

GRAFTON NETBALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



2024 OFFICE BEARERS

Executive Committee:

President	Cathy Walls
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Kristie Colling
Minute Secretary	Lindy Mears
Treasurer	Rebecca Blanch
Registrar	Cyndi Allen
Umpire's Convenor	Vacant
Coaching Co-ordinator	Amy Jones
Representative Liaison Officer	Jodie Gardner
Canteen Supervisor	Brooke Burton
Media Officer	Rhiannon Searle

Additional Office Bearers:

Indigenous Liaison Officer	Vacant
Member Protection Information Officer	Kyra-Lee McCann
NetSetGo Co-ordinator	Caitlin Roberts

Club Delegates

Northside Netball Club	Belinda Bowling Carly Woods
Rhinos Netball Club	Alex Moar
S&S Netball Club	Rhiannon Searle Zaly Campbell

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members, Players ,Coaches, Sponsors and Supporters,

As we come to the end of another fun filled netball season, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements, challenges and the Spirit of community that continues to grow.

This year we had:

- ❖ 18 Net participants
- ❖ 11 Junior teams
- ❖ 23 Senior teams
- ❖ Div 1 & Div 3 Regional League Teams
- ❖ 2 Junior and 2 Senior Rep teams and an 11s Development Squad

This season has been nothing short of remarkable. Our teams have shown wonderful growth and resilience from Juniors to Seniors. A huge congratulations to teams who made finals and to all players who showed their dedication, hard work and sportsmanship throughout the year. It was great to have 2 teams competing in the North Coast Regional League Competition, Finishing 3rd in Div 1 and Runners up in Div 3. GNA also hosted a very successful All Age carnival with huge numbers.

This year our Olivia Rogers Scholarship recipients were Eliza Sacco, Poppy Brown, Grace Gilbert and Romy Blanch, once again thank you to Peta and the Confident Girls foundation for their support of our local athletes.

I would also like to thank our wonderful sponsors of both our Saturday Comp and Representative teams;

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| * Ab Fab tours | * Clarence Valley Wholesalers | * Lovin' Life FM 103.1 |
| * Blue Goose Hotel | * Chemist Warehouse Grafton | * The Athlete's Foot |
| * Inspirations Paint | * Sportspower Grafton | * Elders Lifestyle group |
| * Dougherty Property | * Australis Pizza | * Advanced Electrical & Data |
| * Kindred Folk | * Grafton Radio Taxis | * Family Dental Grafton |
| * G&D Richards Transport | * RJ Lynch Builders | * McDonalds Grafton |
| * Sweet Temptations | | |

This year Our Association had some difficult and challenging times filled with sadness and grief but we managed to pull together and I am very proud of how we approached this time and how we supported each other.

Wishing GNA all the best going forward

Cathy Walls
President

2024 RESULTS

	Winner	Runner Up	Player of the Match
A Grade	Northside The Hustlers	Northside Hoops	Ashlea Blair (Hustlers) and Angel Robinson (Hoops)
A Res Grade	Northside Goats	S&S OG Tigers	Kim Blinman (Goats)
B Grade	Northside Gremlins	Northside Thunderbirds	Ally Martens (Gremlins)
C Grade	S&S Falling Apart	S&S High Hoops	Ashleigh Pole (Falling Apart)
D Grade	S&S Novas	Northside City Opals	Sienna Giordano (Novas)
Purple Grade	Northside Rebels	Northside Hurricanes	Ivy Watling (Rebels)

Encouragement Award	Rhino Dragonflies	Volunteer of the Year	Ann Blair
Most Improved Senior Team	Northside Hot Shots	Eulalie Hayes Coach of the Year	Kristie Colling
Most Improved Junior Team	S&S Novas	Olivia Rogers Memorial Award	Elisabeth Kennedy
Most Promising Team	Northside Gremlins	Association Coaching Award	Courtney King
A Grade Player of the Year	Ava Whiley		
Association Umpire Awards	Kyle McCann, Trudi Blair, Miranda Scully, Milla Lawrence		

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

We completed grading again this year without grading games. However there were a few issues with grading.

We once again used Play HQ to record how many games players played with a few issues because of teams transferring to other Clubs. This enabled them to draw players from lower grades to fill in.

We had Seven Grades again this year, comprising of the following number of teams with 331 participants/volunteers

- A Grade - 2 Teams
- ARes Grade - 6 teams
- B Grade - 7 teams
- C Grade - 4 teams
- D Grade - 4 teams
- Purple Grade - 5 Teams
- Green Grade - 6 Teams

Cyndi Allen
Registrar

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of Financial Affairs – Appendix 1.

UMPIRING REPORT

Thank you to all our Senior Umpires who volunteered this season. Without umpires Grafton Netball Association would not be able to have a successful competition.

Unfortunately we did not have many new Umpires come through this year but we were able to put time into developing our existing Umpires, the dedication and commitment from our Badged Umpires to mentoring the up and coming Umpires is to be commended.

A huge thank you also to the clubs, who have worked hard together to cover all umpiring commitments.

Massive shout out to the following umpires who have worked hard this season and have been recognised for their efforts -

- ❖ Kyle McCann
- ❖ Trudi Blair
- ❖ Milla Lawrence
- ❖ Miranda Scully

This year Kyle McCann received their National C badge. Kyle has worked very hard over the last few of years to obtain this. Congratulations!

Thank you to the following umpires for umpiring at Regional League, Junior State Titles, and Senior State Titles.

- ❖ **Regional League** - Cyndi Allen, Alex Moar and Caitlin Blinman
- ❖ **Junior State Titles** - Meliah McCann, Cyndi Allen, and Rhee Searle
- ❖ **Senior State Titles** - Caitlin Blinman, Cyndi Allen, and Rhee Searle

During the 2025, we are hoping to recruit more new learner Umpires and continue to improve the quality of our existing umpires.

