



ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2013

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Management of Basketball Tasmania

Basketball Tasmania Council 2013

Lou Cox (President)

Angela Ashcroft (Southern Associations)

Kevin Baddiley (STBL)

Lyn Butt (Northern Associations)

Andree Greenwood (Participation and Development Commission)

Andrew Johnson (Technical Officials Commission)

Sally Keeley (North Western Associations)

Annette Lutwyche (NTABA)

Julie Thomas (Competitions Commission)

Helen Oakman (NWBU)

Basketball Tasmania Board 2013

Lou Cox (President Elected)

Tim Leedham (Deputy Chair Appointed)

Lyn Butt (Council Representative Elected)

Andree Greenwood (Appointed)

Sally Keeley (Council Representative Elected)

Julie Thomas (Council Representative Elected)

Helen Oakman (Co-opted)

Basketball Tasmania Staff 2013

Chris McCoy – General Manager

Angela Mills – Administration Officer

Mark Radford – Basketball Development Manager

Mark Piercy – Basketball Development Officer

David Scott – Accounts Clerk



Honour Roll of Basketball Tasmania

Life Members

Tony Andrikonis (deceased)

Graeme Brown

Lou Cox

Tony Fulton

Alf Green (deceased)

Sue Leedham

Tim Leedham

Geoff Lethborg (deceased)

Lenna Lynch

Barbara Menadue

Patt Ogg (deceased)

Peter Robertson

George Russell

Phil Thomas

Warren Morris



Merit Award Recipients

Aurora Energy Pty Ltd

Robert Bourke

Carla Boyd

Marty Clarke

Lou Cox

Kathy Foster

Hollie Grima

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President's Report 2013

The past twelve months have seen a transformation of activities for Basketball in Tasmania, and they have been very positive and have placed the State in a much better financial position, than has been the case for some time.

Much of the positive change can be attributed to the manner in which CEO Chris McCoy has been able to introduce much tighter controls, introduce a culture where savings and fine tuning of previous activities had gone unchecked, and a complete restructuring of our High Performance area.

In addition we have been able to get back to basics in our presentation of basketball in each region, by introducing a coaching system under the guidance of Mark Radford, and with the regional help of Mark Piercy (North), Peter Robertson and Randy Livingston (South), and other network coaches in each of the regions.

The conclusion of our involvement with the Tasmanian Institute of Sport, and the departure of former Head Development coach Justin Schueller, did cause some angst in the early change-over stages, but I firmly believe our system now is a much more family friendly one, but still allows our high performance athletes, our State development squads, and our future development players every opportunity to learn the game, and gives them every opportunity to present and develop their skills as they seek to represent Tasmania and make Australian squads and teams in the future.

With the guidance of Basketball Tasmania's finance committee, our CEO has been able reign in considerable expenditures, which will enhance the finance report for the year to date, and is the beginning of giving the State a strong base on which to operate into the future. There has been some pain involved in this but the aim is for Basketball Tasmania to be strong and healthy at the top, and be able to lead the sport, provide better opportunities for all of our registrations, rather than scramble from one crisis to another.

As mentioned previously, we have been able to strengthen our staff numbers, regionally, and I would like to thank all staff members for their contributions. In particular, the work being done by Mark Piercy on the 'on-line registration' systems with sporting pulse and Sarah Veale previously, this is not an easy task, one that is ongoing, but will provide us with our first complete data base when we get all Associations up and running.

The Board of Basketball Tasmania met monthly at Campbell Town, on most occasions, and the meetings were well attended, frank and open discussion saw many policies developed and introduced. I want to thank the three Commission chairs for their leadership and participation

during the year. Julie Thomas (competitions commission and her members), Lyn Butt (Technical officials commission and score bench people), Andree Greenwood (Participation and Development and State coach selection panel), you have all had the best interests of basketball in Tasmania at the forefront of your contribution.

I also want to thank and congratulate Tim Leedham, Chris McCoy, and the other members of our constitutional review committee, who have taken on a very arduous task, almost completed it at the time of writing, so much so it is hoped we will adopt our new constitution, which has ASC and Basketball Australia approval, at our AGM. This document will have wide ranging effects as to how we go about running basketball in Tasmania, into the future.

I also want to thank the remaining Board members for their total support. I believe our three major regional bodies are embracing change, it will be for the betterment of basketball in the long term. Our inter-regional competition in 2014 will be a showcase for all of our development groups, coaches and managers to display just how we are progressing with our new coaching systems.

It was certainly a highlight to see 35 coaches attend the clinics that Australian head coach Andre Lemanis put on in Launceston, and I believe it is with this attitude and forward thinking that we will be able to have Tasmanian basketball competitive with all other States into the future.

My hope is that I may be able to continue to lead Basketball Tasmania for another elected period, knowing we still have some hard work and hard decisions ahead, especially the vexed question of whether or not we can afford an NBL team or should we continue to support our four SEABL teams, which are affordable and provide places for 60-70 players, 20-25 coaches/managers. The resulting answer may be out of our control but may have a big impact on us. Let's hope common sense prevails.

I believe the future of basketball in this state is in great shape, being led by an excellent CEO and a group of coaches that will see the game flourish in a very positive manner.

I wish everyone an exciting 2014, and look forward to some great results from all of our participants.

Lou Cox

President

Basketball Tasmania





General Manager's Report 2013

It was a great honour to be appointed to the role of General Manager in early 2013 replacing David Scott after 35 years at the helm. David worked tirelessly for our sport and should be congratulated on his achievements throughout the journey.

My appointment has come at a time of change for the sport where the peak governing bodies (Basketball Australia, Australian Sports Commission and Sport and Recreation Tasmania) are focused on good corporate governance. In line with this we have been conducting a Governance Review throughout 2013 that will allow basketball to grow in Tasmania and realise its potential.

Council, Board and Commissions

The Council met twice as required by the Constitution and the Board met on ten occasions (all face to face) throughout 2013. The Commissions also met regularly throughout the year and their reports are also included in this document.

Thank you to the Council, Board and Commission Members who provide their time on a voluntarily basis for the benefit of our sport. Special thanks to Lou Cox as President and also to the Council, Board and Commission members for their support of my role during 2013.

Basketball Australia

As an active member of Basketball Australia, Basketball Tasmania was represented at the many national meetings, seminars and teleconferences during 2013. Lou Cox, as President, and myself, as General Manager, attended many of the meetings to ensure Tasmania was well represented on the national basketball landscape.

The support of Basketball Australia throughout the year has very much appreciated. They have been a key component of the Governance Review and also assisted our state in many areas to assist our sport. We have had several visits from key personnel through the year:

- Graeme Allen, Chief of Staff (several visits),
- Scott Derwin, Chairman,
- Steven Icke, former High Performance Manager,
- Mike McHugh, High Performance Coordinator,
- Andrej Lemanis, National Men's Head Coach.

Sport and Recreation Tasmania

The support of Sport and Recreation Tasmania has been invaluable throughout 2013 – both financial and non-financial. We continue to receive a Major Sporting grant each year as documented in the financials which assists BTAS in providing a professional service to our members.

Thank you particularly to Craig Martin, Helen Langenburg and the SRT team for assisting us throughout the year with a large leadership role in the Governance Review process that BTAS has been undertaking.

State Junior Teams to National Championships

Tasmania continues to be well represented in all of the under-age championships played between the states. Our results for 2013 were:

- Under 20 Boys – 7th out of 8 teams.
- Under 20 Girls – 7th out of 8 teams.
- Under 18 Boys – 3rd out of 14 teams.
- Under 18 Girls – 11th out of 14 teams.
- Under 16 Boys – 10th out of 14 teams.
- Under 16 Girls – 10th out of 14 teams.
- Under 14 Boys Club – 7th out of 24 teams.
- Under 14 Girls Club – 16th out of 24 teams.

