



# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

For the period 1 Jan 2018 – 31 Dec 2018

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### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

As I have reflected on the past year with the Board, it is not hard to feel proud of the progress that Basketball Otago has made since the period of financial difficulty in 2015. This progress could not have been achieved without a considerable amount of dedication, effort and passion from our community, and I would like to especially acknowledge the contribution and hard work of Justin Ludlow and the Board for their crucial role in the transitions, challenges and successes faced over the past three years.

The Board has fortunately been able to return to its conceptualised purpose: governance. Our primary focus is now to ensure Basketball Otago remains fiscally responsible so that the goals within our strategic plan can be implemented and achieved. Presently, our greatest challenge is setting a budget that will reach all our funding targets due to the unpredictability of community funding, which makes up the bulk of our revenue. As a result, there has been no positive correlation between the growth of our sport and the funds we receive. In order to change this, it is paramount that the Board endeavour to find other sources of revenue to ensure we are, and continue to be, financially sustainable.

Despite the financial constraints, Justin and his team have done an excellent job in 2018 of meeting our strategic goals. One of the main goals for 2018 was to provide better administrative support for clubs which was achieved by simplifying player registration and assisting clubs with incorporation. We have also worked towards supporting clubs in the men's competition by allowing school players to play in both A and B-grades for different club teams. We have also seen improvement in communication to our stakeholders, and improved networking with other sporting bodies at a regional and national level. Referee development has also been a priority, and with a new referee committee that has recently been set up, we should see improved development in this area over time.

One of the success stories of 2018 has been the growth and increased professionalism of Otago's elite women's basketball team, the Gold Rush, which led to them taking out the WBC National Title in 2018. Justin has been the driver of this positive shift for our women's team, and his efforts have not only led to an increase in commercial sponsorship, but more importantly an increase in the number of young girls choosing to participate in basketball. This is a testament to the increased profile the players have through the support of dedicated sponsors and fans as role models in our wider sporting community.

It is also encouraging to see an overall upward trend in player numbers across the board, particularly at high-school level. Basketball has rapidly overtaken more traditional sports such as netball and rugby as young people's go-to sport and is now the most participated sport in high schools in the Otago region! While this is very exciting, it also presents new challenges. Our school and social competitions are close to or are at capacity. Court shortage is a real issue, and with growing numbers, this will only worsen in the foreseeable future. Player growth will also require additional coaches, managers and referees. Finding a solution to these issues is paramount if we want to continue the growth of basketball in Dunedin.



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It has been a successful year for basketball in Otago, both on and off the court. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank and congratulate Justin, Greg, Natalie and Joelene for the hard work they have done meeting our strategic goals at an operational level, particularly given the financial limitations they work under. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to providing a great service and look forward to seeing the progress that will be made through 2019. Thank you also to the many volunteers who give up their time to coach, manage, referee or provide administrative support. We could not survive as an organisation without you.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge two Board members who will both leave the Board at the end of this AGM. Karl Andrews and Farrell Cameron have been dedicated and hard-working members for several years. While we will miss your advice and experience, it is great to see that you will both continue to support basketball through your roles on the Referee Committee and through coaching youth players. A sincere thank you – we are fortunate to have such committed people in our association. As these members step away, it is exciting to see new faces with valuable skillsets in contention for nomination this year. Basketball Otago is in good hands, and I look forward to seeing the progress that can be made in 2019 as we strive to be the “sport of choice in Otago”.

Angela Ruske  
**Chairperson**



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### GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to report on what has been another very busy year at Basketball Otago during 2018. A year where we have accomplished some successes as an organisation, but also a year in which we have again been challenged across many levels which will continue to be addressed in the near to immediate future to safeguard our sport in the years to come, and to align with our current and future objectives of our organisation as highlighted in our strategic plan.

2018 did provide many highlights, from national championships, representative teams performing exceptionally well at regional and national tournaments, busy competitions catering for individuals and teams from year one school age to club, and more being exposed to the game via our many development programs across the region attended by those of all ages and abilities whether players, coaches or referees. We continue to have fantastic people involved in our sport here in Otago, and we are lucky to be in a position where the future of our sport has passionate individuals embodied in the dynamics of the game.

The Women's Basketball Championship and the Otago Gold Rush was a real fist pump moment for me personally. After a challenging 2017 season, to witness our regions marquee team fight back and be crowned national champions on our home court in front of a captivated home crowd in July was a proud moment for all involved in the team. The emergence also of a women's national league attracting the best New Zealand talent to come home from either college in the States or from other leagues around the world justifies the current interest in the sport which I believe will lift another notch in the female space in 2019. It is well known that this team fights until the end and will only go down after a fight, I couldn't have been any prouder of their grit and determination in the way they ended their season celebrating the 2018 championship. I look forward to the WBC format in 2019 and looking forward to more Kiwi talent coming home to play for their local teams.

