

2017

Highvale Netball Club Annual Report



HIGHVALE NETBALL CLUB INC.
Reg. No. A001 9001 H

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday 26th November 2017

TIME: 4:30pm Presentations
5:45pm AGM

VENUE: Highvale Primary School Hall
33 Ashton St, Glen Waverley, 3150

AGENDA AGM:

1. 5:45pm – Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of 2017 President's Report
5. Presentation of 2017 Treasurer's Report
6. Election of members of the Committee for the next twelve months
7. Business section of meeting closed.

Eliza James
Secretary

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

1. To promote, control and manage all teams represented by the club, and to provide healthy recreation for members of the Club.
2. To encourage, recruit and promote the game of netball.
3. To join an Association affiliated with the Victorian Netball Association.
4. To enter teams in any competitions organised by the Association.
5. To enter teams in any competition as approved by the Club Committee.
6. To encourage social life and good fellowship amongst members of the club and to promote social functions, athletic sports, recreational activities and pastimes held within the club.
7. To invest in accordance with state laws, any monies or funds of the club with any worthwhile institution as approved by the executive committee.

HIGHVALE NETBALL CLUB WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Committee 2017

Greg Hunt	President
Nicole Newey	Vice president
Eliza James	Secretary & Umpire coordinator
Marion Hoskin	Treasurer
Donna Stevens	Coach Coordinator
Ann Maree Jefferis	Communications coordinator
Fiona Bahr	Uniforms coordinator
Sharon Bierenbroodspot	Committee member

Coaches 2017

Eliza James	Rockets	Donna Stevens	Emeralds
Tahlia Motta	Rockets	Tanna Reynolds	Magic
Brooke Whiteside	Bullets	Vito De Cesare	Magic
Alyssa Newey	Bullets	Jessica Hoskin	Hoppers
Sophie Papaefraim	Joey's	Viv Potter	Jades
Sharon Bierenbroodspot	Joey's	Michelle Pattison	Flyers
Jess Stevens	Joey's	Greg Hunt	Zigzags
Samantha Potter	Starlets	Vito De Cesare	Hotshots
Nick Basham	Sapphires	Helini Mendis	Starlets

Umpires 2017

Mekayla Mihopolous	Beginner	Tanna Reynolds	C-badge
Ellen Tofts	Beginner	Kate Drummond	C-badge
Kay Nixayathirath	Beginner	Eliza James	C-badge
Kasey Thompson	Level 1	Kim Potter	B-badge
Charlotte Bahr	Level 1	Jessica Hoskin	B-badge
Heela Fazal	Level 1	Zoe Lythgo	B-badge
Zoe Spicer	Level 1		

Representative players 2017

Representative Club	Highvale players
Melbourne Waverley	Gabby Hatch, Remy Bartlett, Jessica Stevens, Alyssa Newey, Kasey Thompson, Maya Loeckenhoff, Summah Hinchcliffe, Jessica Hoskin, Zoe Lythgo
Waverley City	Alicia Basham
Yarra	Hannah Jefferis



THE HIGHVALE NETBALL CLUB ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES OUR LIFE MEMBERS AND RECIPEIENTS OF CLUBS AWARDS:

Life members of Highvale Netball Club Inc.

1991 Val O'Brien

2009 Jody De Cesare

2015 Liz Joyce

1998 Ross Young

2009 Gayle Green

1999 Colleen McDougall

2015 Vito De Cesare

Club Award Recipients

1991 Glenis Mackay

1991 Sangita Tailor

1991 Colleen McDougall

1991 Emma Splatt

1991 Debbie McDougall

1993 Ron Waldron

1993 Sue Mackay

1994 Ross Young

1995 Katrina Hall

1995 Leanne McDougall

1996 Colleen McDougall

1999 Michael Hall

1999 Merrill Pohlen

2000 Trish Hall

2001 Pam Bartlett

2003 Christine Chalmers

2007 Leanne McDougall

2008 Bob Cave

2010 Sue Allen

2010 Vito De Cesare

2011 Liz Joyce

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Once again another year draws to a close and it is with pleasure that I present my 5th presidents report. Once again, I feel that the year has gone relatively smoothly thanks to the hard work of your committee.

Our club membership remains strong with 15 teams in Winter and 14 in Spring. This year we saw the retirement of two senior teams, Hurricanes (2005 - Winter) and Sparklers (2000- Spring). However, with the good recruitment undertaken by the club, two new under 11 teams were formed in Bullets and Rockets. Welcome to our new members and I hope you will have a long and enjoyable netball life with the club.

Each year sees much work done to ensure that team numbers are maintained and players assigned to the right teams. During team selection times, we are challenged in the Under 15s as

girls move on or private school sport commitments take precedent and this year was no different. The Magic's team were a great example where hard work and coordination was undertaken by key committee members. Each season we entered the team with minimum players confirmed, confident that we could recruit and have a strong court presence.

