

# THE PROWL



# ManagementNEWS

## Richard Irving

Dear Wildcats Community,

Happy 60th birthday to all our Wildcats family. For those who were able to celebrate with us, it was a wonderful day. A mix of nostalgia with the feel of a family get together. It was awesome to welcome Carly Stones and Rachel Wallace as new Life Members – what an achievement and great acknowledgment for all they have done for our Club. It was also great to see over 80 members of the Wildcats recognised for their contribution to coaching, playing and technical officiating.

Congratulations to our NBL1 men and our Big V Youth League Women's and Men's teams who qualified for finals post the regular season. Unfortunately, our Big V Youth Men lost to Kilsyth and are now out of the finals. Both our NBL1 Men's and Big V Youth Women's teams play elimination finals this weekend.

I would like to welcome Mitch McCarron and Alana Parnaby to our office team. Mitch is our new Head of Junior Pathways, which is focused on pathways across the entire Club. Alana has joined as our new Competitions Manager to support and help us to derisk key person dependency across our competitions.

Finally, I have been asked about the progress of works at Eltham High. The below provides some information on our progress to date:

Roof Leaks*	Completed
New Backboards	Completed
New Rings	Completed
New Shot Clocks	August 2025
Updated Honour's Board	October 2025
New Cladding	January 2026

\*It should be noted that the recent water being experienced on the courts at Eltham High and Montmorency Secondary is not related to the roof. The issue with water on the court is due to the light fixtures freezing and then as the stadiums heat up, the light fittings thaw with the result being water on the courts. There is little we can do in relation to this issue, but we are investigating further.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, if you have thoughts or ideas for how we can better support our community.

**Thanks  
Richard**

# Beginner PROGRAMS

## Taya Lupton

Term 3 Beginners Programs.

Sessions are filling up fast, register now to avoid disappointment!

**Eltham Wildcats Kinder Club: Begins week of the 28th of July.**

**Eltham Wildcats Ford Aussie Hoops Cub Squad: Begins week of the 28th of July.**

Term 3 Kinder Club Registration Link

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/bbfb04>

Term 3 Cub Squad Registration Link

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/3b832e>

For more information please head to our website;

<https://elthamwildcats.com.au/wildcat-cub-squad/>

If you have any further questions please contact

Taya at [beginners@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:beginners@elthamwildcats.net.au)

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# 60th ANNIVERSARY

## Nicola Reid

Hello Wildcats,

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us at Montmorency on July 20th to celebrate our incredible 60th Anniversary!

It was a truly memorable day filled with reunions, laughter, family fun, delicious food - and of course, a well-deserved celebration of our outstanding award recipients.

Congratulations to all those who were recognised for their excellence in playing, coaching, and officiating. We are proud of the exceptional people who make the Eltham Wildcats the club it is today. Sixty years strong - and still going!

A very special moment during the day was the induction of two new Life Members: Carly Stones and Rachel Wallace. These two remarkable individuals truly embody the culture and philosophy of the Eltham Wildcats. Their dedication across so many areas of the club has been extraordinary, and we are thrilled to honour them in this way.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to email their positive feedback about the 60th to myself and the team, it is deeply appreciated.

To those who were unable to attend and received awards - we'll be in touch over the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out for communication from us.

We hope you all had a fantastic time celebrating this milestone with us. Thank you for being part of such a special chapter in our club's history.



# ROLE **open** ROLE **open** ROLE



## Part-time Bookkeeper role

We at the Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club have an opportunity for an experienced bookkeeper to assist the Commercial Operations Manager with the day-to-day bookkeeping of our growing organisation.

The hours and times can be flexible, and there is some opportunity to work-from-home. We envisage that the role will take about 20 hours per week. The only fixed requirement is that Wednesdays from mid-morning to mid-afternoon must be in the Montmorency office.

The tasks will include invoice entry, payroll (for up to 30 staff each fortnight), staff and supplier payments every week, and bank reconciliations.

Considerable experience with MYOB is essential.

- Growing basketball organisation
- Flexible hours and days
- Opportunity for some work-from-home
- Extensive experience with MYOB is essential

If you have the necessary experience and enthusiasm for the role, please send your CV to [accounts@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:accounts@elthamwildcats.net.au).

