

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club Inc.



Our mission:

Melbourne Spectres LGBTQIA+ Basketball Club Mission Statement:

The Melbourne Spectres LGBTQIA+ Basketball Club is dedicated to fostering a supportive and inclusive community for individuals of all ages, skill levels, and sexual orientations. Our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming environment where everyone can participate in basketball, regardless of their background or identity.

We strive to create a space where members can develop their athletic abilities, compete as part of a team, and form meaningful connections with like-minded individuals. Our core principles of social inclusion, improved fitness, and skill development guide everything we do.

At Melbourne Spectres, we are committed to promoting diversity, acceptance, and equality both on and off the court. Together, we celebrate the love of basketball and the strength that comes from embracing our differences.

Our vision:

The Melbourne Spectres LGBTQIA+ Basketball Club envisions a future where basketball is a unifying force that transcends differences and promotes inclusivity. We aspire to be a beacon of acceptance and diversity in the sporting community, where individuals of all backgrounds and identities feel welcomed and valued.

Our vision is to continue building a strong and supportive community where members can grow both athletically and personally. We aim to be a leader in promoting social inclusion, improved fitness, and skill development through the power of basketball.

Through our commitment to diversity, acceptance, and equality, we seek to inspire others to join us in creating a world where everyone has the opportunity to play, compete, and belong, regardless of who they are or who they love.

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SECTION 1

AN OVERVIEW OF MELBOURNE SPECTRES BASKETBALL CLUB

1.1 ABOUT US

Established in 2017, **Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club Inc.** is committed to creating inclusive, welcoming, and empowering basketball experiences for the LGBTQIA+ community and its allies across Melbourne. We are proud to be part of **Spectres Australia LGBTQIA+ Basketball Association**—the nation's leading inclusive basketball network with affiliated clubs in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney. The Spectres movement was originally founded in 2001 and has grown into Australia's premier social and competitive basketball community for LGBTQIA+ players and supporters.

Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club Inc. recognises **Spectres Australia** as the national governing body of the Spectres basketball brand. As an affiliated member, we collaborate closely with Spectres Australia and our fellow city-based clubs to uphold and promote the core Spectres values of **community, friendship, and respect**.

Locally, we run **free weekly basketball training sessions** at Prahran High School, open to all members of the LGBTQIA+ and Allies community. Our all-inclusive **men's and women's teams (LGBTQIA+)** also proudly compete in the Melbourne Spartans leagues, with games held on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the **Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC)**.

Our Commitment:

At Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club, we are committed to:

- **Providing a Supportive and Inclusive Environment:** We strive to create a welcoming and inclusive space where everyone, regardless of age, skill level, gender, or sexual orientation, can participate in LGBTQIA+ friendly basketball teams.
- **Promoting and Advancing Basketball in Victoria:** We aim to promote and advance basketball in Victoria through social participation, development, and competition, fostering a love for the game within our community.

Our Values:

- **RESPECT:** Everyone is equal, and we value inclusivity on all levels.
- **FRIENDSHIP:** We aim to create a place for friendship and connection within our community.
- **COMMUNITY:** We believe in making a difference to the community through inclusivity and giving back via fundraising efforts, understanding that each of us can make a positive impact.

Together, we strive to uphold these values and create a community where everyone can enjoy the game of basketball while fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance.

1.2 OUR PEOPLE

Committee members for 2024 - 2025

Name	Position
Andrew Bondini	President
Lexie Walter	Treasurer - (Acting Treasurer Connor Wilson & Melissa Witschel)
Nic Pearce	Secretary
Connor Wilson	Community Leader






Volunteer members

Name	Position
Phill Mitchell	Sports Leader Mens+
Mox De Korte	Sports Leader Non-Gender
Zachary Saunder	Sports Leader Mens+
Carolina Faller Bier	Sports Leader Womens+

1.3 OUR SUPPORTERS

Our sponsorships generally last 6 to 12 months, aligning with our summer and winter competition seasons. A huge thank you to our club sponsors over the last 12 months Delta, EPH, ESG, and JBS&G. Their support not only financially backs us but also provides the ability to create safe and inclusive spaces for our diverse community to flourish.

