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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### To say that 2009 was a challenging year for the sport and the organisation would perhaps be an understatement.

Certainly, there were numerous challenges, but these always create opportunities and, importantly, there were many significant positives, including the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship for Men and the Tall Blacks' victory over the Australian Boomers to win the Al Ramsay Shield.

Financially, there remained the on-going issues of funding the development of the game, from the grassroots to our Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns, as well as a national sporting organisation.

The combination of the investment necessary to hold the FIBA U19 men's tournament, support the extended buildup for the Junior Tall Blacks, and continue the Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns international programmes have depleted the financial resources of BBNZ this year.

It was particularly challenging to access sufficient sponsorship and funding during one of the more difficult recessions New Zealand has experienced for some years. We need to rebuild our financial resources and the budget presented for 2010 recognises this.

From a personnel perspective, we had several changes in our national office team and on the BBNZ board, farewelling previous president Barbara Wheadon in late 2008 and welcoming new board member Jill Bolger, who has already proven to be a very effective addition.

Barbara has been intimately involved with BBNZ as a board member and president for the past 10 years, and her enormous contribution to and passion for the game of basketball at all levels has been outstanding. In recent years, Barbara's international involvement has raised New Zealand's profile and was instrumental in us securing the opportunity to host the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship for Men in July in Auckland.

This was a great event and very successful in raising the profile of the sport of basketball and New Zealand as a destination. The feedback from the teams attending, as well as the many FIBA delegates, has been very positive and reflects the outstanding effort from the organising team, Auckland City Council, North Shore City Council, New Zealand Major Events, SKYCITY Hotel, Tourism Auckland, SPARC, sponsors, funders, supporters, volunteers and, of course, the Junior Tall Blacks players, coaches and staff.

Considerable resources – people, time and money – were made available to our Junior Tall Blacks, to give them the best possible preparation. Playing several of the 15 best U19 teams in the world was a great experience and reminded us all of the efforts needed to compete on the international stage.

The Tall Blacks created great excitement and pride with their victory over Australia, which has given them real confidence for the 2010 FIBA World Championship for Men in Turkey in August/September next year.

The Tall Ferns are rebuilding around a new coaching team and, like the Tall Blacks, are a group of very talented athletes.

Our challenge, as an organisation, is to develop these players into teams that will compete and represent New Zealand at the highest international levels. We have more opportunities to compete, but tournaments such as the U19 world championship are important for not only developing our players and teams of the future, but also the relationships that will provide the competition we need. This is continuing to develop with teams now able to travel to Europe and Asia.

Funding will continue to be a significant hurdle, but sponsorship relationships like we now have with Peak from China show what is possible.



The need to further evolve our relationships with FIBA Asia is an important strategic issue for us. New Zealand is a member of FIBA Oceania, which is an important relationship, and this will not change, however we need to consider how we also engage with our Asian neighbours.

New and exciting opportunities for the game will come via the three-on-three (FIBA33) version of the game – similar to sevens in rugby or 20/20 in cricket. We will participate, via a three-on-three men's team, in the first Youth Olympic Games to be held in Singapore in August 2010.

While the international aspects of our game have been prominent this year, our domestic competitions, age group tournaments and grass-roots development have also been very active, notwithstanding the absence of a coach and player development manager. This is a fundamental part of the future success of the sport, and both the board and management are very mindful that this needs to be addressed as a priority.

Our NBL competition, which is an important showcase for the sport, has responded well to the change in approach and the involvement of a new NBL board. Thanks to the members of that board and chairman Sam Rossiter-Stead for their work in overseeing a successful league in 2009.

We examined various options for re-instating a women's national league, which were not able to be finalised this year. But, thanks to the efforts and co-operation of many of the key associations around New Zealand, a very successful Women's Basketball Championship took place. Thanks to all those involved and particularly the work of Brett Goebel.

It has been a year of challenge and transition, and I would like to acknowledge and thank my fellow board members for their commitment, passion and counsel since I became president earlier in the year.

Particular thanks to my vice president, Mel Young, who filled the presidency for several months and, subsequently, his experience in all facets of the game has been very helpful to the board and myself.

As a board, we are conscious of our governance role, and ensuring we put in place the right people and strategies to realise the enormous potential the sport has here in this country. Therein lies the challenge for 2010 and beyond.

To this end in the latter part of 2009, we were very pleased to welcome Tim Hamilton as our new chief executive officer. Tim has been in the role for a short time, but has rapidly assimilated the challenges and opportunities of the sport of basketball. I'm sure he will lead the sport and our national office team very effectively in the years ahead.

Thank you also to the staff at BBNZ. In a year that encompassed a lot of challenges, they have again worked tirelessly to support the game and our basketball community throughout New Zealand.

To our players, parents, administrators, officials and supporters, thank you. Your involvement in one of the biggest global sports gives us great encouragement as a board and as an organisation.

John F Gallaher President





## FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

First of all, let me acknowledge the very warm welcome I have received since taking up the role of CEO in October. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you and I look forward to continuing to do so over the weeks and months ahead.

The BBNZ board and staff are committed to looking to the future, and have already embarked on a road to ensure the sustainability of the sport, both on and off the court. Recently, our major partner, SPARC, have been assisting us in reviewing elements of our business and we will continue to work with them to forge a strong partnership. We also look forward to working with the basketball community when considering ideas for the future.

Like many not-for-profit organisations, the squeeze is apparent on the amount of funding currently available. This is a major challenge for us all, although I believe a common and unified approach to what we are trying to achieve across the game will assist partners and potential partners in understanding what we do with more clarity. This is why it is so important to work together in identifying challenges and opportunities in the short and long term.

BBNZ recognises the outstanding support from its partners and funders in 2009. Without these organisations, our delivery of the game would be so much more demanding.

We thank the following for their commitment to us:

FIBA FIBA Oceania
New Zealand Olympic Committee Paralympics

International Olympic Committee New Zealand Community Trust

SPARC Perry Foundation
TAB Lion Foundation

Eureka Trust Molten

Peak Williment Travel

Road Safety Trust Furnware

Ibis Hotels Brandex Skins

Sky Sport Wellywood Backpackers

The international basketball highlight for 2010 is undoubtedly the Tall Blacks' participation at the FIBA World Championship for Men in Turkey. The energy and commitment already shown by the team in preparing for this event is an example I would like all basketball participants to follow.

The momentum that can be created from such an attitude will go a long way to ensuring the next few years in the sport will be some of the best. Thanks to you all for the continued drive and passion you show toward the game. It doesn't go unnoticed by the people who come in contact with you.



Tim Hamilton Chief Executive Officer





# NEW ZEALAND TALL BLACKS

As the 2009 Tall Blacks campaign began, it became clear the programme was in transition, focused on finding successors to a "Golden Generation" that had put NZ basketball on the world map, but was now retiring.

When captain Pero Cameron was unable to shake a persistent ankle injury and withdrew from the European tour, coach Nenad Vucinic was not only faced with introducing four new players, but also new leadership within the group.

The grueling European schedule featured eight games in 12 days and the 2-6 record was probably not a reflection of how the players responded to their new roles. New captain Kirk Penney led by example as his team's top scorer in every game, while rookie Tom Abercrombie and seven-foot centre Alex Pledger, after only limited playing time in 2008, slowly warmed to their introduction to the starting lineup.

Players like Mika Vukona, Lindsay Tait and Mike Fitchett, who had served their apprenticeships under the Golden Generation, now put their lessons to good effect.

The campaign received a double blow when both Cameron and veteran centre Craig Bradshaw were ruled out of the FIBA Oceania Championship, and Vucinic was obliged to bring in another rookie, centre BJ Anthony.

For the first time, the Oceania series was contested in a home-and-away format between New Zealand and Australia. With both teams already assured of spots at the 2010 FIBA World Championship for Men, they were competing for a supposedly better draw, the Al Ramsay Shield and, just as importantly, bragging rights over their trans Tasman rivals.

The Tall Blacks were probably unlucky to lose the series opener in Sydney, leading midway through the fourth quarter, but succumbing to a three-point barrage from Boomers guard Joe Ingles. Still, a seven-point loss gave them a sniff of success if they could take advantage of a home court in the decider.

History will show they capitalised to the tune of a record 100-78 victory before a rapturous crowd at Wellington's TSB Arena. Trailing by two points at halftime, the Kiwis blew Australia away with a 36-15 onslaught in the third quarter.

Penney finished just three rebounds shy of a rare "triple double", Vukona and Pledger chimed in with "double doubles", Abercrombie and Fitchett contributed game defining moments, while Anthony proved a thorn in the side of Australia's NBA centre, Nathan Jawai.

The Tall Blacks can now head to Turkey next year with confidence in their newfound depth and the prospect of mounting another challenge against the world's best.

