



MCKINNON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION APPOINTS GIRLS DIRECTOR OF COACHING AND BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

McKinnon Basketball Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Darren Anderson to the position of Girls Director of Coaching and Nathan Geer to the position of Basketball Development Manager. Both appointments will join Stewart Baird, Boys DOC to create McKinnon's 'Basketball Development Team'.

Darren was selected from a strong field of candidates and his coaching philosophies are closely aligned with McKinnon's coaching vision and values. Darren brings with him a wealth of basketball knowledge and expertise having held numerous VJBL coaching positions with McKinnon and Eltham Wildcats teams as well as Basketball Victoria State programs.

Darren also brings experience from his time at Basketball Australia where he managed and delivered BA's Community Basketball projects including Aussie Hoops and Sporting Schools. He also developed BA's National Coaching Resource and delivered Coach Development accreditations along with delivering coach education for Basketball Victoria.

Darren will commence his role on 19th August and will work directly with Stewart Baird and Nathan Geer to further strengthen McKinnon's VJBL program. Darren will recruit, educate, mentor and manage all representative coaches in the McKinnon girls program.

Nathan Geer has been promoted to Basketball Development Manager where he will work with coaches and players on court as well as lead and deliver all programs for the Association. Nathan will be a strong presence around the courts at both domestic and representative competitions. Alongside Darren and Stewart, Nathan will work with VJBL and domestic coaches to enhance player development as well as provide mentoring with greater focus placed on the developmental pathways for coaches.

General Manager Anita Ledger said "This is a really exciting time at McKinnon. Our Basketball Development Team will focus on ensuring that both representative and domestic coaches and players are given every opportunity to learn, develop, perform and succeed at the highest level.

With the introduction of new programs, coach accreditation and coach support networks, the basketball development team will look to push our coaches to extend their knowledge of the game, in turn providing a better all-round experience for our athletes.

We are very lucky at McKinnon to have a group of passionate and dedicated coaches who are incredibly supportive of each other and our athletes. Our goal is to build strong foundations to ensure we create a pathway for our junior and senior coaches and players to succeed at the highest level. We want to ensure everyone is given the opportunity to be the best they can be. This starts from the ground up”.

The future for McKinnon Basketball is looking strong and with the appointment of the Basketball Development Team will enable McKinnon to take that step in strengthening the coaches and players pathway.