

Basketball Australia
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Message from the Australian Sports Commission

The countdown to an Olympic and Paralympic Games is an exciting time for Australians. As London 2012 looms on our horizon there is much work to be done to fine tune our preparations.



The Australian Government and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) continue to work closely with Olympic and Paralympic sports, along with the Australian Olympic and Paralympic Committees to ensure our athletes get the best possible support.

Through the Green and Gold project, \$3.85 million in extra funding has been provided for our top Olympic athletes and teams to boost their training and preparations for London 2012.

A true sign that Australian sport is united in working together is the endorsement from the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments of the National Sport and Active Recreation Policy Framework.

What this means is that for the first time all governments have agreed on priorities for sport.

Underpinning the Framework is the new National Institutes System Intergovernmental Agreement which unites our National Institutes of Sport and national sporting organisations to work hand-in-hand to achieve common national high performance objectives to maximise resourcing and expertise in support of the development of world class athletes to achieve international success.

This Framework is supported by significant additional investment in sport by the Australian Government. The 2011–12 Budget will provide \$300 million to support the full spectrum of sport from grass roots through to elite competition.

Support by the Australian Government will enable a more collaborative long term focus to drive reform within Australian sport and importantly make the connection between Australian's standing on the podium and young Australians participating in sport.

This is an exciting and challenging time for Australian sport. The Australian Sports Commission looks forward to working with all sporting organisations, the state and territory institutes and academies of sport and state and territory departments of sport and recreation, to promote access to, and participation in, sport across the community and support Australia's continued sporting success.

The Hon. Warwick Smith AM
Chairman
Board of the Australian Sports Commission



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

Report from the Chair

On behalf of the Board of Basketball Australia, welcome to our report of business for 2010–11. We are pleased to report on the work that has been done as we continue to refine and grow our organisation, and to assist all of you, our members and stakeholders, to develop the sport of basketball.



This has not come easily; the last financial year has been full of challenges for the Board of BA Limited (BA). As most are aware, the Board is an independent body that is legally required to set and hold the strategic course of BA, guide management, and provide strength to the governance of the organisation. The Board has continued to work in the best interests of the company and the sport on a broad ranging and challenging set of issues.

Central to the Board's role is making important and often difficult decisions about the future of the organisation, and ensuring that BA management implements our decisions. As a Board we are proud that we have approached this task with vigour and a clear purpose. We have not avoided the tough questions. We recognize that, at times, there is a divergence of opinion on significant issues; that will always occur and we consider that engaging in debate and consultation is healthy and central to our role. Moving forward, we ask all members of the basketball community to remember that the Board and BA management always endeavour to act in the best interests of the sport and we require your support if positive outcomes are to be achieved.

Governance

We have made good progress in achieving our aspirations for independent governance of BA and we acknowledge some sectors of our sport continue to struggle with this notion. This was the key issue throughout our unification process and it continues to be an important priority for the sport to address.

It is demonstrable that organisations are best governed by people with a deep breadth of skills and experience, and who do not hold any actual or perceived conflicts of interest. It is important that a range of stakeholders are represented within the governance of a successful organisation, however if the interests of individuals or powerful stakeholders are too prevalent, then it impacts upon the ability of the Board to act in the best interests of the sport as a whole.

The governance model adopted by BA in its constitution allows the necessary level of independence to be obtained. It requires, however, commitment from all members to ensure this is implemented and maintained. The ultimate protection for the members is that BA directors remain accountable to them both legally and through the election process. We should be encouraged by what the AFL has been able to achieve since its adoption of the independent commission model in 1985, and what the NRL is seeking to achieve with its move to an independent commission this year. BA must continue on this path.

Towards the end of the financial year the Board went through a transition with the resignation of Dr Jack Bendat and Bruce Spangler. Dr Bendat left the Board in June 2011 after serving since July 2009. Dr Bendat continues in basketball as owner and Chairman of the Perth Wildcats. Bruce Spangler also resigned in June after serving as a director of BA since 2008; in addition to many years service with Basketball South Australia. Bruce's contribution to the unification of BA and, in particular, the review and redevelopment of the NBL in recent years can not be underestimated. His contribution in stewarding the Finance Audit and Risk Committee of BA is also noteworthy.

At the time of writing, John Maddock had also just notified the Board that he would not be seeking a further term as a Director. Although this information does not affect the period presently being reported on, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge John's contribution to Australian basketball, which has extended for more than 40 years. He represented Australia at the 1976 Olympic Games then went on to become an administrator and has been the President/Chairman of his local association in Melbourne, Basketball Victoria and Basketball Australia. We thank John sincerely for his many years of dedicated service and note that he will continue to serve basketball on the global stage through his activities in FIBA.

Of course it is not only the Board that guides our sport, we are very much a community based organisation and there are many individuals who assist BA and the sport of basketball in different capacities and at all levels of the sport across Australia. In particular we want to acknowledge the tireless work, in an honorary capacity, of the members of the BA Commissions. Theirs is a challenging task, to assist the Board and BA management with the implementation of our strategy, and they have tackled it with aplomb. These Commissions are important governance vehicles for bringing the views and contributions of many skilled people together acting in the interests of basketball as a whole.

Management

From an operational perspective, 2010–11 was an excellent year for BA. We were able to increase our revenue significantly over the period and record an operating surplus, which is a credit to the entire team. The details of this are included later in this report.

There was significant progress made in the NBL with our new corporate partnerships and positive results from our broadcast arrangements. There is, however, still plenty of work to be done by BA management and all stakeholders if we are to re-establish the NBL as one of the premier sporting competitions in Australia, which is where we consider it belongs.

There were also some wonderful initiatives from our management team. In particular we acknowledge the work of Wayne Carroll, who has just completed his tenure as our General Manager – High Performance. In addition to providing links to the owners and managers of Jayco which assisted in securing the support of that iconic Australian brand at a national level, Wayne was responsible for the implementation of BA's ambitious plan to have our key Australian Opals commit to a local preparation for the London Olympics rather than play in the WNBA. Whilst the ultimate success of this will be measured in 2012, our planning and

the dedication of coach Carrie Graf and the key players involved demonstrates how committed we are to achieving a gold medal.

I would like to be able to report that the Board considers our management team uniformly receives the support that it deserves from members and stakeholders. We acknowledge that debate and consultation is critical and there will always be diversity of views across our organisation. However, too often we have been disappointed with the attitude and the process that has been followed when BA management has executed the tough decisions, or tried to drive for change in an environment of scarce resources and great complexity with so many stakeholders. The Board reaffirms its support for the management team and thanks them for their contribution this year.

Strategy

The 2010–11 year was an important one for the strategic direction of BA. We refreshed our strategic plan through consultation and focus groups with all members and stakeholders and we consider we took a significant step forward. We restated our mission, to "ignite Australia's passion for basketball through growth, success and unity", and our shared values, priorities and anticipated outcomes for the period from 2011 to 2014.

By releasing details of our strategic plan, we are being extremely transparent which ensures that we remain accountable not just to our members, but also the public and

the press who follow our sport. We have also recently taken a similar step with the reinvigorated NBL Business Plan. A Community Participation Plan is also being finalized for the Board's consideration and thanks go to BA management and the State CEO's for getting this done. We consider these plans to be a positive as we seek to win the trust and support from our community.

One of the significant findings of our research was that there was still a significant disconnect between the State basketball associations and the NBL clubs. There is no doubt that there are some links between these two pivotal groups, but they can and they must be improved. One area where this has been particularly problematic has been with access to corporate support and revenue streams where the lack of an holistic approach has seen some partnerships lost or diminished in key areas. Unity is critical to the health and success of our sport and this is one of the pillars of our mission and planning.

Future Actions

There is obviously still a lot of work to be done in the unification of our sport and to facilitate further growth and development. Significant opportunities exist and the Board and the management team are excited to pursue those.

Critically, we are continually looking at the business case for new clubs in the NBL, in particular in Brisbane and Melbourne, and ensuring that we continue to deliver value

to NBL sponsors. The WNBL is one of the best competitions for women in the world, but we need to refresh its brand and other elements to better capitalise on the quality of the play.

Our sport development and community engagement activities are progressing well and the Board has full confidence in the path that management and the Commissions are taking. We reiterate that it is up to members and stakeholders to engage with and assist the Board and BA management to obtain the best results for the sport. We need to have proper dialogue about where those groups see the role of the Board and BA management to ensure that authority and the decision-making process is properly adhered to. This needs to occur against the backdrop of the BA strategy and our shared values. This is a crucial action for the next twelve months if our sport is to harness and reach its ample potential.

When we all pull together as a team does and act in the interests of the sport as a whole we will "ignite Australia's passion for basketball through growth, success and unity."

As this is my last report as Chairman before I retire on October 15 I would like to thank all in the sport for their support of me during what has been a foundational period for the new model for basketball.

Diane Smith-Gander
Chair
Basketball Australia Board



Report from the CEO

This report relates to the activities of BA Limited, trading as Basketball Australia, (BA) for the period of 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. I take this opportunity to thank all those who have again contributed to another very successful year for the sport and the organisation.



This 2010–11 period marks the second year following the unification of the sport and created some major achievements in a number of areas of the sport.

It has been another busy and productive year for our sport and I offer my thanks and congratulations to all those who have participated, worked in, administered and supported the game over this period.

I would like to thank the Board of BA for their dedication and time in steering the organisation with true vision and professionalism. During the last twelve months, two members of the Board resigned and I would like to thank both Bruce Spangler and Jack Bendat for their efforts. In particular I would like to thank Bruce Spangler for his work on the NBL Commission and the time and dedication he provided to re-establishing the league.

At the time of writing this report and even though it does not coincide with the reporting period, we have been notified that both Diane Smith-Gander and John Maddock are not seeking further terms on the Board following the AGM on 15 October 2011. John has been a fixture in the administration of basketball in Australia for some 20 years, ten of those as President of the Australian Basketball Federation. His contribution has been immense and we look forward to this continuing through his FIBA involvement on BA's behalf.

Diane Smith-Gander has been the driver of the organisation as the Chair of BA since David Thodey's resignation in 2009 and has worked tirelessly to bring all the elements of our sport together since the unification. Her guidance through this period of change is impossible to measure as she has taken on the role of mentor to me as the CEO as well as leading the Board in its decision making processes and directions for the good of the game. We are all very grateful for the contribution that Diane has made to our game.

My report is written as an overall summary of the many activities and achievements that have occurred over the last twelve months. More detail can be found in the various reports from the specific areas and Commissions in the body of the Annual Report.

During this period, BA has achieved a surplus in excess of the original forecast while delivering on the programs and activities as proposed.

The Federal Government through the Australian Sports Commission also made additional funds available for both High Performance and Participation initiatives and BA was able to attract a substantial share of the grants. These grants have been allocated to the specific programs and have been signed off by the relevant commissions and the Board. We were provided an additional \$1 million for high performance and \$500,000 for participation activities. In fact over the course of this period BA, through the leadership of Michael Haynes, secured an additional \$3.2 million in federal government grants in various areas.

It has been another year of rebuilding the trust of the public, corporations and media at the elite level of our sport while continuing to grow the strength of the participation and development elements of basketball. We are committed to positioning basketball to take advantage of its strengths.

