



# JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATION U/12 - U/21



## **2025 COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT**

The 2025 WABL season marks another great season of development and achievement for the Wanneroo Basketball Association. For me personally, closing out my fourth year as the Coaching Coordinator, I am really proud of the amount of care and passion that David Morrell and I have brought to the club since 2021.

We have terrific coaches who volunteer huge amounts of their time every week to help the players develop. They not only coach their WABL teams, but many of them coach domestic teams as well, and many volunteered to help coach programs that we run for increased skill development opportunities for our players. This is all out of their desire to improve and learn as coaches, and to help the kids. We continue to set the mark for clubs around the state as well as the nation to emulate and chase.

I've really enjoyed the perspective that I have had at the club for the last four years. Working with our players and families in the Junior Domestic space including DDP, and watching some of these players crack into having successful WABL season as well. Working with our U10 WABL Prep players that have helped to produce three consecutive championships in the U12 Boys Champs division, as well as skilled and confident players throughout the age group. Our young players continue to thrive all across the U12 and U14 divisions and that sets our club up for success for years to come. One of the successes I am delighted with is that this club really does value the development of players throughout our entire WABL experience. The stigma that we care only about Champs or teams 1 and 2 is absolutely dead.

We believe in getting the most out of our players but the approach should be out of enjoyment, not fear. I am proud that our players are seen for what they can do instead of what they can't do. Judged by their best moments and not their worst.

Our WABL Champs Teams ladder position improved from 6<sup>th</sup> in 2022, 5<sup>th</sup> in 2023, 5<sup>th</sup> in 2024, and now into 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2025. Tracking data for over a decade, 2025 was the best mark on record.

Thank you for being my home for the last four years and I look forward to marching on in my coaching journey for decades to come.

Thank you to everyone for all their efforts in 2025! Go Wolves!

#### Jesse Pence

**Coaching Coordinator** 





# **U/12 CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS**

After a tough selection process for both the players and the coaches involved, and that seemed to last forever, we finally came up with a group of players who had worked their butts off and who thoroughly deserved their place on this team, so we looked forward to the 2025 WABL season with some optimism!

Fast forward through a heap of practice sessions and a WABL season that seemed to last forever, and we finished with a respectable 11-5 win-loss record in the regular season. This got us to 3rd place overall and a quarter-final match-up with Hills Raiders, who gave us absolute fits before we came away with an 11pt win. Next was a semi-final against a Cockburn team that we had split our regular season games with. Unfortunately, the inconsistency that had plagued us all season came back to bite us, with a 2-11 quarter time score being too tough for us to get back, despite fighting back to lead by 2pts late in the fourth quarter.

Coach: Mark Loxley
Assistant: Mitchell

Walmsley

**Assistant:** Shannon Keating **Manager:** Sol Campbell

**PLAYERS** 

**4** Parker Francis

6 Mia Pomare

**7** Tess Campbell

8 Sienna Irving

**9** Courtney Timoko

**10** Azalea Keating

12 Eden Smith

13 Annabelle Alwan-Arab

14 Shaina Grace Sandhu

**15** Maddison Walmsley

Not the tallest team going around, but with a heap of skill and athleticism, from the first time we got together, I really emphasised to the kids was that you don't just get good, there is a price to pay to be the best, and that price is hard work, dedication, commitment, and a singular focus. At our best, we were very, very good, as is shown by us dropping a game to a very tough, and so far undefeated Willetton team at their place by 4pts. However, we also dropped games that we shouldn't have, and struggled against teams we should have beaten easily, such as Mandurah, Warwick, and Hills.

The kids are probably glad they don't have to put up with my ranting and raving any more, but I would just like to leave them with one last thought (or a couple, actually). While we had a heap of talent individually and collectively, to get better and to give your dreams a chance of becoming reality, it all starts with good habits. That is why we banged on continually about the importance of showing up to practice and games ready to work hard and make themselves and their teammates better. Sadly, I really think that this inconsistency and focus was the reason that we didn't progress through to a Championship match-up with Willetton! Practice should be hard, and games should be the fun bit, but unfortunately, we didn't always live up to that process.

Having said that, I am 100% certain that each of these players has the potential, athleticism, and skills to go as far as they would like, but it will take a lot of sacrifices to get to where you want to be. You have a lot of people who are prepared to help you on this journey (and I'm one of them), and I look forward to seeing you grow into the great players I know you can be!

The one thing I will take away from this season is that I got the opportunity to spend a whole heap of





time with a bunch of funny, crazy, unpredictable, and entertaining kids that might have driven me crazy, but who also kept me coming back for more, and I thank them all for that. You guys were, and are, amazing!

Now, it's time to thank a heap of people who contributed so much to getting us through the season, and who were a key part in our successes this season. First up, I must thank our Manager, Sol, for looking after us so unbelievably well. I have never had anyone who was so well organised, who kept everyone in the loop, and just operated in the background, keeping everybody happy, including me! He did, however, have a habit of looking through my gear back and looking at my Wolves hoody!!!

I would also like to than both of my Assistant Coaches, Mitch and Shannon. Both guys shared a similar focus on what was important, and what went into making a team successful, and both did a great job dealing with my sooking and sulking when we lost a game. They also had to deal with the added pressure of having a child on the team, but they acted in the most professional manner, always... Thanks heaps for your efforts, and I appreciate your efforts more than you could know!

Thanks also go to Seb for combing our teams during our Tuesday skill sessions at Woodvale (I'm not going to miss those stairs!) and Wayne and Alex for our Wednesday practice scrimmages, as I'm sure they played a big role in our successes against bigger and stronger opposition. As much of a roller coaster as the year was, I would also like to say a HUGE thanks, to Harry and Debbie for taking on the onerous task of recording our games.

Although they didn't always make great viewing (because of the way we played, not because of the quality of the recording), it was a great tool to have to help identify areas we needed to address! We were very lucky to have a great group of parents, whose support and encouragement never wavered throughout the season.

This is a rare thing these days, with most parents locked in on their child's performance at the expense of the team, but you guys played a big part in our success, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Well, that's a wrap from me!!! Hopefully we won't be strangers, and I look forward to seeing you all around the traps at some stage!

## **Mark Loxley**





# U/12 GIRLS TEAM 2

With the dust settled on another long and challenging season, I look back over what has been a hugely rewarding year with an amazing group of young basketballers. The energy of this group has been infectious, and it makes showing up to training every week an absolute pleasure.

From day one, the girls have shown up ready to have fun, work hard, and came together as a team extremely quickly. Leading up to State Champs the girls looked switched on and were picking up concepts quickly and further forging their friendships within the group. After a strong showing at State Champs and Grading, there were many lessons learnt for players and coaches alike, we were ready for the real stuff.

Despite a close loss on opening day, my confidence in this team remained strong as we picked up several wins through the opening half of the season. A solid 4<sup>th</sup> place ranking could have been significantly better if a couple of 1- and 2-point losses had fallen our way.

This group's ability to regroup after these losses whilst continuing to learn and keep pushing themselves made sure we were a handful to play, despite some inconsistencies that naturally comes from such a young playing group. Our speed of ball movement in transition was easily in the top 2 teams in the league, with several opposition coaches heaping praise on the girls after games.

Week on week, I was incredibly proud of the way the girls went about their basketball, with the group buying into our philosophy of team basketball over individuals. The girls grew stronger as a unit over the back half of the season with some of the highlights of the season including a near 50-point win over Perry Lakes and a thrilling 2-point win over Warwick thanks to 2 massive clutch free throws by Siena in the final seconds of our last regular season game.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end and despite another solid team effort in our Quarter Final against Warwick, our Semi-Final spot was ripped away from us in the last 4 seconds of the game. Despite one final chance to score, we unfortunately fell short by a single point, drawing our season to a close. A devasting end to an amazing season of growth. Despite the abrupt end, I remain thoroughly impressed with the maturity and solidarity this group has shown at an early age.

I could spend hours talking about this amazing playing group, but I'll wrap it all up by extending a huge thanks the girls. To Bella, Callia, Darcy, Evelyn, Kiannah, Lily, Maddy, Maggie, Poppy, Siena, and our super dedicated train on Anna, thanks for making this job incredibly fulfilling. You have been a blast to coach, and I know this is just the start of some very special basketball journeys.

Thanks for your commitment, and I hope I am lucky enough to get a chance to coach this group of girls again.

Coach: Seb Miraudo
Assistant: Deb de Mello
Assistant: Natsuko Yasuki
Manager: Shannon Crowe

**PLAYERS** 

4 Evelyn Carr

5 Maggie Martin

6 Kiannah Antonio

**7** Lily Kalbermatten

8 Poppy Growden

9 Siena Bujaroski

**10** Bella Gaskell

11 Callia Au

**13** Darcy Priddis

**14** Maddy Hazell





None of this would have been possible without my Assistant Coaches, Nat and Deb. Your experience and knowledge has been essential and I have learned so much along the way. I know the girls loved having both of you on board to help guide them. Any Head Coach would be lucky to have either of you on the bench with them, and any team would be lucky to have you as Head Coaches in your own right.

Another big thanks to Mark, this is the third year of our partnership and I couldn't have asked for a better introduction into WABL life, your guidance has kept me coming back year after year. We had a fantastic group of U12 coaches this year, and from Mitch and Shannon to Gus and Jono, everyone did a fantastic job. Gus and Jono, you and your Assistants should be extremely proud of the jobs you did with Team 3 and 4 this season, it's been fun to watch.

Shannon, your assistance with the girls this season has also been greatly appreciated, you did an amazing job all season. The girls valued your support on the bench, and I particularly enjoyed the massive container of lollies you had every week. They really do calm me down as I pace up and down the sideline. Thank you.

What a parent group I have been blessed with this season! Thanks for always being incredibly supportive. It has provided the girls with the best environment possible to play in and enjoy their basketball. It has felt more like a close group of friends playing basketball than a grind and this largely down to you the parents and your amazing kids. The continued positive interactions made this year's job one that I won't forget for a long time.

One final thanks before I wrap up for the season, a huge thanks to Dave and Jesse. Whilst it's a shame I won't be able to continue my development under your guidance, your support over the last 3 years has been invaluable. Thanks for the opportunity and all the best in your future endeavours.

Go Green!!

Seb Miraudo





## U/12 GIRLS TEAM 3

Firstly, I would like to express what an amazing season it has been and how proud I am of this group of girls. From day one, they gave 100% effort at training and in games. They never gave up, always competed hard, and stayed positive regardless of the situation. Their resilience, teamwork, and willingness to learn made this a very special season.

I stepped into the role as Head Coach after State Champs. To be honest, I was a little nervous, but I was also really excited because I knew how much talent this team had. It didn't take long for me to see just how committed and capable the girls were, and that gave me great confidence that we were going to enjoy a fantastic season together.

Our preparation leading into the Grading weekends was strong, and the girls

approached it with great focus. On the first Sunday we managed only one win, but that was expected as we were matched up mostly against Team 2 squads. What was most pleasing was how the girls handled the challenge and didn't let it shake their belief. On the second Sunday of grading, everything clicked — we went undefeated, which cemented our place in Division 3. This was an excellent result considering how young our team is, with four bottom-age players and three double bottom-age players.

We knew grading into Division 3 meant the competition was going to be tough, with half the division made up of Team 2 squads. The girls embraced the challenge. We started well with a win in Round 1, but it wasn't until Round 8 that we secured our second victory. In between, though, we had some thrilling and close encounters. In Round 5 we pushed Warwick all the way, eventually going down in overtime by just two points. The very next week, we lost by only four points to Lakeside, who sat second on the ladder.

The breakthrough came in Round 9 when we faced the top-of-the-ladder Cockburn side. The girls were ready, determined, and fearless — and they walked away with a memorable four-point win. That result showed how much progress they had made and what they were truly capable of. Another memorable battle came in Round 14 against Willetton, one of the league's strongest teams. The lead changed multiple times in a tough, physical game, and although we fell short by just one point in the dying moments, it was another example of the girls' fight and determination.

Perhaps the performance that stands out most in my mind was our Round 10 clash against Perry Lakes. With only seven players available, the girls played with energy and confidence from start to finish, eventually winning 73–25. It was the kind of display that summed up our team spirit — no excuses, just effort and execution.

**Coach:** Gus Pugliese **Assistant:** Kyla Beach

Wallington **PLAYERS** 

4 Reevah Pearman

Manager: Nicole

**5** Samara Makawa

**6** Monica Sintema

**7** Kensington Wagstaff

8 Ruby Chadd

**9** Makenzie Salinas

11 Ruby Keay

12 Shreya Mahajan

**13** Zoe Styles

13 Zarah Watts

**15** Lola Wallington





The season finished with some exciting finals basketball. We won a thrilling quarter-final against Lakeside, showing great determination to come out on top. In the semi-finals we faced a strong, physical, and well-oiled Willetton side. The girls gave their all but fell short against quality opposition. It was a tough end to the season, but one we can look back on with pride.

Beyond the results, what impressed me most was the girls' attitude and approach. They came to training with great enthusiasm, always ready to work hard but also making sure there was fun along the way. You could see they were genuinely happy to be part of this team. Each and every player improved tremendously across the season, and it's clear the club is fortunate to have them in the Wolves system. I'm excited to see how they continue to grow as players and as people in the years ahead.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the incredible support of our families. To the parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends who got the girls to training and games every week and cheered them on from the sidelines — thank you. Your encouragement and commitment made a huge difference and helped create such a positive environment for the team.

I also want to give special thanks to our Team Manager, Nicole, and my Assistant Coach, Kyla. Nicole, I truly appreciate all the work you put in behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly, and I hope you enjoyed being on the bench riding the rollercoaster with us each week. Kyla, I was very fortunate to have you alongside me this season. Your ability to connect with the girls was such a big advantage, and it was clear how much they loved having you around. Thank you for your insights, your positivity, and your time. You did a fantastic job coaching the Team 5 girls at State Champs last year, and I hope you continue your coaching journey.

Finally, I want to thank the girls of Team 3. I am so proud of everything you achieved this season. You gave it your all, you represented the Wolves with pride, and you made this year such a rewarding experience for me as a coach. I learned a lot from working with you and have no doubt I've grown as a coach because of it.

Congratulations on a fantastic season, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for this talented group of players.

**Gus Pugliese** 





# U/12 GIRLS TEAM 4

What a ride this season has been with this amazing group of girls and parents. I didn't plan on being a Head Coach this season, happy to have my time as an Assistant, but I'm super happy with the way it all worked out and I have so much appreciation for the Wolves Family. Thank you to the club, David, and Jesse for the support throughout the season and the effort you guys put into the program.

Who would have thought from the October 2024 tryouts, that we would have a Team 4 group of nine girls led by Gus Pugliese, with myself as Assistant Coach, go into the 2024 State Champs, go through the weekend undefeated and take home the U11 Div 4 State Champs title! This was such an emotional weekend with all but one of the team being new to WABL, and

for most of them, a first time winning any sort of championship or title. A credit to Gus for being able to pull our squad together and get such momentum in a short period of time!

