

# 2013

## Highvale Netball Club Annual Report



HIGHVALE NETBALL CLUB INC.

Reg. No. A001 9001 H

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**DATE:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**TIME:** 4pm AGM  
5 – 7pm Presentations

**VENUE:** Highvale Primary School Hall  
33 Ashton St, Glen Waverley, 3150

**AGENDA:**

1. 4pm – Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of 2013 President's Report
5. Presentation of 2013 Treasurer's Report
6. A vote to accept the new constitution
7. Election of members of the Committee for the next twelve months - 2013
8. 5pm - Business section of meeting closed to be followed by Presentations

*Eliza De Cesare*  
*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 organized 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 2013

Greg Hunt	President & membership manager
Eliza De Cesare	Secretary, coaches & umpires coordinator
Marion Hoskin	Treasurer
Emma Claughton	Communications coordinator
Sarah Brownell	Senior uniforms coordinator

### Coaches 2013

Monica Hunt	Starlets	Winter
Evonne Tong	Starlets	Winter & Spring
Bhavya Sethi	Starlets	Spring
Donna Stevens	Emeralds	Winter & Spring
Elizabeth Dent	Emeralds	Winter & Spring
Samantha Hallcroft	Emeralds	Spring
Martine Smith	Magic	Winter
Tasha Humphreys	Magic	Winter
	Jades	Spring
Katt De Sousa	Jades	Winter
Michelle Pattison	Jades	Winter
	Flyers	Spring
Eliza De Cesare	Jades	Spring
Viv Potter	Flyers	Spring
Tarryn Meyer	Zigzags	Winter & Spring
Sophie Papaefraim	Dazzlers	Winter & Spring
Vito De Cesare	Gems	Winter & Spring
Greg Hunt	Dynamites	Winter & Spring
Liz Joyce	Highlights	Winter & Spring

### Umpires 2013

Briony Strongman	Level 1	Tanna Reynolds	Beginner
Kim Potter	C-badge	Elizabeth Kleeman	Beginner
Jessica Hoskin	C-badge		
Tasha Humphreys	Level 1		
Zoe Lythgo	Level 1		
Kate Drummond	Level 1		
Soumya Rambhatla	C-badge		
Kristen Green	C-badge		
Eliza De Cesare	C-badge		
Maddi Baron	C-badge		

## Representative players 2013

Zahli Spurling	Yarra Ariels
Tasha Humphreys	Yarra Ariels
Jessica Hoskin	Melbourne Waverley
Zoe Lythgo	Melbourne Waverley
Kim Potter	Melbourne Waverley
Eilish Cook	Yarra Ariels
Briony Strongman	Melbourne Waverley
Sophie Antidormi	Yarra Ariels
Jessica Stevens	Melbourne Waverley
Kasey Thompson	Melbourne Waverley
Aliya Jackson	Melbourne Waverley

## Other acknowledgements

Fiona Bahr	Junior uniforms coordinator
Venkata Mantha	Pre-season treasurer
Linda Hallcroft	First Aid at training   sign-in at trainings
Anne Tambakis	Sign-in at trainings
Donna Stevens	AGM sub-committee
Fiona Malone	AGM sub-committee
Venkata Mantha	AGM sub-committee
Elizabeth Dent	AGM sub-committee
Nicole Newey	AGM sub-committee
Tamara Reynolds	AGM sub-committee
Simone Redlich	AGM sub-committee
Virginia Thompson	AGM sub-committee



## THE HIGHVALE NETBALL CLUB ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES OUR LIFE MEMBERS AND RECIPEIENTS OF CLUBS AWARDS:

### Life members of Highvale Netball Club Inc.

Val O'Brien (1991)  
Jody De Cesare (2009)

Ross Young (1998)  
Gayle Green (2009)

Colleen McDougall (1999)

### 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

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2013

On behalf of your committee, welcome to the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Highvale Netball Club. It gives me great pleasure to deliver my inaugural Presidents Report.

First of all, I'd like to thank my fellow committee members and helpers. Namely, Eliza undertaking Secretary, Coach coordinating and Umpire Coordinating roles, Marion who became our Treasurer, Sarah for coordinating senior uniform requirements, Emma for performing Communication activities and Fiona for assisting with the junior uniform requirements. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

The year has not been without its challenges. Due to 5 members of the previous committee resigning (including the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Administrator), and lack of new members, the club has had to operate on the minimum number of committee members as allowed for in the club's constitution. Many of us have had to wear multiple hats to ensure the club continues to run and provide services to players.

For all of us, it has been a steep learning curve with some mistakes made, which we hope we have learned from. For those affected by our errors, we apologise and hope that as our hearts are in the right place, you forgive us and continue to support your club.

Earlier this year we took the unusual step of forming an AGM sub-committee and we very much appreciate those of you that volunteered your time to help. It would be

remiss of me not to ask that if you can, please consider nominating for the committee. We are especially looking for committee members to represent the 5 under 11 and 13 teams. On each table there are nomination forms.

On a more positive note, for the Winter season we entered 15 teams at the start of the year. Unfortunately, due to some late advisements, we had to drop this to 14 which resulted in some last minute changes. However, we ended up with 3 teams in under 11s, 1 under 13, 2 under 15s, 2 under 17s and 6 open teams. 8 out of the 11 eligible teams made finals; a great effort and a reflection of the Clubs values along with the player's, skills and determination. Congratulations to Gems (U17/3) and Randoms (Open/6) for their performances and winning Premierships.

