



President's Welcome

The 2006 ABA season is gearing up for its National Championship celebration this weekend to conclude another fantastic year of competition. What started as a dream for 116 ABA teams across

Australia way back in March will end in reality on Sunday for just a single team in both the men and women's divisions.

On behalf of the Board of the ABA, I would like to praise each of the Champion teams who have won their respective leagues and moved one step closer to achieving that dream. Together with the wildcard teams who have earned their way to the finals, the Board wishes each squad a safe and successful weekend of competition.

I would also like to thank the Newcastle Basketball Association for hosting the fifth National Finals. Their contribution, along with that of Basketball Australia, Finals naming rights sponsor Champion, the Australian Sports Commission, Molten, Skins, Interfuse, Thermoskin, Coast 2 Coast, and Southern Design should assist in making this year's ABA National Finals the best on record.

ABA National have tried to build on the tradition of the ABA and its forerunners, whilst incorporating as much fun and excitement as possible into this Championship weekend. We trust that the athletes, fans, friends, and family enjoy the experience and their time in Newcastle.

Adrian Davies

President, Australian Basketball Association



President's Message

On behalf of the Basketball Association of Newcastle and its members, I would like to extend a warm and heart-felt welcome to our beautiful city. We are truly excited and prepared for what we

hope will be a fantastic weekend of basketball action.

The Basketball Association of Newcastle is a progressive organisation that has developed the capacity to successfully stage a variety of sporting, art, cultural and business events. The reinvigoration of our facilities at the stadium has enhanced the attractiveness of Newcastle as a location for such events.

This is a significant year in our association's long and proud history. 2006 marks the 60th anniversary of basketball in Newcastle and highlights the contribution the Basketball Association of Newcastle has made to the basketball community.

The Champion ABA National Finals is a breeding ground for future NBL and WNBL players and is rightly identified as the most significant competition for the development of the sport of Basketball. Newcastle has been at the forefront of this competition in the past winning it in 1986 whilst also being 'Birthplace of the NBL'. Former Association President, Dr. John Raschke was regarded as the founding father of the National Basketball League, and it was due to his vision and drive that the NBL became a reality in 1979.

Newcastle is well known for its beaches, parks and its proximity to the wine growing area of the Hunter Valley. The city also boasts a rich cultural heritage, featuring many historical sites. With such spectacular natural assets as beautiful, clean beaches and ocean swimming pools, a pleasant climate and close proximity to Hunter Valley wineries, Newcastle is hard to beat. I hope that you can find the time to visit some of our many attractions including our beaches, river foreshore, restaurants and vineyards.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish every team the best of luck on behalf of the Staff, Directors, Members and Volunteers of the Basketball Association of Newcastle Limited.

Steven Dick

President, Basketball Association of Newcastle Limited



2005 MEN'S CHAMPIONS, BENDIGO BRAVES

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Thanks to the volunteers

Newcastle Basketball and the ABA would like to thank all of our volunteers who have enabled us to stage this event.

- Those that have travelled and given up their time to ensure the smooth running of the competition and the provision of an enjoyable and memorable tournament for all who participated
- Those who worked on the score table, stats, sports medicine, floor wiping, video taping and general administration

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ABA National Champions HONOUR ROLL

	Women	Men
2002	Kilsyth Cobras	Hobart Chargers
2003	Bendigo Lady Braves	Mount Gambier Pioneers
2004	Ballarat Lady Miners	Bendigo Braves

2005 ABA National Finals Results

Women	Forestville Eagles 78 d Townsville Flames 51
Men	Sandringham Sabres 110 d Woodville Warriors 78
Women	Eltham Wildcats 92 d Southern Districts Lady Spartans 72
Women	Knox Raiders 80 d Bankstown Bruins 56
Men	Southern District Spartans 108 d Dandenong Rangers 95
Men	Bendigo Braves 114 d Cairns Marlins 110
Men	Sydney Comets 119 d Geelong Supercats 115
Women	Ballarat Lady Miners 81 d North Adelaide Rockets 76
Men's Classification	Cairns Marlins 121 d Woodville Warriors 106
Women's Classification	Southern Districts Lady Spartans 67 d North Adelaide Rockets 51
Women's Classification	Bankstown Bruins 76 d Townsville Flames 73
Men's Classification	Dandenong Rangers 126 d Geelong Supercats 99
Women's Semi Final	Ballarat Lady Miners 83 d Eltham Wildcats 79
Men's Semi Final	Sydney Comets 101 d Southern District Spartans 86
Men's Semi Final	Bendigo Braves 104 d Sandringham Sabres 103
Women's Semi Final	Ballarat Lady Miners 86 d Forestville Eagles 74

ABA Womens National Grand Final

Ballarat Lady Miners 77 d Knox Raiders 53
MVP - Andrea McMahon, Ballarat Lady Miners