Roll into January 2025 and I get a phone call from David, some shuffles in the coaching line up sees our State Champ winning HC Gus, going to Team 3, leaving a spot for a HC on Team 4. I was hesitant to start as I wanted to have a season learning the "Wolfpack Way" from the coaching perspective but David assured me I would be ok and that support was always there.

We had a couple lineup changes as expected with two girls who moved to Team 3 and welcomed three girls from the State Champs Team 5, as well as two train on team members. We also welcomed a new Assistant Coach in Genelle Fidler.

I wasn't sure what to expect in Grading. We were able to go anywhere from Division 4 to Division 6 depending on outcomes of the weekend. Only thing I wanted was to not be in Division 6, and fight for a place in a division that would challenge the girls each week to get better. We went through the weekend only dropping one game to Willetton Team 4 and placed in Division 4! This group of girls just pushing through and proving plenty of doubters wrong. What was obvious from this weekend was we didn't have a superstar or stud on the team that would try takeover, but we had an amazing group of kids that all want to work for each other, with each other, to get the best from each other. I could not have been happier; it gave me the chance to work with each of them to grow and improve as a collective.

As we approached the season, there was one more surprise with AC Genelle being offered an amazing opportunity with the NBL1 Women's squad as a Development Coach, an offer that was just way too good to turn down, and one she had to go for. So, we were back on the hunt for an Assistant Coach and thanks to Mick Kestel for stepping up as we headed into the season.

Coach: Jon Kent

**Assistant:** Mick Kestel **Manager:** Amy Boehm

**PLAYERS** 

5 Hana Davahir

**6** Hannah Delaney

7 Willow Brettschneider

8 Millie Kestel

**9** Emily Swarbrick

10 Allegra Bland

**11** Asha Boehm

12 Yasmine Kallis

**14** Zante de Koning

15 Jade Kent

**T/O** Indie Wilcock

**T/O** Jasmine Stanes





Now with a settled squad, we go into the season full of excitement, entering into a division that is mixed with team 2's, 3's and 4's, we knew it would be test for our squad, one that all the team and parents were up for and in agreement that it would challenge the girls but be great for their growth.

We started the season two players down, through holiday and injury. The girls fought tough against a good Suns squad, and we dropped game 1 by three points. Now we all know WABL and the intensity to expect. We go through the first half of the season very competitive and end up with 3 wins, 5 losses, with those losses being winnable if we had strung together 4 quarters of basketball. There were some great learnings from these games to bring into the second half of the season.

I wanted the girls to keep improving, to win those close games we lost in the first half of the season and keep working on an attacking positive form of basketball built on some solid defense.

What a solid turn around they had, we got 5 wins, 2 loses and 1 abandoned game (due to weather) to close out the season. The girls delivered as challenged, we beat 2 of the top 3 teams, on the road and at home, and the two losses were both against the top team Rockingham 2, which we happened to play 3 times this season. We finished in the top 4 with a positive record of 8/7. We won our Quarter Final game against a very competitive fast finishing Cockburn with a solid second half performance. Unfortunately, our season would end in the Semi Final game against the top placed Rockingham 2 squad. We were very competitive in 2 quarters but ultimately failed in playing those four quarters of basketball we knew we needed to play. Testament on the girl's resilience, they kept the pressure on right to the last siren closing the gap which had blown out to 20+ to only 16 points.

A testament to our team mentality, every girl scored points during the season, every girl got fouls, every girl featured in the MVP voting from parents/coaches, we had 2 games where every player got a bucket, and another 5 games where all but one got on the score sheet as well. We averaged 7 players per game contributing to the scoreline. We had players focus on defense, passing the ball and creating opportunities for their teammates. It was truly a team. One that I am very proud of coaching this season.

Thank you to all the players, Zante and Hana, our defensive cornerstones that find that much needed stop. Emily and Yasmine, our little snipers who find that space and hit those important shots, Hannah (Delaney), Willow and Millie, our mid pack that do a lot of the grunt work going from guards to forwards and anywhere that is needed. Allegra, our point guard, growing with control throughout the season and finally our twin towers of Asha and Jade holding fort as the last line of defense and rim running to create options in offense. Special mention to our two train on's, Indie and Jasmine, always challenging the girls and holding their own each session and for the support at game days.





Massive thanks to Amy, our amazing Manager who kept us all in check, going anywhere between washing uniforms, game day reminders, court side counselor, and anything else that comes up.

Coach Mick, it's great to have you on the sidelines with me, I've really enjoyed this season together and your insights, timing and composure have been instrumental to our positive season.

Finally, the parent group, thank you for the trust you have placed in me for our group of girls. You have all been a great support, the countless hours of playing taxi driver, video person, scorers, vote givers, emotional support to the kids, and the best cheer squad. It wouldn't happen and be such a positive group without you all. THANK YOU!

The kid's improvement has been all I asked for, they have totally delivered! Finishing in the top 4 with a winning record, making the semifinal and being competitive, in a tough division, is the cream on the cake.

Wolfpack on 3...

Jon Kent





# U/12 CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS

The team that was never beaten! What a year, this team has had an amazing ride. We went into State Champs as everyone else does, unsure on how we will fair against the rest. By the end of day one, I was sending a message out to parents saying to prepare for a long day tomorrow as we are planning to play in the grand final! We didn't drop a game all weekend, went on to comfortably win the State Champs title and qualify for Champs division for the WABL season ahead.

Not having Grading games to work with, once again we felt a little unsure as to how our season would go, we were quietly confident we had a squad that could challenge most teams and were looking forward to getting the season

Coach: Jed Veljacich **Assistant:** Dominic Deng Manager: Jeff Howe

**PLAYERS** 

4 Titus Malay

**5** Jayden Barclay

6 Kenzo Deng

**7** Tatum Moriarty

8 Joshua Epple

**9** Flynn Howe

**10** Maximus Deric

11 Damon Veljacich

12 Riley Millar

14 Jesiah Ochieng

- Matthew McGhee

underway. We started the season at home vs Lakeside and by the end of the first quarter I knew we were working with something special. We started with a flurry ending the quarter up 21-4 a great defensive effort. We went on to win that game 81-45 and make a statement to the competition of who to look out for.

I went home and made my spreadsheet for voting for our MVP and Wolfpack Way awards and went all the way through to the bottom, listing each round, who we were versing and WIN next to each scoreline, I was manifesting the result for our season. And WIN we did. We went through all season undefeated winning the Grand Final and WABL championship to pair nicely with our State Champs title!

The season did not come without lumps! We were challenged massively with injury. We lost our top scorer after round 3 for the next 12 games but we had others step up to fill the void. We played in Cockburn with our current top scorer and our eventual MVP winner both away and we utilised Noah Jochimsen from Team 2 who played a huge role in our eventual 2 x overtime, 1 point WIN. We barely trained as a 10, we promoted our train on Jayden Barclay onto our list to replace a key player from State Champs. We played games without our MVP Joshua Epple while he fulfilled SSB duties. We lost our season high scorer Maximus just before the last 2 regular season games to a season ending knee injury. This team did not faulter! They found a way, they believed in each other, they believed in their coaches, they stuck to the game plans and executed with class and composure way beyond their years!

To the players, you are the example to your club, your teammates, your competitors and everyone that has witnessed you play or train but not just on court, off the court as well! It was a pleasure to coach you all!

**4 – Titus –** The ball handling magician, ankle breaker and pesky on ball defence!





- **5 Jayden –** Our train on who played Champs minutes! What an achievement!
- 6 Kenzo Our perfect swing man! Tough bucket guy and loves a chase down block!
- **7 Tatum –** Our bottom age baller! The corner 3 specialist with real pace and grunt!
- 8 Josh Our MVP! Classy point guard who can get his own bucket but will pass first!
- 9 Flynn Our fix it guy and always reliable! High pressure defender and 3 point sniper!
- 10 Maximus Wolfpack Way! Stunning improvement, league leading scorer, all class!
- 11 Damon Our on court leader! Defensive beast and rebound machine!
- 12 Riley Our 5 man! Help defender and paint presence!
- 14 Jesiah The smiling assassin! Highlight package is out of this world!

Thank you to Jeff, our Assistant coach and Team Manager! Huge role to take on mate and you were all class. You were the go to guy for all things to keep us organised, clean jerseys, and bench clear. You were my sounding board all season and a great role model for the boys on how to be respectful and stay classy!

Thank you Dom, our second Assistant. Again, you were a great sounding board and positive presence for the boys when you were involved!

Thank you to our parent group! As you know WABL is the family sport! It is a huge commitment and a long season. Everyone chipped in when needed with scoring and just making sure the boys were ready to play! You have all raised such quality young boys and I was privileged to get to hang out with them for training and games and can only hope I also had a positive influence on them!

In closing, what a great season and a great group. We are all grateful for the opportunity given to us from the Wolves and we represented the club to the best of our ability! Good luck to these players for the rest of their basketball journey and I hope I get to coach them all again soon!

Jed Veljacich





# U/12 BOYS TEAM 2

Very appreciative of the opportunity to develop and grow a high potential group of boys this year. U12's is quite a fulfilling age to coach, amongst the U12'S chaos, the buy in to team culture, building key friendships, and overall development is always the long-term goal going in. It's great to see when those goals come to fruition at the end of the WABL season.

achieved what we set out to do, being competitive throughout State Champs, grading in a tough Division 2, and staying in the mix all season. At the same time, I truly believed our team had the capability to go all the way, we'd hit our stride at the right time of the season, only to fall short in the first round of finals to a team we convincingly beat the week before. Failure

In saying that, I had mixed emotions around this season. I felt like we

is a great teacher, I feel like myself and our whole team learnt immensely from that experience and will be better equipped moving forward.

My team comprised of 5 bottom age and 5 top age boys, and an extremely dedicated train on player in Wade Goodge who was there for the whole ride and did it with a smile. Competing against many other clubs top age Champs or Div 2 teams. Couple players being their first WABL experience also gave us a good mix of experience, high energy, and raw talent. We finished out the regular season going 11 wins and 5 loses finishing 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder. Every team above us was an opposition clubs Champs team, so this highlights the boys effort and growth throughout this season.

Big thankyou to my Assistant, Kristian Jochimsen, and our Team Manager, Aleisha Hunter. Having positive people to bounce frustration, joy, and ideas off constantly with an open line of communication, really made the coaching process much easier. I'll miss these two as they will be moving up to the U14's next season, so thank you for all your help.

Thank you to all the parents for allowing me to coach your son. A strong belief of mine is building a good team culture early, parents can definitely have an impact in this space and it's not always smooth sailing but I feel like we got there and it showed in games with our teams energy and positivity on and off the court. A great group of parents whom I'll most certainly continue to keep in touch with.

To my team, thank you for showing resilience in our lows, picking up your teammates when they were down, celebrating everyone's success and most importantly never giving up. I asked a lot of these boys this season and I can confidently say they had several moments of some of the best basketball I've seen for kids at this age and I'm extremely proud of them. I hope us coaches have left

Coach: Chris Staltari **Assistant:** Kristian

Manager: Aleisha Hunter

**PLAYERS** 

Jochimsen

4 Noah Staltari

7 Hudson Rowles

**8** Ryder Blair

**9** Mitchell Lozey

**10** Noah Jochimsen

**11** Harris Hunter

12 Jaxon Di Fulvio

13 Oliver Steyn

14 Kauri Tanehohaia

**15** Lawson Kelly

**T/O** Wade Goodge





a positive imprint on your WABL journey, I look forward to what the future holds for these boys, continue to chase your dreams but remember to have fun whilst doing it.

**Chris Staltari** 





## U/12 BOYS TEAM 3

My favourite WABL season so far! I feel so privileged to have been given the opportunity to coach such an amazing young group of Lads.

I am immensely proud of the progress we have made this season. Team 3 in Div 3 playing against Team 2 Teams, we have grown so much as individuals and collectively as a team, every victory, every loss has been hard fought.

The fight, grit, and determination in these boys never went unnoticed, clearly documented as per our foul count for the season. The chemistry they have built together was so good along with such a strong team bond meant their belief in themselves and each other was extremely high.

Coach: Ryan Geel

Assistant: Bevan Hough

Managers: Ben Jones PLAYERS

4 Theo leve

4 Theo Jones

**5** Jay Geel

6 Lachlan Smith

**7** Cooper Greene

8 Xavier Turner

9 Andrea Nasri

10 Hudson Hough

11 Lennox Nind

12 Zachary Baker

15 Nicholas Ferullo

We went into the WABL season with only two boys having any WABL experience, so it was a massive learning curve for myself as Coach especially being a first time U12s WABL coach. I first needed the boys to understand that this is WABL and not domestic basketball, a message that was conveyed continuously during the season. This season, our team comprised of six top age boys, three bottom age, and one double bottom ager, battling in a tough Division 3 that had only one other 3rd division team. All our other competitors were division 2 teams, which meant we faced a lot of bigger bodied teams with much more development and court time on their side, however our boys battled so hard every game and each week the coaching group would walk away saying 'wow the heart of the boys is just killer'.

We had a slow and cautious 0-4 start as we worked though the teams make up and trying to get our rotations right, with our first win coming in round 5, and true to our team's style we didn't just win, we made a statement, defeating Perth Redbacks 83 – 53 with all the boys scoring, and yes fouls too. From that moment we put some good wins together and with the losses only being by 2 or 4 points, we could see and feel the boys starting to believe in each other and themselves that we could beat anyone if we played as a team.

One of the seasons biggest highlights came in round 11, when we headed down to Lakeside to take on the top placed and undefeated Lakeside 2's, This was one of my proudest moments so far of the season as the boys were locked in, the game was so tough and tightly contested it was such a back and forth game going basket for basket, eventually ending up in overtime with the Wolves coming out the winners 67 – 65, I couldn't have been prouder of the boys in this game.

For season 2025 we went 8W - 8L, with a few games that could have gone either way with an exciting finals campaign still to come.

Onto my thank you's...





To the Club, thank you for giving me the opportunity to coach and for all that goes on behind the scenes that we don't get to see that make the season happen.

To the families, I have loved this family group, the commitment to take on a WABL season is huge, and I remember telling a few parents how long the season really is, with trainings, games, and having to put up with me too, along with helping on game days. However, they took this all on board and I couldn't have asked for a more supportive high energy group. Every week without fail they were the loudest crowd. Thanks for the support and trust you have given me it's been a great season.

The Coaching Group, Ben and Bev, you lads have been great. Ben, you have kept me from getting in trouble a few games this season and the support you have given me has been so good. I really appreciate it along with being the Manger and organizing me as well.

Bev, your so chilled and your ability to look at things with a calm head helped a lot in those close games. You made it all seemed effortless, and we wouldn't have been such a success without you Thanks Mate.

The Boys, I have loved coaching you all, some of the best highlights have come from coaching this group. They are a special group of players and it's been a pleasure to be able to coach you in most of your first WABL season! You have been an amazing group to work with. I have enjoyed every minute, the effort from everyone has been so elite and I asked you all to play hard and with passion, and you boys did that in spades (reflected by the season foul count – 8 players in the top 50), especially considering we were so undersized and you all competed every week, so proud of you all and thanks for letting me Coach you all.

