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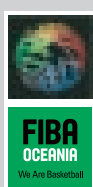
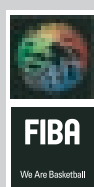


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from our president



Barbara Wheadon



Mel Young

The board's highest priority in 2008 was to ensure that Basketball New Zealand focused its depleted resources on maintaining key development programmes.

The loss of the services of coach and player development manager Ollie Duffield mid-year left us very short of coaching resources, but a restructuring of tasks ensured the various camps, clinics and national teams activities were continued.

In addition, the organisation suffered through the ill health of community basketball manager Glenda Rodger, who had to cut back her work load after a very bad fall while playing basketball. As sick as she was, Glenda was able to achieve one amazing feat, increasing the BBNZ database to just under 50,000 participants. It has been heralded by FIBA as the key achievement for the FIBA Organizer project in 2008 and I am sure you all join me in wishing Glenda a speedy recovery.

I have been delighted to be Basketball New Zealand president for seven years and had signaled a year ago this would be my last. International commitments need attending to and I continue to be president of FIBA Oceania and a member of the FIBA Central Board through until 2010.

I recall 10 years ago, BBNZ was a very small organisation struggling to find funds to develop pathways for participants. Funding continues to be this organisation's biggest challenge as new opportunities unfold each year. Changes in the structure of Sparc were amazingly beneficial for BBNZ, because they signaled a plan with key performance targets and suggested rather nicely "meet them and we will help you". At BBNZ, we took on that challenge and were well rewarded over many years.

The opportunities have opened up internationally. I recall the first meeting FIBA Oceania held to establish rules that allowed the NZ Breakers to participate in the Australian league. We carefully crafted rules to allow our NZ players to play as locals in this league. The benefits have been immense, opening doors for our up-and-coming players and bringing our established campaigners back home to continue their careers.

I also recall the transition of our tournaments and development programmes into a 12-month calendar, and the resourcing of associations with field development officers to help develop administration and governance of their organisations.

And, of course, the international successes of our Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns, who have now attended every Olympic Games since 2000.

The highlight going forward will be the hosting of the FIBA U19 World Championships for Men in July 2009. This is a unique opportunity for Basketball New Zealand and FIBA Oceania.

The establishment of pathways through international opportunities brings with it new challenges. Within the current FIBA competition structure, both Australia and especially New Zealand have limited opportunities to participate in FIBA women's and junior world events, given that only one Oceania team can qualify for most FIBA championships. The recent Sparc decision to cut Tall Fern funding can be examined in this context. Two Oceania teams currently qualify for the FIBA World Championships for Men, providing a pathway (and thus Sparc funding) for our Tall Blacks, though not our Tall Ferns and age-group teams.

Within the current competition pathway, the commercial opportunities available

through FIBA Oceania Championships are practically non-existent compared to other FIBA zones.

BBNZ strongly supports FIBA's intention to bring FIBA Oceania and FIBA Asia into an as-yet undefined relationship. In terms of both the competition pathway and the realisation of commercial opportunities, the FIBA proposal is critical to the future of New Zealand basketball. Our community needs to establish relationships with Asian basketball at every level, while maintaining its important and close working relationship with FIBA. This is the most important strategic task facing your board.

The first Youth Olympics will be conducted by the IOC in Singapore during 2010 and every four years thereafter. Basketball will be presented in a three-on-three (FIBA 33) format, rather than the traditional international game. Every national Olympic committee can send only 70 athletes to that event, so it is important that we not only petition our NOC to ensure basketball is on the list of sports represented, but that our basketball community embrace and develop the FIBA 33 format within our programmes.

The growth of our national age-group championships following the introduction of a zone structure is marked, as is the continuing growth of our school championships following the establishment of A and AA divisions. But with the success have come challenges around venues, ensuring referee numbers and the financial support of host associations. Discussion has also arisen around national tournaments as vehicles for participation as opposed to raising the level of elite competition by reducing the number of teams qualifying from premierships.

My thanks to Mel Young, who has been the source of much wise and considered counsel for me over many years. In the past three months, Mel has taken over the reins of presidency so I could concentrate on the activities of the FIBA Oceania zone.

To my fellow board members over the past ten years, many thanks for the advice, support and careful consideration of the many challenges around our board table. Our community has been well served by the experience and skills of our board members over many years.

I would also like to thank the staff at BBNZ, who we know share the board's determination to lead and serve the sport in New Zealand.

Lastly, to the many basketball players, administrators, official and fans, my very best wishes in your quest for success.

Remember to "skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been" (Wayne Gretzky).

Barbara Wheadon, MNZM
President 2002–2008



from our chief executive



Dale Stephens

2008 was a huge year for basketball on many fronts.

Our Tall Ferns were Beijing-bound and enjoyed their most comprehensive build-up ever. Our Tall Blacks faced a huge Olympic qualifying challenge in travelling to Athens, where they ultimately fell to the powerful Greek team at the Athens Olympic Stadium. Our Junior Tall Blacks tasted top level competition in Germany, our Junior Tall Ferns won the "Main Event" tournament in Las Vegas, and we continue to see our brightest talent securing scholarships and contracts around the world.

At home, the Waikato Pistons stole game two at the Century City Wellington Saints' home court to secure their NBL title. The Christchurch Sirens completed their inaugural season, surprising many with nine wins against all but eventual champions Adelaide. St Patrick's College (Wellington) boys and Church College (Hamilton) girls repeated as secondary school champions. All our national tournaments were well subscribed and our Koru tour, All-NZ Camps and development programmes continued apace. The NZ Breakers experienced playoffs basketball for the first time and have made another run to the playoff this year... we wish them every success.

In April, two major events took place on the international basketball scene, both in Beijing. At the Good Luck Beijing Olympic test event, the Tall Ferns defeated the world champion Australian Opals for the first time ever. I was privileged to be courtside for the victory and was proud to see this team play with such composure and tenacity. The next day, New Zealand won hosting rights for the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship for Men. This event will take place this July in Auckland and is a huge opportunity for us to showcase basketball to Kiwis and our country to the rest of the basketball world.

This year has had its share of challenges. The off-court struggles of the Sirens, the challenges of the NBL and the infrastructure for women's basketball have

been major issues to grapple with. Pleasing progress is being made on all these fronts and 2009 should see a number of new initiatives being implemented. We also know of the financial risk that regularly faces the sports sector in New Zealand. This has been amplified with the current financial uncertainty that besets us all and careful planning has taken place to ensure we are as fortified from risk as possible.

A huge thank you to the staff at BBNZ for their service to the sport they love, to the referees, coaches, officials and staff for their commitment, to the associations and the volunteers for their devotion to the sport. Basketball also truly appreciates the support of its financial supporters such as Sparc, NZOC (through the IOC Solidarity fund), the charitable trusts and commercial sponsors, who partner with us at various levels to help deliver the programmes across the country that benefit us all. These sponsors are detailed throughout this report.

Finally, a quiet moment of reflection for those who have passed away this year. Basketball is particularly blessed with passionate and enduring participants at all levels. Sadly, we have lost some near and dear friends, whanau, competitors, supporters and officials in 2008. Their contribution is truly appreciated and they are fondly remembered.

Nga mihi ki a koutou i te roopu
o poitukohu o Aotearoa.

Dale Stephens
CEO 2008





new zealand tall blacks



TALL BLACKS

BASKETBALL NEW ZEALAND

After failing to qualify through the Oceania zone in 2007, the NZ men faced a tough journey to Europe and a world qualifying tournament if their Beijing Olympic dream was to be fulfilled.

At the same time, the Tall Blacks were clearly in need of new blood and although coach Nenad Vucinic was retained through the next three years, he was immediately confronted with the retirement or unavailability of five veteran players.

These two conflicting goals—rebuilding during an Olympic qualifying campaign—was always likely to make 2008 a rocky road, but by the end of their schedule, the Kiwis had shown they could still compete internationally and needed to persevere in their search for experience at that level.

After two heavy losses to Australia, the Tall Blacks also suffered at the hands of Canada, before regrouping against Lebanon and turning the tables on their Canadian hosts on their national holiday. In Slovenia, New Zealand defeated Asian champions Iran, and ran highly rated Slovenia and Puerto Rico close as they tuned up for the Olympic qualifiers.

They opened their repechage schedule by beating Africans Cape Verde to secure a spot in the quarterfinals, but were thwarted by old nemesis Germany in pool play and eventually eliminated by in-form hosts (and world championship runners-up) Greece.

During the build-up to that encounter with the Greeks, the Tall Blacks witnessed a touching show of sportsmanship when opposition captain Theo Papaloukas, hands raised, stepped to midcourt to quieten the home crowd's whistling at the haka.

By the end of the campaign, Vucinic had introduced four new players to the Tall Black ranks as part of the retooling exercise and promoted several other fringe contributors into major roles.

In 2009, New Zealand faces Australia at the FIBA Oceania Championships, but with both teams virtually assured of qualifying for the 2010 FIBA World Championships for Men in Turkey, they will be jockeying for the more favourable draw.



