

THE STAMPEDE



THE BORONIA BUFFALOES NEWSLETTER

KEY DATES

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

What a fantastic season it's been for the Boronia Buffaloes! Thank you to every player, family, coach and volunteer who made it such a memorable one, your energy and commitment are what make this club so special.

I'd like to introduce myself as your new President, Darran Collins and thank you to my predecessors, Craig and Shenna, for their hard work in shaping the club we have today.

My history with the Buffaloes goes back to the 1980s as a junior player (you might spot me on our '[About Us](#)' section as a young Number 9), and more recently through my son starting in Under 8s and now as Team Manager for his U10 team, I've held roles including Coach, Team Manager and Coaching Coordinator.

As President, I'll focus on strengthening ties with Knox Basketball and Basketball Victoria, growing our junior programs, and keeping child safety a top priority. Above all, I want the Buffaloes to be a club our players are proud of and where families feel welcome.

Read on to see all the new initiatives we have in store this season!

Go Buffaloes!

MOON FESTIVAL	13 SEP
SUMMER SEASON STARTS	3 OCT
MELBOURNE CUP BREAK	31 OCT
BUNNINGS BBQ	13 DEC
CHRISTMAS BREAK STARTS	19 DEC
GAMES BACK	30 JAN
EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK	27 APR
SUMMER SEASON ENDS	24 APR

SUMMER REGISTRATION OPEN

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SINCE WE SPOKE LAST...

Well, it's been a while... but we're back!

2026 has brought plenty of change, growth and, most importantly, a stronger sense of community. With new leadership, a growing committee (something we're incredibly proud to see) and new members joining our club, we've continued to build something special together.

From welcoming new faces and strengthening our community, to celebrating some incredible results on the field, this year has been a true reflection of progress, passion and unity. These highlights are more than just moments from the year — they're a reminder of how far we've come and what we can achieve when we work together.

A huge thank you to every player, volunteer, committee member, family and supporter who has played a part in making 2026 so memorable.

Here's to the growth, the changes, the wins and everything still to come. Together, we're only getting started.

New Major Sponsors: Barry Plant & Bendigo Bank

We welcomed Barry Plant and Bendigo Bank to the Buffaloes family, fantastic partners helping us continue to grow.

Buffalo Shop Expands!

We opened the Buffalo Shop and it's been a hit! Fresh gear, slick reversible uniforms, and a whole lot of club pride flying out the door.

New Girls Uniforms

Our girls got a uniform glow-up with a new range that looks great and feels even better.

Buffalo Gear Up Initiative

We have seen our local businesses backing in our Under 8s with new reversible uniforms.

Under 20s EDJBT Grand Finalists

Our Under 20s made a huge run at the EDJBT, powering all the way to the Grand Final. A standout effort from the whole squad.

Updated Club Policies

Our policies received a complete refresh to make them clearer, stronger and easier to follow.

New Club Constitution

We rolled out a brand new constitution to support strong governance and future growth.

Updated Position Descriptions

Every volunteer and committee role now has an updated description, making it easier for people to get involved and know where they fit.

Parent Survey

We heard your thoughts! The parent survey delivered great insights that are already shaping future improvements. A new email will come out at the conclusion of our Winter Season

New Club Banner

Our new banner made its debut, ready to boost our visibility at games, events and around the community.

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WHAT'S COMING?

Team Selection & Grading Review

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback. The Committee is currently reviewing team selection and grading.

Our Playing Coordinators and Grading Secretary are carefully working through the process, and teams will remain confidential until final decisions are made. The Coach Coordinator will also provide input into coach appointments.

Once teams are finalised, coaches will be contacted and can begin connecting with their teams

Strengthening Club Operations & Governance

The Buffaloes Committee has spent the second half of the Winter 2026 season in close contact with Knox Basketball Incorporated and Basketball Victoria to strengthen our club's operations and governance structures.

KBI has provided support in identifying opportunities for U8 programs, increasing involvement within the local community and building stronger relationships with other clubs across Knox.

Sit in on a Meeting!

We're inviting parents and supporters to join the Boronia Buffaloes committee and play a role in guiding the club's future. Not sure yet?

Simply sit in on a committee meeting and get a feel for how things run. Your voice matters, and we'd love to have you involved.

