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Melbourne University Basketball Club - Newsletter February 2013

Welcome!

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Welcome to the second MUBC newsletter for 2013.

2013 has already started with a BANG at the Warrnambool Tournament. The long weekend was a success for all involved with us having over 60 MUBC players across 9 teams. It was a big weekend on and off court and Claw's tournament report will tell you all about it! Big Thanks to Smoke for organizing the Spit on the Sunday night as well and getting everyone together for dinner....amazing effort! Thanks to Mel for organizing team entries and doing a great job. If you missed out on Warrnambool, make sure you sign up for Ballarat which will be even bigger!

The AGM was also held and the feature article introduces you to the new committee for 2013.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved on the committee over 2012. A big thank you to Eric Chan who has been a great secretary over recent years who is moving on and

James Cosgriff who is also stepping out of the treasurer role this year. Thanks for your contributions.

I'd also like to announce that Pete Gioldasis will now be taking on the Domestic Women's training as head coach. So girls, please get along to training and make Pete's job a bit easier!

February is another big month at MUBC as we see Uni go back and the Sports Centre flood with new students and prospective Club members. Please do your best to get along to trainings over this period and help your coaches out.

Finally, the Big V programs will host a fundraiser BBQ at Port Melbourne Bunnings on 17th February. Come along and show your support by buying a sausage or two!

Rhia Mikkor
Club President

Upcoming Events:

9th February 2013 –
Big V Women Practice match at 1pm at Sports Centre

17th February 2013 –
Big V Fundraiser BBQ to be held at Port Melbourne Bunnings

23rd February 2013 -
Big V Men Practice match at 1pm at Sports Centre

8th -11th March–
Ballarat Tournament

Annual General Meeting

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

It was a pretty good turn out for the AGM and I thank everyone who came along for giving up an hour or so of their time.

The executive committee all gave reports on how MUBC fared in 2012. These will be available via the website shortly.

The AGM also saw a discussion regarding membership fees for the following year and it was agreed that these would remain the same in 2013.

The AGM also saw the election of a new committee for the new year, with a number of new faces joining the committee. Turn to the feature story to meet the new committee!

Our first meeting for the year looks like being held on 20/2/2013 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come along if you want to be involved and have a say.





Around the Club - Community News/Gossip



*Eiko Anderson-Turnley -
Newly Australian but
back to Canada*

Goodbye!

Sadly, MUBC is saying goodbye to a few long-standing members over 2013.

Newly engaged Peter Betros will be heading back to Sydney for work reasons and leaves us after returning from London not long ago.

Eiko Anderson Turnley also has some family matters to take care of in her homeland of Canada and will be gone for most of 2013.

And Matthew Hillbrich has also travelled to the lovely waters of Trinidad for work and will be a noticeable absentee at all tournaments and functions!

We wish you all the best wherever you are look forward to your eventual return to MUBC!

Div 2 Women Feature

The Big V's latest issue of 'Overtime Magazine' has a feature on Div 2 Women featuring photos of our very own Kylie Turnley!

You can read all about the upcoming season here:

<http://www.instantflipbook.com/flipbooks/a5f774af02/>



Player Profile - Bec Wardle

Meet Bec Wardle - member of MUBC's Sunday night A Women's side and poster girl of MU Sport!



*Bec Wardle -
MUBC's sweetheart!!*

Started playing basketball: 1995

Joined MUBC: 2007

Singlet number: 51

Best basketball memory: Getting a half court shot in and then getting knocked out (if that counts as a memory?)

Best game: MUBC Ladies A Grade 2012 Granny winning on the buzzer!!!!!!

Best asset: My bum - I use it to box out and get those rebounds

Favourite pre-game food: Anything in the MSAC vending machine

Favourite drink at the bar: Espresso Martinis (remember that boys)

Most embarrassing moment: Embarrassing bball moment #1: Screaming at my team mates to try harder and being super grumpy after a match that I thought we'd lost to Growlers..... When in fact we'd won by 11 points. #2: Trying to shake hands with the opposition players at the "end" of a VBL match (it was $\frac{3}{4}$ time!).

Best holiday destination: Iceland! I'm only saying that because most of you lot haven't ventured there ☺ but it is super incredible...

Favourite MUBC event and why? The Rat tournament: basketball and drinking fun times all in one (not-so-far away) place!

Best song to dance to: Usher - Yeah (it never gets old!)

