Classic again proved a major success in 2025, utilising both Dandenong Basketball Stadium and the State Basketball Centre. Strong representation was seen from New South Wales, South Australia and country Victoria, with Dandenong Basketball Association qualifying all eight of their first teams.



AGE GROUP	WINNER	RUNNER UP	BRONZE
U12 BOYS	Nunawading (V)	Melbourne (V)	Norwood (SA)
U14 BOYS	Keilor (V)	North Adelaide (SA)	Dandenong (V)
U16 BOYS	Forestville (SA)	Dandenong (V)	Casey (V)
U18 BOYS	Knox (V)	Sunbury (V)	Kilsyth (V)
U12 GIRLS	Casey (V)	Frankston (V)	Melbourne (V)
U14 GIRLS	Bulleen (V)	Dandenong (V)	Melbourne (V)
U16 GIRLS	Kilsyth (V)	Diamond Valley (V)	Bulleen (V)
U18 GIRLS	Sandringham (V)	Dandenong (V)	Eltham (V)

JUNIOR COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Basketball Victoria continued to expand regional hosting opportunities, with events delivered in Melton/Bacchus Marsh, Bendigo and Ballarat.

Across four tournaments, 3,260 players competed across 336 teams. Rochester and Orbost returned, and Meeniyah participated for the first time. Live streaming again enabled statewide access for families and supporters.



AGE GROUP	WINNER	RUNNER UP
U12 BOYS	Geelong United	Pakenham
U14 BOYS	Warragul	Bendigo
U16 BOYS	Geelong United	Bendigo
U18 BOYS	Ballarat	Macedon Ranges
U12 GIRLS	Traralgon	Echuca
U14 GIRLS	Pakenham	Warragul
U16 GIRLS	Bendigo	Ballarat
U18 GIRLS	Geelong United	Korumburra



SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

HOOP TIME

Hoop Time continues to introduce primary school children to structured gameplay, with a focus on local delivery, increased game time and stronger connections between schools and associations. The introduction of Future Stars Girls Only teams supported expanded opportunities for girls.

2025 WINNERS



Senior All Star

Girls: Sacred Heart Primary School (Sandringham)
Boys: Christian College (Geelong)

Senior Future Star

Mixed: Beaconsfield Primary School

Junior All Star

Girls: St Mary's (Sandringham)
Boys: The Basin

Senior All Star

Girls: Fairfield Primary School
Boys: Hampton Primary School

HOOP TIME

School Teams: 4,007
Participants: 36,063

CHAMPIONS CUP

The **Champions Cup** brought together Victoria's leading secondary school programs, with senior winners qualifying for the Foot Locker Australian School Championships. The Grand Final day at Nunawading Basketball Stadium attracted over **1,000 spectators**, with all finals livestreamed.

2025 WINNERS



U15 Girls Flinders College
U15 Boys Rowville Secondary College

U17 Girls Edinburgh College
U17 Boys Berwick College

U20 Girls Rowville Secondary College
U20 Boys Rowville Secondary College



VICTORIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

The **Victorian Secondary Schools Challenge (VSSC)** continued to provide opportunities beyond the School Sporting Association calendar, with competitions delivered for U15, U17 and U20 age groups.

2025 WINNERS



U15 Girls

Division 1 Flinders College
Division 2 CREST

U15 Boys

Division 1 Berwick College
Division 2 Port Melbourne Secondary College

U17 Girls

Division 1 Rowville Secondary College
Division 2 McKinnon Secondary College

U17 Boys

Division 1 Flinders College
Division 2 Frankston High School

U20 Girls

Division 1 Rowville Secondary College
Division 2 Mater Christi College

U20 Boys

Division 1 Berwick College
Division 2 Simonds Catholic College

VSSC

School Teams: 476
Participants: 5,712

3X3



LEAGUES & COMPETITIONS

Globally, the 3X3 format continues to rise and in Victoria we continue to lead the nation, working with schools and associations to develop a sustainable platform, from which more people can access our sport. Innovation is a key component in 3X3 and basketball in Victoria has been at the forefront of it. From tours, multi-day tournaments, progression events and single day extravaganzas, basketball associations across Victoria are embracing the fun, free flowing format. New initiatives included the launch of the **3XTour** for junior athletes, the Red Bull Half Court Victorian Qualifier and expanded **3XCup** pathways for schools and associations.

