

2014

Highvale Netball Club Annual Report



HIGHVALE NETBALL CLUB INC.
Reg. No. A001 9001 H

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday 23rd November 2014

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 2013 Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of 2014 President’s Report
5. Presentation of 2014 Treasurer’s Report
6. A vote to accept the new constitution
7. Election of members of the Committee for the next twelve months
8. 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 2014

Greg Hunt	President & membership manager
Eliza De Cesare	Vice-president, Secretary & Umpires coordinator
Marion Hoskin	Treasurer
Donna Stevens	Coaches Coordinator
Emma Cloughton	Communications coordinator
Sarah Brownell	Senior uniforms coordinator
Fiona Bahr	Junior uniforms coordinator
Linda Hallcroft	Assistant umpires coordinator
Michelle Pattison	Committee member
Nicole Newey	Committee member
Anne Tambakis	Committee member
Michelle Collins	Committee member
Janine Pearson	Committee member

Coaches 2014

Monica Hunt	Starlets	Winter
	Magic	Spring
Evonne Tong	Magic	Winter
Bhavya Sethi	Magic	Winter
Eilish Cook	Magic	Spring
Donna Stevens	Emeralds	Winter & Spring
	Starlets	Spring
Elizabeth Dent	Emeralds	Winter & Spring
Samantha Hallcroft	Emeralds	Winter & Spring
Samantha Potter	Starlets	Spring
Felicity Searle	Starlets	Spring
Elizabeth Dent	Hoppers	Spring
Eliza De Cesare	Jades	Winter & Spring
Tarryn Meyer	Jades	Winter & Spring
Viv Potter	Flyers	Winter & Spring
Michelle Pattison	Flyers	Winter & Spring
Greg Hunt	Zigzags	Winter & Spring
Sophie Papaefraim	Dazzlers	Winter & Spring
Michelle Humphreys	Gems	Winter & Spring
Greg Hunt	Dynamites	Winter & Spring
Liz Joyce	Highlights	Winter & Spring

Umpires 2014

Rylee Pattison-Moore	Beginner
Samantha Hallcroft	Beginner
Ely Roufos	Beginner
Elizabeth Kleeman	Level 1
Briony Strongman	Level 1
Tanna Reynolds	Level 1
Tasha Humphreys	Level 1
Eilish Cook	Level 1
Sophie Papaefraim	Level 1
Kim Potter	C-badge
Jessica Hoskin	C-badge
Zoe Lythgo	C-badge
Kate Drummond	C-badge
Laura Joyce	C-badge
Eliza De Cesare	C-badge
Samantha Potter	C-badge
Maddi Baron	C-badge

Representative players 2014

Zahli Spurling	Yarra Ariels
Tasha Humphreys	Melbourne Waverley
Jessica Hoskin	Yarra Ariels
Zoe Lythgo	Melbourne Waverley
Kim Potter	Melbourne Waverley
Sarah Kimberley	Melbourne Waverley
Briony Strongman	Melbourne Waverley
Sophie Antidormi	Yarra Ariels
Jessica Stevens	Melbourne Waverley
Kasey Thompson	Melbourne Waverley
Alyssa Newey	Melbourne Waverley
Meaghan Hallcroft	Melbourne Waverley



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)	Ross Young (1998)	Colleen McDougall (1999)
Jody De Cesare (2009)	Gayle Green (2009)	

Club Award Recipients

1991 Glenis Mackay	1995 Katrina Hall	2007 Leanne McDougall
1991 Sangita Tailor	1995 Leanne McDougall	2008 Bob Cave
1991 Colleen McDougall	1996 Colleen McDougall	2010 Sue Allen
1991 Emma Splatt	1999 Michael Hall	2010 Vito De Cesare
1991 Debbie McDougall	1999 Merrill Pohlen	2011 Liz Joyce
1993 Ron Waldron	2000 Trish Hall	
1993 Sue Mackay	2001 Pam Bartlett	
1994 Ross Young	2003 Christine Chalmers	

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2014

It is my pleasure to present the Presidents report for 2014. Once again, our club remains strong and well represented in the WCNA Saturday competition. The Winter season saw 15 teams entered covering 2 under 11s (Starlets and Emeralds), 2 under 13s (Magic and Jades), 2 under 15s (Flyers and Zigzags), 2 under 17s (Dazzlers and Hotshots) along with 7 Open teams (Dynamites, Randoms, Gems, Hurricanes, Sparklers, Stars and Highlights). It was very satisfying to see that from the 13 teams eligible for finals, 7 qualified. Of the 7 teams, 4 made it to Grand Finals and congratulations to Highlights (Open 1), Randoms (Open 6) and Hotshots (U17/1) for being Winter 2014 Premiers.

The Spring Season once again saw us enter 15 teams with the addition of a new Under 13s Hoppers and the Open Stars taking a break. At the time of writing, off the 14 teams eligible for finals, we currently have 9 sitting in top 3 places and we hope they consolidate their respective positions and wish them well for finals.

It was great to see our committee numbers significantly increase for 2014. Many hands do make light work and it has certainly brought some new dynamics and ideas to the club. It has surely made the running of the club easier and I take this opportunity to thank you all for your contributions. I'd especially like to acknowledge those that undertook office holder or coordinator roles. Namely, Eliza – Vice President, Secretary and Umpire Coordinator; Sarah Brownell and Fiona Barr – uniform coordinators; Donna Stephens – Coach Coordinator; Linda Hallcroft – Assistant Umpire Coordinator; Marion Hoskin – Treasurer; and, Emma Cloughton – Communications Coordinator; thank you

all for your help. I hope you all continue with us into 2015 and there are still a couple of more slots available for anyone else who may be keen to become involved.