We again had a men's team who challenged the Southland Sharks in a friendly match in Gore as part of their build up to the NBL. After surprising them in 2017, they brought out the firepower for this match taking the win after Otago went out strongly to lead after the first quarter. Again, I couldn't have been any prouder for a group of young men who are eager for opportunities outside of club basketball here locally. We have managed to face this head on where in 2019 an Otago men's team will have two matches against the Sharks as well as home and away matches against the Canterbury Knights. Our relationship with our colleagues at Southland Basketball is strong, and Jill Bolger's desire to engage and collectively ensure matches against the Sharks and Otago occur annually is greatly appreciated and a fantastic initiative for our men to test themselves against NBL talent.

We have great stalwarts of our game here in Dunedin. Identities such as Rae and Russell Garland, Gary Smyth, Jo Torrance, Todd Marshall, Brent Matehaere, Dean



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Ruske, Jan Shriver, Glenda Kaan, Kath Richards and Charles Serong are only some of many individuals who continued to offer significant contributions to the game here during 2018 which I am extremely thankful for.

The challenges we face can be turned into positives, or already are! Secondary school basketball has hit another level and we are thrilled that teenagers are seeing basketball not only as a means of competitive sport, but also one that can be played amongst friends in a social environment on Friday afternoons/evenings in season. The participation numbers are still very high with over 160 secondary school teams participating in competitions during 2018, ensuring that basketball for the second consecutive year was the number one participated sport amongst students.

Of all the wooden court space available to us in Dunedin, we are nearly at capacity which includes using 11 secondary school gymnasiums across Dunedin and Mosgiel and all seven wooden courts at our primary venue the Edgar Centre. Our team here does a wonderful job ensuring there is court space available to schedule and manage these fixtures with no let-up in 2019 with approximately 150 teams again entered in secondary school competitions.

Of note from the 2018 NZSSSC census Basketball NZ indicated that the sport will be the most popular in this grouping by 2020. My role in 2019 is to begin looking into a facility strategy for the future to acknowledge the challenges impacted by the growth of our sport in Dunedin particularly.

Providing framework to support our referees continues to be a priority for myself and members of a newly established referees association as we look to build on a development and pathway plan for our budding officials going forward. Our sport is still one where players and coaches can become loud and abusive in the face of referees, and we need to maintain a clear zero tolerance process that backs our referees 100% and encourages their place in the sport from beginner to senior levels. There is no place for referee abuse whether it is from players, coaches or side-line supporters and we as an organisation will be looking to remove it from our game.

In my report last year, I indicated how easy it is for our organisation to be close to the line in terms of returning unsatisfactory results financially, in an environment which is reliant on a significant amount of funding goodwill from community organisations within our region. I still feel strongly about this which is common across multiple grass roots sports around the country, and we who are fostering the sport locally continue to work tirelessly to ensure fiscal responsibility.

In 2018 Basketball Otago was supported by many community funding partners who aided our organisation in providing funding for basketball programs to many and who are listed below. We cannot continue to provide these services in Dunedin and the wider Otago region without their support which does not go unnoticed and which is gratefully appreciated by all involved.



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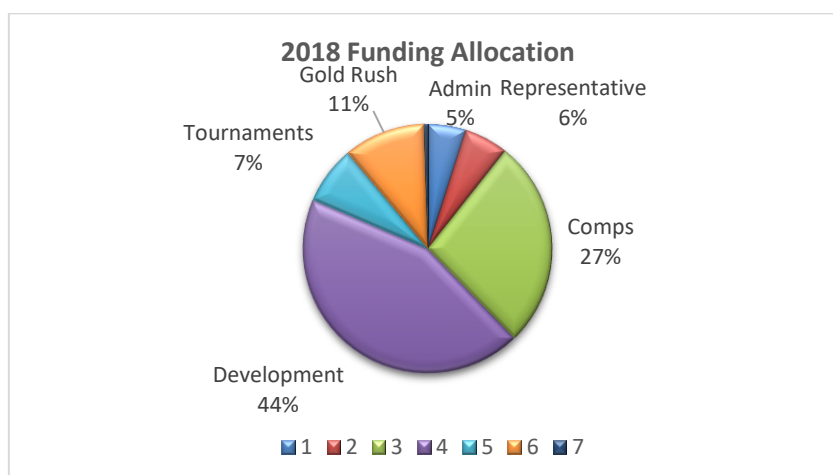
- The Trusts Community Foundation
- Lion Foundation
- Otago Community Trust
- Southern Victorian Charitable Trust
- The Southern Trust
- Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Trust
- NZCT (via BBNZ development funding)
- Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation
- Kiwisport

