



~~2023~~ 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGENDA

Meeting No: AGM Where: Multi-Purpose Room, Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre Date: 22 May 2023, 7.00pm

1. Welcome by President, Stuart Callaghan

2. Attendance

DVBA Board Directors:

President	Stuart Callaghan
Vice President	Rob Boek
Treasurer	Andrew Williams (virtual)
Secretary	Jonathan Halaliku
Ordinary Director	Stephen Martorella
Ordinary Director	Melanie Paino
Ordinary Director	Kate Coen
Ordinary Director (co-opt)	Sarah Davies

Meeting opened: **7:15pm**

DVBA Operational Staff Members attendance:

Operations Manager **Mathew Stewart, Renee
Thomas, Ian Pike**

DVBA Members: as per sign in register

Michael McMahon (Yarrambat)

James Rossiter (Greenhills)

Carleigh Egan (St Marys)

Lauren (St Thoms)

Sarah Davies (Watsonia Warriors)

Stephen Mortarella (Diamon Creek)

Debbie Keogh (Life Member)

3. Apologies

Patrick Di Lizio
Maree Marchant, Life Member

4. Acceptance of minutes of the 2022 AGM held on 24 May 2022

Please see Attachment 1.

MOTION 1:

THAT the MINUTES of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Diamond Valley Basketball Association, held on 24 May 2022, be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: **Stephen Martorella** Seconded: **Kate Coen**

To be moved and seconded by a Board Director or DVBA Member who was in attendance at the 2022 AGM.

5. Business Arising from 2021 AGM

Nil.

6. President, Secretary, Treasurer and General Manager Reports

Secretary's Report: Jonathan Halaliku

Dear DVBA Members

It is with pleasure that I write to our members and inform them of the fantastic year the Association has had. As you will see in the President's and General Managers reports, there has been a range of new initiatives launched, new appointments and staff members joining the DVBA, and great performances throughout all levels of our junior and senior programs. Broadly, there has been wide reaching growth across the Association, and it is an exciting time to be a part of the resurgence.

The Association has bounced back from a challenging two years. This encouraging return is largely owed to the solid foundations laid and the prudent financial management of the DVBA leadership at both an operational and strategic level. It is with pride that we look forward to 2024 and beyond with the confidence that we will embark on our growth aspirations on solid foundations

Perhaps most pertinent though has been the ongoing and enthusiastic support of the DVBA community. The Association's success is predicated upon and ultimately realised by a community brought together by a shared love for the game of basketball. It is this coming together after such tumultuous preceding years that underpin any foundations for which the DVBA will grow and be the hub for which the community can explore their love for the game.

Last year I stepped into the DVBA Secretary role from Ordinary Directorship. For a range of personal and professional reasons I have decided to vacate this position. While I have taken benefit of the methodical administrative approach and processes put in place by the previous Secretary, Julie Taylor, and it is with thanks that I had carriage of the role and now pass it onto another willing Director.

I wish the departing Vice President, Rob Boek, the very best and thank him for his many late nights and countless hours working with DVBA board, in domestic club basketball, and around the Association generally. Rob's analytical approach and insight that he has refined over years of professional consultancy was brought to bear to the benefit of Association across a range of strategic imperatives, governance and communication exercises – much of this work underpins the success of the Association today. Rob departs the board leaving a legacy and we especially thank him for his leadership in preparing the DVBA strategic plan of 2023 – 2025 which sets the course for DVBA into the foreseeable future.

I wish to thank all the DVBA Board Directors for their contributions and countless hours volunteered and look forward to the task of taking the Association to the next level.