The Spring season required some complicated changes to meet association rules in respect to under 11s and 13s. This resulted in 2 under 11 teams and 2 under 13 teams and along with the other teams, we had a total of 14 teams once again. All the very best to those teams that have qualified for finals and we'll update Facebook and the website as results become known.

A huge thank you to all our coaches and team managers. Without your efforts, our teams would be rudderless and the club very much appreciates your time, skills and efforts in guiding and coaching the girls.

As recently communicated, our constitution has been updated to meet new regulatory requirements. There are copies on the tables for your perusal. A vote will shortly be undertaken and I recommend its adoption. Thank you to Julie Witte for putting this together.

Finally, I wish you all the very best for the upcoming festive season and hope to see you all again next year.

**Greg Hunt**

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# TREASURERS REPORT 2013

October 31 2013

The enclosed 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, cheque books, invoices etc., all kept and under the control of the Treasurer.

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Welcome everyone - This is my first report as Treasurer of Highvale Netball Club. Having taken over the Treasurer's role mid way through the Financial Year, I would like to thank all of the committee members, team managers, coaches, players and parents for their assistance, support and patience.

As you can see in the attached documents, the club finances are secured by a healthy Balance Sheet showing Total Equity of \$ 13,881.09 made up primarily of Cash at Bank.

Whilst the club made a slight loss of \$ 52.04 for the year, this was due to an increase in WCNA team registration fees.

Good luck to all teams for the remainder of the season.

**Marion Hoskin**

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## Highvale Netball Club Inc. Balance Sheet @ 31-Oct-2013

### Current Assets

Cash at Bank	14,276.09
Uniform Assets on Hand	330.00
Trusts	0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>14,606.09</b>

### Current Liabilities

Outstanding Cheques	-725.00
Tax Liabilities	0.00
Trusts	0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-725.00</b>

**Nett Asserts** **13,881.09**

**Total Equity** **13,881.09**

**Highvale Netball Club Inc.**  
**Profit & Loss @ 31-Oct-2013**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Spring Club Fees	9,135.00	1,065.00
Winter Club Fees	12,793.50	13,009.00
Season 2 Club Fees	0.00	11,525.00
Uniform	2,896.00	1,800.00
Interest	3.41	3.34
Umpire Fees Received	95.00	0.00
VNA	4,603.00	0.00
Photos	0.00	0.00
* Other	385.00	937.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>29,910.91</b>	<b>28,339.34</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Uniforms	3,096.40	2,675.00
Team Registration	11,443.00	14,991.00
Umpire Payments	3,463.00	2,614.00
Petty Cash	0.00	143.00
VNA Expenses	4,618.00	1,042.00
Court Hire	2,550.00	1,530.00
Trophies	2,110.90	1,647.80
Website	450.00	90.00
Coaching Courses	0.00	117.00
Equipment	510.85	558.00
** Sundry Expenses	182.90	100.00
AGM Expense	925.96	1,079.74
Printing & Stationery	67.94	0.00
Payment Refund	544.00	40.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>29,962.95</b>	<b>26,627.54</b>
<b>Net Operating Profit / (Loss)</b>	<b>-52.04</b>	<b>1,711.80</b>
* Refund of Winter 2013 Team Fee		
** Consumer Affairs - Annual Fee		
** Photos		

**Highvale Netball Club Inc.**  
**Cheque Account Reconciliation @ 31-Oct-2013**

**Bank Statement Reconciliation**

**Bank Statements**

Bank closing balance as at 31 October 2013	14,276.09
Bank opening balance as at 1 November 2012	13,909.13
	366.96

**Highvale Income Reconciliation**  
**Period 1/11/12 to 31/10/13**

Total debit transactions	29,962.95
Total credit transactions	29,910.91
Add back Unpresented cheques @ 31/10/13	725.00
Deduct prior year cheques presented current year	-306.00
	366.96

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**Highvale Netball Club Inc.**  
**Bank Reconciliation @ 31-Oct-2013**

<b>Period ending</b>	<b>31-Oct-13</b>
<b>OPENING BANK BALANCE @ 01/11/12 (PER STATEMENT)</b>	<b>13,909.13</b>
<b>PLUS RECEIPTS 01/11/12 - 31/10/13</b>	<b>29,910.91</b>
<b>LESS PAYMENTS 01/11/12 - 31/10/13</b>	<b>-29,962.95</b>
<b>PLUS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES</b>	<b>725.00</b>
<b>LESS PRIOR YEAR CHEQUES PRESENTED CURRENT YEAR</b>	<b>-306.00</b>
	<b>14,276.09</b>
<b>BANK STATEMENT BALANCE @ 31/10/13 (PER STATEMENT)</b>	<b>14,276.09</b>
<b>VARIANCE TO BANK STATEMENT</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### LESS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES @ 31/10/13

KIM POTTER - 25/11/12	368907	-48.00	
E. MORTON - PART REFUND SPRING FEES	368957	-48.00	
Tasha Humphreys - REPLACEMENT FOR # 368946	368959	-104.00	
TANNA REYNOLDS	368960	-50.00	
ZOE LYTHGO	368963	-97.00	
KIM POTTER	368965	-144.00	
MADDI BARON	368966	-72.00	
JESSICA HOSKIN	368967	-108.00	
SOUMYA RAMBHATLA	368968	-54.00	-725.00

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## COACH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

I am so pleased to be coordinating our fantastic team of 'supercoaches' this year. Kids want and deserve a coach who is organised, enthusiastic, patient, supportive, knowledgeable, caring and passionate about developing both the technical and tactical aspects of their game. I can't thank our coaches enough for the time and energy they have invested 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 - I have enjoyed watching each of our coaches wear all of these hats, sometimes all at once, as they have refined their own coaching philosophy over the year.

