

BASKETBALL OTAGO

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Shaping the future of basketball in Otago





Chair: Nigel O'Rorke (resigned in May 2025) | Maine Mareko-Johnson (resigned in December 2025) | Chris Cope (current)

Board Members: Peter Burt, James Collins, Andrew Graham, Jodie Hope, Jo Morrison (co-opted December 2025), Kelsey Brocklebank (co-opted December 2025), Shane Atherton (resigned in May 2025), Daniel Piebenga (resigned in May 2025), Tom Gallaher (resigned in December 2025)

Staff Members:

Jodi Brown - General Manager

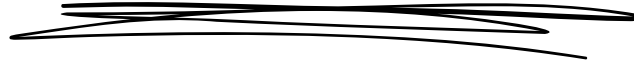
James Ranson - Leagues & Events Manager

Will Hopper - Pathways & Development Manager

Rebecca Moon - Officials Manager

Carolyn Parker - Finance Administrator

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT



Chris Cope

Dear Basketball Otago Community,

2025 has been a year of growth, reflection, and important progress for Basketball Otago. Across our competitions, community programmes, representative pathways, and governance work, the year has reinforced both the strength of basketball in Otago and the responsibility we have to ensure the organisation is well positioned for the future. Participation continues to grow, demand for basketball remains strong, and the passion across our community is clear every week in gyms, schools, clubs, and courts throughout the region.

One of the most pleasing aspects of 2025 has been the continued growth in participation across Basketball Otago competitions and programmes.

Competition entries increased by around 5%, while programmes such as BNZ Kiwi Hoops, 2degrees Girls Got Game, holiday camps, and the U12 Academy continued to provide accessible and meaningful opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi to enjoy the game. This growth is exciting, but it also brings real challenges, particularly around facility access, court availability, and the sustainability of delivery.

These are challenges the Board is very aware of and will continue to work through with management, partners, funders, and stakeholders.

From a governance perspective, 2025 was also a year of transition. We farewelled a number of Board members during the year, including Nigel O'Rorke, Shane Atherton, Daniel Piebenga, Maine Mareko-Johnson, and Tom Gallaher.

I want to acknowledge their service and contribution to Basketball Otago. Board roles are voluntary, but the time, judgement, and care required can be significant, particularly in a year of change. The contribution made by those who give their time around the Board table is not always visible to the wider community, but it is deeply valued and plays an important role in supporting the long-term health of the organisation.

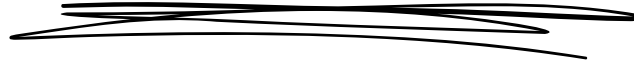
We also welcomed new Board members, including Andrew Graham, James Collins, Peter Burt, Jo Morrison and Kelsey Brocklebank, who bring further energy, capability, and commitment to the Board table.

I would like to personally thank all Board members, past and present, for the time, care, and thought they have given to the organisation.

A key focus for the Board during 2025 was ensuring Basketball Otago has the right structure, capability, and direction to deliver against the 2025–2028 Strategic Plan.

Following review and discussion, the Board agreed to a staff restructure late in the year, designed to sharpen accountability, strengthen delivery, and better align roles with our strategic priorities. These changes will take effect in 2026 and are intended to support stronger competition delivery, improved officials development, better pathway outcomes, and continued growth in community basketball.

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT



Chris Cope

Financially, Basketball Otago recorded a deficit for the 2025 year, reflecting the cost pressures and delivery demands associated with operating a growing community sport organisation. While the organisation remains in a sound position, the result is a timely reminder that growth must be managed carefully and sustainably. The Board will continue to focus on financial discipline, funding diversification, and ensuring our resources are directed toward the areas that have the greatest impact for our basketball community.

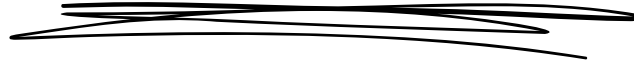
None of what Basketball Otago delivers would be possible without people. On behalf of the Board, I want to sincerely thank Jodi Brown and the staff team; Rebecca Moon, Will Hopper, James Ranson, and Carolyn Parker for their commitment, resilience, and mahi throughout the year. The demands on the team are significant, particularly during the winter season, and their efforts are deeply appreciated. I also want to acknowledge our coaches, referees, bench officials, managers, venue controllers, volunteers, schools, clubs, funders, sponsors, and partners. You are the people who make basketball happen in Otago.

As we look ahead to 2026, Basketball Otago has strong foundations and clear opportunities. The next phase will be about turning strategy into action; growing participation, strengthening pathways, supporting officials, improving competitions, and continuing to advocate for the facilities and resources our game needs. There is plenty of work ahead, but there is also real momentum. With a committed staff team, an engaged Board, and a passionate basketball community behind us, I am confident Basketball Otago is well placed to keep shaping the future of basketball in our region.

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Chris Cope
Board Chair – Basketball Otago

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



Jodi Brown

If 2025 had a theme for Basketball Otago, it was “deliver and reflect”. Throughout the year, our focus was firmly on continuing to provide quality competitions and programmes for our community and with competitions running nearly every night of the week, that was no small task.

At the same time, we were equally committed to stepping back and asking the harder questions: are we doing things the right way? are we set up for the future? and where do we need to make changes? That kind of honest reflection isn't always comfortable, but it is necessary and the work done throughout 2025 has left Basketball Otago in a stronger position heading into 2026.

On the competitions front, it was genuinely exciting to see so many people turning up week in and week out to play, coach, referee, manage, and support their teams. The energy at the Edgar Centre and in our school gyms throughout the season was a reminder of just how much basketball means to this community, and delivering that experience to the standard our community deserves is something we take real pride in.

A complete review of our competitions structure late in 2025 was a significant piece of work, and the result is a more sustainable and well-formatted framework that will improve consistency and enhance the experience for players and clubs across all our competition spaces.

Our representative programme had an exciting year of growth, and there is real momentum building. Particular mention must go to our U20 Men's team, who delivered a standout performance at Nationals, finishing 5th - tremendous result that reflects the talent and determination within that group.