Jonathan Halaliku
Secretary

President's Report: Stuart Callaghan

Dear DVBA Members,

In the last 12 months DVBA have moved out of Covid and into a new and exciting growth phase that has seen basketball grow and expand greatly in our region! We are now in arguably the best position that the Association has ever been, with the following facts to back this up:

- 4,500 juniors playing basketball every week
- 570 junior domestic teams across 21 domestic clubs
- 10 venues being used every Saturday
- 220 senior domestic teams / 1,500 senior players playing every week
- 47 junior championship teams playing every Friday night

The reason we are in such a strong position is due to the leadership and foresight of our General Manager – Patrick Di Lizio who has done an outstanding job in leading the DVBA in the last 12 months. Pat has continued to innovate, challenge, grow and above all else lead by example as he has taken the DVBA to new heights in the last 12 months. The highlights include:

- Pat has continued to re-structure the staff at DV and ensure he has a cohesive and driven team working together on all aspects of our Association
- The selection of our new Director of Coaching (Matt Shanahan) and ensuring he has the right structures and processes in place to ensure the success of our Junior Championship program
- The selection and re-appointments of our senior coaching panel across our Senior Men's, Women's and Youth League Men's and Women's programs.
- The ongoing update and fit out of our old office space to now welcome domestic clubs back to the stadium to use this room for their committee meetings
- The continuing improvements in our NBL1 game day experience for our supporters
- The support of the Board, particularly his work with Rob Boek to develop and finalise our strategic plan
- The continuation of our History and Awards Committee to ensure the history of the DVBA is never forgotten about
- The development of our Youth in basketball program
- The support of our referee's program and the huge strides this program has taken in the last 12 months
- Managed our relationships with our key venue partners and stakeholders:
 - Aligned Leisure
 - Parade College
 - Nillumbik Council
 - Basketball Victoria
 - NBL1
 - VJBL
 - Our Junior Domestic Clubs
 - Our senior NBL1 and Youth League coaches and players

- Our sponsors
 - Jasco – Jason McClintock
 - Coast 2 Coast
 - Ecodynamics – Chris Wearne
 - BHT Partners – Jim Tyrrell
 - Quest Hotels
 - 3J BYDJ
 - Greenhill Engravers
 - Alegra Interiors
 - Dysons
 - Jumpshots – Aligned Leisure
 - DV Nutrition

To the staff of the DVBA, a huge thanks to the following people:

- Matt Stewart (Operations Manager)
- Kym West (Marketing Manager) who has gone on to bigger and better things
- Renee Thomas (Marketing Manager)
- Raquel Connell (Community Development Manager), now replaced by
- Sophie Byrnes
- Matt Shanahan (JC Coaching Director)
- Ricky Cooksley (Representative Basketball Administrator)
- Cathryn Lowe – Referee Development
- Ian Pike – Referee Administrator
- Lachie Wearne – Competitions Assistant
- Gemma Potter (Program Co-ordinator)
- Sid Yellepeddi (Admin Assistant)
- Bianca Ananiev (Grading Administrator)
- Donna Martorella (Canteen Manager)

Secondly to the Board, thank you for all the support you have provided me and the whole Association in the last year. The DVBA Board have done a superb job over the last year and have put in countless hours of volunteer service which often goes unnoticed and unrecognized:

- Rob Boek (Vice President) who has been my right-hand man through these challenging times. Thank you for joining me on this ride 4 years ago and thanks for standing right there beside me during that time. Thanks for your contribution to the DVBA and we will all miss you!
- Andrew Williams (Treasurer) who has ensured we remain on track financially, you have done a fabulous job
- Jonathan Halaliku (Secretary) who has helped manage our Association at the Board level and all the administration that comes with it
- Stephen Martorella / Mel Paino / Kate Coen / Andrew Harris / Carleigh Egan (Board members) who have put their hands up whenever asked and gone above and beyond
- Special mention to Mel Paino who has done a fantastic job managing our Child safety

I also want to make special mention of our referee's program, headed by Cathryn Lowe and Ian Pike. The highlights of their achievements include:

- Since the start of 2023 we have grown our referees' numbers from 135 to 185 (increase in over 37%).

- We are now officiating 270 games every Saturday with only 2 or 3 of those games with one referee
- 8 junior panel (Friday night) referees now representing Diamond Valley
- A huge number of apprentice / green shirt referees continuing to be developed
- Our referee numbers are the envy of all other Associations

And finally, the highlights of some of the DVBA's achievements in the last 12 months include:

