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GRAND FINAL & FAMILY FUN DAY - SUNDAY 28 MARCH

Our short summer season is coming to a close so we want to send a huge congratulations to all our players for getting back out there after such a disruptive 2020!

So we are very excited to celebrate the end of this season with a huge Grand Final day including ALL junior, Women and Mens Grand Finals, as a **FAMILY FUN DAY** on the front lawn of the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre on Sunday from **10am - 3pm**.

There will be food vans, inflatable rides, shooting comps, TikTok comps (extra points if coaches join in!) and more, to enjoy with teammates and your family.

The fixture has all age groups playing at different times than the regular season so please look carefully at when your team is playing or for the GF you want to get down and watch!

And please **DO NOT USE PLAYHQ FOR THE GRAND FINAL DAY FIXTURE**. Unfortunately, issues with PLAYHQ mean it cannot be changed to reflect our Sunday Grand Final. The fixture is on the next page of this newsletter, on our website and also on our Facebook page. Any questions please check with your Team Manager.

Now, we know everyone knows the drill - but we are hoping to have a lot more people coming through on GF day, so please remember we **MUST** follow **Covid-19** restrictions, which include signing in, following the displayed venue capacity limits, and social distancing.

On GF day please leave the courts as soon as your game is finished and head to the presentation room (behind the school canteen).

We can't wait to see you all there!



GRAND FINAL DAY

SUNDAY 28 MARCH

	Court 1	Court 2
8:00 am	U14 Boys A Grade	U14 Girls
9:00 am	U12 Boys B Grade	U14 Boys B Grade
10:00 am	U10 Girls	U10 Boys B Grade
11:00 am	U12 Boys A Grade	U10 Boys A Grade
12.30 pm	U16 Girls	Specialist Hoops
1.30 pm	U8 Demonstration Game	U8 Demonstration Game
2:30 pm	U12 Girls	U18 Girls
4:00 pm	U16 Boys A Grade	U16 Boys B Grade
5:00 pm	U19 Boys A Grade	U19 Boys B Grade
6:00 pm	Open Women	
7:00 pm	Open Men A Grade	Open Men B Grade

DO NOT refer to PLAYHQ for Grand Final Day Fixture

FAMILY FUN DAY

10 am - 3 pm



COMPETITION TIMES!

Competitions will be run throughout the day with loads of prizes up for grabs!

11 am

TIKTOK COMPETITION

Let's see which team can do the best Tiktok - bonus points for coach participation!

FROM 10 am

FREE THROW COMPETITIONS

Have you got the best free throw shot In Bacchus Marsh? Lets find out!

10:00 am	-	U14 Girls
10:30 am	-	U14 Boys
11.30 am	-	U10 Girls
12.00 pm	-	U10 Boys
12.30 pm	-	U12 Boys
1.00pm	-	U12 Girls
1.30 pm	-	U16 Girls

BMBA PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

If your kids attend one of the local Primary Schools there is every chance they have seen some of our well qualified Coaches, running basketball clinics for the Grade Preps. In 2021 the Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association recommenced its 'Hoops - Taking It to The Schools' program with all local Primary Schools.

The object of the clinics is to introduce the students to the game of Basketball over term 1 and term 2..

As a follow on from the clinic, for all those kids interested in learning basketball, there will now be an ongoing weekly 'BMBA - Kids fun program' run at the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre each Monday night between 4pm to 5pm.

The program is designed to teach basic basketball skills to Preps and Grade 1's in a fun environment.

A huge thanks to all the coaches that are committing their time and energy to help out with this great program. We can't wait to see all these kids pulling on club colours over the seasons ahead!



BMBA HOOPS BASKETBALL BEGINNERS PROGRAM 4 - 5 pm Mondays

This program is designed to ensure your child has fun, while also learning the basics of how to play the game. Each week this clinic will be broken into two (2) 30 min sessions, the first being skill development and the second being a real game activity, with lowered rings and smaller balls.

Location: Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre
Age Group: Prep's & Grade 1's
Cost: \$2 per session
Date: Starting 22 March 2021 until end Term 2

Register on the night. For more info contact
admin@bmbasketball.org.au
or call Wayne Slack on 0409 078 400





UPDATE

Bacchus Marsh Lions squad teams have continued the grading part of the VJBL season, with games each Friday night from late January continuing until the end of March. At that point, the divisions for each team within their age group will be finalised and the home and away Championship Season will commence. This begins on the last weekend of the school holidays, Friday 16th April.

