



President's Report 2020

What a crazy year it has been!

Since our last AGM in December 2019, we have played less than a measly 3 months of domestic basketball. Who would have ever predicted what 2020 would bring?

At the end of the Summer 2019/20 season the Sharks had 40 teams in the semifinals, a great result. There is no doubt the finals are the best part of the season, the culmination of a lot of hard work for our volunteers, players and family who get to enjoy this celebration of domestic basketball. It was unexpected and disappointing to hear that finals were cancelled. Every team that made the semis are to be congratulated and we are disappointed that the season could not be completed.

During 2020 lockdowns with the uncertainty of dates and the recommencement of basketball, the Club has stayed focused on ensuring its finances stayed intact and I am pleased to report that this is the case. We have retained all player registration fees for refund or carry forward into next season and our expenses have been kept to the absolute minimum. We have also had time to work on operational matters such as completing an overhaul of our website, reviewing and adapting COVID safe practices for re-commencement of training, arranging training for coaches, getting our head around the new player and team registration system PlayHQ and co-operating with the SBA regarding matters including a review of their Constitution and providing support for Council approval of the additional 4 courts at Tulip Street. This work means that when the time comes, we will be ready to get back on the court!

Sharks' spirit continues to be shown by our group of dedicated committee members and volunteers who have stayed committed to the Club during this difficult time. This includes our Age Group Coordinators and members who worked quickly and effectively to register teams for the new Spring Season that was postponed at the last minute and has not eventuated. Thanks for all of your efforts and your ongoing commitment.

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As we plan for recommencement of the domestic competition in 2021 (fingers crossed) we are asking for people to volunteer with all aspects of the Club, including participation on the board. We cannot run the club without you!

Now is the time to get involved as we enter a new and exciting time in local basketball with the recent Council approval of construction of 4 new courts at Tulip Street. This project has been a long time coming, and reflects the work of past and present SBA community lobbying and negotiating with Council.

Thank you

A special 'thank you' must also go to the following people:

Lynelle Yegles, who has had a difficult year but has maintained her positive outlook, flexibility and patience. Thanks Lynelle.

Our Treasurer Kathy Pratt, for her reliability and constant presence during this difficult year.

Malcolm Pulling, Dallas Mactier, Fiona Love and Richard Hordejuk for their commitment to the club and their can-do attitude. It is fun working with you!

Our age group coordinators Mel, Leanne, Fiona, Sandy, Michelle, Belinda, Kathy, Louise, Lou, Lorna, Sue and Simone for being flexible, staying committed, being there and doing what needed to be done when it mattered this year.

Our uniform coordinator Sandy for her continued tireless efforts kitting everyone out at the start of each season as well as managing stock levels and allowing a large percentage of the Sharks community into her kitchen! 😊

Without these people and their amazing efforts the Club couldn't operate and it is great to know that we are in a good place as we make push toward recommencing in early 2021.

Looking ahead to 2021

Some of the areas of focus for the Sharks in 2021 will include:

- Doing everything we can to get our players back on the court!
- Developing a succession plan for the Sharks' committee members with the aim that parents of younger players become involved in the committee to ensure continuity of governance;
- Continuing to represent the Sharks as a part of the Southern Basketball Association, supporting the role of the SBA in growing basketball in the region. This includes, but is not restricted to, working with the newly elected Board to ensure the SBA Constitution is reviewed and updated and funding is secured for the new 4 courts.
- Ensuring that all Coaches, Team Managers and volunteers are registered under the appropriate requirements of the SBA, Child Safety and the Club.

Thanks to everyone for their contribution, big and small, that makes our Club such a thriving band of basketballers, even if we haven't been on the court much this year. Let's see those basketballs bouncing in 2021.

GO SHARKS!

Angela Gilchrist

President

17 November 2020

Our committee functions with these objects in mind at all times...

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;

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- (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.