



## Hold the front page! Waroona Redbacks U11 boys at State Championships



Standing: Jeremiah Kelly, Darren Birch (Coach), Lachlan Birch, Jesse Grant, Mitchell Snell, Joshua Ingram and Kaid Baesjou

Front row: Ashton Parker and Saverio Jetta

This group of boys, coached by Darren Birch, did our club proud making it into the grand final of the Div. 4 U/11 against metro teams that have hundreds of children to choose from.

Break down of game results:

Won 42-2 against East Perth Eagles

Won 34-1 against Stirling Senators

Lost 15-28 against Bunbury

Won 30-4 against Lakeside Lightning

The team fought hard in the Grand Final against a strong Bunbury team. The 12 point loss is not a fair reflection of how well the boys took the game up to their opponents. The U11 boys team did themselves proud and were great ambassadors for Waroona.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Welcome to a new edition of your Newsletter, the Redbacks web! Welcome to a New Year, belated best wishes to all! What a start to the festive season the U11 boys gave us, not enough can be said of their efforts, well done team! Well done to all the players who participated in the Regional Champs and the State Champs representing our club. Country Week is coming up; good luck to the teams, enjoy the experience and I'm sure you'll represent the club with pride.

Great to see everyone enjoying the season so far. Some team changes were made to even up the competition and give everyone a chance. Christmas wind up was on the 14th December and by all accounts we all enjoyed it. Glad to see many players wearing a mouth-guard. This is mandatory at all tournaments and will be a condition of taking the court next season in Waroona.

Thanks to everyone concerned for building the Aussie Hoops program in Waroona, the club looks forward to a bright future. We will run a series of mini-hoops sessions in Term 1 too.

We all love our basketball and love playing at the Rec Centre so please help us keep the Rec Centre clean and tidy; pick up your rubbish and put it in the bins, stack up the chairs and generally leave things in good order please.

Remember, that this is your newsletter and if you have suggestions or contributions to make please let us know. Have a great second half of the season as we all look forward to a good finals series.

Jodi Racco  
Junior Committee President

## ***On the road - tournaments***

Please remember that you will be representing our club at all times on and off the court, wear the uniform with pride and enjoy the event.

Your safety—No mouthguard don't take the court and if you have long hair tie your hair safely in a loose pony tail not plaits please.

### **The Regional Championships**

Held in Eaton in early November featured two girls teams from Waroona. The girls had a lot of fun, a lot of basketball and gained valuable experience.

#### **Redbacks U12G:**



Libbie, Heaven, Makkiah, Mikaylee, Eva, Taylah  
Torri, Georgina, Jaimee, Lily

#### **Rebacks U13G:**



Back Row: Shania White, Mackenzie Pitter

Olivia Hawkins, Taliesha Martelli

Front Row: Jazmyne Birch, Abby Simpson, Elise Cicolari

## **COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

2017 Country Championships nominations are now closed; thanks for your support;

#### **11th & 12th February**

Under 16 Girls - Coach - Mel Grout  
Under 16 Boys - Coach - Brad Vitale  
Under 18 Boys - Coach - Ryan Vincent  
Under 18 Girls - Coach - Paula Birch

#### **18th & 19th February**

Under 12 Girls - Coach - Stephen Cook  
Under 13 Girls - Coach—Darren Birch  
Under 14 Girls - Coach - Blake Srdarev

#### **25th & 26th February**

Under 12 Boys - Coach - Darren Birch  
Under 14 Boys - Coach - Rickardo Jetta  
Under 15 Boys - Coach - Matt Vitale

Please pay your \$20 nomination fee to the team manager, this is payable before team selection.

Queries can be directed to Stephen Cook on  
0427 988 790 [Stephen.cook@y7mail.com](mailto:Stephen.cook@y7mail.com)

#### **Are your contact details up to date?**

**Please let us know at the office or by e-mail if you have changed e-mail address or preference, or if you have changed phone numbers.**

**It is important that we have your details up to date in order to keep you up to date with the Newsletter and with invites to players for tournaments.**

**Thanks!**



## Letter from the Perth Lynx

Hello! I'm Ash Grant from the Perth Lynx and this is my first year playing in the Women's National Basketball League.

I've been playing basketball basically my whole life, so it's safe to say I've been in my fair share of teams, leagues, and had lots of different coaches. In this time, the most valuable thing I've learnt is that hard work and practice never goes to waste.



I know it may sound cliché, but no matter who you're playing for, what drills you do or what coach you have, hard work is something you can always bring to your trainings and games.



For me, hard work means doing the 'extra' and not short cutting any of the little things. Try to do every part of every drill at training as best you can and if there is any area of your game that you want to improve on, practice is key... and lot's of it too!

It may feel uncomfortable at first, and you may not get it right every time, but keep persevering, doing your best and putting in the extra work, because it's okay to make mistakes and it will all pay off in the end!

