



# WBA Newsletter

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Early Morning Casual Court Use / Court Hire— Courts are ONLY accessible to NBL1 and Tigers-sanctioned coaches working on specific Tigers programs, or school bookings. Court hire and casual shooting is not available until there is a staff member on duty at reception (9am weekdays).



### Cam's Corner—a note from your Board Chair

A warm welcome to what will be yet another year of firsts as we continue to navigate the impact of COVID-19. We have been extremely appreciative of the understanding and compassion showed by everyone as we look to stay agile with the all the change that the pandemic presents. A friendly reminder to everyone to reach out to our marvellous team in the office if you have any questions on how the Stadium is responding to the pandemic. The WBA Board thanks everyone for continuing to work with us as we maintain our stance on following the guidelines set out by the relevant government bodies.

In extremely exciting news, I would like to follow on from the communications last week and welcome both Emma Gerovich and Erin Blight to the WBA Board. We are very fortunate to have such quality people join us with a keen appetite to have a positive impact. In less exciting news, we are saying goodbye to our Talent and Coaching Manager in Luke Sunderland. Luke has had a tremendous impact on our club since joining in 2020, and we wish him the absolute best in his new role at Ballarat. A

massive thanks for everything you have done for the club since joining us Luke, and know that you have left big shoes to fill. Lastly, we are very excited to bring to life some of the output from some really interesting and rewarding projects that the club has taken on in recent months. Please watch this space in the coming weeks... Stay safe and have fun

-Cam Tovey WBA Chair

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS—A BIG TIGERS WELCOME TO** our newest volunteers, Emma Gerovich and Erin Blight, who bring their passions and skill to support our Board. More information on these two club volunteers can be found on our [website](#).

### **Staying COVID-Safe**

Teams and coaches are encouraged to meet with your teams OUTSIDE the stadium before and after games, to minimise time indoors. We're reducing the number of people heading upstairs or meeting in groups for long periods, to keep everyone safer.

### COVID-affected games

Cancellations of games due to players affected by Covid (or any other illness) are catered for under the current by-laws:

Juniors: teams may play with 4 players, and clubs have been reminded of this. We encourage clubs to use fill-in players where possible.

Seniors: teams may play with 4 players. Extra players can register at reception prior to the game.

Games cancelled due to illness are treated as a forfeit and not a washout; and teams forfeited against are encouraged to come in to train (stadium to be advised of this so that WBA can reserve the court for this purpose). Current government regulations seek to ensure community sport goes ahead as a priority and our by-laws seek to discourage forfeits where possible, to allow both teams to play.

For more information: Website: [www.willettontigers.com.au](http://www.willettontigers.com.au) FaceBook: Willetton Tigers



### NBL1 News

The 2022 NBL1 fixtures are now available:-

<https://nbl1.com.au/west>

Check it out and make plans to attend our 1<sup>st</sup> Home game for 2022 – Saturday 9 April 2022 vs Wolves.

It will be a 2021 Grand final re-match for our Women, where we will live up to the 2021 NBL1 Grand Final winner's banner!

Watch our website & FB for pre-game ticket sales Tigers home games!

### Photographer alert!

Jordyn is [taking photos](#) for our new website. He has [permission slips](#) for parents to sign ....



## 2022 NBL1

The 2022 Zambrero Willetton Tigers teams are looking strong! The 2022 season will have some interesting extras, including invitational games with the Centre of Excellence (formerly AIS) from Canberra, plus domestic club nights and past player events. Here's a foreword from our coaches about the teams:



### NENER'S NOTES

We have just finished our first month of pre season and are happy with how we are tracking, to have the continuity of the group flow over from last year has been a big reason for this.

We have some of our younger talent, Willetton juniors Jeremy Bregger, Henry Counsel and Luke Butera training with the team, making the move into our WABL Champ men and these guys are learning along the way while putting in the hard work.

**Everyone has come back from the off season in good shape and if they haven't, we have Dan Barry** leading us from WA Sports Performance for all our strength and conditioning.

Obviously we are waiting to see when the Perth Wildcats will be arriving home as one of our signings for this year Ollie Hayes-Brown, will be integrated into our system once they are back. We are really looking forward to having Ollie wear the Tigers blue!

Congratulations to all the WABL teams that have already qualified for their Championship division and good luck to the rest of the teams training and preparing for to make their division!!

