



Melbourne University Basketball Club – Newsletter January 2013

Welcome!

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Welcome to MUBC's first monthly newsletter!! We are hoping that providing information about club news and events will help keep everyone, old and new players, involved in MUBC.

This newsletter is open to stories and articles from anyone, so please send on any tournament reviews etc to be included! This is for the whole Club so as much input as possible would be greatly appreciated across all levels.

So welcome back for 2013! Hopefully everyone had a great Christmas and New Years and enjoyed all the festivities and are now ready to get back into the swing of another year at Melbourne Uni.

2013 is shaping up to be a big year for the Club as we aim to increase our club numbers again and keep all members involved with a long list of social events throughout the year.

On Court, we have had great success in the

women's domestic program over the past year with a few grand final wins and it would be great to see this in the men's program as well. Our women's session coaches, Hugh James and Matthew Hillbrich, are both moving on this year for various reasons, and I'd like to thank them greatly for the work they have done in building up the womens domestic program after the last few years!

With regards to Big V, its time to start clearing your diary on Saturday nights from March-August because this year should be awesome on Court for both programs, with the men and women already in training and striving for a finals campaign.

So welcome back and let's get ready for a massive 2013!!

Rhia Mikkor
Club President

Upcoming Events:

- 7th January 2013 –**
Men's Big V training resumes
- 12th January 2013 –**
All Domestic training resumes
- 14th January 2013 -**
Women's Big V training resumes
- 25th – 28th January 2013 -**
Warrnambool Tournament
- 2nd February 2013 –**
Annual General Meeting at 10.30am

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The MUBC Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday 2nd February at 10:30am, at the Sports Center, Melbourne University.

The agenda will be as follows:

- President's Welcome and Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report and presentation of financial statements
- Setting of membership fees for 2013
- Election of Committee members for 2013
- General Business

Committee positions to be elected at the meeting are:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Secretary
- Vice-President
- Social Coordinator
- Tournaments coordinator
- Mens and Womens player reps
- Mens and Womens Registrars
- Special committee roles (uniforms, website, etc)

If you wish to nominate yourself for one of these roles, or to raise general business at the meeting, please email secretary_mubc@hotmail.com



Around the Club – Community News/Gossip

Peter Betros - Engagement!

MUBC offers its congratulations to long-term club member Peter Betros, who announced his engagement to Hayley a few weeks ago. Peter proposed in a very romantic manner a few weeks ago, after getting permission from Hayley's parents first.

There is a tinge of sadness around the announcement, however, as Pete and Hayley will be moving back to Sydney in early 2013, so make sure you congratulate them before they go!

MUBC Explained

If you didn't catch it, the Big V did an extensive feature on our club in their last issue of 'Overtime Magazine'. You can read it here:

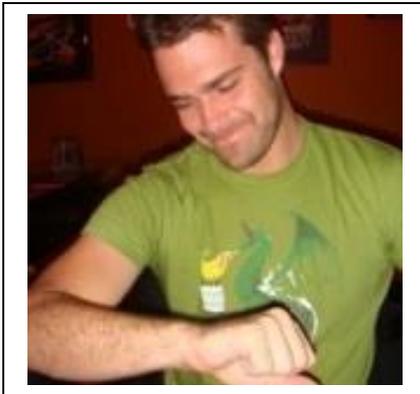
[Overtime Magazine](#)

Babies, Babies everywhere!

Not sure what has been in the water lately, but the last few months have seen several MUBC legends entering into the world of motherhood.

- Life Member Sam Sterling, who now lives in Perth, is pregnant with her first child.
- Glenda De Marinis, a former Big V coach and who now lives in Queensland, is also expecting her first child
- Daisy Adams and Matt are expecting their second child

We congratulate all 3 lovely ladies and wish them all the best for their expanding families!



Peter Betros practices taking Hayley's arm to lead her down the aisle!



Player Profile – Bazil Sidiropoulos

Age: 22

Started playing basketball: 18

Joined MUBC: 2011

Singlet number: 4

Best basketball memory: I cherish every block I get!

Best game: Any game I hit a 3!

Best asset: My ass

Favourite pre-game food: Fairy bread and watermelon

Favourite Music: Hip hop

Favourite drink at the bar: Tom Collins



*Bazil Sidiropoulos
- our first MUBC
player profile!*

Top 5 Reasons to join the committee in 2013 – by James Fidler



It's that time of year again – the AGM is coming around (well actually, it's already come and been postponed due to a few clashes with Christmas dates), and once again, the club is looking to fill committee positions. This AGM will mark the 10th anniversary of my first foray into MUBC beyond simply playing on Sunday nights, and it's been pretty amazing to see the growth and development of the club in that time – it's something I'm really proud of and I feel a great sense of achievement at having been a part of it. Of course, not many of my fellow committee members have stuck around that long – but the club couldn't have evolved into the successful organisation it is today without people getting involved for a year or two here, and putting in place their ideas.

