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## A word from the President

Dear Warriors

Welcome to Warrior News, our new monthly newsletter outlining all the important information you will need to plan your next month. We welcome all feedback.

It has certainly been a big couple of weeks and we thank everyone for their patience and support in what has been a challenging time for all.

Many of you may have questions about what has happened and what impact this will have on the Club in the future. All very reasonable questions! We will therefore fill in some of the gaps.

Despite suggestions to the contrary, Bob Mann's employment was terminated due to significant breaches of his employment contract relating to his use of Club resources to advertise a personal business, which was in direct competition with the Club and not communicated to nor approved by anyone on the Committee. Whilst the timing of the termination was regrettable, being so close to finals, the Committee had to act in the best long term interests of the Club.

We also understand the rumour mill has been running wild with suggestions that the Club will merge with another Club or fold. All not correct. The Warriors will continue to operate as an individual Club out of GESAC and St Andrews as usual.

We apologise that we have not communicated with you earlier about our future plans for the Club. Over the last two weeks, the Committee's immediate focus has been on ensuring that competition continues. This has been made more difficult by the fact that none of the Clubs databases, nor access to SportingPulse and the Website have been returned. The Committee has effectively had to set up an entire new administrative framework within 10 days from scratch to continue operating, which has been a mammoth task, but is almost complete.

We know some of you are contemplating your future at the Warriors. We urge you to remain with the Club as we believe the next few years will be the most exciting time in the Club's history. We are confident the Club has a bright future. To this affect, we have already advertised to fill the following key positions:

- **Operations Manager** – to oversee the management of the Club – this position has already been advertised with Basketball Victoria and we expect to appoint the successful applicant within 4 weeks.

- **Head Coach** – to oversee the coaching program within the Club from Kids First to BigV– this position has already advertised with Basketball



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• **Girls and Boys Coach Co-Coordinator** - to oversee these programs. These positions will be advertised within the next two weeks and all current Warriors Coaches are encouraged to apply, as well as external applicants.

The intent behind these appointments is to separate the coaching and administrative functions, ensuring the efficient running of the Club; as well as create a more collaborative approach to coaching, both in terms of program development as well as team selection.

A number of great potential candidates have already indicated a desire to work with the Warriors, so we are confident we will be able to fill these positions in time for the new rep and domestic seasons.

Going into the new season, the Committee has a number of key goals. These include the following (in no specific order):

- **Consolidating on the great work already being done by the Kids First Team and aiming to increase numbers;**
- **Developing the domestic program in terms depth of competition and providing an increased focus on enhanced skill development;**
- **Investigating the possibility of offering an Advanced Skills program, similar to IDP, for domestic players;**
- **Continuing to develop the depth of our Rep Teams;**
- **Offering the IDP to all rep players, not just invitees. We also propose to review IDP, to determine whether it should include individual sessions, small group sessions and specialized skill development sessions. This will be determined based on demand.**
- **Continued support for and development of the Big V competition; and**
- **Recruiting additional coaching staff and referees, as well as providing additional support and training to enable them to get the best out of each game.**

The Committee will have a key focus on fund raising, particularly sponsorship, with a target of raising \$50,000. Discussions have already been held with a number of potential sponsors who have indicated an interest in coming on board. Based on our discussions, we are confident that when things settle down, we will be able to meet this target.

We have also now set the dates for the Rep Ready Program, the Rep Tryouts and the Holiday Camps.

Good luck to all our rep teams for the final rounds of rep matches, especially those playing in finals. Thanks to all the coaches, team managers and parents for their support throughout the season.

Winter domestic season is also coming to a close soon. Keep an eye out for information about finals weekend shortly.

**Tony Pitara**  
**President**



By now you will have seen a few new faces around the Club, including:

**Josh White** - a former US college player and Big V player with broad coaching and playing experience in the US and Europe. Josh has taken on our IDP program and has made an immediate impact. The feedback has been fantastic and word must be getting around amongst the kids as the Saturday and Thursday morning sessions are a sell out. The Committee will expand this program for term 4, however, please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Beny Zimberg** - has joined our domestic coaching ranks and the kids are thoroughly enjoying his sessions. Beny is an experienced PE teacher and this experience is certainly shining through in his coaching sessions. Thank you to all our domestic basketball families for making Beny feel welcome and for the positive feedback.



**Tamara Booth** - a Big V player with VJBL coaching experience. She is currently assisting with the boys domestic program. Tamara will also be running our girls rep ready program over the next 5 weeks. Continuing to build the Warriors girls program is a priority for the Committee and having Tamara on board to assist Shannon Malone is fantastic for the Club. If you see Josh, Beny and Tamara please make them feel welcome.

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## Volunteer corner

Finally, the Committee would like to thank all our coaches, referees and team managers. The club could not function without these dedicated people, who are a great example to the players of good teamwork. The Warriors is a family club which is largely run by volunteers. If you would like to assist in any way or have an interest in joining the Committee, we would love to hear from you. The Committee has a vision for the future of our Club. We think that the next few years will be the most exciting years in the Club's history so get on board and help us fulfil that vision

## Fund Raising

The Shoot-a-thon is fast approaching and we hope all members are actively gathering sponsors. Prizes will be given to the highest fund raisers.

**Warriors  
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**SHOOT-A-THON**

**Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>**

100 Free Throw Challenge

*All proceeds benefit the Warriors Basketball Programs.*

Make sure you grab a sponsorship form and sign up sponsors for every free throw made. Prizes to be won.

Sponsorship forms available online, from your team manager or from the front desk.

Any queries please contact [fundraising@warriorsbasketball.org](mailto:fundraising@warriorsbasketball.org).

Thank you for your support ©

*All funds raised will go towards the purchase of essential computer equipment, as well as installation of electronic scoring system which updates directly to Sporting Pulse, getting rid of the sheets.*



## Website

We are pleased to announce we are currently developing a new website, which will provide all of the information you will require.

As access to the website has not been returned to the Club, we cannot update it. For this reason, very soon it will be outdated and obsolete.

Until our new website is released, we recommend you can access the latest fixtures via SportingPulse.

We expect our new website to be release in the near future.

## External emails

We are aware that many people are still receiving unauthorized external emails.

Please be assured the Committee has not authorized the use of your email address and apologises for any inconvenience these may have caused.

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, we recommend that you advise the author of those emails directly.



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