

2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club



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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1.1 ABOUT US

Established in 2017, Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club is dedicated to providing inclusive basketball opportunities for the LGBTQIA+ and Allies community in Melbourne. As part of Spectres Australia LGBTQIA+ Basketball Association, which has clubs in Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth, and Sydney, we are proud to be Australia's premier competitive LGBTQIA+ inclusive basketball club, founded in 2001.

We offer free weekly basketball training at Prahran High School for members of the Melbourne LGBTQIA+ and Allies community. Our men's and women's competitive teams compete in the Melbourne Spartans' leagues on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatics Centre.

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 2023 - 2024






Name	Position
Andrew Bondini	Chairperson
Melissa Witschel	Treasurer
Bryan Wan	Treasurer
Denis Finnegan	Secretary
Jason Keyes	Community and Social leader

Volunteer members

Name	Position
Phill Mitchell	Coach
Chuck Chan	Coach

1.3 OUR SUPPORTERS

Our sponsorships generally last 6 to 12 months, aligning with our summer and winter competition seasons. We're excited to share the current sponsors supporting the Melbourne Spectres over the next year. A huge thank you to our club sponsors Delta, EPH, ESG, Goldsmith, 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.

Platinum Sponsorship – 12 months		
		
Platinum Sponsorship – 12 months		
		
Bronze Sponsorship – 6 months		
		

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Fresh, new branding and a dedicated committee have seen the Spectres evolve into an energetic and viable 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, Prose 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, Melbourne Festival 2024. Along with its growing presence in the Spartans Basketball Association competition held at MISC 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 team 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	Sublime	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Event
Cost	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$
QTY	1	1	1	1	1	Unlimited
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 banner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sponsor logo on player uniforms (2 Teams)	✓	✓				
Sponsor Logo on club T-shirt	✓	✓	✓			
Acknowledgement as Bronze 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 spots on the club website and social media platforms	✓	✓	✓			
Sponsor marquee at club events	✓	✓	✓			
Invitation to club fundraising and award nights	✓	✓	✓			
Team and Free Participation	15	10	8	5	4	

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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 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 community, friendship, and respect.

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 organizing 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 experienced significant growth, particularly in our social Train and Play sessions and competitive spaces. We have successfully achieved several key goals for 2023-2024, including:

- Participation in the Midsumma Festival 2023 and 2024.
- Marching in the Midsumma Pride March 2023 and 2024.
- Participation in the Sydney World Pride/Mardi Gras March 2023.
- Attending the Inaugural Pride Basketball Australia Tournament 2023 in Sydney.
- Attending the second Pride Basketball Australia Tournament 2024 in Sydney.
- Attending the Pride Round via invitation from Melbourne United and the NBL 2024.
- Fielding 6 teams in the Spartans Tuesday and Wednesday night competitions throughout 2023 and into 2024.
- Men's Red Team Division E winning the Summer Spartans Grand Final.
- Hosting Train and Play social basketball events weekly, free for all to attend.
- Running club awards events twice yearly to recognise players and 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 2024.

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 to 24 months:

- Bryan Wan - Treasurer
- Melssia Witschel – Treasurer
- Ryan Mitchell - Secretary
- Denis Fennigan – Secretary
- Phill Richards – General Committee Member
- Chuck Chan – General Committee Member

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,

Andrew Bondini
President/Chairperson, Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club

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 Polices, By-Laws and Regulations:** We adopt, formulate, issue, interpret, implement, and amend from time to time such Polices, By-Laws and regulations as are necessary for the administration and development of the Club. These Polices, 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.

3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I am pleased to present the financial report for Melbourne Spectres for the 2024 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 2024 year. As of 28 April 2024, our current bank account balance stands at \$19,807.85

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.
- **Sydney Pride Basketball Australia Tournament 2025:** 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.
- **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,

Melissa Witschel
Treasurer, Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club

Profit and Loss 1 July 2023 to 28 April 2024

Item	FY24 (\$)
Revenue	
Membership/Competition Fees	15,498.28
Sponsorships	20,000.01
Donations	0
Bingo	800.00
Miscellaneous	0
Total Revenue	
Expenses	
Training Venue	(2,052.60)
Webpage	0
Social Media Advertising	0
Midsumma Festival	(509.00)
Spartans Competition Fees (Winter/Summer)	(15,108.34)
Christmas Function	0
Awards (Winter/Summer)	(727.35)
Equipment (Basketballs)	0
Uniforms (x20)	0
Coaching	0
Tee Shirts	0
Administration(Officeworks)	0
Others	(1,941.50)
Total Expenses	
Net Profit/Loss	15,959.50
Closing Balance	19,807.85

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 Melissa Witschel, 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 Jul 2024 to the month of May 2024.”