ABA Mens National Grand Final

Bendigo Braves 102 d Sydney Comets 98
MVP - Jason Cameron, Bendigo Braves

All Star Five Women

Narelle Lindsay, Forestville Eagles
Lil Keane, North Adelaide Rockets
Karen Ashby, Ballarat Lady Miners
Jodie Datson, Eltham Wildcats
Katrina Hibbert, Knox Raiders

All Star Five Men

Shawn Redhage, Bendigo Braves
David Barlow, Sydney Comets
Ben Thompson, Southern District Spartans
Lester Strong, Dandenong Rangers
Bobby Cunningham, Sandringham Sabres



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ROUND 1					
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06-10-06	Fr	Sydney	8:00pm	Sydney	v. Perth
06-10-06	Sat	Wollongong	7:30pm	Wollongong	v. Melbourne
06-10-06	Sat	Adelaide	7:30pm	Adelaide	v. Queensland
06-10-06	Sun	Melbourne	8:00pm	Melbourne	v. Perth
ROUND 2					
12-10-06	Fr	Sydney	8:00pm	Sydney	v. Adelaide
14-10-06	Sat	Adelaide	7:30pm	Adelaide	v. Brisbane
14-10-06	Sat	Sydney	8:00pm	Sydney	v. Perth
15-10-06	Sun	Wollongong	8:00pm	Wollongong	v. Perth
15-10-06	Sun	Melbourne	8:00pm	Melbourne	v. Queensland
ROUND 3					
20-10-06	Fr	Adelaide	7:30pm	Adelaide	v. Queensland
20-10-06	Fr	Wollongong	8:00pm	Wollongong	v. Brisbane
20-10-06	Fr	Adelaide	8:00pm	Adelaide	v. Perth
21-10-06	Fri	Sydney	8:00pm	Sydney	v. Queensland
21-10-06	Fri	Wollongong	8:00pm	Wollongong	v. Perth
21-10-06	Fri	Adelaide	8:00pm	Adelaide	v. Brisbane

2006 Champion ABA NATIONAL FINALS

SEPTEMBER 1-3, NEWCASTLE, NSW

Day	Crt	Time	Game	Grade	Team A	Team Name	v	Team B	Team Name
Friday	Main	1:30pm	1	Women	Big V Champs (3)	Sandringham Sabres	v	OABL Champs (6)	Sthn Districts Lady Spartans
Friday	7	2:00pm	2	Men	Big V Champs (3)	Dandenong Rangers	v	Bank SA Champs (6)	Forestville Eagles
Friday	Main	3:45pm	3	Women	Bank SA Champs (4)	Sturt Sabres	v	Waratah Champs (5)	Bankstown Bruins
Friday	7	4:15pm	4	Women	SEABL wildcard (2)	Ballarat Lady Miners	v	Big V wildcard (7)	Dandenong Rangers
Friday	Main	6:00pm	5	Men	Waratah Champs (2)	Sutherland Sharks	v	Big V wildcard (7)	Sandringham Sabres
Friday	7	6:30pm	6	Men	OABL Champs (4)	Southern Districts Spartans	v	SEABL East Champs (5)	Geelong Supercats
Friday	Main	8:15pm	7	Men	Waratah wildcard (8)	Newcastle Hunters	v	SEABL South Champs (1)	Knox Raiders
Friday	7	8:45pm	8	Women	SEABL Champs (1)	Bendigo Lady Braves	v	Waratah wildcard (8)	Sydney Comets
Saturday	7*	12:00pm*	9	Classification	loser game 2		v	loser game 5	
Saturday	Main*	12:15pm*	10	Classification	loser game 3		v	loser game 8	
Saturday	7*	2:15pm*	11	Classification	loser game 1		v	loser game 4	
Saturday	Main*	2:30pm*	12	Classification	loser game 6		v	loser game 7	
Saturday	7*	4:30pm*	13	Semi Final	winner game 2		v	winner game 5	
Saturday	Main*	4:45pm*	14	Semi Final	winner game 3		v	winner game 8	
Saturday	7*	6:45pm*	15	Semi Final	winner game 1		v	winner game 4	
Saturday	Main*	7:00pm*	16	Semi Final	winner game 6		v	winner game 7	
Sunday	Main	12:00pm	17	Women's GF	winner game 14		v	winner game 15	
Sunday	Main	2:00pm	18	Men's GF	winner game 13		v	winner game 16	

* Please note that all court allocations for Saturday will be confirmed by ABA National at the conclusion of Friday's games. Numbers in parentheses are seeding allocations made by the ABA National Board based on previous year's results.

