



EXIES ACRY BASKETBALL CLUB

FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

- **WELCOME BACK** - Welcome back to all our players and families to Season 1. A special welcome to all new players and their families to our Club.
- **REGISTRATION NIGHT** - While a very busy night for the club and its members, the Club was very happy with how the night ran and it has been a great assistance in coordinating administration tasks for our Committee.

A very special and big thank you to our Secretary, Tricia Curran, who organised the night as well as handling the huge task of sizing of players, ordering, checking and sorting every single new uniform.

- **UNIFORMS** - Don't they look fantastic !!!!! The Club is extremely happy to see teams decked out in the new playing uniform. Feedback from players, parents and people outside our club has been very positive.

Thank you to our new club sponsors whose sponsorship has assisted us to purchase the initial order of approximately \$10,500 of playing tops and shorts.

- **CARE OF UNIFORMS** - The Club made the decision not to charge a uniform bond on new playing tops. However, it is an expectation of all families that these tops will be cared for correctly. Should the tops be returned in an unsatisfactory condition or a Committee member notices the same during the season, a charge will be incurred to cover the cost of replacing the playing top.
- **THANK YOU** - The Club Xmas Party held last year was a great day. Thank you to all families who attended, we hope you had a great day.

Special thanks to the following people - Kate McDonald, Beth Irvine, Deb and Shane Gray for their organisation of the day. Graeme Wilkie from Natures Cargo for providing the icy poles for the kids, Wendouree Newsagency and Lotto for providing lollies and lucky dip gifts and Rod Irvine and Macka McDonald for helping Santa find his way to our party.

- **CLUB SPONSORS** - We are excited to announce our first group of club sponsors. Their generous support has assisted us in purchasing the new playing tops for teams. A big thank you to the following companies: **Matthew Hills Insurance, Karingal Carpets, Wendouree News and Lotto, PlasterRight, Red Lion Hotel and Learmonth Road Smash Repairs.**

Please show your support to these businesses whenever you can.

If you have a business or know of a business that would like to "come on board", please contact Di Nevett on 0418 398543. Exciting times are ahead with sponsors being able to take advantage of advertising on our website in the near future.

- **DRAWS** - Draws for the rest of the season will be available on the internet or on the noticeboards at the stadium. There may be some changes to the “grading” of some teams etc so please check your draw carefully for your game time and venue.
- **10UNDER GIRLS** - After careful consideration we have opted for two teams in the blue section and one team in the white section. This has been done with all girls best interests in mind. Coaching staff will stay the same.
- **TRAINING** - We now have courts available to cover training for most teams. Please note it is a requirement for players to attend training. If you are not able to attend training (whether a one off basis or if you have other commitments at the time allocated to your team) you must advise your coach. Please remember all our coaches are volunteers and in many instances leave work early to take training and/or coach games.
- **REBEL SPORT MEMBER VALUE PROGRAM** - Exies Acmy are now members of the Rebel Sport Value Program. Simply mention Exies Acmy when you make a purchase at Rebel and the club will be awarded points which can be put towards the cost of training equipment. You will also receive a 5% discount on all full priced items.
- **CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT** - A reminder to players, coaches and parents we need to ensure the required level of behaviour at games and training is maintained. Our Zero Tolerance rule on technical fouls will continue - should any player or coach receive a technical foul they will not be allowed to play and/or coach the following week. This applies to all senior and junior teams. Coaches - if a player in your team receives a technical foul you must advise the club. Our club does check with the Association to ascertain whether there are any issues with player / coach conduct.
- **ATTENDANCE AT GAMES** - Players please be early to your games - at least 10 minutes before the start. Also ensure you notify your coach/es as early as possible if you are not able to play. This allows time for them to arrange fill ins if required for games.
- **GAME DAYS** - All teams have had a team manager appointed. Could all families please assist their team manager by sharing the task of scoring each week. Also giving them your ticket or money well before the game so they are not having to run around collecting these during the game.
- **SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE** - Kate, Beth and Debbie will shortly be announcing some exciting social activities. If you would like to assist in any way please see one of the ladies.
- **CLUB WEBSITE** - The first steps have been taken to get our website created. We will be shortly distributing authorisation forms to all families gaining permission to place photographs and/or names of players on our website.

Exies Acmy Committee:

President: Di Nevett (0418 398 543) **Vice President:** Shane Gray (0418 536 777)

Secretary: Tricia Curran (0423 028 002) **Treasurer:** Colleen Punton (0409 394 179)

Committee: Girls Co-ordinators - Sandra Burton (0419 391 380), Kristy Jose (0409 433 775)

Special Event Co-ordinators: Kate McDonald and Beth Irvine