



RESPECT. FRIENDSHIP. COMMUNITY.

Perth Spectres Basketball Club (Inc)

ANNUAL REPORT

1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Perth Spectres Basketball Club (Inc) acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation as the traditional custodians of this country and its waters, and that we live, train and play on Noongar country. We pay our respects to Noongar elders past and present and emerging.

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The Perth Spectres Basketball Club (Inc) would also like to acknowledge the LGBTQIA+ fighters, protestors, friends and advocates who have fought, struggled, died and survived, so that we may live in a freer society today than we did yesterday.

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Club Leader Message

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Club Overview

In the grand tapestry of 2023, the Perth Spectres Basketball Club, nestled within the vibrant LGBTQIA+ community, has once again proven that resilience is our hallmark in the face of life's ebb and flow. My dedication to this club has always been rooted in our indomitable community spirit, our collective strength, and the foundational values of **RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP, & COMMUNITY**. This year, more than ever, has reinforced the importance of these values.

The year 2023 has been a transformative one, teaching us that challenges are not just barriers but gateways to growth and enrichment. We've taken significant strides in communication, notably with our WhatsApp group, enhancing our connectivity (do join if you haven't yet, by reaching out to the committee). A leap was made with the initiation of Junior Basketball, backed by a PrideWA Grant, a learning curve for us all. As our community burgeons, ensuring everyone is kept in the loop has been daunting, yet we've started to find that sweet spot, keeping the club's pulse vibrant and inclusive.

Financially, we ended the year on a triumphant note, seeing an uptick in cash flow and the successful launch of 3x3 Basketball, warmly received by all. Our annual BASKET-BALL event, for the third year running, has significantly impacted, reinvesting the majority of funds raised back into our club and community. We extend heartfelt gratitude to **Xceed Real Estate** for their **second-year sponsorship of \$5000**, supporting our vision every step of the way.

BASKET-BALL - CIRCUS

The year 2023 heralded a new thematic era for our BASKET-BALL event, culminating in unprecedented success. Setting a new fundraising milestone, the event garnered over \$12,000, with \$2,469.20 donated to Living Proud, enhancing event inclusivity through Q&A assist. This BASKET-BALL, a personal passion project since its inception in 2021, has blossomed into a landmark event, thanks to the unwavering support of the Perth LGBTQIA+ community and previous committees. Although I am transitioning from a formal committee role, my heart remains with the Perth Spectres Family. I look forward to the BASKET-BALL Neon Nights 2024 and the splendour it promises to unfold.

Please see wonderful photo memories of the 2023 BASKET-BALL at the end of this report.

Perth Spectres Community

This year has added another splendid chapter to our club's story. From impromptu basketball sessions to our Winter Getaway and the first National Trip to World Pride in Sydney, we've cherished every moment. Beyond the court, our club thrives on mutual respect, honesty, care, and communal well-being.

I joined the Perth Spectres initially to support my partner, Harvey. Little did I know, this journey would see me become the 2nd President (Club Leader) and fall in love with basketball. As I step down from a formal role, my pride in our collective achievements and the community we've built is immeasurable.

Looking ahead, let's continue to strengthen the ties that transform the Perth Spectres Basketball Club from a team into a family.

Justin Barnes
Club Leader

Sports Report

The last 12 months has seen something of a consolidation of our competition teams, with four teams currently representing the Spectres at Loftus Recreation Centre and Bendat Basketball Stadium.

The Spectres have always been about social participation first and foremost, including in competition basketball. While on court success is always nice, this has never been the main focus of the club, with fun and friendship very much a core value. Having said that, some of our teams have improved immensely over the last year, with confidence lifting noticeably the longer people have played together.

In recent months Ultra Violet made the finals at Bendat for the first time ever - a huge achievement in what is a competitive league out at Floreat! Unfortunately, Bendat has again combined the Wednesday night women's teams into a single division, which inevitably leads to a greater range of skill levels and a somewhat less even competition. Having said that, UV has made a great start to the season and have had some nice wins to date.

After having to discontinue for a few months due to low numbers, Bubble Tea have reformed and are looking very solid in the Monday night competition at Loftus. A number of Ultra Violet players have also doubled up to play for Bubble Tea, which has been great for the team and has created a stable core of players to help anchor them. Bubble Tea have been competitive in most of their matches, and I have no doubt they will continue to flourish the longer they are together.

