



Albury Basketball Association Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday 15th June 2026
6.30pm, Skylight Lounge, SS&A Club

Present: Mandy Collins, Rod Paul, Chad Murray, Katrina Murray, David Mackinlay, Colleen Morgan, Matthew Whitfield, Adam Grylewicz, Tony Hill, Matthew Kowalczyk

Aaron Weathers, Blair Phillips, Alison King, Izac Hutchinson, Fiona Soloman, Marcus Brady, Adam Menz, Paul Trebley

Meeting starts: 630pm

1. Welcome by President

Aaron Weathers welcomed everyone to the meeting, including an acknowledgement of country to the Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians of the lands in which we meet and play together.

Aaron recognised key audience participants, especially life members Colleen Morgan, Dave Mackinlay, Tony Hill and the current Board members.

2. Apologies received

Robert Sharpe.

3. Confirmation of previous AGM minutes – 24th June 2025

The minutes of the AGM held 24th June 2025 were provided to the members prior to the meeting.

Motion: The minutes of the AGM held 24th June 2025 are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

Moved: Fiona Soloman

Seconded: Izac Hutchinson

CARRIED

4. President Report – Aaron Weathers

The President report was presented verbally by Aaron, with copies of the 2025/26 Annual report handed out.

2026 AGM President's Address

Good evening everyone and thank you again for being here tonight and showing interest in our association.

As this is my first year serving as President of the Albury Basketball Association, I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are, first and foremost, a volunteer-led organisation. The strength of our Association comes from the countless hours contributed by coaches, team managers, committee members, Board members, and parents. Quite simply, without volunteers, basketball in Albury would not exist in the form it does today. On behalf of the Board, thank you for everything you do for our players and our community.

The past year has been one of significant progress and achievement for our Association. A major milestone was the completion of the Lauren Jackson Sports Centre redevelopment. While this was an investment delivered by Albury City Council and the NSW Government, our members showed tremendous patience and flexibility throughout more than a year of operating across multiple venues. Returning to a world-class basketball facility has positioned us strongly for the future and provides an outstanding home for our sport.

Off the court, we undertook the development of our Strategic Plan 2026–2030. This ambitious project was developed with Motive Business Consulting and informed by extensive community and stakeholder consultation, it provides a clear roadmap for the future of our Association and the opportunities ahead.

Participation remains the lifeblood of our Association and is driven by the outstanding work of our seven member clubs. This year we saw 184 junior teams, 1,317 junior players and more than 1,500 junior games played. Senior basketball also made its return since before Covid and we will keep a focus on strengthening those competitions and pathways. Those numbers highlight the strength of basketball in our region and the vital role our clubs, volunteers and families play in making it all possible.

We have also continued to invest heavily in player, coach, referee and volunteer development. This remains one of our highest priorities, as strong pathways today will shape the future success of Albury Basketball for years to come.

Our representative programs continue to thrive. In 2025, 13 of our 19 junior representative teams qualified for finals, seven reaching Grand Finals and three were crowned champions. We also celebrated NSW Country selections for Poppy Fruean, Lewis Gommers, Max Morton, Kijana McCowan and Ethan Crisp. With multiple others being selected in various BNSW and school representative programs. These achievements reflect the strength of our pathways and the dedication of our athletes, coaches and families.

At senior representative level, our Cougars teams also enjoyed success, highlighted by our CBL Women's team securing the North East Conference Championship. As we look ahead, I am incredibly optimistic about the future. With strong participation, outstanding facilities, a clear strategic direction and a passionate basketball community, Albury Basketball is well positioned for continued growth and success.

Before I finish, I would like to sincerely thank my fellow Board members, our coaches, referees, sponsors, volunteers and members for their contribution throughout the year.

I would also like to pay particular tribute to our staff. Thank you to Mandy Collins for the enormous amount of work she puts into competition administration and ensuring our competitions continue to run smoothly. I would also like to acknowledge Matt Kowalczyk, whose commitment to the Association consistently goes above and beyond expectations. Matt's passion, leadership and willingness to take on whatever is required continues to play a major role in driving Albury Basketball forward.

The future of Albury Basketball is bright, and I look forward to continuing that journey together.

Motion: The 2025/26 Annual Report and the Presidents Report was presented to members, and represents an accurate description of ABA activities in 2025/26 year.

Moved: Rod Paul

Seconded: Matt Kowalczyk

CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report – Blair Phillips

Reports circulated: 2025 Profit and Loss Statement and Statement of Financial Position, included in Annual report. A full set of the financial statements are available for inspection at the conclusion of the meeting.

Crowe Albury have audited our accounts and have prepared the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The auditors have concluded that the financial statements present a true and fair view of the position of the association as at 31 December 2025 and its financial performance for the 2025 year.

The 2025 financial result is a net loss of \$37,432 (2024: net loss \$21,589). Our net assets are \$353,176.

The P&L report prepared by the auditors combines the income and expenses from across all ABA programs including our Domestic Junior and Senior Competitions, Sporting Schools, CBL, Aussie Hoops, and the Cougars Representative Program.

