



Melbourne University Basketball Club

"Dribbling Balls"

Presentation Night Edition

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MUBC's night of nights was held on Saturday 26th October at POP Restaurant and Bar. It was a massive night for everyone who attended, with a lot of awards, a few drinks and lots of fun had by all.

I'd like this opportunity to thank all of the people that made the night possible. Firstly, to Kylie Turnley and Sofia Soltys, our social coordinators - thank you for the months of hard work that you put into planning the night and organizing such a great deal for everyone.

To Anj Goundar, thanks for being on the door and helping out with all the little things. To James Fidler - possibly the best MC that MUBC has ever had. Your knowledge of all things MUBC is so valuable and you did a great job with all presentations. To Andrew, Bernie, Pete and Basil - thanks for presenting the MVP awards.

To everyone who attended on the night - thank you for coming along and helping make our Club the best basketball club going around. This was (scarily) my 10th MUBC Presentation Night and is still one of the best nights of the year and I am so pleased to be a part of it.

Congratulations to all award winners - you should be very proud. A special mention to our very deserving John Bayliss winner Hugh James. And to Scott Cuffe who was presented with Life Membership. A huge thanks to both Hugh and Scott for their massive contributions to the Club.

Lastly, it was repeated several times on the night that you get out what you put in to the Club. Please have a think about that and if you feel that there is some more you can offer to the Club, please get in touch because there is always more that can be done!

Rhia Mikkor
President

Upcoming Events:

11th November 2013
Men's Big V try-outs start

15th -17th November 2013
Albury Tournament

7th December 2013
Christmas Party BBQ

Albury Tournament

Just a reminder that Albury Tournament is on again from 15th to 17th November. If you have confirmed you are going, stay tuned for more info about games/teams and accommodation. Any questions, contact tournament coordinator Mel at melfidler@hotmail.com

Christmas Party

There is no rest for our social coordinators as they work on planning this year's Christmas Party. Early advice is that it will again be at the Middle Park Bowls Club for a BBQ and afternoon on lawn bowling fun. More details will be available on the website and facebook soon. It will be on Saturday December 7th so keep the date free to send off the year with MUBC!





Player Profile - Kylie Turnley

MUBC Social Co-ordinator and 2013 Big V women's captain Kylie Turnley tells us a bit more about her career with MUBC!

Age: 26

Started playing basketball: 1994

Joined MUBC: 2006

Singlet number: 21

Best basketball memory: would probably have to be beating Warrnambool in Warrnambool in 2009 to make the Big V grand final. We played the underdog card perfectly, with the help of the Cheeseworld oracle (ask Fids)

Best game: Can't go past Round 15 of Big V this year against Casey. It was one of the toughest games I have played in. We rallied together and I was so proud of the effort our girls put in, it was heartbreaking to lose in OT. My jaw dropped after the game when Tom said I scored 28, I put everything I had into that game.

Best asset: Sometimes I can shoot the ball from a long distance and it goes in.

Favourite pre-game food: Sushi and Coffee.

Favourite drink at the bar: Can't go past a bottle or three of champagne to share with the ladies.

Most embarrassing moment: It's in the vault, along with the Smirnoff Blacks with fresh lime that went with it.

Best holiday destination: Anywhere near a beach that is warm, or Germany, I love that place.

Favourite MUBC event and why? Tournaments. Mini getaway with your closest friends - basketball, booze and dancing. Or Presentation Night - Everyone looks snazzy and it's fun. It's all good fun!

Best song to dance to: Oooh, that's a tough one. I'll dance to anything. Mr Brightside will always get me on the dance floor no matter how far into a D&M I may be.

Funniest MUBC member and why? Probably Hugh James. His passion for 1D and dad jokes are unrivaled.



Around the Club - Community News/Gossip

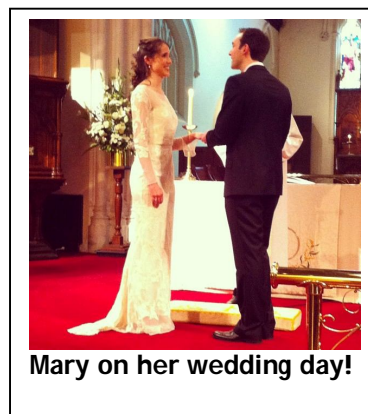
More wedding bells!

Big congratulations to ex-MUBC treasurer Mary Sparkes on her wedding to her lovely husband Michael on 26th October.

We wish you all the best for your life together!

Babies!

And at the time of writing, recently awarded Distinguished Service award winner Mark Farag and partner Maelin were awaiting the imminent birth of their third child. We hope everything goes well!



Mary on her wedding day!