A **big acknowledgement** to our latest **Rainbow Sponsor, Goldsmith Civil and Environmental**, supporting the club over the next 12 months.

Rainbow Sponsorship – Current 12 months (2025 to 2026)		
		
Platinum Sponsorship – Past 12 months		
		
Bronze Sponsorship – Past 6 months		
		

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LGBTIQA+ BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION**

Sponsorship opportunities



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The offer

Fresh, new branding and a dedicated committee have seen the Spectres evolve into an energetic and visible organisation with a new logo, a new website, and a new training venue.

A host of exciting sporting and social events are also in the pipeline including Mardi Gras 2024, Prole Basketball Australia Tournament 2024 held in Sydney each year, Gay Games held in Europe and the United States every 4 years with the next event in 2026, Rainbow Games 2024 held each year in New Zealand, Indigymna Festival 2024. Along with its growing presence in the Spectra Basketball Association competition held at MSAC weekly.

MELBOURNE Spectres communicates regularly with members and subscribers via social media vehicles Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and TIKTOK. This includes posts following each game and train and play event.

Your involvement with MELBOURNE Spectres will see you connecting with not only a coveted socio-economic group but also their supporters, spectators, and the community.



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Sponsorship levels

Category	Gold	Platinum	Silver	Bronze	Event
Cost	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$3,000
QTY	1	1	1	1	1
Duration of Sponsorship	12 mths	12 mths	12 mths	6 mths	6 mths
Sponsor logo on the club website and social media platforms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor logo in club venue	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor logo on player uniforms (3-5 Teams)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor Logo on club T-shirt	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement as Mainline sponsor at events and all promotional material	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement as Platinum sponsor at events and all promotional material	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement as Gold sponsor at events and all promotional material	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement as Silver sponsor at events and all promotional material	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement as Bronze sponsor at events and all promotional material	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor story on the club website and social media platforms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor marquee at club events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Invitation to club fundraising and award nights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Train and Play Participation	15	10	8	5	4

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SECTION 2

GOVERNANCE

2.1 STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club is an incorporated association dedicated to providing inclusive basketball opportunities in Melbourne for members of the LGBTQIA+ and Allies community. Our club is committed to creating safe, fun spaces that promote diversity and inclusion.

Organisational Affiliation:

Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club recognises Spectres Australia Basketball Association as the national governing body for the Spectres brand of basketball. As such, we are affiliated with Spectres Australia and work collaboratively with the other Spectres sporting associations across Australia to further the collective Spectres' values of Respect, Friendship, and Community.

Committee Focus:

Our club is managed by a dedicated committee focused on providing a range of basketball opportunities for our members. The committee is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the club, including organising training sessions, coordinating participation in leagues and tournaments, and fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members.

Inclusivity and Diversity:

At Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club, we are committed to promoting inclusivity and diversity both on and off the court. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to participate in basketball, regardless of their background, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Our club welcomes players of all skill levels and strives to create a supportive and welcoming environment for everyone.

Safe and Fun Spaces:

We are dedicated to creating safe, fun spaces where members of the LGBTQIA+ and Allies community can come together to enjoy the game of basketball. Our club values the safety and well-being of our members above all else, and we work hard to ensure that our club is a place where everyone feels accepted and respected.

In conclusion, Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club is committed to providing inclusive basketball opportunities for the LGBTQIA+ and Allies community in Melbourne. We are proud to be a part of the Spectres brand and will continue to uphold the values of community, friendship, and respect in everything we do.

2.2 PRESIDENT/CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure that I present the President/Chairperson's Report for Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club, reflecting on our achievements and growth over the past year.

