



# YMCA BASKETBALL CLUB

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### Junior Tryouts & Registration

As we move from the winter to the summer season you will be aware that age groups change leading into the next season. Players born in 2008 or later will be Under 10, players born in 2006 or 2007 will be Under 12, and players born 2004 or 2005 will be Under 14 and so on.

In order to select teams for the upcoming summer season we will be holding tryout on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September at the YMCA in Newtown. Keep your eye posted for details of dates and times for each age group.

On the try out night families will be able to pay their YMCA basketball club memberships which have stayed at the same level again this year. Family memberships are \$175 per year, with an early bird discount of \$20. Single memberships are \$110 with a \$10 discount for paying prior to the deadline.

### Selection of Teams for Next Season

We get lots of requests at the start of each season requesting certain players are put together in the same team as their friends. Whilst we understand this, and most certainly want the kids to have fun playing basketball, there are a number of reasons why this may be not possible. Team selection is based on a number of factors and whilst we would love everybody to be able to play in teams with their friends, teams need to be selected on what is best for both the team and the individuals' development. This also means that in most cases it will not be possible to just keep groups of players together in the same teams as they move through the age groups. I am sure you understand the need for such an approach, and it doesn't take long for kids to make lots of new friends in the teams in which they are playing.

### Are you Playing Next Season?

If you know of players that are going to return to basketball after a season off playing football or netball please let the coaches or coordinators know of their intentions. As mentioned already, we will only be able to accommodate new players or returning players if we have sufficient coaches for each team.

### The Y3P Foundation

As our junior presentation day looms it is a timely reminder to give a great shout out to all the members of the Y3P Foundation whose very generous support helps fund this annual event. Numbers have dropped off a little over the last few years so it would be great to have you all back on board. Notices have recently been sent out to all current members, and we do sincerely thank you for all your generous donations. If you would like more information on the Foundation please do not hesitate to contact Keith Roderick or Craig Herbert

### Australian Championships

Well done to Jack Terrill and his teammates in the Under 16 Victorian Country team who won a silver medal at the recent Under 16 Australian championships in Kilsyth. Unfortunately not good enough in the grand final but a great effort to push a very strong Vic Metro team all the way. Good effort by Jack as well who found out after the tournament that he had glandular fever. Not great timing, but at least he had a few of his YMCA teammates at some of the games to cheer him on.



### New Coaching Director

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that the basketball club has appointed Kate Sherwell as the new Coaching Director for the club. Many of you would know Kate through her long association with the club, but for those new to the YMCA here is a little bit about her.

Kate started with the Y as an 8 year old and played for over 16 years before her 3rd knee reconstruction ended her playing career. She represented Geelong and Country Victoria on many



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occasion playing in numerous Junior County Cups and Australian Championships.

She started coaching at the Y with the Oz Ball & Aussie Slammers programs working with 5 to 9 year olds, a roll she did for 7 years before being involved at club level coaching from Under 10 Boys all the way through to Division 1 women.

Kate has a lot of great ideas to help develop our coaching group and to put some structure in our development program for all age levels. Exciting times ahead and we extend a huge warm welcome to Kate.

### Championship Pennants

We finally got around to putting up some of our recent championship pennants on the wall down at the Y. Unfortunately a number of championships pennants won over the last 10 years or so were not collected at the time, so if you do have one in a drawer at home, please drop them in at the Y so they can hold pride of place in our stadium. Also a big thanks to Robbo and Greg for spending some time putting up the most recent ones.



### Be our Friend on Facebook

A really big thank you to Abbey Jones who looks after our Facebook page for us, and does such a fantastic job. It is a great way to keep in touch with our members on all sorts of fun activities but also to keep you up to date with late game and training changes or cancellations. 'Like' us on Facebook at [Geelong YMCA Basketball Club](#)



### Geelong Junior Tournament

Recently Basketball Geelong held its junior tournament on the 25th & 26th June. The YMCA entered 6 teams in the tournament and whilst the overall team entries were down on previous years, the teams that played had a great time and got the opportunity to play against a number of different teams from other associations.

A couple of special shout outs, one to the Under 12 Boys (Beavers) team which went through the tournament undefeated winning their grand final very comfortably. A second one to the Under 10 boys' team who had to move up to Under 12 age group due to lack of numbers. The boys did a fantastic job and were very competitive in all their games, despite playing against much older kids. Well done to all the teams.



### Outstanding Memberships

There are still a few players and families who have not paid their YMCA memberships fees for last season. Whilst a number of the ones outstanding are new players who only came on board at the start of this current season, it is still a significant issue for the club. Given that the club does not ask any of its families to do fundraising, these memberships are what keep our club going so it is important they are paid. At a recent committee meeting it was agreed that players who are not financial prior to the end of this current season will not be allocated into a team for the upcoming summer season. If for some reason you are having difficulty paying your membership, please contact our treasurer, Craig Barnes to make some alternative arrangements.

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If you are able to help out with coaching or know of somebody who could, please let one of the coordinators know at the night of the tryouts.

### Junior Presentation Day

Keep Sunday the 11th September free for our junior presentation Day which will be held between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm at the stadium in Newtown.

A BBQ and soft drinks for all our players and families which will be followed by presentations to all the teams. As is customary all Under 10 through to Under 14 will receive medallions, with MVP and Coaches Awards being awarded to all Under 14 teams and above.



The presentation day will finish off with the presentation of the Junior Basketballer of the Year award.

### Roderick Insurance Brokers

A special thanks to Keith and Louise Roderick and all the terrific people down at Roderick Insurance brokers for their continued fantastic support of our basketball club. If it wasn't for their most generous support we would not be able to do many of the great things we are able to do at our club.



### A Big Thank You

A very big thank you to Damian DeGrandi and all the team down at the greatest sports store in Geelong. Damian is forever helping us out with great deals on basketballs and any other equipment the club has to purchase. Thanks guys.



### New Singlets

With our junior teams increasing in numbers every season we have had to split up some of the responsibilities of our very hard working uniform co-ordinators Jodie and Donna. If you need a new singlet here are you contact details:

#### Boys Uniforms

Age Group	Contact	Phone No
Born 2008 & later	Nicky Sleep	0414 667820
Born 2006 & 2007	Carmel Eggins	0408 198358
Born 2004 & 2005	Vicky Dolder	0404 001190
Born 2002 & 2003	Trudi Dunn	0403 016692
Born 2001 & before	Jodie Reid	0422 658440

#### Girls Uniforms

All Ages	Donna Ahearn	0425 848755
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A big thank you to all the parents who have put their hand up to help Jodie and Donna. Existing players who need a new singlet would be well advised to get their order in very quickly before the rush of new players at the start of the new season

### Coaches Needed

Our club has been blown away with the number of kids that want to play basketball for the YMCA and whilst that is fantastic for our club, it does put a lot of strain on resources, mainly in the area of coaching. We were almost at the point last season of not being able to enter teams if we didn't have suitable coaches, and with a number of coaches stepping aside next season after many years in the job, this is becoming even more critical.

We need to have suitable coaches for each team BEFORE we enter them in the competition. It is not fair on the players or the families if we can't do that, so if coaches can't be found for all teams we will unfortunately not be able to enter all the teams.

### Ticket Prices – Game Nights

We have just been notified by Basketball Geelong that game night tickets for juniors will increase from \$8 per game to \$9 per game effective from the start of next season