



YMCA BASKETBALL CLUB

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Nominations – Junior BOTY

Each year at the Junior Presentation the club announces its Junior Basketballer of the Year recipient. This award recognises a young player, coach or other participant from within our club who shows all the qualities we value in a young person and YMCA leader. Those qualities could include being a great teammate, a great leader within the team, somebody who shows respect for the game and their opponents and who represents the YMCA with the greatest distinction.

We believe our club is full of young people 18 years and under who meet all those criteria, and we encourage you to nominate somebody who you have been involved with for this very prestigious award.

Nominations should be emailed to craig.ymcabasketballgeelong@ymca.org.au by no later than Sunday 26th August.

Important Information Upcoming Season – Are you Playing?

As we move into the next season, we always have a number of players wishing to join our club and it is important we know which players are continuing on into the summer season, and which ones are taking a break. We will shortly advise of Junior Tryouts coming up in September where ALL players who are intending to play will need to register, but if you are planning on having a break next season and will not be playing, please make sure you let your coach know as soon as possible, as it will certainly make it easier for the club when entering teams for the next season.

Outstanding Memberships

There are still some players and families who have not paid their YMCA memberships fees for the current season. Players who are not financial will not be allowed to participate in the upcoming summer season, so if you have monies outstanding please fix them up as soon as possible. If for some reason you are having difficulty paying your membership, please contact our treasurer, Craig Barnes to make some other arrangements.

treasurer.ymcabasketballgeelong@ymca.org.au

Junior Presentation Day

Keep Sunday 9th September between 4.00pm and 6.00pm for our Junior Presentation Day. Whilst we know this date will clash with some of the Supercats tryouts, the week before is Father's Day, and if we hold on for another week, a number of the teams will have well and truly finished for the year. This year in addition to the presentation, there will be spot prizes across the day so make sure you all get down to the stadium.

The format for this year will be the presentations commencing first up at 4.00pm with a free BBQ and drinks to follow for all players and their families. Please try and keep the day free as it is a food opportunity for the club to get together and recognise the strength of our junior program

Y3P Foundation

It's hard to mention our junior presentation day without giving a huge shout out to all the people who contribute to our great club through the Y3P foundation. This year over \$2K has been raised which will almost cover all the costs associated with this great day for the kids. If you haven't yet made your contribution there is still time to get it done by contacting Keith Roderick at keith@roderick.com.au.

Tournament Teams to Ballarat

On the 9th & 10th of June, two groups of our under 12 boys travelled down the Midland Highway to compete in the 47th Ballarat Annual Junior Tournament.

The boys played their hearts out coming up against some tough competition, most of which were representative teams, so competing as a club team only was a great effort.

One of our teams played in the 2nd division and came away with one win from their four games, with nail-biting losses to both the Supercats and the Bellarine Storm representative teams. Our second team competed in division 4 and played against some teams that probably should've been in a higher division! They didn't win any games but most importantly, both teams never dropped their heads, showed great respect for the opposition and officials alike and had a HUGE amount of fun. Special thanks to their coaches Shaun Sleep & Max Bucky.





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Senior Presentation Day

I know we are getting in nice and early but we don't want any excuses this year. All you Y3P members, past and present senior players, and in fact anybody who has been involved with the club over the years we will be having our Senior Break Up / Presentation / Get Together on Saturday November 10th at the Great Western Hotel. More details to follow but put it in your calendar now and make sure you let everybody know as it promises to be a great day to catch up, and who knows, we might jag another \$19K quaddie as long as Tina Terrill picks a couple of roughies.

YMCA Night at the Supercats

Friday 20th July saw our annual night at the Supercats with almost 200 of the YMCA family attending the Supercats game against the Canberra Gunners with both the Ladies and the Men's teams coming away with solid wins. The night also recognised the retirement of Supercats legend and YMCA player Nathan Herbert who was playing his last regular season game with the club after 16 years and almost 400 games.

The night of course could not have been possible without the fantastic support of Keith and Louise Roderick and Roderick Insurance Brokers who paid for all the YMCA tickets on the night making it a free night for all our members. Roderick insurance Brokers have been a huge supporter of not just the YMCA Basketball Club but also the Geelong Supercats for many, many years and again we thank them for their generosity on what was a great night for the club. Special thanks to Neal Fallon on the night for his work in making sure everybody got their tickets for the game



Junior Tryouts

As is the normal practice the club will be holding Junior Tryouts for all Junior Teams on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th September at the YMCA stadium with more information to follow in the next couple of weeks with times etc. Again we will ask players to register for the tryouts, and we would also ask that players that are not intending to play in the summer season let us know as soon as possible

It's an opportune time to remind all players and families that when selecting teams and divisions for players, the club attempts to make those decisions based on what is best for the individual players and the teams. The philosophy at the club is not just about winning, but to challenge players and teams as part of their overall development.

Junior Club Championships

The Junior Club Championships are being held on 6th and 7th of October this year in Ballarat. This year the club is looking to enter 7 teams in the championships including Boys Under 12, 14, 16 & 18 and in the Girls Under 12, 14 & 16. It will be fantastic to have this many YMCA teams participating this year. It will be an interesting year with the Victorian Country Council making some significant changes to the eligibility rules for teams competing.

Know Your Committee

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Email addresses can be found on our club website which is listed at the top of the newsletter.

Medical Exemptions

A reminder to coaches and parents as we approach another finals series, that if players have been unable to play the required number of games to qualify for the finals series due to an injury or illness, exemptions can be granted by Basketball Geelong.

If you believe that is the case with your child or a player in your team please contact your junior coordinator to discuss further. As a general rule you will need to provide a medical certificate together with a summary of what games were missed as part of the exemption application. Contact your committee for more info.

Player Profile – Evie Kemp

Our YMCA player profile is Evie Kemp. Evie started playing for YMCA as a seven year old in U10s. Today she captains her U12 Div. 1 YMCA team and plays for Geelong Supercats. A natural left hander, Evie dribbles right handed and throws the ball with both confusing her opponents and sometimes herself! Evie's love of basketball extends beyond playing as she is also 'assistant coach' to the U10 girls on Saturday mornings.



2018 has been an annoying year for Evie as she has broken the same finger twice but she remains positive and engaged both on and off the court. Evie has also been selected for the Basketball Victoria Country Jamboree in Echuca in September (a development pathway for U12 players). Congratulations Evie!