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Basketball WA Appoints Wheelchair Coordinator



Basketball WA is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas Kyle to the permanent part-time position of Wheelchair Talent Identification and Development Coordinator.

The newly created position will see Kyle play a leadership role within the WA Wheelchair Basketball community, ensuring that all identified athletes receive appropriate support within the club systems to ensure the achievement of defined performance and development goals.

Fundamental to the position, is the key working relationship with the Western Australia Institute of Sport (WAIS) wheelchair program. Kyle will work closely with local clubs and coaches to ensure that the emphasis and direction of the WAIS program is understood and recognised by the local wheelchair basketball community.

Kyle originates from QLD and has a wealth of knowledge and experience in Wheelchair basketball. Some of his recent achievements include:

2014 - QLD Comets Development Coach
2015 - 2017 QLD Rolling Thunder (juniors) Assistant Coach
2014 - 2016 RSL QLD Spinning Bullets Assistant Coach
2017 - QLD Spinning Bullets Co-Head Coach
2018 - Co-Head coach Indian Men's and Women's senior teams - AOZ Asian Para Games Qualifying Tournament, Bangkok.

"It's great to be given the chance to come on board with a basketball system as successful as WA's" Kyle said.

"In the past four years I've been very fortunate to have been a part of the development of a system in Brisbane working with athletes as young as eight all the way through to the senior elite levels. To see where many of these athletes are now (not just with their sporting ability, but also their attitudes and maturity) because of their involvement in a supportive environment within the sport is something that makes me proud to have been a part of."

"I'm looking forward to offering whatever I can to support the development pipeline here in WA and taking in as much as I can, knowing that there is a wealth of basketball knowledge and support through Basketball WA and WAIS."

Kyle commenced duties this week. He may be contacted on Thomas.Kyle@basketballwa.asn.au

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