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Annual Report

The year Gippsland's largest basketball association grew from running a competition to leading a community.

// ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 18 November 2026 · 6:30pm

Warragul Leisure Centre · Meeting Room

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President's Report



Pete McEwan
President · Chair of the Board

// WELCOME

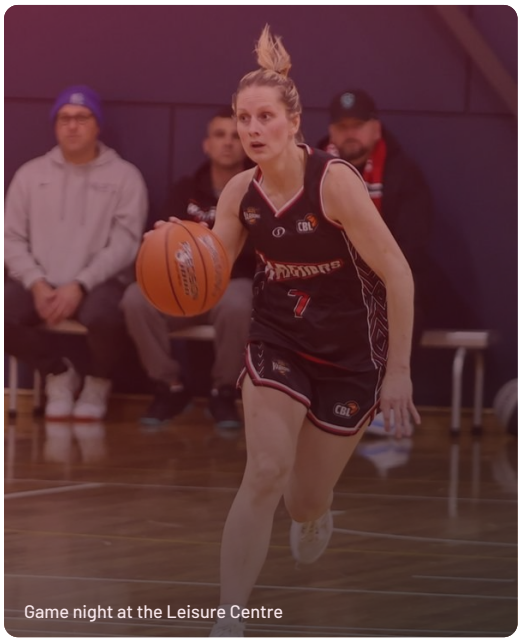
A word from the association.

This is the Warragul Basketball Association's account of 2026 — the first full year with a professional team in place, and the year the Association grew from running a competition to leading a community.

It is written for our members. Inside you will find what we did against each of the six priorities of our Strategic Plan, what the numbers say, and where they came from — including the measures where we have not yet improved. We have tried to make it readable rather than exhaustive; the Treasurer's report is on page 31 and the audited financial report is appended in full at the back.

Read it, question it, and bring those questions to the Leisure Centre on 18 November. Three Board positions are open this year, and the Association is stronger for every member who steps forward.

To the clubs, coaches, officials, volunteers, partners and families behind every page that follows — thank you.



Game night at the Leisure Centre

Pete McEwan & Dave Thomas — PRESIDENT · GENERAL MANAGER

// ABOUT THIS REPORT

Encouraged by Basketball Victoria to put our year forward, the Association has been named a state finalist for Association of the Year at the Basketball Victoria Awards 2026, with General Manager Dave Thomas also nominated for the Jack Carter Memorial Award. This report shares that same story with our members — a full account of the Association's activity over the last twelve months, structured around the six priorities of our Strategic Plan 2023–2028.

In 2026, with a three-person operational team all within their first year in their roles, WBA ran its largest-ever tournament, returned the Warriors to both the VJBL and the elite senior league, launched seven new or restarted programs, built an all-new website and Player Pathway, redesigned junior grading around evidence, and established Gippsland's first ongoing wheelchair basketball program.

Finalist

Association of the Year · Medium

Recognising outstanding results through strong operations, participation growth, community engagement and successful programs.

Nominated

Jack Carter Memorial Award

Dave Thomas, General Manager — for exceptional contribution and dedication to Victorian basketball.

17 Nov

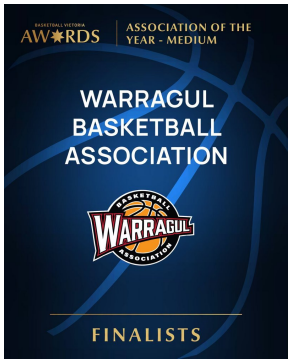
Awards gala

RACV City Club, Melbourne.

18 Nov

Annual General Meeting

Warragul Leisure Centre, 6:30pm.



Basketball Victoria Awards 2026 — Association of the Year finalists

State finalists, built by members. The awards are presented on 17 November. Whatever the outcome, this one belongs to every player, parent, coach, referee, scorer and volunteer who turns up week after week — being named among Victoria's finalists in our first year as a professional operation is recognition of how far the Association has come.

// THE ASSOCIATION

Gippsland's home of basketball.

OUR PURPOSE

To provide high-quality, inclusive basketball experiences for everyone across West Gippsland.

VISION

Everybody's game in every community across West Gippsland.

MISSION

To lead, develop and enhance basketball in our region — a community where everyone belongs.

WHO WE ARE

Warragul & District Amateur Basketball Association, trading as Warragul Basketball Association, is an Incorporated Association affiliated with Basketball Victoria and Basketball Australia. Founded in 1967, it is Gippsland's largest basketball association, delivering basketball to players of all ages and abilities across Baw Baw Shire and the surrounding region.

Eight member clubs field 245 junior teams this summer and a senior competition of 487 players across the Open and Sunday Mixed competitions. Above them sit the Warragul Warriors representative programs — the Country Representative Program, VJBL, CBL and the VBL — with inclusive programs open to all. Everything sits on one published Player Pathway, from a first bounce at three to representing Warragul at the top of the local game.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Founded	**1967**
Region	**Baw Baw Shire & West Gippsland**
Member clubs	**8**
Junior teams	**245 · Summer 2026/27**
Senior players	**487 · Summer 2026/27**
Affiliations	**Basketball Victoria · Australia**
Home venue	**Warragul Leisure Centre**

2026 AT A GLANCE

8
VJBL teams
Back after 13 years; 15 in 2027.

4th
Senior Warriors
A home final in the return season.

2,250+
Invitational
200 teams, 21 associations, a record.

7
New or restarted programs
Across the whole pathway.

+30%
Junior growth
U12–U19 players, 1,202 (2023) to 1,565 (2026); all junior grades a record 1,705 this summer.

26→31%
Female share
Of all 2026 participants; U16 girls doubled to 35%.

+15%
Trading income
Growth on FY2025.

$13,370
Surplus
From a deficit of $6,783 in FY2025.

SOURCES WBA Participation Tracker (PlayHQ) · Basketball Victoria · Audited financial report FY2026 (appended) · WBA program records.

// OUR ROADMAP · 2023–2028

Strategic plan in six priorities.

Replacing our previous 2019–2021 plan, the Strategic Plan 2023–2028 sets our vision, mission and key objectives — *"to provide high-quality and inclusive basketball experiences."* This report is structured around these six priorities, reporting our 2026 activity against each.

// 01

Good governance

Clearly defined roles and responsibilities — paired with a sustainable business model that supports long-term operations.

// 02

Participation growth

Attracting new players and retaining existing ones through inclusive, well-designed basketball experiences across every program.

// 03

People development

Training staff, officials, coaches, volunteers and players to industry best practice — investing in the people who make basketball happen.

// 04

Advocacy & infrastructure

Strategic facility expansion across Baw Baw Shire and strong partnerships with local government and community stakeholders.

// 05

Financial sustainability

Effective long-term planning and financial decision-making — ensuring the Association remains viable for generations to come.

// 06

Communication & brand

Utilising technology and clear, consistent messaging to engage members, families and the wider basketball community across the region.

A Board's job is to back good people.



Growth has been funded, not borrowed from the future.

01

Pete McEwan
PRESIDENT · CHAIR OF THE BOARD

A year ago, at the AGM that approved our new constitution, the Board made a commitment: that Warragul Basketball Association would be run to the standard its members and its size deserve. Twelve months on, this report is our account of that commitment — what we set out to do, what the numbers say, and where we still have work ahead.

The most consequential decision the Board has made in recent years was to build a professional operation: a General Manager with a clear remit, and the two coordinator roles that followed. Governance is not an end in itself. A Board's job is to set direction, fund it responsibly and hold the operation to account — and then to let capable people get on with the work. That is what we have tried to do. The results across these pages are the operational team's, and the clubs', coaches', officials' and volunteers'. The Board's contribution has been to back them, to ask the hard questions in the committee room, and to keep the Association's long-term interests at the centre of every decision.

Some of those decisions were not easy. Returning the Warriors to the VJBL after thirteen years and to elite senior basketball in the same season was a calculated investment at a time when every dollar could be argued for elsewhere. Rebuilding junior grading around evidence disrupted a system many families knew, and the early feedback was mixed. In both cases the Board's test was the same: is this right for the Association over the next decade, and are we listening while we do it? The member survey, the club one-on-ones and the new club-represented Junior Committee were our answer to the second question. The grading model that now runs with the unanimous support of all eight clubs is what listening looks like when it works.

Financially, the Association is in better shape than it was. We returned to surplus in FY2026 while carrying the cost of a third staff member and the return to representative basketball, we have put reserves into a term deposit for the first time, and for the first time members can see the accounts program by program. The Treasurer's report sets this out properly; I will say only that growth has been funded, not borrowed from the future.

Our biggest constraint is now physical. Every weeknight court hour in Warragul and Drouin is booked, one game in five is already played outside the shire, and juniors are tipping off at nine o'clock. The High-Ball Advocacy Brief the Association prepared this year — now gathering stakeholder support before it goes to council and our local members — is the start of a long conversation, and the Board regards it as the most important piece of work ahead of us. We will need the whole basketball community behind it.

Being named a state finalist for Association of the Year, in our first year as a professional operation, is recognition of how far we have come. It belongs to everyone who turned up this year. My thanks go to my fellow directors for their time and judgement; to Dave, Kate and Natasha for a year of relentless work done with good humour; to the eight clubs and their committees, who carry the game week to week; to our coaches, referees, scorers and volunteers; to our partners, grant providers, Baw Baw Shire Council and Basketball Victoria; and to the families who make up this Association.

Three Board positions are open at this meeting. If you care about where this Association is going, consider standing. The next Strategic Plan, for 2027 to 2030, will be shaped by the people in the room on 18 November — and by the members who told us, in plain terms, what matters to them. We have listened. Now we build.

Pete McEwan PRESIDENT · CHAIR OF THE BOARD · NOVEMBER 2026

A year I would not trade.



The people make the culture. The structures just make it visible.

02

Dave Thomas
GENERAL MANAGER

Twelve months into this role, the honest summary is that I have loved it. Not every day — nobody who has run a basketball association through a summer registration period would claim that — but the work, the people and the purpose of it. It has not been without its challenges, personally and professionally, and I would not pretend otherwise. But I have never doubted that it was worth doing.

When the Board created this position, it gave me a clear remit: to build the operational capability the Association needed to match its ambition. We took that seriously, and the first twelve months brought significant change — new staff roles, new systems, a rebuilt grading model, a new rulebook, a return to representative basketball at both junior and senior level, seven new or restarted programs, and a different way of talking to our members. History shows that change of that scale is never easy to manage, and ours was no exception. Some of it landed well first time. Some of it needed a second go.

Through it, I have relied on what has served me before: communication, clarity and transparency. Tell people what is changing, why, and what it means for them, and most will come with you. My team and I are not perfect, and we do not claim to be. We know we can always improve, and communication — its timing, its tone and its reach — is where we have the most to learn. We are listening, and this report is partly an answer to that.

I want to thank the people who supported me and my team through the year, consistently and with positivity — the Board, the club committees, the coaches and officials who gave the new structures a fair go, and the families who kept turning up. I also want to thank those who have come to us with concerns, issues and suggestions. That you feel you can raise them, and expect to be met with an open mind, matters more to me than any single result; it is how an association gets better.

There were moments this year I will keep. The opening round of Big V, and the sound of the Leisure Centre when the Warriors ran out for the first time in a decade. The Elimination Final, with more than five hundred people in the house and a home crowd that would not sit down. My first CBL women's game. The U8 girls playing as one squad in red and black, and the look on their faces. The Coaching Masterclass, fifty-four coaches in one room learning together, and the officials' sessions that gave our young referees the tools and the confidence to run a game. None of those happened by accident, and none of them happened because of one person.

What they have in common is belonging. It is human nature to want to belong somewhere, and sport is one of the few places left that offers it to everyone — a club, a program, a clinic, a representative squad. Families find each other on the sidelines. Kids find their people. Adults who moved to town find a Sunday. That is the real work of an association, and it is worth remembering, at the same time, what sits at the core of it: a game. It is meant to be enjoyed. When we lose sight of that, we lose the thing that made people want to belong in the first place.

Culture will remain my first priority. We have set a standard for how this Association behaves — on the court, on the bench, in the stands and in the committee room — and we will keep setting it. My job is to make it easy for the people who share those values to stay, grow and lead, and to be honest with those who find they do not. Most of what we have built this year is scaffolding for that: the behaviour framework, the Junior Committee, the consultation, the pathway. The people make the culture. The structures just make it visible.

There is more to do, and I would rather be here doing it than anywhere else.

Dave Thomas — GENERAL MANAGER · NOVEMBER 2026

The team: Dave Thomas, GM · Kate Collins, Competitions & Administration · Natasha Billing, Rep Programs & Community — all in their first year.

// YEAR IN NUMBERS

The year in numbers.

A snapshot of participation, growth, reach and program delivery across 2026. Financial figures are from the audited financial report, appended in full from page 38.

PARTICIPATION

4,139
Record participation
Enrolments in 2026 at 21 October — past 2025's 4,128, with Term 4 still enrolling.

1,705
Largest program
Junior domestic U8–U19 this summer — the engine of growth, at an all-time high.

~73%
Retention
Average across every junior age step: 82–86% through the primary ages, ~57% at the U16→U19 step — the mid-teens are the leak.

~500
New players / yr
Genuine new blood added each year.

WHO PLAYS

26→31%
Female share
Of all participants, 2023 to 2026; U16 girls 17% → 35%.

42% · 40%
Girls in rep
Country squads 2027 (239 players) · VJBL 2027 (125 players) — well above the domestic average.

3.6% / 5.2%
Inclusion
Members identifying as First Nations / reporting a disability.

First
Wheelchair program
Gippsland's first ongoing program — Term 3, 2026.

PROGRAMS & PERFORMANCE

7
New or restarted programs
Added or restarted across the whole pathway in twelve months.

2,250+
Invitational players
200 teams, 21 associations, 379 games — a record.

8→15
VJBL teams
Back after 13 years; fifteen teams for 2027 — nearly double.

4th
Senior Warriors
10–8, a home final won in the return season.

