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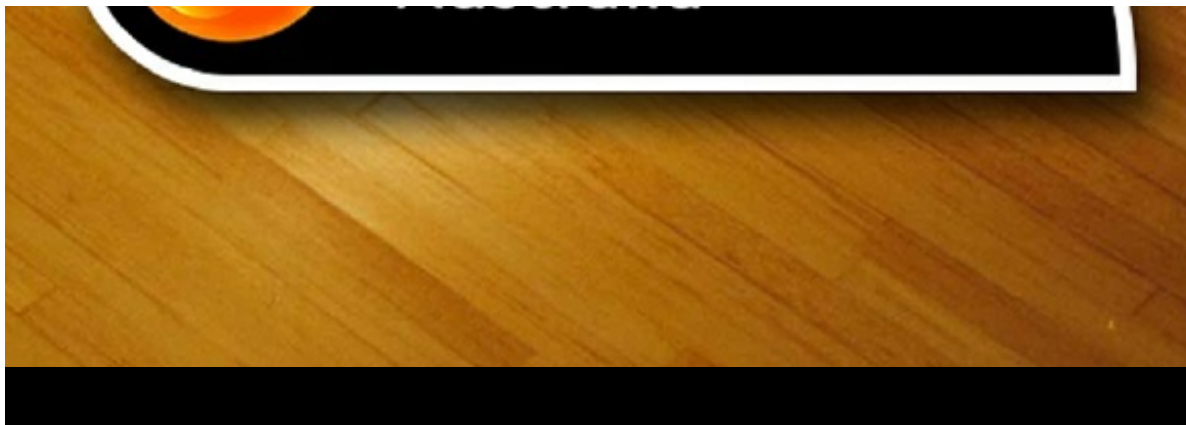
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A collaborative effort spearheaded by Basketball Australia involving the WNBL and NBL with input from the newly formed National Panel Referee Commission (NPRC) has seen the creation of a national panel of referees for the upcoming 2016/17 seasons.

Whereas previous years saw separate entities, this season marks the debut of a united national panel and the selection for 2016/17 represents the elite level referees in Australia to work within the nation's top men's and women's competitions. □

The NPRC receives input from the NBL, Basketball Australia and FIBA Oceania as well as state and national Junior Championship representation.

"We now have a collective voice rather than just one," said Basketball Australia Officials Manager, Peter Carey.

"A committee that discusses the nominations from each state to formulate a national panel means the net is cast a lot wider and a greater range of referees can be considered for appointment."

Included in this year's selection are three Olympic referees in Vaughan Mayberry, Michael Aylen and Scott Beker with Mayberry and Beker having recently featured at the Rio Olympics.

In addition, FIBA calibre referees Matt Beattie, Sarah Carey, Jon Chapman, Vanessa Devlin, Brad Giersch, Brett Hogan, Tim Mills, Tim Boswell, Chris Reid, Matt Townsend, James Boyer, Toni Caldwell and Damian Lyons have all been named.

There is also a host of new talent in Guy Richards, Kahli Symons, Justin Hamilton, Chris Vogelsinger, Adrian Diconza, Nicolas Fernandes and Nikki Ireland who will benefit from this new panel.

The NBL season will tip-off on October 6 when the Brisbane Bullets will debut against the Perth Wildcats with the WNBL season beginning the following day when the Sydney Uni Flames host the Perth Lynx.

### The 2016/17 National Panel of Referees:

Fiona ALLEN	Michael AYLEN	David BADDOCK	Daniel BATTYE
Matt BEATTIE	Scott BEKER	Tim BOSWELL	James BOYER
Scott BROWN	Tim BROWN	Mark CALDWELL	Toni CALDWELL
Sarah CAREY	Jon CHAPMAN	Chris CLARK	Craig COPES
Simon COSIER	Vanessa DEVLIN	Adrian DICONZA	Steve DICONZA
Nathan DURANT	Michelle DYSON	Troy EARLE	Nicolas FERNANDES
Andrew FILMER	Brad GIERSCH	Aaron GILBOY	Mark GRIST
Justin HAMILTON	Brett HOGAN	Peter HOUGHTON	Nikki IRELAND
Rebecca KEIRS	Jason KELLY	Raoul KIRSTEN	Damian LYONS
Vaughan MAYBERRY	Tim MILLS	Chris REID	Robert RICE
Guy RICHARDS	Shahrad SHAFAGHI	Daniel SMITH	Todd SPAIN
Kahli SYMONS	Jack TAYLOR	Matt TOWNSEND	Kylie VOEVODIN
Chris VOGELSINGER	Nathan WIELAND		



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