



Geraldton Basketball Association

# newsletter

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Season start: Pumas' stalwart Clayton Dann dribbles down the court in the first game of the season. Photography: Stacey Heberle

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## Backboard banter with Browny

Dear Members,

Welcome back for the start of the 2013/14 season. This season is looking great for basketball in Geraldton with an increased number of teams in the junior and senior competitions. We have 125 teams registered for the junior competition and 62 senior teams.

Thanks to all the hard work from the clubs and staff at the GABA for preparation work done for the start of the season. There is always a lot of work done prior to the season commencing so thank you.

Thanks to Pud and Mark for doing some work on the two outdoor courts. Hopefully this will help with some training schedules.

The GABA AGM was held in August and was well attended. Thanks to everyone for the work that went into this. I would also like to thank outgoing Director Jodi Ullrich for her years of service on the Board and welcome Jacque Winton to the Board.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish everyone all the best for the upcoming season.

Regards

Peter Brown  
President



## Heron to lead Buccs in 2014

Mark Heron has been announced as the Geraldton Sun City Plumbing Buccaneers coach for the 2014 SBL season. Heron played in the team last year as well as acting as assistant coach. He takes over from predecessor Ray Evans who led the side for five years.

Heron says he has some big shoes to fill. "Ray is a legend of the club and a lot of credit needs to be given to him," he said. "He has been around for a long time and it is sad to see him go. Hopefully I can continue on with the great legacy that he has left."

The former SBL Goldfields Giants player has a long spanning history with basketball playing in the SBL competition for 12 years. He said he is extremely excited about his new role. "I am really eager to get stuck into the coaching role," he said. "I think change is good and I hope to bring passion and motivation to the team."

Heron says there are already strong foundations within the team and he hopes to build on the structures that are already in place. The Buccs had a shaky start last season but managed a third-spot finish on the SBL ladder. But Heron is hoping to capitalize on the already good-standing of the side and is laying the foundations to kick-start the team heading into the 2014 season.

There are doubts over former player Shamus Ballantyne and import Rob Kampman returning to the squad but last season's runner-up MVP and import Carter Cook is looking strong to return. Heron said the club had already been in contact with new imports for the 2014 season.

"The search has started for a new import and we have already been in contact with players," he said. "We wanted to get that underway as soon as possible and hopefully we can secure the import in the next few weeks and have them out here early in our preseason phase. It's just about finding the right fit for the club and for the team."

Heron will meet with the team in the coming weeks and the squad will begin their preseason training shortly after. The season begins for the Buccs on March 15th.

**New Coach:** Mark Heron is the new coach for the Geraldton Buccaneers

# A-Grade Predictions

## MEN'S

**Team:** Chapman Valley  
**Coach:** Mat Wundenberg  
**Finished last year:** Premiers  
**Players in:** Jarrod Brennan  
**Players out:** Gavin McLaren, Kris Clarkson  
**Players to watch:** Team effort  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** A few teams have recruited quite heavily so time will tell.



**Team:** Hawks  
**Coach:** Ernie Williamson  
**Finished last year:** 6th  
**Players in:** Chad Barnes and Michael Dickinson  
**Players out:** nil  
**Players to watch:** Coby Williamson, Dale Williamson, Stuart Egan  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Chapman Valley will be hard to beat but until we play them all it's hard to say.



**Team:** Stateside  
**Coach:** John Gray  
**Finished last year:** 3rd  
**Players in:** nil  
**Players out:** Charlotte Cripps  
**Players to watch:** Abbie McDonald, Nat Stade  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Pumas, Trades then the competition is open for anyone.



**Team:** Trades  
**Coach:** Ryan Thompson  
**Finished last year:** 2nd  
**Players in:** nil  
**Players out:** nil  
**Players to watch:** Justin Hyde / Charles Thurkle  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Chapman Valley, Olympians, Trades, Pumas, Railways, Hawks, Stateside.



