

NOTICE BOARD

Upcoming events and important dates to remember . . .

Upcoming VJBL Home Games:

- Apr 17 v Dandenong
- Apr 24 v Sand'ham
- May 1 v Casey
- May 8 v McKinnon

April 10-12, 2015

U14 State Champs at Shepparton

May 31, 2015

Domestic Grand Final Day

July, 2015

Under 12 Skills Days



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Domestic Update

Our domestic competition is nearly at the half way point with over 300 junior and 150 senior basketballers taking to our courts each week.

The A Grade Men's competition is currently being led by the newly named Red devils with the young Wildcats side close behind. In the Master's it's the Witches Hats followed by the experienced old stages, the Milk Drinkers, on top of the ladder whilst the A Grade Women have The Grapes and Bird at the top of the table and the B Grade Women competition has the Hotties on top.

At junior level the 18 boys are very even with 4 teams able to finish the season on top of the ladder at this point. The Under 16 Boys is also close

with Spurs and Jazz currently in first place. The 14 boys see's only 3 points separating 1st from 6th and there is a 3 way tie for top spot in the Under 12 boys.

The junior girls is also very competitive. The 16 girls has Williams & Moriarty out on top, the 14 girls see's Spirit clear on top and the 12 girls has Harrower out in front at the half way mark.

Our under 10 boys and girls, although not competing for points are really enjoying themselves and learning every week. If you get a chance early on a Wednesday or Friday night venture down and take a look at our future stars.

Great to see so many new and returning young referees

this season. As we all know, it's a tough job and without them we don't have a game. Feel free to thank the referees after your game and please encourage their efforts from the sidelines.

We remind parents and guardians that is expected of them to help out with scoring at least 2-3 times during the season. Don't be shy, it's all on the lap tops now so all very simple to use.

The new backboards, rings and lights are terrific on Court 1 making our games so much more professional.

Please note that due to VJBL games over the next four weeks, the Under 14 boys 8:40pm Court 1 game has been changed to Court 2

Wildcats Under 16 Girls - 8th in the State !

Our Under 16 Girls travelled to Traralgon to compete in the Division 1 & 2 Country State Championships. The Wildcats drew a tough pool of Maryborough, Port fairy and Moe for round one, finishing second in that pool to put the girls into Division One and amongst the top 8 teams in Country Victoria. This saw them draw Ballarat in the

quarter finals early on Sunday morning. They started well, only 3 point down at quarter time, but scoring dried up in the second and luck was not running their way. Unfortunately it wasn't the Wildcats day and the stronger Ballarat ran out winners, who eventually were runners up to Traralgon in the Div 1 final. Coach Mat set a

goal to make Div 1 at the start of the season which was a great achievement against towns so much bigger than Korumburra. Well done Mat and girls.



Traralgon Tournament Wrap



Congratulations to Scott and our awesome little under 10 boys taking out the Traralgon Tournament defeating Warra-gul 24-15 in Division A. The team work showed by the boys is great to watch. Will Brown was named game MVP. Our under 14 girls also did a terrific job being runners up in Division B.

Our under 12 girls bowed out in the semi finals after 4 straight wins on the Saturday and Sunday.



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Under 12's State Championships



What a huge weekend for our little Wildcats, competing in their first State Championships in Bendigo. Most made the drive up on Friday to play their first game on Saturday morning. The first day is always tough, coming up against bigger sides but a real learning time for all. The boys had a great start defeating Kyneton but unfortunately going down in the next 3. The next day was much more promising winning games against Maryborough, Morwell and Benalla to put them into

Div 4 on the Monday. In the quarter finals the boys played terrific to record a win over Portland only to meet Mansfield in the semi final and lose narrowly by 4. A great effort overall and a job well done to Mat.

The girls lost all 3 games on Saturday against Wodonga, Ballarat and Churchill. On Sunday the wheel turned and we recorded wins over Maryborough, Castlemaine and Westernport with one narrow 6 point loss to Morwell.

On Monday we were into the finals and started with a great 23 point win over Portland. Our semi was against Maryborough which was the best game the girls played over the whole weekend winning by 22. The Grand Final of Div 4 was a real physical game and our girls stood tall and were more than matching it. In the end we couldn't hold on and went down by 5 points.

Congrats must go to both team managers, Kylie and Tania for their organization.

Fixtures are now available on-line for domestic games



VJBL Update

Regular Season Is Underway



Our Under 16 Boys VJBL team is now right into the main home and away season. Finishing off the grading season strong with wins over Sandringham, Westernport and Waverley, the team was entered into the VJL Division 3 competition.