Growth and Success:

Over the past 12 months, our club has once again experienced significant growth, particularly in our social Train and Play sessions and competitive spaces. We have successfully achieved several key goals for 2024-2025, including:

- Participation in the Midsumma Festival 2025.
- Marching in the Midsumma Pride March 2025.
- Pride Basketball Australia Tournament 2025 in Sydney, bringing home the trophy for the Non-Gendered category
- Attending the Pride Round via invitation from Melbourne United and the NBL 2025.
- Fielding 5 teams in the Spartans Tuesday and Wednesday night competitions throughout 2024 and into 2025.
- Hosting Train and Play social basketball events weekly, free for all to attend.
- Running club awards events twice yearly to recognise players and social members.
- Engaging with the community through our social media platforms and community events to encourage membership.
- Registering the Club as an Incorporated entity.
- Establishing several substantial sponsors for 2025.

Acknowledgements:

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all participants, event organisers, volunteers, and sponsors for their invaluable contributions to the success of these events. Your support enables us to hire training venues, purchase new equipment and uniforms, pay insurance, host award nights, and cover general training expenses.

Appreciation:

I would also like to express my gratitude to the committee members, both past and present, who have dedicated their time and effort to guide Melbourne Spectres over the past 12 months:

- Lexie Walter - Treasurer
- Connor Wilson and Melissa Witschel – Acting Treasurer
- Nic Pearce - Secretary
- Connor Wilson – Community Leader
- Phill Richards – Sports Leader mens+
- Zac Saunders - Sports Leader mens+
- Carolina faller bier – Sports Leader womens+
- Mox De Korte - Sport Leader non-gendered

We must also recognise the coaches who have diligently worked with us to enhance our skills and fitness.

Looking Ahead:

As we look to the future, I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for Melbourne Spectres. With the continued support of our members, committee, coaches, and sponsors, I am confident that we will achieve even greater things, creating fun and safe spaces for all in our community.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication to Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club. Here's to another year of growth, success, and inclusivity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Bondini', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Bondini

President/Chairperson

Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club inc.

2.3 OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club is committed to achieving the following objectives:

- **Provide a Supportive and Inclusive Environment:** We aim to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members of the community, regardless of age, skill level, gender, or sexual orientation. Our goal is to create an LGBTQIA+ friendly basketball teams where everyone feels supported and valued.
- **Promote Basketball in Victoria:** We are dedicated to promoting and advancing basketball in Victoria through social participation, development, and competition. By offering opportunities for players to develop their skills and compete, we aim to contribute to the growth of basketball in the region.
- **Formulate and Implement Policies:** We strive to formulate and/or adopt and implement appropriate policies relevant to the Club. These policies are designed to ensure the effective administration and development of the Club in line with its objectives.
- **Adopt Policies, By-Laws and Regulations:** We adopt, formulate, issue, interpret, implement, and amend from time to time such Policies, By-Laws and regulations as are necessary for the administration and development of the Club. These Policies, By-Laws and regulations help ensure the smooth operation of the club.
- **Conduct Activities for Advancement:** We undertake and/or do all such things or activities as are necessary, incidental, or conducive to the advancement of the Purposes. This includes organising events(indoor rock climbing, Tenpin bowling, Movie nights, NBL Games), participating in tournaments, and engaging with the community to promote the club and its objectives.

Activities Undertaken:

- **Weekly Training:** We offer weekly training sessions at Prahran High School every Thursday, led by coaches Andrew Bondini and Phill Richards. These sessions are free and open to players of all skill levels and genders.
- **Social Activities:** Throughout the year, we organise various social activities, including awards nights and a Christmas party, to foster a sense of community and camaraderie among our members.
- **Community Engagement:** We actively engage with the community, such as by hosting a stall at the Midsumma Festival in Birrarung Marr to provide information about the club and sign up new members.
- **League Participation:** We enter teams in multiple grades in the Spartans basketball league on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, providing our members with opportunities to compete and develop their skills.
- **Tournament Participation:** In February, Melbourne Spectres players took part in the Pride Basketball Australia tournament held in Sydney before Mardi Gras and World Pride, showcasing our commitment to LGBTQIA+ inclusion in sports.

