



WGHS P&C Netball Club 2023 Annual Report (Nov 2023)

Our Club acknowledges and pays respect to all traditional custodians of the lands on which we train and play netball, and also pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Thank You to our 2023 Volunteers & Committee Members

**Without our parent & student volunteers our club couldn't function.
We're immensely thankful for your service.**

Committee & Volunteers 2023

Executive Committee - Sarah D, Martha P, Mel F, Molly B

Sub-Committee - Kate F, Michelle D, Hayley P, Juliet D, Lauren D, Shannon M

Team Managers - Sonika S, Blanche S, Robynne P, Siddhartha A, Belinda F, Kate F, Michelle D, Paul D, Faith M, Tamara I, Heba E, Richard F-G, Leanne C, Zoi B, Rebecca K, Gerry L, Martha P, Andy D / Donna M, Keira W/Angela C.



Successful 2023 Season

We celebrated a successful netball season despite a few games and training sessions being cancelled due to rain early in the season.

Our Club comprised of 18 teams with over 170 players. More than half our teams qualified for semi or preliminary finals, with 8 teams represented in the Grand Final, and half of those being crowned champions in their division.

A special mention goes to:

- Our 6 x Year 7 teams with 2 teams of brand new players who had fantastic fun
- Our 4 x Year 9 teams who all made it to the Grand Finals
- Our Year 10 team who played in the newly formed Inters Division and made it to the Prelim Final
- Our 2 x Year 12 teams who played socially for fitness and fun during their busy HSC year
- Our Grand Final Champions & Runners Up teams - Team #'s: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11

We started out the year with the introduction of a 'Come & Try Netball' Session in early February. This allowed our new Year 7 students to get together and form friendships and gave those girls who had never played before an idea of the game prior to Registration and Grading sessions. We were pleased to welcome more than 60 girls to Year 7 teams this Season, which was double that of 2022, as well as some girls from other years trying netball for the first time. We plan to run and expand these sessions in 2024.

The Equipment & Uniform team also worked hard to bring us a new inclusive uniform, which includes skorts and shorts for all players, and the introduction of new dresses for our Cadets, Inters and Senior players (girls in Years 10-12 and ex-students). This is an exciting addition for the girls.

We thank our supplier – David and the team at Emotif Promotional Merchandise - for their help and support throughout the season with our uniforms and banners.



Team 04 wearing the new dress with match bibs

2023 Season Continued...

This year saw the NSNA introduce a new Inters division which allowed players coming out of 15As or 15Bs to continue to compete against similar aged/skilled opponents. Previously, these grades were moved directly to Seniors, and Grades 15C and lower moved into Cadets. We had 1 x team move into Inters 2 this year, and anticipate a large number of teams moving into the category in 2024, as the NSNA plans to expand the Inters division and do away with the Cadets division (Subject to final confirmation).

All our teams played well in the first half of the season, with some half games required to be played due to inclement weather. Some teams found themselves in a division not quite as suited to them as our initial grading placements would have liked. We were able to successfully negotiate a regrade for one of our teams to a lower division, where they were able to enjoy a more level playing field for the remainder of their games.

We congratulate all teams on their hard work and effort. Furthermore the camaraderie between the girls and love of netball demonstrated throughout our Club is to be commended and celebrated. Many players assisted teams who were short and backed up playing additional games on Saturdays so their school mates/peers would have a full team. And for divisions where we had 2 teams within the same grade, it was a joy and delight to watch the girls have so much fun yet still show a competitive spirit.



Teams 17 & 18 - Year 7



Teams 11 & 12 – Year 8

At the Grand Final Day we welcomed Principal Ms Adrienne Scalese who saw our Juniors in action on the court, and was present to hand out the trophies to the Grand Final winners.

We are also proud to have had two members of committee awarded by the NSNA for their hard work and dedication at Association level, which is an honour and achievement for our Club.

Finally, to celebrate the end of the season we enjoyed our Club Presentation Day held at the school, where we celebrated with afternoon tea treats and awards for teams.