A couple of standout performances with the Under 18 Boys finishing with the bronze medal and the U14 Boys completing our highest finish for 20 years in this event. Our teams continue to ‘fight above their weight’ on a national scale and we look forward to continuing this trend.

Inclusion

Basketball Tasmania continued to provide opportunities to all areas of our sport with particular emphasis on ‘inclusion’ where we provided:

- 3 x Special Olympics Ribbon Days (one in each region) – 270 participants.
- 2 x Aussie Hoops Programs for special needs athletes.
- 2 x Ivor Burge teams completed in the National Championships.
- 18 players from the inclusion programs joined able-bodied programs and competitions in 2013.

Participation

It is pleasing to report an increase in total membership throughout 2013. Registration numbers increased by 5.43% with a total membership of 9,839.

BTAS conducted a successful launch and implementation of the Aurora Basketball in Schools Program for 2013. 71 primary schools participated in the program with emphasis on quality presenter delivery and a continued commitment by BTAS to deliver the program to outlying and isolated schools. A total of 4,970 children took part in this program.

In addition to the Aurora program, BTAS partnered with Active After-School Communities (AASC) in 2013 where basketball was delivered to 67 primary schools throughout the state with 1,664 children participating. Basketball is the most delivered sport in the AASC program in Tasmania.

Aussie Hoops continued to be an excellent 'engagement' product with 17 programs conducted throughout the state in 2013. A total of 451 children participated in 2013 and we conservatively estimate that 50% of these have progressed to club and association competition.

Junior Development Programs

The BTAS Junior Development Programs continue to be very popular with good numbers participating throughout the state. The introduction of the Future Development Program has also added an extra dimension with players ranging in age from 10 to 13.

Juniors in Tasmania can experience the sport around the age of 6 and then start in a development program at 10 years of age.

National Competition - SEABL

The four SEABL teams continue to provide an important pathway for our young players here in Tasmania:

- Hobart Chargers – Men's and Women's teams.
- Launceston Tornadoes – Women's team.
- North West Thunder – Men's team.

Officials Development

Throughout the year we conducted development programs for referees, score table, statisticians and coaches.

A summary of these activities were:

- Level 1 Coaching Courses –56 participants.
- Level 0 Referee Courses – 59 participants.
- Level 1 Referee Courses – 47 participants.
- Level 0 Score-table Officials Courses – 50 participants.
- Level 1 Score-table Officials Courses – 25 participants.
- Level 2 Score-table Officials Courses – 15 participants.
- Level 1 Statistics Courses – 12 participants.

BTAS Staffing

Thank you to the support of the BTAS staff during a year of change. The team have worked very hard behind the scenes on ensuring events, programs and information are distributed and conducted in a professional manner.

Finance

The Board has placed more emphasis on ensuring the financial viability of Basketball Tasmania. I am pleased to report that this is starting to show some results with a strong financial performance for the calendar year of 2013. The detailed financial statements are included as part of these reports.

Thank you to the ongoing support of our partners and sponsors. Please see the last page for a detailed list of these organisations.

Conclusion

I believe we have achieved some excellent results in 2013:

1. Listened to all the issues surrounding the High Performance area and then reacted accordingly to improve the structure.
2. Adjusted our finances to become more financially viable.
3. Improved the conduct of our events.
4. Developing a good staffing culture (three new appointments in 2013).
5. Progressing further with our online registration system and BTAS database.
6. Continuing our governance review which will be beneficial for our sport.
7. Improved our communications to our associations and key people.
8. Commenced our social media communications with excellent results - Facebook, Twitter and Team App.
9. Improved our website to become the source of information for basketball in this state.
10. Building of our coaching resources and culture.
11. Improved our brand awareness in the market place (ensuring the logo is seen everywhere).



Basketball Development Manager's Report

At the commencement of my NW Development role in July I was to oversee the NW State Development Program (SDP) and coach development statewide but with the structural changes decided by Basketball Tasmania my role expanded quickly to cover the High Performance area as well which now comes under the Basketball Tasmania banner, left vacant by the TIS contract not being renewed.

This position has been very demanding and challenging to say the least but also very exciting to be able to work with the best young athletes and help them develop their basketball careers.

While there is still a lot of work to be done until I feel we have a good model and our structures are solid, I have a strong vision of what we can become into the future.

High Performance Program.

Our High Performance program has certainly had a change of direction over the past six months and much work is still to be done to make sure we keep it a credible product. Our young athletes must want to strive to achieve the highly sort after scholarship and we must deliver a product that athletes feel is a reward of their hard work and commitment to date.

We now have 9 current scholarship holders;

Female:

- Georgia Buchwald (U18)
- Lauren Mills-Norton (U18)
- Ellie Collins (U18)
- Taylor Mole (U16)
- Rebecca Abel (U16)

Male:

- Kyle Clark (U18)
- Dave Finau (U18)
- Emmitt Smith (U18)
- Gabe Hadley (U18)



The previous model had 12 scholarship holders but with the exit of athletes to Victoria and the AIS we now have 9. This will be reviewed at the end of the 2014 U16 National Championships with the plan to have this number back to 12.

The work delivered in this area from my predecessor Justin Schueller must be noted. Tanner Krebs is now at the Centre Of Excellence (COE) in Canberra and in the Australian U19 squad along with Kai Woodfall and Callum Barker. In the U17 squad we have Kyle Clark and Gabe Hadley. This is an outstanding achievement and hopefully we can continue this representation into the future.

In the programs current form we have 5 High Performance camps per year, 1 being live in for 2 days. So far we have completed 3 with our single live in camp recently completed at Ulverstone.

Newly appointed strength and conditioning coach Casey Mainsbridge delivers our athletes extensive programs in the form of nutrition, hydration, recovery and tournament play planning. His contribution to the programs so far has been outstanding.

From a basketball standpoint the athletes receive 1 x 1½ hour individual per week with their regional high performance coach and 1 from myself once per month.

Under the new structure, I have encouraged our top end athletes to be more involved in the SEABL pathway when we cannot cater for them from within our SDP structures. This takes a little more managing and communicating with different organisations but its best for the athlete as they are continually challenged from older more developed basketball players. Some of our athletes train in both and some just in the SEABL programs.

Into the future I would like to add more camps and games for our High Performance athletes when our financial position becomes stronger.

State Development Program North West.

With the tryouts for this program scheduled when I started this position it was very challenging to pick the squads as my prior knowledge of the athletes was limited. With good assistance from a network of coaches we picked a larger group than expected to be fair to the athletes that we couldn't split and I had not seen.

The level of these sessions have been good and this has shown with the number of athletes that are in state teams from this region. The structures of the NWBU and coaching certainly help this and it's our challenge as a state to raise the level in the North and South to compete with the North West.

The coaching network that commits to practice on Monday nights has been outstanding and really helps filter the message back to clubs which in turn helps the player with a consistent message.

State Development Program - North and South.

With Mark Piercy commencing his role in the North I feel we can over time develop a quality State team coach and give the young athletes in this region a passionate leader to follow. His work so far has been excellent, with FDP, SDP and High Performance individuals.

Peter Robertson's contribution in the South has been outstanding. His commitment to want to help young athletes get better is a testament to his character. With our programs now expanding and the South being our biggest area for growth it's important for us to fill the full time South role quickly for us to continue to grow the sport in the region.

Both these regions are in need of coach development and the work is ahead of us to get more coaches on the floor in our FDP and SDP so we can spread a consistent message throughout the state.