Squad: Craig Bradshaw, Pero Cameron (captain), Michael Fitchett, Casey Frank, Ben Hill, Nick Horvath, Jeremy Kench, Kirk Penney, Alex Pledger, Lindsay Tait, Mika Vukona, Corey Webster, Paora Winitana

Coach: Nenad Vucinic • **Assistant Coach:** Dean Vickerman

Video Technician: Dillon Boucher • **Manager:** Grant Chapman

Physiotherapists: Matt Wenham, Bryce Ebben • **Doctor:** Rob Riley

Trainer: Claire Dallison

Ramsay Shield, Auckland & Melbourne

Lost to Australia 75-60

Lost to Australia 94-60

Jack Donoghue Invitational, Canada

Lost to Canada 90-63

Beat Lebanon 84-71

Beat Canada 77-69

Alpos Cup, Maribor, Slovenia

Lost to Puerto Rico 82-74

Lost to Slovenia 73-67

Beat Iran 91-80

FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament, Athens, Greece

Beat Cape Verde 77-50

Lost to Germany 89-71

Lost to Greece 75-48



new zealand tall ferns



TALL FERNS

BASKETBALL NEW ZEALAND

To describe 2008 as a challenging year for the NZ women's team would be a huge understatement.

Having qualified for the Beijing Olympics by beating Fiji in the 2007 Oceania Championships, Basketball New Zealand succeeded in convincing the NZ Olympic Committee the Tall Ferns were worthy of selection.

To help prepare the team for Beijing, BBNZ and Canterbury Basketball, in partnership with entrepreneur Jan Cameron, established the Christchurch Sirens to contest the Australian Women's National Basketball League.

This programme saw a nucleus of national team players based in Christchurch under the guidance of Tall Fern assistant Leigh Gooding, living and training together on a daily basis, and experiencing and benefiting from a high level of competition over the summer.

The Sirens provided an ideal platform for the international schedule and undoubtedly helped the Ferns to some encouraging results at the Good Luck Beijing Olympic test event in April, including their first ever victory over the world champions Australia.

The Ferns roster received an unexpected boost when Stanford University products Jillian Harmon and Clare Bodensteiner declared their Kiwi eligibility and just days after playing in the NCAA title game, Harmon led her adopted country to their historic win over the Opals.

In May, the team embarked on a tough tour of Europe that exposed them to a range of playing styles from Africa (Angola), Europe (Spain and Czech Republic) and Asia (Japan).

Coach Mike McHugh admitted the team's preparation for Beijing could not have been better, but the draw had not treated the Tall Ferns kindly, landing them in the same pool as reigning Olympic champions USA, in-form hosts China and European powerhouses Spain and Czech Republic.

After defeating African champions Mali in their Olympic opener, the Kiwis were unable to produce an upset that would promote them to the quarterfinals.

In 2009, the NZ women face the daunting task of defeating Oceania titleholders Australia again to qualify for the 2010 FIBA World Championships for Women in the Czech Republic.



Squad: Suzie Bates, Clare Bodensteiner, Micaela Cocks, Toni Edmondson, Jillian Harmon, Aneka Kerr, Karlene Kingi, Jess McCormack, Kate McMeeken-Ruscoe, Angela Marino, Charmian Purcell, Natalie Purcell, Lisa Wallbutton, Noni Wharemate

Coach: Mike McHugh • **Assistant Coach:** Leigh Gooding

Video Technician: Kennedy Kereama • **Manager:** Louise Hogarth

Physiotherapist: Karen Sutton • **Doctor:** Lynne Coleman

AIS Training Camp Scrimmages

Lost to Australia 84-39

Lost to Australia 80-60

Tour to China & Good Luck Beijing Olympic Test Event

Lost to China 71-67

Lost to Cuba 75-71

Lost to Korea 90-78

Lost to China 99-73

Lost to USA 78-60

Beat Australia 63-59

Lost to Korea 70-67

Tour to Czech Republic & Spain

Beat Angola 63-55

Lost to Spain 77-58

Lost to Japan 71-67

Beat Angola 69-60

Lost to Czech Republic 72-51

Lost to Czech Republic 73-46

Beijing Olympics

Beat Mali 76-72

Lost to Spain 85-62

Lost to China 80-63

Lost to Czech Republic 90-59

Lost to USA 96-60

national junior teams

With another first coming in 2009, as New Zealand hosts its first-ever world championship in Auckland, the Junior Tall Blacks produced another first for BBNZ's junior age-group programme, competing at the Albert Schweitzer Tournament in Germany.

It was the first major international experience for the JTBs, who will also compete in the country's first world championship in July, and a 68-54 win over Israel was the highlight. The JTBs also competed in the Conference Basketball League, qualifying for the Finals weekend but unable to attend due to the FIBA Oceania Championships.

Behind the play of Erin Rooney, Chevannah Paalvast and Jelena Vucinic, the Junior Tall Ferns swept through the varsity girls division at The Main Event in Las Vegas, earning New Zealand's first title.

The 2008 high performance projects continue part of a 10-year talent development plan aimed at producing world class athletes and coaches. The programme includes the regional and cluster camp programmes and national junior teams.

Junior Tall Blacks

Squad: Duane Bailey (Waitakere City), David Beck (Wellington), Adam Dunstan (Western Bay of Plenty), Tom du Chatenier (Wellington), Poutu Edwards (Counties Manukau), James Holland (Canterbury), Sam King (Otago), Rob Loe (North Harbour), Morgan Nathan (Otago), Hemi Pairama-Lewington (Wellington), Dion Prewster (Wellington), Adam Rainbird (Nelson), Brook Ruscoe (Porirua), Dennis Tawhiti (Counties Manukau), Logan van Beek (Canterbury), Thomas Webb (Wellington)

Coach: Kenny McFadden • **Assistant Coach:** Jozsef Molnar
Assistant Coach: Judd Flavell • **Manager:** Debbie Webb

Albert Schweitzer Tournament, Mannheim, Germany

- Lost to Spain 104-66
- Lost to Argentina 77-60
- Lost to Croatia 105-77
- Beat Israel 68-54
- Lost to France 84-65
- Lost to Russia 90-65

FIBA Oceania U19 Championships, Adelaide, Australia

- Lost to Australia 94-67
- Lost to Australia 84-71
- Lost to Australia 81-60

Junior Tall Ferns

Squad: Rebecca Dew (North Harbour), Harriet Fenwick (Canterbury), Samara Gallaher (Otago), Cody Hippolite (Wellington), Jordan Hunter (Counties Manukau), Kezia Kelly (North Harbour), Zoe Kensington (New Plymouth), Kate Lacey (North Harbour), Hannah Mackay (Canterbury), Milika Nathan (North Harbour), Chevannah Paalvast (Massey), Erin Rooney (Canterbury), Jelena Vucinic (Nelson)

Coach: Darrell Pene • **Assistant Coach:** Tania Hunter
Manager: Philomena Terei

The Main Event, Las Vegas, USA

- Beat Hoops Dreams (Idaho) 44-25
- Beat Triple Threat (Washington) 75-30
- Beat Bloomington Panthers (Indiana) 36-34
- Beat ECI Select East (North Dakota) 51-28
- Beat Fort Worth Gray (Texas) 44-27
- Beat ECI Select West (North Dakota) 57-50

FIBA Oceania U19 Championships, Adelaide, Australia

- Lost to Australia 71-43
- Lost to Australia 78-49
- Lost to Australia 81-46

NZ U18 Men

Squad: Michael Aitken (Thames Valley), Jake Ashby (Wellington), Vincent George (Canterbury), James Holland (Canterbury), Winston Li (Wellington), Hayden Miller (Otago), Thomas Rowe (Otago), Ethan Rusbatch (Canterbury), Ethan Tammler (Auckland), Manu Telefoni (Wellington)

Coach: Deslea Wrathall • **Assistant Coach:** Kevin Smith
Manager: Paul King

Australia U18 Championships, Ballarat, Victoria

- Lost to NSW Country 78-66
- Lost to Victoria Metro 95-46
- Lost to Queensland South 83-78
- Lost to SA Metro 74-50
- Beat WA Country 84-59
- Beat Tasmania 91-57
- Lost to WA Metro 90-54
- Lost Victoria Country 76-73



NZ U18 Women

Squad: Mesha Blair (Massey), Mikayla Blair (North Harbour), Jasmine Davis (Wellington), Natasha Hall (North Harbour), Awhina Karawana (Hutt Valley), Anna Lacey (North Harbour), Rebecca Lough (Canterbury), Hannah Mackay (Canterbury), Freda Riwai (North Harbour), Jasana Salmon (Wellington)

Coach: Angela Perrott-Hunt • **Assistant Coach:** Bert Tobia

Apprentice Coach: Helen Richardson • **Manager:** Philomena Terei

Australia U18 Championships, Ballarat, Victoria

Lost to Queensland South 72-54

Lost to NSW Metro 71-50

Lost to Victoria Country 71-62

Lost to SA Metro 99-70

Lost to WA Country 66-63

Beat Tasmania 93-86

Beat ACT 57-52

Lost to Queensland North 79-52

NZ U16 Boys

Squad: James Ashby (Massey), Alonzo Burton (Hawke's Bay), Magnus Holding (North Harbour), Michael Karena (North Canterbury), Jordan Ngatai (Porirua), Chris McIntyre (Wellington), Elliot Noble (Canterbury), Kirk Rangiawha (Waikato), Croydon Thompson (Canterbury), Tim Wyatt (North Harbour)

