



HDNA 2023 Netball News!



A Message from our President

What a year 2023 has been - no one could have predicted all the changes, but we have all worked together to keep HDNA running.

We have had three Presidents this year. **Jennie Thompson** had to resign from the position as she was elected to the Netball NSW Board which is a huge

achievement. Thanks to Jennie for all those years she was President and congratulations on your new position. We then had **Cate Newman** elected to the role – in the short time she was President, she was amazing and had so many plans for the future. Her sudden death was such a huge shock to everyone. We will miss her terribly but will keep moving forward with her vision. President was never a position that I had planned to step into but now that I have, I am excited for 2024 and with the amazing Executive Committee support it will be a great year.

I want to thank the **HDNA Executive** for all the work they put into 2023. They have all done amazing things and have even more amazing plans for the future of HDNA.

It was lovely having our Grand Final celebrations back this year. Thank you to **Lesley Milner** for helping to organise the trophies and the Finals Series celebrations.

I want to also thank **Adham and Greg** who run Martha's Cafe. They have been such fantastic people to work with this year and their takeaway food just gets better. We look forward to seeing them back in 2024.

Thank you to all the **Club Presidents and their Executive**. The support you have given me this year has been amazing. I want to thank all the Presidents and Executive who are stepping down from their positions this year and I look forward to working with the returning and new Presidents and Executive in 2024.

And finally, thank you to **Sue Watts** who does such an amazing job running our office – we definitely couldn't do without her.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and will see you in 2024.

Lisa Robertson , President

A Message from our Treasurer

HDNA continues to be in a good financial position with cash on hand of \$928k which is up by \$20k on the previous year.

2023 has ended in a better position than had been previously reported throughout the year. With expectations of a small loss for the year, we are pleased that the actual Profit after Depreciation is \$10k. This is a decrease from last year by \$84k, which can be explained by a decrease in income of \$25k and an increase in expenditure of \$59k.

Repairs to the indoor court roofing and ventilation have taken place and consultation with Hornsby Shire Council is ongoing regarding the outdoor court upgrades. The outdoor court upgrades are starting with Courts 1 and 2 and we envisage they will be finished before Winter Season 2024. We are investigating sporting grants to assist in the financing of these upgrades.

With a growth in participation in the Junior and NetSetGO competitions in 2023, we are looking forward to an increase in Senior participation in 2024. Our Night Competition continues to grow each season, now including Juniors.

I would like to thank **Sue Watts** for her assistance in my first few months on the job and look forward to working together with the Executive Committee to continue supporting and improving our Netball Community.

Linda Wilton, Treasurer



A Message from our Umpires Convenors

Thank you to all of our amazing umpires for your hard work and dedication in 2023. The games are not possible without you so we appreciate your dedication to umpiring each and every week.

This year saw the introduction of Umpires Appreciation Round which gave everyone in the association the chance to acknowledge the contribution umpires make to their clubs. It was great to see everyone partake in the day.

Congratulations to the umpires who were awarded badges this year. We awarded 23 Umpire Certificates, 16 National C Badges and 4 National B Badges. These were awarded to Imogen (Beecroft), Jess (Beecroft), Charlotte (St Agatha's) and Holly (Thornleigh).

This year, we had the great pleasure to rename our Senior Award the "Peter Holman Senior Umpire Award", recognising the service of our long standing committee member. This was presented to **Catherine Van Akker** (Hornsby Lions). The Glynnis Scott Junior Umpire award was presented to **Annaliese Dunn** (Normanhurst). These awards acknowledge their commitment and passion for Umpiring.

Thank you to **Ian, Jess, Lauren, Mikala, Pete, Ros** and **Toni** who have worked tirelessly to complete all the badging, as well as be a mentor and support person to our umpires.

Thank you also to the wonderful **Club Umpire Convenor's** who work so hard to get all the games covered each week. We hope to see you in 2024.

Lastly, we want to thank all those umpires who have volunteered and supported our representative teams at rep trials, carnivals, Junior and Senior State Titles, Summer Series and Metro League.

