

2015

Highvale Netball Club Annual Report



HIGHVALE NETBALL CLUB INC.

Reg. No. A001 9001 H

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday 22nd November 2015

TIME: 4pm Presentations
5:45 – 6pm AGM

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

AGENDA AGM:

1. 5:45pm – 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 2015

Greg Hunt	President & database manager
Nicole Newey	Vice president
Eliza De Cesare	Secretary & Assistant umpire coordinator
Marion Hoskin	Treasurer
Donna Stevens	Coach Coordinator
Emma Claughton	Communications coordinator
Fiona Bahr	Junior uniforms coordinator
Linda Hallcroft	Umpire coordinator & Senior uniform coordinator
Michelle Pattison	Committee member
Anne Tambakis	Committee member
Michelle Collins	Committee member
Janine Pearson	Committee member

Coaches 2015

Samantha Potter	Starlets	Winter
Kate Smedley	Starlets	Spring
Chris Hatch	Starlets	Spring
Monica Hunt	Magic	Winter
Eilish Cook	Magic	Winter & Spring
Tanna Reynolds	Magic	Spring
Lizzie Dent	Hoppers	Winter & Spring
Donna Stevens	Emeralds	Winter & Spring
Rebecca Stevens	Emeralds	Spring
Viv Potter	Jades	Winter & Spring
Michelle Pattison	Flyers	Winter & Spring
Eliza De Cesare	Flyers	Winter & Spring
Greg Hunt	Zigzags	Winter & Spring
Sophie Papaefraim	Dazzlers	Winter & Spring
Greg Hunt	Dynamites	Winter & Spring
Vito De Cesare	Hotshots	Winter & Spring
Liz Joyce	Highlights	Winter & Spring

Umpires 2015

Samantha Hallcroft	Beginner
Ely Roufos	Beginner
Anokhi De Silva	Level 1
Lilly Sims	Level 1
Tanna Reynolds	C-badge
Eilish Cook	C-badge
Sophie Papaefraim	C-badge
Kate Drummond	C-badge
Laura Joyce	C-badge
Eliza De Cesare	C-badge
Samantha Potter	C-badge
Kim Potter	B-badge
Jessica Hoskin	B-badge
Zoe Lythgo	B-badge

Representative players 2015

Zahli Spurling	Yarra Ariels
Tasha Humphreys	Melbourne Waverley
Jessica Hoskin	Melbourne Waverley
Zoe Lythgo	Melbourne Waverley
Kim Potter	Melbourne Waverley
Sarah Kimberley	Melbourne Waverley
Tasha Humphreys	Yarra Ariels
Jess Stevens	Melbourne Waverley
Kasey Thompson	Waverley City
Alyssa Newey	Melbourne Waverley
Meaghan Hallcroft	Melbourne Waverley
Sneha Mantha	Waverley City



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

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Once again another year draws to close and it is with pleasure that I present my 3rd presidents report. The year has been relatively smooth with no major issues for the club to attend to. Your committee has become more experienced and I thank them all on your behalf for their tireless efforts throughout the year.

The committee performs many different functions and some of our highlights and achievements have been:

- The organising and successful undertaking of the “come and try” training session just recently. This was marketed to several schools and we had 8 new players registered as a result. This puts us on track for having two under 11 teams in 2016 and ensures we have players to progress through the subsequent age groups. A big thanks to Donna for her efforts in planning and recruiting for the session.
- We've had several new coaches come on board this year and we thank them for their time and efforts. Three of our coaches attended workshops and all agreed it improved their knowledge with new drills and training strategies to put into action. We also undertook a formal coaches meeting before Spring season teams were entered. This allowed us to gain coaches feedback and also review where we need to improve and what works well as a club.
- A growing number of 'C' and 'B' badged umpires called us to review our payment structure to better align with other clubs and the Waverley City Netball association.

- Annual VNA payments undertaken by the club on behalf of parents proved challenging this year due to system upgrades by Netball Victoria. Tracking was quite labour intensive and special thanks to Marion for her efforts.
- Allocating players to teams is always challenging and this year was no different. The extreme being four under 13 players pulling out a few days before season starts and our heartfelt thanks to Liz Dent and Donna Stevens for their last minute active recruiting for us.

This year we entered 14 teams in each season. Winter season finalists were Highlights (Premier/Premier Reserve), Flyers (U15/4 - Club Champions), Jades (U15/5) and Hoppers (U13/4). Congratulations to Highlights for a stunning come-from-behind Grand Final win. At this stage we are on track to having 6 teams making Spring finals and we wish them all the best over the next couple of Saturdays. Facebook will be updated as they progress and all support at Jells would be most appreciated.

Thank you to all the committee members who have been instrumental in the successful and smooth running of the club. I'd especially like to acknowledge those that undertook office holder or coordinator roles. Namely, Nicole - Vice President, Eliza - Secretary and Umpire Coordinator; Linda and Fiona – uniform coordinators; Donna Stephens – Coach Coordinator; Marion Hoskins – Treasurer; and, Emma – Communications Coordinator; thank you all for your help. I hope you all continue with us into 2016 and there are still a couple of more slots available for anyone else who may be keen to become involved.

