



**BBBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT
AGM 14 June 2018
For the period July 2017 – June 2018**

The current Board of Directors has held office since 16th June 2017 with the exception of Steve Huntsman who is a director appointed by the Board in May 2018. Terry- Ann Souter who was appointed by the Board in March 2017 took on the role of BBBA Administrator, unfortunately this meant Terry-Ann could no longer sit on the board. Terry- Ann is doing a valuable job as Administrator, which is a role BBBA has been needing for a few years due to it's steady growth. The Board was required to increase it's member numbers following this change in role and has been fortunate to welcome Steve Huntsman to the Board as an appointed Director who has been a valuable addition to the team.

Thank you to all committee members who have worked over the last year consolidating the growth of their committee and fine tuning processes, communication and collaboration within and between committees.

The Board of Directors is responsible and accountable under the Incorporations Act 2009 for the financial, legal and Strategic directions and health of the Association. The Board thanks those that came before them and laid the groundwork over the previous years and look forward to continuing to promote and encourage the growth of BBBA over the next year.

REGULAR COMPETITIONS:

Currently there are 7 different fixtures being run this winter season consisting of the following.

Monday: PSB, with 7 teams we are unable to split the teams so we will re-evaluate after one complete round.

Tuesday: Senior Women's have 6 teams and A Men have 4 teams

Wednesday: Have 1 grade with HSB's teams, with a low number of SHB's some have moved through to compete in the B-Mens Comp. This leaves 6 teams in HSB's , so we will also run 1 round and re-evaluate this group.

Thursday: HSG have 7 teams, which again is difficult to split easily.

B Men are going from strength to strength with 9 teams.

Saturday: PSG have 4 teams.

SENIOR COMPETITION REPORT

2017 Senior Competition has seen the B-Grade Men's competition grow to a very high standard encouraging more teams to this competition, the A-Grade Men's competition dropping in numbers and the Women's competition holding its own. The introduction of younger players being approved to play in the senior competitions has brought a more enthusiastic and skilful level of game to the boards, making all our competitions much stronger, with numbers growing.

A couple of issues with the senior competition, as usual, is the number of Referees available for the number of games, also the number of forfeit games and the fee structure. The senior committee is hopeful that the introduction of appointing a duty referee (when needed) along with the bench duty team, will alleviate the referee problem.

Jenny Ogle on behalf of the Senior Competition Committee

REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL:

We have asked for all the coaches to get together a report for this AGM. The Board would like to thank the very dedicated crew who put time and effort into our Basketball Program. Including the Referees, managers, coaches and all the helpers. The format here is a report from the coaches; please forgive me for those who I have omitted, some I could not get to in time

Under 14 Girls;

The BBBA fielded an U14 girls team once again into the NJL this 2018 season. That team has been developing as a squad along with our NCS team with regular training on Thursdays and Saturdays. Initially we had enough numbers from our Byron girls to enter NJL but after a couple of withdrawals we decided to invite the Yamba Basketball Association to nominate three girls from their association that we knew were keen. It brought our overall numbers to 9 players, which has worked out well, as not all players have been available for all rounds. The Yamba girls have been a valuable addition to our team and their parents have given great support at each round with the score bench, refereeing and general assistance. Our team manager, Andrew Wilson is the parent of one of the Byron girls and he has done a great job over the season. Jenny Ogle has been instrumental in facilitating the entire process with her tireless work organising and encouraging all involved.

We entered the team as a division 2 team, however divisions 1 and 2 were combined this season so we have been competing against some very good teams from division 1 - Tamworth, Taree and Coffs Harbour. We are currently 3rd on the overall point's table heading into the final round at Port Macquarie later this month, after beating Tamworth in the early rounds. The Byron girls continue to improve rapidly and we expect to make the finals in Tamworth. The overall experience has laid the groundwork for the continued development of girls in this age bracket for the coming seasons. The North Coast Shield will also commence soon and we will have a well developed squad ready for that competition.... Coach Bret Madden

Under 16 girls

In 2017 Byron Bay entered 2 girls teams into the NJL, U14 and U16, both Division 1 teams, and both coached by Matt Ogle.

Both teams qualified for the finals in Tamworth, with U16's eliminated in the semis, while the U14's went on to win the NJL U14GD1 Championship over Coffs Harbour. Byron Beez captain, Isis Crawford, led the league in scoring and was also awarded Finals MVP.

In 2018 the U16G team entered into NJLD1 again and at the time of writing this, they are on top of the ladder, with a record of 9 wins and 1 loss. With one round to go before finals, the U16G's will be looking to consolidate their spot on top of the ladder and once more, prove themselves the team to beat in the finals. Beez player Isis Crawford, currently leads the league in scoring again.

Round 4 is in Coffs Harbour 16/17 June and finals in Tamworth on 6/7 July. All of the U16G team are bottom age players except one, which bodes well for next season also.

Thank you to all sponsors, volunteers, parents, and the Association for your continued support during the last couple of seasons. We are looking forward to winning the second NJL girls championship for Byron Bay in a few weeks!