- The explosion in our Junior Championship program – from 35 teams to 47 teams
- The induction of a new group of DV life members
- The continuation of a great relationship with Parade College
- The continuing improvement of the relationships between the DVBA and our Junior Domestic Clubs
- The ongoing improvement of all processes and procedures for the DVBA, in particular around financial management
- The continuation of a very strong relationship with Aligned Leisure who manage many of the facilities the DVBA use every week
- The Senior teams Singlet Presentation night held in April this year, where we presented our NBL1 men's and women's teams to the audience in attendance
- The commencement of the new NBL1 season for our men's and women's teams
- The commencement of our BIG V Youth men's and women's championship teams
- Our junior domestic competition that goes from strength to strength every year, supported by our domestic clubs

And can I thank all the domestic clubs here at DV who have supported us over the last 12 months. The domestic clubs continue to run great events, they celebrate their club's history in such a great way and they offer a great product for all our young basketball players in our community!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us in the last 12 months, and we look forward to a continued bright future for the DVBA.

Stuart Callaghan

President

General Managers Report: Patrick Di Lizio

It's been an amazing 12 months at the DVBA with many positive changes and structure that will hold us in great stead for the future. The clubs continue to be the backbone of the association, and the support has been amazing in everything we are doing on a daily basis, to make this basketball community stronger, more inclusive, and higher performing than ever.

In the past 12 months we have introduced Walking Basketball and Ausome Hoops to our inclusive basketball opportunities with great success, opening the door to basketball for more and more people in the community.

Our Youth in Basketball Program has been a tremendous success, with 60 young basketballers aged 14-20 getting their coaching, refereeing and statistician accreditations paid for. These 'Youthies' have also been given work opportunities via on-court coaching and senior champ game day work, introducing them to the other side of basketball for the first time.

Our Administration Training series gave volunteers upskilling and training to make them more confident in their ability to run their club. The six-part series is still available online as an ongoing resource for clubs.

We increased our sponsorship in 2022 by 50%, welcoming new local business as partners of our community. We maintain strong relationships with all these partners in 2023.

2022 also saw our inaugural 3x3 tournament, with over 100 teams participating in a two-day event that received overwhelmingly positive feedback. We are formulating an even better structure for the tournament this year, so watch this space.

Our referee program continues to shine with only 2% of solos and a record number of referees on our books with a super high retention rate. The culture of the program is a testament to the work of Ian Pike and Cathryn Lowe, as we continue to plan for the future and improve the quality of our current cohort.

The clubs have led the way in supporting the curtailing of poor behaviour of coaches and spectators at games. Incidents have dropped by 50% compared to 2022 and I have no doubt it is due to the consistency in messaging and zero tolerance approach, so again I thank the clubs for the support.

We have amazing coaches and rosters leading the way in our senior champ program. Dee Butler, Trevor Lee, Corey Michailidis and Mike Torres have introduced a culture of accountability and professionalism that has been inconsistent at this level for many years. All their assistants are from DVBA and as are a high number of players on the rosters.

I believe we have built a strong and cohesive front office staff. Full timers Matt Stewart and Lachy Wearne continue to do great work across the domestic and VJBL admin space. Matt in particular has been a great 2IC, growing and improving all the time.

Ian Pike has done an amazing job with the referee program, bringing diligence, consistency, and support to everyone involved.

Ricky Cooksey has been integral in providing an improved game day experience at NBL1 and connecting the DV community more than ever with the Senior Champ program.

Our Marketing and Events coordinator Renee Thomas has renewed our marketing and social media presence, ensuring all facets of the community are represented and news is communicated efficiently to our members.

Matt Shanahan our new Junior Rep Director of coaching is starting to make his mark on the rep program and Sophie Byrnes our new Community and Development Manager is meeting with clubs and providing them with vital the coach development support they need.

A new and essential role has been created as Bianca Ananiev begins as our Grading Administrator. She will work during peak grading times to provide Lachy with the huge task of grading our junior and senior competitions.

Gemma Potter and Sid Yellepeddi also support us in the office for a few hours a week, in the delivery of programs and general administration while Donna Martorella continues her great work as Canteen Manager at Parade.

I'd also like to acknowledge the work of Kym West and Raquel Connell, who have moved on from some great work here at DVBA.

In 2022, we introduced the Domestic Skills Program to great success, giving domestic players the opportunity to upskill with an extra training session. We continue to run this program by popular demand. Eagles Academy continues to focus on our rep development, Lil Eagles introducing new players to the game from the age of four and Flight School prepares our new U12s group for their first rep trials.