Finally, thank you, parents for being a part of our club; scoring, providing oranges/lollies and supporting your daughters throughout the year. I wish you all a very joyous and safe Christmas period and the all the best for the New Year.

Greg Hunt

TREASURERS REPORT

October 31 2015

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 \$ 14,755.06. The Profit and Loss for 2015 showed a small loss of \$ 229.60. Stock of uniforms has increased to \$4,190.00 at 31/10/15 compared with \$3,215.00 @ 31/10/14.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their time and dedication to the club this year.

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-2015

Current Assets

Cash at Bank	14,755.06
Uniform Assets on Hand	4,190.00
Trusts	0.00
Total Current Assets	18,945.06

Current Liabilities

Outstanding Cheques	-760.50
Tax Liabilities	0.00
Trusts	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	-760.50

Net Assets **18,184.56**

Total Equity **18,184.56**

Highvale Netball Club Inc.
Profit & Loss @ 31-Oct-2015

Revenue	2015	2014
Spring Club Fees	8,800.00	9,680.00
Winter Club Fees	14,640.00	15,355.00
Winter 2016 Club Fees	247.00	0.00
Spring 2014 Club Fees	160.00	440.00
Uniform	2,585.00	3,720.00
Interest	4.28	4.73
Umpire Fees Received	0.00	219.00
VNA	4,811.00	5,825.00
Photos	0.00	0.00
* Other	196.00	5.00
Total Revenue	31,443.28	35,248.73
Expenses		
Uniforms	5,326.18	4,139.36
Team Registration	12,936.00	13,826.00
Umpire Payments	3,123.00	3,613.00
Petty Cash	20.00	0.00
VNA Expenses	5,009.00	6,175.00
Court Hire	1,628.00	2,585.00
Trophies	1,483.90	1,223.20
Website	0.00	460.00
Coaching Courses	150.00	280.90
Equipment	657.24	1,576.98
** Sundry Expenses	440.40	51.40
AGM Expense	708.66	575.52
Printing & Stationery	0.00	0.00
Payment Refund	0.00	0.00
Forfeit Fines	33.00	121.00
Umpire Fines	157.50	67.50
Total Expenses	31,672.88	34,695.66
Net Operating Profit / (Loss)	-229.60	553.07

- ** Sundry Expenses
- \$165.00 - Consumer Affairs - Change to Constitution
- \$30.40 - Cheap Domains
- \$53.00 - Annual Consumer Affairs Statement
- \$192.00 - Refunds for overpaid fees

Highvale Netball Club Inc.
Cheque Account Reconciliation @ 31-Oct-2015

Bank Statement Reconciliation

Bank Statements

Bank closing balance as at 31 October 2015	14,755.06
Bank opening balance as at 1 November 2014	15,218.66
	-463.60

Highvale Income Reconciliation
Period 1/11/14 to 31/10/15

Total expense transactions	31,672.88
Total income transactions	31,443.28
Add back Unpresented cheques @ 31/10/15	760.50
Deduct prior year cheques presented current year	-994.50
	-463.60

Highvale Netball Club Inc.
Bank Reconciliation @ 31-Oct-2015

Period ending	31-Oct-15
OPENING BANK BALANCE @ 01/11/14 (PER STATEMENT)	15,218.66
PLUS RECEIPTS 01/11/14 - 31/10/15	31,443.28
LESS PAYMENTS 01/11/14 - 31/10/15	-31,672.88
PLUS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	760.00
LESS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES @ 31/10/14	-994.50
	14,755.06
BANK STATEMENT BALANCE @ 31/10/15 (PER STATEMENT)	14,755.06
VARIANCE TO BANK STATEMENT	0.00

LESS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES @ 31/10/15

B. STRONGMAN	369008	-78.00	
L. JOYCE	369026	-144.00	
G. SANDS	369040	-5.00	
L. JOYCE	369049	-84.00	
S. PAPAEFRAIM	369051	-26.00	
L. JOYCE	369070	-15.00	
L. JOYCE	369109	-108.00	
E. COOK	369123	-78.00	
L. JOYCE	369127	-108.00	
WAVERLEY CITY NETBALL ASSOCIATION	369135	-27.50	
M. MCDONALD	369137	-87.00	-760.50

COACH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

This is my second year as Coach Co-ordinator for Highvale and I am so delighted with the calibre of coaches that we have. I can't thank them enough for their organised, enthusiastic, patient, supportive, knowledgeable, caring and passionate approach they have all displayed. They give up their valuable time and energy to bring about successes in each and every one of our players and teams.

I decided to look up the meaning of Coach in the dictionary and it defines 'coach' as: carriage, stagecoach, instructor, teacher, trainer, tutor. Others I could throw in include, mentor, counsellor, guide, guru, leader, supervisor, Psychologist, strategist, communicator, motivator, friend, enemy, realist, or even dreamer. Now I believe that all of our coaches have fulfilled this definition pretty accurately, don't you? I have enjoyed watching each of them wear all of these hats, sometimes all at once, as they have refined their own coaching approach over the year.

