



## **President's Report 2018**

It has been another extremely busy year for the Beaumaris Basketball Club, with our club continuing to grow. Total team numbers have increased from 95 in Summer 2017/18 to 100 in Summer 2018/19 and we remain one of the largest domestic clubs in the competition.

During the year the Club has made good progress on a number of fronts, including working to improve the level of support for coaches and teams, improving the player/team registration process and also contributing to the ongoing work of the Association.

The highlight of the year has been bringing Brandon Polk on board as our Director of Coaching and Player Development. Brandon started with the club at the beginning of Winter Season 2018, assisting players and coaches of our teams during training sessions. He saw 69 out of the 93 winter teams, many of them more than once. He received nothing but positive feedback from coaches, team managers, parents and players. Brandon is continuing his work this summer season and we look forward to watching the continued positive impact he has on our club. Thank you Brandon!

The club also conducted a 'Sharks only' Level 0 training course during the year with 15 people attending in partnership with the Association. It also held a coaches' evening, which included a presentation from one of the Association's senior coaches Simon Giovannoni. We aim to organize a repeat of both of these sessions for coaches in February/March 2019. We finally have a register of all coaches, making communication with this group a lot easier.

Newsletters continue to be sent out approximately every 3 months, a great way to share photos, team profiles and success and club information. The club also held 2 team photo days in October with the majority of our teams participating. The events this year, the employment of Brandon and the newsletter have gone some way to bringing the club closer together, something that is difficult to achieve with 100 teams generally doing their own thing!

The summer season saw some changes to the player registration process resulting from a feedback session held with the Age Group Coordinators after winter season 2018. This included the introduction of an earlier cut off date, the physical closing of registrations on the system and the introduction of a waiting list for new players. This process worked relatively smoothly and led to less last minute registrations, which made team registration slightly easier for our

volunteer age group coordinators. Further feedback will be sought from AGCs to continue improving this process.

The club was able to secure new training times at Beaumaris Secondary College. This summer season 2018/19 has seen the club able to offer indoor training spots to all teams requesting them. This is a mammoth effort given the lack of court space in the local area.

The club continues to liaise with the Association, monitoring progress on the development of its Constitution, review of the By Laws and plans to construct 4 new playing courts. A draft Constitution will be made available for comment late 2018/early 2019. The club was represented on the Domestic Competition Review Committee, which was charged with updating the competition By Laws. There are still issues with these By Laws that need further consideration and we will continue to liaise with the Association regarding these issues, ultimately aiming to create a fair and competitive domestic competition.

With expanding team numbers season after season the club recognizes the need for new courts at Tulip Street. It supports the Association in making this a reality as soon as is practicable. The Association has flagged the need to increase player fees as a contribution to the cost of construction. This will need to be managed carefully by the club to protect players from excessive fee increases. We will continue to consult with the Association regarding the best possible way to raise the necessary funds to make these courts a reality whilst representing the needs and concerns of our players.

We continue to monitor our cashflow and finances carefully and currently hold a cash surplus (refer Treasurer Report). The club will need to consider avenues to cover additional training venue costs and hiring Brandon need to be covered over the coming seasons.

On an operational level the club continues to work closely with the SBA to ensure that player and club queries are addressed, teams are appropriately graded and players, spectators and coaches adhere to the Club and Association's Code of Conduct. This work continued throughout the year.

### **Ahead to 2019**

As we head into 2019 it is always good to remind ourselves of the Club's objectives as outlined in our Constitution (see overleaf). In light of these objectives some of the areas of focus for 2019 include:

- Finding ways to generate revenue for the club to reduce the burden on players through increasing registration fees is the most pressing issue. This includes liaising and negotiating with the Association;
- Organising a club player/family day and some additional training sessions for players;
- Ensuring job descriptions and Club policies and procedures are up to date;

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- Ensuring our website remains up to date and enhance the information provided to members on this site;
- Continuing to represent the Club as a part of the Southern Basketball Association including;
- Continuing to implement the Child Safety Standards including maintaining the Club database of Coaches, Team Managers and volunteers to the Club;
- Supporting the role of the SBA in growing basketball in the region.

Lastly, our focus continues to be on ensuring all current and prospective Sharks players are given every opportunity to play and develop their skills and their love of the game of basketball. This requires the hard work of a large number of people who support the Club's operations for the benefit of our junior and senior players. A big thanks goes to them!

Some big 'thank yous' need to go out:

- Our Secretary Lynelle for her great unending work at the front line dealing with nearly every aspect of the club and our families;
- Vice President Rob for his work seeking funding to support Club projects and organizing the photo days in October;
- Treasurer Kathy for her hard work keeping the Club's finances in tight check and her support attending some difficult meetings;
- Committee member and training venue coordinator Dallas for the crazy amount of work that goes into training venue allocations every season; trying his best to keep everyone happy with limited court spaces;
- Committee member Malcolm for taking on the role of managing Brandon and reaching out to teams and taking over the newsletter;
- Committee member Fiona for taking the lead on coordinating changes to the registration process as well as attending the Domestic Review Committee as a club representative;
- Committee members Mel and Leanne for their support and willingness to take on any job given to them;
- Our wonderful age group coordinators Mel, Leanne, Fiona, Sandy, Michelle, Belinda, Kathy, Louise, Lou, Lorna, Sue and Simone for working hard forming and registering teams, and communicating with teams
- Our uniform coordinator Sandy for her tireless efforts kitting everyone out at the start of each season
- The Association for giving us access to the upstairs social room for meetings and our photo day.

Without these people and their amazing efforts that club couldn't operate!

Angela Gilchrist  
President  
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***The objectives of the Club shall be to:***

- (a) represent the interests of basketball and all involved in basketball within the Club;
  - (b) provide individuals with opportunities to maximise their potential by competing in the highest level of basketball possible, given their own ability; and
  - (c) promote, develop and encourage participation in the sport of basketball.
- (2) In pursuit of these objectives, the Club will seek to:
- (a) provide support and assistance for teams in all areas of their operations;
  - (b) encourage and support teams and foster their growth and development;
  - (c) choose and manage teams to represent the Club;
  - (d) enter teams in the competitions conducted by the Southern Basketball Association and any other Association considered beneficial;
  - (e) seek sponsorship for various programs and events and endorse products that will be consistent with projecting the best image of the sport; and
  - (f) deal with any other matters that the Club may deem to be in the interest of the sport of basketball.