So with that in mind, I encourage you to think about getting involved in 2013 (make it one of your New Year's Resolutions!), with the top 5 reasons for you to take on a committee role next year:

1. Do things the way you want!

MUBC is a club run by members, for the benefit of its members. And that means that the more people that get involved, the better things will be. Got a great idea on how to improve presentation night? Know how to get more people along to tournaments? Fantastic! If you are on the committee you can ensure that your opinions get heard, and can help put them in place, which will make MUBC a more enjoyable place for everyone.

2. It's not much work and you don't have to have any experience

The committee meets once every couple of months, for an hour or so, and usually at Taco Bill (food is free!). Most of the roles require about an hour or two of work each month beyond that. If you are already training and playing 1 or 2 games each week, that time commitment is likely to be less (as you'll already be in the building most of the time!). Even the busiest amongst us can manage that... In terms of experience, everyone has to start somewhere – and there are plenty of people who can help you develop and grow, and none of the roles require particularly complex skills or experience anyway.

3. You'll enjoy being involved

Taking a sense of ownership of the club can really provide you with a sense of pride, and make those social functions, tournaments and basketball games much more enjoyable. Make it your club, rather than a club you play for, and you will be rewarded immensely. Plus, it's a great way to meet people from different parts of the club and make new friends, or to deepen the friendships and relationships you already have.

4. You'll develop some really valuable and important skills

For uni students, or those just starting out their careers, taking on a committee role can provide some highly valuable work experience. A committee role means being in a leadership position right from the start. It means working in a team on extensive and meaningful projects. It means coordinating events and communicating with stakeholders (like members and outside organisations). In the past, committee positions have helped people in the club get experience in administration and management, accounting and finance, business systems and IT, HR and recruitment, marketing and PR, sports administration, etc.

5. It looks great on the resume.

To start with, those skills and practical experience obviously help you to separate yourself out from other graduates or people you are competing with. And we've had some club members use their involvement to help them get jobs in all sorts of places – from AFL clubs to Basketball Australia, from investment banks to engineering firms. Being able to talk about practical experiences in leadership, team-work, project management, and so on is really helpful in interviews and job applications. But even more than this, what a committee role shows is the type of person that you are – it shows you as someone who can show initiative and get involved in things; someone who is happy to take responsibility rather than leaving it all up to others; someone who can drive change and be a contributor to an organisation rather than just an employee – and in a competitive marketplace that is exactly what every business is looking for!

So there it is – no excuses this year. Get involved with the club and contribute to making it an even better place in 2013!



Committee Roles 2013

So now you are fired up to join the committee, which role is for you? There are a range of jobs you can do - hopefully the descriptions below will help out. All positions are up for grabs in 2013, but feel free to ask about any of them if you are unsure. You are also welcome to put forward a general nomination - just put your hand up and say you are available to fill whatever is required if you want!

President

Job Description: A general manager and CEO of the club. Chairs meetings directs other committee members in their roles and is primarily responsible for the operations of the club (coaching, playing, recruitment of staff). Also a point of contact for media and marketing outside the club, and a prominent figure at club events.

Best suited to: Someone who has been around the club a while, who has a good sense of the direction they want the club to take, and who can manage others to ensure that the club continues to run smoothly

Secretary

Job Description: Handles team entries for domestic competitions (Sunday, Thursday and Tuesday nights), and is the primary point of contact with those groups. Maintains a database of members and ensures that they have paid. Deals with other legal and administrative requirements where necessary.

Best suited to: Anyone who is organised and can think ahead can do this role. It can be demanding, but also provides the best practical experience for people thinking of working in accounting, legal or other professional roles in the future

Treasurer

Job Description: Collects and banks money, prepares financial summaries for the club

Best suited to: Anyone with an accounting or financial background, or who is organised and can handle maths/spreadsheets. It's a surprisingly easy role (now that banking is done online) with a low time commitment, but very important.

Vice President

Job Description: Supporting the president with the organisation of the club. Often takes responsibility for a special or new project

Best suited to: Someone who is interested in getting experience in sports admin, who might take over as president in the future. Also suited to someone who has a particular project they think might work in the club (the possibilities here are endless)

Assistant Secretary

Job Description: Supports the secretary, helping as required. Takes minutes in meetings and distributes these.