PEOPLE, REACH & SUSTAINABILITY

54
Coaches at the Masterclass
From seven of the eight affiliated clubs.

40+
Officials developed
The first Referee & GDO Development Program.

5.7M
Owned content views
Nov 2025 – Oct 2026; 1.3M earned media reach, 152 mentions.

+15%
Trading income
On FY2025, +52% on FY2024. Surplus $13,370, from a deficit of $6,783.

RECORDS SET IN 2026

TERM 3 2026

76 — biggest ever Aussie Hoops term

Across five venues including the new Drouin site, and at capacity; Term 4 is at 65, nearly double last year's 33. At 202 for the year, within four of our all-time high (2022) — the recruitment campaign has reversed a two-year decline (143 → 202).

SUMMER 2026/27 · JUNIOR DOMESTIC

1,705 — our largest season ever

The highest summer junior registration on record — 9.5% above the previous high of 1,557 (Summer 2024/25) and 10% above last summer — with 79% returning. Summer is our biggest season each year, so this is the biggest the competition has ever been. Add 487 individual seniors — 468 in the Open competition and 43 in the new Sunday Mixed, with 24 playing in both; our second-highest senior summer on record — and 2,171 individual players are registered across the three competitions this summer (figures at 4–5 November, registration still open).

NEW U8 MODEL · WINTER 2026

83% — of 77 new U8s came back

Four times the committed scale we have had before, and a reversal of the dip in our youngest players' return rate. An early signal; the U10 carry-through test lands in 2028.

How we count: participation is unique registrations in PlayHQ; reach is measured on our own channels and tracked media mentions; financial figures are indexed, preliminary, and confirmed by the Treasurer at the AGM. Where our players come from — suburb by suburb — is on the next page.

SOURCES WBA Participation Tracker (PlayHQ), 5 Nov 2026 · Basketball Victoria JCC and VJBL records · Meta Insights, 1 Nov 2025 – 24 Oct 2026 · WBA reach tracker · Audited financial report FY2026 (appended) · PlayHQ member profiles (First Nations, disability).

// REACH · WHERE OUR PLAYERS COME FROM

118 suburbs, one association.

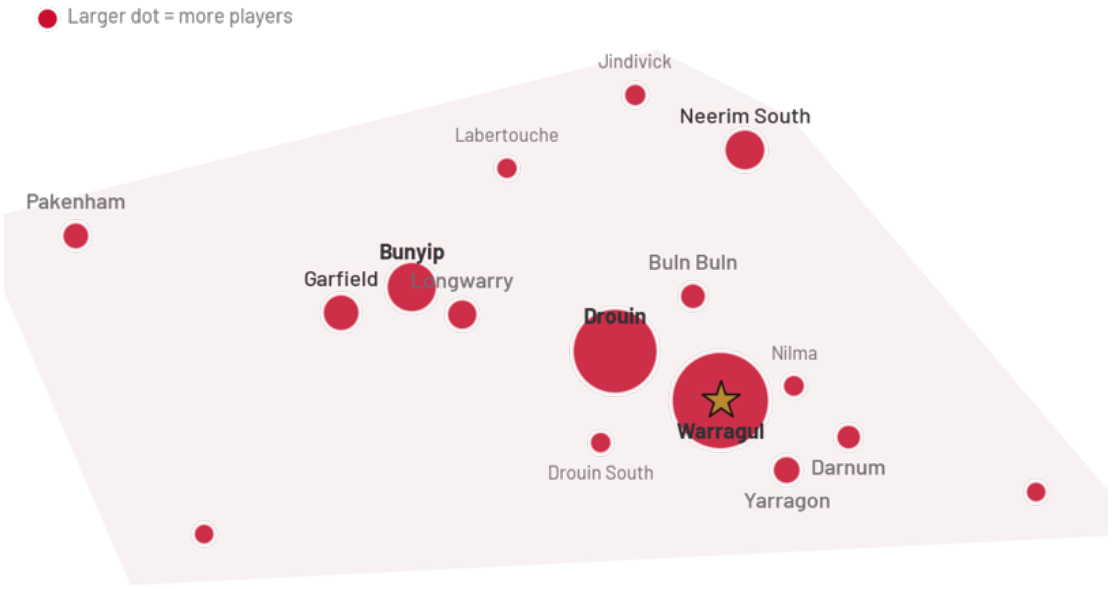
In early November, 2,171 individual players — 1,704 juniors and 487 seniors across the Open and new Sunday Mixed competitions — come from 118 suburbs: Warragul and Drouin our heartland, with reach stretching from Pakenham and Lang Lang in the west to Trafalgar in the east, and north to Neerim South. Dot size shows junior players per suburb.

2,171
Players this summer
1,704 juniors · 487 seniors — 20 play in both.

118
Suburbs
Across West Gippsland and beyond.

~500
New players a year
Genuine new blood added to the Association each year.

31%
Female · summer domestic
663 women and girls across all three competitions.



PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW · SUMMER 2026/27 · ALL DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS · TOP SUBURBS BY PLAYERS · EARLY NOVEMBER 2026

#	SUBURB	PLAYERS	SHARE
01	Warragul	689	31.7%
02	Drouin	518	23.9%
03	Bunyip	151	7.0%
04	Neerim South	93	4.3%
05	Garfield	69	3.2%
06	Longwarry	61	2.8%
07	Pakenham	48	2.2%
08	Yarragon	39	1.8%
09	Darnum	30	1.4%
10	Buln Buln	29	1.3%
11	Trafalgar	19	0.9%
12	Nilma	19	0.9%
13	Nilma North	18	0.8%
14	Labertouche	18	0.8%
15	Drouin South	16	0.7%
16	Jindivick	15	0.7%
	Other 102 suburbs	**339**	**15.6%**
	All 118 suburbs	**2,171**	**100%**

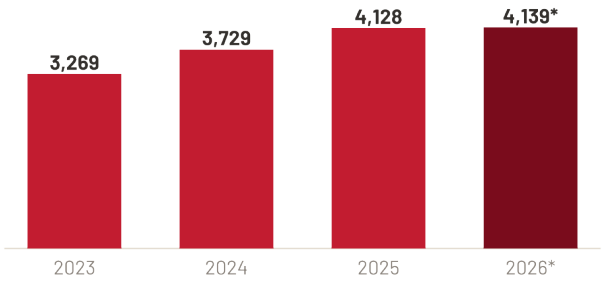
Source: WBA participation records (PlayHQ), Summer 2026/27 participant exports for the Junior, Senior and Sunday Mixed domestic competitions, 4 November 2026 (registration still open), each player counted once by residential suburb. The map shows junior players only, sized from the September registration snapshot. Warragul and Drouin together account for 56% of players; the top eight suburbs for 77%.

// BY THE NUMBERS · A FOUR-YEAR VIEW

Where the numbers come from.

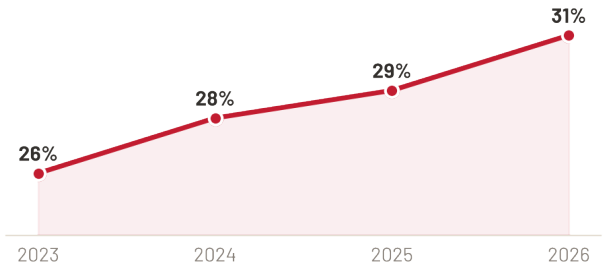
We believe in full transparency. Here is our four-year trend across the measures that matter most — drawn from our own participation records, our preliminary accounts and Basketball Victoria data — so members can see not just where we are, but how far we have come, and where every figure comes from.

Total participation — enrolments



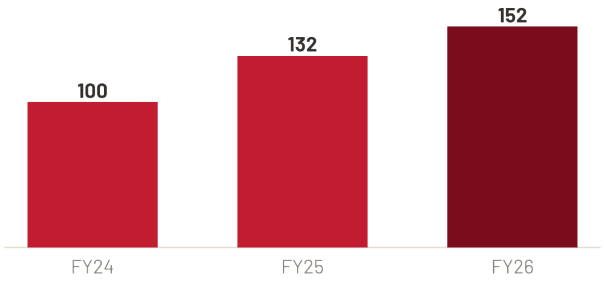
Source: WBA Participation Tracker (PlayHQ), summed across every enrolment-based program. *2026 is 4,139 at 21 October, already past 2025, with Term 4 still enrolling; three programs new since 2025 (FWA, Wheelchair Hoops, Mini Hoops) add 94.

Female share of participants



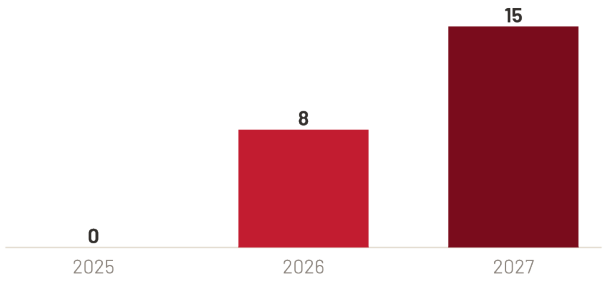
Source: WBA participation records. U16 girls rose from 17% to 35% over the same period.

Trading income — indexed (FY24 = 100)



Source: audited financial report, year ended 30 June 2026 (appended) — trading income +52% on FY24, +15% on FY25.

Warriors teams in the VJBL



Source: Basketball Victoria / WBA. 2027 as accepted by Basketball Victoria, including a new U20 Boys team.

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AREAS OF FOCUS — WHAT THE DATA SAYS, AND WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT IT

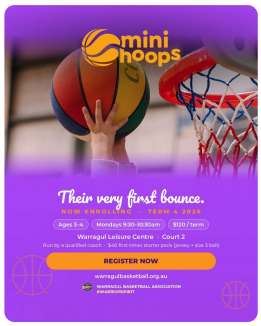
AREA	WHAT THE DATA SHOWS	WHAT WE ARE DOING
The teen cliff	Retention is excellent through the primary-age grades (82–86% every two years) but falls to about 57% at the U16→U19 step — a long-standing pattern, now measured player by player.	Consistency for the girls first: the U16 and U19 girls' grades have alternated between standalone and combined competitions season to season. From Summer 2026/27 they run as one combined age group, and we will hold that structure for three to four seasons and measure its effect on retention before changing again. Alongside it, 3x3 Hustle and the scorebench and referee pathways give older teens more ways to stay in the game.
The front door	Conversion from our entry programs into the competition has eased gently across recent cohorts — 72–87% from U8 learn-to-play, 46–61% from Aussie Hoops.	The new committed U8 competition (Winter 2026): 77 children, 83% back for Summer — an encouraging early signal, with the decisive U10 carry-through test in 2028. Aussie Hoops expanded to five venues to widen the door.
Girls at the entry age	Girls have slipped from 31% of U8 players in 2023 to 20% in 2026 — the single biggest participation opportunity we have.	A dedicated U8 Girls squad that trains and plays together each week, United for Her, and closing the girls' gap named as a priority in the 2027–2030 plan.

SOURCES. WBA Participation Tracker — player-ID cohort analysis of PlayHQ registrations, 2022–2026.

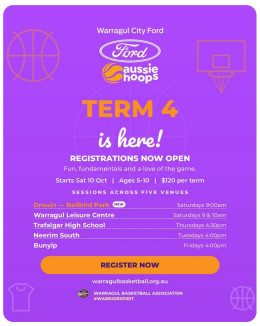
// 2026 · PROGRAMS, PERFORMANCE & COMMUNITY

The year in pictures.

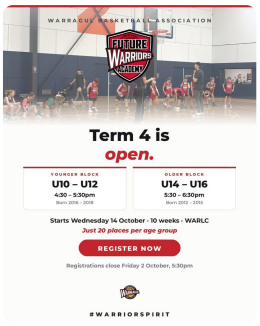
A snapshot of the year across the whole Association — new programs launched, our teams on the big stage, and the community moments that made 2026 matter.



Mini Hoops · Their very first bounce



Ford Aussie Hoops · Five venues, Term 4



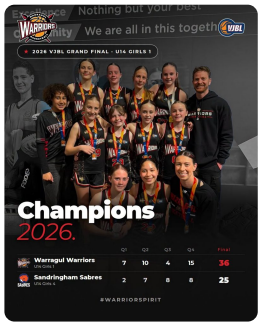
Future Warriors Academy · Two age blocks



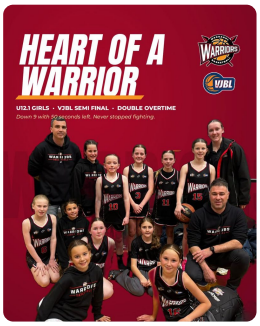
3x3 Hustle · 203 players, 126 games — one day of Gippsland 3x3



2026 rule changes · FIBA rules explained for every family



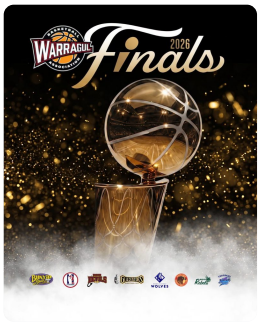
U14 Girls 1 · VJBL Grand Final champions



U12 Girls · A double-overtime VJBL semi



Sophie Taylor · Australia's 3x3 U23 World Cup



Domestic Finals · Eight clubs, 2026



Country season · Five titles at Morwell, on to Korumburra



First Nations Round · Deadly Hoops · NAIDOC Week



Mental Health Match · $500+ for Beyond Blue



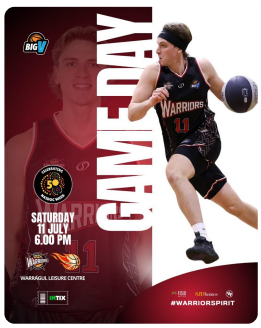
Coaching Masterclass · Colin Donovan & Rob Coulter, 16 July



Green Shirt Referee Program · Free Come & Try, ages 14+



Sporting Schools · Warragul Primary completes the program



Big V Game Day · NAIDOC Week home game, 11 July



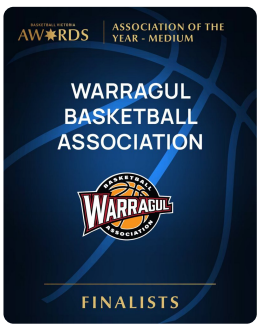
Warriors Women · Open runs for the first-ever VBL women's team



Big V Road Trip · Warriors on the road to Warrnambool



McDonald's Gippsland · Official Game Ball Partner



BV Awards 2026 · Association of the Year — finalist

// PRIORITY 1 OF SIX

01 Good governance

Clearly defined roles and responsibilities — paired with a sustainable business model that supports long-term operations.