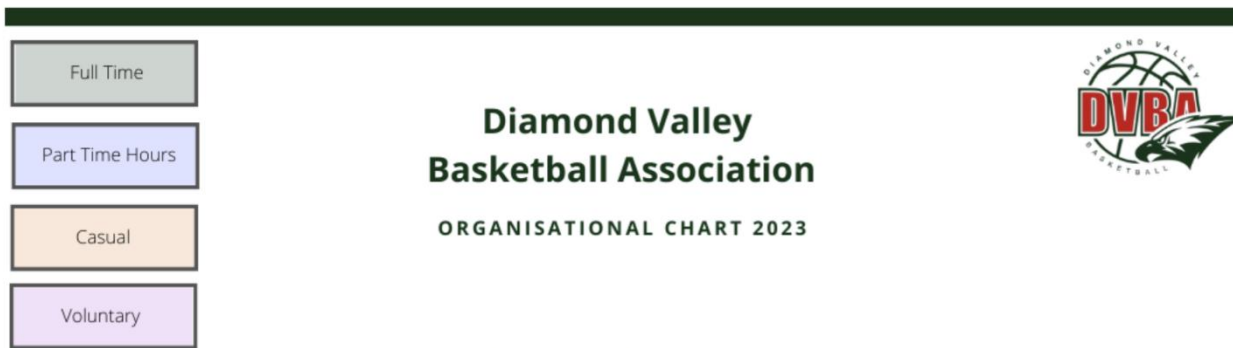
The board continues to do a phenomenal job here at DVBA. Led by Stuart Callaghan, their passion and professional standards remain at a high level, ensuring the front office are supported and also held to account for the delivery of the

high-level service we provide the basketball community. Their introduction of the new strategic plan reflects this, and in 2023 I have no doubt we will continue this positive journey together.

Thanks again to all the clubs and volunteers for their amazing work and I look forward to working with you further in 2023.

Patrick Di Lizio

General Manager



MOTION 2:

THAT the DVBA President, General Manager and Secretary's Report be accepted as tabled.

Moved: **Melanie Paino** Seconded: **Kate Coen**

7. Treasurer's Report and 2022 Finance Report (Audited Finance Statements and Auditor's Report)

Treasurer's Report: Andrew Williams

2022 Financial Year, as at 31 December 2022

For the 2022 calendar year (which is our financial year) we finished with a loss of -\$12,312. We saw this loss coming early on after reduced games earlier in the year due to the last few weeks of covid related cancellations. The final quarter, however, brought this back from where we expected our loss to be after some earlier adjustments and showed the Association is in a great place when we are all up and running. For the fourth quarter, we had a profit of \$161,000 against a budgeted profit of \$140,000. so that strong finish really highlighted that point for us.

Overall, 2022 tells the story quite well of the last few years. It shows the problems when games don't run but the positives when everything is functioning – as they did for the final quarter.

Our financials have been audited and we look to be in a strong position moving forward. Looking to 2023 we have challenges around court hire costs but are excited to keep investing into our programs to provide a better basketball experience for all of our members.

MOTION 3:

THAT the DVBA Treasurer's Report be accepted as tabled.

Moved: **Stephen Martorella** Seconded: **Stuart Callaghan**

2022 Finance Report: Audited Finance Statements and Auditor's Report – Auditor, Melinda McAllister, BHT Partners

The DVBA's 2022 Audited Finance Statements and Auditor's Report were endorsed, as giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial affairs, by the Board of the DVBA.

Please see Attachment 2 for the DVBA's 2022 Audited Finance Statements and Auditor's Report

MOTION 4:

THAT the Finance Reports, including audited Finance Statements and Auditor's Report, for the Diamond Valley Basketball Association financial year of 2022, be acknowledged as submitted.

Moved: **Sarah Davies** Seconded: **Melanie Paino**

8. Election of Life Members

The Board of the DVBA received four nominations for Life Membership of the DVBA. The Board assessed the written nominations, for each candidate, and agreed that they be presented to the membership and an election be conducted.

A DVBA Life Membership election ballot will be conducted at the AGM. Those DVBA Members **present** at the meeting will be asked to vote in the election.