~ Men's coach Adam Nener

### SIMON SAYS ....

**NBL1's inaugural winning women's championship team have all re-signed** with the club and are really looking forward to having the chance to go back to back! It was important that we retained every player in the off season from 2021 which is positive step to defending the title!

We have the addition to our senior roster of Taylah Hepburn and Imogen Ayliffe which will boost our strength in the post position, something we are very excited about.

Our main squad is rounded out by a group of WILLETTON juniors from our U18 and U16 teams and looking forward to how they develop and move forward into NBL1, all signs at this point are very positive. We have around 22 players at trainings sessions including our second championship team girls, who are WILLETTON juniors and have been working really hard to improve. As coaches we are excited about their future in NBL1 .

Preseason training has started and the girls are working really hard, the sessions have been fantastic and the coaches could not be more impressed at this early stage of the pre season.

~ Women's coach Simon Parker

### Tigers & WBA Rebranding - from CEO, Mark Winnett

In exciting news for the WBA Community, we have been working through a complete image refresh project of the WBA with branding agency TwofromTwo, of which commenced in June 2020.

The image refresh of the WBA will see the association have a new and fresh look from April 2022 with new brandmarks for the WBA and our high performance teams the Willetton Tigers now finalised. These will be launched to the WBA community prior to the start of the 2022 NBL1 West and WABL seasons.

The roll out of the new brand marks will be included on new Willetton Tigers team uniforms, new merchandise and apparel lines and an enhanced social media presence as we position the association for the future ahead.

To complete the launch of the new brand, WBA will also have a new and fresh website, designed by digital agency Clue Digital, who have developed the site in liaison and conjunction with TwofromTwo. On completion this will be the envy of many sporting clubs and be a one stop resource for all stakeholders of the WBA to use. 2022 is shaping up to be an exciting and defining year for the association and I can't wait to share this with our WBA and Tigers communities.

~Mark

**SOCIAL CLUB.** This is a free community event for older adults.

Jeff Anderson runs through a program of light activities, including badminton, shuffleball, pickleball, designed to keep your brain and body moving for an hour. This is followed by a generous morning tea, and some social time. All welcome. Activities take place at Willetton Stadium on Thursday mornings, from 9am to 11 am during summer. Activities are designed and run by club legend, Jeff Anderson.



**KIDS' COACHING CLASSES AT WBA**

**SKILLS:**

- MONDAYS 6 & UNDER
  - WEDS 7-9YO
  - THU 9 & OVER
- PAY AS YOU GO. \$9 /SESSION.

**ACADEMY: 8 WEEK PROGRAM: SMALL CLASS TRAINING - SUNDAYS & TUESDAYS**

**ELITE TRAINING PROGRAM: FOR DOMESTIC PLAYERS LOOKING TO LIFT SKILLS TO TRY OUT FOR WABL. WEDS MORNINGS EARLY SESSIONS FOR DOMESTIC PLAYERS - COACHES ARE NBL1 PLAYERS / WABL COACHES. PAY AS YOU GO. \$25/SESSION**

**HIGH PERFORMANCE: EARLY MORNING TRAINING SESSION FOR WABL PLAYERS \$10/SESSION PAY AS YOU GO.**

**FUTURES ACADEMY: FOR 2013 BORN LOOKING TO TRY OUT FOR WABL. \$100 PER TERM OR \$15/SESSION**

**BOOK AT WWW.WILLETONTIGERS.COM.AU UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT MENU**



**Private Coaching**

It's important to protect yourself if you're engaging a private coach. Does your coach have professional indemnity insurance? Do they have a current Working with Children card (you can check their number in the Working with Children database). All Tigers NBL1 and Tigers coaches that take authorised coaching classes / small group classes as part of a WBA program are insured and hold WWC clearances.

Refereeing @ Willetton

Are you a referee with some experience, interested in joining the Willetton basketball referee team? Contact our referee development officers for information—[refdevelopment@willettontigers.com.au](mailto:refdevelopment@willettontigers.com.au)

Our runners program is fully subscribed right now. In order to develop referees well, the runners are properly trained before graduating, so if you're on the list, please be patient!

**LOVE LITTLE KIDS?**

Our Tiny Tigers program is looking for that special someone to help oversee the program. This is an ideal part time position! The program has full operation manuals to guide the sessions written by an experienced preschool teacher. Please email any questions or expressions of interest to [admin@willettontigers.com.au](mailto:admin@willettontigers.com.au).