// IN THIS SECTION

01 Our Board of Directors

02 A modern rulebook & behaviour standard

03 Listening to members

04 Club-represented governance



Game night at the Leisure Centre — the Warriors Women in the CBL

Our board of directors.

GOVERNANCE

WBA is an Incorporated Association governed by a Board of seven directors elected by members at the AGM to two-year, staggered terms. The Board sets strategic direction and oversees operations, finances, planning and governance, guided by the constitution — most recently approved in November 2025 — and the Strategic Plan 2023–2028.

A club-represented Junior Committee sits alongside the Board, and the Board meets regularly through the year to oversee its obligations under the constitution.

7	**Elected directors** Two-year staggered terms; eligible for re-election.
Nov 25	**Constitution approved** At the Annual General Meeting.
BV·BA	**Affiliated** Operating to industry best practice.
3	**Positions open** 2026–28 terms, elected at the AGM.

OFFICE BEARERS 2025–26

President · Chair	**Pete McEwan**
Vice-President	**Liam Fitzpatrick**
Secretary · Public Officer	**Mary Patrickson**
Treasurer	**Rebecca Francis**

THE BOARD 2025–26



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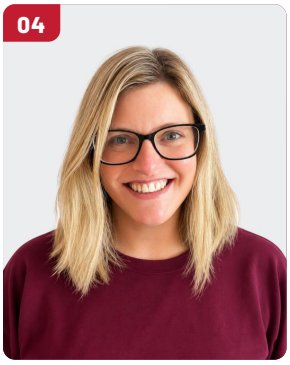
Pete McEwan
Chair of the Board



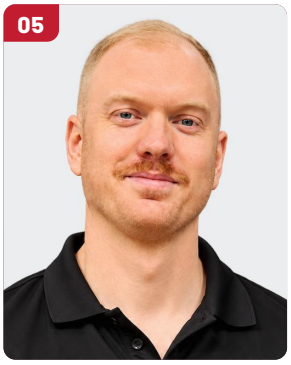
VICE-PRESIDENT
Liam Fitzpatrick
Deputy Chair



SECRETARY
Mary Patrickson
Governance & Public Officer



TREASURER
Rebecca Francis
Financial oversight



DIRECTOR
Michael Bridgman
Elected



DIRECTOR
Tessa Anderson
Elected



DIRECTOR
Sharon Ventura
Elected

Three positions open
2026–28 terms · nominations at the AGM, 18 November 2026

MEMBERS
Join the Board
Two-year staggered terms.

OUR EIGHT MEMBER CLUBS

Bunyip Bulls · Chalkies · Drouin Devils · Gladiators · Neerim District Wolves · Warragul Rebels · Warranor Heat · Yarragon Wildcats

Eight clubs and 245 junior teams this summer — each club represented on the Junior Committee.

SOURCES WBA Constitution (approved November 2025) · Board records.

01

A modern rulebook, and a standard.

A comprehensive rewrite of the Junior Domestic Playing Conditions brought child-safeguarding, on-court authority and a new behaviour standard into one modern rulebook — now at version 1.8.

4
Areas in one rulebook
Behaviour · GDO · safeguarding · player welfare.

1 game
Zero Tolerance suspension
Automatic; applied equally to all.

New
Game Day Official
On-court authority for behaviour.

WWCC
Child-safeguarding
Minimum coach age; adult assistants.

PLAYING CONDITIONS V1.8

The rewrite brought several areas into one place for the first time:

- A structured Behaviour Management Framework and Zero Tolerance Policy.
- The Game Day Official role written in as the on-court authority for behaviour.
- Child-safeguarding — minimum coach age, adult assistants for under-18 coaches, junior-referee protection and WWCC requirements.
- A representative-player points system, player-welfare policies (concussion, extreme heat) and a developmental Under-8 model.

THE ZERO TOLERANCE BEHAVIOUR STANDARD

Piloted at the Dolly's Dream Invitational and now running across junior **and** senior domestic, a Zero Tolerance Behavioural Technical Foul carries an automatic, non-negotiable one-game suspension — applied equally to players, coaches and spectators, with education-only warnings protecting the youngest players.

> *Ballarat Basketball requested the documentation as a model for its own rollout, and Basketball Victoria asked for our Game Day Official position descriptions as a baseline for assisting other associations.*

WHAT CHANGED IN 2026	
Behaviour framework	**Zero Tolerance Policy**
On-court authority	**Game Day Official**
Youngest players	**Education-only warnings**
Requested by	**Ballarat Basketball · Basketball Victoria**



Game Day Official & referee education session, Warragul Leisure Centre

SOURCES WBA Junior Domestic Playing Conditions v1.8 · Dolly's Dream Invitational 2026 · correspondence with Ballarat Basketball and Basketball Victoria.

// LISTENING, AND GOVERNING TOGETHER

Asking, listening, and acting.

Good governance is not just structure — it is listening to members and giving clubs a real voice in how the game is run. In 2026 we did both.

8
Clubs on the Committee
Every club with a seat and a vote.

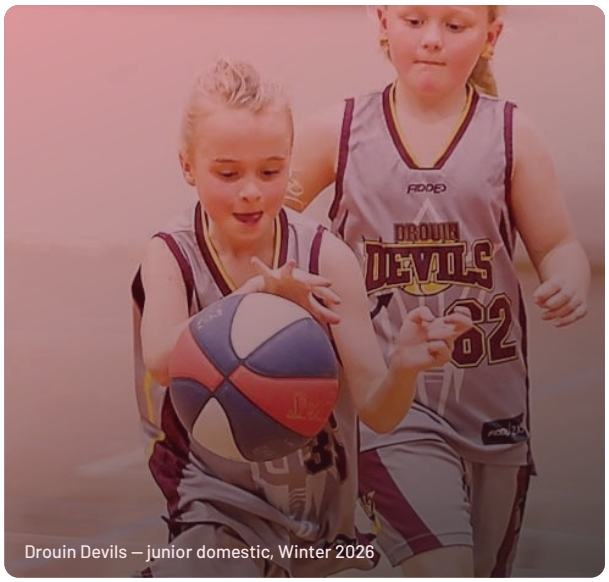
2×
Club one-on-ones a year
Every club, before every season.

New
Terms of Reference
A consultative structure, in writing.

2027–30
Next Strategic Plan
Shaped by what members told us.



Warranor Heat — the clubs are where members belong



Drouin Devils — junior domestic, Winter 2026

MEMBERS TOLD US TO PRIORITISE

Equal-highest	**Coaching · court space**
Third	**Officiating**
Number-one concern	**Grading — now rebuilt**
Affirmed	**Inclusion · the Warriors · game nights**

THE MEMBER CONSULTATION

An open member survey now shapes our next Strategic Plan (2027–2030). Members affirmed the on-court experience — coaching, inclusion, the Warriors and game-night atmosphere — and told us clearly where to improve, from court space to communication. The Association asked, listened, and is acting.

A CLUB-REPRESENTED JUNIOR COMMITTEE

We replaced the former Match Committee with a club-represented Junior Committee under a new Terms of Reference, and began season-by-season club one-on-ones — a more representative, consultative structure. It is already at work: the grading model was refined and unanimously backed through it.

> *Members' top priorities for the next three years: coaching, court space and officiating — all now reported against in this document.*

SOURCES WBA Member Survey 2026 · Junior Committee Terms of Reference 2026 · club one-on-one records.

// PRIORITY 2 OF SIX

02 Participation growth

Attracting new players and retaining existing ones through inclusive, well-designed basketball experiences across every program.

// IN THIS SECTION

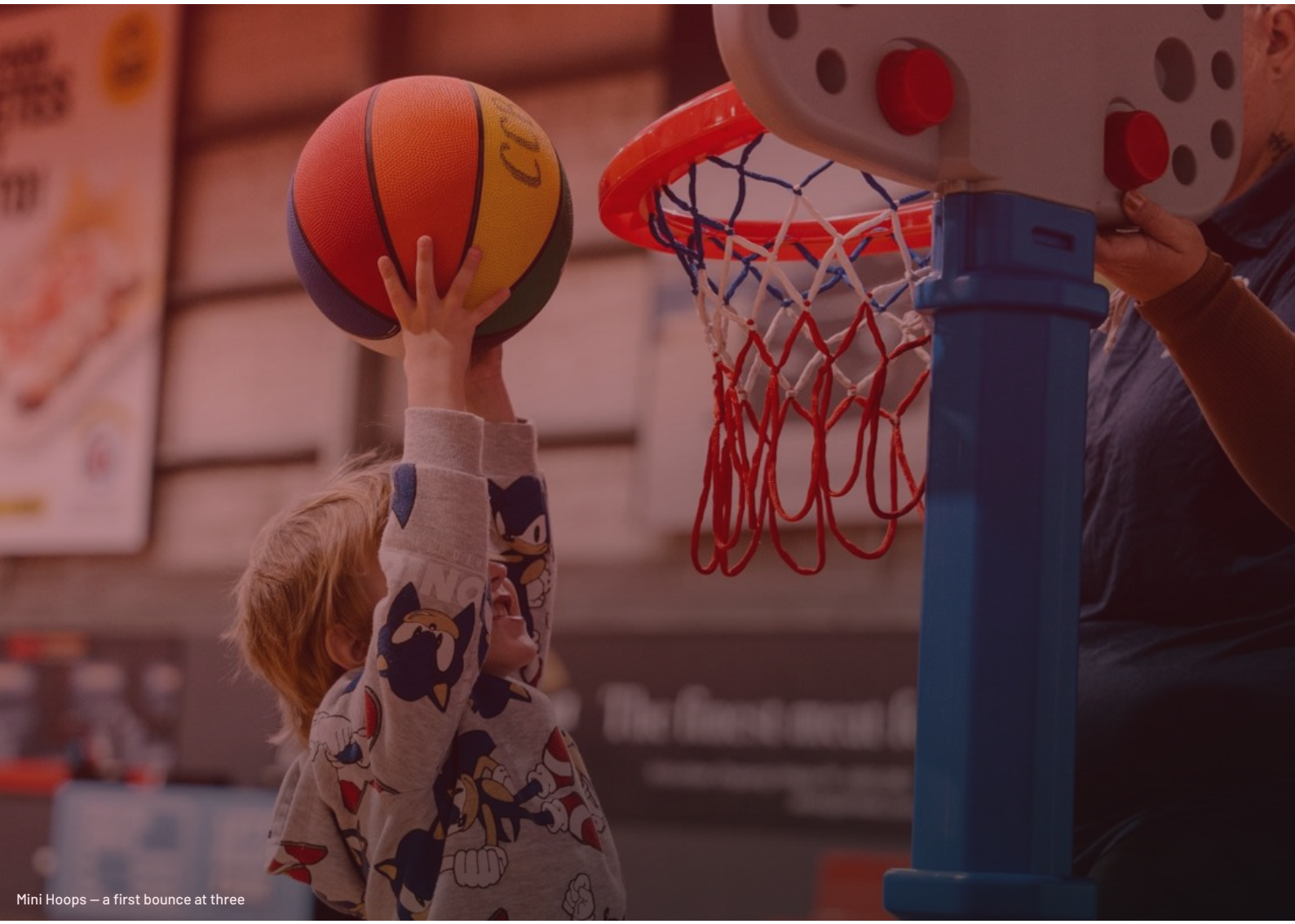
01 Seven new or restarted programs

02 The record Invitational

03 Evidence-led grading

04 JCC & the Warriors

05 Inclusion for all



Mini Hoops — a first bounce at three

// THE PLAYER PATHWAY · TWO PATHWAYS, ONE ASSOCIATION

Two pathways. One association.

Everything in this report sits on one model — published on our website and in every program booklet — so families can see the whole road at once, from a first bounce at three to the Warriors at the top of the local game. Two clearly defined pathways serve every player, with inclusive programs open to all alongside them.

Participation pathway *Open to all, for life.*		Performance pathway *A funnel — develop to perform.*	
Mini Hoops	AGES 3–4	Future Warriors Academy	AGES 7–15
Ford Aussie Hoops	AGES 5–7	Junior Warriors — CRP & VJBL	BY AGE GROUP
Domestic U8 / U10	AGES 5–10	Warriors CBL	AGES 16+
Domestic U12–U19	AGES 11–18	Warriors VBL	AGES 16+
Senior Domestic	AGES 16+		
Senior Mixed — Sunday	AGES 16+		

OPEN TO ALL — ALONGSIDE OUR PATHWAYS

Wheelchair Hoops · 3x3 Hustle · Sporting Schools



The pathway in the flesh — Ford Aussie Hoops, the first step on the participation pathway

// TWO PATHWAYS · ONE ASSOCIATION

New programs, new places.

Everything sits on one published Player Pathway — from a first bounce at three to the Warriors at the top of the local game. Within twelve months the Association added or restarted **seven programs**, widening the pathway at both ends and adding inclusive programs open to all.