For 2015 we opened the season with 1 under 11 team - Starlets inspired under the wonderful watch of Samantha Potter for Winter and the new yet experienced and organised eyes of Kate Smedley and Chris Hatch for Spring. Your patience and ability to motivate our youngest members to the club to enjoy and continue to play netball is an inspiration. You have all done a great job. In fact Kate and Chris at the time of writing this hold a 100% winning rate as coaches with Starlets for Spring... Just think of the places they could go next year under your guidance!

Under 13's has seen a huge interest of new and existing players under the watchful eyes of the old favs of Donna Stevens with Emeralds, Liz Dent with Hoppers and Mon Hunt with Magic in Winter. Spring brought the introduction to the big time for Eilish

Cook as senior coach for Magic alongside the enthusiastic and talented Tanna Reynolds as junior coach. The ever so quiet Rebecca Stevens has also joined Emeralds as junior coaches in Spring, so this sees our under 13's boosted with lots of energy, drive and enthusiasm. Way to go!

Viv Potter took on Jades in 2015 and has done a wonderful job with the girls especially being their first year in under 15's. They made finals for the first time during Winter and seemed to surprise themselves with a new-found empowerment and confidence that has seen a number of them really enjoy their netball. Let's hope this continues into 2016. Go Viv!

Michelle Pattison is another to step up to the big time this year with Flyers in their second year in under 15's. Michelle is an inspiration bringing her enthusiasm, energy and drive to the team. She continues to encourage, reassure and support our precious under 15's in the hope that they will continue to love their netball now and beyond.

Greg Hunt continues his fatherly role with Zig Zags in under 17's. He has guided and mentored these girls expertly as they continue their netball journey.

Our 2015 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 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 experienced 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 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 - even easier this year with the assistance of Linda Hallcroft, who kindly put up her hand to learn the role of the Umpire Coordinator and organise most of our junior umpires. Umpire coordinators at other clubs openly express their jealousy of Highvale's umpires, and for good reason. Linda and I are 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 - **Anokhi De Silva, Mekayla Mihopoulos, Zoe Spicer, Lilly Sims, Samantha Hallcroft, Ely Roufos, Tanna Reynolds, Eilish Cook, Tasha Humphreys, Sophie Papaefraim, Jessica Hoskin, Kim Potter, Zoe Lythgo, Kate Drummond, Laura Joyce.**

Anokhi was our first new beginner/Level 1 umpire to put on the whites this year, followed by Mekayla, Zoe and Lilly in the Spring - they have each made a fantastic start to their umpiring campaigns and I encourage them all to keep working towards achieving their 'C-badges'. This year, each of our existing umpires have either become badged, or progressed a level (from 'C-badge' to 'B-badge') - this is a fantastic achievement and gives the club so much versatility to cover our growing number of Open teams.

Sophie, Kate, Tanna and Eilish were all awarded their C-badges this year, while Jessica, Kim and Zoe have progressed to their B-badges - a HUGE achievement and something that the club is very proud of them for. Thank you to the fantastic development program offered by Waverley City and Waverley Nigh Netball Associations who have coached these girls, as well as our junior umpires, over the year. 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.

Highvale NC have not been privileged with B-badge umpires before, and this prompted us to review our current payment schedule to ensure that each umpires skill level was reflected in their payment. We now align closely (slightly above) with Waverley City NA's fee schedule and hope this provides more motivation for our junior umpires to progress in their abilities.

(Unfortunately) It is true that without umpires, there would be no game - please be mindful that umpires of our junior games are learning too, and they have to start somewhere! So many junior umpires give the job away due to the criticism and stress they receive from the sidelines. Highvale has such a lovely culture and I hope that our members and families can acknowledge the great job that all our umpires do. If anyone has any questions about the rules, how umpiring is scheduled at Waverley City NA or if you would like to start umpiring, please just ask Linda or I - we'd be happy to help!

Eliza De Cesare

TEAM REPORTS

Starlets – Under 11

Team members: Jessica Bahr, Remy Bartlett, Alicia Basham, Gabby Hatch, Bec Meeuwissen, Lily Rose Mlinar, Maddie Redlich, Megan Smedley, Bianca Bekerman, Nicole Abbasszadeh (Spring), Divyana Sedeora (Spring), Ella Vimpani (Spring)

Coaches:

Winter - Samantha Potter

Spring - Kate Smedley & Chris Hatch

Winter (Section 5)

The Starlets started the year with a mixed bag of players of varied experience, and it's been a real pleasure to watch them to come together as a team during the course of the season.

All the girls showed marked improvement during the season in both their skills and their confidence, with everybody comfortable playing all across the court and beginning to think about their spacing and timing.

Above all, everyone's energy and enthusiasm each week has made coaching the Starlets a lot of fun, so thank you everyone - go Awesomenators!

Spring (Section 5)

This was my first season coaching netball, and I found it a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. The team consisted of 11 lovely and enthusiastic girls, and we had a very successful season, not only in terms of number of games won, but also in the development and improvement in the girls' netball skills. With three players absent for the first few games of the season due to holidays and injury, we were very happy that our two youngest players, Ella and Divyana, were able to step up to fill in and play their first few games of competition netball. They did a fantastic job, and their confidence and skills improved greatly. The team won the first 3 games of the season comfortably, and although we anticipated that we may be moved up a grade, we remained in section 5. The team had another 3 very convincing wins, so with 2 rounds to go, the girls were unbeaten!