Future Development Program – State-wide

Upon my return to Tasmania and starting my position in the SDP program I felt the skill level of the players wasn't at the level required for this program. After many discussions I felt it imperative that we introduce a new program that would focus on skill development and basic offensive concepts. This is where the FDP was born and I feel it will become a major factor in us being able to compete better on a national stage in the future.

With the demand for the program showing in the number of people that registered for tryouts it shows that this is what athletes and parents want; development in the fundamentals at an earlier age.

While I am pleased that we are up and going in this program, I feel we have a lot of work to do to make this our product of high quality. This will involve some adjustments from Basketball Tasmania's side and total buy-in from the regions. While we have growing pains, there is no doubt that this program is going to go from strength to strength in the future.

Skills and Drills.

The introduction of the skills and drills program has been a success in all 3 regions. It caters for a different group of athletes and we have already seen some carry-over from the skill sessions and into the FDP. We have found that the younger age groups are best catered for in this program and the numbers on a consistent basis would indicate this.

This program can certainly be a growth area for us going forward. We need to develop more coaches and this is a good program for them to start to deliver the state philosophies.

Coach Development.

While this is an area that I am most passionate about and was part of my original position, the development of coaches is at present coming through the involvement of motivated and time abled coaches. With SDP sessions being conducted at similar times state-wide (4pm time slot) it's usually the coach that has the time available to attend that is there.

While this has been productive in the North West I feel we need to do a better job in the North and South of getting coaches along to these sessions. Either to coach or just observe and develop their thoughts on the game. This is not just a Basketball Tasmania responsibility. Regions need to 'buy-in' to this concept and encourage their coaches to go and coaches need to help themselves and get to these sessions when possible.

At our 3rd SDP camp in Launceston we had the National Men's Head Coach Andrej Lemanis attend and deliver the Boomers style of play to our athletes and then followed up the next day and presented to 35 coaches from all over the state. It was the first time since 2008 that a National Senior Coach had worked with our athletes and coaches. It's an area that we need to build on in the future and make a regular part of our calendar.

State Teams

The stronger our underpinning programs are and the better our coaching and coach development is then the better performances / results our state teams will deliver. We must get our programs in order and we will get the follow-on affect.

Into the future I believe we can enhance our preparation for all teams with a much more structured approach regarding practice times, locations, practice games and coach and manager support. I will be working on this plan over the coming months in time for the 2015 campaign.

With this being my first experience with state team preparation and national championships, I feel I will be much better prepared to enhance these programs in the future.

Summary

Positives;

- ✓ While the new structure has caused some angst there isn't any doubt in my mind that we needed fulltime coaching staff in each region. We will accomplish this within 3 months.
- ✓ Future Development Program.
- ✓ Skills and Drills Program.
- ✓ Coaching networks are growing but work to be done.
- ✓ Our talent levels are still good and we must nurture it wisely.
- ✓ Opportunity – with the growth in our programs there isn't any doubt you get more opportunity from a younger age.

Room for Improvements;

- ✓ Inspire and develop more coaches.
- ✓ Enhance our coaching IQ
- ✓ Streamline our state team processes
- ✓ Consolidate our new programs
- ✓ Continue to grow our High Performance program

Mark Radford
Basketball Development Manager





Basketball Development Officer's Report

At the commencement of October 2013 Basketball Tasmania had the opportunity to re-model the development staff in the Northern Region, while at the same time structure and introduce greater flexibility and a focus on specific growth programs.

It was decided that activities in the Regional Development Area would be divided into two areas; 'Core' support and resources to all Centres and programs already delivered by Basketball Tasmania and 'Project' focus on identified growth target participation and development programs in specific centres.

With the revised structure and direction of Tasmanian Basketball, the Northern Region has seen the successful implementation and continuation of the following programs:

- Skills and Drills / Basketball Tasmania
- Aussie Hoops / Basketball Tasmania
- Primary School and High School competitions
- Regional Representative Program
- Future Development Program / Basketball Tasmania
- State Development Program / Basketball Tasmania
- High Performance Program / Basketball Tasmania
- Senior and Junior Competitions
- Launceston Tornadoes /SEABL

As all Basketball Tasmania programs continue to gain momentum in alignment with the direction and guidance of Basketball Development Officer – Mark Radford, the Northern Region athletes have certainly adjusted to the expectations of each program. Now that each program is focusing on the same outcome and concepts to that of a core model, each athlete has a greater understanding of the professionalism and skill level required to develop into our primary focus as a state, which is, to develop highly competitive national athletes/teams.

Regional Development Program

Since its inclusion in mid-2013, the 'Skills and Drills' sessions have continued to grow in popularity and have received positive feedback from the northern participants. Concentrating on basic skills and fundamentals as the primary focus, the program presents itself as a stepping block into the 'Regional Representative Program' and the 'Future Development Program.

Aussie Hoops

Complementing the 'Skills and Drills' program, the 'Aussie Hoops' program continues to flourish and with the proposed restructure by Basketball Australia focusing on exposure and growth, it is evident that the backing and rebranding of the product will ensure greater participation numbers moving forward into 2014. In 2014, the Northern Region will also look to integrate the Aussie Hoops brand into the AASC (Active After School Communities) program in an attempt to increase participation numbers and growth in the sport.

Primary School and High School competitions:

With high participation numbers in both categories, the 'Northern Regions' goal now becomes transitioning these participants into 'Basketball Tasmania Development Programs'. If this can be achieved from primary school level, the future of Basketball in the North has the opportunity to become a dominant player in the success of Tasmanian Basketball on a National level.

Regional Representative Program:

As one of the regions key development programs, Basketball Tasmania is looking to aid the development of the program, by aligning it with 'Future Development' and 'State Development Program' to ensure that all athletes across the state are given fair and equal opportunity to progress on to state selection.

Future Development Program:

New to 2014, the 'Future Development Program' (10 – 13) has seen a positive uptake with 65 children competing for the positions. With this type of turnout, it is evident that basketball is very much alive in the region and that if done properly will go a long way in securing these athletes to the sport of basketball.

Focussing on key development such as basic fundamentals and skill development, the 'Future Development Program' will become the feeder program for the State Development Program, which in turn will not only increase greater numbers for state selection, but also, quality of selection.

State Development Program:

While 'State Development' numbers are down slightly in this region, this program is dependent on a feeder program and with the introduction of the 'Future Development Program', there are exciting times ahead and now that all regions have been aligned with the same core structure, this program will begin to thrive.

High Performance:

In 2013, the structure of the High Performance Program in this state was changed to better service the sport. The transition has been smooth and the athletes have adapted exceptionally well.

Given the professional guidance they require to make it at the highest level, the athletes are constantly serviced and challenged with the new and established training techniques and knowledge.

These include:

- Individual Skill Development
- Team Concept Development
- Strength and Conditioning
- Nutrition and Hydration
- Psychology

Launceston Tornadoes

Situated at the pinnacle of female basketball in the Northern Region, the 'Launceston Tornadoes' continue to provide a career path for young aspiring female athletes to make it onto the global circuit.

Perhaps the most significant asset to the success of this program is how well the newly devised development structures of Basketball Tasmania will intertwine as a feeder to fuel its success.

At present, negotiations are underway in how best this can be achieved.

Summary:

In conclusion, basketball in the north is definitely on the move and while it will take time to gain momentum, the focus of grass-root development is at the forefront. With an increased emphasis on participation and skill development at an early age the future of basketball in the Northern Region is certainly looking bright and will continue to evolve.