In recent months Aqua has had a few player movements, with the team now boasting a very good spread of skills and positions. The "F Division" is surprisingly competitive and wins are never easy to come by. Nonetheless, the team has enjoyed some good wins in recent times, which is always a nice reward for the effort that has been put in. Fiddy Cent Wings continues to be the powerhouse team of the Wednesday night competition at Loftus, and while Aqua has yet to beat them, I am confident we are closing the gap and are not too far behind.

Magenta started 2023 playing at the Rise in Maylands and made their first ever finals appearance in the Tuesday night competition. Unfortunately, due to a lack of team registrations, the social basketball comp never re-started after the end of that season, so after a bit of a break, the players relocated back up the road to Loftus for the Monday night league. There is no shortage of people looking for a game with Magenta, which always has a fun and positive vibe about it. The quality of play amongst the team has also improved noticeably over the last couple of months, with several newer players coming out of their shell and discovering a new found confidence.

At various times throughout the year we have also had up to two mixed teams playing at Loftus on Sunday afternoons. For a while Rainbow Hoops and Mustard were both playing, before they consolidated into one team (Mustard) the following season.

Unfortunately, due to not having the right mix of genders (there are several gendered rules associated with the mixed competition) Mustard also had to withdraw from the competition for the time being. Whilst this was unfortunate, there is a strong possibility a Spectres team will be re-entered into the mixed competition in the near future. The Sunday afternoon comp is quite enjoyable and has a fairly relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

There will inevitably be some changes to teams and/or players from season to season, depending on people's availability. Generally speaking, most teams need at least 7 permanent players for the team to break even (or better) based on the season fees currently charged. Teams with less than this will usually run at a loss, so having sufficient numbers is important for long-term financial viability.

Our team captains are currently doing a great job representing our club values of respect, friendship and community. Managing a number of teams across multiple stadiums can involve a significant amount of admin and logistical work, and I would like to thank all of the past and current captains and players for their ongoing support to help continue making our club a welcoming and friendly place.

Our fortnightly Train and Plays have continued to see solid numbers throughout the year, with a number of new participants joining the Spectres after coming to one or more of our sessions. With participants possessing widely varying levels of skill and experience, this understandably creates challenges in catering to the needs of a broad group of players.

In recent times we have developed a Train and Play coaches sub-committee, with different people volunteering their time each fortnight. While this is only a fairly recent initiative, I believe it has proven to be very successful to date, with participants getting exposure to a range of coaches offering a variety of different styles, skills and expertise.

Obtaining forward bookings at UWA is always challenging (and has been since our inception just over 4 years ago). The University will only allow us to book one month in advance, and we cannot always obtain our preferred time slots and/or dates. It is also generally necessary to avoid bookings that coincide with the Upmarket days (held 4 times per year on a Sunday) as parking is next to impossible on those dates.

Having said that, the courts at UWA are still far cheaper to book than other stadiums around the city, and thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, we have been able to keep Train and Play sessions completely free for all participants.

On a final note, this will be my last year on the committee and my last year as Sport Leader. I would like to thank everyone who has supported and encouraged me over the years, and I have no doubt you will be in good hands with the incoming committee.

See you on the court!

Brendon Entrekin
Sport Leader

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2023 was an exciting year for the Perth Spectres Basketball Club. We successfully coordinated our first ever 3 x 3 intra club basketball competition. The idea was to give the members a platform to experience social competitions in a safe, supportive, and fun environment.

Our club consists of members with diverse basketball experiences and skills, and we embrace the diversity. We have players who played in a professional or semi-professional league previously, members who are seasoned players at social competitions and players who are new to the sport and would like to learn more. We also have members who would like to participate in social competitions, however are unable to commit to one of our season teams because of work schedules or family commitment.

This 3 x 3 basketball competition was designed to give our members a piece of something that they were looking for. The competition consisted of 6 rounds, and we played round robin style. Each round was held every fortnight on a Friday night at Loftus Recreation Centre and we had 5 teams participating with 4-5 players on each team. After the games, we went to grab a bite and a drink at a local pub to socialise.



The teams were designed to ensure that they are equally competitive, resulting in a very interesting final result indeed.