Mini Hoops
New · ages 3–4 · Term 4

Ford Aussie Hoops
Five venues — new Drouin

Sporting Schools
362 places · 5 schools

Senior Mixed
Sundays · 43 players · 53% female

Future Warriors Academy
44 players · 15 graduated to rep

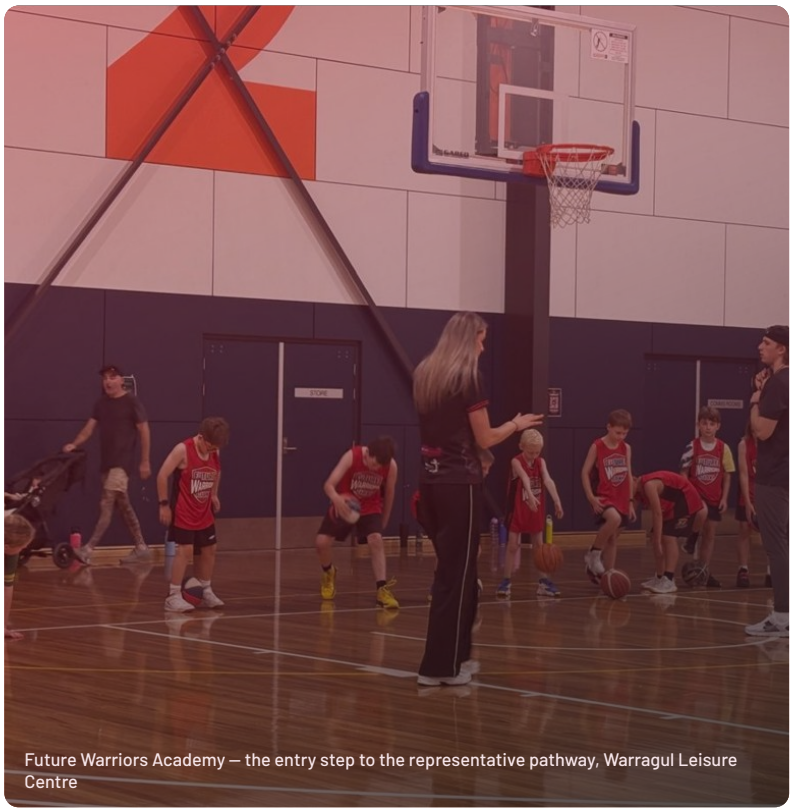
3x3 Hustle
56 teams · 203 players · 30 Sep

VBL
Warriors return — Men and Women in 2027

Wheelchair Hoops
6 → 11 players, Term 2 to Term 3

Ford Aussie Hoops expanded to five venues — adding brand-new **Trafalgar** and **Drouin (Bellbird Park)** locations in 2026, the Drouin site opened with a second Aussie Hoops grant in twelve months — and delivered a record Term 3 — 76 children, the most ever in a single Aussie Hoops term — at capacity. At 202 enrolments for the year, within four of the all-time high, the campaign has reversed a two-year decline. New **Mini Hoops** (ages 3–4) extends the pathway below Aussie Hoops, and a new Sunday **Senior Mixed** competition serves adults — 43 in its first intake and 53% female — a senior format where women outnumber men, against 30% in the domestic competition.

Sporting Schools reached 362 student places across five schools — Moe, Buln Buln, Warragul, Ripplebrook and Bona Vista Primary — as an officially registered provider; the **Future Warriors Academy** develops rep-ready players — 44 in its first year, 15 of whom (34%) have already graduated to representative squads; and Gippsland's first sanctioned **3x3 Hustle** tournament took the court on 30 September — 56 teams and 203 players across eight divisions from U9 to U19, 126 games and 2,074 points in a single day — a capacity-light format that grows participation without adding fixture load.



Future Warriors Academy — the entry step to the representative pathway, Warragul Leisure Centre



Gladiators at the 3x3 Hustle, 30 September

SOURCES WBA Participation Tracker (PlayHQ), 5 Nov 2026 · Sporting Schools provider records 2026 · 3x3 Hustle Gippsland results, 30 Sep 2026.

02

Bigger, and a new standard.

The Dolly's Dream Warragul Junior Invitational was the Association's largest-ever event — drawing families from the Mornington Peninsula to Mildura for a weekend of basketball across eight venues, and setting a new behaviour standard for junior sport.

2,250+	200	21	379	147K
Players	**Teams**	**Associations**	**Games**	**Social reach**
			8 venues	

Behind the scenes, new partner Fastbreak AI helped deliver the schedule and fixture — 379 games across eight venues in a weekend. In partnership with anti-bullying charity Dolly's Dream, WBA used the tournament to pilot its Behaviour Management Framework — automatic sanctions applied equally to players, coaches and spectators, spectator warning cards, and a #BeKind Sportsmanship Award at every grand final.

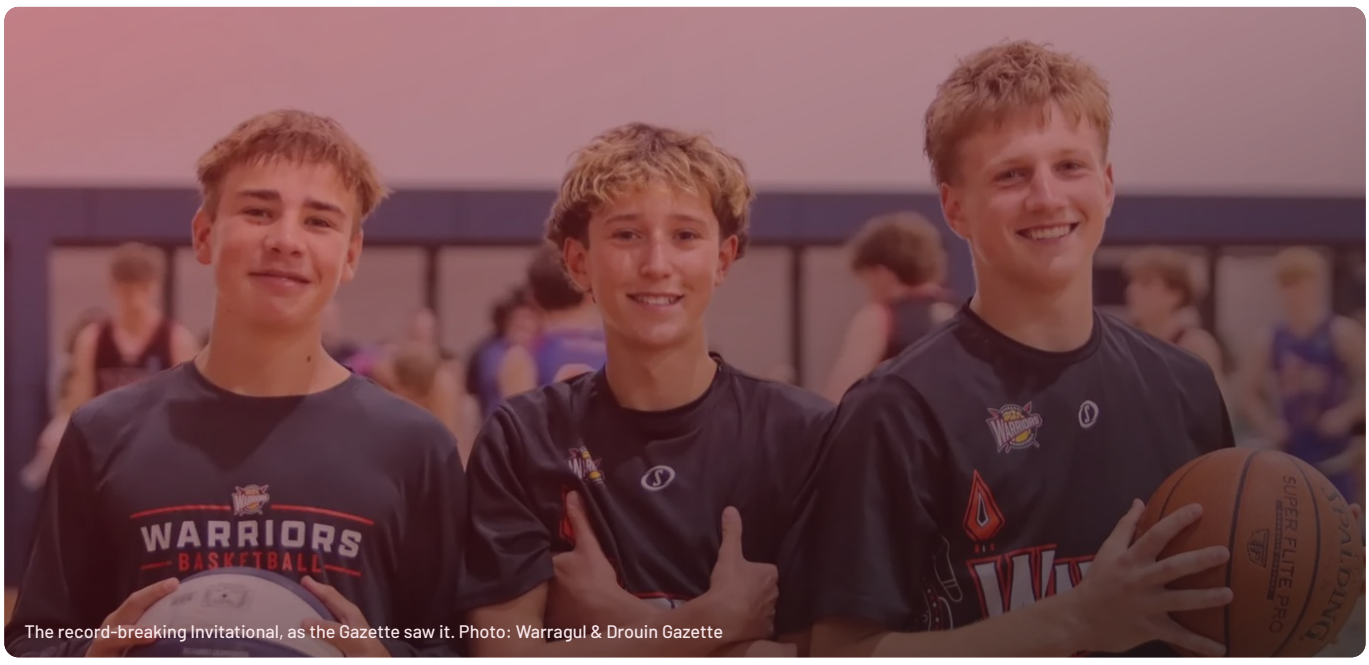
The pilot worked so well it went competition-wide: a Zero Tolerance Behavioural Technical Foul now runs across junior and senior domestic, with education-only warnings protecting the youngest players. Ballarat Basketball has requested the documentation as a model for its own rollout.

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

Front-page coverage in the Warragul & Drouin Gazette, families travelling from right across the state, and a tournament that paired the Association's biggest-ever crowd with its clearest statement yet on how the game should be played.



THE INVITATIONAL AT A GLANCE	
Charity partner	**Dolly's Dream**
Reach	**Mornington Peninsula to Mildura**
Venues	**Eight**
Fixture partner	**Fastbreak AI**
Every grand final	**#BeKind Sportsmanship Award**
Proudly supported by	**Bendigo Bank Community Bank Drouin & District · Baw Baw Shire Council · Warragul Country Club · In2Action Photography**



The record-breaking Invitational, as the Gazette saw it. Photo: Warragul & Drouin Gazette

SOURCES PlayHQ tournament data, Dolly's Dream Warragul Junior Invitational 2026 · Meta Insights · Warragul & Drouin Gazette.

// EVIDENCE-LED COMPETITION DESIGN

Fairer, and measured.

Grading was our members' number-one concern. So we rebuilt it around evidence, refined it with the clubs, and — crucially — measured whether it actually worked.

31→24
Divisions
Same teams, better divided.

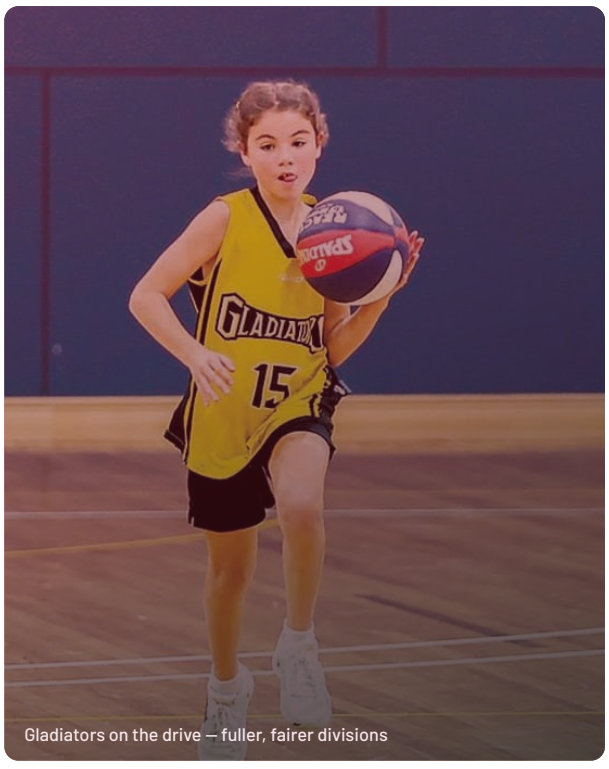
0
Four-team grades
Down from six the year before.

8/8
Clubs backing it
Unanimous support.

Level
Competitiveness
Routs no more common than 2025.



Warranor Heat v Gladiators — U10 girls, Summer 2026/27



Gladiators on the drive — fuller, fairer divisions

THE 3-STAGE COMPETITION MODEL

A mini-games grading phase, a validation phase with re-grading after each round, and a locked season. Piloted in Winter, reviewed with the Junior Committee after mixed early feedback, and refined for Summer 2026/27 — where it now runs with the unanimous support of all eight clubs.

THE COMPETITIVENESS TRACKER

A live dashboard measuring every result, division by division, proves it worked: with the same number of teams, we ran fewer, fuller divisions — and games were no more lopsided than the year before, measured on a fair share-of-points basis.

> *Same teams, better divided — and the routs no more common than in 2025.*

THE THREE STAGES

1 · Grading	**Mini-games phase**
2 · Validation	**Re-grading after each round**
3 · Season	**Locked divisions**
Measured by	**Competitiveness Tracker**

SOURCES WBA Competitiveness Tracker (PlayHQ results, Winter 2025 – Summer 2026/27) · Junior Committee records.

02

The Junior Warriors.

Our Country Representative Program and VJBL teams carry Warragul's colours across the state — and 2026 was a standout year at both levels.

8
Rep teams at the JCC

7
At Championship level

2
JCC titles
U12 Girls · U18 Girls

227→239
CRP players, 2026→2027
42% girls in 2027

2026 JUNIOR COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight rep teams, seven of them at Championship level — the highest tier — returned two titles and two grand-final runners-up from eight teams. The U12 Girls won Division 2 and the U18 Girls won Division 3; the U14 Girls fell a single point short of the Division 1 title, and the U18 Boys were Division 2 runners-up.

VJBL — BACK AFTER 13 YEARS

Eight Warriors teams — 87 players — returned to the state's premier junior league. The U14 Girls 1 won the VJL5 championship, defeating Sandringham 36–25 in the grand final, and the U12 Girls reached a grand final in year one after a double-overtime semi. For 2027 Basketball Victoria has accepted all fifteen Warriors VJBL teams — 125 players, up from eight teams and 87, including a new U20 Boys team. Six of those teams are girls' teams, lifting the girls' share of the VJBL program from 25% to 40%.

The 2026/27 Country season has already begun the same way — five titles at the opening Morwell tournament in October.

> *Every senior Warrior is contracted to mentor a VJBL junior — tying the top of the pathway back to its base.*



U12 Girls — Junior Country Championships Division 2 Champions, 2026



VJBL presentation 2026 — the U12 Girls, grand finalists in year one, with their medals



U18 Boys — Country Representative Program

2026 RESULTS · LINE BY LINE

JCC · U12 Girls	**Division 2 Champions**
JCC · U18 Girls	**Division 3 Champions**
JCC · U14 Girls	**Division 1 Runners-up — by one point**
JCC · U18 Boys	**Division 2 Runners-up**
VJBL · U14 Girls 1	**VJL5 Champions, 36–25 v Sandringham**
VJBL · U12 Girls	**Grand finalists — double-overtime semi**
VJBL 2027	**15 teams accepted by BV · 125 players — up from 8 and 87**
VJBL 2027 girls	**6 teams · 40% of the program, up from 25%**

SOURCES Basketball Victoria JCC and VJBL results 2026 · WBA representative program records, October 2026.

// THE PEAK OF THE PATHWAY

The Senior Warriors.