The focus of our training sessions was to practice and master the basic skills, and for the girls to develop confidence in themselves and their team mates. Although our shooting at training was generally very inaccurate, the girls certainly stepped up in matches, and the team scored an average of 16 goals per game. The girls gained experience in playing in all positions on court, and they all tried their best in every single game. Thank you to Chris for providing me with fantastic assistance and for taking over the coaching role for the last 2 matches in my absence. It was a pleasure coaching the Starlets, and I look forward to next season!

Kate

Emeralds – Under 13

Team members: Charlotte Bahr, Paris Collins, Meaghan Hallcroft, Alyssa Newey, Ally Redlich, Perri Reynolds, Lucy Searle, Jess Stevens, Kasey Thompson, Maca Izzo (Spring)

Coaches: Donna Stevens *assisted by* Rebecca Stevens

Winter (Section 2)

U13 has arrived and we are placed in Section 2. We knew it was going to be a tough season with a mix of teams that have come up with us from U11 plus some top age U13's. We began the season with seven wins and a forfeit (due to aerobics commitments) which was a fantastic start to under 13's. Then, well, the other teams just seemed to be bigger and stronger and we lost our way a little bit and only won only 2 of the next 6 games. This catapulted us from top of the ladder to 5th and missing out on the finals by percentage... mmmm, talk about a mixed season. All in all it was a monumental learning experience for us all. During the season we also attempted our first team tournament at Waverley City which the girls really enjoyed. Great comradery and fun was had and we came away with 'runners up' in the U13 reserves. Woohoo (A special thanks to Emily Brennan who filled in) A very excited coach, parents and girls that day. It was amazing!. Well done girls on a great season!

Spring (Section 2)

Once again we remain in section 2. A few teams went up, a few teams went down but we managed to stay put. We have been working vigorously this season on set plays, circle work, channels and the girls have been playing in more settled positions on the court. So far it has been a good season, with some wins and some losses. We currently sit 4th on the ladder with the hope of making finals (fingers crossed)! We welcomed Maca into the team to help balance the numbers in under 13's. She has been a great asset with her speed and enthusiasm and fitted in really well. Ten is a big number to juggle, but with a few people on holidays and some injuries, we have so far managed really well. The girls have worked incredibly hard this year and are improving all the time. They work exceptionally well as a team and support each other both on and off the court. They are a very enthusiastic, dedicated and fun loving group who are a dream to coach because they enjoy both playing games on Saturdays and coming to training. Fantastic effort girls!

Special congratulations to our representative players Kasey; Thompson, Alyssa Newey, Meaghan Hallcroft and Jess Stevens. You continue to inspire me.

Also, a personal thanks to all the parents for their support, encouragement, scoring and half time goodies – couldn't do it without you! Special thanks also to Rebecca for being my gopher this season – you have to start somewhere!

Hoppers – Under 13

Team members: Charli Bartlett, Isabella Byun, Angelina Li, Helini Mendis, Kay Nixayathirath, Yena Rim, Laura Wang, Macarena Izzo (Winter), Delaney Gray, Felicia Nguyen (Spring), Lilly Sims

Coach: Lizzy Dent

Winter (Section 4)

It's hard to remember back to our disastrous start to Winter, with only 4 players returning at the beginning of the year for our first game, we had a mad dash to even create a team! In hindsight this worked out very well for us. We acquired some great new players to add to our list, all fitting in really nicely with this fantastic group of girls. The girls are really friendly and supportive of each other and show a great desire to improve their netball skills as well.

You may remember our first season last year without a win - what a change this season! We not only won games but made it into our first Finals series. Unfortunately we lost this game, but just getting there proved how much these girls have improved and gelled together as a team this season. Awesome work!

Spring (Section 5 & 6)

Spring has been an up and down season for our girls. We started with 11 players on our list but unfortunately due to injuries we are down to 7 for the final weeks of the season. With Maca moving to another team and Yena's injury, there was a big space to fill in our defensive end that Angelina has really excelled at this season. Our goalers have become really consistent both in shooting accuracy and creating great leads for the ball. They are also working very well with the midcourt, using the circle to help work the ball in nicely. With Helini, Charli, Delaney, Lilly, Felicia and Izzy all having great shooting abilities, it is great to see that they do not complain about sharing it around and are happy to play in other positions as well. Kay and Delaney have really cemented their positions as great centre players this season and Izzy has been as strong as ever in defence.

Our games have become more consistent as we move from learning the skills of netball to learning the tactics of netball. Of course, the other teams are also improving so we have had close games, all winnable and losable, throughout the season. As the points stand, the top 4 teams are fighting it out for the 3 positions in finals, highlighting the closeness of the section. I wish the girls the best of luck - they deserve another chance of finals. You are the best group of girls to coach!

