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Charlotte Zammit, Ava Williams, Kailani Grant, Nikki Burton, Ava Chesson, Isla Mulligan and Mikayla O'Brien.

Fun for young basketballers

Over 70 children attended the GABA's Christmas School Holidays Junior Basketball Camp in December hosted by GABA Regional Development Officer, Mark Heron.

Young athletes aged between 5 and 13 enjoyed the three-day camp which incorporated skills, match play and fun!

A big thank-you goes out to the coaches who kindly donated their time. They included Lauren Stone, Mikala Cooper, Megan Wrensted, Joseph Iaria, Ryan Baumgarten, Jesse Muir, Brayden King, Jack Stone, Justin Hyde, Messina Tully and Dayna Cooper.

There will be another School Holiday Camp held in the April school holidays.

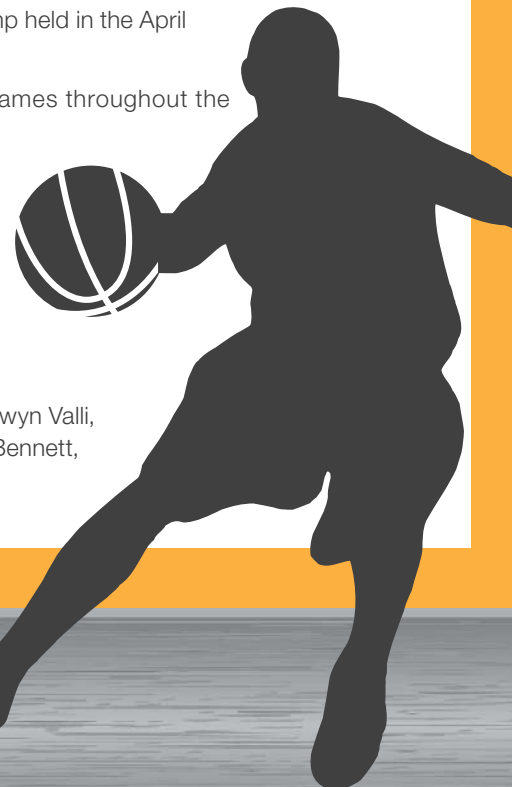
Prizes were awarded for a number of games throughout the camp.

Prize Winners

3 on 3 Champions: Tom Butler, Keyley King, Danika Abrahams

Dog 'n' Bone Champions: Cooper Pirrotinna, Llewyn Valli, Tom Gray, Max Winton, Ava Chesson

Hot Shots Champions: Nikki Burton, Llewyn Valli, Cooper Pirrotinna, Grace Williams, Liam Bennett, Hayley Farrell, Cameron Glover



Backboard banter with Brownny



Dear Members,

First of all I would like to wish everyone a belated happy New Year and wish everyone all the best for 2013. I know the GABA Board and all involved with GABA are looking forward to 2013 and hope to see a number of changes and projects come to fruition.

Even though we all enjoyed a break over the Christmas period, a number of things have continued to happen around the stadium. I wish to extend my thanks to all involved and who have helped contribute to the changes.

Thanks to Market Creations for the great design work and new colour scheme around the stadium and JB from New Era Signage for the signs. I think we all agree that the stadium is really looking refreshed, clean and modern. Thanks to Peter Dix for the painting job, it looks great. Thanks to everyone on the ground for doing a lot of the work. Russell, Tommy, Pud, and Denise, thanks for all you have done.

We have a new room next to court 3 which is nearing completion of its renovation. This room will become a dedicated umpire's room. We hope to have this completed soon and it will give all our umpires a place to call home.

Thanks to Bert and his team from WBHO for all their work out the front of the stadium in building a new footpath. Special thanks to Holcim, Sun City Concrete and Little Mountain Concreting for donating concrete, equipment and their time. It is really looking good. We will also have a new bike stand for our members to use as well as some rubbish bins permanently outside also.

The GABA Board is receiving plenty of positive feedback about what is happening so that is great. We hope you enjoy it.

It is good to see a lot of positive things happening with the season preparation for the Buccs. We are all looking forward to the first game and hope we can do well in 2013.

As the season gets closer to the business end in the local basketball, we would like wish everyone good luck for the finals.

All the best,
Peter Brown - President

What's happening around the stadium?