Tom Abercrombie Michael Fitchett Leon Henry Rob Loe Lindsay Tait Mika Vukona Corey Webster BJ Anthony Casey Frank Jarrod Kenny Kirk Penney (captain) Alex Pledger Jeremiah Trueman

COACH
ASSISTANT COACH
VIDEO TECHNICIAN
MANAGER
PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Nenad Vucinic Chris Tupu Dillon Boucher Grant Chapman Bryce Ebben

#### NZ IN EUROPE

Lost to Estonia in Tallinn	4	9			C	8
Lost to Estonia in Rakvere	5	4	-		5	7
Beat Portugal in Trento	9	8	-		9	1
Lost to Italy in Trento	7	Û	-		8	8
Lost to Canada in Trento	ō	8	-		9	Û
Lost to Belgium in Antwerp	7	Ď	-		g	8
Beat Belgium in Oostende	8	ಾ	-		8	1
Lost to Finland in Helsinki	g	1		1	0	2

#### FIBA OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN

Lost to Australia in Sydney 7 7 - 8 4

Beat Australia in Wellington 1 0 0 - 7 8

New Zealand win on aggregate 177 - 162





## NEW ZEALAND TALL FERNS

After their most comprehensive programme ever in the buildup towards the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, the national women's team came back to earth with a thud.

The Christchurch Sirens franchise, set up to form competitive and development opportunities for our women, was dropped from the Australian WNBL and SPARC, which had contributed \$400,000 towards the Olympic campaign, cut all funding to the Tall Ferns after they were unable to progress past pool play.

Basketball New Zealand faced a dilemma, forced to decide between cutting an important international programme that featured a highly talented crop of young players with Olympic potential or persevering with no financial resources to support it.

It was a no-win situation, but the federation pressed on at its own cost to provide a pathway for our women players.

Former assistant coach Shawn Dennis was appointed head coach, assisted by former video technicians Kennedy Kereama-Hamilton and Aik Ho, and his passion for the programme will be a key to its survival.

With most of the Olympic roster either retired or unavailable, Dennis introduced eight rookies to a lineup that had an average age of 21. Their enthusiasm to play for their country should also carry the Ferns through the next decade.

New Zealand has found a key basketball ally in Japan, which sent their women's team to our shores to prepare for the Asian championship. The two national sides met three times – one a public game at Napier's Pettigrew Green Arena, won 80-71 by the visitors. Japan subsequently qualified for the 2010 FIBA World Championship for Women.

To qualify themselves, the Ferns had to beat reigning world champions Australia in the Oceania championship, a tall order given the relative experience of the rosters.

Ultimately, the young Kiwis were well beaten on the scoreboard, but improved across the series to suggest they could learn and improve on their first taste of international basketball.

One player to take big strides during the campaign was guard Toni Edmondson, who was the last cut from the Beijing Olympic selection, but was her team's leading scorer in each game and showed she was ready to play a major role in the future.

"The big thing for us is to help these young girls get the consistent training they need and some exposure to international basketball, while also involving those players who weren't here this year," said Dennis.

He certainly has a clear vision of what needs to be achieved for his team to fulfill their promise and BBNZ remains committed to helping those players do that.

Kim Barnes
Pip Connell
Natasha Hall
Kate McMeeken-Ruscoe
Georgina Richards
Chelsea Terei
Lisa Wallbutton

Suzie Bates Toni Edmondson Zoe Kensington Natalie Moore Natalie Purcell Erin Rooney

COACH ASSISTANT COACH Shawn Dennis Kennedy Hamilton-Kereama Aik Ho

MANAGER PHYSIOTHERAPIST Natalie Tong Karen Sutton

#### TAPAN IN NZ

Lost to Japan in Napier

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#### FIBA OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN

Lost to Australia in Porirua

Lost to Australia in Canberra

4 8 - 9 8 5 7 - 9 7

Australia win series 2-0





### NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR TALL BLACKS

When New Zealand was named as host for the FIBA U19 world championship for Men, Basketball New Zealand faced the task of preparing the Junior Tall Blacks for their first appearance at this level.

They had already attended the prestigious Albert Schweitzer Tournament at Mannheim, Germany, in 2008, an experience that gave them a taste of international basketball and, as it turned out, two of their world championship pool opponents – Argentina and Croatia.

Coach Kenny McFadden was re-appointed coach and began an exhaustive selection process that included a series of camps in Wellington and a trip to Melbourne for the Big V pre-season tournament.

BBNZ invited Egypt and Lithuania to prepare for the championship in the capital, and their presence provided opposition for four build-up games before the JTBs headed to Auckland.

The Junior Tall Blacks came within a basket of upsetting Argentina in their opening game and then finished within seven points of eventual semifinalists Croatia, even without injured star centre Rob Loe.

These results showed New Zealand had the talent to take on the world's major basketball powers if they were given the opportunities.

Their loss to Kazakhstan proved costly in terms of making the top-12 playoffs, but they finished the tournament with a pair of wins to secure 13th placing.

As a result of their performances at the tournament, Loe, captain Dion Prewster and guard Brook Ruscoe were invited to the Tall Blacks trials, where Loe (17) played his way into the national senior team. David Beck (Wellington)
Riki Buckrell (Hutt Valley)
Tipene Friday (Porirua)
Rob Loe (North Harbour)
Dion Prewster (USA)
Brook Ruscoe (Porirua)

Josh Bloxham (Nelson) Richie Edwards (USA) Sam King (Otago) Morgan Nathan (Otago) Tom Rowe (Otago) Logan van Beek (Canterbury)

COACH
ASSISTANT COACH
VIDEO TECHNICIAN
TECHNICAL ADVISOR
MANAGER
PROGRAMME
DIRECTOR
REFEREE

Kenny McFadden Judd Flavell Jozef Molnar Mike McHugh Debbie Webb

Deslea Wrathall Dallas Pickering

#### BIG V TOURNAMENT, MELBOURNE

Beat Waverley	7	2		4	g
Beat Victoria U18	5	3		4	7
Beat Sherbrooke	7	б	-	5	7
Lost to Diamond Valley	5	೦೦		7	1
Beat Diamond Valley (semifinal)	5	Ď	٧	4	2
Lost to Melbourne Tigers U23	5	0		5	8

#### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PREPARATION

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## FIBA U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, AUCKLAND

Lost to Argentina	б	4	-	ħ	Б
Lost to Croatia	7	2	-	7	9
Lost to Kazakhstan	8	3	-	g	0
Beat Syria	9	3	-	7	5
Beat Angola (13th place playoff)	б	2	-	5	4





### FIBA U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN

When Basketball New Zealand won the hosting rights for the FIBA U19 World Championship for Men, it marked the first time this event had been staged in the southern hemisphere.

Sixty-two games were played during the tournament, staged at the North Shore Events Centre and Auckland's ASB Stadium.

To ensure the effective running of the championship, BBNZ outsourced its management to SMC Events, a company very experienced in organising national and regional sporting and cultural events.

About 300 players, coaches and management participated in the tournament, along with 25 FIBA referees. Some 300 local volunteers were involved in running the event, which attracted 40,000 spectators over the 11 days.

Most of FIBA's top officials visited New Zealand for the first time, along with international media, professional and college scouts, and supporters. Games were broadcast in about 150 countries, either through specific broadcast rights or through the FIBA World Basketball programme.

FIBA Global Partners for the event included Molten, Mondo, Zepter and adidas. Local sponsors included the Auckland City Council, North Shore City Council, New Zealand Major Events, SKYCITY Hotel, Tourism Auckland and SPARC.

Tickets were sold through Ticketek.

The tournament sparked a range of marketing initiatives, including the omnipresent "Poro" mascot, the Adopt-A-Team programme among schools, the Auckland City Council "Streetball Challenge" and a Legacy Programme to promote community engagement.

The event put New Zealand on the map as a basketball destination, a potential venue for major basketball events and a leading contributor to the sport's international community.

It provided a chance for local basketball fans to not only watch, but also participate in a piece of history, and it was a chance to lure in Kiwis sport fans, who have had limited opportunities to see top-class international basketball played in their country.

But the championship was also a shot in the arm for the BBNZ age group programme, showing our junior players can compete with their overseas counterparts when given the chance.



### **NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAMS**

While the highlight of the 2009 BBNZ national junior programme was undoubtedly the FIBA U19 World Championship for Men other teams also achieved landmark performances.

The Emerging Junior Tall Blacks, coached by Doug Courtney, came within a game of qualifying for the 2010 FIBA U17 World Championship for Men, becoming the first NZ junior team to defeat Australia in an Oceania Championship encounter and leading for much of the series decider.

The U18 Men, under the guidance of Deslea Wrathall, won bronze medals at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in January and also travelled to Spain for an international tournament that will serve them in good stead as they move into Junior Tall Black ranks.

And the Emerging Tall Ferns (U21) captured silver medals at the FIBA Oceania Tournament in the Northern Mariana Islands, losing to Australia in the final.

In 2010, New Zealand will field a team at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, contested in the FIBA33 format.

The Junior Tall Blacks and Junior Tall Ferns will also take on Australia once more for the right to represent Oceania at the 2011 U19 World Championship.