Mark Piercy
Regional Development Officer



Membership Report 2013

Membership Report 2013												
Association	U10	U12	U14	U16	U18	Senior	Junior Upgrade	Officials	2013 Total Members	2012 Total Members	2011 Total Members	2010 Total Members
NORTH WEST												
Aussie Hoops		231						15	246			
Burnie	88	45	65	25	25	125		45	418	374	398	356
Devonport	66	85	105	54	15	272		14	611	907	920	903
Latrobe	25	37	22	22	19	78		20	223	265	218	196
North-West Referees								26	26	17	22	22
NW High School				35	20				55			
NW Primary School	25	35	10						70			
NWBU									0	45		28
NWBU National Comp						4			4	4	2	2
Penguin	25	41	38	29	26	66		34	259	186	209	272
Queenstown			5	13					18	203	241	202
Smithton	13	48	42	33	22	30		20	208	271	279	354
Somerset	47	29	30	30	20	61		29	246	208	189	215
Ulverstone	69	55	51	29	19	77		52	352	343	417	392
Wynyard	31	28	31	17	18	49		26	200	203	202	191
									2936	3026	3097	3133
NORTH												
Aussie Hoops		53						2	55			
Deloraine Amateur						280			280	227	198	222
Deloraine Junior	42	39	35	36	16			10	178	135	284	173
LJBL	80	166	187	163	132			100	828	797	835	967
LSBL						175	1	15	190	255	314	232
NEBU	24	28	35	14	11	109		5	226	259	285	188
North High School				105	72			5	182			
North Primary School	111	97	72					10	290			
Northern Baptist					11	105		5	121	130	131	118
Northern National Comp									0	14	4	
NTABA Tornadoes						3		10	13	578	435	153
NTBRA								28	28	46		50
St Helens			10	13	11	54		3	91	92	100	81
									2482	2533	2586	2184
SOUTH												
Aussie Hoops		45						3	48			
AYC						64			64	136	78	110
BHJ									957			
Business Houses BA										68	56	50
Clarence Assoc									273	481	428	595
Greater Hobart BA										524	567	601
Hobart Chargers				12	20	198			230	237	244	
Kingborough					743	519			1262	931	836	328
Moonah assoc									197	151	125	139
New Norfolk	1	12	15	5	4	4		12	53	30		71
Northern Revellers	16	28	16	7				21	88	56	42	
Phoenix	24	32	30	33	21	38		12	190			
SEBA	47	36	46	35	24	59	57		247	153	156	178
South High School				89	78			5	172			
South Primary School	101	83	82					13	279			
Southern Tas BL										363	646	238
Southern Tas B Officials										85	42	44
Southern Tas Womens BBALL						21			21	22	55	66
Wellington	1	8	13	23	20	9	4	16	90	18		129
									4123	3255	3275	2549
STATE												
Regional Development Program	45	91	111	21	18			12	298			
BTAS (Non Regional)										518	157	54
									9,839	9,332	9,115	7,920
TOTAL:												
Increase from 2012 to 2013:									5.43%			

Auditor's Report 2013

Max Peck and Associates

ABN 40 322 767 816

Principal: Rendell W Ridge B.Ec Registered Company Auditor #161503

Independent auditor's report to members of Tasmanian Basketball Association Inc

I have audited the special purpose financial report of Tasmanian Basketball Association Inc for the year ended 31 December 2013.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Management Committee is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report and information contained therein. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) (where applicable), and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no contravention of auditor independence and any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Limitation of Scope

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to establish complete accounting control over cash received from all of its activities. Verification therefore has been limited to the receipt of funds recorded in the Association's financial records.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the special purpose financial report of Tasmanian Basketball Association Inc for presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

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Financial Reports 2013

TASMANIAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC		
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD		
01 JANUARY 2013 TO 31 DECEMBER 2013		
RECEIPTS		
2012 (\$)		2013 (\$)
26882.10	Balance brought forward 1 January 2013	52022.86
58000.00	Tasmanian Government (SRT) Sports Development Grants	63100.00
51873.39	Basketball Australia/ASC Grants	75045.54
37148.11	Commercial Subsidies	38451.59
12543.74	Equipment Sales	17143.25
67818.26	Course/Participant Fees	145492.95
235218.65	Player Registrations	219858.77
3818.08	Association Affiliations	3863.54
208711.57	Player Contribution - Camps & Programs (Contra)	280369.88
47840.37	Amex/Airline Accounts etc Reoveries (Contra)	41034.28
207.57	Bank Interest, Credit Card Surcharge	468.74
28583.02	Conduct of Events	34358.32
160000.00	Contra Account	0.00
1058.00	Sundries	442.30
0.00	Payment of Provisions	14200.00
73936.11	GST Collected	92029.06
0.00	Gala Dinner	2780.29
1013638.97		1080661.37
PAYMENTS		
23768.00	National Affiliation Fees	32535.38
3280.54	National Meetings	5751.26
133702.47	Operational Expenses, incl Salaries & On-Costs	178345.75
140541.85	Tech Staff Expenses, incl Salaries & On-Costs	101910.99
1000.00	President's Honorarium	1000.00
32129.45	Insurance	36561.61
0.00	Net Transfers to High Interest Account	220000.00
5000.00	Provision for Future Payments	5000.00
4093.56	State Meeting Expenses	5045.69
1027.91	Commission Expenses	820.22
500.00	Staff/Board Professional Development	0.00
35758.36	State Teams/National Championships	81685.66
67541.55	Player Development	57348.83
4082.73	Referee Development	3094.75
6863.12	Coach Development	3117.26
177836.14	Player Costs - Camps & Programs (Contra)	195070.36
7385.84	Stock Purchases (for Resale)	10169.09
48160.93	Amex/Airlines Accounts for Recovery (Contra)	31133.45
791.78	Bank Fees	730.93
24885.33	Conduct Events	18528.77
360.00	Police Checks	315.00
160000.00	Contra Account	0.00
0.00	Professional HR Services	2325.00
0.00	General Manager Recruitment/Farewell	1526.99
0.00	Gala Dinner	6253.15
3469.58	Sundries	2848.44
45421.97	GST - Input Tax Credits	45489.70
34015.00	GST - Net Paid to Australian Tax Office	28896.00
52022.86	Balance Carried Forward 31 December 2013	5157.09
1013638.97		1080661.37
Lou Cox		Chris McCoy
PRESIDENT		CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

TASMANIAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

FUNDS

\$34377.40	Total funds as at 31 December 2013	\$62081.10
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REPRESENTED BY:

<u>Current Assets</u>		
52022.86	Cash at Bank – Working Account	5157.09
0.00	Cash at Bank – High Interest A/c	220000.00
7134.14	Stock on Hand	5501.04
<u>19393.20</u>	Debtors	<u>31549.27</u>
<u>78540.20</u>		<u>262207.40</u>
 <u>Less Current Liabilities</u>		
55189.75	Creditors	203670.30
 23350.45		 58537.10
 <u>Investments</u>		
20714.95	Provisions Account	13937.53
<u>13900.00</u>	Less: Provision for LS Leave	<u>13937.53</u>
6814.95		0.00
 <u>Fixed Assets (at cost)</u>		
5695.00	Office Equipment	5695.00
<u>10179.00</u>	Other Equipment	<u>10179.00</u>
15874.00		15874.00
<u>11662.00</u>	<u>Less</u> Accumulated Depreciation	12330.00
4212.00		3544.00
 <u>\$34377.40</u>		
	<u>NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</u>	<u>\$62081.10</u>

Lou Cox
PRESIDENT

Chris McCoy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Following are the details of the members of the Board of Basketball Tasmania (the Tasmanian Basketball Association Incorporated) as at 31 December 2013.