KEY NUMBERS

150 EVENTS	9,357 TOTAL GAMES	57% OF ALL FIBA 3X3 GAMES PLAYED IN AUSTRALIA ARE PLAYED IN VICTORIA
17,373 UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS	4,354 BASKETBALL VICTORIA GAMES	

ASSOCIATION 3XCUP

We expanded our qualifying events to 10 events (6 metro & 4 country), where over 400 teams competed for a place in the **3XCup State Championships**. 167 teams played more than 600 games over two days of 3X3 competition representing all areas of Victoria.

ASSOCIATION 3XCUP

Participation:	2,276	↑ 52% INCREASE FROM 2024
Events:	10	
Associations hosting:	29	

2025 ASSOCIATION 3XCUP STATE CHAMPIONS

Category	Girls	Boys
U11	Kilsyth	Bulleen
U13	Casey	M.C. Ballers
U17	Eltham	Wyndham
U19	-	Eltham

SCHOOL 3XCUP

SCHOOL 3XCUP

Participation: 2,476
 Events: 18

↑ **65%**
 INCREASE
 FROM 2024

2025 SCHOOL 3XCUP CHAMPIONS

Primary Grade 5/6

Girls: Hawthorn West Primary School
 Boys: Clyde Creek Primary School

Secondary U15

Girls: Western Heights College
 Boys: Flinders College

Secondary U17

Girls: Flinders College
 Boys: Edinburgh College

Secondary U20

Girls: Bendigo Senior Secondary College
 Boys: Box Hill Senior Secondary College



3XTOUR

In its inaugural year, the **3XTour** provided a new representative avenue for U13, U15, and U17 athletes. The tour engaged 61 teams across a rigorous schedule of stops, allowing associations to select their most talented 3X3 prospects for high-intensity competition.

To maximise accessibility and visibility, the tour travelled to a range of Victorian basketball hubs, including Casey, Keilor, Eltham, Knox, Ballarat, Surfcoast, Altona, Westgate, Melbourne, Nunawading, and Diamond Valley.

The season reached its peak at the **3XTour Final** held at CourtSide in Port Melbourne, where 35 elite teams competed to be crowned the first-ever **3XTour Champions**.



2025 TOUR FINAL CHAMPIONS

U13 Girls Westgate
U13 Boys Casey

U17 Girls McKinnon
U17 Boys Camberwell

U19 Boys Westgate





TECHNICAL OFFICIALS



2025 marked another year of sustained growth and development across Basketball Victoria’s Leagues and Competitions officiating landscape. A clear strategic focus was placed on aligning officials to environments that best matched their experience and capability, ensuring each competition supported performance, long term development and the ongoing sustainability of officiating across all levels of the sport.

Throughout the year, Basketball Victoria continued to champion high standards of officiating through targeted development initiatives and the progressive use of technology, enhancing the experience for officials, participants and stakeholders alike. Central to all activity was an unwavering commitment to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for technical officials at every stage of their journey. These principles remain foundational to the delivery and continued evolution of officiating programs across the state.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Victorian officials continued to excel on the international stage in 2025, reinforcing the strength of Basketball Victoria’s officiating pathways and development programs.