**Ryan Geel** 





## U/12 BOYS TEAM 4

Team 4, what a journey we had together. It was the first WABL season for the coaching staff and players, so we didn't really know what to expect.

Being team 4, we also had plenty of team changes, with boys moving up to higher teams after State Champs and even during the WABL season.

In the WABL Grading tournament, we just missed out on Division 4 by losing two qualifying games by just a total of 3 points.

Once we got into our final line-up for the actual WABL season, we started gelling and playing better together as a team.

Coach: Yves Schoof
Assistant: Paul Pollock
Manager: Lloyd Castillo

**PLAYERS** 

**4** Oskar Donnelly

5 Theo Langullah

**6** Michael Begg

**7** Jacob Finlay

8 Jasper Schoof

10 Nicholas Brown

**11** Archie Young

12 Liam Castillo

14 Charlie Chadd

15 Patrick Pollock

We started winning close games that went down to the wire and started moving up the ladder. Whereas in the first round of 8 games we weren't always that competitive, by the time the second round of games came along, we started levelling up to the top 3 teams in our division and were stringing together some solid wins.

We finished 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder and had to overcome two Cockburn teams to reach the Grand Final, but were graciously defeated by a stronger Mandurah team.

I think as a team we have shown the biggest improvement in our division, which is a credit to the work ethic of the boys.

We can only select one MVP, but everyone in our team has improved so much, and I am proud of how everyone has developed.

If I had to sum up our players in just a few words:

**Archie** – awesome defender and rebounder, puts his body on the line and was the perfect team mate. Worthy recipient of the Wolfpack Way award.

**Charlie** – suffered from knee pain throughout the season but came back strong and was a great rebounder and competitor. Contender for most improved player.

**Jake** – late addition to the team, but always gave 100%, and one of our fiercest rebounders (must be the bungee jumping experience!).

**Jasper** – my son, has grown so much in confidence and aggression, has a great mid-range jumpshot, and is a willing defender.

**Liam** – tough defender and competitor, and a great shooter, a born leader.





**Michael** – has learned to play with more poise and be more of a distributor, great defender, and a good jumpshot.

**Nick** – played on the opposing talls, battling hard for rebounds and finishing at the hoop, showed great improvement.

**Patrick** – great all-round player, defending and rebounding, but also high scoring some games with his signature shots.

**Oskar** – one of our top-agers, great finisher and ballhandler, scoring lots of buckets.

**Theo** – another top ager, great shooter and ballhandler, always ticking over the scoreboard.

I would like to thank all the boys for trusting me to be their coach this year, and I have learned an enormous amount in the process, both on a basketball and personal level.

Thank you to my Assistant Coach Paul, who was always ready to impart some solid basketball IQ and help with in-game decisions. Thank you also to our Manager Lloyd, and Teresa who filled in during the season, for helping everything run smoothly.

Special mention to coach Ryan Geel from Team 3 for being such a great mentor.

We couldn't do it without all the help from the wonderful parents as well of course.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone the best for the following season in U12's and U14's.

**Yves Schoof** 





## **U/14 CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS**

It's been a big nine months with our 14 Champs girls; we have come so close in so many games and ultimately a couple of points decided many of our encounters.

We found ourselves competitive in the 2024 State Champs competition with a 2-3 record and two games being decided by no more than 3 points. It was obvious back then that defensively we were very good, however we struggled to finish and put the ball in the basket. This theme continued through our grading tournament and into the National Qualifiers competition where very narrow loss margins lead to us not making it through to the national competition.

Coach: Tim Tolley

Assistant: Kaitlyn Tolley
Assistant: Clint Gardiner
Manager: Kelly McClelland

**PLAYERS** 

**4** London Franceschi

**5** Nala Priddis

6 Asha McClelland

8 Amelia Franklin

**10** Imogen Young

11 Ella Sherwin

12 Hannah Benich

13 Aya Moustafa

**14** Claire Furness

**15** Emily Harrison

Season commences; our first two games were each decided by 2 points, it seems our theme will continue. Round 4 is the first time we see ladder-leaders Cockburn who had been averaging over 90 points for their first three games with an average winning margin of 60 points. Although we were defeated, there were a lot of positives in our efforts to keep them to 65 and a losing margin of 29.

By season's end we had three losses by 2 points, one game by 3, one by 4, and one by 6 points.

Unlike most of our opposition, a major focus for this year was to have significant minutes for each player in every game. For the most part, this was achieved and as coaches we felt every player benefitted from the chance to play their share of the season.

My personal highlight was the rematch back at Cockburn in Round 11. At this stage they remained undefeated and continued to hand their competitors defeats with significant margins. We scouted their style of play and implemented our own defensive schemes to counter these. We led at the first break and held the lead through the main break. With five minutes to go, we were only 1 point down. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold on after they mixed up their press. A few steals resulted in quick unanswered points and the game slipped away. We had a good spread of scorers throughout the game and each player had a significant impact.

A very BIG THANK YOU to Clint Gardiner and Kaitlyn Tolley, the Assistant Coaches.

Clint came into the team just prior to Grading and bought not only a level head and wealth of international sporting knowledge, but also many philosophies that matched my own. With a focus on developing not only the skills of the game but personal growth through the whole team, he implemented a program of written pre and post-game reflections for each player, challenging them to look back at their performance and where they would like to focus their improvements for next





week. He was a level head in the chaos of close games and always had a good read on the pulse of our team and the opposition. I am very appreciative of his inclusion into our team for 2025, not having a playing child himself, just a love of the game and player development, it was a huge investment of your time, which we are very much grateful for.

After coaching with Kaitlyn back in 2024, we had discussed at home that she would have a year off basketball to focus on Year 12, but when there was an opening within our ranks, she and I were both keen to have her onboard. As a teenager herself, she has a unique ability to build relationships, not only as a peer but also as a mentor for younger female players. She often stepped in and demonstrating techniques or participated in drills adding a different dynamic for our players to try and bully or compete against. As the season went on, Kait had to step away from trainings but made sure she made every game to assist, support, and challenge our players. Thank you for your commitment in what has been a very busy year for you — it was truly appreciated.

Thanks to our Team Manager Kelly – we all know what a thankless job this is. There is so much behind the scenes; the stresses of making sure 10 early teen girls are ready to go each and every week, uniforms aren't forgotten, and game day duties are fulfilled.

Thanks also to Bree for co-ordinating the filming and uploading of our games each and every week. It was great to know that when it came time for pre-game scout or post-game reflection, the videos were there for all to see.

Congratulations to our award recipients for 2025:

Our MVP for this year had an obvious presence when she was on the floor, consistently working hard at both ends, seeking instructions from the bench during games, setting screens, and crashing the boards. She was the first to dive on a loose ball, vocal in her defence, and great at rotating into help D. There were games where her intensity led to foul trouble but her eagerness to seek feedback and improve enabled her to make the required adjustments to correct her positioning. She was the leader in effective field goal percentage, second in total points scored (by 1 point), our leading rebounder and second in both assists and steals. We look forward to seeing what she can do in Under 16's and beyond. Congratulations to Claire Furness.

The personal growth we have seen in our Wolfpack Way recipient for 2025 was amazing. Looking back to December's State Champs, this player had the ability but maybe not the confidence to compete at the 14 Champ's level, but as the season went on, she proved to herself and those watching that she was worthy of her position on the team. She played well above her height in disrupting the 'bigs' and crashing the boards, she was a solid defender, had reliably safe hands when





carrying the ball, and had good vision, knowing when to relocate in offense. She always bought a great attitude (apart from the running at training) and was well regarded by her teammates. She definitely earned her position to start in our semifinal. We hope to see you continue to grow in both ability and confidence in the years to come. Congratulations to our Wolfpack Way recipient, Imogen Young.

I wish each of our players all the best for trials in the coming weeks and WABL 2026.

**Tim Tolley** 





# U/14 GIRLS TEAM 2

It's cliché to say, "a season I won't easily forget," but in this case, it couldn't be more true.

The 2025 season was one to remember for our U14 Girls team. From the moment we came together at State Champs, it was clear this group had something special. That early success gave us confidence, and we carried that momentum into Grading—where the girls dominated and earned a well-deserved spot in Division 2, a significant achievement in itself.

Throughout the season, the girls showed outstanding growth, resilience, and teamwork. Whether it was a nail-biting win or a tough loss, every game was a chance to improve. We finished with a 12–4 record and secured 2nd place in the league. But beyond the numbers, the real highlight was the bond that

formed within the group. Their chemistry, commitment, and pride in representing the Wolves made coaching this team an absolute privilege.

We faced four Champs teams in Division 2, and the girls consistently rose to the challenge. They handled the physicality and pressure with composure, recording some convincing wins against them all

One standout moment came against East Perth Champs, the morning after the Wolves NBL1 Men's team had been eliminated by their Men's side. There was a real sense of purpose—our chance to make a statement. The 109–34 result was the highest WABL score I've ever been part of. To achieve that in four eight-minute quarters was a perfect example of our unselfish, high-tempo Wolfpack basketball.

In the finals, we opened strong with a well-earned win over Willetton 3. Unfortunately, our run ended in the semifinals against Cockburn 2. Despite beating them twice during the regular season, a late surge of three-point shooting and defensive pressure proved too much on the day. That said, the girls gave everything they had—and I couldn't be prouder of their fight and spirit.

To our incredible parent group: your unwavering support never went unnoticed. From the countless hours driving to games and trainings, to the energy you brought from the sidelines—you showed up, every time. It meant the world to the girls and the entire team.

A special shoutout to **Sam Kendall** for your weekly video highlights and analysis. Your work became a vital part of the girls' learning and reflection. Thank you.

**Coach:** Ben Watson **Assistant:** Hannah

Mortimer

Manager: Candice Grinceri

**PLAYERS** 

**5** Harriet Kendall

**6** Aisling Fernandez

8 Chloe Van Niekerk

9 Ruby Hall

**10** Arya Grinceri

11 Alyssa Grosvenor

12 Scarlett Gaskell

**13** Kiara Bomford-Hoath

**14** Eden Sweeney

**15** Kyona Nelson

T/O Madison Kent





To my Assistant Coach **Hannah**—thank you for your time, energy, and leadership. The girls look up to you, and your coaching future is bright.

And to **Candice**, our Team Manager—your support, organization, encouragement (and of course, the lollies ③) were vital to our success. Thank you for everything.

And finally, to the girls: your passion, dedication, and love for the game made this season unforgettable. You wore the Wolves jersey with pride, competed fiercely, and showed incredible sportsmanship. Watching you grow as athletes and teammates has been inspiring, and I can't wait to see where your basketball journey takes you next.

Keep chasing greatness—you've already made us proud.

**Ben Watson** 





## U/14 GIRLS TEAM 3

## U/14/3 Girls 2025 - WABL Runner Up

I was honoured this season to coach an outstanding group of young ladies, all willing to learn the game to get better and always with a smile on their faces. After a strong Grading tournament we ended in Division 4, we are an 80% bottom age team and found ourselves against some strong top age teams. This was a great position to be in for the girls to improve and grow as a team against older age girls. We had a very strong home and away season, dropping only 3 games, all against the top age teams. That bought us to the finals in position 3 and after 2 strong wins against Suns 2 and Bunbury 3 we advanced to the Grand Final against Bunbury 2. After a great 1<sup>st</sup> half where we were leading, the bigger and stronger girls of Bunbury charged ahead in

Coach: Wayne Hardman
Assistant: Linley Tadman
Manager: Angela Pearcey

**PLAYERS** 

**4** Piper Viegas

**5** Eden Maratos

**6** Ella Pearcey

7 Makayla Carr

8 Isla Kelly

**9** Madyson Webster

10 Eva Goodge

11 Miyavi Arigore

12 Aeris Edmonds

**14** Sophie Langullah

**T/O** Evie Mills

the second half and they won by 11 points. Our girls fought the whole way and made Bunbury earn their win, we were very proud of how our players played the game with great determination and pride.

All our players showed great improvement all season. Sophie excelling in both offence and defence. Miyavi was outstanding in rebounds all year giving away many inches to opponents. Ella got better in every game as our point guard as did Eden who has the heart of a lion, smallest player on the court weekly but not afraid of anyone. Maka had a medical issue all season but her toughness and skill has her in the top tier of U/14 players, great defender and very accurate shooter. Isla stepped into different roles during the year and handled them with great authority, very strong on the boards and always scoring when we needed it. Aeris has natural athletic ability which makes her hard to match up on, really worked hard on her strength with the ball and was rewarder in first final with a great 18pt game to lead us to the semi's. Eva in her second year with me again excelled, she hit a rich vein of form leading into the finals but for an ankle injury to hold her up until Grand Final, she got back and did a great job on limited preparation. Maddy is a bottom, bottom age player (late B'day), she just improved weekly competing against bigger and stronger. Maddy became a very pivotal player for us and really excelling in the second half of the season. Our Captain, Piper, started in about round 4 after breaking her hand. Pip was a great leader always talking and getting girls hyped at training and half time of games. She has a high skill level and a lethal right arm passing shot, been a great skipper for us all season.

Special thanks to Angie our Manager, loved doing the job and always had everything in control including us coaches. Always went above and beyond what is required of a Manager. My Assistant, Linley, I can't speak highly enough her support not only to me but our players. Never afraid to challenge decisions made and always had great advice during games and training and was a big





reason we made the Grand Final. Our parent group, a great group of people who always supported us coaches and never interfered at any time and cannot thanks them enough for their support. Richard Arigore for filming games weekly for us, so beneficial for our success, and Mark Edmonds for weekly highlights he made for us.

Thanks to Ben Watson and Mark Loxley and their teams for Wednesday night scrimmages which was so beneficial to our progress, especially Ben's 14/2 Girls. Thanks to Tim Tolley and Alex Roach, other 14's coaches for your friendship and support, been great working with you. To Dave Morrell and Jesse Pence for their outstanding contribution to the junior program, their support was outstanding and I wish them both well in their next phases of basketball. Thanks also to Andrew Summerville and all his staff for yet another great year at the club and the support given to us all.

**Wayne Hardman** 





## U/14 GIRLS TEAM 4

I would like to firstly thank David, Jesse, and Andrew for giving me the opportunity to coach the U14 Team 4 this season. The support given to us coaches is great and was much appreciated as this was my first season as Head Coach.

With the addition of 3 players after State Champs, the team was finalised for the regular season, and with that I noticed one glaring issue, we lack height! But what I didn't account for at the time was the determination and will these girls had to win.

Starting the season 5-0 we went head to head with who would turn out to be our biggest rival throughout the season, Lakeside 3 (who were also 5-0 at the time) in a game that would be one of my favourites of the season, we went down by 1 point in overtime but showed just what we could achieve if we play our way.

With missing players throughout the season due to sickness, holidays, injuries and even losing the charismatic Ava Turner to state Football commitments, this group just kept getting it done week after week, out working, out rebounding and out hustled our opponents to finishing the regular season with an impressive 12-4 ledger.