Life Membership is awarded in recognition of an individual's contribution to basketball and the DVBA.

See **Attachments 3 (multiple)** for the DVBA Life Membership Nomination Report for:

Life Member Nominee	Elected/Not Elected via Member Ballot
Wilma Hay (awarded posthumously)	Elected
Trevor Lee	Elected
Darren Plummer	Elected
Robert Maxwell	Elected

MOTION 5:

THAT all nominations and confirmed elections, as tabled, for Life Membership of the Diamond Valley Basketball Association be accepted.

Moved: **Stuart Callaghan**

Seconded: **Kate Coen**

9. Election of Board Directors

Nomination forms for positions on the Board of the Diamond Valley Basketball Association (DVBA) are required to be submitted to the Secretary of the Board one week prior to the Annual General Meeting.

DVBA Board nomination forms must: state the nominee's name, the position for which they are being nominated; who the first and second nominators are; be endorsed and signed by the nominee.

[Constitution of the Diamond Valley Basketball Association Inc.](#)

Persons may only be nominated for DVBA Board Director positions by Members of the Diamond Valley Basketball Association.

See the following sections of the *DVBA Constitution* for information related to nominations and voting at General Meetings.

- Section 7. *Membership*
- Section 7.6 *Voting Rights*
- Section 9. *Delegate* – Junior Domestic Member Clubs and Senior Domestic Teams must nominate a Delegate to vote in any ballot.
- Section 21. *Voting at General Meetings*
- Section 26. *Election of Directors*

At the 2023 AGM the following Board Director positions shall be deemed vacant:

- **Vice President** (currently occupied by Rob Boek)
- **Secretary** (currently occupied by Jonathan Halaliku)
- **Treasurer** (currently occupied by Andrew Williams)
- **One (1) Ordinary Director** Position (currently occupied by Melanie Paino)

The following nominations have been received:

Position	Nominee	Nominator One	Nominator Two	Elected/Not Elected via Member Ballot
Vice President	Jonathan Halaliku	Dean Brincau	Debbie Keogh	Elected
Secretary	Daniel Darling-Filby	Andrew Williams	Stephen Martorella	Elected
Treasurer	Andrew Williams	Stephen Martorella	Jonathan Halaliku	Elected
Ordinary Director: One (1) position	Melanie Paino	Kate Coen	Robert Boek	Elected
	Sarah Davies	Kirsty Thomas	Michelle McKenzie	Elected

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VICE PRESIDENT

There is one **(1) nominee** for the position of **Vice President**.

SECRETARY

There is one **(1) nominee** for the position of **Secretary**.

TREASURER

There is one **(1) nominee** for the position of **Treasurer**.

DIRECTOR

There is one **(1) nominee** for the vacant position of **Ordinary Director**.

DIRECTOR

There is one **(1) nominee** for the position of **Ordinary Director** (additional)

We received two nominations for Ordinary Director. The Board resolved to increase the Board's capacity to 8 members under rule 25.5 of the Constitution and welcome both nominees as elected Ordinary Directors from the date of the AGM. Congratulations to both Melanie Paino and Sarah Davies.

Further, all positions were unopposed so there will be no elections at the AGM. We thank all our new and returning volunteers for putting their hands up to help the DVBA.

MOTION 6:

THAT all nominations and confirmed elections, as tabled, for the 2022 Board of the Diamond Valley Basketball Association be accepted.

Moved: **Michael McMahon**

Seconded: **Deb Keogh**

10. Auditor

MOTION 7:

That BHT Partners will continue as the appointed Auditor of the Diamond Valley Basketball Association's Finance Reports for the Association's next financial year (2023).

Moved: **Kate Coen**

Seconded: **Sarah Davies**

11. Appointment of Association Secretary

MOTION 8 :

*THAT **Daniel Darling Filby** DVBA Board Secretary, be appointed as the Association Secretary of the Diamond Valley Basketball Association for 2023.*

Moved: **Stephen Mortarella**

Seconded: **Melanie Paino**

12. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 7:42pm.

Questions are expected to pertain to the information presented at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Date of 2023 AGM (to be held within five months of 31 December 2022): **to be advised**