Magic – Under 13

Team members: Laura Adams, Amy Basham, Cailien Gleeson, Emma Johnston, Anika Mathers, Chantelle Robinson, Ellen Tofts, Mia Ward, Shayna Sederoa (Spring), Kavi Vishnuraj (Spring) Zoe Spicer (Winter), Erin Malone (Winter)

Coaches:

Winter - Monica Hunt & Eilish Cook

Spring - Eilish Cook & Tanna Reynolds

Winter (Section 4)

From Monica:

This season was both challenging and rewarding. We began the season with 8 players, and ended up with 10 at one point. This was great for our energy supply but meant the girls had to get accustomed to playing with each other. Therefore, we struggled in our section at the beginning, and due to the level of existing skills. However, the aim of the season was to improve the skills first, then focus on the wins. Despite our teetering between last and second last on the ladder, the morale remained positive.

Throughout my coaching experience, the traits I value the most are persistence and resilience. I believe this team demonstrated these traits in the best way possible, and in turn they have inspired me to treat my own play in the same way. When the girls believed that their skills could improve, it happened. The growth the Magic achieved in their first season this year was tremendous, something that scores and ladders cannot measure.

Well done girls!

From Eilish:

In 2015, Magic witnessed significant changes to begin the year. As the top age girls moved into more experienced teams and sections, only 5 of the 11 girls remained in the team which meant they needed to be ready for additions and adjustments throughout the season. Fortunately, Magic were never short of players as the new permanent additions to Winter included; Laura, Amy, Emma, Anika and Mia. Because of existing friendships, these girls slotted into the team comfortably and introduced the existing girls to a new set of skills in the attack of the game.

Alike every netball team, all the girls stood on different skill levels of the game. This meant the girls needed to be patient with one another and their coaches, as game-day rotations can be tricky with so many players of different abilities. However the difficulty, Monica and I knew we had been blessed with a very talented set of girls who had the perfect attitude towards netball, to never give up. Winter season was definitely a season of adapting to one another and syncing our game as a team; but with such a strong attitude, the girls were never fazed by the game results and always tried their best which was admirable to see. During the second half of the season, Shayna became the 'permanent fill in', which she brought a great spirit and addition of enthusiasm to the team. Unfortunately, due to injury, the high-spirited Zoe had to retire for Spring and focus on her recovery, and also Erin had to resign due to other netballing commitments.

Towards the end of the season, it was clear all the girls were familiar with one another's game, and still held their consistent positive attitude. From this point, Spring season was looking very promising as the girls were ready to play some competitive netball. Unfortunately, at the end of the season, Monica had to leave coaching in order to focus on her university studies. However I was more than happy to take over and coach these girls in knowledge of the big shoes Monica had left me to fill.

Spring (Section 5 & 6)

Spring was such an enjoyable learning experience for all members of Magic, especially the coaches! As my first season of head coaching, I knew I had big shoes to fill and needed some assistance. To my great luck, Tanna joined me along the ride which was Spring season and I was very grateful. After the loss of two players last season, Magic was introduced to two new players of the game; Shayna and Kavi, who we welcomed with open arms.

This season Tanna and I wanted to push the girls hard and introduce them to a fresh approach to the game, and be as strategic as possible when on court. Because of this, Magic did spend the majority of the season in the bottom half of the ladder, however we were *always* on the top of that bottom half and ready to shock our opponents above us! It was very impressive to see the girls lift to our demands and really step up to play some smart netball despite differing skill levels. Every week, the girls were keen to train hard in the afternoon, and even keener to rise to the challenge on game day. All the girls are awesome team players with immense amounts of potential, and such a pleasure to coach.

Before the season commenced, I warned the girls to be prepared for some crazy rotations and to keep an open mind about all positions, and they listened.

In Spring season; Chantelle was doing marvelous things in goals and defense, Cailien adjusted her awesome defensive skills through to midcourt, Amy broadened her midcourt attacking horizons into amazing defensive work, not to forget Anika changing her amazing goaling into some crazy midcourt skills, and of course Emma absolutely dominating from defense into midcourt, showcasing some fantastic netball abilities. In addition; Ellen mastering her crazy defensive game and finding her place on the court, Shayna executing incredible things in all positions of midcourt, specifically WA, Laura demonstrating versatility in her game and taking on midcourt and goaling positions with excellence, Kavi redefining 'pocket rocket' with her splendid defensive midcourt abilities to her unbelievable adaptations to goals, and Mia, where height is no limit as she consistently demonstrated extraordinary ability in goals and being able to stay level headed under pressure.

Congratulations to all the girls on such an amazing season, I hope they continue to foster their skills and play terrific netball, and it pays off in their team results.

To finish off the report, Tanna and I would like to thank all the parents who supported their girls and came to the games every week, got them to training and the games on time (often before me!), and followed the roster and brought refreshments for the girls at half time. We really couldn't have done it without your help. Also, thank you to the players for being such an understanding and cooperative group of girls, and putting up with last minute improvisations and changes.

A special thank you to Tanna for being such an amazing assistant. Tanna, you have been a delight to work with and I could not have done it without your help and input, thank you so much!

Flyers – Under 15

Team members: Rhiannon Hallcroft (Winter), Isabella Wang (Winter) Annie McDonald, Tahlia Motta, Rylee Pattison-Moore, Sofia Roufos, Jessica Saloman, Rebecca Stevens, Natasha Westbury, Olyvia Pedelty (Spring)

Coaches: Michelle Pattison and Eliza De Cesare

Winter (Section 5)

This was the first season where I was proud to take on the role of coach and have been privileged to be working closely with Eliza who has mentored me through the season. It has also made it easy to be working with such an amazing group of girls who we have watched grow and develop their skills each week.