During this period, management and the Board developed a revamped strategic plan for the next four years. The previous plan was created when the unification process was agreed. The developments and changes that had occurred since then meant that the Board felt a review and refinement of the plan was required. This strategic plan (2011–14) has been posted on the BA website and is available for all members of the public to view and to measure the organisation against.

Both the Boomers and Opals were involved in their respective World Championship

campaigns in 2010. Whilst the final standings were not where the teams had set themselves to finish, both groups achieved some key milestones and showed great character to battle it out to the end. It has certainly provided the impetus to strive for bigger goals at the 2012 Olympic Games and both teams have already put in place significant plans to meet those objectives.

Our wheelchair teams also attended their respective World Championships at the start of the 2010–11 period and returned home with gold (World Champions) for the Rollers and a strong fourth for the Gliders. Congratulations go to both teams.

On the home front we continue to produce the best quality junior national championships for all our young up-and-coming players. These events are an inspiration to attend and the way in which they are hosted and delivered in a variety of venues is an absolute credit to the many people who put their own lives on hold to provide such fantastic opportunities for our youth.

It continues that the perceived health of basketball in Australia is gauged by the success of our national league competitions and therefore it is important that the necessary effort is put into these to make sure they deliver against their objectives.

The men's competition, the NBL made further advances in areas of spectator support (up by 12%) and had sold-out games for all of the finals series. The 2010–11 season saw the return of basketball to free-to-air television via the Ten Network and their digital channel OneHD. BA signed a five-year contract with the network and promises to provide the platform for the NBL to increase its profile and commercial value.

In 2010–11, the WNBL again took some strong steps forward with the continuation of the broadcast deal with ABC TV for a further two

years. The grand final was a sellout and saw the Bulleen Boomers finally get the elusive championship over a gallant Canberra Capitals. Two of our young stars, Liz Cambage and Jenna O'Hea, ventured off to the WNBA following the season with Liz drafted number 2; a fantastic accolade for Liz and the WNBL.

During this period a review of the WNBL from a commercial perspective was undertaken. A working group was set up and headed by Brenda LaPorte and Catriona Larritt. This report was presented to the BA Board with a number of recommendations to increase the commercial viability of the WNBL. Two of the recommendations were immediately implemented with the appointment of Lorraine Landon as the general manager of the league and the creation of a small taskforce to address the further recommendations. This exercise is currently being actioned, headed by BA director, Andrew Gaze.

In the last year, BA also conducted two very successful awards ceremonies. The first was the BA Hall of Fame dinner in Melbourne in August 2010. This was a celebration of our history and we inducted some worthy athletes, officials and administrators into the Hall of Fame. Thanks go to the Honours and Awards Commission chaired by Ken Madsen for their devotion of the task of selecting and honouring our great contributors to the game. The event

was a perfect opportunity for reunions of old colleagues, but also we were fortunate enough to have the Boomers and Opals present before they departed for their World Championship campaigns. The next Hall of Fame ceremony will be in 2012.

The annual NBL/WNBL awards dinner was again conducted at Crown in Melbourne and proved to be a terrific celebration of both the premier national competitions in Australia. It is a unique aspect of sport where basketball can have a single dinner that acknowledges the achievements of both the men's and women's national leagues.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of BA who work over and above the expectation on a regular basis as they diligently deliver the programs and results that help to make the sport of basketball strong. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work that Wayne Carroll has done over his two-year tenure with BA as the General Manager of High Performance. Wayne has just taken up a new role with Knox Basketball as the CEO, but his efforts to refine the way BA operates in the HP area have been wide ranging. We anticipate that Wayne's efforts will bear fruit with successful results at next year's London Olympics.

I would also like to thank all of the members of our Commissions for their time and effort over

the year. All members give freely of their time and skill and we are very grateful to have such dedicated members.

During 2010 and early 2011, BA, with the funding support of the Victorian Major Events Company, bid for the 2014 FIBA World Championships for Women to be conducted in Melbourne. Unfortunately we were not successful in our efforts with the event to be hosted by Turkey. BA put forward a very professional and economically responsible tender and represented Australia's capacity well.

The future of BA is all about *unity*. If we are to be successful with the plans and objectives that we set ourselves at every level of the sport, we must do it as one body. The new Strategic Plan sets the high level direction for basketball in Australia to follow and I look forward to working together with you all as we strive for success. This report includes a copy of the *BA Strategy 2011–2014 on a page* to support the key directions that the Board of BA has set for all of us to follow.

Thank you all once again for your efforts this past year.

Larry Sengstock
CEO
Basketball Australia



Hanna Zavec

BA Strategy 2011–2014 on a page



Associations Commission Report

Last year the Commission developed five key themes for focus and these goals have been incorporated into Basketball Australia's new strategic plan.

These were:

- Capture and convert unregistered players
- Develop BA accredited schools program
- Identify and share best practice
- Embed a culture of collaboration
- Develop a national BA database for participation.

In addressing these themes during this year, the Commission has paid particular attention to:

- Finalising the terms of the Collaboration Statement between BA and each of the State/Territory associations
- Working with the State CEO's Leadership Team on developing the Aussie Hoops program, with particular focus on it becoming a brand representative of basketball for all primary school aged children and their families (previously the program was focused only on the 'learn to play' element)
- Reviewing the terms of reference for both the Commission and the State CEO's Leadership Team, to ensure clear roles and responsibilities for the governance of basketball in Australia
- Working with the State CEO's Leadership Team to develop a Community Participation and Growth Plan for basketball in Australia.

In the past year BA also secured \$500,000 in funding from the Australian Sports Commission for other participation initiatives. The BA Board asked the Commission to recommend how this funding should be allocated for 2011–12. In 2010–11 this funding was applied to:

- support Basketball NT to appoint a full time Executive Officer (support continuing for three years)
- introduce a national data warehouse
- re-launch the Aussie Hoops program.

These latter two projects will continue into 2011–12 and beyond and we are excited about the potential they hold. The Growth Plan that has been developed provides a key strategic focus for this funding.

The Growth Plan includes programs such as the *No School No Play* program, which is a partnership with the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. The program aims to increase the engagement of students in school, through sport. BA is currently operating the program in Northern NSW, SA, NT and recently extended into Western Sydney. The program in Western Sydney has been made possible through community funding.

Another major project for Community Basketball was the continued development of the *5 on 5 Association Program*.

This development tool assists associations to evaluate how they are performing across ten key areas. This is critical as it sets out benchmarks for good governance and good management of our associations, which are the lifeblood of our sport. We encourage all associations to participate in this Program. We understand that it may be difficult for some volunteer based associations to find the time

to review and implement the lessons contained in the Program. However, we highly recommend that they do as the benefits of well governed and managed associations can include increased participation, stable revenue streams, less legal and financial risk, and significant improvements in member confidence, satisfaction and welfare. It is clear that these are all desirable outcomes for our associations.

Our priorities in the coming year will be to monitor the implementation of the Community Participation and Growth Plan to ensure BA achieves the outcomes required by the Australian Sports Commission.

I thank the members of the Association Commission, BA management and the State CEO's Leadership Team for their collective contribution to the work program of the Commission during 2010–11.

Gillian McFee
Chair



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High Performance Commission Report

Brad Newley

The High Performance Commission has the responsibility to ensure that development and competition structures are integrated and provide for sustainable international success of senior national teams.

The High Performance program for Basketball Australia (BA) is delivered through the General Manager – High Performance under the direction of the High Performance Commission, which is chaired by BA Director, John Maddock.

The commission is made up of Professor Jill Cook, Jason Hellwig, Paul Roos, Bronwyn Marshall, Bob McGugan and Charles Ryan.

During the reporting period, the major competitions for Australia were

- Men's and Women's World Championships
- Under 17 World Championships for Men and Women
- Under 19 Men's and Women's Oceania Qualification for World Championships
- FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament

Also, BA was requested to apply to the Australian Sports Commission for additional High Performance funding.

Boomers

With Brett Brown as coach, the Boomers journeyed to Turkey for the Men's World Championships without NBA star, Andrew Bogut, who was injured following a horrific crash during the NBA season damaging his wrist, elbow and shoulder.

The Boomers completed successful tours of China and played Argentina as preparation for the "Worlds" and began their pool games in Kayseri, with a highly competitive group of Serbia, Argentina, Germany, Jordan and Angola. Australia lost to Serbia and Argentina and defeated Germany, Jordan and Angola to qualify third in the group and progress to the quarter-finals in Istanbul.

Unfortunately, the Boomers' campaign came to a sudden halt when they ran into a red hot Slovenia in the quarter-final match.

Opals

The Opals with Carrie Graf at the helm, faced the difficult task of preparing for the World Championships, which were held in the Czech Republic, with little or no time with WNBA stars Lauren Jackson, Penny Taylor, Belinda Snell, Erin Phillips and Tully Bevilaqua. Jackson in particular had just won the WNBA MVP and led the Seattle Storm to another Championship, but this meant that she arrived in the Czech Republic only days before the start of the Championships.

Australia qualified second in their group after wins over Canada, Belarus, China, Greece and France followed by a hard fought loss against USA.

The quarter final against home team Czech Republic in Karlovy Vary saw the highly organised and motivated home team play the game of their lives to defeat the Opals 79–68. Mental fatigue and lack of time as a collective group haunted the Opals.

The Opals regrouped to record excellent wins against Russia and France to finish fifth, despite having the second best record in the tournament.

Under 17 Men

Guy Molloy coached the Men at the World Championships in Germany to a sixth placed finish, which included excellent wins over China, Germany and Spain. The undersized group battled hard before losing in the quarter-finals to a powerful USA team.

Under 17 Women

Peter Lonergan coached the Women at the World Championships in France to a seventh placed finish with wins over Argentina, Mali and Spain, but defeats to China, Belgium, France and Japan.

Emus and Gems

The Under 19 Men, coached by Damian Cotter, qualified for the 2011 World Championships in Latvia with a 3–0 series win over New Zealand

in Palmerston North. The Under 19 Women, coached by Cheryl Chambers, also qualified for the 2011 World Championships in Chile also with a 3–0 series win.

The FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament was held in New Caledonia with the Australian Men and Women's teams winning Gold Medals with victories over New Zealand in the respective finals.

Australian Sports Commission Funding

Following a submission from BA, the Australian Sports Commission has allocated an additional \$1 million annually towards the approved High Performance Plan.

The High Performance Plan includes the following initiatives:

- Dedicated Opals preparation period prior to the London Olympics including incentive program for Opals to not play in WNBA prior to 2012 Olympics.
- Emerging Opals program to identify and address specific gaps in emerging Opals development including specialist coaching.
- National Strength and Conditioning Manager to plan and oversee conditioning programs.
- National Manager – Player and Coach Development, with Mike McHugh being appointed to this role.
- Increased funding and delivery partnerships for NITP through SIS/SAS network.
- Athlete monitoring system.
- Increased program for World University Games.

Bruce Spangler

Chair
High Performance Commission



Competitions Commission Report

The Competitions Commission, through consultation, evaluation, analysis and recommendations, provide advice to Basketball Australia's management in relation to the conduct of all national competitions, including the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL), Australian Junior Championships, and State based leagues and competitions (formerly known as the Australian Basketball Association), the underpinning leagues to the National Basketball League (NBL) and the WNBL. Oversight of the NBL is not part of the Competitions Commission's charter as it is overseen by a separate BA Commission, however the Competitions and NBL Commissions work closely together and consult each other when necessary.