Five new coaches have joined our team this year; Michelle Pattison, Tasha Humphreys, Bhavya Sethi, Viv Potter and Samantha Hallcroft. Each have brought skills to strengthen our club and provide support to existing coaches. I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Monica Hunt and Martine Smith, who offered so much enthusiasm and commitment as Senior coaches of our Under 11 teams, but were unable to continue coaching through Winter. Mon - I wish you all the best with your pending VCE results and I hope you'll rejoin our coaching team next year. Marti - you brought so much experience to the club and we are so grateful for the juggling act you managed to make work to stay with our club - I hope that some time in the near future you and Chelsea will be able to come back to Highvale.

We were also sad to see Katt De Sousa finish her coaching campaign at the end of Winter. Our Under 13s were lucky enough to welcome Viv, who was able to bring a lot of experience and structure to our program and shift the focus to technical aspects of the game.

As always, our Under 11 coaches continue to go above and beyond; Donna Stevens, Liz Dent, Evonne, Bhav, Marti, Mon and Sam. Your inventiveness, patience and your ability to inspire our youngest members of the club to enjoy and aspire to become great netballers is fantastic. You all do a great job in recruiting and accommodating new players, combining at training and promoting our club values - fair play, mateship and inclusiveness. I'd like to particularly acknowledge Evonne and Bhav for managing to juggle 13 players at training by the end of the Spring Season, with the initiation of our 'Under 11 Training Squad' in preparation for next year.

Our 2013 coaches are all to be thanked and congratulated for the successes they have achieved over the year. Their role is largely underestimated and forever growing, yet they all manage to create a fun and safe environment to empower our players, provide opportunities, build confidence and reflect, shape, focus and enhance play to promote our game.

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 inexperienced 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 a fantastic year – good luck in finals!

**Eliza De Cesare**

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## UMPIRE'S CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

This role has seen many hands over recent years, and for good reason - it's tricky! Umpires are difficult to come by and I treasure each and every one of our umpires who have offered their services this year - ***Kristen Green, Soumya Rhambhatla, Maddi Baron, Jessica Hoskin, Kim Potter, Zoe Lythgo, Tasha Humphreys, Kate Drummond, Briony Strongman, Tanna Reynolds and Lizzie Kleeman.***

Briony was our first new umpire to put on the whites this year, followed by Tanna and Lizzie in the Spring - they have each made a fantastic start to their umpiring campaigns and I encourage you all to keep working towards achieving your 'C-badges'. Kate and Tasha have also come a long way, both regularly umpiring at 11:45am and showing the aptitude to soon take their umpiring to the next level.

I'd like to acknowledge the fantastic development program offered by Waverley City and Waverley High Netball Associations - this year I am very proud to have had two umpires awarded their 'C-badge' through these programs. Congratulations Jessica Hoskin and Kim Potter on this notable achievement. You only have to play or spectate at any other

local association to realize just how great the umpires at Waverley are, and if you are interested in learning the ropes, I can say with confidence that Waverley is the place to learn.

With Open teams in nearly every section of the competition and Senior umpires being very hard to come by, I can't thank my current senior umpires enough for continuing in their roles - Kristen, Soumya and Maddi are all fantastic umpires who have been team-umpiring for Highvale for a few years - without these girls, we'd be in trouble! Jessica has also progressed very quickly, umpiring both on Saturdays and mid-week, and has also been a huge help to me in ensuring I can cover all our senior games. A big 'thank you' to Sarah Brownell who has also filled in when I have been desperate - life savour!

Thanks, girls!

**Eliza De Cesare**

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## TEAM REPORTS

### **Emeralds – Under 11, Section 3**

**Team members:** Charlotte Bahr, Meaghan Hallcroft, Alyssa Newey, Ally Redlich, Perri Reynolds, Lucy Searle, Jessica Stevens, Kasey Thompson, Paris Collins (Spring) Ashlee Linke (Spring)

**Coach:** Donna Stevens, helped on Saturdays by Liz Dent and on Wednesdays by Samantha Hallcroft

#### **Winter**

What a season these girls started 2013 with. We Lost Zoe, Li Lian and Ashlee but gained Meaghan and Alyssa. We all seemed to gel really well, won our first two matches and then had a draw with some hard fought games. Then the opposition seemed to increase their intensity and it took us a bit of time to work out how best to play them. The season was also interrupted with 5 players being away for 2 games due to aerobics competitions. We had to borrow players from Starlets, which we were extremely grateful for, otherwise we would have had to forfeit. Rain also played a factor, for both our game performance and for not being able to play at all.

We ended the season and the last two games with a draw and a close loss but a realisation that hard work and patience pays off. We can play great netball and enjoy ourselves too. Well done girls...

Notable moments - Charlotte and Lucy's first goals in a game, Lucy not stepping, Charlotte taking an intercept head on, Meaghan playing anywhere and coming forward, Ally catching in the wet and shooting using the correct style. Jess playing down the centre of the court and making great space, Kasey taking some great intercepts and keeping those feet still, Perri playing anywhere and being there every week without fail and Alyssa being our goal and defence queen with a smile always on her face - Fantastic effort.

