

**Annual Report
Glen Iris Scorpions Basketball Club
November 2025**

Executive Summary

The Glen Iris Scorpions have enjoyed another vibrant and successful year of basketball across both the 2025 Winter and 2025–26 Summer seasons. The club continues to thrive, welcoming many new families while retaining a strong core of returning players, coaches, and volunteers. During the past twelve months we have fielded over 380 players across 34 teams this calendar year, celebrated seven Grand Final wins, continued to expand our Junior Coach Program (now nine to ten junior coaches), maintained representation from forty-three local schools, and strengthened our governance and sustainability through recruitment of new volunteers and planning for a part-time administrator. Our culture of sportsmanship and community spirit remains a defining strength of the Scorpions. Behaviour across teams has been excellent, with minimal tribunal issues and overwhelmingly positive feedback from referees and other clubs.

Club Statistics

2025 Winter Season

94 Girls - 12 Teams
163 Boys - 22 Teams
9 Junior Coaches
43 Schools represented
7 Grand Final wins

2025–26 Summer Season

87 Girls - 12 Teams
185 Boys - 25 Teams
10 Junior Coaches
43 Schools represented

Committee and Governance

President: Alison Sim
Vice President: Lucas Carmody
Secretary: Kristy Belleville
Coaching co-ordinator: Grant Pearce
Treasurer: Tristan Schmidt
Team Manager Coordinator: Justin Brown
Registrar: Kylie Brown

Uniform Coordinator: Phillip Connell
Social Media / Website: Gen Boyd
Boys AGC: Cathy Boundy

Committee members

Jane O'Dwyer
Thariq Meethal
Hasaan Sheraz
Jennifer Hodsman
Bec Steer
Lisa Kelly
Tim Whitelaw (new)
Mark Farmer (new)
Rozaliia Khadieva (new)
Julia Kumschick (new)
Andrew Stobie (new)

This year we were delighted to welcome five new committee members following our recent volunteer call-out, a wonderful boost to the team, though still below the numbers needed for true sustainability. Several existing members have continued to shoulder heavy workloads, which we recognise is not a viable long-term model. To address this, the Committee has decided to engage an experienced basketball administrator, Kate, who will assume the bulk of operational administration across all Executive roles. This will allow these positions to focus on governance, planning and community engagement rather than weekly logistics.

The administrative role will cost approximately \$18,000 per year, equivalent to a \$35 increase per player registration. The increase will be phased in over several seasons, with the club absorbing part of the cost initially. Additional revenue will be sought through increased sponsorships and a new donation option for members wishing to contribute directly to club sustainability.

Events and Community Engagement

Two successful Stingers development events were run again this year, thanks to the outstanding organisation of Jen Hodsman and the enthusiasm and expertise of Grant Pearce. These sessions continue to foster skill development and club spirit among our youngest players. The club also participated in the Glen Iris Primary 'Evening on the Green' event, which remains an excellent opportunity to connect with our local school community and encourage new junior members. We plan to attend again in 2026 and will seek extra volunteers to assist on the night.

Behaviour and Conduct

Conduct and sportsmanship across our teams continue to set a positive example within the Waverley Basketball Association. Very few complaints or tribunal matters were recorded this year, a credit to our players, coaches and families. We continue to promote the league Codes of Conduct and the Scorpions' commitment to respect and inclusion both on and off the court.

Financial Position

The club is in a strong financial position, it has no liabilities and the only assets to speak of are the funds in the bank.

The club ran at a surplus this year and added increased the overall financial position by around 7%, while not intended this was welcomed.

Operations:

The Bendigo paid us over \$2,000 in interest, however our expenses increased by about 20% compared to last year, revenue was obviously up also to keep us in the green and this is thanks to conservative budgeting.

Thanks to Grant Pearce for assisting in this role and if there are any more detailed questions, he has an excellent pivot table if anyone wants any specific information.

The club is in a good position financially and well prepared for whatever lies ahead.

The club remains financially stable and well positioned to support the new administrative role while keeping registration fees as low as possible.

Looking Ahead to 2026

Priorities for the coming year include:

- Successful onboarding of our new administrator and streamlining of club operations.
- Continued growth in player and coach development programs.
- Strengthening relationships with local schools and sponsors.
- Expanding volunteer engagement to ensure sustainability.
- Maintaining our focus on sportsmanship and community connection.

Acknowledgements

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Alison Sim
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