Training Venue Review

Based on feedback received, the Committee has been exploring alternative basketball training courts that are more local to Boronia and offer reduced venue hire costs.

As part of this review, both Boronia K-12 College and Bayswater Secondary College have been identified as potential options. These venues could provide greater convenience for participants while also supporting cost savings compared with the State Basketball Centre.

We'll keep you updated on that.

Building the Future of the Buffaloes

The Buffaloes are continuing to explore a number of initiatives aimed at strengthening the Buffaloes and our connection with the local community.

These include:

- Greater involvement with the Boronia K-12 Basketball Academy -
 - Developing a Mini Buffaloes school program -
- Introducing seasonal academy-style age-group training to develop players and coaches -
 - Building on our current opportunities for coaches to develop their skills -
- Providing greater access for members to give feedback throughout the season -

These initiatives are focused on building a stronger club, developing our players and coaches, and creating greater opportunities for our Buffaloes community.

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WHAT'S (ALSO) COMING?

Spring / Summer Schedule

Our Summer Season is coming up and we're so excited to get even bigger and better on the court this season.

Registration is open and if you have any questions please reach out to the club. Don't forget to check your eligibility for up to \$200 toward registration fees with the [GetActive vouchers](#).

[See the full Knox Schedule here](#)

Parent Helpers

If you're looking for ways to help out and volunteer sometime, we're introducing the **Buffalo Parents**. No commitment, only help when you're free to spare an hour or two. We'll grab your email and send out requests when we're looking for

[See details here](#)

Assistant Coach Opportunities

Ever thought about coaching but can't commit to every training session and game? Assistant coaching is a great way to get involved, support our coaches, and learn the ropes in a flexible role. If you're keen, reach out to the club or speak with your coach directly.

[See details here](#)

Bunnings BBQ

Sunday 13/12/2026

As we get closer to the day, we'll be reaching out to our Buffalo families to see where you might be able to spare an hour or two.

No need to do anything just yet, just keep an eye out for our message closer to the date. Thanks so much in advance, our club runs on people like you!

AGM

Join us for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Thursday 12 November, 6:30pm to 8:30pm** at the State Basketball Centre Meeting Rooms. Open to all members, the AGM is your opportunity to hear organisational updates and participate in elections.

All positions are open for re-election, and voting members are encouraged to take part. Please review the position descriptions below if you are considering nominating.

[Committee Position Descriptions](#)



SAFEGUARDING
YOU

New Child Safety Platform: *Safeguarding You*

KBI has introduced a new Child Safety platform called **Safeguarding You**. The platform is designed to support our membership by:

Assisting with concussion identification

Allowing incidents to be recorded and investigated

Helping clubs track Working With Children Checks (WWCC) and maintain compliance

Our interim Child Safety Officer is Amy Reaper.

✉ Contact: ChildSafety.BoroniaBuffaloes@gmail.com

For information on identifying concussion, please scan the QR code below.

The introduction of *Safeguarding You* reflects our ongoing commitment to creating a safe, supportive and compliant environment for all participants, volunteers and families.



SAFETY FIRST

Something not right?
Complete a Concussion Assessment
or Report an Incident instantly.



SCAN TO BEGIN



Concussion Assessment

- Red Flags
- Signs
- Symptoms
- Next Steps



Report an Incident

- Injuries
- Concussion
- Child Safety
- Behaviour

Fast. Simple. Real-time.

✓ No Login required \$ Free to use 🔒 Private & Secure

Designed for athletes, parents, coaches, trainers & volunteers.

Powered by  **SAFEGUARDING**
YOU

Decision support tool only. Not a medical diagnosis.

In Summer 2026 we're ready to build the club even bigger. As we grow the herd we want to be the biggest and best club Boronia can offer.

You will have received our Parents Experience survey, and we really want to get a view on how all of our families are experiencing our club; what we're doing well and where we can improve.

But you don't need to wait for that – If you have concerns or questions you can always reach out

Build our foundations by expanding our Under 8 and Under 10

Continue to upskill our amazing coaches with the support of Knox Basketball

Grow our committee and volunteer group with the amazing parents we know we have

Your feedback is the most important. It's the players, parents, and coaches that make this club and we want you to help shape our future because **you're part of the herd!**



HUGE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS & PARTNERS FOR SUPPORTING US



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AND HOW TO CONTACT US



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