... Matt Ogle (Coach)

Under 18 girls;

Coach- Simon Goodwin

The Under 18 Girls team has been preparing for their upcoming round of games, which is being held on the 16th & 17th of June at Coffs Harbour, the upcoming round will be our final set of games for the regular season. With all of the hard work that the girls have been putting into our training sessions, I am confident that the girls will be able to secure a couple of wins leading into the finals round.

U14 Boys NJL Report

This year's 2018 lineup was a fresh new lineup of faces, as we only had 2 returning players this year – Jonah Caoyonan and Toby Barlow

- Entered into the Premier Division along with, Newcastle, Maitland, Gosford, Port Mac, Bellinger Valley, Coffs Harbour
- Was a short season which had us only playing 9 games. Playing some of the EJJL teams only once
- Was a rough in patches during the season as at point we got blown out by Newcastle, some of the boys not ready for this level of play, but admittedly don't get that level of intensity at club level.
- Despite that, we went into NJL finals weekend at Tamworth sitting in 3rd place. Beat Coffs in the quarter finals.
- Then pulled off a major upset of Bellinger Valley in the Semi and played 2 great halves against Port in the Grand Final before running out of steam. Finishing runners-up in 2018 is a very proud achievement of ours as this team grew in leaps and bounds over a very short time period. Growing both as a team athletically but mainly as young men to come together as a team.

- Athlete accomplishments:
 - Toby Barlow:
 - Australia Junior Country Cup selection in Albury (7 day carnival, of all the top country teams/athletes from NSW, Vic, South Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand)
 - TAP Selection (Talented Athlete Program), Narabeen 3-day camp, Top 50 athletes in NSW (25 Country, 25 Metro)
 - Jonah Caoyonan:
 - Australia Junior Country Cup selection in Albury (7 day carnival, of all the top country athletes from NSW, Vic, South Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand)
 - TAP Selection (Talented Athlete Program), Narabeen 3-day camp, Top 50 athletes in NSW (25 Country, 25 Metro)
 - Gold Coast U14 Boys Rep Division 1
 - Varsity Vipers U13 & U15's Division 1

Coach; Alvin Caoyonan

U18 Boys NJL Report

With a number of bottom age U18's this year, we decided to step up into the Championship Division. Despite the talent we possessed, we struggled to play a solid and consistent 4 quarters against the top teams. Often times, we found ourselves leading or tied in games for 2 or 3 quarters. But then a few key possessions saw the our opponents pull away and never relinquish the lead. I mention this as we have developed high level talent in the area, but our lack of exposure to the continuous intensity that playing against the bigger associations is currently our achilles heel in this age group. I feel that with more exposure to high level games, we can definitely compete and beat the bigger clubs.

Potential Athletes to apply for State Performance Program (SPP) and beyond:

- Isaiah Campbell
- Thomas Pierce
- Panha Duong

Coach; Alvin Caoyonan

Coaches report - U16s Boys

Coach- Nash Campbell

After a strong North Coast Shield season in 2017 the 16s were unable to field a team for the Shield finals. With NCS finals clashing with the State Cup and the team being a mix of U14 and U16s NJL players the team were left with 2 available players and no coach.

After 2016's maiden trip to the State Cup in Minto, a fantastic experience despite no wins, the boys finished 2nd in their pool in 2017, winning 3 of 4 games, losing only to the Sydney Comets.

Following the NJL Div. 1 (2nd tier; below CPL) championship victory in 2017 the Byron 16s repeated as NJL champions in 2018, this time in the reformatted Country Championship Division (top tier).

The team declined their automatic qualification into the Country Premier League due to the cost, distances and lack of availability of two of its stronger players (Queensland commitments).

2018- Rep selections

Harley Kent - Qld. U16s state training squad (the only bottom age player)

- Playing rep. at Varsity Lakes (Qld.)

Harry Blair - helped lead his NSW Country team to victory at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup

- Selected first reserve for the NSW Country team

- Basketball Scholarship at TSS (Qld.)

North Coast Academy of Sport (Developing Athlete Program) selection and competition at Academy Games 2018.

- Dakin Mahony

- Jayden Robertson-Tom

- Luke Smith

- Jackson Cheong

Summary

Byron play a fantastic brand of basketball and are commended often for their style of play and attitude to the game.

Byron are punching well above their weight competitively against regional teams (Coffs, Port, Tamworth etc.)

With NJL combined with the EJL this season and competing against the much larger clubs: Newcastle, Gosford, Maitland we lack depth and 'big game' experience

We've previously lacked the numbers, players and coaches, to field distinct NJL and NCS teams.

We are relying on players to referee; reluctantly.

Due primarily to the distance, time and cost of BNSW development pathways, Qld. seems the viable pathway for our more talented players to progress.

Thank you to the Association for the support, and providing the autonomy to let the players first and foremost enjoy the game and grow both on and off the court.

Nash Campbell, Coach

REFEREES: Referee Committee Report

To: The Board of the Byron Bay Basketball Assn

As the 2018 winter season is upon us, we are looking pretty strong with junior Referees.