Coach: Doug Courtney • **Assistant Coach:** Seth Weakley

Apprentice Coach: Jamie Hall • **Manager:** Shona Miller

Australia U16 Championships, Kalamunda, West Australia

Beat SA Country 87-70

Beat WA Metro 89-53

Beat Northern Territory 84-55

Lost to Queensland North 91-79

Lost to Victoria Country 68-35

Lost to NSW Metro 78-71

Beat NSW Country 95-86

Lost to Queensland South 84-80

NZ U16 Girls

Squad: Georgia Agnew (Waikato), Aleesha Coulter (Counties Manukau), Megan Craig (Whangarei), Renee Johnson (Otago), Kayla Kiriau (Wellington), Marlia Lisala (Canterbury), Georgina Papahadjis (Canterbury), Shannon Perrett (Nelson), Josie Stockill (Hawke's Bay), Moengaroa Subritzky (Waitakere City)

Coach: Sue Pene • **Assistant Coach:** Sarah Molisa

Manager: Margaret Courtney

Australia U16 Championships, Kalamunda, West Australia

Lost to SA Metro 82-43

Lost to Queensland South 85-48

Lost to NSW Metro 85-70

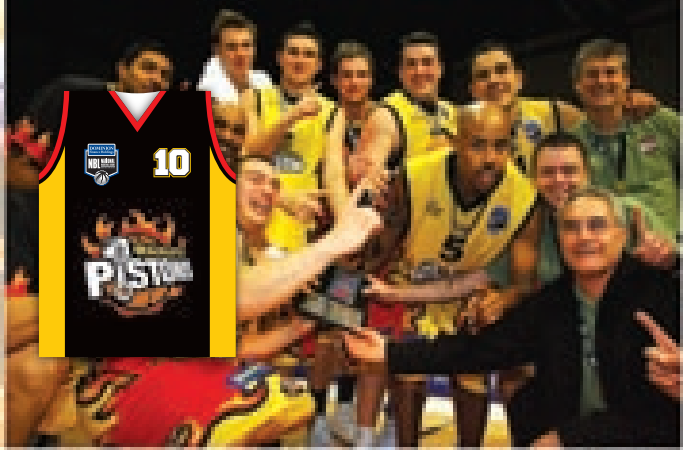
Lost to Victoria Country 77-56

Lost to WA Country 59-56

Lost to Tasmania 73-65

Beat Northern Territory 76-57





national basketball league

The 2008 National Basketball League season saw one of New Zealand basketball's greats win his first and last championship.

The late Murray McMahon guided the Waikato Pistons to his first NBL title with an upset 2–0 sweep of the Century City Wellington Saints but died 18 days later after suffering a heart attack.

McMahon, who moved into a club that had previously only included former Tall Blacks coaches Keith Mair and Tab Baldwin and current national team coach Nenad Vucinic of coaching 200 NBL games during the season, ended his career with a 71–139 record.

The NBL's 27th season marked the third straight year the regular season winner had fallen short of the championship.

In a fitting NBL Finals series featuring the Saints and Pistons, who had traded the competition lead since week two, the Pistons claimed Waikato's third championship and first since 2002.

The off-season for the NBL saw change, with the board re-organised to give franchises more of a say in the running of the league. The NBL board now features two franchise representatives, two independents and a BBNZ representative.

Regular Season

- 1 Century City Wellington Saints
- 2 Waikato Pistons
- 3 Appliance Shed Harbour Heat
- 4 Easy LPG Bay Hawks
- 5 CPS Nelson Giants
- 6 Youthtown Auckland Stars
- 7 Devon Dynamos Taranaki
- 8 Property Brokers Manawatu Jets
- 9 Marley Canterbury Rams
- 10 Cartridge World Otago Nuggets

Playoffs

Quarterfinals

CPS Nelson Giants 78 (Phill Jones 27)
Easy LPG Bay Hawks 75 (Kareem Johnson 23)
Youthtown Auckland Stars 94 (Adrian Majstrovich 24, George Baker 24)
Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 84 (Oscar Forman 26)

Semifinals

Century City Wellington Saints 86 (Luke Martin 21)
CPS Nelson Giants 75 (Michael Harrison 21)
Waikato Pistons 86 (Brian Wethers 26)
Youthtown Auckland Stars 80 (Adrian Majstrovich 26)

Finals

Game 1:

Waikato Pistons 95 (Jason Crowe 26)
Century City Wellington Saints 78 (Nick Horvath 37)

Game 2:

Waikato Pistons 84 (Pero Cameron 20)
Century City Wellington Saints 79 (Brendon Polyblank 19, Nick Horvath 19)

Awards

Champions: Waikato Pistons

Runners-up: Century City Wellington Saints

Regular Season Winners: Century City Wellington Saints

MVP: Jason Crowe (Waikato Pistons)

Kiwi MVP: Casey Frank (Youthtown Auckland Stars)

All-Star Five: Jason Crowe (Waikato Pistons), Casey Frank (Youthtown Auckland Stars), Ernest Scott (Century City Wellington Saints), Brian Wethers (Waikato Pistons), Nick Horvath (Century City Wellington Saints)

Outstanding Guard (Keith Carr Trophy): Jason Crowe (Waikato Pistons)

Outstanding Forward (Commissioner's Cup):

Casey Frank (Youthtown Auckland Stars)

Outstanding Kiwi Guard (John Macdonald Trophy):

Phill Jones (CPS Nelson Giants)

Outstanding Kiwi Forward (Stan Hill Trophy):

Casey Frank (Youthtown Auckland Stars)

Rookie of the Year: Tyrone Davey (Youthtown Auckland Stars)

Coach of the Year: Doug Marty (Century City Wellington Saints)

Scoring Champion (Alan Bland Memorial Trophy):

Brian Wethers (Waikato Pistons)

Rebounding Champion (Garry Pettis Memorial Trophy):

Antoine Tisby (Cartridge World Otago Nuggets)

Assist Champion (Dave Taylor Trophy): Jason Crowe (Waikato Pistons)

Best Team Free-Throws (Nial Forsyth Trophy):

Appliance Shed Harbour Heat

Administrator of the Year: Sarah Moulder (CPS Nelson Giants)

Media Award: Adrian Seconi (Otago Daily Times)

Finals Officials: Gavin Whiu, Dallas Pickering, Tim Brown, Andy Thackray

conference basketball league

The 2008 season marked a time for change in the Conference Basketball League.

After three years of holding the four-posted trophy, Jeff Green and the Waikato Titans had to hand it over to the hometown Wellington Saints after a successful CBL Finals weekend in the capital.

Using Saints NBL forward Arthur Trousdell as their import and also featuring end-of-the-bench NBL guys Matt Te Huna, Brendon Pongia, Randall Bishop and Hugh Quinlivan, the Saints marched through to win the Central Conference during the regular season, then overcame a loss to the North Otago Penguins in pool play to grab the title.

The win, in a small way, made up for losing the NBL Finals for members of the Saints team and owner Nick Mills.

Conference Winners

Northern: Actrix Networks Waikato Titans

Central: Wellington Saints

Southern: North Otago Penguins

Final Placings

August 28-30, Wellington

- 1 Wellington Saints
- 2 Waikato Titans
- 3 North Otago Penguins
- 4 Wellington
- 5 Auckland
- 6 Western Bay Suns
- 7 Harbour Heat Reserves
- 8 Turanga Health Rising Suns

Final

Wellington Saints 90 (Arthur Trousdell 23)
Actrix Networks Waikato Titans 84 (Earl Smith 18)

Awards

Champions: Wellington Saints

Runners-up: Waikato Titans

Finals MVP: Arthur Trousdell (Wellington Saints)

Tournament team: Arthur Trousdell (Wellington Saints), Matt Te Huna (Wellington Saints), Earl Smith (Waikato Titans), Dalun Smith (North Otago Penguins), Troy McLean (Wellington)

Final Officials: Bo Wills-Choat, Yalla Edwards, Grant Flanagan



trailblazers fiba 40 years

Last year marked the 40th anniversary of the creation of the FIBA Oceania zone. Basketball New Zealand life member Cedric Cudby reflects on New Zealand's part in this birth and the men who paved the way for today's Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns.

In 1965, the New Zealand Men's Basketball Association commissioned a sub-committee to look at ways to get our national team some regular fixtures. This group was named the "tours committee" and consisted of chairman Cedric Cudby, national executive members Tom Kiely and George Wilson, and co-opted members Mike Squibbs, (Wellington Basketball Association), Tony Arcus (Hutt Valley Basketball Association) and Don Sewell (Hutt Valley Basketball Association).

From the outset, the tours committee decided the most logical and cost-effective way to achieve our goal would be to look to Australia for regular competition, so early contact was made with Al Ramsay, Secretary General of the Amateur Basketball Union of Australia (ABUA), as it was known at that time.

After asking Al for his help to put our proposed plan into effect, the committee discovered he had attended the 1964 FIBA Congress in Tokyo with a proposal to set up an Oceania qualification zone, and was asked to generate some support within the area and bring his proposal back to the next congress in Mexico four years later.

Al was grateful to have New Zealand's support and a very strong working relationship developed with him. The committee wasted no time appointing Tom Kiely to be our official delegate and work closely with Al to achieve this objective.

There wasn't always a smooth passage over the next three years in either country. Al met with some opposition in Australia to his proposal, as did the tours committee in New Zealand, but both parties believed if basketball was to develop in this area, we needed to have this zone, so we became very determined to drive it through.

Tom attended meetings in Brisbane 1965, Melbourne 1966, Perth 1967, (Don Sewell attended this meeting to support Tom at his own expense) and Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea 1968, after which the finished proposal was sent to FIBA for the agenda in Mexico.

