

ANNOUNCEMENT

Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre partners with local community to relaunch basketball in Penrith

28 October 2025 – Sydney, NSW – The Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre (PVRSC) is proud to announce the launch of **Nepean Valley Basketball**, a new community-led association created to bring basketball back to the courts and make the game more affordable and accessible for local players.

From today, teams and players can submit **early nominations** at NepeanValleyBasketball.com.au as we work to **restart competitions in November**. A full website with competition details, registration information and resources is being finalised.

We encourage everyone to nominate early so we can get competitions underway as soon as possible.

We understand there are many questions and ask the community to bear with us as we build this exciting new chapter together.

For juniors, we will be encouraging feedback from local clubs and will meet regularly once operations are underway.

Our top priority is simple: **to deliver new, affordable, and inclusive competitions as quickly as possible.**

This initiative has been developed in partnership with local coaches, volunteers, players and community leaders who share a passion for basketball and a commitment to a positive, family-friendly environment.

By working together, we can restore junior and senior competitions, re-energise school and social programs, and ensure basketball once again thrives at Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre.

A respectful transition

PVRSC acknowledges the contribution that the **Penrith District Basketball Association (PDBA)** and its members have made to basketball in Penrith over many years and wishes the organisation well in its ongoing involvement in the sport.

Following extensive discussions, PVRSC determined that a **fresh start was needed** to ensure basketball could continue to grow in a positive and sustainable way.

PDBA and its members will continue to have access to PVRSC as casual hirers.

We recognise that some community members may be disappointed by this change and understand that emotions are high.

Many have expressed genuine concerns about affordability — concerns that we have

now addressed by creating a new, shared model focused on reducing costs and putting the facility and players first.

We also understand that others may wish to advocate for the former structure, but **after thorough consideration, the Board has confirmed its decision and will now focus on rebuilding basketball for the community in a positive and sustainable way.**

There will be **no further negotiation or commentary** on this matter, and we encourage everyone to channel their energy into rebuilding basketball at PVRSC together in a constructive spirit.

We're proud to have a team of staff who care deeply about the Centre and the people who use it.

The decisions announced today have been made by the **PVRSC Board of Directors** to guide the future direction of the facility.

Our staff's role is to help implement those decisions and support everyone through the transition.

We kindly ask for the community's understanding and respect toward them as they do their jobs, and we thank everyone for continuing to work together in a positive and supportive way.

As part of this transition, **employment and volunteer opportunities** are being opened through Nepean Valley Basketball to help ensure continuity for existing people affected by the changes.

All applicants will be considered on merit, with a focus on professionalism, collaboration and community values.

Affiliation and pathways

At this time, **Nepean Valley Basketball is not affiliated with Basketball NSW (BNSW).** However, the new organisation fully supports the recognised development pathways offered through BNSW and **hopes to work collaboratively with them in the future** to become an affiliated program when possible.

In the meantime, recognised training, development and referee programs will continue to be valued as part of every player's basketball journey.

Keeping basketball affordable and transparent

As a not-for-profit community facility, **PVRSC operates transparently.**

Court hire fees are published openly and used solely to cover venue operating costs such as utilities, maintenance and ensuring the overall **sustainability and viability** of the Centre.

Our priority is to ensure that community sport remains **accessible, financially sustainable, and respectful of all who participate.**

Next steps

We are now finalising competition schedules and team structures **as quickly as possible.**

Over the coming weeks, **Nepean Valley Basketball** will:

- Confirm competition formats and start dates.
- Recruit and accredit referees, supervisors and court controllers.
- Open registrations for junior, senior and social competitions.
- Release updated fees and fixtures via the website and social channels.

All coaches and volunteers will complete **Working With Children Checks** and operate under recognised **Member Protection and Child Safety policies** in accordance with Sport NSW guidelines.

PVRSC thanks its many supporters for their patience, encouragement and faith throughout this transition.

We look forward to seeing the community back on court soon, enjoying a fresh, affordable and inclusive future for basketball in Penrith.

Updates and nomination forms are available now at NepeanValleyBasketball.com.au and will continue to be shared through PVRSC's official channels.