I wish to acknowledge Basketball Otago staff members Greg, Natalie & Joelene who have again worked tirelessly during 2018 to ensure basketball is a reachable sport of choice in our region, and who have provided me with an honest appraisal of basketball knowledge, assistance and experience to fall back on at times, and for making my role as General Manager an enjoyable one.

Thank you also to the board of Basketball Otago for listening, debating, mentoring and supporting my role again during 2018. I have appreciated your honesty and commitment throughout the year. I would like to acknowledge Karl Andrews for his dedicated efforts to the board since I arrived in 2016 – this man is always busy! Karl, I hope you now have some free time to spend with Sarah and your boys! To Farrell Cameron thank you also for your support and efforts to Basketball Otago as a board member, your contributions have been appreciated and I have enjoyed our basketball conversations.

Finally, to all players, coaches, managers, referees, clubs, schools, parents and volunteers, thank you for being a part of the Basketball Otago legacy. I look forward to seeing you all courtside soon.

Justin Ludlow  
**General Manager**





### COMPETITIONS – GREG BROCKBANK

#### Overview

2018 showed growth in the Club, Sec School and Adult Social leagues, while the rest of the competitions plateaued. It's become the same old story, but the number of courts available and strain on referee numbers due to this growth is soon to become unsustainable, specifically in the Sec School Competition.

#### Kiwihoops Bounce, Pro and Mini

All three of these competitions were played on Thursdays in 2018. This meant a change in format for games to allow all the teams to fit into our time slot. We went to Half and Cross court games (With hoops at both ends) for Mini and Bounce, this allowed us to run 10 courts every time slot, in turn reducing the number of late games. But most importantly it allowed the younger kids to enjoy the game in a more adaptable style for when they moved to the Pro competition in Years 5 and 6.

#### Kiwihoops Allstars

This competition stayed around the same size, with the only notable trend being that the number of competitive teams in the girl's and mixed graded competitions continued to dip. This and some issues being caused by the makeup of Mixed gender teams has started to become more of an issue each year with the number of teams in this grade having to be merged each season now.

#### Adult Social

In 2019 a 4<sup>th</sup> season was added, meaning there was 3x8 week seasons, instead of 3x10 week seasons. The changes meant we could cater for more teams in total, while keeping a similar number of total numbers of weeks of competition. It also allowed some flexibility from the teams consisting of Varsity students, as there was less cross over with the Uni Holidays. This seemed to have a positive effect on team numbers, as we kept growing and again needed to cap team numbers in each competition. 2019 there will be more courts booked each season, to cater for the growing numbers.

#### Sec School

Sec School Basketball reached 165 teams in 2018, which was a number deemed close to untenable for future years. Court space was a major problem, but referee numbers became a major focus as the need to run 11 gyms and 7 courts all night showed too hard on our young referees, forcing many to do extra games. The increased number of social teams has led to the increase in total numbers, with competitive teams staying similar. There was a larger number of teams were defaulting regularly in the social grades, this was put down to the fact that with so many teams it was hard to cater for everyone's needs.

