




HIGHVALE
NETBALL CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT
2021



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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday 5th December 2021

TIME: 2pm

Venue: Eley Park Hall, 87 Eley Road Blackburn South

AGENDA AGM:

1. 2pm – Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of 2021 President's Report
5. Presentation of 2021 Treasurer's Report
6. Update of Constitution
7. Election of members of the Committee for the next twelve months
8. Business section of meeting closed.

Ann-Maree Jefferis
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 2021

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|------------------------|---|
| Donna Stevens | President |
| Nicole Newey | President |
| Ann-Maree Jefferis | Secretary |
| Sharon Bierenbroodspot | Treasurer |
| Viv Potter | Coach Coordinator |
| Kim Barlett | Communications & Social Media Coordinator |
| Fiona Bahr | Uniforms Coordinator |
| Mon Hunt | Marketing Coordinator |
| Sophie Papaefraim | Committee member |
| Carolyn Horvath | Committee member |

Coaches 2021

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|-------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Donna Stevens | Net Set Go | Vito de Cesare | Stars |
| Jessie Bahr | Net Set Go | Ritika Singh | Stars |
| Alyssa Newey | Bullets | Brad Frost | Sapphires |
| Charlotte Bahr | Bullets | Kirsten Hallett | Sapphires |
| Jess Stevens | Novas | Donna Stevens | Emeralds |
| Maddie Redlich | Novas | Zoe Spicer (M) | Flyers |
| Chloe Frost | Comets | Gemma Thompson (M) | Flyers |
| Sophie Papaefraim | Comets | Jessica Hunt (M) | ZigZags |

Representative Players 2021

| Representative Club | Highvale Representatives |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Melbourne Waverley | Amelie Huppe , Maya Crombie |
| Waverley Night Netball Association | Declan Crombie, Belle Yaron, Tara Worthy, Alicia Basham |
| Eastern United | Jess Stevens, Summah Hinchcliffe, Maya Loeckenhoff, Kasey Thompson |



THE HIGHVALE NETBALL CLUB ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES OUR LIFE MEMBERS AND RECIPIENTS 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
 2018 Eliza James

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
 2017 Greg Hunt

The Bhavya Sethi Spirit Award

2018 Tanna Reynolds
 2019 Donna Stevens

President's Report 2021

A big welcome to all our wonderful Highvale Netball Club (HNC) members. We have much pleasure in presenting the 2021 President's Report. This is our 4th year as Co-Presidents. 2021 has been another interesting year for us all. We have again had to navigate restrictions and limitations brought about by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Thankfully there has been a little more netball played this year.

We would like to start by acknowledging and thanking our fellow Committee members. We were very lucky to have a number of members commit to another year after the ups and downs of 2020.

Many thanks to:

- Ann-Maree Jefferis - Secretary
- Sharon Bierenbroodspot - Treasurer
- Fiona Bahr - Uniform Co-ordinator
- Carolyn Horvarth - General Committee
- Kim Bartlett - Communications and Social Media
- Mon Hunt - Marketing

We were very pleased to welcome some new faces to the 2021 committee.

Thanks also to:

- Viv Potter - Coach Co-ordinator
- Sophie Papaefraim - General Committee

To each and every one of you we say a big thank you for your hard work throughout the year. It is truly a team effort and we have made a fabulous team.

HNC is very fortunate to have a fantastic squad of coaches. A list of all our coaches can be found at the start of the 2021 Annual Report. Please take the time to read through all the names. Our amazing coaches have continued to give up their time throughout the year whether it was running training, attending games, writing emails or running Zooms online to check in on their team. They provide an abundance of guidance and support to our players ensuring they all have the best possible netball experience. 2020 and 2021 have certainly been challenging. Our coaches have managed to juggle their own family and/or school commitments. As a club we are extremely grateful.

Thanks also to those that put up their hands to be a team manager. Your assistance in keeping players and parents informed of news and updates together with what is needed and/or expected is much appreciated.