ELECTED/APPOINTED MEMBERS

Mr L Cox	1/235 Bass Highway, Cooeee 7320
Mrs L Butt	3 Collins St, Launceston 7250
Ms A Greenwood	4 Cremorne Ave, Cremorne 7024
Mrs S Keeley	5 Haven Cres, Ulverstone 7315
Mr L Leedham	2 Barley Mow Crt, Austins Ferry 7011
Mrs J Thomas	9 Francis St, Riverside 7250

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mrs H Oakman	128 View Rd, Burnie 7320
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Chris McCoy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Following is a listing of the creditors of Basketball Tasmania (the Tasmanian Basketball Association Incorporated) as at 31 December 2013.

ING – Super Guarantee	796.88
Synergy – Super Guarantee	342.25
TasPlan – Super Guarantee	2603.09
Westpac – Super Guarantee	1618.75
Australian Taxation Office	15811.00
Dept of Economic Development (TIS)	7012.50
Basketball Australia	6038.64
State team accommodation deposits (paid in advance)	8575.00
Australian Country Junior Cup participant fees (paid in advance)	128820.00
Development Program participant fees (paid in advance)	33714.00
Events Tasmania grant (paid in advance)	8910.00
Phoenix Basketball Club course fees (paid in advance)	2245.00
Kingborough Sports Centre	2101.00
Basketball Victoria	522.77
Southern Tas Basketball League	735.00
Central Coast Council	60.00
C McCoy	905.95
Purton Investments	1500.00
P Robertson	272.00
Best Western Murchison Lodge	1453.50
LESS GST	20367.03
TOTAL CREDITORS	\$203670.30

Chris McCoy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Following is a listing of the debtors of Basketball Tasmania (the Tasmanian Basketball Association Incorporated) as at 31 December 2013.

Basketball Australia	19773.88
Basketball NSW	305.14
Basketball Hobart Juniors	1788.50
Smithton Basketball Club	600.00
Cavaliers Basketball Club	600.00
Australian Sports Commission	550.00
Debtors under internal scheme of arrangement:	
- Participants, Development Programs	3900.00
- Participants, State Teams	2149.18
Program Participants, Equipment Sales	5037.50
LESS GST	3154.93
TOTAL DEBTORS	31549.27

Chris McCoy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Competitions Commission Report 2013

During 2013 The Commission once again met at Longford with representatives from all Regions. Angela Ashcroft as Secretary has worked hard over the past year and as such I would like to thank her for all of her assistance. During 2013 we have as a commission worked as a group to attempt to achieve the following:

- Amended Rules & Regulations for State Championships were addressed again and finalised and have now been completed and are forwarded to each Association conducting the event on our behalf by Basketball Tasmania. Kits will be issued each year to new Executives.
- Regional vs. State Championships. Discussions took place regarding each regions idea on State Championships. After lengthy discussions, the South presented a proposal from the newly formed Basketball Hobart Juniors (BHJ) where they have a memorandum of understanding from 9 clubs for their new venture. Hobart guaranteed 1 club team in each age group, U14's, U16's & U18's both boys and girls and 2 teams where possible. The North West following advice from Devonport during the meeting have decided to remain the same as the current format. The North guaranteed 2 even teams in boys and girls U14's, 2 x U16 boys, 1 U16 girls, 1 U18 boys and 1 U18 girl's teams. It has now been decided that we will play Club Championships in 2014 instead of State Championships. Regionals will now include Under 16 & 18's, which will make a wonderful competition over a busy day for everybody. Inclusions of the upper age group should expose more players in each region.
- For athletes to be eligible to play State Primary and High School Championships, the athlete must have played in the regional round. Exceptional circumstances may be considered on a case by case basis in writing to the Competitions State Championship Coordinator. Rules regarding bona fide students need to be adhered to specifically year 11 and 12 students. Year 10 students are not accepted in the national finals for Colleges.
- P & D U14 review, it was decided by North & South to not support changes to U14 regionals as proposed but all 3 regions did support a later change in 2014 with the exception of the camp being on the June long weekend due to a clash with teams going to Nunawading and the NW Thunder Classic.
- 3 x 3 Competition as recommended by P & D Commission was not agreed upon by Competition Commission. All Commissions need to meet to agree on format. We felt there was not a need as there was not a national final in 2013 (to be reviewed in 2014).
- Thank you once again to all the regions for hosting State Championships & Regional events during 2013. The assistance of all assures us of successful Championships. This coming year as a State we will face new challenges having Club Championships and Regionals from Under 12 to Under 18's.
- A new position has been developed for the Competitions Commission as State Championship Coordinator (SCC). This position will require the position holder to be responsible for all state championship draws, media releases, liaise with host

associations ensuring host kits are distributed to responsible person/s, liaise with Basketball Tasmania regarding all entries etc. The Competitions Commission through the Position of SCC need to look at the payment schedules and incentives for our up and coming referees. Going forward this role will change in line with the new Governance.

We welcomed our new Basketball Tasmania General Manager Chris McCoy. Chris has already offered some new opportunities and new pathways and we look forward to continuing to support Chris in his new role and his fresh approach to basketball in our state.

To the Commission Regional Representatives who have attended meetings and offered some very valuable input, Raelene Salter, Scott Wilson and Rose Maher from the North-West, Lyn Butt and Amanda Chilcott from the North, Kim Rainbird, Scott Boutcher, Julie Doran and Angela Ashcroft from the South and our newly co-opted State Championship Coordinator Gina Hills, thank you all for your hard work over the last 12 months and especially the support you have given me as I have endeavored to attend as many Championships as possible.

This will be my final report as I resign from both Competition Commission and Basketball Tasmania Board due to a conflict of interest going forward with the new Governance of Basketball Tasmania.

I have enjoyed my time in both areas in Basketball for the past number of years.

In closing, thank you all for your support. I am sure I will see you all as we all travel around the state for basketball.

Yours in Basketball,

Julie-Anne Thomas
Commissioner
Competition Commission



Technical Official Commission Report 2013

This year started with the annual Referee Action Day, held in Launceston. Whilst Tim Mills was meant to attend the event, he had to withdraw at the last minute due to NBL commitments.

Australian Championships:

It is pleasing to see our referees' continuing to develop and performing well at National Championships and other tournaments this year.

The following lists those referees who were selected to represent the state and their achievements.

Under 20s: Kurt Aherne, David Farmers

Under 18s: Aaron Clements

Under 16s: Joe Lade, James Westwood

Under 14 Boys: Ruben Woolcock, Rebecca Richardson

Under 14 Girls: Cameron Hingston, Ben Simpson

National Schools: Jason Featherstone, Hannah Martin

It should be noted that both David Farmers and Aaron Clements officiated the men's gold medal match at their respective tournaments.

We were also able to send referees interstate to other tournaments and this has given some of our referees added exposure and experience. We sent six referees to the Country Cup tournament held in Albury. We also sent two referee coaches, to help further their education. The people sent included: Carson Choi, Ruben Woolcock, Hannah Martin, Alex Cowie, Rebecca Richardson Ben Simpson, Andrew Bradshaw and Bob Jago.

As part of the National Referee Development Program (NRDP), Kurt Aherne attended the Australian Institute of Sport for a week long camp.

This year also saw the appointment of Andrew Bradshaw to role of State Rules Interpreter, taking over from Steve McLaren. The TOC would like to recognise the contribution Steve has made in his time with the TOC, particularly in the area of junior development. Chris Ellis has been appointed the new State Referee Mentor and the TOC is looking forward to having Chris work with our junior referees.

State Championships

All of these events seemed to run smoothly, however the lack of intermediate officials attending these events continues to be of a concern and SEABL referees have been required to referee some games instead of referee coaching.

We continue to encourage others to travel out of their region and comfort zone to improve their officiating, but referees find it hard to give up an entire weekend of work to referee for the payment they receive. It is because of this reason I strongly urge the Competitions Commission to look at the payment schedules and incentives for our up and coming referees.