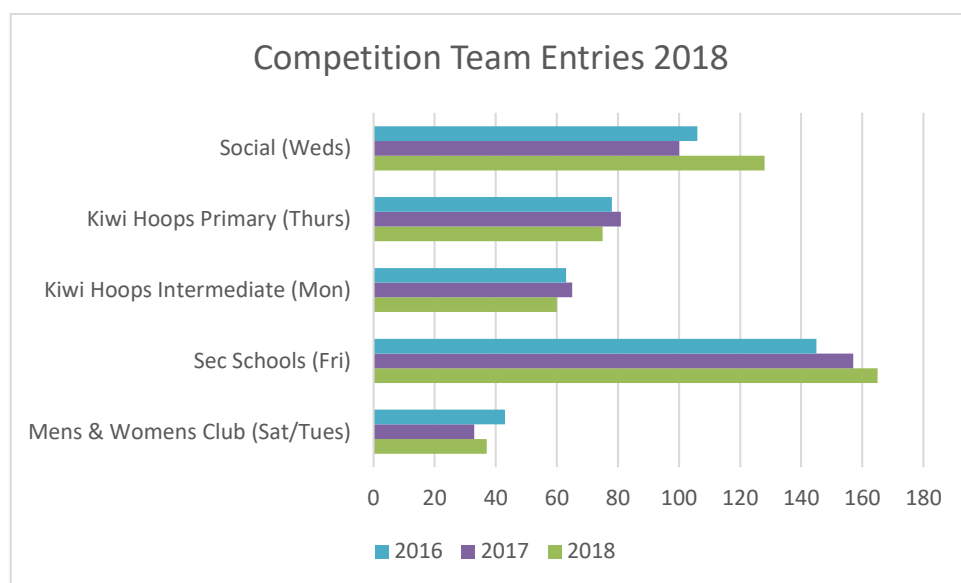
#### Mens and Women's Club





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The Mens Competition enjoyed some growth in the heading back to 26 teams, this was achieved by more clubs being open to adding teams/ players to their already set club. The Women's Competition stayed the same as the previous year, but this time had 5 teams in A grade, which was a marked improvement on the four from the previous year.



### **2018 Club Trophy winners:**

Mens A grade:	Mid City Magic	Women's A grade:	Ajax
Mens B grade:	Otago Boys 1	Women's B Grade:	
Varsity B			
Mens C Grade:	Otago Boys Too		
Mens MVP:	Matt Bardsley	Women's MVP:	Dayna
Turnbull Referee of the Year:	Lachie Robertson	Club of the	
Year: South Pac			
Dunedin City Ford Trophy:	St Kilda Saints		

### **Table of Teams in Competitions 2017 and 2018**

Competitions	2017 Teams	Prev Year	2018 Teams	Prev Year
Mens Club	22	-7	26	+4
Womens Club	11	-3	11	Same
Social Summer or T1	32	-6	32	Same
Social Winter or T2	32	2	34	+2
Social T3	0	0	34	+34
Social Spring or T4	36	-2	32	-4
Social Total	100	-6	132	+32
Sec Schools	157	12	165	+8
Kiwihoops – Allstar	65	2	59	-7
Kiwihoops – Pro Mini	66	7	65	-1
Kiwihoops- Bounce	15	-4	13	-2
Total	434	-1	470	+46

## Referee Report:

Basketball Otago offered an In-Schools course to cater for the schools need to provide referees at tournaments. This was taken by approximately 100 students and deemed a success by BBO. There were more referee courses for Kiwihoops and Community referees in 2017, with some of the advanced courses being taken by BBO Referee Mentor Lachie Robertson, who also attend U13 Prems as a BBNZ Referee Trainer. We continue to look at mentoring and providing a development pathway for referees and referee trainers locally and thank the referee’s association for their support and collaboration with this.

## OPERATIONAL SUMMARY – COMPETITIONS

	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2018			JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Budget	Variance
<b>Income</b>						
Playing Income	168,355	167,687	668	160,897	160,144	753
Donations & Grants	50,000	39,500	10,500	34,600	30,000	4,600
Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	1,500	(1,500)
Other Income	3,403	-	3,403	-	-	-
	<b>221,758</b>	<b>207,187</b>	<b>14,571</b>	<b>195,497</b>	<b>191,644</b>	<b>3,853</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
Operational Expenses	81,156	86,664	(5,508)	89,882	82,374	(7,508)
Administration Expenses	56,151	57,461	(1,310)	49,380	46,480	(2,900)
	<b>137,307</b>	<b>144,125</b>	<b>(6,818)</b>	<b>150,784</b>	<b>128,854</b>	<b>(21,930)</b>
	<b>84,451</b>	<b>63,062</b>	<b>21,389</b>	<b>56,234</b>	<b>62,790</b>	<b>(6,556)</b>





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### DEVELOPMENT – NATALIE VISGER

During 2018 Basketball Otago again provided to our local communities a varied mix of development programmes to members of all ages and abilities. These were again delivered by our Development Officer Natalie Visger, along with a small supportive group of local coaches which ranged in skill set from national team coaches – representative coaches – school coaches & enthusiastic volunteers. We were also lucky to include American Dana Goularte in many of the in-school programs during her stint here playing with the Otago Gold Rush between May – July.

This resulted in visiting 35 schools across terms 1 & 2 exposing over 1500 children to skills sessions and fun activities relating to basketball specifics. Schools visited ranged from secondary to primary located in greater Dunedin, Mosgiel, Waitati, Lawrence, Outram, Karitane, Balclutha, Waihola, Alexandra, Wanaka, Ranfurly, Oamaru and Palmerston to name a few.