The U17 men and women will represent New Zealand at the Oceania Youth Tournament in New Caledonia, while U18 and U16 teams will contest their respective Australian state championships.

#### **NEW ZEALAND EMERGING TALL BLACKS**

FIBA OCEANIA TOURNAMENT, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Jake Ashby (Porirua) Duane Bailey (West Auckland) Hemi Joyce-Gay (Waikato) Jordan Mills (Porirua) Zach Makavilitogia (West Auckland) Hayden Miller (Otago)

Luke Aston (Otago) Daniel Green (Waikato) Joe Maiava (Porirua) Ezra Nikora (Porirua)

COACH **ASSISTANT COACH MANAGER PHYSIOTHERAPIST REFEREES** 

Jeff Green Kevin Smith Philomena Terei Sharon Choie Raelene Forde Hayden Pipe

**Beat Northern Mariana Islands** Lost to Australia Lost to New Caledonia Lost to Guam Lost to Australia (Semifinal) Lost to Guam (Bronze medal playoff)



## NEW ZEALAND EMERGING TALL FERNS

#### FIBA OCEANIA TOURNAMENT, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Miranda Caldwell (Canterbury) Samara Gallaher (Otago) Jordan Hunter (Counties Manukau) Sonya Milford (Hutt Valley) Miriam Slatter (Waikato)

Pip Connell (Canterbury) Emma Gillespie (Waitakere) Zoe Kensington (New Plymouth) Natalie Moore (Canterbury) Jelena Vucinic (Nelson)

COACH **ASSISTANT COACH MANAGER PHYSIOTHERAPIST REFEREES** 

Tania Hunter Bert Tobia Philomena Terei Sharon Choie Raelene Forde Hayden Pipe

**Beat Guam** Beat Northern Mariana Islands 1 3 9 2 Lost to Australia **Beat New Caledonia** 10 1 Beat New Caledonia (Semifinal) 1 3 9 Lost to Australia (Final) 6 8

#### **NEW ZEALAND U18 WOMEN**

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL, SYDNEY

Kate Alemann (Waitakere) Caroline Crowley (Otago) Samara Gallaher (Otago) Shiana-Rose Harris (Wellington) Shannon Perrett (Nelson)

Laura Stokes (Australia)

Aleesha Coulter (Counties Manukau) Jasmine Davis (Wellington) Anna Lacey (North Harbour) Jasana Salmon (Porirua) Sian Telfer (North Harbour) Sophie van Velthooven (Marlborough)

COACH **ASSISTANT COACH VIDEO TECHNICIAN MANAGER PHYSIOTHERAPIST REFEREES** 

Darrell Pene Aik Ho Jeff Green Philomena Terei Bryce Ebben Scott Harris

Lost to Australia Lost to Japan Lost to China Lost to China (Bronze medal playoff)

5 1 6 4

#### AUSTRALIAN U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS, GAWLER

Kate Alemann (Waitakere) Jess Bygate (Nelson) Samara Gallaher (Otago) Rebecca Lough (Canterbury) Freya Newton (Palmerston North) Hana Tapiata (Rotorua)

Awhina Karawana (Hutt Valley) Alicia McEwen (Palmerston North) Caitlin Preston (New Plymouth) Claudia van Velthooven (Marlborough)

COACH **ASSISTANT COACH MANAGER** 

Darrell Pene Aik Ho Philomena Terei



3 4 - 8 4 Lost to Queensland South **Lost to WA Country** 3 9 -**Lost to SA Metro** 50 -Lost to ACT 49 -**Lost to Victoria Country** 4 3 **Lost to NSW Metro** 3 5 **Lost to Northern Territory** (13th place playoff)

#### **NEW ZEALAND U18 MEN**

#### AUSTRALIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL, SYDNEY

James Ashby (Waitakere) Michael Karena (Nelson) Ben McIlwaine (Australia) Kirk Rangiawha (Waikato) Scott Sharp (Wellington) Tepasu Thomas (Palmerston North) Chris Hood (Otago)
Tyler Moody (USA)
Ethan Rusbatch
(Canterbury)
Tia Temata-Frost
(Palmerston North)
Max Williams
(New Plymouth)

COACH
ASSISTANT COACH
MANAGER
PHYSIOTHERAPIST
REFEREES

Deslea Wrathall Kevin Smith Natalie Tong Bryce Ebben Kieran Udy Scott Harris

Lost to Australia	3	0	-	ေ	3
Beat Japan	g	2	-	7	1
Lost to China	5	긕	-	g	Ü
Beat Japan (Bronze Medal playoff)	ខ	б	-	8	S

#### VILLAGARCIA BASKET CUP, SPAIN

Chris Duthie (Nelson) Hyrum Hippolite (Porirua)
Ben King (Porirua) Dyson King-Hawea
(Porirua)
Korth Harbour) Ben McIlwaine (Australia)
Mark Overdevest (Waikato)
Tia Temata-Frost
(Palmerston North) Gabriel Wills (Rotorua)

COACH Deslea Wrathall
ASSISTANT COACH Kevin Smith
MANAGER Natalie Tong
PHYSIOTHERAPIST Kelly Horne

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Lost to Russia (pre-tournament)	4	1	-		8	0
Lost to Czech Republic	뤼	5	-		8	2
Lost to France	4	ខ	-	1	1	7
Lost to Italy	5	0	-	1	0	g
Lost to Angola (7th place playoff)	3	1			5	9

#### AUSTRALIAN U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS, GAWLER

Tane Bennett (Western BoP) (Palmerston North)

Damon Cleverley (Otago) Nick Davies (Wellington)

Ryan Funnell (North Harbour)

Ben Mackay (Otago) Ihaka Steel (Thames)

Ruihana Te Nahu (Rotorua) Joseph Webb (Wellington)

COACH ASSISTANT COACH MANAGER REFEREE

Deslea Wrathall Richard Dickel Maryellen Bezzant James Campion

Lost to SA Metro	Ď	Ü	-	1	0	ಾ
Lost to ACT	Ď	Ď	-		7	8
Lost to NSW Country	5	3	-		۲.	ୁ
Lost to West Australia Country	5	5	-		8	1
Lost to Queensland South	ō	5	-	1	0	5
Lost to Victoria Metro	3	3	-		9	0
Beat Northern Territory	7	g	-		б	5
(13th place playoff)						



#### NEW ZEALAND EMERGING JUNIOR TALL BLACKS (U17)

FIBA OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS, BRISBANE

Steven Adams (Wellington) Tamaki Courtney (Waikato)
Alonzo Burton James Ashby
(Hawke's Bay) (West Auckland)
Michael Karena (Nelson) Thomas Ingham (Nelson)
Te Aro Pairama-Lewington
(Wellington) Magnus Holding
(North Harbour)
Tim Wyatt (North Harbour) Jordan Ngatai (Porirua)
Clayton Rosa (Australia) Kirk Rangjawha (Waikato)

COACH Doug Courtney
ASSISTANT COACH Colin Driscoll
MANAGER Shona Miller
PHYSIOTHERAPIST Sharon Choie
REFEREE Dallas Pickering

 Lost to Australia
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 Beat Australia
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 7

 Lost to Australia
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 5
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#### NEW ZEALAND EMERGING JUNIOR TALL FERNS (U17)

FIBA OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS, BRISBANE

Georgia Agnew (Waikato) Megan Craig (Whangarei) Penina Davidson Aleesha Coulter (Waitakere City) (Counties Manukau) Dallas Frederikson Alicia McEwen (Palmerston North) (South Canterbury) Renee Johnson (Otago) Jordan Hiha (Hawke's Bay) Faustina Tuala Rhaiah Spooner-Knight (Waikato) (Waitakere City) Josie Stockill (Hawke's Bay) Hana Wilkinson (Nelson)

COACH Sue Pene
ASSISTANT COACH Shane Brown
MANAGER Robyn Ruka
PHYSIOTHERAPIST Sharon Choie
REFEREE Gavin Zimmerman

 Lost to Australia
 4 8 - 8 4

 Lost to Australia
 5 4 - 6 8

 Lost to Australia
 5 2 - 9 4

#### **NEW ZEALAND U16 MEN**

AUSTRALIAN U16 CHAMPIONSHIPS, ULVERSTONE

Tim Apisai (Counties Manukau) Logan Botica (North Harbour)
Scott Cameron (Nelson) Taylar Davidson (Nelson)
Kurt Heatherley (Waikato) Aaron Keppler (Waikato)
Hoani Walker-Te Pania (Porirua) Reuben Te Rangi (Counties Manukau)
Mat Lacey (North Harbour) Josh Young (Counties Manukau)

COACHSeth WeakleyASSISTANT COACHDale SharpMANAGERBrenda CampbellREFEREETodd Barclay

