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EDITORIAL

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Another year, another Albury tournament and unfortunately, no Warrnambool! For the second year running, the Australia Day tournament has not been run in Warrnambool putting a big gap in our MUBC calendar. It's looking like we will be down to just Albury (second weekend of November) and Ballarat (Labour Day weekend) from now on. That is, unless anyone want to try for a

sneaky trip up to Byron Bay in mid September?

Speaking of tournaments, this issue is jam packed with the juicy goss from the Albury just gone and entries for Ballarat close tomorrow, see below.

We can thank resident funny man Brandon Boccola for our Albury tournament report and what a tournament it was. Although the success on the court varied, the success off the court was indisputable. Refer to this issues cover and the two articles recounting the experience. I can still hear the chant of 'RIG-OFF,

RIG-OFF' ringing in my ears momentarily followed by wild and jubilant applause.

Another new year means another new committee elected at our AGM and this year we set aside a huge thank you to departing womens representative Sophia Naughton, secretary Nick White and assistant secretary Lee Hazel. In their place, Mithali has stepped up as women's rep and the mighty B1 men have filled the gap we have been searching for to provide a huge injection of three new committee members into the important roles of secretarial and event planning duties.

The B1 guys not only stated they were going to help, they meant it! Straight after the AGM training session, Andrew, Al, Aiden, Jimmer and Bernie put in a monumental effort to clean up and re-arrange our clubrooms in a touching homage to Marie Kondo.

I'm very much looking forward to 2019, hopefully see you all in Ballarat.

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-Brandon and Michael, Albury Pool-

Upcoming Events

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9bf]Yg WcgYtca cffck on Thursday Feb 14th so let Jen Naughton know straight away on our Facebook event at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/403890613680032/>

by ticking **GOING** If you want a spot. This is likely to go big.

There will be Premier, A, B, C & Social grades - so plenty of opportunity to get involved no matter the skill level. Registration fees depend on number of teams/players but are usually around \$60-\$70.

Please note the club does not organise accommodation for this tournament, so best to get together with people you know and book accommodation. If you need to help connecting with people for accommodation let Jen know and she can help, it's a great way to meet new people at the club



Player Profiles



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GHUfHX`d`Unj[b[`VUg_YhVU`. '1994 (aged 8)

>c]bYX`AI 6 7.`2014

JcVUjcb. 'Phd, Lecturer, Architectural Engineer

6 YghUggYh` Cooking skills, and the rig

6 YghVUg_YhVU`a`Ya`cfm` MU5 back to back championships 2017-18

: **Uj`ci`f]h`dfY![`Ua`Y`ZcX.** A traditional dish of Italian pasta or a more traditional protein bar

6 Yghgcb[`lc`XUbW`lc3` Fight for your right (to party) - Beastie Boys

6 YghglcfmUbX`: **Uj`Y`AI 6 7`Yj`Ybh`** The magical Albury tournament; the legend says that, on the first electric night of the event, an MU player got back to his motel room somewhat inebriated, peed somewhere he shouldn't have and woke up a sleeping (freshman) teammate claiming to sleep in that bed. None of the other guys noticed anything until the morning after, when the unfortunate freshman was found sleeping on the floor with his pillow and bedsheets, no questions asked. The rest is history.

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5 [Y: '28

GHUfHX`d`Unj[b[`VUg_YhVU`. '1999

>c]bYX`AI 6 7.`2010

JcVUjcb. 'Civil Construction Engineer

6 Ygh5`ggYh` My car...oh wait, basketball related? My rainmaker treys when they're hot but enemy when not. Refer to chorus of Hot n Cold by Katie Perry. Pretty much summarises it.

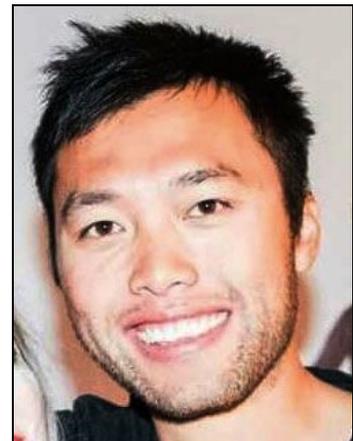
6 Ygh6`Ug_YhVU`A`Ya`cfm` Hitting a fast-break, fade away, alleyoop off the backboard with a defender in between us in juniors finals. Crowd went wild! Current best memory would be playing on our MUBC team and developing from D2 to B1.

: **Uj`Y`dfY![`Ua`Y`ZcX.** Don't really have one. I seem to eat a lot of rice... so probably rice...

6 Yghgcb[`lc`XUbW`lc. Favourite song probably Numb Encore but I don't dance. I'm better at being a statue.

6 YghGlcfm` What happens in Albury stays in Albury. My poor team mates - scared for life. I can't really say...We know what happened.