Holiday Camps were held in each of the terms and again proved popular although participation numbers we believe now impacted due to the influx of various holiday programmes across multiple sports offered at the same time. These were held during the school holidays in January, April, July and October.

These camps catered for entry level skill sets to kids who regularly played the game and involved older children from the Academy programme assisting with the delivery of Diggers camps as coach help which also develops their skill sets as leaders of the future.

The junior mid-week Diggers and Miners programmes continued to be offered with varying numbers, but which remained settled throughout the year considering the various options across multiple sports which are now being offered to parents.

In August we were lucky to host in association with Sports Pathways Trust the Steven Adams camp in Dunedin. This was a fantastic day where over 400 youth from across Otago and Southland converged on the Edgar Centre to participate in his camp which was all about fun and participation. A highlight from the camp which was very rewarding was the thirty plus local coaches who attended to assist in what was a very busy day.

We again finished the year with the Development League (D-League) which began in 2015 and which proved popular again in term four. This offered more access to our many resourceful coaches on a Sunday, and which highlighted game simulated specifics and various development techniques as a lead into the forthcoming representative programmes.



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### 2018 Development

#### Player Development

##### Term 1 –

- Holiday Camps x2 different formats
- Middle School Academy at Balmac. Intermediate
- Diggers (aged 5-8), Miners (aged 9-12), Girls Got Game (aged 5-8)
- Girls Only Sessions Taieri College
- Talent ID session (for a rep group)
- April Holiday Camps x3 different formats

##### Term 2 –

- Miners and Diggers
- U15 Academy
- Middle School Academy at Tahuna Intermediate
- U15-U18 Girls Only Sessions (talent ID), Rep (talent id) boy's sessions
- Holiday Camps x3 different formats
- Junior Club
- Kiwi Hoops Coaching Clinic (coaches for years 1-6)

##### Term 3 –

- Miners and Diggers
- U15 Academy
- Morning Middle School Academy at Tahuna Intermediate
- U13-U15 Girls sessions (talent ID), U13 Boys Sessions
- Junior Club
- Holiday Camps x3 different formats

##### Term 4 –

- Miners and Diggers and Girls Got Game
- U15 Academy
- U17 and Older sessions boys, U13 boy's sessions
- Girls Only Taieri College
- Morning Middle School Academy at Kavanagh College
- D-League

#### Coach Development Opportunities

Workshop	Description	Date	Time	Cost
Bounce / Mini (coaches of Year 1-4 players)	A practical session with players to learn	23 <sup>rd</sup> May and 30 <sup>th</sup> May (same clinic)	6-7.30pm	Free



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Pros (players in school years 5&6)	the level of skills and drills for the players and how to teach them, with group discussions and Q&A's	23 <sup>rd</sup> May and 30 <sup>th</sup> May (same clinic)	7.45-9pm	Free
All-Stars (players in year 7&8)		24 <sup>th</sup> May and 31 <sup>st</sup> May (same clinic)	6.30-8pm	Free
Secondary School	"How to get the best in the least amount of time." (main topic with side topics introduced)	10 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30-8.30pm	Free
Club		5th April	6.30-8.30pm	Free

### NEW - Basketball New Zealand Community Coach Course #1 (November)

**In-Schools** (most school visits done with Gold Rush import Dana Goularte and Development Officer)

Kiwi Hoops In-Schools and Have a Go Days or Sport Expo Days (Combined numbers) for terms 1-3 2018 = **1545, KPI was 1000.**

### OPERATIONAL SUMMARY – DEVELOPMENT

	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2018			JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Budget	Variance
<b>Income</b>						
Playing Income	31,447	27,700	3,747	25,213	32,375	(7,162)
Donations & Grants	65,700	58,000	7,700	55,500	50,000	5,500
Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	90	90	-	90
	97,147	85,700	11,447	80,803	82,375	(1,572)
<b>Expense</b>						
Operational Expenses	22,726	15,000	7,726	9,979	13,000	3,021
Administration Expenses	59,167	56,243	2,924	51,493	68,480	16,987
	81,893	71,243	10,650	61,472	81,480	20,008
	<b>15,254</b>	<b>14,457</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>19,331</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>18,436</b>





### OTAGO GOLDRUSH 2018 WBC CHAMPIONS

The 2018 Otago Gold Rush entered a new era for the Women's Basketball Championship (WBC) where the league was split into two separate tiers. Otago applied for and was successful in entering the elite tier for the 2018 season which comprised seven other teams from throughout New Zealand including the Taranaki Thunder, Tauranga City Coasters, Auckland Dream, Harbour Breeze, Waikato Country Cannons, Waikato Wizards and two-time defending champion Canterbury Wildcats. The season was again structured with an opening tournament in Tauranga in early May before a series of home and away games and a finals tournament proudly hosted by Basketball Otago at the beginning of May.