The stadiums new paint job continues

More changes are being made to the Activewest stadium every week. Recently we have welcomed new additions including:

- A fresh new paint job inside the stadium
- A new umpire's room
- Concreting at the front of the stadium
- GABA pictures painted on the new footpath outside.

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Hoop happenings

Out with the old, in with the new: Teams representing Geraldton will soon be referred to as the Geraldton Buccaneers as well as sporting these brand new uniforms.



Calling all volunteers: The GABA is calling on people who may be able to volunteer their time during the upcoming Buccaneers season. We are looking for people to help out on game day and nights with things such as bar help, stacking eskys and catering.

Referee Information Session: The GABA will be holding an information session for all referees. The short session is aimed at providing information to anyone interested in learning more about how to umpire the game of basketball. The course will be run by Wayne West, Stacey Heberle and Mark Heron. There will be a structured program, take home information and plenty of time for questions. The group will also have the opportunity to watch a small portion of the Division 1 game between Trades and Railways and will be analysing some of the plays and decisions made during that game. There is no cost for the course. There will be some more official referee accreditation courses (Level 0 and Level 1) coming in the near future, but these 'information sessions' are a great way to update your referee skills in one short meeting.

When: Monday, February 4 **Time:** 6.15pm-7.30pm

Where: GABA Function Room

Country Week: Senior Country Week Nominations close February 1st, 2013.

As part of nominating teams in the Country Week competition, all associations are required to provide referees for each of their games over the weekend. This year we have 10 teams representing the GABA in the junior competitions and we are still unsure of the number of senior teams. If you know of anyone that would be suitable to represent GABA as a referee at this year's Country Week Championships, please call GABA on 9964 5255.

The referees will be paid for each game they umpire, will be provided accommodation for the weekend and transport if required.

Below are the dates, age groups and number of referees required each weekend.

9th & 10th February 16 Men, 18 Men, 18 Women **2 Referees**

16th & 17th February 13, 14, 15, 16 Women **3 Referees**

23rd & 24th February 13, 14, 15 Men **2 Referees**

2nd & 3rd March Seniors **TBA**

Top Talent: Former Waves Captain Melissa Marsh will travel to Geraldton several times throughout the year to assist with the development of the younger up-and-coming junior players.



Melissa Marsh

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**Level 0 Coaching Course - Wednesday
6th February. 5:30pm - 8:30pm**

GABA Function Room.

Course presenter - Mark Heron.

Cost \$40 per person which includes all resources.

**Level 1 Coaching Course -
5 Wednesday's (6th March, 13th March,
20th March, 27th March, 3rd April)
5:30pm - 8:30pm**

GABA Function Room.

Course presenter - Mark Heron.

Cost \$170 per person which includes all resources.

BOOK YOUR PLACE! VISIT MARK OR DENISE AT THE GABA OFFICE
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Buccs update

It's not long before the Sun City Plumbing Geraldton Buccaneers will be on the court for their first game of the season. The official SBL fixtures have been released and the squad has been hard at work training in preparation for the season opening.

- New player Shamus Ballantyne and returning player Daniel Thomas made their way back from Perth for training.
- The Buccaneers Board have been in negotiations with several players to fill the second import spot. An announcement will be made soon.
- The squad underwent their second time trial of the season earlier this month. The top three times were run by Mat Wundenberg, Mark Heron and Mitch Royce.
- The team has been preparing for a pre-season game which will be held in Carnamah on Saturday, February 16.
- The Buccs' new import, Spencer Perrin is set to be in Geraldton mid-February.

Buccs' newest recruit

Shamus Ballantyne has joined the Sun City Plumbing Geraldton Buccaneers for the first time this year.

Shamus is the Buccs' newest recruit and has been a stand-out within the State Basketball League competition.

Shamus previously played for the Willetton Tigers before playing for the Kalgoorlie Giants and captaining the side to two SBL Championships in 2007 and 2008.

In 2011, Shamus took on the assistant coaching role at Willetton and now has joined the Geraldton Buccaneers.

He is based in Perth but will play a majority of the Perth games and is aiming to make some home games as well. Shamus said he was excited about his future with the team.

"The side has a lot of talent and I am really excited that I get the opportunity to play with them," he said.

