



Warrandyte Basketball Association



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Presidents Report 2012/2013

Over the past 12 months I have had the opportunity to attend a number of meetings with other club officials, EDJBA and Basketball Victoria and there has been a consistent set of messages.

Basketball continues to be one of the fastest growing sports in Australia with everyone experiencing increasing player numbers, this contrasts against some other sports such as cricket which has been experiencing declining numbers.

As a consequence clubs are experiencing more demand for court space, coaches and referees, this is coupled with rising operational costs such as rent, power and insurance making it a challenge for basketball committee's to maintain breakeven positions for their respective clubs.

It is against this backdrop that I can report that Warrandyte Basketball Association (WBA) has again seen continued growth in the Redbacks domestic and Venom representative player numbers in 2012/2013 while WBA continues to operate at a modest profit. We have also managed to contain our registration fees to what is likely some of the lowest fees in the state.

During 2012/2013 our increases in revenue & expenses remained consistent with increased player numbers.

High lights for the year included:

- Increased Redbacks domestic team numbers
- BigV success with both our Youth and Senior Women becoming state champions
- Our Senior Women being promoted to Championship level
- The formation of our own Referee Association in conjunction with Park Orchards
- New change rooms at WSC started and to be completed by Christmas 2013
- Another two teams touring the US

Looking forward into 2013/2014 we will see the completion of the WSC change rooms and another two teams departing for the US on tour, including for the first time a girls team.

Further out on the horizon basketball continues to be bright in our area as Manningham Council fast tracks construction of a new 5 court stadium including a show court at Mullum Mullum reserve.

On a final note I have decided to step down as club President, it has been a privilege to have been the club President over the past 2 years and work with a committee committed to providing our youth the opportunity to play basketball at all levels.

Yours Sincerely
Richard Cookes