In 2010–11, the Competitions Commission consisted of the chairman, Bruce Spangler who resigned in May 2011 and was replaced by Andrew Gaze (appointed June 2011), Libby Wood, John Martin, Brian Kerle, Grant Wallace, John Davidson and Lorraine Landon.

The Competitions Commission has met on three occasions in the past 12 months. Key outcomes from these meetings include the following.

Women's Working Panel

The Women's Working Panel, chaired by Brenda La Porte, met on a number of occasions and presented their report to the BA Board in May 2011.

They recommended a number of strategies for the WNBL with two recommendations being endorsed by the BA Board. One was the establishment of the WNBL Advisory Task Force comprising the BA Chair, Catriona Larritt and BA CEO Larry Sengstock. The second recommendation was the appointment of a WNBL General Manager which was endorsed with the appointment of Lorraine Landon OAM to this position.

Underpinning League

Extensive work has been undertaken in the past 12 months by BA, under the leadership of Wayne Carroll, to introduce this new league to improve the development pathway from junior basketball to our national leagues. Whilst there was in principle support for the league, it was agreed that more work needed to be undertaken before it was introduced, particularly in relation to the involvement of the States and the existing state leagues, and the impact that the new league would have on these state leagues.

National Wheelchair Leagues

BA has worked extensively with Wheelchair Sports Australia over the past 12 months. We have now entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to work in partnership to develop wheelchair basketball at all levels. One of the key areas is the development of the national leagues and a change in time of the year for the operation of the leagues. In 2012, both the men's and women's national league will commence in late February and will finish in June to enable the men's and women's Paralympic teams to prepare efficiently for London Paralympics.

Other partnership projects will be:

- Scholarship coach for wheelchair basketball funded through the ASC program
- Kevin Coombs Cup for U20 athletes and to be held in conjunction with the U18 Championships in Perth in 2012
- Development camp to be held annually as part of BA's Australian Development Camp program
- Continuation of the Frank Ponta Cup development league which was held in March and April 2011 at the AIS.

Technical Officials

A small working group was established, headed by Commission member Libby Wood, to examine the pathway for technical officials across the sport. A preliminary meeting has been held and work is ongoing in this regard to develop a chart for each of the areas identified:

- Referee Development Pathway split into Education, competition and development
- Referee Coaches
- Statistics & Scoretable Officials
- Wheelchair Classifiers
- Technical commissions.

The plan is to identify the overlap and gaps and be able to identify the materials that lie beneath each area, including education modules.

John Maddock

Chair
Competitions Commission Report

Honours and Awards Commission Report

Members

Ken Madsen (Chairman), Barry Barnes, Grantley Bernard, Patricia Mickan, Lesley Podesta, Rachel Sporn and Larry Sengstock. BA support: Lorraine Landon.

Role of the Honours and Awards Commission

The overall role of the Honours and Awards Commission is to ensure the recognition of basketball participants for their contribution to the sport at all levels, and to Australia and the Australian community. In particular:

- To ensure recognition within the basketball community of:
 - excellence in performance at national and international level by Australian basketballers
 - outstanding contribution to basketball in Australia.
- To manage, promote and administer a sense of fraternity amongst Australian representatives and to celebrate the achievements made by athletes, coaches and officials.
- To promote the recognition of the achievements of, and contributions made by, Australian basketballers in the wider Australian community.

- To review and develop national policies and programs for the recognition of contribution to basketball in Australia

The Commission is delegated the authority by the BA Board to develop policies for:

- Australian Basketball Hall of Fame
- Recognition of an outstanding length of involvement in national competitions
- Annual recognition of contribution to basketball in Australia.

Lifetime Membership – WNBL And NBL

In 2011, the Commission adopted policy, criteria and process for WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership. The key elements are as follows.

Lifetime membership of the WNBL and/or NBL is awarded for long and outstanding service to the relevant competition and/or its organisation and operation.

Any person (in the role of player, coach, referee, technical official or administrator), who has given outstanding service to the WNBL and/or NBL over an extended period may be nominated and/or considered for Lifetime Membership.

No person will qualify automatically for a Lifetime Membership. However, consideration for Lifetime Membership will be triggered automatically at 400 games for players, coaches and referees (or a combination of the three) in the NBL; or 250 games for players and coaches (or a combination of both) in the WNBL, or 150 games for referees in the WNBL.

Candidates for WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership will be considered only on the basis of their contributions to, and achievements in, the WNBL and/or NBL competition.

Candidates should have displayed the highest level of performance and competitive spirit while making a significant, memorable, positive, commendable and lasting contribution to the WNBL and/or NBL.

Consideration will be given in exceptional circumstances to players, coaches and referees who have not reached the required criteria.

The Commission will be assisted by a *Screening Committee* who may nominate players, coaches, referees technical officials, administrators and other contributors who have not otherwise reached the required criteria where the Committee believes exceptional circumstances apply. Other persons may also lodge nominations for WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership, provided they are seconded by a WNBL or NBL club official, or BA official. The Commission will consider all nominations made to it by the Screening Committee.

There shall be no limit on the number of people awarded WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership in any one year, but the Basketball Australia Honours and Awards Commission may use its discretion in recommending how many awards will be made.

The BA Honours and Awards Commission may at its discretion recommend to the BA Board people it considers deserve the honour of being named a WNBL and NBL Lifetime Member.

The Basketball Australia Honours and Awards Commission takes ultimate responsibility for recommending WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership and ensuring nominations and recommendation of such an honour is consistent with the guidelines and policy as adopted and reviewed by the Commission.

It is anticipated that the announcement of WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership will be made at the annual NBL and WNBL Presentation Dinner. In exceptional cases, WNBL and NBL Lifetime Membership may be revoked by the BA Board on the recommendation of a 75 per cent vote of the BA Honours and Awards Commission.

Australian Paralympic Committee Awards

Nominations were made to the Australian Paralympic Committee Hall of Fame for Kevin Coombs and Sandy Blythe. Both athletes were not successful in the inaugural awards for 2011.

Australian Junior Awards

The Commission approved the 2010 Australian Junior Awards which were presented at the Australian U16 championships in Kilsyth in July.

Ken Madsen

Chair



Abby Bishop

National Basketball League Report



The 2010–11 year produced excellent results for the NBL – on and off the court. We witnessed a thrilling season of competition, culminating in the New Zealand Breakers winning their first championship. We are also extremely proud that the health of the NBL off the court is the best it has been in well over a decade.

In this report twelve months ago, we talked in great detail about the significance of the new commercial partnerships the NBL had created. Those are just as significant now, and the NBL is continuing to benefit from long term partnerships with iinet, Centrebet, Network Ten and its digital channel ONE, Spalding, AND1, Virgin Australia, OAMPS and SportingPulse. We acknowledge and thank all of our commercial partners.

Whilst our commercial partners have provided more than simply financial support, it is true that our reinforced financial base is allowing us now to focus on making greater inroads in areas that for too long have been simply beyond our capacity to address. As a result, we have seen two years of steady growth and there is a new found optimism around the NBL and with our fans.

Specifically, NBL generated revenue increased by 300% last year. This allowed us to invest in our national brand and advertising campaign, a league-wide licensing program, development of

a centralised membership strategy and program, and a league-wide customer research program. Importantly, one of the findings of this research study highlighted that 89% of fans are feeling more positive about the health of the league.

Last season, we increased game attendance by 12% across the league. This was highlighted by the return of the Sydney Kings who were able to generate the largest crowds in the NBL. Further, seven of the nine matches in the NBL Finals series were sell-outs.

Increased game attendance figures were further supported by the return of NBL to free-to-air television in Australia, through Network Ten and its digital channel ONE, and coverage on New Zealand's SKY TV. Last season, our TV audience increased by 298%, with over six million people watching NBL programming. The deciding game in our Grand Final series between the Breakers and the Cairns Taipans attracted over 170,000 viewers in New Zealand alone, which was the highest TV viewership for a single game the NBL has seen in over a decade.

However, our media presence is not only evident through television. There are scores of journalists, broadcasters and individuals who take time to report on, discuss and otherwise support the NBL. They do this through television, radio, print, electronic and social

media such as Twitter and Facebook. Many NBL players are also involved in this process. We would like to acknowledge and thank all members of the media and others who support and report on our competition.

Our website has also seen greater development and traffic over the last twelve months. During the NBL season, our online network traffic was up 55% and soared to record numbers for us with over 1.4 million unique visitors. This growth in traffic was linked in part to our appointment of a Website Multimedia Producer for the first time.

Other items to highlight include that we continued to grow our retail presence through Rebel Sport and department stores through our licensed products. One of the exciting additions is the release by Spalding of NBL branded backboards back into market; this is a positive step for the NBL brand.

On the court, we congratulate the NZ Breakers on their Championship. Not only was it their first NBL Championship, but they became the first New Zealand based team to win an Australian based sporting competition. Further, the evenness and quality of the competition was self-evident. Clubs from large and small markets were pushing for spots in the finals, and players from all clubs were pursuing and achieving national squad selection, whether for the Australian Boomers or the New Zealand Tall Blacks. We congratulate players and officials from all NBL clubs for putting on a fantastic season.

The NBL has recently released its updated business plan entitled *Transition 2015*. It expresses the NBL's vision to be "the leaders in sports entertainment throughout the Asia Pacific by delivering sustainable growth and the best quality customer experience" and sets out our values, strategic priorities, key actions and projections. *Transition 2015* has been endorsed by the Board of Basketball Australia and the NBL Commission, and we are committed to achieving the ambitious goals that it sets.

We thank all our partners and stakeholders for a wonderful twelve months and we look forward to continuing to work with you to grow the NBL over the next year and beyond.

Justin Milne
Chair
NBL Commission



2010–11 Champions – NZ Breakers

Women's National Basketball League Report



The 2010–11 WNBL season was one of the most competitive in the league's 31-year history. It culminated in the championship being won by the Bulleen Boomers in front of a near-capacity crowd of adoring fans. The Boomers championship was not only a triumph of talent, but also persistence given it was the club's first WNBL championship in 28 seasons of trying.

It was an extraordinary performance from the Boomers in the Grand Final with their mix of experience and youth striking the perfect balance as Sharin Milner, Elizabeth Cambage and Elyse Penaluna led them to victory. It was the third season in succession that Bulleen and the Canberra Capitals had met in the season finale and, whilst they were denied an historic three-peat, the Capitals must be congratulated for the ongoing strength of their program and the quality of their play.

However, it was about more than just those two clubs in a fantastic WNBL season. Clubs were fighting for finals spots until the last night of the regular season. Bulleen and Canberra filled the top two spots on the ladder, but were followed into the post-season play by the Bendigo Spirit, Dandenong Rangers and Logan Thunder.

Bendigo and Logan, in particular, should be applauded. By finishing third, Bendigo earned themselves a home final for the first time. The Logan Thunder were rewarded for their efforts with a finals berth for the first time in their short history. They competed well on the big stage, upsetting Dandenong and then challenging the Spirit strongly in Bendigo despite having a large and vociferous Victorian crowd against them.