Equally exciting was our U16 Boys team qualifying for Nationals, having missed out in 2024. These results are the product of consistent work being done throughout our Pathway programmes, which are playing an increasingly important role in preparing our young athletes to show up and compete with confidence at the national level.

In the community programmes space, the BNZ Kiwi Hoops and 2degrees Girls Got Game programmes continued to grow, with both offered across every school term, in school and out of school, giving more tamariki than ever the chance to get involved. A personal highlight was the 2degrees Girls Got Game programme in Term 4, which we were able to offer completely free of charge. To top it off, the girls and their coaches were rewarded for their hard work with the incredible experience of playing in the half-time game at a Southern Hoiho match, a moment that will stay with everyone involved.

A heartfelt thank you to Basketball New Zealand for making that possible. Our U12 Academy also continued to provide a fantastic development bridge for those tamariki with their sights set on the representative pathway, giving them meaningful, quality coaching in the off-season as they prepare for U14 trials. The uptake has been pleasing, and it is exciting to see young players showing that level of ambition at such a young age.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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To our incredible network of volunteers, you are the real unsung heroes of this organisation. The people who show up night after night to scorebench, manage teams and clubs and the countless things that keep our competitions running smoothly. You ask for nothing in return, and yet without you, none of this would be possible - thank you. And a special thank you to Blair Crawford and the entire team at the Edgar Centre, whose flexibility, support, and commitment to having courts ready for us night after night makes an enormous difference to what we are able to deliver.

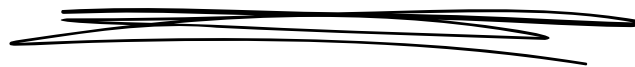
As we look to 2026, the Board and staff are united behind the 2025–2028 Strategic Plan, with clear intent to accelerate delivery over the next two years. James Ranson steps into his new role as Leagues & Events Manager, taking the reins across all competitions and events, a well-deserved recognition of the contribution he has already made. Rebecca Moon moves into the role of Officials Manager, dedicating her full focus to the support and development of officials across Otago, something she is deeply passionate about.

In the community programmes space - watch this space. The foundations are firmly in place, the momentum is building, and our programmes are ready to explode in 2026. Some exciting refinements to our representative delivery will also give our teams the best possible preparation as they chase success on the national stage. The hard work has been done; the pieces are in place - bring on 2026!

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Jodi Brown
General Manager – Basketball Otago

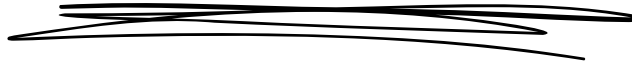
REPRESENTATIVE TEAM LISTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Basketball Otago proudly acknowledges all players and team management who represented Otago in 2025. Your dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to the gold and navy is what makes our region proud.

<i>Team</i>	<i>Team List</i>	<i>Awards</i>
Under 14 A Boys	Billy Jackson-Falconer, Chester Osborne, David Hola, Nixon Davidson, Phoenix Tuhega-Vaitupu, Rafael Snelling, Sebastian Persson, Tioni Metuakore-Tiaiti, Tom Lanham, Tommy McEntyre	MVP - Tommy McEntyre Endeavour - Chester Osborne Most Improved - Tom Lanham
Under 14 A Girls	Abigail Macniven, Ariane Gordon, Brodie Radford, Lara Lowe, Londen Louw-Young, Maisie Scoles, Natalie McKirdy, Nicole Danielson, Sarah Cameron, Sienna Sainsbury, Willow Clarke	MVP - Ariane Gordon Endeavour - Brodie Radford Most Improved - Willow Clarke
Under 14 B Boys	Benjamin Fitiao-Cross, Carlos Gose, Eti Vaeau, Fergus Barnett, Hamish McCulloch, Hikawera Runga, Jaxon Meddings, Koby Ewing, Lucas Spijkerbosch, Oscar Devereaux-Kilpatrick	Endeavour - Koby Ewing Most Improved - Hamish McCulloch
Under 14 B Girls	Annabel Morrison, Eivissa Isles, Elsie McNamara, Isla Campbell, Karcyn Tatana, Lexi Lowe, Lilah Hayman-Mclean, Maisie Devlin, Rosa Hayman-Mclean, Taera Koni	Endeavour - Rosa Hayman-Mclean Most Improved - Taera Koni
Under 14 Dev A Boys	Ameer Sobahi, Benny Brown, Jack Howarth, Liam Burden, Levi Gillan, Markus Holmes, Marlon Tobaiwa, Oliver McGowan, Ossian Gordon, Riker Tabb	Endeavour - Liam Burden Most Improved - Oliver McGowan
Under 14 Dev B Boys	Blake Hollows, Cooper Bradley, Cullen Bambry, Kobi Guise, Levi Stafford, Luke Cummings, Luke Scott, Neone Lazaro, Ricky Ye	Endeavour - Luke Scott Most Improved - Levi Stafford
Under 14 Dev Girls	Aine Brew, Ava Boyd, Brooke Gwilliam-Browne, Elodie Cooper, Georgie Wellington, Isla Sinclair, Ivy Sinclair, Kenzie Grey	Endeavour - Georgie Wellington Most Improved - Kenzie Grey
Under 16 A Boys	Aden Hobbs, Benjamin Garner, Billie Edwards, Carter Bracewell, Deacon Gwilliam Browne, Drew Robinson, Fortune Michael, Lucca Ellison, Macklyn O'Connor, Toby Bekhuis	MVP - Aden Hobbs Endeavour - Carter Bracewell Most Improved - Lucca Ellison
Under 16 A Girls	Aisling Sievwright, Aria Brown, Cat Morris, Charlotte Watkins, Devon Skevington, Eva Gardner, Georgia Cooke, Bella McEntyre, Poppy Jackson, Rosa Black, Trinity Pullar	MVP - Aria Brown Endeavour - Bella McEntyre Most Improved - Aisling Sievwright
Under 16 B Boys	Alfie Stamford, Angus Hollows, Beau Hayden, Benji Dean, Finlay Auchinvole, Jimmy MacKenzie, Louis Lazaro, Miklos Burt, Zihan Fu	Endeavour - Zihan Fu Most Improved - Jimmy MacKenzie
Under 16 B Girls	Emma Baskerville, Honor Blaikie, Isabella Scholten, Jaime Taylor, Libby Allison, Lilykate Runga, Lulu Mahoney, Matauaina Lima, Matilda Baxter, Miike Phillips, Zkaria Pasese	Endeavour - Lulu Mahoney Most Improved - Isabella Scholten
Under 16 Dev Boys	Charlie Clements, Gheill Zachaary Azarcon, Leo Patston, Neihana Winklemann, Noah Wilson, Ryley Buchan, Silas Pajarillo, Tyler Forman, Viliami T-Pole	Endeavour - Silas Pajarillo Most Improved - Gheill Zachaary Azarcon
Under 16 Dev Girls	Aria Williams-Palaamo, Isla Harris, Katia Halalilo-Rouvi, Katia Walker, Luisa Makenesi, Maliya McIntosh, Ora Winklemann, Ruby Tilyard, Sofia Green, Sophie Wellington, Stacey Karawana, Sydney Moreton	Endeavour - Ora Winklemann Most Improved - Isla Harris

