

## OFFICIAL CLUB COMMUNICATION

Central Districts Basketball Club  
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**TITLE:** Appointment of Bobby Cunningham as Head Coach of the Men's Premier League team.

**ARTICLE:** The Central Districts Lions Basketball Clubs president Terry Nathan is pleased to announce the appointment of Bobby Cunningham as Head Coach of the Men's Premier League team.

"Bobby brings a wealth of experience to the Lions," said Nathan. "He is a proven winner and we are pleased to have him as part of the Lions family."



Cunningham comes to the Lions from the Warrnambool Seahawks in Victoria, where he has been the Head Coach for the past 2 years. Cunningham also coached the Warrnambool Seahawks as a player/coach in 2002, as a co-coach in 2007 and a bench coach in 2013.

Cunningham moved to Australia in 1997 and made his Australian Basketball Debut with the Warrnambool Seahawks as their number 1 import. He made an immediate impact and was instrumental in helping the Seahawks claim back-to-back Championships in 1997 and 1998. After 8 years with Warrnambool, Cunningham made the move to the Sandringham Sabres in 2005 and tasted championship success before returning to the Seahawks for the 2006 & 2007 seasons.

Retiring at the end of the 2007 season, Cunningham finished his career with game averages of 22 points, 11 rebounds and 8 assists over an 11 year career. Cunningham then came out of retirement in 2009 and played another 4 years.

Cunningham's Basketball career in Australia has been a decorated one; six times Big V Golden Hands award winner (1997, 1999-2003), ABA Golden Hands winner (2002-2003), six times Big V All Star Five teams (1997-2001, 2003), Grand Final MVP (1998), Big V Leading Rebounder (2001), ABA Leading Steals (2002-2003), ABA Leading Assists (2003-2004), ABA Leading Defensive Rebounder (2003), three Championships, Big V Coach of the Year (2014), Big V Coach of the Year nominee (2015).

Cunningham has a proven track record in developing junior players with over 10 years in charge of the Port Fairy Junior Basketball program which has seen a number of teams qualify for the Country Championships. "I have a passion for developing young aspiring players and I feel that I can help players get an edge on their opposition whenever they take the court" said Cunningham

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