Well done to all involved for your continued hard work, training and preparation for games each week. Want to catch a game? Interested in playing in the future? Get down to the Lions Den on a Friday evening and see some great basketball. (please note that Friday 19th and 26th March will feature neutral venue games, so no Bacchus Marsh teams will be at home until Friday 16th April)

We also have 3 teams entered in Country Championships events over the next month, we wish them every success, so keep an eye on Facebook for updates about how they went.



The CBL season commenced in extraordinary circumstances and ended in the same manner. It was great to see many of our younger players grow and get more exposure this season and also the leadership and direction given to them by the older and more experienced players in the roster.

Thanks to Mike Runge for his outstanding commitment and support as Team Manager this season. Mike's role extended across many more tasks than a Team Manager would normally take on and his efforts were much appreciated. Thanks also to Nathan Doughney for his time and commitment as Assistant Coach.

A huge thank you to Bacchus Natural Health, especially Julia, Verity and Jess for their time, expertise and commitment to the treatment and ongoing body maintenance of the playing group. The partnership with Bacchus Natural Health has added another layer of professionalism to our program and I know many opposition teams are often envious of how our players are looked after.

Thanks to our Court Announcer Todd Whelan for his professionalism and game commentary at our home games through the season. Thanks also to all the other support staff on game day the scorers, door staff and all the people who play a part in setting up the venue on game day, your efforts in bringing this all together are very much appreciated.

Thanks also to Leigh Bradbury as the BMBA CBL Liaison Manager. With his, Grant and Mikes efforts a closer connection between the CBL program and the BMBA has been created this season. This season we saw increased interaction with junior domestic players and clubs through the game day experience and training attendance and this will be a crucial component in keeping the program and the Association flourishing in future years.

Finally, we wish to send our sincere thanks to Coach Grant McMillan. Grant has been a great influence on many past and present day BMBA players. His professionalism, passion and experience has been a valuable asset to the association.

He will step away as coach of the CBL team and will finish off the VJBL season with his Under 14 boys. We hope the boys send him out on a high. Please show your appreciation to Grant when you see him and wish him well.





THANK YOU!

KEVIN HYDE

Kevin Hyde recently stepped down from the Presidency of the Lightning Basketball Club. So for everybody that knew Kevin and maybe a few that didn't, we wish to take this opportunity to say a sincere 'thank you'.

Kevin had been in charge of Lightning Basketball Club since it was established in 2012, after what can best be described as simply being involved in Basketball for many many years, both here and at Melton. His entire family have been involved in some form or another, to help leave behind a wonderful legacy for our sport.

Kevin was strongly involved in the inaugural season of the BMBA and then got directly involved with Lightning. In the early days he coached most of their teams as well. In fact, he has done everything there is to do with a club, including coaching, overseeing new players, managing finance, uniform, uniform updates, club communication including TeamApp and Facebook, plus many other tasks, whilst also being the Lightning representative on the BMBA Committee. He has always sought the promotion of an all-inclusive culture, where every player was clearly welcome in the Bacchus Marsh Association.

Besides his work with Lightning Basketball, Kevin has made a significant contribution to the BMBA over the years, working on the Committee and assisting wherever required. He could often be seen behind the scenes cooking BBQs, assisting with clinics, setting up for CBL games or just providing advice to other members. Further, he also made himself available to help the Association by Coaching a number of Lions squad teams over the years as well.

There are many other things that Kevin has done, that we could also mention, but one thing is for sure.....not many people have given more time to basketball in Bacchus Marsh than Kevin.

So on behalf of all the BMBA Family, we say a very big thank you to Kevin for all your work and effort for BMBA and its members, it has most certainly been appreciated!



SPECIALIST HOOPS PROGRAM

Specialist Hoops provides children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to play in a team sport in a safe and encouraging environment.

Come down on Grand Final day to see these superstars in action!

**Specialist Hoops is held Tuesday
4.30 pm - 5.30 pm.**

**For more information visit:
specialisthoops.com/bacchus-marsh**



SUMMER 2021





WINTER 2021 SENIOR REGISTRATION

Registrations close on 15th April

The registrations are NOW OPEN for Mens and Womens teams for Winter 2021.

You can register your team via the link below

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/509d34>

There is a \$750 fee payable for the whole season and this covers finals.

Individual fees are \$39 for the BVC insurance (if you have not already played this year) and \$30 for the Association Administration fee.

If you need help registering contact admin@bmbasketball.org.au

NEW PLAYER REGISTRATION

New players wishing to join the BMBA please provide your name, date of birth and contact details by 1 April to admin@bmbasketball.org.au.

RETURNING PLAYERS

Look out for information from your Team Managers and / or Clubs regarding next season.

**Thanks to Bacchus
Natural Health for
your continued
support of the BMBA
in 2021**