Our first final against Hills Raiders we put in a well rounded team performance with everyone getting on the score board and taking out the game by 20 points. The second final was against our biggest rival of the season, Lakeside 3, and the only team we are yet to beat. After an up and down game we found ourselves 17 points down in the final quarter, but true to the girls character they lifted and put the pressure on to get the game back to 4 points before the final siren ended what was an amazing season.

I thoroughly enjoyed my first season as Head Coach. No doubt I got a lot of things wrong and hopefully a few things right. I was lucky to have such a supportive and friendly parent group who trusted me through out the season. A big thank you to you all, whether it was driving to home and away games, getting players to practices, helping with table officiating, or simply cheering from the sidelines none of this would happen without you.

To my Assistant coach Scott, thank you for your dedication and for always being there to help guide, teach, and motivate the team. Your hard work behind the scenes is a huge part of our success this season.

A special thank you to Belinda, the Team Manager, for making this season run as smooth as possible. Your calm and efficient game day support of myself and the players, as well as the ongoing

Coach: Alex Roach

**Assistant:** Scott Crowley

Manager: Belinda

O'Donoghue

**PLAYERS** 

4 Ava Turner

**5** Tahlee Hall

**6** Matipa Munjodzi

7 Willow Crowley

8 Hazel Roach

**9** Madelyn Wallace

10 Kara O'Donoghue

11 Sienna Kehoe

**12** Lucy Furness

14 Amelia Moustafa

**15** Mia Brown





administration of the team from day one and throughout the season hasn't gone unnoticed and is much appreciated.

Finally, to the girls in Team 4, I really appreciate all the hard work and commitment you have put in this year. Always willing to learn new skills and concepts and putting in the work at every training session went a long way in the development and success of the season. It's been a privilege coaching you all.

Good luck on your journeys and I look forward to seeing everyone next season.

**Alex Roach** 





## **U/14 BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP**

I was incredibly fortunate to coach such a talented and committed team this season. We had a successful run at the State Champs, qualified for Club Nationals, and reached the WABL Grand Final. Over nearly 12 months, we lost only four games — unfortunately, two of those were the Grand Final and State Champs. But those results don't overshadow what was truly a remarkable year.

Throughout the season, the team demonstrated outstanding resilience, growth, and — most impressively — mental toughness. That's a credit to every player and contributor. The development across the board was clear, and the journey itself was a win for all involved.

Coach: John Kingswood
Assistant: Doug Gates
Assistant: Heath Gardiner
Manager: Jody Growden

**PLAYERS** 

4 Noah Growden

5 Jordan Tukapua-Taiapa

7 Hudson Francis

8 Hayden Montgomerie

10 Aiden Angus

11 Charlie Connolly

12 Griffin Gardiner

13 Andrew Dunstan

14 Dylan Gates

15 Zion Ochieng

Before signing off, I want to offer a few heartfelt thank yous:

- Jody An absolute star of a Manager. The team was always well-organised, and it was invaluable having someone who brought a different perspective to the table.
- Heath and Doug These two were instrumental. Their input was constant, and game days ran smoothly thanks to their involvement.
- The Club Thank you for the opportunity to coach this team. It's been a privilege to represent the Wolves and contribute to the legacy.

Go Wolves!

John Kingswood





# U/14 BOYS TEAM 2

I was looking forward to watching this group play as a parent after qualifying for Division 2. Unexpectedly, two weeks before the season started, I found myself as the Head Coach, with Jackson moving to Geraldton for work, and the Assistant Coach, Beau, taking an opportunity elsewhere. It was a balancing act working around Under-18 commitments and trying to establish a system with limited time on my own. But I was excited for the challenge of being a WABL Head Coach for the first time.

We started the season with a 3-point loss in a near comeback against Cockburn 1s, followed by our first win of the season on a road trip to Bunbury. We had to learn some hard lessons on how to beat a full-court press. Once we worked it out, we were able to play some great basketball.

Throughout the season, our ball movement improved. With such an even group, we didn't rely on just one or two players to score big numbers for us to win. It was about teamwork and ten contributors each week. Winning a large majority of games by close margins, with an even spread of scoring. This group learnt how to deal with pressure and always rose to the occasion—making clutch shots and defending for long stretches to win games at the death. We won 4 of our last 6 games of

the season, knocking off some quality teams along the way. Our best was good enough to beat anyone. Unfortunately, falling short in an intense and close-fought quarter-final. Scores tied with 1 minute to play.

I am thankful for the opportunity to coach this group. I learned a lot along the way, and it was Great fun spending time with the boys each week.

#### Jan

He did a great job of keeping us all on track, working his time around a federal election campaign and providing excellent support to the players. Starting the season with no assistant, Jan was my only help in the early weeks. I appreciated his support and encouragement throughout the year.

#### Piok

So thankful he put his hand up to be my Assistant. Piok showed great maturity, and the team really took to him. Encouraging and reliable, he could pick up on the little things and help develop the players. His basketball knowledge and calm nature will enable him to excel as a coach and help him succeed as a leader in life.

Coach: Kent Grinceri **Assistant:** Piok Magot Manager: Jan Norberger

**PLAYERS** 

4 Kamron Makawa

5 Magot Magot

**6** Andre Kallis

**7** Heath Grinceri

8 Kobi Bunt

**9** Daniel Norberger

**10** Harvey Hazell

12 Rui Machida

13 Jack Bisland

**15** Bryce Mahoney





#### **Parents & Grandparents**

Our number 1 fans showed up and supported the team each week. Somehow, we managed two trips to Bunbury in the same season. All the dedication to show up and be consistent with getting the players to training and helping at the score bench. Shout out to Adele for taking extra shifts.

#### Kamron

High IQ player, calm under pressure, developed his game over the season and was able to play a key role, standing up when the team needed something special, making a few game winners.

#### Magot

An elite shot maker who improved his overall game in leaps and bounds. A great kid to coach. Plays his role with minimal fuss and is a great teammate.

#### Heath

Workhorse at both ends of the floor, not afraid to get on the floor and dive on balls, and grab some big boards. He was able to take his passing game to the next level and was hard to stop when on a roll.

## **Bryce**

Often playing undersized as one of our Bigs, he extended his range and his ball handling. At times, he didn't get as many minutes, but he never complained and played his role when he was on the floor.

#### **Andre**

His aggression and defensive awareness made him an asset to the team. The ultimate team player, with a calm head on his shoulders, did a power of work off the ball and on the defensive end.

## Harvey

Made massive improvements each week, becoming our main scoring option; his ability to read missed shots and get put-backs is elite.

## Jack

Could do it all when fired up and playing with aggression; he is hard to stop—one of the best passes I have seen, one of our floor leaders and best defenders.





## **Daniel**

Improved out of sight, his hustle and rebounding for his size were incredible. One of the best shooters of the ball, was the go-to player in the clutch when we needed a basket. Keep shooting, Dan.

#### Kobi

One of our leaders, was able to calm the team and lead by example, a great ball handler and passer of the ball. Made some big plays in the clutch.

## Rui

A menace on defence, with the ability to disrupt and cause chaos for the opposition. Could turn a game with his ability to deflect passes, make big steals, and run in transition.

## **Kent Grinceri**





## U/14 BOYS TEAM 3

Record: 8-8 (8-9 w/ finals)

The 2025 season was nothing short of adventurous! We were optimistic we would be competitive leading into the first game with a solid preseason and a very deep and balanced roster. Losing one of our key bigs (Micah) a week before the season with a broken arm definitely put us on the back foot against a number of teams with plenty of size. This season was a tale of three acts:

**Start:** In a less than ideal start to the season we went 1-5, with two of those losses by three points or less. We were definitely still finding our way as a team, but there was plenty to be optimistic about regarding the way we were playing basketball.

Coach: Damian Matacz Assistant: Ned Oneran Manager: Jess Young

**PLAYERS** 

4 Leandro Machado

**5** Leo Wallace

**6** Cruz Carlson

7 Blake Waycott-Alalid

8 Edward Atuer

9 Sidharth Ramavarman

**10** Micah Matacz

11 Dau Mabok

**12** Riley Batterham

13 Carter van der

Westhuyzen

T/O Jake Forde

**Middle:** We found a patch of form in the middle of the season, winning 5 straight and propelling ourselves into the Top 3. The confidence in the boys grew and the belief in our brand of basketball was evident.

**Finish:** Unfortunately, we sputtered home, finishing with a 2-5 record over the last seven games of the season finishing with a hard fought loss to the Hills Raiders in the first round of the finals.

While it wasn't our season, we beat every team in the league with the exception of the eventual and well deserved champion Eastern Suns, who we only lost to by a very respectable 13 points. We proved on our day we had the depth and skill to be a top tier team in the league. Ultimately, I'm extremely proud of what we achieved as a team, and irrespective of the end outcome, the boys should hold their heads high in the standard they set and by playing the game the way I expected, in the true Wolfpack Way, with:

Integrity - as young men playing basketball with class, composure and good sportsmanship.

**Respect** - for their teams, their opposition and the referees.

**Positivity** - always leading with a non-victim mentality.

It would be remiss of me to mention a few special contributors:

**Coach Ned:** Ned probably head coached as many games as me (due to work absences and my injury) and is probably deserving of the title as Head Coach as much as myself. He has a natural eye for coaching, a cool demeanour, and was respected by all the boys. I'm grateful for your coaching perspective and you've got a bright future! Thanks for all the effort you put into the boys!





**Manager Jess:** In game duties, player management, scheduling, keeping the coach on track - you literally did it all, with poise and never with any fuss. It certainly meant the world to me and helped me focus on coaching. We were so lucky to have you and thank you from the bottom of my heart!

**Parents:** When I look back collectively at the team this year and the way the players carried themselves (both on and off the court), it was such a great group of boys. No fuss, always well mannered, and with great attitudes - which is, without a doubt to me, a reflection on the parents. Thank you for trusting me to coach your boys, for supporting Ned and I in our coaching decisions, and for raising such fine young men.

#### And the team:

- **4 Leandro (Lundy) Machado:** Our starting PG and one man press breaker. Uncanny ability to knife through the defence and finish with his eurostep and slow-step finishes!
- **5 Leo Wallace:** One of the best passers on the team, Leo in the open court was equally proficient at threading a leading pass or finishing with his patented right-handed scoop shots!
- **6 Cruz Carlson:** A straight up floor leader for us. Not many better in the league at getting to the rim and the ability to finish in a variety of ways.
- **7 Blake Waycott-Alalid:** Can score at all levels at the ring, mid-range or from deep! A fierce competitor who will do whatever it takes for his team.
- **8 Edward Atuer:** Can do it all developed an ability to impact the game on both ends of the court, whether it's slashing to the basket, picking up a defender full court or grabbing a big rebound.
- **9 Sidharth (Sid) Ramavarman:** Sid's ability to finish at the rim, creatively and in situations where you didn't think it was even possible was always impressive! An absolute pleasure to coach.
- **10 Micah Matacz:** A knock down three-point shooter and high IQ basketball player who wasn't scared to mix it up with anyone. Makes the play that doesn't show up on the score sheet and is so valuable to the team.
- **11 Dau Mabok:** The ability to make defensive plays that others can't that can change the flow of a game. Has one of the smoothest floaters around.
- **12 Riley Batterham:** The best two way player in the league. Guards full length of the floor, can score in a variety of ways, and does it all with poise.





**12 Carter van der Westhuyzen:** Left and right hand skills that you don't see at this age. Developing amazing post up skills and was consistently up against older big kids and proving his skill. A pleasure to coach!

**Jake Forde:** If you want a blueprint for a train-on player, Jake was it! You showed up every week, without fuss, and with an amazing attitude to play hard, learn, and develop your game. Mid range shooting specialist, solid defender and great team mate.

**Damian Matacz** 





## U/14 BOYS TEAM 4

We began our season at State Champs, where we came away with 3 wins, 1 loss, and 1 draw record, a great start heading into grading. Through the grading tournament we competed extremely well and got ourselves locked into Division 5 after some difficult matchups. This was a great baseline for a group of boys who many of them had not experienced WABL basketball before.

Through both injuries and player replacements, the U14's Team 4 Boys demonstrated resilience, confidence, and pride both on and off the court. We finished our season in  $3^{\rm rd}$  place with a 9-7 record, which was an achievement in itself for a group of boys who came up against some great

teams. Our highlight for the year was that we were the only team to knock off the top seed, not only once, but twice!

Coach: Joseph Plummer
Assistant: Shane Smith
Manager: Ma Snowden
PLAYERS
4 Mitchell Quelch
7 Tavita Mitchell

8 Raphael Munikah9 Kuach Kuach

10 Jaxon Smith

**11** Felix Vainu

12 Kaleb O'Connor

14 Jack Dudley

15 Ethan Edwards

- Angus Mills

**T/O** Harrison Dytlewski

Heading into finals we were confident in our approach and every single one of the boys trusted in each other's abilities to go out and succeed. However, we ended up finishing second best on the day, unfortunately ruling us out of going to compete for our ultimate goal. However, despite the loss, it was amazing to see all the boys after the game with a smile on their face encouraged by their effort, attitude, and discipline that displayed and developed over the season. Every single one of these boys not only developed their skills and readiness for WABL basketball, however, more importantly learnt and developed core values about teamwork, trust, and friendship both on and off the court.

A special thank you to Assistant Coach Shane Smith and Team Manager Marama Snowden for your time and commitment throughout the last year. None of your efforts went unnoticed, and I greatly appreciate it. Finally, thank you to all the parents for your constant support at trainings and games. Your encouragement helped make this season a memorable success.

To the boys, thank you for showing up each week with a great attitude, working hard, and never forgetting to enjoy the game. I look forward to watching your WABL journey continue.

Joseph Plummer





#### U/16 GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

A serious roller coaster of a season. Since Christmas, we have had one training session with all 10 and multiple players miss multiple games. The team still performed as a unit and finished the regular season in second, beating everyone with more wins and head-to-head against everyone except the team who finished on top. Playing shorthanded, we had a next player up mentality which showed in balanced scoring approach and strong defence.

hurdle was developing offensive fluency. Our scoring was built around tempo and defensive intensity. In a tight league having a team bond together like this is a wonderful thing. Three leaders in Shae, Em, and Zoe

consistently showed themselves to be the heartbeat of the team. Consistently leading the hard work and effort I was often forced to rein them in at training to restrain their exuberance, but the plus side was they drove the team and helped everyone develop.