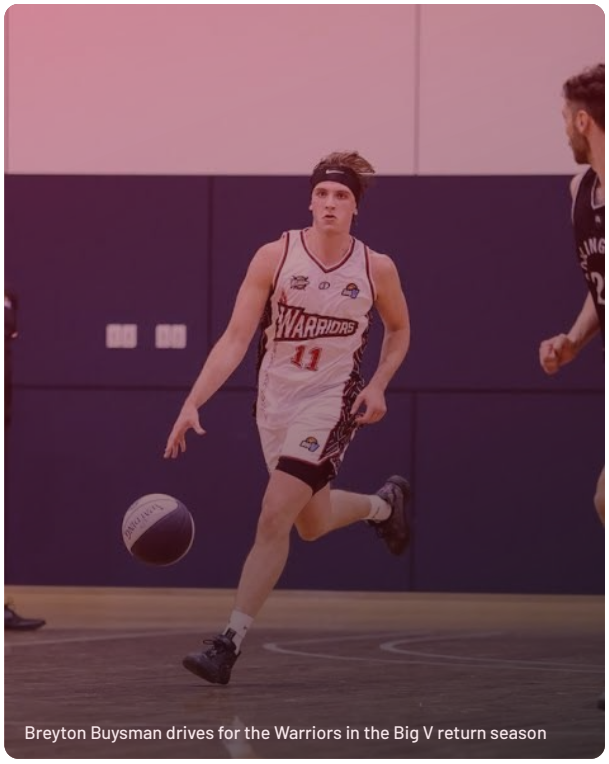
After an extended absence, the Warriors returned to elite Victorian senior basketball — and made finals in their very first season back.

4th
On the ladder
10–8 in the return season.

1
Home final won
In a packed Leisure Centre.

150–250
Crowd per game
500+ at the Elimination Final.

20 yrs
Since the 2006 title



Breyton Buysman drives for the Warriors in the Big V return season



The Warriors Women in the CBL Gippsland Conference — the pathway's senior women's side

The Warriors Men finished 4th (10–8), won a home Elimination Final and reached the semi finals — finals basketball back in Warragul, twenty years after the 2006 championship. Every senior player is contracted to mentor a VJBL junior, tying the top of the pathway back to its base.

FROM 2027 — THE VBL, AND THE WARRIORS WOMEN

The Big V becomes the Victorian Basketball League, and the Warriors grow with it: the Men return and the first-ever Warragul Warriors Women join them — both confirmed for 2027. Ben Gaze returns as Men's head coach, with Rob Dielemans leading the Women. A Men's Youth League team was also planned for 2027 as the next step in the senior pathway, with Curtis Wheeler as head coach.*

* Pending final approval from Basketball Victoria.

BEYOND THE SCOREBOARD

Home games drew crowds of 150–250 to the Leisure Centre — more than 500 for the Elimination Final — the program opened a nationally recognised scorebench and technical-officials pathway, and the First Nations Round and Mental Health Match made the Warriors a platform for the wider community.

THE WARRIORS IN 2027 · VBL

Men	**Ben Gaze (returning)**
Women — first-ever	**Rob Dielemans**
Youth League Men*	**Curtis Wheeler**
Coach Mentor	**Myra Donkin (honorary)**

SOURCES Basketball Victoria Big V ladder and results 2026 · WBA game-day records.

// BASKETBALL FOR EVERYONE

Inclusion, and belonging.

Alongside our two pathways, a growing set of inclusive programs makes sure everyone has a place in our game — whatever their age, ability or background. In 2026 we added Gippsland's first wheelchair program and signed with Basketball Australia to launch Ability Hoops in Term 1, 2027.

First
Wheelchair program in Gippsland

135,585
Views — top post of the year

3.6%
Members are First Nations
Against 1.0% of Victoria's population.

5.2%
Report a disability

WHEELCHAIR HOOPS WARRAGUL

Gippsland's first ongoing wheelchair basketball program — from a free Come & Try, to a five-week pilot, to a full eight-week Term 3 — participation almost doubling from six to eleven — with a standalone brand and custom jerseys, played alongside domestic competition nights. Open to all, with sports chairs provided so everyone competes on an equal footing.

ABILITY HOOPS — SIGNED WITH BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA FOR TERM 1, 2027

WBA has signed with Basketball Australia to launch Ability Hoops in Term 1, 2027 — a program for children aged 8–12 with intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder. Small-group sessions led by trained coaches introduce basketball through fun, modified activities, so participants build fundamental skills at their own pace, grow in confidence and feel part of the game. Delivered through Basketball Victoria, which is actively encouraging associations to take it up, the program is supported by the Australian Sports Commission and sits at the heart of Basketball Australia's "Everybody's Game" vision — a natural next step alongside Wheelchair Hoops.

DEADLY HOOPS & THE FIRST NATIONS ROUND

A NAIDOC event, a Big V First Nations Round with Welcome to Country, and the Deadly Hoops apparel collection with the Gippsland Wrens — the most comprehensive First Nations basketball engagement in Gippsland. The new Warriors playing strip, designed by local Indigenous artist Lionel Rose Jnr, is more than a fresh look — it tells our story of growth, community and culture.

A SINGLE-SEX U8 GIRLS COMPETITION

A dedicated U8 Girls squad targets the entry-age gap — the single biggest participation opportunity we have. Girls have slipped from 31% of U8s in 2023 to 20% in 2026; rather than run a mixed competition, the girls train and play together as one WBA squad each week.

UNITED FOR HER

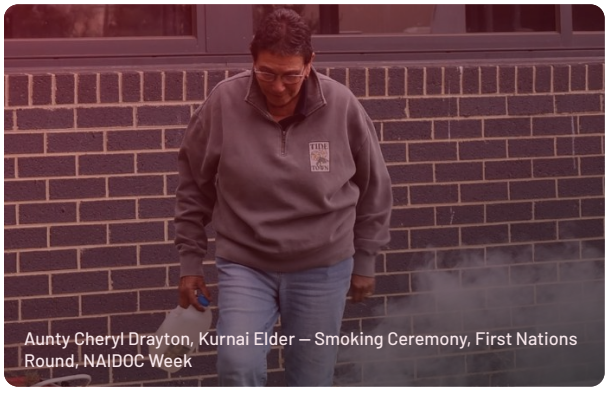
A free girls-only clinic with NBL club Melbourne United came to Gippsland — every participant taking home her own ball.



Wheelchair basketball — sports chairs put everyone on an equal footing



United for Her — the Melbourne United girls-only clinic



Aunty Cheryl Drayton, Kurnai Elder — Smoking Ceremony, First Nations Round, NAIDOC Week

INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS	
Wheelchair Hoops	**Running · Term 3, 2026**
Ability Hoops	**Signed with BA · Term 1, 2027**
First Nations	**Deadly Hoops · NAIDOC · Big V round**
Girls	**U8 Girls · United for Her**

SOURCES WBA Participation Tracker · PlayHQ member profiles · Meta Insights · Basketball Australia (Ability Hoops agreement); Victorian First Nations share from ABS Census 2021.

// PRIORITY 3 OF SIX

03 People development

Training staff, officials, coaches, volunteers and players to industry best practice — investing in the people who make basketball happen.

// IN THIS SECTION

01 Coaching development

02 Three officiating pathways

03 The High Performance Program

04 Resources that last



The Warriors Big V coaching lineup, 2026

SOURCES Coaching Masterclass registrations, July 2026 · Coach Resource Library records · Coach Mentor Letter of Appointment, October 2026.

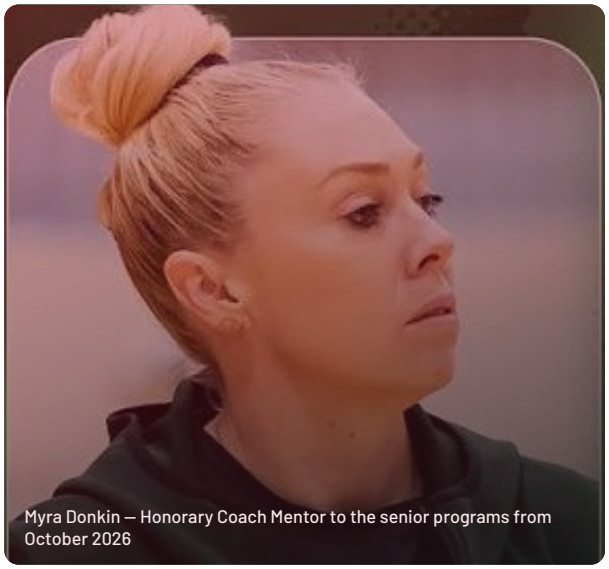
Developing our coaches.

Coaching is our members' equal-highest priority — and 2026 was a big year for the people who coach our teams.

54	7 of 8	New	2
Coaches at the Masterclass	**Clubs represented**	**Coach Resource Library**	**CBL programs led**



President Pete McEwan with Colin Donovan at the Coaching Masterclass



Myra Donkin — Honorary Coach Mentor to the senior programs from October 2026

THE COACHING MASTERCLASS

A free evening with two of Australian basketball's most experienced coaches — Colin Donovan on skills and player development, and Basketball Victoria's Rob Coulter on behaviour, relationships and best practice — made free to every coach by new partner Warragul City Ford. 54 individual coaches attended, from Aussie Hoops deliverers to representative level, across seven of the eight affiliated clubs.

A RESOURCE THAT LASTS

The night produced a durable asset, not a one-off: a Coach Resource Series (a Skills Matrix and a behaviour guide) shared to every registrant, and a secure, login-only Coach Resource Library built in-house on the website — WWCC-gated and version-controlled.

ACCREDITATION & SENIOR COACHING

WBA hosted a nationally accredited Basketball Australia Competition Coaching Course locally, and appointed head coaches to both CBL programs — Men's and Women's — for 2026.

COACH MENTOR — MYRA DONKIN

From October 2026, **Myra Donkin** joins WBA as Honorary Coach Mentor to the Warriors' senior programs. A former Perth Lynx WNBL player, NBL1 head coach of the Cairns Dolphins, Assistant Coach at Basketball Australia's Women's Centre of Excellence in 2026 and an AIS ASPIRE Coach Program participant, Myra will support Men's head coach Ben Gaze and Women's head coach Rob Dielemans through a season debrief, pre-season planning and the 2027 VBL season. The role is honorary, remote and coach-facing — expertise regional associations rarely get access to, given freely to the people who coach our Warriors.

COACH DEVELOPMENT IN 2026

Masterclass	**Colin Donovan · Rob Coulter**
Made free by	**Warragul City Ford**
Resources	**Skills Matrix · behaviour guide**
Library	**Login-only · WWCC-gated**
Senior Coach Mentor	**Myra Donkin · Oct 2026 – Sep 2027**

SOURCES Coaching Masterclass registrations, July 2026 · Coach Resource Library records · Coach Mentor Letter of Appointment, October 2026.

Strengthening our officials.

Officiating is our members' third priority — and in a single year we built three complementary pathways to grow and develop the people who officiate our game.

40+
Officials developed

3
Officiating pathways built

New
Game Day Official role

Levels 1–5
Scorebench pathway

REFEREE & GDO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

A first-ever development program focused on communication and de-escalation — handling questions from captains and coaches, working with an officiating partner, and managing spectators — drew 40+ officials across the sessions, facilitated by a Basketball Victoria referee coach.

THE GAME DAY OFFICIAL

A redesigned role replacing the old court-supervisor model, written into the playing conditions as the on-court authority for behaviour — with junior-referee protections (green whistle, minimum coach age, adult assistants for under-18 coaches) embedded alongside it.

A NEW SCOREBENCH PATHWAY

The Warriors' VBL program opened up a nationally recognised scorebench and technical-officials pathway, with accreditation and paid opportunities — a genuine new avenue for young people to stay in the game.

VOLUNTEERS & RECOGNITION

Underpinning it all are the volunteers — team managers, scorers, committee members and club officials — who make every game night happen.

THREE OFFICIATING PATHWAYS	
Referees	**Development Program · BV referee coach**
Game Day Officials	**On-court behaviour authority**
Scorebench	**Levels 1–5 · accredited · paid**
Protections	**Green whistle for junior referees**



Referee Development Program — presented by James Rossiter, Basketball Victoria: communication, confidence, consistency



WBA referees officiating at the Junior Country Championships


Three of our young Basketball Victoria-accredited referees

SOURCES Referee & GDO Development Program registrations 2026 · Basketball Victoria referee coaching.

Better athletes, not just better basketballers.

Launched in October 2026, the Warriors High Performance Program brings athletic development to every representative player — free, and open to all Future Warriors Academy, Country Representative Program and VJBL athletes. Building on the strength-and-conditioning work Murray Myers and Myers Sports Coaching delivered with the Warriors last season, the program has been rebuilt around testing, personalised reporting and a mid-season retest, so every athlete and family can see progress in numbers.

143
Athletes tested
On day one — 94 boys and 49 girls, U10 to U18/19.

4
Performance tests
Vertical jump · broad jump · 20m sprint · Yo-Yo.

2
Test points a season
Pre-season in October; retest in February–March.

1:1
Results chat
Every athlete, every report.

Warriors High Performance Program — in partnership with Myers Sports Coaching, WBA's official strength & conditioning provider, led by Murray Myers

SIX PARTS, ONE SEASON

- **Pre-season performance testing** — vertical jump, broad jump, 20m sprint and the Yo-Yo test, for every U10–U18/19 CRP and VJBL athlete.
- **An individual performance report** showing where each athlete sits in their age group, and how their results carry over to other sports.
- **A pre-season education seminar** for athletes and parents — warm-ups, nutrition, hydration, recovery, game-day and tournament preparation.
- **A mid-season retest** in February–March, with a progress report.
- **A free results chat** with Murray, reviewing the report, goals and other sports.
- **Warriors-only access** to personal, semi-private, at-home and online training, and a five-week Rep-Ready block before CRP trials.

On testing day, Sunday 25 October, 143 athletes were tested across five age groups — 11 at U10, 45 at U12, 49 at U14, 31 at U16 and 7 at U18/19 — each now with a baseline to measure against in February. Testing and the seminar are free. Results are shared only between WBA and MSC, and further training is entirely optional — it has no bearing on team selection or court time. Athleticism is part of selection at state level, and the Basketball Victoria Country Future Development Program tests the same way; now every Warrior gets that preparation at home.



