



WGHS P&C Netball Club Annual Report & 2023 Update (Dec 2022)

Thank You to our 2022 Volunteers

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

Executive Committee – Sarah D, Martha P, Andy D, Georgina V.

Team Managers – Molly B, India H, Shannon M, Amy M, Ange C, Kiera W, Tamara F, Andy D, Martha P, Kylie C, Samantha P, Simone S, Gerry L, Rebecca K, Zoi B, Richard F, Steve C, Amanda W, Heba E, Nancy A, Belinda F, Tamara I, Jane P, Paul D.

Student Volunteer Coaches – Aissatou C, Matilda L, Kiera W, Karla D, Issy D, Lucia H, Saloni K, Naureen M, Shido H, Lauren D, Jasmine M, Sophia N, Sarah M, Liv H, Issy T, Roslyn D.



In 2023 we will need more volunteers to support our teams and we are specifically looking for a Year 7 (2023) Coordinator and a Year 8 (2023) Coordinator.

The Club is also currently recruiting a part-time paid Administrator to assist our volunteers. (Job description will be posted and suits x-student or interested parent.)



Successful 2022 Season

We recently celebrated a successful netball season and the first full length season in 3 years.... despite a few games and trainings cancelled due to rain.

Our Club has 18 teams with over 150 players. More than half our teams qualified for either semi or preliminary finals.



Three Cadet/Senior teams made the grand finals, with WGHS 7 being crowned Cadet 3 champions (Yr 10). Four Junior teams also made the Grand Finals with 3 teams being crowned champions of WGHS 11-14C, WGHS 12-14E (Year 8) and WGHS 9-15C (Year 9). At award ceremonies, our teams had the opportunity to meet state member Tim James and Kylea Tink, our federal member.



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

Players' Player - Jasmeet A, Coco N, Rachael P, Kit S, Issy C, Gemma L, Malak A, Zoe I, Scarlett E, Eisha K, Lisa N, Gemma F, Aissatou C, Jacqueline M, Samantha P, Coco B.

Coaches' Player – Hannah C, Kaitlyn W, Sasha H, Charlotte C, Hannah L, Trinity S, Eloise R, Macy P, Liv T, Alexis D, Kiera W, Freda H, Jazzy P, Rose M, Xanthe T, Grace S.

Whilst it's certainly not all about winning... a special mention to WGHS 9 who went through the first half of the season undefeated in 15D; were then promoted to 15C and continued in their winning ways – undefeated all season and champions of 15C. Big congrats to coach Shannon M, manager Gerry L and players Zara T, Charlie L, Ava H, Olivia H, Lily F, Grace D, Leah C, Hannah C, Erica B & Jasmeet A.



Furthermore the camaraderie and love of netball demonstrated throughout our Club is to be commented and celebrated. Many players assisted teams who were short and backed up playing 2nd games on Saturdays so their school mates/peers would have a full team – we called them 'super subs'.

Of special note are the WGHS 16 players from Year 7 (and their parents), many played an extra game all season when one of our Year 8 teams WGHS 14 was reduced to only 7 players. These players agreed to stay for an extra 2 hours every Saturday and support their peers – huge thanks to Zoe I, Izzy F, Lena M, Amelia F, Ella U & Chelsea M.

The 2022 season continues, with a number of teams currently playing the Monday evening Twilight Comp and enjoying the more relaxed social style of games. Some of our WGHS umpires are also participating in the Monday comp and assisting WPS Netball teams as well.

Coaching Update

Our 21 coaches were instrumental in our success this year. Both our senior and junior coaches make huge contributions to our players both at training and at games each weekend – they teach and encourage their players. Many give their time freely as a service to their school or as part of the Duke of Ed program.

Big thanks to our volunteer coaches (above) and our senior coaches – Caitlin S, Shannon M, Molly B, Eleni T, Avril R.



This year we farewell Caitlin as she embarks on her career. Her experience and skill will be missed.

