



Melbourne University Basketball Club

"Dribbling Balls"

Happy New Year!

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Well as the year comes to an end, it's a good time to reflect on another massive year at MUBC.

We have had another Big V season roll through with the boys making finals, numerous teams in CYMS finals across both summer and winter seasons and several others in various weeknight competitions.

On a social note, we have had another huge social calendar with Trivia Night and the 3 on 3 competition our biggest fundraisers for the year. Presentation Night was also, as always, the best night of the year for MUBC and I hope you all enjoyed it. I'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank Kylie Turnley and Sofia Soltys for their efforts as social co-coordinators and Anjali Goundar as the sub-committee!! You have all done an awesome job and we would not have nearly as much fun at events without you!!

To all the coaches of domestic and senior teams, thank you as well for another year of hard work. It is often a thankless task, getting up each Saturday morning and running training, but we all appreciate your efforts and you do a great job!

Finally, to everyone on the committee, thank you again for all your hard work, especially Phil and Damo. The Club needs good people to keep it running and I am so pleased that we continue to head in the right direction.

The next AGM will be in February 2014. Please consider taking on a new committee position and getting involved. As has been said many times at Presentation Night - 'you only get out what you put in' so please have a think about getting a bit more involved in another capacity.

Lastly, we tragically heard on Christmas Eve that long time club member James Rapley passed away after an accident while in the USA. James was a great club member and a lovely guy and will be missed. We send our sincere condolences to James' family. Rest in Peace.

I hope you all had a merry Christmas and have a happy and most importantly, safe New Year. See you back in 2014!

Rhia Mikkor
President

Upcoming Events:

6th January 2014

Big V training resumes

24th – 27th January 2014

Warrnambool Tournament

1st February 2014

MUBC AGM

Warrnambool Tournament

Just a reminder that Warrnambool Tournament is on again in January 2014. Please get in touch with Mel to let her know you are planning on going or respond on the facebook page contact tournament coordinator Mel at melfidler@hotmail.com

Christmas Party

There was no rest for our social coordinators as they organized this year's Christmas Party at Middle Park Bowls Club on December 7th. Despite a relatively small attendance, a good time was had by all with a BBQ, drinks and some pretty average bowling getting a lot of laughs!

Thanks to everyone who came along and enjoyed the day in the sun!





Player Profile – Andrew Walker

Get to know Big V Men's Head Coach Andrew Walker a little bit better with this month's player profile!

Age: 29

Started playing basketball: 1995

Joined MUBC: 2004

Singlet number: 42

Best basketball memory: coming back from 13 down with 90 seconds to go to beat Warrnambool in double OT in Game 3 of the Big V semi finals in 2010, largely due to the heroics of Norto.

Best game: Dropping 30 and 10 on Chelsea in our final home game of 2007 to help us escape relegation.

Best coaching moment: Calling in the plays from the sideline in the closing minutes of game 3 of the 2009 grand final series to go from a tie game to win by 4. Great 1st option execution Cuffe, JT, Canada, Masunda and Tominator (2 free throws for Tom and a foul line jumper for JT!

Favourite pre-game food: It's been so long I can't remember ☺ - probably pasta.

Favourite drink at the bar: Bourbon

Most embarrassing moment: In a Sunday night A grade Uni versus Uni game. With about a second left I was at the line up 1. I made the first and decided the best play was to intentionally miss the second so the other team couldn't call a time out and advance the ball and get a good look at a shot. Unfortunately, I missed everything leading to a violation, where the other team advanced the ball and we were only up 2. Then of course, as only he can do, Rhys Jacob caught the ball on the sideline 7 feet outside the 3 point line and turned and whilst falling out of court, banked in the game winner! On that day, I was most certainly the goat!

Best holiday destination: California, ya got the beach, the mountains, amazing pick up ball, lots of sun and the Lakers!

Favourite MUBC event and why? Australian University Games – an entire week of great basketball and partying and it's on the Gold Coast every second year – very hard to go past. An honourable mention to Albury as the best country tournie because we go with a smaller group which leads to more intermingling not to mention you are almost always escaping drizzling Melbourne November weather for warm and sunny in Albury – plus the semi annual party on the hill!

Best song to dance to: Couldn't pick one ☺ the vulture – Pendulum, jungle boogie – Kool and the Gang, closer – Nine Inch Nails and Links 2,3,4 – Rammstein.

Funniest MUBC member and why? All time Matt Rafton for hilariously scathing reviews of opposition players. Currently it goes to Jacob Philpot for his much beloved 'Philpotisms' – my personal favourites being "absolute lemon" and "i'm off ya".

Why are you still part of the Club after a decade? Simply put the culture. I love that we are a club run for us by us with little to no personal agendas getting in the way of what's best for the Club and in my experience that is a rare and special thing within the Victorian Basketball community. The people may change over time but the culture remains the same. There are not a lot of active members left from when I joined in 2004 just as a training guy with the Big V team but the culture has remained. Over my time we have always had friendly and intelligent members who love the game and know how to party (slash, learn to party with us!) which is something I hope never changes. I frankly don't see why it ever would!