## **Spring**

Well what a season Spring brought this group of girls. Our numbers increased to 10 with the inclusion of Paris who joined us from Starlets and the re-inclusion half way through of Ashlee, who unfortunately broke her arm 12 months earlier. What an injection of height. We started the season with a close loss of one goal but then sparked up to win the next 4 by an average of 9 goals. The girls have found poise, precision and a want to get that ball. Their movement down the court flowed and their defence was formidable. We currently sit on top of the ladder and trying really hard each week to maintain this. A great confidence booster.

What a great group these girls are. They have a want and a passion to play netball, they turn up enthusiastically to training every week (even in the rain); they are always at the games on time; they are happy to play in whatever position they are given and have a sense of humour when their coach yells out the wrong names!

Notable moments: Kasey and Jess playing U11 rep tournaments during 2013 for Melbourne Waverley. Kasey and Jess along with Alyssa and Meaghan have all been chosen to play U11 rep for Melbourne Waverley in 2014 - what a great feat. Well done- what more can I say about these 4 really playing great netball. Ally has also had a great year and her netball has flourished. Charlotte, Lucy and Perri try really hard each week and their netball is really improving. Paris and Ashlee have brought some sought after height and they have moulded into the team really well and both improving each week. Awesome effort.

Special thanks to Liz for helping coach on Saturdays and Samantha for putting up with my quirky training sessions on Wednesdays.

## **Starlets – Under 11, Section 4**

**Team members:** Cailien Gleeson, Erin Malone, Sneha Mantha, Mekayla Mihopoulos, Li Lian Vains (Winter), Emma Moffat (Winter), Jessica Bahr (Spring), Jessica Clayton (Spring), Maddie Redlich (Spring), Caylie Moore (Spring), Laura Adams (Spring), Mia Ward (Spring), Paris Collins (Winter)

**Coaches:** Monica Hunt (Winter), Evonne Tong & Bhavya Sethi (Spring)

### **Winter**

The year commenced with Starlets being shuffled around, causing us to lose players but also allowing us to gain new ones. The season started off well, with Starlets recording a couple of wins. However, as the season progressed, we started to struggle but the girls never lost hope and we managed a couple of wins amongst close losses.

Halfway through the season, Monica's study for her VCE took first priority, especially when it came to her Arts studies, which meant that she could only take on coaching responsibilities every second week. Subsequently, Evonne had to coach solo for the first time, which was challenging but was made easier by the girls cooperating (after weeks of shouting on top of each other) and with the help of parents, things ran more smoothly. This was reflected in our results, closer to the end of the season.

## **Spring**

Monica left her role as coach to focus on her VCE, but Bhavya joined Evonne in her stead. At the beginning of the season, we were unsure as to who was permanently in Starlets, as we had more new girls joining, while half the previous season's team stayed. With Emma Moffat, Paris and Li Lian having left the team, we welcomed Maddie, Jessie, Caylie and Jess C with open arms. They were all excited to play in a new team and with their additions; we were able to start the season off with a bang.

Due to the fact that we now had players with different levels of ability, when we were against more experienced teams, it was more difficult and we often lost in close games. Near to the end of the season, we had quite a few of the girls go on holiday, making it harder on the remaining players, as numbers for substitutions were reduced, and at times, making up numbers became more difficult than we expected. Throughout the season, we tried to implement new plays and strategies to facilitate new players and further develop their skills. Midway through the season we had two new additions in Laura and Mia who were very enthusiastic in playing competitively. As the same time, our numbers had grown to ten and so Eliza proposed a roster for the older girls to gain experience in under 13 games, by allowing two of the older Starlets who are scheduled to move up next season to play for the Jades.

To our surprise, we kept gaining new girls for training towards the end of season, in Emma, Tara, Nisuli and Ellen. They were all very eager to learn new skills and we hope to see them develop into great under 13s players next year.

We would like to thank to all the parents who supported and came out to games every week, got the girls to training and the game on time, and brought refreshments for the girls at half time. Also, thank you for putting up with our last minute changes and improvisations. We really do appreciate it.

## **Magic – Under 11, Section 2**

**Team members:** Jessica Clayton, Shannara De Silva, Tia Johnstone, Zoe Malone, Olyvia Pedelty, Ritika Singh, Chelsea Smith, Zoe Spicer

**Coaches:** Martine Smith, assisted by Tasha Humphreys

## **Winter**

It was with great pleasure I had the opportunity to coach such a wonderful group of girls. Our aim from the start of the season was to bring these girls together to enjoy both a team environment and further develop their skill level. The season saw our team do just that, with some fairly convincing wins to some close games and too few games lost by high margins, each week the girls put in 100% to work together.

Each one of the girls has developed confidently in their ability to listen to instruction and in their skill within each court position. It was reiterated on several occasions that as U11's I believe it is important that the meaning of this wonderful game was FUN and DEVELOPMENT. In order to achieve both the girls needed to be flexible in moving around the court and around to each position. To have a group of girls that could successfully move around four positions within one game is a huge ask but was certainly the case week in and week out. Juggling injuries and playing girls from other teams wasn't an easy task and the ones that are most affected by this are the playing team. You would not have known it on the court each week as the girls came together and were able to include all the girls that assisted us. It was great to see that maturity in them.