Behind these clubs, the Sydney Uni Flames and Townsville Fire were desperately close to making the finals and should be congratulated on their efforts. The West Coast Waves were undoubtedly inspired by the leadership and play of Australian Opal, Tully Bevilacqua, who returned to the competition after a two-year absence. Tully led the Waves to eight wins in the season, more than they have enjoyed in over a decade. For the Adelaide Lightning, season 2010–11 was a rebuilding period and they, like the youth at the AIS, will be looking forward to more wins next season.

The WNBL continued to prove its worth as a home for current stars and a breeding ground for young talent. Six of the Australian Opals who participated in the 2010 World Championships played in the WNBL this season. A number of young players from the league also won selection in the Australian Opals squad for the first time at the conclusion of the season.



2010–11 Champions – Bulleen Boomers

We were proud that the ABC continued their support of the WNBL this season with its television coverage. Ours is one of the longest partnerships in Australian sport and we look forward to it continuing in the future. ABC TV televised one game per week in the regular season, then televised all of our finals – four of them live. We received a significant boost in our audience for these finals, with viewer numbers increasing by between 20 and 40% for the finals series.

In season 2010–11 we also continued our relationship with BPM Media who produced *WNBL Radio*, a live audio commentary of matches from around the country. We were delighted with the quality of this product and look forward to it having a greater audience in future seasons.

However it was not just through the media that people were accessing our sport, fans also continued to attend the games. Our five match finals series saw crowds nearing capacity, whilst attendances were consistently strong across the league all season. We were particularly encouraged by the strong growth in crowd numbers in Perth where, in their new venue, the West Coast Waves were able to introduce a number of excellent initiatives to entice fans to the games.

Our WNBL website continued to develop, but continuing this development and its interaction with the sites of the WNBL clubs will be a major area of focus during the next year. We were, however, very happy with the growth in our social networking activities. The WNBL Facebook site

has well over 3000 fans and we are developing a presence on Twitter as well. We acknowledge the power that social media has and we are focussed on continuing growth in this area.

Commercially, we had several new partners for season 2010–11. iinet was our naming rights partner for the WNBL finals. We also had new uniform sponsors in Champion and a new basketball sponsor in Spalding. We thank iinet, Champion, Spalding and all our other commercial partners for their ongoing support.

We also had a rewarding partnership with Ovarian Cancer Australia which saw us develop a round in February dedicated to its promotion. The ABC supported this with their TV coverage, and the Bulleen Boomers and Dandenong Rangers were also involved in the launch in Melbourne.

The year was not without its challenges, in particular we have not had the financial or human resources available to us to market the league to the extent that we would like. We are confident that with some new commercial goals we will be able to grow this area with new initiatives in the coming year. However, we also can not lose sight of the fact that despite the challenges we face, the WNBL continues as the preeminent national sporting competition for women in Australia, which is a great credit to all of our staff and volunteers, as well as the players, officials, staff and volunteers at all of our clubs.

Lorraine Landon
General Manager
WNBL

NBL and WNBL Awards



Damian Martin



Marianna Tolo

NBL
Coach of the Year (Lindsay Gaze Trophy)
 Trevor Gleeson (Townsville Crocodiles)

Most Valuable Player (Andrew Gaze Trophy)
 Gary Ervin (Wollongong)

Rookie of the Year
 Ben Madgen (Sydney)

Best Defensive Player
 Damian Martin (Perth)

Most Improved Player
 Oscar Forman (Wollongong)

Best Sixth Man
 Kevin Braswell (New Zealand)

All-NBL First Team
 Kirk Penney (New Zealand)
 Gary Ervin (Wollongong)
 Julian Khazzouh (Sydney)
 Damian Martin (Perth)
 Gary Wilkinson (New Zealand)

Referee of the Year
 Michael Aylen

WNBL
Coach of the Year
 Tom Maher (Bulleen Boomers)

Most Valuable Player
 Elizabeth Cambage (Bullen Boomers)

Betty Watson Rookie of the Year
 Gretel Tippett (Logan Thunder)

Robyn Maher Defensive Player of the Year
 Rachael Flanagan (Townsville Fire)

WNBL All-Star Five
 Kathleen Macleod (Dandenong Rangers)
 Jenna O'Hea (Bulleen Boomers)
 Amy Denson (Sydney Uni Flames)
 Marianna Tolo (Canberra Capitals)
 Elizabeth Cambage (Bulleen Boomers)

Financial Management Report

In its second year of operations, BA Limited (BA) recorded a surplus of \$191,164 for 2010–11. This was an improvement against budget of some 25.3% (2010–11 budgeted surplus \$152,522). The surplus was built around revenues of \$11.181 million, and expenses of \$10.989 million.

2010–11 Revenues of \$11.181 million were comprised as follows:

Grant revenues	\$4.558 million	40.8% of total revenue
Membership & participation fees	\$2.404 million	21.5% of total revenue
Sponsorships	\$2.245 million	20.1% of total revenue
Media rights	\$1.360 million	12.2% of total revenue
Competitions income	\$0.215 million	1.9% of total revenue
Licensing & merchandising	\$0.207 million	1.8% of total revenue
Interest income	\$0.106 million	0.9% of total revenue
Other income	\$0.086 million	0.8% of total revenue

2010–11 Expenditures of \$10.989 million were made up as follows:

High performance & national teams	\$4.147 million	37.7% of total expenditure
Community Basketball	\$0.838 million	7.6% of total expenditure
National Basketball League	\$3.447 million	31.4% of total expenditure
Women's National Basketball League	\$0.787 million	7.2% of total expenditure
Administration & finance	\$1.450 million	13.2% of total expenditure
Other marketing & communications	\$0.320 million	2.9% of total expenditure

BA Limited's balance sheet position at 30 June 2011 was as follows:

Current assets	\$5.919 million
Non-current assets	\$0.034 million
Total assets	\$5.953 million
Current liabilities	\$4.751 million
Non-current liabilities	\$0.083 million
Total liabilities	\$4.834 million
Accumulated funds	\$1.119 million

BA's financial management focus for the company for 2011–12 remains much the same as in prior years – that is working hard to maintain and support traditional funding sources, whilst continuing to seek new funding opportunities, together with ensuring that costs remain tightly managed across all areas of the organisation.

Senior National Men's Team



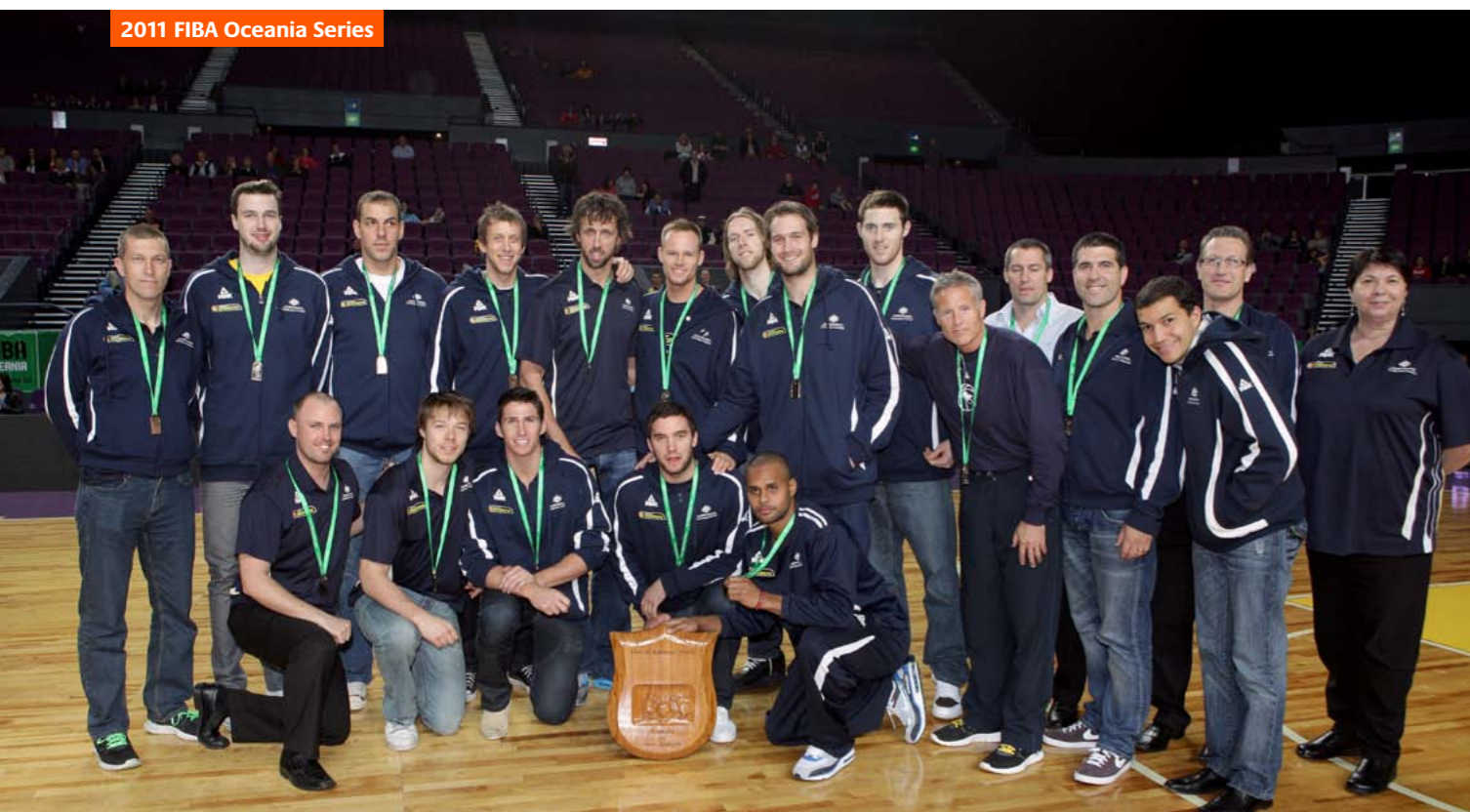
The primary focus of this period for the Boomers was their World Championship campaign that tipped off in Turkey in August 2010. The Boomers were missing NBA star Andrew Bogut through injury, but assembled a talented squad nonetheless. The team was confident of positive results at the tournament given they had prepared well, defeating high caliber nations such as Argentina, Brazil, China and Slovenia in lead up events.

However, FIBA World Championships are extraordinarily tough events with the level of play as even as it has ever been. The unique nature of tournament play, where nations are typically playing matches every day, tests the mental and physical strength of a squad, and its depth. Accordingly, the Boomers faced close competition to begin the tournament, beating Jordan by one, but losing to Argentina by two the following day. The team enjoyed a solid win against Germany and confidence rose. However a loss to Serbia ensured they faced a difficult task in their cross over match, against Slovenia. Unfortunately, the Boomers started off slowly and were never in a position to bring it back, losing the match and ultimately finishing the tournament in tenth position.

The first half of 2011 was significantly quieter for the Boomers squad. The highlight was the inaugural YouYi Games against China. This was a series of two matches, held in Perth and Singapore. The Australian coaching staff were able to blood several younger players in the team for this series, highlighting the depth of our talent. Many of these players continue to ply their trade in the NBL. The Boomers were successful in both matches, winning by two and five points respectively.