SECTION 3

OUR FINANCES

3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I am pleased to present the financial report for Melbourne Spectres for the 2025 fiscal year. The Club has demonstrated continued growth in memberships and has maintained strong relationships with our well-established sponsors, resulting in a fairly stable financial position as we enter the 2026 fiscal year. As of 28 July 2025, our current bank account balance stands at \$ [REDACTED]

Future Budget Considerations:

Looking ahead to the next financial year, the committee will be focusing on the following budget items:

- **Midsumma Festival:** Funding for our continued participation in the festival.
- **Awards Nights:** Allocation for hosting our bi-annual awards events.
- **Christmas Function:** Budgeting for our annual festive gathering.
- **Spectres 25th Anniversary:** Celebrating 25 year history of Spectres Pride Basketball
- **Sydney Pride Basketball Australia Tournament 2026:** Expenses related to attending this important tournament.
- **Valencia Spain Gay Games 2026:** Expenses related to attending this important tournament.
- **Ongoing Free Training Venue:** Ensuring the Prahran training venue is provided for all in the community as a free event space.
- **New Training Equipment:** Investment in updated equipment to enhance player development.
- **New Uniforms:** Investment into rebranding having the progress pride colours integrated
- **Ongoing Uniform Subsidies:** Ensuring all members have access to affordable uniforms.
- **Ongoing Competition Subsidies:** Ensuring all members have access to participate in Tuesday and Wednesday night competition games.
- **Social Activities (e.g., indoor rock climbing, Tenpin bowling, Movie nights, NBL Games):** Budgeting for non-basketball activities that contribute to the club's growth and camaraderie.

Focus on Social Activities:

In addition to our core focus on basketball, we recognise the importance of fostering a vibrant social community within our club. We will continue to prioritise and invest in a diverse range of social activities that cater to the interests of all our members, contributing to the overall growth and success of Melbourne Spectres.

Acknowledgements:

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the current Committee, Coaches, and Volunteers for their dedication and hard work in raising funds for the club and developing the skills of our members. Your efforts are invaluable in ensuring the continued success and sustainability of Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club.

In conclusion, I am confident that with prudent financial management and the ongoing support of our members, sponsors, and volunteers, Melbourne Spectres will continue to thrive in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Connor Wilson
Acting Treasurer
Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club Inc.

Profit and Loss 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

Item	FY25 (\$)
Revenue	
Membership/Competition Fees	
Sponsorships	
Donations	
Bingo	
Miscellaneous	
Total Revenue	
Expenses	
Training Venue	
Webpage	
Social Media Advertising	
Midsumma Festival	
Spartans Competition Fees (Winter/Summer)	
Christmas Function	
Awards (Winter/Summer)	
Equipment (Basketballs)	
Uniforms (x5)	
Coaching	
Tee Shirts	
Administration(Officeworks)	
Others	
Total Expenses	
Net Profit/Loss as of 30 June 2025	
Closing Balance as of 28 July 2025	

Financial Declaration

To meet requirements of Sections 94 (2)(b), 97 (2)(b) and 100 (2)(b) of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

Annual statements give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the incorporated association

We, **Andrew Bondini and Connor Wilson**, being members of the committee of Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club Inc. certify that:

“The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the above-named association from “1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.”