At the 2013 AGM, updates to our constitution were approved and the revised constitution was prepared for submission to the Victorian Consumer affairs. However, it was realised that there were several mandatory areas that we had not completed. Hopefully this year we will get it right and we'll be able to submit to meet our statutory obligations.

This year has also seen a change of leadership in the WCNA. This has manifested itself in two main areas. Firstly, it feels like there is a more open channel of communication between the Association and the clubs resulting in more transparent communication and ability to discuss issues on Saturdays with the committee. Secondly, the Association has been actively promoting representative team trials. Many of all under 13s and 11s participated and some have been selected for squad inclusion in 2015. We wish them well.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyous and safe Christmas period and the all the best for the New Year.

Greg Hunt

TREASURERS REPORT 2014

October 31 2014

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.

The clubs finances are secured by a strong balance sheet made up primarily of cash at bank of \$ 15,218.66. The Profit and Loss for 2014 showed a small profit of \$ 553.07.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their support this year, especially Greg Hunt and Eliza De Cesare for their assistance and patience and especially for their commitment to the club.

I wish all players success in the last few weeks of the season and good luck to the teams making it to finals.

Marion Hoskin

**Highvale Netball Club Inc.
Balance Sheet @ 31-Oct-2014**

Current Assets

Cash at Bank	15,218.66
Uniform Assets on Hand	3,215.00
Trusts	0.00
Total Current Assets	18,433.66

Current Liabilities

Outstanding Cheques	-994.50
Tax Liabilities	0.00
Trusts	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	-994.50

Net Assets **17,439.16**

Total Equity **17,439.16**

**Highvale Netball Club Inc.
Profit & Loss @ 31-Oct-2014**

Revenue	2014	2013
Spring Club Fees	9,680.00	9,135.00
Winter Club Fees	15,355.00	12,793.50
Season 2 Club Fees	440.00	0.00
Uniform	3,720.00	2,896.00
Interest	4.73	3.41
Umpire Fees Received	219.00	95.00
VNA	5,825.00	4,603.00
Photos	0.00	0.00
* Other	5.00	385.00
Total Revenue	35,248.73	28,339.34

Expenses

Uniforms	4,139.36	3,096.40
Team Registration	13,826.00	11,443.00
Umpire Payments	3,613.00	3,463.00

Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
VNA Expenses	6,175.00	4,618.00
Court Hire	2,585.00	2,550.00
Trophies	1,223.20	2,110.90
Website	460.00	450.00
Coaching Courses	280.90	0.00
Equipment	1,576.98	510.85
** Sundry Expenses	51.40	182.90
AGM Expense	575.52	925.96
Printing & Stationery	0.00	67.94
Payment Refund	0.00	544.00
Forfeit Fines	121.00	0.00
Umpire Fines	67.50	0.00
Total Expenses	34,695.66	29,962.95
Net Operating Profit / (Loss)	553.07	-52.04

- * Refund of Winter 2013 Team Fee
- ** Consumer Affairs - Annual Fee
- ** Photos

Highvale Netball Club Inc.
Cheque Account Reconciliation @ 31-Oct-2014

Bank Statement Reconciliation

Bank Statements

Bank closing balance as at 31 October 2014	15,218.66
Bank opening balance as at 1 November 2013	14,276.09
	942.57

Highvale Income Reconciliation
Period 1/11/13 to 31/10/14

Total expense transactions	34,695.66
Total income transactions	35,248.73
Add back Unpresented cheques @ 31/10/13	994.50
Deduct prior year cheques presented current year	-605.00
	942.57

Highvale Netball Club Inc.
Bank Reconciliation @ 31-Oct-2014

Period ending	31-Oct-14
OPENING BANK BALANCE @ 01/11/13 (PER STATEMENT)	14,276.09
PLUS RECEIPTS 01/11/13 - 31/10/14	35,248.73
LESS PAYMENTS 01/11/13 - 31/10/14	-34,695.66
PLUS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	994.50
LESS PRIOR YEAR CHEQUES PRESENTED CURRENT YEAR	-605.00
	15,218.66
BANK STATEMENT BALANCE @ 31/10/14 (PER STATEMENT)	15,218.66
VARIANCE TO BANK STATEMENT	0.00

LESS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES @ 31/10/14

E. ROUFOS	369005	48.00	
B. STRONGMAN	369008	78.00	
E. ROUFOS	369024	48.00	
L. JOYCE	369026	144.00	
F. MALONE	369038	90.00	
J. ADAMS	369039	80.00	
G. SANDS	369040	5.00	
WAVERLEY NETBALL CENTRE	369041	40.00	
E. KLEEMAN	369044	65.00	
R. PATTISON-MOORE	369045	32.00	
E. ROUFOS	369046	40.00	
L. JOYCE	369049	84.00	
S. PAPAEFRAIM	369051	26.00	
E. DE CESARE	369052	46.00	
T. REYNOLDS	369053	45.00	
F. MALONE - REPLACE CHQ £ 369038	369055	0.00	
E. DE CESARE	369057	56.00	
WAVERLEY NETBALL CENTRE	369058	27.50	994.50

COACH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

This is my first year as Coach Co-ordinator for the Highvale Netball club. At first I was not sure what I was getting myself into, but it has been a great experience. I could not have done it without the support of the exceptional committee and all the fantastic volunteer 'supercoaches' we have here at the club.