***Check out the Perth Lynx website***

***The Lynx call the Bendat Basketball Centre home, go and watch them play! Great value entertainment!***

## News from the Committee

Other than the challenging process of balanced team selection the committee has been discussing a few other points of interest:

- ◆ Respect the referees; we are all human and our ref's are volunteers without whom the game doesn't start
- ◆ Become a ref! As of 12 years of age you can start the courses, contact Kellie for info. A Level 0 course with Jess Byrne is being organised
- ◆ Mouthguards will be mandatory next season.
- ◆ Hoops will go up for the U11 age group
- ◆ Play fair and be respectful of all participants - two technical fouls equals one week suspension and probable elimination from tournament teams
- ◆ Mini Hoops to organise for Term 1
- ◆

## COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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General Committee:

Nat Birch, Carol Hull, Nat Parker, Jenni Tieleman, Belinda Curtis, Gareth Hawkins, Rickardo Jetta, Kellie Vincent,

**Safety on Court—BWA instructions** — penalty for non-compliance is that you may not take the court

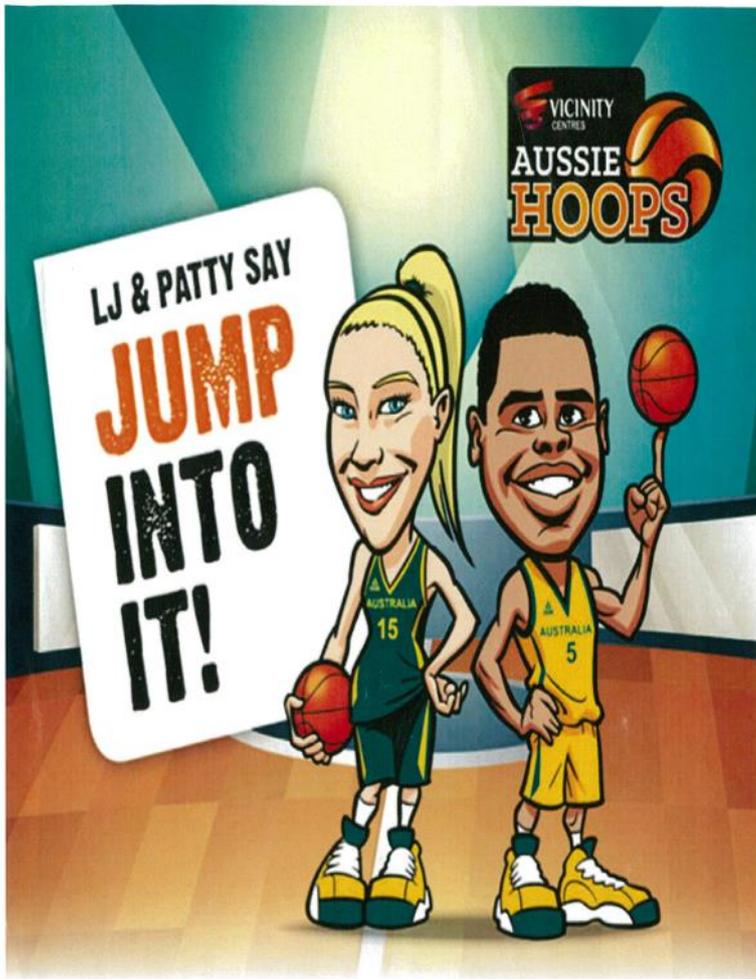
Players hair must be in a ponytail style, falling loose at the back; no plaits

Do not wear equipment that may cause injury to other players e.g. headgear, hair accessories and jewellery.

Headbands must be a maximum 5cms in width, made of non-abrasive, unicolour cloth, pliable plastic or rubber

Compression Garments to comply with Official FIBA guidelines. No full length tights permitted and shorts must be of the same solid colour as the playing shorts not to go below the hem of the shorts.

Knee pads are allowed as long as skin can be seen between the pads and the bottom of the shorts i.e. they are not a continuous length under the shorts.



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### Ball Sizes

This season the following ball sizes will be used:

**Size 5** - used by U/11 boys and girls

**Size 6** - used by U/13 boys, U/14 girls and U/18 girls

**Size 7** - used by U/15 boys and U/18 boys

### **RUBBISH - CLEAN UP**

**Reminder to everyone- please throw your rubbish in the bins provided and stack away your chairs.  
Thanks**



### **Club Merchandise game nights 5.30 to 6.30pm**

Currently we have Club polo shirts for sale:  
\$35 for adult sizes  
\$30 for child sizes

Additional \$5 to have name heat pressed onto back  
**Club black shorts - \$15 Club Singlet—\$20**

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# **BWA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The State Champs in December featured four teams from Waroona who acquitted themselves well against good opposition. Whilst the U19 and U11 girls did not win any games they improved with each game and the players gained valuable experience. The U15 boys won two games and put in four good performances.

The U11 boys put in a stellar performance under coach Darren Birch and have set the standard to be achieved in the future!

Thanks to all coaches and team managers, a huge pat on the back to the players, thanks to Kellie for the organisation of the refs and thanks generally to all who encouraged Waroona Redbacks in this event and for the support received from the committee.



**The U19 Girls before their first game 25th November 2016:**

**Chayli White**  
**Angelina Dimasi**  
**Shelby Butler**  
**Shaliece Farmer**  
**Taylor Martelli**  
**Soniah Kearing**  
**Jess Smith**  
**Shanelle farmer**  
**Dakota Seubert**  
**Coach: Rickardo Jetta**



**The U11 girls before their first game 4th December 2016**

**Eva Franco**  
**Jaimee Elliot**  
**Taylah Platell**  
**Heaven Annakin-Lehman**  
**Libbie Gaston**  
**Lily Butler**  
**Emma Fry**  
**Tori Baker**  
**Absent: Georgina Williams**  
**Caoch: Stephen Cook**