Presentation Night - all the winners!

Congratulations to all Award winners in 2013! Here is a snapshot of the winners!



Best First Year

Tom Stephens

Tom made a massive impact for the men's Big V team in his first official season at MUBC despite a few previous Uni Games performances.



Alex Prentice

Alex has impressed in her first year at MUBC moving straight into an A grade team and being a great contributor as her team pushed to the finals!



Most Improved

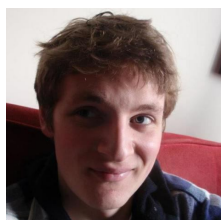
James Shaw

James has made big improvements over the 12 months moving up to an AR team on a Sunday night and training with the Big V boys throughout winter.



Caris Lockhart

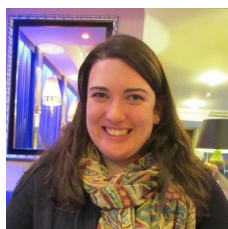
Caris has also shown big improvements over the past year and was noted by all her coaches as a winner for this award!



Henry Cooper Coaches Award

Nick White

Nick was awarded the Coaches Award given his regular presence at training and commitment to learning and improving his game.



Kate Coffey

Kate is a valuable member of any team and a great person to have around and her long time dedication was recognized with this award.



Distinguished Service

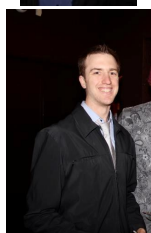
Mark Farag

Mark has had a long career with MUBC playing at all levels and being a big part of the A grade team at CYMS.



Phil Verrochi

Phil was recognized for his involvement in the administration of the Club. Basically, as secretary, Phil keeps the Club up and running!



Jason Kotchoff

Smoke has been a long standing MUBC member and regular fixture at tournaments and Big V. This year, Smoke has taken on the massive task of setting up our awesome website and online profile!

Big V Milestones
No photo available of Mason.



50 games – Mason Clarke Jones

Its taken a while to get here due to injuries, but well done on 50 hard fought games!

100 games – Caitlin Delahunty

Cait came out of retirement in 2013 to help out the team and notch up 100 games!

MEN'S MVP'S

Big V Men – Nicholas Masunda
CYMS MU1 – Raef Akehurst
CYMS MU2 – Dave Lee
CYMS MU3 – James Shaw
CYMS MU4 – Samuel Tolomei
CYMS MU5 – Koki Oka
CYMS MU6 – William Dai
CYMS MU7 – Ben Ponte
CYMS MU8- Masaki Sai
CYMS MU9- Stephan Flumm
CYMS MU10- Lazar Dusanovic
CYMS MU11 – Ben Guo
A Grade Tuesday – Paul Mason
A Grade Thursday – Tom Oppenheim

WOMEN'S MVP'S

Big V Women – Claire Edwards
CYMS MU1 – Kylie Crowley
CYMS MU2- Meaghan Helms
CYMS MU3 – Charlotte McNamara
CYMS MU4 – Jan Wong
CYMS MU5 – Sarah Cheong
CYMS MU6 – Sarah Chiappa
CYMS MU7 – Claire Kelly
CYMS MU8 – Caitlin McClelland
A Grade Tuesday – Caitlyn Hallet
B Reserve Tuesday – Rebecca McQuillan
A Grade Thursday – Caitlin Delahunty
A Reserve Thursday – Amanda Douglass Parker



John Bayliss Award – Hugh James



Hughie with his handful of awards!

This years John Bayliss Award was presented to Hugh James.

Hughie joined MUBC quite a few years back as a player and moved up the grades in the CYMS competition to eventually play in A grade. Hugh was also a part of the Big V Squad for some time before ongoing knee injuries impacted on his playing career.

As an administrator, Hugh was involved with the MUBC committee as Vice-President from 2009-2011 and a valuable contributor to how the Club was run.

But Hugh's impact on MUBC has been greatest as a coach. Hugh took on the role of Head Coach of the Women's Domestic program for a few years, finishing up in 2012. During this time, he organized teams, ran every Saturday morning session on his own and had the women's program under control! It was joked at presentation Night that Hugh did this job on his own and yet there are now 5 people doing the same thing!

Hugh has been a fantastic person to have around MUBC and is a friendly face who always has a (mostly bad) joke to tell!!

Congratulations on this recognition – you are a very deserving winner!

Life Membership – Scott Cuffe

Presentation Night 2013 saw MUBC present Life Membership to Scott Cuffe. Scott Cuffe first played for MUBC in 1996, and has maintained an on-going relationship with the club since.