My thankyou's are to include the Committee at Highvale Netball Club, the Coaching Staff across U11's, my Assistant Coach, my wonderful Parents and Families and last but certainly not least the girls that played in this great team. The support each week made this job so much easier and enjoyable. To be able to coach successfully you need a good support group around you and I know I had the best, thank you!

To Tasha, thank you! Tasha was a great inclusion to the coaching staff for Magic. Her love of the game, her skill level but more importantly her level head and kind nature made one of the best role models you could ask for with girls of that age. She had a laugh with the girls at the same time as being confident enough to give an instruction. Her drills at training challenged the girl's skill and level of concentration which was then transferred into the games successfully. I was fortunate to work alongside you Tash and know you will achieve great things in life.

Jessica, a girl that week in and week out listened to instruction and always put her training drills into play on a Saturday. Jess' development in both her shooting and understanding of the game was amazing to be part of and she will be an asset to this club.

Shannara, a girl who would defend with her arms up and would result in a turnover on 90% of occasions. Her best assets in netball will be her arms along with her kind nature which allows her to work well with all her team mates. Keep up the great work.

Tia a girl who was so sadly missed when a horrible injury stopped her season. Her courage on the day of her injury was indicative of how Tia composes herself with her Netball. She still managed to smile as she was carried off to have x-rays of her foot. Her ability to play both ends of the court with determination to win the ball each time was a delight to watch.

Zoe M, a girl who has a lot of Netball ability and enjoyed the team environment amongst these girls. Zoe's concentration continued to improve week in and week out to enable her to play her game and demonstrate her skill level. Her kind heart and gifts were loved by all.

Olyvia, a quite girl who joined our team and showed some amazing skill level. It takes a lot to juggle both netball and basketball and to watch Olyvia you can certainly see she is skilful in

both sports. Unfortunately an injury to her knees limited her movement but she still managed to play most games and have an impact on each game.

Ritika, a girl who always made us smile. Each team needs a 'Ritika' to ensure we stay focused on the most important part of U11's – having fun. When Ritika was asked to concentrate on her game she did so and did it well, with a gorgeous SMILE.

Zoe S, a girl that has shown outstanding development in her skill of the game this season. Zoe has a unique love for netball and each week she put in 110% without fail. Each position given to her is taken up as a new challenge and the understanding of her requirements within that position was amazing.

Chelsea, a girl who loves her netball and loves being part of a team environment. Chelsea was very quick to read the play on the court each week and adjust her game to suit. She is very versatile around the court which allowed a strong support base for the team.

To our wonderful 'Support Crews – U11 Starlets and Emeralds Players and Coaches'. Your assistance with extra players through the season was greatly appreciated. Each player came across with enthusiasm and skill, fitting into our team like they had always been there. Big thanks especially to Sneha and Erin who were always available to assist us and did it so well.

### **Jades (Spring) – Under 13, Section 6**

**Team members:** Shannara De Silva, Zoe Malone, Emma Moffat, Eleanor Morton, Olyvia Pedelty, Ritika Singh, Zoe Spicer, Gemma Thompson

**Coaches:** Eliza De Cesare & Tasha Humphreys

#### **Spring**

"Welcome to Under 13's" was all Tasha and I had to say after their first game in this new age bracket. As the weeks went by, the complaints about the roughness of their opposition grew thin, and we started looking and playing like Under 13's ourselves! To watch these girls develop over this past season has been fantastic. Each week we were able to add a new focus to our game plan - from strong hands and passes to bold leads and working smartly to bring the ball down from defence, the girls have worked hard both at training and on game days to improve their game.

A huge 'thank you' to Tasha, who had been coaching some of the girls in Magic through Winter. Having not coached Under 13s for many years, Tasha was a huge help in bringing me up to speed with where we were at and had lots of great ideas to keep us progressing well. She also coordinated all the rotations for game days and allowed each girl to have a run in all positions.

In the teams I've been involved with over the years, I've been lucky to have a fantastic support network of parents in the team too - Jades were no exception. Tasha and I would like

to thank all the parents for their support, encouragement and keeping us well hydrated and energised at half-time.

It was also great to have our top-aged Starlets rotating through to offer us support and begin our preparations for 2014 - Thanks to Evonne, Bhavya and the Starlets for making things work so well.

I can't wait to see everyone back again in 2014 for an exciting year in Under 13's - Go Highvale!

#### **Flyers – Under 13, Section 4**

**Team members:** Rhiannon Hallcroft, Annie McDonald, Rylee Pattison-Moore, Tanna Reynolds, Rebecca Stevens, Mia Tambakis, Emily Walker, Isabella Wang

**Coaches:** Viv Potter, assisted by Michelle Pattison

#### **Spring**

Wow, what a start for a new team with new coaches! With only 7 available players (due to an argument between a wrist and some playground equipment), the Flyers lived up to their names with 4 big wins to start the season. This saw us regraded up a section; where we found the going a bit tougher.

With taller opponents who had skill levels much nearer our own, Mia made a welcome return after the school holidays, to give us a bench and fresh legs. It took a couple of weeks to rediscover our rhythm in the new section. However as players gained experience in unfamiliar positions, so our combinations began to gel and we rediscovered our winning ways. We will enter the Finals series with renewed confidence.