"I have played against them for years and I really like their style."

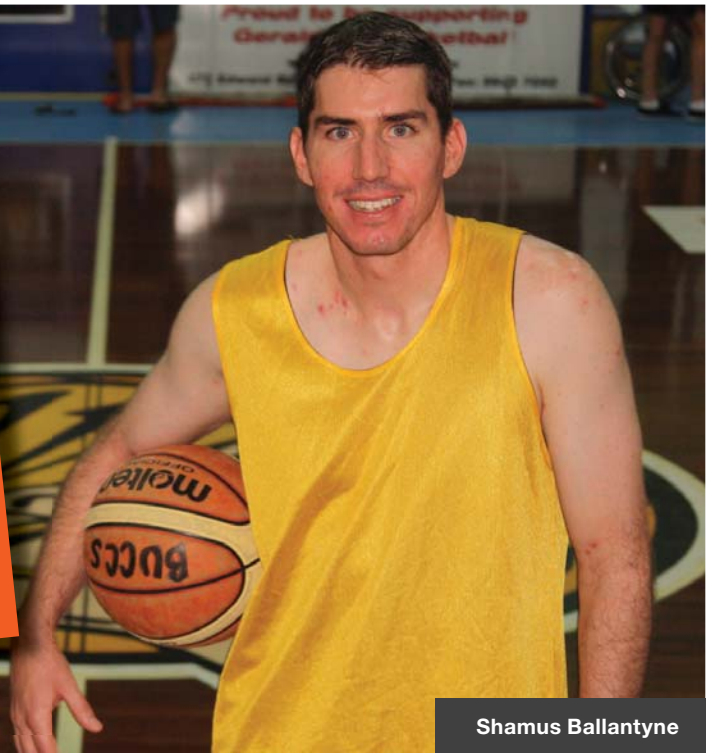
Shamus said if the Buccs are to be competitive this season they will have to gel together as a team.

"I think to be competitive it will be about the team chemistry and working together," he said.

"Geraldton is a very passionate city and the whole town involvement is something special."

Geraldton Buccaneers Fixtures:

MARCH: SAT 16 vs SLAMMERS A **SUN 17** vs MAGIC A **SAT 23** vs COUGARS H **SAT 30** vs GIANTS H **APRIL: SAT 6** vs EASTERN SUNS H **SAT 13** vs LIGHTNING A **SUN 14** vs EAGLES A **SAT 20** vs REDBACKS H **SAT 27** vs SENATORS H **MAY: SAT 4** vs WOLVES A **SUN 5** vs FLAMES A **SAT 11** vs HAWKS H **SAT 18** vs TIGERS H **SAT 25** vs MAGIC H **JUNE: SAT 1** vs TIGERS A **SUN 2** vs HAWKS A **SAT 8** vs SLAMMERS H **SAT 15** vs GIANTS A **SAT 22** vs LIGHTNING H **SAT 29** vs EASTERN SUNS A **SUN 30** vs SENATORS A **JULY: SAT 6** vs EAGLES H **SAT 13** vs WOLVES H **SAT 20** vs REDBACKS A **SUN 21** vs COUGARS A **SAT 27** vs FLAMES H



Shamus Ballantyne

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Basketball Western Australia State Championships

Congratulations to all players, managers and support staff that competed in the Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships throughout December last year.

These Championships are the perfect opportunity for GABA's top junior players to compete against the best in Western Australia. As an Association, the GABA strives to become more competitive at this level. This can only be done by improving the standard of regular competition that our athletes encounter.

Well done to the Under 12 Men's Division 2 team and the Under 15 Men's Championship team who both made the semi-finals.

A huge thank you must go to Annette Cooper who gave up so much of her time to organise all the teams for this trip.