We will commence interviews (initially via Teams) as applications arrive, so please don't delay.

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# senior PROGRAMS

## Jacob Burnham

### Youth League Women

Your Youth League Women finished their season strong with 7 wins of their last 10 games to lock away 3rd spot heading into finals!

The Youth Women consistently have put forward great team performances with different players stepping up each week.

Last Saturday night they faced the Whittlesea Pacers in an Elimination Final at Eltham High School. A big thank-you to everyone who attended, it was a great atmosphere to be a part of. The girls came out firing early scoring a massive 26 1st quarter points as they took a 12-point lead. They did not look back after quarter time, winning the second and third quarters comfortably and coming away with the 95-57 win.

This weekend they head down to Geelong to face the 2nd place Geelong United for a place in the Grand Final. Good luck girls!

### Youth League Men

Your L&L Orthodontics Youth League Men finished 5th in what was a very competitive Vic Youth Championship Men competition in 2025.

They got to the finals on the back of a great brand of basketball. Ball movement was a big part of their game, finishing second in the competition in assists, as well as leading the league in rebounding.

Week 1 of the finals the Youth Men faced Dandenong in an Elimination Final. It was a high intensity, low scoring, physical game which was competitive until the end. The Wildcats came out on top in an 86-81 victory. Zahn Agosta and Lachlan Wood lead the way, combining for 45 points.

Last weekend they then faced the 1st placed Kilsyth Cobras on the road to try and book a spot in a preliminary final. After a strong 30 point 1st quarter, unfortunately the shots didn't drop in the second quarter as the Cobras pulled away to a 13 point halftime lead. The Wildcats then tied it back up by 3 quarter-time, but it was Kilsyth in the end who came away 10 point victors. Shout-out to Zahn Agosta who had a massive game with 39 points, 6 rebounds and 3 steals.

This ends what was a strong season for our L&L Orthodontics Youth League Men, we're excited to see the group return in 2026.

## **NBL1 Women**

Your Quest Bundoora NBL1 Women finished off the season a couple of weeks ago in 17th with a 4-18 record. While this wasn't the year they expected due to injuries there are plenty of exciting and positives to come out of their season as we look into the future.

In the last few rounds we saw some great opportunities for more minutes go to some of our younger players including Addison Knight, Marley Pascoe & Charlotte Ogier who all took the opportunity with both hands and gave it their all! A special shout-out to Addison Knight who had a great performance against Sandringham in the last round with 16 points, 3 rebounds & 4 assists.

## **NBL1 Men**

Your Air Fusion NBL1 Men made Wildcats history finishing 4th which is the highest ladder finish in the club's history in NBL1. By finishing 4th they earned themselves a second chance and a guaranteed home final.

Last weekend in Round 1 of finals they faced the 1st placed Knox Raiders at the State Basketball Centre. Thanks to all the Wildcats supporters who made the trip, there was a strong and loud contingent cheering the team on. The game was a back-and-forth defensive scrap with both teams struggling to score.

Unfortunately it was Knox down the stretch who managed to get a couple of extra baskets and claim the 5 point victory.

The Wildcats are still alive, this weekend at HOME they face the Sandringham Sabres to try and earn themselves a spot in the Preliminary Final where Mt Gambier await.

Tickets are on sale Tuesday 29th of July at 6pm, we hope to see you all there!



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# Safety & Wellbeing NEWS

**Sophie Foote**

*Hi Wildcats,*

I hope you are all doing so well.

There is lots going on at the moment from all angles, which is so exciting to see.

As always, I hope you are all taking the time to look after yourselves and I encourage anyone that may need a confidential chat or link to supports to reach out to our well-being team.

The 9th to 15th of June was Men's Mental Health week. It's a reminder to check in - with yourself and with the men around you. Whether it's a teammate, friend, colleague, or family member - starting a conversation can make a real difference.

Let's continue building a culture where looking after your mental wellbeing is seen as strength, not weakness.