Funniest MUBC member and why? This award definitely goes to Claw and his unique dancing (I swear I'm laughing "with" you Claw!!!)

Meet the 2013 MUBC Committee



President - Rhia Mikkor

Returning for my third year as President of MUBC.



Secretary - Phil Verocchi

Stepping up to the Secretary role for his first year, Phil brings a wealth of business knowledge.



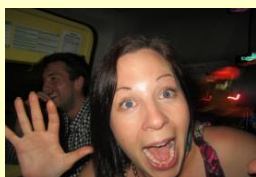
Treasurer - Damien Murphy

Taking over from bro-mance buddy Cozzy, Damo will be in charge of all the Club's financials.



Assistant Secretary - Anjali Goundar

Also moving onto a different role this year, Anj has been a great registrar for the women's program and will bring these organizational skills to her new role too.

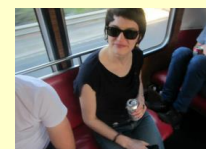


Vice-President and Tournament Co-coordinator - Melanie Fidler

After a few years of running tournaments, Mel is stepping up to also help in the running of the Club in her first year as Vice-President.

Social Co-coordinators - Kylie Turnley and Sofia Soltys

Kylie is coming back to what she knows best as social co-coordinator but will be boosted with the help of Big Soph as they combine to make a massive 2013 events calendar.



Men's Player Representative - Andrew Walker

Coming back to an official committee position, well known MUBC face Andrew Walker will be the first point of contact for new or existing male players.

Men's Registrar - Benjamin Guo

In his first year, credit goes to Ben for stepping up onto the committee and taking on the registrar role.



Women's Registrar - Kate Coffey

A regular at domestic trainings and friendly face, Kate is welcomed on to the committee as Women's registrar.

Women's Player Rep - Amanda Douglass

Another well-known face around MUBC, Amanda will be the first point of contact for new and existing female players.



Communications / Website - Jason Kotchoff

Taking on the big role of keeping the club up to date in the 21st century, Smoke's computer skills will be a huge asset to keep everyone in the know.



Sponsorship - Jacquie Nguyen

Doing what she does best, Jacquie will again help the Club out by keeping us linked in with sponsors.



Uniforms - Basil Sidiropoulos and Dave Lee

Returning again for 2013, Baz and Dave will help you out with all your uniform needs.



Big V Delegate - James Fidler

Once again, keeping the club informed for all matters Big V. James will be assisting and mentoring Craig Wood in this role for 2013.



Warrnambool - by Daniel Sneddon

Not long ago I would've laughed at the concept of a basketball tournament – or life itself – being remotely enjoyable without playing basketball. Present day claw can laugh at that previously unlaughable concept. And laugh he did as Warrnambool provided both family and adult themed fun for all who helped themselves to its hidden splendor.

A host of new faces (and gargantuan personalities) entered the Melbourne Uni social tempest for the first time. Amongst them were a number of uni games recruits, who found their feet quickly. Melbourne Uni ballers must demonstrate excellent time management skills and new big V superstar Callum Repper led the way by fitting a recovery session in a lake during a quality night out. Bozzle also displayed these skills by womanizing plentifully and with devastating efficiency. Unique abilities were also provided by some of our new recruits – Jason Conway was leaping through the stratosphere before reverse jamming it with regularity, Tom Stephens regaled the Warrnambool crowds with a combination of excellent touch and defensive intensity and big Jack mercilessly tossed aside the Warrnambool Seahawks kids who were hanging off his shoulders as he scored at will and brought a new level of sculling excellence to our ranks - but he's the most gentle of gentlemen you'll ever know.

Others took some time adjusting to the Melbourne Uni basketball way. Jovan and Simon Clark struggled immensely in their rookie sculling initiation. Worse however was Billy "William" Johns-Teni who encountered more difficulty later that night at the Gallery as his gastric discharge was so immense it had to be concealed by a number of stools. Earlier that night though, he was desperately trying to rid himself of the box head tag in the traditional boxhead challenge. On our way to the club he stumbled towards a pair of youngish female Warrnambool locals and asked them for a kiss. Fearing the sight of our enormous power forward with a box on his head they screamed loudly, slapped him with such power that the box went flying off his head and ran for their lives. Dumbfounded, William asked "What do I do now?" What he did do was power through a bottle of Jaeger before reaching the club, and a great rookie was unearthed.