We welcomed Tahlia into our team but sadly farewelled Isabella to pursue other interests. We started our season in Under 15's section 5 with 9 players. We got off to a very strong start with our first 3 games defeating our opponents by double figures. We were then regraded into Section 4 which challenged our skills but through hard work and an open minded approach we worked on set plays, defensive throw-in's and effectively using our court space to maximise opportunities in training. We brought these skills to each game and were able to win 5 out of the 10 games in this section to make it into finals by ending 4th on the ladder and winning Highvale's "Championship Team" trophy.

Unfortunately we were beaten in the Semi Final by the better team on the day but not without an amazing effort from every player in the game. To say we are proud of these girls' achievements during the season is an understatement.

Spring (Section 4)

This season we farewelled Rhiannon from our team and we wish her every success and happiness. We were fortunate enough to welcome Olyvia and she has brought a strong offensive offering into our team.

We are continuing to rotate our players in various positions to ensure that they have a greater understanding of their individual roles on the court. Every girl taken on the positions played with a positive attitude and they are increasing their game knowledge and skill set every game.

On writing, we had won 3 games and lost 4 but are confident that we will improve every game we play for the remainder of the season.

We would like to thank all of our parents this year for their amazing support with ensuring the girls are at training and arrive early on game day and who have help by scoring and supplying our game refreshments. A special thanks to Pete Saloman who has played an active role in every training session through the year. We could not do this without you!!

Jades – Under 15

Team members: Yuko Ito-Kay, Sneha Mantha, Mekayla Mihopoulos, Bianka Mlinar, Emma Moffat, Caylie Moore, Ritika Singh, Gemma Thompson, Mia Trembath, Zoe Malone (Winter)

Coach: Viv Potter

Winter (Section 6)

This group of girls came together to form a new team at the start of the winter season. With a number of girls playing up an age group, most weeks we played teams who were bigger, more experienced and more highly skilled than us. The girls showed their mettle by consistently turning up to training, where they worked hard on both their fitness and their skills and we saw the result of their hard work on Saturdays where we ended the season with 7 wins and 7 losses finishing 4th - making finals at our first attempt. Unfortunately, we lost in the semi-finals but gained valuable experience in what was an awesome first season together. Great Effort, Jades!

Spring (Section 6)

We bade farewell to Zoe, who moved to a different centre, but were otherwise unchanged this season. The combinations are beginning to gel and the girls are starting to implement the strategies and plays that we are practising at training. We have started the season strongly with 5 wins and are currently on top of the ladder, so look like making finals again. All the girls should be very proud of themselves because their improved skill and fitness levels are a result of lots of hard work and due to their commitment to each other. Keep up the good work – Well Done, Jades!

Zigzags – Under 17

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

Coach: Greg Hunt

Winter (Section 4)

Once again it is my pleasure to present the Zigzags' annual report. As always, I consider it an honour and a pleasure to have the opportunity to coach and participate with these wonderful young ladies. I continue to be impressed and proud of their work effort, fair play ethos, willingness to help and encouragement they give each other and their ever improving netball skills.

After completing a good last year in Under 15s, the Zigzags joined up again to move into the even more challenging under 17s. With a core of 8 players and more experienced opposition teams, wins weren't quite as forthcoming as last year. However, Zigzags never lost touch or gave up, taking the challenge in their stride. Considering the new age group and standard of opposition, our 3 wins and some narrow losses gave us hope for the future.

Spring (Section 3)

The Spring season saw us formally joined by Mia. Mia came with a stunning basketball record (state representative) and is quickly adapting and taking on guidance to play netball. The season so far has been mixed with some good wins, narrow losses and some games best not discussed. However, as usual and expected, the girls never give up and keep on giving 100 percent.

Due to the various competing time priorities the girls are facing at this stage of their lives; I've worked with some of the girls to play multiple positions. It has been great to see that we now have at least 4 girls who can GS/GA, 2 great GK/GDs and flexibility right through the mid court. This is wonderful but can make position placement challenging when all 9 are available; a great problem to have. At this point, we're an outside chance to make finals but no matter what happens, I'm sure the girls will have enjoyed the season and we look forward to bigger and better next year.

Finally, thank you to all the parents that supported me throughout the year. Knowing that I can rely on the girls being at court on time, oranges/lollies provided and scoring undertaken makes my role much easier.

Hotshots – Open

Team members: Sophie Antidormi, Eilish Cook, Jessica Hoskin, Tasha Humphreys, Sarah Kimberley, Zoe Lythgo, Kim Potter, Zahli Spurling, Rhiannon Compton (Spring), Samantha O'Dea (Spring)

Coach: Vito De Cesare *assisted by* Olivia De Cesare

Winter (Section 1)

What a fantastic year it has been for me to be coaching this group again in 2015. Such a fantastically talented and enthusiastic group of young women. After great success in 2014, winning the winter Grand final and finishing 2nd in the Spring, the team was put into Open section 1. A very tough season for us, finishing 4th, but invaluable as far as playing teams with much more experience. A huge amount was learnt and I'm sure was in part the reason why we did so well in the night competition. Hotshots went on to win the Open Section 1 competition at night and are looking at going back-to-back" again in the same section on Wednesday night.