Demonstrating an ability to compete and outwork other teams, our biggest

Coach: Heath Bradley **Assistant:** Troy Georgiu **Assistant:** Nathan Albrecht Manager: Natalie Baxter

**PLAYERS** 

6 Jaylyn Basaran

**7** Emily Epple

8 Taliyah Baxter

**9** Shae Grinceri

10 Sakura Kudoh

11 T'yanna Keating

12 Bethany Georgiu

**13** Zoe French

**14** Sapphire McLeod

15 Amelia Albrecht

The team focus was taking personal responsibility to step up and not expecting someone else to do the heavy lifting. That meant being prepared to try and impact the game in a positive way, filling roles and working. This was demonstrated by our work rate and how defensively we limited opposition scoring, conceding only 61 points per game. It was a commitment to a team first attitude that allowed us to achieve. Offensively for us, it was about working as a unit to help each other. When we committed to sacrificing for the team by pushing to space and corners, and just generally doing team first actions we showed that we could match it with everyone.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Nathan Albrecht and Troy Georgiu for being a massive support and key sounding boards. Their passion and involvement helped to keep my focus on the key things and their work with the girls made the team better. I would also like to thank Natalie Baxter for being brave enough to step up as Manager. A great manager is never noticed and does all the admin stuff that makes easier and with Nat this was very much the case, thank you for all your hard work and support.

I must also thank the whole parent group for their passion, and commitment to the team. The season would not have been as positive as it was without your efforts and dedication.

Finally, thank you to the girls for an entertaining season, where at time I felt, the games were designed to send me balder or give me a heart attack. Throughout the season I said if you trust the





process, concentrating on the fundamentals, playing with control and focusing on your ability we could match any team in the league and we did. Unfortunately playing shorthanded in the finals contributed to heartbreaking loss in the semis, leaving a bitter feeling on what was an outstanding season filled with growth and development. Everyone should be proud.

The team really does deserve individual comments so here goes:

Amelia – always 100% energy, on and off the floor.

Bethany - leader of the rehab group, was missed early but came home strong in the second half.

**Em** – state team as a bottom ager, matured over the season and was a true team leader.

Jaylan – our inside beast and developing perimeter player. Worked nonstop.

**Sakura** – first year in WABL, learning a new language and put her body on the line every game.

**Sapphire** – another WABL newbie, elite athlete, defender and turbo off the bench.

**Shae** – rock steady O and D leader.

**Tahlia** – the quiet achiever, help D and extra pass every time.

**T'yanna** – offensively outstanding, 2<sup>nd</sup> in made 3's and improving defender, bench leader.

**Zoe** – elite at both ends, lead the team in scoring, steals, deflections, and rebounds. Outstanding year.

#### **Heath Bradley**





#### U/16 GIRLS TEAM 2

Our season started differently to what we expected. We didn't make it into the division we hoped for and ended up in Division 4. After the initial disappointment we decided to use it as motivation. Instead of getting down, we focused on improving every week and learning to play better as a team.

We won games from the outset, but the real highlight of the season was how much they all grew as players. Through training, teamwork, and trusting each other on court, we became a stronger, more competitive team and went on to make it all the way to the Grand Final!

Training was always fun — even when things got tough, we could have a laugh and enjoy ourselves while working hard. That team spirit and positivity really helped us to enjoy the season.

**Player Highlights:** 

- Olivia B A highly reliable and consistent player, always contributing on both ends of the court and helping to keep the team organised and focused.
- Olivia K Calm under pressure, making smart decisions and providing stability when the game was tight.
- **Lucy** Creative and adaptable, always finding ways to score and contribute to the team's success, showing great game awareness.
- **Chloe** Energetic and determined, lifting the team with her effort and positivity, and consistently giving 100% in every game.
- **Evie** Showed impressive development throughout the season, improving her skills, decision-making, and confidence on court.
- **Elizabeth** Quick and agile, excelling in both defence and attack, and able to create opportunities for herself and her teammates.
- Amelia A fearless competitor who used her speed and agility to perform strongly, even against taller opponents, never backing down from a challenge.
- **Heidi H** Exceptionally fast on court, turning defensive stops into attacking opportunities.
- **Heidi P** Maintained positivity and motivation for the team, even through injury, and acted as our biggest cheerleader on and off the court.

Coach: Isla Tolley

Assistant: Caitlin Bradley

Manager: Tam Befumo

**PLAYERS** 

4 Chloe Befumo

**5** Lucy Knights

**7** Olivia Becker

8 Olivia Kalbermatten

**9** Amelia Weaver

**10** Heidi Pettigrew

**11** Evie Hobson

12 Elisabeth Leboeuf

14 Heidi Harris

15 Ella-Jade Petch





• **Ella** – Consistently stepped up when needed, showing growth in her skills, confidence, and contribution to team play.

A huge thank you to Tam, our amazing Manager, for her energy, organisation, and constant support throughout the season. Her behind-the-scenes efforts made everything run smoothly and helped create such a positive environment for the team. A heartfelt thank you to Caitlin, our Assistant Coach, for her support, enthusiasm, and commitment throughout the season. Coaching alongside her made the experience even more rewarding, and I truly appreciated her presence both on and off the court. I also want to personally thank the other coaches who offered advice, insights, and support to help me and the team improve. And of course, thanks to all the players for their effort, positivity, and memories that made this season so special.

Then to make it all count at the end, what an incredible achievement! After a season filled with growth, determination, and teamwork, your hard work has paid off. Winning the Grand Final reflects everything you've built together — the incredible growth, teamwork, and resilience. Winning games was great, but the improvement, laughs, and friendships built along the way are what truly made this season memorable.

**Isla Tolley** 





#### U/16 GIRLS TEAM 3

What an amazing season this team has had!

They won eleven games straight to finish the season as Minor Premiers and secure their spot in the grand final, which was the first grand final appearance for everyone in the team.

During the season, the team only lost three games for a combined margin of only five points. We experienced our share of injury, losing Lily Henderson in round 9 with a knee injury, which would take her out for the rest of the season and Indiana Stephenson from round 5 to round 11, with a broken arm. Sickness also took its toll through the season including the grand final, which saw Mya Pasic with limited minutes. These challenges did not hold them back and they were able to work as a team throughout the season finding a way to get past whomever they played.

Coach: Jay Wakefield

Manager: Nicole

Henderson

**PLAYERS** 

4 Matilda Crowley

**5** Indiana Stephenson

**6** Jovie Boehm

**9** Evie Gilmartin

**9** Kaila Dodunski

10 Layla Potter

11 Ella Augustin

**12** Lily Henderson

13 Mya Pasic

**14** Sofia Henderson

**15** Evelyn Campbell

We set ourselves two goals this season, the first we set at the very beginning, which was to be in the final game and the second at mid-season, to win every remaining game. The semi and preliminary finals were tough physical hit-outs against Willetton and Mandurah that resulted in several girls having to leave the court injured, however they fought hard and held their ground and the leads they had built early.

The grand final would see us facing off against Isla Tolley's Joondalup Wolves Green team. It is hard enough facing off against a team from your own club during the normal season let alone a grand final! Our team did not give up and fought to the final siren. Congratulations Kaila Dodunski who was deservedly awarded the grand final MVP and congratulations to Team Green on achieving the ultimate WABL success.

Unfortunately, I am writing this a day after the grand final and I have an old school mentality when it comes to success, hence the loss is still raw. After such a successful year my wish for the team was for them to experience grand final glory however, it wasn't to be. I hope the girls use this experience as motivation to build on what they have learnt to become better players. Making a grand final is a great achievement and one that generally won't happen a lot.

There have been many highlights this year however one I would like to mention is Evie Gilmartin's first WABL game against Willetton, where she hit a 3 pointer to start her WABL career and went on to joint top score with Matilda Crowley.





Thank you ladies, I have had a great season and learnt a lot this year! After nearly leaving the club last year, you have reignited my passion for the game.

Thank you Nicole Henderson for keeping myself and the team organised; you made my life so very much easier.

Finally thank you to the parents for their thankless job of supporting their daughters endeavours to play basketball. It has been a pleasure establishing new friendships and strengthening old ones and I look forward to seeing you around in the years to come!

Jay Wakefield





#### U/16 GIRLS TEAM 4

What an amazing season with such a fun group of players.

The team saw some big changes after State Champs, both in player roster and coaching staff. So, it was like starting from scratch leading into Grading. We came together with a diverse basketball background and skillset. Both in coaching and playing. Some girls were new to WABL, some with years of experience in the system. We worked hard getting to know each other and the offensive and defensive systems we would develop over the season. We felt prepared for Grading, but couldn't pull off a win despite some great moments over the weekend.

**Coach:** Jacob Dawson **Assistant:** Renanka O'Shea

Manager: Jackie Lock

**PLAYERS** 

**4** Florence Roach

**5** Gisele Cvetkovski

**6** Alysia Lock

**7** Lexi-Rose Thurstans

8 Georgia Lock

10 Eve Kallis

11 Rose Ponosh

12 Addison O'Shea

13 Neve Dawson

**15** Mackenzie Fuller

Despite leading early, our first game was another loss, at no fault of the players. Coach Jake learnt a lot about clear direction, decision-making, and the use of time-outs, from that game. The second game looked like it was about to be yet another loss, but Florence Roach dropped 2 foul shots to force us into overtime, where we were able to pour in twice as many points as our opponents. Throughout the rest of the season, the girls developed a trust and friendship that saw them put together some awesome basketball and some exciting team wins. We ended the regular season in fourth place with an even 8-8 win-loss record and managed to beat all teams except two.

I have loved getting to know these players, working with them, and watching them develop in the sport. It seemed unfair that I could only award two trophies at the end of the season, because anyone could be the MVP on any day, and they all definitely exhibited the Wolfpack Way attitude. Some scored more points than others, but everyone contributed so much at both ends, and in transition, and on the bench, every game.

Thanks to the club for the opportunity to coach this team. Thanks for the support, with resources, clinics, coaches club, etc. It was amazing to have NBL1 players Jarrod Hodge and Jordan Wellsteed joining us on the bench for a couple of games (with some guest commentary from Caleb Davis). Thanks to all the other WABL coaches who actively helped us out too, with special mention to Nathan Albrecht who stood in for a game when all of our regular coaches were out of town.

Thanks to Renanka, who stepped up into the Assistant Coach role. The girls and I benefited so much from your efforts and dedication. Thanks for supporting me in my plans, and telling me off when I needed it.

Thanks to Ben, who also assisted. We knew work was going to make attendance sporadic, but when you were around, you provided some great insight and support for the girls, me, and Renanka.





Thanks to our Manager, Jackie. You performed the manager role so seamlessly that I never had to worry about anything. Which is rare, I'm always worrying about something.

Thanks finally to the families (including grandparents, aunts/uncles, siblings, etc.) of the team. It is a big commitment when your child is on a WABL team. Fees, uniforms, time, travel, shoes, mouthguards, and emotional support. You have all been so amazing, and so supportive of us coaches, our manager, the team, and your wonderful kids.

**Jake Dawson** 





#### **U/16 BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP**

First things first, I want to say a massive thank you to David Morrell and Jesse Pence for the amazing amount of work and love they've put into the club over their tenure, it is immensely appreciated by everyone. Also, to Andrew and the crew that keep the club heading forward....THANK YOU.

At the start of the season going in to the State Titles, I was quietly confident we would be able to mix it with the more fancied squads and was proved right by the end. First up was the strong Warwick team which we pushed all the way and ended up losing by 1 point on the back of a missed goal tending call which would ultimately cost us heading straight into the Champs

Coach: Steve Simon
Assistant: Craig Arnatt
Manager: Angela Jones

**PLAYERS** 

4 Dariuz Birch

6 Aiden Jones

7 Mason Nugent

8 Levi Simon

**9** Zachary Goodwin

**10** Aidan Kiely

**11** Harper Summers

**12** Ashton Thorpe

13 James Arnatt

14 Harrie Kuhn

division. The best game of the tournament was against the star studded Lakeside team and we beat them comfortably by 16 points! They went on to win the title and we were the only team to beat them. When it was all said and done, we unfortunately missed out on the Championship division and graded into the 2s.

After picking up our bottom lips, we got stuck into the season and quickly built team chemistry leading up to our first and only loss against a very strong Warwick team. This would be the turning point and after that, we went on a 11-game win streak which included a 21 point win over the side that beat us earlier.

Finals came around and after comfortably beating Willetton in the Prelim and knocking off Warwick 2's in the Semi, it was onto the Grand Final vs Warwick Champs. The game was an arm wrestle for the most part but ultimately, we fell short in the end, going down by 11 points.

I have absolutely enjoyed coaching these young men and none of it would be as enjoyable if I didn't have the help I had. Craig Arnatt (Assistant Coach/comedian) mate, the team and everyone involved is appreciative of the time/effort/care you gave the lads all season. Thank you for keeping me in-line and bouncing off so many ideas/options all season! Any team going forward will be lucky to have you onboard.

Massive thank you to Angela Jones for taking the Manager role for us and keeping the team up to date and organising everything that needed to be done! We appreciate it.

To the parents I want to say thank you for getting them to training week in week out. It is a big reason why we had the season we had.





To the boys.....

Thank you for buying into the brand of basketball we were pushing! The team first, unselfish, kick ahead always style only worked because they embraced it and I was told from plenty of people watching it that they found it refreshing and awesome brand to watch. I am so proud of how they all developed and wish them nothing but the best going forward.

**Steve Simon** 





#### U/16 BOYS TEAM 2

Thanks to all of the parents, no level of junior sports can operate without you guys. A massive thanks and plenty of appreciation being sent your way.

Thank you to Natalie for keeping us organised, all your work is what allowed for the team to function and I certainly wouldn't be able to do my job without the help. Every team needs a Manager and I'm glad we were able to have one as good as you this season.

Big thanks to Jono for being so cooperative and assisting me with coaching. It was awesome to see you learn and come into your own as a coach across the season.

Coach: Harrison Parker

Assistant: Jono Vose

Manager: Natalie

Peroomal

**PLAYERS** 

4 Ismael Maiga Ali Akibou

**6** Dwight McPhee

**7** Ethan Tamim

8 Sandile Mark Magaisa

10 Eli Dunne

**11** Taj Peroomal

**12** Ezekiel Vose

13 Travis Clarke

14 Gabriel Anain

15 Xavier Bomford-Hoath

Lastly, thanks to the boys for all their efforts this year. It's certainly not easy to show up and give 100% each week with all the ups and downs. But you all showed real resilience to stick with it and put your best foot forward. Going all the way to the grand final from 6th was an amazing experience and none of it would've been possible without the work ya'll put in on and off the court.

Go Wolves.

**Harrison Parker** 





#### U/16 BOYS TEAM 3

Entering into my 2<sup>nd</sup> season as a Head Coach, I was optimistic for the season to come. I felt we had a deep, athletic, and skilful team with options across all positions that would provide flexibility and resilience. While this early assessment was certainly the case as proven by a strong showing at State Champs, we had to learn to win consistently as a team. Grading games saw the boys burst out of the blocks early in games, only to fade late. Not from fatigue or exhaustion, but from mental lapses and decision making. The intent and effort were there, giving a great foundation for improvement, we just had to build trust in each other and improve team IQ.

