

VALE – KEITH DUNLAP



It is with the deepest and most heartfelt sadness that we learn of the loss of our past Basketball WA Chair Keith Dunlap who passed away on Sunday 15 May 2022. It is truly a sad day for our basketball community.

Keith was born in California, USA and immigrated to Australia with his wife Nancy in 1986. From 1989-1992 Keith was an SBL player for Perry Lakes Hawks, including Captaining the team, and served on the Perry Lakes Hawks Board from 1987 to 1995 as Treasurer, SBL Director and Vice President.

Keith also served as an SBL commissioner from 1990 to 1995. He then resided in Melbourne from 1995 through 1999 for business purposes before returning permanently to Perth.

He joined the Basketball WA Board initially being appointed to fill in a casual vacancy in March 2007, providing his accounting and financial expertise at both a Board and Management level for Basketball WA. He then stayed on until just recently stepping down in December 2021, due to his health. Keith served as an outstanding Board Member for 15 years which also included eight years as our leader and Chair.

During this time he also served as a Board Member on Perth Lynx Board ensuring the pathway for high performance women athletes was valued with great importance. He was also instrumental in driving the SBL to re-brand to the national league of NBL1 West, aligning with other states, with the objective to creating a clearer player pathway to the NBL.

During Keith's time on the Board, his passion and vision was to ensure the sport of basketball was to "Improve the Life of Western Australians through Basketball" and to ensure we never lost sight of that. In his words, as always, **"You put the game on the court, and without you, there is no game. Your love of the game is what drives the sport forward and is its future."**

Keith also had other interests outside basketball which included travel, AFL, music, softball and spending time with family. Keith was a Life Member of the Posse Softball Club. He also played basketball until recent years in the Basketball WA domestic competition and at the Australian Masters Games.

Keith was recently bestowed with the distinguished Basketball WA Life Membership award in March 2022 for his outstanding services and contribution to the sport in Western Australia.

On behalf of the Basketball WA Board, Staff and the basketball community, we extend our sincere condolences to Keith's wife – Nancy, their children, family and friends during this very difficult time. He will be so sadly missed.

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