**Lost to Victoria Country** 8 0 **Beat Northern Territory** 1 0 6 **Beat Queensland North Beat SA Country** 5 8 **Beat WA Country** 8 2 **Lost to NSW Metro** 5 8 Beat WA Metro 7 5 ñ lñ Lost to SA Metro (5th place playoff) 6 0 - 1 0 6

#### **NEW ZEALAND U16 WOMEN**

AUSTRALIAN U16 CHAMPIONSHIPS, ULVERSTONE

Jaime Campbell Deena El Shall-Puketapu (Marlborough) (Hawke's Bay)
Deena Franklin Isabella Lawrence (North Harbour) (Waitakere City)
Morgan Hunter (Southland) Emma Mayo (Wellington)
Alex Svoboda Morgan Roberts (North Canterbury) (Waitakere City)
Meaghan Wilby (Wellington) Te Aomihia Watene (Waikato)

COACH Rachel Gwerder
ASSISTANT COACH Sean Fuller
MANAGER Rena Keightley

 Lost to WA Metro
 5 0 - 8 0

 Lost to SA Country
 4 7 - 6 8

 Lost to NSW Country
 5 2 - 6 8

 Lost to Victoria Metro
 4 1 - 7 0

 Lost to Queensland South
 4 0 - 9 1

 Beat Tasmania
 6 3 - 6 1

 Beat WA Country (13th place playoff)
 6 5 - 4 3

### NZCT NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The 2009 NZCT National Basketball League saw a change in management and perhaps the dawning of a new era.

At the start of the year, Basketball New Zealand reconstituted the NBL board, effectively giving franchises control of how the competition was run. The new six-person board consisted of three team representatives, one BBNZ representative and an independent nominated by each.

BBNZ independent Sam Rossiter-Stead worked tirelessly as board chairman, as did Starpak Management, who were contracted to administer the league administration as well as the Saints franchise out of their Wellington offices.

Otago Nuggets dropped out, leaving a nine-team competition, but the league developed into its usual competitive affair, which eventually saw the two best teams of the regular season – champions Waikato and previous titleholders Nelson square off in the finals.

Under the leadership of coach Dean Vickerman and captain Pero Cameron, the Pistons had too much experience and talent to be denied, winning the first two games in the best-of-three format.

Veteran Nelson shooter Phill Jones added to his already extensive collection of NBL honours with awards for Most Valuable Player, Kiwi MVP, Outstanding Guard and Outstanding Kiwi Guard, while newcomer Tom Abercrombie was voted Outstanding Forward, Outstanding Kiwi Forward and Rookie of the Year.

The league is set to expand in 2010, with the Nuggets rejoining and Southland Sharks earning entry for the first time.

#### **FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1 Waikato Pistons
- 2 ecogise Nelson Giants
- 3 Century City Wellington Saints
- 4 Bartercard Christchurch Cougars
- 5 Appliance Shed Harbour Heat
- 6 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks
- 7 Youthtown Auckland Stars
- 8 McDonald's Manawatu Jets
- 9 Devon Dynamos Taranaki

#### **PLAYOFFS**

#### SEMIFINALS

Century City Wellington Saints **80** (Mike Efevberha 18) 0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks **75** (Charles Bailey 21)

Bartercard Christchurch Cougars 106 (Paora Winitana 38) Appliance Shed Harbour Heat 98

## (Corey Webster 23) QUARTERFINALS

ecogise Nelson Giants **83** (Phill Jones 22)
Century City Wellington Saints **82** (Mike Efevberha 24)

Waikato Pistons **96** (Mike Fitchett 24) Bartercard Christchurch Cougars **89** (Tim Behrendorff 25)

#### **FINALS**

#### **Game One**

Waikato Pistons **81** (Adam Ballinger 22) ecogise Nelson Giants **69** (Phill Jones 21)

#### Game Two

Waikato Pistons **94** (Justin Bailey 32) ecogise Nelson Giants **84** (Phill Jones 24)





#### **AWARDS**

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Phill Jones (ecogise Nelson Giants)

Phill Jones (ecogise Nelson Giants)

#### **REGULAR SEASON WINNERS**

Waikato Pistons

KEITH CARR TROPHY

– MOST OUTSTANDING GUARD

Mike Efevberha (Century City Wellington Saints)

JOHN MACDONALD TROPHY

– MOST OUTSTANDING NZ GUARD

Phill Jones (ecogise Nelson Giants)

Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)

Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)

## GARRY PETTIS MEMORIAL TROPHY - LEADING INDIVIDUAL REBOUNDER

Jamil Terrell (McDonalds Manawatu Jets)

#### DAVE TAYLOR TROPHY

- LEADING ASSISTS

Paul Henare (Bartercard Christchurch Cougars)

#### LEADING SCORER

Mike Efevberha (Century City Wellington Saints)

#### ALL STAR FIVE

Mike Efevberha (Century City Wellington Saints)

Phill Jones (ecogise Nelson Giants)

Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)

Adam Ballinger (Waikato Pistons)

Tim Behrendorff (Bartercard Christchurch Cougars)

#### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

Dean Vickerman (Waikato Pistons)

#### FREE THROW LEADER

Michael Fitchett (Waikato Pistons)

#### ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Ange Agnew (Waikato Pistons)

#### MEDIA AWARD

Geoff Longley (The Press)







## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Women's Basketball Championship was established this year under the leadership of Brett Goebel to give the women's game a competition that would grow and develop in the future.

Among its objectives were to further enhance the development of young players by providing a pathway from age groups to the Tall Ferns.

It sought to lift the profile of women's basketball, slow the loss of talent to other sports and unify local associations in their support of the women's game.

A key to its success was finding a format that associations could support philosophically and financially, a major obstacle to Basketball New Zealand's previous efforts to re-establish a women's national league.

The WBC was contested over three weekends a month apart at venues throughout the country – North Harbour, Otago and Wellington.

Nine teams – Harbour Breeze, Taranaki Trojans, Waikato Cougars, Wellington Swish, Otago Gold Rush, Canterbury Wildcats, Waikato Wizards, GABBA Gators and NZ Academy – entered the championship, although two more – Hutt Valley and South Canterbury – also participated.

More than 120 players competed with the standard of play improving at each tournament.

The final weekend saw a "Championship" section of five teams, won by Harbour Breeze, and a "Plate" section of five teams, won by Waikato Wizards.

Nine women who played in the WBC were subsequently selected for the Tall Ferns squad.

Already, 14 teams have entered for the 2010 Women's Basketball Championship. Organisers will work towards a championship section of six and a plate section of eight for the final tournament.

The vision towards 2011 is for an elite six with a second-tier competition and promotion-relegation opportunity for the other teams.

#### FINAL STANDINGS

- 1 Harbour Breeze
- 2 Otago Gold Rush
- 3 Canterbury Wildcats
- 4 Taranaki Trojans
- 5 Waikato Wizards
- 6 Waikato Cougars
- 7 Wellington Swish
- 8 NZ Academy
- 9 GABBA Gators
- 10 Hutt Valley

#### **PLAYOFFS**

#### SEMIFINALS

Harbour Breeze **72** (Charmian Purcell 23) Canterbury Wildcats **51** (Megan Shea 14)

Otago Gold Rush 62 (Suzie Bates 25) Taranaki Trojans 50 (Zoe Kensington 9)

#### FINAL

Harbour Breeze **80** (Karlene Kingi 22) Otago Gold Rush **53** (Suzie Bates 14)

#### **AWARDS**

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Charmian Purcell (Harbour Breeze)

#### ALL-STAR FIVE

Suzie Bates (Otago Gold Rush) Amber Bellringer (Taranaki Trojans) Jody Cameron (Harbour Breeze) Charmian Purcell (Harbour Breeze) Leanne Walker (Waikato Wizards)





### NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

New Zealand basketball witnessed the end of a dynasty when the doors of Church College closed at the end of 2009.

The Mormon college had dominated the history of NZ secondary schools basketball and was obviously set on going out in style, with its teams among the favourites for both boys and girls titles.

The CCNZ boys eventually fell in an intense semifinal showdown with crosstown rivals Fraser High School and finished third. Tall Black and Junior Tall Black centre Rob Loe led Westlake BHS to victory over Fraser in the final, their third title in five years.

But the Church College girls delivered on the promise, rallying to defeat New Plymouth GHS for their third consecutive title.

In the Open Championships, hosts Southland took full use of the opportunity to push for inclusion into the NBL, recruiting wisely to run away with both men's (featuring former Tall Blacks Ed Book, Brendon Pongia and Terrence Lewis) and women's (Tall Ferns Donna Wilkins and Suzie Bates) titles.

The Sharks were subsequently admitted to the 2010 National Basketball League.

Auckland dominated the wheelchair event, held in conjunction with the Open Championships in Invercargill.

The national age group titles were fairly evenly spread around the country with no one association dominating as has happened in the past.

Waitakere took out both U13 titles, Waikato both U15 crowns and North Harbour the U19 & U21 women. Wellington, West Auckland, Hawke's Bay and Canterbury also had a title each.