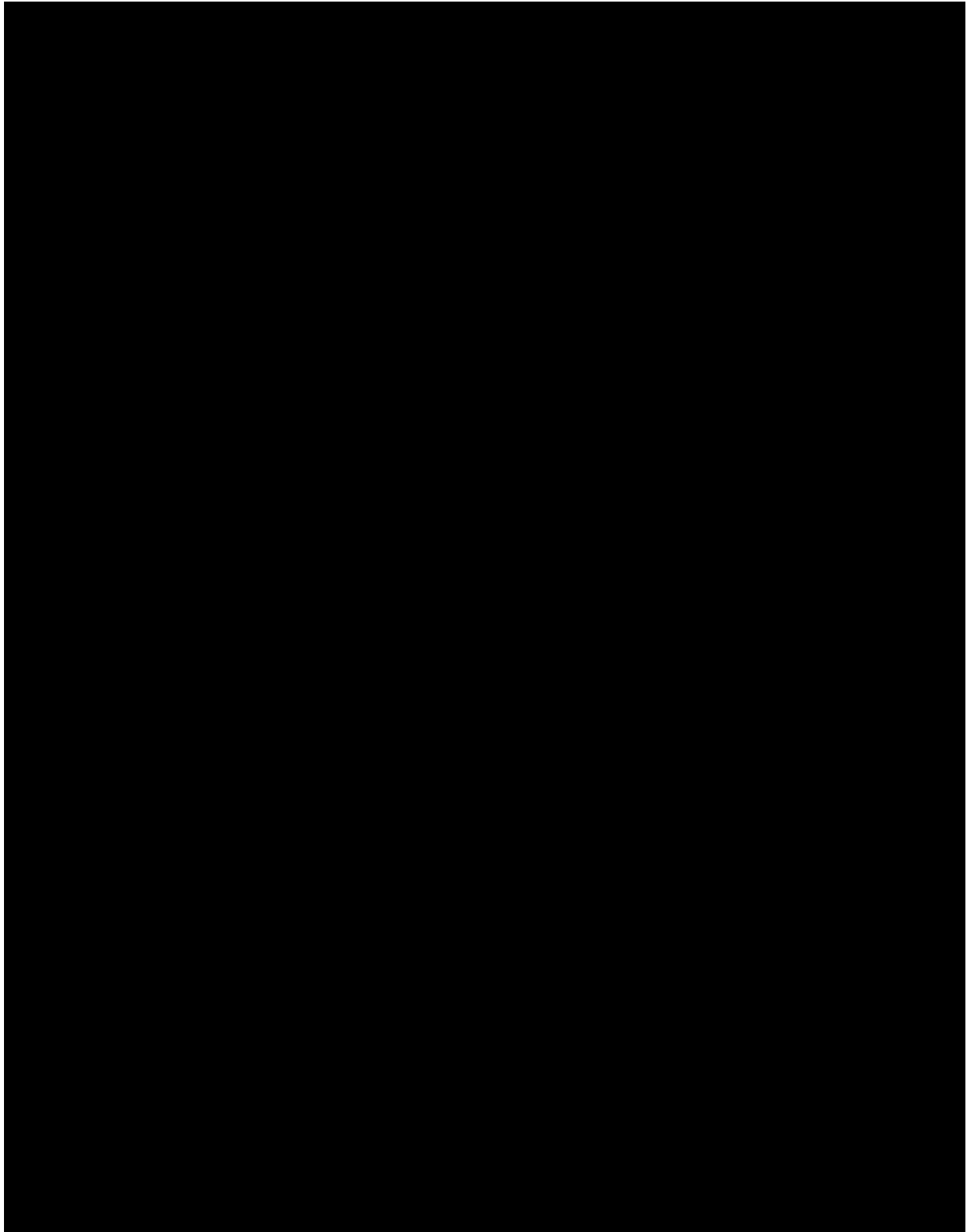
Andrew Bondini,
President, Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club Inc.
30 June 2025