Three referees were awarded FIBA Game Officials licences for the 2025–2027 cycle:

- **Brad Henshaw**
- **Joshua Durand**
- **Shannon Jennings**

Shannon Jennings also made her debut as a FIBA licensed official at the **FIBA U17 Oceania Championships** in Samoa. **Ruben Woolcock** continued his strong international presence, officiating across multiple elite events including the **FIBA Talent Camp, Basketball Champions League Youth Tournament, Afrobasket**, and the **FIBA U17 Women’s World Cup**, where he was appointed to the Bronze Medal match





NATIONAL LEAGUES

Victorian representation within Australia’s national leagues continued to grow in 2025, highlighting the depth and quality of the state’s officiating pipeline.

Notably, **Bianca Vernon** (NBL) and **Armann Kumruyan** (WNBL – Referee Coach) made their national league debuts during the year. Victorian officials were also represented at the **NBL1 National Finals**, including **Sam Viergever**, who was appointed to the Women’s Grand Final.

LEAGUE / PROGRAM	REFEREES	REFEREE COACHES
NBL	6	2
WNBL	10	4
NBL ELITE REFEREE PROGRAM (ERP)	2	-
NAT. REFEREE DEV. PROGRAM (NRDP)	4	-

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

High performance officiating was again evident at Basketball Australia’s National Championships throughout 2025. Refined selection processes and enhanced preparation were reflected in numerous medal appointments across age groups and disciplines, including:

- **U20 National Championships** – *Gold and Bronze appointments*
- **Ivor Burge Championships** – *Women’s Gold*
- **U18 and U16 National Championships** – *Gold and Bronze appointments*
- **U14 Club Championships** – *Championship and Shield medals*
- **Australian Schools Championships** – *Gold and Bronze appointments*
- **National Junior Wheelchair Championships** – *Gold appointment*

These results continue to validate the effectiveness of Victoria’s officiating development framework at the national level.

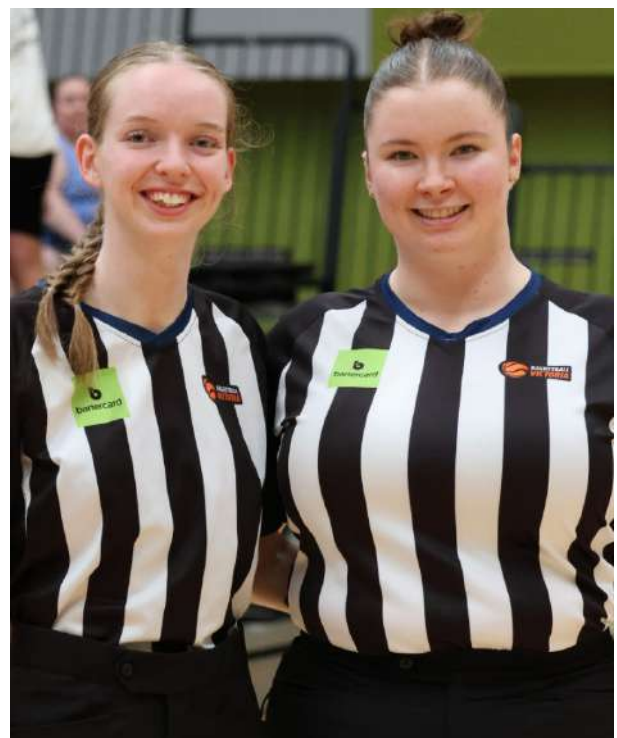
COMPETITIONS

Basketball Victoria’s major competitions provided further development and performance opportunities for officials throughout the year. The National Junior Classic again showcased the highest standard of junior officiating, with:

- **136 referees**
- **42 referee coaches**
- **8 development coordinators**

Referee coaching was provided on every game, ensuring the event delivered both elite performance outcomes and meaningful development for officials.

Officials also supported a wide range of development and representative events including Southern Cross Challenge, Country-Metro Challenge, Victorian Secondary School Championships, and Champions Cup, with appointments carefully aligned to experience and progression opportunities. External competitions such as AGSV and the University Basketball League further supplemented officiating development pathways.