Coach: Richard Watt
Assistant: Steven Harris
Manager: Sara Naylor

**PLAYERS** 

4 Hayden Philbey

6 Charlie Killoh

**8** Tyler Simon

9 Roman Munikah

**10** Riley Finlay

11 William Scott

12 Hamish Watt

13 Michael Van Blitterswyk

14 Riley Sherburne

15 Ashton Naylor

The boys quickly gelled, learning to trust themselves and each other while learning our team concepts to become one of the best two-way teams in the division. We switched from giving up second half leads to blowing teams away in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters with superior fitness, speed, and depth. As one of the shorter teams in the division and without two of our most impactful players due to long term injuries, we were still able to finish top of the ladder, losing only two games all season. The competition for minutes was fierce with different contributors popping up weekly. It was genuinely hard at times to make substitutions considering the quality both on the floor and on the bench at any time. That's a good problem to have.

The boys all showed great skill, personal growth, and determination throughout the year. Their passion to win was evident. While we fell agonisingly short in the Grand Final, I'm most proud of how we exited that game. Heads held high, emotions (reasonably) in check, all effort left out on the floor. Losing sucks - especially after a winning season but I feel the boys, coaches, and manager took it the right way. We will learn from this experience to drive determination for next year.

To my Assistant, Steve Harris, thanks for your continual insight and counsel throughout this season. It was a pleasure to have you as my sounding board. A problem shared is a problem halved and in a season of expectation I was glad to have a calm, objective peer to critique and scrutinise my ideas. I hope you took some good learnings and experience from this season which you can use to continue your coaching development.

Massive thanks (again) to Sara Naylor who makes team management look easy. Pretty sure Sara treats this as a full-time job based on the professionalism and attention to detail displayed... whilst also managing a family and an actual paid career! Sara always provides the right prompts at the right time to cover all off-court arrangements, which allows coaches to focus purely on basketball. If we could nominate for Manager of the year, I'd be first in line with Sara's nomination.





Thanks to all the parents who donate their time and energy (and petrol) in performing those critical support functions which are required to play games at this level. Without score bench support, videographers, fill in managers, guidance counsellors and uber drivers we would not be able to offer the privilege of WABL to our children and share our joint passion for basketball.

I particularly appreciate the personal feedback and kind words of support from many of you throughout the season. Coaching isn't easy and as volunteers we spend hundreds of hours each season helping the boys to grow as players and people, while navigating their emotional highs and lows. Kind words, empathy, understanding and patience go a long way to helping coaches survive through the season.

Lastly, I'd like to call out Riley Sherburne and his parents. In hist first season of WABL, Riley fractured his spine in a non-basketball related incident. Despite spending several weeks in a full neck/back brace and then only able to participate in non-contact drills, Riley and family always remained positive and connected to the team. We thought we had lost Riley for the season. Definitely one of my highlights was watching him step on court for the first time after injury. It really brought the season into perspective for me. Basketball is a game, being healthy is life. We should all be grateful we can participate in a pastime we enjoy. Not everyone can.

I wish all players the best of success in 2026 and beyond. Remember to have fun. It's only a game after all.

**Richard Watt** 





#### U/16 BOYS TEAM 4

Reflections of the season...

The U16 Team 4 Boys graded in Division 5 for the 2025 WABL Season. The team was predominately made up of bottom agers with a blend of WABL first timers and more seasoned campaigners.

I've always approached coaching with the mindset of being able to use sport to teach our kids valuable life lessons. I approached every training session and every game with that in mind. Our season mantra was "Compete, Defend, Share" and as a group we worked hard to uphold this

and let it guide our play not only on court, but off as well. Our training was an opportunity to improve not only our basketball, but our communication, empathy, and self-reflection. My hope is that the boys not only grew as athletes, but as well-rounded humans.

A massive thanks to our team Managers. Team Agostino (Corrina and Marco) went above and beyond this season to ensure everything ran smoothly and all the boys were well looked after. We all really appreciate everything you did! Thank you!!!

Success is difficult to define when it is measured in wins and losses. When you struggle for wins all season, it might seem you have not had a very good year. However, when you dig deeper, you can see the growth that has taken place despite the imbalance of the win/loss column. We fought hard in every game and competed with all of the tops team for extended periods in all of our games this season. I couldn't fault the boy's resilience in turning up each week to training and on game day ready to compete. Whilst lapses in concentration cost us winnable games, there were also some very solid performances and we had a strong back end of the season. Although we lost our elimination final to the Team 3 Wolves Boys, we played a terrific finals game and the teams improvement was clear to see.

Thank you to the parent group. Having a child in WABL is a big commitment and I appreciated your support and assistance throughout the season. We had some ups and downs this year, and I thank you for your support during those. Special mentions to Dave Martin and Al Lackovic. Dave was our main man with filming the games each week and Al uploaded the footage for our statistical analysis. Thank you.

Thank you to the club for giving me the opportunity to coach at WABL level. I continued to learn not only about the game but about myself as well. Thanks to David and Jesse for your unwavering support and guidance. Post-game chats were appreciated and provided a valuable insight into any questions I had.

**Coach:** Justin Lowson **Assistant:** Al Lackovic

Manager: Corrina Agostini

**PLAYERS** 

**4** Tomas Lackovic

**5** Elijah Staltari

**7** Phoenix Martin

8 Alessandro Agostini

10 Ethan Blood

**11** Leonardo Farmer

**12** Zachary Heppard

13 Jeremy Lowson

**14** Dylan Mardon





Finally, to the boys in our team: thank you for a great year and for playing with passion. Watching you all develop on and off the court has been a privilege, and I wish each of you every success in the future. Cheers, Justin.

**Justin Lowson** 





#### U/18 WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP

As we wrap up this season, I want to take a moment to reflect on what we've accomplished, not just in wins and losses, but in growth, resilience, and teamwork.

This season tested us. We had highs, we had lows, but we never lost our heart. You pushed yourselves, supported each other, and represented this team with pride.

To the players, your journey is just beginning. I hope you've learned from this season, and I hope it fuels your fire to keep improving, both on and off the court.

Coach: Matt Shaw

**Assistant:** Damion Harris **Manager:** Dannie Kemp

**PLAYERS** 

5 Rose Wheeler

**6** Cameron Brown

**7** Aisha Allen

8 Holly Kemp

**9** Emily Vukman

10 Marie Chloe Lea Mirthil

**11** Zoe Liesis

12 Milla Yates

13 Agook Chol

15 Jannali Nelson

To the families, your support means more than you know. From car rides to early mornings and loud cheers from the stands, you've been the foundation for these players. I also want to give a big thank you to someone who doesn't wear a jersey or take shots on the court, but who is absolutely part of this team, our Team Manager, **Dannie Kemp**, you've been the one making sure everything runs smoothly, from water bottles and jerseys to keeping track of stats, schedules, and sometimes even our sanity. You've done it all with 100% commitment.

**Aisha Allen**, you've faced adversity this season with an injury, and yet you never let it stop you from being a key contributor to this team. Helping your teammates and being an example of what it means to be a competitor. Thank you for your grit, your intelligence, and your ability to stay mentally sharp. We look forward to you returning better and stronger than ever.

**Cameron Brown**, being a captain is never easy. You carry the weight of the team, both in times of victory and in moments of struggle, and you've handled that role with grace, responsibility, and heart all season long. It's clear that your leadership on the court has earned you the respect of every single player. You made this season better not just with your skills, but with your character. You've set a standard that will last long after this season is over.

**Agook Chol,** you've been absolutely exceptional this season. Stepping up when we needed you the most, putting in the work day in and day out, you've been an incredible force on this team. Your skills, your energy, and your consistency has helped us in tough games.

**Holly Kemp,** you've been a wall on defence. Whether it was shutting down the opposing team's top scorer, grabbing rebounds, or getting steals when we needed it most, you've been the backbone of our defence all season long.

Zoe Liesis, has truly impressed me with her work ethic, attitude, and constant desire to improve.





From asking questions to improve your understanding of the game, or never backing down from a challenge, you've shown a relentless commitment to getting better.

**Lea Mirthil,** your quickness on both ends of the court has been a game-changer for us. Whether it was getting to the ball faster than anyone else, making that lightning-quick steal, or pushing the pace in transition, your speed has been a constant threat to our opponents. You make things happen in the blink of an eye, and it's been exciting to watch.

**Jannali Nelson,** you've been a beast on the court. You play with a physicality that sets the tone for the entire team. Whether it's boxing out for rebounds, battling through screens, or taking the hits and still making the play, your toughness has been a big part of our growth this season.

**Emily Vukman**, you're always the first one to put in that extra work, whether it's fine-tuning your skills, working on conditioning, or studying the game to be more prepared. Your dedication is evident in everything you do. What stands out most is your heart. You care about the team, about each player, and make sure we all grow together. Whether it's cheering on a teammate, picking up someone who's down, or pushing yourself to be better every single day, you set the example for what it means to truly care about this team.

**Rose Wheeler**, you have a unique ability to make plays that don't always show up on the stat sheet. You're always looking to make the right pass, the right play, even if it means giving up your shot for the benefit of the team. That unselfishness, that court vision, has been a huge asset to this team all season long. Let's not forget about that silent killer mentality you bring.

**Milla Yates,** your ability to knock down three-pointers has been a game-changer for us. You've hit shots that not only put points on the board, but that gave us momentum, lifted the energy of the team, and often turned the tide of the game. You have that rare ability to get hot and carry the team when we need it the most. Thank you for your ability to stretch the defence, your confidence in those big moments, and your ability to carry us on your shoulders when we needed it.

**Chloe,** was welcomed as a train on. From the moment you stepped on the court, you showed how solid and fast you are. Your work ethic, ability to pick up the system quickly, and determination to get better were clear to everyone. Even though you didn't get the chance to suit up in games, you were an important part of our practices and helped push this team to get better.

Before I wrap things up, I want to take a moment to thank someone who's been absolutely essential to everything we've done this season.





Assistant Coach, Damion Harris. Damo has suggested well timed solution-based ideas during games that have helped in my decision making. Your work often goes on behind the scenes, but it never goes unnoticed. Whether it was running drills at practice, or pulling a player aside for a quiet word of encouragement, you were there. Every day. With energy, passion, and a deep love for this game and these players.

Thank you for a great season. Let's carry what we've learned into the next one stronger, smarter, and even more connected.

**Matt Shaw** 





#### U/18 WOMEN TEAM 2

The 2025 season for the 18-2 girls was one with a lot of success and enjoyment with a heartbreaking finish.

After a long pre-season without any warm up games, the girls were itching to get started. Unfortunately for us, we only had 2 Grading games to secure our place in Div 2. Win both and we were in Div 2, lose 1, straight to Div 3. A strong first game put us in a good position but we came up against a tough Cockburn side in game 2 where we had difficulty finishing free throws and dealing with the Cougars pressure.

Coach: Aaron Hirniak Assistant: Anisa Hadji Manager: Mel Corden

**PLAYERS** 

4 Jordan Tickel

**5** Lily Hirniak

**6** Layla Montgomerie

7 Lily Nimmo

8 Lucy Corden

9 Charlotte Watson

11 Alize Smith

12 Sara Davis

13 Luca Kuhn

15 Amaya Evitt

After the disappointment of not securing a Div 2 spot, the girls got to work on the Wolves offensive scheme and preparing for a big season where we had 1 goal in mind. A Championship. Week after week, we dispatched the opposition with ease clearly highlighting we were in the wrong division. From a 90 point win early on at Eastern Suns, it was clear that the coaching team's goal was to keep the girls focused every week and not take it easy because of the scoreboard. We played some fantastic basketball throughout games and would consistently score high whilst clamping down on the opposition. We finished the season a perfect 16-0 and only the Hawks were able to provide any meaningful competition for us in the 3 games we played against them.

The first final we easily dispatched the Eastern Suns followed by Warwick Senators in week 2, again easily, and these 2 games were fun and gave us confidence but didn't prepare us well for the GF as both teams just played zone defence to reduce the pain of the scoreboard. We had done everything we could throughout the season and GF week to prepare us for the final game but unfortunately our first half was a shocker. Turnovers, Hawks hitting every shot they took which didn't happen in the previous 3 clashes and foul trouble resulted in a 21 point half time deficit. But credit to the girls, they never gave up, believed even at that point in the game we could still win and finally we were able to display OUR basketball in the second half but ultimately running out of time falling short by 8 points for a heart breaking loss. We were the best team all season but not the best team in the final game which resulted in a Runner Up finish.

Even though we don't have a trophy to show for our efforts, the girls are still Champions to me. A big thanks to the girls for pushing themselves and working hard to improve themselves as individuals and as a team when they could simply decide to take it easy with the wins they were having. I'm hoping they enjoyed the season, learnt something along the way from their coaches and believe they have improved as basketballers and people which I see they have. I hope that I get to cross paths with the girls again.





A big thanks to our Team Manager, Mel, for keeping the team and myself organised, looking good and under control. It is easy when a coach can just turn up and bring out the marker and coaching board and do his thing without any worry in the world and Mel made this seamless. It's the job no one wants but the one the team needs and Mel was a superstar for our team and for me.

To our little buddy, Jacob, who made us look good on film every week. Thanks for recording all our games and I can see a future in the movie industry with your skills.

To the parent group, thanks for being so supportive of the girls and the coaches. Once again, I had a perfect parent group who never once made it about their daughter and it's great that we're all so friendly and can laugh and enjoy the girls together. The support and cheering during that second half of the GF was huge and almost carried us across the line.

Finally, a big thank you to Anisa for being Assistant Coach this season and taking time out of her busy Uni and work schedule. Dealing with 10 teenage girls is never easy but Anisa is a great support for the girls and provided valuable feedback and insights that helped the team success for the season.

All the best to the girls on next season and into the future. A great bunch of girls who I loved coaching and watching every week.

**Aaron Hirniak** 





#### U/18 WOMEN TEAM 3

I am very proud of what our team accomplished this season. When appointed as Head Coach, my expectation for the team was for us to cement ourselves as one of the best Team 3s in the state and we accomplished that.

Our preparation for the 2025 WABL season could not have started much better. We went to 2024 State Championships with the idea of testing ourselves against our competition and seeing if we could develop some chemistry as a team. We ended up not only bonding as a team, but also executing on the court as well, with us making the Grand Final and just missing out on taking home the crown.

Our experience at State Champs set us up well for Grading. We entered Grading with confidence that we could match up well with any Team 3 and

give Team 2s a good run for their money. Not only did we beat our Team 3 competition, but we also beat several Team 2s and a Team 1 along the way, as we went undefeated over the two weekends. Our performance enabled us to grade up into a higher division, a reflection of the skill and efforts of the players.

Our WABL season did not start well with two defeats as we struggled to find the form we had shown at State Champs and in Grading. We bounced back from this bad start with back-to-back wins, but it was the mark of an up and down season for us moving forward. Overall, we had a solid season, where there was no game that we were not competitive in and most loses were due to one quarter of inconsistency leading to our downfall. We ended the regular season in the middle of the pack, just missing out on 4<sup>th</sup> spot on percentage points. It is a credit to the team that we finished higher than three Team 2s.