Test. Train. Learn. — 143 athletes tested on Sunday 25 October 2026, Warragul Leisure Centre



Murray Myers delivers the pre-season seminar to athletes on testing day, 25 October

THE SEASON	
October	**Testing day & seminar · 25 Oct · 143 tested**
Oct – Apr	**Rep season**
Feb – Mar	**Mid-season retest & progress report**
Jul – Aug	**Rep-Ready — five weeks before CRP trials**

SOURCES warragulbasketball.org.au/warriors-high-performance-program · Myers Sports Coaching program design, October 2026.

// PRIORITY 4 OF SIX

04 Advocacy & infrastructure

Strategic facility expansion across Baw Baw Shire and strong partnerships with local government and community stakeholders.

// IN THIS SECTION

01 Civic & political engagement

02 The High-Ball Advocacy Brief

03 Our ask: a 2027 feasibility study

04 Court capacity is the constraint



Warragul Leisure Centre — our home venue

// FACILITIES & RELATIONSHIPS

04

Room to grow — the case for courts.

Court capacity is the single biggest constraint on our growth, and in 2026 we turned that into a formal case. Every weeknight hour across the council's six courts in Warragul and Drouin is booked, more than one game in five is already played elsewhere, and Baw Baw is adding about 1,450 residents a year. Members named court space as a top priority — so the Association has built the case and will take it to council and government.

6
Council courts, all full
Every weeknight hour in Warragul and Drouin is booked.

21.5%
Games played elsewhere
481 of 2,235 domestic games this summer — 180 of them in Cardinia Shire.

455
Games tipping off after 8:20pm
Juniors playing until 9:10pm; eight clubs with no training courts.

~10
Courts needed by 2046
One court per 9,500 residents — the benchmark in council's own growth-area planning; six today.



Mary Aldred MP, Federal Member for Monash, at the Wheelchair Basketball Come & Try

CIVIC & POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

We grew the Association's profile with local and state government across the year — building the relationships that facility advocacy depends on:

- Baw Baw Shire Mayor Kate Wilson presented at the Dolly's Dream Invitational.
- Mary Aldred MP (Federal Member for Monash) attended the Wheelchair Basketball Come & Try and offered further regional support.
- Wayne Farnham MP (State Member for Narracan) attended the Big V First Nations Round.

THE HIGH-BALL ADVOCACY BRIEF — OCTOBER 2026 · TO BE PRESENTED

Prepared for the Mayor and Councillors, Wayne Farnham MP and Mary Aldred MP — and currently with partner organisations to gather their support before it is formally presented — the brief sets out the evidence: council's own 2018 Indoor Stadium paper found Baw Baw needed five to eight courts within a decade and endorsed two stages, of which only the first — the 2024 Warragul Leisure Centre expansion — has been built. On Basketball Victoria's benchmark of one court per 9,500 residents, the shire is already under-supplied: at 93,737 residents in 2046 it needs about ten courts, and with the six it has today each court would serve roughly 15,600 people — 64% above the benchmark.

Our ask. That council endorse and co-fund a multi-sport high-ball feasibility study in 2027 — listed as a Basketball Victoria Facility Priority and co-funded through BV's Facility Planning Grant — to test expanding Warragul Leisure Centre and Bellbird Park now, and plan a sub-regional facility for basketball, netball and other indoor sports in Baw Baw's growth areas. Alongside it, we keep working with council on the venues that carry our growth today: more court hours, sponsor signage and venue security.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR	
Now	**A multi-sport feasibility study, 2027**
Near term	**Warragul Leisure Centre to 6 courts · Bellbird Park to 4**
Long term	**A sub-regional high-ball facility, 6–9 courts**
Partners	**Council · State · Federal · BV · Netball Victoria**

SOURCES WBA High-Ball Advocacy Brief (October 2026) · PlayHQ fixtures, Summer 2026/27 (8 Oct 2026) · Baw Baw Shire Council Indoor Stadium Issues and Options Paper (2018), PSP Sporting Reserve Literature Review and 2026 community profile · Basketball Victoria Facility Guidelines (May 2025) and Baw Baw Participation Summary 2025.

// PRIORITY 5 OF SIX

05 Financial sustainability

Effective long-term planning and financial decision-making — ensuring the Association remains viable for generations to come.

// IN THIS SECTION

01 The Treasurer's report

02 Partners & grants

03 The audited financial report — appended



Our next generation of officials, at the partners' wall

SOURCES Partnership agreements · grant notifications from Basketball Victoria, VicHealth and Basketball Australia.

A year of investing in people and strengthening our future.



Investment has been made in internal management, staffing and coaching roles to support our athletes and the wider community.

03

Rebecca Francis
TREASURER

Warragul and District Amateur Basketball Association Inc. · Financial Year Ended 30 June 2026

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the 2025–2026 financial year.

The association has continued to grow, with increased participation across several competitions and the introduction and expansion of programs contributing to a higher level of activity throughout the year. A key focus of the board this year was strengthening the clubs operation and coaching capacity. Investment has been made in internal management, staffing and coaching roles to support our athletes and the wider community.

Financial Performance. The association recorded a surplus of $13,370 for the 2025–2026 financial year, compared with a deficit of $6,783 in the previous year. This represents a positive improvement in the association's financial performance.

Total trading income increased from $786,489 to $903,047, an increase of approximately 15%. This growth reflects the continued strength of our domestic competitions, increased tournament income and the expansion of our representative basketball programs to include VJBL and Big V.

The year also saw the financial impact of our expanded basketball programs, including Big V, VJBL and Future Warriors. These programs provide additional opportunities for players and contribute to the ongoing development of basketball in our region.

Operating expenses increased in line with the growth in activity, particularly in court hire, referees, staffing and the delivery of additional competitions and programs. Managing these costs while maintaining accessible and quality basketball opportunities will remain an important focus.

Financial Position. At 30 June 2026, the association held cash and cash equivalents of approximately $244,000, including a $102,145 Bendigo Bank term deposit. The association's net assets increased to $104,003, up from $90,633 at the end of the previous financial year.

The association remains in a position to meet its financial commitments, although careful management of cash flow will continue to be important as we manage the increasing scale of our operations and obligations relating to future competitions.

Financial Reporting. During the year, we refined our approach to recognising competition income for basketball seasons that span two financial years. Income is now allocated between financial years based on the rounds attributable to each year, rather than simply when the fees are received. This approach better reflects when the association delivers its services and provides a more meaningful view of annual financial performance.

Looking Ahead. Our focus remains on maintaining the association's financial sustainability while supporting continued growth in participation and providing quality basketball opportunities for our players, officials and families.

I would like to thank the committee, staff, volunteers, sponsors and everyone who contributes to the ongoing success of the association. Their time, commitment and support are essential to delivering basketball across our community.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Rebecca Francis TREASURER · WARRAGUL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

The audited financial report for the year ended 30 June 2026 — Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, notes, departmental income statement and the auditor's report — is appended in full from page 38.

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The partners behind our year.

Two major new commercial partners, a growing grant program and a portfolio of supporters underpinned a year of investment — and made the vision affordable.

WARRAGUL CITY FORD — NAMING RIGHTS

Community Naming Rights Partner, covering the Warragul City Ford Junior Domestic Competition and Ford Aussie Hoops — our two largest participation programs — with signage across all five Aussie Hoops venues.

MCDONALD'S GIPPSLAND — GAME BALL

A three-year Official Game Ball Partnership, paid upfront, funding every WBA-issued domestic basketball from U8 to senior, with balls also allocated to Wheelchair Hoops.

GRANTS SECURED

Basketball Victoria's Play Our Way and First Nations Round grants, a place in VicHealth's Cultural Safety Club Mentor Program (one of only six associations selected), and a second Aussie Hoops grant to open the new Drouin venue.

THE WARRIORS' PARTNERS

SJD Homes as CBL season partner, Voyage Fitness as a Big V partner and In2Action Sports Photography as the Warriors' photography partner in 2026, Fastbreak AI delivering the Invitational fixture, and Myers Sports Coaching as official strength and conditioning provider — alongside Fisio Australia, Bendigo Bank Community Bank Drouin & District, BBALR and Warragul Country Club.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Audited financial report	**Appended from page 38**

OUR PARTNERS IN 2026

Warragul City Ford · McDonald's · SJD homes · Bendigo Bank Community Bank Drouin & District · Fisio Australia Warragul Physiotherapy · BBALR · IA · Fastbreak AI Accelerate Your Game · Warragul Country Club · Voyage Fitness · In2Action Photography

Also Dolly's Dream, Basketball Victoria and Baw Baw Shire Council.

With senior players individually sponsored by local clubs and businesses.

SOURCES Partnership agreements · grant notifications from Basketball Victoria, VicHealth and Basketball Australia.

// PRIORITY 6 OF SIX

06 Communication & brand

Utilising technology and clear, consistent messaging to engage members, families and the wider basketball community across the region.

// IN THIS SECTION

01 A new home online

02 Reach, now measured

03 Social growth

04 Media & community



The new Warriors playing strip, designed by local Indigenous artist Lionel Rose Jnr

A new home online.

WBA replaced its long-serving platform with an all-new, purpose-built website at warragulbasketball.org.au — designed and built in-house rather than from a template, so the Association owns the code and pays no ongoing platform or licence fees.

Live
warragulbasketball.org.au

34
Grades live online
Junior and senior.

12,000
Users since launch
Google Analytics, to 26 Oct.

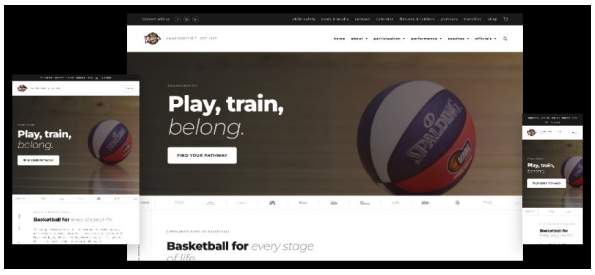
$15–25k
Est. website build value
Built in-house.

THE FRONT DOOR TO EVERY PROGRAM

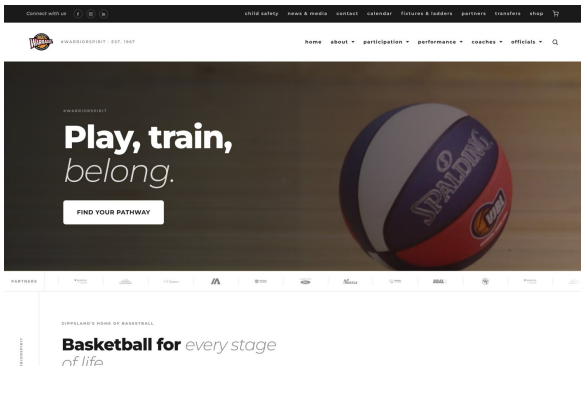
- Live PlayHQ fixtures, ladders and results across 34 grades, updating automatically.
- An online shop, a plain-language pathway finder, and program pages with FAQs.
- A newsroom republishing Gazette coverage, plus referee, GDO and coach EOI pages.
- For the first time, web analytics — 12,000 users since launch, with the Junior Warriors, CRP and 3x3 Hustle pages the most visited after the homepage.

BUILT TO BE OWNED

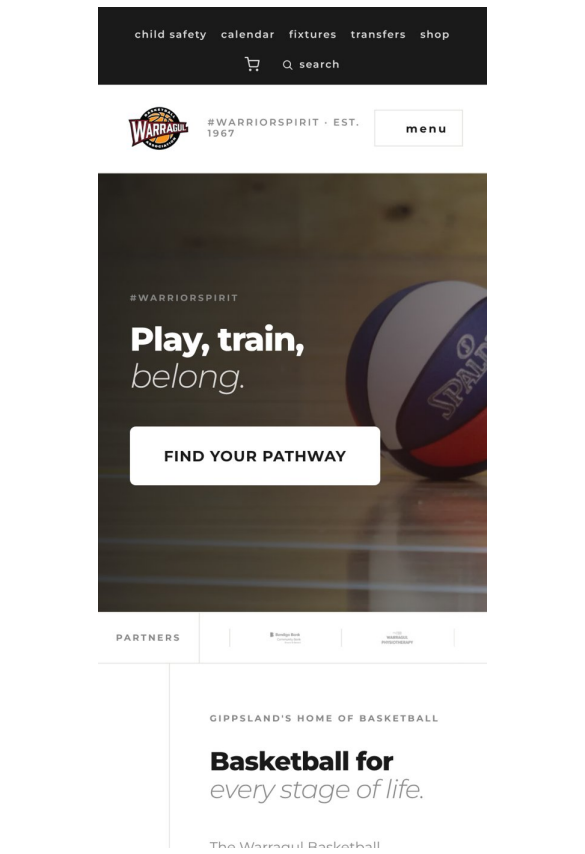
Designed and coded in-house, the site carries the published Player Pathway, the secure Coach Resource Library and every registration link in one place — with no platform subscription, no licence fees, and an estimated build value of $15–25k delivered at no cost to members.



warragulbasketball.org.au — the new homepage across desktop, tablet and phone



The homepage on desktop — Play, train, belong



Built mobile-first — most families reach us on a phone, from fixtures to the shop

SOURCES Google Analytics, 1 Jan – 26 Oct 2026 (site live from launch) · PlayHQ.

// REACH · MEASURED, NOT GUESSED

Measured reach.