Congratulations to the following players who received a team award at the presentation afternoon tea:-

Players' Player – Arshiya A, Shalom N, Coco L-Y, Rozhin A, Madeline B, Bonne B, Carina R, Ruby N, Zoe I, Sienna L, Trinity S, Millie F-G, Nina B, Lilly J, Erica B, Jacqueline M, Kiera W

Coaches' Player – Luna C, Natasha Z, Anna M, Elyse M, Zoe P, Emily M, Eisha K, Srinika P, Scarlett V, Malak A, Hannah L-D, Charlotte C, Holly F, Emma P, Baran S, Xanthe T, Ciara B



WGHS Principal Mrs Adrienne Scalese (R) with Mel Fisher (L) – winner of President's Award for Outstanding Service and Sarah Dandy (C) – winner of Eddie and Mary Britt Service Award

2023 Season Continued...

Our plans for 2024 are to further enhance our Coaching & Umpiring programs, additional Come & Try events and tailored Skills Sessions for all levels of players.

In addition, we are looking forward to enhancement of school facilities to enable more areas to be netball friendly, and also wish to seek Sponsorship which will help with our ongoing fees, subject to School/P&C approval.

We thank each player, coach, umpire, team manager, volunteer and parent cheering their child on the sidelines at games for their commitment and hard work this season, and look forward to a 2024 season filled with more growth, collaboration and lots of NETBALL!

Team photos and results can be found at the end of this report.

Coaching Update

Our Coaching program was well supported under the guidance Molly B and her assistant, Lauren D.

Our 24 student coaches succeeded both personally and professionally this season, in addition to our three ex-student / senior coaches. Their efforts on and off the courts are to be commended immensely.

We welcomed many new aspiring coaches this season who jumped into their roles with great enthusiasm. Their eagerness is a true testament to the positive environment and leadership created by our returning coaches.

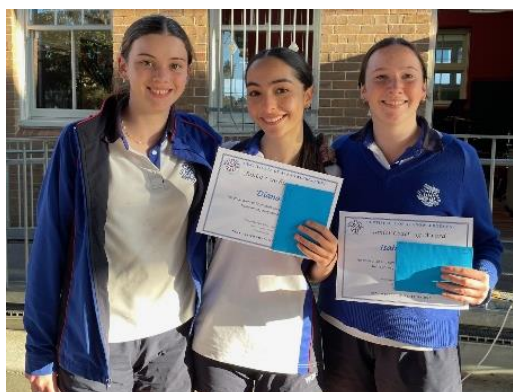
This season's edition of coaching jackets certainly sparked a positive attitude within our community. These jackets, representing unity and dedication, not only instilled pride in our coaches but also served as symbols of honour and significance. They acknowledged the vital roles individuals play within both the community and their respective teams.

Coaches 2023



Katie V, Grace S, Cassandra C, Keira W, Nerissa W, Eliza L, Lauren D, Erica B, Zara T, Camille G, Savannah M, Hayley P, Charlie L, Baran S, Rachael P, Brooke G, Isabella C, Isabella P-B, Dianna K, Millie F-G, Nina B, Alisa P, Libby F-G, Kit S, Absent: Molly, Avril, Linda

This year we awarded outstanding coaches with recognition of their incredible dedication and passion for their teams' accomplishments.



Left: Coaches of WGHS 16
Issy C, Dianna K & Issy PB
Junior Coaches of the Season



Right: Coaches of WGHS 14
Baran S and Charlie L
Up-and-Coming Coaches

2023 Coaching Update Continued...

Coaching recognition extended to the contributions of our Senior Coaches Katie V, Hayley P, Lauren D, and Linda S whose devotion to the community and their teams' achievements never goes unnoticed.

Our coaches' efforts this year are deeply appreciated, and your support means the world.

Coaching is a phenomenal opportunity to contribute to the Duke of Edinburgh award with possibilities of personal growth in volunteering, skill development and physical recreation progression. The coaching journey is not only a pathway to athletic success but also a fulfilling avenue for individuals to explore and enhance their capabilities across various domains, in leadership, teamwork, creativity, resilience and confidence.

We would like to give special thanks to our ten (10) DoE volunteer coaches and wish you every success in your DoE journey. We also look forward to welcoming many more girls that wish to participate in netball for their DoE service requirements.

In addition to our regular coaching sessions, a skills clinic run by NSNA Representative Coaches was enjoyed by all the Year 7 – 9 teams, and we hope to expand this to be run again for all teams earlier in the 2024 season.