Andrew Bondini,
President, Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club
21 April 2024

Melissa Witschel,
Treasurer, Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club
21 April 2024

3.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Please find below the financial statement of the last 120 days.



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Transaction Listing

Account Balance Summary

Opening Balance	\$1,889.33 CR
Total Credits	\$23,821.36
Total Debits	\$5,902.84
Closing Balance	\$19,807.85 CR

Transaction Listing starts	31 December 2023
Transaction Listing ends	28 April 2024

Account Details

Account Type	Transaction Account
BSB Number	083-427
Account Number	73-890-4663

Transaction Details

Date	Particulars	Debits	Credits	Balance
12 Jan 24	STRIPE-P8TYRWQAQT6 STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$49.15	\$1,938.48 CR
18 Jan 24	STRIPE-G19FWOM1WRK STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$39.98	\$1,978.46 CR
19 Jan 24	STRIPE-XZKDLWMSZXF STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$29.61	\$2,008.07 CR
29 Jan 24	STRIPE-PNBJU9HQMBT STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$9.77	\$2,017.84 CR
01 Feb 24	STRIPE-TT2NUKTPEUZ STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$9.77	\$2,027.61 CR
02 Feb 24	STRIPE-QTQKYR9JUI STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$9.77	\$2,037.38 CR
08 Feb 24	STRIPE-M3LNR00LWVW STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$9.77	\$2,047.15 CR
13 Feb 24	STRIPE-6Y8LBJDFCNG STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$9.77	\$2,056.92 CR
16 Feb 24	STRIPE-PEQSYQHMPMH STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$19.54	\$2,076.46 CR
22 Feb 24	STRIPE-FQZS1TIDSTK STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$29.91	\$2,106.37 CR
23 Feb 24	STRIPE-EYQL0PHEEVS STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$29.61	\$2,135.98 CR
01 Mar 24	STRIPE-RGAE0J0HTMN STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$9.77	\$2,145.75 CR
07 Mar 24	ESG SERVICES P/L ESG SERVICES PTY MELBOURNE SPECTR	\$13,333.34		\$15,479.09 CR
08 Mar 24	STRIPE-EWK4ZMARYVQ STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$9.77	\$15,488.86 CR
12 Mar 24	INTERNET TRANSFER BLUE WINTER SEASON	\$76.42		\$15,412.44 CR
12 Mar 24	INTERNET TRANSFER PINK WINTER 2024	\$76.42		\$15,336.02 CR
18 Mar 24	INTERNET TRANSFER DR0000788	\$990.00		\$14,346.02 CR
19 Mar 24	INTERNET TRANSFER SPECTRES 0000008	\$3,150.00		\$11,196.02 CR
21 Mar 24	INVOICE 201 DELTA PTY LTD MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$6,666.67	\$17,862.69 CR
05 Apr 24	STRIPE-IPW85AQSDAS STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$1,680.06	\$19,542.75 CR
05 Apr 24	INTERNET TRANSFER TAX INVOICE 000039	\$1,610.00		\$17,932.75 CR
10 Apr 24	STRIPE-VA2HZM080FF STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$413.01	\$18,345.76 CR
11 Apr 24	STRIPE-SA7YYJAKZJH STRIPE MELBOURNE SPECTR		\$199.50	\$18,545.26 CR
17 Apr 24	STRIPE-CAYSSW5KFM STRIPE		\$655.18	\$19,200.44 CR

Important

- This provisional list is not a statement of account.
- It may include transactions which may appear on previous statements.
- It may not include all transactions processed since last statement was issued.
- With the exception of cheque serial numbers, the details shown in the particulars column may be an abbreviation.
- Inclusion of a debit does not always indicate payment by the bank.

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Transaction Details

Date	Particulars	Debits	Credits	Balance
19 Apr 24	STRIPE-WH78ENB40UP STRIPE		\$87.86	\$19,186.30 CR
24 Apr 24	STRIPE-APUWAKKHTF STRIPE		\$619.55	\$19,807.85 CR

4.1 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & THANK YOU

Thanks to all our supporters throughout the year and to all who have trained, played and attended our fundraisers.

If you would like to get involved with Melbourne Spectres Basketball Club please head to one of the links below and we will provide more information about training and games.

We are always looking for new members or anyone that would like to volunteer to help the club.

If you are looking to make a donation to contribute to the running of the club please go to our website where there is more information about how to make a donation.

4.2 LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We will continue to provide basketball training each week and support our teams playing in various leagues. Playing again in the Pride Basketball Australia tournament with more teams is an aim for the year and continuing to grow our membership throughout the year.

4.3 CONTACT US

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