



# *GRAFTON NETBALL ASSOCIATION*

## *ANNUAL REPORT 2023*



Executive Committee:

<b>President</b>	Brooke Burton
<b>Vice President</b>	Kim Blinman
<b>Secretary</b>	Kylie Rainbow
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	Alex Moar
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rebecca Blanch
<b>Registrar</b>	Cyndi Allen
<b>Umpire's Convenor</b>	Rhiannon Searle
<b>Coaching Co-ordinator</b>	Vacant
<b>Representative Liaison Officer</b>	Michelle Oxenbridge
<b>Canteen Supervisor</b>	Deborah Morris
<b>Media Officer</b>	Amy Jones

Additional Office Bearers:

<b>Indigenous Liaison Officer</b>	Deborah Morris
<b>Member Protection Information Officer</b>	Cathy Walls
<b>NetSetGo Co-ordinator</b>	Kristie Colling

Club Delegates

<b>City Netball Club</b>	Kyra-Lee McCann Katie Sullivan
<b>Northside Netball Club</b>	Kristie Colling Belinda Bowling
<b>Rhinos Netball Club</b>	Alex Moar Annette Lloyd
<b>S&amp;S Netball Club</b>	Rhiannon Searle Zaly Campbell

What an exciting season 2023 was!

We began with a delay to the start of the season due to the court redevelopment which was definitely worth the wait. The courts are absolutely spectacular, beautiful colours and fabulous lighting. I would like to thank Sports Build and Clarence Valley Council, in particular Rachelle Passmore, for making this dream a reality. Rhee Searle and Kim Blinman attended countless meetings concerning the project with me and it was greatly appreciated. Grafton Netball now has a fantastic facility that we can be very proud of as a committee.

This year was also Grafton Netball's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Netball has come a long way since 1964 and we are proud to have been a part of everything that has transpired over the years. We celebrated with a special cake on the day of our new court grand opening.

This year we had:

- ❖ 50 Net participants,
- ❖ 9 Junior teams,
- ❖ 27 Senior teams.

It was great to see our senior team numbers improving and juniors staying steady.

On the Representative front, Grafton had two teams enter the Senior State Titles for the first time in a few years, which was fantastic. Hopefully this will see a resurgence for our senior players. Junior State Titles went ahead for the full 3 days with perfect weather after last year's rained out event. Regional League was held in Ballina, and we achieved the great result of coming 3rd in our Far North Coast Region.

2023 saw the second annual "Day for Liv" – a day to celebrate and remember the life of Olivia Rogers. I didn't think we could top the first annual day, but it surpassed last year's day. I would like to say thank you to everyone who took part in this day! It was a huge success in every way. From those who helped organise it to those who took part. If there is anything I can say about our association is that we know how to get behind a worthy cause! Money collected through gold coin donations and the raffle money will be disbursed to Little Windmills and The Tie Dye Project.

We would like to thank the following businesses who donated prizes for raffle and sponsorship:

- McLennans Lane River Retreat
- Chemist Warehouse Grafton
- Luxe Hair by Elle
- Ambers Little Creations
- Sweet Temptations
- Crystal Gifts
- Kerrie Oxenbridge
- Valley Communications
- Clarence Valley Wholesalers
- Gallaghers Solicitors
- Elders Real Estate Grafton
- Anderson Construction

Once again, we would like to thank The Confident Girls Foundation for the four x \$500 grants. The first recipients of the grants were Addison Bowling, Kiara Gibson, Shakiaya Brown and Rhianah McGrady.

A big thank you to Amy and Daisy Parmenter, and Molly and John Croft for giving up their time to come up for the day. Grafton Netball is very proud to be part of this and we thank Mick and Peta Rogers for letting us show them how much their daughter meant to us.

Following on from Liv's day we had our Crazy Hair and Sock Day. Once again I would like to thank everyone for making this day a wonderful success. This year we raised \$350 for the Kids' Cancer Project.

I would like to thank all our sponsors for this season both Saturday and Representative, we hope to continue these relationships into 2024. We certainly have had a better year this year and we appreciate the wonderful businesses that have come on board and the continuing ones that have been with us for years.