This year saw the club and association fully commit to the MyNetball website for player and team registration. This is certainly an improvement on previous years with paperwork much reduced and the ability to accept credit card payments. There were a few teething problems but I believe that the system is now working well.

The committee has been undertaking an ongoing review of the clubs policies and procedures. These have now been updated and are now published on our website. I encourage you to review to ensure that you are up to date with these matters. Some of these had not been updated for over ten years and it was surprising how much change had occurred that we needed to document.

The Winter season was a successful one for the club with 15 teams entered and 6 teams participating in finals. Congratulations to premiers, Hotshots (Open 1), Flyers (U17/4) and Emeralds (U15/1). Well done to the Hotshots for winning the Winter Club Championship.

In the Spring season we entered 14 teams and at writing, 3 have qualified for finals. Big congratulations to the Bullets (U11/4) for winning the Spring Club Championship.

I would like to recognise the hard work and dedication of each and every committee member. **Eliza** as secretary and umpire coordinator is outstanding in ensuring we meet our umpiring and administrative commitments. **Donna** as coach coordinator has done a wonderful job to recruit coaches and provide the resources necessary. **Marion** as treasurer in keeping the books balanced and records 100% correct. **Fiona** as uniform coordinator maintaining stock and our teams well presented. **Ann-Maree** taking on the communications role and sending our emails out to you all. **Sharon** coming on-board this year and supporting us through her everyday junior team interactions. And finally **Nicole** as vice-president, a lady who shuns the limelight but works hard in many areas, chasing up people, coordinating activities, being present at WCNA commitments and ensuring that everything runs smoothly. On behalf of the parents and players, thank you all for your efforts and commitment throughout the year; the club is well served.

Additionally, a huge thank you to all our coaches and team managers who, week after week, ensure that teams are turned out, trained and warmed up and commitments to WCNA met.

Finally, I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your club president for the last 5 years. After 9 years of coaching and committee membership, it is now time for me to move on. It has been an honour and a privilege to be part of Highvale. Over the last 12 years I have seen my daughters flourish in the rich and rewarding netball opportunities provided by the club and I believe they will have many more.

I truly believe that being involved at various levels in the club has immeasurably enhanced my relationships with my daughters and I strongly encourage each and every one of you in some way to give back to the club and enhance your daughter's netball time. Scoring, coaching, managing and being a committee member are all worthwhile activities. Be part of Highvale and be part of something great.

Greg Hunt

TREASURERS REPORT

October 31 2017

The enclosed financial statements have been prepared for distribution to members and presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

These reports have been prepared by the Treasurer from bank statements, cheque books, invoices etc., all kept and under the control of the Treasurer.

The clubs finances are secured by a strong balance sheet made up primarily of cash at bank of \$ 19,488.98. The Profit and Loss for 2017 shows a profit of \$ 4,890.69 - this however will be reduced early in the new financial year due to the requirement to place a club dress / uniform order as the current stock held is primarily Hoodies, Windcheaters and Club Tops.

Stock of uniforms has decreased to \$ 4,920.00 at 31/10/17 compared with \$ 5,675.00 at 31/10/16.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their time and dedication to the club this year and for their help with keeping the finances up to date during my time away early in the year.

I wish all players success in the last few weeks of the season and good luck to the teams making it to finals.

Marion Hoskin

**Highvale Netball Club Inc.
Balance Sheet @ 31-Oct-2017**

Current Assets

Cash at Bank	19,488.96
Uniform Assets on Hand	4,920.00
Trusts	0.00
Total Current Assets	24,408.96

Current Liabilities

Outstanding Cheques	0.00
Tax Liabilities	0.00
Trusts	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	0.00

Net Assets **24,408.96**

Total Equity **24,408.96**

**Highvale Netball Club Inc.
Profit & Loss @ 31-Oct-2017**

Revenue	2017	2016
Spring Club Fees	12,760.00	9,890.00
Winter Club Fees	16,362.00	14,473.00
Post Season Club Fees	0.00	0.00
Prior Season Club Fees	620.00	720.00
Uniform	3,137.50	2,930.00
Interest	0.37	4.22
Umpire Fees Received	0.00	0.00
Netball Victoria membership	7,509.00	3,660.00
Photos	0.00	0.00
* Other	-4.59	3.50
Total Revenue	40,384.28	31,680.72

Expenses

Uniforms	2,193.35	3,169.47
Team Registration	15,260.00	14,166.00
Umpire Payments	3,125.00	3,603.50
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
VNA Expenses	7,716.58	4,140.00
Court Hire	2,330.50	1,839.00
Trophies	1,830.40	2,042.10
Website	203.00	165.00
Coaching Courses	712.00	417.42
Equipment	470.00	545.74
* Sundry Expenses	155.80	0.00
AGM Expense	657.46	801.78
Printing & Stationery	0.00	0.00
Payment Refund	810.00	360.00
Forfeit Fines	0.00	80.00
Umpire Fines	29.50	0.00
Total Expenses	35,493.59	31,330.01
Net Operating Profit / (Loss)	4,890.69	350.71

- * Other/Sundry Expenses
Consumer Affairs - Change to Constitution
Annual Consumer Affairs Statement

Highvale Netball Club Inc.

