



# MAROONDAH MAGIC BASKETBALL CLUB



Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Newsletter

August 2017

It's hard to believe that the winter 2017 season is drawing to a close when the forecast maximum today, as I write, is 9°C!

I bring you news of the Winter President's meeting, and this year's was full of surprises!

The updated Working with Children's Check legislation has caused some anxiety as Clubs right across the State to look into their policy and procedure. Like all others, Magic has had to step up our requirements to ensure not only that Coaches hold a current Working with Children's Check but now Assistant Coaches and Team Managers also. It's free for Volunteers, so please, if you don't have one already, Google it today and get yours done.

Accompanying this Check as part of our Policy and Procedure, will be a Statutory Declaration to be signed by all coaches. Please don't be afraid when you're handed this Declaration. It's just another link in the chain designed to strengthen the way we all protect our kids from harm. It's the club's aim to have all our Coaches execute the Statutory Declaration at or before the next Coaches Night coming up soon. If you possibly can, please make the time to attend this important meeting.

Our player behaviour generally, was commended during the President's meeting by the Head of Referee's. Congratulations to all of you! Thank you and well done.

However, I must again ask that all our parents remember why we're in the Basketball Stadiums each week. It most certainly is not to sledge other players, the Referee's, or other spectators. It most certainly is to support our kids, to offer them encouragement and to help them engage and function in a healthy team with their peers.

You may find yourself in a Magic v Magic game, and be tempted to drop your guard...Don't.

Maroondah Magic is setting the example for others to follow. Make absolutely certain, please, that regardless of who is on the other bench, you're conduct is above reproach. My Dad used to tell us as kids that "If we didn't have something positive to say, don't say anything."

Not bad advice in a Basketball Stadium.

With finals now just around the corner, finish the season well, and if you're lucky enough to attend the finals series in September, please remember always, why we're here.

Go Magic!

## **Important Dates to Remember:**

Early Bird Registration closes **Midnight, 29th October 2017** (payments made after this date will be at our full rate)

Registration closes **Midnight 12th November 2017** (after this date, no play until registration is paid)

Miniball to Under 9 Clinics:

**Friday 1st and 8th September** at Dorset Primary School gym ( 4.30-5.30pm for girls and 5.30-6.30pm for boys)

Come and Try Clinics:

**Friday 15th and 22nd September** at Dorset Primary School gym. Girls 4.30-5.30pm and boys 5.30-6.30pm. (for boys and girls, aged five to twelve, new to basketball and who have not played with Maroondah Magic previously)

## **SUPER SUNDAY AND PRESENTATION DAY!**

**Sunday 29th October, 2017** (there some really BIG announcements to come over the next couple of months... but be prepared for fun, basketball and more basketball!)

Coaches/Assistant Coaches/Team Managers Information night - **Monday, 18th September - Dorset Primary School - 7.30**

Uniform Sales Day at Dorset Primary School, **Sunday 8th October, 10am to 12pm**

# LOOKING AFTER OUR VENUES

Important points for everyone to remember when using any venue :

- siblings are not to be left without a parent
- No food is to be taken into the venues
- please make sure children **DO NOT** climb on or use any equipment that is in the gym
- it is most important we all abide by these simple rules so Magic can continue to use these great venues.

When entering or exiting training venues from a car park (eg at Ruskin Park and Tinternvale for example) can you please ensure all players, parents and siblings use the footpaths and not walk through the centre of car parks...

This is for the safety of all pedestrians, as it can be difficult to see when reversing in these areas.

We are extremely fortunate to be able to train at all the wonderful school facilities that we do. For the good relationship to remain, and the ability to retain these training facilities there are a few more points to remember:

The last team to train at the facility must turn off lights, turn off heaters, ensure that the facility is locked and alarms set.

Periodically through the training night, please everyone check the bathrooms and ensure the taps are turned off, and there is no water running in the bathrooms or at the drink taps.

Please remember there is a NO food policy in any of these venues—there have been occasions when siblings have brought food with them.

Please ensure that all basketball training shoes are clean, and non marking, and wipe them at the door before entering the facility. The schools do not allow their children to wear everyday shoes in these facilities, and the floors are becoming scratched and marked. If they need to reseal the floor, we would have disruption to our training schedules as well as increased costs for hire, and this would ultimately be passed on to all our playing children.

# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Players, coaches, parents and officials need to be aware of the behavioural expectations on and off the court. Please take the link to Maroondah Magic web site to read the Code of Conduct for players, coaches, parents and officials.**

## **CODES OF CONDUCT**

### **Some Words of Wisdom**

Do not criticise your or others children in front of others. Reserve constructive criticism of your own children for more private moments. Children can be very sensitive and feel strong humiliation if they are criticised in front of their peers. When you do feel the necessity to speak to your child about something that displeases you, make the effort to explain what the problem is and why you are concerned about it. If you can see some way of avoiding the problem in the future, also explain this to the children. Give your children an opportunity to offer you an explanation. You are not communicating with your children effectively if all the communication is one way.

Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Referees and officials have a difficult task to perform and your children could not play the game without them. They are there to enforce the rules of play but they cannot always be right. It is fair to say most teams make 20-30 mistakes per game with missed shots, missed layups, missed passes, double dribbling and travel. Most referees make 2-3 mistakes per game, yet players, coaches and parents believe it is fair game to criticize them for these few errors. Let's be honest - it is not fair to criticize the referees, a fair portion of who are Maroondah Magic children who take up refereeing to start to make their way in life. Accept bad calls graciously. Abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour. Players who consistently dispute decisions or do not accept bad decisions are bad sports. If you disagree with a decision, discuss it with your children in a constructive manner.

Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance. Children often learn by example. You are the prime role models for them. Make your parenting rewarding and beyond criticism by leading by example. Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture. Accept loss graciously and applaud the efforts of all playing the game.

## •Age Coordinator Contacts :

### BOYS

Miniball: Natalie McCartney natmccartney@bigpond.com, 0419 545 533

U9-U12: Peter Cunningham peter@pcunningham.com.au, 0400 577 476

U13-U15: David Blyth dandlblyth@bigpond.com, 0413 489 816

U16 - U21: Faye Putney putneys@bigpond.com, 0411 343 755

### GIRLS

Miniball - U10: Megan Deayton meganmatt@dodo.com.au, 0413 303 746

U12 - U14: Pam Dando pamela.dando@hotmail.com, 0408 871 544

U16 - U21: Ashley McConnell mcnob9le@gmail.com, 0413 648 424

Special Needs Coordinator: Jo Peterson jpet1211@gmail.com, 0479 007 937

Please contact the related co-ordinator with any queries you may have.

## **Backpacks:**

We have introduced backpacks to our range of merchandise, available at our shop. They are \$40 each, black with our logo, and have space for a ball, drink bottle and a Maroondah Magic hoodie. Great price, great product, get yours quick before they run out! Makes a great Christmas present!

## **Scoring:**

**Just a reminder that when scoring, you are an official of the game and as such, should not yell out/barrack etc when sitting at the score bench. Please also abide by the 'Code of Conduct' set out by Basketball Victoria regarding officials of the game. Thank you to every parent that steps up at their Child's game and scores for Maroondah Magic. Please remember that if you have a child away DO NOT tick their name on the computer screen. This is particularly important if the child is injured and has a Doctors Certificate, you will be forfeiting the importance of the Doctors Certificate if the child is deemed to be playing. This is also particularly important for those Teams that have Rep players absent, and can earn Penalty Points if the player is deemed to be playing**

## Games and Training - Important Information!

Please ensure that you walk your child into training and games – there have been a couple of instances lately where players have been dropped off to their games – only to find they are at the wrong stadium! This creates stress for the player, their team, and the people at the stadium they are at. Thank you for your cooperation with

### Registrations and How to Pay - Please Read!

Thank you to all who have already paid their Summer 2017/18 registrations - if you have not already done so, could you please pay your registrations ASAP - they are due by October 29th, 2017....

Fees:

Take advantage of our early payment discount (\$10 saving) which is available until 29th October 2017.. Payments made after this date will be at our full rate.

Summer season registration fee is \$80 - \$10 discount available if you pay by midnight on 29/10/2017. 2nd child \$70, 3rd child \$50 - \$10 discount available per child if you pay by 29/10/2017. The fourth and subsequent children in your family will be free.

Miniball Summer season registration fee is \$55 - \$10 discount available if you pay by midnight on 29/10/2017. If registration is not paid by 12th November 2017, the unregistered person will not be allowed to play until the registration is paid.

To register online, you will need to pay online via credit card. Please have your Visa or Mastercard ready. Follow the prompts, taking care to enter;

- o The number of players

- o If registering for first time, please request username and password (and enter email address for user information to be sent to). This will be used for subsequent seasons' registrations

- o Enter username/password for player.

- o Select "Maroondah Magic" as club.

- o Edit (or add if a new player) member information if required. (note : if doing more than one player, complete edits for player 1 before going to player two...)

- o Once all player/s added, proceed to payment.

- o Follow prompts to process payment using credit card

### Finals

Good luck to all teams involved.

Please remember that even if you didn't make it to finals, or you don't win in the finals series, you have done the club and yourself proud!

Also, remember why we're in the Basketball Stadiums each week. It most certainly is not to sledge other players, the Referee's, or other spectators. It most certainly is to support our kids, to offer them encouragement and to help them engage and function in a healthy team with their peers.

No matter what happens, be respectful, and if you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything at all.



## ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

Our club has a number of regular events where we could really use some additional help. Uniform sale day (held twice a year just before the beginning of each season), Presentation Day (twice a year, early in the season), Grand Final day (we need volunteers who are experienced scorers and would be willing to score for other Magic teams) and Come and Try Sessions (held on Friday evenings late in each season to recruit new players for the next season).

Our hard working committee devote a lot of time to make these events happen but as our club grows we would love to have some more help. If you could give up a few hours please email your details to Sue McGrath (Club Secretary) [suemcg@tpg.com.au](mailto:suemcg@tpg.com.au) and Sue will keep a list of people we can call on to help out at these events.

This list is for those people happy to help on an irregular basis. Let us know!

## FACEBOOK

Have you 'liked' our new Facebook page. Maroondah Magic Basketball Inc.—follow the link, and keep updated with any news.

## INSTAGRAM

Have you 'followed' our new Instagram page? Go and chuck us a follow and a



## **Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Inc.**

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### **K&MDBA**

[www.kilsythbasketball.com.au](http://www.kilsythbasketball.com.au)

### **Basketball Victoria**

[www.basketballvictoria.com.au](http://www.basketballvictoria.com.au)

### **Executive Committee Members:**

**President:** David Eastwood, (PH) 0419 871 193

**Vice-President:** David Blyth, (PH) 0413 489 816

**Secretary:** Sue McGrath, (PH) 9879 9260

**Treasurer:** Pam Whitehead, (PH) 0419 554 429

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### **POSITION VACANT**

We are seeking the assistance from a **Graphic Designer** to help us with our : Web Site, Facebook page and Newsletter.

If you, or any of your family are willing to volunteer for this position in our Basketball Club please contact

Tania Anderson - mobile 0417 052 347

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### **Children's Protection Policy and Working with Children's Check**

We are currently working on a new Policy document to bring Maroondah Magic into line with the new State Children's Protection Policy.

At this stage, it is mandatory for all coaches, assistant coaches and team managers to include Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Inc on their working with Children check. If you already have a Working with Children Check - please go to the Department of Justice website, and add Maroondah Magic Basketball to your check.

If you do not already have a pass, then you can get the application form from the Department of Justice website, or any Post Office. You will also need a passport size photo to complete a new application.

Even if you are not yet a coach, assistant coach or team manager, please add us to your Working with Children check, you never know when you will be asked to fill in for one of them, for your child's team.

We will have more information for coaches, assistant coaches and team managers at our Coaches night on 18th September.

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### **SUPER SUNDAY!**

Woo hoo! We are REALLY excited to announce that we will be running our second Super Sunday in October! And... this time it will be held in conjunction with our Winter 2017 Miniball – U12 Presentations!!!! So pop the date in your calendars/diaries/minds NOW! Sunday 29th October, 2017

Planning for the 29th has started – we will have some really BIG announcements to come over the next couple of months... but be prepared for fun, basketball and more basketball!

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day (setup, pack up, manning of a couple of stalls etc) – if you are free and are able to help – even for an hour or so, please contact Pam Dando (0408 871544) and let her know... thank you. Also, if you, or someone you know are able to design a couple of flyers etc (for facebook, newsletters, website etc) please contact Megan on 0413 303746.

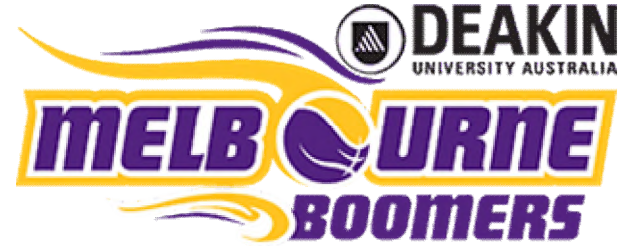


# Melbourne United and Melbourne Boomers

We have again entered into a Partnership with Melbourne United Basketball (NBL), and Melbourne Boomers (WNBL).

We will have workshops and some of their players at our special days. The Melbourne United Bus will be at our Super Sunday/Presentation Day on 29th October.

We also have access to some game packages with both clubs - we will advise you further, codes etc, to use when booking tickets.



## Communication:

Please let your coach and/or team manager know if you are unable to get to training/ games as early as you can... Coaches spend time planning training for their teams and adapt drills and skills being taught to the number of players expected at training (and also who will be there too at times). It is also difficult to organise fill ins for games at late notice.

## UPCOMING CLINICS

### 1. Miniball to Under 9

On Friday 1st and 8th September at Dorset Primary School gym, the Club will be running free basketball skills clinics for miniball players going to Under 9. The aim is to provide coaching in skills and game play, so that both boys and girls have the opportunity to move up the grades should they wish to do so. The clinics will be run at 4.30-5.30pm for girls and 5.30-6.30pm for boys. We will email invitations to players closer to the time, however, put these dates in your diary for those interested.