- Ab Fab Tours
- Clarence Valley Wholesalers
- Lovin' Life FM 103.1
- The Blue Goose Hotel
- Chemist Warehouse Grafton
- The Coffee Club
- The Athlete's Foot
- Inspirations Paint
- Sportspower Grafton
- G&D Richards Transport
- Elders Real Estate Grafton
- Dougherty Property
- Advance Electrical & Data
- Ben McLennan Construction
- Kindred Folk
- Grafton Taxis
- Family Dental Grafton
- Toyota Grafton
- McDonalds Grafton

I am extremely proud of everything we do as an association for the community and our members. The generosity of our Executive and members is next to none.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the Executive and Club Delegates for the work they put in this season.

Looking forward to the 2024 season.

**Brooke Burton**  
**President**



## 2023 RESULTS

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	Winner	Runner Up	Player of the Match
<b>A Grade</b>	Northside The Hustlers	Northside Vixens	Bonnie Bruce (The Hustlers)
<b>A Res Grade</b>	Northside Goats	Northside Hotshots	Ashlea Blair (Hotshots)
<b>B Grade</b>	Northside Thunderbirds	City Emeralds	Katie Martin (Thunderbirds)
<b>C Grade</b>	Rhinos Recycled	S&S Blooms Tigers	Mariah Robb (Recycled)
<b>D Grade</b>	Northside Gremlins	Northside Tough Tigers	Bonnie Woods (Gremlins)
<b>Purple Grade</b>	Northside Bubble Queens	City Opals	Klancee Collie (Bubble Queens)

<b>Encouragement Award</b>	City Rubies	<b>Volunteer of the Year</b>	Brooke Burton
<b>Most Improved Senior Team</b>	Northside Lightning	<b>Eulalie Hayes Coach of the Year</b>	Amy Jones
<b>Most Improved Junior Team</b>	Northside Sprinkles	<b>Olivia Rogers Memorial Award</b>	Daisy Ada
<b>Most Promising Team</b>	Northside Vixens	<b>Association Coaching Award</b>	Kylie Ada
<b>A Grade Player of the Year</b>	Ava Whiley & Emersyn Burton		
<b>Association Umpire Awards</b>	Vinh Coorey, Lily Fraser, Savannah Giordano, Milla Lawrence, Kyle McCann, Angel Robinson		



#### REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Grading was completed this year without grading games played and the competition was closely contested in a few grades, with semi-finals unable to be finalised until the end of the last round.





We started using Play HQ to keep record of how many games each player played (as opposed to keeping a handwritten record), to ensure they could play in the finals series. Doing it this way also allowed players to check themselves how many games they had played.

This year we had seven grades comprising of the following number of teams:

- A grade            4 teams
- Ares grade        6 teams
- B grade            4 teams
- C grade            7 teams
- D grade            5 teams
- Purple             4 teams
- Green              5 teams

**Cyndi Allen**  
**Registrar**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Summary of Financial Affairs – Appendix 1.

## **UMPIRING REPORT**

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I would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to umpire games this season. Without umpires Grafton Netball Association would not be able to have a successful competition. So, a big thank you goes to the dedicated, experienced, and beginner umpires this year.

I am impressed with the number of beginner umpires we had this season and hope they all continue to develop their skills. I look forward to seeing them umpiring in Grafton for years to come. I would like to thank all who helped with mentoring the beginner umpires this year.

A huge thank you also to the clubs within Grafton Netball Association, who worked hard together to cover all umpiring commitments. It has been a huge task; be we all came together to successfully fill every commitment this year. There was not one game where we needed to put a call out for an emergency umpire!

During the 2023 season, Grafton Netball Association continued to implement the level system for umpires progressing through their stages of umpiring. We continued with the vest system as this continues to receive lots of positive feedback and worked well in previous years.

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

- ❖ Lily Fraser
- ❖ Savannah Giordano
- ❖ Milla Lawrence
- ❖ Vinh Coorey
- ❖ Angel Robinson
- ❖ Kyle McCann



This year Aiyana Death, Ava Whiley and Meliah McCann received their National C badge. These umpires have worked very hard over the last couple of years to obtain this. Congratulations!

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

- ❖ **Regional League** - Cyndi Allen and Rhee Searle
- ❖ **Jr State Titles** - Caitin Blinman, Cyndi Allen, and Rhee Searle
- ❖ **Snr State Titles** - Tahlia O'Hara, Cyndi Allen, and Rhee Searle

During the 2024, we are hoping to continue to badge more umpires. We will need more enthusiastic mentors so that we can have enough manpower to assist those in preparing to be badged, as well as continuing to assist beginner umpires.