We heard from some of our NBL1 Mens Players and CEO Richard Irving on what men's mental health meant to them. See below!

*“Men’s mental health is extremely important and we need to continue to work hard to remove the stigma that some men still feel in talking about how they are feeling and when they are struggling. 75% of deaths by suicide in Australia each year are males - so it is a real problem and one that we all need to work hard to reduce. Simply reaching out and asking your mate if they are okay, could open the door for a real conversation.”*

**– Richard Irving – CEO**

*“Highlighting men’s mental health, to me, is an opportunity to understand that it’s okay not to be okay and that we should find strength in others. At times, men feel like a burden opening up their feelings and problems and often are scared of how friends and family would react - worried that we will be judged. We need to continue to work to normalise every day conversations between mates, regular check ins to talk about how we are feeling, and if needed - providing support and guidance for extra help. No one wants to see their mate in a battle with themselves, so please talk to each other, go get a coffee together, go for a run together or kick the footy - whatever it is that you do, but talk about how you really are, and be comfortable knowing your mate wants what is best for you.”*

**- Sam Short - NBL1 Men’s Player**

The 7th-14th of July was NAIDOC week! This week is to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We felt grateful to host First Nations round over our senior NBL1 & BIG V competitions and celebrate First Nations Peoples.

Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club would like to thank Ganga Giri for his captivating performance and acknowledgment of country at our First Nations NBL1 South Round. As well as a special thank you to artist Bonnie Hampson who is the designer of our incredible NBL1 uniforms and tees for our BIG V teams.

Unfortunately Koorie Academy couldn't attend on the day but we would like to acknowledge the incredible work Ricky Baldwin and the organisation do. I have included some information below about Koorie Academy!

We are honoured that they were able to be a part of our NAIDOC week celebrations and recognition of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Wurundjeri people, and pay our respects to elder's past, present and emerging.

Please flick across the next few pages to get more information on the Koorie Academy and Bonnie Hampson who designed our first nations uniforms.

Take care Wildcats!

If you need any support or want to have a confidential chat, please reach out to our team or the supports listed below.

*Sophie Foote – Wellbeing Officer - [wellbeing@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:wellbeing@elthamwildcats.net.au)*

*Rachel Morgan – Welfare Committee Chair – [welfare@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:welfare@elthamwildcats.net.au)*

National supports:

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

- Lifeline: 13 11 14

- Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

- Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800 / Online chat: <https://kidshelpline.com.au>

- 1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732 - National assault and violence support

**Warmest regards,**

**Sophie Foote – (She/Her)**

**Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club , Wellbeing Officer**



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# First Nations Uniform

Bonnie Hampson states her favourite part of her design was:  
"The continuity of the design as I feel like it's an enclosed loop encapsulating the constant message of team and togetherness."



## Star & Sun

Stars represent the path followed by a team to achievement and the sun signifies the enjoyment to one's life when doing something you love.



## Meeting Place & Journey Path

Meeting place & journey path symbolises the significance of a team connecting deeply with each other like a family. The journey path refers to the basketball season.



## Connection

The constant touching and flow symbols, signifies connection and working together as a team. The shape reflects water flow like a stream.



## People

The "U" shape represents a person. The altering direction of these icons symbolizes men and women. The constant flow of the people signifies working together like a stream of water.

# Meet the artist:

## Bonnie Hampson

Bonnie Hampson is an 21 year Indigenous Australian from Ourimbah on the central coast of New South Wales in which her mob Darkinjung is located. After growing up in Ourimbah Bonnie moved to Eltham in 2020 and chose to attend Eltham High School for their arts program in which she completed V.C.E studies in Studio Arts.

“I always found myself making art from a very young age, it is a constant form of expression for me. I like capturing emotions and moments in time through my art as well as encapsulating and exploring myself.” – Bonnie

Bonnie was approached by former CEO Greg Jeffers and Wellbeing Officer Sophie Foote to complete our design after being recommended by the school as a talented, young, indigenous woman with a keen interest in the arts. Which made her a perfect fit for the role!

Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club is so proud to have their NBL1 players represent these uniforms and to recognise and pay respect to our First Nations peoples.