In 2023 we aim to upskill our coaches via a specialist course/s pre-season, plus payment of a small honorarium for all coaches to improve coaching standards and accountability. All coaches will need to complete the Foundation Coaching Course.

Umpiring Update

Our umpiring program again thrived under the guidance of Shannon M and Eleni T, 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 received 2022 Club awards:-

Junior Rising Star – Hannah L, Senior Spotlight – Charlotte D, Star of the Season – Lena M.



Our umpiring team also includes – Donna M, Hayley P, Lauren D, Rachel P, Juliet D, Charlotte C, Maia J, Abby M, Sienna L, Holly B, Xanthe T, Zara T, Isabelle B, Brooke G, Mel F, Katie V, Eleni T.

We farewell Shannon and wish her well as she moves OS – her knowledge and passion for netball will be missed.

New umpires are always welcome at WGHS Netball Club and we offer an excellent mentoring program from Year 7 upwards. All umpires are encouraged to participate each year in pre-season courses offered by NSNA.

2023 WGHS Netball Committee changes

2023 will be a significant year of change for the Club with a number of key roles being vacated or changed.

The current 2023 volunteer committee will see Martha P as Treasurer and Sarah D as Equipment/Uniform Coordinator.

We will need more parent volunteers to support our teams and committee - we are specifically looking for a Year 7 (2023) Coordinator and a Year 8 (2023) Coordinator.

The Club is also currently seeking a part-time paid Administrator to assist our volunteers. (Job description will be posted.)



Other specialist roles will be filled by Molly B as Coach Convenor and Mel F as Umpires Convenors (with the assistance of 2 x Yr 10 students – Juliet D & Hayley P).

Financial Status

The Club remains in a stable financial position. It's likely that registration fees will increase in 2023 to keep up with anticipated rises in expenses and association/registration fees. It's important to note that our fees are very competitive compared to other sports and other clubs.

We are aware that families will be able to use the 2023 Active Kids \$100 Voucher to reduce the cost of registration.

Addressing Dresses

The Club is aware some players and parents would prefer to wear a netball dress as the playing uniform. This opportunity has been explored at length, however is unattainable for season 2023 for the following reasons:-

- dresses are very expensive and require 'stick on' patches which are equally expensive (more so than bibs)
- dresses also require the purchase of scunggies/bike shorts
- 'branded' dresses have a long lead time, significant quantity requirement and stock holding
- our Club would be faced with either a significant increase in registration fees OR a significant increase in uniform costs; neither is ideal
- **dresses are not for everyone - all sporting associations are now encouraging clubs to provide 'all inclusive' uniforms, including shorts.**



In lieu of dresses, the Club will move towards a more comfortable and cost-effective, off-the-shelf royal blue skort, plus the option of matching shorts, which acknowledge the desire for inclusive sporting uniforms. We sincerely hope the desire for a dress does not surpass the opportunity to play netball with your peers and represent your school.

2023 Team Structure

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 x-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 Cadets competitions. Formation of these Cadets & Senior teams can commence now.



Non students and x-students are welcome to join our netball club and play netball with friends and peers.

2023 Key Dates

Late Dec/early Jan – registration opens. New Active Kids \$100 voucher will be redeemable from 1 January 2023.

Tues January 31 – students return to school.

Wed February 8 – grading commences, Yr 8 & 9, with Yr 7 the following week – Sundays & Wednesdays until Feb 22.

Wed 1 March - Winter comp registrations close (all teams submitted).

W/c Monday 13 March – grade playing times released.

Wed 15 or 22 March – training commences - Willoughby Leisure Centre.

Saturday 1 April – Round 1 games.

Sat 29 April – Round 2 games.

Please keep an eye on WGHS Netball Facebook and Instagram pages over the summer holidays for further information on the 2023 season.

*Thanks for a great season & best wishes for the festive season.
Warm regards, Mel Fisher – Club Admin*