We entered the playoffs with a preliminary final versus our close rivals the Warick Senators who we had split the regular season games against. We were heading into the game with confidence knowing we had taken them down three weeks prior, with an impressive 31-14 fourth quarter barrage. Then reality struck, we had 5 players suffering with illness and influenza A and one player suffering an off the court season ending injury, it was the worst possible timing. It is a credit to the girls that they all showed up wanting to give it their all, so much so that we had one player suffering with a fever on the bench, but she was determined to show up. It showed what we had seen all season, that there was no quit in this team and they were the personification of what a team should be, they won together, they lost together, and no matter what they were there for each other. Unfortunately, we just didn't have the health and energy to compete in such a high stakes game and our season ended on a "what if?" note.

Coach: Dan Beasley
Assistant: Holly Lewis
Manager: Katherine

Hobbs PLAYERS

**5** Sydney van der Westhuyzen

**6** Andi Morris

7 Kiiana Nelson-Graham

8 Blythe Stone

**9** Maya Liesis

10 Quinn Beasley

11 Jemma Crock

12 Asha Jennings

**13** Indiana Hobbs

14 Aayah Jabado





One of my goals when coaching is to ensure every player is better than when I first started coaching them, and I can honestly say that every player made improvements as the season went along and that is a credit to the girls for putting the work in and being open to learning new things.

To the parents, your support even during the highs and the tough defeats were second to none. You are all such a positive group with a kind word or a smile when one was needed. Thank you for bringing the girls to and from practice and the games and for being such great moral support to the team during games.

I want to thank our Manager Kat, who put up with us all during the season. You always had us prepared for the game with clean jerseys, water, scorers, and videographers for the games. You also put up with my complaining during games, keeping me calm when I needed it, which is no small feat. Your support was a godsend.

I also want to thank my Assistant Coach, Holly, for being a superstar and hopefully a WABL Head Coach of the near future. Your experience as a past player and advice on the bench was greatly appreciated. The guidance you provided to me and the players was invaluable. You are a legend!

Finally, to the players, your efforts and personalities made this season fun. We didn't always get the wins, but you always found a way to make me laugh or shake my head with your antics. Hopefully, you all feel you grew as players and take what you learned this season into the rest of your time playing basketball and into the rest of your lives. Continue to love the game and bring the same passion to whatever you do in your futures. You are a great bunch, and it has been a pleasure coaching you, and remember my dad jokes are AWESOME, not cringey!

**Dan Beasley** 





#### U/18 WOMEN TEAM 4

This season was a challenge for me in that we had players who had played at this level many times before, and others who were completely new to it. As a coach, keeping everyone involved and progressing, without overloading the newer players, while also keeping the experienced players engaged with new skills and concepts, was a challenge I was ready to accept.

I'd like to thank the WBA for giving me the privilege of coaching this team. To see the girls improve training after training, game after game, was a great pleasure. Whenever the team was complimented on their progress by parents and other coaches, it made me truly proud of them.

Coach: Julien Tickel

Manager: Steve Tibbits

**PLAYERS** 

4 Rachel Vargas

6 Ella O'Shea

**7** Abbie Bowerman

**9** Mia Bender

**10** Nikita Dye

**11** Allegra Tibbits

12 Talei Perry

13 Lily Bacon

14 Charis Rice

15 Anyang Manyang

State Champs and Grading were a baptism of fire for some of the girls. For half the team, it was their first experience playing at this level, as many had never played A grade domestic before. It gave them a great foundation. They quickly realised this was a higher level of speed and physicality than they had ever faced, yet this only fuelled their eagerness to learn and develop as players.

Coming into the regular season, the team already had a general idea of what was required, and they worked hard at training to prepare. I'll admit, I was nervous before our first game. I knew how much this group still had to learn, and I wondered if I had given them the right foundation. Did I spend too much time on one thing and not enough on another? I should have realised then, what I know now, there's always more to learn, but at some stage you just have to dive in and give it your all. And that's exactly what this team did, gave it their all, game after game.

Throughout the season, we lost games by less and won by more. The progress was steady and clear. We went from losing every game at State Champs and Grading to finishing fifth on the ladder, an achievement that is a true testament to the hard work and commitment of the team.

Finally, I want to take a moment to say thank you. To the parents, thank you for your support, encouragement, and commitment throughout the season, you make it possible for the girls to do what they love. To our Manager, Steve, thank you for keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes. And to Jaquie, thank you for your help on the coaching side; your input was invaluable.

This team has achieved so much this year, and I couldn't be prouder.

Julien Tickel





#### **U/18 MENS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 2025 season was an incredible journey for this group of young men. From the very first session, it was clear we had a roster filled with talent, but more importantly, with players who wanted to compete for each other and buy into the Wolfpack Way.

Our State Champs campaign set the tone early, battling through tough match-ups and proving we belonged at the highest level. The boys embraced the challenge of Championship basketball, where every possession mattered, and the standard demanded consistency, toughness, and discipline.

Throughout the season, we had our share of highs and lows. There were games where we executed our structures brilliantly, showing poise under pressure, and resilience against top opposition. There were also moments

where lapses in focus tested our growth. Each week, however, we learned, adjusted, and came back stronger.

Individually, we had standout performances, but what made this team special was the collective effort. Our defensive commitment, willingness to make the extra pass, and ability to stay connected in tight moments became the identity of this group. More than results, I was proud of how the boys grew as leaders, teammates, and young men.

Finals basketball gave us the stage to showcase everything we had worked on. While the result wasn't everything we hoped for, the effort, belief, and commitment were undeniable. This group now knows what it takes to succeed at the Championship level, and they've laid the foundation to hopefully build upon for their future ahead.

To my Assistants Kent and Fraser, and Manager Carla, thank you for your tireless effort and support in keeping the team on track. To the parents and families, your encouragement, positivity, and sacrifices do not go unnoticed. And to the players, thank you for trusting the process, holding each other accountable, and competing with pride in the Wolfpack jersey.

This was a season to remember, and I know many of these boys have bright futures ahead in basketball.

**Nic Vlahov** 

Coach: Nic Vlahov

Assistant: Kent Grinceri
Assistant: Fraser Brown

Manager: Carla

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#### **PLAYERS**

- 4 Taj Gleeson
- 5 Maksim Lackovic
- **6** Jeremiah Gatluak
- **7** Kai Starr
- 8 Evan Grinceri
- **9** Luis Pibworth
- 10 Jarrid Alwan-Arab
- 11 Teawaitaia Herewini-

Kapea

- 12 Wieu Atuer
- 13 Kau Kau





#### **U/18 MEN TEAM 2**

This WABL season, the team set bold goals and high expectations. We were determined to earn our spot in Division 2—and we came agonisingly close. Just one point and 0.3 seconds separated us from that achievement. It was heartbreaking, but it also revealed the true spirit of this team: relentless, passionate, and never backing down.

Instead of dwelling on the near miss, we embraced the challenge of Division 3 with renewed focus. The team responded with maturity and hunger, and the results spoke for themselves: 11 wins and 5 losses, finishing 2nd on the ladder. Time and again, we rose to the occasion—especially when facing top teams or tough situations. In fact, we often played our best when the stakes were highest.

Coach: Derrick Jarvis
Assistant: Nathan Colgan
Manager: Arno Goosen

**PLAYERS** 

4 Hudson Rampling

**5** Chad Jarvis

**6** Tyler Meakes

**7** Joseph Lolham

9 Owen Baker

10 Angus Bacon

**11** Taj Jeffery

12 Jack Goosen

**14** Aiden Bradley

15 Jake Colgan

One of the most impressive aspects of the season was the growth—not just in skill, but in mindset. The boys learned how to grind out wins, with each player stepping up when the moment demanded it. Whether it was hitting a clutch game-winner after being 25 points down, or defending like madmen to hold onto a slim lead, every single player contributed. This group learned to trust each other, adapt, and fight for every possession.

Beyond the court, we've seen the boys begin to grow into young men. They've been learning to make good choices, manage responsibilities, and balance school, work, study, and basketball. That commitment and maturity is something we truly admire.

Nathan and I couldn't be prouder. Watching this group evolve into a cohesive, resilient unit has been a privilege. The season, unfortunately, finished earlier than we hoped and in a way that feels unfinished. There's a sense we had more to give, more to prove. My hope is that all the boys return next season so we can go one better—and chase a championship.

A special thank you to Nathan Colgan, who was far more than just an Assistant Coach. He was a sounding board, a motivator, and a steady presence for both the players and myself. His insight, calm leadership, and connection with the boys made a huge impact.

We also want to thank Arno Goosen, our Team Manager, whose behind-the-scenes work kept everything running smoothly. From organising logistics to looking after the lads, Arno's support was crucial to our success.

To all the parents—thank you for your unwavering support. Whether it was driving to games, cheering from the sidelines, or stepping in to help when needed, your involvement made a huge difference. You're a vital part of this team's journey.





As the season wraps up, we want to wish all the boys the very best in whatever comes next—on or off the court. Keep working hard, stay humble, and carry the lessons from this season with you. You've made us proud.

**Derrick Jarvis** 





#### **U/18 MEN TEAM 3**

What an amazing season!! Through resilience, hard work, and never give up attitudes this group was able to finish top of the ladder with 16 wins and only 1 loss, and go on to win the Grand Final against Willetton by 12pts.

The boys gelled together from the start and showed consistency throughout the season winning 60 of a possible 76 quarters. But they also developed into an impressive outfit increasing their average winning margin from 14.8pts through the first 5 games to 24.4pts in our final 5 games of the season. And they really put the clamps on having their best defensive run in the last 5 games with 4 of those against top 5 teams. When it came to the finals, we

Coach: Mal Clark

**Assistant:** DJ Peroomal **Manager:** Kelly Cavanagh

**PLAYERS** 

4 Daniel Lynn

**6** Chase Peroomal

7 Kade Cavanagh

8 Rafael Viegas

**9** Tristan Lowson

10 Makai Clarkson

**11** Xavier Viegas

12 Johk Atuer

**14** Maximus Haley

15 Ethan Jongsma

were challenged in each game but were able to answer those challenges and consistently rise to the occasion. The boys achieved success this season not just because of their excellent skills and understanding of the game, but also through their maturity and resilience through some tough moments.

I just wanted to sincerely thank our Manager, Kel, for all the work you've done for the team this season. From handling the behind-the-scenes jobs to making sure everything runs smoothly on game days; your support made a huge difference. Your organisation and commitment have been invaluable, allowing DJ and I to focus on coaching the boys. We truly couldn't have done it without you.

To DJ, I just want to say a big thank you for everything you've done this season. Your dedication, knowledge, and consistent support have made a real impact — both for me and for the boys. Your positive energy on the bench, especially in the Grand Final helping to keep everyone focused through some stressful moments contributed greatly to our win.

Thanks to Guy, our videographer, for recording our games to keep everyone who couldn't attend up to date and involved.

Big thanks to all the parents, grandparents and family members for your support this season. You guys are such an amazing group to be involved with. WABL isn't only a commitment from the boys but for the whole family. The team's success this season is a reflection of you all.

Finally, to the boys. I just want to thank each and every of you for what you brought to this season. Your positivity, maturity, and resilience stood out every step of the way. Whether we were winning big or facing challenges, you showed what it means to stay focused, lift each other up, and keep





pushing forward. You all created such a positive culture within the team. Thanks for making it such a rewarding season. I'm so proud to have coached this team.

We said we would win it all and we did it!!

**Mal Clark** 





#### **U/18 MEN TEAM 4**

We started our season at State Champs, where we won 3 out of 5 games and narrowly missed out on playing in the finals.

We then had a few changes to our team for the upcoming Grading tournament, and the team had a very successful weekend grading into Div 4, which would push them weekly to perform at their best.

We started the season off with a loss to Rockingham and a wrong 5-minute sinbin to one of our players, but we showed a lot of potential. We would then go on a 3-game winning streak. Our next match up was against the Wolves

Team 3 side. There was nothing in it all game but Team 3 would come away with a 4-point win.

We were then hit with injuries and players on holidays, and we went on a 3-3 run which would see us sitting  $6^{th}$  on the ladder.

We had a mid-season review where we talked about what we were doing right and things we needed to improve on, and we got to work.

It would see us go on a 5-1 run, and we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder at the end of the regular season.

We played the Slammers in the Quarter final, and our 1st and 4th quarter defence ultimately got us the win.

We would then match up with Willetton 3's in the Semi-final and unfortunately it just wasn't our day. We were unable to execute in offence in the first half and had to play catch up for the rest of the game, and Willetton 3's got the win.

I would like to thank Andrew, Jesse, and David on all the hard work they put into making the Wolves the best club in the West.

I have enjoyed all the coaching clinics that you have run, and the conversations that we have had along the way.

You guys give up a lot of your time for us week in and week out and it is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank Jodie Carroll, for filming our games along with Natalie Martin and Alana Ryan for when you couldn't. You gave up your time every week and it's such an important job that benefits the team so much.

I would like to thank the parents for bringing the boys to and from training every week along with the games, as well as the scoring duties and the sideline support.

Coach: Adrian Carroll
Manager: Russell Hirt

**PLAYERS** 

**4** Tyler Hirt

**5** Rhys Weir

**6** Carter Wawatai

**7** Tane Dodunski

8 Derek Deng

**10** Blake Carroll

11 John Kasongo

**12** Oliver Toms

13 Zak Ryan

**14** Jett Reiss





I would especially like to thank our Team Manager, Russell Hirt. You took on the role without hesitation and did a terrific job.

It was great having the help at trainings, keeping the team informed each week, extra eyes on game day, and all the conversations we had throughout the season.

Lastly, I would like to thank the playing group on a terrific season. It was a privilege to coach you as a team and getting to know you as individuals. I'm incredibly proud of what we achieved this season even with the all the obstacles that we experienced. I look forward to seeing where you all end up next season. Keep working hard and pushing yourselves to achieve your goals.

**Adrian Carroll** 





#### **U/20 MENS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The transition into U20's basketball is always a challenging one. For many young men, this is the stage of life where new commitments and opportunities start to compete with basketball. Some players pursue college opportunities abroad, others step into full-time work, and many juggle studies with part-time jobs to support the growing social and lifestyle demands of this age.

In the middle of all this, basketball continues to play a vital role. It keeps players connected to teammates who share the same passion, provides an outlet for competitive drive, and helps build friendships that go beyond the game. Balancing these emotional and physical demands—while navigating the body changes and risks of injury that come with this age group—is never easy.

Coach: Ray Baker

**Assistant:** Robb Hobbs **Manager:** Mary-Anne

Kersey **PLAYERS** 

**4** Liam Kersey

6 Lucas Kingswood

**7** Stephan du Toit

7 Max Bennett

8 Kieran McNamara

**9** Tyler Jarvis

10 Jake Feist

11 Chayce King

13 Alex Vukman

**14** Martin Myaundi

- Callum Hutchinson

Our season began with a tough setback. At State Champs, a last-second turnover cost us a top-four finish. From there, grading tournaments presented new challenges: injuries, illness, and one of our players seizing the incredible opportunity to play abroad. Despite being short-handed and playing through extreme heat, the team showed impressive resilience, grinding their way to qualify for the Champs Division.