Best suited to: A well-organised person

Social Coordinator(s)

Job description: The most fun role - it involves coordinating the major social functions throughout the year, such as the trivia night, presentation night, and Big V double header theme nights. Doesn't necessarily organise each event - can find others to do so. This role is often shared by 2 or more people

Best suited to: Anyone who wants project management experience, likes organising social events, and who is well organised and prepared.

Tournaments coordinator

Job description: Organises teams to attend the 3 major tournaments throughout the year, handling team entries and communicating with players etc.

Best suited to: Anyone who regularly attends tournaments

Men's and Women's registrars

Job description: Collects fees and membership forms from the men/women across the club and passes them on to the secretary. Role is busy at the start of the year, then pretty easy after that

Best suited to: Anyone who just wants to get involved, who regularly attends training

Mens and Womens player representatives

Job Description: Represent the interests of players to the other committee members, to ensure that the club is travelling in the right direction. Often combined with the registrar job, it is an easy but crucial role. Also helps out other committee members where needed by liaising with the men's or women's players.

Best suited to: Anyone who regularly gets involved, who has their finger on the pulse and is willing to help out

Communications/Website/Sponsorship/Uniforms Manager

Job description: This is a special role, and not limited to 1 person each year. Basically it involves taking on a special project, such as running the website or getting sponsorship. Could be combined with vice-president. Doesn't have to be a committee position (can just do the job and not attend meetings)

Best suited to: Anyone who has particular skills or wants to develop those skills - in web design, marketing, etc.



Sports Center Redevelopment

Sports Center Redevelopment: One exciting development that members will have noticed is that the sports center is undergoing construction work at the moment.

This redevelopment will provide, amongst other things, full change-room facilities and a function room which will assist the club greatly with Big V matches in the future.

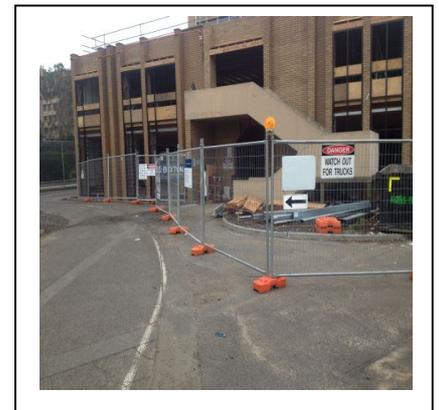
When combined with the seating added to the Stadium late last year, it goes a long way to giving us a home court we can be very proud of. The works are 60% completed and should be finished in late March.

Club members should be aware that there will be some disruption to normal activities until that time.

Parking spaces in the Sports Precinct carpark will be reduced, and the toilets in the Sports Center will be out of operation until the change-room refurbishment has been completed; until then, toilets are available at the Beaufort Centre.

Full Details of the stadium redevelopment plan can be accessed at:

http://www.pcs.unimelb.edu.au/projects/current_projects/sports_centre.html



Construction work at the Sports Center.

MUBC Christmas Party 2012

On Saturday 8th December, MUBC held its final social event for 2012, the annual Christmas Party.

For the second successive year, the venue was the Middle Park Bowling Club, and once again the weather was absolutely amazing, providing a stunning backdrop to the conclusion of the year. Cheap drinks helped out as well!

For many club members, this was a first opportunity to show off their skills on the bowling green, and while Phil Verrocci dominated with excellent control on the greens, several other members appeared to be finding it difficult to tell which way the ball would curve with some wild throws.

Jason Kotchoff once again showed that he is the master of the BBQ, whipping up a feast for all in attendance, while we have to thank Caitlin Hallett for her work as social coordinator throughout 2012 - the Christmas party was once again a great success thanks to her organization and initiative.



"Delicious"

- *The general consensus surrounding Smoke's BBQ*



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MUBC Monthly Treasure Hunt

Each month, we will be sending out the challenge to club members. Complete 10 tasks and be the first to provide us with photographic evidence to win an awesome prize.

This month - 10 things you can do to get the most out of your Warrnambool Tournament Experience:



1. Line your stomach before a big night out with Bojangles Pizza
2. Pay homage to the 'Dirty Angel'
3. Dance on the podium at the Gallery Nightclub
4. Get lost in the Maze late at night
5. Drain a big 3-pointer
6. Chill out between games at the surf beach
7. Play a round of mini golf
8. Have pre-drinks while watching another MUBC team play in the late game
9. Get a team photo after your last game (bonus points if you win the whole thing!)
10. Sample the wares at Cheeseworld on the way home

Got something to contribute?

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Got something you want to read about in the MUBC newsletter? Want to write a report on how your team is going or on that big tournament?

Get in touch via ree_zee@hotmail.com