

Newsletter 1

April 2018

LIVE IT. LOVE IT. LAKERS



Hello Lakers families.

Welcome to our first Lakers newsletter in a very long time! It has been many years since a newsletter was posted out to families at the start of the school holidays along with an invoice, team list and a fixture! Times have definitely changed and now all that information is found online and the only mail we post is when families haven't paid their season fees and a reminder notice is sent! The Lakers Committee thought it would be a good idea to re-introduce the newsletter and we plan to have bi-monthly issues emailed out on the even months. The newsletter will contain a coaches corner, finals wrap up, information about the upcoming season, a presidents report, interviews of current or past Lakers players, parents, coaches or committee members and lots of other exciting news!

Winter season for 2018 has started with many new and existing players all keen to play basketball! We have 44 teams playing this season from under 7's to under 21's. With the Summer season wrapping up last month out of the 48 Lakers teams playing, we had 27 amazing teams that played off in finals (the 3 miniball teams don't have finals). Out of these 27 teams, 13 teams went on to play in the Grand Final!! Great result by all these teams!

A big thank you to our wonderful coaches and team managers for keeping everyone organised and getting to games on time as well as coaching and developing our Lakers players! We have lots of exciting plans in place to develop our coaches with a coaches course coming up as well as our new hand book for the coaches and team managers. We are also planning to run a skill development camp every term for all the players. The first one will hopefully be run in June, the second one in August and the last one for the year would be in November.

Thank you to our wonderful committee! Many volunteer hours are spent working on ideas to improve our club, organising the teams, finding coaches and team managers, collecting fees, ordering and delivering trophies for the grand finalists, updating the website as well as Facebook, scoring for the teams playing in finals, purchasing everything required for the coaches, running the uniform night once a season, organising the training times for all the teams, monthly meetings and so much more!

And lastly a massive thank you to all our players and parents! Without you all there would be no club so thank you very much! I really enjoy watching our players play basketball, especially the players I've known and coached since mini ball who are now playing under 21's! Makes me feel old! I also enjoy watching the younger players learning the game and starting their love of the game!!It is wonderful watching our Lakers players grow and develop from young children into young adults!

Good luck for the Winter season! Go Lakers!

Michelle Morstead
President

New Courts

Just a reminder for the boys that there is a new venue for Saturday games at Croydon Civic Centre. These are on the fixture as C1 and C2. The address is 11 Civic Square, Croydon.



Find us on:
facebook.

Have you liked the "MLBC Lakers" Facebook Page?

<https://www.facebook.com/MLbcLakers/>

Stay up to date with the latest information from the club

Stories

Do you have a good news story to share?

Please email communications@mlbclakers.com.au so we can have it in the next newsletter or share it on our Facebook page!

Thank you Phil!

Wednesday 14th March 2018 was the end of an era as the KMDBA Summer season 2017/2018 drew to an end and Phil Hands, MLBC Lakers Treasurer and committee member coached his last game (21 years coaching and 26 grand final flags later!).



He has had a huge influence on many kids and their parent's lives over at least 21 plus years coaching both boys and girls of all ages. Phil changed holidays/family plans around basketball life, spent endless hours researching the opponents and finding drills to get the best out of his players while keeping them engaged and excited about the sport.

He joined the committee when it was formed and a year later took on the role of Treasurer, which enabled him to help the club through hardship and saved it from having to fold - MLBC Lakers was not shutting down on his watch after he had seen how much joy it brought the kids! He was always the first one to put his hand up and help the club where needed. He was personally available for players who needed extra skill attention or just someone to talk to.

His dedication and relationship with his players explain how he was able to coach in 26 grand finals. Between 1997 - 2018 he faced everything from a fractured skull during a training session to a team turning up ready for training in their pyjamas but he still gave it his all. He was even sacked from an under 18 team (because they knew best) yet Phil still turned up to every one of their games for the next 4 years.

He has left a positive impact on the club, all the players and families and majority of the KMDBA staff as he became a regular around all the stadiums. Thank you to his wife Wendy, daughter Chloe and son Adam for supporting Phil in his love and passion for basketball!

Phil - on behalf of everyone, thanks for everything!

Winter fees are due

\$ Pay fees

MLBC Lakers fees are charged at the start of every season.

Miniball – Free for first season then \$70

Under 9 to Under 21 – \$70

The third player in a family is only charged \$10, with any subsequent players not charged a fee. (3+ players=\$150)

What do the fees cover?

- Hire of the Mt. Lilydale Mercy College gym (The Doyle Centre)
- Coaches Bags – balls and training equipment
- Trophies for the Finals
- KMDBA registration fees
- Club Events
- General club expenses

Payment of fees can be made by:

Credit card via the website

EFT to the MLBC Lakers account BSB 033397 Account No. 265859, making sure you place your name as the reference

Lakers Corporate Box

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M.L.B.C Lakers has an eight seat corporate box which we hire out to Lakers families and teams. The cost is \$100 for one game or \$180 for both games – food and drink vouchers included. For this you receive excellent court side viewing of the Kilsyth Cobras!

If you would like to book the Lakers Corporate Box at Kilsyth Stadium then please contact Sue Schelfhout suepete3@bigpond.net.au or 0418 138 552.

The Corporate Box is available for the following dates and games:

- * Sunday 6th May: 12pm Women's vs Sydney Uni & Men's 2pm vs Mt Gambier
- * Saturday 19th May: 6pm Women's & 8pm Men's vs Diamond Valley
- * Saturday 26th May: 6pm Women's & 8pm Men's vs Nunawading
- * Saturday 2nd June: 6pm Women's & 8pm Men's vs Bendigo
- * Sunday 17th June: 12pm Women's & 2pm Men's vs Bacoe
- * Sunday 24th June: 12pm Women's & 2pm Men's vs Geelong
- * Sunday 1st July: 12pm Women's & 2pm Men's vs Albury/Wodonga

Hope to see you all at a Cobras game! 😊😊🏀🏀

Handbooks



Coaches Handbook
First Edition 2018

We know that putting your hand up to be a coach or team manager can seem scary and daunting..... but it isn't!

We have been working hard behind the scenes at producing our very own Coaches Handbook and Team Managers Templates to make life easier.

If you have not received one please contact us ASAP:

Team Managers – boys@mlbclakers.com.au
or girls@mlbclakers.com.au
Coaches - coaches@mlbc.com.au

Fun Fact

Canadian James Naismith (1861–1939)— a physical education teacher from Springfield, MA— invented the game of basketball in 1891 when he was looking for ways to keep his gym class busy on a rainy day.

The first basketball hoops were peach baskets with the bottom intact. Officials had to get the ball out after each basket.

Finals Madness!



Under 12 B Boys Premiers



Under 21 B Girls Runners Up



Under 16 B Girls Premiers



Under 14 B Boys Premiers



Under 18 C Boys Premiers



Under 10 AR Boys Premiers



Under 21 BR Boys Runners Up



Under 10 A Girls Runners Up



Under 12 B Girls Runners



Under 9 B Boys Premiers



Under 21 C Boys Premiers



Under 14 BR Runners Up AND Premiers



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