U/14 Regionals

Our under 14 regional play offs continue to attract more referees than required, which is exciting to see so many young referees trying out for 4 spots to the Australian Club Championships. It is really encouraging to see everyone developing each year and challenging the next level of referees.

The under 12 regional group are now looking to grasp the opportunity to step up and be counted. The hard work of Bruce Ellis, Andrew Bradshaw, Babs Robinson and Andrew Johnson put in to these groups every year is just outstanding and I am sure the referees value from the experience passed on.

I'm already looking forward to seeing some more new smiling faces attend the regional play offs and Australian Championships this year.

Referee Coaches

As in previous years, an emphasis needs to be placed on recruiting more referee coaches state wide. This will achieve two main outcomes:

- Strengthen the education that is available for referees at all levels of the game;
- Give Basketball Tasmania a wider base, in terms of young, enthusiastic referees to draw from.

State Courses

Successful referee clinics and courses have been held in all regions and this needs to continue to ensure further development of referees and aide progression through to higher levels.

Score table courses have been held this year and each region is looking at new ways to encourage more people to undertake this task.

It continues to be difficult to attract statisticians and we are looking at perhaps focusing on obtaining more teenagers to have a go in the New Year.

General

As in previous years, there appears to be an issue surrounding the process of referees, who have been selected to go away to a national championship, refereeing training matches for the respective coaches.

Currently, the process involves the state coach providing the referees with a training schedule and where a referee is unavailable, it is their responsibility to find a replacement. Appropriate notice of matches needs to be provided, with at least 2 weeks being an appropriate timeframe. Some education needs to occur surrounding this policy to ensure referees understand their obligations and coaches are not contacting referees with only a few days' notice.

I would like to thank Andrew Bradshaw, Bruce Ellis and Andrew Johnson for their continued support and time they give to improve the standard of officiating in Tasmania. The countless hours they spend behind the scenes are very much appreciated.

Thanks to all the score table people and statisticians who volunteer their time every year to keep our games running smoothly.

I would also like to thank Basketball Tasmania for the ongoing support they give to our commission, therefore allowing our officials to further their knowledge and develop to higher levels.

We look forward to the challenges 2014 brings.

Lyn Butt
Commissioner
Technical Officials Commission



Participation & Development Commission Report 2013

The Participation & Development Commission as a broader commission met twice in 2014. In addition the State Selection Panel Sub-Committee met separately on two occasions.

The Participation & Development Commission's identified primary role this year has been minimal due to the anticipated constitutional changes from the Governance Review. With the exception of the State Team Selection Panel who have been active by necessity for 2013 State Team and Country Cup (CC) appointments. The State Team panel I believe needs to continue with a representative from each region being part of this very important selection process. It is also recognised that the State Head Coach takes the lead on this panel moving forward into 2014 appointments.

In 2013 we had a significant change in Commission members and also Basketball Tasmania's staff which required the Commission to review and identify its core business in 2013/14 as follows.

STRATEGIC:

- To create a standard Coaching Development framework for Tasmanian Basketball Coaches.
- To improve, develop and advance coaches, particularly their expertise in delivering technically applied coaching competencies (accreditation) and teaching national curriculum.
- To assist in the transition from Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS) to Basketball Tasmania's High Performance Program - identifying female and male basketball athletes throughout Tasmania from 14-17 years of age.
- To continue to identify a network of coaches throughout Tasmania (Regional and State) to work with and deliver the State and Regional Development Program to identified athletes.
- Recognising and implementing Tasmanian SEABL programs as part of the junior High Performance pathway and establishing this ongoing relationship with the respective coaches.

OPERATIONAL:

State Teams (High Performance):

- Co-ordinate the selection of State team coaches (excluding Team Managers) and provide consistent and transparent policy to coaches, athletes and parents.

- To update and distribute the State Team Handbook to all State Team athletes and parents and developing similar Handbook and guidelines for State Team Coaches and Team Managers.
- Annual Country Cup Review and Coach Selection Panel. In addition 2014 Country Cup Participant Review Survey.
- Establish a written "Selection of State Team athletes" policy (in conjunction with State Head Coach).
- Create a central Coaching Database (archive) for our State Team successful and unsuccessful applicants.
- Create and implement annual State Team Athlete, Coach and Team Manager (360) Evaluation templates.
- Conduct and increase state wide coaching accreditation courses (Club and High Performance).
- Mandatory coaching accreditation from 2014 that all SDP, State and CC coaches have to have this accreditation to apply for these positions.

The termination of the TIS partnership in 2013 has been a challenging one for the State, and the Commission assisted and made recommendations in the development of the new Basketball Tasmania High Performance framework. It has been identified that due to resources and significant changes this will be an area, moving forward that Basketball Tasmania need to be aware of and willing to make the necessary changes to the new program as required and within budget constraints.

The appointment of Mark Radford has been an overwhelming positive to the program and one that needs to be acknowledged and supported as we move into 2014/15. The benefits of having such an elite, respected and national profile experienced coach I believe will show the benefits to our Tasmanian athletes' and coaches' performance in the short and longer term.

The future looks like being that the Participation & Development and other Commissions will become Board appointed Committees with powers and functions delegated by the Board. In other words, they will not be elected representatives from the regions as now.

The new committees will work with the staff to manage the various parts of the Basketball Tasmania business in accordance with the Boards delegated power and directions to the General Manager as to how the committees are to function. I would envisage the State Selection Panel, State Teams, Country Cup and High Performance program policies moving forward may be part of a new committee's business but more from a strategic perspective rather than operational.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the volunteer representatives of the Commission who continue to give up valuable time in their busy schedules. In addition I would like to

acknowledge the ongoing and active support from our General Manager, Chris McCoy. It is my hope and intention to continue in a similar role within the new Governance structure.

Andree Greenwood
Commissioner
Participation and Development Commission



Southern Tasmanian Basketball League Report

BASKETBALL HOBART:

The momentum in restructuring Basketball in Southern Tasmania continued throughout 2013. Following last year's Annual General Meeting, the elected Board of the STBL agreed that we should appoint and co-opt representatives from Southern Basketball League (SBL - seniors), The Chargers, and Basketball Hobart Juniors (BHJ) onto the STBL Board of Management, thereby effectively creating a virtual "Basketball Hobart" structure to manage Basketball in Southern Tasmania.

For 2014 we will hold making the decision on co-opting/appointing members until we have clearer understanding of the BTas Corporate Governance review and how that affects the STBL position. Needless to say I am committed to having an all-encompassing Basketball Hobart type structure that represents all the facets of basketball in the south from the Chargers, seniors (SBL), juniors (BHJ) and social rosters.

PAID ADMINISTRATOR:

Early in the year, March/April the Chargers advised that managing their imports involvement with clubs was creating an inordinate amount of work for The Chargers administration and that an appointment of a "Basketball Hobart" paid administrator was urgently needed. As a result, the STBL Executive committed financial resources towards a paid administrator on the basis that that person manages the administration requirements of the STBL representative teams.

NEW STADIUM:

The STBL/Basketball Hobart Board of Management established a task force comprising Mark Nash, Angela Ashcroft, Tim Leedham, Rob Latham, Chris McCoy (Basketball Tasmania) and Kevin Baddiley to progress the necessity for a four court Basketball Stadium with a show court for Southern Tasmania. Chris McCoy was appointed spokesperson for the group and he had meetings with NFSRA over their plans for a stadium to replace the one in Moonah. Chris reported it was clear that NFSRA would not deviate from their plans to concentrate purely on stadiums for participation and NOT for major sporting fixtures such as State and National Championships or for use by the Chargers. In mid-year, Chris advised that due to his work load he could no longer be our spokesperson, so Mark Nash was appointed to that role.