We will both be back next year and look forward to a great season.

Madi Morris and Kirsten Gossip, Umpires Convenors



All Competitions

NetSetGO and Junior Winter Day Competition

This year was my first year stepping into the big shoes left by Phil when he stepped down at the end of the 2022 season. It's been a year of learning and has been wonderful to be able to see so many teams taking part in our NetSetGO and Junior competitions each week and I look forward to seeing our competitions continuing to grow in 2024.

Congratulations to **Loreto 12** (14/4s) who received the Lesley Milner Award for sportsmanship in 2023.

Di Benham has marvellously continued to keep the NetSetGO Friday night competition running like a very well-oiled machine - thank you Di. Di is seeking an assistant to lend a hand with running this competition. Please reach out to Sue for further details.

Thank you to both **Lara** and **Dom** for the amazing support as Assistant Registrars throughout the 2023 season, Lara - stepping up to support without giving it a second thought when asked if she would be interested and Dom at times supporting Lara and I from overseas whilst we found our feet in the new roles. After putting in a huge effort over the years, Dom has decided to transition from her position Assistant Registrar to another role within the HDNA committee. Whilst you may not see Dom as much on Saturday mornings as previously, Dom will still be a part of the HDNA family.

Finally, I want to thank the **Junior Grading Committee** who put in a mammoth effort to get the NetSetGO and Junior Competitions ready for play in 2023 and for their support throughout the season, I have learned a lot from your insight and knowledge which I plan to put to good use in seasons to come!

Wishing you all a safe and happy end to the year, can't wait to see you all next year!

Nicci Skene, Junior Registrar



Senior Winter Day Competition

Season 2023 - what can I say! We had the heat, the cold and one afternoon of pouring rain with lightning that struck the tree behind courts 15 and 16.

Grading went smoothly, with some tight finishes in some grades and also in the Grand Finals.


Thank you to the **Senior Grading Committee** for giving up your time to do the grading.

Congratulations to **Cherrybrook 7** in C2 for winning the Shirley Travers Memorial Award for outstanding sportsmanship in 2023.

Thank you to **Kate Roberts**, my Assistant Senior Registrar, for all your help this season - it was greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the HDNA

Executive for your support.

Merry Christmas to all and looking forward to Season 2024.

Miss you Cate 

Clare Ashpole, Senior Registrar



Night Competition

This year we celebrated a record-breaking number of team registration for our Spring Night Competition, with 6 women's, 5 mixed and 4 junior divisions with a total of 81 teams!

Thank you to all the Hills Executives and Committee members who have come down and helped make the night comp run smoothly each Tuesday night, we

couldn't do any of it without your help.

We are so excited to have a large number of teams filling up the Hills netball courts each Tuesday night. With many teams comes a lot of umpires, which we would like to thank for their time each Tuesday night coming down to umpire games. We are rounding out our comp with 5 more rounds to go. We hope that all teams, players, umpires, and spectators have had a fun and enjoyable experience for 2023.

We look forward to seeing teams return for 2024 in our summer night comp.

Jess Kajons, Assistant Night Comp Convenor



2023 Winter Day Competition Results

Senior Competition:

- A1 - **Cherrybrook 1 Premiers**, Asquith Magpies 1 Runners Up
- A2 - **Normanhurst 3 Premiers**, PHNC 1 Runners Up
- B1 - **St Agatha's 1 Premiers**, HLNC 1 Runners Up
- B2 - **Cherrybrook 3 Premiers**, North Rocks 1 Runners Up
- B3 - **St Agatha's 3 Premiers**, HLNC 2 Runners Up
- C1 - **Asquith Magpies 3 Premiers**, PHNC 5 Runners Up
- C2 - **Beecroft 7 Premiers**, Asquith Magpies 4 Runners Up
- Cadet 1 - **Loreto 1 Premiers**, Beecroft 6 Runners Up
- Cadet 2 - **Tangara 1 Premiers**, MSB 1 Runners Up
- Cadet 3 - **Normanhurst 10 Premiers**, HLNC 7 Runners Up
- Cadet 4 - **Asquith Magpies 5 Premiers**, Carlingford 3 Runners Up