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.

For Winter 2014 we had 2 teams in under 11's and 2 teams in under 13's – which was a fantastic way to start our junior development. Eliza and Tarryn took on the ever inspiring Jades whilst Evonne and Bhavya managed the might of Magic. U11's saw a new concept with Donna, Samantha and the introduction of Felicity Searle along with the help of some parents (-special note of thanks to Nicole Newey, Chris Hatch and Simone Redlich) take on both the emerging Emeralds and the sparkling Starlets for training on Wednesday nights and Mon Hunt taking on Starlets on Saturdays. It was a tricky challenge but with great planning along with the support of these wonderful people we made it through the season.

Evonne and Bhavya unfortunately had uni commitments during Spring and could therefore not continue to coach – their enthusiasm and passion was sadly missed. Spring saw an influx of under 13 girls which required us to start another under 13 team. Hoppers was born and gladly coached by the ever reliable Liz Dent – welcome back Liz. Samantha Potter also joined the team. She brings enthusiasm and passion in taking on the coaching of Starlets along with the ever inspiring motivation of Felicity Searle. Mon's uni timetable was freed again on a Wednesday night which allowed her to take on the Magic with the help of newcomer Eilish Cook - Welcome Eilish. Donna and Samantha were once again able to focus on the needs of Emeralds.

For 2014, our Under 15's Jades had Viv with her wealth of expertise and Zigzags had the ever reliable Greg. U17's Hotshots with the ever popular Vito and Dazzlers with the ever smiling Sophie. Thanks guys.

Our 2014 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!

Donna Stevens

UMPIRE'S CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

I am very lucky that Highvale has such a outstanding culture that our fantastic umpires have continued to make this role an easy one for me. Umpire coordinators at other clubs openly express their jealousy of Highvale's umpires, and for good reason. If I ever need a game covered or other clubs are in need of spare umpires, our girls are only ever willing to help. I am so grateful for their commitment, dedication and pride they continually give to their umpiring. A huge 'thank you' to our umpires who have offered their services this year - ***Rylee Pattison-Moore, Samantha Hallcroft, Ely Roufos, Lizzie Kleeman, Briony Strongman, Tanna Reynolds, Eilish Cook, Tasha Humphreys, Sophie Papaefraim. Jessica Hoskin, Kim Potter, Zoe Lythgo, Kate Drummond, Laura Joyce, Samantha Potter.***

Ely was our first new umpire to put on the whites this year, followed by Samantha and Rylee 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'. Tanna and Briony have also come a long way, both progressing to 11:45am and showing the aptitude to soon take their umpiring to the next level, as has Sophie who is sooo close to being Badged.

I'd like to acknowledge the fantastic development program offered by Waverley City and Waverley Nigh Netball Associations - this year I am very proud to have had two umpires awarded their 'C-badge' through these programs. Congratulations Zoe Lythgo and Kate Drummond on this notable achievement. Zoe has also been regularly umpiring the 4pm premier league games which is a great reflection of her umpiring aptitude. 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 - Jessica, Zoe, Kim, Laura, Kate - without these girls, we'd be in trouble! Laura has returned to umpiring this year, which was a huge help. Zoe, Jessica and Kim

have also been umpiring mid-week, which has seen them develop in their skills and confidence very quickly. A big thank you to Sam Potter who recently was awarded her C-badge with another association, but offered to help out at Highvale when Laura broke her ankle.

Thanks, girls!

Eliza De Cesare

TEAM REPORTS

Emeralds – Under 11

Team members: Charlotte Bahr, Paris Collins, Meaghan Hallcroft, Alyssa Newey, Ally Redlich, Perri Reynolds, Lucy Searle, Jessica Stevens, Kasey Thompson

Coaches: Donna Stevens and Samantha Hallcroft

Winter (Section 1)

Wow what a season. We thought on paper section one looked pretty ominous. Lost our first game by one goal, not bad maybe just a fluke. Win the second by a goal – ok so the section isn't too bad. Win the third by 3. Look out Emeralds have arrived! The season was very close for the first 5 or 6 weeks and then some of the other teams had a few big wins against us. We had 2 weeks where we lost 5 of our team to aerobics commitments or to injury. All in all an interesting come of age season for Emeralds.. We won 7 lost 7..50% The girls are working and gelling really well as a team, they are enjoying their netball and have great enthusiasm and passion for playing. 4 of them were selected to play rep for Melbourne Waverley which is a testament to their commitment and love of netball and in turn this helping with their Saturday game and their fellow team mates. We ended up 4th on the ladder not bad for first season in section one. Things of note: Kasey and Charlotte growing taller – height coming in very handy in defence, Paris also up there learning to jump and shoot, Perri's mid court prowess and deflections, Ally and Jess running through and controlling the middle, Alyssa miss versatile shooting and defending, Meaghan finding her feet in the mid court but very handy under the post, Lucy's great work in defence and her focus on not stepping... All in all a great season girls, well done.

