



WARRANDYTE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Inc

ABN – 35 218 803 301

2018 COMMITTEE BALLOT PAPER

Office Bearers

Important Instructions

1. Tick or Cross **ONE NOMINATION ONLY** for your preferred candidate
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PRESIDENT

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Emma MacDougall (Birkett)

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Bill Nicolaidis

No election will be required for the following Office Bearers

VICE PRESIDENT

Jenny Leeson

TREASURER

Leanne Whitmore

SECRETARY

Peter Gale

Emma MacDougall (Birkett)

I am excited by the prospect of joining the WBA Committee. Our family has a strong connection with the WBA which started approximately 8 years ago. Each of our three children play in domestic Redbacks teams, and two of whom also play in representative Venom teams. My eldest son is a referee, and my husband coaches our son's U8 team and has had his share of being team manager over the various seasons.

I welcome the opportunity to share my professional skills and experience as a lawyer (and prior experience on both our local kindergarten and school councils) to guide and lead the Committee in achieving its objectives. I have a keen interest in supporting our basketball community from a grass roots level to ensure that our children have every opportunity to play great basketball and be involved in a truly great club.

Bill Nicolaidis

I have been involved with the Warrandyte Basketball Association since 2013 in various roles. I initially joined WBA in 2013 as an A-Grade referee to provide support and mentoring to a number of young referees coming up through the ranks.

Since then I have contributed to the Association by coaching five seasons in Warrandyte 2 MMBL side, three seasons with the 14.1, 16.3 and 16.1 Venom boys, four seasons coaching the youth men's team.

Additionally, for the past two years I have served as a general committee member managing sponsorship portfolio promoting WBA and building relationships with businesses and the wider community.

My vision for Warrandyte Basketball, if entrusted with the role of president is to

- strengthen the redbacks program by encouraging participation at a grassroots level.
- Establish a clear pathway for all junior and senior players, coaches and referees
- increase opportunities for current players and children in the wider community to develop their schools and passion for basketball by facilitating elite player development camps and school-based clinics.
- Unite all basketball programs through leadership and decision-making, which is accountable and transparent.
- Finally, I will raise the profile of the Association across all media platforms

This combination of actions will ensure the financial viability and long-term sustainability of WBA ensuring that all members of our community are able to participate, pursue excellence and feel connected to an association that shares the values



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Committee Members

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GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER x 6-8

- ☐ Emily Black
- ☐ Mollie Booth
- ☐ Cathy Davidson
- ☐ Chris Dodds
- ☐ Madison Ross
- ☐ Tracey Shaw
- ☐ Trudi Smith (Klein)
- ☐ Jacqui Thompson
- ☐ Briony Wylde

Emily Black

I have been a member of Warrandyte Basketball Association (WBA) since 2007 when my son, Justin, joined Venom. Since that time I have been a team manager or assistant coach every season with either he or my daughter, Hannah's team. I have seen the benefits of having a range of pathways and opportunities for young people, whether that be a team of friends playing domestic basketball for fun or those striving for VC, college in the U.S. and beyond.

My commitment, if elected, is to ensure that Warrandyte Basketball offers each of these opportunities as well as the range of possibilities in between. I am committed to growing the family-friendly community atmosphere that drew us to Venom in the beginning whilst building a program of excellence for all members of the WBA and wider community.

Mollie Booth

I have been involved at WBA for nearly 10 years in all aspects of the club. I have run the Aussie Hoops program, coaches in redbacks, coaches and played in the junior venom and have played in the big v program, in both youth and senior teams, as well as being an assistant coach for the youth league women, on top of that I referee and have been on the committee for multiple years. I love basketball and want to share that love with the juniors, encouraging kids to stay involved and I believe everyone deserves an opportunity to develop and be the best they can, I hope that through my involvement the young kids get to enjoy the sport that has given me so much.

