

## **Dahlia Docherty**

I have been involved with the Darwin Basketball Association for over 25 years (yes, I started young!) I am absolutely passionate about the game of basketball and because of this, have spent a great deal of my life involved with playing, coaching, socialising, administration, volunteering. I have even enjoyed the challenge of refereeing!

With a lifetime involvement in DBA, I am very keen in continuing my support by taking on a role with the Board. I believe my skills, experience and knowledge will be beneficial to improving current operations and helping to plan for the future.

In my professional life I have worked across the areas of administration, management, teaching & learning, and information technology. These are all skill areas that are relevant to the operational activities of the DBA. I currently work in Community Support, working with Indigenous adults and families (mainly in the Palmerston area). Helping others is something I feel strongly about, which is why I am a Registered Foster Carer with the Department of Family & Community Services.

Below is a list of my basketball playing achievements and basketball volunteer work.

### Playing Achievements

2009	First Female League player to play 700 League games in DBA
2008	Darwin Basketball Association's (DBA) Junior Coach of the Year
2007	Became highest Female point scorer in the DBA
2006	First Female League player to play 600 League games in DBA
2003	(Arafura cancelled due to Bird Flu) – won Bronze in games against USA and ADF
1999	Gold medal in basketball, Arafura Games, NT Women.
1997	Gold medal in basketball, Arafura Games, NT Women.
1995	Silver medal in basketball, Arafura Games, NT Women.
1995	Basketball NT, Female Player of the Year
1995	Darwin Basketball Association, League Women MVP
1991	Gold medal in basketball, Arafura Games, NT Women

### Volunteer Work

2009	Manager, NT North U14 Girls Basketball, National U14 Championships (Perth).
2008-2009	DBA Referee, Level 2B.
2008-2009	Convener of the DBA Combined Delegates / CJSCC.
2008	Assistant Coach / Manager, NT U16 Girls Basketball, Albury Championships.
2007	Manager, Darwin U14 Girls Basketball, trip to China and Singapore.
2007	Manager, NT Women's Basketball Team, Arafura Games.
2006	Manager, NT North U14 Girls Basketball, National U14 Championships (Brisbane).
2005	Assistant Coach, NT Women's Basketball Team, Arafura Games.
2003	Completed Level 1 Coaching course.
1996-2010	President, Tracy Village Jets Basketball Club. (Junior Club of the Year 2003-2008, Senior Club of the Year 2006-2007).
1993-2010	Tracy Village Jets senior delegate representative.
1991-1995	Secretary, Tracy Village Jets.

If successful in becoming a DBA Board member, areas of focus would be:

1. Increasing opportunities for the senior women, and working to encourage more input from senior female players in the future planning of DBA.  
(There are currently no female members on the DBA Board, yet approximately 50% of players are female).
2. Increasing Indigenous opportunities.  
(Since the resignation of Errol Thorne, there are currently no Indigenous – or other cultural groups – represented on the DBA Board).
3. Ensuring that equal awareness and consideration given to all senior grades, from the Wheelchair competition, to C Women, through to League.
4. Improving and increasing our volunteer base.
5. Development pathways for all of our juniors and officials.
6. Reviewing and improving policy documents (ie By-laws), processes and communication.

Strengths I believe I bring to the DBA:

- Historical knowledge of DBA, having been involved in DBA for over 25 years as a player, coach, manager, parent, club administrator, club delegate.
- Ability to work with others to achieve outcomes and results. Strong believer in working within processes.
- Experience with working with people from many different backgrounds (including academic, Indigenous, low socio-economic). This also includes accepting that people may not agree with each other all the time, but their opinions should be respected.
- High level of administrative and organisational skills acquired through working in management / administrative / secretarial positions over my working career and volunteer work.
- Ten years experience in managing staff and ensuring staff work together in a team environment.
- High level written and verbal communication skills.
- High level computer skills in Microsoft Office suite as well as many software applications.

I appreciate the history of DBA (and am proud of my small contribution I've made), but I am a person who likes to move forward. There are so many great opportunities for Darwin basketball – club level to interstate to overseas – and I would enjoy being on the Board to assist however I can.

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