The decision to play in an Open Section 1 on a Wednesday night instead of training, together with the experience playing against much older girls/women, has been invaluable! Hotshots realised quickly how talent sometimes isn't enough to combat against cunning experience that the older women have!

Spring (Section 2)

A mixed season so far; a very demanding year for this group of young women as many of them are in their final year of VCE. Injuries have also played a big part this season with Sarah Kimberley requiring a full knee reconstruction, which will see her sidelined for up to 12 months - a huge loss for the team as she was one of our main defenders. Also Eilish Cook

had to withdraw mid-season with a fractured wrist; again, a much valued player and greatly missed. Fortunately we were able to recruit 2 very strong players, Rhiannon Compton and Samantha O'Dea who have fitted in very well and very quickly.

At the writing of this report, Hotshots are currently 3rd with one week to go and will be playing in finals. 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.

A personal thanks to all the parents that have scored during the year, but especially to Mark Hoskin for helping me with any tasks I asked of him. Also Marion Hoskin for "Team Managing" again this year and giving me feedback and support whenever I asked.

Sparklers – Open

Team members: Emma Claughton, Lizzy Dent, Kerryn Hilderbrand, Megan Jepson, Grace Sands, Jessica Tso, Shaniya Vilash, Avanthi Wickramasuriya, Jodie Mioduszezski

Captains: Lizzy Dent & Emma Claughton

Winter (Section 1)

With a great win in round 4, it was unfortunately the only highlight of the season. We lost most games by 10-20 goals and it unfortunately demoralised our confidence as a team.

Spring (Section 2)

In Spring we were moved down a section and the games have been much closer. Most games have been very winnable for us but somehow we have not been able to get the points. We finally got our first win of the season yesterday (Round 9) and everyone played awesome! We shot the best we have all season, with a huge confidence boost that worked its way all the way down the court. Attackers, mid-court and defence were all taking spectacular intercepts and more importantly, capitalising on them. The team was back and it was great to see confidence and fun return to the team. In a bizarre twist with that 1 win there is even a slight possibility of playing finals this season, which seems so bizarre to us all but with the confidence gained from yesterday's win, it could be anybody's game.

Hurricanes – Open

Team members: Eliza De Cesare, Kristen Green, Crystal Humphreys, Terran Jane Humphreys, Maddie Lythgo, Tarryn Meyer, Sophie Papaefraim, Emily Tso, Caitlyn Cook (Winter), Siobhan Cook (Winter)

Captain: Eliza De Cesare

Winter (Section 2)

We were grateful to welcome three new players into Hurricanes this Winter - Crystal, who had been playing with Gems, and Caitlyn and Siobhan, who were both past players returning to Highvale. Hurricanes' team list has been quite stable since Under 13's, so it was good to have some fresh faces and more opportunity to rotate. Crystal and Siobhan provided great support to Maddie and Sophie in defence and were able to fill-in Maddie's void when she embarked on her four month American adventure. Caitlyn strengthened our mid-court and gave us a welcomed rotation - something we hadn't had the luxury of for quite a while! Our attacking end stayed mostly consistent and we ranked 2nd for goals scored in our section.

We finished 6th on the ladder with 7 wins, missing out on finals by 4 points. It was a very competitive section, with many close games had by all the teams. Despite 10 on our list, we often had to call upon Brianna Gunn and Susie Cavanagh to make up our numbers - a huge thank you to them both, who would often get contacted a few hours before the game! Marisa Adams, Morgan Hughes, Naomi Mclean and Briony Strongman also came to the rescue throughout the season - thanks, girls!

Spring (Section 3)

We lost Caitlyn and Siobhan to other commitments in Spring. With our list back to eight, we had fill-ins most weeks to give us seven on-court. A big 'thank you' to Samantha Hallcroft, who played two games for us having also played in her own team, Stacey Baxter, Briony Strongman and Susie Cavanagh. It was great to have Maddie back too, who slipped straight back into the circle with Soph as if she hadn't been away at all!

Having 2 bye's in the section, forfeiting one week and having one round cancelled, it feels as though we have barely played the Spring season. Like Winter, the section has been competitive and we are currently sitting 2nd on the ladder with 1 round to go. Having lost to the top team by only two goals in our H&A game, we hope to be meeting them in the Grand Final and win a second consecutive Spring premiership!

Thank you to all those who have scored for us over the year - our sidelines have been quite thin this year, but there has always been someone who has been willing to score for us: Gayle, Liz, Linda, Andrea, Tony, Vito, Michelle, James, Ryan, Jill and Sox - thank you!!

Dynamites – Open

Team members: Monica Hunt, Lauren Judkins, Jill Lythgo, Vani Mantha, Kimberly Pakshong, Cara Schelleman, Bhavya Sethi, Evonne Tong, Elise Wattie, Shana Chitty, Shannon Davidson, Anna Clarkson, Clare Jerram

Coach: Greg Hunt

Winter (Section 3 & 4)

It is hard to believe that the Dynamites are now in the 4th year of Open competition. Even harder to believe we are yet to participate in a Grand Final! However, this season saw us compete at our highest level. After commencing the season in great form and winning our first three games (including a forfeit), the inevitable occurred and we were put up to section 3.