In total, more than 500 teams contested BBNZ premierships in 2009, with 220 progressing to national tournaments.

BBNZ tournaments continue to act as one of the first steps in the pathway for athletes, coaches and officials towards international and professional careers.

#### U13 BOYS

HOSTS: NORTH HARBOUR

WINNERS Waitakere City
RUNNERS UP North Harbour
MVP Sheaziah Compain

(Waitakere)

NAL REFEREES David Te Au

FINAL REFEREES David Te Au Matthew Williams

#### TOURNAMENT TEAM

Xavier Bartlett Mikaere Watene (Rotorua) (Mid Canterbury) Mataeus Marsh Richard Rodger (Otago) (Hawke's Bay) Klyve Dungan Sheaziah Compain (Western BOP) (Waitakere City) Toma Noguchi (Nelson) Liam Tasi (Counties Manukau) Zac Buchegger Kahu Robinson (Rotorua) (North Harbour)

#### U13 GIRLS

HOSTS: NORTH HARBOUR

WINNERS Waitakere City
RUNNERS UP Waikato
MVP Moerangi Vercoe (Rotorua)
FINAL REFEREES Kathryn Richards
Te Reweti Graham

#### TOURNAMENT TEAM

Laken Wairau (Canterbury)

Francis Redmond
(Mid Canterbury)

Casey McFadden
(West Auckland)

Georgia Perrott-Hunt
(North Harbour)

Curtney Keach
(Taranaki Country)

Teagen Graham (Wellington)
Maria Milani
(Waitakere City)
(North Harbour)

Corbyn Heu (Waikato)

#### **U15 BOYS**

#### **HOSTS: CANTERBURY**

**WINNERS RUNNERS UP** MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Tai Webster

Sesilili Patel

(North Harbour)

(North Harbour)

Brandon Gleaves (Canterbury)

Mitchell Howie

Kurt Heatherley (Waikato)

Luke Hawkins-Bellis

Waikato

Harbour

Tai Webster (North Harbour) Joseph Kang (Auckland) Tohi Smith Milner (West Auckland)

Delroi Heu (Waikato) Kurt Heatherley (Waikato) Paul Won (Wellington) Nico Buckrell (Hutt Valley) Micah Brown (Wellington)

#### U17 BOYS

#### HOSTS: PALMERSTON NORTH

**WINNERS RUNNERS UP** MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Wellington West Auckland

Steven Adams (Wellington)

Gareth Teahan Oceen Reed

#### TOURNAMENT TEAM

Rueben Te Rangi Issac Fotu (Counties Manukau) (North Harbour)

Michael Karena (Nelson) Tim Wyatt (North Harbour) Chris McIntyre

James Ashby (West Auckland) (Wellington) Elliot Bryers Alonzo Burton (Hawke's Bay) (West Auckland) Steven Adams (Wellington) Tom Ingham (Nelson)

#### U15 GIRLS

#### **HOSTS: CANTERBURY**

**WINNERS RUNNERS UP** MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Waikato Waitakere City

Kalani Purcell (Waikato) Todd Graham Zac Norriss

#### **U17 GIRLS**

#### HOSTS: PALMERSTON NORTH

**WINNERS RUNNERS UP** 

MVP **FINAL REFEREES**  Hawke's Bay Waitakere City

Josie Stockill (Hawke's Bay)

Grant Flanagan Jilly Harris

#### TOURNAMENT TEAM

Anna Constable (Canterbury) Isabella Lawrence (Waitakere City) Chelsea Savage (Waikato)

Breana Jones (Waikato) Veshae Wilkinson (Waikato) Kalani Purcell (Waikato)

Penina Davidson (Waitakere) Deena Franklin (North Harbour) Faustina Tuala (Waitakere City) Stella Beck (Hutt Valley)

#### TOURNAMENT TEAM

Moengaroa Subritzky (Waitakere City) Aleesha Coulter (Counties Manukau)

Tyla Tariau (Waitakere City) Kayla Kiriau (Wellington) Georgia Agnew (Waikato)

Maggie Burrows (Southland) Shanice Swain (Hawke's Bay)

Shannon Perrett (Nelson) Jordan Cederwall (North Harbour)

Josie Stockill (Hawke's Bay)



#### **U19 MEN**

#### **HOSTS: NELSON**

**WINNERS RUNNERS UP** MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Canterbury Waitakere City Sam Evans (Canterbury) James Campion Scott Harris

Shane Nikora

#### **TOURNAMENT TEAM**

Brad Anderson (North Harbour) Sam Evans (Canterbury) Jason Goodwin (Waitakere City) Hayden Miller (Otago) Tom Rowe (Otago)

Duane Bailey (Waitakere City) Daniel Green (Porirua) Ethan Rusbatch (Canterbury) Adam Rainbird (Nelson) Kes Yahata (Canterbury)

#### U21 MEN

**WINNERS RUNNERS UP** MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

(West Auckland) Hayden Pipe Miguel Gallardo Tony Eldershaw

West Auckland

Houston O'Riley

Porirua

#### **TOURNAMENT TEAM**

Luke Aston (Waitakere City/Otago) Jake Ashby (Porirua) Paaka Hakaraia (West Auckland) Jordan Mills (Porirua) Houston O'Riley (West Auckland)

Duane Bailey (Waitakere City/Otago) Rob Loe (North Harbour) Zach Makavilitogia (West Auckland) Brook Ruscoe (Porirua) Tom Rowe (Waitakere City/Otago)

#### **U19 WOMEN**

#### HOSTS: NELSON

**WINNERS RUNNERS UP** MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

North Harbour Hutt Valley Anna Lacey (North Harbour) Bevan Maslin Brendan Hodgson Olivia Johnson

#### **TOURNAMENT TEAM**

Natasha Hall (North Harbour) Gemma Hazeldine (North Canterbury) Zoe Kensington (New Plymouth) Bayley Ross-Waitai (Hutt Valley)

Jasmine Davis (Hutt Valley) Samara Gallaher (Otago) Megan Shea (Canterbury) Anna Lacey (North Harbour) Chevannah Paalvast (Waitakere City) Jelena Vucinic (Nelson)

#### **U21 WOMEN**

#### HOSTS: WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY

WINNERS **RUNNERS UP** MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Porirua Natasha Hall (North Harbour) Bo Wills-Choat Colin Dowling Gareth Teahan

North Harbour

#### TOURNAMENT TEAM

Jordan Hunter (Counties Manukau) Miriam Slatter (Waikato) Larissa Marino-Anderson (Counties Manukau) Letava Whippy (Porirua) Chevannah Paalvast (Waitakere City/ New Plymouth)

Natasha Hall (North Harbour) Jasmine Davis (Hutt Valley) Milika Nathan (North Harbour) Freda Riwai (North Harbour) Rhandelle Tuala-Fata (Porirua)

#### **OPEN MEN**

#### HOSTS: SOUTHLAND

WINNERS RUNNERS UP MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Ed Book (Southland)
EREES
Bo Wills-Choat
Colin Dowling
Yalla Edwards

Canterbury

Porirua

#### TOURNAMENT TEAM

Randall Bishop (Porirua)
Tipene Friday (Porirua)

Ed Book (Southland) Terrence Lewis (Southland)

Brendon Pongia (Southland)

#### WHEELCHAIRS

#### HOSTS: SOUTHLAND

WINNERS RUNNERS UP MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Auckland A
Auckland B
Reweti Cameron
(Auckland A)
Gavin Zimmerman
Lynda van Oosten
Rachael Hawea-Kete

#### TOURNAMENT TEAM

Steve Hei (Auckland A) James Rollo (Auckland A)

Reweti Cameron (Auckland A)

Carol Daley (Nelson Bays) Ryan Standring (Otago)

#### **OPEN WOMEN**

#### HOSTS: SOUTHLAND

WINNERS RUNNERS UP MVP

Hutt Valley Casey Lockwood (Southland)

Southland

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Devina Banks Donna Brown Glen Marsh

#### TOURNAMENT TEAM

Suzie Bates (Southland) Liz Edwards (Hutt Valley)

Casey Lockwood (Southland) Lisa Book (Southland) Donna Wilkins (Southland)



### SECONDARY SCHOOL BOYS (AA)

HOSTS: PALMERSTON NORTH

**WINNERS RUNNERS UP** MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Canterbury Fraser HS Rob Loe (Westlake BHS) Brendon Hodgson

Kieran Udy Sean Cronin

Hyrum Hippolite

(Mana College)

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Marco Alexander (Rangitoto College) Daniel Green (Fraser HS) Shaquille Hohipa-Wilson (Westlake BHS) Ethan Rusbatch (Cashmere HS) Josh Whippy (Church College)

Hemi Joyce-Gay (Fraser HS) Mitchell Richmond (Westlake BHS) Jai Soloai-Skelton

(Church College) Rob Loe (Westlake BHS)

### SECONDARY SCHOOL BOYS (A)

**WINNERS RUNNERS UP** MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Nga Taiatea Wharekura Rotorua Lakes HS Kane Mahara