Points to note from the 2025 reports:

- Income totalled \$737,944, an increase of \$82k on the prior year. This is represented by:
 - Player revenue - \$29k increase on 2024 - \$13k Rep - 48 players in the 2025 Cougars Academy, \$9k Country Cup and \$8k domestic game fee increase equivalent to \$5 per player per season
 - Contributions - \$23k increase on 2024 - \$12k - Aussie Hoops, \$6k Holiday Camps, \$3k Prep 4 Rep
 - Sponsorship - \$30k increase on 2024 - \$12k uniform partner for 3 years, \$13k Rep sponsorship which was for 2025 and 2026 and \$2.5k CBL Player sponsorship
 - Grants Received - \$17.5k decrease on 2024 - two years of Club grant \$15k plus \$2.5k for CBL received in 2024
 - Fundraising - \$13k increase on 2024 - Cougars Rep Program Car raffle
 - Sales - \$2.5k increase on 2024 - \$4k increase in presentation ticket sales (370 attendees) and \$1.5k decrease in CBL spectator entry fees due to not hosting the CBL grand final.
- Expenses totalled \$775,375, an increase of \$98k on the prior year. This is represented by:
 - Employee costs (Wages & salaries, superannuation & employee entitlements) - \$54k increase on 2024 - a full-time Referee Development Officer was appointed in Oct 2024 and a part-time Administration Assistant was appointed in May 2025.
 - Professional fees (Consulting, accounting & advertising) for 2025 included a one-off cost for strategic plan implementation. There were also one-off costs in 2024 for marketing and legal costs.
- Sponsorship – \$22k increase on 2024 - the 2025 year includes both 2025 and 50% of 2026 contributions to Bandits (\$15k + \$7.5k) whilst the 2024 contributions were recorded in 2023.
- Court hire - \$18k increase on 2024 - there was a 5% increase in court hire fees charged by Albury City Council plus extra courts hired to accommodate an extra two teams participating in the SJL/JPL competitions and 47 Academy players in 4 training groups compared to 2024.
- Referee costs - \$10k increase on 2024 - a focus on referee attraction, retention and development in both the domestic and representative space.
- Uniforms and merchandise - \$24k decrease on 2024 - due to timing of spend of two rep seasons in 2024 plus new CBL uniforms and playing kits purchased in 2025
- Other expenses - \$14k increase on 2024 - in line with increases in contributions income (Aussie Hoops and Sporting Schools) and sales income (functions).

The financial position of the association remains strong, and we are well placed to meet our liabilities including employee entitlements.

Motion: The Treasurer's report was presented to members, and represents an accurate description of ABA activities in 2025/26 year.

Moved: Matt Kowalczyk

Seconded: Jo Crisp

CARRIED

6. Election of Board Members

For 2026/27 our Board has been redesigned to better align with our new Strategic Plan.

Board members continuing:

President – Aaron Weathers

Treasurer – Blair Phillips

Development and Pathways Portfolio- Adam Menz

Junior Representative - Jo Crisp

Senior Basketball (including CBL) - Izac Hutchinson

Board members retiring or reshaped with new Board structure

Rob Sharpe – Stadium redevelopment & strategic projects (Retire. Position not required in Board restructure)

Paul Trebley – Member protection (Position not required in Board restructure)

Marcus Brady – Merchandise and Senior Representative (Retire. Position not required in Board restructure)

Fiona Soloman - Referee & technical (Position not required in Board restructure)

The President thanked all retiring Board members for their contribution and service to ABA.

Positions declared vacant or new positions

Secretary

Participation and Inclusion Portfolio

Women and Girls Portfolio

Governance and Culture Portfolio

Election of Directors

Secretary

- Alison King. Nomination accepted (proposed by Aaron Weathers, Jo Crisp).

Motion moved to elect Alison King as ABA Secretary for a two-year term.

MOVED: Aaron Weathers

Seconded: Marcus Brady

CARRIED

Participation and Inclusion Portfolio

No nominations received for these 3 Board positions prior or during the AGM.

These new strategic Board positions are critical for the ongoing improvement and direction of ABA. The new Board will aim to fill these positions during the next few months.

7. General Business

Life Members: No nominations received.

General Discussion:

- LJS Stadium redevelopment
 - ABA presence in LJS, honour boards etc
 - Court access & utilisation
 - Future expansion plans for LJS have been shelved by Albury City Council
 - More courts are part of ABA Strategic plan - secured access at Scots for development sessions
 - ABA Board will continue to advocate and seek solutions as this limiting growth
- ABA waiting list for domestic and Aussie hoops
- Board was commended for employment of Development Officer and introduction of development sessions
 - Cost highlighted as a major issue for many families
 - ABA will be looking for other Domestic training & elite (High performance) products
- Referees
 - Improvements being seen, but more referees are needed
 - Discussion on improving training for referees, especially active coaching on game night, filming games for training and review
- Decline in domestic competitiveness and decline in numbers, especially boys U16
 - Number of rep players in teams problematic
 - Suggestion of timed 4 Qtr games (practise needed for rep)
 - Review of domestic competition to be started
- ABA history and new life members for 2026/27
 - Board to consider

8. AGM Close at 720pm