

**BUSHRANGERS BASKETBALL
VICTORIA**

2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

Bushrangers Basketball Presidents Report

The juggernaut that is Bushrangers Basketball Victoria (BBV) has shown no signs of slowing down. The club's rapid growth is a reflection of the demand that exists for basketball focused on reaching out to those that have fallen through the cracks of mainstream sport due to their gender and/or sexual identity.

Our modest goal for 2019 was to add one team to our Coburg competition. We have smashed this goal by adding two extra teams to Coburg and two new teams to our MSAC competition. And with several more teams to be entered into competitions in 2020 the aim of doubling our club numbers by 2021 doesn't just feel hopeful, it now feels conservative.

The Bushrangers brand has been busy; travelling all the way north to Brisbane and across the ditch to Auckland. It is exciting to know Bushrangers Basketball are the first LGBTIQ+ basketball clubs in Melbourne, Brisbane and Auckland...with more States and Territories on the not too distant horizon.

Safe Spaces

Our focus from inception has been to foster safe spaces for players on and off the court. This has driven us to establish strong partnerships and sponsorship agreements with local businesses that share and support our club's vision for inclusion and diversity.

BBV would like to extend our gratitude to our amazing 2019 sponsors:

- The Fox Hotel Collingwood (major sponsor)
- TISC Painting
- Captain Darling
- Pony Club Gym
- Alternative Womens Fitness
- Dr Anthony Dilleo (Neighbourhood Clinic)

Our sponsors have made a tangible difference in the lives of the Melbourne LGBTIQ+ community and our club is proud to be associated with them.

In the pursuit of safe spaces we are building towards having Inclusion and Diversity Officers in every team by 2020 with the help and guidance of Transgender Vic.

Come Out & Play

Our club understands the impact of intersectionality in the LGBTIQ+ community and strives to remove the barriers that may impede individuals from accessing basketball. With this in mind we successfully launched our community engagement campaign 'Come Out & Play'. The campaign's principal goal is to encourage those disengaged from sport and the community to reconnect via BBV. Through fundraising and several success grants we are now providing weekly free training to our players at Carlton Baths. A special thank you to Rebel Sport Melbourne Central for providing heavily discounted Molten game balls for our training and games.

Early 2019 saw Kate Tartsus kick off our online promotions with a brilliant introductory film for our campaign; I have no doubt this helped secure our successful This Girl Can Vic / VicHealth grant. In addition to this in May we filmed our official online promotion for 'Come Out & Play' with the expert film making help of Dan Karalus (Atticus Media) and Kirsty Marshall. We were lucky enough to be granted permission to use local band Dark Fair's track 'Nothing Can Break Me' and the use of Fitzroy Primary School as our set location.

'Come Out & Play' has found a soft place to land at Carlton Baths. Carlton Baths Programs Team Leader Alex Jovanovski has pulled out all the stops to make our club feel welcome, supported and safe.

YMCA at Carlton Baths fully supports our club's inclusion and diversity objectives and we couldn't be happier to finally have a home.

We have experienced a high number of enquiries through our official website launched earlier this year. The website was made possible through the hard work and creativity of Southside captain and board member Laura Toms. Thanks for all your hard work on the website and all our graphic art! We wouldn't be as pretty without your help.

Our training sessions have been overwhelmingly successful. Our stand out weeks have been run by Basketball Victoria's Sheena Atkin and Mad Basketball head coach Kaz Emery. We are looking forward to more guest coaching spots for the remainder of 2019.

We are crossing our fingers and toes for a 2020 visit from our first Bushrangers Basketball ambassador, Olympian and Basketball Australia Hall of Famer Shelley Gorman. We are blessed to have her support and are proud to have her endorse our campaign.