The regular season brought more of the same ups and downs. Two players went down with what turned out to be season-ending injuries, and another withdrew from the team. This left us relying on just seven players for large stretches of the season, calling in occasional support from our U18's and U20/2 teams. Not surprisingly, building on-court chemistry was tough, and results were mixed.

Through it all, the players fought valiantly. As the season has progressed, we've been boosted by the return of players from overseas and other commitments. With fuller numbers and more time together, the chemistry is improving. We've seen flashes of brilliant individual and team performances — proof of the talent in this group. Unfortunately, inconsistency has meant we've let a few winnable games slip away, but the team is determined to finish strong and make a statement in finals.

None of this journey would have been possible without the people around the team. To the parents — thank you. At this age, players are mostly independent in getting themselves to training and games, but your presence on the sidelines, your help with scoring and filming, and your ongoing support mean the world to the team.

A very special thank you to Mary-Anne, our ever-reliable and super-organised Manager. Your time,





effort, and care have been the glue holding everything together this season — you truly are a gem.

And to Robb Hobbs — stepping into his first season coaching in the older age groups — what a contribution. Robb has been a fantastic Assistant Coach, always a calm voice of reason, and has led the group admirably whenever called upon.

This season has tested us in so many ways, but it has also showcased the strength, spirit, and potential of our U20 group. Now, we look forward to finals and the chance to make it all count.

**Ray Baker** 





#### **U/20 MEN TEAM 2**

This WABL season has been one of the most memorable and rewarding years of my coaching career. From start to finish, it has been filled with challenges, growth, and moments that reflect what sport is truly about. Competing in one of the toughest divisions in all of WABL, our journey was far from easy. We faced countless injuries, setbacks, and obstacles, but what defined this team was not what went wrong — it was how they responded.

After beginning the season 0–5 and sitting at the very bottom of the ladder in 13th place, many teams would have lost hope. Instead, this group dug deep, leaned on each other, and fought with resilience and belief. That fight led to an incredible seven-game win streak, pushing us into finals and showing everyone just how much heart, this team has.

But the story of this season is about more than just results. It has been a year of growth and progression, with players earning multiple scholarship offers to America and developing both individually and as a group. It has been a year of camaraderie

and chemistry, where teammates became brothers and built bonds that will last far beyond basketball.

This team is full of competitors — dogs who never gave up no matter the circumstances. They stood side by side as brothers in arms, and it has been a privilege to coach them. The resilience they've shown, the lessons they've learned, and the battles they've faced will serve them not only in their basketball journeys but in life itself.

For me personally, the greatest success is knowing that the friendships and bonds made this season extend well beyond the court. I couldn't be happier or prouder of this team. They have set an example of what it means to fight for each other, to persevere when tested, and to believe even when the odds are stacked against them.

Now, as we enter finals, we carry the belief that we can push for something truly special. This season has already been a success in so many ways, but the journey is not finished yet. With the heart, resilience, and unity this team has shown, anything is possible.

Alessandro Gentelli

Coach: Alessandro Gentelli **Assistant:** Chris Beerens Manager: Laycen Robinson

**PLAYERS** 

**4** Dominic Southwell

5 Caleb O'Regan

**6** Sam Malcolm

7 William Parker

**8** Thomas Greene

10 Matthew Paine

**11** Brayden Humphrey

12 Oliver Beerens

**13** Benjamin Becker

**14** Matthew Gibbs

15 Presley D'Souza

**T/O** Joshua Rogers

T/O Ace Hoang

**T/O** Sam Coleman





#### **U/21 WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

As the season comes to a close, I find myself filled with immense pride, gratitude, and a huge amount of excitement for what we've accomplished together. This year was a true journey, one that started with a blank slate and ended with a team that fought with heart and passion right to the end.

Thinking back to the beginning, our challenge was clear. We had a new team with only two players returning from last season's championship squad. We knew we had a huge task ahead of us, starting from scratch to build our style of play. After just a few weeks of training, we stepped onto the court at

Coach: Darryl Baxter
Manager: Kim Herman
PLAYERS

**5** Hannah Mortimer

6 Jorja Montgomerie

7 Ruby Coulson

8 Teaghan Walsh

**9** Shelby Holl

10 Grace Conradt

**11** Janah Jabado

**12** Charlotte Didmon

14 Isabella Hill

15 Jorja Herman

State Champs. The girls went 4-1 in the pool games, finishing second on the ladder. Our semi-final against Lakeside was a tough battle, but the girls' tenacious defence in the second half held them to just 6 points while we put on 19 of our own to win 28-16. This set up a grand final with Cockburn, who were undefeated. We gave it our all, but unfortunately, we couldn't get going on the day and ended up as runners-up, 24-42. It was a tough loss, but a huge achievement for a team that had only just come together.

The challenges didn't stop there. After State Champs, we had to rebuild again with five players unable to commit to the season. We were humbled and focused, knowing we had to start from scratch once more, building our offensive and defensive structures with a team of ten. The first nine rounds were a grind, leaving us with a 4-4 record. We regrouped, shifting our focus to more intense and purposeful trainings and dialling up the defensive pressure. This was the turning point for our season, and the positive shift was clear. We went on an incredible run of 6-1 in our next seven games, finishing the regular season with a 10-5 record and securing third place on the ladder.

That momentum carried us into the finals. Our first match was against Cockburn, and we were determined to not let history repeat itself. They jumped us early, but we made it our mission to take away their three-point shot and force them into the paint. The girls executed the plan perfectly, holding them to just one three-pointer in the next two quarters, which led us to a decisive 66-48 victory. This set up a semi-final showdown with Perry Lakes Blue, the best offensive and defensive team in the competition. We knew we had our work cut out for us, but the girls were ready for the challenge. Despite being down early, we fought with every ounce of effort we had, even bridging the gap to within five points in the third quarter. We battled until the very end, but with some key players fouling out, our fairytale run came to an end. We fell short, but the fight and spirit you showed was something truly special to watch.

First and foremost, I'd like to say thank you to our manager, Kim Herman. You always managed to keep the girls in check and ensured everything was ready to go for game day. Managing a team of young ladies isn't always easy but having you as the manager made it one. So, thank you for everything you have done for myself and the team this season.





A huge thank you also to Josh Walsh for stepping in as the Assistant Coach for a few games and during the finals series. Your knowledge and extra set of eyes on the game were invaluable. And yes, I do accept your apology for the TF.

And finally, to the players. Our season was tough, and our division was incredibly competitive, but you persevered through it all. Your effort and intensity could never be questioned. We fell just short of the big show, but you should all be so proud of the season you had. I wish you continued success and hope that all your efforts lead to you achieving your goals, whether that's playing U21's again, D-League, or maybe NBL1.

**Darryl Baxter** 





#### **2025 WABL AWARD WINNERS**

<u>U/12 Championship Girls</u>

MVP Sienna Irving | WOLFPACK WAY Parker Francis

U/12 Girls Team 2

MVP Evelyn Carr | WOLFPACK WAY Maddy Hazell

<u>U/12 Girls Team 3</u>

MVP Ruby Chadd | WOLFPACK WAY Reevah Pearman

<u>U/12 Girls Team 4</u> **MVP** Millie Kestel | **WOLFPACK WAY** Emily Swarbrick

U/12 Championship Boys

MVP Joshua Epple | WOLFPACK WAY Maximus Deric

<u>U/12 Boys Team 2</u> **MVP** Harris Hunter | **WOLFPACK WAY** Ryder Blair

<u>U/12 Boys Team 3</u> MVP Hudson Hough | WOLFPACK WAY Cooper Greene

<u>U/12 Boys Team 4</u> **MVP** Oskar Donnelly | **WOLFPACK WAY** Archie Young

<u>U/14 Championship Girls</u>

MVP Claire Furness | WOLFPACK WAY Imogen Young

<u>U/14 Girls Team 2</u> MVP Scarlett Gaskell | WOLFPACK WAY Chloe Van Niekerk





U/14 Girls Team 3

MVP Sophie Langullah | WOLFPACK WAY Ella Pearcey

U/14 Girls Team 4

MVP Amelia Moustafa | WOLFPACK WAY Willow Crowley

**U/14 Championship Boys** 

MVP Noah Growden | WOLFPACK WAY Zion Ochieng

U/14 Boys Team 2

MVP Harvey Hazell | WOLFPACK WAY Magot Magot

U/14 Boys Team 3

MVP Riley Batterham | WOLFPACK WAY Micah Matacz

U/14 Boys Team 4

MVP Jaxon Smith | WOLFPACK WAY Kaleb O'Connor

U/16 Championship Girls

MVP Zoe French | WOLFPACK WAY Emily Epple

U/16 Girls Team 2

MVP Olivia Becker | WOLFPACK WAY Chloe Befumo

U/16 Girls Team 3

MVP Kaila Dodunski | WOLFPACK WAY Layla Potter

U/16 Girls Team 4

MVP Gisele Cvetkovski | WOLFPACK WAY Rose Ponosh





U/16 Championship Boys

MVP Aiden Jones | WOLFPACK WAY Mason Nugent

<u>U/16 Boys Team 2</u>

MVP Ezekiel Vose | WOLFPACK WAY Ismael Maiga Ali Akibou

<u>U/16 Boys Team 3</u>

MVP Hayden Philbey | WOLFPACK WAY William Scott

<u>U/16 Boys Team 4</u> **MVP** Leonardo Farmer | **WOLFPACK WAY** Zachary Heppard

U/18 Championship Women

MVP Agook Chol | WOLFPACK WAY Cameron Brown

U/18 Women Team 2

MVP Sara Davis | WOLFPACK WAY Lily Nimmo

<u>U/18 Women Team 3</u> MVP Quinn Beasley | WOLFPACK WAY Andi Morris

<u>U/18 Women Team 4</u> **MVP** Abbie Bowerman | **WOLFPACK WAY** Talei Perry

U/18 Championship Men

MVP Taj Gleeson | WOLFPACK WAY Evan Grinceri

<u>U/18 Men Team 2</u> MVP Owen Baker | WOLFPACK WAY Chad Jarvis





<u>U/18 Men Team 3</u> MVP Rafael Viegas | WOLFPACK WAY Daniel Lynn

<u>U/18 Men Team 4</u> MVP Rhys Weir | WOLFPACK WAY Blake Carroll

U/20 Championship Men

MVP Max Bennett | WOLFPACK WAY Liam Kersey

<u>U/20 Men Team 2</u>

MVP Brayden Humphrey | WOLFPACK WAY Caleb O'Regan

U/21 Championship Women

MVP Janah Jabado | WOLFPACK WAY Isabella Hill





#### **2025 WOLFPACK AWARDS**

FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## **Zoe French**

MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## Taj Gleeson

**COACH OF THE YEAR** 

## Jed Veljacich

**VAN & MARY KAILIS AWARD** 

**Dan Beasley** 





#### **2025 WOLFPACK WABL GRAND FINALISTS**

#### U/12 CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS

Wolves vs Cougars

71 – 40 (MVP – Flynn Howe)

#### U/12 BOYS TEAM 4

Wolves vs Magic Black

55 - 66

#### U/14 GIRLS TEAM 3

Wolves vs Slammers Blue

41 - 52

#### **U/14 CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS**

Wolves vs Senators

61 - 77

#### U/16 GIRLS

Wolves Team 3 (White) vs Wolves Team 2 (Green)

49 – 67 (MVP – Kaila Dodunski)

#### **U/16 CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS**

Wolves vs Senators Blue

83 - 94

#### U/16 BOYS TEAM 2

Wolves vs Flames

75 - 87

#### U/16 BOYS TEAM 3

Wolves Green vs Lakeside

70 - 72

#### U/18 WOMEN TEAM 2

Wolves Green vs Hawks

62 - 70

#### **U/18 MEN TEAM 3**

Wolves Green vs Tigers

87 – 75 (MVP – Rafael Viegas)





#### **2025 STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

## U/14 GIRLS SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE

Asha McClelland

**Emily Harrison** 

## U/14 BOYS SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE

**Charlie Connolly** 

**Griffin Gardiner** 

Zion Ochieng

# U/14 METRO GIRLS HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL

Claire Furness

**Emily Harrison** 

Hannah Benich (Reserve)

London Franceschi (Reserve)

## U/14 METRO GIRLS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Miyavi Arigore

Hannah Benich

Aisling Fernandez

London Franceschi

Claire Furness

Arya Grinceri

**Emily Harrison** 

Asha McClelland

Aya Moustafa

# U/14 METRO BOYS HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL

Noah Growden

Hayden Montgomerie

Zion Ochieng

Hudson Francis (Reserve)

### U/14 METRO BOYS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

**Charlie Connolly** 

**Hudson Francis** 

**Griffin Gardiner** 

Noah Growden

Hayden Montgomerie

Zion Ochieng

## U/15 GIRLS SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE

Zoe French

# U/15 METRO GIRLS HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL

**Emily Epple** 

# U/15 COUNTRY BOYS HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL

Michael Van Blitterswyk (Reserve)





# U/15 METRO BOYS HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL

Dariuz Birch

Mason Nugent

Taj Peroomal (Reserve)

Ezekiel Vose (Reserve)

# U/15 METRO BOYS HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL HEAD COACH

Nic Vlahov

#### U/16 METRO GIRLS STATE TEAM

**Emily Epple** 

Zoe French (Reserve)

## U/16 COUNTRY WOMEN STATE TEAM HEAD COACH

Jacqui Tibbits

### U/18 METRO WOMEN STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Aisha Allen (Reserve)

Cameron Brown (Reserve)

## U/18 COUNTRY MEN STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Tyler Meakes (Reserve)

### U/18 METRO MEN STATE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Wieu Atuer

Jeremiah Gatluak (Reserve)

Taj Gleeson (Reserve)

### U/18 METRO MEN STATE TEAM HEAD COACH

Michael Van Lit

#### **U/20 METRO MEN STATE TEAM**

Lucas Kingswood (Reserve)

#### **U/20 METRO WOMEN STATE TEAM**

Ty Bolland (Reserve)

Chloe Goldsmith (Reserve)

Mya Haley (Reserve)

## U/20 METRO WOMEN STATE TEAM ASSISTANT COACH

Jonelle Morley





#### **2025 WABL OFFICIALS**

#### A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WABL OFFICIALS:

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Alexander Bunyan

Alexander Wood

**Allegra Tibbits** 

Amaya Evitt

**Axel Pearce** 

**Bailey Baxter** 

Benjamin Watts

Caleb Rivers

Cooper Lee

Daemyn Bunt

Gabe Joannides

**Hadley Stone** 

**Hunter Kerr** 

James Chapman

Jesse Rivers

**Justin Clark** 

Kai Kirkhouse

Kyle Berry

Lazziz Hadji

Lee Barton

Liam Adeline

**Logan Rampling** 

Maddy Breeze

Marc Vaucher

**Mathys Edery** 

Mia Holmes

Mitchell Parry

Oliver Wright

Sam Scutella

Samuel Coleman

Sehej Sohpaul

**Shaymus McCartney** 

Tallan Bryan

**Tasman Billington** 

Thomas O'Dea

Zan Joannides

**Zac Topping** 

**Zack Snart** 

