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AUSTRALIAN UNDER 19 SQUADS COMMENCE PREPARATION FOR 2021 FIBA WORLD CUP

Basketball Australia (BA) will commence preparations for the 2021 FIBA Under 19 Women's and Men's Basketball World Cups with a preliminary camp to be held at BA's Centre of Excellence within the Australian Institute of Sport from February 27 – March 2.

The Gems (women's) and Emus (men's) squads will come together for this 4-day camp as they start the journey to the Worlds, to be held in Europe later in the year. The men's event is currently set to take place July 3 – 11 (location TBC), with the women's tournament to be hosted by Debrecen, Hungary from August 7 – 15.

The two squads named for this preliminary camp do not include those athletes that are currently engaged with NBL programs and/or NCAA (USA) commitments. Basketball Australia will continue to monitor athletes in the NBL and College system with a view for potential selection in future camps.

Former Chemist Warehouse WNBL Coach of the Year David Herbert will lead the Gems campaign after being an assistant coach on the Gems 2019 Under 19 World Cup silver medal team, while Darren Perry returns as coach of the Emus.

Basketball Australia Head of High Performance and National Teams Jan Stirling said: *"This camp signifies the start of an important journey for our national Under 19s men's and women's teams, as we look to medal at both World Cups later this year."*

"Australian basketball through its connected high performance pathway and elite coaching continues to produce world class talent, which is reflected in the strength of the squads that have been named for our preliminary camp later this month."

"Both the Emus and Gems will be led by experienced coaching personnel at this year's Worlds and we look forward to seeing the progression of both squads over the coming months."

The Gems Squad for the 4-day intensive camp

Name of athlete (in alphabetical order)	Home State/Territory
Isobel Borlase	South Australia
Indiah Bowyer	Queensland
Lil Dart	Queensland

Kate Deeble	Queensland
Piper Dunlop	Victoria
Charlise Dunn	Victoria
Chyra Evans	New South Wales
Luisa Fakalata	Victoria
Alana Goodchild	New South Wales
Tess Heal	Victoria
Kitty Henderson	New South Wales
Nya Lock	Victoria
Dallas Loughridge	Victoria
Ruby MacDonald	New South Wales
Jade Melbourne	Victoria
Isabelle Morgan	New South Wales
Olivia Pollerd	Victoria
Gemma Potter	Victoria
Nyadiew Puoch	Victoria
Millie Prior	New South Wales
Lilly Rotunno	Queensland
Emily Sewell	Victoria
Shaneice Swain	Queensland
Jasmine Whatley	Victoria
Lauren Wise	Tasmania

Gems Coaching Team

Head Coach	David Herbert
Assistant Coach	Kristen Veal
Assistant Coach	Katrina Hibbert

The Emus Squad for the 4-day intensive camp

Name of athlete (in alphabetical order)	Home State/Territory
Ryan Abbott	New South Wales
Taran Armstrong	Tasmania
Clancy Bird	New South Wales
Dyson Daniels	Victoria
Sejr Deans	Tasmania
Bol Dengdit	Victoria
Joshua Duach	Victoria
Fiston Ipassou	South Australia
Evan Kilminster	New South Wales
Boston Mazlin	Queensland
Jack McWilliams	New South Wales
David Okwera	Victoria
Mason Perry	Victoria
Tyrese Proctor	New South Wales
Keanu Rasmussen	South Australia
Daniel Rogers	Western Australia
Patrick Ryan	Victoria
Riley Simmons	Victoria
Reyne Smith	Tasmania

Zac Taylor	Victoria
Harry Wessels	Western Australia

Emus Coaching Team

Head Coach Darren Perry
Assistant Coach Robbie McKinlay
Assistant Coach Michael Cassidy

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