Junior Competition:

- 15/1 - **Normanhurst 12 Premiers**, Cherrybrook 9 Runners Up
- 15/2 - **Thornleigh 4 Premiers**, St Agatha's 4 Runners Up
- 15/3 - **HLNC 8 Premiers**, Beecroft 10 Runners Up
- 14/1 - **Beecroft 11 Premiers**, Normanhurst 14 Runners Up
- 14/2 - **WPHNC 10 Premiers**, MSB 6 Runners Up
- 14/3 - **Carlingford 4 Premiers**, Normanhurst 16 Runners Up
- 14/4 - **HLNC 10 Premiers**, Loreto 11 Runners Up
- 13/1 - **WPHNC 11 Premiers**, Beecroft 14 Runners Up
- 13/2 - **MSB 11 Premiers**, Loreto 13 Runners Up
- 13/3 - **Beecroft 15 Premiers**, MSB 12 Runners Up
- 13/4 - **Carlingford 7 Premiers**, Cherrybrook 17 Runners Up
- 12/1 - **PHNC 14 Premiers**, Thornleigh 6 Runners Up
- 12/2 - **Normanhurst 19 Premiers**, Galston 7 Runners Up
- 12/3 - **Beecroft 17 Premiers**, Cherrybrook 20 Runners Up
- 12/4 - **Normanhurst 21 Premiers**, MSB 15 Runners Up
- 11/1 - **WPHNC 15 Premiers**, Beecroft 19 Runners Up
- 11/2 - **Normanhurst 22 Premiers**, Galston 8 Runners Up
- 11/3 - **Carlingford 11 Premiers**, Thornleigh 7 Runners Up
- 10/1 - **Beecroft 22 Premiers**, Carlingford 12 Runners Up
- 10/2 - **PHNC 18 Premiers**, Thornleigh 8 Runners Up

2022 Summer Night Competition

- Mixed 1 - **Sellas & Co Winners**
- Mixed 2 - **Mixed Grill Winners**
- Division 1 - **Hornsby Heights Family Team Winners**
- Division 2 - **Epping RAMS Winners**
- Division 3A - **Twinkle Toes Winners**
- Division 3B - **Summer Team Winners**
- Division 4 - **Just Practising Winners**

Representatives

Junior Representatives

The 2023 representative season was the first full season since 2019.

Our 15 year team competed at the Senior State Titles over the June long weekend in glorious, yet a bit chilly, weather at Maitland. Our team was able to be re-graded to Division 1 just a few weeks prior to the event. Our team performed magnificently, placing 12th out of 20, competing with next to no opportunity to play against any of the teams they were to face in the lead up to the competition. Congratulations to Caitlin, Sally and all the players on a wonderful effort over the three days.

Our teams competing in the Junior State Titles were equally blessed with the weather and we were lucky to be playing at the Camden netball complex which is purpose built. The weekend started unexpectedly with our bus not arriving on Saturday morning due to breaking down. However, with a quick bit of organisation and wonderful help from the parents waiting at the complex, we arrived in time for the opening ceremony.

Our 13s and 14s were also promoted to Division 1 with very little time prior to the Titles to compete against other Division 1 teams. The girls played very well with the 13s placing 17th out of 20 and the 14s placed 14th out of 20. Congratulations to Jenny, Chloe, Kylie and the 13s team and Kate, Olivia, Hannah and the 14s team on a superb weekend of netball.

Our 12 year team remained in Division 2 and lost only two games over the

three days to come in joint runners up with two other teams. Our team was given 4th place based on goal average. It was a fantastic weekend for our youngest representative players in their first state title event. Congratulations to Annette, Lisette, Ros and all the players on a wonderful weekend.

I would like to thank the **coaches and managers** of our teams and squads who gave up many hours to work with our players. Thank you also to **Kirsten** for organising all the umpires for trials and carnivals so that the girls could compete.