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Men's Teams

DANDENONG RANGERS

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Regular season record 16-4. Finished second in the Big V minor premiership in their second season in the league, but this time got over the top of rivals Sandringham to take the title. New South Dragons NBL signees Ash Cannan and Brent Hobba compliment highflying Lester Strong and underrated guard Mark Roberts.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
5	James	De Neefe	180	Guard
6	Mark	Roberts	187	Guard
7	David	Godfrey	185	Guard
9	Ash	Cannan	200	Forward
10	Jeremy	Kirtley	183	Guard
12	Russell	Cranston	198	Centre
13	Simon	Conn	205	Centre
14	Adrian	Campbell	178	Guard
41	Brent	Hobba	204	Forward
44	Lester	Strong	201	Centre

Head Coach: Warren Dawson Assistant Coach: Stewart Baird Assistant Coach: Michael Wheeler

FORESTVILLE EAGLES

Major Sponsor: Vili's

Regular season record 17-5. Finished second on the Bank SA ladder before eventually upset Sturt to take the Bank SA Championship. The Adelaide 36ers have released guard Matt Sutton from pre-season commitments to play in the Eagles first National Finals appearance since 2003.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Peter	Hoban	202	Centre
5	Scott	Arnold	190	Grd/Fwd
6	Matt	Sutton	193	Guard
7	Will	Smith	189	Guard
9	Cameron	Wood	197	Forward
10	Matt	Gange	188	Guard
12	Wayne	Haydon	195	Forward
13	Brenton	Campbell	182	Guard
14	Brad	Sullivan	182	Guard
15	Jason	Dix	203	Fwd/Ctr
31	Matt	de Cure	194	Forward
33	Doug	McDonald-Taylor	193	Fwd/Ctr

Head Coach: Andrew Simons Assistant Coach: Todd Grocke Team Manager: Michael Sweeney

GEELONG SUPERCATS

Major Sponsor: St Laurence Employment Services

Regular season record 17-9. Runner up in the SEABL East Conference standings before edging out minor premier Canberra in the Semi Finals and turning on the jets to destroy the same opponent in the East Grand Final. Had the Sydney Comets on toast in their National Finals opener at home last year before being run over late on. Big man Shawn Myers and fellow import Jamal Brown are the men to watch.



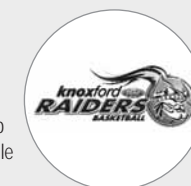
No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
5	Paul	Hutchison	183	Guard
7	Shawn	Myers	200	Centre
8	Jason	Reardon	189	Guard
9	Nick	Owusu	185	Guard
11	Nathan	Herbert	192	Guard
13	Jarrold	Leonard	188	Guard
15	Keith	Harrison	187	Guard
23	Chris	Brown	193	Forward
25	Sebastian	Loader	203	Centre
30	Jamal	Brown	200	Forward
32	Dean	Brebner	201	Centre
52	Jamie	Medved	188	Guard

Head Coach: Mark Leader Assistant Coach: Allen McKee Assistant Coach: Jamie O'Loughlin
Team Manager: Trevor Price Physiotherapist: Travis McComb

KNOX RAIDERS

Major Sponsor: Knox Ford

Regular season record 16-10. The Raiders surprised everyone but themselves by winning three successive finals games to take the SEABL South crown, winning on the road at Ballarat and Bendigo (Grand Final) in the process. Former NBL (Victoria Titans and Brisbane Bullets) swing man Glenn Siegle and import CJ Massingdale are the sharp points of a distinctly young side.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Sean	Carroll	180	Guard
5	Alex	Prince	187	Guard
8	Gerard	Leonard	197	Guard
10	Craig	Simpson	195	Forward
11	Glenn	Siegle	189	Guard
12	Luke	Solomon	194	Guard
15	Cameron	Koford	216	Centre
21	Lincoln	Rosa	198	Forward
23	CJ	Massingdale	190	Grd/Fwd

Head Coach: Damian Cotter Assistant Coach: Heath Anderson Team Manager: Drew Fenton

NEWCASTLE HUNTERS

Major Sponsor: Wests

Regular season record 14-8. Host wildcard who finished fifth in the Waratah standings before losing a titanic overtime qualifying final to eventual winners Sutherland. Very flexible guard rotation featuring former Hunter Pirates Mitch Selwood and Mat Cook and sure to benefit from playing at home.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Daniel	Giles	198	Fwd/Ctr
5	Mat	McGovern	190	Guard
6	Ryan	Moran	190	Guard
7	Adam	Melmeth	190	Guard
8	Mitch	Selwood	195	Forward
9	Daniel	Proctor	190	Guard
10	Josh	Cohen	190	Guard
11	Nathan	Ruprecht	201	Fwd/Ctr
12	Mat	Cook	196	Grd/Fwd
13	Allan	Swystun	198	Forward
20	Michael	Kubank	194	Guard

Head Coach: Peter Astley Assistant Coach: Shawn McEachin Team Manager: Neil McGovern Team Manager: John Proctor