**ST NORBERT 2023 BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIPS**

St Norbert College are very excited to have opened their Specialised Basketball Applications and Scholarships for 2023. Running since 2006, the program caters for students who wish to pursue excellence in the sport. It enables students to develop physical skills and fitness, teamwork, interpersonal skills and knowledge of sport officiating and coaching. Students and Parents interested in the program can find more information via the college website. Applications can be completed via the following [form link](#). Any queries about the program please contact the Basketball Coordinator Mr. Houwen via [chouwen@norbert.wa.edu.au](mailto:chouwen@norbert.wa.edu.au) or via the college number (08) 9350 5433.



# WABL News & Programs

The Future Tigers Program This program is targeted at 2013 born players looking to try out for our 2023 WABL teams. It will prepare them to attend tryouts with a better knowledge of expectations and skillsets.

The program has started on Sunday afternoons (commencing Sunday 6 February 2022) with boys from 4pm to 5pm and girls from 5pm to 6pm. The cost is \$100.00 for 9 x sessions or \$15.00 for a casual visit.

Registrations are now available at the [following link](#) if you would like to pay for the Term: - or alternatively, just arrive on the day and pay the casual fee at Reception.

For more information, please contact Jackie Keepa, High-Performance Program Administrator at email address [hpadmin@willettontigers.com.au](mailto:hpadmin@willettontigers.com.au)

High-Performance early morning sessions are on – Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays. Contact the High Performance Administrator if you have any queries [hpadmin@willettontigers.com.au](mailto:hpadmin@willettontigers.com.au)

## What's on at the Stadium...

Mid-week skills Mondays 9am—3.30pm daily.

6yrs and under, Wednesday

7-9yr olds, Thursdays 9 and over. No need to book, pay as you go. 50 minutes spent teaching kids basic skills.

Academy: For domestic players—You can soon book for next term on our website.

Tuesday afternoons, Sunday 830am & 11AM sessions—Bookings available until sold out.

Tiny Tigers: If you have a 2 to 5 year old that is showing an interest in basketball or you would like them to socialize with other kids their age in a friendly and fun environment, then this is the program for you. Follow the [Tiny Tigers link](#) on our website for more info.

School Holiday Fun Activity Camps: Basketball, dodge ball, badminton, table tennis, soccer and other indoor multi sports. On Fridays kids head to Hoyts (supervised) for a movie with their mates.

Home school: Jeff Anderson and other experienced and enthusiastic coaches run an activities program for Home School students. Exercises include basketball skills, badminton, volleyball and other indoor sports activities. This provides home schooled students an opportunity for physical activity and links into community sport. Discounts for larger families. Bookings available [through our website](#).

## Introducing Nic Wyburn-Cobb

A big warm welcome to Nic, who joins us as our new café manager ...

**I'm a Perth boy born and bred. I started working in the hospitality industry when I was 14 while also doing extra-curricular cooking programs outside of school. At 17 I started my apprenticeship at Balthazar's restaurant in the CBD, I then moved to Lamonts in East Perth and my journey to becoming a chef was well under way. I have worked in a range of different places from pubs and clubs to cafes and catering companies in my 19 years of working in this industry.**

**Willetton Stadium is a new chapter in my life. I'm really looking forward to growing with the business and building the café and functions to be a vibrant, fun, and welcoming place for people to be able to relax and get a healthy food option or a cheeky snack, like back at the school tuck shop days. While the café is steadily moving forward, I will be developing the bar and functions side. I am hoping to build a fun community space for people to utilise with meetings, birthdays, corporate events, and anything else**

you would like your own private area for. With the help of well-known companies such as Gage Roads and CCA there will always be interesting options and a variety of drinks over the bar and in the café. I will be making some changes to the function food menu, including adding some food packages to function room hire in the future

## Farewell to the club from Luke Sunderland

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone from the Willetton Basketball Association for the last two years. Since the day I set foot in the stadium, myself and my family have been welcomed openly by everyone, it has truly made all of us feel at home and at ease. Unfortunately, I have made the tough decision to move back to Victoria and continue my career closer to friends and family. Thank you to every one of the amazing staff that has made the workplace an enjoyable environment. The club is in great hands with our dedicated staff and amazing volunteer groups, I am thoroughly excited to watch the club grow in the coming years on and off the court. - Luke