Al Ramsay presented the proposal at the congress on behalf of the Oceania region and the New Zealand delegate, Lance Cross, spoke to it. History records that the proposal was carried unanimously, so Oceania was finally blessed with a qualifying zone.

After the success in Mexico, Al Ramsay convened a meeting in Sydney 1969 and the Oceania Basketball Confederation was officially launched. This meeting was attended by Lance Cross, Tom Kiely and observer Maurie Henshall of New Zealand, who had paid his own expenses.

Lance Cross was elected inaugural president and Al Ramsay secretary general.

While there was some opinion in New Zealand that we would be better off join-

ing the Asian zone, that was never the official view of the national federation, which was always committed to setting up the Oceania qualifying zone.

Any opposition very quickly dissipated when those who had opposed the proposal realised that Australia had to participate in qualifying games with New Zealand, so the actions of the tours committee were vindicated. Since 1968, New Zealand has benefited from regular games with the Australians and has become a recognised force around the world in both men's and women's basketball.

Politics are nevertheless very strong in world basketball and during the FIBA Congress in Montreal 1976, the Americans and Europeans tried to have one more place for their qualifying areas. The loser here would have been Oceania, as it was Oceania that both these areas were targeting.

The proposal from these two powerhouses was tabled on the first day of congress and was placed on the agenda for voting on the second day. It was now lobbying time ... very difficult when you don't know any of the delegates.

As the tours committee chairman, I was present at the congress as New Zealand's delegate and good fortune smiled on us. Canadian Basketball Association president Murray Swazey invited me to meet informally with his committee in their hotel that evening.

During this get-together, the matter of the vote was raised and I made a strong plea for the Canadians to support Oceania. Murray called a committee meeting to review their position but after some discussion, decided they had promised to vote with the Americans and couldn't vote against the proposal.

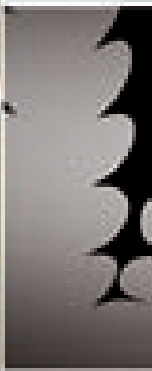
Instead, they opted to abstain from voting. Under the circumstances, we couldn't have asked for a better outcome. I knew their decision would cause some dismay among the Americans, but in my opinion, this was a hard-won victory for Oceania.

When the vote was taken and Canada abstained as they said they would, there was a loud roar from USA Basketball Association president Ed Steitz, who demanded that the vote be taken again. This was done with the same result.

At the end of voting, FIBA's youngest and most vulnerable zone had survived. FIBA Secretary General William Jones then rose and stated, "This vote should never occur again".

The tours committee was finally disbanded when the New Zealand Basketball Federation was formed. It had worked tirelessly for the benefit of New Zealand basketball, often under great pressure within their own country.

There is no doubt in my mind that the benefits achieved by this group cannot be measured and we should never take anything for granted when it comes to dealing in the international arena.



national tournaments

Looking at the 2008 tournaments programme by the numbers, more than 6500 players in 650-plus teams competed in a full 40-tournament calendar, with 56 premierships and 17 national champions crowned.

Entries in the under-15 and under-17 age-groups, along with the AA and A secondary schools divisions, continue to grow, with competition for the nationals spots becoming fierce. The second year of the A secondary schools for smaller schools featured 17 teams at the national tournament.

These tournaments are the breeding ground for the sport's future stars, and provide a pathway from the grassroots of the game to BBNZ's high performance and international programme.

U13 Boys

October 6-10, Rotorua

Final: Canterbury 60 North Harbour 58

Most Valuable Player: Brandon Gleaves (Canterbury)

Tournament Team: Brandon Gleaves (Canterbury), DJ Shadrock (Canterbury), Samuel Wong (North Canterbury), Barkhad Mohamed (Wellington), Whetu Simmons (Waikato Black), Josh Armitt (Massey), Jaylen Gerrand (Hibiscus Coast), Keanu Singsam (Counties Manukau), Niko Morales (North Harbour), Luuk Witteveen (North Harbour)

U13 Girls

October 6-10, Rotorua

Final: Canterbury 61 North Harbour 60

Most Valuable Player: Tessa Boagni (Canterbury)

Tournament Team: Gracie Roberts (Nelson), Maia Watene (Counties Manukau), Faamu Ross (Waitakere City), Aaliyah Smiler-Ah Kiong (Hawke's Bay), Shenade Southon (Hawke's Bay), Ella Robertson (Mid Canterbury), Tessa Boagni (Canterbury), Tevina Wanoa (Canterbury), Petra Dye-Hutchinson (North Harbour), Annabelle Jenkins (North Harbour)

U15 Boys

October 6-10, Rotorua

Final: Waikato 88 Nelson 83

Most Valuable Player: Kurt Heatherley (Waikato)

Tournament Team: Hoani Te Pania-Walker (Porirua), Komiti Oli (Hawke's Bay), Niko Buckrell (Hutt Valley), Logan Botica (Massey), Scott Cameron (Nelson), Mat Lacey (North Harbour), Kurt Heatherley (Waikato), Tim Aspilata (Counties Manukau), Jershon Hereaka (Waikato), Ollie Shallcrass (Nelson)

U15 Girls

October 6-10, Rotorua

Final: Waikato 63 Waitakere City 62

Most Valuable Player: Veshae Wilkinson (Waikato)

Tournament Team: Holly Lloyd (Canterbury), Hana Wilkinson (Nelson), Alex Svoboda (North Canterbury), Deena Franklin (North Harbour), Faustina Maria (Waitakere City), Isabella Lawrence (Waitakere City), Penina Davidson (Waitakere City), Kalani Purcell (Waikato), Rhaiah Spooner-Knight (Waikato), Veshae Wilkinson (Waikato)

U17 Boys

May 30-June 2, Dunedin

Final: North Harbour Maroon 81 Wellington 68

Most Valuable Player: Brad Anderson (North Harbour)

Tournament Team: Brad Anderson (North Harbour), Anthony Jones (North Harbour), Sonny Tuaputa (North Harbour), Scott Sharp (Wellington), Kiki Kiriau (Wellington), Tepasu Thomas (Palmerston North), Tia Temata-Frost (Palmerston North), Aaron Dempster (Nelson), Arana Kenny (Porirua), Ethan Rusbatch (Canterbury)

U17 Girls

May 30-June 2, Dunedin

Final: Otago 69 Auckland 64

Most Valuable Player: Samara Gallaher (Otago)

Tournament Team: Samara Gallaher (Otago), Caroline Crowley (Otago), Renee Johnson (Otago), Nesi Niuloa (Auckland), Sulu Fitzpatrick (Auckland), Shanice Swain (Hawke's Bay), Hannah Wong (North Canterbury), Awhina Karawana (Hutt Valley), Shea Crotty (Canterbury), Milomilo Nanai (Hutt Valley)

U19 Men

May 30-June 2, Tauranga

Final: North Harbour 74 Wellington 71

Most Valuable Player: Rob Loe (North Harbour)

Tournament Team: Rob Loe (North Harbour), Zac Fitzgerald (North Harbour), Hemi Pairama-Lewington (Wellington), Jake Ashby (Porirua), Sam King (Otago), Adam Rainbird (Nelson), Logan van Beek (Canterbury), Duane Bailey (Waitakere), Brook Ruscoe (Porirua), Micah Lepaio (Wellington)

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U19 Women

May 30-June 2, Tauranga

Final: Canterbury 63 Waitakere 55
Most Valuable Player: Erin Rooney (Canterbury)
Tournament Team: Chevannah Paalvast (Waitakere), Kate Alemann (Waitakere), Erin Rooney (Canterbury), Hannah Mackay (Canterbury), Kate Lacey (North Harbour), Rebecca Dew (North Harbour), Zoe Kensington (New Plymouth), Jordan Hunter (Counties-Manukau), Jelena Vucinic (Nelson), Adoniah Lewis (Waitakere), Harriet Fenwick (Canterbury)

U21 Men

March 5-8, Wellington

Final: Porirua 93 Waitakere 89
Most Valuable Player: Brook Ruscoe (Porirua)
Tournament Team: Caleb Johns (North Harbour), Jordan Mills (Porirua), Ben Constable (Nelson), Duane Bailey (Waitakere), Brook Ruscoe (Porirua), Hayden Whelan (Porirua), Houston O'Riley (Waitakere), Zachariah Makavilitogia (Waitakere), Lucas Lee (Wellington), Lidston Ahwong (Hutt Valley)

U21 Women

March 5-8, Wellington

Final: Wellington 76 Hutt Valley 71 OT
Most Valuable Player: Letava Whippy (Wellington)
Tournament Team: Jelena Vucinic (Nelson), Mesha Blair (Waitakere), Natalie Moore (Canterbury), Shiana-Rose Harris (Wellington), Mariana Cowan (Hutt Valley), Chevannah Paalvast (Waitakere), Letava Whippy (Wellington), Te Amo Tibble (Wellington), Soraya Umaga (Hutt Valley), Margaret Scott (Hutt Valley)

Open Men

September 12-14, Levin

Final: Morehu Easts (Wellington) 66 Cardinals (Palmerston North) 55
Most Valuable Player: Jeremy Banks (Morehu Easts)
Tournament Team: Gobindar Samdhu (Waitakere), Richie Howell (Atami), Callum Brock (Cardinals), Kem Fuimaono (Morehu Easts), Jeremy Banks (Morehu Easts)