Spring (Section 1)

Spring has sprung and the girls first match is an inspiring loss to St Justins by only 2 goals. Once we got over our first half sleepiness being down by 8, we had a great come back. Game 2 we see a great team effort, inspiring passing and intercepts against Brentwood to win by 8. yey nothing like beating Brentwood! Game 3 against our nemesis Good Sheppard ponies saw a spirited 19/12 loss. We were even at half time but couldn't get our second half goals to go in. Games 4 against Templeton and game 5 against Knox region saw us with 7 players but the start of a gleam in the eyes of these girls. They had 2 great wins 20 to 14 and 21 to 8 – they played phenomenal with great defence, fantastic passing through the mid court and our shots were going in. Game 6 was to see us start all over again against St

Justins who last season had blown us away. Due to some injuries we were down to 7 players. These 7 came onto the court like they owned it. St Justin didn't have a chance – we blew them away with a 16 to 8 win. Our defence again stood up. Brentwood was next, we are down to 6 players but thanks to Laura Adams from Starlets we were able to send Brentwood packing with an inspiring 19 to 4 win. That has placed us 2nd on the ladder with the ponies to come – who are undefeatedThe game was a little lacklustre to begin with but we were able to get off to a great start on the scoreboard, The Ponies weren't going anywhere with the great defence and inspiring work across the mid court we had a 16 to 6 win. Team goal achieved – beating all teams in section one. Yey. With 2 games still to go the girls are looking and playing amazing netball this season which makes my job a lot easier. Phenomenal work girls - well done.

Special thanks to the parents who put up with my unique coaching methods and Samantha Hallcroft and Felicity Searle who have provided me support throughout the year. Bring on under 13's!

Starlets – Under 11

Team members: Laura Adams, Jessica Bahr, Gabriella Hatch, Emma Johnston, Anika Mathers (Spring), Lily Rose Mlinar (Spring), Maddie Redlich, Megan Smedley (Spring), Mia Ward

Coaches:

Winter - Donna Stevens, Monica Hunt, Felicity Searle

Spring - Samantha Potter, Felicity Searle

Winter (Section 4)

I coached the Starlets for their Saturday games every match within the Winter season this year. Although I was unable to coach on the Wednesdays, coaching their Saturday games was enjoyable and rewarding. The team may have struggled on the scoreboard in their first season playing netball together, but their skill development was their true success. All the girls were extremely dedicated and enthusiastic to play netball, despite only winning 1 or 2 games in the competition. Yet the results on the scoreboard did not affect their attitudes towards the game or their competitors, as they consistently tried their hardest and never gave up on court. It was a joy to watch these girls improve every week, and at their rate they should be winning premierships in no time. Most importantly, it was truly enjoyable to spend time with such an enthusiastic group of girls who demonstrated a passion for the sport despite winning or losing. In turn, it has made me appreciate the importance of enjoying netball than simply winning.

Spring (Section 6)

The Starlets have had a rollercoaster of a season with some big wins, some big losses and also some close matches. It has been wonderful to watch all the girls grow in confidence during the course of the season, as they became more comfortable with their own skills and with each other.

How fantastic to be met with smiling faces every Saturday morning and Wednesday afternoon, with the girls both ready to play and receptive to coaching! This season has been full of learning experiences, as I stretched everyone's comfort zones by playing them all over the court, and I'm very proud of how well all the girls have coped with the challenge.

The girls have been an absolute pleasure to coach, and it is fantastic to see how much they have improved since the start of the season. Go Awesomenators!

Magic – Under 13

Team members: Cailien Gleeson, Ashlee Linke, Erin Malone, Nisuli Manamperi (Winter), Sneha Mantha, Bianka Mlinar, Chantelle Robinson, Ritikia Singh, Zoe Spicer, Ellen Toffs (Winter), Tara Zhang (Winter)

Coaches:

Winter - Bhavya Sethi & Evonne Tong

Spring - Monica Hunt & Eilish Cook

Winter (Section 5)

The year commenced with the several changes. The older half of the Starlets team of last year graduated to under 13s from under 11s, and had their name changed to magics. In addition, we had new permanent players added to our roster in Ashlee, and the girls who joined us at the end of the season for training. Nisuli, Ellen, and Tara who were new to playing full netball games managed to adjust almost as quickly as our more experienced players to the difficulty levels of under 13s.

The previous starlets team and the new additions to the team got along quickly and adapted to the new challenges of even faster than we had expected. However with a 9 player roster of players with differing levels of ability, it was difficult to schedule the positions and substitutions especially when up against more difficult teams. Despite these changes and difficulties, the players always gave it all they had in the face of adversity which the results of most of our games reflect. We saw huge changes in the capabilities everyone, especially Ellen and Tara as the season moved along and we realised the positions most suited towards their talents. Winter season also saw Ashlee, Zoe and Cailien take on numerous different positions, doing more than we had even asked for and demonstrating greater versatility than we could even have asked for. The enthusiasm of Ritika, Erin and Sneha had for the games and at training aided in ensuring the team was on the same page and working together.

At the end of the winter season, Bhavya and I (Evonne), had to leave coaching in order to focus on our university studies. However, we didn't want to leave our Magics in the hands of a coach we didn't already know. So we contacted Monica, whom had been the coach of Starlets before Bhavya and I teamed up to tackle the Spring season ahead.

To finish off this report, 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. In addition, thank you for putting up with our last minute changes and improvisations. We really couldn't have done it without your help.