**Team:** Stateside  
**Coach:** Wayne West  
**Finished last year:** 7th  
**Players in:** A lot of developing youngsters  
**Players out:** Calib Mourish, Justin Mallard, Scott Clayton  
**Players to watch:** Corey Dickerson, all the young players  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Chapman Valley, Trades, Pumas, Olympians.



**Team:** Chapman Valley  
**Coach:** Aaron Ducas  
**Finished last year:** 4th  
**Players in:** Teresa Tomlinson, Sam Green, Teehani Reynolds  
**Players out:** Mel Criddle  
**Players to watch:** Alicia Jones, Emily Monaghan  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Chapman Valley will finish 3rd.



**Team:** Pumas  
**Coach:** Ray Evans  
**Finished last year:** 3rd  
**Players in:** Jason Bunter, Grady Tomelty  
**Players out:** Jack Stone, Dylan Myers  
**Players to watch:** Clayton Dann, Jayden Crowe  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Chapman Valley, Trades, Olympians, Pumas.



Railways Paul Grant

**Team:** Olympians  
**Coach:** Kevin Jones  
**Finished last year:** 5th  
**Players in:** Jessica Horstman, Lois Garner  
**Players out:** Samara Pluschke  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Pumas, Trades, Stateside. Fourth spot is open for anyone.



**Team:** Railways  
**Coach:** Helmer Wilhard  
**Finished last year:** 4th  
**Players in:** Linus Edholm, David Lindau, Josh Moore, Marley Purei, Jarrad Edwards  
**Players out:** Mohamed Colie, Torkel Tennberg, Ash Owens, Ash Friesen  
**Players to watch:** Linus Edhol, Dave Lindau  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Railways to finish 4th.



## WOMEN'S

**Team:** Trades  
**Coach:** Amy Williamson  
**Finished last year:** Premiers  
**Players in:** Lauren Herbert, Emma Burke  
**Players out:** Amy Williamson, Leisha Cooper  
**Players to watch:** The whole playing group as a team.  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Trades will finish 3rd.



**Team:** Hawks  
**Coach:** Ben Pepper  
**Finished last year:** 7th  
**Players in:** Gennine Deters, Karyn Tapper  
**Players out:** Lois Garner  
**Players to watch:** Cassie Camm, Brooke Little and Bree Hovey  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Trades, Pumas, Chapman Valley, Stateside.



**Team:** Olympians  
**Coach:** Peter Myers  
**Finished last year:** 5th  
**Players in:** Jordan Myers, Dylan Myers, Jack Stone, Gavin McLaren, Ike Smith, Mitchell Gardiner, Liam Clarkson.  
**Players out:** nil  
**Players to watch:** Jordan & Dylan Myers, Jack Stone, Ike Smith, Gavin McLaren.  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Chapman Valley, Pumas, Trades, Olympians, Railways, Stateside, Hawks.



**Team:** Pumas  
**Coach:** Jasmin Bowley  
**Finished last year:** 2nd  
**Players in:** Shelby Kennedy  
**Players out:** nil  
**Players to watch:** Too many to choose from! I am looking for my rookies and young guns to really step up to the Div 1 challenge this season.  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** Trades, Pumas, Stateside, Olympians, Chapman Valley, Hawks, Railways.



Railways Chloe Serafini & Pumas Annie Ducas



Olympians Dylan Myers & Hawks Coby Williamson

**Team:** Railways  
**Coach:** Jodi Ullrich  
**Finished last year:** 6th  
**Players in:** Lauren Conway, Tania Newey  
**Players out:** Bonnie Kerr, Darcy Kerr  
**Prediction for 2013/14 ladder:** top four Trades, Pumas, Stateside and Olympians.



Railways Chloe Serafini & Pumas Kate Scally

## Hoop Happenings:

**BOARD:** Jodi Ullrich has left the Board while Jacque Winton is now on the Board. It is Jacque's first time on the board and she has been with GABA since 1975. She started out playing as a junior and is now the junior delegate for Trades. She hopes to be a voice for the juniors.

