



Report from the Chair For the year ended 30 September 2018

Welcome to the AGM of the NPBA, my name is David Cooper and as acting Chair Person, I have the honour of presenting this year's report from the Chair. 2018 has been another challenging but fulfilling year for New Plymouth Basketball Association. A committee of 12 people, with a passion for the game, have worked hard in the background to create opportunities for players, coaches, officials.

Leagues:

Our basketball leagues continue to be the backbone of the organisation with our stadium facilities being stretched again this year as we cater for our Senior, Secondary School, Intermediate and Primary school teams. Thanks to our league coordinators, Pam Moss and Melissa Seddon, and their teams who have done fantastic job juggling the draws fitting everyone in ensuring teams have an opportunity to play in a league.

This year the senior leagues were near if not at capacity and we are grateful for the support of the secondary school community in helping us by making their gyms available – for both the senior leagues and our age group programme. Particular thanks to Francis Douglas Memorial College who helped us out with our Senior League this year and who are always ready and willing to help the sport out.

Competing in the Senior Leagues were;

Men's Prem - 6 Teams, Men's Prem Res 7 Teams, Men's A grade 9 Teams, Men's B grade 9 Teams

Giving a total of 31 men's teams competing in our senior leagues.

Women's Prem 4 Teams, Women's A grade 7 Teams, Woman's B grade 7 teams, giving a total of 18 women's teams competing in our senior leagues.

NPBA also runs a high school league on Friday nights in various school gyms, This had 25 senior boys teams and 25 junior boys teams competing in it and 9 Senior girls teams and 9 junior teams competing. Giving a Total of 50 Boys teams and 18 girls teams playing on Friday nights.

In the mini ball competition run for Primary and intermediate schools there were 19 year 0-2 teams, 24 year 3 - 4 teams, 33 year 5 & 6 teams. These teams are all mixed teams. In the year 7 boys there were 11 teams and the year 8 boys had 13 teams, Due to the numbers entered the girls year 7 & 8 competition was combined and, this had 7 teams competing in it.

All up there were 224 teams competing in competitions run by NPBA.

Not only are the stadium facility resources stretched to their limit but the supporting coaching and referee resources are also under huge pressure. Thanks to Tony Eldershaw for his continued efforts in coordinating referees for our leagues but also for his timeless efforts in growing and developing the next generation of officials for our game.

Tournaments:

NPBA hosted the Senior A Secondary Schools North Island qualifying tournament this year. As a general philosophy, the association is keen to host as many tournaments as we are able. It brings competition to our city from outside the region and gives our players; official and coaches opportunities share and learn that they might not otherwise have.

Special thanks to our Tournament Committee, Christine Mori, Pam Moss, John and Margaret Carley who are always ready, willing and able to run our tournaments. They do a fantastic job and in my opinion set the standard nationally when it comes to running events of this nature.

Development Program

Our development program is by far the biggest growth area in the organisation. With Basketball continuing to be the fastest growing sport in the country, the numbers of younger aged players is growing dramatically. This has really tested the organisation and at times placing huge demands on those giving their time to keep it running.

The development program is broken into two main activities.

The first being giving as many kids as possible the opportunity to attend tournaments.

This year NPBA sent 10 teams away to the Basketball Pacific Easter Tournament in Tauranga.

While the number of teams was down on the last couple of years, it needs to be remembered that BTI also took teams to this tournament. Finding coaches, managers and officials to support such a programme is a huge challenge. Special thanks to those people who did put their hand up and got involved in the various roles.

Due to changes put in place by BBNZ, the central zone regional was opened to all associations this year. NPBA was able to send a U15 and U17 girls team.

NPBA also sent a U13 team to the BBNZ Central Regional Tournament held in Lower Hutt as well as 3 U11 and 4 U13 teams to the Labour Weekend tournament in Rotorua.

All together NPBA sent 20 teams away to tournaments this year.

The second being the running of the FAST Break Academy, which after its first year last year has grown to having over 40 kids attend every Sunday. This operated by Coaches Trent Adam (Coach of the Mountain Airs & NZBB National Teams) and Aaron Bailey-Nowell (Mountain Airs team member for a number of years & BBNZ national 3 v3 team member). Thank you both for the time and effort you both have put into this program.

Special thanks to the Age Group committee led by Matt Cursons, for all the hard work and hours you have recorded during the year to make these programmes a success.

Being a member of Basketball Pacific gave us the opportunity to host the BBP Jamboree in New Plymouth this year. This was held in July at the TSB Stadium and by all reports was well run and well received. Thanks again to the age development committee for organising this event. We will host this again in 2019 and will continue to build on everything that was learnt in previous years. Next year will be the 5th year NPBA will have run this Jamboree.