FINAL RANKING

ROUND 1-6	Points	Average Winning Margin %
Eggnog	26	42%
Grasshopper Mojito	25	34%
Unicorn Shots	24	41%
Vesper	23	32%
Alcoholigans	22	33%

At the end of the competition, we went around the table and asked each of the players what they liked about the competition and the common themes were: they gained confidence and skills, they made new friends and got to know other players better and most importantly they had fun and felt safe and supported throughout the competition. We would like to thank all the volunteers who made this competition possible.

As a result of these positive feedbacks, we would like to bring this initiative back in 2024, so watch the space!



Community Report

NBL Pride Round, January 2023 Adam Kinnest

In January 2023, the NBL launched the inaugural [Champion Pride Round](#).

The aim of the Pride round is to promote, celebrate and give thanks to the LGBTQIA+ community, while showcasing basketball as a sport striving to provide a safe, healthy and accessible environment for all.

As the first and currently the only all inclusive LGBTQIA+ Basketball Club in Perth, the Perth Spectres were asked to attend the round and showcase the importance of inclusion in basketball.

Perth Spectres Basketball Club represented on court to talk live about our LGBTQIA+ inclusive club during half time. The round was attended by 12,000+ fans to watch the round played by the Perth Wildcats and the Illawarra Hawks.

The Perth Wildcats have begun their journey as supporters of the LGBTQIA+ community. The team has actively promoted diversity and inclusivity through various initiatives, including participating in the Pride Parade and partnering with Pride WA.

In 2019, the Wildcats released a statement reaffirming their commitment to supporting the LGBTQIA+ community, stating that "Everyone should feel welcome and safe to be themselves, regardless of their gender, sexuality, race or religion."

Their support in promoting Perth Spectres is just another step forward not only for the NBL, but another example of the importance of championing inclusive sports for all.

Their actions provide a positive example for other sports teams and organisations to follow in promoting greater diversity and inclusivity.

Our aim is to continue our support of the Wildcats in all Pride Rounds and continue to work with others across Perth to champion sports for not only the LGBTQIA+ community, but those who are living with disability.

We also look to support those from culturally diverse backgrounds and nurture the next generation of Basketball players to be more tolerant and accepting through our youth program.



**World Pride, Sydney
Mark Fallows**

Perth Spectres had our first much awaited interstate trip to compete in the National Pride Basketball Tournament in Sydney in February. This tournament coincided with Word Pride celebrations, which meant a lot of LGBTQIA+ people and allies descended on the biggest world event in 2024.

Needless to say, our basketball skills faced the ultimate test with many of us feeling a bit (or a lot) hungover and overtired from indulging in festivities! Fortunately, we had a good combination of party animals and responsible folk to take on Spectres and other LGBTQIA+ players from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide.

The tournament involved three days of basketball, and Perth Spectres participated in the mens, womens and mixed leagues. It was a great opportunity to make friends with people from other Spectres clubs and have a few drinks together too.

Playing teams of the Pride Basketball Tournament 2023. Can you spot the Perth Spectres?



The Perth Spectres also enjoyed some quality hangs and just simply had an awesome time bonding and testing our World Pride resilience.

Enjoying the sights of Sydney!



**Winter Getaway
Mark Fallows**

What do Perth Spectres do in the middle of winter? Hibernate? No! Instead we go on our annual Winter Getaway to Fairbridge, Pinjarra.

This year we enjoyed an Ogoh Ogoh bonfire, meals together, explored the townsite, played lots of basketball, had a quiz night and danced the night away. Looking forward to the next Winter Getaway in 2024!

Spectres having a great time in Winter!



Perth Pride - November 2023
Alex Brewer

We all enjoy playing on our season teams each week and train and play once a fortnight. However, our club is so much more than just the game - it's about our inclusive and diverse membership. In November we got to celebrate who we are as individuals and as a club at many different events. We started off with Fair Day, which was a huge success with our mini basketball court and kids and adults coming to play and learn about our club. The highlight of the day was the shootout between the infamous Jessi and Cougar Morrison!! Thank you to all that gave up their time to help run this stall.



We then went into our annual Pride Train and Play the following weekend which again was a great success and had lots of new faces come and do some amazing drills and mini games run by Brendo!! Finally, our Pride month ended on 25th with two events in one day. We saw Brendo, Amelia, Bec Lim and Carrie battle it out in the Perth Swans inaugural swimming comp. They gave it their all stroke by stroke competing against other swimming clubs and LGBTQIA+ sporting groups. They really showed amazing club spirit and dedication on this day (even if some of the swimmers were aided with flotation devices!).