Open Women

September 12-14, Levin

Final: Wellington 91 Southland Pearls 82
Most Valuable Player: Melissa Letoa (Wellington)
Tournament Team: Joanne Hoyes (Western Bay of Plenty), Lisa Scott (Hutt Valley), Elise Cassidy (Southland Pearls), Jasmine Davis (Wellington), Melissa Letoa (Wellington)

Wheelchair

September 12-14, Levin

Winners: Canterbury
Runners-up: Waikato
Most Valuable Player: Andrew Tarrant (Canterbury)
Tournament Team: Sheldon Larsen (Waikato), Travis Moffat (Canterbury), John Wieser (Canterbury), Reo Lewis (Canterbury), Andrew Tarrant (Canterbury)

AA Secondary Schools Boys

September 29-October 4, Palmerston North

Final: St Patrick's College 94 Hamilton's Fraser High 92
Most Valuable Player: Brook Ruscoe (St Patrick's College)
Tournament Team: Logan van Beek (St Andrew's College), Tom Rowe (Otago Boys High), Marko Alexander (Rangitoto College), Jivarne Joseph (Church College), Jared Whippy (Church College), Daniel Green (Hamilton's Fraser High), Matt Aird (Hamilton's Fraser High), Tipene Friday (St Patrick's College), Jake Ashby (St Patrick's College), Brook Ruscoe (St Patrick's College)

AA Secondary Schools Girls

September 29-October 4, Palmerston North

Final: Church College 87 Rangitoto College 55
Most Valuable Player: Letava Whippy (Church College)
Tournament Team: Jelena Vucinic (Waimea College), Zoe Kensington (New Plymouth Girls High), Jordan Hunter (St Kentigern College), Fran Hansen (Hamilton's Fraser High), Mesha Blair (Massey High), Milika Nathan (Rangitoto College), Mikayla Blair (Rangitoto College), Moengaroa Subritzky (Church College), Austin Rarere (Church College), Letava Whippy (Church College)



A Secondary Schools Boys

October 1-4, New Plymouth

Final: Taumarunui High 89 Paeroa College 63

Most Valuable Player: Waeana Ngarongo (Taumarunui High)

Tournament Team: Tepasu Thomas (Hato Paora College), Karetai Williams-Paul (Hato Paora College), Waeana Ngarongo (Taumarunui High), Tom Mulvihill (Dunstan High), Daniel Ngarongo (Taumarunui High), Ben King (Tongariro School), Michael Aitken (Paeroa College), Andrew Ford (St Paul's Collegiate), Callum Jones (Buller High), Frano Huett (Paeroa College)

A Secondary Schools Girls

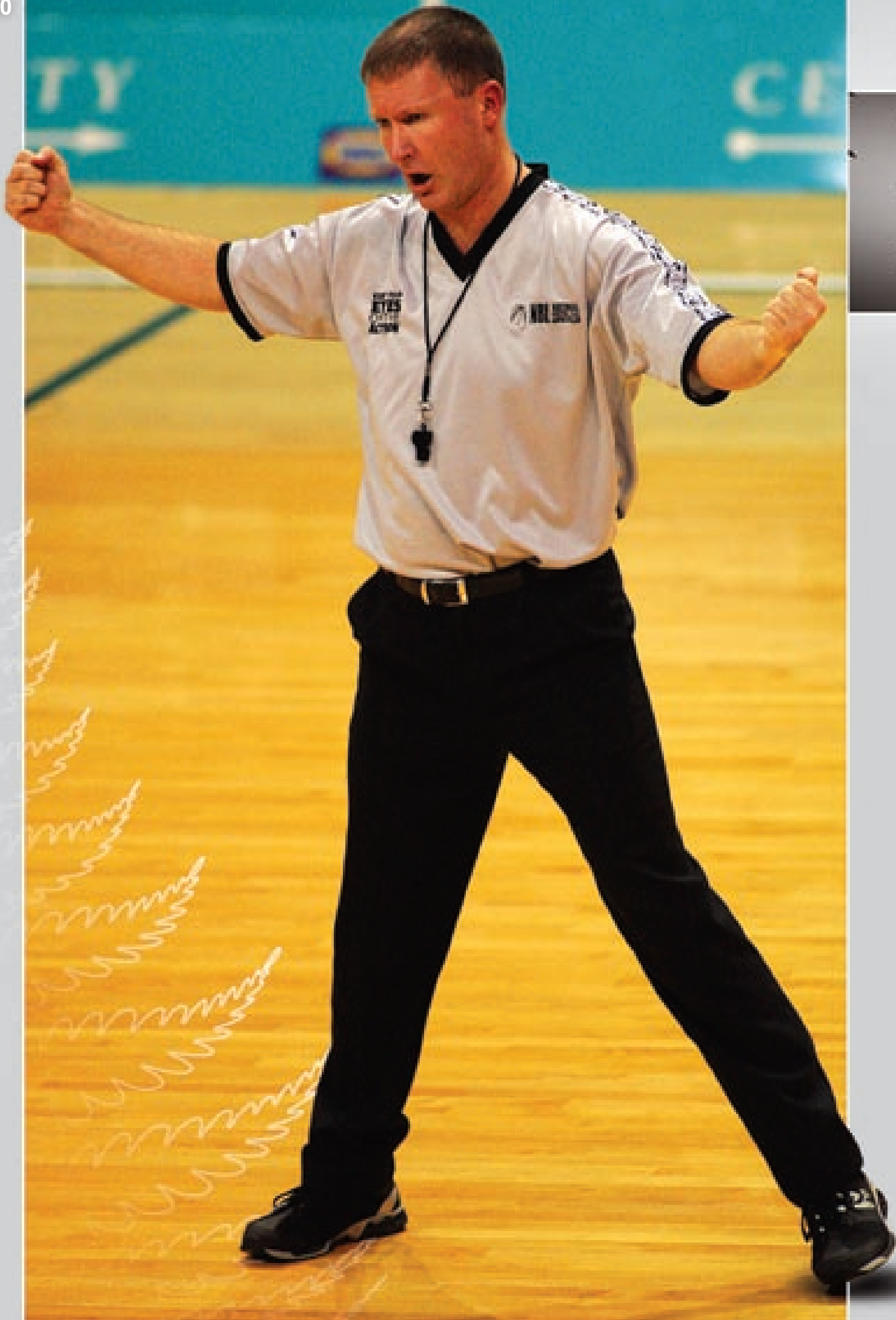
October 1-4, New Plymouth

Final: Church College 55 Rotorua Lakes High 42

Most Valuable Player: Lisa Adams (Rotorua Lakes High)

Tournament Team: Stephanie Pollock (Te Aroha College), Houma Tapiate (TKKM o Te Koutu), Leone Keith (Paeroa College), Renee Tana (Paeroa College), Elle Ngatai (Buller High), Kate Dixon (Ruapehu College), Courtland White (Church College), Rea Wolfgram (Church College), Lisa Adams (Rotorua Lakes High), Terere Pa Walden (Rotorua Lakes High)





community basketball



The first half of 2008 saw a number of smaller associations either merge or come under the umbrella of large associations.

The total number of associations was reduced from 52 to 42, with the aim being to improve the development work for players, coaches and officials in the combined associations.

Representative teams will in the near future be furnished from these associations, rather than they being feeders to the larger associations within their zone. However, this does not take away the responsibility of the associations to run day-to-day leagues in their areas.

FIBA Organizer

2008 saw the membership fee to BBNZ become a flat rate. With the use of FIBA Organizer, the only way BBNZ will accept membership numbers, it allowed the introduction of one number for life. It also saw BBNZ members going from 24,000 to just under 50,000 members. The collection of the member database and once fully utilised by association, will assist not only BBNZ but the associations themselves with sponsorship and funding as we now are getting a truer record of the numbers playing basketball. The next step is to train super-users to assist associations within each zone and to make other medium to smaller association realise the potential of this software.

Officials

The referee development pathway was enhanced in 2008 with the appointment of four regional referee officers (RROs). Their role is focused in their geographic region and is to increase the number of referees, improve the level of officiating, coordinate and facilitate regular meetings and to ensure a process is in place to evaluate referees and where appropriate recommending the re-grading of referees. RROs will also increase the standard of local refereeing at club level and encourage referees to gain further qualifications. The most crucial duty of these officers is to become the first contact for referees and to build mutually beneficial relationships with associations around the development of local referees.

The establishment of the technical commission provided BBNZ with capacity to oversee all matters regarding referee appointments and technical aspects within the game. The role of this commission, a representation of highly experienced officials, is to ensure all referee matters of national importance are dealt with appropriately. The technical commission is responsible for all technical matters, appointments and the overall development of referees in New Zealand.

New Zealand referees featured again on the international stage and did us all proud. Six young referees took the opportunity to officiate during the 2008 Koru Tour. With fine performances they carried themselves with mana with one rewarded with the U14 boys final and another presented with one of the four scholarships for 2008.

One of our young referees, Tim Brown, toured with the Junior Tall Blacks to the Albert Schweitzer Tournament in Mannheim, Germany, and performed well enough to earn a semifinal between Turkey and USA.

Other FIBA referees, Andy Thackray and Gavin Whiu, did tours of duty with the Tall Blacks on their tour to Canada and Europe and the Al Ramsay Shield in Australia.

Late congratulations to Peter Murray who was accepted as an International Deaf FIBA Educator, at the end of 2007, and Gavin Zimmerman for achieving his

International Wheelchair Basketball Federation badge. Well done to both, who lead the way in this important area of our sport.