**SEASON PASSES:** With the season just beginning, season passes are available at the GABA office.

**COURTS:** Courts two and three have been resurfaced while two outdoor courts are also now ready for people to use them for training.

**DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE:** This year GABA is introducing a new competition that will allow a transition phase between junior and senior basketball. The Development League will be an Under 20's competition that is open to all athletes that are 19 years of age or below on the 31st December 2013. Try out dates are listed on page 5.

**COURSES:** There are a number of coaching and umpiring courses available on offer throughout the season. To further your skills, find out more information on page 5.

**RESULTS:** Fixtures, results and ladders can be found on [www.sportingpulse.com.au](http://www.sportingpulse.com.au)

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Applications are now open for prospective coaches who would like to be involved in the GABA State Champs and Country Week sides. We are looking a head coach and an assistant coach of the teams indicated below. The training times and dates for the teams are also shown. For anyone interested please send an expression of interest email to Mark Heron [rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au](mailto:rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au)

## BWA State Championships & Country Week try-outs

MEN			
<b>UNDER 12 MEN</b>	Athletes born 2002	Sun 27th Oct & Sun 3rd Nov	8:30am – 9:45am
<b>UNDER 13 MEN</b>	Athletes born 2001	Sat 26th Oct & Sat 2nd Nov	3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>UNDER 14 MEN</b>	Athletes born 2000	Sat 2nd Nov & Sat 9th Nov	6:00pm – 7:30pm
<b>UNDER 15 MEN</b>	Athletes born 1999	Sat 26th Oct & Sat 2nd Nov	4:45pm – 6:00pm
<b>UNDER 17 MEN</b>	Athletes born 1997 & 1998	Sat 2nd Nov & Sat 9th Nov	4:45pm – 6:00pm
<b>UNDER 19 MEN</b>	Athletes born 1996 & 1995	Sat 2nd Nov & Sat 9th Nov	4:45pm – 6:00pm

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Try-outs run for two weeks as indicated above. Coaches will pick the teams at the end of the second session. All athletes that wish to play both State Champs and Country Champs must attend these sessions.

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## Coaching Courses

### Community Coach – (Formally Level 0)

**When:** Thursday 31st October.  
5:30pm - 8:30pm. GABA Function Room

**Course presenter:** Mark Heron

**Cost:** \$40 per person - includes all resources

This is the introductory level course which is designed to cover General Principles of Coaching while encompassing basketball specific fundamentals and exploring the role of the coach. Candidates must be at least be turning 13 years of age in the year of the course enrolled and no specific basketball background is required. Club coaches, parents, teachers and secondary students with an interest in sports coaching are ideally suited for this course.

### Club Coach (Formally Level 1)

**When:** Five (5) Thursday's - 7th November, 14th November, 21st November, 28th November and 5th December.  
5:30pm - 8:30pm. GABA Function Room

**Course presenter:** Mark Heron

**Cost:** \$170 per person - includes all resources

This is a Nationally Accredited course by the Australian Sports Commission through its National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS). Candidates need to have completed the Community Coach Course and maintained coaching for at least 12 months before applying for this course. Mature-aged applicants may apply for Recognized Prior Learning (RPL) with the relevant reasons in their application. The course takes 15 hours to complete and involves both on-court and off-court components in its content. Typically, coaches in representative's sides such as BWA Championships and Country Week should have this level of accreditation as a minimum.

For bookings please call the GABA office - 9964 5255 or email [rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au](mailto:rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au)

## REFEREE COURSES

### Level 1 Referee Course

A Nationally Recognised Course and runs for 9 hours. It involves a theory component and a practical assessment once the course is complete. Any referees looking to umpire at State Championships and Country Championships should attend this course. The cost for the course is \$95.

**When:** Saturday 2nd November 9am – 2pm.  
Sunday 3rd November 11am – 3pm.  
GABA Function Room.

There is a minimum requirement of 10 participants for this course and this must be confirmed by 22nd October.