Finally, I'd like to remember the late **Cate Daniels** for her contribution to our association and in particular our representative program. Cate was so enthusiastic about the future of the association and we spent many hours together over the two weekends watching our teams compete. Cate, you will be missed but we will continue to work on your vision for the association.

Margaret Coe, Junior Representative Convenor



Senior Representatives

2023 Dooley's Metro League

HDNA had four teams compete in the 2023 Dooley's Metro League - Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5. With three 2022 players from Team 1 securing Premier League contracts and a few players 'retiring', there was quite a bit of movement amongst teams. This provided a great opportunity for our younger players to step-up but also meant that we essentially had four brand new teams.

In March the Metro League teams ran a training afternoon for the Junior Rep teams. We then welcomed our Junior Rep players down to Netball Central,

Homebush, during the season, to watch their 'sister team' in action and introduce them to Metro League and the pathway beyond Juniors.

In June our ***Metro League Team 4*** were the recipients of the quarterly Suncorp Bank Spirit Award! This award was selected by opposing teams and was given to the team who displayed sportsmanship on and off the court, showing respect and playing with integrity. A wonderful award to win and very worthy winners!

After the 18 rounds, Hills had two teams qualify for the Finals. Team 3 had an exhilarating Pre-liminary Final, heading into extra time but heart-breakingly going down by two goals to Bankstown. Team 1 contested the Grand Final against ERNA. Again, after an exciting and emotionally-charged game, ERNA took the win by one goal.

Congratulations and thank you to ***all teams, Coaches and Managers***, you should be extremely proud of your individual and team achievements in 2023.

Coaches: Kim Hosking, Gen Seed, Nicky Steptoe, Laura Cook, Sue MacMahon, Clare Ashpole, Jen Moroney, Kelley Keyes

Managers: Anna Crawford, Jess Kelly, Jannette Barton, Jodi George, Trish Crews

2023 Metro League Award Recipients

Team 1

MVP & Player's Player - Laura Dodds

Rookie of the Year - Laura Crawford

Team 2

Most Valuable Player - Charlotte Lafford

Coach's Award - Sheridan Baker

Team 3

Most Valuable Player - Rachel Leechman

Most Valuable Player - Madison Bloom

Team 4

Coach's Award – Holly Belcastro

Most Improved Player – Amelia Ho

2023 Monica Mayo Spirit Award - Ciara Kennedy

2023 Senior State Titles

Hosted by Maitland District Netball Association from Saturday 10th June - Monday 12th June, HDNA had three teams competing at the 2023 Senior State Titles - 15s, 17U, Opens.

It was a beautiful, sunny weekend in Maitland, with all three teams contesting 19 games each across the three days.

Many thanks to our **Coaches** who volunteered their time to support our teams - Chris Cigana, Clare Ashpole, Jen Moroney, Kelley Keyes, Caitlin Knight and Sally Knight. And thank you to the **parents, friends and Hills players** who travelled up to Maitland to support our teams over the three days.

2023 Court Craft Summer Series

The Summer Series commenced the week of 10 October. Hills have four teams currently competing in Opens Division 1 & Division 2, plus U17s Division 1 & Division 2. Formerly known as 'Night Inter-District', this competition is slightly more 'relaxed' and fun, with the inclusion of 2-point shots and rolling subs.

Thank you to the **Executive, Nicky S and Sue W** for your support this year. Planning for 2024 is already underway!

Jen Baker, Senior Representative Convenor





Positions Vacant

Are you interested in helping to support the running of HDNA?

Some roles remain open for 2024 and need to be filled for the Association to keep running. If you want to nominate or find out more, please contact hdna@bigpond.net.au or contact our Secretary, Lisette Smith at secretary@hdnabetball.com.au. The vacant roles are:

Assistant Junior Registrar
Fundraising Coordinator
Assistant NetSetGO Coordinator
Carnival Committee Members
Indoor Court Management Committee Members
Fundraising Committee Members

