



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AGM JULY 2026

Thank you, Team SDBA, 😊

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the club volunteers whether they have undertaken a major role within the club as a committee member, coach, referee, scorer or a once off shift in the canteen, every single hour spent helping this club is truly appreciated.

Our committee provides such strong leadership, and necessary skill sets that will allow continued success & longevity of the club.

We say farewell, to Committee Members

- Carly Burnard – General Committee Member
- Nicola Gray – General Committee Member
- Sheree Begue – Executive Secretary

We thank all of you for your many hours contributed so far and look forward to you continuing your volunteer/parent roles in a slightly different capacity supporting the club and its future progress.

We began the season with two general committee vacancies, eventually being able to fill both of those positions for most of the season. We hope to have a full committee moving forward in the new year to help spread the workload.

Another huge thank you too, to our sponsors who support us not only financially but with promotion of the club within the community.

With just one court, space is limited and under extreme demand. We do our best to accommodate everyone, sometimes it is very tricky and not achievable. It is a credit to our club and its volunteers, to be so successful and have great time management skills to be running it efficiently enough to maximise the benefits for all our members, wherever possible.

SUMMER (53) TEAMS <i>(3 more local teams than last season)</i>		WINTER (21) MIXED TEAMS <i>(10 less local teams than last season – No Senior Winter Comp)</i>	
9 A & B Grade Men Combined	7 A & B Grade Women Combined	1 Senior Women <i>Mt Barker Comp</i>	1 Senior Men <i>Mt Barker Comp</i>
4 Freshman Girls	7 Freshman Boys	6 Freshmore Boys	3 Freshman Girls
7 Sophomore Boys	5 Graduate Boys	4 Mixed Sophomore	3 Rookies Boys
5 Sophomore Girls	4 Rookies Girls 5 Rookies Boys		3 Rookies Girls
Approximately 15-18 Referees Approximately 2 Referee Coaches (all working on their accreditation) Approximately 76 Coaches, some coaching more than 1 team or pairing together Approximately 10 Scorebench Officials (none required for Winter)			

Congratulations to Strathalbyn Storm Committee, players, coaches, volunteers and families, for a successful season, following Junior Country Championships along with other notable individual awards and development. We will hear more about this in their report.

Strathalbyn was also well represented in SA Country Programs both state and national pathways, players, coaches, team managers and referees. Large list of attendance. Again, we will hear more about this in the Storm report.

Our referee group continues to represent at all levels, country, metro, state, including NBL1. Many of the group are always working on their accreditation off the court, in a classroom, on zoom meetings and various panels educating them. Our referee coaches find time to sit sidelines on most of our games to teach and assist, completing on court accreditation paperwork for those in our pathways. Our referee program with Danni and Boyd at the helm is working through its next generation and rebuilding, doing a stellar job with limited numbers, ensuring our games continue to flow and everyone can still play, and supporting our Green Shirt Program. Without our referees, there is no game. Your support throughout this rebuilding period is essential to keep it moving.

In addition to the SDBA Committee supervising the stadium, we would like to thank Cathy Warren for offering to be present in one or two time slots throughout each week during Summer also assisting on our scorebench program. We appreciate you volunteering!

Lot 10 Project – New Stadium Project. We thank Chris Clark, James Murphy, Sam Sherriff and Cathy Warren who continue to work behind the scenes volunteering their time, to keep the dream alive. This season has seen some more milestones achieved, more visits from political parties and promise of \$\$\$ if elected, council meetings attendance and another huge media campaign that gained a lot of traction.

As many sporting clubs are already experiencing escalation in member behaviour and the consequences that follow, setting the standard of our Behaviour Management Framework is still one of our main projects on the drawing board. Encouragement to be a good role model, zero tolerance to bad behaviour, we will be working together to continue to achieve and educate around this at both our Community and Association representation levels, our sidelines and team benches. We are committed to being a leader in this field and providing an environment that everyone can enjoy and a club that is well represented when competing in external competitions. It takes a lot of courage for some of us to turn up to score, coach, referee and even play. We are determined to make sure we continue to provide a safe, fun learning environment for all.

Site visit from Community SA Country Coach Caleb Willsmore - many of our coaches contribute to our community competition, across Strathalbyn Storm Programs and higher again with SA Country State and National competitions. We are keen to build on that and are taking steps to deliver.

Thank you to EFS and its team members for continuing to share the stadium with us, supporting the work we are doing. We have nurtured a great working relationship. With so many users of this stadium, we learn to love what we have for now and continue to make small improvements.

The roof repairs continue – hopefully we see the end of the roof leaks and our small team of floor wipers during our games! Thank you for your efforts here, without you more games would have been cancelled.

Summer season planning is well underway and will step up following SA Country's AGM mid August 2026. Stay tuned, watch our socials and your email inboxes before then.

Basketball Connect – our club communication. An enormous task and a huge thank you to Danni de Jong and Chantelle Kennewell who have worked together for the last 12 months behind the scenes, problem solving and setting up all our programs. The nuts and bolts, so they work well when it gets to you. They make a great team!

Club Surveys – there has been a few circulating the past 12 months, our entire committee behind the scenes have been working through the minimal responses received – we hope you have had your say when the opportunity arose, we have received thoughtful feedback and appreciate the perspectives shared. SDBA use this feedback to add value and help shape the future decisions.

Committee recognition

There continues to be lots of learning, some challenging moments, many successes along the way and a lot of laughs. The Executives and our general committee members have

been so very supportive, great mentors and truly great people to work alongside. It is a great team with so many great qualities who continue to work so well together – all year around – to bring you your games every night, every week.

Emma Willsmore, Vice President and our Canteen Co-Ordinator, I feel that we made a great team and a good balance between us – thank you!

Sheree Begue, our Secretary is at the forefront of our communication along with being our Rookies Co-Ordinator, juggling a young family then managing several hours a week for us to keep the ball rolling, sometimes it is a huge task as the club grows. Sheree has been the main driver behind achieving all boys and all girls teams across some grades – it was a huge task and certainly appreciated!

A shout out to Sherrilee Barbary, Luci Graham and Janelle Tucker who actively volunteered their time across both SDBA and Storm Committees, it takes a little more commitment, and we appreciate how well you all manage it. Sherrilee also manages our Scorebench Team rostering and teaching.

Andy Ide and Jerome Clathworthy work behind the scenes in our IT department, social media, website, club formalities and general duties – they keep us streamlined and fully functional so we can meet our deadlines! Jerome has been at the centre of facilitating our working groups for our Constitution and By Laws updating processes.

Nicola Gray has been amazing at streamlining our coaches communications, team group chats, hours behind the scenes to set this up at the beginning of each season, an incredible job along with rostering us to be at the stadium every night of the week according to our availability and requests. Chantelle Kenneway has been busy learning Basketball Connect alongside Danni and plugging holes wherever she is needed, recently transitioning into our Sponsorship Co-Ordinator – a great asset for us and there whenever we need her.

An overall thank you to the team for leading the club through our Grand Final Day, including weeks before and after while I was on personal leave travelling with my family.

Our families, our members for turning up each week - thank you again to each and everyone involved in making this last year one of our many successful seasons to date and to those new contributors coming on in 2026 who will all have a hand in making this the unbelievably strong club it is today and in the future.

We could not make it what it is, without you!

Belinda Vivian.