The highlight of the season, after practising the move every week at training, was when the whole team combined successfully to convert a defensive throw set-play to a goal, with the opposition never looking like touching the ball on the way!

All the girls have shown huge improvements during the season in skill levels, on-court intensity and match fitness. Well done, girls – keep FLYING!!!

## **Hotshots – Under 15, Section 1/2 Combined**

**Team members:** Sophie Antidormi, Eilish Cook, Jessica Hoskin, Tasha Humphreys, Sarah Kimberley, Zoe Lythgo, Amy Norton, Kim Potter, Zahli Spurling

**Coach:** Jill Lythgo

### **Winter**

The Hotshots enjoyed a successful season and were rewarded for their hard work by getting to the grand final. The final was a tough match and the girls played well but fell short by a few goals.

### **Spring**

The Hotshots are currently sitting in fourth position on the ladder half way through the season. They will need to win two of the last three to make finals.

The girls are playing at a high level and all performing well. The competition is tough and does not allow for any lapses of concentration. Hopefully, finals will be on the agenda come the end of November.

Once again, I would like to thank all the parents for their help and support during the season.

Congratulations to Sarah Kimberley for an excellent performance this year and gaining the “Most improved player” award.

Congratulations to Kim Potter as well for working tirelessly down in defence and gaining the “Most consistent player” award.

Best wishes to all the girls for a big end of season finale! Bring on finals!

## **Zigzags – Under 15, Section 2 > 4**

**Team members:** Tina Anagnostou, Sarah Combridge, Kirsten Hallett, Natalie Hill, Megan Hunt, Jessica Hunt, Jesse Moore, Chloe Peason, Elysia Roufos

**Coach:** Tarryn Meyer

### **Winter**

The year started off with the girls moving up from under 13's Section 2, to Under 15's Section 2. This was a big jump for the girls as they were now playing more experienced players who were a little taller, a little bigger and a little more developed. That didn't stop the girls from constantly trying their hardest and continuing to put up a good fight to try and win. Jumping straight up into Section 2 was terrifying in the girls' eyes, and confidence was low after losing Zahli to Hotshots. A few games in a we lost Megan due to dislocating her

knee at training, which further dampened our spirits. Although, that confidence started to turn when we started to come close to winning and finally won a game and drew another. We were glad to be regraded and moved down into section 3 for the remainder of the season.

## **Spring**

The spring season saw one of our most dedicated players, Sarah, leave due to other commitments. With only having 7 players and Section 3 still being a little too strong for the girls, they were happy to know they had been re-graded yet again to section 4. This level of netball was perfect for the girls, as the competition was on their level but still pushed them to grow and develop as players and a team. It took us a few weeks to have our first win by one point! The effort the girls put into every training session and every game, week in and out, has made a huge difference to the overall collaboration amongst the team.

I'd like to commend the girls and say how proud I am to be their coach after seeing such a big step from going to Under 13's to Under 15's and still being positive and putting in effort no matter what the score was or how many games they had lost! I would also like to thank all the parents who supported and came out every week, got the girls to training and to the game on time and who brought refreshments for the girls at half time. A big thanks to Greg and Sophie too, who helped me out at trainings at the last minute when I got stuck at uni!

## **Gems – Under 17, Section 3**

**Team members:** Danielle Foster, Crystal Humphreys, Alicia Lawrence, Eliza Marks, Briony Strongman, Paige Tambakis, Kasey Trembath, Michelle Wilcox

**Coach:** Vito De Cesare

## **Winter**

The season started with great enthusiasm with everyone looking forward to some new tactics and set plays that we worked on before the beginning of the season. Was great the way a lot of the girls questioned everything i wanted them to try, but eventually after a lot of yelling and screaming and butting heads, the benefits were slowly starting to show through. Was a great start to the season with a good win recorded in round 1. As the season went on the progress was evident, girls settled in to more regular positions, set plays were becoming more natural and in particular the Defensive side of play was where we started to really progress. In fact for the last 6 games of the season Gems were keeping their opposition down to 15 goals per game. Converting from turnovers is very important in netball and most of our wins were on the back of attacking from deep in defence and our 2 gaolers rewarding everyone's efforts. The last 5 or so games saw our 2 main gaolers really working well together, and on average scoring over 35 goals per game.

Gems Finished the season in 3<sup>rd</sup> position, easily winning the first semi final to advance into the preliminary final where again they won very convincingly and progressing to the grand

final. After getting off the a very nervous start, they eventually got right on top and went on to win the grand final by 7.

## **Spring**

The Spring season has been a very difficult season so far. Bad weather and School commitments has meant that training has been very minimal and that has shown on game days. We currently sit in third position at the time of writing this report and should make finals all going well.

I'd like to thanks the parents who's support I've had throughout the season and have supported the girls by coming along each week and scoring . In particular I'd like to thank Michelle Humphreys, who has Team Managed the girls and me and has always been there to sort out problems as they raised during the year.

Gems have a great future and I have really enjoyed the challenge that was before me. I wish them all the best with wherever their netball takes them.

Vito De Cesare

## **Highlights – Open, Section 1**

**Team members:** Lauren Cook, Grace De Cesare, Bronwyn Dent, Belinda Drummond, Laura Fox, Carly Ioannidis, Jessica Jackson, Laura Joyce, Gabi Keegan

**Team Manager:** Liz Joyce

## **Winter**

Highlights had a very unusual start to Winter, winning the first 3 games and going on to stay around the top of the ladder for the season. Normally the team starts off at a leisurely pace and then makes a mad rush into finals, usually finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. Excitement built through the season as the girls realised they had a chance to push into the grand final for the first time in many years. This did not overshadow the main reason they get together every week – to enjoy each other's company, have a good gossip and organise social outings. It did add some fun to the weekly "match reports", where each team member takes a turn to write a review for the game and post it to their Highlights group.