Finally I would like to add that the more I have got involved with the Club over the years, the richer my experience has become. At first, I joined and simply played Big V but over time I branched out to UniGames, Tournaments, playing Sunday nights, attending Presentation and Trivia Night, coaching Sunday nights and finally joining the committee. Each additional step of involvement increasing the experience, so if you have been interested enough to read this far, I would say go for it – do something at the Club that you have never done before – you won't regret it!



Andrew Walker in action

Albury Tournament was on in November with MUBC represented by 3 women's teams. However, unfortunately due to administrative errors on the part of Albury Basketball, we weren't able to enter a men's team, although a few MUBC affiliates were in attendance.

I wasn't there and haven't been able to get a full tournament report from anyone so here are a few honourable mentions from Smoke - because he couldn't remember what really went on!!

"An A grade girls team did really well"

The A grade girls team comprising of players from the women's big V team won all of their pool games however came up short in the Grand Final against some very good SEABL players. Great effort girls - next year!!

"MUBC affiliates won the A grade men - Cuffe, Norton, Masunda x2, Hogben, Stef..."

Ex MUBC players in the team named Melbourne Ballers won their second consecutive Albury tournament in the A men division. This team has won just about every regional tournament in the past couple of years.

"A huge insurmountable, unending quantity of complementary pizza for MUBCers"

No further description needed - see the photo below for an explanation on just how much pizza was ordered! I have heard that several girls enjoyed the late night cold pizza feast when they got back from the bar at about 3am!!

"Young Money" putting on moves on the court and on the dance floor"

Remember the young guy at Presentation Night who had just turned 18 and was at his first MUBC event. Tim followed up his impressive presentation night with an even better first showing at Albury! Welcome to MUBC!





Committee Role Descriptions

So with another year gone it means that the Annual General Meeting is due to be held and a new committee formed for 2014. The 2014 MUBC AGM will be held on **Saturday February 1st at 10.30am at the Sports Centre.**

The AGM is hugely important as it provides Club members information on where we are at and where we plan on going in the future. It also provides a financial update to members and allows an opportunity for any general business or concerns to be raised. Contrary to popular belief, showing up to the AGM does NOT mean that you will be forced into a committee role. It is so important to have as many members attend as possible, so please come along, even if you don't wish to be involved.

The page below is a description of each committee position. Please have a think about whether there is a role that you are after for 2014 and nominate in advance to current Secretary Phil Verrochi at secretary@melbourneunibasketball.org.au

President

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.

Secretary

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.

Treasurer

Collects and banks money, prepares financial summaries for the club

Vice President

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

Assistant Secretary

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

Social Coordinator(s)

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

Tournaments coordinator

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

Men's and Women's registrars

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. Can be combined with player rep role.

Men's and Women's player representatives

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.

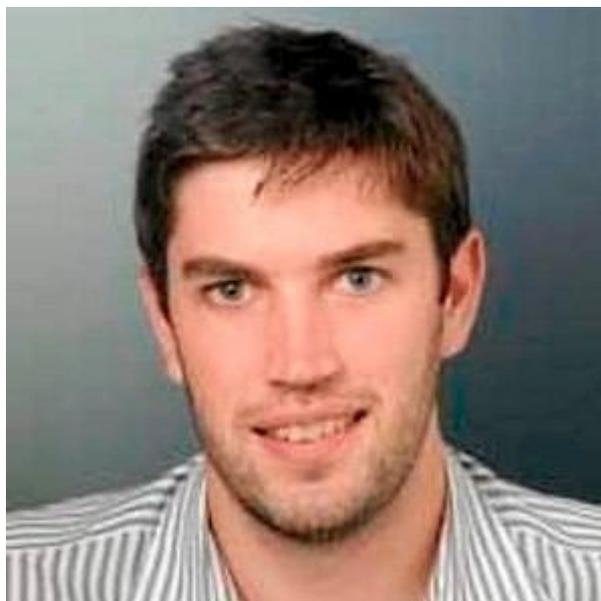
Communications/Website/Sponsorship/Uniforms Manager

These are special roles, and not limited to 1 person each year. Basically it involves taking on a special project, such as running the website or getting sponsorship or collection and distribution of uniforms.

Big V Delegate

Central contact person for the Big V. This role involves sending the team list/welcome note to opposition teams each week, being present at Big V games and managing other material such as game night programs and voting.

In Memoriam



James Rapley

We sadly heard on Christmas Eve that James Rapley was involved in an accident in the USA and passed away. The reports indicated that he was struck whilst riding his bike by a drunk driver.

James joined Melbourne University Basketball Club many years ago and in addition to being an A grade player and part of the Big V program, he was a regular at social events and tournaments. James also took on a role of Assistant Secretary on the MUBC committee in 2006.

James was a well liked club member and a sincerely lovely person.

MUBC would like to extend its condolences to the Rapley family and to his many friends. We are truly saddened to lose a member of our small community.

MUBC will formally acknowledge James' contribution to MUBC at a Big V game later this year.





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Big V Game Night Coordinator

The Melbourne University Basketball Club is once again seeking a game night coordinator for the Big V Program.

This role involves being at all Big V home games for the men and women, co-ordinating the opposition team, score table officials and match set up.

This is an important role as it is vital to have a 'go to' person for all small issues that can arise on game night.

This role can be a paid position if someone is willing to take this on for the full year.

If you are interested, please contact me at president@melbourneunibasketball.org.au



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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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