STBL TRIBUNAL PANEL:

This comprised Chair Robyn Fannon, and members Tim Leedham, Angela Ashcroft, Catherine Mallett, Tas Balmer (TAFL tribunal member) and me as Secretary. Past Chair Kevin Anderson

stood down for health reasons and we are extremely lucky and pleased to have Robyn follow in Kevin's footsteps, being very professional and extremely capable in managing this difficult and unpleasant but necessary task. Very special thanks to Kevin Anderson for his outstanding contribution over the years and I am especially pleased to see his health has recovered so we may yet see him again sitting on our panel.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT/CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

The STBL Board of management undertook a review of STBL policies and established a Confidentiality Agreement and Conflict of Interest register to be completed by all STBL Board of Management members. It is now a requirement that both of these forms be completed by Board members, in order to sit on the STBL Board.

GREATER HOBART BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (GHBA):

The GHBA basically went into recess when Basketball Hobart Juniors (BHJ) was established, but it was kept as an entity as a back-up in case BHJ did not meet with universal approval. Following the end of the successful BHJ season the GHBA Executive commenced steps to wind-up GHBA. This was finally concluded on Tuesday 12 November 2013 when a letter of confirmation was received from the Department of Justice, Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading, Registration Services, advising that the incorporation of the association was cancelled as at that date. Tribute needs to be paid to the dedicated and passionate past members of this association which, over the years, has played a huge role in the development and participation of many junior players in our region.

BASKETBALL HOBART JUNIORS (BHJ):

Of even greater importance, in my view, is the way that GHBA members and the City of Clarence Basketball Association members came together to establish a united and cohesive Basketball Hobart Juniors Association, for the benefit of all juniors in Southern Tasmania. Both parties made sacrifices to make BHJ a success and to them all I say is "thank you – you have achieved a significant milestone in uniting our sport in this region". I am extremely confident that your vision, dedication and passion in making this happen will prove to be a major positive scene changer that will reap huge rewards for the future success of our sport here.

I pay tribute to everyone who was involved with this process and I trust you will forgive me for singling out Angela Ashcroft, the person the STBL charged bringing the BHJ, as the premier junior association for the Southern Tasmania region, to fruition. The enormity of the task was not underestimated but we felt that Angela, was the right person to achieve a positive result and she succeeded. I congratulate and sincerely thank you Angela.

STBL REGIONAL PROGRAMME

The Under 14 Boys program was a very exciting year with a lot of experienced athletes forming the group. They trained very well throughout months leading up to the Tri Series under the watchful eyes of Head Coach Willie Joseph & CJ Johnson. Unfortunately the boys had failed to qualify for the Australian Championships in an overtime thriller during the second qualifying series leaving the North & North West heading to Darwin. The boys went on to compete in the Victorian Nunawading tournament. The organisation skills of Julie Doran and Tracey Smith (team managers) allowed this trip to run hassle free and for both of our teams to finish 1st in their respective groups. The boys developed very well under the guidance of our experienced coaches.

The girls established their position in the State from the moment they stepped on to the court and qualified for Australian Championships in Ballarat. They were led by Coaches: Kathryn Jaynes, Peter Robertson and Willie Joseph. Along with the help and support of their very organised Team Managers, Carmel Thompson and Melinda Roach, the team was well coordinated for training, fundraising and the trip away. The fundraising efforts of this year's team were outstanding, and everyone involved is congratulated on their efforts. Well done.

The Under 14's certainly have shown that we are right in the mix with the rest of the State and we pay tribute to everyone involved in the progress that has been achieved.

The 2013 Under 12 program had many issues around organisation, player attendance and commitment. Despite this, all athletes received quality coaching and developed accordingly. The athletes performed well and the Coaches and Managers are congratulated for their achievement during a difficult year. Thanks go to Coaches: Peter Robertson, Mandy Finlayson and Mark Nash, along with their Managers: Amy Westwood and Vanessa Westwood.

We reviewed both programs at the end of 2013 and are working hard to improve the program and address the issues that have come to light as part of this review. In 2014 Basketball Tasmania has extended the Regional Program to include Under 16's and Under 18's, which will increase the workload of this program and increase the strain on our stadium resources. We look forward to an even more successful year in 2014.

HOBART CHARGERS & LADY CHARGERS:

Success on and off the court for both teams was a very pleasing feature of the 2013 Southern Tasmanian Basketball year. Both teams made the finals of the SEABL roster which in itself is a tribute to not only the players, coaches, managers and the club but also to the consistent crowds that have supported them throughout the season. Visiting teams, particularly from the mainland are envious of the very supportive crowds the Chargers and Lady Chargers attract to

their games. The Basketball and the wider community in Southern Tasmania have taken the Chargers and Lady Chargers into their hearts and even those who do not attend the games follow them with keen interest. This is due to their involvement in community activities and their participation with clubs in the SBL senior roster and their assistance in coaching juniors at club level.

WARRANE STADIUM:

As mentioned earlier, apart from the \$6 registration fee per player we expend on managing the Southern Tasmanian junior representative teams, our only other revenue the STBL has access to, now that we have given the managing of State and National Championships being held in our region to BHJ, is from managing the Warrane Stadium under a management agreement with the City of Clarence Council.

I am positive, that even to a casual user, it is obvious that we have spent a lot of money in improving the ambience of the stadium and this is an-going process.

Clarence Council is pleased with what we are doing and are very supportive. They, like me, pay tribute to Pat Sullivan and his band of helpers who do so much to improve the overall facility and who do so much to ensure the playing surface is the best kept stadium floor in southern Tasmania, if not the whole State.

I sincerely thank Catherine Mallet for her tireless work in managing the stadium bookings. It is not easy and at times can be quite stressful, so I give full marks to Catherine for a job well done. Your efforts are appreciated thank you Catherine.

FINANCES:

Keeping finances up-to-date is an onerous and demanding task, but Catherine has never let us down. We always have up-to-date finance reports for monthly meetings so we are never in doubt as to how we are travelling finance wise. From a Director's point of view this is most comforting as we are separately and individually responsible for ensuring that we are in a sound financial position and ignorance, if we are not, is not a defensible excuse.

STBL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

As stated earlier the elected members of the Board of Management duly appointed/co-opted two members each from SBL, BHJ and Chargers on to the Board of Management to establish a virtual Basketball Hobart structure. A later invitation was issued to the STBOA to have either Babs Robinson or Andrew Clement attend the STBL Board meetings so that all the various sectors of our sport in Southern Tasmania had representation on its Board of Management.

I thank all members for their contributions and sincerely hope that you too have appreciated what has been achieved, and can see the future potential of what is possible, by having us all communicating around the table on the way forward we should all be taking. As a combined unit we will achieve so much more than we will as separate individual organisations each going their own separate ways. Government Ministers and bureaucrats keep giving us that message and at last we are hearing them.

The future is in our hands and I pray that with the giant steps we have taken, the momentum will continue.

Thank you.

Kevin Baddiley
President



Northern Tasmania Amateur Basketball Association Report 2013

It is with pleasure I write this report for 2013. I have enjoyed working with a group of people who are here for basketball and do the things that no one else wants to.

Highlights for 2013

Having Two referee Courses and Score table course at the beginning and one in September at Deloraine 2013.

Our under 14 Program was a re building year in 2013 for the girls but the boys got to go to Nationals and did well.

I am afraid if players want to be in the regional squad they need to make that commitment. I think the work our regional coaches put in 2014 we will get the rewards.

Our under 12 program has seen a lot of budding players coming through and we hope this continues. We have a new coach taking on the under 12 boy's program and they are all keen to do well.