Basketball Pacific also provides our age group participants an opportunity to travel to Australia with the Koru programme and the opportunity to attend the Murray River Jamboree for our younger athletes and officials. I am pleased to report that these events were well supported by NPBA this year.

Thank you also to Matt Cursons who works hard on the relationship with Basketball Pacific and is our representative at all Basketball Pacific meetings and events. He continues as a director of BBP. Well done Matt.

Basketball Taranaki Inc.

NPBA continues as a founding member to have members on the committee of Basketball Taranaki. Eileen Hall, Tony Eldershaw is Funding Officer and yours truly is the Chair. Thanks to our representatives on the BTI Board. It does demand a lot of time but there is an important role to play in managing the state of basketball in the region.

Committee

Lastly, and certainly not least, thank you to the members of the NPBA committee. A special group of dedicated individuals who have a passion for the game and who all have a shared vision of seeing the game of basketball succeed in our community.

More often than not, the role of a committee member is a thankless task and many people, both inside and outside the organisation, have strong opinions on how things should be done. At the end of the day, there's only a small group of people who are willing to put their necks on the line and commit to the organisation to get things done. This special group all work hard behind the scenes, giving their own time freely for no reward, other than seeing games played and players improve. They are the people that make things happen.

This year's committee were:

☞ Andrew Hammerich Chairperson (resigned during the year)

☒ David Cooper Vice Chairperson

☒ Michelle Zehnder Secretary

☒ Bianca Taylor Treasurer

☒ Matt Cursons

☒ Pam Moss

☒ Tony Eldershaw

☒ Mellissa Seddon

☒ Eileen Hall

☒ Kevin Fenwick

☒ Liane Hopkinson

☒ Grant Lee

☒ Andrew Wilkinson

Committees

Senior League

Pam Moss(chair), Liane Hopkinson, Tony Eldershaw, Eileen Hall

Secondary Schools Competition

Mellissa Seddon,

Junior League

Pam Moss (chair), Mellissa Seddon, Liane Hopkinson, Michelle Zehnder

BTI reps

David Cooper, Tony Eldershaw, Eileen Hall

Development committee

Matt Cursons (Chair), Grant Lee, Bianca Taylor, Tony Eldershaw, Andrew Wilkinson, David Cooper, Eileen Hall

Michelle is stepping down from the secretarial role this year. Thanks Michelle for all your hard work. I am pleased to say Michelle has put her hand up to be involved with the funding in 2017.

Andrew Hammerich has already left the committee, due to work commitments.

NPBA this year employed a part time administrator, I would like to welcome Kim Wright to NPBA, as part of her role she will be picking up the duties of the secretary for the association.

Issues going forward.

The new committee will need to deal with a number of issues in the near future.

The first being, managing Kim's role and work load. Liane Hopkinson has been managing this since Kim started and she is starting to learn some of the systems. However further work needs to be done on how work is assigned to her and who monitors her work load.

Easter

BTI has informed NPBA that it will not be taking teams to the Easter tournament this year. This means that the number of teams NPBA will take will increase. While trials start next week, this will give the new committee a better idea of the number of teams that NPBA have, to take. At this stage the Development committee is working on a number of teams around 17. It has a number of recommendations for coaches for some of these teams to put before the new committee. However there will be a number of coaches required should the number of teams be anywhere near this anticipated number. Accommodation will be another issue, should the number of teams increase to this number. Equipment will be another the new committee will need to plan for.

Gym time and space

This will be an issue for practises for the teams going to Easter and is effecting the leagues that NPBA runs, the new committee is going to need to look in a plan as to how it is going to remedy this going forward, NPCC is also going to be increasing the rates for the TSB stadium.

RSO

The new committee will need to decide if it wants a RSO for basketball in Taranaki. This has been an ongoing discussion for the last couple of years. It is time to either move forward with this, to pull out of discussions. Moving forward will mean more meeting to work out how the RSO would work and who would have what responsibilities. Pulling out would mean, NPBA would continue to operate on its own, this could limit its opportunities in the future.

BBNZ Nationals Proposal

BBNZ has recently put out a proposal to change the age group Nationals are run. Depending on which way BBNZ decides to go will have a huge impact on NPBA's development program. BBNZ are looking at possibly changing the zones for nationals, the number of teams from each zone and how these teams are made up. This could affect how teams or even players can get to nationals. The Incoming committee needs to insure that it get involved in discussions on these changers.

That wraps up my report for 2018. Big thanks to anyone that I may have missed. No doubt, basketball in 2019 will be a challenging year.

David Cooper
Acting Chair
25 November, 2018