(Nga Taiatea Wharekura) Callum Welch

Glen Marsh

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Joe Cooney (Dunstan HS) Reuben Elley (Buller HS) Ben Appleton (Rotorua Lakes HS) Vaughan Hodgson (Taumaranui HS) Keoghan O'Brien (Nga Taiatea Wharekura) Thomas Mulvihill

Adam Hardie (Rotorua Lakes HS) Kane Mahara (Nga Taiatea Wharekura) Te Kepa Walker (Tolaga Bay Area School) Te Rongapai Reti (Paeroa College)

### SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS (AA)

HOSTS: PALMERSTON NORTH

**WINNERS RUNNERS UP** MVP

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Church College New Plymouth GHS Letava Whippy (Church College) Brad Quinn Raelene Forde

#### TOURNAMENT TEAM

Ashleigh Kelman-Poto (Mt Albert Grammar) Bella McCallum (New Plymouth GHS) Freda Riwai (Church College) Moengaroa Subritzky (Church College) Letava Whippy (Church College)

Zoe Kensington (New Plymouth GHS) Terai Sadler (New Plymouth GHS) Bayley Ross-Waitai (Fraser HS) Jelena Vucinic (Waimea College) Kalani Purcell (Fraser HS)

### SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS (A)

HOSTS: NORTH HARBOUR

WINNERS **RUNNERS UP** MVP

(Dunstan HS)

**FINAL REFEREES** 

Rotorua Lakes HS Church College Maureen Tuia (Church College) Hee-Suh Choi Lemuel Arabelo

#### **TOURNAMENT TEAM**

Gabby Adams (Rotorua Lakes HS) Lana Forbes (Church College) Corban Parata (Church College) Shontay Ropitini (Wairoa College) Maureen Tuia (Church College)

Lisa Adams (Rotorua Lakes HS) Natalie Mora (Te Aroha College) Aroha Ropitini (Wairoa College) Renee Tana (Paeroa College) Ellie Ngatai (Buller HS)

### COMMUNITY BASKETBALL

The 2009 year saw the fruits of previous years' work in merging smaller associations to offer players the opportunity of representative basketball at BBNZ tournaments.

This successful process will benefit from clear, concise regulations and procedures going forward.

Systems provider SportingPulse challenged the New Zealand basketball community to become "paperless" by posting all fixtures, newsletters and information on association websites.

There has been mixed reaction to this target with some associations relishing the opportunity and other, less resourced associations, unable to fully commit to such a change.

Basketball New Zealand did its part by posting most information and documents directly on to the BBNZ website.

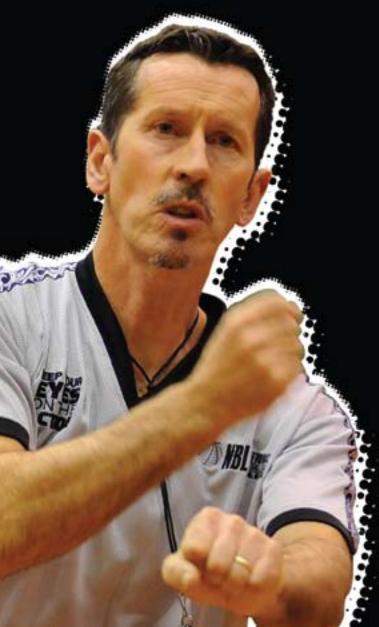
Over the past two years, BBNZ has rolled out FIBA Organizer software to assist with funding and sponsorship deals. We continue to work with SPARC to develop our collection of useful demographic information and, to that end, identified compulsory fields in late 2009.

FIBA announced its intention to change court markings – the three-point arc will be extended and the shape of the keyhole altered – and BBNZ issued support documents to help this transition. Leagues, FIBA Oceania tournaments and domestic nationals require the new markings by the start of the 2011 season, and BBNZ premierships by 2013.

The worldwide financial crisis hit sports hard and highlighted the need to maintain good funding streams. Basketball New Zealand developed a trust funding policy in an attempt to support applications made by the national federation, our member associations and clubs.

But the funding shortage also meant some programmes were put in a holding pattern or scaled back accordingly. Tournament entry fees had remained static for several years, but increased expenses could no longer be absorbed by Basketball New Zealand.

Our work at grassroots level was further limited by the illness to BBNZ community basketball manager Glenda Rodger, who suffered head injuries when she fell while playing in 2008. She will take 12 months' leave in 2010 to work towards a full recovery.



#### **OFFICIALS**

Gavin Zimmerman, already qualified as an international wheelchair referee, became our fourth active FIBA referee in 2009, while Ken Coulson and Alistair Tod were both appointed FIBA Commissioners.

Nelson Basketball Association held a well-attended wheelchair referee classification course in early 2009 with Zimmerman as lead trainer.

James Campion was named Nelson Official of the Year, while Dallas Pickering did New Zealand proud with his appointment to the FIBA U19 World Championship for Men panel.

The Junior Tall Blacks played a series of prechampionship games in Wellington, officiated by loyal "volunteer" referees who offered their time freely for the experience. They deserve a special mention – thanks to Joe Hemi, Yalla Edwards, Donna Brown, Melony Wealleans and Alan Godden.

Yalla Edwards and Scott Harris also provided their services for a game between the Tall Ferns and Japan.

Road Safety Trust completed its sponsorship of BBNZ referees, with a campaign that saw its highly visible logo worn by officials from NBL to premiership and local level basketball.

#### **BBNZ LEGACY PROJECT**

The New Zealand Basketball Foundation secured the services of former New Zealand international player Glenda Taylor, who now lives in the USA. She spent considerable time interviewing past players, coaches and basketball enthusiasts, and rolled out the "Pioneers of Basketball New Zealand" project at the FIBA U19 World Championship for Men in Auckland.

The memorabilia project will record activities as far back as 1924.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Basketball New Zealand website continued to set records for its service to the sport's community, attracting almost 500,000 visits and two million page views over 2009.

The most visits recorded during the year occurred on July 3 (3222), the second day of the FIBA U19 World Championship for Men. Other highlights included the NBL semifinals (3110) and the Tall Blacks' victory over Australia (2735).

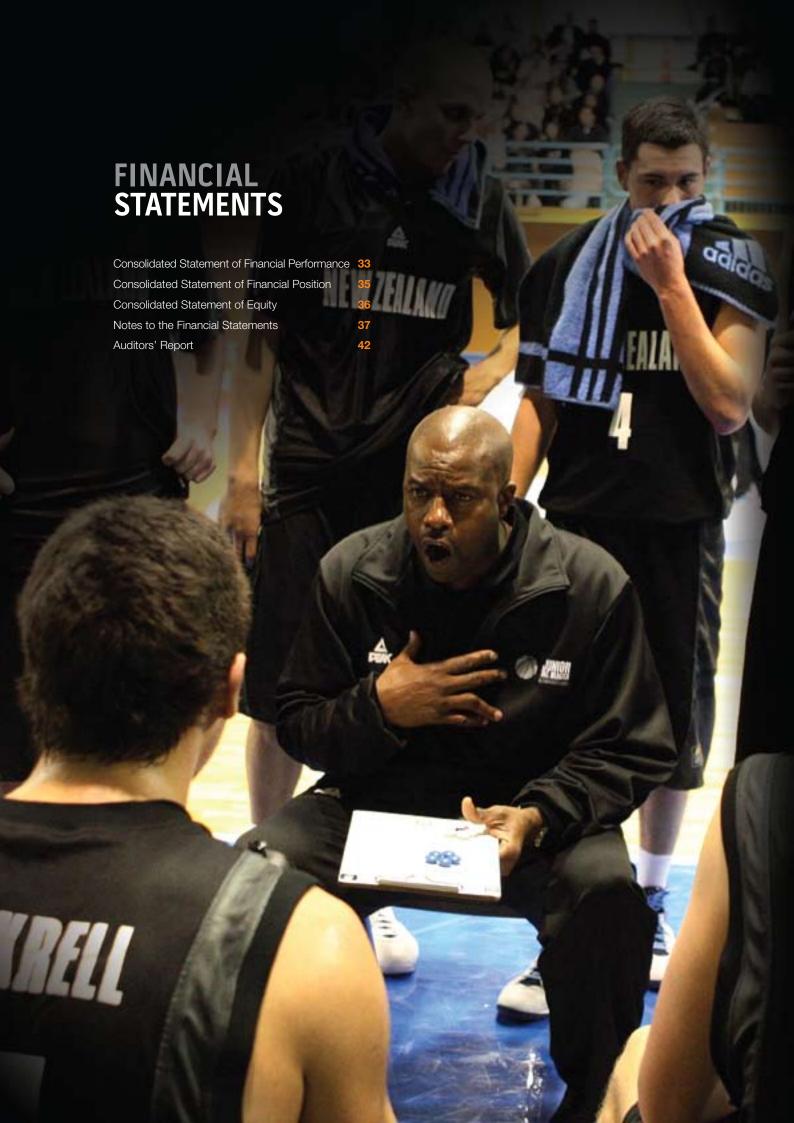
A feature added to the website was a portal through to the new FIBATV site, which provides live footage of games and other major international basketball events.