After very little netball was played in 2020 we were all looking forward to 2021 with the hope of a better year ahead. 8 teams were entered by HNC in the WNNA Autumn 2021 season. This was made up of 1 x U13, 2 x U15, 2 x U17, 3 x open teams.

Before 2021 could commence the Committee did plenty of work behind the scenes. This included co-ordinating the roll-over, donation or refunding of 2020 fees. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of our members during this process. Many thanks to those members who so kindly donated their fees to the club. Such generosity after a tough year was just wonderful.

With the outdoor courts at Jells Park getting a much needed upgrade, the Autumn season was run in a different format. All games were played on the indoor courts with U17 and younger teams playing on a Saturday, while all open teams played their games on a Sunday evening. It was so good to see all our players and coaches back out on the netball court. Unfortunately, the season was not without disruption. COVID struck yet again, meaning there were a few snap lockdowns. Thankfully though, most games were able to be played.

At the end of the Autumn season, our U13 Novas and Open Emeralds made it to the finals which was a fantastic achievement. Well done to both teams. Congratulations to Emeralds who won their Grand Final, when it was eventually played. Once again COVID caused delays with the GF being pushed back a number of times. Emeralds were also the winners of the Kevin Currie Champion Team Trophy, which is awarded to the team who finishes the home and away games for the Autumn season with the highest number of points.

Recruiting new players has been high on the agenda for the Committee. Bearing this in mind, HNC made the decision to run a Net Set Go style skills session during the Autumn 2021 season aimed at up and coming netballers. These sessions were run by Donna Stevens who was ably assisted by Jessie Bahr. The sessions were run over a 12 week period and held at the same time as Wednesday night team training at Sportlink. These sessions were a great success. Lots of fun was had by all who attended. The end result being that for the first time ever HNC was able to enter an U9 team in the WNNA spring 2021 season. A big thank you must go to Donna for all her planning and co-ordinating of the skills development program. Donna's hard work was the key to ensuring this program was so successful.

Planning and preparation for the Spring 2021 season saw HNC once again enter 8 teams. The makeup of these teams did differ slightly to the previous season. 1 x U9, 1 x U13, 2 x U15, 2 x U17, 2 x Open. While we gained an U9 team, we did have to combine 2 of our open teams. Zig Zags and Flyers joined forces to become the Hybrids.

There was much excitement and anticipation for this upcoming season as it was to be the debut of the new HNC dresses. Unfortunately, another COVID lockdown put this much anticipated unveiling on hold.

The new HNC dresses and boy's tops have been long planned by the committee. There had been plenty of discussion around the style, design and budget. We at HNC are very fortunate to have the very talented Mon Hunt on the committee. While we all threw around ideas of what we would like to see in the new dress design, Mon is the one who made it all come together. Another huge thank you must also go to our Uniform Co-ordinator, Fiona Bahr. Fiona investigated various suppliers, chased up prices and time frames. Energetic ended up being the supplier of our HNC dresses and boy's tops. Fiona was our main point of contact doing all the liaising with Energetic. Fiona also co-ordinated dress and top fittings for all our players. Many thanks to Fiona for all her hard work ensuring our new dresses and boy's tops came together seamlessly. Many thanks to Mon for taking on board all the ideas thrown her way and coming up with the new design. The new dresses and boy's tops look sensational. We cannot wait to see them out on the netball court.

As a committee, we all agreed that it would be great to be able to help our members with the new uniform transition by subsidising some of the cost. Along with the fees donated from 2020, HNC was very lucky to be the recipient of a number of grants. The donated fees and some of the grant money were put towards the cost of the new dresses.

With the new dresses finally becoming a reality, it was decided that this would also be the perfect time to update the HNC logo. Again, many thanks to Mon for coming up with the new design. It is the perfect

blend of the old and new, paying homage to the famous 'Highvale Squiggle". With her wonderful talent being utilised in the design of both our new dresses and logo, Mon has given HNC a much needed update bringing our club into the twenty first century.

HNC was once again in the process of gaining the expertise of Nardelli Coaching to run some specialist coaching sessions for our players in 2021. Unfortunately, as with 2020 this did not go ahead. We are hopeful that we can use some of our grant money to provide these coaching sessions to our players in 2022.