SANDRINGHAM SABRES

Major Sponsor: Hocking Stuart Estate Agents, Bentleigh

Regular season record 17-3. Big V Minor Premiers who squared off against familiar foes Dandenong in another stirring Championship series but came off second best, thus assuming the wildcard spot here. Beaten by a Bendigo "Hail Mary" in the Semi Finals last year but with the NBL experience of Marcus Timmons, Erik Wickstrom and Nathan Crosswell on board, are capable of making light of their low seeding.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
7	Marcus	Timmons	201	Forward
8	Luke	Neilson	184	Forward
10	Mark	Whitehead	200	Forward
12	Steven	Lunardon	208	Centre
14	Dean	Rzechta	195	Forward
20	Erik	Wickstrom	190	Guard
22	Sam	Hurren	187	Guard
30	Nathan	Crosswell	190	Guard
32	Craig	White	183	Guard
40	Tim	Brook	190	Forward

Head Coach: Vince Crivelli Assistant Coach: David Pummel Team Manager: Mark Scotney Assistant Manager: Jordan Ryle

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS SPARTANS

Major Sponsor: The Hotel Carindale

Regular season record 15-3. Won back-to-back OABL titles beating Rockhampton in the decider. Awash with NBL talent in the shape of Williamson, Vanderjagt, Thompson and charismatic mentor Bruce Palmer and will view this as their opportunity to bring the ABA National title back to the Sunshine State.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Brad	Williamson	198	Grd/Fwd
5	Damien	Chalk	178	Guard
7	Chris	Goulding	190	Guard
8	Matty	Dowl	195	Forward
9	Sam	Treffers	184	Guard
12	Ben	Thompson	196	Guard
13	Peni	Nasalo	191	Grd/Fwd
14	Jeff	Morton	203	Fwd/Ctr
21	Greg	Vanderjagt	213	Fwd/Ctr
24	Byron	Williams	188	Forward
31	Blair	Smith	203	Centre
33	Matty	Edmonds	203	Fwd/Ctr

Head Coach: Bruce Palmer Assistant Coach: Damien Anderson Assistant Coach: Chris Riches
Assistant Coach: Mick Conlon Team Manager: Big Joe Tertzakian Assistant Manager: Corey Burell

SUTHERLAND SHARKS

Regular season record 19-3. Waratah Champions for the first time ever this year, finishing in style with an amazing demolition of Parramatta in the title game. Sydney Kings regular BJ Carter and their new signing Cameron Tovey are the players to watch.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	BJ	Carter	186	Guard
5	Daniel	Richards	192	Guard
6	Robbie	McKinlay	188	Guard
7	Petar	Cvjeticanin	198	Forward
8	Brendon	Gleeson	189	Grd/Fwd
9	Paul	Garabedian	189	Guard
10	Blake	Henricks	203	Fwd/Ctr
11	Dane	Morris	195	Forward
12	John	Sheehy	190	Guard
13	Cameron	Tovey	201	Grd/Fwd
14	Rhett	Nacson	187	Forward
15	Shane	Richards	197	Forward
21	Tony	Trajceski	201	Guard

Head Coach: Phil Vannan Assistant Coach: Simon Gleeson Team Manager: Jim Tsangarliatis

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WOMEN'S TEAMS

BALLARAT LADY MINERS

Major Sponsor: Ballarat Community Health

Regular season record 14-10. The reigning ABA National Champions got back here the hard way, winning through to the SEABL Grand Final from fourth spot at the end of the regular season, before being upended by Bendigo. Captain Coach Kym Cassells has a battle-hardened line-up available with newly signed WNBL (Bulleen) centre Karen Ashby looking for her third ABA National Championship (2003 with Bendigo, 2005 with Ballarat).



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Lynly	Doherty	171	Guard
5	Andrea	McMahon	168	Guard
6	Kym	Cassells	170	Guard
7	Chantal	Allgood	180	Forward
8	Prue	Scott	168	Guard
9	Amanda	Hederics	185	Fwd/Ctr
11	Tracie	Kaye	172	Guard
12	Andrea	Collins	176	Guard
13	Rachelle	Sewell	173	Guard
14	Karen	Ashby	185	Centre
15	Emma	Reus	185	Centre
23	Sarah	Monck	175	Guard

Head Coach: Kym Cassells Assistant Coach: Clinton Lowe Team Manager: Lorisse Dart

BANKSTOWN BRUINS

Major Sponsor: Bankstown City Credit Union

Regular season record 17-3. Undoubtedly the benchmark in Waratah, having captured their fourth consecutive Waratah crown a fortnight ago. Yet to make serious inroads at the ABA Nationals but the home state advantage makes this their best opportunity. The Hennessey and Samuels family make up almost half the roster and part of the coaching staff, with the best known now the youngest, in the shape of World Junior Athletics Champion Dani Samuels.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Jaydene	Hennessey	177	Grd/Fwd
5	Adrienne	Gilbert	175	Guard
6	Briana	Hennessey	179	Guard
7	Wendy	Strong	178	Forward
8	Kellie	Butt	173	Guard
9	Sarah	Hately	177	Guard
10	Samantha	Hennessey	179	Forward
11	Dani	Samuels	182	Forward
12	Jamie	Samuels	186	Fwd/Ctr
14	Kristy	Bloomfield	177	Guard
15	Erin	Stubbs	188	Centre