Bank Reconciliation @ 31-Oct-2017

Period ending	31-Oct-17
OPENING BANK BALANCE @ 01/11/16 (PER STATEMENT)	14,598.27
PLUS RECEIPTS 01/11/16 - 31/10/17	40,384.28
LESS PAYMENTS 01/11/16 - 31/10/17	-35,493.59
LESS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES @ 31/10/17	0.00
	19,488.96
BANK STATEMENT BALANCE @ 31/10/17 (PER STATEMENT)	19,488.96
VARIANCE TO BANK STATEMENT	0.00

COACH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

This is my 4th year as coach co-ordinator and I am very impressed with the calibre of coaches we have here at Highvale. I can't thank them enough for their organised, enthusiastic, patient, supportive, knowledgeable, caring and passionate approach. They are volunteers who give up their valuable time and energy to bring about successes in each and every one of our players and teams.

As coaches, we are teachers, managers, leaders, mentors, psychologists, strategists, communicators, motivators and promoters of the sport – I have enjoyed watching each of our coaches wear all of these hats, sometimes all at once, as they have refined their own coaching philosophy over the year.

2017 has seen the emergence of some young enthusiastic assistant coaches into our mix. In under 11's we have Jess Stevens, Alyssa Newey and Tahlia Motta; they join the expert realms of Sophie Papaefraim and Eliza James in Winter and the introduction of Brooke Whiteside in Spring. An influx of Under 11 players lifted our number of teams to 3 in Spring - Bullets, Rockets and Joeys. Under the guidance of these coaches, our Under 11's are certainly thriving. Thanks also goes to Sharon Bierenbroodspot, Paris Collins, Charlotte Bahr and Ally Redlich for also jumping in and helping these teams at training.

Under 13's we see Samantha Potter rejoining our coaching team in 2017, who has expertly jumped back in nicely with Starlets. Helini Mendis joined Samantha in Spring as an assistant. Nick Basham jumped on board to take on Sapphires. He hasn't coached before but has done a great job learning the ins and outs of netball. Well done.

Under 15's once again sees Donna Stevens with the ever inspiring Emeralds. Tanna Reynolds took on the senior coaching role at Magic. This team is inspiring in itself with an almost complete change of girls from Winter to Spring after a last minute recruitment drive. Tanna has done a fantastic job. Thanks go out to Brooke who jumped in to help in Winter and Vito De Cesare who once again shows his experience and passion for the game getting these girls inspired in Spring.

Jessica Hoskin jumped into the Senior reigns of Hoppers in 2017; her drive, passion and enthusiasm for the game of netball is inspiring as she has guided and mentored these girls this year. A big thank you.

Under 17's is a hard age group as other priorities enter the girls' lives. Viv Potter with Jades and Michelle Pattison with Flyers once again bring experience, enthusiasm passion and lots of patience to the realm. Both teams have struggled with numbers most of the year but this has not failed their enthusiasm to be at training and every Saturday game. Ladies you are awesome!

2017 has also seen the introduction of a coaching website thenetballcoach.com.au for all of our coaches to assist them in finding that right drill, we have implemented a group warm up and fitness program for our Under 15 and 17 players and hope to further enhance the use of specialist training for all of our players and coaches in 2018.

Our 2017 coaches are all to be thanked and congratulated for the successes they have achieved over the year. Their role is largely underestimated and forever growing, yet they manage to create a fun and safe environment to empower our players, provide opportunities, build confidence and reflect shape, focus and enhance play to promote our game.

Coaching is a valuable skill in itself, and I encourage anyone who may be interested to take advantage of the coaching opportunities available within the club. No matter how experienced you are, Highvale NC is a great place to learn the ropes. Any coach will tell you about the great feelings of satisfaction that coaching provides, no matter how small the feat. Our proud tradition of fair play, mateship and inclusiveness stems from our coaches and we are very thankful for their time, effort and patience they continually volunteer.

Congratulations on a fantastic year – good luck in finals!

Donna Stevens

UMPIRE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

I am very lucky that Highvale has such a outstanding culture that our fantastic umpires have continued to make this role an easy one for me. The club and I are so grateful for their commitment, dedication and pride they continually give to their umpiring. A huge 'thank you' to our umpires who have offered their services this year - **Zoe Lythgo, Kim Potter, Jessica Hoskin, Tanna Reynolds, Zoe Spicer, Mekayla Mihopoulos, Kasey Thompson, Charlotte Bahr, Heela Fazal, Ellen Tofts and Kay Nixayathirath.**

Charlotte was our first new beginner umpire to put on the whites in the Winter season. She was joined by Kay and Ellen in the Spring - all have made a fantastic start to their umpiring careers. Between seasons, Charlotte, Kasey and Heela completed their Level 1 certificates, which sees them ready to progress into the 10:55am time slot and beyond. Zoe Spicer has continued to progress as a level 1 umpire, moving closer to being selected for C-badge grading.