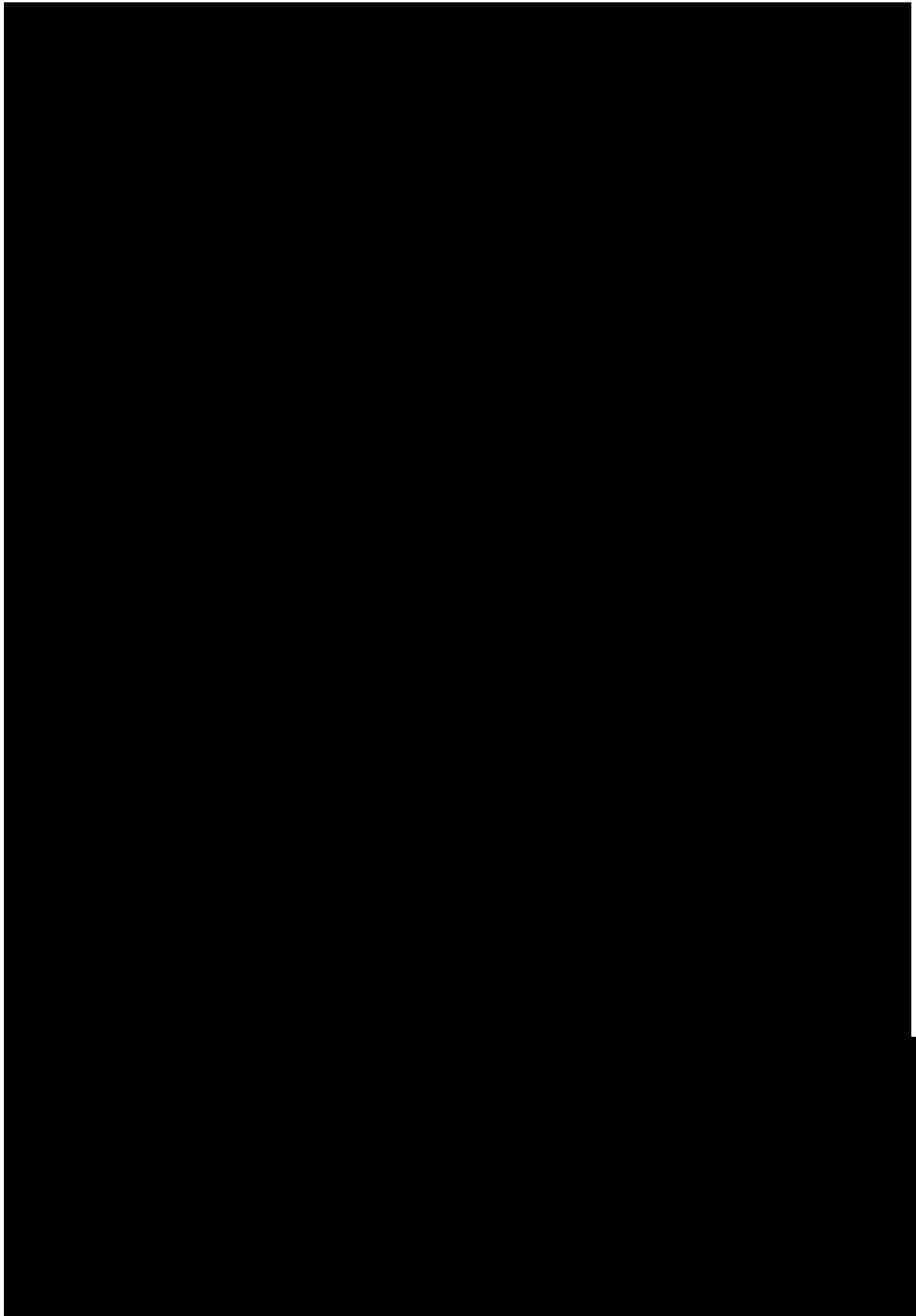


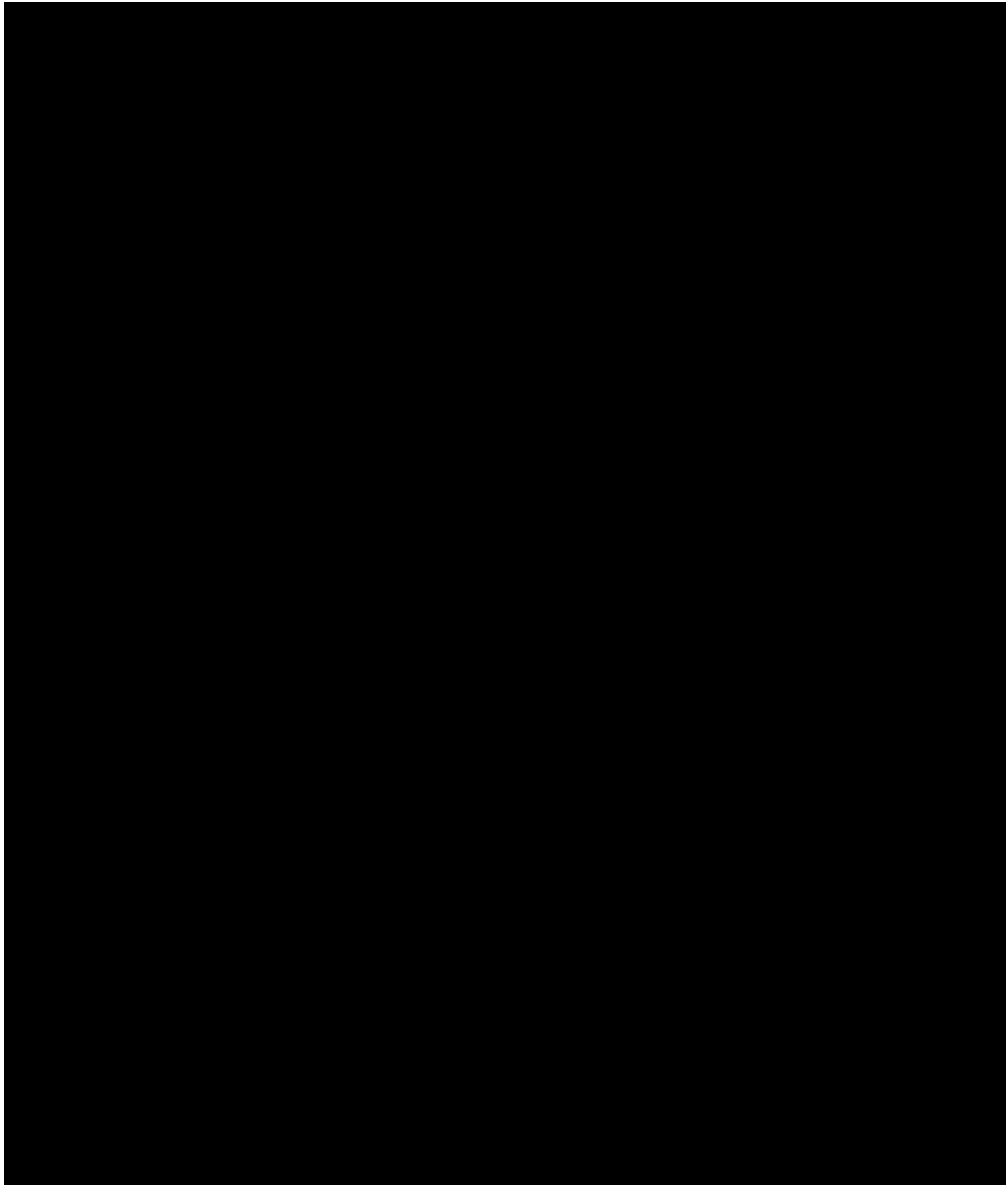
Connor Wilson,
Acting Treasurer, Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club Inc.
30 June 2025

3.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Please find below the financial statement for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.







SECTION 4

OUR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

4.1 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters this year, and to everyone who has trained, played, and joined us at our events and fundraisers. Your ongoing commitment is what keeps our club strong and vibrant.

If you're interested in getting involved with the **Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club**, please visit the links below for more information about our training sessions and games. We're always welcoming new members and are grateful for anyone who would like to volunteer their time to support the club.

For those who wish to make a donation to help us continue our work, please visit our website to learn more about how you can contribute: ([Shop | Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club](#)).

4.2 LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We will continue to deliver weekly **Train and Play** sessions, ensuring accessible and inclusive basketball opportunities for all members of our communities. We remain committed to supporting our teams across various leagues and competitions.

A key goal for the coming year is to increase our participation in the **Pride Basketball Australia Tournament** by fielding more teams, while also focusing on growing our overall membership.

We will begin planning to celebrate **Spectres Australia's 25th Anniversary**, and we look forward to preparing for participation in the **Gay Games 2026 in Valencia, Spain**, representing our community on the international stage.

4.3 CONTACT US

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