



# YMCA BASKETBALL CLUB

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### Junior Break-Up at Timezone

As we did last year, the club is organising a break up for all our junior players up to and including Under 16 at Timezone on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. This will be paid for by the club with no cost to our players, so keep an eye out for further information that will be distributed via our coaches, managers and Coordinators.



### Can you help?

We are looking for a willing parent in the Under 10 Age Group to help out our Uniform Coordinators Jodie and Donna. As with everything, if we spread the load it makes it so much easier for everybody. If you are able to help out, or would like some more information give Jodie a call on 0422 658440.

On the subject of singlets, all players should have received their new singlets or tops by now, so if you borrowed one from the club in the interim, can you please make sure that you get it back to Jodie or Donna ASAP.

### Senior Teams Reunion

A fantastic time was had by all when past and present members of our YMCA Division 1 team, as well as our Y3P members met for the annual reunion at the Great Western Hotel. It was great to see a few more of the ladies there this year, and we look forward to that number growing in the future. Thanks as always to Keith Roderick for his generosity, and what a way to finish off the day when we managed to win almost \$16,500 on the "quaddie". Might be a few more than 18 in it next year. Well done Powelly for organising the day



### The Y3P Foundation

A big shout out to the members of our Y3P foundation who continue to amaze us with their generosity. Thank you all, and if there is anybody that would like more information on the Foundation please do not hesitate to contact Keith Roderick or Craig Herbert.

### Senior Presentation Day

Our senior Presentation Day or Night will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the Great Western Hotel commencing at 7.00pm. The night is a fairly low key event, and we ask all our senior players to come along for an end of season catch up. We would certainly encourage anybody else who would like to come along including all our fantastic Y3P members, to get there on the night.

We will also be presenting the Basketbaler of the Year Award to some very worthy and deserving recipient, so that in itself is a good reason to come along.

### Geelong YMCA Awards

What a fantastic result a month or so ago when the Geelong YMCA held its annual awards for all its Staff and Volunteers for 2016.

The YMCA Basketball Club was voted Program of the Year and our Junior Boys Coordinator, Ash McDonald was named Volunteer of the Year. Ash, as many of you would be aware won the Basketbaler of the Year Award for our club last year, so this was fitting recognition by the Geelong YMCA of the great work he has done in helping get our club to the position it is in today.

Well done Ash, and to all the Committee, Coaches and Volunteers for a fantastic job.





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Stay tuned for more sessions in the New Year, and remember even if you're not coaching now, you are still more than welcome to come along and learn a little bit more.

### Basketball Explosion

There is no doubt basketball is on the rise again with the numbers of players going through the roof, and it seems like most of them want to play with us. The Basketball Club has grown by 12 teams between the last winter season and the current summer season which is an increase of over 34%. The great news is that most of that growth is in our junior program with 41 of the 47 teams we have entered at Under 18 and below. They comprise 29 boys and 12 girls' teams and are made up as follows:

Age Group	Boys	Girls
Under 10	5	1
Under 12	7	3
Under 14	9	4
Under 16	5	2
Under 18	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>

The only down side is that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find coaches and training times for all the teams, and we currently have a waiting list of players wanting to join teams. A nice problem to have.

Whilst on the subject of all the new teams to the club, a huge big welcome to all the new families that have joined in the last month or so. Thank you all for your patience as we were at times a little overwhelmed with the number of players at try-outs, and wanting to join, but hopefully we are over the hump. We certainly hope all the new families and players to the club enjoy their time at the Y.

### From the Coaching Director

Well our new Coaching Director Kate Sherwell hasn't wasted much time getting up and running with a lot of great initiatives already happening. Firstly we had our Community Coaches Courses run by David Herbert from Geelong Basketball on behalf of Basketball Victoria where we had more than 20 of our coaches turn up over a couple of Sunday mornings for a "hands on" session of skills and drills to help them on training and game nights.

As a follow up from that program Kate also ran some "Coach the Coaches" sessions over a Monday and Tuesday night recently which was attended by 28 of our coaches. It was fantastic to see so many of our coaches take the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skill which can only help their players, their team and our club in the long term. Well done to you all.

### A Big Thank You

Thanks again to Damian De Grandi and the team and De Grandi Sport for all their fantastic support of our club.

### Future Star



We have already started working on our next crop of Division 1 Men's players with Matt Benning and his lovely wife Cassi having a little boy recently. Young Billy will join Archie Brown (son of Chris), Xavier and Noah Herbert (sons of Nathan) and Darcy Hill (son of Jordan) in our men's team of the future. Darcy has already got a bit of a heads start on them all, having recently started playing Under 10 with the YMCA as a 7 year old. The future looks bright for the Big Red Machine.

We need to start working on a Women's team now.

### Junior Basketballer of the Year

One of the highlights of our Junior Presentation Day held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September was the awarding of the Junior Basketballer of the Year award.