Cathy Davidson

I have been associated with the WBA for the past seven years. My son has played for venom six of the last seven years and I have been either team manager or parent for that time. I have been on the committee for approximately the last five years as a general committee member. Since starting my time with WBA high have also been involved with the senior big V program and the score table, behind the camera or helping with the door. I am currently team manager of the 18.1 boys in the venom program. I would like to think that I would be able to assist the committee in any way that they should see fit. I am more than happy to help out at any level or program where I can

Christopher Dodds

My current involvement in the WBA includes coaching a redbacks team, reffing on Friday nights and Saturdays, ref coaching and teaching as well as big V score table. I would like to be on the committee to put forward new ideas and initiatives that could be successful to promote the club and support other groups.

Madison Ross

My name is Madison Ross, I have been involved in WBA for 8 years , I first joined WBA as a junior at the age of 13 playing Redbacks , I progressed to play in the Venom program for 4 seasons, once finishing playing venom I am now back volunteering for WBA , I love being back involved with the current hard working volunteers around me , I am very fortunate to be given the chance to give back to my club, now coaching a venom junior side, I am finding it very enjoyable with a great bunch of parents and players.

I am also currently a referee for Warrandyte referee branch, assist in the Canteen at WSC and Croydon Hills on redbacks game days and finals. I have also volunteered at Big V games when required.

I would like to continue being involved with our Juniors, help continue to be part of our great association , I would encourage more of our past or current senior players who were once a WBA junior themselves to be actively involved in coaching at our Redbacks or Venom levels like myself.

Tracy Shaw

I have been involved with the WBA for approximately 10 years, starting with the door on Friday night for the VJBL at Warrandyte High and now still doing Friday night door at WISC. I currently run the Canteen for big V games. I have been on the WBA committee for the past two years

Trudi Smith (Klein)

My name is Trudi Smith and I would like to nominate for general committee. I have been involved in the Warrandyte Basketball Association for the past 9 years. I have spent time as a coach, team manager, Aussie Hoops instructor and general committee member.

I have worked as the communications officer developing policies and facilitating mediation and endeavouring to find resolutions for complaints. My background in Education, youth mental health and the APS Sporting program has provided a platform to encourage team spirit and ethical behaviour in all our basketball members.

I hope to inculcate values of teamwork and fair play through positive participation in all areas of the Association. I would like to assist in expanding and extending stronger resources for players, coaches and parents in all programs. I hope to focus and assist in providing fair and equitable governance for all members.

Jacqui Thompson

My family has been associated with the Warrandyte Basketball Association for over 25 years. My three children aged 10, 12 and 15 play for Redbacks and Venom. My eldest son is a Redbacks coach and referee and my father is a life member of the club.

I have a background in human resources, was on the Warrandyte Kindergarten committee for seven years as Treasurer and Vice President, on School Council and am currently working part-time for a volunteer Board of Directors.

I have been a Redbacks team manager for many years and am nominating for a this Committee position because I care about the future of the club. I'm prepared to offer my time, skills and experience to ensure the club remains a vibrant part of the Warrandyte community

Briony Wylde

My name is Briony Wylde and I am standing for re-election onto the Warrandyte Basketball Association Committee as a General Member.

I am very passionate about our community club, growing up as a Redbacks player myself and now having 2 of my boys involved, both starting off in Aussie hoops and now both playing in our Redbacks and Venom programs.

I have been involved in coaching Redbacks teams for the last 6 years, currently coaching our U10.2 Boys & U10.2 Girls. I have also been a Venom Team Manager for the last 4 years, currently to the Venom U16.2 Boys,

I have been a member of the WBA Committee for the last 3 years, involved in domestic team selections.

We have some wonderful players and coaches within all of our programs and with the financial support our junior program provides to our senior program, I would like to encourage that more of our senior Big V players get actively involved in coaching at our junior level whether that be Redbacks or Venom, passing on the knowledge that they have been given by their wonderful coaches they have been lucky enough to have had at Warrandyte Basketball Association. Seeing our senior players involved in our juniors would give our juniors that connection to build a bond having players for them to look up to.

Warrandyte is a community club, always has been so let's work towards all programs involved in each other.