DEVELOPMENT AND INITIATIVES

A continued focus in 2025 was ensuring all officials had access to appropriate development opportunities within leagues and competitions. Basketball Victoria's structured accreditation and development framework supports progression from associations to VJBL and CBL, through to Big V and NBL1 South.

Programs included targeted education sessions, fitness testing, rule examinations and practical assessments, ensuring officials were prepared for the demands of higher level competition.

COURSE / PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS	SUCCESSFUL
LEVEL 1 REFEREE COURSE	100	65
LEVEL 2 REFEREE COURSE	19	17
LEVEL 3 REFEREE COURSE	21	11
NBL1 SOUTH REFEREE DEV. PROGRAM	13	N/A

In supporting the development of officials across associations, Basketball Victoria presented a total of seven (7) referee coach courses, with 179 referee coaches obtaining either a new or upgraded accreditation.

COURSE / PROGRAM	ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED	WOMEN & GIRLS	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
LEVEL 1 REFEREE COURSE	52	36	130
LEVEL 2 REFEREE COURSE	27	19	46
LEVEL 3 REFEREE COURSE	3	1	3

Basketball Victoria's commitment to being a safe sport for each participant was further enhanced with the delivery of bespoke Child Safety courses being delivered to representatives from over 14 associations state-wide. Further support for association development of Technical Officials included the development of resourcing and fact sheets across topics including: Job Descriptions, Budget Templates, Referee Coach Review Forms and Child Safety Best Practice.

This structured approach continues to lift officiating standards while providing clear, aspirational pathways for officials at all stages of their careers.

BENCH OFFICIALS

The role of bench officials – scoretable officials and statisticians – continued to evolve and expand throughout 2025, underlining their critical contribution to the smooth operation of competitions across the state.

Scoretable Regional Development Officers delivered practical, localised coaching within associations, reducing barriers to education and strengthening officiating capability at a grassroots level. A similar approach was adopted for statisticians, with experienced officials identifying and developing talent locally while working with Basketball Victoria to facilitate accreditation.

High performing bench officials were recognised through appointments to major events including:

- **NBL1 South Grand Finals**
- **Big V Grand Finals**
- **VJBL U18 Victorian Championship Grand Finals**
- **National Junior Classic**

These officials continue to play a vital leadership role, supporting the delivery and ongoing development of technical officiating across Victoria, while representing the state at the highest levels of competition.



AWARDS 2025



**ALANNA
SMITH**

**BETTY WATSON MEDAL
FEMALE PLAYER
OF THE YEAR**



**DYSON
DANIELS**

**ALAN HUGHES MEDAL
MALE PLAYER
OF THE YEAR**



**LAURA
DAVOLI**

**CHARLES RYAN AWARD
WHEELCHAIR ATHLETE
OF THE YEAR**



**WILL
HAMILTON**

**JUNIOR MALE
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**



**SITAYA
FAGAN**

**JUNIOR FEMALE
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**



**MATTHEW
FARRAR**

**BASKETBALL ATHLETE OF
THE YEAR WITH AN ID**

AWARDS 2025



DIAMOND VALLEY

LARGE ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR



SURFCOAST

MEDIUM ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR



YARRAWONGA MULWALA

SMALL ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR



KILSYTH

INCLUSIVE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR



KEILOR

LARGE OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR



DAREBIN

MEDIUM OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR



BACCHUS MARSH

SMALL OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR



KOROIT & DISTRICT

MICRO OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR



SOUTHERN PENINSULA
MEDIA PROMOTIONS AWARD



MARTIN RAMOS
PHOTOGRAPH OF THE YEAR



ALPHAN CULHA
WESTGATE

ALLAN ASHE MEMORIAL AWARD
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

BLUES

TANYA THOMAS
FRANKSTON & DISTRICT
INCLUSIVE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



PATRICK DI LIZIO
DIAMOND VALLEY

JACK CARTER MEMORIAL MEDAL
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR



RUBEN WOOLCOCK

HENRY PERAZZO AWARD
TECHNICAL OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR



REBEL NOTER

PORTLAND BA
JACK TERRILL MEDAL
SERVICE TO COUNTRY BASKETBALL



LAUREN ROBINSON

CASEY
LINDSAY GAZE AWARD
COACH OF THE YEAR



CELEBRATING A LEGEND OF AUSTRALIAN SPORT

Basketball Victoria CEO Nick Honey, President Michelle Bruggeman and members of the BV Board and Executive were proud to celebrate one of the game's true icons, as Australian basketball great, Andrew Gaze, was officially named the 53rd Legend of Australian Sport.

Across 22 NBL seasons, Gaze became the league's most decorated player – 18,908 points, 7 MVPs, 14 scoring titles and 2 championships – while also representing Australia at five Olympics and four World Cups. He captained the Boomers for eight years and remains the second highest scorer in Olympic men's history.

Congratulations on a lifetime of achievement in our sport on behalf of the entire Victorian basketball community.

*Above (L-R):
Nick Honey, Andrew Gaze
and Michelle Bruggeman*



FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025

Basketball Victoria Inc.

ABN 92 328 079 452

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Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	4	17,578,327	16,629,378
Depreciation and amortisation	5(b)	(471,182)	(452,226)
Cost of Services	5(a)	(13,503,056)	(12,827,298)
Other operating expenses		(3,415,245)	(3,034,572)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		188,844	315,282
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to surplus/(deficit) for the year			
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of other financial assets		(12,660)	344,188
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of other financial assets	10	7,083,232	(112,182)
Other comprehensive income for the year		7,070,572	232,006
Total comprehensive income for the year		7,259,416	547,288

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

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**Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 December 2025**

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	4,628,200	4,919,441
Trade and other receivables	8	840,398	557,459
Inventories	9	128,898	126,680
Other financial assets	10	14,059,774	3,962,448
Other assets	13	1,000,666	693,274
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>20,657,936</u>	<u>10,259,302</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Other financial assets	10	-	2,390,000
Property, plant and equipment	12	377,571	477,237
Right-of-use assets	15	385,702	440,718
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>763,273</u>	<u>3,307,955</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>21,421,209</u>	<u>13,567,257</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	16	786,730	798,251
Lease liabilities	15	186,992	237,210
Employee benefits	17	892,480	919,504
Other liabilities	18	5,280,292	4,636,014
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>7,146,494</u>	<u>6,590,979</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	15	211,893	176,761
Employee benefits	17	66,065	62,176
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>277,958</u>	<u>238,937</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>7,424,452</u>	<u>6,829,916</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>13,996,757</u>	<u>6,737,341</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		4,850,391	4,674,207
Reserves	21	9,146,366	2,063,134
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>13,996,757</u>	<u>6,737,341</u>

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

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Accumulated Surplus	Special Reserve	Financial Asset Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2025	4,674,207	1,264,190	798,944	6,737,341
Surplus for the year	188,844	-	-	188,844
Revaluation of shares in unlisted investments	-	-	6,977,438	6,977,438
Revaluation increment for other financial assets	-	-	105,794	105,794
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of other financial assets	(12,660)	-	-	(12,660)
Balance at 31 December 2025	4,850,391	1,264,190	7,882,176	13,996,757
Balance at 1 January 2024	4,014,737	1,264,190	911,126	6,190,053
Surplus for the year	315,282	-	-	315,282
Revaluation increment for other financial assets	-	-	(112,182)	(112,182)
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of other financial assets	344,188	-	-	344,188
Balance at 31 December 2024	4,674,207	1,264,190	798,944	6,737,341