Throughout the year, and in particular during lockdown, the Committee has continued to meet via Zoom. One of the items on the Agenda has been the reviewing and updating of our club policies. These have now been ticked off and will not need to be reviewed again for another two years. A review of the HNC Constitution has also been done. A few minor changes were made. Hopefully you have all had a chance to read through the Constitution which was sent out with the AGM Agenda and note the changes that have been proposed. We will need to vote and pass these changes during the AGM.

With lockdown easing, WNNA announced they were organising a Round Robin of 4 games commencing in late November. As we write this report, the Committee is busy working out players and teams to play in this Round Robin, together with (hopefully) some training sessions that can be run in the lead up to getting some play in before the end of the year. The Club will pay for both the Round Robin and training with money received from Grants. We are looking forward to seeing our players and coaches back out on the netball court.

Sadly, nothing lasts forever and we must say farewell to some of our current Committee members who are stepping down after a number of years helping run HNC. Thank you Ann-Maree, Sharon and Kim for giving your time so generously to help run our wonderful netball club over the last few years. Your contribution has been much appreciated.

Bearing in mind that there are some Committee members "hanging up their hats" we would not only love, but really need to see some new faces join the Committee in 2022. Our netball club cannot run without people putting up their hand and volunteering their time to lend a hand. Being on committee is a great opportunity to not only contribute to the running of the club and ensuring a great netball experience for your child, but also being part of a group of likeminded people and share in the satisfaction of a job well done. We are a team here at HNC and it is an extremely rewarding experience not only for yourself but also for your child/ren as they see you take an interest in one of their activities. Please give some thought to joining.

Many thanks to all our members for standing by HNC during 2021. We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and here's to a fantastic New Year for us all. We are looking forward to seeing you around the netball courts in 2022.

Nicole Newey and Donna Stevens
Co-Presidents
Highvale Netball Club

TREASURER'S REPORT

31 October 2021

The following 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, invoices, etc., all kept under the control of the Treasurer.

The club's finances are secured by a strong balance sheet made up primarily of cash at bank of \$18,510.71.

The Profit and Loss for 2021 shows a Profit for the year of \$1,783.22 – the club is comfortable with this figure. Holding our 2020 AGM via zoom and limited play in 2021 have been the contributing factors in lower expenses for the club this year.

Spring season 2021 didn't proceed as planned, therefore we are able to once again offer a rollover option for those fees to cover Autumn 2022 season's fees.

We received \$2,000 in government grants in 2021 – and it was this funding that was behind our decision to redesign the club's logo and freshen up our current uniforms.

Stock of new uniforms held @ 31/10/21 is \$2,070. We have written-off approximately \$5,235 of stock (second hand uniforms and several old-style dresses).

This has been my third and final year as Treasurer - as I have a new job that demands much of my time and a daughter no longer playing netball, the time is right for me to hand over the role to Carolyn Horvath. She has a background in accounting and vast experience in voluntary committee work, so I have no doubt she will do an admirable job as Treasurer.

Sharon Bierenbroodspot

Highvale Netball Club

Cheque Account Reconciliation

Period ending

31-Oct-21

BANK STATEMENT CLOSING BALANCE AS AT

31-Oct-21

18,510.71

Highvale Netball Club Income/Expenditure Transaction Reconciliation

H.N.C. opening balance as at 01/11/20

16,727.49

Transactions - Income

01/11/20 -
31/10/21

17,826.37

Transactions - Expenses

01/11/20 -
31/10/21

-16,043.15

HIGHVALE N.C. BANK BALANCE @

31-Oct-21

18,510.71

VARIANCE TO BANK STATEMENT CLOSING BALANCE @

31-Oct-21

0.00

Highvale Netball Club Inc.
Balance Sheet @ 31 October, 2021

Current Assets

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Cash at Bank | 16,727.49 |
| Uniform Assets on Hand | 2,070.00 |
| Trusts | 0.00 |
| Total Current Assets | 20,580.71 |

Current Liabilities

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

Net Assets **20,580.71**

Total Equity **20,580.71**

Highvale Netball Club Inc.