Governance

From the outset our club has laid down strong foundations for how we want our club to be governed. We want to reach out and support gender diverse and transgender players who might be missed by other LGBTIQ+ sporting clubs. Given this clear focus we developed and released our club's Gender and Sexual Diversity Guidelines. These guidelines would not be possible without the amazing help of Proud2Play or the reference point from all the hard work they did with assisting Cricket Victoria with their guidelines. We also extend special thanks and gratitude to Dr Erin Stapleton (Gender and Sexuality Academic) for working endlessly on edits and also to Bushrangers Basketball Queensland President Olivia Donaghy (Psychologist and Coordinator of QLD Childrens Gender Service) for all their guidance with the final product.

We are learning from our mistakes and are constantly reviewing and fine tuning our procedures. Tia Bell and Bindy Cohen have worked tirelessly to improve our uniform ordering and registration process for new players.

Globe Networking

We have enjoyed the support and recognition of Globe Networking in 2019. I have been particularly honoured to receive a nomination as a finalist for the John Marriot Sports person of the year award.

We are looking forward to the Awards night on 11 October and are excited to hear the outcome irrespective of the result.

Fundraising and Social Committee

We have put the fun in fundraising with a multi faceted approach to drumming up much needed resources to support the club. From t-shirts, hoodies, Vegan BBQs, charity tattoos to raffling Kylie Minogue LPs. It has been fun, exhausting and rewarding. A big thanks to everyone that has donated their time and or money over the year. Your help is noticed and valued. All of this fundraising has been carefully watched over and recorded by our brilliant Treasurer Bindy Cohen. Your hard work is unmatched and the club appreciates everything you do.

A huge part of the success of our club is our social gatherings. Marree Bennett and Lee Haukedahl have smashed it out of the park with all of their efforts. It can be challenging coming up with new ideas to bring the club together but they have done a fantastic job. I am particularly proud of our new monthly alcohol free Bushrangers Bushwalks and look forward to seeing what adventures they have planned for the new year.

Thanks

The club would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our outstanding board members. I sincerely appreciate everything you do and look forward to working together in 2020.

Stella Lesic
BBV Club President and Founder.

Social Committee Report

As our club has continued to grow, we've been excited to create several different social events for our club. By creating this social atmosphere, we have created strong team friendships off the court, and have provided space for non-playing members, family and friends to jump in and participate as well.

The social committee is run by Maree Bennett and Lee Haukedahl, who work together to create a variety of events for members. These events are either Bushrangers events for members, with an open invite for new people to join, or the club will find events run by other LGBTIQ+ communities in the city and we'll come along and show our support together.

Our club launch on 11th May was the biggest social event we've run so far. Although we've existed as a club since 2015, we became incorporated this year, and celebrated with a big fundraiser, prizes, and queer entertainment. We raised over \$1800 from this night, a huge achievement for us!

Our most popular event is First Fridays: Come Out & Play, a monthly social event held at our club pub, The Fox Hotel in Collingwood. On the first Friday of the month members and friends are invited to get together, grab dinner, catch up, and have a dance. There's often a chance to win a raffle prize donated by local queer owned businesses.

Our newest event is Bushrangers Bushwalking. This monthly event was established to provide our community with the chance to socialise without the pressure of drinking. We've now run two very successful day trips, and are looking forward to exploring more of Victoria, especially leading up to warmer months.

On the 25th of May we partnered with Alternative Women's Fitness to run a B-Ballin Mixer. This was a fun event and a great way to link up with other LGBTIQ+ fitness groups in the area, for a light hearted skills and drills session.

As a club we've come together to support several other LGBTIQ+ causes, and had a lot of fun doing so. We participated in Move in May by doing a lap around the Botanical Gardens, with funds raised supporting programs to end homophobia in sport. For Wear it Purple Day, we attended a lawn bowls pride day hosted by Proud2Play. Additionally, we've attended trivia fundraiser nights hosted by the Argonauts and Spikers, Team Melbourne's rowing and volleyball teams.

The Bushrangers social calendar is very active, and we hope that we have enough diversity that everyone can find something they feel they can come along to.



Treasurer's Report

I hereby present the financial report for the year ending 30th June 2019.

It is very exciting Bushrangers Basketball were able to sign up many new playing and non-playing members. With continued support from the community this number is increasing at a consistent rate.