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

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Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from programs, registrations and insurance	17,019,444	15,067,352
Payments to suppliers and employees	(18,935,041)	(17,729,161)
Sponsorship income received	981,141	892,942
Receipts from interest and other investment income	339,418	281,484
Receipts from funding	1,026,842	941,914
Other receipts	269,145	226,969
Interest paid	(23,850)	(10,899)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	7 <u>677,099</u>	<u>(329,399)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(90,438)	(106,961)
Purchase of investment in listed equities	(1,435,780)	(2,552,710)
Proceeds from disposal of investments	799,026	1,711,756
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<u>(727,192)</u>	<u>(947,915)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payment of lease liabilities	(241,148)	(224,878)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	<u>(241,148)</u>	<u>(224,878)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(291,241)	(1,502,192)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	4,919,441	6,421,633
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6 <u>4,628,200</u>	<u>4,919,441</u>

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

Basketball Victoria Inc.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are a general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

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

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgments

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

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

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

Key estimates - fair value of financial instruments

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

3 Income taxes

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

4 Revenue

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Registration fees	6,832,923	6,505,380
School/beginner programs income	883,282	701,210
Development programs income	2,251,696	1,829,584
State team income	430,064	374,213
JRC competition and trading revenue	1,207,477	1,165,956
SRC competition and trading revenue	1,109,241	1,013,580
BVC competition and trading revenue	216,423	222,238
NBL1 competition and trading revenue	1,340,482	1,226,556
HP Program Income	352,216	1,242,246
Sponsorship and marketing income	891,946	811,765
Government and other funding	595,462	364,938
	16,111,212	15,457,666
Revenue from other sources		
Basketball and merchandise sales	269,145	226,969
Events income	49,098	9,835
Investment income	339,418	281,484
Sundry income	809,455	653,424
	1,467,116	1,171,712
Total Revenue	17,578,328	16,629,378

Accounting treatment

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

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

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

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

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

Other investment income is recognised as revenue when received.

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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4 Revenue

Key estimates - long term contracts

The Association undertakes long term contracts which span a number of reporting periods. Recognition of revenue in relation to these contracts involves estimation of future costs of completing the contract and the performance obligations of the contract. The assumptions are based on the information available to the Association at the reporting date, however future changes or additional information may mean the expected revenue recognition pattern has to be amended.

HP Program income reduction relates to the reduction in Government funding of the HP Program.

5 Expenses from transactions

(a) Cost of Services

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Sports insurance scheme expenses	1,209,252	974,440
School programs expenses	1,065,953	950,525
Development programs expenses	3,092,484	2,666,652
State teams expenses	835,758	861,157
Basketball and merchandise expenses	74,983	157,882
JRC competition and trading expenses	856,784	906,714
SRC competition and trading expenses	992,739	935,343
BVC competition and trading expenses	370,018	337,975
NBL1 competition and trading expenses	1,326,133	1,343,860
HP Program expenses	1,746,293	2,091,427
Sponsorship, marketing and communication expenses	1,270,573	1,156,222
Government and other funding expenses	258,756	132,063
Events expenses	230,748	151,478
Facilities planning expenses	172,582	161,558
Total Cost of Services	13,503,056	12,827,296

(b) Other expenses

The result for the year was derived after charging/(crediting) the following expense items:

Depreciation expenses - property, plant and equipment	190,104	212,598
Depreciation expenses - right-of-use assets	281,078	239,628
	471,182	452,226
Interest expense on lease liabilities	23,850	10,899
Bad and doubtful debts	239	6,374

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5 Expenses from transactions

Accounting treatment

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

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

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

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

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

6 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	2,878,200	2,419,441
Short-term deposits	1,750,000	2,500,000
	<u>4,628,200</u>	<u>4,919,441</u>

Accounting treatment

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

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

7 Cash flow information

Reconciliation of net result to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Surplus for the year	188,844	315,282
Non-cash flows in surplus:		
- depreciation	471,182	452,226
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(282,939)	(28,502)
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	(307,392)	(140,556)
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	(2,218)	(91,388)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(11,521)	(40,431)
- increase/(decrease) in income in advance	644,278	(724,447)
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	(23,135)	(71,583)
Cashflows from operations	<u>677,099</u>	<u>(329,399)</u>