Please direct all enquiries and registrations to [rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au](mailto:rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au)

## “D” League - 2013

In 2013, the GABA is introducing a new competition that will allow a transition phase between junior and senior basketball. The “Development League” is designed to allow junior players (who are already playing seniors) the opportunity to compete against players of their own age and also allow players who are not quite ready to play seniors, a chance to play more competitive basketball.

The Development League will be an Under 20's competition that is open to all athletes that are 19 years of age or below on the 31st December 2013. Any game played in the “D” League will not count for any other restrictions in the Junior or Senior Competitions. Individuals will be charged a small registration fee (\$30) to cover the cost of umpires for the entire competition.

Individuals will nominate themselves on a selection day, where the coaches will conduct a draft to select their teams. Teams will be provided uniforms to play in for each game. One competition will run prior to Christmas and one competition (new draft/new coaches/new teammates) will run after Christmas.

We would need a minimum 24 athletes and 4 coaches (4 teams of 6 players) for this competition to get off the ground. Teams will not have training sessions, but will just compete on the scheduled time slot. Both a male and female competition will be run in the “D” League format (pending numbers) on Sunday afternoons.

### “D” League Players

Try Outs /  
Selection Day  
Sunday 27th October  
2:45pm – 4:00pm

(please wear a reversible singlet to try outs)

Players must register by completing a registration form and returning it to the GABA office or via email to [rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au](mailto:rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au)

### “D” League Coaches

If anyone is interested in coaching one of the “D” League side this year, please email Mark Heron, [rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au](mailto:rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au) with a brief description of your coaching experience.



## Sun City Plumbing Geraldton Buccaneers 2013

**Congratulations to the Sun City Plumbing Geraldton Buccaneers for their efforts throughout the 2013 season.**

The team ended up with an 18-8 regular season record which placed them 3rd on the ladder at the conclusion of the regular season. Unfortunately, in the Quarter Finals, the Buccs faced one of the form teams in the competition, the Wanneroo Wolves, who knocked the Buccs out in two straight games. The team made some very impressive improvements throughout the 2013 season and are already looking forward to building on these next year.

The Buccs have already signed Carter Cook for the 2014 season.



Mark Heron & Charles Thurkle



Captain Mat Wundenburg



Life Member Len Ullrich



Runner Up MVP Carter Cook



Aaron Ralph & Mark Heron

Congratulations to the following members of the Buccs community who received the awards at the 2013 Geraldton Buccaneers Awards Night.



MVP (Dan Hunt Trophy):  
**Rob Kampman**

Runner up MVP:  
**Carter Cook**

Best Team Man:  
**Charles Thurkle**

Best Defensive Player:  
**Mat Wundenburg**

Best Clubman:  
**Andrew Horstmann**

At the awards night, the Geraldton Buccaneers welcomed two new members as life members of the club. Congratulations to Len Ullrich and Aaron Ralph on achieving this wonderful recognition.

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## Midwest Basketball Academy

Congratulations to all members of the Midwest Basketball Academy Program in 2013. This year we had 106 athletes training hard for the 13 week program. The program was designed to “develop the athlete’s individual basketball skills, in a variety of game play scenarios.” This main focus was certainly achieved, with the four focus areas of creating pressure, handling pressure, competing and communication being drummed into the athletes throughout the program. A huge thank you must go to all the coaches who contributed to the success of the program. I am looking forward to seeing these skills be put to the test during the upcoming BWA State Championships and BWA Country Championships. I would also like to recognise the continued support from Total Uniforms, who kindly donate the reversible singlets the athletes train in each session.