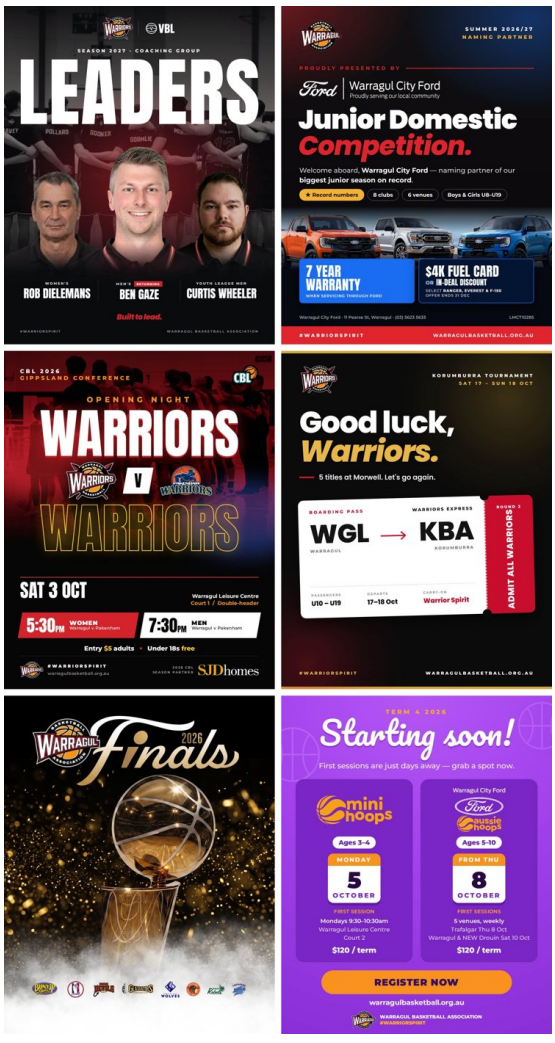
A custom reach tracker turns visibility into hard numbers — and shows exactly where they come from. Our own content reached 5.7 million views across our channels this year — triple the year before — through a deliberate digital strategy that pairs our own content with targeted promotion behind the Warriors and our new programs.

5.7M
Owned content views
Triple the prior year

583K
Unique Facebook viewers

1.3M
Earned media reach
152 mentions

135,585
Best post of the year

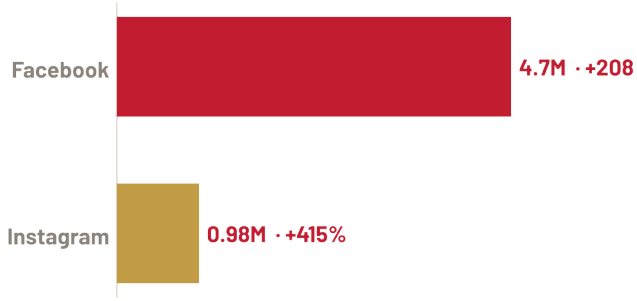


The Warriors online — the 2027 VBL coaching group, the Ford naming partnership, CBL opening night, a Country tournament send-off, the 2026 Finals and Term 4 Mini Hoops and Aussie Hoops

REACH BY CHANNEL

Facebook	**4.7M views · +208% · 21K interactions**
Instagram	**0.98M views · +415% · 17K interactions**
Earned media	**1.3M · 152 mentions**
Email	**91 campaigns · 164,784 sends · 17.7% opened**
Best post	**Wheelchair Hoops Term 3 · 135,585**

Content views by platform · 1 Nov 2025 – 24 Oct 2026



Source: Meta (Facebook & Instagram) insights, 1 Nov 2025 – 24 Oct 2026. Growth shown vs the prior twelve months. Facebook: 583,000 unique viewers, 16,300 link clicks. Instagram: interactions up 630%, follows to 952.

CONTENT THAT TRAVELLED FURTHEST

Pathway and community content led the way — state-team selections, JCC jersey presentations, the Mental Health Match and First Nations Round, and the Wheelchair Hoops Term 3 announcement, the year's single best-performing post at 135,585 views.

EARNED MEDIA

Regular back-page and front-page coverage in the Warragul & Drouin Gazette, and a Triple M relationship for VBL promotion — 152 tracked media mentions reaching 1.3M. Direct to members, 91 email campaigns across our two audiences went to 164,784 inboxes over the year — 29,103 opens (17.7%), 2,100 clicks, 99.8% delivered.

SOURCES Meta Insights (Facebook and Instagram), 1 Nov 2025 – 24 Oct 2026 · WBA reach tracker (media mentions) · Mailchimp campaign reports, both audiences, last 365 days to 26 Oct 2026.

// LOOKING AHEAD · OUR NEXT CHAPTER

Our next strategic plan.

Shaped directly by our members' feedback, we are developing our next Strategic Plan for 2027–2030 — brought forward a year to replace the 2023–2028 plan, a refreshed framework that builds on the direction of Basketball Victoria and Basketball Australia while serving the growth of our Association.

VISION

Everybody's game in every community across West Gippsland.

MISSION

To lead, develop and enhance basketball in our region — a community where everyone belongs.

// FIVE PILLARS

INCLUSION
Participation
Everyone has a place in our game.

OPPORTUNITY
Pathways
Every player, every journey.

RESPECT
People
The game is nothing without people.

AMBITION
Places
Courts to match our growth.

ACCOUNTABILITY
Professionalism
Well-run and transparent.

HOW WE'LL GET THERE

ACT — NOW
Make the case for courts
Take the High-Ball Advocacy Brief to council and government, secure a 2027 feasibility study, and keep lifting the venues we play in now.

PLAN
Adopt the 2027–2030 plan
Finalise and adopt our next Strategic Plan around the five pillars, underpinned by safety.

CHECK
Measure everything
Track progress on the data platform and repeat the member survey each year — publishing where we've improved, and where we haven't.

DO
Keep growing
Close the girls' participation gap, tackle the mid-teen retention step where we lose the most players, grow inclusive programs, and keep the whole pathway strong from Mini Hoops to the VBL.

2027 MILESTONES ALREADY LOCKED IN

TERM 1, 2027
Ability Hoops launches
Signed with Basketball Australia — ages 8–12, intellectual disability or autism; small-group, coach-led sessions. Supported by the Australian Sports Commission and "Everybody's Game".

VJBL 2027
Fifteen Warriors teams
125 players, up from eight teams and 87 in 2026 — including a new U20 Boys team and six girls' teams, with girls now 40% of the program.

VBL 2027
The Warriors Women
The Men return and the first-ever Warragul Warriors Women join them — both confirmed, with Ben Gaze and Rob Dielemans as head coaches. A Men's Youth League team under Curtis Wheeler was also planned for 2027, pending final approval from Basketball Victoria.

2027–2030
Next Strategic Plan
Finalised and adopted around the five pillars following a Basketball Victoria–facilitated planning session.

In development: the 2027–2030 plan is in draft and will be finalised and adopted following a Basketball Victoria–facilitated planning session.

SOURCES Basketball Victoria (VJBL 2027 teams; VBL 2027) · Basketball Australia (Ability Hoops agreement) · WBA Board.

// SOURCES & METHODOLOGY

Where every number comes from.

We said we would publish the measures where we have improved and those where we have not. This page lists the sources behind every figure in the report, so members can see not just the numbers but where they come from.

#	SOURCE	WHAT IT PROVIDES
01	**WBA Participation Tracker**	Built on PlayHQ registration exports; every person counted once per season or term. Updated 5 Nov 2026.
02	**PlayHQ**	Registrations, fixtures, results and member profiles — the system of record for all WBA competitions.
03	**WBA Competitiveness Tracker**	Every domestic result, division by division, on a share-of-points basis.
04	**WBA reach tracker**	Tracked media mentions and estimated audience, Nov 2025 – Oct 2026.
05	**Meta Insights**	Facebook and Instagram content views, reach and interactions, 1 Nov 2025 – 24 Oct 2026.
06	**Google Analytics**	warragulbasketball.org.au, 1 Jan – 26 Oct 2026 — users, top pages and traffic sources since launch.
07	**Audited financial report FY2026**	Patison Accountants & Advisors, 4 Nov 2026 — Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, notes and departmental income statement, year ended 30 June 2026, with FY2025 comparatives. Appended in full from page 38.
08	**Basketball Victoria**	JCC and VJBL results and 2027 team acceptances; Big V ladder; Facility Guidelines (May 2025); Baw Baw Participation Summary 2025; Ability Hoops program.
09	**WBA Member Survey 2026**	Summary findings only — individual responses remain confidential.
10	**WBA High-Ball Advocacy Brief**	October 2026, drawing on Baw Baw Shire Council's 2018 Indoor Stadium Issues and Options Paper, PSP Sporting Reserve Literature Review and 2026 community profile.
11	**Program records**	Masterclass and officials' program registrations, Sporting Schools provider records, 3x3 Hustle results, partnership and grant documents.

HOW WE COUNT

Participation is counted as enrolments — one per person per season (Summer, Winter) or per term — so a player in both seasons counts twice in a year; *distinct players* counts each person once. Summer seasons are shown under the year they finish in. The annual total sums every enrolment-based program that has data for that year.

Retention and conversion track children individually by PlayHQ profile across seasons. Conversion is credited when a child reaches the competition at whatever age group their age puts them.

Financial figures are from the audited financial report for the year ended 30 June 2026, appended in full, and are indexed (FY2024 = 100) or expressed as percentages in this report to protect commercial detail; the full Profit and Loss and balance sheet are presented in the Treasurer's report at the AGM.

Reach is measured on our own channels through Meta Insights, and earned media through tracked mentions. Figures in this report are as at the dates shown; registrations for Summer 2026/27 remained open at the time of printing.

// APPENDIX · AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

The audited financial report.

The pages that follow reproduce, as presented, the audited financial report of Warragul & District Amateur Basketball Association Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2026, prepared and audited by Patison Accountants & Advisors and dated 4 November 2026. It is the report presented to members at the Annual General Meeting on 18 November 2026.

WHAT THE REPORT CONTAINS

- Profit and Loss for the year ended 30 June 2026, with 2025 comparatives.
- Appropriation Statement and Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2026.
- Notes to the financial statements, including the comparative-adjustment schedule for the change to recognising season income by rounds played.
- Depreciation schedule.
- Statement by Members of the Committee.
- Departmental Income Statement — each program's income and direct costs.
- Independent auditor's report.

READING IT ALONGSIDE THIS REPORT

The Treasurer's report on page 31 summarises the year: a surplus of $13,370 against a restated deficit of $6,783 in 2025, trading income up approximately 15%, net assets of $104,003 and cash and term deposits of about $244,000. Growth percentages elsewhere in this report (pages 4, 8 and 10) use the trading income figures in the Treasurer's report; FY2024 comparatives come from the prior year's accounts.

The 2025 comparatives are restated for the change in how season fees are recognised, as set out in Note 9. Program results in the Departmental Income Statement are on a direct-cost basis — wages, administration and other central costs are held in "General" and are not allocated to programs.

Questions about the financial report can be raised with the Treasurer at the AGM.

Profit and Loss

Warragul Basketball Association Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	NOTES	2026	2025
Income			
Trading Profit		339,934	197,212
Total Income		**339,934**	**197,212**
Other Income			
Aussie Hoops - Income		15,727	15,253
CBL Income		3,725	4,268
Interest Received		2,145	2,668
Junior - Domestic Income		406,167	377,917
Squad Registrations		48,473	84,629
Tournament - Income		85,636	64,323
Under 8s Income		21,538	39,452
Total Other Income		**583,411**	**588,510**
Total Income		**923,345**	**785,722**
Expenses			
Depreciation		4,090	3,911
Admin - Accounting & Audit		2,703	2,186
Admin - Advertising		9,320	935
Admin - Bank Charges		1,308	1,100
Admin - Bookkeeping		5,658	7,698
Admin - Committee Expenses		783	77
Admin - Donation		260	-
Admin - Employee Entitlements		7,924	20,504
Admin - Equipment		267	3,923
Admin - Governance		3,463	2,598
Admin - Hire of Rooms		62	627
Admin - Insurance/Affilliation - BVCC		-	536
Admin - IT Support		5,378	-
Admin - Office Expenses		2,149	1,839
Admin - PlayHQ Fees		14,334	13,165
Admin - Referee Training Rego & Gradings		7,516	-
Admin - Subscriptions		9,768	5,934
Admin - Superannuation		15,707	12,286
Admin - Telephone & Internet		605	1,764
Admin - Training & Education		-	2,218
Admin - Wages		132,363	107,452
Aussie Hoops - Co-Ordinator		4,363	5,576
Aussie Hoops - Court Hire		1,071	311
CBL - Court Supervisor		-	2,398
CBL - Officials		5,287	2,851
CBL - Team Entry Fees		964	964

	NOTES	2026	2025
Coaching		5,100	-
Coaching		1,000	-
Coaching		1,080	-
Court Hire		23,499	-
Court Hire		4,609	-
Court Hire		1,599	-
Court Hire		451	-
Court Hire		8,039	1,080
Court Hire		144,043	140,582
Court Hire		13,414	5,859
Donations		198	-
General Expenses		320	-
General Expenses		-	3,353
General Expenses		-	9
General Expenses		3,662	2,425
General Expenses		350	-
General Expenses		2,487	1,055
General Expenses		-	70
General Expenses		11,275	-
Grading & Equipment		5,629	-
Holiday Clinics - Coaching		2,089	-
Holiday Clinics - Court Hire		3,526	-
Junior - Court Supervisor		26,967	27,970
Junior - General Expenses		473	-
Junior - Referees		121,926	118,391
Junior - Trophies		8,137	6,239
Merch and equipment		1,249	-
Officials		3,062	-
Player Import Costs		3,820	-
Programs - Program Expenses		9,783	7,740
Programs - Programs and Open Day Expenses		5,978	6,106
Referees		6,128	-
Scorers Expenses		-	2,750
Senior - Court Hire Domestic		25,311	28,204
Senior - Court Supervisor		7,790	8,091
Senior - Referees		56,933	59,436
Squad - Coaching		12,045	9,800
Squad - General Expenses		12,459	10,705
Squad - Tournament Entry Expense		68,020	66,562
Squad - Uniform & Merchandise		11,147	33,123
Tournament - Court Supervisor		4,535	3,425
Tournament - First Aid		7,495	-
Tournament - Referees		18,577	20,435
Trophies		4,619	10,079
Trophies		329	1,324

	NOTES	2026	2025
Trophies		2,720	6,766
Under 8s - Competition Administrator		120	-
Under 8s - Court Hire		770	2,074
Under 8s - Referees		5,004	7,495
Under 8s Co-Ordinator		2,755	505
Uniform & Merch		10,360	-
Uniforms		3,752	-
Total Expenses		**909,975**	**792,505**
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation		**13,370**	**(6,783)**
Net Profit After Tax		**13,370**	**(6,783)**
Net Profit After Distributions/Dividends Paid		**13,370**	**(6,783)**

Appropriation Statement

Warragul Basketball Association Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	NOTES	2026	2025
Retained Earnings after Appropriation			
Retained Earnings at Start of Year		90,633	97,416
Profit/(Loss) Before Taxation		13,370	(6,783)
Retained Earnings After Appropriation		104,003	90,633

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Balance Sheet

Warragul Basketball Association Inc
As at 30 June 2026

	NOTES	30 JUNE 2026	30 JUNE 2025
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	244,335	245,906
Receivables	3	4,315	8,050
Inventory	4	26,360	8,207
GST		-	1,626
Total Current Assets		**275,010**	**263,789**
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	14,484	12,979
Total Non-Current Assets		**14,484**	**12,979**
Total Assets		**289,493**	**276,768**
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	6	10,348	49,970
Provisions	7	7,924	20,504
GST		13,379	-
Taxation		8,634	-
Under 14 Boys Fundraising		-	4,030
Prepaid Income		145,205	111,631
Total Current Liabilities		**185,490**	**186,135**
Total Liabilities		**185,490**	**186,135**
Net Assets		**104,003**	**90,633**
Equity			
Retained Earnings	8	104,003	90,633
Total Equity		**104,003**	**90,633**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Warragul Basketball Association Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2026

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which, as noted, have been written down to fair value as a result of impairment. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the prior year.

