



# The Howling Wolf

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## President's Report

### **Brighton Wolves Stadium**

On behalf of the Brighton Wolves Committee, it is my pleasure to announce that commencing the Summer Season 2008/2009 (after the September school holidays); we will train and play our home games out of Brighton Secondary College Stadium, Marriage Road Brighton East. In addition, the decision has been taken by the MBA, to allow the Brighton Wolves to manage the stadium.

What this means to us is that any revenue raised at the stadium will go directly to our club. This will give us a broader revenue base and allow us to spend money improving the resources we offer our players and members.

Our presence at BSC stadium will also allow us to work together with the sports professionals at BSC and develop a program to raise the standard of basketball played.

It is our intention to bring teams from interstate and overseas to play at our stadium, which will expose our players to the best competition available at the highest level.

We have gained a long term commitment from our coaching personnel who will be central in developing our program and increasing our skill level.

We are working closely with the new Executive of the MBA and thank them for their input. This is the first time since I have been involved in the MBA that we have had an independent Executive, free of the prejudices and bickering of the past. I congratulate the initiative of the MBA and look forward to working with them into the future.

You will hear more about our new stadium as we embark on the Summer Season. Suffice to say however that the Committee of the Famous Brighton Wolves look forward to greeting you all at 'Wolfland'.

### **Committee Structure**

With BSC stadium coming on line and the Wolves managing the complex, it has been necessary to restructure the Wolves Committee.

We have separated Club Administration from Basketball Operations. Our coaching staff will head up the basketball operations area under the watchful eye of a newly formed Wolves Executive.

The new Executive is made up of Committee Members and is designed to

streamline decisions which have to be made on a day to day basis

Club Administration will be handled by the usual suspects and report to the full committee.

Within the administration and operations split, we have created Treasury and Stadium Operations arms. The main focus of Treasury will be Membership Services and Basketball Operations focus will be BSC stadium.

Another motive in the restructure is to elevate the younger members of our club in the decision making process. The Committee is committed to a succession plan and as such has elevated our old Director of Coaching to Vice President and General Manager Basketball Operations. Although not an alternate President (this is the domain of the CEO, Operations Manager and Secretary), we hope this will give the younger members of our club an equal voice in decision making.

I will email you a Brighton Wolves Organisational Chart in the near future with updates on the BSC stadium.

## **Thanks**

The Famous Brighton Wolves Committee is now 10 strong. As a team we have come a long way in the past few seasons. This progress of course culminates in the securing of the BSC stadium as our home stadium.

I would like to personally thank each committee member for their hard work, commitment and dedication which has led our club to where it is today. I take

immense pride in having an association with such talented individuals, who are quality people and committed family members.

It all relates to achieving balance which is reflected in our Club Ethos: *'relax, compete and enjoy the experience of competitive basketball'*.

Yours in basketball

**Trevor McTaggart - President**

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## **Finals Dates** **2008**

The dates for the Finals are as follows:



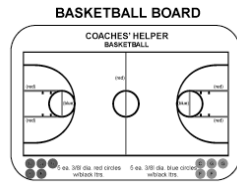
**Semi Finals** – **Boys** -Saturday, 6 Sept 08  
**Girls** – Sunday 7 Sept 08.

**Preliminary Finals-Boys** - Tuesday, 9 Sept 08, **Girls** – Wednesday 10 Sept 08

**Grand Finals-Boys & Girls** (B Grade & B Reserves - Saturday 13 Sept 08  
**Boys and Girls** (A Grade & A Reserves - Sunday, 14 September 08.

Put those dates in your diaries now and follow up with your Team Manager closer to the time to ensure that you know where and when the Finals are. If you are new to this Competition, you should be aware that each team that plays in the Finals has to play a score sheet fee. This will be collected on the day/night by your Team Manager. Each team will still need to provide a scorer.

## From the Coaches' Corner



Hey ballers,

this time last season, we were weeks away from setting a club record 7 grand final wins.

It was always going to be tough to achieve a better result than last season, but with only one round remaining 14 of the 23 Wolves teams are still in the hunt. More remarkably, 6 of those teams have locked themselves in for a top two finish.

These results simply aren't possible without the support of the coaches, team managers, committee and parents and the time, amongst other things, you all commit... but the job is not done yet.

This season, no-one's season ends at the last round. I'm putting out the call for 'The Wolf Pack' to be out in full force during the finals. We want every player, parent and sibling, anyone who's available to be present 'courtside' for all the Wolves finals games this season.

We are the hunted this time around! After winning seven grand finals last season we are the club to beat. Our teams in finals need all the support they can, so let's show all the other club's how it's really done and 'shake the foundations' at every Wolves game during the finals.

