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2021 REPORT



Hello & welcome to the 2021 Exies-Acmy Annual General Meeting.

I would like to formally welcome our Life Members, Executive & General Committee Members, Coaches, Members & families.

What a positive year it has been since we turned the corner of the Covid interruption to community sport. We had a slightly delayed start to the Summer Season and hit the court running in November 2021. Since then, the competition has run relatively smoothly and we were able to complete the 2021-2022 Summer Season and commence the Championship Season in April 2022.

Participation numbers remain strong with 255 Junior players across 33 teams in the 2021-2022 Summer Season, increasing to 271 Junior players across 37 teams for the current 2022 Championship Season. In our senior grades we had 20 players in Women's A Grade & A1 divisions in the 2021-2022 Summer Season, increasing to 26 players in Women's A Grade, A1 & Men's Wednesday 5 in the current 2022 Championship Season.

The strength of our club has been highlighted in recent months with the willingness of players and families to continually fill-in. The covid isolation requirements as well as the first real cold & flu season for a few years has put a strain on playing numbers in many teams, but to the credit of our members we have had minimal walkovers with plenty of kids happy to play up a grade. A massive thank you to all families for your help & support here as well.

Congratulations to our Exies players & coaches who have been selected for further representative programs. We have had 27 junior players be selected into the local JET program, with special mentions to Jemma Amooore for her selection in the Under 18 Vic Country Team & Ballarat Miners, Will Hynes playing with the Ballarat Miners and also Georgia Amooore playing college basketball in the US for the Virginia Tech Hokies.

It was great to see the group of U12 Girls & Boys who represented our club with pride at the Miners Games on Saturday 21st May, 2022. It was terrific to see the kids showing their skills & play in a very team-oriented way at half time of both Miners Games on the big stage!

We enjoyed our Christmas party at Lake Wendouree Football Club on Monday 6th December, 2021. We had approximately 170 people from close to 50 families enjoy a night full of fun with Jumping Castles, sporting activities and plenty of grass to sit and relax. Acknowledging the disrupted 2020 & 2021, we wanted to do something special for the kids to enjoy, and I'm pretty sure they did! Thank you to our committee for organising and a very special acknowledgement and thank you to Jane & the Eclectic Tastes team for co-ordinating the food for us to enjoy.

Personally, it has been an absolute pleasure to be working with such a cohesive & supportive committee. We are very fortunate to have such giving and caring individuals that are volunteering their time for the benefit of club & members, and without them the club would not exist. A massive thank you to all committee members for your efforts over the past 12 months.

I would like to make special mention of outgoing Uniform Coordinator Kristen Justin. Kristen has been overseeing our uniforms for the past 4 years and has done an amazing job in ensuring our teams are ready to hit the court. It has no doubt taken many hours at home using every inch of the kitchen table & lounge room floor to work through, with the support and involvement of Kristen's family. A huge thank you on behalf of all members to you Kristen for your efforts!

To our coaches & team managers. Thank you for your commitment to your teams, both at weekly training & on game day. It is a commitment, but is equally rewarding when you see the kids develop their skill set, but more than anything it is great to see plenty of smiles & fun being had.

To our families, thank you for your continued support and contributions as well. It's so good to see many Exies supporters on the sidelines cheering on the teams.

We look forward to continuing to support our members in their basketball journey, and also ensuring Exies-Acmy remains a club of choice for both existing & new members.