On the court we were typically ferocious and achieved some decent results in a runner up place for the MU Men's big V firsts and 3rd place for the Big V seconds (who weren't helped by the fact they departed for their 9am Semi- final game at 9:05 and played the first half with 4 players). Bernie told me the B-Grade men's team didn't go well, but other unrelated reports suggest Bernie can give a piggie back for a ridiculous amount of time, shouldn't be challenged in wrestling, and can crab kick for an eternity.

As a result of coaching 3 teams, I didn't have the privilege of seeing much of our Big V women. I did however witness veterans Rhia Mikkor and Mel Fidler up to their usual tricks (amongst other tricks - mountainous rejections and impeccable mid-range jump shots), Gen Heffernan's typical on court swagger (While her demeanor suggests she was strolling through Warrnambool and just happened to be begged to play in a basketball tournament) and Caitlyn Mackenzie seems to have added Steve Nashesque passing to her impressive basketballing weaponry. Despite a valiant effort and a three pointer from another dimension by new recruit Sally, the Big V women fell short in their final by a mere two points.



However, I did have the great privilege of coaching one of the B-Grade women's teams. Coaching this team showed me that no matter how well you think you know this great club of ours there are always quality Melbourne Uni Basketballers you haven't met or know well enough. Highlights included the fiercely contested Melbourne uni derby, Bec Wardle's look-away passes, Carla's defensive superiority (Despite questionable refereeing), Coburg number 4's obscure facial expressions, and Tilly completing a gorgeous left handed drive moments after I told her that she was being overplayed right (this pleased me greatly).



The other women's teams, featuring new club members such as Talia and Meaghan as well as seasoned tournament goers like the Naughton sisters and Trina Massey were valiant in their games but came just short of a finals berth. Unfairly they were pitted against Big V strength teams entering in B grade to boost their already substantial egos!

Other Melbourne Uni affiliated teams included Melbourne Ballers who won both the A and A Reserve Mens titles. Unfortunately for Brush and Floss, a lot of speed didn't make up the gap when it came to a lack of height in their AR games!

The moment of the tournament for me though came while coaching this lovely team. Despite it being 9 o'clock on the last night with Smoke's incredible spit roast dinner on at the same time, a large contingent of Melbourne Uni ballers came to support our team in the final game. The positive feel which stemmed from the supporters screaming for every basket we made had everyone upbeat despite an unfavorable score line. This up –and–aboutness undoubtedly translated into another quality night out together. It is this genuine camaraderie made us the fearsome presence at the Gallery where everyone was asking "What's with these Melbourne Uni people?".



So ends claw's report on another Warrnambool tournament. It is claw's wish to have a repeat of this support for our teams in the Ballarat tournament and our Big V home games and double headers this season. Splendiferous nights out and basketball are to be had if we uphold this Melbourne Uni spirit and I assure you there are some high quality individuals you haven't met or know well enough yet at the club.

Furthermore, if satisfied, Claw may even stop referring to himself in the third person in future reports!



Finally, some of my favourite quotes during the week:

"Never have I ever been a chick."

Smithy, in his first attempt at a never have I ever question in a game exclusively involving men.

"Hey claw, do you reckon ice is tax deductible for my work?"

Repper, in one of the more random questions I've received on a bench in the middle of a game.

"Is bozzle bloody running in mud or something?"

Philpot, on Bozzles sluggish transition defence attempt.





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O'Week 2013

It's that time of year again, when the uni gets taken over by young and enthusiastic first year students wandering around completely lost trying to find the right lecture theatre and club to join.

As you all know, the first few weeks of March are huge for MUBC as domestic training numbers massively increase with new students ready to join a new club or try their hand at a new sport.

In order to get these numbers and help build the club's strong member base, we set up a table on the Club's Day and provide information to prospective members about what we are about and when they can come along.

The Clubs Day is on **Thursday 28/2/013** and **7/03/2013** so if you are free on these days and want to help out manning the stall, please let me know. Also, if you are around Uni, just pop over and help to promote the Club to new people and show off some skills!



Big V Bunnings BBQ - Port Melbourne

Get along to **Port Melbourne Bunnings** on **Sunday 17th February 2013** from **9am-4pm** to see MUBC's Big V teams in action at our first ever Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser!

This is a huge opportunity to build some extra funds for the club and it would be great for people to come along or tell some family and friends and show your support and maybe even buy a sausage or two!

Got something to contribute?

We're on the Web!

*See us on facebook at
Melbourne Uni
Basketball Club*

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