

# GSBA REBOUND NEWS

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## LEAPS AND BOUNDS FOR THE GSBA



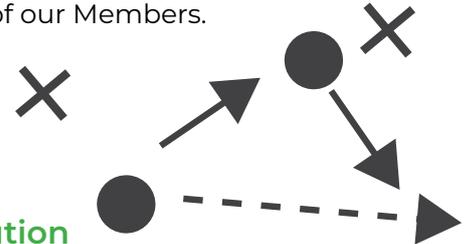
Whoa... what a journey it's been for the 'Committee of Management' (CoM) but the good news is we're advancing the GSBA in leaps and bounds in the



best interest of EVERY MEMBER! ... and we're doing this by surrounding ourselves with positive and proactive people and seeking best benchmarking and learnings from other sporting associations.

- Secured legal advice to assist us, protect the interests of the GSBA and assist in the delivery of a competition that is affordable for all and financially sustainable.
- Sought the consultation and advice of a former long standing successful GSBA President.

The CoM is passionate about good governance, financial sustainability and communication. CoM members have been attending Professional Development sessions provided by a number of Key Stakeholders to ensure we are best placed to deliver this on behalf of our Members.



### Know the facts, it's important

Maybe you've heard a rumour, been sent a text or asked to sign a letter calling for a Special General Meeting? ... however, as your CoM it's important you know the facts... and you'll find them in this edition.

### We listen, we seek wise advice

We've sought advice and direction from not only those who've done it, but did it well, and those who are advancing in this new world.

**A number of GSBA Clubs detailed items for our consideration and we have responded by:**

- Meeting with the Clubs' spokespersons for detailed discussions.
- Discussed these items with Basketball Victoria Country.
- Have requested the Clubs' input on business models and competition facilitation. To assist this as requested we sought and supplied Clubs with Rules & By-laws from several other Basketball Associations for their reference and consideration with the objective of creating a 'best of the best' for the GSBA.

### The constitution

The GSBA was first listed as an incorporated association in 1985 and the original GSBA Statement of Purposes and Rules were registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria.

In May 2009, amendments to the Statement of Purposes and Rules were proposed by the CoM and ratified by the members at a General Meeting of the Association. The updated Statement of Purposes and Rules were subsequently registered with Consumer Affairs at that time.

Consumer Affairs have advised the GSBA that no further amendments to the Statement of Purposes and Rules have been lodged with the body in the intervening period, and that the May 2009 Statement of Purposes and Rules remains the official version.

A copy of the registered GSBA Statement of Purposes and Rules, May 2009 will be posted to the GSBA Website for your reference.



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### Our financial status

The new CoM inherited the current financial status of the Association, and it was the view of the CoM and financial minds who reviewed our finances earlier in the year that GSBA administration expenses were unsustainable before COVID-19 and are now even more so post this unprecedented pandemic.

### No income

Since COVID-19 suspended our competition we have had 'no income, only outgoings'. The CoM sought professional advice, and it was concluded that the role of GSBA General Manager could not be supported financially and determined it would be irresponsible to maintain this expenditure in the short to medium term due to the uncertainty of future income streams. The CoM is committed to the sound long-term financial management of the Association on behalf of all members.

### Job Keeper

As time went by JobKeeper became available.

1. Prior to COVID-19 Basketball in Shepparton was not in a position to fund a full-time General Manager.
2. If the GM were to receive JobKeeper through GSBA, then GSBA would be committed to his ongoing full-time employment from September 27, 2020 onwards.
3. Post COVID-19, basketball in Shepparton will be very different for an unknown period of time
  - a. Costs are likely to be higher (court hire fees need to be reduced).

- b. Income will be reduced without the canteen and the possibility that the Junior Tournament may not go ahead as normal.
- c. The membership numbers and game volumes are likely to be less.

It would be seen as irresponsible, if the CoM were to re-employ the General Manager at a time when there is so much uncertainty, taking into account the current and likely future finances of the GSBA.



### Current focus

The CoM 'key focus' at this time is on developing operational & budget considerations for discussion at the next CoM meeting, and we're doing this with the input and advice of the proactive and passionate... Basketball Victoria Country, other Associations and GSBA members.

### We want you!

The CoM is seeking people to join the board. There are two spots available for persons to be co-opted onto the Committee of Management. We're seeking those with skills that complement the CoM, such as accountancy, legal, secretarial, wise decision making, good business acumen, and no agenda other than what's best for GSBA objectives... as that's what's best for all our members.



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### Business operational model in principal

Our new model will be grounded by cashflow modelling based on conservative likely revenue (which will be lower than previous years) and necessary and unavoidable expenses for the 12 months from commencement of play. It would be unwise and irresponsible to operate with a negative cash flow during the rebuilding period and therefore operational expenses need to be revised, and we seek to do this with the input of all, including you the members.

It is likely there will be a part time administrator for competition management, and we will call for volunteers to assist in other areas.

### Business building strategy

We are now working with Basketball Victoria and the Greater Shepparton City Council on a review of costings and the professional development of a business building strategy to advance the financial position and destiny of the GSBA.

At this time is it paramount that the current GSBA CoM continue to demonstrate considered leadership, business acumen and dynamic planning to secure the investment of all the required business building partners, government bodies and sponsors.

To advance the GSBA business, facilities and competition we need to work closely with our City Council. Across the sporting arena our Council is seriously successful and is setting the bar by which all others are judged and aspire to. We are now at the table seeking their input and guidance and to work with us to take the GSBA to greater heights... exciting times these are.

### Congratulations

Courtney Carroll for her award... you go girl!  
Nick Dodd is now a father ... a bouncing future Gator.  
Sean Reidy is also a father ... a great Dad he'll be.

### Condolences

Together we forward our love and hugs to the Onley family on their loss.

### We secured another \$\$ grant!

GSBA President Michelle Judd has done it again. She drafted a proposal for the Greater Shepparton City Council COVID-19 Quick Response Grant to facilitate On-line and E-Commerce activities, and it was successful ... so we now have a greenlight to build our new website.



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### Return to sport

Please visit [www.basketballvictoria.com.au/covid-19/](http://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/covid-19/) for information on return to sport. The situation is being updated daily and there is a volume of information of the likely playing circumstances and requirements to be met. This in itself would add to the cost of play unless we can secure a volunteer base to assist.



### 3 on 3

One scenario that might secure play approval earlier is a '3 on 3' competition. This is being considered, however remember we need the approval of the State Government, Basketball Victoria and our Local Council to proceed. Your health and safety is paramount.

### Please hear these important points again

The GSBA Committee of Management (CoM) is a team of passionate volunteers who make considered decisions in the best interests of you the members.

The COVID-19 economic fallout is having an impact on a great volume of our members. The disposable income will not be the same, so we all have a moral duty to ensure Basketball is affordable and accessible for all, and that NO player is left behind because they can no longer afford to play.

We said it in the first edition of the Rebound News and we'll say it again... we're faced with uncertainty, but together we'll find a way through it. It's not just about taking care of ourselves, but taking care of each other.

Our goal is to keep you in the game you love, and we promise to do our very best, and in turn we seek you to 'step up' and share your passion, time and love for the game and humanity.

We're working to bring the smile, fun, happiness and health of the game to everyone.

Committee of Management... creating a greater GSBA

### Committee of Management

Michelle Judd	President / Rep teams
Michelle McNab	Acting Secretary & IT / Rep Teams
Mary-Ann Barton	Junior competition
David Harcoan	GV Wheelies
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