Profit & Loss @ 31st October 2021

| Revenue | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Spring Club Fees (S2) | 7,868.00 | 0.00 |
| Autumn Club Fees (S1) | 5,480.00 | 7,945.00 |
| Post Season Club Fees (2022) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Prior Season Club Fees | 0.00 | 140.00 |
| Uniform | 2,420.00 | 465.00 |
| My Netball transaction fee | 0.37 | 0.31 |
| Interest | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| * Other | 2,058.00 | 6,456.00 |
| Total Revenue | 17,826.37 | 15,006.31 |
| Expenses | | |
| Uniforms | 5,713.40 | 0.00 |
| # Team Registration | 7,123.60 | 7,504.00 |
| Umpire Courses | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| N.V. Expenses | 239.10 | 478.20 |
| Court Hire | 1,099.00 | 1,125.00 |
| Trophies | 10.00 | 757.90 |
| Website | 104.50 | 165.00 |
| Coaching Courses | 432.25 | 377.25 |
| Equipment | 290.00 | 759.87 |
| ** Sundry Expenses | 433.30 | 233.70 |
| AGM Expenses | 0.00 | 2,801.32 |
| Printing & Stationery | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Payment Refund | 598.00 | 1,195.00 |
| Forfeit Fines | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Umpire Fines | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| ^ Other | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Total Expenses | <u>16,043.15</u> | <u>15,547.24</u> |
| Net Operating Profit / (Loss) | <u>1,783.22</u> | <u>-540.93</u> |

* Dept. of Jobs, Precincts & Regions (Grants \$1K x 2), Payment in error for member NV (refunded)

From 1/1/19, umpire costs included in team registration

** Sundry Expenses:- Consumer Affairs and Domain name renewal, gifts for coaches, bereavement flowers

^ Come & Try' Session expense

COACH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT 2021

Another year of jam-packed action, punctuated with frustrating periods of lockdown, derailing the plans of many and the hopes of all!

We started off the year with 8 teams playing at Jells Park for the Autumn season. Teams were full, coaches were settled and we were looking forward to a strong year. The first round came and went, then all of a sudden – LOCKDOWN 3! Fortunately, just the 1 week was missed and we were able to play out the next 11 rounds without interruption. The final round and following school holidays were subsumed by Lockdown 4. There was just time to squeeze in the Semi-finals and Finals before Lockdowns 5 & 6 put paid to the Spring season.

The massive improvement in the play of ALL the teams was wonderful to behold. Given that everyone had missed almost a full year of play, it was remarkable how quickly old skills returned and terrific to see teams beginning to use the new ones acquired at training.

As I write this and with restrictions easing yet again, we are about to commence a short social competition at Jells Park to finish off the year. We were so excited that every team we had entered in the defunct Spring Season was keen to play. Huge thanks to the fabulous 5 coaches of junior teams for stepping up and making this possible for the teams (Viv, Donna, Sophie, Vito, Brad).

The coaches we have at Highvale NC are a fabulous bunch!. 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. All of this requires time and enthusiasm as well as knowledge of the individual players and their circumstances. I can't thank them enough for their organised, enthusiastic, patient, supportive, knowledgeable, caring and passionate approach.

During lockdown, the club again offered access to Netfit, updates on the Suncorp Super Netball, information from Netball Victoria, as well as on-line fitness sessions from the Nardelli's and the Waverley Netball Centre. Our Facebook page was updated to include goings on within the sport of netball. Whilst it couldn't replace the game, it kept us in the game, informed and up to date.

In 2021, Highvale continued offering the coaching website thenetballcoach.com.au to assist our coaches in finding the right drill, or training game to suit their team. We continued to offer it whilst in lockdown to allow coaches to continue with their own personal development.

Our fabulous 2021 coaches were:

Donna Stevens and **Jessie Bahr** who ran a wonderful NetSetGo program for our newest recruits who formed the Rubies and were entered into the Spring Season as U9's.

