



# WILLETTON Newsletter april 2022

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## Cam's Corner—a note from your Board Chair

Here we sit one day out from the start of the 2022 NBL1 season and one day post the release of our image refresh project, what an exciting time! All of WBA wishes our women's and men's NBL1 programs the best for what will be challenging yet rewarding campaigns. The immediate impact of COVID, other representative commitments, and injuries will no doubt test our resilience as we begin our campaigns. Nonetheless, as is the way with all our Tigers teams, we will relish the adversity and represent Willetton proudly. With so much home grown talent I hope to see as many as possible at our home games cheering on our resident superstars!

As to the image refresh project, we hope you have had a chance to view the [new visuals](#) and resonate with WBA being a 'Centre of Positive Impact'. Yesterday's launch brought to completion a long but enjoyable exercise undertaken by the Board & Executive staff to overhaul, refresh, update and renew so many aspects of our club, as a result of our expansion and the large survey of our members undertaken back in 2018. Significant and extensive feedback to this survey really showed us the level of engagement and commitment from our members. We recognise that our basketball community expect an organisation with a culture and executive that better reflects the demographics and modern requirements of our members, and the sporting landscape of the 21st century more generally. We feel that our strategic plan and new brand far better reflect the role that we feel we truly play in the lives of our members and our community, and we hope you feel the same.

Lastly, a massive congratulations on yet another successful domestic season, especially when we consider all of the challenges COVID has presented, particularly in recent weeks. To all the committees, coaches, referees, players, parents and other volunteers who fought through the challenges and made sure the competitions could continue, we thank you incredibly. To the grand final winners, congratulations on becoming champions. I hope you all remain safe and healthy and come on Tigers!



## Coaching for WABL—domestic players

NBL1 players Hunter Clark and Sam Lubke lead a team of coaches teaching WABL skills to domestic players who are looking to try out for the WABL 2023 teams. New prices. See more information under the WABL news tab in this newsletter

## Using PlayHQ: tips

Competition participants can access their team's fixtures, ladders and results via My Teams, which is found in their PlayHQ profile. The 'My Teams' tab is only available for competition participants Coach, Team Manager or Player. My Teams functionality (can be seen [here](#)) when logged into the Participant Portal allows you to toggle through dependents and sports. It's a bit of clicking, but it's all in one place.

Regarding stats:

Each player has a public stats profile (as seen [here](#)). If they go to a box score and click the name, it will take them to the individual player stats profile. Here there are individual games and totals.

For more information: **Website:** [www.willettontigers.com.au](http://www.willettontigers.com.au) **FaceBook:** Willetton Tigers

## NBL1 GAMES— IMPORTANT INFO

Restrictions means the following will apply to NBL1 games:

1. All attendees must show proof of vaccination for entry,
2. Masks are mandatory,
3. 75% venue capacity which means only approx 550 in Tickets available,
4. Entry by pre-purchased ticket only. (No door sales).



## 2022 NBL1

The 2022 Zambrero Willetton Tigers teams are looking strong! The 2022 season will have some interesting extras, including Wheelchair basketball, invitational games with the Centre of Excellence (formerly AIS) from Canberra, plus domestic club nights and past player events.



### Nener's notes ...

Well what an interesting pre-season we have had, the boys have worked both on the court and off the court to get ready for our season which starts this Saturday night against the Joondalup Wolves!

A big thank you to WA Sports Performance for helping out again. If any athlete is looking to get better I highly recommend Dan and his staff at WA Sports Performance.

The last month and a bit has been a little testing with players in and out of training because of Covid protocols but this is something that every team has or will deal with at some stage of the season especially early on.

We wish the womens team good luck and hope to see everyone at our games!!

Go Tigers!!

~ Adam Nener

### Simon says ...

The season is fast approaching and the group is looking forward to the first game tomorrow.

We have had a really good preseason, the girls have worked hard and we have been relatively injury free, which was encouraging.

Alex Sharp and Emma Gandini join the team after the WNBL final series and we do wish them the best in winning the championship! First round we will be very light on for players if Alex and Emma aren't available plus we have 6 players in our squad unavailable due to U18 state commitments. This is a great achievement by the girls and we wish them the best for the tournament!

Despite this we will field a strong side that will compete against Wanneroo in a grand final rematch in the first round. Crowds will be limited for the first couple of weeks with restrictions but hoping that will change in the near future and we can have our supporters back to watch us play in NBL1 2022! ~Simon Parker

### 2022 NBL1 Season – Round 3—Wheelchair round opener!

On Saturday 23 April, our Tigers Men are playing Geraldton Buccaneers, tip off 7pm.

Prior to this main game, we are organising a Wheelchair game as the curtain-raiser, tip-off is 5pm.

Come along and watch some amazing basketball skills from our Wheelchairs representatives some of whom have or will be representing Western Australia in the Kevin Coombe Cup at the 2022 Australian Junior Championships in Ballarat VIC. from 10 to 17 April 2022.