Our squad of badged umpires has stayed stable this year, though we are hoping to expand our pool of badged umpires over the next few years to continue to provide stability to this role. Growing our number of Under 11 teams assists in this process, as we are then able to start more beginner umpires.

The fantastic development program offered by Waverley City and Waverley Night Netball Associations continues to see our umpires, at all levels, to be coached to ensure ongoing improvement in their umpiring. You only have to play or spectate at any other association to realise just how great the umpires at Waverley are, and if you are interested in learning the ropes, I can say with confidence that Waverley is the place to learn.

(Unfortunately) It is true that without umpires, there would be no game - please be mindful that umpires of our junior games are learning too, and they have to start somewhere! So many junior umpires give the job away due to the criticism and stress they receive from the sidelines. Highvale has such a lovely culture and I hope that our members and families can acknowledge the great job that all our umpires do. If anyone has any questions about the rules, how umpiring is scheduled at Waverley City NA or if you would like to start umpiring, please just ask - we'd be happy to help!

Eliza James

TEAM REPORTS

Rockets – Under 11

Team members: Charlize Motta, Paige Ryan, Shayla Turner, Bronte Turner, Alice Ryan, Aisha Hassan, Farah Hassan, Analise Horvath, Ella Fu

Spring (Development 3)

Coach: Eliza James

Assistant: Tahlia Motta

Being the youngest team in the Waverley City competition, these girls have put in a mighty effort! I am both excited (for us) and nervous (for the opposition) in a few years when these girls are a "top age" team of the competition, because they are managing hold their ground in a contest against girls who are 3 and 4 years older than themselves already.

The development they have shown in their ball skills, understanding of the rules and knowledge of the game has been enormous. They have been rotated all over the court and are happily building skills in both attack and defence, which will see them all grow into strong competitors as they move into Under 13s and settle into preferred areas. At this stage though, I am very pleased to say that they have each scored at least one goal this season, taken an intercept in the mid-court and even rebounded from a shot at goal. Their aggression to the ball has been one of their greatest improvements this season, which is really pleasing.

While we didn't win many games, we were mostly competitive and saved our biggest win of the season to our last game, winning 13 to 2 - the girls were rapt! Having not coached Under 11's for over 10 years, it was a fun challenge and I'm very thankful for the great group of parents who were only happy to help at training, on game days and however else - I've never seen so many lollies after a game of netball, ever! I hope they have all enjoyed their year too and are keen to return next year.

Bullets – Under 11

Team members: Alizeh Ali Agha, Isabelle Gatehouse, Maddi Harwood, Minh Nguyen, Shanaye Whiteside, Tara Worthy, Zoe More (Spring), Hilary Roach (Spring), Anne Fo (Spring), Alanna Yong (Spring), Charlize Motta (Winter), Paige Ryan (Winter), Shayla Turner (Winter), Bronte Turner (Winter)

Winter (Development 1)

Coach: Eliza James

Assistants: Alyssa Newey & Tahlia Motta

The improvement in our team from round 1 to 14 was so pleasing to see and exactly what U11's is all about. We began the season in Development Section 2, though after winning our first four games (thanks to some surprisingly brilliant goaling) we were re-graded into Development 1 and found ourselves playing against some older, taller and slightly more experienced opposition. The girls quickly figured out that in order to be competitive against these teams, we needed to run faster, throw further and be stronger with our hands. They certainly rose to the challenge and by the end of the season, were able to successfully move

the ball from one end of the court to the other without dropping the ball, stepping or losing possession. Their understanding of the playing positions and rules of the game all came together towards the end of the season as they worked hard to improve both their attacking and defending skills.

The girls were great at training each week, fully participating in all of the drills. We began the season as a squad of 10, though by the end, we were up to 17, with lots of new players preparing to join us in the Spring. A big "thank you" to Brooke, Charlotte and Paris who all helped towards the end of the season to manage the large group.

Congratulations to all the players and their parents who survived their first season. It's not easy being on the sidelines of a Development game, but I am sure you'll agree that the improvement the girls made over the season and the smiles on their faces, made the cold, early mornings worth it (even if we have slightly higher blood pressures, no voices and a few more grey hairs).

Spring (Section 4)

Coach: Brooke Whiteside

Assistant: Alyssa Newey

Wow what a season, for me it was my first season coaching at Highvale, it was great getting back into a sport I have loved for many years. The girls were great to coach they listened, and gave everything I asked them to do enthusiastically.