Later that evening the superhero Spectres came together and marched in the parade for our community and club. Adorning capes, masks and rainbow paraphernalia, we showed the crowd we are brave and strong. Also on display were our hoops of diversity, inclusion, and individuality! The crowd loved the theme and cheered us loudly as we marched.

Thank you to each and every person who got involved during what was an amazing Pride month. Let's bring on another epic year of Pride in 2024!!



Financial Statements

Please note the following in reviewing the Financial Statements prepared for Perth Spectres Basketball Club (Inc) (“Perth Spectres” or “Club”) for the year ended 31 December 2023:

- As a not-for-profit entity with an annual revenue of below \$500,000 for the year ended 31 December 2023, Perth Spectres is classified as a *tier 1 association* as per para 61. (1) of *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*;
- The financial statements are prepared using cash accounting, meaning that the income is recorded when it is received and the expenses when they are paid;
- The financial statements include a:
 - statement of all the monies received and paid during the financial year;
 - reconciled statement of all bank account balances as at the end of the financial year; and
 - statement detailing the Perth Spectres Basketball Club (Inc)’s total assets and liabilities as at the end of the financial year.
- Perth Spectres is not registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST) and is not required to be registered in accordance with Division 23 and 188 of *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*. Perth Spectres is a not-for-profit organisation with a GST turnover of less than \$150,000 for the year ended 31 December 2023;
- The financial statements are prepared to give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Perth Spectres;
- The financial statements however are not audited or reviewed by an independent third party and should therefore be considered a presentation of financial results by management of the Club. No representations are made in this presentation.

Statement of Profit and Loss

for the year ended 31 December 2023

Income	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$ <i>Restated*</i>
Membership fees		2,220.00	2,566.23
Donations		122.00	375.00
Fundraising		15,538.97	6,629.63
Sponsorship		6,000.00	6,000.00
Sports fees		11,487.01	14,951.08
Merchandise & Uniforms		4,493.13	10.00
Basket-BALL	1	40,365.44	36,800.95
Community Events		3,468.00	4,732.00
Grants	2	2,500.00	-
Miscellaneous		-	434.50
Total Income		86,194.55	72,499.39
Expenses			
Admin		4,552.93	5,779.93
Donations		2,803.40	9,324.39
Fundraising		127.80	-
Sports equipment		101.48	3,115.17
Sports fees		17,082.71	14,055.88
Merchandise & Uniforms		4,805.22	694.52
Basket-BALL	1	43,895.84	34,633.60
Community Events		2,777.00	3,490.30
Grants	2	1,520.13	-
Total expenses		77,666.51	71,093.79
Net income/(loss)		8,528.04	1,405.60

**The 2022 Statement of Profit and Loss was restated for classification of categories for comparison and correction of net income.*

Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Cash at Bank	3	17,015.30	8,487.26
Total assets		17,015.30	8,487.26
Liabilities			
Total liabilities		-	-
Net assets			
		17,015.30	8,487.26
Equity			
Members equity		17,015.30	8,487.26
Total equity		17,015.30	8,487.26

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1: Basket-BALL

The Basket-BALL is the annual Perth Spectres Gala event to raise awareness of and raise funds to support the Club and Community activities.

Income relates to ticket sales, sponsorship and donations that are directly attributed to the event. Whilst expenses are venue hire, catering costs and entertainment costs. Note that fundraising income and donation expenses that arise from the event are recognised in separate lines on the Statement of Profit and Loss.

As the Financial Statements are prepared on the cash basis, ticket sales and expenses incurred for the 2024 event are recorded. Refer to the table below which splits out the income and expenses between the 2023 event held and the upcoming 2024 event.

	Basket-BALL 2023 \$	Basket-BALL 2024 \$	Total \$
Income	35,761.92	3,150.52	40,365.44
Expense	40,396.84	3,500.00	43,895.84

Note 2: Grants

Perth Spectres was awarded a grant from PrideWA to support Junior Basketball through the purchase of court hire and equipment, with the grant to be used by 31 December 2023 or monies to be returned.