# NBL1 & WILLETTON BASKETBALL BRANDING LAUNCH

WBA's brand refresh is now public. After undertaking a long and thoughtful brand refresh project, based on feedback from our members and executive, CEO Mark Winnett and the WBA Board have unveiled the new look Willetton Basketball Association and Willetton Tigers landmarks! [See our video here](#), and we'll have a new and improved website up in the next few weeks. Thanks to everyone who participated in surveys and workshops through the last few years & helped us get to where we are now.

## Private Coaching

It's important to protect yourself if you're engaging a private coach. Does your coach have professional indemnity insurance? Do they have a current Working with Children card (you can check their number in the Working with Children database). All Tigers NBL1 and Tigers coaches that take authorised coaching classes / small group classes as part of a WBA program are insured and hold WWC clearances.



## WBA Referee Mentorship Program

Our Referee Mentor Program kicked off last month with the first of 6 scheduled meetings for the year. The mentor program is run by three main mentors, Ben, Brett & Connor who will be guiding 25 referees for the next 12 months to help them to further develop their skills. The program is designed to challenge their thinking, develop critical thinking skills and help foster development of their technical skill. Congratulations on being selected to be part of this program's inaugural year!

This is a friendly reminder that our referees are humans and kids. We are lucky to have games continue during the current restrictions, but not only players are impacted by COVID, so is our referee pool. Please be patient, be respectful, be supportive and most of all let the kids have fun. [#respecttheref](#)



# WABL News & Programs

**The Future Tigers Program** will continue in Term 2 and will be on Sunday afternoons commencing Sunday 1 May 2022. The sessions will be for boys from 4pm to 5pm and girls from 5pm to 6pm. The cost is \$100.00 for 9 x sessions or \$15.00 for a casual visit.

**This program is targeted at 2013 born players looking to try out for our 2023 WABL teams. It will prepare them to attend tryouts with a better knowledge of expectations and skillsets.**

Registrations are now available at the following link if you would like to pay for the Term: -

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-wa/register/4c0be6>, Or alternatively, just arrive on the day and pay the casual fee at Reception.

**The Elite Training Program** will continue in Term 2 and will be on Wednesday mornings from 6am to 7am starting Wednesday 27 April 2022. The cost will be \$180.00 for 10 x sessions or \$20.00 for a casual visit.

**This program is for domestic players over the age of 10 years, looking to lift their skills to try out for a place in our 2023 WABL teams.** These sessions are overseen by NBL1 players & WABL Coaches.

Registrations are now available at the following link if you would like to pay for the Term: -<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-wa/register/e5b619>, Or alternatively, just arrive on the day and pay the casual fee of \$20.00 at Reception.

For more information about these programs, please contact Jackie Keepa, High-Performance Program Administrator at email address [hpadmin@willettontigers.com.au](mailto:hpadmin@willettontigers.com.au)

## Congratulations to these Representative Players

The following players have been selected to attend Basketball Australia's National training camps: -

- Joshua Ibukunoluwa for U17 Men at the Centre of Excellence in Canberra ACT from 8 – 10 March 2022.
- Thomas Gerovich for U19 Men at the Centre of Excellence in Canberra from 18 – 20 March 2022.
- Monique Williams for U17 Women in Sydney from 21 – 23 March 2022.

Congratulations on your selection!!

## What's on at the Stadium...

**Mid-week skills** Mondays 6yrs and under, Wednesday 7-9yr olds, Thursdays 9 and over. No need to book, pay as you go. 50 minutes spent teaching kids basic skills.

**Academy:** For domestic players—You can soon book for next term on our website. Tuesday afternoons, Sunday 830am & 11AM sessions—Bookings available until sold out.

**Tiny Tigers:** If you have a 2 to 5 year old that is showing an interest in basketball

or you would like them to socialize with other kids their age in a friendly and fun environment, then this is the program for you. Follow the [Tiny Tigers link](#) on our website for more info.

**School Holiday Fun Activity Camps:** Basketball, dodge ball, badminton, table tennis, soccer and other indoor multi sports. On Fridays kids head to Hoyts (supervised) for a movie with their mates. 9am—3.30pm daily.

**Home school:** Jeff Anderson and other experienced

and enthusiastic coaches run an activities program for Home School students. Exercises include basketball skills, badminton, volleyball and other indoor sports activities. This provides home schooled students an opportunity for physical activity and links into community sport. Discounts for larger families. Bookings available [through our website](#).

## **SOCIAL CLUB—free community event for older adults.**

During school term, Jeff Anderson runs through a program of light activities, including badminton, shuffleball, pickleball, designed to keep your brain and body moving for an hour. This is followed by a generous morning tea, and some social time. Activities take place at Willetton Stadium on Thursday mornings, from 9.30am to 11am during summer. Activities are designed and run by club legend, Jeff Anderson, and all ages are welcome.



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