

Special Resolution 2

Werribee Basketball Association Inc.

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Background:

The WBA is asking our members to support a name change from the Werribee Basketball Association to the Wyndham Basketball Association.

Principally, we are making this change to align with our vision of being the basketball association of choice in Melbourne's West, providing the opportunity for everyone across Wyndham to participate in the game while feeling ownership of our association.

We want to grow and strengthen our basketball community, by providing development pathways that are affordable, accessible and inclusive for players, coaches and officials of all abilities across our entire region.

When the WBA was formed almost 50 years ago, Werribee was a very different place. The population in those days was centralised to Werribee and the town was surrounded by farmland and parkland until you hit the suburbs of Melbourne to the north or Geelong to the south and Ballarat to the west. Clearly, this is no longer the case.

We all know Wyndham is one of the fastest growing municipalities in the country and is currently the 2nd biggest municipality in Victoria with 255k people. The population projections for Wyndham is 459k people by 2036.

The growth is widespread across our municipality. Tarneit, Point Cook and Truganina are all growing exponentially and as they do, the home of our local community members is shifting accordingly. Our organisation name needs to better reflect this shift, and again, be inclusive of our entire community in order to attract more people to an association that they feel represents them.

To further highlight this point, almost 15 per cent of our players in 2019 are from Tarneit and another 15 per cent from Point Cook. That's 1/3 of our membership who know they live in Wyndham, but they do not see themselves as residents of Werribee.

Today, more than 70 percent of our members reside outside of the town of Werribee, and this number is set to further increase in the future. That is, the percentage of people who identify themselves as Wyndham, not as Werribee, will only grow as the community continues to expand into the future. Based on the current figures and future projections, our current name isn't inclusive, or doesn't truly reflect, the scope of our community. Wyndham does.

Importantly, and as an extension to the above, becoming the Wyndham Basketball Association is future scaping and in accordance with BV guidelines it will to an extent safeguard us against the establishment of other associations within our area. Increasingly, this will open up further growth, community and corporate partnership opportunities also, which will further enhance our ability to provide basketball opportunities to our local community.

Summary of Changes Required:

- i) All references to Werribee Basketball Association to change to Wyndham Basketball Association
- ii) References to WBA will remain unchanged, but WBA will now refer to Wyndham Basketball Association

Proposed Changes to the WBA Constitution:

- a) All references to Werribee Basketball Association to be changed to Wyndham Basketball Association.

It is the recommendation of the Werribee Basketball Association Executive to adopt these changes.