The Gold Rush were again in good hands under the direction of head coach Todd Marshall and assistants Dean Ruske and Greg Brockbank. We would also like to acknowledge Jan Shriffer, Suzanne Te Au and Glenda Kaan for their tireless efforts in managing the team during the 2018 season, and our fantastic volunteers who assisted on gameday with court setup or bench duty roles.

The team was represented well by several local athletes including 2018 Tall Fern Nicole Ruske. Junior Tall Fern Olivia O'Neill and returning US college athletes Brittany & Zoe Richards from their campuses in Alaska and Florida respectively.

2018 also seen the arrival of American Dana Goularte from Seattle who would go on to dazzle the league and be recognised as the league MVP in what ultimately became a championship season for the Gold Rush beating the Waikato Wizards at home in the final in early July.

The 2018 Otago Gold Rush wishes to acknowledge the financial support provided to the team which offers an opportunity and pathway for athletes and coaching staff to actively participate in the pinnacle domestic competition in the country for female basketballers.

A very big thank you to our sponsors: AM I FIT, Finance NZ Grant Richards & Bob Knox, MTF Dunedin, Edgar Centre, Tax Link Dunedin, Stirling Sports Dunedin, Hello World Brookers Travel Group, Establo Alpacas, Anytime Fitness, Cloud Cannon & Markhams Otago Limited, along with our community funding partners the Otago Community Trust, Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation & Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Trust.

#### **WBC 2018**

- Beat Tauranga City Coasters Tauranga
- Lost to Auckland Dream Tauranga
- Lost to Harbour Breeze Tauranga
- Beat Waikato Country Cannons Dunedin
- Beat Waikato Wizards Cambridge
- Beat Canterbury Wildcats Christchurch
- Beat Taranaki Thunder Dunedin
- Beat Tauranga City Coasters Dunedin
- Beat Canterbury Wildcats Dunedin
- Beat Auckland Dream Dunedin

Beat Harbour Breeze Dunedin *Semi-final*

Beat Waikato Wizards Dunedin *Final*

## WBC AWARDS

Todd Marshall – WBC Coach of the Year

Dana Goularte – WBC Most Valuable Player & All Star 5

Nicole Ruske – WBC All Star 5

## NZ PREMIER TEAM v UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII (CHRISTCHURCH)

Natalie Smith, Soraya Umaga-Jensen, Danielle Frost



## OPERATIONAL SUMMARY – OTAGO GOLDRUSH

	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2018			JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Budget	Variance
<b>Income</b>						
Donations & Grants	35,500	39,400	(3,900)	26,000	26,000	-
Sponsorship	5,575	5,000	575	15,500	20,000	(4,500)
Other Income	7,137	3,600	3,537	114	500	(386)
	48,212	48,000	(212)	41,614	46,500	(4,886)
<b>Expense</b>						
Operational Expenses	48,518	44,400	4,118	46,137	46,500	363
Administration Expenses	1,144	2,500	(1,356)	1,230	500	(730)
	49,662	46,900	238	47,366	47,000	(366)
	<b>(1,450)</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>(2,550)</b>	<b>(5,752)</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>(5,252)</b>





### TOURNAMENTS

The 2018 season saw Basketball Otago host various tournaments over the course of the year and included:

- Women's Basketball Championship (WBC) Playoffs
- U15, U17 & U19 Southern Zone Qualifying tournament
- U13 Southern Zone Qualifying tournament
- Club Pre-Season Blitz
- Burger King 3x3 Quest Tour

The zonal structure continues to work well together to organise a fair and balanced number of tournaments for all regions in each age group across our regions. With Basketball Otago hosting some of the major tournaments, it ensured our representative and local school teams had less travel as well as being able to showcase their talents locally. In 2019 the zone will continue to hold U13 pre-season tournaments in Gore as well as trialling the U19 qualifying tournament in Queenstown to ensure each association has an ability to showcase representative basketball in the south.

Unfortunately, there was no scheduled secondary school tournaments in Dunedin during 2018 with the junior premierships held in Nelson, and the senior premierships at our zonal partners Southland.

The Women's Basketball Championship is a league on the rise catering for females active in the highest domestic competition in New Zealand. Basketball Otago was proud to host the championship playoffs in Dunedin and rallied behind fantastic local support to win five matches over three days to win the final against a very strong Waikato Wizards side. Following on from the tournament it was rewarding to receive very positive feedback on the staging of the playoffs and the awards dinner/ceremony which was delivered at the tournaments completion and catered for over 200 invitees.