Our under 14 program has started for 2013/2014 and the coaching staff and players are working hard getting ready for Camp and Regional Play-Off's now the camp is going to be put back in. Our coaches want to be able to have two sessions before Christmas and to start before February.

St Helens has two people do the level one referee coach they still need to do there on court part of the course.

Deloraine have 12 people who have just about completed a Level 1 referee course.

I was invited to Deloraine Junior Finals

NTABA was able to assist with courses and Tribunals around the region when needed.

In 2014 under 16 and under 18 have been added to regionals again

To start off 2014, Baptist had players head to their National Carnival there was some great games through the week.

Aussie Hoops saw 50 plus go through for the year and LJBL will have an increase in there under 10 rosters in 2014. Thank you to Julie Thomas Aussie Hoops Co-Coordinator for NTABA.

Thank you for the co-operation of our member associations - Deloraine, Scottsdale, Baptists, Launceston Seniors and Launceston Juniors but in particular Launceston Juniors without their continued support our juniors would not have the opportunity to play regional or state championships which shows their commitment to basketball in the north.

Thank you to the delegates who give up their time to come to the meetings

To Basketball Tasmania for their ongoing support to NTABA.

I would like to thank the regional coaches and staff for their time and effort.

To Adele Styles for the score table courses to Andrew Bradshaw and Andrew Johnson for Referee Courses and working with our referees throughout the season and have offered to do so again in 2013.

Referees and NTBRA we need to work on more volunteers to keep this going and to work on getting more referees in the North and referee coach's courses.

I would like to thank the executive for continued support for basketball. A special thank you to Mr Heath Butt for his tireless effort working for basketball on the Elphin board and seeing basketball is looked after and the Coaches Panel. To Julie Thomas for being the Northern Coordinator for Aussie Hoops to Annette for her work in all areas of basketball and support in whatever she is asked to do.

In 2013 we have Referee and score table courses we will have coaches and ongoing courses as needed.

Once again let's not lose sight of what we are here for to make basketball a success in the North.

Lyn Butt
President
NTABA



North West Basketball Union Report 2013

This report on the activities of the NWBU for the past twelve months gives me a great deal of pleasure, in the fact that I have been able to be President of the NWBU for a period spanning 31 years, and during that time the game of basketball on the Northwest Coast has maintained its position as the premier league in Tasmania, and one of the premier leagues in Australia.

Currently there are in excess of 3000 registrations, and this will continue to grow thanks to the diligent work of the eight clubs and their members, and the new focus on coaching coaches to improve this area of the game. Also the opportunity and pathway available to players, referees, and coaches such as Aussie Hoops, RDP and SDP programs which are currently being fine-tuned, based on ability and dedication.

The encouragement being shown to players and coaches to develop their game will see a huge increase of talent, which will only make our region stronger, and give basketball supporters right along the Coast the opportunity to see the game at its best.

As this will be my last President's report, there are many people that have assisted me greatly, some over very long periods, others a shorter amount of time and I want to thank all and recognise that my job was made so much easier for knowing these people.

There are people in each of the clubs that do a magnificent job, not only at club level, but they step up to regional and state level as they get more and more involved.

I need to say a huge thankyou to my Executive of the last 7 years, Bob, Sally and Margaret for being most supportive. We have worked very well as an Executive and all of your experience and professionalism in running the finances, the day to day administration, the referee's connection, score benches and many other areas has been great.

Also the delegates that have represented the clubs over this long period have served basketball well, we have not always agreed, but we have had the best interests of NWBU basketball at heart. Clubs need to recognise the service that some of these people have given over many years, in some cases, and reward them by nominating them for awards. I feel we may have missed rewarding some very good people.

I want to congratulate the Wynyard men and Latrobe women's teams for winning the title in the NWBU for 2013, well done and no doubt all the other clubs will be out to remove your crowns in 2014.

Also congratulations to all clubs and teams that were successful in the Junior Northwest roster. This was once again a very keenly contested affair, with the grand final day at Devonport, a great success.

Thankyou also to the NWBU Junior Commission under the leadership of Scott Wilson on completing a very good year.

The NWBU referees/bench and score table people, match managers doorkeepers and everyone connected in presenting our game to the public on a weekly basis all need to be recognised and thanked for a job very well done.

The referees are not strong in numbers so we need to encourage them and assist in their development where we can.

To the Thunder Board and its executive may I say well done on the way your Club has performed this year. Unluckily you did not make the playoffs, but off court your administration and finances were well run, and the Thunder program is in a very healthy position to move forward. It is unfortunate that some personality clashes occurred, resulting in new appointments being necessary both at Board level and coaching wise.

I hope both can be resolved quickly, and that we can again put a very competitive team on the court, and continue to develop our up and coming players.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, especially Burnie Mazda in the NWBU and Tall Timbers at the Thunder level, and all of the other sponsors at both levels that have assisted in the running of basketball. Your support is highly appreciated and well received.

Just a couple of thoughts on what I am most proud of having been the President for such a long time, the first being that after forty years the NWBU is not that much different in format from when it started, we have 8 strong clubs, now, we have teams on a club representative basis from U/12's to senior's in both men and women, we have real pathways and we have regional teams that not only play within the state, but have the opportunity to go to National U/14's. This year a top six finish out of 24 teams our NW U/14 boys' team was a sensational result. Well done.

I have fought hard over many years regarding the timing of the rosters, and we keep coming back to our current time slots. This fits in well with our SEABL programme, allows for import/drive-in players to strengthen our roster and I hope moving forward all decisions taken are for the betterment or retaining the opportunity to present the very best basketball we can on the North West.

I can recall when we had 15 imports in the Union; those days may never be repeated but the opportunity for clubs to have their own players from outside Australia or within are still there.

I would like to wish Trudy and her Executive all the best going forward, I am sure she will handle the position with great aplomb and expertise.

Once again, many thanks to all connected with clubs, refs, and all facets of our great game on the Coast for your help, assistance and personal support to me over the years.

I hope to have another 2 years as Basketball Tasmania president, so will be involved and will still have close contact with the NWBU.

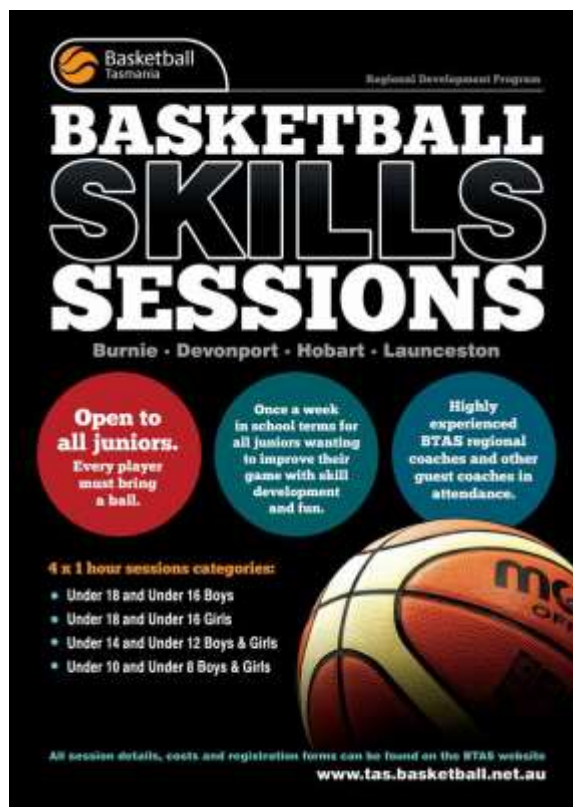
After all this time, thank you and goodbye.


Lou Cox

President NWBU 1982 - 1993, 1995 - 2013



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