

Special Resolution of Hills Basketball Assoc. Inc. - 28 June 2018

In accordance with Clause 2A. (4) the Hills Basketball Committee of Management recommends the following people for Life Membership of the Hills Basketball Association Incorporated:

Russell Graham | On the court Russell played local comp at Hills from 1990 until recently and represented the Hornets in Masters competition for several seasons. Russell coached Hornets Junior Rep teams for over five seasons, winning the HBA Junior Coach of the Year in 2006. Russell continues his involvement as a Rep coach in season 2018 as the assistant coach of the Division 1 Men's team

Off the court Russell was always an active parent in both local and Rep competitions and in 2006 joined the HBA Committee of Management. Russell stepped up to the position of Vice President in 2007 and has recently moved into the role of President.

The achievements listed above would alone make a solid case for HBA Life Membership however Russell has added an extra layer, spearheading the efforts of the HBA Committee to extend the Hills Basketball Stadium. With a mind built for the detail of a large and complex project, Russell's contribution cannot be underestimated in ensuring that Hills Basketball can boast the premier basketball venue in NSW.

Paul Nelson | Like many people, Paul's involvement with Hills Basketball starts as a parent with all four of his children playing local comp and his three daughters going on to represent the Hornets. Paul was a manager and assistant coach in local comp and an active parent in the Rep program.

In 2006 Paul was appointed to the HBA Committee of Management and was elected Treasurer shortly thereafter. Paul's main goal in joining the Committee was to help to expand the Hills Basketball Stadium to meet our growing needs. While he probably didn't think his tenure would last for over a decade, he has seen that goal fulfilled before recently stepping down from the HBA Committee. Paul's oversight of HBA as we moved into a financially secure position and his behind the scenes number crunching for the extension project itself proved invaluable in upgrading our facility.

Emils Duselis | Emils is the first ever Hills member nominated for Life Membership primarily due to his playing record and what a record it is. Beginning as a 10 year old at a Hornets holiday camp, Emils immediately took to the game that would become his passion. Playing local comp from 1996 and making his first Rep team in 1997, Emils is now in his 22nd consecutive year representing the Hornets. Along the way Emils has played for NSW at schoolboy level, played on teams which have won Metro and State titles and with both he and the Champ Men's team doing well in 2018, retirement looks a long way off.

While his playing career has been a stellar one, it's not only on the court where Emils has contributed to Hills Basketball. In 2012 Emils became one of our youngest ever Committee members, serving the best part of 5 years. Always willing to volunteer his time, Emils was appointed as one of our inaugural Club Captains in 2018, continuing his valuable contribution to Hills Basketball.