We started the spring season off in 11's development 1. It took a little time for us to settle into the new grading format, (for some it was their first Season, and others their second of competitive netball!!) but the girls quickly adjusted and won each of the games convincingly well ([9-1, 1-0,] [13-0, 5-2,] [8-0,16-2]). By the second week we were gelling great as a team, and I knew that it was a high possibility that we would be moved up to the next section. While this was great for the girls as it meant their netball skills were developing they were quite nervous. By week 3 it was confirmed we were moving up to section 4 and out of Development. The games were much tougher and a bit faster with the opposition girls being much taller. The umpiring was stricter and for many of the girls they still didn't know all the rules. But with all this, the girls showed true resilience and team spirit. Through determination, running faster, and communicating better on the court they became more aggressive to the ball and were so excited when they won round 4; their first game in section 4 (6-0).

Throughout the rest of the season we faced a few off-court challenges losing players to overseas holidays (across the team we have had players visit; China, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Korea) or injuries (broken arm and injured hip). The girls continued to work hard as a team and with the help of a few Rocket fill-ins we continued to see success in moving the ball down the court and scoring lots of goals.

With 1 game and the round robin still to play the girls find themselves on top of the ladder having won 11 from 12 games played and scored a total of 115 goals. There has been some brilliant defence played which has only allowed a total of 29 goals to be scored against us. This is a tremendous result for anyone especially when you look at the challenges we have faced this season. Well done girls I am very proud to have coached you all and best of luck for the remaining week and round robin. Special thanks Alyssa Newey who provided me with outstanding support throughout the season.

Joeys – Under 11

Team members: Samantha Bahr, Isla Bierenbroodspot, Paige Frost, Amelie Huppe, Francesca Nguyen, Ava Sayce, Talya Wee, Katie Delaney, Sharane Gowritharan

Coach: Sophie Papaefraim & Sharon Bierenbroodspot **Assistant:** Jess Stevens

Winter (Section 3)

Joeys had an excellent Winter season and start to the year. As a coaching team, Sharron, Jess and I, along with the suggestions from the other parents, decided that we would challenge the girls and put them in positions that they didn't particularly enjoy/prefer to give them an idea and a feel for playing in different areas of the court, also getting them to use different skills when being placed from Goal Keeper to then Wing Attack.

The girls did an absolutely incredible job in every position they were put in as much as they may not have liked being in their preferred positions, they managed to put in 110% each and every game.

Spring (Section 3)

This season, like the last, we continued to rotate the Joeys into different positions, however we gave them half the game in preferred positions and the other half in their favourite position. We noticed that this season there was a major improvement in the girls' skill, teamwork and communication on the court. They have been able to call out both direction and encouragement throughout the game and even during half time they are talking tactics between each other. In such a short space of time these girls have exceeded the expectations of themselves and of everyone. Without fail they are at games and training ready to go with a smile on their faces ready to listen and as always ready to play.

Sapphires – Under 13

Team members: Lailaa Ali Agha, Remy Bartlett, Amy Basham, Lauren Tie, Aryl Teh, Aryn Teh, Novica Pearsall, Gabby Hatch & Zahra

Coach: Nick Basham

Winter (Section 2)

The Sapphires lost some strong defence who went up to the under 15's. Gabby came into the team moving up from under 11's. Gabby slotted into the centre beautifully and had a great season. The season was interrupted because a few of the girls competed in Acrobatics that clashed with game time. Remy showed strong leadership skills taking warm up drills before each game and helping out at training.

Sapphires had a good season finishing second on the ladder. They missed out on the Grand Final by losing by 1 pt in the Semi Final. The girls had a really good season, just lacked a bit of consistency.

Spring (Section 2)

The Sapphires went into the Spring season feeling pretty confident, however lost their first six games by some pretty tight margins. It was hard to recover but the girls got their mojo back beating everyone except the top 2 teams from Mountain View.

The girls developed well this year improving in their ball skills, timing their runs, using their voices and defensive pressure.

Well Done Sapphires!

Starlets – Under 13

Team members: Jessica Bahr, Alicia Basham, Bianca Bekerman, Maya Crombie, Lily Rose Mlinar, Srujani Ravi, Maddie Redlich, Megan Smedley, Ella Vimpani

Coach: Samantha Potter

Winter (Section 4)

Starlets had a challenging start to the year as a team of under-age and bottom-age players were forced to adjust to a change of coach AND the move into U/13s. While the greater speed and size of the new age group led to a rocky start, the determination and enthusiasm of the Starlets was wonderful.

With re-grading shifting us to a more appropriately sized section, it was fantastic to watch as notions of spacing and timing began to click across the team. Unfortunately, a couple of forfeits put Starlets out of the running for finals, but it's been lovely to watch the growing confidence and connections amongst the girls as they begin to find their positions.

Spring (Section 6)

What a season! Starlets had an interesting start, finding that half games, while exciting, challenged our consistency. As we moved into regular matches, however, everything really came together. Starlets have settled nicely into positions across the court, and are even beginning to get the idea of coming forward!

With some big wins and some close losses ladder positions will rely on the final game, but regardless of the final placings, the Starlets should be very proud of what they've achieved. Congratulations on a wonderful year girls – I hope you've had as much fun as I have. Go Awesomenators!