The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

Income Tax

The Association is exempt for income tax purposes.

Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost is based on the weighted average cost method and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to the existing condition and location.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition or fair value less, if applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Plant and equipment that has been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, is valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired. The plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure that the carrying amount is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the utilisation of the assets and the subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in estimating recoverable amounts.

Freehold land and buildings are measured at their fair value, based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by independent external valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

Increases in the carrying amount of land and buildings arising on revaluation are credited in equity to a revaluation surplus. Decreases against previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves in equity. All other decreases are charged to profit or loss.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is offset against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Intangibles

Goodwill is recognised as the excess of the purchase price for a business acquired over the fair value of the net assets at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is assessed for impairment annually and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables, including distributions receivable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful debt has been created.

Financial Assets

Investments held are originally recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at fair value which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised

through an equity reserve.

Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company that remain unpaid at year end. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to year end. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related costs.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation resulting from past events, for which it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic benefits and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured using the best estimate available of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.
Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the services to customers.

Revenue from commissions is recognised upon delivery of services to customers.

Revenue from interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method.
Revenue from dividends is recognised when the entity has a right to receive the dividend.

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

Goods and Services Tax

Transactions are recognised net of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Leases

Finance leases are leases of fixed assets where substantially all of the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset are transferred to the entity, but the legal ownership is not transferred to the entity.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a corresponding liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased asset, or the minimum lease payments measured at present value including any residual values.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

Operating lease payments are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Lease incentives are deferred and amortised over the period of the lease.

Profits and losses on sale and leaseback transactions are recognised in the reporting period in which they occur.

Grants

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when the entity receives the grant, when it is probable that the entity will receive the economic benefits of the grant and the amount can be reliably measured.

If the grant has conditions attached which must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the grant, the recognition of the revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Where the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value back to the grant contributor, the transaction is considered a reciprocal transaction and the revenue is recognised as a liability in the balance sheet until the required service has been completed, otherwise the income is recognised on receipt.

Warragul and District Amatuer Basketball Association Inc receives non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for a nominal or zero value. These assets are recognised at their fair value on the date of acquisition in the balance sheet, with an equivalent amount of income recognised in the income statement.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2026	2025
Bank Accounts		
Cash at Bank	142,135	241,482
Term Deposit - Bendigo Bank	102,145	-
Total Bank Accounts	**244,280**	**241,482**
Other Cash Items		
Cash on Hand	55	395
Total Other Cash Items	**55**	**395**
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	**244,335**	**241,877**

3. Receivables

	2026	2025
Current		
Trade Debtors	4,315	8,050
Total Current	**4,315**	**8,050**
Total Receivables	**4,315**	**8,050**

4. Inventory

	2026	2025
Inventories		
Stock on Hand	26,360	8,207
Total Inventories	**26,360**	**8,207**
Total Inventory	**26,360**	**8,207**

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

	2026	2025

5. Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment at Cost	33,470	44,965
Accumulated Depreciation of Plant and Equipment	(18,986)	(31,986)
Total Plant and Equipment	**14,484**	**12,979**
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	**14,484**	**12,979**

	2026	2025

6. Payables

Current		
Creditors	2,703	21,057
Superannuation Payable	5,041	2,980
Trade Creditors	2,604	25,934
Total Current	**10,348**	**49,970**
Total Payables	**10,348**	**49,970**

	2026	2025

7. Provisions

Provision for Employment Entitlements	7,924	20,504
Total Provisions	**7,924**	**20,504**

	2026	2025

8. Retained Earnings

Current Year Earnings	13,370	(6,783)
Retained earnings	90,633	97,416
Total Retained Earnings	**104,003**	**90,633**

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

9. Comparative Adjustment Schedule

-During the financial year the association adjusted its approach to recording competition income for basketball seasons that span two financial years.

Previously (including as reported at the 2025 AGM) income was recorded when received. Under the revised approach, income is allocated between financial years based on the number of rounds attributable to each year on the basis that service delivery occurs when matches are played, not when the season as commenced. The Committee believes that this better represents the financial results of each year.

The comparative adjustments for the 2025 financial year are as follows:

Line Item	Previously reported	Adjustment	Restated Balance
Domestic Fees Collected	$537,085	($15,382)	$521,703
Total Income	$774,129	($15,382)	$758,747
Surplus/(Deficit)	$8,601	($15,382)	($6,783)
Prepaid Income	$0	$111,631	$111,631
Retained Earnings at Start of Year	$194,014	($96,598)	$97,416
Retained Earnings After Appropriation	$202,615	($111,982)	$90,633

Depreciation Schedule

Warragul Basketball Association Inc

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Name	Cost	Opening Value	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation	Closing Value
Property, Plant & Equipment						
3 Monitors 2 keyboards	633.64	511.43	0.00	0.00	102.29	409.14
6 Channel Mixer Audio	326.36	0.00	326.36	0.00	25.48	300.88
Apple iPad x 8	3,898.18	1,687.17	0.00	0.00	506.15	1,181.02
Brother Printer	206.80	86.59	0.00	0.00	43.30	43.29
Eftpos Machine	347.27	97.25	0.00	0.00	48.63	48.62
Electronic Scoring System 24CD100 Shot Timers	1,507.00	37.36	0.00	0.00	7.47	29.89
Felton Industries	7,604.00	6,124.87	0.00	0.00	1,224.97	4,899.90
HP Probook (Dave)	1,402.50	0.00	1,402.50	0.00	273.20	1,129.30
HP Probook 450	1,775.00	548.77	0.00	0.00	164.63	384.14
HP Probook 460	1,402.50	0.00	1,402.50	0.00	304.32	1,098.18
Lenovo Thinkbook 15	1,792.87	832.29	0.00	0.00	249.69	582.60
Lenovo Thinkbook 15	1,815.00	822.10	0.00	0.00	246.63	575.47
Mobile Whiteboard	170.91	0.00	170.91	0.00	29.36	141.55
Molten Rubber Basketballs * 20	272.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Monitor Laminator USBs	401.73	354.40	0.00	0.00	70.88	283.52
Office Chair	349.25	247.63	0.00	0.00	74.29	173.34
Office Furniture Filing Cabinet	271.82	0.00	271.82	0.00	46.69	225.13
Possession arrow, Storage Rack & Basketballs	909.09	784.31	0.00	0.00	235.29	549.02
Shelving	1,018.18	843.56	0.00	0.00	168.71	674.85
Sliding Door Crednza	631.77	0.00	631.77	0.00	108.53	523.24
Video Recording Equipment	963.62	0.00	963.62	0.00	125.93	837.69
Vonyx Speak Set	426.36	0.00	426.36	0.00	33.29	393.07
Wireless Microphone	193.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	**28,320.22**	**12,977.73**	**5,595.84**	**0.00**	**4,089.73**	**14,483.84**
Total	**28,320.22**	**12,977.73**	**5,595.84**	**0.00**	**4,089.73**	**14,483.84**

Statement by Members of Committee

Warragul Basketball Association Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2026

Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance of the Association

We, Mary Patrickson, and Rebecca Francis, being members of the committee of Warragul and District Amatuer Basketball Association Inc, certify that –

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Warragul and District Amatuer Basketball Association Incduring and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2026.

Signed: R Francis

Dated: 4/11/26

Signed: Mary E Patrickson

Dated: 4/11/26

Departmental Income Statement

Warragul Basketball Association Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
1. Aussie Hoops		
Income	15,727	15,253
Co-ordinator	(4,363)	(5,576)
Court Hire	(1,071)	(311)
General Expenses	-	(70)
Total Aussie Hoops	**10,294**	**9,295**

	2026	2025
2. CBL		
Income	3,725	4,268
Court Hire	(1,599)	-
Court Supervisor	-	(2,398)
General Expenses	(3,662)	(2,425)
Team Entry Fees	(964)	(964)
Referees	(5,287)	(2,851)
Total CBL	**(7,787)**	**(4,370)**

	2026	2025
3. Domestic Competitions		
Domestic Income	549,974	521,703
Court Hire	(169,354)	(168,786)
Court Supervisors	(34,757)	(36,061)
General Expenses	(473)	(9)
Trophies	(12,756)	(16,317)
Referees	(178,859)	(177,827)
Total Domestic Competitions	**153,776**	**122,703**

	2026	2025
4. WDABA Tournament		
Income	85,636	64,323
Court Hire	(13,414)	(5,859)
Court Supervisors	(4,535)	(3,425)
General Expenses	(9,982)	(1,055)
Trophies	(2,720)	(6,766)
Referees	(18,577)	(20,435)
Total WDABA Tournament	**36,409**	**26,783**

	2026	2025
5. Squad		
Squad Registrations	48,473	84,629

Tournament Entry	48,898	-
Merchandise Sales & Fundraising	7,709	30,411
Cost of Goods Sold - Merchandise	7,006	(36,559)
Coaching	(12,045)	(9,800)
Court Hire	(8,039)	(1,080)
General Expenses	(12,459)	(10,705)
Entry Fees	(68,020)	(66,562)
Total Squad	**11,523**	**(9,666)**

6. Under 8s

	2026	2025
Income	21,538	39,452
Competition Administrator	(120)	-
Court Hire	(770)	(2,074)
General Expenses	-	(3,353)
Trophies	(329)	(1,324)
Co-ordinator	(2,755)	(505)
Referees	(5,004)	(7,495)
Total Under 8s	**12,560**	**24,702**

7. School Sports & Holiday Programs

	2026	2025
Schools Program Income	10,268	6,995
Holiday Program Income	11,293	14,059
Program Expenses	(9,783)	(7,740)
Programs and Open Day Expenses	(5,978)	(6,106)
Court Hire	(3,526)	-
Coaching	(2,089)	-
Total School Sports & Holiday Programs	**185**	**7,207**

8. VJBL

	2026	2025
Income	46,206	-
Court Hire	(23,499)	-
Grading & Equipment	(5,629)	-
Coaching	(5,100)	-
Uniforms	(3,752)	-
Referees	(6,128)	-
Total VJBL	**2,098**	**-**

9. Wheelchair Basketball

	2026	2025
Income	71	-

Court Hire	(451)	-
Total Wheelchair Basketball	**(380)**	**-**

	2026	2025
10. Big V		
Sponsorship & Grants	17,955	-
Ticket Sales	3,751	-
Merchandise	1,609	-
Coaching	(1,000)	-
Court Hire	(4,609)	-
Uniform & Merch	(10,360)	-
General Expenses	(11,275)	-
Officials	(3,062)	-
Donations	(198)	-
Player Import Costs	(3,820)	-
Total Big V	**(11,010)**	**-**

	2026	2025
11. Future Warriors		
Income	4,460	-
General Expenses	(350)	-
Coaching	(1,080)	-
Merch and equipment	(1,249)	-
Total Future Warriors	**1,781**	**-**

	2026	2025
12. General		
Grants & Sponsorships	25,754	5,397
Interest Received	2,145	2,668
Accounting & Audit	(2,703)	(2,186)
Advertising	(9,320)	(935)
Bank Charges	(1,308)	(1,100)
Bookkeeping	(5,658)	(7,698)
Commitee Expenses	(4,246)	(2,675)
Donations	(260)	-
Equipment	(267)	(3,923)
Depreciation	(4,090)	(3,911)
General Expenses	(320)	-
Insurance/Affiliation - BVCC	-	(536)
IT Support	(5,378)	-
Office Expenses	(2,149)	(1,839)
Room Hire	(62)	(627)
PlayHQ Fees	(14,334)	(13,165)

	2026	2025
Subscriptions	(9,768)	(5,934)
Telephone	(605)	(1,764)
Scorers Expenses	-	(2,750)
Training	(7,516)	(2,218)
Payroll Expenses	(155,994)	(140,242)
Total General	**(196,079)**	**(183,437)**

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To the members of Warragul & District Amateur Basketball Association Inc

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of Warragul & District Amateur Basketball Association Inc, which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2026 and the profit and loss statement for the year then ended.

The Committees responsibility for the financial report

The Committee of Warragul & District Amateur Basketball Association Inc are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) and for such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that gives a fair presentation, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Warragul & District Amateur Basketball Association Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended and complies with Australian accounting standards and Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic).

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KATRINA J. MAGYAR CA Director

Dated this 4th day of November 2026

61-63 Victoria Street, Warragul

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Thank you for a brilliant year.

This report was prepared on behalf of the Board, clubs, coaches, officials, volunteers and families of Warragul & District Amateur Basketball Association. WBA has grown from running a competition to leading a community — and there is more ahead.



Bunyip Bulls at the 3x3 Hustle, 30 September — eight clubs, one association