Spring (Section 6)

I took over from Bhavya and Evonne to coach the Magic in the Spring season, along with the assistance of Eilish. Together, we worked hard to train the girls, in not only improving their skills but developing their attitude to the game. As this was their first year of under 13s, the team had the opportunity to play in finals, so together that was our goal for the season. With this determination firmly set in place, the girls worked extremely hard each game to play their

hardest. This attitude has resulted in more wins than losses, with the team in good stead to make it to the finals. All the girls in Magic are great team players, and their enthusiastic approach to netball and camaraderie on and off court makes them a pleasure to coach. I hope they continue to foster this attitude and continue to develop their netball skills, as all girls are already on track to be fantastic netball players.

Hoppers – Under 13

Team members: Charli Bartlett, Angelina Li, Nisuli Manamperi, Helini Mendis, Kay Nixayathirath, Ellen Tofts, Laura Wang, Tara Zhang

Coach: Lizzy Dent

Spring (Section 6)

Spring season was our first season as a team together, and for some it was their first season of netball. This has been a really enjoyable season with this great group of energetic, friendly and committed girls. At the time of writing this report we have yet to win a game, but that isn't the aim of our season. Our season has been about learning the technical rules and tactics of the game and improving on our personal and team goals. These girls have been amazing, turning up to training and games week after week with a fantastic positive attitude, dedication to learn and most importantly a smile on their faces! To me, this is what netball should be all about.

Throughout the season, everyone has played in all areas of the court, everyone has scored a goal and in every game have taken an intercept and contributed to the team. We pride ourselves on the way we naturally work the ball down the court, our defensive efforts and the obvious teamwork displayed on and off the court. Thank you for being a great group of girls to coach and taking me out of 'Prep mode'. Also a special mention to all the parents and family members that have come to watch and score throughout the season. This has been a great season and I hope you all come back next year!

Jades – Under 13

Team members: Jessica Clayton, Yuko Ito-Kay, Zoe Malone, Mekayla Mihopoulos, Emma Moffat, Caylie Moore, Tahlia Motta, Gemma Thompson, Mia Trembath, Olyvia Pedelty (Winter)

Coaches: Eliza De Cesare & Tarryn Meyer

Winter (Section 5)

Beginning the year with a new list of girls and some girls playing their first season of Under 13's was always going to be challenging. We began the season in Section 4 and was thankfully re-graded into Section 5 after the school holidays. This allowed us to find our feet a little more and practice our court work. This year we also welcomed two new players to netball and our club - Yuko and Tahlia - who both picked up the rules very quickly and became very strong assets to our team. Under 13's begins to see players expand their skills set, introducing tactical skills such as set-plays and learning how to use and position their

bodies to best make space for themselves and teammates. Winter season also saw the girls record their first win in Under 13's - a very exciting day for us!

We were also very lucky to have Mia, who was playing at Vermont South, join us at trainings and play our last few games with us to give us some fresh legs to rotate with. She slotted in effortlessly!

Spring (Section 5)

Spring season has been quite unsettled for us, having had nearly every player away at some stage on holidays, on camp or injured. We would like to acknowledge Donna and her Emeralds for being so flexible and willing to play two consecutive games with no notice to ensure we had seven girls on the court. Without them, there would have been a few games that we would have had to forfeit or play with five. A very big 'thank you' to all the girls who filled in for us and provided us with invaluable speed and energy which helped to lift the rest of our team - we hope you enjoyed the Under 13 experience. At the time of writing, we have won two games, one of which was against the reigning Premiers! It has been great to watch both your tactical and technical skills progress over the year and I'm sure there are many more wins to come!

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 are no exception. Tarryn and I would like to thank all the parents for their support, encouragement and keeping us well hydrated and energised at half-time. All the parents have shared the scoring and have been willing to help one another out with transport and swapping the roster, which makes our job as coaches so much easier with one less thing to have to worry about!

A big congratulations goes to Tahlia who made it all the way through to the last round of rep trials for Waverley City - with only one year of netball under her belt, that was a huge feat. Tahlia has also been asked to qualify with our Under 15 Zigzags to assist them with their finals campaign - they're very lucky to have you!

Flyers – Under 15

Team members: Rhiannon Hallcroft, Annie McDonald, Rylee Pattison-Moore, Jess Salomon, Rebecca Stevens, Mia Tambakis, Isabella Wang, Natasha Westbury, Sofie Roufos (Spring)

Coaches: Viv Potter & Michelle Pattison

Winter (Section 5)

This season we welcomed Jess & Natasha to the team and were sorry to see Tanna move up to the ZigZags. We had to adjust to our new age group and playing on teams that were bigger and stronger than us.

The girls worked hard at training and tried their best each week to do the things we had practised in a game context. As the season progressed, we gained confidence in our new

combinations and belief in our improved skills and systems. We finished the season with 7 wins and 5 losses, third on the ladder and in the finals. In the elimination final the first week, everything we had worked at all season came together and we won comfortably. Unfortunately, in the elimination final the opposition were just too good on the day.

The improvement in skill and attitude shown by all the players this season has been amazing to watch. Each and every girl has shown dramatic improvement in all areas of their netball.

Well Done, Flyers!!

Spring (Section 7)

In Spring season we welcomed Sofie to the Flyers taking our playing group to 9.

This season we had 2 byes, 3 wins and 3 losses at the end of round 8 and look like making finals for the third season in a row. Great effort, girls!

We improved our skills with every game we played. We practised new drills and set plays at training and were often able to use them in our next game. At the start of the season we discovered some new circle defenders and shooters hiding in our mid-court and as we played together our confidence in these new combinations grew.