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8 Trade and other receivables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade and other receivables	877,657	579,959
Provision for doubtful debts	(30,000)	(30,000)
Net trade receivables	847,657	549,959
Association loans	(7,259)	7,500
	840,398	557,459

Accounting treatment

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

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

9 Inventories

Merchandise	128,898	126,680
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Accounting treatment

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

10 Other financial assets

Listed investment portfolio at market value	4,692,336	3,962,448
Shares in non-listed entity at fair value	9,367,438	-
	14,059,774	3,962,448

NON-CURRENT

Shares in non-listed entity at fair value	-	2,390,000
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Movement in investment in other financial assets

	Listed investment		Non-listed equity		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance	3,962,448	2,889,488	2,390,000	2,390,000	6,352,448	5,279,488
Additions	1,435,780	2,552,710	-	-	1,435,780	2,552,710
Disposals - cost	(811,686)	(1,367,568)	-	-	(811,686)	(1,367,568)
Revaluation movements	105,794	(112,182)	6,977,438	-	7,083,232	(112,182)
Closing balance	4,692,336	3,962,448	9,367,438	2,390,000	14,059,774	6,352,448

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10 Other financial assets

(i) Revaluation of shares in non-listed entity

Prior to year-end, PlayHQ entered into a sale agreement. Management determined that the agreed sale price represented the best evidence of fair value of its shares in RFGI Group Pty Ltd as at year-end. Accordingly, the investment has been revalued at reporting date, with the resulting revaluation gain recognised in other comprehensive income in accordance with the Association's accounting policy.

11 Fair value measurement

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

Fair value hierarchy

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

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

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

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
31 December 2025	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets				
Listed investment portfolio	4,692,336	-	-	4,692,336
Investment in non-listed equity	-	9,367,438	-	9,367,438
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
31 December 2024	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets				
Listed investment portfolio	3,962,448	-	-	3,962,448
Investment in non-listed equity	-	2,390,000	-	2,390,000

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

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12 Property, plant and equipment

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Office equipment		
At cost	836,221	745,784
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(679,520)</u>	<u>(612,708)</u>
Total office equipment	<u>156,701</u>	<u>133,076</u>
Computer software		
At cost	599,003	599,003
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(415,216)</u>	<u>(315,517)</u>
Total computer equipment	<u>183,787</u>	<u>283,486</u>
Leasehold Improvements		
At cost	367,388	367,388
Accumulated amortisation	<u>(330,305)</u>	<u>(306,713)</u>
Total leasehold improvements	<u>37,083</u>	<u>60,675</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>377,571</u>	<u>477,237</u>

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

	Office Equipment	Computer Software	Leasehold Improvements	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 31 December 2025				
Balance at the beginning of year	133,076	283,486	60,675	477,237
Additions	90,438	-	-	90,438
Depreciation expense	<u>(66,813)</u>	<u>(99,699)</u>	<u>(23,592)</u>	<u>(190,104)</u>
Balance at the end of the year	<u>156,701</u>	<u>183,787</u>	<u>37,083</u>	<u>377,571</u>

Accounting treatment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use. Leased assets and leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or their estimated useful life.