BBNZ and the Road Safety Trust embarked on a two-year sponsorship relationship urging motorists to "keep your eyes on the action" as part of an innovative new advertising campaign targeting driver distraction. The "paying attention" theme runs through both the campaign and the role of the referee, the high profile advertising was the subject of much comment over the first year of the partnership.

Coach Development

The BBNZ Coach Development Framework has been finalised, with all coach development falling within this framework. Implementation has started with the first two development modules going on-line on the BBNZ website. To these, the "SafetyNet" and "Coaching Starter Pack", two more modules and six resource chapters will have been added by now. In addition, there has been a workshop to up-skill six regional coach development facilitators who will recruit and train further coach development activity presenters.

Player Development

Koru Development Tour

The 2009 Koru Development Tour provides the opportunity for the development of players, coaches and managers. 2009 saw 110 players, 15 coaches and 15 managers travel to Albury, NSW to compete in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup. Although the tournament holds variable prestige on the Australian national radar, the Country Cup has a heavy slant on development. The level of competition provides an excellent forum for New Zealand athletes, coaches, officials and staff members to enter international competition (U14 and U16 teams) and a chance to test older (U18) athletes' potential to perform within national level programmes.

Coach and Player Development

The comprehensive plan through to 2010 called "Beijing and Beyond" has been the basis of funding presentations to SPARC and we will continue to develop this template for marketing the game over the next four years.

The player and coach development programme for 2008 saw the establishment of four Regional Coach & Player Development Officers (RCPDs) throughout the country to help deliver cluster camps (skills days) and to assist associations with clinics and programmes as required. And 2009 will see the release of coach development modules, which will in turn filter through to the players.

National Camps

Four centralised national training camps were conducted, underpinned by three regional training camps and cluster development camps that formed the entry point into the high performance programme for junior athletes. The cluster camps were conducted at five venues across the country culminating in a Koru Camp at two venues – North and South Island. The regional camps were conducted at three venues across the country. With cluster camps and regional camps, athletes were nominated by association coaches or identified at BBNZ events.

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Website

Basketball New Zealand's website, www.basketball.org.nz, continued to set new standards in 2008.

Following the website revamp by Catch Design the previous year, the website went through a period of stability in 2008, building on previous successes and increasing visits and pageviews.

The website received 390,129 visits and 1.7 million pageviews in 2008, both new highs, while the site also set new visits and pageviews records for the months of April, May, June, August, September and October, and also had a new single-day visits and pageviews high relating to the Tall Ferns at the Beijing Olympics on August 18.

The increased daily National Basketball League, including at least one gamecast per week, and national tournaments coverage helped build the website traffic, along with the tournament results feature which allowed more immediate score updates.

Mid-year behind-the-scenes changes to the website allowed for easier navigation to news stories for specific topics, while the site will also undergo some renovation in 2009, with the addition of merchandising and multimedia sections planned.

Television

Sky Television continued its support of basketball in New Zealand in 2008, with live weekly coverage of the National Basketball League and the Al Ramsay Shield test between the Tall Blacks and Australia Boomers.

With former Tall Blacks and Nelson Giants centre Ed Book making his TV debut as an analyst alongside play-by-play man Dan Hennessey and host Dennis Katsanos, Sky TV broadcast a live game for every round of the NBL, including all six NBL playoff games in June, plus the only Tall Blacks international on New Zealand soil in 2008.

Sky TV, particularly basketball producer Rob Douglas, were extremely accommodating with the changing playoffs schedules and BBNZ looks forward to furthering the relationship in the future.

Newsletters

Basketball New Zealand continues to produce well-received bulletins and newsletters to its many stakeholders throughout the year.

The web-based format for the weekly subscription newsletter In The Huddle continues to be a success, with close to 1200 basketball fans and stakeholders subscribed to the service, which keeps them up to date with the latest and upcoming events, as well as coaching tips.

The tournament "Game Day" newsletters produced at the Open, AA secondary schools and Under-15 & Under-13 national tournaments, which include results, schedules, photos, stories and profiles, were a hit with players, coaches, parents and spectators.

Monthly community newsletters offer tips and information for local associations, while the quarterly "Nothin' But News" newsletters keep tabs on the country's referees and officials.





Sponsorship

Our sponsors play an important role in supporting specific programmes or Basketball New Zealand in general and their involvement is much appreciated.

BBNZ is a resourceful organisation that is not content with the status quo; we wish to exploit every aspect of our talent, passion and creativity to make partnerships fun, exciting and rewarding.

We work closely with our sponsors to understand and identify opportunities that help to achieve their sponsorship objectives. In doing so, we seek long-

term partnerships with organisations that can share our vision for the sport – at local, national and international levels.

We understand that each client has different objectives. That is why BBNZ tailors our partnerships to meet the needs of businesses so those with limited investment opportunities have the chance to be part of one of New Zealand's most popular sports.

Major 2008 Sponsors



Road Safety Trust is a new partner of Basketball New Zealand for 2008 so please feel welcome to our family. The Road Safety Trust has recently launched its 'Keep your eyes on the action' campaign by making drivers more aware of the road.



Ibis 3 Star Hotels offer excellent value for money and convenient locations with friendly and helpful staff 24/7. Ibis 3 star hotels offer excellent value for money and convenient locations. It is Ibis's second year with us.



Furnware is your information resource when planning your school's furniture programme. Represented at all our major grass roots tournaments throughout the country, Furnware have helped us grow our junior talent.



McDouall Stuart Group Ltd is an independently owned Australasian investment banking and share-broking group offering financial expertise with a true competitive advantage. This is the first year as a Basketball New Zealand partner so welcome to the family.



Skins is body-moulded compression performance equipment manufactured from the finest Lycra and Meryl Microfibre, scientifically engineered to provide support and muscle alignment to the smart-fabric covered area of your body.



Molten has been the exclusive basketball supplier to Basketball New Zealand for over three years and their continued support is much appreciated.



Kraft (Oreo) is the largest branded food and beverage company in the United States and the second largest worldwide, with Oreo being the number one selling cookie in the world! Their Oreo brand has been a partner with Basketball New Zealand and represented at all major age grade tournaments for a number of years.



Sky TV is New Zealand's pre-eminent pay tv operator, offering a wide range of sports, movies, music, on-demand and general content across more than 100+ channels. They are the number one provide of basketball coverage in New Zealand, which is fantastic for exposing such a great game.

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**Financial Statements
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		GROUP		PARENT	
		2008	2007	2008	2007
Player Registration Fees					
Senior		0	73725	0	73725
Junior		0	85330	0	85330
Flat Fee		62903	0	62903	0
		62903	159055	62903	159055
Referees		5761	3509	5761	3509
Coach & Player Development		57055	98907	57055	98907
League Income		211000	185308	41000	72555
National Teams					
Player Levies and Other Income		334008	183915	334008	183915
NZBL Office Services		0	0	73800	121487
Tournaments & Tours					
Koru Development Tour	(Note 4)	304298	380224	304298	380224
Tournaments		387685	380161	387685	380161
		721983	760385	721983	760385
Grants					
SPARC		1101114	1386141	1101114	1386141
Olympic Committee		130000	63999	130000	63999
FIBA Oceania		0	10000	0	60000
		1231114	1470140	1231114	1470140
Sponsorships	(Note 10)	327500	290389	175000	121587
Gaming Machine Grants	(Note 7)	484488	647208	484488	580247
Sports Betting Commission		214088	206230	206203	222498
General					
Product Sales, Donations & Sundry Income		138307	50519	138307	50519
Interest Received		38956	68714	37658	68251
		177263	119233	175965	118770
TOTAL INCOME FOR YEAR		3811159	4104277	3596254	3871011

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Basketball New Zealand Inc. and National Basketball League Ltd
Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance Year Ended 31 December 2008



	GROUP		PARENT	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
EXPENDITURE				
Administration				
Audit fee	9304	12434	9304	12434
AGM Expenses	18172	21983	18172	21983
Bad Debts	0	984	0	984
Computer Support	10992	9275	10992	9275
Depreciation	24883	23022	24883	23022
Insurance	6175	3886	6175	3886
Legal	91463	21517	91463	21517
Office Costs	42025	62253	42025	62253
Promotions and Publications	14580	12223	14580	12223
Rent	56746	54586	56746	54586
Human Resources	0	4800	0	4800
Stationery, Printing and Office Supplies	18982	26294	18982	26294
Subscriptions and Affiliations	36800	11286	36800	11286
Telecommunications and Website	66652	66606	66652	66606
Travel/Accommodation/Meetings	86642	92695	86642	92695
Unrealised Foreign Exchange Loss	0	11028	0	11028
Salaries and Allowances	458797	326873	458797	326873
Settlement fees	24000	0	24000	0
	664272	738724	664272	738724
Referees' Costs	6980	32581	6980	32581
Coach & Player Development	253243	166780	253243	166780
Field Development Officers	0	275527	0	275527
High Performance Programme	0	203716	0	203716
League Costs	325271	561765	51390	76976
Marketing & Communications	52503	125257	52503	125257
National Team Costs				
NZ Men	463318	629122	463318	629122
NZ Women	563580	595095	563580	595095
NZ Juniors	607157	182586	607157	182586
	1534056	1406782	1534056	1406782
Tournaments & Tours				
Koru Development Tour (Note 4)	327177	366748	327177	366748
Tournament costs	375899	365122	375899	365122
	703077	711870	703077	711870
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR	3838371	4023894	3585480	3758214
OPERATING SURPLUS (LOSS) FOR YEAR	-38212	80283	-8338	132787