: **Uj`Y`AI 6 7`Yj`Ybhtg`UbX`k`m`** Tournaments! They are the best because they really seem to help with our Sunday games. Most memorable was when our cohort was at Ballarat and the Italian native showed us how to make the perfect pasta. Al dente! Arguably having the best rig in MUBC, who can argue with that?! Presentation night is also a highlight. Get around it!



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GHUfHX`d`Unj[b[`VUg_YhVU`. '2001

>c]bYX`AI 6 7.`2009

JcVUjcb. 'Automotive Engineer

6 YghUggYh` Ability to hit hard and easy shots at the same percentage

: **Uj`ci`f]h`dfY![`Ua`Y`ZcX.** I'd rather skip food before a game

6 Yghgcb[`lc`XUbW`lc3` That would require me to dance first...

6 Yghglcfm` Watching a certain someone at 5am mistaking a ***** for a restroom and his teammates bed for his own.

: **Uj`Y`AI 6 7`Yj`YbhUbX`k`m8`** Tournaments - absolute social highlight of the club. Oh and we also get to play some ball on them too.

Albury Tournament 2018

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As Semester 2 drew to a close, and exam season was in full swing, there was only one logical thing to do. Head to Albury to play some ball and get some rest. The trip did not go entirely according to plan.

After meeting at Camberwell station, the journey began. Admittedly I hadn't googled where Albury actually was, so when I found out it was in NSW I decided that we might as well break into the gin to get the party started (I wasn't driving – just steering). Being entrusted with the holy aux-cord meant that the trip up was fuelled by banger after banger, or at least I thought so, making the long journey fly by. Upon arrival, we discovered that the three-man room only had a queen and single

bed in it, so like our good friend Nikola Jokic we were all slapped with a \$25k fine.

The highlight of Friday night was undoubtedly the viewing of yet another unforgettable Better Homes and Gardens episode, where Dr Harry explained the mysteries of the humble Cotton Top Tamarin, and Fast Ed whipped up some Summertime feasts. Following this the boys turned in for an early night, so we could be well rested for the day to come. Or at least we should have. A big Friday night at Paddy's meant Jimma wasn't the only one nailing threes that weekend, and as Michael and I found out, you haven't had the true Albury experience until a 5'2" geezer with one eye threatens to knock your teeth out in the mosh. The fun didn't end there though, as on the way home we fell victim to yet

another local warning us of his violent tendencies while he pushed his bicycle along in a stolen Coles trolley. Being the outstanding public citizens we are we bid him adieu and went peacefully on our way. Please contact my attorney for further details.

Saturday morning proved challenging for all involved. After arriving at the Lauren Jackson Stadium nice and early to warm up, it wasn't until our game was meant to be starting that we realised that we were not only on the wrong court, we were in the wrong town altogether. After a quick drive in which we stayed consistently under the speed limit, we arrived to find our other four players battling through a 40-point deficit. Needless to say, we clawed it back and snatched victory from the jaws of defeat... or at least that's what we're telling people. After watching an incredible head-to-head of the Uni Melb women's teams, we were inspired to achieve excellence ourselves. Since this couldn't be done through the typical medium of basketball, Michael and I took to the pool to display some breathtaking gymnastic feats. Quite frankly, we were just as surprised as everyone else when the handstand tower stuck. We are currently working hard to perfect the dirty dancing manoeuvre, that way it is ready for flawless execution next year. After a long day of basketball, we got to witness a fast break lay-up clinic in action, with one of the boys displaying flawless accuracy, finesse, and power control to end

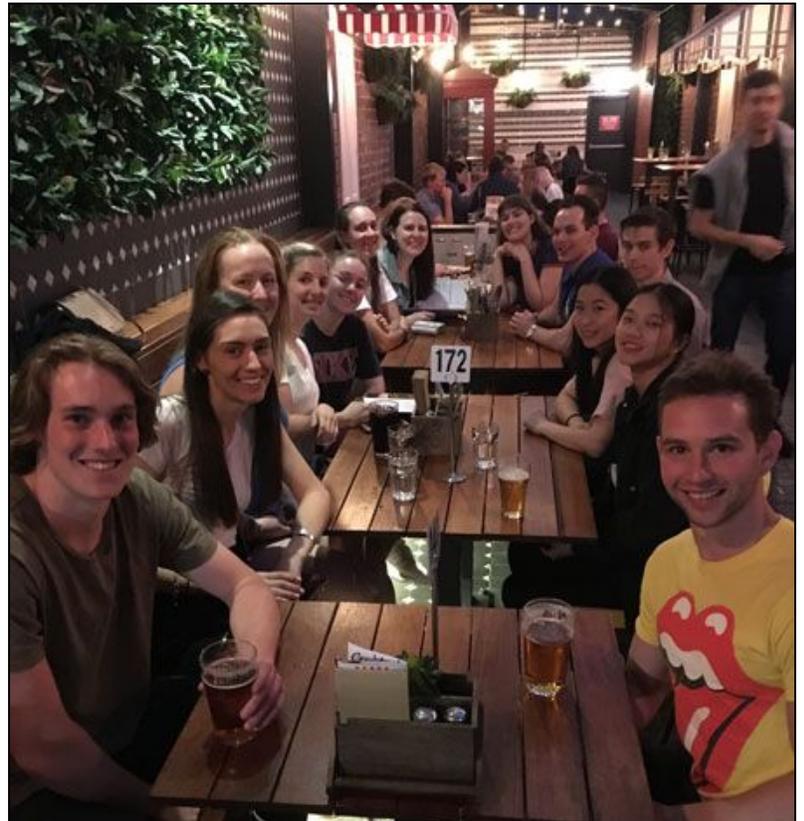
the game on a high. This wasn't the only moment of intellectual dominance from the Uni Melb Men however, with Ollie mistaking "First Choice Liquor" for a hardware store soon after. Following this the whole group headed out to the pub for a great meal.