Alyssa Newey and **Charlotte Bahr** who looked after Bullets in their first year in U13's even though most of them were still U11's.

Jess Stevens with the support of **Maddi Redlich** inspired our Novas as they moved up into under 15's

Sophie Papafraim together with **Chloe Frost** took on Comets in under 15's.

Vito de Cesare was welcomed back with open arms and had assistance from **Ritika Singh** coaching Stars in their first year in U17's.

Brad Frost ably assisted by **Kirsten Hallett** mentored Sapphires in under 17's.

Donna Stevens looked after the awesome Emeralds as they tackled Open.

Zoe Spicer and Gemma Thompson along with all of the team took on Flyers in Open.

Jess Hunt looked after our most longstanding senior team ZigZags in Open.

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 getting through the year – bring on 2022

Viv Potter

TEAM REPORTS

Net Set Go - Autumn

Team members: Annie Nguyen, Ben Yaron, Kathryn Sears, Imogen Walker, Sarani Dassanayaka, Victoria Kang, Abigail Wong, Milla Panagopoulos

Coach: Donna Stevens and Jessie Bahr

In 2021, Highvale was finally able to trial our new Highvale skills development program. The program is based on the Suncorp Net Set Go 3 tier program, designed especially for children to transition into junior netball with confidence.

Our program was a condensed version, initially offered over a 6 week timeframe. Due to its success, it turned into 12 weeks. Our aim was to recruit new players, build a positive introduction to netball, through skill-based activities, minor games, and modified matches. With the prospect of building a team to play games at Jells Park in the second half of 2021.

We advertised our program through local schools, local shopping centres and via social media. We started off slowly with 4 children attending. 2 of them had older siblings playing and they were extremely excited to be able to play 'netball just like their sisters'.

Once the program was moving along, the children started bringing their friends and we filled up to 8 children by the end of the 12 weeks.

The children were excited to learn all things netball. From what and where positions are, through to how to shoot a goal. They learnt how to throw chest, shoulder and lob passes and how to change direction and catch on the run. Their favourite game was golden child and all they wanted to do was play a game of netball with the bibs on.

Spring season was to see the birth of a new under 9 team called Rubies. Dresses were sized up and handed out, season fixtures and roster were prepared and coaches chosen. (Yes, that's right our littlest team were going into dresses – exciting times for the club). We had even recruited a 9th player. Unfortunately, COVID hit us, halting our start and as I write this, we await a return to netball to get this team on the court.

Thank you, team Rubies for a fabulous skills development program. You made it fun, exciting and worthwhile.

Special thanks to Jessie for being my rock, laughing at my jokes and supporting the program.

Donna Stevens

Bullets – Under 13

Team members: Paige Ryan, Analise Horvath, Leah Fuller, Declan Crombie, Belle Yaron, Shahani Gowritharan, Alice Ryan, Ayuni Dassanayaka

Coaches: Alyssa Newey & Charlotte Bahr

This year saw a few new faces join the Bullets and some of us re-join with old teammates. It was so exciting to finally be back on the court for a proper season after the limited court time we saw in 2020.

Being placed straight back into section two was a bit daunting for the team as for some, this was their first experience playing against under 13's. However, everyone was up for the challenge and every single week they all fought hard. While the second half of the season may have brought some tougher, older teams, the improvement from week to week was so exciting to watch.

The two of us are so proud of what the team managed to achieve last season and while we may not be coaching them next year, we can't wait to see them all continue to improve.

Novas – Under 15

Team members: Samantha Bahr, Paige Frost, Amelie Huppe, Francesca Nguyen, Ava Sayce, Katie Delaney, Farrah Hassan, Minh Nguyen, Charlotte Kimpton, Tara Worthy

Coaches: Jess Stevens, Maddie Redlich

Although this year has been one of many interruptions, the Autumn season was one of multiple successes and learning opportunities for the Novas. Being our first year in under 15's, the team was given the challenge of competing in section 2 alongside many competitive sides.