The next twelve months present significant challenges for the Boomers. At the time of writing, the team has just completed a lengthy overseas tour and successfully qualified for the 2012 London Olympic Games. Brett Brown and his team have an exciting time ahead as they prepare for the Games.

2011 FIBA Oceania Series



Senior National Women's Team



The Opals primary target in this period was success at the World Championships commencing in September 2010.

The lead up form for the Opals was encouraging. Touring China, the USA and Europe, the team achieved mixed results on court but was continuing its development under the leadership of coach Carrie Graf. In particular, given the absence of WNBA stars Lauren Jackson and Penny Taylor for much of the preparation, less-experienced international players were developing as leaders.

Jackson's success in the WNBA meant that she did not join the team until immediately prior to the World Championships in the Czech Republic and when this was combined with an injury cloud over Taylor, there were some question marks over the Opals early in the tournament. However, the Opals cruised through the pool matches with great poise, recording comfortable wins over Canada (72-49), Belarus (83-59) and China (91-68). The second round saw the Opals face Greece, France and arch rivals the USA. The Opals dispatched both Greece (93-54) and France (62-52) without problem. World Championship

debutant, Elizabeth Cabbage, carried over her WNBL form and was a huge threat for opposition defences. The final match of this phase was of little real consequence to either the Opals or their opponent, the USA, and the Americans won 83-75. The Opals then faced the hosts in a quarter final clash. The Czech Republic side were inspired and the Opals had no answers, with the Czech's triumphing 79-68. The loss relegated the Aussies to 5th-8th playoff rounds where they first faced Russia, winning 78-73, then France, winning 74-62 to take fifth place. The team was disappointed with the result, however many positives came from the event and the group will take a new found determination into the quest for Olympic glory in London.

That mission is already underway and whilst the first half of 2011 has been quiet for the Opals squad, the team is looking forward to the remainder of this year and beyond. In July 2011 the team played a series in China, then met China in Australia before facing New Zealand in September for the right to participate in the London Olympics. At time of writing, the Opals had just secured that Olympic berth and now have their sights set on the Games.

2010 FIBA World Championships



Photo: Courtesy of FIBA

Senior National Men's Wheelchair Team



The pinnacle for any team is gold medal success at an Olympic Games or World Championships. Following their win in Beijing in 2008, the Rollers were driven to complete the set with gold at the IWBF World Championship in Birmingham in July 2010.

The team achieved their goal, going through the tournament undefeated and being crowned World Champions. They faced a battle in the gold medal game against the French, as expected, but were able to secure the championship with a 76-69 win. The Rollers were otherwise dominant in the tournament, as an average winning margin of 22 points per game demonstrates.

There were many standouts, however particular credit must be given to Justin Eveson and Dylan Alcott who were both named to the tournament's All-Star 5, along with coach Ben Ettridge and his team.

Following this win, the Rollers have had some time to reflect and regenerate as they plan to defend their Paralympic gold in London in 2012.

The squad participated in a camp at the AIS in February followed by another camp in Varese, Italy. Many of the Rollers play professionally in Italy so it is an ideal venue for preparation. These camps provided the opportunity to develop some new athletes in the squad.

At the Varese camp, the team played a series of friendly games against Italy as part of their preparation for 2011 Asia Oceania Zone Championships. This is the major event for 2011 and it will be held in South Korea in November. The best two teams qualify for the 2012 London Paralympics. The last time Australia participated in the AOZ Championships was in 2009 ahead of the World Championships, when the Rollers went through undefeated.

The Rollers also recently hosted South Africa and the Netherlands at the AIS for a series of matches. The Rollers proved two strong for those developing squads, winning all games in the tournament.

We also note some of the major initiatives for the development in the sport of wheelchair basketball and the pathway for future Rollers and Gliders athletes.

One of the major initiatives for 2010-11 has been working with Wheelchair Sports Australia (WSA) and the men's National Wheelchair Basketball League clubs to develop the league in partnership with BA and WSA. One of the primary changes will be that the league will commence in late February and be completed in June.

Another initiative which works in conjunction is the continued development of the Frank Ponta Cup. This event is a summer league held at the AIS over two weeks in March and April where athletes who are not playing in Europe participate in teams named after famous roller athletes—Sandy Blythe, David Gould, Brad Ness and John Terdich. The primary focus of the Frank Ponta Cup is development, not only of players but also coaches and referees in the wheelchair basketball program.

Senior National Women's Wheelchair Team



Similarly to their male counterparts, the Gliders participated at the 2010 IWBF World Championships in Birmingham. The Gliders were looking to build upon their success in Beijing at the 2008 Paralympics where they won bronze.

Unfortunately for the team, they narrowly missed a medal at the World Championships. The Germans outclassed the Gliders in a semi final (66-47) meaning that they needed to defeat Canada to again take the bronze. The Canadians proved too strong, winning 59-49 and collecting the prize.

A full review of the Gliders program was conducted after the World Championships and some change was implemented. The most significant of these was the introduction of Jan Stirling as the new director of coaching. Jan is best known to the basketball community as the coach who guided the Opals to a World Championship in 2006 and Olympic silver medals in Athens and Beijing. This is a new role and the Gliders program is already benefiting from Jan's expertise.

Again similarly to the Rollers, the main focus for the Gliders in 2011 is the Asia Oceania Zone

Championships in South Korea in November as this is the qualification event for the London 2012 Paralympics.

In preparing for this, the Gliders have participated in camps at the AIS, toured Japan for the Osaka Cup tournament, and also toured Germany for a camp and matches against Germany, Great Britain and France.

Gliders players have also competed in both the Men's and Women's National Wheelchair Basketball Leagues and, for the first time, the Gliders competed as a squad in the Frank Ponta Cup tournament against the male players.

Many of the Gliders have also been involved in the Australian U25 women's team. This is a new program introduced by the IWBF this year with the World Championships held in July 2011. Gerry Hewson was appointed coach and Paralympian Alison Mosely was one of his assistants, which is excellent for the Gliders' program as the experience gained by this team will be invaluable in future Paralympic and World Championship campaigns.

2010 IWBF World Championships



2010 IWBF World Championships



Junior National Under 19 Men's Team



The primary focus for the Australian U19 squad in 2011 was preparing the team for the World Championships. The Emus attended two camps before heading off to Croatia and Russia for preparation games. In a small village on the Croatian coast, the Emus lost their first game 77-67. However after shaking off the jet lag the Emus went on to beat Croatia in their next games comfortably.

Following these games the Emus travelled to Moscow, where they played the Russian U18 team winning 86-67. The following day the Emus played the Russian U19 team winning by 7. However their last game in Moscow saw the Emus lose a close one to the Russian U19 team, 82-78.

Heading back home, the Emus had two weeks to recover before turning around and heading back to Europe for the Global Games in Lithuania and, ultimately, the World Championships in Latvia.

The Emus started the Global Games tournament off well with a solid win over Brazil, 88-64. However they suffered close losses against Lithuania and Canada in the next two games.

Worse news followed for the Emus, with starting point guard Mitch Norton injuring his ankle and being ruled out of the World Championships.

Moving into the World Championships, the Emus once again started the tournament well, dispatching Argentina with ease, 73-49. The team's next task was an early challenge, to play the host nation. Unfortunately, the Latvian team was on fire in front of their home crowd and despite some solid defence from the Emus they couldn't pull it back, leaving Latvia to win by 10.

The Emus went on to win the rest of their pool games, beating Chinese Taipei, Russia, Brazil and Poland. This placed them in a match against Serbia. The Emus did the job and won convincingly 93-74. Unfortunately due to a complicated tie in the results, the Emus didn't progress to the semi finals, playing Croatia instead in the classification games. Winning this game the team then faced the talented USA for their final game. Unfortunately the Emus couldn't pull off a win for their last game, going down by the narrowest margin, 78-77, thus ending the Championships in sixth place.

2011 U19 FIBA World Championships



Junior National Under 19 Women's Team



The Gems held several camps and played a number of matches and events in preparation for the U19 FIBA Oceania Championships in New Zealand in September 2010. In July, the team had visited Troyes in France for a tournament involving Belgium, Germany and France. The Gems swept their matches at this event. This meant that the team approached the U19 FIBA Oceania Championships with form and confidence, sweeping the three-match series against New Zealand and thereby qualifying for the 2011 FIBA U19 World Championships in Chile.

The first half of 2011 was all about preparation for the World Championships that were to be held in July. Under coach Cheryl Chambers, the Gems kicked off 2011 with a tour to China for an extended international junior tournament hosted in three different cities. The tournament saw the Gems take on the forces of USA, China and the Czech Republic. In the first city, Shangluo, the Gems were in outstanding form to win all three matches. The tournament then

moved to Shouzhou where the Gems dropped only one match, to the USA. Finishing the tournament in Ya'an, the Gems defeated the USA, but dropped matches to both the Czech Republic and China to take them to a win-loss record of 6-3 for the series. It was a fantastic event for the Gems and served as excellent preparation for the upcoming World Championships.

Next stop for the Gems were camps at the AIS in both June and July, including two matches against the Japan senior women's team. The Gems put up a credible flight against the Japanese despite losing both matches. However, again, this competition ensured that the Gems were well prepared for the World Championships that were held later in July 2011.

Australian Gems squad



Junior National Under 17 Men's Team



As was reported last year, the U17 Men participated in the inaugural U17 Men's FIBA World Championship in Germany in July 2010. The team lost their first two games, to Poland and Canada, before rebounding to beat Korea and Germany. The team prepared well for their critical final pool match, but unfortunately lost a thriller to Spain by two points. The Australian's then tackled the eventual World Champions, the USA, in a quarter-final, losing 105-70. Australia recovered the following day to beat China by two points, 68-66, but lost their final classification match to Serbia, ultimately recording a commendable sixth place finish.

The team has been relatively quiet in 2011; holding a successful training camp which unearthed and developed some of our best young talent. The primary focus was preparing the team for the Oceania Championship series against New Zealand in September.

2011 FIBA Oceania Series



Junior National Under 17 Women's Team



In July 2010 the team headed to the inaugural FIBA U17 World Championships in Toulouse, France. As was detailed in last year's report, they started the tournament with an exciting one-point win over Spain. In game two, the physically strong Chinese defeated the Aussies 92-75.

By now, the girls were becoming accustomed to the speed of the international game and they strung together wins over Argentina (77-57) and Mali (88-39). Despite a loss in the next match to Belgium (67-61), the team still had its eyes focused on a medal. However, a tough match against tournament hosts France (69-59) in the quarter-final ended those ambitions. The Australians lost narrowly to Japan (95-92) and then defeated Spain (74-48) in the classification games to secure seventh spot and a positive end to the tournament.

Under new coach Marissa Fillipou, the team commenced their 2011 campaign with a series of camps at the AIS. The first was held in January, followed by another camp and international matches in June. The goal for the first half of 2011 was preparation for the FIBA Oceania Series that was to be held in

September 2011. This Series serves as the qualification tournament for the FIBA World Championships in 2012.