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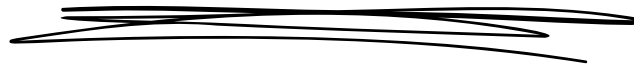


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Under 18 A Boys	Carlos Dean, Harry Townsend, Izaak Fruean, Jack Morrison, Kade Buckley, Kevin Acero, Louie Rouvi, Maita Madambi, Sullivan Blaikie, Tieke Runga	MVP - Carlos Dean Endeavour - Sullivan Blaikie Most Improved - Maita Madambi
Under 18 A Girls	Caitlyn Ring, Charlie Owens, Hannah Fowler, Kiana Brown, Lucia Jack, Lucy Mavor, Madeline Munro, Ruby Fox, Shanti Kara, Yuna Honjo	MVP - Shanti Kara Endeavour - Kiana Brown Most Improved - Charlie Owens
Under 18 B Boys	Ashley Te Huia, Flynn O'Connor, Isaac Anderson, Jackson Hamilton, Luke Miller, Maz Te Kanawa, Noah Fitiao-Cross, Oliver Warren, Will Pyper	Endeavour - Will Pyper Most Improved - Noah Fitiao-Cross
Under 20 Men's	George Allan, Herry Bezett, Harry Gordon, Ieremia Morris, Leo Sanderson, Lucas Mildenhall, Mana Collins, Mitchel Robinson, Oak Chisholm, Sonny Haldane, Tom Severne	MVP - Oak Chisholm Endeavour - Ieremia Morris Most Improved - Harry Bezett
Under 20 Women's	Alexa Duff, Charli Pollard, Charli Sinclair, Elise Carline, Freya Roberts, Issy Kerr, Maddie Kerr, Maggie Manson, Tayla Twemlow, Tia Pavihi	MVP - Elise Carline Endeavour - Issy Kerr Most Improved - Charli Pollard

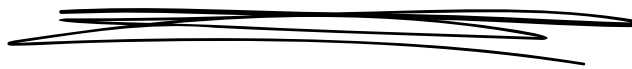


REPRESENTATIVE RESULTS



<i>Team</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Tournament</i>	<i>Results</i>
Under 14 A Boys	Head Coach - Olly Pali Assistant Coach - Will Hopper Manager - Kylie Davidson	BBNZ U14 Regionals, Invercargill	A Grade - 2nd Place
Under 14 B Boys	Head Coach - Kyle Cooke Manager - Lucy Hunter	BBNZ U14 Regionals, Invercargill	B Grade - 2nd Place
Under 14 Dev A Boys	Head Coach - Cristina Barriga Manager - Melissa Anderton	BBNZ U14 Regionals, Invercargill	C Grade - 1st Place
Under 14 Dev B Boys	Head Coach - Bobby Brown Manager - Louise Guise	BBNZ U14 Regionals, Invercargill	C Grade - 3rd Place
Under 14 A Girls	Head Coach - Keira Hill & Maddie Brown Manager - Ash Lowe	BBNZ U14 Regionals, Invercargill	A Grade - 6th Place
Under 14 B Girls	Head Coach - Jodie Hope Manager - Drew Campbell	BBNZ U14 Regionals, Invercargill	B Grade - 6th Place
Under 14 Dev Girls	Head Coach - Kiana Brown Manager - Jac Grey	Zone Tournaments, Gore & Dunedin	
Under 16 A Boys	Head Coach - Shannon Edwards Assistant Coach - Mike Spencer Manager - Aimee Turoa	Foot Locker U16 Nationals, Wellington	17th Place
Under 16 A Girls	Head Coach - Lane Sievwright Assistant Coach - Will Hopper Manager - Claire McEntyre	Footlocker U16 Nationals, Wellington	9th Place
Under 16 B Girls	Head Coach - Will Hopper Assistant Coach - Jemma Bower Manager - Ros Allison	Foot Locker U16 Nationals, Wellington	19th Place
Under 18 A Boys	Head Coach - Curtis Fruean Assistant Coach - Brittany Varsányi Manager - Bevan Townsend	Foot Locker U18 Nationals, Christchurch	20th Place
Under 18 A Girls	Head Coach - Keira Hill Assistant Coach - Will Hopper Manager - Donna Owens	Foot Locker U18 Nationals, Christchurch	11th Place
Under 20 Mens	Head Coach - Sam Fielding Assistant Coach - Noah McDowall Manager - Rebecca Moon	Foot Locker U20 Nationals, Tauranga	5th Place
Under 20 Womens	Head Coach - Alf Arlidge Assistant Coach - Will Hopper Manager - Becky Duff	Foot Locker U20 Nationals, Tauranga	6th Place
Under 16 B Boys	Head Coach - Jared Gibson Manager - Stephannie Dean	Mainland Tournament, Christchurch	
Under 16 Dev Boys	Head Coach - Bobby Brown Manager - Lj Patston	Mainland Tournament, Christchurch	
Under 16 Dev Girls	Head Coach - Will Hopper Assistant Coach - Tyla McIntosh Manager - Maddie Brown	Mainland Tournament, Christchurch	
Under 18 B Boys	Head Coach - Matheson Colquhoun Manager - Chriss Hamilton	Mainland Tournament, Christchurch	

DUNEDIN CLUB BASKETBALL REPORT



Rebecca Moon

Dunedin Men's Club Basketball

The 2025 Dunedin Men's Club Basketball delivered another strong and competitive season. The season featured a strong 31-team competition across 6 clubs around the region. The competition year to year strengthens with the inclusion of NBL players returning during the 2nd half of the season!