In the recent off-season I offered up to the senior members a community referee course. I was told there would be up to 7 attendees, in reality, there were two. I have made the effort to increase the senior referee numbers but the simple fact is that no body wants to do it. The two men that turned up were keen and are happy to help (a real godsend). I have committed to help these guys with coaching and they have keenly accepted.

The junior referee numbers however are pretty strong.

We had a very good representation of referees at the NJL with our 14-16 year olds gaining more experience at this tournament. The thing for me is that most of the are being asked to referee because they should be giving back to the game (as if it were a chore). I wish to change this to something that can be fun, challenging, character building and rewarding.

A campaign from the senior and junior committee to push these attributes would go a long way to changing the general consensus

Last season I upgraded from green shirt to Y1:

Jackson McCabe, Abe Tasker, Brody Pietzsch and Freya St George

These little tigers are punching way above their weight as they have only just turned twelve years of age. These most junior of all referees are displaying a keenness and enthusiasm to basketball officiating rarely seen. I wish to keep them going with as much coaching, encouragement and team building as I can give.

I also have four junior green shirt referees of whom I will be grading in the near future.

The North Coast Shield is almost upon us and we will be well represented. The organisers of this tournament have changed their philosophy with regards to the referees in that they need a stronger presence. So as these games come they will be giving referees a "rating" (1-10).

Each game will be given a combined referee rating of 10. So for example a 7 can go with a 3 to make 10 and so on. I personally don't agree with this because I don't know who's doing the rating. But I will see that I am there especially when it comes to our refs.

The winter season has seen a reduction in games so it will be difficult to put all refs on games.

My older juniors are at the point where they are confident enough to referee the High School girls and some senior women's games. I am not however prepared to send any of my junior referees up to referee any men's Monday night games and B grade men on Tuesday night.

I will do another's community ref course if there are numbers.

Happy to do it if it gives more numbers in the seniors.

I will be looking to do another referee coaching course later this year or early next year to improve my coaching ability and knowledge.

I thank you all for your support
Christopher A Pearson
Referee Coach
BBBA
And on behalf of the Referee Committee

AUSSIE HOOPS / YOUNG BEEZ and MINI BEEZ;

12 years and Under Aussie Hoops are the two 'Learning/skills' programs BBBA offer our 12years and under budding Basketballers. We run these programs at the Byron Bay Public School and at the 'Hive' and are fortunate enough to have Nash Campbell and Dan Clifton-Northey oversee/coach these programs.

Early in 2017 it was decided to combine the two programs and offer them both through the 'Vicinity Aussie Hoops' website to alleviate administration hours and to assist with issues of a shortage of volunteer support.

'Vicinity Aussie Hoops' is a 'Basketball Australia' (BA) program, which supplies on-line registration payments and a communication system, all new enrolments receive a Basketball, reversible Top and a Bag. This transition is going well, we currently offer our 12years and under; 'Young Bee's', for the 5 - 8yr olds and 'Mini Bee's' for the 8 - 12 yr olds. Both groups currently average numbers around 15 or so, which is a credit to our wonderful coaches.

Dawn Ashdown, on behalf of Miniball/Hoops Committee

SPORTING SCHOOLS;

2016 /17 saw the introduction of the 'Sporting Schools' (SS) program. It is an Australian School based sports participation program to help children foster a lifelong interest in sport.

It is supported by the Australian Government and the Australian Sports Commission and open to all Australian Primary Schools.

We are fortunate to have Nash Campbell available to offer coaching support and he has attended many schools since it's inception. Since July 2017 Nash has been coaching at several schools including, Mullumbimby Primary, Byron Bay Community School and Main Arm Public School. A big thank you to Nash and a mention of what an excellent job he is doing and that, in turn, is helping to boost our Mini Bees numbers.

We have been advised that the government will continue to support this program through the rest of 2018

Dawn Ashdown, on behalf of Miniball/Hoops Committee

SENIOR BASKETBALL CARNIVAL COMMITTEE REPORT

A big thank you to the dedicated team who organized another great Senior Carnival in 2017, Jenny, Paula, Dawn, Tas, Sam and Phil who Co-Ordinated the referees.

Due to the popularity of our Annual Senior Carnival, in 2016 we were forced into declining nominations due to lack of court space and time, so for 2017 the committee made the decision to run the carnival over

2 consecutive weekends in September. One weekend for B-Grade and Mixed Vets Teams, and one weekend for A-Grade teams.

The 2 weekends were very successful, allowing the same format to run in 2018 with perhaps dropping the mixed vets competition in favour of just an over 40's Vets Men and Women competition. At the time of reporting this is still yet to be decided.

The Junior Representative teams continue to take the opportunity to fundraise over these 2 weekends helping with much needed input to their every growing program.

Our annual Senior Basketball Carnival continues to be successful and profitable and our main issues are: Major Sponsorship and the need for more volunteers and members support. If anyone is able to offer any help or support to the committee or on the day please let our dedicated little committee know.

This format of running over 2 weekends is slowly building and will definitely find its place on the countries Basketball Carnival Calender.

Jenny Ogle, on behalf of the Senior Carnival Committee