	2023
	\$
Grant Income received	2,500.00
Less expenditure	
- Court hire	1,520.13
Balance of Grant funds as at 31 December 2023	<u>979.87</u>

Perth Spectres obtained an extension from PrideWA in writing to use the balance of the grant by 31 January 2024. The Club used the balance of the grant funds on 15 January 2024 to purchase Basketballs for an amount of \$979.87.

Note 3: Cash at bank reconciliation

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Perth Spectres Basketball Club (Inc) bank accounts		
- Account ending 678	16,859.80	7,303.87
- Account ending 731	155.50	22.49
- Account ending 629 (held on behalf of Team Perth)	-	1,160.90
	<u>17,015.30</u>	<u>8,487.26</u>

Understanding the importance of strong financial governance, a minimum approval of two officeholders is required to be obtained before any funds can be transferred out of the Perth Spectres holding account (account ending 678).

Account ending 731 is the cash account used for anticipated expenditure in the week ahead.

Our Successes

SPORT

- Received Pride WA grant to run Junior Program & ran program for 2023
- Our Train and plays continued all year around
- Team Magenta made it to finals during the playing season at The Rise, Maylands.
- Team Ultra Violet made it to the Finals for the first time at Bendat Basketball Stadium.
- We held our first Inter-Club 3x3 Basketball Tournament over 6 weeks with 5 teams.

ADVOCACY

- Spectres represented at the first Wildcats Pride Game January 2023
- Meetings with Perth Wildcats
- Meetings with Perth Lynx

OUR CLUB EVENTS:

- Held a successful BASKET-BALL in May 2023 fundraising over \$12k and supporting Living Proud WA
- Our yearly Member Winter Getaway
- We celebrated our 4th Birthday along with Paint & Sip & our Club Awards!

CLUB PARTICIPATION (COMMUNITY):

- Perth Spectres First National Trip to Sydney – World Pride, played Basketball in Basketball NSW Pride Tournament (2 mixed teams / 1 male team and 1 female team)
- Stall at PrideFest: Fairday
- Pride Swimming Carnival by Rainbow Swans: We entered a team into the Team Perth Relay
- PrideFest: We marched bravely as SuperHeroes in the Pride Parade

OUR NEWEST ADDITION

We have celebrated our traditional custodians by supporting local Indigenous artist @rainmanorion and released our first Indigenous Pride Jersey with the commissioned Rainbow Flag incorporating beautiful indigenous artwork.

Thank you to our sponsors Xceed Real Estate for supporting us. Your support has helped us to do so much!



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CLUB HIGHLIGHTS 2023

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SPORT

pride WA Received Pride WA grant to run our Junior Program. We ran the program for the whole year.

Continued our 'Senior' or 'Adult' Train & Play sessions. **T&P**

Team Magenta made the finals for the first time, May 2023. **CONGRATULATIONS!** **MS**

First Inter-Club 3x3 Basketball Tournament over 6 weeks with 5 teams. **MS**

Team UltraViolet made the finals for the first time, Nov '23. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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CLUB PARTICIPATION

First National Trip to Sydney World Pride. 2 mixed, 1 Male and 1 Female team played Basketball in Basketball NSW Pride Tournament

Perth Spectres had a stall at Fairday. Some of our crew met Premier Hon Roger Cook MLA and Hon Stephen Dawson MLC

Perth Spectres has a team who participated in the Team Perth Relay during the inaugural Pride Swimming Carnival by Rainbow Swans

Perth Spectres marched with 'BRAVE' faces in Pride WA's Pride March on 25th November.

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CLUB EVENTS

Successful 3rd running **BASKET-BALL** in May 2023 fundraising over \$12,000 & supporting Living Proud WA

Successful Perth Spectres Member Winter Getaway for the 3rd year at Fairbridge

Perth Spectres Celebrated our 4th Birthday with Awards & our first ever Paint & Sip event, December 2023.

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ADVOCACY

Spectres represented at the first Wildcats Pride Game January 2023 at RAC Arena

Meetings with the Perth Wildcats

Meetings with the Perth Lynx


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OUR NEWEST ADDITION


Perth Spectres Basketball Club have been working with a local Indigenous artist to create our own Pride Indigenous Jersey to celebrate our community and intersectionality. You will see Perth Spectres using these during our pride events/rounds and tournaments.

Thank you Rayne Crow Úrulah Cultural Art
@rainmanorion

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