Bonnie Hampson is a proud Indigenous woman and would like people to know that: “The indigenous community is very beautiful when you look past the stereotypes that white Australia has labelled. You have to be open and unbiased when learning and respecting the people, customs, art, and language because when you let go of the ideas that you’ve made, and society has made it is truly life changing.”

On behalf of the Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club, we would like to thank Bonnie for her tremendous work and the education she has provided the club around her culture.



Koorie Academy  
BASKETBALL



# Koorie Academy

## Who we are?

Koorie Academy is a not for profit organisation based in Naarm. Our aim is to provide opportunities and fun experiences, through sport, for mob. We do this by running basketball clinics and events throughout the year that brings the community together from all across Victoria.

## What programs do we run?

- Provide participants with a connection to culture, country and community through storytelling and participation in cultural activities
- Divert participants away from negative interaction with the Justice system and facilitates a connection with community groups and positive role models
- Offer participants an opportunity to gain learning skills to support them in following pathways to higher education and meaningful employment
- Improve physical, social and emotional wellbeing
- Promote respectful relationships and gender equality amongst participants, families and community.

## How to make a donation to Koorie Academy:

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The Koorie Academy is a volunteer run organisation and all donations \$2 and over are tax deductible. We accept donations via direct debit as this minimises bank and payment gateway fees. Please email [info@korieacademy.org.au](mailto:info@korieacademy.org.au) once you have made a donation so that we can provide a tax receipt.

# JuniorDOEMSTIC

## Paula Hogan

We are well over halfway through the season and the remaining fixtures for rounds 11-15 are now available to view on PlayHQ/MyHoops.

Please take a moment to check your scheduled times as some changes have occurred.

**iPad reminder on game day** - please ensure that you only select the players on the game iPad that are participating in the game. We have seen a rise in people requesting to have the games changed due to too many players being selected which affects their statistics.

Note that we are unable to make any changes to the game results (including removal of players once the game has been finalised. Please remind your team scorers to double-check the player list before the game begins to avoid any issues.

Fill in player – requests are to come via the link here and not the age group convenor. All phone calls are done via the club junior administration staff during the week.

### **CODES OF CONDUCT (reminder to everyone)**

It seems that we need a seasonal reminder to all.

These guidelines apply to all administrators, coaches, officials, parents, players, and spectators and are in place to ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for everyone involved.

We encourage all members of our community to take a moment to review the current Codes of Conduct via the link below:

***View Basketball Victoria's Codes of Conduct Here***

### **DO NOT contact the EDJBA**

Please be reminded that all questions or concerns regarding the competition must be directed through the official club contacts.

Any phone calls or emails made directly to the EDJBA will not be answered. The EDJBA is responsible for running the competition but cannot assist with public enquiries, including fixture requests.

If you have any matters to raise, please contact us via:

*Team Support: [teamsupport@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:teamsupport@elthamwildcats.net.au)*

*Junior Domestic: [juniordomestic@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:juniordomestic@elthamwildcats.net.au)*

### **Winter Finals Requests**

If you have any specific request for finals – please send through to [teamsupport@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:teamsupport@elthamwildcats.net.au)

Each request that is different to the season request must include a valid reason along with the number of players affected. Not all requests are permitted to be submitted to the EDJBA including those time requests around another competition.

Requests are not guaranteed however the EDJBA will do their best within the available constraints.

Requests must be received by no later than Thursday 5pm 21 August.

### **Training Venues**

A reminder to all coaches and team managers. If you are not using your allocated training spot in any week, can you please email [teamsupport@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:teamsupport@elthamwildcats.net.au) advise as soon as known or if on the day please contact the club office on 9439 5686.

This allows for planning in ensuring our venues are kept safe. Some venues require keys &/or other teams be notified to do this process if you are not on court.

Also a timely reminder to all teams including 'self coached' and older age group teams. The venues are to be used for training of the game, dunking and abusing the rings and venues will not be tolerated and risks your training allocation being removed.

### **Upcoming Summer Season**

Registrations for the Summer 2025/26 season will be out in August – please keep a watch out for the emails and social media posts when these open. Be aware of the close off times.

