



Announcement
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NARELLE HENRY APPOINTED WOMEN'S SBL HEAD COACH

East Perth District Basketball Association (EPDBA) is pleased to announce that Narelle Henry has been appointed Women's Head Coach for the Schweigen Lady Eagles.

Narelle is a well-credentialed and awarded coach with a strong community focus. Ms. Henry was awarded the Women's State Basketball League (WSBL) Coach of the Year in 2010 as well as being awarded the Department of Sport and Recreation's 2011 Community Coaches Award for Basketball. Narelle is a great role model in the community through her involvement as a motivational and keynote speaker for the past 13 years; Clontarf Girls Academy Program Manager; Consultant on Indigenous Traineeships with AFL Sports Ready; and through a variety of other community projects.

Narelle returns to the East Perth Eagles having played for the Lady Eagles back in 1998 and 1999 prior to moving to the USA to study abroad and play NCAA Basketball. During her previous stint with the Eagles, she was also assistant coach for the Division One and Under 18 Women's teams in the Western Australia Basketball League.

Narelle has had an illustrious basketball career that started back in 1993 as a 15 year old in the WSBL. She went on to play 283 SBL Games with various clubs only retiring from playing in 2012. From 1999 to 2003 Narelle was a student athlete playing NCAA basketball at High Point University in Northern Carolina, USA where she completed a Bachelor of Science Physical Education with a teaching focus. Narelle also spent six seasons competing at the national level in the WNBL retiring from the Perth Lynx in 2006 having played 97 games.

From 2007 to 2011 Narelle was playing Head Coach for the Perth Redbacks, as well as a consultant for Indigenous Basketball through Basketball WA. She has also been an Assistant Coach for the Perth Lynx in WNBL and Perth Redbacks in the WSBL.

Narelle Henry said "I am excited to be involved in basketball again and looking forward to the challenge at East Perth. I look forward to working with Steph Jones on junior development within the girls programme so that the club can provide a strong pathway for our juniors from the local competitions to WABL and hopefully the SBL. It will be an exciting time."

EPDBA Chairman, Anthony Fletcher commented on the appointment "The appointment of Narelle Henry will see a 'whole of club' benefit, not only from her role as Head Coach of the WSBL team, but also through her involvement in the Girls Programme in conjunction with our Development Officer, Steph Jones. I'm looking forward to this exciting development and the resulting benefits for our girls and the club as a whole."

East Perth Eagles would also like to thank 2013 Head Coach, Conrad Francis and Assistant Coaches Bill Edwards, Kate Thompson and Darren Nicholson for their time and effort over the season. East Perth Eagles looks forward to their future participation within the Association.

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Background:

East Perth District Basketball Association (EPDBA) has been established for over 60 years and during its existence has assisted literally thousands of young, talented players both girls and boys of all ages.

*EPDBA is proud to have West Australian Basketball League teams in all divisions, from Under 12 to Division 1 Men and Women, as well as the **Vorian Agency Eagles** in the Men's and **Schweigen Lady Eagles** in the Women's State Basketball League.*

The Morley Sports and Recreation Centre, situated on Wellington Road, Morley, and The Rise, Maylands are where it runs a Saturday junior competition that caters for age groups from Under 10 to Under 17 boys and girls as well as Biddi Ball, a programme for future basketballers aged 4 – 8 years old.

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