A summary of all Wolves games next

weekend will be circulated to you all as soon as it becomes available.

See you all courtside,

**Rho Fry**  
**Vice President**  
**General Manager - Basketball**  
**Operations**

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## Making our Club great- Fundraising News

We all know that Clubs such as ours are dependent on extra funds coming in. Please support your players by considering the follow fundraising matters.

- **“Walking on the Wolves’ Side”- The Club Cocktail Party** is on again this year on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October.



It's a great night to enjoy some great drinks and get to meet other Wolves parents. In addition, there are some fantastic silent and live auction items to be had. Please see your team manager for tickets.

- **Rebel Sport Discount Voucher-** this is a great way to support the Club and save yourself



some money too. Following on from Rebel's generous donation to the Club, they have given all Club members (and their friends/families) the chance to save 5 percent off most purchases. Just tell the cashier that you are with Brighton Wolves Basketball Club and they will

provide you with the details and give you your discount, in addition they will make a donation to our Club based on the total number of sales. Get behind it!

- **Ritchie's Loyalty Card** – the new Ritchie's store on the corner of Centre Rd and Oaks Street has loyalty cards. We are currently setting up an arrangement so that you can support us while you shop. Ask for a loyalty card that supports Brighton Wolves Basketball Club.
- **Business Directory**- don't forget to support the businesses that support us by making good use of the Brighton Wolves business directory on our website. There are some great offers for all our members
- **Merchandising Specials**- Want to look like a real "Wolf"? Don't forget the Club offers Tracksuit tops, Sports Bags, Drink Bottles and socks that can really sharpen up your look! All details are on the website.



- **Confectionary Drive** - thanks to all parents and players for your support of our recent fundraising drive. The player who sold the most boxes will be awarded a Wolf hoodie. There were some great efforts so stand by for the results.

Our grateful thanks to Chris Charge for organising this event.

## Second Hand Uniforms

We are trying to get a good supply of second hand uniforms to offer our members. Should you wish to sell your items, please contact **Chris Charge on 9596 6761?**

([christinacharge@yahoo.com.au](mailto:christinacharge@yahoo.com.au)). Well done to Chris for getting this initiative off the ground.

Thanks are also due to **Rosanne Gibb** for her great efforts in assisting the teams with the purchase of new uniforms. Dealing with this area is quite an effort.

## Winter Presentation Night – Monday, 15 September

Presentation night is set to be on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at the Hampton RSL. Put the date in your diary and check the details nearer the time.



The night will start at 6:00pm with the Under 10's to Under 14's. Pizzas will come at around 7:00pm. Then the rest of the teams will follow. A second lot of Pizzas will be delivered around 8:30pm. People are more than welcome to stay for the duration of the Presentation Night.

You will be able to register and pay for the summer season on the night. Our President has decided to give out free T-shirts (whilst stocks last) to those who register and pay on the night.



## **USA Tour - January 2010.**

Following the successful Brighton Wolves Texan Tour in January 2008, we are planning to revisit the USA in January 2010. Continuing on with our working relationship with MBA and in conjunction with All Things Basketball, the tour will be open to players from all clubs within the MBA.

We learnt a lot from that trip and we are fortunate to have the added experience of Brighton Wolves High Performance Coach, Brady Walmsley (Managing Director - All Things Basketball), who has many contacts in the USA. Consequently, we intend to visit other places in USA. The proposed cities to visit include:

Houston/San Antonio, Texas.

Phoenix/Tuscon, Arizona.

Las Vegas, Nevada.

Los Angeles, California.

(Final destinations to be confirmed)

We are planning on taking both an elite boys Varsity and Junior Varsity team. The ages will range from 15 - 18 years. There will be up to 9 players in each team. Both teams will be playing against some of the very best High School teams in the USA. Trials for both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams will be held in the coming weeks followed by a presentation by Tour Leaders Denton Brown and Sue Flavell

It is intended that both teams will play 12 months in advanced competitions prior to the tour and will partake in tournaments. There will be a lot more basketball preparation and games than in Texas.

Interested players please contact:

Brady Walmsley on 0411 146319 or [brady.walmsley@allthingsbasketball.com.au](mailto:brady.walmsley@allthingsbasketball.com.au)

Denton Brown on 0418 171 703 or [denton.brown@aclfilms.com.au](mailto:denton.brown@aclfilms.com.au)

Sue Flavell on 0412 550 812 or [theflavs@bigpond.net.au](mailto:theflavs@bigpond.net.au)

It is intended that the tour will be the culmination of 18 months hard work and commitment for the boys. It should be the experience of a life time.