**Rhee Searle**

**Umpires Convenor**

## REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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In 2023, Grafton Netball Association had six representative teams, plus an 11 years Development Squad.

- 11 years Dev.** Zoe Banfield, Amelia Campbell, Faith Chamberlain, Klancee Collie, Willow Eggins, Jarnda Fitzgerald, Phoebe Gardiner, Sienna Giordano, Ruby Howell, Hannah Maginnity, Phillipa O'Neill, Tilly Robertson, Eliza Sacco, Miranda Scully, Indi Simmonds, Avah Whyte, Bonnie Woods, Zoe Woods, Ruby Young  
Coach: Alex Moar, Assistant Coach: Jodie Gardiner
- 12 years** Addison Bowling, Shakiaya Brown, Sharna Danks-Brown, Sophie Ensbey, Leah Jackson-Gapps, Ally Martens, Rhianah McGrady, Aquilla Ward, Ava Watling, Sally Whitburn  
Coach: Kristie Colling, Manager: Kirran Ensbey
- 13 years** Kyla-May Bowling, Allyrah Dodd, Lily Fraser, Kiara Gibson, Savannah Giordano, Lahnee Higgins, Milla Lawrence, Charlee Sheather, Trinity Yager.  
Coach: Brooke Burton, Manager: Belinda Bowling
- 14 years** Brylee Anderson, Ashlea Blair, Romy Blanch, Beth Kennedy, Cloie Loadsman, Meliah McCann, Angel Robinson, Paige Tilse  
Coach: Kim Blinman, Manager: Michelle Oxenbridge

- 15 years** Daisy Ada, Lanaia Boorman, Emily Dick, Molly Dick, Amelia Fels, Jamiee Green, Olivia Jones, Amber Powell, Ava Whiley  
Coach: Amy Jones, Manager: Rebecca Blanch
- 17 years** Charlotte Ada, Larni Beadman, Shayla Boorman, Kirby Bryant, Maggie Davies, Aiyana Death, Piper Franklin, Grace Kennedy, Amali Rainbow  
Coach: Kim Blinman, Manager: Brooke Burton
- Regional League** Emmerson Anderson, Shayla Boorman, Brooke Brien, Emersyn Burton, Lyteeka Currie, Grace Ford, Arielle Hackett, Amy Jones, Olivia Matarazzo, Makayla Thompson, Shonta Williams  
Coach: Brooke Burton, Manager: Michelle Oxenbridge

We had a great year of representative netball; we filled all three junior teams, the 12s, 13s, 14s, as well as senior teams 15s, 17s, and Regional League. All teams trained hard and represented our association proudly. We attended all the regional carnivals.

Grafton hosted one of the carnivals. A big thank you to the parents who helped and made the day easier with volunteering their time in the canteen and BBQ.

For the first time we also hosted a development carnival, this was a big success. We received a lot of positive feedback. The young girls enjoyed having a day celebrating their division. Great netball was played.

The girls competed in the Junior State Titles for the whole three days, the weather was perfect. It was a huge accomplishment for these girls to finally see Netball State Titles, and what it takes to give 100% across the whole three days. The 12s came 7th, 13s came 14th, and 14s came 4<sup>th</sup> in their respective divisions.

Senior State Titles were held in Newcastle. The girls travelled down on a bus and stayed together as an association. The weather was perfect across the whole three days. Great netball was played. It was nice to see the girls get a complete State Titles under their belts. The 15s came 5th, and 17s came 16<sup>th</sup> in their respective divisions.

Regional League was played in Ballina again across two days, the girls and ladies played well and came 3rd. This is a great result, well done to the players!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved in making this season possible by volunteering their time for these athletes to experience competition on a different level. Thank you.

**Michelle Oxenbridge**  
**Rep Liaison Officer**





## ACHIEVEMENTS

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2024 was a special year for Grafton Netball!

- ❖ We unveiled our new courts;
- ❖ We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- ❖ We held another amazing “Day for Liv”;
- ❖ We raised \$350 for The Kids Cancer Project from our Crazy Sock and Hair Day;
- ❖ We entered the most representative teams into the State Titles than we have in many years.



A big thank you to everyone who helped make the 2023 season a success!  
We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2024.