The girls won through to the grand final after a nail biting prelim where they got over the line by 2 goals. Unfortunately they were beaten by a better team on the day but this did not dull their enthusiasm and the planned team celebration went ahead with much energy that night.

## **Spring**

Spring saw Highlights back to their usual game plan – lost the first 2 games and then decided to get a bit more serious about the season. At the time of writing this report they are doing

their usual mad run into the finals race and may get there if they can pull off at least one win from the last two games.

No matter how the season turns out, these girls have a ball. They enjoy each other's company, move other commitments to make sure they can play together on Saturday and socialise with each other away from netball. Playing together has kept them in touch throughout secondary school and now university and we hope this will be the same for many other Highvale teams and friendships.

A big thank you to the parents who still turn up every Saturday to support the girls, a special thanks to Sue who comes along and gives them a rev when they need it and very importantly, many thanks to the Highvale Netball Club Committee. They are a dedicated and energetic team who make it possible for our girls to play the sport they love each week and enjoy some wonderful friendships.

## **Stars – Open, Section 2**

**Team members:** Sarah Brownell, Amylee Cadman, Susie Cavanagh, Cobie Cowling, Brianna Gunn, Naomi Maclean, Karen McDougall, Leanne McDougall, Naomi Nase, Katrina Aabryn, Gemma Page, Jo Vanselow, Treesje Butterworth

**Captains:** Karen MacDougall, Naomi Maclean and Brianna Gunn

### **Winter**

After being upgraded to Section 2, following a Section 3 premiership, the Stars took on our new section with aplomb. The Stars had a very successful Winter, despite injuries to defenders Karen McDougall and Brianna Gunn for the most part of the season. After qualifying for the finals, we also lost our gun shooter Naomi Nase to a serious calf injury. Despite losing key players, the team went on to play in the Grand Final, however fell short in the big game.

Our Winter season would not have been so successful if it wasn't for our brilliant fill-in who became permanent – Gemma Page. Also thanks to Nicole who filled in during the season. Highlights of the season include Cobie Cowling's huge development in the position of Goal Keeper and Sarah Brownell holding up the attacking goal circle.

### **Spring**

Spring Season has continued on a similar theme for the Stars, maintaining our position towards the top of the Section 2 ladder. We were very pleased to welcome back Leanne McDougall to full-time netball from maternity leave. Despite new additions, the Stars yet again copped some injuries this season with Naomi Nase out early and Treesje Butterworth missing the entire season with an Achilles injury. Given this, we relied on some brilliant fill-ins/new permanents including Katrina Aabryn, Gemma Page and Jo Vanselow. Special thanks must also go to Eliza De Cesare for helping us out when we were desperate.

All being well, the Stars should be back-to-back Grand Finalists, and hopefully Premiers, but time will tell!

A huge congrats must also go to our superstar shooter Sarah Brownell for making the Boorondara Representative Team.

### **Sparklers – Open, Section 2 > 4**

**Team members:** Emma Claughton, Lizzy Dent, Joanna Green, Aliya Jackson, Megan Jepson, Jessica Tso, Avanthi Wickramasuriya, Shaniya Vilash, Soumya Rambhatla

**Captain:** Lizzy Dent/Emma Claughton

#### **Winter**

We lost some players at the end of last season and we started to really struggle to find a full team for game day at the start of the season. We played competitive netball but we weren't at our best as we were constantly playing with different players or less than 7. Mid way through the season though, Shaniya and Soumya saved us and became permanent players in the team!!

With a consistent group of girls we were finally able to start playing the level of netball we all know we can play! We started gelling as a team and were really competitive throughout all aspects of the court. We began to challenge even the top teams and only narrowly lost to a team who came down from Section 1 mid season and who went on to win the Grand Final in our section. Great effort girls!

#### **Spring**

We finished the winter season strong and were ready to show the teams in our new section what we could do! With new teams in the higher sections and less teams in a section we ended up going down to Section 4. The first game of the season was a thriller against the Hurricanes, with some sibling rivalries to boot! Both teams played a great game but we were able to walk away with the 1 point win. The section this season has been much more even and each game has been tough but winnable. Currently we sit 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder and are hoping to play finals, where if we reach the Grand Final we will meet a familiar team in St Johns who we have had 2 narrow loses to this season. It's set to be a great few weeks of netball!

Once again, I'd like to give a huge thanks to the great girls in this team. This year, especially in Winter, we have been able to move around different positions on the court. Soumya is strong in both goals and defence, combining with the strong force of Aliya and Shaniya in defence and Emma and Jess in goals. Avanthi, Megan and Jo have excelled in the mid-court which has really helped our ball carry down the court. Jo and Megan have also rotated through the defensive circle this season due to our now 9 players!

I'd like to thank all the parents, relatives, friends or whoever we can find to help score and who come support us.