Scott is one of only two players to have played more than 150 games for the club, and is the all-time leader for the club in every statistical major category – including having scored 3421 points at a rate of 21.39 points per game, which is nearly twice the next player on the list. Scott is also the only player to record a triple-double in VBL/Big V competition for Melbourne University, recording the feat against Werribee on 29/3/2003.

Beyond his long list of achievements, Scott has been a regular attendee at social functions (and has arguably made as big a contribution to the club off-court as he has as a player), and has coached several teams throughout his time with MUBC. He has maintained friendly relationships with countless coaches, team-mates and administrators, who speak of his professional demeanour and the impact he has had on the club in the highest terms.

After a vote of Club members, the overwhelming majority of the Club agreed that Scott's contributions deserved the honour of Life Membership!

Achievements with MUBC:

AUG Gold Medals – 1998 and 2002

AUG Silver Medals – 1996 and 2001

AUG Bronze medal – 2000

Nominated for Green and Gold team in 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

Big V Championship teams - 2004, 2008 and 2009

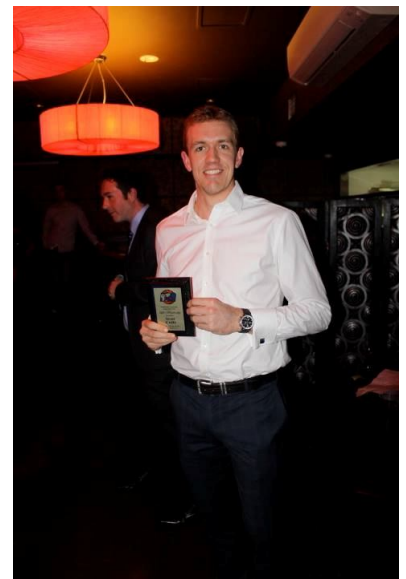
Big V Grand Final appearances - 2002, 2003 and 2007

*MUBC has made finals every year that Scott has played for us!

Big V League MVP – 2004 and 2008

Nominated for Big V All Star 5 - 2002, 2004, 2008 and 2009

Big V points per Game average – 21.39ppg



Scotty collecting his Life Membership award

Presentation Night Reflections - by Rodriguez the Bartender



The Big V Boys



Best Dressed



The always stylish Justin

There were many, many beautiful women and men present at the basketball presentation on Saturday. I was very happy to be working inside the bar.

A group of tall handsome boys who called themselves the big v were very kind to helping me with the giving of the beers. I also meet the spicy mamasita Ms Crowley. The crowley helps me learn some very nice Australian words like spew, munt, snog and bozzle.

I vote very strong for the most fashion couple and decide that Jan Wong is most best dressed for the women. I also decide that the Justin Turnley wins most fashion for the men. This Justin Turnley would be many most beautiful in my home. It is my wish one day to introduce Justin to Fernando.

The awards were spoked by first man James. I stop the bar. I was confused when a hairy man was the best girlfriend. His boyfriend must be very happy.

I love the 'John Bayliss' award best. My new friend Hugh James wins the most best award with many good stories of how he serviced the girls.

I also love the 'Scott Cuffe' award. He wins the life membership. I think this Scott must have many good stories. I think he is very lucky when I see him leave with the Justin.

I have lovely meetings in the night with the Anj, the Sophie and Kylie. They negotiate very hard and make me work for my money. I show them though. I take half hour siesta during drink special when they are not looking.

I collect many, many empty bottles. Together, night run smoothly. Except when girl spewed in bathroom.

And remember, in the words of ricky martin,

"Puede ser un símbolo sexual a través de la música o el cine. Hey, hay algunos políticos que son símbolos sexuales. Es algo que debe luchar? No. El sexo es muy natural."

I look forward to pouring with you your next drink!



Check out the full gallery of pics at Kylie Turnley's facebook page!





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Big V Coaching Announcements

The Melbourne University Basketball Club is pleased to announce Big V coaching appointments for the 2014 season.

Andrew Walker will remain Head Coach of the Division 1 Men's team. He will be joined by former teammate James Fidler, who will take on the position of assistant coach. James has previously been the head coach of the women's team for a number of years.

On the women's side, Sam Fileccia has been appointed head coach of the Division 2 women's team. Sam comes to Melbourne Uni after previous assistant coach experience with the Keilor Thunder and Hume City Broncos. MUBC are very excited to welcome Sam to the club and look forward to a successful 2014. Sam will be joined by former MUBC player Caitlin Delahunty, as assistant coach.

The Division 1 Men's Tryouts will commence on Monday 11th November. The women's dates are still to be confirmed and will be advertised shortly.



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Got something to contribute?

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?

Also, if you want to be the next player profile, flick me an email with your responses!

Everyone is welcome to contribute!

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