Game 1:

We travelled to Frankston to take on a strong Frankston Blues team the night before most of our team was heading to Bendigo for State Champs. Watching the opposition warm up we thought we were in for a tough night - BUT, our boys came out with a relaxed attitude and played some of their best basketball finishing with a brilliant 62 to 43 victory. All players took to the court and all players featured on the score sheet.

Game 2:

Back on the road, this time to Traralgon to take on La Trobe Energy. Having played and lost to this team in the grading games we knew it was going to be a case of

how much we had improved. Unfortunately it was not our night going down 46 to 59. But, from a 24 point half time deficit it was pleasing to outscore them in the second half and finish strong.

Game: 3

Our first home game of the regular season vs Southern Peninsula, A great crowd turned out to support the boys who showed they have improved since their last meeting with Southern Pen when they lost by 12, this time going down in a nail biter 36 to 34.

It was still any ones game with only 9 seconds to play. Our guys 5 points down when Max hit a great 3 pointer to put us within 2. The last play of the night saw another 3 point attempt just miss leaving us at 2 down.

Very pleasing was the email received from the Southern Pen coach congratulating all involved on the presentation of the night. See you at the next game.



2015 Korumburra Wildcats Under 16 Boys VJBL team
Back L-R: Jordan Grabham, Zane Mattock, Max Mattock, Harrison Cumming, Tex Broadbear.
Middle L-R: Sam Flanders, Trent Kelly, Scott McKenzie (Coach), Russell McNally (Assistant Coach), Josh McNally, Nick McKenzie. Front L-R: Jack Burgess Pincini, Jai Newcombe.

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Under 16 Boys State Champs

Adam, Tayla and the 16 boys had a fantastic State Champs beginning on Saturday with 3 convincing wins over Kaniva, Benalla and Castlemaine. Sunday was similar with a strong

40-24 win over Mt Gambier followed by 30-23 win over Wodonga. This put us into Division 3 and the semi finals against Leongatha on show court 1 at the main Bendigo

stadium. Unfortunately things didn't go our way and the boys went down by 7. Overall a great effort with 5 wins from 6 starts. Well done to TM Jodie on keeping all in line



Under 18 State Champs in Bendigo

Coach Bill and Coach Ash travelled to Bendigo on the weekend of March 14 & 15 to compete in the Under 18 State Championships.

The Girls started in fantastic form with a 32-17 point win over Warrnambool and a 41-9 win over Kyneton on the Saturday. On Sunday they again started on a winning note with a 30-20 win against Corio Bay followed by a 30-20 win over Swan Hill. This put the girls into the semis of Division 3 against Maryborough on Court 1.

After a dominant first half, leading 35-13 at half time, the girls ran away to win 53 to 27.

Next step was the Grand Final, again against Corio Bay who we had beaten earlier that day. This time it was a different ball game, tight and tough all the way. 7 all at quarter time and 11 all at half time the girls were right in it. But, a 7 to nil run from Corio Bay in the third opened things up and the girls ended up going down by a narrow 4 points 30-26. A great effort

by 16 and Kyneton by 13. They then lost their 3rd game to Portland by 11. In a must win game against Maryborough on Sunday morning it was only 3 points in it at half time. However they couldn't peg it back and eventually went down by 7 for an early finish to the day.

by all, runners up in Division 3. Well done girls.

The Boys weren't so lucky but put up a great effort over their 4 games. After a promising start defeating Horsham



See all the news from the Under 14 Boys and Girls State Champs in next issue







KORUMBURRA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

2014/15 Executive Committee Members

ABOUT US . . .

The Korumburra Basketball Association play out of the Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre located in Sports Lane, off King Street and Charles Street in Korumburra.

We run a domestic competition on Monday night (under 16 & 18 boys and A & B Women) Wednesday Night (Under 10, 12, 14 & 16 girls, A Men and Masters being 35+ Men) and Friday night (U10, 12 & 14 boys)

We run a canteen on these nights with drinks, snacks and hot food available

We also run a very succesful representative program from U10 to U20 boys and girls, U16 Boys VJBL and CBL Men and Women

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Committee Farewells 2 Greats

Two long time servants of the Korumburra Basketball Association have recently retired from the committee, leaving big shoes to fill. Merrissa Cosson and Tony (the floor technician) Dixon have been part of the Wildcats team for many years acting as coaches, team managers, referees, scorers and in the latter years were an integral part of the

committee, both as Secretary at different stages, that has set up what our members today are experiencing as one the most vibrant country basketball associations in Australia. Both Merrissa and Tony have followed their children through from the under 10's to today where they represent the Wildcats at CBL level. Both will still be very involved with our

Association but for now they are taking a well earned break from the non-stop activities that is being part of the committee.

President, Adam Smith, the committee and all members of the Korumburra Basketball Association thank you, Tony and Merrissa, for your huge contribution our Club.

