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## ***CENTRAL COAST CRUSADERS NBL1 PROGRAM TO CONTINUE IN 2027 AND BEYOND***

**The Board of Central Coast Basketball, in conjunction with the Basketball Committee, is delighted to announce that the Central Coast Crusaders NBL1 programs for both men and women will continue in 2027.**

The announcement marks an important step forward for Central Coast Basketball and reinforces our commitment to providing a strong and sustainable pathway for basketballers across the region.

Central Coast Basketball Chairman Michael Griffiths said the decision followed a period of significant financial and operational challenges, with a strong focus on creating a sustainable foundation for the future.

“Over the past 12 months, we have worked hard to address significant financial pressures and strengthen the way our organisation operates. We are now in a position to confirm that NBL1 basketball will continue on the Central Coast in 2027 and beyond, which is a fantastic outcome for our players, coaches, officials, partners, volunteers, supporters and the broader basketball community.”

“The Crusaders pathway is one of the most comprehensive representative basketball pathways in regional NSW, providing players with the opportunity to progress from Junior Representatives through Youth League and ultimately to NBL1.

“We recognise the tremendous value this pathway provides to our athletes and our community, and we are committed to protecting and building on that pathway for the future.

“We are particularly grateful for the ongoing support of the Central Coast Basketball Crusaders Community as we have worked through the challenges of the past 12 months. Their passion, commitment and belief in the Crusaders program have been instrumental in helping us establish a more sustainable future.”

Central Coast Basketball is now inviting expressions of interest from businesses interested in partnering with the Crusaders NBL1 program in 2027.

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“With the program confirmed for 2027 and beyond, there are exciting opportunities for local businesses and organisations to become part of the next chapter of the Crusaders. We aim to build strong commercial partnerships that deliver genuine value for our partners while assisting us to continue to strengthen NBL1 Basketball on the Central Coast,” stated Griffiths.

“We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the entire Crusaders Community and continuing to build on the solid foundations now in place.

“Most importantly, we look forward to seeing our men’s and women’s NBL1 teams on court in 2027 and continuing to provide an aspirational pathway for the next generation of Central Coast basketballers.”

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