Participation numbers remain healthy, with clubs continuing to attract returning players as well as new athletes which shows the standard of play across all grades. This has been a huge highlight and proven record of the success of the Club competition.

Mid City Basketball Club continues to show their strength in their club structure with eventually taking out the Dunedin Men's A Grade Competition, with an undefeated season, 17-0, after going up against a strong and long time rival St Kilda Saints, 86-66. Mid City Magic also had their Mid City Magic Mustangs featuring in the Mens A Reserve 2 finals and eventually taking this grade out, against Otago University Gold, 78-55.

St Kilda also showed a strong presence in their respective finals, being in 3/5 finals and taking out the Mens A Reserve 1 Finals with the Bullets, 86-78 and St Kilda Dragons taking out the Mens B Grade Final against their rivals, City Rise Stealth Bombers, 74-52.

Kings Waiporoporo finally got their trophy, after going against a hard-fought and no stranger to finals contention, Magic Vipers. A game that went back and forth, but in the end, ran out of steam with Kings taking it out, 60-56.

Congratulations to all teams for making their respective finals and especially to those that took away the chip!

Grade	Team
Men's A Grade Champions	Mid City Magic
Men's A Res 1 Champions	St Kilda Bullets
Men's A Res 2 Champions	Mid City Magic Mustangs
Men's B Grade Champions	St Kilda Dragons
Men's C Grade Champions	Kings Waiporoporo

We also want to acknowledge the players who were selected by the clubs and awarded All Star 5 honours and to Finals MVP, Patrick Freeman.

Men's Club Awards | All Star Five

Men's A Grade - Mikey Ruske, Pat Tipene, Dallas Hartmann (Grade MVP), Harry Bezett, Jack Hollingworth

Men's A Reserve 1 - Max Foote, Oscar Sycamore, Bradley Ruddenklau, Joel Robertson, Mack Raines

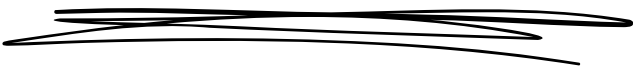
Men's A Reserve 2 - Jack Morrison, Jaxon James, Flynn Hayward, George Phillips, Colin Ramsey

Men's B Grade - James Collins, Carter Bracewell, Rikki Kerr, Matt Gillan, Tim Gillan

Men's C Grade - Reuben Marshall, Welby Cabral, Micah Wharerimu, Will Pyper, Henry Freeman

The 2025 Dunedin Men's Club Basketball Competition was a huge success. The season highlighted the passion, talent, and continued growth in basketball in Dunedin. We cannot wait to see what 2026 has in store for us.

DUNEDIN CLUB BASKETBALL REPORT



Rebecca Moon

Dunedin Women’s Club Basketball

The 2025 season continued to provide a strong platform for females across the region, fostering competitive opportunities, player development, and club connection. Whilst our numbers are still minimal, 4 in A Grade, 5 in B Grade, we are always looking at ways to continue to grow this space, to ensure that we can create a more sustainable pathway for our young female athletes.

The season was competitive across all grades but in our A Grade Competition, Ajax was able to retain the trophy, after a two-year hiatus, taking out South Pac Magic A, 69-55 in the finals. A special mention to Elise Gilbert who was awarded Finals MVP.

In the Women’s B Grade, South Pac Magic Waipororoporo took out this grade, competing against Otago University Women’s B who are no stranger to a finals game. A competitive run, but South Pac Waiporoporo taking out the finals, 57-43.

In the Women’s space, we held a successful Women’s and Girls hui to collaborate with our community on ways that we can help support and grow the game. This was a successful gathering and we look forward to putting some of these ideas together and implementing them in 2026!

Congratulations to all of the athletes, teams, and clubs for the season. A huge mention and thanks to our referees and scorebenchofficials who allow and make this competition to go ahead!

Grade	Team
Women’s A Grade Champions	Ajax 1
Women’s B Grade Champions	South Pac Waiporoporo

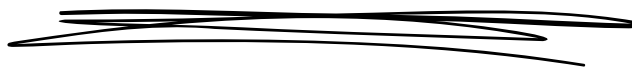
Women’s Club Awards | All Star Five

Women’s A Grade - Zoe Richards, Aria Brown, Tia Pavihi (Grade MVP), Abby Harris, Elise Gilbert

Women’s B Grade - Tarryn Dickson, Rachelle Husband, Puawai Shortland, Rilee Gould, Holly Cunliffe



SECONDARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL REPORT



Rebecca Moon

This year, we have seen a huge growth in the Secondary School space. With Basketball being one of the most popular Winter Sports in the Otago region, we continue to struggle with the demand of number of teams to the amount of court space and resources to accommodate (which is a great problem to have!).

In our Senior Premier Competition, strong basketball schools Otago Boys High School and Columba College claimed their fourth consecutive titles after a successful season!

Columba Junior Girls showed strength from the beginning. After falling short in the final in 2024, they were looking for redemption in the finals for 2025. A successful win against Otago Girls High, taking out the competition and their name back on the trophy, 71-39.

With the Junior Girls grade not having enough to have their two separate grades, the combination of Prem and A to ensure that there was enough to have a competition showed a challenge but also an opportunity for these young athletes to see where they are at and get challenged. Congratulations to Queens High School who took out the Junior A Grade after having the most W's throughout the regular season against the teams that registered in that grade.