We hosted Chinese Taipei in June for a two match series at the AIS. In game one, the Australians failed to match the pace of the team from Chinese Taipei, with the visitors winning 77-53. However, the hosts were able to adjust and reverse the result in the second match. An improved shooting performance was the catalyst for the 61-59 win. These matches proved a wonderful learning experience for the team as they look forward to the FIBA Oceania Series.

We must also note the success of some of our U17 national team athletes who participated in a new FIBA initiative, the 3-on-3 tournament at the 2010 Singapore Youth Olympics. The team comprised Olivia Bontempelli, Mikhaela Donnerly, Rosemary Fadljevis and Hannah Kaser. The girls were in great form, winning five of their six preliminary matches, including a victory over the USA. However, in the gold medal game the Chinese were fractionally too strong, winning 33-29. The girls are congratulated on their efforts.

2011 FIBA Oceania Series



Athletes with an Intellectual Disability



BA has two national teams for athletes with an intellectual disability, the Pearls (women) and the Boomerangs (men). As part of the program, the national teams have competed in international events which have included the World Championships and the Global Games.

In 2010–11, the highlight for the program was the World Championship win by the Pearls in Portugal. It was the Pearls second World Championship which is a wonderful achievement.

The success of the Pearls program has been led by Head Coach Larry Davidson from Newcastle and well supported by Jo Larkin from Melbourne and the amazing team manager, Sally Duncan.

The Pearls went undefeated in the World Championship to defeat Portugal 105–24 in the gold medal game. Their results were a wins over Brazil 94–38 and 98–19, and over Portugal 98–19 and 105–24.

The members of the successful team were Bernadette Mills, Melissa Marlborough, Danni Burden, Sam Hough, Eliza Jane Mills, Mina Aldobasic, Kaitlyn Papworth, Monique Favero, Natasha Excell, Nicole Harris, Nicole Skerman and Karina Barnes.

The Boomerangs did not participate in the 2010 World Championships held in Portugal. Following the 2011 Ivor Burge Championships, BA appointed a new head coach and team manager. Simon Robinson, the championship winning coach from the Ivor Burge from Victoria Metro was appointed as head coach to support long time assistant coach George Havakis. Carmen Skidmore from Orange (who is the head coach of the NSW Country men's team) was appointed as team manager.

A squad was selected and three training camps have been held with the following athletes selected to represent Australia in September at the Global Games in Liguria, Italy. The athletes are Michael Patterson, Nicholas Hum, Clinton Jee, Matthew Johnson, Mitchell Mavrak, Adam Meredith, Dean Pallier, Jamie Phillips, Matthew Skerman and Jordan East.

The mentions of the Ivor Burge Championships above are because BA, in conjunction with Ausrapid, introduced this championship into our Australian Junior Championships back in 1995. Since then athletes with an intellectual disability have competed alongside our U20 age athletes at the Australian Championships. This has been a fantastic experience for these athletes, as well as providing a springboard for selection of national squads and teams.



George Havakis and Dean Pallier

FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament

In November 2010, BA sent a boys and girls team to the FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament. This tournament was held in Noumea and Kone, New Caledonia. The tournament is conducted every second year and BA selects teams based on the potential for players to represent Australia at under age or open events in the future.

The tournament presents a brilliant opportunity for these young athletes to experience international travel and the unique thrill of representing their country at a young age. In the group selected for this particular tournament, it was for many of them their first trip overseas and their experiences of different cultures, standards of living and languages had been minimal to this point. However, all embraced the experience and enjoyed adapting to local conditions.

Both the boys and girls teams went through the tournament undefeated. Each team defeated Guam, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Fiji and American Samoa with relative ease before meeting New Zealand in the final. The girls defeated their New Zealand counterparts 67–61, whilst the boys triumphed 57–46 over the same opponent.

Girls Squad Members

Louise Brown, Stephanie Collins, Darcee Lee Garbin, Tiana Mangakahia, Molly Mathews, Grace Parker, Tenaya Phillips, Kathryn Rendell, Casey Jo Samuels and Carly Turner.

They were managed by Simon Pritchard (Head Coach), Paul Simpson (Assistant Coach) and Judith Roberts (Team Manager).

Boys Squad Members

Matthew Brazendale, Joshua Derksen, Mirko Djeric, Dante Exum, Riccardo Howard, Darcy Malone, Laurence Mifsud, Emmett Naar, Nathan Smith and Cade Towers.

They were managed by Mark Watkins (Head Coach), Justin Schueller (Assistant Coach), Darren Thomas (Team Manager) and David Hillard (Physiotherapist).

Australian Junior Championships

The Australian Junior Championships are without a doubt one of the most anticipated events on the basketball calendar as every State and Territory is represented in events for both boys and girls from the U14's age group through to the U20's, in addition to these age categories are also Championships for athletes with an intellectual disability and junior wheelchair championships.

These Championships are a breeding ground for talent as Australia's Stars of Tomorrow come from these very courts, a pathway not only for players but for coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers.

Australian Junior Championships in 2010 continued to entertain basketball fans from all over Australia with crowds on the increase, congratulations and thanks to our hosts for the 2010 Australian Junior Championships.

2010 Australian U16 Championships
Logan, Qld

2010 Australian U14 Men's Club Championship
ACT

2010 Australian U14 Women's Club Championship
Hobart, Tas

2010 Australian Schools Championship
Bendigo, Vic

2011 Australian U20 Championships
Maitland, NSW

2011 Ivor Burge Championships
Maitland, NSW

2011 Australian 18 Championship
Ulverstone, Tas

2010 Championships Results
U20 Women's Championships
The Arthur McRobbie Trophy
Victoria **73** def New South Wales **56**

U20 Men's Championships
The Jack Terrill Trophy
Victoria **77** def Queensland **70**

U16 Women's Championships
The Norma Connolly Trophy
Victoria Metro **82** def Queensland South **50**

U16 Men's Championships
The Robert Young Trophy
New South Wales Metro **53** def Victoria Metro **52**

U14 Girls Club Championships
The Michele Timms Trophy
Melbourne Tigers **66** def Logan (Qld) **40**

U14 Boys Club Championships
The Ken Watson Trophy
Melbourne Tigers **54** def Hills (NSW) **37**

Australian Schools Championships – Women
John Paul College (Qld) **61** def
Caulfield Grammar School (Vic) **60**

Australian Schools Championships – Men
Sydney Boys High School **81** def
Newington College (NSW) **79**

Ivor Burge Championships – Women
Victoria Metro **54** def New South Wales Metro **49**
MVP: Kaitlyn Papworth (Victoria Metro)

Ivor Burge Championships – Men
Victoria Metro **85** defeated ACT **46**
MVP: Dean Pallier (New South Wales Country)

Kevin Coombs Cup
Not held in 2011

2011 RE Staunton Medal
(MVP at the U20 Championships)
Women – Rebecca Cole, Vic
Men – Mitchell Creek, Vic



An important part of the Australian Junior Championship series is acknowledging some of our most talented performers and rewarding them publicly, whether they are athletes, coaches, referees, administrators or volunteers.

Winning the prestigious Athlete of the Year was Mitch Creek from Victoria. Mitch had an amazing 2010 winning the gold medal with the 2010 U20 Victoria Men's team. He was part of the Australian U19 Emus team that won the gold medal at the Albert Schweitzer tournament in Germany where he also won the MVP. Mitch also had his debut in the NBL with the Adelaide 36ers.

Rebecca Cole was named as the Female Athlete of the Year with an outstanding season for the AIS in the WNBL. Rebecca was also a member of the Australian U19 team that defeated New Zealand in September to qualify for the World U19 Championships in Chile.

Winning the inaugural Wheelchair Athlete of the Year was Bailey Rowland from Queensland. At 13 years of age, Bailey is the youngest ever wheelchair athlete to participate in a Rollers *low pointer* camp. Bailey was injured in a car accident at 8 years of age, but has been playing wheelchair basketball for five years and is one of the exciting young talents in the game.

The winner of our women's Wheelchair Athlete of the Year was Amber Merritt from Perth. Amber made her debut for the senior team, the Gliders, in the World Championships last year and was also part of the Australian U25 team competing in the inaugural IWBF World Championships for that age group.

The award for the year's best female Athlete with an Intellectual Disability went to Kaitlyn Papworth from Victoria. Kaitlyn was a member of the 2010 Australian Pearls team at the World Cup that won a gold medal, as well as being a member of the Victorian Metro team that won the Ivor Burge championship in February where she was the tournament MVP.

The year's best male Athlete with an Intellectual Disability was Michael Paterson, also from Melbourne. Michael was the Captain of the 2010 Victorian Metro Ivor Burge Team that won gold at the 2010 tournament, at which he was the MVP. In June 2010, Michael was awarded a VIS scholarship.

Winner of the Patrick Hunt Female Coach of the Year was Kristy Flores who was head coach of the silver medal team that competed in the inaugural Youth Olympics Games 3-on-3 team in Singapore. Kristy is also the assistant coach at the AIS women's program. The winner of the men's award was Mark Watkins who was the head coach of the gold medal team at the FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament men's team in 2010 and his New South Wales metro team won the gold medal at the 2010 U18 championship for the first time in 33 years.

The Referees of the Year were Rhiannan De La Torre and James Boyer, both of New South Wales. Rhiannan refereed the Men's gold medal game at the 2010 U18 Championships whilst James refereed the Men's gold medal game at the U20 Championships.

Other Awards

Contribution to wheelchair basketball – Tom Kyle from Queensland and Liesl Tesch from New South Wales. Both winners have made outstanding contributions to the development of wheelchair basketball with Tom developing the game in Brisbane and regional centres in Northern Qld. Liesl's contribution has been as an athlete for over 20 years and in recent years taking the game to many parts of Australia and the world encouraging young females to try wheelchair basketball.

James McGill from Canberra won the award for contribution to Athletes with an Intellectual Disability. James has been involved with the Ivor Burge Championships since inception in 1995 and has progressed from athlete to coaching.

Administrator of the Year was won by Paul Lyth from Newcastle Basketball Association and Joanne McCormick from Sunshine Coast Basketball Club in Queensland.

Female Junior Basketball Vocation and Education Award was presented to Hayley Douglas from Canberra, with the Male Junior Award being won by Victorian Stefan Ionescu. Both athletes have combined their passion for the game with a high academic achievement during 2010.

Faye Fuda from the Macarthur Basketball Association in New South Wales won the female volunteer of the Year whilst Peter Voltz won the male award. Peter comes from the Rockhampton Basketball Association.

Scoretable Official of the Year was won by Carina Crockford from Queensland whilst Trish Nicholls from Sydney won the Statistician of the Year. Both ladies have been responsible in encouraging many new officials to the game.

Olivia Thompson



International Scorecard



Pat Mills

Boomers

Boris Stankovic Cup
Liuzhou, China
28 July – 1 August 2010

Players

David Andersen, David Barlow, Mark Worthington, Joe Ingles, Patrick Mills, Adam Gibson, Damian Martin, Brad Newley, Matthew Nielsen, AJ Ogilvy, Aron Baynes, Steven Markovic

Staff

Brett Brown (Head Coach), Andrej Lemanis (Assistant Coach), Shane Heal (Assistant Coach), Nic Mercer (Operations Manager), Steve Evans (Physiotherapist), Peter Harcourt (Doctor), Diana Glazer (Massage Therapist)

Results

28.07.10 Australia *defeated* China 64–63
29.07.10 Australia *defeated* Slovenia 77–63
31.07.10 Australia *defeated* Iran 69–60
01.08.10 Australia *lost to* Slovenia 60–71

Australia finished 2nd at the tournament.