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12 Property, plant and equipment

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

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

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

Key estimates - impairment of property, plant and equipment

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

Key estimates - useful life of assets

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

13 Other non-financial assets

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Prepayments	1,000,666	693,274

14 Impairment of non-financial assets

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

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15 Right-of-Use Assets and Lease Liabilities

(a) Statement of financial position

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

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Right-of-use assets	858,261	953,642
Accumulated depreciation	(472,559)	(512,924)
Total	385,702	440,718
Current lease liabilities	186,992	237,210
Non-current lease liabilities	211,893	176,761
Total	398,885	413,971

(b) Statement of comprehensive income

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

Interest expense on lease liabilities	23,850	10,899
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	281,078	239,628

Accounting treatment

Right-of-use assets

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

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

Lease liabilities

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

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15 Right-of-Use Assets and Lease Liabilities

Exceptions to lease accounting

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

Key judgements - lease term

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

Key estimates - incremental borrowing rate

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

16 Trade and other payables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade payables	338,469	334,609
GST payable	293,078	252,778
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	155,183	210,864
	<u>786,730</u>	<u>798,251</u>

Accounting treatment

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

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

Payables are stated inclusive of GST.

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17 Employee benefits

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Provision for annual leave	414,817	399,672
Provision for long service leave	477,663	519,832
	<u>892,480</u>	<u>919,504</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for long service leave	<u>66,065</u>	<u>62,176</u>

Accounting treatment

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

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

Key estimates - employee benefits provision

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

18 Other liabilities

CURRENT		
Registration income received in advance	3,600,502	3,225,621
Government funding contract liabilities	285,000	-
Other contract liabilities	1,394,790	1,410,393
	<u>5,280,292</u>	<u>4,636,014</u>

Income from funding with sufficiently specific performance obligations are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the Association has satisfied the performance obligations under the terms of the funding. The Association exercises judgement over whether the performance obligations have been met, on a funding by funding basis. The performance obligations for activity-based funding are the number of services provided or program objectives achieved in accordance with terms and conditions agreed to with the funding providers.

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

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19 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The total remuneration paid to 9 (2024: 9) key management personnel of the Association was \$1,622,110 (2024: \$1,705,756).

20 Financial risk management

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

The most significant financial risks to which the Association is exposed to are liquidity risk, credit risk, price risk and interest rate risk. The principal categories of financial instrument used by the Association are trade receivables, cash at bank, other financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, trade and other payables and lease liabilities. The Association does not have any derivative financial instruments at 31 December 2025.

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

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

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,628,200	4,919,441
Trade and other receivables (cost)	870,398	587,459
Shares in non-listed entity at fair value - current	9,367,438	-
Other financial assets - current	4,692,336	3,962,448
Other financial assets - non-current	-	2,390,000
Total financial assets	<u>19,558,372</u>	<u>11,859,348</u>
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables (i)	786,730	798,251
Lease liabilities - current	186,992	237,210
Lease liabilities - non-current	211,893	176,761
Total financial liabilities	<u>1,185,615</u>	<u>1,212,222</u>

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

Accounting treatment

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

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

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20 Financial risk management

Financial Assets

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

Classification

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

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

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

Amortised cost

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

Fair value through other comprehensive income

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

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

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

Financial liabilities

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

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

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21 Reserves

Financial asset reserve

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

Special reserve

The Special Reserve represents the Theo Fund which was established following a bequest received by Basketball Victoria in 2018. In accordance with the terms of the bequest, the funds are required to be applied for specific purposes and are therefore not available for general operating use.

22 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

The Association did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2025 (31 December 2024: None).

23 Events occurring after the reporting date

The sale of the Association's shares in RFGI Group Pty Ltd was settled in April 2026, resulting in the unrealised revaluation of shares in the 2025 financial statements being realised.

Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

24 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the Association is:
Basketball Victoria Inc.
State Basketball Centre, 291 George St
Wantirna South Victoria 3152

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Statement by the Board of Directors

In the opinion of the Board of Directors of Basketball Victoria Inc. the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 18:

1. Gives a true and fair view of Association's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* .
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



President

Michelle Bruggeman

Dated 21 April 2026

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Independent Audit Report to the members of Basketball Victoria Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Basketball Victoria Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and the statement by the board of directors.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2025 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

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

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

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

Independent Audit Report to the members of Basketball Victoria Inc.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

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

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

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



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