We pride ourselves on delivering great experiences at our tournaments and we must pay special thanks to the large volunteer base we are able to rely on to assist us with organising these events which we very much appreciate, and which do not go unnoticed.

The continued support from the Edgar Centre also provides a vital cog in securing tournaments to host and we acknowledge Blair Crawford and his staff for their ongoing support of basketball.



### REPRESENTATIVE

During 2018 Basketball Otago again provided representative team opportunities for many players and sent seven teams to national championships held across NZ as well as three teams to the U13 regional finals held in Nelson.

We were delighted with the performances of our teams during the representative calendar and of those which attended their respective national championships four teams finished within the top eight of their age groups which is a great achievement for our association. To have all our age group teams finish in the top twelve at national championships is also great recognition of the team support staff who tirelessly give up their time to make our youth better whether as coaching or management staff.

At regional U13 championships held in Nelson our boys had a tough tournament finishing seventh, while our girl's 'A' squad were crowned champions in the top grade and our 'B' team finishing the development section in a credible third placing.

Basketball Otago would like to recognize the tireless efforts of all the coaches and managers that put in an incredible amount of time into our representative programme. Our coaches are among the best in the country, our managers never miss a beat, and our players benefit because of this.

We would also like to formally thank our funders and sponsors who assisted our representative teams with financial contributions, so our players were able to attend age group national championships, particularly the Southern Victorian Charitable Trust.

Basketball Otago congratulates and recognises the achievements of our local coaches & managers on their appointments to NZ national teams in 2018.

- Natalie Visger – Under 16 Girls Head Coach
- Gavin Briggs – Junior Tall Blacks Assistant Coach
- Brent Matehaere – Under 16 Boys Assistant Coach
- Glenda Kaan – U16 Girls Manager

Congratulations also to our local referees who represented us well at representative tournaments:

- Nathan Buchanan  
– U19 National Championships
- Angus Henderson  
– U15 National Championships.
- Tyler Summers, Veronika Luthar & Colin Ramsey  
– U13 South Island Regional Championships



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### 2018 REPRESENTATIVE RESULTS - NATIONALS

#### ***U23 Men***

Nationals: Otago 11<sup>th</sup>

#### ***U23 Women***

Nationals: Otago 5<sup>th</sup>

#### ***Under 19 Men***

Nationals: Otago 9<sup>th</sup>

#### ***Under 17 Boys***

Nationals: Otago 6<sup>th</sup> – Michael Ruske Tournament Team

#### ***Under 17 Girls***

Nationals: Otago 9<sup>th</sup>

#### ***Under 15 Boys***

Nationals: Otago 8<sup>th</sup>

#### ***Under 15 Girls***

Nationals: Otago 8<sup>th</sup> – Libby Briggs Tournament Team

#### ***Under 13 Boys***

Regionals: Otago A 7<sup>th</sup>

#### ***Under 13 Girls***

Regionals: Otago Gold 1<sup>st</sup>

Otago Blue 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 2017 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

#### **Under 13 Boys A, B & Development teams**

Asher Cockburn, Tom Strickland, Tumai Campbell, Emerson Michael-Roberts, Ethan Hudson, Ben Casey, Jackson Hamilton, Malachi Sem-Cheyne, Rayyed Rahman, Charlie Bauchop, Joshua Vink, Tyla McIntosh, Tate Cameron, Baxter Lewis, Jaxon Thomson, Moka Elone, Jacoby Hooper, Harry Summers, Jackson Hughan, Tom Wilson, Cristopher Christoff, Harrison Friend, Victor Christoff.

Coaches: Glen Summers, Farrell Cameron

Managers: Tom Casey

#### **Under 13 Girls A & B teams**

Emma Grey, Pip Eason, Zaraya Taifa, Libby Challis, Holly Rowcroft, Lily Pelvin-Phillips, Alexa Duff, Tilly Ruthven, Lucy Morrison, Charli Sinclair, Amelia Hollows, Neve Beattie, Elise Carline, Holly Lightfoot, Millie MacKenzie, Cait Shaw-Ryan, Ryan Dailey, Sarah Donaldson, Amelia Loudon, Georgia Latu.

