

THE PLANK

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Welcome to The Plank.....Our new newsletter to keep you up to date with what is happening around the stadium, association and clubs at South West Metro Basketball!

At Hibiscus

It has been a busy month at Hibiscus with the stadium hosting a number of very different events.

- The National Schools Futsal Tournament with kids from 8 right through to 18 taking part.
- The Australian Pickleball Tournament (who knew there was such a thing!)
- The INAS Global Games. Established in 1986 for athletes with intellectual impairments. We hosted basketball for the games.

We have also had a 'facelift' with the painters giving the stadium a fresh coat of paint to spruce her up!



Some great Futsal action



INAS Global Games

QBL & SBL

It may be the 'off season' for QBL & SBL but our QBL committee is working hard planning for next season. We have been working through lots of feedback from sponsors, coaches, volunteers and players to make the experience better for not only the teams but for those of you watching as well. We are currently recruiting QBL coaches and are really excited about what the future holds for next season.

QBL season runs from April to August. It is a statewide semiprofessional league preparing players for NBL, US college basketball or those that want to play at a higher level.

SBL season runs from April to August. It is a Brisbane based league for players aged 16 and up. It is for players who have aspirations to play QBL, NBL or US college in the future.



Fulfilling Their Dreams!

Congratulations to the following South West QBL and SBL players who have headed off to fulfill their dreams to play in America

Sean Bairstow - Utah State University

Sydney Wright - Utah State Valley University

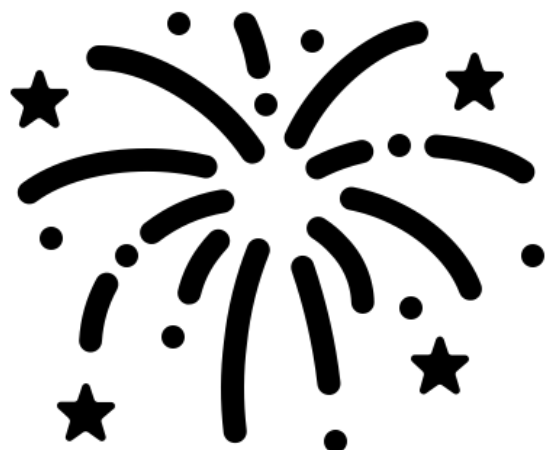
Grace Champion - California Baptist University

Victoria Lewis - Eastern Florida Community College

Siteri Vodo-Rasova - Sheridan College, Wyoming

Emily-Kate Parker - North Dakota State College

Brandon Edwards - Prep DME Sports Academy Florida



BQJBC

BQJBC is underway once again. Congratulations to all our players and coaches who have been selected for teams to represent our association. Also, thank you to all those who have volunteered to manage teams. We appreciate the time and effort that this takes especially at state champs time!

Players should all have received their player packs by now. We now have a much more unified look with all players having matching back packs, socks and water bottles. Please ensure your children use their backpack and socks on game days. We want everyone to know we are a Pirate and proud of it!!

All players now should also have a training singlet. These must be worn to all training sessions. We want our players to look like a team whenever they are on the court together!



Club News

Well done to the River City Hornets who conducted a Club Coaching course last month. If your club would like to organize a course, then contact the Club Delegate Mark Smith who can coordinate this with you. We may have a number of clubs requiring a course so this way costs can be shared.

Senior Competitions

Our new Sunday Night Men's competition at Hibiscus has just begun. After the first week of Grading we have approximately 45 teams on the court! We are hoping to have 5 divisions this season, dependent on the team numbers after the final week of Grading.

Our trial of an Under 19 Boys competition is coming to an end, with the last of the round games last Friday night and Semi Finals next weekend - Good luck to the teams in Finals!



Other News

Congratulations to Kelly McGovern who will be taking on the role of Referee Development Manager. She will be managing the referee program including referee development and supervision of referees and referee supervisors for club and rep basketball. If you have issues or concerns about referees or you want to learn how to become a referee, then please contact Kelly.



If you see someone wearing one of our new red Supervisor shirts at Club or Rep, these are the people you need to talk to if you have any questions or concerns about game day. They are also the ones who will tap you on the shoulder if you are maybe not being the best person you could be. Please provide them with the respect they deserve and follow their instructions.

Thanks to our Game Day Supervisors, you do a fantastic job!!



Farewell and Good Luck to the Captain!

Cap'n Vines is heading off on an adventure! Ryan Vines and his fiancé Rhiannon are moving down to Melbourne at the end of the year. After 11 years and more than 175 games for our QBL team we will miss Vinesy on the court. We wish Ryan and Rhi the best of luck in Melbourne! Go make some memories! #onceapiratealwaysapirate



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