



# YMCA BASKETBALL CLUB

## NEWSLETTER August 2017

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### Junior Presentation Day – 17<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am to Midday

The Junior Presentation Day will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 between 10.00 am and midday at the YMCA in Newtown. Unfortunately Supercats try outs are on that day which will affect some players and families, but with Father's Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Try Outs on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and school holidays starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> our options were a bit limited

The day will be a bit different this year with the presentations being held first commencing just after 10.00 am and going through to about 11.00 am, with a free BBQ and drinks for all players and their families to follow.

We hope you are all able to join us on the 17<sup>th</sup>

### Junior Try Outs

It's on again with Junior Tryouts being held at the Newtown Stadium on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Please see the attachment at the end of the newsletter with all the details of times and age groups over the 2 day period.

This year we are asking all current and prospective players to register for the tryouts on-line by going to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and searching for Geelong YMCA Basketball, and click on the applicable age group and gender. Please note that each player in the family must be registered individually.

### Club Memberships

For existing players who will be playing with the club in 2017/2018, club registrations can be paid on either of the nights. The registration fee is the same as last year (same as the last 5 years in fact) and is \$110 for individuals and \$175 for families, with a \$10 and \$20 discount for paying on time.

Unfortunately there are still some outstanding memberships owing from last season. The committee has agreed that any un-financial players will not be offered a spot in a team for 2017/2018.

Our club relies entirely on registration fees and chooses not to burden families with the requirement to do fundraising. For that reason the prompt payment of registration fees is essential for the clubs ongoing financial stability.

### Australian Under 14 Championships

A huge congratulations to 4 of our YMCA players who all played in the successful Supercats Under 14 team which won the Country Championships in April this year in Ballarat.

That fantastic win has given this group the opportunity to compete in the Australian Under 14 Championships to be held in Dandenong in October this year.

Congratulations to Bailey Bruce, Jett Kneebone, Billy Dawson and Leo Burgess and from everybody at the YMCA Basketball Club we wish you all the best at the tournament, and we hope you have a great time.

### Basketballer of the Year

Each year the YMCA Basketball Club awards two very prestigious awards to the Basketballer, and Junior Basketballer of the Year. If you would like to nominate someone who you think does a fantastic job for the club, contact one of our committee members and they will let you know how to go about it. The Junior Basketballer of the Year will be presented at the Junior Presentation day on the 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### From the Coaching Director

There has been plenty going on from our Coaching Director with a number of sessions being held over the last 6 months including a couple of "Coach the Coaches" utilising the skills of Dave Herbert who was recently awarded SEABL coach of the year for the magnificent job he has done with the Lady Supercats program.

Also we managed to sneak in a session on "Mastering the Fundamentals" where we managed to get a number of current and former greats of the YMCA back to the club to help run the sessions. Another session is planned for later in the year so keep your eye out for it.

### Under 12 Jamboree

Following the recent Under 12 Skills Days held around the State a total of 240 of the best Under 12 boys and girls were selected to attend the Jamboree in Echuca in September. Geelong was well represented with eight girls and fourteen boys being selected from the 3 Associations (Geelong, Bellarine and Corio Bay). It was great news to see that of the ones selected in Geelong two of the girls, Taylah Richards and Aleks Connolly and two of the boys Zane Kneebone and Luke Devlin were YMCA players. Well done to you all and we hope you have a great time at the Jamboree



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### Y3P Memberships

Notices would have recently gone out to all Y3P members asking for your continued support for the club over the next 12 months.

For those who don't know the Y3P foundation was established by a great stalwart of the club Ron Dawson, and brought together past and present members of our club who make a yearly donation which effectively pays for our Junior Presentation Day. To all those people in the foundation thank you very much for your great support, and of course to Keith Roderick for his work in coordinating the program.

### Upcoming Finals Series

Finals are just around the corner and for all teams fighting for a spot in the finals we wish you all the very best over the next weeks and into the finals. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for YMCA teams that will be competing and if you get a chance pop out and see the game, and give them plenty of vocal support

### New Stadium

It's been a long time coming but a new stadium is not that far away now. Basketball Geelong has secured a facility in Crows Road, Belmont which it is in the process of converting into a 6 court stadium.