France Tour
Lyon, France
22 August – 24 August 2010

Player

David Andersen, David Barlow, Mark Worthington, Joe Ingles, Patrick Mills, Adam Gibson, Damian Martin, Brad Newley, Matthew Nielsen, Aron Baynes, Steven Markovic, Aleks Maric

Staff

Brett Brown (Head Coach), Andrej Lemanis (Assistant Coach), Shane Heal (Assistant Coach), Mo Dakhil (Video Assistant), Nic Mercer (Operations Manager), Steve Evans (Physiotherapist), Peter Harcourt (Doctor), Diana Glazer (Massage Therapist)

Results

22.08.10 Australia *defeated* Brazil 72–69
23.08.10 Australia *defeated* France 67–66
24.08.10 Australia *defeated* Ivory Coast 80–59

2010 Fiba Men's World Championships
Kayseri & Istanbul, Turkey
28 August – 5 September 2010

Players

David Andersen, David Barlow, Mark Worthington, Joe Ingles, Patrick Mills, Adam Gibson, Damian Martin, Brad Newley, Matthew Nielsen, Aron Baynes, Steven Markovic, Aleks Maric

Staff

Brett Brown (Head Coach), Andrej Lemanis (Assistant Coach), Shane Heal (Assistant Coach), Mo Dakhil (Video Assistant), Nic Mercer (Operations Manager), Steve Evans (Physiotherapist), Peter Harcourt (Doctor), Diana Glazer (Massage Therapist)

Results

28.08.10 Australia *defeated* Jordan 76–75
29.08.10 Australia *lost to* Argentina 72–74
30.08.10 Australia *defeated* Germany 78–43
01.09.10 Australia *lost to* Serbia 79–93
02.09.10 Australia *defeated* Angola 76–55
05.09.10 Australia *lost to* Slovenia 58–87

Australia finished 10th at the World Championships.

Youyi Series

Perth 24 June 2010
Singapore 26 June 2010

Players

Damien Martin, Ben Madgen, Clint Steindl, Daniel Dillon, Peter Crawford, David Barlow, Daniel Kickert, Jesse Wagstaff, Luke Nevill, Anatoly Bose, Aron Baynes, Rhys Martin

Staff

Brett Brown (Head Coach), Andrej Lemanis (Assistant Coach), Marty Clarke (Assistant Coach), Nic Mercer (Operations Manager), David Philpot (Physiotherapist), Gary Couanis (Doctor), Diana Glazer (Massage Therapist)

Results

24.06.11 Australia *defeated* China 67–65
26.06.10 Australia *defeated* China 62–57



AJ Ogilvy

Emus

Fiba Oceania Championships
Palmerston North, New Zealand
17 September – 19 September 2010

Players

Jackson Aldridge, Mitchell Creek, Anthony Drmic, Andrija Dumovic, Hugh Greenwood, Igor Hadziomerovic, Mitchell McCarron, Mitchell Norton, Owen Odigie, Nathan Spehr, Lewis Thomas, Daniel Trist

Staff

Damian Cotter (Head Coach), Paul Goriss (Assistant Coach), Bob McGugan (Manager), Graham Lee (Doctor), Peter Suffolk (Physiotherapist)

Results

17.09.10 Australia *defeated* NZ **109–82**
18.09.10 Australia *defeated* NZ **107–51**
19.09.10 Australia *defeated* NZ **94–46**

European Tour

Crikvenica, Croatia
29 May – 31 May 2010
Moscow, Russia
3 June – 5 June 2010

Players

Jackson Aldridge, Mitchell Creek, Anthony Drmic, Andrija Dumovic, Hugh Greenwood, Jackson Hussey, Mitchell McCarron, Mitchell Norton, William Sinclair, Lewis Thomas, Daniel Trist, Corban Wroe

Staff

Damian Cotter (Head Coach), Paul Goriss (Assistant Coach), Markus Klusemann (Technical Assistant Coach), Bob McGugan (Manager), Dr Graham Lee (Doctor), Peter Suffolk (Physiotherapist)

Results

29.05.10 Australia *lost to* Croatia **67–77**
30.05.10 Australia *defeated* Croatia **86–67**
31.05.10 Australia *defeated* Croatia **88–60**
03.06.10 Australia *defeated* Russia U18 **86–67**
04.06.10 Australia *defeated* Russia U19 **68–61**
05.06.10 Australia *lost to* Russia U19 **78–82**

Global Games
Panevezys, Lithuania
29 May – 31 May 2010

Players

Jackson Aldridge, Mitchell Creek, Anthony Drmic, Andrija Dumovic, Hugh Greenwood, Igor Hadziomerovic, Jackson Hussey, Mitchell McCarron, Mitchell Norton, William Sinclair, Lewis Thomas, Daniel Trist

Staff

Damian Cotter (Head Coach), Paul Goriss (Assistant Coach), Markus Klusemann (Technical Assistant Coach), Bob McGugan (Manager), Dr Graham Lee (Doctor), Peter Suffolk (Physiotherapist)

Results

24.06.10 Australia *defeated* Brazil **88–64**
25.06.10 Australia *lost to* Lithuania **70–80**
26.06.10 Australia *lost to* Canada **70–76**

Fiba U19 World Championship
Latvia
30 June – 10 July 2010

Players

Jackson Aldridge, Mitchell Creek, Anthony Drmic, Andrija Dumovic, Hugh Greenwood, Igor Hadziomerovic, Jackson Hussey, Mitchell McCarron, Owen Odigie, William Sinclair, Lewis Thomas, Daniel Trist

Staff

Damian Cotter (Head Coach), Paul Goriss (Assistant Coach), Markus Klusemann (Technical Assistant Coach), Bob McGugan (Manager), Dr Graham Lee (Doctor), Peter Suffolk (Physiotherapist)

Results

30.06.10 Australia *defeated* Argentina **73–49**
01.07.10 Australia *lost to* Latvia **68–78**
02.07.10 Australia *defeated* Chin. Taipei **93–65**
04.07.10 Australia *defeated* Russia **85–78**
05.07.10 Australia *defeated* Brazil **63–57**
06.07.10 Australia *defeated* Poland **72–52**
08.07.10 Australia *lost to* Serbia **74–93**
09.07.10 Australia *defeated* Croatia **90–63**
10.07.10 Australia *lost to* USA **77–78**

Australia finished 6th at the World Championships.

U17 Men

Fiba World Championships For U17 Men
Hamburg, Germany
2 July – 11 July 2010

Players

Daniel Carlin, Phil Chircu, Ashley Constable, Tom Downie, Andrija Dumovic, Taylor Dyson, Jarrod Fryar, Sam Gilmore, Daniel Hill, Mitch Norton, Owen Odigie, Cory Richardson

Staff

Guy Molloy (Head Coach), Paul Jones (Assistant Coach), Alan McAughtry (Assistant Coach), Kim White (Manager), Eirik Ulvestad (Physiotherapist)

Results

02.07.10 Australia *lost to* Poland **71–54**
03.07.10 Australia *lost to* Canada **76–68**
05.07.10 Australia *defeated* Korea **87–70**
06.07.10 Australia *defeated* Germany **62–58**
07.07.10 Australia *lost to* Spain **68–66**
09.07.10 Australia *lost to* USA **105–70**
10.07.10 Australia *defeated* China **68–66**
11.07.10 Australia *lost to* Serbia **74–64**

Australia finished 6th at the World Championships.

Rollers

Iwbf Men's World Championships
Birmingham, England
8 July 2010 – 15 July 2010

Players

Justin Eveson, Bill Latham, Brett Stibners, Shaun Norris, Michael Hartnett, Tristan Knowles, John McPhail, Tige Simmons, Grant Mizens, Dylan Alcott, Jeremy Doyle, Brad Ness

Staff

Ben Ettridge (Head Coach), Craig Friday (Assistant Coach), Tom Kyle (Assistant Coach), Matteo Feriani (Assistant Coach), Jesse Adams (Physiotherapist), Joanna Vaile (Physiologist), Leigh Gooding (Team Manager)

Results

08.07.10 Australia *defeated* France **75–63**
09.07.10 Australia *defeated* Turkey **66–54**
10.07.10 Australia *defeated* Algeria **92–44**
11.07.10 Australia *defeated* Mexico **81–43**
12.07.10 Australia *defeated* Canada **67–49**
13.07.10 Australia *defeated* Poland **68–34**
14.07.10 Australia *defeated* USA **68–58**
15.07.10 Australia *defeated* France **76–69**

Australia won the World Championships.

Opals

Exhibition Matches
China
2 July – 4 July 2010

Players

Erin Phillips, Alicia Poto, Jennifer Screen, Belinda Snell, Samantha Richards, Hollie Grima, Kristi Harrower, Laura Summerton, Jenna O'Hea, Elizabeth Cambage, Marianna Tolo, Hanna Zavec

Staff

Carrie Graf (Head Coach), Michele Timms, Peter Buckle (Assistant Coaches), Dr David Hughes (Team Doctor), Rachel McAlister (Physiotherapist), Renae Maycock (Manager)

Results

02.07.10 Australia *lost to* China **74–59**
04.07.10 Australia *lost to* China **78–73**
06.07.10 Australia *lost to* China **85–82**

International Tournament
Szombathely, Hungary
15 July – 17 July 2010

Players

Erin Phillips, Alicia Poto, Jennifer Screen, Belinda Snell, Samantha Richards, Hollie Grima, Kristi Harrower, Laura Summerton, Jenna O'Hea, Elizabeth Cambage, Marianna Tolo, Hanna Zavec

Staff

Carrie Graf (Head Coach), Phil Brown, Michele Timms, Peter Buckle (Assistant Coaches), Dr David Hughes (Team Doctor), Graeme Backen (Physiotherapist), Renae Maycock (Manager)

Results

15.07.10 Australia *defeated* Slovakia **93–63**
16.07.10 Australia *defeated* Hungary **74–68**
17.07.10 Australia *defeated* Romania **126–23**

Exhibition Matches

Hartford, USA
10 September – 11 September 2010

Players

Erin Phillips, Alicia Poto, Jennifer Screen, Samantha Richards, Hollie Grima, Kristi Harrower, Laura Summerton, Jenna O'Hea, Elizabeth Cambage, Marianna Tolo, Tully Bevilaqua

Staff

Carrie Graf (Head Coach), Phil Brown, Peter Buckle (Assistant Coaches), Dr David Hughes (Team Doctor), Graeme Backen (Physiotherapist), Renae Maycock (Manager)

Results

10.09.10 Australia *lost to* USA **89–56**
11.09.10 Australia *lost to* Spain **87–74**

International Tournament
Salamanca, Spain
17 September – 18 September 2010

Players

Erin Phillips, Alicia Poto, Jennifer Screen, Samantha Richards, Hollie Grima, Kristi Harrower, Laura Summerton, Jenna O'Hea, Elizabeth Cambage, Marianna Tolo, Tully Bevilaqua, Penny Taylor

Staff

Carrie Graf (Head Coach), Phil Brown, Michele Timms, Peter Buckle (Assistant Coaches), Dr David Hughes (Team Doctor), Graeme Backen (Physiotherapist), Renae Maycock (Manager)

Results

17.09.10 Australia *defeated* USA **83–77**
18.09.10 Australia *defeated* Spain **85–64**

2010 Fiba Women's World Championships
Ostrava, Brno, Karlovy Vary
23 September – 3 October 2010

Players

Erin Phillips, Lauren Jackson, Abby Bishop, Samantha Richards, Hollie Grima, Kristi Harrower, Belinda Snell, Jenna O'Hea, Elizabeth Cambage, Marianna Tolo, Tully Bevilaqua, Penny Taylor

Staff

Carrie Graf (Head Coach), Phil Brown, Michele Timms and Peter Buckle (Assistant Coaches), Dr David Hughes (Team Doctor), Graeme Backen and Rachel McAlister (Physiotherapists), Renae Maycock (Manager)

Results

23.09.10 Australia *defeated* Canada **72–47**
24.09.10 Australia *defeated* Belarus **83–59**
25.09.10 Australia *defeated* China **91–54**
27.09.10 Australia *defeated* Greece **93–54**
28.09.10 Australia *defeated* France **62–52**
29.09.10 Australia *lost to* USA **75–83**
01.10.10 Australia *lost to* Czech Rep. **68–79** (Quarter final)
02.10.10 Australia *defeated* Russia **78–73** (5–8 qualifier)
03.10.10 Australia *defeated* France **74–62** (5th playoff)

Australia finished fifth in the World Championships.