Unfortunately Mia was injured in round 5 and unable to play for the remainder of the season. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The girls have worked incredibly hard this year and have shown some dramatic improvements.

Good luck in the finals, girls!

Zigzags – Under 15

Team members: Tina Anagnostou, Anokhi De Silva, Kirsten Hallett, Natalie Hill, Jessica Hunt, Jesse Moore, Chloe Peason, Tanna Reynolds, Elysia Roufos

Coach: Greg Hunt

Winter (Section 3)

It has been my pleasure and honour to take on the coaching responsibilities for the Zigzags. The winter season saw us welcome to new players – Anoki and Tanna. I hope you've enjoyed playing with us.

This season saw the girls improve on a solid base of skills. Focusing on a couple of areas for improvement they started the season off in fine form; not losing a game until round 9! Consistent form resulted in the girls finishing second on the ladder. The semi-final against the number 1 team was a game to behold. One of those games where the girls pulled out all stops, everything clicked and they played the game of the season; resulting in a narrow but well deserved win by 2 points.

The Grand Final was against the same team and unfortunately, we couldn't quite repeat the previous games result. The opposition played a superb game and the Zigzags were not disgraced by any means and their runners up flag was well deserved.

Spring (Section 4)

This season has been a bit more challenging from a results perspective. Various extreme weather conditions; both heat and wet, doesn't make for easy and clean games of Netball. Unfortunately, Jesse Moore has not been able to play and we missed her forward GA/GS skills but others in the team are filling her shoes, improving all the time. The season is progressing well and at time of writing we are a game clear in 3rd position. Games against the two top teams have been competitive and we look forward to making the finals once again.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the parents for their ongoing support and encouragement throughout the year; it is most appreciative. You should all be very, very proud of your daughters; I know I am proud of them all and I hope you all play again in 2015.

Hotshots – Under 17

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

Coach: Vito De Cesare

Assistant Coach: Olivia De Cesare

Winter (Section 1)

What a fantastic year it has been for me to be coaching such a fantastically talented and enthusiastic group of young women; it has been a delightful journey!

Coming up from Under 15's last season, we began the season in Under 17's, Section 2. The association immediately recognised our talent and potential, regrading us to the top Under 17 section; we went on to win the Grand Final against Northvale with ease. The girls also won the Club Champion Team award for the Winter 2014 season! A great result after all the hard work.

The girls also competed in the Eastern Districts Tournament in their age group and finished third, just missing out on playing finals by percentage. It was a great day and a huge amount was learnt; our success during the Winter season can definitely be credited towards this experience.

The decision to play in an open-aged competition on a Wednesday night exposed the girls to a much older, more experienced group of competitors. The girls were quick to realise that sometimes talent alone isn't enough to combat the cunning expertise that the older women bring to the game. To their credit, they have learnt quickly and adapted; the experience has been invaluable.

Spring (Section 1)

I can only put the sluggish start to the season to our Winter "Premiership Hangover" (and perhaps a few untimely school camps! Thanks to Sophie for bringing along your mates). We

rediscovered our groove and have won the last six night games and the last three Saturday games – that's nine in a row! We are certain to play in finals in both competitions, currently sitting third and second in the night and day competitions, respectively.

As a Coach I have demanded a lot from this group and they haven't let me down once. It has been fantastic to be involved in their development and I hope they have enjoyed the year as much as I have.

I would like to thank the fantastic group of parents that come along EVERY WEEK, who have supported me and have never questioned my coaching style (which I'm sure makes them cringe at times). I don't apologise for this, as I strive to get 100% out of the team each week.

A personal thanks to all the parents that have scored during the year, especially to **Mark Hoskin** for helping me with weekly scoring, special tasks and stats, and **Jeff Potter** for introducing his iPad Stats App that has provided me, as a coach, with an invaluable new tool to work with. Also a special thanks to **Marion Hoskin** for 'team managing' and giving me feedback and support whenever I've asked. **Michele Humphreys**, who always lends me an ear and is always there with good advice - thank you! A huge thankyou to **Olivia De Cesare** who has brought along her own personal experience and expertise. Her input over the Spring season has further developed this playing group. I'm very confident that the future for every member of Hotshots remains Positive and I'm looking forward to seeing them continue to succeed!

Dazzlers – Under 17

Team members: Phoebe Cleyne, Kate Drummond, Bhavana Ganti, Samantha Hallcroft, Elizabeth Kleeman, Sherry Wang, Ashlee Witte

Coach: Sophie Papaefraim

Winter (Section 3)

This season the girls didn't do as well as they would have liked, and even though half of them are in year 12 they still all managed to put in 110% every week. During this season at training the girls always worked on things that needed improvement from the previous game in order to increase their skill level and tactics for the next week, they also focused on the other teams and what their strategies were and try and be one step ahead each time. Even though the girls didn't win most of their games they still manage to keep a positive attitude and never fail to impress me with their enthusiasm even if they are completely exhausted.

Spring (Section 3)

This season picked up more than the last we had a few more wins and the team work and communication between the girls during games has increased over the year and became more apparent this season. There had been a few occasions where we had only 6 players, however this did not stop the girls from dominating on the court, it had almost been a wakeup call that they need to work just that little bit harder to win over the other team. Even if the girls didn't win their games the way they worked as a team was fantastic, they managed to work out more strategies and play their own game rather than constantly follow after the other team.