Throughout the season, all ten players trained hard and played even harder, as well as adapting to the changing circumstances of the season. Having evidently grown both in height and skill over the long break that was 2020, it was amazing to see everyone back on the court. All of the girls were moved around in positions and were incredible at adapting to these new challenges and roles.

At the end of the Autumn season, the team had 8 wins, 3 losses and concluded with the highest percentage in the section. Making their first ever semi-final, although the result wasn't what we had wanted, it was an amazing and well earned opportunity for the girls who have worked extremely hard not just this year but in the many years leading up to it.

Overall, we are super proud of what this team has been able to achieve this year and we can't wait to be back on the court soon. Here's to a hopefully uninterrupted and successful 2022!!

Comets – Under 15

Team members: Katrina Tran, Letitia Lee, Erin Tan, Chao Xin Cheng, Alizeh Agha, Aisha Hassan, Nethaya Gunasinghe, Manamrit Kaur Takhtar, Prerana Parkdale, Manya Moorthy

Coach: Sophie Papafrain, Chloe Frost

This year I joined Chloe in coaching the Comets and they have been such a wonderful group of girls to coach.

We kicked off the season strong and throughout the season, the girls continued to develop and grow as a team.

Each training session after a Saturday game we would ask the girls to go through what they did well and what they thought needed improvement as a team and individually, this allowed them to progress and better their skills and game play.

Comets finished the season strong and with the drive to keep pushing and working hard so on game day they were confident and ready.

Stars – Under 17

Stars Team members: Jessica Bahr, Maya Crombie, Ameera Merza, Srujani Ravi, Megan Smedley, Maddie Redlich, Sandra Chaw, Cayenne Rabot,

Coach: Vito De Cesare, Ritika Singh

Autumn (Section 3)

The season started off with a very enthusiastic group of young women wanting to learn more and more about the strategic side of netball. I noticed very early on, that we needed to take a step backwards to go forward and needed to focus on ball skills, which didn't take this talented group very long! The first 2 to 3 weeks of training were invaluable to both Ritika and myself, as it gave us a rough idea of where to place girls on court.

Our first game was a bit of a shock to us all, as we played a team that was Very advanced (who were ultimately regraded in week 2). The rest of the season was very tough for Stars finishing 6th, but invaluable as far as playing teams with much more experience. A huge amount was learnt. As the season went on, we focused on Set Plays, Strategies and getting to more set positions on court. Girls that have never played in positions before embraced the challenge without question.

For me personally it was a fantastic Autumn season to be coaching this group in 2021. Such a fantastically talented and enthusiastic group of young women.

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 we 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 Big thank you to all the parents that have scored during the year.

At the writing of this report, the Spring season has been on hold, but can't wait to get back into training next year!

Vito De Cesare and Ritika Singh

Sapphires – Under 17

Team members: Lailaa Agha, Remy Bartlett, Amy Basham, Milly Moschetti, Aileen Nguyen, Emma Vu, Novica Pearsall, Alicia Basham

Coaches: Brad Frost, Kirsten Hallett

Firstly, I'd like to thank Kirsten who helped with the coaching of the girls this year. We also welcomed Alicia across from Stars. Autumn Season 2021 saw Sapphires start their last year of junior netball in Section 1. I'd like to congratulate the girls on a terrific season, playing regularly with only 7 players. The girls fought out every game to the end, even when, on occasion, we would be down by 30 odd points. I would also like to thank a couple of the Nova's players (Paige, Tara and Farrah) who filled in for us. Girls you all did a fantastic job and didn't look out of place playing against girls up to 4 years older than yourselves.

Lastly, I would like to thank the girls for all their hard work and dedication each and every week. I look forward to seeing you all next year, for our first season in open section.

Emeralds – Open

Team members: Charlotte Bahr, Summah Hinchcliffe, Maya Loeckenhoff, Alyssa Newey, Ally Redlich, Lucy Searle, Jessica Stevens, Kasey Thompson, Nicole Wong, Sophie Papafrain

Coach: Donna Stevens

A new challenge with the outdoor courts being resurfaced, plus a new COVID strain made for an intriguing season and year ahead.