Junior Boys Premier Competition was full of surprises, with Trinity Catholic College coming against Waitaki Boys High School in the finals. In regular season the teams both had a win and loss against each other so we knew that the finals was going to be a goodie! A competitive game from the get go, in the end Waitaki Boys Junior was crowned champions, 57-52.

The A Grade continues to become a gateway for teams to compete against a large variety of teams from Balclutha and Oamaru. We have seen a huge growth in the calibre of teams and commend the schools for the work that they have put into their basketball programmes.

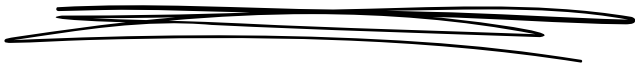
John McGlashans continue to build a strong basketball development programme with their Junior and Senior B teams taking out their respective grades in the Junior and Senior A Grade.

The Social Competition remains popular amongst peers who just want to have fun. The numbers speak for themselves with nearly 100 teams in the competition. A huge thank you to the schools who allow us to use their gyms in order for these games to go ahead.

This competition remains a key platform for athletes to play competitively against the schools around the region, or to being in a team with your mates, and having some fun in our Social Grades. We continue to look at new and innovative ways to grow this competition and how to reach its ultimate peak to get the best out of this growing sport in the Secondary School space!

A huge thank you to all of our schools, supporters, referees, and volunteers for all their support throughout the year. Thank you to Rilee Gould who has been an instrumental and valuable member of the team who supported and ensured that the games were all running efficiently on game day.

SECONDARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL RESULTS



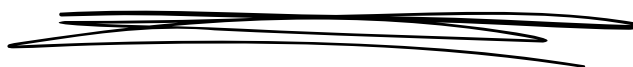
Rebecca Moon

Grade	Team
Secondary School Junior Boys Prem Champions	Waitaki Boys Junior A
Secondary School Junior Boys A Champions	John McGlashan Junior 10
Secondary School Junior Girls Prem Champions	Columba Junior A
Secondary School Junior Girls A Champions	Queens Junior A
Secondary School Senior Boys Prem Champions	OBHS Senior Blue
Secondary School Senior Boys A Champions	John McGlashan Senior B
Secondary School Senior Girls Prem Champions	Columba Senior A
Secondary School Senior Girls A Champions	St Kevin’s College

Secondary School Awards | All Star Five

- Secondary School Junior Boys Prem - Archer Holding, Deacon Gwilliam Browne, Drew Robinson, Maddix Curry, Samuel Gaffaney
- Secondary School Junior Girls Prem - Aria Brown, Devon Skevington, Eva Fatafehi, Eva Gardner, Lulu Mahoney
- Secondary School Senior Boys Prem - Chase Kennedy, Harry Bezett, Jack Morrison, Oak Chisholm, Wade Smith
- Secondary School Senior Girls Prem - Aria Brown, Bella McEntyre, Charlee Farquhar, Kiana Brown, Shanti Kara

MORTGAGE ME SOCIAL COMPETITION REPORT



Mortgage Me Social is a competition that gathers friends, families, other sport teams/players, and colleagues together on a Wednesday night down at the Edgar Centre.

8 weeks, 4 terms, it is an action-packed competition with a lot of fun and energy! Whilst numbers are at an average decrease, per term, the competition continues to thrive and succeed in other ways.

This competition sees a lot of changes throughout the terms but one thing that is always a highlight is seeing the teams who come and compete each term, with some being loyal teams and members throughout the year.



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BNZ KIWI HOOPS COMPETITION REPORT

James Ranson

BNZ Kiwi Hoops Pro, Mini, and Bounce

The BNZ Kiwi Hoops Pro, Mini, and Bounce Competition continues to provide a fun, inclusive, and development-focused basketball experience for primary school-aged players from 5-11 years old. Designed to introduce tamariki to basketball in a positive and engaging environment, the programme focuses on skill development, teamwork, confidence, and having fun.

In 2025, the competition operated at maximum capacity, with over 120 teams participating across three grades. The high-energy atmosphere each week continues to make BNZ Kiwi Hoops one of Basketball Otago's most energised and well-supported competitions.

Feedback from participants, schools, and whānau remained overwhelmingly positive, with over 75% of respondents rating their experience positive.

The continued success and growth of BNZ Kiwi Hoops reflects the strong support from schools, families coaches, officials, and volunteers who help create a welcoming and enjoyable environment for all involved; which all contributed to a successful season of fun, laughter, and growth.

BNZ Kiwi Hoops All Stars

The BNZ Kiwi Hoops All Stars Competition once again delivered an exciting and highly competitive season, providing representative-level opportunities for young players across the region.

The competition continues to showcase the growth, talent and enthusiasm within Junior Basketball, while maintaining a strong focus on participation, development and positive sporting experiences.

In 2025, the competition experienced further growth with an additional five teams entered, highlighting the increasing demand and popularity of the BNZ Kiwi Hoops All Stars Competition. Feedback remained extremely positive, with over 80% of respondents reporting a positive experience.

Congratulations to all teams who took out their respective grades:

Suzie Bates Shield - Year 7 Girls -

Tahuna Storm

Mohit Rao Shield - Year 7 Boys - Taieri College Broncos

Aileen Solomon Shield - Year 8 Girls - Tahuna Hoiho

Chris & Meg Rodrigues Shield - Year 8 Boys - DNI Ngajau

Gary Smyth Shield - Year 7/8 Mixed Grade - KVC Lakers

Year 7 Boys B Grade - Fairfield Wizards

Year 8 Boys B Grade - Tahuna Nuggets

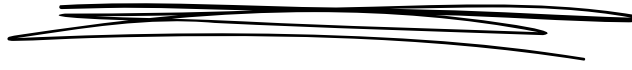
Year 8 Boys C Grade - Taieri College Magic

Year 8 Girls B Grade - SHCS Wildcats

Thank you to all the schools, parents, players, supporters, officials, and volunteers for your help throughout the season.