Thank you to Cyndi Allen for stepping in and assigning Umpires for the final series.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

In 2024, Grafton Netball Association had five representative teams plus an 11-year Development Squad.

11 years dev. Sadie Brown, Charlie Gallaher, Ruby-Kay Joyce, Niah Lawrence, Amelia McPherson, Sage Tomlinson, Ivy Watling

Coach: Carly Woods

12 Years Faith Chamberlain, Klancee Collie, Phoebe Gardner, Sienna Giordano, Indi Hopkins, Jarnda Laurie, Tilly Roberston, Eliza Sacco, Miranda Scully, Bonnie Woods

Coach: Alex Moar, Assistant Coach: Carly Woods, Manager: Cathy Walls

13 Years Caylee Austin, Shakaiya Brown, Addison Bowling, Kyla-May Bowling, Sophie Ensbey, Ally Martens, Aquilla Ward, Sally Whitburn, Ava Watling

Coach: Kristie Colling, Kirran Ensbey

15 Years Brylee Anderson, Chloe Benson, Ashlea Blair, Romy Blanch, Elisabeth Kennedy, Meliah McCann, Mathilde McKenzie, Paige Tilse, Angel Robinson, Kiah Martens

Coach: Amy Jones, Assistant Coach: Courtney King, Manager: Rebecca Dawson-Blanch

17 Years & Div 3 Regional League

Daisy Ada, Lanaia Boorman, Shayla Boorman, Tayla Denem, Emily Dick, Molly Dick, Amelia Fels, Grace Gilbert, Olivia Jones, Grace Kennedy

Coach: Brooke Burton, Manager: Kim Blinman

Regional League Div 1

Sam Austin, Bonnie Bruce, Emersyn Burton, Candice Chevalley, Eliza Corcoran, Lyteeka Currie, Kirby Danvers, Arielle Hackett, Amy Jones, Melanie Kamoto, Tahlia O'Hara, Angela Skennar

Coach: Eliza Corcoran, Assistant Coach: Kristie Colling, Manager: Bernice Scott

We had a great year of representative netball, filling 2 out of 3 of the junior's teams, 12's, 13's, as well as our senior teams 15's, 17's, and two Regional League teams. All teams trained hard and represented our Association proudly.

GNA attended all the regional carnivals. This year we had a highly productive Fundraising Committee that successfully raised funds for the girls to bring their costs down and with this, each girl only had to pay the deposit of \$100.00 each to go to State Titles. We also held our very first Trivia Night which was such a fun and successful night.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that made this happen as it helped each girl and their families with the costs.

Grafton hosted a Rep carnival, a big thank you to all the parents and volunteers that put in the time to make this carnival a great success. This was great practice for the big weekend in Sydney for all teams. A great day was had.

This year we were lucky enough to enter two teams in the Regional League playing across two days. Our Opens Div 1 team played at Coffs Harbour and our 17's Rep team entered as a Div 3 team playing at Woolgoolga. Our 17's girls showed us how great they played together; by making it into the finals and getting runners up, it was a great game to watch and have the support of family and the Opens team to cheer them on. Our Open ladies gave it their all, finishing undefeated Minor Premiers and only going down by 1 in a fiercely contested final.

The Seniors State Titles were held at Camden, Sydney for Division 3 over the June Long weekend. Both teams and Executives travel down by bus, and all stayed together as an Association. The weather was great over the whole three days even when the cold winds come up on the last day. All girls played to their potential and gave it their all. The 15's team produced some great Netball, finishing 3rd in a highly competitive top of the ladder. The 17's team finished 13th producing some competitive Netball.

The girls competed in the Junior State Title at Baulkham Hills, Sydney in Division 3 early July, the weather was overcast and drizzly on and off for the most until the last day when we had rain for the first couple of games. It was a huge accomplishment for these girls to play out the 3 full days in the weather. Our 12's teams being their first ever State Titles come away in 16th. Our 13's team played brilliant Netball and finished in 3rd. I am so proud of all the efforts from the girls, coaching staff and parents there supporting and cheering the girls on.

Also a huge shout out to the purple army on the sidelines, our #GNA support crew and the Dad's who took dressing up to the next level this year.

Finally, I would like to say well done to each and everyone of the players and coaching staff that are involved and made this year a success, without you all this season wouldn't have happened. To all the families and volunteers, thank you. Without all these athletes and support networks around us, we would not have a club to be able to send these athletes away to experience competition on a different level. Thank you.

Jodie Gardner
Rep Liaison Officer

ACHIEVEMENTS

2024 was a special year for Grafton Netball!

- ❖ The PA and Speaker system has been upgraded to cover all 8 courts
- ❖ The flooring in Control has been replaced
- ❖ Both the Ladies and Mens toilets have been freshly painted
- ❖ We supported the 3rd Annual "Day for Liv"
- ❖ \$200 were raised for The Kids Cancer Project from our Crazy Sock and Hair Day

- ❖ GNA acknowledged Sharna Danks-Brown by dedicating a bench seat at the end of Court 1
- ❖ Our Canteen purchased a Slushie Machine and a Coffee Machine which have both been great additions
- ❖ There were 2 Solar lights installed over our Car Park and also on the rear shade shelters behind Courts 1 & 2
- ❖ This year we had the most Senior Representative teams we have had in many years, thanks to a Div 1 & Div 3 Regional League teams.
- ❖ The kitchen cupboards and benches in the Canteen are being removed and a new kitchen installed
- ❖ We have also purchased 2 new Fridge/Freezers for the Canteen
- ❖ There are also plans in place to replace the benches in the servery area of the Canteen and Control



A big thank you to everyone who helped make the 2024 season a success!
 We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2025