### 2. Come and Try clinics

On Friday 15th and 22nd September at Dorset Primary School gym, we will be running free basketball skills clinics for those boys and girls, aged five to twelve, new to basketball and who have not played with Maroondah previously. We will provide basic skill development drills and these will enable Age Co-ordinators to speak to parents and evaluate which teams to place new players. We will endeavour to sort out training nights and take uniform orders, so that new players are ready to go for the new Summer season, starting in October 2017.

If you have siblings of existing players or know someone who may be wishing to join, let them know girls sessions will be 4.30-5.30pm and boys 5.30-6.30pm.

Contact numbers for queries or registration are:  
Boys - Peter Cunningham 0400 577476





## SPONSORS!

In September last year we advised our Maroondah Magic families that we were launching a Sponsorship Program.

Maroondah Magic are always looking for ways we can contribute back to our players and coaches. By obtaining sponsorship we see opportunities to invest back into our club and enhance the basketball experience for all involved.

Our aim is to invest sponsorship contributions towards items such as player clinics, coach's clinics, player rewards, enhanced member benefits and much more.

After advising our Magic Families we then, in November, we went out to the broader community to promote our Sponsorship opportunities. Since then we are excited to have our first cohort of sponsors on-board for 2017.

We are actively working on more partnership and excited for what more we can offer our families in 2017!

We are proud to introduce you to our new Sponsors:

<p>TunzaFun Xtreme – Knox</p> 	<p>We are excited to partner with TunzaFun Xtreme in 2017. Whether you're 4 or 84, you'll find so much to enjoy at TunzaFun Xtreme. NOW OPEN at Westfield Knox Ozone in Wantirna South, they are the latest, safest and most creative indoor family entertainment centre in Melbourne. Thanks to our friends at TunzaFun Xtreme our players will receive some great rewards this year that they can use at the centre. Additionally, TunzaFun Xtreme will be organising some fantastic discounted offers for our Magic Family. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and our Newsletters for more info.</p> <p><a href="http://www.tunzafunxtreme.com.au/">http://www.tunzafunxtreme.com.au/</a></p>
<p>La Porchetta Croydon</p> 	<p>We are proud to continue our association with the team at La Porchetta Croydon. As a result of their support in 2016 many of our families have enjoyed a meal at La Porchetta thanks to the (over 1000) encouragement awards they provided our players. We look forward to continuing our partnership with La Porchetta into 2017.</p> <p><a href="http://www.laporchetta.com.au/">http://www.laporchetta.com.au/</a></p>
<p>McGrath Real Estate – Croydon</p> 	<p>McGrath Croydon are proven real estate experts with years of experience and real estate knowledge of the local area. McGrath have already been fantastic supporters of our club and contributed to our Family Fun Day in late 2016. We look forward to McGrath's continued support of our club in 2017. Keep an eye open on our Facebook page and our Newsletters for more info of McGraths support and partnership with Maroondah Magic.</p> <p>For all your real estate needs contact Simon Keele (also a member of our Maroondah Magic family) on 0418 527 648. Be sure you mention you are a Maroondah Magic family!</p> <p><a href="https://www.mcgrath.com.au/offices/201-croydon">https://www.mcgrath.com.au/offices/201-croydon</a></p>
<p>Pancake Parlour</p> 	<p>Pancake Parlour have already been a fantastic supporter of our club in 2016! With over 1000 player rewards handed out last season we are sure many of you have enjoyed a visit to Pancake Parlour. Pancake Parlour also provided us with 100's of yummy samples at Family Fun day late last year as well as tons of vouchers to their restaurants which were prizes on their spinning wheel! We will keep you posted on other great offers and appearances from Pancake Parlour in 2017.</p> <p><a href="http://www.pancakeparlour.com/">http://www.pancakeparlour.com/</a></p>

If you, or someone you know, has a business and are interested in opportunities on how you gain exposure for your business and partner with Maroondah Magic via our Sponsorship Program please visit our website for a copy of our [Sponsorship Prospectus](#) or contact our Sponsorship Coordinator, Tania Anderson for further queries on 0417 052 347. Also visit our dedicated 'Sponsors' page on our website – [click here!](#)



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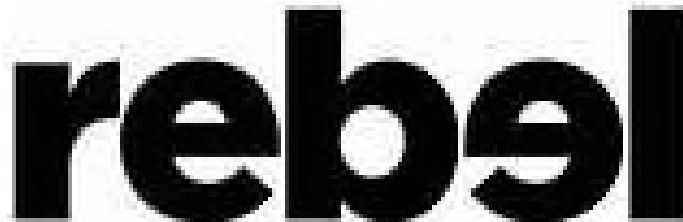
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