Unfortunately our winning streak came to an end. After some close games and 3 more wins, we ended 5th on the table.

Spring (Section 5)

This season has seen several player changes due to various reasons. Vani and Shana were not available and Bhavya is unavailable due to illness and we wish her all the best with her recovery. A little arm twisting and persuasion resulted in three new players to the team – Shannon, Anna and Clare. We also welcomed Kim back after spending the first half of 2015 in the USA.

A lower section, (primarily due to sections only having 6 teams) and some new players has reinvigorated the team. We've had some close games, a couple of near losses and great wins. The Dynamites are currently a game clear in second place on the ladder and looking forward to a successful finals campaign.

Thanks to all the players for their always positive attitude and doing their best on court. Also, thanks to Monica for stepping up to Team Management when I've been absent. I look forward to bigger and better in 2016.

Randoms – Open

Team members: Amanda Abbass, Darcie Bourke (Winter), Melissa Bell (Winter), Ashlee Clark, Nupur Desai, Victoria George, Rebecca Joyce (Winter), Tanja Karac, Mahila Abbass (Spring), Danielle Buswell (Spring), Charlotte Henty (Winter)

Captain: Rebecca Joyce (Winter) & Ashlee Clark (Spring)

Winter (Section 3)

This season started off well, however as the season progressed we saw ourselves in true Randoms style struggling to have enough players each week. With holidays and work/school commitments leaving us short many Saturdays, we unfortunately had to forfeit two games this season. To our credit, the games we did have full teams for we were competitive and gained a few wins under our belt. Unfortunately these games were few and far between leaving us to bring up the rear of the ladder this season.

Sadly at the end of the Winter season we sad goodbye to many of the Randoms players which will definitely change the dynamics of the consistent team who have been together for many seasons! We wish all of the girls the best of luck, and hope that we can convince them to come back and play with us again one day (might be a stretch for Mel who has moved to Africa!)

Spring (Section 5)

Unfortunately this season we lost a total of 4 players from our Winter team leaving us with only 5 players. Luckily, Mahila returned from a knee injury and we were able to recruit Dani (a past Randoms player) giving us a team of 7 players. As always - we had our fair share of weddings, holidays and injuries throughout the season, leaving us to live up to our Randoms tradition with more players filling in for us that ever before!

Playing with an average of 6 players every week has pushed us to our limits this season, but somehow we are currently scraping into the top four. Hopefully we can come through and surprise everyone by making it into the finals. We are looking forward to a fresh start next year after two seasons that were a struggle to field a team every week. Thankfully long-term players Cassie and Claire have delivered us our newest Randoms mascots – babies Ruby and Harvi, so we are all anticipating their return to Saturdays next year!

Dazzlers – Open

Team members: Phoebe Cleyne (Winter), Kate Drummond, Bhavana Ganti, Samantha Hallcroft, Elizabeth Kleeman, Sherry Wang, Ashlee Witte, Celine Wan

Coach: Sophie Papaefraim

Winter (Section 4) | Spring (Section 7)

This year was a little bit of a struggle for the girls as most of them were completing year 12 and others with varying Uni schedules.

However they have done an excellent job in rocking up to games and working as a team to get the job done. At the beginning of the year the girls were quite consistent in their games, off and on between wins and losses, however, they always managed to maintain their strength during the game.

We have had a few injuries throughout the year but as always coming through and bouncing back from them.

Overall I'm very proud of these girls this year was a struggle but they have definitely done well.

Highlights – Open

Team members: Lauren Cook, Grace De Cesare, Bronwyn Dent, Belinda Drummond, Laura Fox, Carly Ioannidis, Laura Joyce, Gabrielle Keegan, Sarah Brownell (Winter)

Team Manager: Liz Joyce

Winter (Premier & Prem Reserve)

After a successful year in Open 1 where Highlights won both grand finals after 5 years of trying, Winter season saw us placed into Premier Reserve division. This was a massive step up in both skill level and fitness, with some very stiff competition and hour long games. We also faced the season short a defender after Jess left us to study in Sydney. As always, the girls took on the challenge with good spirits and fared OK against the prem reserve teams. The original premier teams were a level too high and there were some big losses as well. Fortunately, the ladder split into two sections for finals and we luckily played only the prem reserve teams. In their usual come from behind style, Highlights won their prelim and also took out the grand final. So the season ended on an unexpected high.

Spring (Premier & Prem Reserve)

Spring has been a challenging season with a number of the regular players out for extended periods with injuries and other commitments. The season has been similar to Winter with mixed results depending on the opposition teams and players available. As we head into the final rounds, it looks like Highlights may play in finals again and will give it our best shot as always.

Many thanks to our regular fill-ins this year - Sarah, Sarah, Ash, Bec and Olivia - who have made it possible to field a full team each week.

As always, the team loves playing for Highvale and we still have a fantastic showing of parents at our games and 'guest coaching' by Sue.

We would like to specially thank Eliza, Greg and the fabulous committee who make playing each week so easy and enjoyable and wish all the teams in finals the best of luck.