### **Hurricanes – Open, Section 3 > 4**

**Team members:** Madeline Dell'Aquila, Eliza De Cesare, Kristen Green, Terran-Jane Humphreys, Maddie Lythgo, Tarryn Meyer, Sophie Papaefraim, Emily Tso

**Captain:** Eliza De Cesare

#### **Winter**

A typical Winter for Hurricanes! By typical, we mean that nearly every Winter since the beginning of time, we start the season slowly but competitively - we won only two games in the first half and did not lose any game by more than five goals - and finish the season strongly - we won our last three games to finish fifth and just miss out on a place in finals...again. Last year, our Winter team report finished with "...it was a good run home and we were unfortunate to just miss out on finals". I'd like to congratulate Hurricanes for their consistency and competitiveness! Whether it be the first or second half of the season, Hurricanes always fight out games and play to win....it just takes us a few/seven games to add points on the board each week ;-).

#### **Spring**

Spring season was much the same as Winter, however we welcomed Sparklers into our section for two intra-club matches with two lots of siblings playing against each other - despite losing both games, the matches were enjoyed by all and played in great spirits. We remained competitive with the rest of the section and saw some very close score lines. Above all, it's lovely to take court each week with the same girls you've been playing with (or in my case, coaching) since Under 13's, and I hope Hurricanes will continue to enjoy each other's company in the years to come.

Being older and driving ourselves to netball now, our sideline has grown thinner of parents, however we need to say a huge 'thank you' to Michelle Humphreys who scores for us nearly every week - we appreciate it!

Congratulations to Maddie Lythgo and Sophie who finished their VCE this year - well done, babies!

### **Randoms – Open, Section 6**

**Team members:** Mahila Abbass, Amanda Abbass, Melissa Bell, Ashlee Clark, Clare Dhillon, Victoria George, Rebecca Joyce, Tanja Karac, Cassie Richards

**Captain:** Rebecca Joyce

## **Winter**

Winter 2013 was finally the time for Randoms to shine. Not only were we Premiers but also the Championship Team for the club.

We have all been playing together for a few seasons now, and work really well together. We have shuffled a few players positions around which seemed to benefit us immensely. In the past we have struggled with defence players, but now have all positions covered with room to move.

Winter brought some injuries to our team. Cassie rolled her ankle quite badly, Rebecca fractured her finger. But both players were able to play the Grand Final.

We finished second on the ladder, so had second chance in the Semi Final, which was lucky for us as we played with 5 players, and lost. The following week in the Prelim Final we again played short with 6 players but came out on top with a win. Grand Final against the undefeated team was daunting but Cassie strapped her ankle and wore her brace so we played with a full team and won by a goal! Best feeling in the world! WINNERS!

## **Spring**

Spring 2013 we are still on a high from our Grand Final win!

Unfortunately Cassie's ankle injury was more severe than we thought so she is out for the season, but we welcomed Melissa to the team, and she has fitted in perfectly! Introducing a new player has not hindered our team but made us even stronger.

We have had a few losses but also a few wins. With two games left for the season, it's looking like we will make finals and be able to try and go back-to-back. We are safely sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> position on the ladder, a few games ahead of the 4<sup>th</sup> team.

Wish us luck for the finals, and for having a full team. Go Randoms!!!

## **Dynamites – Open, Section 6 > 7**

**Team members:** Norma Cowan (Spring), Monica Hunt, Jill Lythgo, Vani Mantha, Kimberli Ng, Kimberly Pakshong, Bhavya Sethi, Evonne Tong, Elise Wattie

**Coach:** Greg Hunt

## **Winter**

This is the second year for Dynamites in Open Section!!!! (we still have no idea what we're doing). Our loss in the first game revealed the level we were expected to be on to be competitive in Section 6. Keeping this in mind, we won the next game 37-12 and the majority of the games afterwards. We made it to finals and then subsequently lost in the first round.

With Jill becoming a permanent member of the Dynamites, we were able to gain a competitive edge, which we were sorely missing in previous seasons in the Open section, thanks to her experience and easy-going nature. Kim Pakshong (Kim #1) finally returned to the team after deserting us for VCE commitments, resulted in the team having two Kims. Furthermore, they even play similar positions! With both Kims on the team, it was confusing in the beginning but didn't matter due to their excellent fitness and versatility in positions, rotating positions in the midcourt with Evonne. Our attack side consisted of Elise, Vani and Jill, who were able to deliver goals with great efficiency (good one guys!). The defence side was made up of Bhavya and Mon (Hard workers) who defended every goal valiantly in the face of crazy shooters and bad fake-tan jobs.

Half the team having commenced their first year of university this year, it became difficult to maintain the same level of fitness throughout the season. However, everyone made every effort to be at the game on time.

## Spring

Our first game after a relaxing five week break, we met Norma, who was a much needed addition to our defence side. It finally allowed us to substitute players for the first time this year. Finally with a team of eight, we were now able to accommodate for any absentees that we were expecting later on the season. Cases such as Monica and Kim's Year 12 studies prevented them from being able to play later on in the season, in order to focus on their futures. Unexpectedly, Bhavya had an injury third game in, leaving our defence short again for around four games, just in time for Monica to desert us. Notably Kim #1 somehow missed a game due to miscalculations in heavy traffic. On Saturday. At Collins Street.

Looking back, the reasons we could not make up numbers were not because of work or life commitments like most teams, but actually mishaps and accidents. This was until the end, when spontaneous holidays started popping up near the end of the season (thanks Bhavya and Vani for putting India before us). However even with that to our disadvantage, the team has been able to field a team every week to play.