#### 2010 PREVIEW

Referees will be encouraged to register and increase the usable information on the officials database as a means of attracting more financial support and resources.

Basketball New Zealand hopes to invest more directly in associations and adopt a "train the trainer" approach to developing officials, including referees and bench staff.

BBNZ will work closely with international experts, especially from Australia, to expose our officials to top quality training. We are fortunate to currently have at least two FIBA officials from other regions living in New Zealand – a resource yet to be tapped.







		GROUP				PARENT				
			2009		2008		2009		2008	
Player Registration Fees Flat Fee		\$	55,800 55,800	\$	62,903 62,903	\$	55,800 55,800	S	62,903 62,903	
Referees		\$	3,894	\$	9,761	\$	3,894	\$	9,761	
Coach & Player Development		\$	87,223	\$	57,055	\$	87,223	\$	57,055	
League Income		\$	148,533	\$	211,000	\$	13,533	\$	41,000	
National Teams Player Levies and Other Income		\$	553,550	\$	334,026	\$	553,550	\$	334,026	
NZBL Office Services		\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	73,800	
Tournaments & Tours Koru Development Tour Tournaments World U19's	(Note 4)	_	330,208 468,416 2,046,732 2,845,356	***	324,296 397,665 - 721,961	\$ \$ \$	330,208 468,416 - 798,624	s s s	324,296 397,665 - 721,961	
Grants SPARC Olympic Committee FIBA Oceania		\$	627,855 24,840 652,695	\$ \$ \$	1,101,114 130,000 - 1,231,114	\$ \$	627,855 24,840 652,695	\$ \$ \$	1,101,114 130,000 1,231,114	
Sponsorships		\$	238,799	\$	327,500	\$	137,299	\$	175,000	
Gaming Machine Grants	(Note 7)	\$	336,067	\$	464,468	\$	336,067	\$	464,468	
Sports Betting Commission		\$	277,768	\$	214,068	\$	274,690	\$	209,203	
General Product Sales, Donations & Sundry Income Interest Received		\$	42,291 11,636 53,927	\$ \$	138,307 38,996 177,303	\$	42,291 8,676 50,967	\$	138,307 37,656 175,963	
TOTAL INCOME FOR YEAR		\$6	5,253,612	\$	3,811,159	\$2	2,964,342	\$	3,556,254	

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS





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EXPENDITURE			2009		2008		2009		2008
Administration									
Audit fee		\$	14,610	\$	9,304	\$	14,610	\$	9,304
Accounting fees		\$	7,250	\$		\$	7,250	\$	-
AGM Expenses		\$	18,101	\$	16,172	\$	18,101	\$	16,172
Bad and Doubtful Debts		\$	52,329	\$	-	\$	52,329	\$	-
Computer Support		\$	7,337	\$	10,992	\$	7,337	\$	10,992
Depreciation		\$	43,159	\$	24,683	\$	43,159	\$	24,683
Foreign Exchange Loss		\$	3,788	\$	-	\$	3,788	\$	
Insurance		\$	6,374	\$	6,175	\$	6,374	\$	6,175
Impairment Expenses		S		\$	-	\$	83,053	\$	
Interest		s	8.309	\$		\$	8,309	S	
Legal		s	23,302	\$	91,463	S	23,302	S	91,463
Office Costs		\$	53,867	s	42,025	8	53.867	\$	42,025
Promotions and Publications		s	11,996	\$	14,560	\$	11,998	S	14,560
Rent		Š	74,738	š	56,746	ŝ	74,738	s	56,746
Stationery, Printing and Office Supplies		Š	16.866	Š	18,962	ŝ	16,866	s	18,962
Subscriptions and Affiliations		š	41,418	š	36,800	s	41,418	s	36,800
Telecommunications and Website		š	36,765	Š	66,652	ŝ	36,765	s	66,652
Travel/Accommodation/Meetings		š	83,828	š	86,942	š	83,828	S	86,942
	(Note 10)	Š	311,205	š	366,970	š	311,205	š	366,970
Salaries and Allowances Settlement fees	(NOIB TO)	ŝ	311,200	š	24,000	Š	011,200	š	24,000
Settlement lees		\$	815,242	ŝ	872,446	ŝ	898,295	\$	872,446
		s		s	29,191	s	111,065	s	29,191
Referee's Costs		Þ	111,055	9	28,191	9	111,000		
Coach & Player Development		\$	204,225	\$	253,243	\$	204,225	\$	253,243
League Costs		\$	206,022	\$	325,271	\$	25,374	\$	51,390
Marketing & Communications	(Note 10)	\$	77,485	\$	122,118	\$	77,485	\$	122,118
National Torre Conta									
National Team Costs		s	473.243	s	463,318	s	473,243	\$	463,318
NZ Men		ŝ	98,314	ŝ	563,580	š	98,314	Š	563,580
NZ Women		-	639.894	Š	507,157	š		Š	507,157
NZ Juniors		_	1,211,451	Ś	1,534,056	_	1,211,451	ŝ	1,534,056
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Tournaments & Tours									
Koru Development Tour	(Note 4)	S	344,994	S	327,177	\$	344,994	\$	327,177
Tournament costs	(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	s	331,647	s	375,869	S	331,647	s	375,869
World U19 Championships		\$2	2,165,738	s		S		3	-
void o to onempondings		_	2,842,379	\$	703,046	\$	676,641	\$	703,046
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR		\$1	5,467,860	\$	3,839,371	\$3	3,204,526	\$	3,565,490
								\$	
OPERATING LOSS FOR YEAR		\$	(214,248)	\$	(28,212)	\$	(240,184)	\$	(9,236)

#### Basketball New Zealand Inc and Group Consolidated Statement of Financial Position Year Ended 31 December 2009



			GI	ROL	IP.		PAR	RENT	r
			2009		2008		2009		2008
Member's equity									
Net Loss for period		\$	(214,248)	\$	(28,212)	\$	(240,184)	\$	(9,236)
Equity at start of period		\$	273,833	\$	302,045	\$	323,528	\$	332,764
Equity at end of period		5	59,585	\$	273,833	\$	83,344	\$	323,528
Represented by:									
Current Assets									
Bank Accounts		5	180,311	5	675,079	\$	145,341	\$	604,883
Accounts Receivables		5	363,161	\$	427,085	\$	455,055	5	360,391
Prepayments		\$	34,664	\$	11,934	\$	16,550	\$	11,934
Stock		5	3,911	\$	11,350	\$	3,911	\$	11,350
Total		\$	582,047	\$	1,125,449	\$	620,858	\$	988,559
Current Liabilities									
Accounts Payable and Accruals		\$	349,432	5	329,354	\$	338,017	\$	307,872
Employee Entitlements		\$	26,383	\$	33,849	\$	26,383	\$	33,849
Koru Tour Current Account	(Note 4)	\$	152,330	\$	157,463	\$	152,330	\$	157,463
Income in Advance		5	25,199	\$	375,600	\$	51,770	\$	210,600
Total		\$	553,344	\$	896,266	\$	568,500	\$	709,785
Working Capital		\$	28,703	\$	229,183	\$	52,358	\$	278,774
Non Current Liablities									
Loan-leasehold improvements		\$	97,503	\$		\$	97,503	\$	
Investments		80		703		2.0	11922	100	0.000
Shares in National Basketball League Ltd		\$		\$		\$	100	\$	100
Shares in Other companies	(Note 3)	5	*	\$		\$	4	\$	4
Total		\$		\$		\$	104	\$	104
Non Current Assets	(Note 2)							8	
Property,Plant & Equipment		\$	128,384	\$	44,650	\$	128,384	\$	44,650
NET ASSETS		5	59,585	\$	273,833	\$	83,344	\$	323,528

President

Chief Executive Officer

Date: 15 February 2010

Date: 15 February 2010

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#### Basketball New Zealand Inc and Group Consolidated Statement of Equity Year Ended 31 December 2009



		GRO	UP	,		PAR	ENT	г
		2009		2008		2009		2008
Member's equity								
Net Loss for period	\$	(214,248)	\$	(28,212)	\$	(240, 184)	\$	(9,237)
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#### BASKETBALL NEW ZEALAND INC and GROUP

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

# 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Reporting Entity

Basketball New Zealand Inc.(BBNZ) is an Incorporated Society registered under the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

# 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, Basketball New Zealand Events Ltd and National Basketball Leagues Ltd. The subsidiaries are 100% owned by Basketball New Zealand. Basketball New Zealand Events Limited ceased operations July 2009.

