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MEDIA RELEASE

The Willetton Basketball Association (WBA) wishes to advise the WBA community that Talent & Coaching Manager (TCM) Luke Sunderland has resigned from his role and will be returning to his home state in Victoria where he has accepted a position with the Ballarat Basketball Association.

Luke commenced in his role as the inaugural TCM at WBA in January 2020, and during his two-year tenure at WBA, Luke has managed and overseen the continued development of the Willetton Tigers WABL & NBL1 high performance programs. Not long after Luke's commencement, COVID-19 arrived, closing the WA borders, and this has unfortunately impacted Luke's ability to see family and friends during his time in Perth.

During Luke's tenure with WBA, he has implemented the Elite Training Program, Futures Program and incorporated the Tigers NBL1 players into these coaching sessions with Tigers junior players. In conjunction with the High-Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC), Luke has also overhauled our WABL coaching and player selection processes and adjusted the team's style of play whilst providing additional support to our NBL1 program and head coaches Adam Nener and Simon Parker.

The WBA would like to thank Luke for his dedication to the role and wish him and his wife Mandy and the Sunderland family all the very best with their return to Victoria.

The WBA will now begin the search for a new TCM, whose role it will be to continue to develop and drive the Willetton Tigers high performance programs forward through 2022 and beyond to continue to build a model of excellence which is sustainable for our Association long into the future.

Mark Winnett – CEO

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