

Position Description

Aboriginal Council Member



Position Title:	Aboriginal Council Member
Location:	Bendat Basketball Centre – Floreat WA
Entity:	Basketball WA (BWA)
Department:	Aboriginal Council
Reports to:	The BWA Board
Term:	2 year voluntary (open for re-appointment)

About Basketball WA

Basketball WA (BWA) is the governing body for basketball in Western Australia. Our vision is to *improve the life of Western Australians through basketball*.

BWA is committed to increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation at all levels of the sport – as athletes, coaches, referees, officials, volunteers, and spectators. We value the lived experiences, knowledge, and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and seek to embed these perspectives into our work, policies, and programs.

The Aboriginal Council is an advisory sub-committee to the BWA Board, established under the BWA Constitution (rule 28.1).

The purpose of the Council is to:

- Guide BWA in acknowledging Aboriginal culture and respecting the right to self-determination.
- Support the development of basketball pathways for Aboriginal people across WA.
- Identify opportunities to support Aboriginal-owned and led basketball initiatives.
- Act as a voice for Aboriginal communities in shaping basketball's future.

Role of Council Members

Council Members will work collectively to:

- Provide advice on culturally appropriate engagement with Aboriginal communities.
- Support basketball programs that meet the needs of Aboriginal people across WA.
- Share knowledge about barriers to participation in community sport and make recommendations for change.
- Encourage greater Aboriginal involvement in refereeing, coaching, and basketball education pathways.
- Promote opportunities for Aboriginal athletes in competitions such as WABL and NBL1.
- Assist in identifying funding opportunities that support Aboriginal basketball initiatives.
- Contribute to measuring and reporting the social outcomes of Aboriginal basketball participation.
- Recognise and celebrate Aboriginal contributions to basketball in WA.

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Commitment

- The Council will meet at least four (4) times per year, with additional meetings as required.
- Meetings may be attended in person or via electronic link – members are not permitted to send a proxy or alternate to meeting.
- Members are expected to actively contribute to discussions.
- Comply with the Council's Code of Conduct

Eligibility and Desired Attributes

We are seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who:

- Have knowledge and/or lived experience of Aboriginal community sport.
- Are committed to strengthening Aboriginal participation in basketball.
- Experience in community leadership, advocacy, or cultural advisory roles.

Benefits of Participation

By joining the Aboriginal Council, members will:

- Play a leadership role in shaping the future of Aboriginal basketball in WA.
- Contribute to positive social outcomes through sport.
- Build networks with Aboriginal communities, basketball leaders, and stakeholders.
- Be part of a supportive environment that values cultural knowledge and community voices.