



President's Report 2022/23

Another year has flown by and Covid and its interruptions seem to be just a distant memory with basketball back into full swing and uninterrupted for the whole year. It has been my 7th year as President of Bullits and we now have a record number of teams. In Spring 2022 we had 124 teams (including 5 Senior teams) playing at the SBA and one team playing in the McKinnon League. We had 1026 players registered at the club. This was the first time that we had cracked the "1000 player" mark. Our Autumn 2023 Season was equally as successful where we continued to grow with 131 teams playing at the SBA as well as two teams playing externally in the McKinnon League and playing PlayBall at GESAC. We had 1085 registered players for Autumn 2023. We had teams across all age groups and most grades from A to D Grade in both seasons.

Our club is very lucky to continue to have exclusive use of the indoor courts at Sandringham East Primary School (The court is amazing!) and Sandringham College (Bluff Road Campus) for training sessions. We hire the courts at Sandringham East Primary School Mondays-Thursdays 4.00-8.30pm and Fridays 4.00-6.15pm, as well as Sandringham Secondary College (Bluff Road campus) from Monday-Thursday 4.00-8.30pm. Autumn Season 2023 saw demand for training spots exceed our court availability. To help give all teams a chance to train indoors a number of teams shared the court with two other teams for their 45 minute session. Teams were able to use one end of the court for 15 minutes, then the centre of the court for 15 minutes, finishing off with the other end of the court. It has mostly worked well, with only one team not able to share the court successfully. While not ideal, this seemed a great compromise allowing the maximum number of teams to train indoors. There are still many clubs at the SBA that do not have access to any indoor training facilities. We really are very lucky at Bullits.

Thank you to our Bullits Trainers: Lachlan (Head Trainer), Aras, Ben, Ryan, Lily and Zoe for their continued work across both venues.

The Grand Final weekends were once again very successful with a great atmosphere across all games. We had very successful finals campaigns. A total of 68 teams played in the semi finals in Autumn 2023 with 28 teams progressing through to the Grand Finals. We took out 22 Premierships. We had 42 teams progress through to Grand Finals in the Spring Season with 23 taking out their respective Premierships. The stadium once again looked great with plenty of blue and gold balloons and Bullits banners and signs. Thank you to our volunteers Peta Dyke, Sophia Ali and Rachel Visser for setting up and packing up the Grand Final decorations. Bullits provided scorers for most of the semi finals and Grand Finals. This was much appreciated by the parents of players in teams playing finals. It meant they all got to watch their children play their finals without the stress of having to score their games.

A big thank you to everyone who plays a part in running what is now the second largest club at the SBA. To Kerry Thomson, our amazing Treasurer, who well and truly goes above and beyond in her Treasurer and Compliance Officer duties, and is a constant support to me!! Thank you.

Thank you also to my hard-working Committee members who also double as Age Coordinators: Vice-President- Sandy Celantano, Secretary- Sophia Ali, and Committee members: Rachel Visser and Peta Dyke. To Kate Parker, Desiree Brudenell, Catherine Farr, Vanessa Fox, Mel Harrison and Melissa Forde for

their hard work as Age Coordinators. The club is getting bigger and bigger so the need for additional hands is a necessity! Thanks.

Our online uniform sales continue to boom. Just when we think that we won't have a big season of uniforms sales they go through the roof. The vast majority of our players now have reversible singlets which is a good thing as there's usually two and sometimes three Bullits teams in grades that play against each other regularly. A big thank you to April Whitaker who has been our Uniform Coordinator for what seems like forever! A huge thank you to April for all her amazing work over the years in making sure our more than 1000 players are correctly fitted out each season. April is stepping down from her role and Peta Dyke is taking over. Thanks so much for taking over the role, Peta.

We got to what seems like inches away from using our four new courts this year. Unfortunately, the builders responsible for our new courts went into voluntary administration earlier this year when they were just 12 weeks from completion. Fortunately Bayside Council have been able to appoint new builders to the project and we are hoping to have the use of 8 courts for the start of Autumn Season 2024. Stay tuned for that one.

I continue to be so proud to be a part of the great club that is Bullits and I look forward to many more successful seasons to come.

Lisa Mouncer

Bullits President