Head Coach: Tracy Samuels Assistant Coach: Sharon Harget Team Manager: Vickie Rosewell Team Delegate: Vickie Croucher

BENDIGO LADY BRAVES

Major Sponsor: IGA

Regular season record 19-5. Regular season runner up in the SEABL, before beating Knox and Ballarat to take the title. Won the ABA National crown in 2003 in their home venue and despite losing the city's favourite point guard to the Opals World Championship campaign, they still enter this event as top seed and nominal favourite.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Anna	Teague	172	Guard
5	Sarah	Strange	178	Guard
6	Andrea	Wilson	175	Guard
7	Deanne	Butler	169	Guard
8	Bree	Cail	178	Forward
9	Michelle	Fletcher	184	Centre
10	Lucy	Splading	179	Forward
11	Andrea	Walsh	182	Forward
12	Ashley	Gilmore	181	Forward
15	Rebecca	May	178	Forward
21	Kelly	Lemezs	182	Forward
31	Jane	Chalmers	156	Guard

Head Coach: Bernie Harrower Assistant Coach: Mick Spear Assistant Coach: Graham Taylor Team Manager: Kylee Harrower

DANDENONG RANGERS

Major Sponsor: Jaemac

Regular season record 15-7. Big V regular runners up who get the wildcard spot this weekend after falling to Sandringham in two straight games at the Big V Championship series. Features a number of development players from the Rangers WNBL program plus dual WNBL Championship winner Alison Downie.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Fahy	Phan	155	Guard
5	Margot	Phan	165	Guard
6	Fazlyn	Hartley	175	Forward
7	Melissa	Colcott	172	Forward
9	Jess	Shearing	175	Guard
10	Demelza	Waixel	187	Centre
11	Tess	Meyer	186	Forward
12	Alison	Downie	181	Forward
13	Leigh Ann	Rutgers	155	Guard
14	Kassie	Dear	184	Centre

Head Coach: Michael Davies Assistant Coach: Jonathan Goodman Team Manager: Robyn Houghton

SANDRINGHAM SABRES

Major Sponsor: Lite 'n' Easy

Regular season record 19-3. Big V Champions, capturing the Clubs first Big V Women's title in the process. Vastly experienced team with an abundance of WNBL talent including Rangers stars Sam Richards and Caitlin Ryan. Might be set to make the Big V's first major mark on the National Finals.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Caitlin	Ryan	175	Guard
6	Talita	Haddad	177	Guard
8	Sam	Richards	170	Guard
9	Kylie	Jordan	177	Guard
10	Sarah	Fraser-Jones	174	Guard
11	Carla	Mathisen	173	Guard
12	Bianca	White	176	Forward
15	Michaela	Davis	178	Forward
20	Alex	Lough	183	Forward
21	Tegan	Fowler	183	Centre
23	Natalie	Burke	176	Forward

Head Coach: Lori Chizik Assistant Coach: Ed Drummond Team Manager: Norma White Physiotherapist: Cherie Meurant

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS WOMEN

Major Sponsor: Carina Leagues Club

Regular season record 12-6. Won their fourth consecutive QABL Championship, beating Cairns in the title game. Still looking to make a major impact in the National Finals with a Semi Final appearance in 2004 their best showing. Youngster Cassie Smith and the experienced Michaela Dalgleish are two of the players to watch.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Shona	Burrell	173	Guard
5	Cassie	Smith	174	Guard
6	Karli	Currie	167	Guard
7	Kirby	Dalgleish	179	Grd/Fwd
8	Holly	Smith	186	Fwd/Ctr
9	Michaela	Dalgleish	177	Grd/Fwd
12	Kate	Wiley	176	Grd/Fwd
14	Brittany	Jones	168	Guard
15	Donna	Rinaldi	188	Centre
21	Sarah	Graham	162	Guard
25	Rebecca	Stephens	175	Grd/Fwd

Head Coach: Corrina Cordtz Assistant Coach: Bruce Andrews Team Manager: Carol Bantick
Team Manager: Margaret Young Physiotherapist: Neil Foster

STURT SABRES

Regular season record 18-4. Bank SA Minor Premiers who went right on with the job to crush Forestville in the Grand Final. Plenty of WNBL experience in the group including New Zealand Tall Ferns point guard Angela Marino and a collection of Bowleys. Club with an outstanding junior record in South Australia, looking to go one better at senior level than their National runner up finish in 2002.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
5	Angela	Marino	166	Guard
6	Hannah	Bowley	184	Centre
7	Sara	Chapple	174	Guard
8	Sonia	Dametto	170	Guard
9	Caroline	Nixon	176	Guard
12	Monique	Bowley	185	Fwd/Ctr
13	Brigid	Bowley	184	Grd/Fwd
14	Kate	Jolly	174	Guard
15	Jess	McPhail	179	Grd/Fwd