TOURNAMENTS HOSTED REPORT



Rebecca Moon

Basketball Otago had the privilege of hosting several tournaments at a regional level throughout the year.

The biggest highlight was hosting the Z6 National Qualifying Tournament in Dunedin where we welcomed teams across the lower South Island to compete and earn their spot at the Basketball New Zealand Foot Locker National Championships.

We would like to acknowledge everyone who helped to allow these tournaments to run, from our partner associations; Southland Basketball, Eastern Southland, and North Otago, and our invitational clubs/associations, Central Lakes Club, and South Canterbury Basketball.

Hosting tournaments is a huge task and requires an army of volunteers, so a huge thank you to our Venue Controllers, scorebench Officials, Referees, and the rest of the Basketball Otago staff for the behind the scenes work that allows tournaments to go ahead.

Another highlight was the collaboration of the South Island Secondary School Junior Tournament, after Basketball New Zealand disestablished this tournament at the end of 2024.

Being able to deliver an event at such a large scale and to cater for so many teams and schools, was well worth the hours that were done behind the scenes for this to go ahead.

We understood the meaning/importance of the tournament and to have incredible feedback and gratitude for running this tournament, we knew, that this tournament needed to stay.

Thank you to Canterbury Basketball Association for working alongside to continue the vision and to Nelson Basketball for hosting.

NATIONAL HONOURS

2025

Basketball Otago is immensely proud of the individuals who represented New Zealand on the national and international stage in 2025.

This year we had three athletes representing New Zealand across 5x5 and 3x3 stages. Being able to represent your country is a huge achievement and something that we are incredibly proud of the athletes who get the honour of putting on the Fern!



National Players

Junior Tall Ferns (FIBA U17 Oceania Cup) -
Kiana Brown

NZ 3x3 (FISU World University Games) -
Alexa Duff

Junior Tall Blacks (Non-Travelling Reserve) -
Harry Townsend



OFFICIALS AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Rebecca Moon

Referees are an instrumental part of the game. This year, with it being the first implementation year of the Strategic Plan, the planning stages on how to achieve the goals set out was well and truly underway.

While the numbers of referees has not changed in our Secondary School and Club Basketball database, we look at strengthening the core group of referees that carry us throughout the season.

However, in our BNZ Kiwi Hoops space, there has been a huge attraction of young referees wanting to give it a go. This has been a key fundamental to the development of the competition as a whole.

There has been plenty of referee clinics and courses being delivered around the region through the schools and areas that we service. I have the privilege of working with Wanaka Basketball Club yearly, in educating and developing their officials so they can service the growing game over in Central.

We continue to find ways to keep getting referees involved, making them feel valued and seen, hosting events to help with their development. We welcomed Marty Davison who is a successful ANBL, FIBA, and NBL Referee to Dunedin to speak to our referees about his journey and how he got to the place he is now.

With plenty of opportunities around the region and nationally, we would like to recognise the referees who represented Otago at Basketball New Zealand Tournaments. Their selection to these tournaments, reflects the hard work that these officials have put into their craft and get selected for these tournaments.

UTSNZ 3x3 National Championships, Dunedin - Bethany Mahoney, Leo Shaw (Womens Finals Official), and Andrew Graham. **Technical Commissioner** - Rebecca Moon

BBNZ Foot Locker Under 20 National Championships, Tauranga - Leo Shaw, Dylan Mead, and Charlie Bauchop

BBNZ Foot Locker Under 18 National Championships, Christchurch - Bethany Mahoney, Charlie Bauchop, Cathleen Anderson, Kevin Tucker, and Leo Shaw (Boys Finals Official). **Referee Trainer** - Rebecca Moon

BBNZ Foot Locker Under 16 National Championships, Wellington - Xander Gosling

BBNZ Secondary School National Championships, Palmerston North - Andrew Graham, Leo Shaw, Bethany Mahoney, Cathleen Anderson, Xander Gosling

BBNZ Under 14 Regionals, Invercargill - Xander Gosling (Boys Finals Official), Stacey Karawana, Aisling Sievwright, Dadil Elyer, Benji Dean. **Referee Trainer** - Rebecca Moon



OFFICIALS AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Rebecca Moon

South Island Secondary School Junior Premierships

This tournament was its first ever year being hosted by a collaboration of associations, with Basketball New Zealand disestablishing this tournament at the end of 2024.

A huge focus for us was having a core group of referee trainers, supporting and developing the referees that were at this tournament, as some of them had little to no experience.

A huge thank you to Elijah Vaeleki (Canterbury), James Ranson (Otago), and Taylor Lynch (Nelson) for the work that they put in over the four days of tournament!

Referee Awards

As part of our way to say thanks, we held an end-of-season prizegiving for referees as a way to say thanks. This is also a good opportunity for referees to get together after the season and reflect on the year that we had and just spend some time with one another, outside of the stadium.

Congratulations to the referees who received an award -

Most Improved Junior Referee - Benji Dean

Junior Referee of the Year - Xander Gosling

Most Improved Senior Referee - Cathleen Anderson

Senior Referee of the Year - Leo Shaw

I just want to take the opportunity to show my gratitude and thanks to everyone who picked up a whistle in 2025, whether that was for one game or multiple. We all want what is best for the game and understand the importance of having referees in the game, so thank you so much for taking that step, picking up the whistle, and getting out there to referee.

We look ahead to 2026, finding new ways to get people refereeing, continue to focus on developing and providing more opportunities for referees, and getting that extra support and push of, what can we do better next.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES REPORT

Will Hopper

BNZ Kiwi Hoops

The BNZ Kiwi Hoops programme continued to go from strength to strength in 2025, with multiple delivery formats helping us reach more young people than ever before. Participation in the after-school programme increased throughout the year, while the in-school delivery format provided valuable basketball development opportunities for both primary and intermediate students, as well as teachers. These programmes continued to play an important role in growing participation and fostering a love for the game across our region.