Saturday night was another early one (if you were Ollie), but for the rest of us an enlightening game of "Never Have I Ever" ensued. As a result, Jake has been reported to ASIO and the FBI for various crimes against the state. All teams headed out to Paddy's yet again for another good time, only returning a few hours before the big game was set to begin. The Uni Melb Men's head-to-head was an amazing display of talent, highlighting just how little alcohol affects the body in a competitive environment. After a delicious brunch to wrap up the tournament and re-engage the Melbourne roots, we departed Albury with a smile on our face and a neuron or two less than when we arrived.

Editor's note: Josh was kind enough to film and upload the dreaded Sunday morning game between the boys teams at:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLACRILqzbvONUHA5R2aBqcVnQ1vy71uM3&jct=3_pj-ZvWHssU_QA_OKf6CS0oisP4lw&fbclid=IwAR06qEA6dmA0pwSU3V9sXf2m2GbgRM1xcSkDn_g6yz0SMfb2yGs70qJrf5I



Gus, Andrew, Jimmer, Simon, Aiden & Bernie after the Sunday morning game and the whole crew at the Bended Elbow on Saturday night enjoying a few choice Rib-Eyes.



The Albury Rig-Off

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One of the absolute highlights of Albury this year followed our regular chant of 'take it off, take it off' to Jimmer who happily obliged. This somehow turned into an impromptu topless exhibition featuring several of the boys in attendance. Who knew the talent to attendance ratio was so high in Albury? There were some serious rigs on display at this one. As I guiltily chomped down on bite after bite of grease-ridden KFC between cheering myself hoarse, it momentarily crossed my mind that many thousands of sit-ups and skipped calories must have gone into these bods.

The contest was almost too close to call but the winner by show of shouts for best rig went to Al followed closely by Evan, Ollie & Jimmer. The fan favourite for facial expression went to Jimmer's *Atlas Shrugged* which just pipped out Ollie's *Blue Steel*. Evan was deserving winner of the quiet achiever award.'



2019 Committee

Being a volunteer run club means that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure that the domestic, social, Big V and tournament programs are all running smoothly. We wouldn't be able to do it without the help of some very dedicated people who make up our committee. We are always looking for more help and so if you are interested in joining us or maybe developing some applicable skills for your resume on a special project, email your interest to: president@melbourneunibasketball.org.au.

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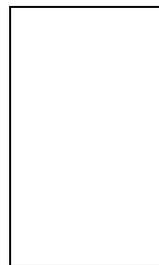
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Openings:

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7 MAG`7cffYgdc]bXYbh- Would you like to support all our Sunday night teams and players? Settle in as our newsletter correspondent by taking team photos, collecting season recaps and confirming team lists

8 f]VV]b] `6 U`g`7cb]f]Vi]cf#9X]hcf` - We'd love to have more help with extra content, photos, stories and editing for this publication. `

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Apparel & Merchandise

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It's time to complete your MUBC wardrobe with an official Melbourne Uni warmup top. Did you know that we have an official name for teams from our club and it's the coolest one going around - the 'Black Angels'. Bonus points to you if you learn our club song! We have plenty of stock of these super awesome dryfit warmup tops and they are now available for sale at training and Big V games.



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A limited supply of collector's edition MUBC stubby holders is still available for sale from the MUBC club-rooms.

Don't get caught out with a warm tinny in your hands at our next home game, grab one now before they run out.

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Is your uniform getting a bit old and manky? Don't despair, Bernie to the rescue. Whether you're looking to upgrade to a new and bouncy elastic waistband or you'd like a spare top with a different number just for tournaments, we've got you covered.



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Just in, MUBC has a newly redesigned hoodie to keep you warm through the winter months. We have plenty of sizes available for sale at training and Big V games and we can now also process card payments with our new EFTPOS machine