Moving forward, we will continue to recognise and honour individual and teams' achievements, organise team-building activities, and provide ongoing professional development opportunities to continue fostering a positive and collaborative coaching environment.

We are hoping to receive Grant funds in 2024 which we will use towards specialist course/s to improve coaching standards and accountability and to cover the costs for all coaches to complete the Netball NSW Foundation Coaching Course.

Umpiring Update

Our umpiring program again thrived under the guidance Mel and her assistants, Hayley P and Juliet D with a dedicated team of mentors. WGHS Netball umpires are consistent, dedicated and passionate, and many have achieved wonderful success this season being awarded various badges and levels. A number of our umpires were also selected as finals' series umpires, which is a testament to their quality and commitment.

The following umpires were awarded by NSNA in 2023:-

National B Badge – Donna M Yr 12

National C Badge – Juliet D Yr 10

Senior Level 1 - Lauren D Yr 11

Junior Level 1 - Charlotte C Yr 9, Holly F Yr 9, Hannah L Yr 9 and Zoe I Yr 8

Junior Level 2 - Madeleine B Yr 7, Isabelle B Yr 9, Abby M Yr 9 and Madison D, Yr 7

Junior Level 3 - Emily M Yr 7, Amelia F Yr 7 and Nikayla W Yr 8



Umpires on the pathway to JL3 in 2024 - Leah C, Zara Q and Zoe P all Yr 7

Umpires on the pathway to National C Badge in 2024 - Lena M Yr 8, Rachael P Yr 9 & Hayley P Yr 11

This is a great achievement for these umpires and we look forward to mentoring them in 2024 to further their success.



Umpires 2023

The WGHSNC 2023 Umpiring Award for Star of Season goes to Zoe I & the Rising Start Award goes to Madeleine B

We give thanks to all our wonderful WGHSNC Umpires as listed above, and additionally to our friends of WGHS: Brooke G, Katie V, Aqua F, Shannon M, Isobel M, Nellie B and Mel F who we call on from time to time to help with our umpiring requirements.

New umpires are always welcome at WGHS Netball Club and we offer an excellent mentoring program from Year 7 upwards.

All umpires will be required to participate in a pre-season course run by NSNA due to new rules coming into effect on 1st January 2024 as approved by Netball Australia.

Please contact the Club if you are inteseted in putting your name down to umpire in 2024.

2024 WGHS Netball Committee

The changeover in the Committee from 2022 to 2023 saw significant change for the Club with a number of key roles vacated or changed.

The 2023 Volunteer Committee members were Martha P as Treasurer and Sarah D as Club Convenor, and Equipment & Uniform Coordinator. Our paid Committee Members were Mel F as Umpire & Grading Convenor and Molly B as Coaching Convenor.

To ensure the ongoing viability of the Club we will need more volunteers to support us in 2024, and we are specifically looking for people to help with the following positions:

- Year 7 Coordinator A point of contact for parents and players of Year 7 teams
- Year 8 Coordinator A point of contact for parents and players of Year 8 teams
- Equipment Manager To manage the stock take and distribution and collection of items at the beginning and end of each season
- Uniforms Manager To manage ordering and distribution of player uniforms at the beginning of each season
- Social Media Manager To promote WGHSNC messages via our Facebook and Instagram pages to members
- General Members To help coordinate Presentation Day for players & parents and other social activities & to assist with a variety of easy tasks throughout the season

Financial Status

The Club remains in a stable financial position.

It is likely that registration fees will increase in 2024 to keep up with anticipated rises in expenses and association/registration fees, including the 5% increase in fees by Netball Australia and Netball NSW that have already been advised. Should parents still have their 2023 Active Kids \$50 Voucher they will be able to utilise this up to 31 January 2024 and some families may be eligible for the 2024 means tested Active Kids Vouchers. It's important to note that our fees are very competitive compared to other sports and other clubs and that no girl has to drop out of netball due to financial pressures.

The only way to minimise any future fee increases is to have the increased support of volunteers within our club in as many positions as possible.

The final 2023 complete financial information will be made available as part of the 2023 Willoughby Girls High School P&C Financial Statements, however, provided here is the current income & expenditure for 2023 as at 15 November 2023.