Work is well under way with an anticipated completed date towards the end of the year. They are so confident of the completion date that they are already planning an "Opening Gala Event" scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> November. The growth in basketball in Geelong means that this stadium is well overdue so we look forward to it with great excitement.

### Our Committee

With a number of new families coming into the club, we thought it might be opportune to remind everyone of our basketball club committee who do a fantastic job in making sure the club runs as smoothly as possible. Our current committee is:

Craig Herbert	President	0411167426
Sam Buckby	Vice President	0410572814
Craig Barnes	Treasurer	0419554276
Ash McDonald	Junior Boys Co-Ord	0413727363
Jason Riches	Junior Girls Co-Ord	0434604746
Jodie Reid	Uniform Coordinator	0422658440
Kate Sherwell	Coaching Director	0409137959

Other contact details including email addresses can be found on our club website which is listed above.

### Growth in Basketball - YMCA

Basketball in Geelong is growing rapidly in all areas, but we at the YMCA are seeing growth in even greater numbers than the rest of the clubs. Last season we entered 43 teams in Basketball Geelong competitions, of those teams 28 were Under 14 and below.

Two years ago in 2015 that number was 31 teams with 20 in the Under 14 age group and below, and two years before that, 25 teams with 15 teams under 14 and below. That represents a more than 70% increase in teams in 5 years with a doubling of junior teams in the Under 14 age group and below. Whilst that growth is fantastic it does create a number of logistical issues for the club, to the extent we may have to limit or cap some of the age groups in the upcoming season, to ensure that we can service the players and families we have now, and provide the appropriate training and coaching that we all expect.

### Coaches Required

One of the greatest obstacles for our club in growing further and increasing team numbers, is the lack of coaches who are willing to be involved. We are so lucky to have a fantastic group of parents and people willing to be involved at the moment, but as team numbers and participation levels grow, without sufficient suitable coaches we have no option but to limit our team numbers.

If you are able to help out and are willing to get involved with a junior team, please make sure you contact our junior coordinators who will be more than happy to have a chat, and work out how we can make your move into coaching as easy as possible. It would be terrible to see kids miss out on the opportunity to play the sport.

### WWC Card Requirements

Legislation changed on the 1<sup>st</sup> August to make it mandatory for all coaches, managers and people associated with our club to have current WWC cards. These cards are available at no cost to the individuals who volunteer for our club, and can be completed on-line. If you are not sure if you need one, or would like further details, please contact one of our committee members

### Roderick Insurance Brokers

Just a final shout out to Keith and Louise Roderick and all the team at Roderick Insurance Brokers who are such fantastic supporters of our club. Thanks guys we really appreciate everything you do for our club.





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### GEELONG YMCA BASKETBALL CLUB



# 2018 SUMMER SEASON TRY OUTS

The Geelong YMCA Basketball Club welcomes all existing players and new players looking to join our club the opportunity to try out for a spot in our summer season teams.

## Timetable

### Monday 11/09/17

4:15-5:15pm - Under 10 Boys (DOB 2009 - 2010)

5:30-6:30pm - Under 10 & 12 Girls (2007 - 2010)

6:45-7:45pm - Under 14 & 16 Girls (2003 - 2006)

8:00-9:00pm - Under 18 & Snr Women (2002 & earlier)

### Tuesday 12/09/17

4:15-5:15pm - Under 12 Boys (DOB 2007 - 2008)

5:30-6:30pm - Under 14 Boys (2005 - 2006)

6:45-7:45pm - Under 16 Boys (2003 - 2004)

8:00-9:00pm - Under 18, 20 & 23 boys (1997-2002)

To attend you must pre-register online at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)  
Simply search for "Geelong YMCA Basketball" and click on the applicable age and gender. Each child within a family must be registered individually. All YMCA memberships must be paid on the night for returning players and merchandise will be available for purchase. Eftpos facilities available



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