Emeralds – Under 15

Team members: Charlotte Bahr, Paris Collins, Hannah Jefferis, Summah Hinchcliffe Maya Loeckenhoff, Alyssa Newey, Ally Redlich, Lucy Searle(Winter), Jessica Stevens, Kasey Thompson.

Coaches: Donna Stevens

Winter (Section 1)

What a season for these girls. I'll be the first to admit that being put into section 1 in your first season in under 15's was a big ask but these girls played their hearts out. They started out slowly, losing the first 3 games to quality opposition. The girls went into dresses from game 5 and even though there was some trepidation to break the hoo-doo of losing their next game, they managed to smash that out of the park. They not only won the next 9 games but won the Grand final by 4 goals against our arch rival of Brentwood. They came from a fighting third on the ladder by playing some awesome patient finals netball. Having lost the previous 2 grand finals in tight games, these girls were not going to give into being another 'runners up'. So victory was very sweet. Things of note: we lost Lucy to a hamstring tear in round 5, and gained Maya and Summah who brought some height, experience, enthusiasm and fight to the team. All players worked hard both on and off the court as a team to bring this season to a fantastic end. Hard work persistence, belief, patience and a 'let's do it for your team' attitude are what this group are all about and I cannot be any more proud as a coach of their achievement. Well done girls!

Spring (Section 1)

Spring season has just consolidated this teams absolute commitment, drive and enthusiasm to netball. They really enjoy each other's company and have shown that if you have a great bond off the court it can bring such great dynamics to the game on the court. Unfortunately, we lost Lucy for the rest of the year due to her hamstring injury but managed to maintain the fantastic shooting services of Summah, This team have taken the positives from the Winter season through into Spring and played some very strong, fast netball against absolutely formidable opposition. Currently sitting on top of the ladder and heading into their 4th consecutive finals series, once again I could not be any prouder. We have had to endure a few injuries and distractions over the season but this team have banded together to stay strong, enhance mateship and win games once thought unwinnable. Awesome effort Charlotte, Paris, Hannah, Summah, Maya, Alyssa, Ally, Jess and Kasey!. Special mention to Lucy for coming to nearly every game and taking stats; thanks also to the efforts of a great parent group who fully support these girls and myself every week. Go Emeralds!

Hoppers – Under 15

Team members: Charli Bartlett, Delaney Gray, Angelina Li, Michelle Lim, Helini Mendis, Felicia Nguyen, Kay Nixayathirath, Courtney Smith, Laura Wang, Ellen Tofts

Coach: Jessica Hoskin

Winter (Section 3)

For the first season of the year we were put into a higher section than what we were in 2016, this challenged everyone and it definitely showed that all the girls were putting in their

maximum effort throughout the season We managed to win one game and this made everyone extremely excited and happy especially when they had thought they had lost. We came close to winning more games but just didn't get there in the end. I am very proud of the effort the girls put in this season as they played their hearts out and still kept persisting no matter what the score was.

Spring (Section 4)

In the Spring season the Hoppers were put into section 4. This section turned out to be more enjoyable for the girls as they were now playing alongside teams which were the same level as them meaning that they were able to play more competitively and win more games. We are currently 5th on the ladder which means we will unfortunately miss out on finals but overall it has been a great season.

This year overall has had its highs and lows but coaching these girls on a Wednesday night and Saturday morning has been something I will never forget. Every single one of these girls has put in their best efforts throughout each season and every single one of them has improved on their skills. GO HOPPERS!

Magic – Under 15

Team members: Sehansa Ranawaka, Kaverthna Vishnuraj, Cailien Gleeson, Maya Moorthy, Sugandha Sharma, Karrie Chua (Spring), Isabella Kerrison (Spring), Prue Roach (Spring), Olivia Sornig (Spring), Jazzel Florez (Spring), Nicole Abbasszadeh (Winter), Laura Adams (Winter)

Coaches: Tanna Reynolds, Brooke Whiteside (Winter) & Vito De Cesare (Spring)

Winter (Section 4)

At the start of the season, many existing Magic players were joined by new members, and it was rewarding for the girls to be able to get to know new teammates and test their netball abilities in different positions as we prepared to adjust to the new additions.

Although there were some issues regarding the ability of the team to always be present, when the girls had the opportunity to work together as a whole, they had a lot to be proud of because of great efficiency and consistency on court.

I think that this season was important for Magic, as they were able to develop themselves and their netball skills.

Spring (Section 5)

Spring season brought many new faces to the team. Although some of our winter players moved on, we were joined by Karrie, Bella, Prue, Liv and Jazz, and they were able to adjust and fit into our group well. I am very proud of how much the team has improved, both as a group, and individually.

This season, we really focused on our foundation netball skills, in order to improve our overall gameplay. Throughout the season, I was so proud to have seen Magic grow and develop together, as well as learn to play effectively with one another.

I think that the girls have been able to complement each other well during training and our games, and the encouragement and good sportsmanship displayed by all of our players is something that every single player should be proud of.