Basketball New Zealand Inc. and National Basketball League Ltd
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2008



		GROUP		PARENT	
		2008	2007	2008	2007
Member's equity					
Net Surplus/(Loss) for period		\$ (28,212)	\$ 80,383	\$ (8,255)	\$ 132,787
Equity at start of period		\$ 302,045	\$ 321,782	\$ 310,764	\$ 198,887
Equity at end of period		\$ 273,833	\$ 402,065	\$ 302,509	\$ 331,674
Represented by					
Current Assets					
Bank Accounts		878019	818880	854883	887848
Accounts Receivable		427045	363565	362351	386558
Prepayments		11834	10586	11334	12840
Stock		11280	8498	11350	8436
Total		1328178	1201729	1238518	1395682
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable and Accruals		328554	307815	301872	218022
Employee Entitlements		53649	31400	33848	31400
Next Year Current Account	(Note 4)	157483	270182	167483	270182
Income in Advance		271655	458626	210500	348336
Total		869291	1068023	703703	868210
Working Capital		458887	134926	534815	527472
Investments					
Shares in National Basketball League Ltd	(Note 3)	0	0	100	100
Shares in Other companies	(Note 3)	0	0	4	4
Total		0	0	104	104
Non Current Assets	(Note 3)				
Property, Plant & Equipment (at cost)		246630	211105	246630	211105
Debit Accumulated depreciation		203280	180588	203280	180588
Total		443350	300517	443350	300517
NET ASSETS		273833	402048	302509	331764
President					
Chief Executive Officer					
				Date: 8 February 2009	
				Date: 8 February 2009	

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	GROUP		PARENT	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Member's equity				
Post-employment benefit for pension	(24272)	40388	4037	132150
Equity at start of period	954045	815793	832764	1006617
Equity at end of period	871803	952046	838828	952744

BASKETBALL NEW ZEALAND INC. & NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE LTD



**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

Basketball New Zealand Inc. is an Incorporated Society registered under the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908. Basketball New Zealand Inc. does not qualify as a reporting entity under the terms of the Financial Reporting Act 1993. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Basis of Preparation

Financial statements for Basketball New Zealand Inc (the parent) and consolidated financial statements are presented. The consolidated financial statements comprise the parent and its subsidiaries (the group).

Measurement Base

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historic cost.

Basis for Preparing Consolidated Financial Statements

Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are those entities controlled, directly or indirectly, by Basketball New Zealand Inc. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements using the purchase method of consolidation.

Transactions Eliminated on Consolidation

The effects of intra-group transactions are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

Particular Accounting Policies

Receivables

Receivables are stated at estimated realisable value after providing against debts where collection is doubtful. Bad debts are written off during the period in which they are identified.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is based on the first-in, first-out principle and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing condition and location.

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Property, Plant & Equipment

All owned items of property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost, depreciated as outlined below. Initial cost includes the purchase consideration, or fair value in the case of a donated asset and those costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for its intended use. Costs cease to be capitalised when substantially all the activities necessary to bring the asset to the location and condition for its intended use are complete. All feasibility costs are expensed as incurred.

Items of property, plant and equipment are written down immediately if impairment in the value of the asset causes its recoverable amount to fall below its carrying amount. The impairment is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

Where an item of property, plant and equipment is disposed of, the gain or loss recognised in the statement of financial performance is calculated as the difference between the net sale price and the carrying amount of the asset.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been charged at the rates recommended by the IRD. The following rates have been used:

Office Furniture & Equipment	9.5% -48% straight line
Computer/Equipment	36% -straight line
Software	36%-straight line
Team Uniforms & Equipment	33%- straight line
Trophies	33%- straight line

Leases

Assets acquired by way of finance lease are stated initially at an amount equal to the present value of the future minimum lease payments, and are depreciated as assets. The interest expense component of finance lease payments is recognised in the statement of financial performance using the effective interest rate method.

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in the statement of financial performance on a basis representative of the pattern of benefits expected to be derived from the leased asset.

Receipts

Player registration fees and subscriptions are recognised on a cash basis, when they are received.

Grants are recognised in operating revenue unless specific conditions attach to a grant and repayment is required if those conditions are not met. In such cases, the grant is treated as a liability until such time that the conditions of the grant are met.

Goods and Services Tax

All amounts shown exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST), except for receivables and payables that are stated inclusive of GST.



Differential Reporting

Basketball New Zealand Inc. qualifies for differential reporting exemptions as it is not publicly accountable and not large. Basketball New Zealand Inc. has taken advantage of all available reporting exemptions.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in the previous year.

2. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details as at 31 December 2008 are as follows:-

	Group				
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value 2008	Value 2007	Depreciation 2008
Office Furniture & Equipment	75918	57901	18017	14913	8427
Computer / Equipment	108640	90504	18136	11193	12658
Software	27634	20243	7391	3080	3439
Team Uniforms & Equipment	32572	31495	1100	1225	119
Trophies	5267	5167	100	100	0
\$	249931	205289	44853	30511	24883

	Parent				
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value 2008	Value 2007	Depreciation 2008
Office Furniture & Equipment	75918	57901	18017	14913	8427
Computer / Equipment	108640	90504	18136	11193	12658
Software	27634	20243	7391	3080	3439
Team Uniforms & Equipment	32572	31495	1100	1225	119
Trophies	5267	5167	100	100	0
\$	249931	205289	44853	30511	24883

3. NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE LIMITED AND OTHER COMPANIES

During the 2004 year, Basketball NZ Inc. registered five new companies as wholly owned subsidiaries.

National Basketball League Limited was formed to take over the administration of the Men's First Division Basketball League from and including 2006 following agreements with the Directors and Shareholders of NZ Basketball League Limited.

New Zealand Basketball Limited, Basketball New Zealand Limited, New Zealand Basketball Development Limited and Basketball New Zealand Development Limited were formed to protect the names in the interest of Basketball New Zealand Inc. These companies did not trade during the 2008 financial year and it is not intended that they will trade in the future.

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4. KORU TOUR CURRENT ACCOUNT

Basketball New Zealand Inc., administers the Koru Development Tours. Income and expenditure for the 2008 tour are included in the books of account and details are shown in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Unexpended funds held at balance date for the 2009 tour which took place in January 2009 are recorded in the Koru Tour Current Account.

5. CAPITAL AND OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At balance date Basketball New Zealand had lease commitments for office, motor vehicles and photocopier rentals.

	Group		Parent	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Current Portion	\$5,151	\$2,814	\$5,151	\$2,814
Non-current portion	\$81,246	\$4,690	\$81,246	\$4,690

6. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Basketball New Zealand Inc. has no known contingent liabilities. (2007: Nil)

7. GAMING MACHINE GRANTS

	Group		Parent	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Scotthood	\$0	\$142,864	\$0	\$142,865
New Zealand Community Trust	\$283,497	\$295,760	\$283,497	\$295,760
Southern Trust	\$37,049	\$19,600	\$37,049	\$19,600
Lion Foundation	\$72,179	\$81,228	\$72,179	\$81,228
Coversham Foundation	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Waikare Licensing Trust	\$0	\$13,078	\$0	\$13,078
Oxford Trust	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Pelorus Foundation	\$0	\$50,893	\$0	\$50,893
Infinity Foundation	\$0	\$11,900	\$0	\$11,900
Heretaunga Trust	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Century Foundation	\$0	\$68,961	\$0	\$0
Pub Charity	\$52,810		\$52,810	
First Sovereign	\$12,000		\$12,000	
Cuesports	\$4,933		\$4,933	
Total	\$484,468	\$647,296	\$484,468	\$880,247


Balance Sheet (funds yet to be expended)
Lion Foundation \$10,628

8. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions during the year. (2007: Nil)

9. GROUP INVESTMENTS

SUBSIDIARIES	Class of Share	Ownership Interest		Principal Activity
		2008	2007	
National Basketball League	Ordinary	100%	100%	Running the New Zealand



Limited [NBL]				Basketball League
New Zealand Basketball Limited	Ordinary	100%	100%	
Basketball New Zealand Limited	Ordinary	100%	100%	
New Zealand Basketball Development Limited	Ordinary	100%	100%	
Basketball New Zealand Development Limited	Ordinary	100%	100%	

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Sponsorship

Sponsorship includes \$152,500 which relates to the NBL (2007-\$168,622)

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Basketball New Zealand Inc.

We have audited the financial statements on pages 1 to 9. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of Basketball New Zealand Inc ('BINZ') and group and its financial position as at 31 December 2008. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 5 to 7.

Boards' Responsibilities

The Board are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which fairly reflect the financial position of BINZ and group at 31 December 2008 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgments made by the Board in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to BINZ and group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standards issued by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Other than in our capacity as auditor, our firm provided financial modelling services during the year. We have no other relationships or interests in BINZ and Group.