Gems – Open

Team members: Danielle Foster, Crystal Humphreys, Alicia Lawrence, Rachel MacKay, Eliza Marks, Briony Strongman, Kasey Trembath, Cassie Calogero

Coach: Michelle Humphreys

Winter (Section 4)

Gems started their winter season with 2 new additional players, Alicia and Rachel. Thank you to Rachel and Alicia for a solid season giving us the strength we needed in the centre court. This gave us a good position to start a good solid season (apart from a couple of little hiccups) and we went on to win 9 of the 14 games. The girls worked together well as a team all season and ended up 2nd on ladder at the end of the winter season which was an awesome effort as we only managed to achieve 3 training sessions with 4-5 girls each time due to work and VCE commitments. Gems were sadly knocked out by Brentwood at the preliminary final stage. Well down girls, my proudest of the season would be the games we played where you were put under pressure (sometimes in a far from fair and reasonable game played by your opponents) and you kept your cool. 😊

Spring (Section 5)

Gems were moved down a section 5. We had Cassie Calogero join our team as another centre court player and did a great job at helping to get the ball down the court and into the goal circle.

As VCE exams etc grew closer we sadly couldn't manage any training sessions at all this season which took its toll 😞. The Gems always give it their best shot when they take court, however this season did not work to well for us. To date we have played 9 games and have not managed to get a win across the line although we have come very close in 4 of the games only being defeated by 1 or 2 points. Hats off to all the Gems players for their commitment and effort on court during a year that brings a lot of stress during VCE study, tutoring and exams. You are a great bunch of girls that I have always enjoyed being part of, most of you from a very young age. I encourage you all to keep playing netball next year with all the new challenges that life will bring to you now.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Linda for being our team manager and a special thanks to Sharon for scoring most of the games this year and to both Sharon and Sandra for their help and advice in the coaching role. Lastly thank you to the parents that come and support the girls.

Highlights – Open

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

Team Manager: Liz Joyce

Winter (Section 1)

Highlights had an unusual start to the Winter season, winning 3 out of 4 of their first games and holding a place in the top 4 as they headed into the first break. This turned out to be very fortunate as the return from holidays saw the girls move back comfortably to usual form with some good wins and a couple of fairly big losses – mainly due to the fact that everyone in the team (and outside of the team for that matter) was turning 21 this year. This meant a few missed players over the weeks as the need for spray tans and hairdressing appointments took priority over playing netball, also not helped by a couple of Friday night functions (Jessica Jackson) making for slightly ordinary(!) team games the next day 😊.

As usual, the section was very competitive and there were a couple of very strong teams. By the end of the season, Highlights had managed to beat every team in the section at least once and scraped into fourth place. With Safari Bron off to Africa for 5 months, the remaining 8 girls knew they could win if they played at their best and went on to take the semi-final by 2 and preliminary final by 3 goals.

Having been beaten in both the 2013 grandfinals by large margins, the girls were determined to give this game their best shot. In a nail-biting, see-sawing grandfinal that saw the lead change a couple of times and the biggest margin at any point being 4, Highlights came out winners by 2 goals. It's taken 4 years in Open 1 to finally get the grandfinal and the same girls have been together for the whole time. So Highlights finally have their grand slam – U13 Section 1, Under 15 Section 1, Under 17 Section 1 and now Open 1 grandfinal.

Spring (Section 1)

As we head into the last two games of the Spring season, Highlights are sitting second on the ladder and will definitely play finals again. With Safari Bron back safely from the wilds of Africa and the wonderful (and talented) Sarah Brownell filling in when needed, the girls are hoping they can give back-to-back premierships a strong shot. Regardless of the outcome, they play because they enjoy each other's company and are friends on and off the court.

A big thank you to all the parents who still come and support the girls every week and to Sue Allen who comes and gives them a rev when needed and supports them throughout finals. And an even bigger thanks to Greg Hunt, Eliza De Cesare and the wonderful Highvale Committee who make this such a fabulous club to play for. Good luck to all the teams playing finals and we look forward to seeing everyone back in 2015.

Stars – Open

Team members: Sarah Brownell, Amylee Cadman, Susie Cavanagh, Madison Dibb, Brianna Gunn, Leanne Kaufmann, Naomi Maclean, Karen McDougall, Gemma Page

Captains: Karen MacDougall, Naomi Maclean and Brianna Gunn

Winter (Section 1)

Winter 2014 was somewhat a tumultuous one for the Stars. After success in Spring 2013, we were upgraded to Section 1. This was a challenge that proved tough for us during the season. We had plenty of injuries and unfortunately losses to contend with. With Amy and Maddy on the sidelines for a prolonged period, we again required the amazing support of our regular fill-ins. A

huge thank you to those that helped us out at the last minute, including Maddy's Mum who came out of retirement and played a cameo one Saturday! This season we proved that netball was not just about winning, as we found other ways to enjoy our Saturday afternoon matches.

Now after 20 years of playing netball together, the Stars are taking a hiatus from the court for a little while. We thank everyone that has supported us including the committee. We've experienced graduations, engagements, marriages and babies along the way; it has been great fun! Hopefully the Stars can make a much loved return in the future.

Sparklers – Open

Team members: Emma Claughton, Norma Cowan (Winter), Lizzy Dent, Kerryn Hilderbrand, Megan Jepson, Grace Sands (Spring), Jessica Tso, Shaniya Vilash, Avanthi Wickramasuriya

Captain: Lizzy Dent & Emma Claughton

Winter (Section 2)

Oh Sparklers! We did it again in Winter. We had such a classic start to the season, fill ins almost every week and playing like we had forgotten what netball was. Kerryn was a lifesaver when she joined our team and we must apologise for those first games you played with us! Come the half of the season where Waverley City sends out the qualified players for finals they didn't even bother sending our names.

