

Special Resolution of Hills Basketball Assoc. Ltd. – 23 April 2026

In accordance with the Hills Basketball Assoc. Ltd Board Charter Section 7.8, the Hills Basketball Board recommends the following people for Life Membership of the Hills Basketball Association Ltd:

Karen Burke

Karen's initial contribution to Hills Basketball stretches back to 1988 when, as a 21yo, she was elected Secretary on the HBA Board.

Over the years Karen has played for the Hornets, coached and managed at both local and rep level and undertaken any number of volunteer tasks from babysitting in the ladies daytime competition creche to serving behind the bar at NBL1 games.

While her volunteer contribution is enormous, it's in her paid role where 'KB' has had the most significant impact. Starting in 1995 when the 'new' stadium was opened, Karen has been instrumental in everything good that has come the way of Hills Basketball since then. She will tell you she hasn't had all the good ideas, although she has had her share, however the implementation of everything from online draws to the High Performance Centre to facility expansion has had her hand on it.

Among many achievements, Karen is particularly proud of the I Am A Girl Program. Karen conceived this program to promote female leaders and it was so impressive, Basketball NSW asked to move the program to a state level. The number of female leaders in our association today is due in no small part to the work Karen started in 2016.

Robert Davidson

Robert started coaching at local level in 2011 when his son Lachlan started playing. Many of the players Robert coached at this level went on to represent the Hornets at junior and later, senior level.

Robert began Rep coaching in 2014 and did so continuously for over a decade. After a break, Robert has recently returned to the Hornets coaching ranks. During this time his outstanding contribution took many forms. First and foremost, he was an excellent coach who consistently got the best from his players and teams and improved his charges across the season. He also helped the Association by 'filling the gaps', not always coaching his own child. Robert also mentored a number of young coaches over the years, several of whom remain in our program today.

Outside the coaching sphere, Robert joined the HBA Committee of Management in 2022 and made a valuable contribution as we transitioned from an Incorporated Association to a Ltd Company. Robert continues to sit on the Board, also volunteering his time on the Venue Management Committee over the past 2 years.

Robert has recently joined our pool of volunteers to assist with disciplinary tribunals.

Jason Strong

Jason's contribution to the Hornets spans many years and several roles.

Jason started coaching at Hills in 1997. He has head coached for 12 years and been an assistant coach for 6 teams. He has coached across 12s, 14s, 16s, 18s and Seniors.

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Jason has been a long serving member of the Hornets community, having played in the Hills local competition for over 30 years where he has also volunteered countless seasons as a local competition coach. As a winner of the Association Person of the Year Award, Jason has always been at the forefront of helping out where needed and helping to push the club forward. Jason was also a referee for 5 years.

Jason played a remarkable 27 years of representative basketball for the Hills Hornets. 22 of those years were for our NBL1 equivalent team. In that team, he was the 6x MVP, 4x League All Star Five, 2x League MVP and Rookie of the Year in 1997. Jason also won the Hornets Male Player of the Year award and was the winner of numerous slam dunk competitions. After retiring from NBL1, Jason helped the Waratah Men to back to back banners.

Jason remains our most capped senior player to date.