Head Coaches: Malcom Duff, Natalie Visger, Brett Dailey, Gary Smyth

Managers: Claire Challis, Jodine MacKenzie



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### **Under 15 A Boys**

Danyon Ashcroft, Lachie Cameron, Oscar Cameron, Ollie Cashmore, Matheson Colqhoun, Tapuvae Faitonu, Hamish Faulks, Noah McDowall, Max O'Connor, Eric Peita, Jacob Waide

Head Coach: Darcy Knox

Manager: Stacy Peita

### **Under 15 B Boys**

Will Andrews, Will Challis, Osker Grey, Solomon Harcombe, Ioane Iaseto, Ben Joseph, Isaac Robertson, Caleb Simpson, Ollie Smythe, Ale Tupai

Head Coach: Karl Andrews

Managers: Liam Goolie, David Grant, Kylie Cashmore

### **Under 15 Development Boys**

Isaac Adams, Omar Arekatera Te Ra, Harrison Clarke, Will Coggan, Liam Gardiner, Jack Henderson, Beau Lundy, Bronson Monga, Dillon Pledger, Colin Ramsey

Head Coach: Nic Sullivan

Manager: Mark Adams

### **Under 15 A Girls**

Shyah Beattie, Libby Briggs, Ella Gomez, Taylor Hamilton, Abby Harris, Ella MacKenzie, Jaymee Meffan, Tessa Milton, Laura Ring, Grace Southby, Danni Thomson, Star Uriaro

Head Coach: Gavin Briggs

Manager: Kathleen Ring

### **Under 15 B Girls**

Asha Robinson, Sylvie Latton, Zoe Melville, Brenna Lyons, Ella Southby, Te Atawha Campbell, Olivia Matheson, Olivia Hall, Sophia Tutty

Head Coach: Steve Robinson

Assistant Coaches: Lisa Matheson, Michael Hall

Manager: Anna Taylor

### **Under 17 A Boys**

Shaquille Berwick, Angus Cameron, Will Edwards, Benji Freeman, Henry Freeman, Dallas Hartmann, Angus Henderson, Don Morrison, Jack Muir, Matt Pyper, Josh Reeves, Michael Ruske

Head Coach: Dean Ruske

Assistant Coach: Benoit Hayman

Managers: Tracey Hartmann, Lisa Edwards

### **Under 17 B Boys**

Lucas Adnitt, Harry Coggan, Gabe Gallagher, Jared Gibson, Brayden Henry, Sam Hope, Ben Horlock, Rikki Kerr, Kyle Morado, Brad Ruddenklau



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Head Coach: Benoit Hayman  
Assistant Coach: Angela Ruske  
Manager: Lyndon Hope

### **Under 17 A Girls**

Oceana Campbell, Olivia Gain, Isabella Henderson, Zanthé Herbert, Madi Loudon, Hannah Matehaere, Kyra McEntyre, Jenna Paterson, Libby Renwick, Annabelle Ring, Anita Samisoni, Dre Whaanga  
Head Coach: Brent Matehaere  
Manager: Kate Jerram

### **Under 19 A Men**

George Bright, Alex Byars, Nga Cruden, Nathan Hanna, Xavier Herbert, Mitch Hughan, Scott Kitto, Tai Porima-Flavell, Ben Reeves, Harley Ruru, Josh Stoddard, Tyler Summers  
Head Coach: Greg Brockbank  
Assistant Coach: Jeff Cheshire  
Co-Managers: Rachel Hanna & Glenda Kaan

### **Under 19 B Men**

Daniel Cook, Min Kang, Cayden Scott, Jack Souness, Mark Xie, George Bright, Nga Cruden, Alex Byars.  
Coach: Jeff Cheshire  
Manager: Glenda Kaan

### **U19 Southern Zone Women (joint team with Southland)**

Sahdina Anderson, Alex Bennett, Tyra Dunn, Elly Koehler, Olivia McManaway, Olivia O'Neill, Becky Paterson, Kendra Robinson, Alana Wouters  
Head Coach: Gerard Mullin  
Assistant Coaches: Maine Johnson, Bert Tobias

### **U23 Men**

Conor Coll, Tom Davison, Logan Dicker, Jamie MacDonald, Joseph McAuley, Taine Pakai, Tai Porima-Flavell, Ben Reeves, Hamish Robertson, Ben Ross, Michael Ruske  
Head Coach: Mitchell Langton  
Managers: Katherine Richards & Liz Bermingham

### **U23 Women**

Alex Bennett, Kaylee Bezett, Rosie Davison, Kate Edwards, Hannah Matehaere, Brittany Richards, Estelle Schuler, Georgia Te Au, Kelly Thompson, Alana Wouters  
Head Coach: Greg Brockbank  
Managers: Katherine Richards & Liz Bermingham