Results:

Under 12 Men (Division 2)

Won against East Perth 30 – 14
Lost to Perry Lakes 24 – 32
Lost to Wanneroo 25 – 27
Won against Cockburn 48 – 18
Won against Rockingham 29 – 25
Semi Final – Lost to Willetton 25 – 31

U12 Men:

Bohan Teakle • Eli Grant
Elliot Bennett • Kurt Crudeli
Kye Chamberlain • Oakley Criddle
Sam Stone • Samuel Carroll

Under 12 Women (Division 2)

Lost to East Perth 14 – 18
Won against Cockburn 24 – 8
Drew with Wanneroo 20 – 20
Lost to East Perth 12 – 25

U12 Women:

Abby Maynard • Charlotte Marquis
Emily Winterbine • Jacinda McAleese
Jessica Glynn • Lacey Tondut
Piper Jackson • Sophie Vince

Under 14 Men (Championship Division)

Lost to Perry Lakes 15 – 35
Lost to Rockingham 12 – 45
Won against Cockburn 33 – 25
Lost to Kalamunda 14 – 31

Under 14 Men:

Brendan Scott • Brendon Stone

Brynn Teakle • Coby Ryan
Dempsey Joseph • Jed Edwards
Jy Stone • Kaiden Dann

Under 14 Women (Championship Division)

Lost to Perry Lakes 19 – 29
Won against Perth 28 – 11
Lost to Kalamunda 14 – 40
Lost to Willetton 6 – 32

Under 14 Women:

Caitlin Wilson • Darcy Kerr
Joely Carroll • Kacie Crabb
Kate Crudeli • Lily Pepper
Rukaya Msuo • Tess Gurski-Howell

Under 15 Men (Championship Division)

Lost to Willetton 11 – 36
Won against Perry Lakes 30 – 29
Won against Rockingham 21 – 20
Won against Perth 27 – 20
Lost to Kalamunda 20 – 33
Semi Final – Lost to Wanneroo 30 – 40

U15 Men:

Brayden King • Dwayne Nevill
Gabrielle Parfitt • Jessi Muir
Keagan Bennett • Kyle Smith
Stuart Vlahov • Tom Carmichael

Under 15 Women (Championship Division)

Lost to Cockburn 14 – 34



Lost to Rockingham 10 – 20
Lost to Perry Lakes 6 – 30
Won against Kalamunda 27 – 24

Under 15 Women:

Chiari Djiagween • Darby Colley
Emily Monaghan • Hannah Clarke
Jorja Bevan • Madi Broadhurst
Rachel Trusso • Sian McDonald

Under 17 Men (Championship Division)

Lost to Stirling 12 – 49
Lost to Willetton 24 – 42
Lost to Perry Lakes 10 – 34
Lost to Rockingham 11 – 37
Lost to Kalamunda 15 – 27

Under 17 Men:

Alex Dodd • Fraser Perham
Henry Perham • Jesse Lee
Joe Laria • Justin Hyde
Mitch Royce • Ryan Baumgarten

Under 17 Women (Championship Division)

Lost to Cockburn 21 – 24
Drew with Willetton 14 – 14
Lost to Stirling 15 – 25
Lost to Perry Lakes 19 – 21

Under 17 Women:

Abbie McDonald • Chloe Vince
Dayna Cooper • Daynera Papertalk
Lucy Klein • Messina Tully
Tegan Yates • Tenille Crabb

5 minutes With MATHEW WUNDENBERG



Mathew Wundenberg

Full name:
Mathew Wundenberg

Nickname:
Moot

Age:
30.

Number:
23.

How long have you played for the Buccs?
13 years.

Most memorable moment with the Buccs?
Beating Cockburn in the quarter finals, game three in 2009.

Other sporting achievements?
I was a state representative for polocrosse.

Geraldton locals to represent WA

Local player Justin Hyde has made the U18 Country State WA team that will play in April this year.

The 16-year-old Trades player underwent a series of try-outs and selections before making the final team of ten.

He also made the U16 team last year but was struck down by a groin injury and wasn't able to play.

Justin said he is now looking to make amends in this year's competition.

"I am really excited for the competition, it will be tough but I think we have a good side," he said.

"I am looking forward to a new experience and getting better as a player."

Local girls Annie Ducas and Abbie McDonald are waiting to hear their fate as to whether they made the girls U18 side.

The pair will attend a camp in Perth on February 1st, 2nd and 3rd before the final selection is made.



Justin Hyde

Referees corner: Ryan Baumgarten

How long have you been refereeing for?
Three years.

What do you like about refereeing at GABA?
I get to umpire my mates and I get to know everyone.

How many games do you generally referee in a week?
Three games a week.