	\$	\$
Opening Cash		5,285.35
Active Kids Voucher	12,441.65	
Player Fees In	17,122.28	
Interest	1.67	
Uniform - receipt	4,135.00	
Kit	(1,919.38)	
Grading	(1,145.00)	
Uniform - Coach Jackets	(1,673.67)	
Uniform - payment	(6,286.94)	
Uniform - Umpire Jackets	(1,220.63)	
Presentation Day	(385.86)	
Storage	(1,776.00)	
Umpiring	(4,492.50)	
Coaching	(5,950.00)	
Administration	(6,977.50)	
Court Hire	(3,247.20)	
Gifts & Awards	(1,702.28)	
Grand Total		(3,076.36)
Closing Cash		2,208.99
<i>Expected payments</i>		
Kennard Storage - Dec 2023		(900.00)
<i>Assets for future sale</i>		
Uniforms (approx)		3,700.00

2024 Planning

Team information for 2024:

All Year 7, 8 & 9 teams (Juniors) will **graded** into balanced teams of players with similar capability during grading sessions in February.

Teams for players in Year 10, 11 & 12, and any ex-students, are NOT graded by the Club. Students can form their own **friendship/peer teams** – as arranged by the players and parents. These teams are then entered into the graded Opens or Inters competitions. Formation these teams can commence now. The Committee is happy to assist those girls needing to find a team.

Non WGHS students and ex-students are welcome to join our netball club and play netball with friends & peers

2024 Key Dates Term 1*

Late Dec 2023/early Jan	Registration opens
To mid February 2024	New Active Kids \$50 voucher will be redeemable from 1 January 2024.
Thursday February 1st	Students return to school.
Wednesday 7 February	Come & Try Netball Day
Wednesday 7 February	Grading commences, Year 9 & Years 10 – 12 teams to be submitted for approval
Sunday 11 February	Year 7 Grading from 8am
Wednesday 14 February	Year 8 Grading from 3:30pm
Sunday 18 February	Years 7 & 9 Grading from 8am
Wednesday 21 February	Year 8 Grading from 3:30pm
Sunday 25 February	All Years Grading Wet Weather Back Up
Monday 26 February	Teams Announced
Wednesday 20 March	Coaches Meeting
Wednesday 27 March	Pre-Season Training – all teams
Saturday 6 April	Season Commences Round 1

*Subject to finalisation – will be updated on our Facebook, Instagram pages and the WGHS School website.

Please keep an eye on WGHS Netball Facebook and Instagram pages over the summer holidays for further information on the 2024 season

Thanks for a great season & best wishes for the festive season.

Warm regards from WGHS Netball Club Committee

Martha, Mel, Molly & Sarah



WGHS NETBALL CLUB 2023 TEAMS & RESULTS

WGHS Team 18 – Year 7 - Grade 13H
Semi Finals – 3/7



WGHS Team 17 – Year 7 - Grade 13H
5/7



WGHS Team 16 – Year 7 - Grade 13G
Regraded from 13F – 5/6



WGHS Team 15 – Year 7 - Grade 13E
Semi Finals – 3/8



WGHS Team 14 – Year 7 - Grade 13D
5/8



WGHS Team 13 – Year 7 - Grade 13B
6/7



**WGHS Team 12 – Year 8 - Grade 14G
5/6**



**WGHS Team 11 – Grade 14G – Year 8
Grand Final Winners (Drawn)**



**WGHS Team 10 – Year 8 - Grade 14D
Grand Final Runner Up**



**WGHS Team 09 – Year 9 - Grade 15G
Grand Final Winners (Drawn)**



**WGHS Team 08 – Year 9 - Grade 15F
Grand Final Winners**



**WGHS Team 07 – Year 9 - Grade 15D
Grand Final Runner Up**



**WGHS Team 06 – Year 9 - Grade 15B
Grand Final Winners**



**WGHS Team 05 – Years 10/11
Grade CD3 – 6/8**



**WGHS Team 04 – Year 10 - Grade Inters2
Prelim Finals – 3/8**



**WGHS Team 03 - Year 11– Grade CD1
Grand Final Runner Up**



**WGHS Team 02 – Year 12 - Grade D2
5/6**



**WGHS Team 01 – Year 12 - Grade D1
Grand Final Runner Up**