#### Summer 2025/26 age groups

U08	1/07/2017		and younger
U10	1/07/2015	-	30/06/2017
U12	1/07/2013	-	30/06/2015
U14	1/07/2011	-	30/06/2013
U16	1/07/2009	-	30/06/2011
U18	1/07/2007	-	30/06/2009
U21	1/07/2004	-	30/06/2007

Round 1 starts Saturday 11 October.

Please ensure that you read the current rules of registration prior to submitting which includes selection, friendship, playing up an age group and other policies. These will be updated and kept on the website registration page for reference purposes.

Please remember that we are not able to allow players to participate in 2 teams. Please ensure that you finalise this prior to registration.

We are on the lookout in expanding our team in searching for Age Group Convenors for the Summer season and beyond.

All training is given when in the role however if you wish to know more about the position, please reach out now as we are looking to get the convenors ready for when registrations are open.

Interested parties - please email to [juniordomestic@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:juniordomestic@elthamwildcats.net.au) with the title 'EOI-Age Group Convenor'.

We will be running an online/face to face session prior to the season tasks beginning.

# Impressive Efforts EDJBA

## David Hickman

- Blake Burban 13-22 B Intelligent & industrious work including shooting & passing.
- Lily Jones 17-6 G Classy spin move to basket.
- Oscar Merlo 15-45 B Defensive footwork & effort
- Aden Yan Yo Chow 15-45 B Defence & rebounding.
- William Coulson-Bourke 15-27 B Thoughtful, good decision-making.
- Bonnie Leeson 15-16 G Chasing in defence
- Alana Mitchell 15-16 G Athletic & contests hard.
- Mitchell Henry 15-36 B Offensive rebounding.
- Opie Jones 15-36 B Strong defence.
- Zoe Gartner 13-20 G Chases in defence.
- Piper Cuthbert 13-20 G Overall work rate.
- Eli Zoroge 13-13 B Versatile, skilled, good finishing.

# UniformSHOP

Hi Wildcats,

Just a quick reminder that the Uniform Shop has updated its opening hours during school terms:

Fridays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm (previously 5:00pm – 8:00pm)

Saturdays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Please also note that the online store is currently offline as we prepare to launch a new and improved version.  
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# Referee PROGRAM

## Pat Zerna

I couldn't be more pleased with how our Eltham officials and volunteers stepped up and represented at this year's National Junior Classic over the King's Birthday Weekend. The NJC is a highlight of the junior basketball calendar, bringing together some of the top U12–U18 teams from across Australia to compete here in Victoria.

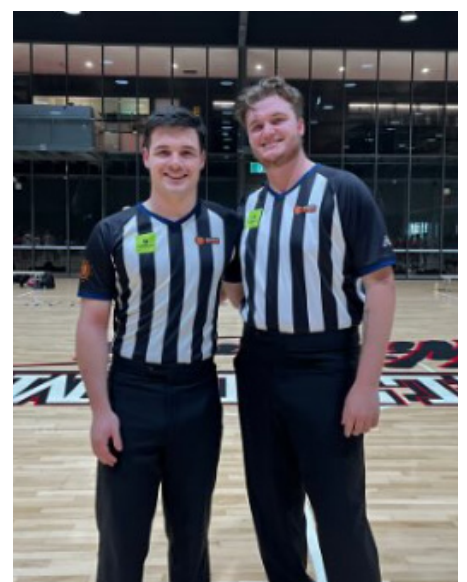
Special congratulations to Jack Jordan and Amy Shaw, who officiated 3PO in the U18 division at the State Basketball Centre, and to Jaxon Green, who made his debut in the U12 division at Dandenong. Alongside them, many friends of our branch also took part throughout the weekend, and their home associations should be equally proud of their efforts.

Beyond those on the floor, I also want to acknowledge the many others who played important roles across the weekend, from statisticians and scoretable officials, to merchandise staff and administrators.

I too was in attendance, and was grateful for the opportunity to contribute as a referee coach over the weekend, including appointments to both the U12 Boys and Girls Bronze Medal. However, the real highlight for me was seeing Peter Barnes, head of the Eltham C-Grade School, appointed to the U12 Girls Gold Medal game in his debut year, a well-deserved recognition of his dedication and growth as a referee coach.

