

Dave Collins - General Committee Nomination

I am honored to put my name forward for a position on the Eltham Wildcats General Committee. My commitment to supporting this club stems from both my professional experience and my personal connection to the local community.



Professional Experience and Expertise

Throughout my career, I have been responsible for building and scaling technology-based products to run successful businesses across the real-estate, disability, and aged care sectors. My expertise spans across product management, marketing, and design - skills that I believe translate directly to the Wildcats. I can leverage data and technology to attract and retain members by communicating the value of club membership, then enhance their experience accordingly. Combined with strong analytical and research capabilities, I'm equipped to navigate complex challenges and drive informed, high-stakes decisions at the executive and board level.

As an executive leader at Hireup, a disability and aged care provider, I'm accountable for the implementation of proactive safeguards for our support workers and their clients - work that has shown me the critical importance of protecting vulnerable community members. I see a direct parallel in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of Wildcats club members, and this experience would enable me to contribute meaningfully to strengthening our club's governance and risk management practices.

Personal Connection and Involvement

My son is a passionate Wildcats player, and supporting him has become one of our family's greatest joys. Every Saturday we cheer him on, celebrating the incredible highs and learning from the character-building lows that our wonderful sport provides. The life lessons my son is gaining through basketball - resilience, teamwork, discipline, and perseverance - will serve him invaluable throughout his basketball career and beyond.

I have also had the privilege of coaching my sons team for a couple of seasons, which deepened my understanding of what makes this club special: the fantastic community of players, parents, and officials who have made us feel genuinely at home here in Eltham since moving to the area back in 2012.

My Commitment

I am eager to bring my operational expertise, strategic thinking, and genuine passion for this club to the General Committee. I am committed to supporting the Wildcats' growth and ensuring we maintain the welcoming, safe, and professional environment that makes the club so special.

Thank you for considering my application,
Dave Collins.