Head Coach: Marcus Wong Assistant Coach: Jarrod Clarke Assistant Coach: Katherine McPhail
Team Manager: Beth Humphrys Sports Trainer: Anna Chapple

SYDNEY COMETS

Regular season record 16-4. Waratah runner up, upsetting minor premiers Norths in the Semi Finals before being swamped by Bankstown. Have a solid blend of youth and experience with Sapphires and Sydney Flames star Melissa Smith one of the standouts. First appearance at the ABA Nationals for the Women's half of this famed program.



No.	Given Name	Family Name	Height	Position
4	Evelyn	Dillon	170	Guard
5	Kerryn	Fiebig	170	Guard
6	Manea	Ford	176	Guard
7	Kate	Lockett	180	Guard
8	Sian Batista	De Mello	183	Forward
10	Natalie	Trout	185	Fwd/Ctr
11	Melissa	Smith	186	Fwd/Ctr
12	Mel	Thomson	179	Forward
13	Shelley	Bates	175	Guard
14	Karen	Haddad	179	Grd/Fwd
15	Kerry	Waller	188	Centre
20	Dani	O'Halloran	180	Forward

Head Coach: Darren Allie Assistant Coach: Denzil Fiebig Assistant Coach: Nic Mercer Team Manager: Lyn Thomson

Australian Basketball Association National Award Winners: WOMEN

Leading Scorer

2006	29.90 ppg	Sue Moran, Rockhampton Cyclones - QABL
2005	25.50 ppg	Tami Willey, Mackay Meteorettes - QABL
2004	32.41 ppg	Deanna Smith, South Adelaide Panthers - Bank SA
2003	24.94 ppg	Deanna Smith, South Adelaide Panthers - Bank SA
2002	26.67 ppg	Suzy Batkovic, West Adelaide Bearcats - Bank SA
2001	35.47 ppg	Suzy Batkovic, Launceston Tornados - SEABL

Leading 3 Point %

2006	45.90%	Marney Lee, Ipswich Eagles - QABL
2005	43.60%	Kate McMeeken-Ruscoe, Cairns Dolphins - QABL
2004	51.00%	Jenny Marshall, Hills Hornets - Waratah
2003	49.00%	Melinda Fox, Kilsyth Cobras - SEABL
2002	54.00%	Desiree Glaubitz, Ballarat Lady Miners - Big V
2001	44.70%	Kelly Burbridge, Hume City Lady Broncos - SEABL

Leading Shot Blocker

2006	3.60 bpg	Jenny Whittle, Gold Coast Gliders - QABL
2005	3.80 bpg	Jennifer Crouse, Launceston Tornados - SEABL
2004	2.90 bpg	Jamie Samuels, Bankstown Bruins - Waratah
2003	2.65 bpg	Tracey Braithwaite, South Adelaide Panthers - Bank SA
2002	3.82 bpg	Tracey Braithwaite, Noarlunga City Tigers - Bank SA
2001	4.60 bpg	Marita Payne, Dandenong Rangers - SEABL

Leading Offensive Rebounder

2006	5.40 orpg	Natalie Trout, Sydney Comets - Waratah
2005	6.00 orpg	Melissa Tronc, Gold Coast Gliders - QABL
2004	5.30 orpg	Petra Krolke, Norths Bears - Waratah
2003	5.00 orpg	Melissa Tronc, Toowoomba Mountaineers - QABL
2002	7.42 orpg	Clare Matthews, Sydney Comets - Waratah
2001	8.30 orpg	Allie Douglas, Dandenong Rangers - SEABL

Leading Rebounder

2006	13.70 rpg	Bianca Abbott, Rockhampton Cyclones - QABL
2005	16.20 rpg	Jennifer Crouse, Launceston Tornados - SEABL
2004	15.70 rpg	Petra Krolke, Norths Bears - Waratah
2003	13.10 rpg	Debbie Jose, Kuyam Pride - QABL
2002	16.80 rpg	Jessica Gray, Launceston Tornados - SEABL
2001	17.90 rpg	Allie Douglas, Dandenong Rangers - SEABL

Golden Hands

2006	5.44	Rachael Flanagan, Townsville Flames - QABL
2005	7.40	Sharin Milner, Hume City Broncos - Big V
2004	5.44	Jacqueline Lear, Gold Coast Gliders - QABL
2004	5.44	Daniella Stewart, Maroochydhore Clippers - QABL
2003	5.65	Vikki Kelson, Norwood Flames - Bank SA
2002	5.50	Vikki Kelson, Norwood Flames - Bank SA