This year's recipient, Makayla Armour



commenced

playing with the YMCA in 2009 and has been a member of Geelong Rep Program since 2012, playing in the Australian Championships at Under 14 level in 2012. She commenced playing in our Division 1 Women's' team as a 15 year old and despite such a hectic basketball schedule has still managed to find time to help out with coaching a Junior Team. With great young people like Makayla involved in our club the future looks very bright. Well done Makayla.



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### Mentoring Program

One thing that the club has been very keen to get going over the last couple of years is a "Mentoring Program" for current and past players who have played or coached at a reasonable level. Whilst we understand that time is always in short supply, and you may not be able to commit to coaching a team full time, your expertise and knowledge would be fantastic to help out some of our less experienced coaches who do a sensational job. The commitment may only be for a training and a game a month, but in that time we are sure you can make a very valuable contribution. If you think you can find the time or would like some further information, give Kate a call on 0409 137959



### Roderick Insurance Brokers

What can we say about Keith and Louise Roderick and all the team at Roderick Insurance Brokers except to say – Thanks very much.

As most of you would all know, not only are they great sponsors of our club, but their involvement goes so much deeper and there isn't a function or an event that we have that somehow doesn't have their involvement in or their support of. We are so lucky to have them involved. Thanks Guys



### Venue Changes

Just a reminder that for the remainder of this season and for the first part of the new year when we return from the Christmas break, Geelong Basketball do not have access to the courts at the Arena, so games have been transferred all over Geelong, and even as far away as Bannockburn, so make sure you check the website each week to see where you are playing, and allow a little bit more time to get to the venue and to the game.

### Outstanding Memberships

Our club relies almost entirely on memberships to fund the program, and the number of teams we have. If you haven't yet paid your YMCA Club memberships, could you please do so as soon as possible. If for some reason you are having some difficulties, please speak to our Treasurer, Craig Barnes on 0419 554276 about a payment plan. The committee has already made a decision that it cannot guarantee that un-financial members will be able to play when we return from the Christmas break, and we would hate for any players to miss out.

### Code of Conduct

With a whole lot of new families into our club it is probably a good time to remind everybody of the Codes of Conduct for parents and spectators.

- ✓ Encourage your children to participate for their interest and enjoyment not yours
- ✓ Encourage children to play by the rules
- ✓ Children learn by example. Applaud good play by all teams
- ✓ Accept decisions of referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability
- ✓ Set a good example by your own conduct by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials.
- ✓ Show appreciation and respect for volunteer coaches and administrators
- ✓ Do not criticise your or others' children in front of others.
- ✓ Respect your team's opponents, officials and spectators

Full copies of the Codes of Conduct for Parents, Coaches, Players, Spectators and Administrators can be found on the Club Website.

### Training Finishes

Just a heads up that training for the year will finish on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and there will be no training at the YMCA stadium in Newtown after that date due to the resealing of the courts.

### Be our Friend on Facebook

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](#)





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### Junior Club Championships

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> September we loaded up 2 mini buses full of 2 excited YMCA U12 and U16 boys' teams for the quick trip up the road to Ballarat to play in the 2016 Club Championships. The trip was not just all about the boys playing basketball, but also building on already great friendships and comradery by staying together in cabins for 2 nights where both age groups were able to mix with each other before and after playing there games. The U16 boys unfortunately after playing 3 games on Saturday and 1 on Sunday morning were not able to make it through to the finals. The U12 boys as exhausted as they were after playing a total of 7 games in 2 day were able to win the Championship against the Ballarat Saints 48 to 23. Congratulation to both teams for displaying over the weekend everything the YMCA Basketball club stands for, your parents should be very proud with your excellent behaviour. We look forward to next year with the possibility of being able to enter more teams. A big thank-you to the foster dads for the weekend, Troy, Mark, Shane and David, also to Shane for stepping in at the last minute to coach the U12s.



### Championship Winners

Last season's championship season seems like ages ago, but let's not forget to congratulate the YMCA teams that went on to win their respective grand finals, and now have their banners hanging proudly in the Newtown stadium.

- Under 12 Girls Div. 1 team coached by Jason Richards
- Under 14 Girls Div. 1 team coached by Neil Fallon
- Under 12 Boys Div. 1 coached by Kris Van Parreren prior to him going O/S and then by Ash McDonald
- Under 12 Boys Div. 3 coached by Sam Buckby which was a tem made up entirely of Under 10 players
- Under 14 Boys Div. 1 team coached by Tristan Lynch
- Under 14 Boys Div. 3 coached by one of our young coaches, Pat Sinnott
- Under 18 Boys Div. 3 team coached by Ash McDonald & Dave Nielson

A very well done to all the teams that competed in the finals and a special congratulations to the Under 16 Div. 1 Boys and Under 12 Div. Cougars who made it all the way through to the grand final.

### Merry Christmas

I know it is too early to be thinking about Christmas but as this will be the last newsletter for the year, we would just like to take the opportunity to wish you a fantastic Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year, from the Basketball Club Committee.

Just remember last games played before Christmas is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, and will start up again when school goes back.

Enjoy the break

