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BASKETBALL ACT AND INDIGENOUS BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Basketball ACT is excited to announce that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indigenous Basketball Australia (IBA) to work collaboratively in creating and enhancing pathways and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

As Community Partners, Basketball ACT and IBA will work together to develop and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talent both on and off the court, as well as capacity building in communities across our region for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander coaches and referees.

Founded by former Basketball ACT junior, Australian Boomer and NBA superstar, Patty Mills, the IBA delivers programs in a culturally safe environment to foster better educational outcomes; aiming to build a strong sense of cultural identity in their participants which will instil confidence, leadership skills and resilience. Their holistic program identifies key issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in society, with a specific emphasis on wellbeing, resilience, cultural Identity, reconciliation, education, and employment.

On signing the MoU, Basketball ACT CEO, David Simpson said “Connecting with Patty Mills’ Indigenous Basketball Australia represents the next step in recognising and supporting pathways and opportunities for the region’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players, coaches and referees. The IBA has built a long-lasting legacy across the country in such a short time, and Basketball ACT is excited to work collaboratively with their team in delivering camps, competitions and tournaments in our community in the future.”

You can learn more about Indigenous Basketball Australia at www.indigenousbasketballaustralia.com

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