So, thank you to everyone who represented Eltham so proudly, you continue a proud tradition of contributing to the success of major events, through the dedication and reliability of our community in all roles and capacities.

For more about the tournament: <https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/njc/home>





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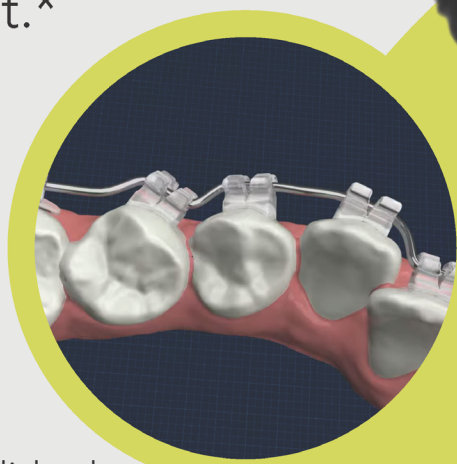
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# CHAMPIONSHIP/VJBL INFORMATION

## David Hickman

### **Interested in coaching an Eltham Wildcats Championship Team next season?**

Expressions of interest now being received.

That does not commit you to accepting any offer that does not suit you. If in doubt, please apply.

Please go to the Eltham Wildcats website top item on Junior Championship to complete expression of interest.

Meanwhile if you do not have a Community Coaching Certificate, it is good preparation & will be required if you are VJBL Coach or Assistant.

Please contact Olivia at [teamsupport@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:teamsupport@elthamwildcats.net.au) or

Mitch at [pathways@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:pathways@elthamwildcats.net.au) if you would like to get your Certificate.

### **Interested in playing VJBL next season?**

Registration for trials will open mid-August.

Please watch the Championship Notice Board on the Club website. It is now operating and informs in broad terms the dates for trials and pre-trials.

### **Who will make finals this season?**

There are a healthy cluster of teams that will not only make finals but will likely finish with the double chance ;

Girls Teams 12-1, 12-3, 14-6 & 7 (share top), 18-2 (top) Boys Teams 12-5, 12-7, 12-8 (undefeated), 14-6, 16-1, 16-2, 16-3, 16-5, 16-6.

Fairly safe for finals also are: 14-5G, 18-1 G (congratulations on performance in Classic) 14-8B, 18-1B

There are a lot on the edge that depend on the last 4 or 5 rounds: GIRLS 12-2, 14-1, 14-3, 14-4 BOYS 12-1, 12-4, 14-1, 14-2, 14-3, 14-5, 14-9, 16-7, 16-9, 16-10, 18-2, 18-3, 18-4, 18-5, 18-6, 18-7, 20-1.

Please understand, that if you are not in one of those teams we do know some teams were graded harshly. If there is improvement as a team then the season has been worthwhile. Finish well.

### **RESPECT**

A reminder to all participants & supporters, as we close in on vital games, respect by all at a game for all others at the game is required. That also applies to what is put on social media. There is due process to follow if you consider there has been an injustice.

Go Wildcats

# VJBL TRIAL INFORMATION

## What is the VJBL?

The Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) is the premier statewide junior representative basketball competition in Victoria. It features the top junior players from across the state, with over 1,300 teams representing associations from metro and regional areas.

Eltham Wildcats is proud to be one of the largest and most competitive clubs in the league.

## Key Points about VJBL:

- **Age Groups:** Runs from Under 12s to Under 20s, with both boys' and girls' divisions.
- **Competition Levels:** Includes multiple divisions, from VC (Victorian Championship) – the highest level – through to Regional divisions, ensuring players are placed in teams that match their current ability and development level.
- **Season Structure:**
  - **Grading Phase** (Nov–Feb): Determines what level each team will play at.
  - **Regular Season** (Mar–Aug): Weekly Friday night games.
  - **Finals Series** (Aug–Sep): For teams that qualify after the regular season.

If you're a junior player looking to challenge yourself at a higher level, VJBL is the next step beyond domestic basketball - and Eltham is the ideal place to take that step.