I am really excited for our upcoming seasons because the dedication and enthusiasm that I have been able to see from Magic is definitely something to look forward to.

Flyers – Under 17

Team members: Jessica Andrew, Heela Fazal, Tahlia Motta, Rylee Pattison-Moore, Mia Motta, Farah Soltani, Zoe Spicer, Mikeely Wilson, Olyvia Pedelty (Winter), Paris Motta (Spring)

Coaches: Michelle Pattison

Winter (Section 4)

What an incredible group of young women who I have been so privileged to coach and watch them grow every game. We got off to a slow start this season being beaten on the day for the first 2 games by the better team but this was short-lived as we found our form. As a playing group the team decided that fitness was a priority so we focused on this as well as continually improving our skills.

We went on to win 11 out of 12 games despite injury and illness taking its toll on our team. To the girls credit every game they gave their all and we were fortunate enough to be helped by our fellow team members Helini, Ellen, Jess, Alyssa and were able to finish the season on the top of the ladder.

We won the Preliminary Final against Templeton and went on to play them in the Grand Final again beating them. These opportunities are rare and are not achieved without an incredible amount of hard work. I was so proud to see this playing group give their everything and become premiership players.

Spring (Section 3)

Flyers said goodbye to Liv and Mikeely this season and we welcomed 3 siblings into our playing group with Paris and Porscha Motta and Sophie Andrews joining us.

After winning the Premiership in Winter the Flyers were given a challenge and put into section 3. To the girls credit they stepped up their game plan and won our first 5 games of the season.

We then lost our next game and at the time of writing we are sitting 2nd on the ladder in what is going to be a very close competition on the run home to the finals.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the flyers playing group who give their all on the court every week and have been a joy to coach and see them each improve every game.

We couldn't do this without the continuous help from the families who help score, provide refreshments and taxi the girls to training and the games. Thank you so much. Go Flyers!!!

Jades – Under 17

Team members: Sneha Mantha, Mekayla Mihopoulos, Caylie Moore, Ritika Singh, Gemma Thompson, Mia Trembath, Michelle Lim, Bianka Mlinar (Winter), Emma Moffat (Winter), Harmandeep Kaur (Spring)

Coach: Viv Potter

Winter (Section 4)

The welcome addition of Michelle meant that we had a full roster as we moved into U17's. It took us a little while to adjust to our new age group with bigger players and more contesting allowed.

Throughout the season the team's commitment to and attendance at training showed as our skills and connections improved and many of the things we practiced were translated into action on Saturdays.

By the end of the season we were able to stay with the top teams for 2-3 quarters before fading out. Although we lost more than we won for the season, every player has shown significant improvement in several areas of their game. Well done, Jades!

Spring (Section 4)

During Spring Season Jades showed continued improvement in their defensive play and at times the transition down the court in attack was breathtaking to watch. Unfortunately, for various reasons both Bianka and Emma elected not to play this season, after teams had been selected, leaving us with only one experienced shooter.

We were fortunate to recruit Harmandeep mid-season to strengthen our mid-court. When several team members succumbed to illness and injury, her welcome presence, together with fill-ins from U15 teams meant that we did not have to forfeit any games.

As the season progressed, our new combinations began to gel and we were able to gain lots of turnover ball, although the lack of established shooting combinations showed and we were rarely able to be competitive on the scoreboard.

The team showed great resilience and flexibility with everyone playing at least one new position. No one dropped their head and everyone continued to encourage each other right up to the final whistle of each game. Truly a total team effort! Great work, Jades!

Hotshots – Open

Team members: Sophie Antidormi, Sophie Papaefraim, Olivia De Cesare, Jessica Hoskin, Zoe Lythgo, Kim Potter, Zahli Spurling, Eilish Cook, Maddie Lythgo (Spring), Eliza James (Spring)

Coach: Vito De Cesare

Assistant Coach: Olivia De Cesare

Winter (Open Section 1)

Another rewarding Winter season coaching this group in 2017. Such a fantastically talented and enthusiastic group of young women. A very tough season for us, and finishing 1st was invaluable as far as playing teams with much more experience. A huge amount was learnt, and development continued throughout the year. Hotshots continued to play the Open Section 2 competition on Wednesday nights, finishing 4th in Winter, and then played Section 1 in the Spring comp, but unfortunately didn't win many games, playing against women often twice their stature and experience.

Spring (Open Section 1)

At the writing of this report, Hotshots are currently 5th with one week to go and hopefully will be playing in finals if we win this last game. As a coach, I have demanded a lot from this group, and they haven't let me down once! It has been fantastic to be involved in their development and I hope they have enjoyed the year as much as I have.

I would like to thank the fantastic group of parents that come along EVERY WEEK, who have supported me and have never questioned my coaching style, which I'm sure makes them cringe at times. I don't apologise for this, as I strive to get 100% out of the team.