2degrees Girls Got Game

2025 marked the successful return of the 2degrees Girls Got Game programme. With the support of Basketball New Zealand, the programme was offered free of charge, creating an accessible and welcoming environment for all participants. A major highlight was the opportunity for players to take part in a halftime game at a Southern Hoiho fixture. The programme received overwhelmingly positive feedback, and its impact has already been reflected in increased interest and engagement heading into 2026.



Basketball Otago Holiday Camp

Our BBO Holiday Camps recorded their highest-ever participation numbers in 2025. The camps were delivered with outstanding success and provided engaging, educational and enjoyable experiences for all involved. This achievement was made possible through the dedication of our excellent coaches and volunteers, whose energy and commitment created a positive environment for player development and fun throughout each camp.

Under 12 Academy

U12 Academy continues to provide a fantastic opportunity for those tamariki who have their sights set on the representative pathway.

Designed to bridge the gap between community basketball and the demands of the U14 programme, the Academy gives young players the chance to build their skills and prepare themselves for U14 trials the following year.

Running during the quieter end of year period, it fills what would otherwise be a gap in development, ensuring that aspiring players are receiving meaningful, quality coaching at exactly the right time.

The uptake has been pleasing, and it is exciting to see young players showing that level of ambition and commitment to their own development at such a young age. This programme is a key piece of the Basketball Otago pathway puzzle, and one we are committed to continuing to grow.



BASKETBALL OTAGO INC.

FINANCE REPORT



BASKETBALL OTAGO INCORPORATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025



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Statement of Responsibility

Basketball Otago Incorporated

For the year ended 31 December 2025

The Board is pleased to present the Special Purpose Financial Report of Basketball Otago Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Board is responsible for preparing the financial statements and has determined the Special Purpose Reporting Framework used is appropriate to meet your needs and for the purposes that the financial statements prepared for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Board considers that the financial statements of Basketball Otago Incorporated have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable judgement and estimates and that all relevant aspects of the Special Purpose Framework have been followed.

The Board believes that proper accounting records have been kept which enable, with reasonable accuracy, the determination of the financial position of Basketball Otago Incorporated and facilitate compliance with the Special Purpose Reporting Framework.

The Board consider that they have taken adequate steps to safeguard the assets of Basketball Otago Incorporated and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. Internal control procedures are also considered to be sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance as to the integrity of the Special Purpose Financial Report.

For and on behalf of the Board:



Chairperson
Date: 19/03/2026



Board Member
Date: 19/03/2026

Entity Information

Formed on 12 February 1996, Basketball Otago Incorporated (the Society) is an incorporated society registered under the Incorporated Societies Act. The Society's principal activity is to promote and administer basketball in Otago, including competitions, events, representative programmes, participation and officiating development.

Registered Office

The Edgar Centre, Dunedin

Board Members

Chris Cope - Appointed May 2025 (Chairperson)

Jodie Hope

Andrew Graham - Appointed May 2025

James Collins - Appointed May 2025

Peter Burt - Appointed May 2025

Jo Morrison - Appointed December 2025

Kelsey Brocklebank - Appointed December 2025

Nigel O'Rorke - Resigned May 2025 (Chairperson)

Maine Mareko-Johnson - Resigned December 2025

Shane Atherton - Resigned May 2025

Tom Gallaher - Resigned December 2025

Daniel Piebenga - Resigned May 2025

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Statement of Financial Performance

Basketball Otago Incorporated

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	31 December 2025	31 December 2024
		(\$000's)	(\$000's)
Revenue		229	221
Competition Entry Fees		197	209
Grants and Funding	3	22	12
Community Programmes Tournaments		26	61
and Events Income Pathway/Player		13	6
Development Income BBO		7	2
Sponsorship		1	3
Interest Revenue		3	7
Other Income		498	521
Total Revenue			
Expenditure			
Net Representative Team Expenditure/(Revenue)		(9)	(2)
Competition and Event Costs		54	34
Officials Development and Costs		1	-
Venue Hire		41	58
Staff and Contractor Expenditure	4	387	373
Administration and Overheads		43	34
Depreciation		2	3
Other Expenditure		18	27
Total Expenditure		537	527
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(39)	(6)

Statement of Changes in Equity

Basketball Otago Incorporated
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	31 December 2025	31 December 2024
	(\$000's)	(\$000's)
Retained Earnings		
Opening Balance	196	202
Surplus / (Deficit) For the Year	(39)	(6)
Retained Earnings	157	196
 TOTAL EQUITY	 157	 196

Statement of Financial Position

Basketball Otago Incorporated

As at 31 December 2025

	Note	31 December 2025 (\$000's)	31 December 2024 (\$000's)
Current Assets			
Cash And Cash Equivalents		112	110
Short Term Deposits		155	156
Accounts Receivable and Other Current Assets		5	11
Total Current Assets		272	277
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	13	11
Total Non-Current Assets		13	11
Total Assets		285	288
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses		8	7
Funding Received in Advance	6	90	65
Employee Entitlements		28	20
Other Current Liabilities		2	-
Total Current Liabilities		128	92
Total Liabilities		128	92
NET ASSETS		157	196
Represented by:			
Retained Earnings		157	196
TOTAL EQUITY		157	196

Notes to the Financial Statements

Basketball Otago Incorporated

For the year ended 31 December 2025

These notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

1. Basis of Preparation

The special purpose financial statements presented here are for the entity Basketball Otago Incorporated, a registered society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 with the objective to promote, foster, develop and control the game of amateur basketball throughout the Otago province.

These special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Special Purpose Framework for use by Not For Profit Entities published by the Chartered Accountants of Australia and New Zealand.

These special purpose financial statements have been prepared in New Zealand Dollars. Comparative figures may have been reclassified to align with current year classifications.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.

Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical basis are followed by Basketball Otago Incorporated.

The financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the Society continues as a going concern.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Policy	Description
Income Tax	The Society is exempt from income tax as a promoter of amateur sport under CW 46 of the Income Tax Act 2007.
Revenue Recognition	Donations and Grants are recorded as income as received unless there are unfulfilled conditions attaching to the amount received, in which case the amount relating to the unfulfilled conditions is recognised as a liability to income as the conditions are fulfilled.
Accounts Receivable	Receivables are stated at their estimated realisable value. An allowance for expected credit losses is recognised when receivables are not expected to be collected.
Property, plant and equipment	The entity has the following classes of fixed assets; - o Motor Vehicles - o Office Equipment Items are initially recognised at cost. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets.
Goods and services tax (GST)	The Society is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.
Employee entitlements	Employee entitlements are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

3. Grants

Grants and Funding Revenue comprises:

	31 December 2025 (\$000's)	31 December 2024 (\$000's)
Aotearoa Gaming Trust	15	15
Bendigo Valley	-	15
Pub Charity Limited	16	-
Grassroots Trust	20	30
Kiwi Gaming Foundation	-	10
Lion Foundation	40	50
New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT)	15	20
Otago Community Trust	75	60
TAB Gambling Trust (Bobby Foundation)	6	9
Basketball New Zealand	10	-
Total Grants and Funding Revenue	197	209

The Board expresses its appreciation to all who have provided Grants to the Society.

4. Staff and Contractor Expenditure

Staff and Contractor Expenditure comprises:

	31 December 2025 (\$000's)	31 December 2024 (\$000's)
Wages and Salaries	287	272
Employer KiwiSaver	7	4
Finance Support	19	19
Bench and Referee Reimbursement	64	68
Venue Controllers	8	8
Other	2	2
Total Staff and Contractor Expenditure	387	373

5. Property, Plant and Equipment 2025

Asset Class	Opening Cost (\$000's)	Additions/ (Disposals) (\$000's)	Closing Cost (\$000's)	Opening Accumulated Depreciation (\$000's)	Depreciation (\$000's)	Closing Accumulated Depreciation (\$000's)	Closing Book Value (\$000's)
Motor Vehicles	12	-	12	3	-	3	9
Office Equipment	21	4	25	19	2	21	4
TOTAL	33	4	37	22	2	24	13

2024

Asset Class	Opening Cost (\$000's)	Additions/ (Disposals) (\$000's)	Closing Cost (\$000's)	Opening Accumulated Depreciation (\$000's)	Depreciation (\$000's)	Closing Accumulated Depreciation (\$000's)	Closing Book Value (\$000's)
Motor Vehicles	12	-	12	1	2	3	9
Office Equipment	21	-	21	18	1	19	2
TOTAL	33	-	33	19	3	22	11

6. Funding Received in Advance

As at 31 December 2025 the \$90,000 funding received in advance comprises of \$40,000 from the Grass Roots Trust for court hire for the period March 2026 to December 2026, \$20,000 from the Lion Foundation for player development for January 2026 to June 2026, and \$30,000 from the Otago Community Trust for player development for January 2026 to June 2026.

7. Commitments and Contingencies

The Society has leased a motor vehicle for a term of 36 months. The commencement date was August 2023. This lease will expire in August 2026.

The Society pays \$95 per month for the lease of a Sharp photocopier. The commencement date was October 2025. This lease will expire in October 2028.

The Society pays \$459 per month for the lease of an office at the Edgar Centre. The tenancy is a periodic tenancy until either party gives notice.

As at 31 December 2025 there are no contingent liabilities (2024: Nil).

8. Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions between Basketball Otago Incorporated and its Board Members. (2024: Nil)

9. Events After the Reporting Date

There have been no material events after the reporting date that require adjustment to, or disclosure in, these financial statements.

OUR FUNDERS, SPONSORS & PARTNERS 2025

Basketball Otago is deeply grateful to the funders, sponsors, and partners who make our work possible.
Your support enables us to grow the game across all levels of our community.

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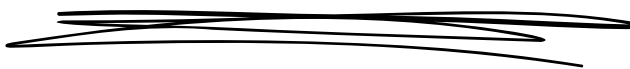


OUR FUNDERS, SPONSORS & PARTNERS 2025

SPONSORS & PARTNERS



STAFF & VOLUNTEERS 2025



Basketball Otago is only as strong as the people behind it. To our staff, Rebecca Moon, Will Hopper, James Ranson, and Carolyn Parker - thank you. Your dedication, resilience, and genuine passion for this sport and community are what keeps the wheels turning, throughout the year and it does not go unnoticed.

A particular highlight worth recognising was the role Basketball Otago staff played in bringing the Zone 4 South Island Junior Premierships to life.

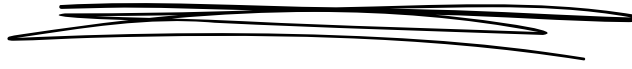
When Basketball New Zealand made the decision in late 2024 to no longer run this tournament, a group of passionate South Island associations, led by Canterbury and Otago, refused to let it disappear. Together they formed the South Island Steering Committee, developed a proposal, and secured sanctioning from Basketball New Zealand and School Sport New Zealand to deliver the event independently.

Basketball Otago played a major role throughout, from the behind-the-scenes administrative work in the lead-up, to boots on the ground in Nelson during tournament week. A special thank you to Rebecca Moon and James Ranson, who stepped up and took on key roles to ensure the tournament was a success. This is exactly the kind of initiative that shows what is possible when passionate people decide to make something happen.

To our volunteers, the scorebench officials, team managers, coaches, and the many others who give their time so graciously, you are the heartbeat of our competitions and programmes. In a world where volunteers are becoming increasingly harder to find, we do not take a single one of you for granted.

We work hard to grow and expand our volunteer network, and while in an ideal world we would have all the resources we need, the reality is that the people who continue to show up mean everything to us. None of what we deliver would be possible without you, and we cherish and treasure every single one of you. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD 2026 & BEYOND



Heading into 2026, Basketball Otago is firing on all cylinders - a refreshed team structure, clearer roles, and a more sustainable competitions framework all in place and ready to deliver. Our representative programmes are building real momentum, and our community programmes are primed to reach more tamariki and rangatahi across Otago than ever before. The hard work, the reflection, and the planning of 2025 have set the stage - now it's time to perform.

2026, we're coming for you.

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***Together, we look forward to shaping the future of
basketball in Otago.***



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