## Stay Updated on the Trials Notice Board

All information regarding VJBL trials—including dates, venues, age groups, what to bring, registration links, and any last-minute changes - will be regularly updated on our Trials Notice Board.

Visit: [elthamwildcats.com.au/trials-notice-board](http://elthamwildcats.com.au/trials-notice-board)

This is your go-to resource throughout the trials period—make sure to check it often!

# VJBL October

Date	Session	12 Boys	12 Girls	14 Boys	16 Boys
Wednesday 17 September	Pre-Trials				
Sunday 5 October	Session 1				
Tuesday 7 October	Session 2				
Friday 10 October	Session 2				
Sunday 12 October	Session 3				
Friday 17 October	Session 4				
Sunday 19 October	Session 5				
Friday 24 October	Session 6				
Wednesday 15 October	Session 1				
Wednesday 22 October	Session 2				

Note: Tuesday 7 October for U14B & U16B will be confirmed closer to the date.



# Junior PATHWAYS

**Mitch McCarron**

Hi everyone!

Firstly, I want to say thank you to everybody at the club who has made me feel so welcomed. I'm really excited to be involved with the Wildcats beyond being a player with the NBL1 Men's Team.

I'd like to take the opportunity to explain the role of Head of Junior Pathways, as I've had many people asking where the focus will be. While I will be heavily involved in developing our athletes on the floor, I will also be helping to build an identifiable coaching pathway for the club with Coaching Director Craig Stratford.

We have a great group of coaches within the club currently, and we want to continue encouraging coaches of all ages and experience levels to get involved with our teams while also bettering their coaching skills in the process. It's traditional to think of a club pathway as one singular line, heading towards one desired result. However, at Eltham we have numerous pathways that can all end in success, none of which are more valued than any another.

These pathways are intended to help players and coaches to identify different avenues and programs in where their skills can be applied, as many of us have passions in different places. An example of this could be a player moving on from our Beginner's Pathway where they completed Kinder Club, Cubs or Game Ready, and have now moved into the Domestic Pathway with a club team.

However, a coach may decide their time with the Kinder Hoops program has been really fulfilling, and opt to continue developing their skills with the same program.

Some players and coaches may have the opportunity to be involved in multiple pathways at once, such as Domestic & Junior Champ teams. As an Eltham Wildcat, we want people giving their best effort to help themselves and all others around to have fun, and grow their skills at the same time.

On the court in Term 3 2025, I will also be leading three different development programs that we offer. These programs are the Wildcats Academy, Rep Prep Academy, and the Futures Academy. As I've only just recently started in the role, I'm currently reviewing all programs to help understand how we operate as such a large club. I've got a lot of names to learn, so please come and say hi and introduce yourself!

Look forward to seeing you all around the courts!

Many thanks,

**Mitch McCarron**

**Head of Junior Pathways**



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# Club Championships U14

The Eltham Wildcats U14.1 Girls are preparing to take on the best in the country at the 2024 National Club Championships in Perth this September.

This is a huge achievement, and now we're calling on our Wildcats community to help support their journey.

## How You Can Help

Donations can be made through the Australian Sports Foundation and are tax deductible. All funds raised will go directly towards flights, accommodation, uniforms, and tournament fees.

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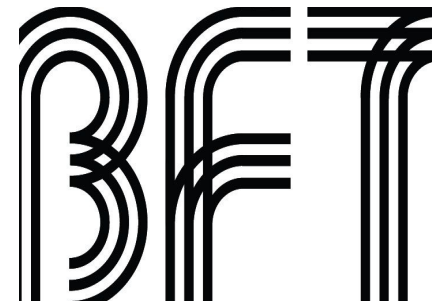
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## Sponsorship Opportunities

If your business would like to support the team through sponsorship, please contact Nicola at [business@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:business@elthamwildcats.net.au) by August 4th to secure a sponsorship.

We couldn't be prouder of this group and look forward to seeing them represent Eltham on the national stage.





