

Warragul & District Amateur Basketball Association (WDABA)



Important information for all participants and members

5 August 2019

FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

In recent weeks, you may have seen some important announcements relating to the future Indoor Stadium developments by the Baw Baw Shire Council. The announcements have been as a result of a dedicated campaign by Warragul Basketball with assistance from Basketball Victoria (BV) and Basketball Victoria Country (BVC).

Baw Baw Shire have committed funding in the next couple of years towards an indoor facility, and concept design work is currently being developed for options in Warragul. There is still a little way to go for the designs to be completed, but it is certainly exciting that Council, working with the WDABA, is progressing the project to deliver more indoor courts. Further, Council has also allocated funding in the 2020-21 budget to develop options for more courts in Drouin, recognising the population growth and future need in the area.

Whilst Council has allocated funding towards new courts, the reality is that the total project cost will require additional funding support from external sources, such as state and federal government. The WDABA, along with BVC and BV, will strongly advocate for the additional funding required to see these projects delivered as soon as possible. In order for us to have the greatest chance of success, we need to continue to grow our basketball community; demonstrate unity; and be respected. We must recognise the importance of continuing to build on our positive relationship with Council; and to work with our local State and Federal Members.

BVC General Manager, David Huxtable has advised that Warragul is one of the highest regional priorities in the State for facility funding, and that we have a great opportunity in front of us right now, so if we work together, we give ourselves the very best chance to secure the extra funding needed for the projects.

WARRAGUL & DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

The WDABA AGM has been set for Wednesday, 27 November 2019. Prior to this date, the WDABA Board will be conducting a whole of association meeting to detail plans moving into 2020, what skills and experience would be ideal for the Board to drive strategy and support operational aspects of WDABA, including the crucial 'Facility Lobbying Campaign' that will be a key focus of the WDABA Board from now until funding has been sourced.

To assist the Association through this crucial time, the Board has co opted BVC General Manager, David Huxtable and BVC South East Basketball Development Officer, Jodie Harlow. Warragul Basketball is a high priority for BVC at this time.

Following the AGM, David and Jodie will conduct a Board Induction process to ensure all new board members appreciate their responsibilities, the strategic plan, operational model, and focus areas for the next year.

JUNIOR CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Whilst the Board will concentrate on our facility plan and lobbying campaign, the operation and development of the Association cannot be forgotten. The Board would like to meet with every Junior club during the August/September period to discuss your priorities over the next 12 months.

Our community is growing and we would like to be in the best position to take advantage of that growth whilst servicing our current competition.

This year we adopted the Association Strategic Plan 2019-2021 and whilst facilities was the highest priority there are a number of other objectives that the Board will be focussed on achieving.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the WDABA Board to thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to working with you to achieve our united dream.

Regards

Rachel Short
President
WDABA