# Going Concern

BBNZ and Group incurred a deficit of \$214,248 for the year ended 31 December 2009. BBNZ & Group's business plans set out sustainable profitability projections. As a result, the considered view of the Board is that BBNZ & Group has adequate resources to continue operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason the Board continues to adopt the going concern assumption in preparing financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

#### 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.

#### 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.

# 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.

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#### 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.

#### 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 9.6% -48% straight line Computer/Equipment 36% -straight line 36%-straight line 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.

#### Revenue

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.



### 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 2009 are as follows:-

#### Group

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book 2009	Value 2008	Depreciation 2009
Office Furniture & Equipment Computer / Equipment Software Team Uniforms & Equipment Trophies	198,587 112,144 27,534 33,292 5,266 376,823	84,466 102,518 24,617 31,672 5,166 248,439	114,121 9,626 2,917 1,620 100 128,384	18,017 18,138 7,291 1,106 100 44,650	26,563 12,016 4,374 206 0 43,159

### Parent

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book 2009	Value 2008	Depreciation 2009
Office Furniture & Equipment Computer / Equipment Software Team Uniforms & Equipment Trophies	198,587 112,144 27,534 33,292 5,266 376,823	84,486 102,518 24,617 31,672 5,166 248,439	114,121 9,626 2,917 1,520 100 128,384	18,017 18,136 7,291 1,106 100 44,650	26,563 12,016 4,374 206 0 43,159

# 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 2005 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 2009 financial year and it is not intended that they will trade in the future.

BBNZ Events Ltd was formed to run the 2009 Under 19 World Championships.

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# 4. KORU TOUR CURRENT ACCOUNT

Basketball New Zealand Inc., administers the Koru Development Tours. Income and expenditure for the 2009 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 2010 tour which took place in January 2010 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.

	Grou	p	Parent		
	2009	2008	2009	2008	
Current Portion	82,349	85,151	82,349	85,151	
Non-current portion	218,561	381,246	218,561	381,246	

# 6. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Basketball New Zealand Inc. has no known contingent liabilities. (2008: Nil)

# GAMING MACHINE GRANTS

	Group		Parent	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Scottwood	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Zealand Community Trust	\$286,280	\$283,497	\$286,280	\$283,497
Southern Trust	\$0	\$37,049	\$0	\$37,049
Lion Foundation	\$33,840	\$72,179	\$33,840	\$72,179
Caversham Foundation	\$0	\$2000	\$0	\$2,000
Pub Charity	\$0	\$62,810	\$0	\$52,810
First Sovereign	\$0	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000
Cuesports	\$0	\$4,933	\$0	\$4,933
Perry Foundation	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Eureka Trust	\$5,947	\$0	\$5,947	\$0
Total	\$336,067	\$464,468	\$336,067	\$464,468

# 8. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions during the year. (2008: Nil).



# **GROUP INVESTMENTS**

SUBSIDIARIES				
	Class of Share	Owners	hip Interest	Principal Activity
Comme versitary esta	1.6.1.	2009	2008	
National Basketball League Limited (NBL)	Ordinary	100%	100%	Running the New Zealand 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%	
Basketball New Zealand Events Ltd	Ordinary	100%		Running the 2009 World U19 Championships

# 10.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES
In 2009 Communications, Referees and Marketing salaries have been classified into their own expense codes. The 2008 expenses have been reclassified for comparability.

# BDO WELLINGTON





### 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 ('BBNZ') and group and its financial position as at 31 December 2009. 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 BBNZ and group at 31 December 2009 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 judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to BBNZ 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 we have no relationship with, or interest in, BBNZ and Group.

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# Fundamental Uncertainty - Going Concern

In forming our unqualified opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in the financial statements concerning the going concern assumption by the Board. As stated in the Going Concern note 1 of the financial statements, BBNZ and Group incurred a deficit of \$214,248 for the year ended 31 December 2009. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, the validity of which depends on BBNZ and Group achieving its business plans in respect of profitability and cash flows.

# 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 2009 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 15 February 2010 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

**BDO Wellington** 

Chartered Accountants

BBo Wellington

# BASKETBALL NEW ZEALAND MEET THE TEAM

**PATRON** 

Rt Hon Dame Jenny Shipley

**PRESIDENT** 

John Gallaher

**BOARD MEMBERS** 

Mel Young (Vice President)

Jill Bolger

Patrick Dougherty Stephen Layburn

Kevin Smith Barry Wilson

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

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Barry Wilson

ROLL OF HONOUR

Sir Lance Cross RC

Curtis Kelvin Gay

Zena Gay

Basil Marsh QSM

NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

Tim Hamilton CEO

Grant Chapman National Teams & Communications

Manager

Nick Crocker Tournaments Co-ordinator

(left in 2010)

Roslyn Hart Receptionist

Jaimie Hefelfinger Executive Assistant

Cath Kara Basketball Support Officer
Paul McLaren Sponsorship, Marketing

& Events Co-ordinator

(left in 2009)

Jemma Prescott Coach & Player Development

Administrator

Scott Preston Communications Officer

(left in 2009)

Saileen Raj Business Manager

Glenda Rodger Community Basketball Manager

(leave of absence 2010)

Maree Taylor Tournaments & Leagues Manager

(left in 2009)

Natalie Tong National Teams Co-ordinator

Tracy Walley Executive Assistant/Office Manager

(maternity leave 2009/10)

CONTRACTED STAFF

Bill Eldred Coach Development Officer
Sue Pene Player Development Officer

Mata Cameron Regional Coach &

Player Development Officer

Bill Eldred Regional Coach &

Player Development Officer

Colin Driscoll Regional Coach & Player Development Officer

Rachel Gwerder Regional Coach &

Player Development Officer

James Campion Regional Referee Officer
Matt Cursons Regional Referee Officer
Glen Horobin Regional Referee Officer

Nicolas Warren Regional Referee Officer (left in 2009)

**MEMBERSHIPS** 

FIBA Cceania

Paralympics New Zealand Olympic Committee

# 2009 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
1986	E Kirton
1987	Ray Thomson
1988	Mary Clark
1989	Patricia Wells
1990	Brydon Harvey
1991	Ngaire Lee
1992	Lance McLoughlin
1993	John Grocott
1994	Barbara Baxter
1995	Keith Wright
1996	Len Rollinson
1997	Daisy Rangi
1998	Russell Henwood
1999	Jeff Olsen
2000	Keith Mair
2001	Peter Crowhen
2002	David Rout
2003	Mel Young
2004	Ken Coulson
2005	Dennis Jones
2006	Tab Baldwin
2007	Murray McMahon
2008	Barbara Wheadon
2009	Bill Kennedy

# **BILL KENNEDY**

2009 SIR LANCE CROSS WINNER



Bill was influential in bringing basketball to Greymouth in 1946 and served on the West Coast Basketball Association committee for more than 60 years. During that time, he has been involved

in playing, coaching and refereeing, and is a WCBA life member. But basketball isn't his only passion - Bill has represented West Coast in eight different sports. He was the recipient of the West Coast Volunteer of the Year in 2008 and won the BBNZ 50-Year Service Award that same year.

# **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
1996	Carolyn Grey
1997	Lance McLoughlin
1998	Joyce Bush
1999	Min McMillan
2000	Kim Lucas
2001	Pauline Patterson
2002	Mata Cameron
2003	Teresa Cargo
2004	Leanne Walker
2005	Gina Farmer
2006	Janie Granger
2007	Donna Wilkins
2008	Robyn Ruka
2009	Jill Bolger

# **JILL BOLGER**

2009 ZENA GAY AWARD WINNER



After a playing career for Southland and Otago, Jill took up administration in the early 1980s and has now served 13 years as Southland Basketball president over two stints. She has been a referee

trainer and evaluator, currently serves on the board of Basketball New Zealand and was recently appointed general manager of the Southland Sharks franchise for their debut in the NBL.

# NENAD VUCINIC

## COACH OF THE YEAR

Nenad guided his Estonian club team to the national league title and then steered a young, rebuilding Tall Blacks squad to a record defeat of Australia at the FIBA Oceania Championship for Men.

# JILLIAN HARRIS

#### OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Jillian was a finalist at the Counties Manukau Sports Excellence Awards for Referee/Official/Umpire of the Year, after a year in which she served on the score bench at the FIBA U19 World Championship for Men and refereed the final of the U17 girls national championship.

# GEORGINA NATHAN

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Georgina has been a volunteer for Counties Manukau Basketball over several years through her children's involvement in the sport, giving her time unselfishly both as a manager and cook.

Her specific role within the committee is funding, and her communication with external agencies and parents alike are excellent.

# JESSIE CUDBY

# 50-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Jessie has been tirelessly involved in basketball since 1950 as a club and representative player, administrator and member of the Hutt Valley Basketball Association executive committee. She conducted fundraising activities to pay for the construction of Walter Nash Stadium, took on the role of treasurer in 1989 and still holds that position. One of her proudest successes has been raising funds for junior rep teams to attend BBNZ tournaments, and also salaries for an administrator and development officer.

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