# Sponsorship PACKAGES

## Gold – \$10,000+ (Max 2 sponsors)

- Logo on Playing Singlet
- Dedicated sponsor announcement post on social media
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- Thank-you video posted on social media

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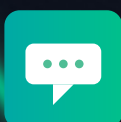
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- Logo inclusion in The Prowl (Aug, Sep, Oct)
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# Walking BASKETBALL

## Sophie Foote

On Friday the 11th of July we had some special guests from our Walking Basketball group showcasing what they do best at half time of our NBL1 games!

Thank you for our team for putting on an amazing performance in the short time we had.

Join us 10:30am-11:30am Tuesday's (outside of school holidays) at Eltham Leisure Centre Basketball Courts. We welcome all fitness and basketball levels!

Any questions?

Email me – [wellbeing@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:wellbeing@elthamwildcats.net.au)



# Photographer OPPORTUNITIES

## Steve Smith

### Capturing the Grit, Glory & Game Day Moments - One Shot at a Time

Steve Smith our NBL1 Men's assistant coach is offering our players a fresh take on sports photography - where every jump shot, buzzer beater, and courtside celebration is captured with precision, passion, and a deep love for the game.

Our vision is simple: to freeze the raw energy and emotion of basketball into powerful images that tell the story of each game. I aim to deliver high-quality, game day photos that players, and families will treasure for years to come.

This isn't just about action shots - it's about documenting the moments that matter:

- the pre-game focus
- mid-game hustle
- post-game pride
- and all the intensity in between.

Through our lens, we want to elevate everyday athletes and celebrate the spirit of the sport at every level.

Whether you're a player, coach, or parent, - your story deserves to be told. And we're here to capture it, one photo at a time.

If you have any questions or would like to book in a time, please reach out to Steve Smith at [ssmith.54@hotmail.com](mailto:ssmith.54@hotmail.com)



# UnifiedPROGRAM

**Naomi and Chloe Symington**

## **Unified Schedule - Term 3 Season 2025**

Round 1 23 July 2025 Eltham High School  
Training 6-7pm 27 July 2025 Eltham Leisure Centre

Round 2 30 July 2025 Eltham High School  
Training 6-7pm 3 August 2025 Eltham Leisure Centre

Round 3 6 August 2025 Eltham High School  
Training 6-7pm 10 August 2025 Eltham Leisure Centre

Round 4 13 August 2025 Eltham High School  
Training 6-7pm 17 August 2025 Eltham Leisure Centre

Round 5 20 August 2025 Eltham High School  
Training 6-7pm 24 August 2025 Eltham Leisure Centre

Round 6 27 August 2025 Eltham High School  
Training 6-7pm 31 August 2025 Eltham Leisure Centre

Round 7 3 September 2025 Eltham High School  
NO TRAINING ON 7TH SEPTEMBER - FATHERS DAY

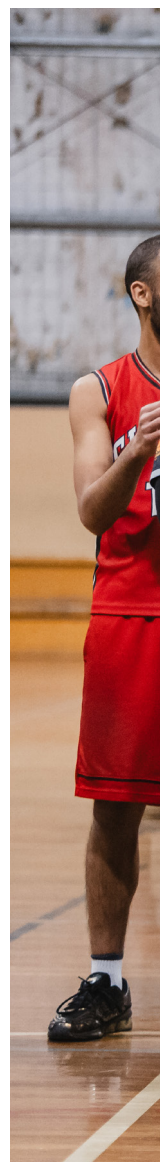
Round 8 10 September 2025 Eltham High School  
Training 6-7pm 14 September 2025 Eltham Leisure Centre

Round 9 - Grand Final 17 September 2025 Eltham High School

## **Unified Kids Schedule**

Wednesday's from 23rd July - 17th September

If you have any question about our unified program please contact Naomi at [inclusion@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:inclusion@elthamwildcats.net.au)



# Youth COMMITTEE

Calling all passionate Wildcats!

Our Eltham Wildcats Youth Committee is looking for more members to join this incredible team!

If you're between 14-25 and eager to make a real difference, we want YOU to be part of shaping the future of our club.

Want to have your say and help us grow? Stay tuned for more details, and register your interest.

[Register your Interest Here](#)