In true Sparklers form though, we turned the season completely around and went on a winning streak to actually make finals in the last round! The teams we played all seemed a little surprised at the difference in our skills the second time round but unfortunately this couldn't last. People had booked trips (as our season was apparently over) and we could only put 6 players on court for our final – which we lost to by less than when we played them in the season, so imagine what we could have done with a full team!

Spring (Section 3)

The good thing about losing heaps of games in Winter is being regraded in Spring! This season we welcomed Grace to our team and she has just added to the team dynamic which is fantastic. The top 5 teams are very close at the time of writing this but without jinxing us we SHOULD be able to hold on to finish 3rd or 4th. We know we can beat any of the teams in this section on our day so lets hope we get the chance to prove it. As always, our strength is the diversity in our team and there is not one player who has played in less than 3 different positions this season. Special mentions to Emma, Jess and Grace for scoring our much needed goals, Kerryn, Avanthi and Megan for doing most of the leg work in the centre (so the rest of us don't have to) and Shaniya for her determined effort in defence. Thanks to our friends and families who come along each week to score and sometimes watch us play. Hope to see you all back next year!

Hurricanes – Open

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

Captain: Eliza De Cesare

Winter (Section 3)

This Winter was slightly different for us. While we typically start the season slowly and then finish strongly, this Winter we started strongly and then finished slowly, but as usual, just missed 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 - they always impress me!

Spring (Section 4)

Spring season is again seeing us "on the edge" with our finals hopes coming down to the result of the last H&A game. With only seven players on our list, we are very grateful to have so many fill-ins that are willing to help us out to give us a full team each week. A huge 'thank you' to Brianna Gunn, Susie Cavanagh, Sarah Brownell (all ex-Stars players), Olivia De Cesare and Stacey Baxter. We'd also like to thank Kim Potter, Eilish Cook, Zoe Lythgo, Tasha Humphreys (all Hotshots players), Briony Strongman and Crystal Humphreys (both Gems players) who have each played at least one second game for us to give us a seventh (and sometimes, sixth) player when we were short.

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 Gayle Green who scores for us nearly every week and provides us with plenty of motivation, score updates and coaching - we appreciate it!

Randoms – Open

Team members: Mahila Abbass, Amanda Abbass, Darcie Bourke, Melissa Bell, Ashlee Clark, Clare Dhillon, Victoria George, Rebecca Joyce, Tanja Karac

Captain: Rebecca Joyce

Winter (Section 6)

This was the first season in a long time where we slightly resembled a similar team week in and week out. The team grew stronger this season and our social netball team developed into a team of friends. Slowly fighting our way through the tough competition, we didn't take ourselves or the game too seriously. This is what led us to our back-to-back premierships. All of the girls fought hard each week and the entire team has come a long way.

Although any team has their games where all the players suddenly forget how to throw or catch a ball, we all had a great laugh at each other's expense. Our curse with the weather continued. Guaranteed if it was a nice day, we were to play inside. With that, come the games where we played outside in the freezing cold and rain.

As a whole, the season was another success. With a big night out planned to celebrate, all the girls were looking forward to letting their hair down, but it was not meant to be. With more

injuries and other grown-up commitments, we had to save the celebrations and work towards another premiership in Spring.

Spring (Section 7)

We certainly lived up to our name this season. With more random players filling in for us than ever before, it was a stark contrast to the previous season. With the usual amount of injuries hanging over us like a dark cloud, we struggled to find some consistency. Nevertheless, we achieved a little collection of wins and were hanging around the top end of the ladder.

Our team had two weddings this year and countless laughs. Our little team mascot, Jordan, is regularly supporting his mum and aunties on the sideline while teasing us with his skills and killer pythons. Our furry friends were also a regular good luck charm and showered us all with kisses and affection. One group of people who have never let us down, week in and week out are the 'boyfriends'. They have no idea about the game but come down every week for sideline support anyway. One day they will turn up with cut oranges and just blow us all away.

Dynamites – Open

Team members: Monica Hunt, Jill Lythgo, Vani Mantha, Lauren Judkins, Kimberly Pakshong, Cara Schelleman, Bhavya Sethi, Evonne Tong, Elise Wattie

Team Manager: Greg Hunt

Winter (Section 8)

2014 saw the Dynamites enter their 3rd year of Open competition following a couple of 'learning' years. It is never an easy step moving into open as we see youth and enthusiasm compete against age and treachery!

This year we welcomed back Bhavya and we were also joined by Cara and Lauren. This gave us a good core of 9 for the year; an ideal number. The winter season was one of mixed results. A couple of games best described as 'could do better' saw the ladies finish 5th, just missing out on finals. However, as we progressed during the season, playing positions were being consolidated, boding well for Spring.

Spring

Spring has seen better results so far, as at time of writing we're currently second on the ladder with one game to go and a bye to finish off the table games. Looking forward to a successful finals series and hopefully that well deserved premiership!

I consider it a privilege to be the Dynamites "Team Manager" and I'm very proud of how the ladies present and conduct themselves on and off the court; they are a credit to the Highvale Netball Club. I hope you come back next year and we go on to achieve great success in 2015.