What is your best memory when refereeing?
Being able to ref the boys U12 BWA team and watching them go through to the final.

What is the rule that you find most people do not fully understand in basketball?
The block/charge rule.

Are there any sayings that you live by?
"Play hard, have fun, never quit." –Dan Hunt.



Ryan Baumgarten

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sporting futures

This submission was sent to the City Of Greater Geraldton in response to a request for comment on the City's Sporting Future's draft.

The Board of Directors of the Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association (GABA) would like to submit to the City of Greater Geraldton the following responses in respect to the Sporting Futures Report.

1. That the GABA seeks to renew their existing lease with the City of Greater Geraldton at the current location in Eighth Street Wonthella for a further 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 years as per Page 11 of the Sporting Futures Report.
2. The GABA has and will continue to maintain investment in improving the standard of the stadium at the current location in Eighth Street Wonthella with expenditure of approximately \$100,000 in the 2012 / 2013 financial year either already undertaken or scheduled.
3. That the GABA intends on investing in the development of a further 2 to 4 outdoor courts at the current location in Eighth Street Wonthella prior to the commencement of the 2013 / 2014 season. This has been costed at approximately \$100,000 and will be self-funded by the GABA. This takes the total number of courts from 3 to between 5 and 7 at the current location. This investment, together with the development of a new court facility at Nagle Catholic College, will provide the community with between 6 and 8 courts suitable for playing and training purposes.
4. The GABA Board will explore funding options to, at a later stage, cover the new outdoor courts and develop a larger indoor complex with up to 7 courts. We do not agree with the Sporting Futures Report assertion on Page 29 that the cost of this development would be closer to \$20 million. The GABA would work towards a project budget of between \$9 and \$12million.
5. In respect to the recommendations made by AECOM on Page 30 of the Sporting Futures Report, the GABA's Board is addressing the need to develop a design that embraces a multisport design, develop a 5 Year business plan, ensure all members of the Board and the basketball stakeholders have a clear understanding of the plan and it's requirements including a plan to manage core Basketball Infrastructure. The GABA is also identifying partnership support for a Stadium redevelopment Plan whilst identifying and implementing Key Performance Areas (KPA's).
6. Broadly, we support the concept of a Multi-Use Indoor Sports Stadium as detailed on Page 11 of the Sporting Futures Report as a secondary or overflow facility for basketball in respect to additional court space for training purposes.
7. We do not support the introduction of a new facility if, to sustain the cost of its operations, it would look to host competitive leagues / clubs in opposition to the GABA's summer and winter competitions. This would potentially leave the GABA worse off financially, which is counter to the Fundamental Principles of the Sporting Futures Report as stipulated on Page 17 of the report.
8. We do not support the introduction of a new facility if it is designed to be a jointly managed facility for basketball, netball and badminton as a replacement for the existing basketball stadium location in Eighth Street Wonthella. As per recommendation 3 on Page 39, our position is to "Retain the existing basketball stadium and seek a long term lease (in accordance with the leasing policy) with an option to relocate as part of the new multi-use stadium should it eventuate.
9. In respect to Stage 2, development of a show court facility extension for basketball and netball, we reserve comment in respect to the detail and timing of this component of the Sporting Futures Report given it is listed in the medium to long term and hence under the definition 5 to 10 years away from being a likely development. A significant concern is whether a shared facility compromises the financial viability of the state league representative team in respect to the unknown impact on the revenue drivers that sustain this entity.

We do not make any representation as to how any of the proposals and recommendations listed in the Sporting Futures Report affects any other sports operating in the Mid West region.



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Rule of the month

(taken from FIBA Official Basketball Rules)

Contact: General Principals

No-charge semi-circle areas

On any penetration play situation into the no-charge semi-circle area a contact caused by an airborne offensive player with a defensive player inside the no-charge semi-circle shall not be called as an offensive foul, unless the offensive player is illegally using his hands, arms, legs or body, when

- the offensive player is in control of the ball whilst airborne, and he attempts a shot for a field goal or passes off the ball, and the defensive player has both feet inside the no-charge semi-circle area.

What that means: Still call a 'block' if they defensive player is moving in this area. A 'charge' can still be called if the defensive player has a part of their feet outside the circle. A 'charge' can still be called if the offensive player does not have control of the ball.

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