



14th December 2021

Dear Members

**MORNINGTON DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
UPDATE TO MEMBERS – BASKETBALL FACILITIES EXPANSION**

We are pleased to inform all members of the positive progress currently being made in relation to the expansion of our regional basketball hub at Mornington Secondary College (MSC).

This exciting project will comprise four new courts and supporting amenities, bringing the total at MSC to seven courts, including two show courts.

As you know, these proposed new facilities are essential to meet current and future participation levels.

The new facility will serve both school and community, meeting the urgent needs of local basketball participants of all ages, as well as delivering additional required space for school sport and performing arts activity.

It will cater to the huge rate of continued growth in basketball participation in our region over the past seven years (58.67%), alleviate current pressures on facility provision and provide new capacity to meet:

- Current and future competition and training needs for our 5000+ members and 380+ junior and senior teams.
- Representative and pathway needs from junior to State level. The MDBA representative program currently has 28 teams including 4 senior Big V teams.

Since early 2021, MDBA has been engaged in detailed project planning in close collaboration with Mornington Secondary College, Basketball Victoria and local stakeholders.

Through our active advocacy, the project is now attracting the strong support and interest of all levels of Government and the key candidates in the upcoming Federal and State Government elections, which is critical to achieving the funding required to make this happen.

We look forward to keeping you informed as the project progresses in 2022. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support of Mornington Basketball during the challenges of the past few years. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2022 and we are excited about what the future holds.

Kind regards

Antony Hirst
PRESIDENT

Samantha Browne
GENERAL MANAGER