The club has recorded a net profit of \$11,253.59 for the financial year, with our cash reserves now represented by this figure. This result is represented by:

Revenue

Membership: Our membership drive was kicked off at our Launch Party where we signed up 40 non-playing members and 27 playing members, the numbers of playing members increased to 35 by the end of the financial year and continues to grow as new teams are registered.

Fundraising: The first major fund-raising event was our Launch Party at the Fox Hotel. Additionally, we have raised funds through sales of merchandise and a sausage sizzle at the Sydney Road Festival. Our fundraising efforts helped the club to pay the difference in costs for the increasing price of jerseys allowing our players to purchase jerseys at a reasonable and fair price.

Donations: A number of small businesses have gotten on board with the club and have contributed not only funds but discounts to club members. This financial year's donations were made by The Fox Hotel, TISC Painting and Dr Anthony Dileo.

Grants: The club has been lucky enough to receive two grants from Vic Health valuing at \$5000 and one from Globe valued at \$2000. The main purpose for these grants is to help fund and promote our 'Come out & Play' program. We have already purchased basketballs, spare jerseys for players as well as spent some of the money on our 'Come Out & Play' video and advertising for our weekly training sessions.

Banking and Finance

The club runs an interest saving account, this has returned a small amount of interest earned of \$12.17.

Expenditure

Our expenditure has been purchasing items for training and spares jerseys so that new players can 'Come Out & Play' without worrying about the expense of associated costs.

2018 – 19 Financial Year

The club has worked hard to give our members the opportunity to attend weekly training at no expense to our members and people just wanting to give Basketball a try through 'Come Out & Play'. We are continually working towards having registration fees waived for teams and have been able to achieve this for some of our new teams.

Bushrangers have charged a minimal membership fee for both players and non-players, we will continue to review this pricing and seek the best possible deals for our members.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow committee members, Stella, Beth, Lawry, Maree, Lee, Tia, Alicia and Laura for your efforts in ensuring the continued success of Bushrangers Basketball Vic. I also look forward to continuing my association with the club and its committee in 2019-20.

Bindy Cohen

Treasurer

Financial Declaration

Annual statements give a true and fair view of financial performance and position of the incorporated association.

We, Stella Lesic and Bindy Cohen, being members of the committee of Bushrangers Basketball Vic certify that:

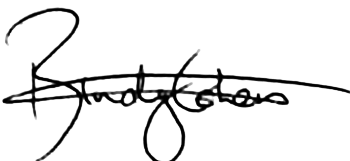
"The statement attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the above named association during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending 30 June 2019".

Signed: 

Stella Lesic, President

Date: 01.10.2019

Signed:



Bindy Cohen, Treasurer

Date: 01.10.2019

Profit and Loss

1 July 2018 to 30 July 2019

	2018/2019
Revenue	
Tee Shirt/Singlet Sales	\$2,640.00
Registration Received Coburg Players	\$600.00
Memberships	\$120.00
Grants	\$7,000.00
Sponsorships	\$850.00
Interest Earned	\$12.17
Other	\$0.00
Jersey Sales	\$720.00
Fund Raiser Launch Party	\$2,725.00
Fund Raiser Sausage Sizzle	\$281.46
Total Revenue	\$14,948.63

Expenses

Tee Shirt Singlet Purchase	\$1,896.14
Registration Paid Winter Season Coburg	\$470.00
Grants Spendings	\$260.25
Sponsorship Spendings	\$125.15
Office Supply	\$33.15
Other	\$35.00
Jersey Purchases	\$875.35
Advertising	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$3,695.04

Net Income **\$11,253.59**

Balance Sheet

at 30th June 2019

Assets

Cash at Bank \$11,253.59

Liabilities \$0.00

Total Equity **\$11,253.59**

Members Equity **\$120.00**

Board Members

2018 - 2019 financial year

President

Stella Lesic

Vice President

Beth West

Secretary

Lawry Xerri

Treasurer

Bindy Cohen

Board members

Lee Haukedahl

Alicia Tilley

Tia Bell

Maree Bennett