Leading Field Goal %

2006	63.90%	Holly Smith, Southern Districts Spartans - QABL
2005	55.40%	Alyce Shearing, Canberra Nationals - Waratah
2004	63.70%	Holly Smith, Southern District Spartans - QABL
2003	57.80%	Tracey Braithwaite, South Adelaide Panthers - Bank SA
2002	57.26%	Kerrin Truslove, West Adelaide Bearcats - Bank SA
2001	54.66%	Hannah Sporn, West Adelaide Bearcats - Bank SA

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Leading Free Throw %

2006	91.10%	Kathleen Macleod, Nunawading Spectres - SEABL
2005	89.50%	Kelly Wilson, Bendigo Lady Braves - SEABL
2004	90.90%	Kylie Jordan, Frankston Lady Blues - SEABL
2003	89.26%	Deanna Smith, South Adelaide Panthers - Bank SA
2002	90.40%	Deanne Butler, Frankston Blues - SEABL
2001	98.40%	Julie Crothers, Waverley Falcons - Big V

Steals Leader

2006	4.20 spg	Shay Thefford, Gladstone Power - QABL
2005	4.30 spg	Kellie Abrams, Canberra Nationals - Waratah
2004	4.60 spg	Danielle Stewart, Maroochydore Clippers - QABL
2003	4.40 spg	Vikki Kelson, Norwood Flames - Bank SA
2002	3.63 spg	Julia Tan, Nunawading Spectres - SEABL
2001	8.60 spg	Vikki Kelson, Adelaide Southern - Bank SA

Leading defensive Rebounder

2006	10.50 drpg	Jenny Whittle, Gold Coast Gliders - QABL
2005	11.80 drpg	Jennifer Crouse, Launceston Tornadoes - SEABL
2004	10.70 drpg	Bianca Abbott, Hervey Bay Hurricanes - QABL
2003	9.15 drpg	Sarah Nobbs, Melbourne Tigers - Big V
2002	12.24 drpg	Tracey Braithwaite, Noarlunga City Tigers - Bank SA
2001	12.10 drpg	Suzy Batkovic, Launceston Tornadoes - SEABL

Assists Leader

2006	6.50 apg	Sharin Milner, Hume City Broncos - Big V
2005	7.90 apg	Sharin Milner, Hume City Broncos - Big V
2004	5.50 apg	Jacqueline Lear, Gold Coast Gliders - QABL
2003	6.00 apg	Tammy Goyne, Ringwood Hawks - Big V
2002	6.05 apg	Melissa Betts, Woodville Warriors - Bank SA
2001	6.60 apg	Jenny Marshall, Hills Hornets - Waratah

2002 National Finals All-Star team

Natalie Hurst - ACT Academy of Sport
Jessica Mahony - Sturt Sabres
Ngozi Emeagi - Kilsyth Cobras
Karen Reus - Bendigo Lady Braves
Chika Emeagi - Kilsyth Cobras

2003 National Finals All-Star team

Briana Hennessy - Bankstown Bruins
Rachel Flanagan - Forestville Eagles
Larissa Cavanagh - Bendigo Lady Braves
Belinda Tredwell - Forestville Eagles
Karen Ashby - Bendigo Lady Braves

2004 Nationals Finals All-Star Team

Michelle Musselwhite - Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
Desiree Glaubitz - Ballarat Lady Miners
Rebecca Stephens - Southern Districts Lady Spartans
Chelsea Burns - Frankston Lady Blues
Erin Phillips - North Adelaide Rockets

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Leading Scorer

2006	31.10 ppg	John Philip, Illawarra Seahawks - Waratah
2005	35.10 ppg	Mick Hill, Sherbrooke Suns - Big V
2004	35.88 ppg	Mick Hill, Sherbrooke Suns - Big V
2003	33.10 ppg	Darryl Corletto, Ringwood Hawks - Big V
2002	34.70 ppg	Cameron Tragardh, South West Metro Pirates - QABL
2001	31.55 ppg	Andrew Clarke, Northern Suburbs Bears - Waratah

Leading 3 Point %

2006	46.40%	Marcus Timmons, Sandringham Sabres - Big V
2005	48.50%	Matthew O'Hea, Nunawading Spectres - SEABL
2004	51.85%	Andrew Puddifoot, Woodville Warriors - Bank SA
2003	45.71%	Cameron Wilson, Woodville Warriors - Bank SA
2002	50.70%	Mark Hurley, Newcastle Hunters - Waratah
2001	51.20%	Rhys Newsome, Frankston Blues - SEABL EAST

Leading Shot Blocker

2006	3.90 bpg	Jason Eversteyn, Ringwood Hawks - Big V
2005	3.50 bpg	Jason Eversteyn, Sherbrooke Suns - Big V
2005	3.50 bpg	Brett Foster, Bankstown Bruins - Waratah
2004	5.10 bpg	Brett Foster, Bankstown Bruins - Waratah
2003	4.20 bpg	Brett Foster, Bankstown Bruins - Waratah
2002	4.56 bpg	Brett Foster, Bankstown Bruins - Waratah
2001	2.60 bpg	Mike Spears, Bendigo Braves - SEABL South

