



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2024

Season 2024 has been a historic one for Pints Netball Club. We proudly secured victories in the U11 Div1, U17 Div1, Premier League, Premier Reserves, and Div1 grand finals. In addition, 9 out of our 12 senior teams finished in the top 4, and we competed in 5 of the 8 junior age division grand finals. Our Premier League team and Premier Reserves have consistently represented Pints in the last three grand finals, with Premier League winning 2 of 3 and Premier Reserves securing victory in all three.

We submitted 14 junior teams (up from 12 last season) and 13 senior teams (up from 11 last season). We were excited to be able to enter two men's teams into the competition this year, highlighting the growing interest and participation in men's netball within our community.

As always, to kick off the year, we ran our 8-week NetSetGo program where around 40 netballers between 5-10 participated in the program. The program this year was coordinated by Skye King with help from many more members including Michelle Smith, Lucy Brand, Inez Moir, Michelle Kerrin, Annette Randle, Gary Randle and Jodie Shaw. This program takes a huge amount of time and planning to ensure we are adhering to Netball Australia's program guidelines for our littlest members to enjoy their introduction into netball. It is also so great to see many of our members who are products of the junior pathway at Pints giving back to the club. From this program, we were able to submit two NSG teams into the DNA competition season which is a positive sign as we try and grow our younger aged cohort.

We were well represented in senior finals with 9/12 teams finishing in the top 4. We are extremely proud this season that we won both the Wendy Bury Premiership Trophy in Premier League (back-to-back), the Karen Schneider Premiership Trophy in Premier League Reserves (threepeat!). We had three division 1 teams this season and our Division 1 Greenants took out the premiership after a grand final derby against Pints. To take out the grand final in the top three women's league divisions is a massive achievement for the club and our players and we have now done it two years in a row. It would not have been possible without the huge effort put in by the coaches, players, senior coordinators and everyone behind the scenes and we are extremely proud and thankful.

We were again able to invest in the development of our players and coaches by flying in world-class coaches and athletes during the junior NETFIT preseason event. This provided our teams with invaluable training and insights, elevating the skill level across the club and ensuring that our players were prepared to compete at their highest potential. The impact of this investment was clearly reflected in our on-court success throughout the season. Pints were represented in 5/8 age divisions with 4 teams progressing through to the grand final. As with 2023, we had the highest junior club finals representation across DNA – something we continue to be so proud of. All finals were thrilling games, and our U11's Div1 and U17's Div1 successfully won their grand final. We have some fantastic talent coming through our juniors and this is facilitated by our excellent coaches who commit week in, week out and we would not have the results we have without this, so we thank them immensely.

In 2024, each junior coach this year held a minimum of a Foundation accreditation. They were also given a coaching manual tailored to their age group with the coaching framework and skill expectations as outlined by Netball Australia. Our junior coordinator and accredited coach Michelle Smith was not required to coach a team this year due to the number of volunteers we had which allowed her to play a more active floater role. This included covering teams where coaches were away and also providing support and advice to coaches. We were also excited to follow through on our goal of launching our junior coaching mentorship program. The aim of this program was to ensure coaches are supported in their role but also ensure that quality and the club's vision is upheld in the junior pathway. I was able to visit majority of our junior teams on training and game night for a two-week period to offer support and guidance to coaches around technique modification, game day management and strategy, and feedback style and structure. The feedback received from coaches was very positive and we aim to facilitate a similar program in 2025. We had three Pints coaches gain their Development Level Accreditation this season – Kellie Moir, Annette Randle & Lili Christophers. We also have several coaches currently undergoing their Intermediate and Advanced accreditations. We thank these members for volunteering more of their free time to educate and upskill their coaching for the benefit of our members and the club.

Pints are always well represented on "Team White" with many new junior and senior umpires picking up the whistle this year – and we launched brand new club umpiring merchandise to match! Congratulations to Nevaeh Litsioni for receiving her C Badge this season after a successful year in DNA's Junior Development Program.

We were well represented at NT Link and the National Netball Championships by players, coaches and managers. The training and commitment needed to participate in these additional representative duties is no easy feat and all should be commended on their selection and participation. It is great to see the NT back participating in the Australian Netball Championship for a second year to ensure the elite pathway is in place for all

athletes. Congratulations to Jasmyn Hewett and Michelle Kerrin for their participation in the 2024 series.

2024 saw the launch of the inaugural First Nations tournament which aims to provide accelerated and equitable opportunities for First Nations participants in netball. We are proud to have been represented by Michelle Kerrin as coach and Alicia Hosking as a player.

A massively important part of our Club is our All-Abilities Team. We had a number of helpers each week facilitate this team including Karen Parker and Brittany Daly. A number of our members also participated in the Marie Little Shield held in September where they even got to meet a number of the current Australian Diamonds team members. Our very own Naomi Alliston even received the *Naomi Perry Spirit Award* which is awarded to a player 'who really shines in sportsmanship and enthusiasm' – congratulations Naomi!

Off the court we celebrated 50 years of our wonderful club in June 2024. It was attended by almost 100 people who have contributed to our club over the past five decades. This included current/past players, coaches, umpires, family members, sponsors, management team members and life members. Everyone came together to reminisce and celebrate our club where we named teams and players across the decades and acknowledged many for their service.

We were also successful in gaining a Community Benefit Grant to replace the globes at our courts that have been there since the early 2000's! We were able to replace them with high quality LED, energy efficient lights to ensure our teams training late into the evening can do so safely.

Our club continues to operate solely on the basis of volunteers. I'd like to say a massive thank you to the coaches/managers/scorers/sideline supporters for all our teams. It is a huge commitment week in, week out and the success of our teams and our club is so reliant on this ongoing support. I would like to implore to our 250+ member base that if you have any capacity at all to help, then please reach out. Each year, the demand on volunteers increases and members on the Management Team & coaches/key persons find themselves doing more and more to keep building our club and keep up with member expectations. If we had a few more people volunteer their time – whether that be coaching, umpiring, scoring or simply helping out at a BBQ, it would help ease the pressure and make light work for all involved. We all have the same shared goal and that is to continue investing in Pints Netball Club and making it the best club it can be for ALL our members.

We have so many plans for 2025 in the works already and can't wait to share it with you. I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

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President
Pints Netball Club