Hollie Grima

Gems

Troyes Junior Women's Basketball International

Troyes, France
2 July – 4 July 2010

Players

Rebecca Allen, Rebecca Cole, Madeleine Garrick, Kerryn Harrington, Jillian Haughton, Hayley Lepaio, Georgia Minear, Nicole Seekamp, Ashleigh Stonehouse, Courtney Williamson, Nicole Zammit

Staff

Phil Brown (Head Coach), Wayne Pollock (Assistant Coach), Merryn Aldridge (Physiotherapist), Michele Menso (Manager)

Results

02.07.10 Australia *defeated* Belgium **72–63**
03.07.10 Australia *defeated* Germany **52–43**
04.07.10 Australia *defeated* France **65–61**
Australia won this tournament.

2010 U19 Fiba Oceania Women's Championships

Palmerston North, New Zealand
17 September – 19 September 2010

Players

Rebecca Cole, Aimie Clydesdale, Kerryn Harrington, Jillian Haughton, Nicole Seekamp, Madeleine Garrick, Rebecca Allen, Ashleigh Stonehouse, Nadeem Payne, Tayla Roberts, Alexandra Bunton, Sara Blicavs

Staff

Cheryl Chambers (Head Coach), Wayne Pollock (Assistant Coach), Dr Maja Markovic (Team Doctor), Merryn Aldridge (Physiotherapist), Michele Menso (Manager)

Results

17.09.10 Australia *defeated* NZ **76–58**
18.09.10 Australia *defeated* NZ **79–66**
19.09.10 Australia *defeated* NZ **80–64**

Australia wins FIBA Oceania Championships to qualify for the 2011 FIBA U19 World Championships.

2011 Junior Women's International 4 Nations Tournament, China

Shangluo, Shouzhou, Ya'an
1 May – 12 May 2011

Players

Rebecca Allen, Sara Blicavs, Alexandra Bunton, Aimie Clydesdale, Rebecca Cole, Madeleine Garrick, Kerryn Harrington, Ashleigh Karaitiana, Carley Mijovic, Nadeen Payne, Tayla Roberts, Gretel Tippett

Staff

Cheryl Chambers (Head Coach), Karen Dalton (Assistant Coach), Wayne Pollock (Assistant Coach), Dr Clifford Baxter (Team Doctor), Paula Peralta (Physiotherapist), Michele Menso (Manager)

Results

01.05.11 Australia *defeated* China **94–69**
02.05.11 Australia *defeated* USA **83–79**
03.05.11 Australia *defeated* Czech Rep. **73–51**
05.05.11 Australia *defeated* China **66–52**
06.05.11 Australia *lost to* USA **61–58**
07.05.11 Australia *defeated* Czech Rep. **76–61**
10.05.11 Australia *defeated* USA **66–57**
11.05.11 Australia *lost to* China **75–64**
12.05.11 Australia *lost to* Czech Rep. **72–65**

Friendly Series U19 Australian Women's V Japan Senior Women

Canberra
5 July – 6 July 2011

Players

Rebecca Allen, Sara Blicavs, Alexandra Bunton, Aimie Clydesdale, Rebecca Cole, Madeleine Garrick, Kerryn Harrington, Ashleigh Karaitiana, Carley Mijovic, Nadeen Payne, Tayla Roberts, Gretel Tippett

Staff

Cheryl Chambers (Head Coach), Karen Dalton, Wayne Pollock (Assistant Coach), Ashleigh Joyce (Physiotherapist), Michele Menso (Manager)

Results

05.07.11 Australia *lost to* Japan **88–77**
06.07.11 Australia *lost to* Japan **91–76**

U17 Women

2010 U17 Women's Fiba Championships

Toulouse, France 16 July – 25 July 2010

Players

Sara Blicavs, Alexandra Bunton, Aimie Clydesdale, Tessa Lavey, Carley Mijovic, Lauren Nicholson, Nadeen Payne, Tayla Roberts, Aneeka Smith, Stephanie Talbot, Olivia Thompson, Gretel Tippett

Staff

Peter Loneragan (Head Coach), Sandy Tomley (Assistant Coach), Marissa Fillipou (Assistant Coach), Dr Kellie Bird (Team Doctor), Rosie Molloy (Physiotherapist), Donna Ironmonger (Manager)

Results

16.07.10 Australia *defeated* Spain **58–57**
17.07.10 Australia *lost to* China **92–75**
18.07.10 Australia *defeated* Argentina **77–57**
20.07.10 Australia *defeated* Mali **88–39**
21.07.10 Australia *lost to* Belgium **67–61**
23.07.10 Australia *lost to* France **69–59**
24.07.10 Australia *lost to* Japan **95–92**
25.07.10 Australia *defeated* Spain **74–48**

Australia finished 7th at the FIBA U17 World Championships.

Friendly Series U17 Australian Women's V Chinese Taipei

Canberra,
24 June – 25 June 2011

Players

Danielle Angley, Kaylee Biddell, Louise Brown, Stephanie Collins, Alicia Froling, Keely Froling, Grace Lennox, Lily Longley, Tiana Mangakahia, Molly Matthews, Aleisha Myers, Grace Parker, Lauren Sherf, Alanna Smith, Brodie Theodore, Carly Turner, Katherine Ups, Abigail Wehrung

Staff

Marissa Fillipou (Head Coach), Chris Lucas (Assistant Coach), Simon Pritchard (Assistant Coach), Nikki Bairstow (Development Coach), Ben Cukier (Development Coach), Rosie Molloy (Physiotherapist), Donna Ironmonger (Team Manager)

Results

24.06.11 Australia *lost to* Chin. Taipei **53–77**
25.06.11 Australia *defeated* Chin. Taipei **61–59**

Gliders

4 Nations Tournament

Berlin, Germany
2 July – 4 July 2010

Players

Clare Burzynski, Shelley Chaplin, Cobi Crispin, Melanie Domaschenz, Leanne Del Toso, Kylie Gauci, Katie Hill, Bridie Kean, Tina McKenzie, Amber Merrit, Sarah Stewart, Liesl Tesch

Staff

John Triscari (Head Coach), Matthew Dunstan, Ben Osborne (Assistant Coaches), Miranda Wallis (Physiotherapist), Marian Stewart (Manager)

Results

02.07.10 Australia *lost to* Germany **62–42**
03.07.10 Australia *defeated* Canada **65–45**
03.07.10 Australia *lost to* Netherlands **66–47**
04.07.10 Australia *lost to* Germany **80–55**

Iwbf Women's World Championships

Birmingham, UK
16 July – 25 July 2010

Players

Clare Burzynski, Shelley Chaplin, Cobi Crispin, Melanie Domaschenz, Leanne Del Toso, Kylie Gauci, Katie Hill, Bridie Kean, Tina McKenzie, Amber Merrit, Sarah Stewart, Liesl Tesch

Staff

John Triscari (Head Coach), Matthew Dunstan, Ben Osborne (Assistant Coaches), Miranda Wallis (Physiotherapist), Marian Stewart (Manager)

Results

08.07.10 Australia *defeated* Mexico **82–36**
10.07.10 Australia *defeated* GB **48–40**
11.07.10 Australia *lost to* Netherlands **57–44**
12.07.10 Australia *defeated* Canada **59–52**
14.07.10 Australia *defeated* China **77–38** (Quarter final)
15.07.10 Australia *lost to* Germany **66–47** (Semi final)
17.07.10 Australia *lost to* Canada **59–49** (Bronze medal match)

Australia finished in 4th place at the World Championships.

Players of the Year

Opals

International Player Of The Year Maher Medal

1988 Robyn Maher
1989 Samantha Thornton
1990 Robyn Maher
1991 Robyn Maher
1992 Sandy Brondello
1993 Rachael Sporn
1994 Michele Timms
1995 Michelle Brogan
1996 Michele Timms
1997 Michelle Brogan
1998 Carla Porter
1999 Lauren Jackson
2000 Lauren Jackson
2001 Suzy Batkovic
2002 Lauren Jackson
2003 Trish Fallon
2004 Lauren Jackson
2005 Hollie Grima
2006 Lauren Jackson
2007 Rohanee Cox
2008 Lauren Jackson and Suzy Batkovic
2009 Rohanee Cox
2010 Hollie Grima

Boomers

International Player Of The Year Gaze Medal

1988 Phil Smyth
1989 Luc Longley
1990 Andrew Gaze
1991 Andrew Vlahov
1992 Mark Bradtke
1993 Andrew Vlahov
1994 Andrew Gaze
1995 Andrew Gaze
1996 Andrew Gaze
1997 Shane Heal
1998 Andrew Gaze
1999 Mark Bradtke
2000 Andrew Gaze
2001 Brett Maher
2002 Chris Anstey
2003 Matthew Nielsen
2004 Shane Heal
2005 CJ Bruton
2006 Sam Mackinnon
2007 Sam Mackinnon, 2008 Patrick Mills
2009 Joe Ingles
2010 Patrick Mills

Gliders

International Player Of The Year Gliders Medal

2007 Shelley Chaplin, 2008 Cobi Crispin
2009 Katie Hill
2010 Kylie Gauci

Kylie Gauci



Rollers

International Player Of The Year Sandy Blythe Medal

2007 Shaun Groenewegen
2008 Justin Eveson
2009 Justin Eveson
2010 Justin Eveson

Directory

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Diane Smith-Gander

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Diane Smith-Gander
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Andrew Gaze
Gillian McFee
Justin Milne
Jack Bendat (until June 2011)
Seamus McPeake (since June 2011)

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Larry Sengstock

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Peter Sexton
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Libby Woods

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