A personal thanks to all the parents that have scored during the year, but especially Mark Hoskin for scoring almost every week and helping me with any tasks I asked of him. Also Marion Hoskin for "Team Managing" again this year and giving me feedback and support whenever I asked.

Dynamites – Open

Team members: Anna Clarkson, Shana Chitty, Monica Hunt, Jill Meggs, Kimberley Pakshong, Cara Schelleman, Michelle Stackpoole, Elise Wattie (Winter), Stephanie Missos, Emma Cloughton (Spring), Lauren Judkins (Winter)

Captain: Monica Hunt

Winter & Spring (Section 3)

The Dynamites found themselves in Open 3 for the entirety of the year. While we played well in the games we had enough players, the actual amount of times our team had a full amount could be counted on one hand. Nonetheless, with the fluctuating team members due to Europe holidays (guilty!), marathons and tennis tournaments, I can assure that we all enjoyed ourselves. Throughout the year, Winter Season saw us floating between 2nd to 4th place on the ladder, dropping to a consistent 5th and last place in the Spring Season. Let's hope we have a better and more realistic grading for next year!

Thanks to all the players throughout the year; Anna, Cara, Emma, Kim, Jill, Michelle, Steph, Shana (plus Lauren and Elise in Winter Season).

Diamonds – Open

Team members: Amanda Abbass, Mahila Abbass, Danielle Buswell (Winter), Ashlee Clark, Clare Dhillon, Tanja Karac (Winter), Kristen Green (Winter), Alexandra Grills, Emily Pyle, Stacey Roper, Ruby Prosser, Isabel Prosser, Carla Barca (Spring)

Captain: Mahlia Abbass

Winter (Section 4)

Ladder position: 4th.

Spring (Section 4)

Ladder position: 2nd.

Zigzags – Open

Team members: Tina Anagnostou, Anokhi De Silva, Kirsten Hallett, Natalie Hill, Jessica Hunt, Tanna Reynolds, Rebecca Stevens, Donna Stevens (Winter), Lizzy Dent (Spring), Cassandra Le Fleur (Spring)

Team Manager: Greg Hunt

Winter (Section 4)

2017 saw the Zigzags tackle their first season in Open. This has proved challenging for the girls and I believed that we were mis-graded. However, a narrow win just before re-grading saw us remain in section 4.

Being in Open we had the opportunity to call on a greater pool of reserve and new players. Many thanks to Donna Stevens who joined us for most of the winter games. This increased our mid-caught options and I'm sure that Anokhi, Tina and Bec all benefited from Donna's experience. Our defence was under immense pressure during the year and what Kirsten and Bec lacked in height, they certainly made up for in passion. Being able to call on players in U15 and U17 to help at various times was also greatly appreciated.

Although challenged by many of the teams in the section, due to their age and skills, we did finish with a couple of wins and 7th on the ladder, not the wooden spoon. On another positive note, we continued to score on average more than 20 goals a game. A reflection of the abilities of Tanna, Nat and Jess rotating up front against some very tall and experienced defenders.

Spring (Section 5)

The Spring season saw us again graded higher than we should be and in a repeat of the winter season, a narrow win during the grading rounds saw us remaining in section 5. This

season we welcomed two new players. Cassie joined us from another district and Lizzy joined us from the Sparklers. We now have even more options in mid-court and defence which has allowed us to be more competitive. Having a core of 9 after many years of 7 or 8 has been a real blessing from a team manager perspective.

Moving up to Open section presents some major challenges to the players. We are constantly playing teams that were in the top sections of U17 in 2016 or have been playing in open for several years. The style of play and opposition player behaviour is at a different level. However, with all these challenges, I am once again highly impressed by the Zigzag attitude and the way they conduct themselves on and off court.

In 2018 I will be stepping away from full time team management duties (I will still attend some games) and I'll pass the baton onto one of the players to fulfill these duties. It has been an honour and a privilege to be associated with these fine young ladies over the last few years and I will miss the Saturday afternoon banter. Thank you to all that have supported me and the players these last few years.

Sparklers – Open

Team members: Emma Claughton, Lizzy Dent, Danielle Foster, Kerryn Hilderbrand, Megan Jepson, Maddie Lythgo, Eliza Marks, Shaniya Vilash, Avanthi Wickramasuriya

Captains: Emma Claughton

Winter (Section 2)

The Sparklers started out Winter season competitively, getting a few wins under our belts in the first half of the season. In Round 11 we had to win to secure a spot in finals, but unfortunately with too many players away, injured and on holidays, we couldn't get our strongest team on court to get the win, and finished the season fifth on the ladder.

We had a team full of versatile players, with Lizzy and Maddie playing anywhere from GK to GS, Danielle and Shaniya in defence and midcourt, Avanthi, Kerryn and Megan in midcourt, and Eliza and myself shooting and playing midcourt.

After somewhere around 15 years playing with the Sparklers and some of the girls on this team, I was very sad that we were unable to get the numbers for Spring season this year. Thanks to the many players who have called themselves Sparklers over the years, it's been a lot of fun!