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Unqualified Audit Opinion

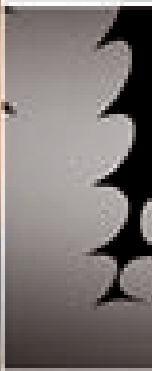
We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial statement on pages 1 to 9 fairly reflects the financial position of BBNZ and group as at 31 December 2008 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 6 February 2009 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

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the team

Patron

Jenny Shipley DCNZM

President

Barbara Wheadon MNZM

Interim President

Mel Young (November 2008)

Board Members

Mel Young (Vice President)

Patrick Dougherty

John Gallaher

Kevin Smith

Barry Wilson

Sue Pene (stood down due to contracted position with BBNZ)

Stephen Layburn

International FIBA Representation

Barbara Wheadon (FIBA Oceania President/FIBA Central Board Member)

John Gallaher (FIBA Oceania Management Committee)

Mel Young (FIBA Youth Commission)

Life Members

Peter Christian

Peter Crowhen

Cedric Cudby (MNZM)

Graeme Davey

Robbie Dyce

John Grocott

Maurie Henshall

Keith Mair

David Rout

Hori Thompson

Betty Williams

Ross Williams

Barry Wilson

Auditors

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Roll of Honour

Sir Lance Cross RC

Curtis Kelvin Gay

Zena Gay

Basil Marsh QSM

National Office Staff

Dale Stephens

CEO

Grant Chapman

National Teams & Communications Manager

Nick Crocker

Tournaments Coordinator

Roslyn Hart

Receptionist

Cath Kara

Basketball Support Officer

Paul McLaren

Sponsorship, Marketing and Events Coordinator

Jemma Prescott

Coach and Player Development Administrator

Scott Preston

Communications Officer

Saileen Raj

Business Manager

Glenda Rodger

Community Basketball Manager

Maree Taylor

Tournaments and Leagues Manager

Natalie Tong

National Teams Coordinator

Tracy Walley

Executive Assistant/Office Manager

Contracted Staff

Bill Eldred

Coach Development Officer

Sue Pene

Player Development Officer

Bill Eldred

Regional Coach and Player Development Officer

Colin Driscoll

Regional Coach and Player Development Officer

Mata Cameron

Regional Coach and Player Development Officer

Rachel Gwerder

Regional Coach and Player Development Officer

Glen Horobin

Regional Referee Officer

James Campion

Regional Referee Officer

Matt Cursons

Regional Referee Officer

Nicolas Warren

Regional Referee Officer

Memberships

- FIBA
- FIBA Oceania
- Paralympics New Zealand
- New Zealand Olympic Committee



2008 honours

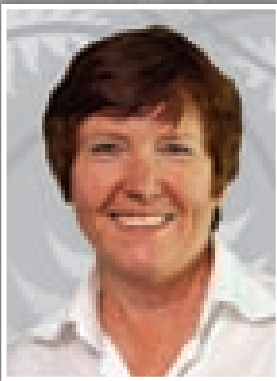
Sir Lance Cross Award

In 1985, Basketball New Zealand established an award to honour the outstanding contribution to basketball by the late Sir Lance Cross. The award is presented to those who have provided exceptional services to New Zealand Basketball over time.

Winners

1985	Ross Williams	1997	Daisy Rangi
1986	E Kirton	1998	Russell Henwood
1987	Ray Thomson	1999	Jeff Olsen
1988	Mary Clark	2000	Keith Mair
1989	Patricia Wells	2001	Peter Crowhen
1990	Brydon Harvey	2002	David Rout
1991	Ngaire Lee	2003	Mel Young
1992	Lance McLoughlin	2004	Ken Coulson
1993	John Grocott	2005	Dennis Jones
1994	Barbara Baxter	2006	Tab Baldwin
1995	Keith Wright	2007	Murray McMahon
1996	Len Rollinson	2008	Barbara Wheadon

Barbara Wheadon — 2008 Sir Lance Cross Award



It is almost impossible to name someone who has influenced basketball in New Zealand in the past decade as much as Barbara Wheadon.

After joining the BBNZ board in 1998, Barbara quickly ascended to vice president and president, and, now, after stepping down in November 2008, she is the recipient of the 2008 Sir Lance Cross Award.

Barbara has been involved in basketball since the early 1970s in a variety of administration roles, firstly through North Harbour Basketball Association and then Basketball New Zealand.

She remains involved in basketball at international level as FIBA Oceania president since 2006 and a FIBA Central Board Member since 2002, an area that has seen her have the greatest impact for NZ basketball.

Barbara was named North Harbour Sport Administrator of the Year in 1992 and in 2006 was honoured as a Member of the NZ Order of Merit. She also remains

a trustee for both the North Shore Events Centre and Millennium Institute of Sport and Health.

Barbara is the sixth woman to win the Sir Lance Cross Award and the first since Daisy Rangi in 1997.

Zena Gay Award

In 1995, Basketball New Zealand instituted an award to commemorate a lifetime of service to women's basketball by the late Mrs Zena Gay. The award is presented to someone who has made a notable contribution to women's basketball in New Zealand.

Winners

1995	Aileen Solomon	2002	Mata Cameron
1996	Carolyn Grey	2003	Teresa Cargo
1997	Lance McLoughlin	2004	Leanne Walker
1998	Joyce Bush	2005	Gina Farmer
1999	Min McMillan	2006	Janie Granger
2000	Kim Lucas	2007	Donna Wilkins
2001	Pauline Patterson	2008	Robyn Ruka

Robyn Ruka — 2008 Zena Gay Award



It is time for Robyn Ruka to step out of the shadows and receive her acclaim.

Described as a "driving force" and an "action person who quietly gets on with the job", Robyn's work at administration level has earned her the 2008 Zena Gay Award.

Robyn has been a long-time administrator, coordinator, manager and coach with basketball in the Paeroa and Thames Valley associations, and also within the Waikato region.

A major success for Robyn was helping Waikato Basketball obtain the funding for the Sportsforce coaching position in Hamilton. She has been the behind-the-scenes driving force for youth basketball in Paeroa and Thames Valley.

She has also been a national age-group team manager, a coordinator and manager with the annual BBNZ Koru Tour, and involved in coaching and coordinating the basketball programme at Paeroa College.

Murray McMahon — Coach of the Year

After winning his first National Basketball League title in June, Murray sadly passed away 18 days later after suffering a heart attack while playing the game he loved and posthumously has been honoured as the 2008 Coach of the Year.

Murray, who had a lifetime involvement in basketball as a player, coach, administrator and fan, joined the NBL's 200 Club for games coached, joining former and current Tall Blacks coaches Keith Mair, Tab Baldwin and Nenad Vucinic. He finished his career with a 71-139 record.

Gavin Whiu — Referee of the Year

For a seventh straight year, Waikato's Gavin Whiu was a National Basketball League Finals official, trailing only Stan Battock's nine consecutive years for the most all-time.

Gavin was also named Sport Waikato's Referee/Official of the Year and was a nominee in the referee category for the Tainui Waka Sports Awards. He also traveled with the Tall Blacks to Canada and Slovenia, refereeing on the international stage.

Alistair Tod — Volunteer of the Year

As vice president of the North Harbour Basketball Association for a decade, Alistair Tod has devoted countless hours to many different levels of basketball on the Shore. An administrator, a coach and the head scorebench convenor, Alistair has been an integral part of successful North Harbour tournaments for many years and deserves the 2008 Volunteer of the Year award.

Bill Kennedy — 50-Year Service Award

Life Member West Coast Basketball. Bill was one of the people involved in bringing basketball to Greymouth in 1946 and has been involved every year since, serving on the West Coast BA committee for 63 years. He has been involved in playing, coaching and refereeing during that time.

Tina Cook — 50-Year Service Award

Life Member Canterbury Basketball. Tina has been an influential figure in Canterbury basketball, especially with the women's side of the game, representing Canterbury as a player and manager, and also serving on the CBA executive for 26 years.

Ngaire Lee — 50-Year Service Award

Rotorua Basketball Association. Involved in the game since 1958, Ngaire has been a stalwart for the Rotorua association, with involvement as treasurer and secretary on the board, and as a referee, coach and coordinator for competitions and tournaments, especially secondary schools leagues.



2009 preview

There is no doubt that 2009 will be a difficult year for sport in New Zealand. This has already been signaled through wide sweeping spending restrictions being signaled by the government.

At BBNZ, we need to follow the same path and ensure that we carefully allocate our limited funds to ensure that we continue to deliver the core services necessary to shepherd the sport through these tough times.

The big focus for the year is the FIBA Under-19 Championships for Men in Auckland in July. This is a huge opportunity for us to position basketball at the forefront of the public imagination. Our brand is strong, our public perception is positive and our product is exciting and fun.

Affiliation Fees

These remain unchanged from the previous year.

National Teams

The Tall Blacks are preparing for the 2010 world championships. The Tall Ferns face Australia head-on for the one spot available for their world championships. The Junior Tall Blacks face the world's best in Auckland in July, while our other junior national teams have a full slate of tournaments, including the Emerging Junior teams' Oceania qualifiers against Australia.

Leagues

The National Basketball League is under new governance and management. The Conference Basketball League (CBL) continues to grow in popularity and quality and a new women's championship, the Women's Basketball Championship (WBC) launches mid year.

BBNZ Office

Dale Stephens and his team are totally committed to delivering the best service they can throughout the country and the myriad of basketball communities. Communication continues to be a complex issue across so many stakeholders and we will continue to work through newsletters, online presence and targeted communications to engage all communities as comprehensively as possible.

Referees and Officials

Enhancement and fine-tuning of the regional approach to development and a targeted project for secondary school referees will result in a much larger pool of graded referees available for BBNZ tournaments, leagues, and other activities including those around the FIBA U19 World Championships in New Zealand. Consistency, transparency, and accountability around the referees in 2009 holds a unique opportunity for our top level referees with FIBA coming to assess and review our best in New Zealand. Working more closely with the junior development programmes to provide players, coaches, and referees with the opportunity to learn from each other.







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