Mark Heron - Program Coordinator - Midwest Basketball Academy



L-R Kal Edwards, Tommy Collins, Liam Bennett, Denim Ranger, Sam Stone, River Joseph, Corey Harvey, Callum Marquis, Kurt Crudelli, Daniel Jacques, Bohan Teakle, Josh Hunt, Ben Luckhurst, Kane Chesson, Sam Carroll, Tyler White, Shaedan Edwards, Mark Heron, Edward Curley, Harry Sands, Louis Pepper, Baylie Koulouvi, Brendon Cockman, Kye McVee, Oakley Criddle (front)

## Geraldton Buccaneers Young Guns

The Young Guns have been training hard over the ‘off’ season preparing for the upcoming GABA season. The athletes have been involved in weekly training sessions, weekend camps, individual sessions and gym sessions over the winter months. You will see all members of the squad involved in many aspects around the GABA throughout this season including coaching junior teams, umpiring games and helping out with Aussie Hoops and holiday programs. The athletes are also excited about the upcoming tours to Albany, Esperance and Kalgoorlie in January and China in July.



Back Row (L-R) Lauren Stone, Darby Colley, Abbie McDonald, Hannah Clarke, Stan McDonald, Annie Ducas, Tegan Yates  
Front Row (L-R) Dayna Cooper, Chloe Vince, Jasmine Bowley, Melissa Marsh, Mark Heron, Amy Williamson, Emily Monaghan, Erin Tapscott.



Back Row (L-R) Gabrielle Parfitt, Farren Parfitt, Keagan Bennett, Ryan Baumgarten, Justin Hyde, Jesse Muir, Mitch Royce, Jesse Adamini, Grady Tomelty  
Front Row (L-R) Brayden King, Joseph Iaria, Helmer Wilhard, Mark Heron, Rob Kampman, Dylan Myers, Jesse Lee

## Life Membership

### Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association (Inc)

#### Definition of Life Membership:

"Life member, life membership is generally considered to be the highest award an organization can bestow upon one of its members"

#### General Requirements:

1. Must have given at least 15 years service unless exceptional circumstances are demonstrated.
2. Must have promoted the sport in any one of the areas below, a combination of the areas, or all of the areas below;
  - a. Player
  - b. Administrator
  - c. Director
  - d. Coach and Mentor
  - e. Referee
  - f. Any other area involved in the promotion of the sport
3. Must have been an excellent Role Model.
4. Must have attended to duties above and beyond the call of duty.
5. Has not sought recognition for duties performed.
6. Is an active member or is a past member of the Association.
7. Is not a current director of the GABA.

#### Nomination:

A person can only be nominated once every five years. Should the nomination be unsuccessful then a change of circumstances must be demonstrated for a further nomination to be considered.

All nominations must be considered before a closed meeting of the Board of Directors of the GABA.

The Directors shall conduct a secret ballot, the result of the ballot shall only be known to the President and the Administrator. The nomination shall be preserved in a sealed envelope for a period of five years and thereafter destroyed.

On the counting of the votes the President shall announce to the Directors present,

- a. The application has been successful
- b. The application has failed

The Directors must deliver a 75% vote for a candidate to be successful.

#### Process:

The directors will vote on any nominations received, once per year, in the December Board meeting (or if not held, the next available Board meeting)

Nominations are to be received in writing on the form below, at least 1 week prior to the meeting.

### Pumas



#### Senior President:

Dale Joseph  
Mobile: 0407 950 947

#### Junior Delegate:

Michell Olden  
Mobile: 0439 938 980

### Olympians



#### Senior President:

George Nobilo  
Mobile 0437 155 531

#### Junior Delegate:

Sandra King  
Mobile: 0417 986 139

### Hawks



#### Senior President:

Marilyn Heberle  
Home: 9921 4376

#### Junior Delegate:

Kylie Glew  
Mobile: 0447 382 260

### Railways



#### Senior President:

Joel Newey  
Mobile: 0407 474 404

#### Junior Delegate:

Chris Kunesch  
Mobile: 0408 459 603

### Trades



#### Senior President:

Michael Jones  
Mobile: 0459 215 772

#### Junior Delegate:

Jacque Winton  
Mobile: 0427 090 047

### Chapman Valley



#### Senior President:

Teehani Reynolds  
Mobile 0417 928 369

#### Junior Delegate:

Kelly Burton  
Mobile: 0427 205 202

### Stateside



#### Senior President:

Wayne West

#### Junior Delegate:

Wayne West  
Mobile: 0427 477 976