Leading offensive Rebounder

2006	6.40 orpg	Michael Kingma, Gladstone Power - QABL
2005	6.50 orpg	Don Carlisle, NW Tasmania Thunder - SEABL
2004	6.59 orpg	Jacob Holmes, Eastern Mavericks - Bank SA
2003	5.94 orpg	Simon Kent, South Adelaide Panthers - Bank SA
2002	5.47 orpg	Kristian Blaszczyński, Parramatta Wildcats - Waratah
2001	5.90 orpg	Demetris Montgomery, Mildura Mavericks - SEABL South

Leading Rebounder

2006	21.90 rpg	Michael Kingma, Gladstone Power - QABL
2005	16.70 rpg	Jason Eversteyn, Sherbrooke Suns - Big V
2004	17.40 rpg	Paul Burgess, Blackburn Vikings - Big V
2003	16.30 rpg	Lonnie Thomas, Sherbrooke Suns - Big V
2002	17.06 rpg	Blake Truslove, West Adelaide Bearcats - Bank SA
2001	15.00 rpg	Blake Truslove, West Adelaide Bearcats - Bank SA

Golden Hands

2006	7.60	Bobby Cunningham, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V
2005	7.10	Greg Smith, Hume City Broncos - Big V
2004	6.82	Luke Cooper, Eltham Wildcats - Big V
2003	7.18	Bobby Cunningham, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V
2002	7.05	Bobby Cunningham, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V

Leading Field Goal %

2006	62.30%	Rowan Gray, Cairns Marlins - QABL
2005	63.30%	Julian Khazzouh, Parramatta Wildcats - Waratah
2004	60.20%	Anthony Tribe, Toowoomba Mountaineers - QABL
2003	61.20%	Luke Callier, Brisbane Capitals - QABL
2002	62.30%	Simon Conn, Dandenong - SEABL East
2001	61.80%	Jason Joynes, Mt Gambier Pioneers, SEABL South

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Leading Free Throw %

2006	93.70%	Curtis Small, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V
2005	88.70%	Ben Thompson, Southern Districts Spartans - QABL
2004	90.20%	John Fitzgerald, Brisbane Capitals - QABL
2003	89.30%	Darryl Corletto, Ringwood Hawks - Big V
2002	90.50%	James Anderson, Blackburn Vikings - Big V
2001	90.80%	Rhys Carter, AIS - SEABL East

Steals Leader

2006	3.80 spg	Leon Perdue, Gladstone Power - QABL
2005	3.45 spg	Todd Gower, Sturt Sabres - Bank SA
2004	3.80 spg	Mike McShane, Rockhampton Rockets - QABL
2003	4.13 spg	Bradley Williamson, Maroochydore Clippers - QABL
2003	4.13 spg	Bobby Cunningham, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V
2002	5.05 spg	Bobby Cunningham, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V
2001	4.40 spg	Daniel Proctor, Maitland Mustangs - Waratah

Leading Defensive Rebounder

2006	15.50 drpg	Michael Kingma, Gladstone Power - QABL
2005	12.12 drpg	Oscar Forman, Sturt Sabres - Bank SA
2004	13.40 drpg	Brett Foster, Bankstown Bruins - Waratah
2003	12.40 drpg	Bobby Cunningham, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V
2002	13.17 drpg	Brett Foster, Bankstown Bruins - Waratah
2001	12.10 drpg	Blake Truslove, West Adelaide Bearcats - Bank SA

Assists Leader

2006	9.00 apg	Bobby Cunningham, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V
2005	8.70 apg	Greg Smith, Hume City Broncos - Big V
2004	9.27 apg	Bobby Cunningham, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V
2003	8.20 apg	Bobby Cunningham, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V
2002	7.76 apg	Ben Armstrong, NW Tasmania Brewers - SEABL South
2001	9.00 apg	Bobby Cunningham, Warrnambool Seahawks - Big V

2002 National Finals All-Star Team

Andrew Bogut - Australian Institute of Sport
 Marcus Timmons - Sandringham Sabres
 Stephen Whitehead - Sydney Comets
 David Biver - Hobart Chargers
 Paul Crombie - Hobart Chargers

2003 National Finals All-Star Team

Daniel Egan - Ballarat Miners
 Chris Stauber - Sydney Comets
 Jamie Holmes - Mount Gambier Pioneers
 Jason Dix - Forestville Eagles
 Jason Cameron - South West Metro Pirates

2004 National Finals All-Star Team

Adam Hall - North West Tasmania Thunder
 Cameron Rigby - Dandenong Rangers
 Kane Oakley - Cairns Marlins
 Jacob Holmes - Eastern Mavericks
 Shawn Redhage - North West Tasmania Thunder