

BASKETBALL CAMPS & SCBA REPRESENTITIVE TRIALS COMING UP IN THE 2nd WEEK OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Great way to brush up on your skills before the representative season begins

In need for some live basketball while the QBL teams are up North on a tough road trip? Get down to Logan this Sunday to support our SBL teams both games are at 10am

## CHEER LOUD! CHEER PROUD! GO PHOENIX CLIPPERS!

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DECK

Dear Sponsors and Supporters,



weekend with the opportunity to play Cairns and Townsville. Both Ladies

and Men's Teams are playing fantastic ball and will once again threaten the northern heavyweights.

Our new home is taking shape with media taking a keen interest in the redevelopment. The decision to revamp parts of the existing stadium has come at a huge cost with our existing Grand Stand having to make way to create FIBA standard run offs . This means we are back on the fundraising trail hoping to crowd fund \$180,000 to purchase a 400 seat state of the art mobile compactable Grand Stand. Donors can sponsor a seat for \$400 where

they will be recognised on a plaque attached to the new grand stand. There is also an opportunity to sponsor a decorative panel created from materials used



in our existing stand where donors will again be recognised on a plaque attached to the memorabilia. All donations are welcome with the opportunity to donate as little as \$10.00 to help make this happen. Please go to our Online Oz Crowd Funding page OR go to the Suncoast Clippers website and click on the link.

## STADIUM EXPANSION BOOST FOR COAST BASKETBALL

The first walls to the extension of the Clippers Basketball Stadium, or the Clipperdome as it's more fondly known, have been erected. A 140 tonne crane was on site to lift 18 concrete panels - weighing 14 tonnes and 9.4 metres high into place. Division 6 Councillor Christian Dickson was at the stadium to watch construction - a joint project funded by council and state government - take place.



Cr Dickson said expanding the stadium would provide a high quality facility for the next generation of basketball athletes. "Big things are happening for Australia in the world of basketball at the moment and the stadium expansion will help foster the careers of local aspiring stars," Cr Dickson said. "The addition of two indoor courts to complement the previously existing one will enhance sport and recreation opportunities for Sunshine Coast residents, and also draw other teams and athletes to the

area for training camps and games." Suncoast Clippers president Shane Truscott said they had already been in talks with several international teams to



invite them to use the new courts upon completion. "Obviously the grass roots basketball and the kids on the Coast are our focus because they're the ones that will develop into the players of the future but the expansion will also give us the opportunity to link in with the new Brisbane Bullets who are set to come up here and run clinics and do exhibition games and also gives us the opportunity to be involved in the Commonwealth Games. We're in talks at the moment with other countries that want a practice venue for the games which is very exciting," he said. Mr Truscott said the new facility was well overdue as interest in basketball on the Sunshine Coast continued to grow faster than the state average. "It's grown phenomenally over the last 10 years," he said.

"Basketball Queensland cite figures at a 7% per annum increase in Queensland but on the Coast it's definitely up a bit on that". He said the additional courts



meant that basketball could continue to grow on the Sunshine Coast and could potentially mean the next NBA star could come from the region. "The kids are loving basketball and they love the pinnacle of the NBA and are all copying LeBron James and Steph Curry and the future of the game comes from kids like ours on the Coast being able to come in and play the game. "We're very excited that Christian Dickson, Sunshine Coast Council and the State Government have given us this facility because we will fill it."

SHANE TRUSCOTT

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## COACHES CORNER WITH WARWICK MEEHL QBL MENS HEAD COACH 2016

We had another disappointing loss against Rockhampton. After a promising start building an early lead, we were sluggish to start the second quarter and let them back in the game. Once again we traded bucket for bucket till the end and showed that we are right there with the best teams. However, we lacked discipline at the end of the game when it was most important and collectively let ourselves down.



We have a tough road trip this weekend and we will need improvement in our concentration and discipline to achieve a positive result



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