Sunday games indoors for Autumn were going to make things a little interesting, however, Emeralds took on the challenge and made the season their own. 13 games were scheduled, however we only got to play 11 of them due to restrictions. Emeralds won 10 games by an average of 15 goals with one 10 goal loss. The season came to a grinding halt after round 12. Luckily, we had won enough games to see us sit on top of the ladder. Finals were scheduled and then rescheduled twice. We were finally able to play the Semi-final against Waverley Meadows which we won by 17 goals. The girls played an awesome team game and found themselves into yet another Grand Final.

The Grand Final was against St Justins, who had played some close games with us during the season. Due to some stringent COVID restrictions, the game was brought back to Saturday afternoon and was to be played on the newly refurbished outside courts with very limited spectators. This brought a few challenges

to all teams, as a number had players who played other sports or had other commitments on Saturdays. Emeralds were not without their challenges either, we had lost 2 players due to injury/illness throughout the season and two players due to other unforeseen commitments. Luckily, we had qualified a 10th player later in the season, and thankfully this player could squeeze in playing the Grand Final. So, it meant we were heading into the Grand final with 6 and a half players.

What a game the girls played. St Justins came at us hard to begin with but every player stood tall, played their game and we came away with a fantastic 26 goal win. Unfortunately, St Justins played half the game with only 6 players with a few of their stronger players missing. We all had our challenges, but belief, team work and a passion for the game got us over the line. Awesome effort girls. Grand final win number 7. Special mention to Maya Loekenhoff, what an awesome game you played. Blew us all away.

I would also like to thank Nicole Wang for coming in later in the season, playing the whole grand final and fitting us in with all of her other commitments. Charlotte Bahr and Kasey Thompson for being great supporters of the team from the sideline whilst dealing with their own illnesses. Soph for being the newbe to the team, fitting in perfectly and staying positive even though I keep putting her in interesting positions. My stable and awesome goaler in Summah who keeps us entertained both off and on the court. Lucy who always comes with a smile on her face even if she's been out playing footy or performing aerobics all day. Our quiet achiever in Ally who is always there week in week out. Alyssa and Jess you are awesome, you are my rocks that I can't do without and you keep me stable. Thank you ladies, it's a pleasure coaching you.

Also, I'd like to thank Amanda for being my pseudo team manager. Nicole, Fiona, Clare, Virginia, Lisa, Tony, Simone, Mark, Mark, and Yo for being such supportive parents dealing with the craziness of netball, COVID and my way of coaching. (Also, to Rebecca Stevens for sometimes doing my stats). Thank you.

I think my whole team is awesome.

Bring on Spring, no..... 2022...

Flyers – Open

Team members: Zoe Spicer, Ritika Singh, Caylie Moore, Gemma Thompson, Mekayla Mihopolous,, Sneha Mantha, Shaniya Vilash, Ashlee Linke, Chloe Frost

Team Managers: Zoe Spicer, Gemma Thompson

Zigzags – Open

Team members: Anokhi De Silva, Kirsten Hallett, Jessica Hunt, Rebecca Stevens, Cassandra Le Fleur, Jasmine Delaney, Elysia Roufos, Sophie Roufos, Stephanie Missos, Michelle Stackpoole.

Team Manager: Jessica Hunt

Zigzags started the autumn season in open section 3. Excited to return to play, we took the court and had a wonderful time being able to play together again. After a long time not playing, our skills needed a bit of work. We ended up losing many of our games, however, we did end up winning a few. No matter what, we worked hard and played well as a team, improving each week. We had a few injuries during the season and at times

we found it hard to bring a full team together, but with the help of the Flyers, we were able to make a good team.

There was a lot of ups and downs to this season. Ultimately the best part was being able to come back and play together as a team in a sport we all love. Unfortunately, this has been the last season for the Zigzag's as many players have decided to move on. With few Zigzag players remaining, we decided to join together with players from the Flyers and a few new faces to create a new team of eager players, the Highvale Hybrids. It has been another long year, but at least we were able to compete and have much fun during the few games that were played, looking forward to the exciting new seasons next year.

