

YMBA Annual Report (President's Report) – 2026

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1. Welcome

The 2025–26 year has been a significant period of growth, recognition, and planning for the future of basketball across our region. Through the dedication of our volunteers, coaches, referees, players, families, and supporters, YMBA has continued to strengthen its position as a leading community sporting organisation.

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report for the Yarrawonga Mulwala Basketball Association for the 2025–26 year. This report outlines our activities, achievements, financial position, and strategic direction.

YMBA continues to grow as a community-driven organisation committed to developing pathways for athletes, coaches, referees, and volunteers across our region.

2. Summary of the Year's Activities

This year has been one of consolidation, growth, and forward planning. Key activities included:

- **Domestic Competition Delivery** Weekly junior and senior competitions continued to operate at strong capacity, with increased participation across U10–U18 and senior competitions.
- **Representative Program** YMBA fielded a record number of teams across multiple age groups, with strong attendance at training, tournaments, and development sessions. Athletes also progressed through BV High Performance Pathways including Jamboree, the Futures Development Program, and the State Development Program.
- **Referee Development Program** Continued delivery of Green Shirt courses, coaching, and mentoring, with multiple referees achieving A Grade accreditation.
- **Coaching Development** Representative coaching appointments were strengthened through clearer EOI processes, improved communication, and structured training support. With the addition of the appointment of Brett Harvey as our Director of Coaching and Player Development for the upcoming domestic and representative seasons.
- **Governance & Administration** YMBA maintained compliance with Consumer Affairs Victoria and Basketball Victoria requirements, including AGM preparation, annual reporting, and affiliation documentation.

Community Engagement YMBA strengthened ties with local schools, sporting clubs, and community partners, promoting basketball participation and volunteer involvement. The All-Abilities program continues to provide opportunities for a diverse cross-section of the local community.

3. Record of the Year's Achievements

This year delivered several significant achievements across all areas of the association:

Our association was honoured as the **2025 Australia Day Community Association of the Year**. This award reflects the dedication of our volunteers, coaches, referees, players, families, and supporters. YMBA was also recognised through nominations in the Moira Shire Community Achiever Awards.

The commencement of construction of the new stadium represents one of the most significant milestones in the history of YMBA. The facility will dramatically expand participation opportunities, improve athlete development pathways, and provide the infrastructure required to meet future demand across our growing basketball community.

Representative Program

- Strong competitive performances across multiple age groups in the Junior Country Championships.
- Increased athlete retention and improved training attendance.
- Clearer coaching structures and communication pathways.

Referee Program

- Key pathway opportunities: BV Country Jamboree, Junior Country Championships, Country Tournaments and VJBL appointments
- This season we had a total of 29 active referees officiating across our domestic competitions. We welcomed 9 new referees to the program while continuing to develop our existing officials through mentoring, coaching and regular feedback.
- Recruitment remained a key focus. While referee numbers grew strongly, retention continues to be a challenge, particularly among younger officials.
- YMBA continued to build one of the region's strongest junior referee pathways.
- Ongoing leadership from the Referee Coordinator ensured consistency, professionalism, and growth.

Governance & Recognition

- YMBA continued to uphold best-practice governance standards aligned with Basketball Victoria's Member Bylaws.
- The association maintained strong compliance with reporting, financial management, and administrative processes.

Facilities & Future Planning

Continued progress toward the development of the new stadium — a major milestone for the future of basketball in Yarrowonga Mulwala. The stadium building commenced this year, with progress nearly being at frame stage. Completion remains on track for 2027.

4. Preview of What Is Planned for Next Year

Looking ahead to 2026–27, YMBA will focus on:

- **New Stadium Transition Planning** Preparing operational, scheduling, and program structures for the move into the new facility.
- **Expanded Representative Pathways** Increasing opportunities for athletes through additional tournaments, development camps, and coaching resources.
- **Referee Program Growth** Introducing new referee education modules, expanding mentoring, and increasing senior referee capacity.
- **Domestic Competition Improvements** Reviewing grading, scheduling, and communication processes to support continued growth.
- **Volunteer Recruitment & Support** Strengthening committee, coaching, and referee volunteer pathways to support expanding programs.
- **Strategic Plan Refresh** Updating YMBA's strategic priorities to align with facility growth, participation trends, and community needs.

5. YMBA's Vision

YMBA remains committed to:

- Providing inclusive, high-quality basketball opportunities for all ages and abilities.
- Developing strong pathways for athletes, coaches, referees, and volunteers.
- Delivering competitions and programs that are safe, fair, and professionally run.

- Strengthening community connections and promoting positive sporting experiences.
- Upholding best-practice governance, transparency, and accountability.

This vision continues to guide every decision and initiative undertaken by the association.

6. Treasurer's Report & Accounts

As required under AGM documentation guidelines, YMBA presents its annual accounts in standard format and tables the auditor's report where applicable.

Key financial notes include:

- Income and expenditure summary
- Major purchases and investments
- Grant allocations
- Representative program financials
- Domestic competition revenue

The Association continues to maintain a sound financial position and remains well placed to support future growth initiatives, including planning for the transition to the new stadium. The annual financial statements have been independently examined and certified as an accurate record of the Association's income and expenditure for the period ending 30 June 2026.

7. Acknowledgements

YMBA extends sincere thanks to:

- Coaches, team managers, referees, and referee coaches
- Committee members and volunteers
- Parents, families, and supporters
- Local partners and sponsors
- Basketball Victoria for ongoing governance support

Your contribution ensures YMBA remains a strong, vibrant, and community-focused association.

8. Conclusion

The 2025–26 year has been one of growth, stability, and forward momentum. YMBA is well-positioned for an exciting future, particularly with the upcoming stadium development and continued expansion of our programs.

While our achievements this year are significant, our greatest success continues to be the sense of community that basketball brings to Yarrawonga Mulwala. The commitment of our volunteers and members ensures that YMBA remains a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone involved in the game.

I commend this Annual Report to the members and thank everyone for their ongoing support of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Basketball Association.