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FOREWARD

I have much pleasure in presenting the inaugural annual report for the members perusal, and I thank everyone who contributed to its production, but in particular I thank Marilyn Kennedy and Marie Menzel.

Despite the cost and the amount of work involved in issuing an annual report, the Committee decided that a written report would denote the determination of the Club to foster a more professional and innovative approach, which will enable us to regain and then maintain our standing as the leading Club in the Barossa and Light Netball Association.

This has been the Club's 44th year and in my opinion a consolidated annual report such as this is long overdue, but the Committee has decided to produce the report on an experimental basis only and its continuation is subject to the member's approval. Therefore, any criticism or suggestions from member's is most welcome.

Kieran Roche

Tanunda Netball Club

Season 1993

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President's Report

The 1993 season has not been one of our more successful ones but the potential is there for a huge improvement next year. Senior registrations were once again down and we had to do some recruiting to fill all the sides. At times junior players were used to fill vacancies and I thank all those girls for their co-operation during the season. There were quite a few "new" players registered with the Club this season and it was terrific to see them become involved with the Club in more than player capacities.

Junior registrations were once again well in excess of team requirements but it was good to see coaches making room for all girls to get games. There were 15 girls in the modifieds and congratulations must go to Cheryl Kraehenbuhl who was helped by Mary Weymouth for the time and effort put in to turn these girls into a very competitive netball team. In the sub juniors we had "29" girls to fill "3" sides and in the juniors there were "30" to fill "2" teams. This year there was enough parental support to slot a third junior side to follow "South Gawler" so all the girls were able to play this year. A special thank you must go to Peter Hueppauff for volunteering to coach and transport the girls for the season. There were 12 intermediate registrations with three girls playing the season in the senior ranks.

In the final series we had only one senior side representing us, Senior 6, but unfortunately they were put out early. We had a much better representation with the juniors with six sides in the finals and three making the "grand final". Sub Junior 3 was our only premiership, congratulations must go to all players and coaches for the tremendous efforts and achievements made by them during the season and the finals.

I thank the Club patrons and the trophy donors, especially Peter Hueppauff who donated four trophies and Cyril Boston, who, as usual, donated trophies to each player and coach in a premiership team.

Thanks go to the committee for their work and support throughout the year, for without their help and dedication we would not be such a successful club both on and off the court. I would also like to thank all the people who have done duties for the Club over the season and I thank all the supporters for coming along each week.

As I will not be standing for re-election to the committee next year, I would like to wish the club and the next committee all the best for the next season.

Tony Gepp

Senior 1 - Kieran Roche

The Senior 1 team made a very slow start to the season, winning only one of our first five games. With Robyn Horley missing two games, through injury and the team having to use a completely new offensive line up, we struggled to score enough goals, but we worked very hard on our offensive pattern and by mid-season we were playing some pretty good netball. When we drew against South in the second round after not having played well that day, our hopes of making the finals seemed bright, but the loss of a premier-ship point in a game we should have won ultimately proved very costly. In the end, we had to beat Kapunda in the second-last game to be sure of a finals berth, but a combination of us playing badly, and Kapunda having an exceptional day resulted in a huge loss, which cost us fourth spot on percentage.

It was a disappointing end to a season during which we had improved a fair bit, but even though there were some highlights like Kristin Habermann's early season form, Robyn Westhoff's accurate shooting and the continued great form of Robyn Horley it was obvious that a couple of players weren't strong enough mentally to win the hard games. As well as that, I had a poor year as a coach, failing to make some tough selection decisions and my own performance was one I'd like to forget.

Still, a performance like this can be a spur to achieve better things and I know some of the players are very keen to improve next year and I certainly put myself in that category as well.

Finally, I thank our scorers and umpires, Kathy Marschall, and of course the players and congratulate the trophy winners, especially Robyn Horley who won the Nick Hambour Award and the Hentschke Trophy as well as our Best and Fairest trophy.

Senior 2 - Kathy Marschall

Training started early this season so that teams could be selected and settled long before matches started. Like most things, great in theory, but in reality it didn't happen. Girls unable to attend training for various reasons, an early injury and some unrest in the Senior 2 side saw a very shaky start to the season. By the fourth week things had settled down and we had won 2 out of 4 games. Team work and on court play was improving every week, and the younger players combining well with the more experienced players.

Our defence end was strong and the attackers were combining well. Things were looking good and at just over half way through the season we had won 8 out of 11 games, and were second on the premiership table.

Early in the second round a team change took place, another injury and the holiday season took its toll on the team.

Confidence and adaptability seemed to be lacking in the team and two losses by small margins after being up at half time didn't help settle the team down. We went from second to fifth on the premiership table in 2 weeks. With only 4 games remaining until the finals we certainly made it hard for ourselves.

Every player had the ability to play well, but we seemed to lack the determination to win after so many upsets in the team.

We ended up sixth on the premiership table but I feel this is not a true indication of what this team was capable of.

I wish all the girls the best in their future netball and hope to see you all back next year.

Senior 3 and 4 - Thelma Murphy

This season started in the usual haphazard sort of way. We had to wait for Senior 1 and 2 to choose the girls they needed for the squads and this of course takes time. We then chose our 2 teams plus Senior 5 and 6.

Our problem? Mostly centre players. The only goal throwers we had played in Senior 3. So now we had to train 2 more for Senior 4 with only two weeks to go before the first match. This was a lot to ask of any player. Kelly Schrapel and Emma Habermann were chosen and did very well. Emma went to Kieran for extra coaching which was great as her goal throwing improved and the teams were both settled down and starting to play as a team. The Michelle Samain caught a nasty wog and was out for 3 weeks, Cheryl Scholz injured her back and Amy Rosser broke her finger and they were both out for the rest of the season. Now we were very short of players. Paula came out and filled the Senior 3 defence position admirably, and Michelle recovered and played Senior 4 goal shooter while Emma went into centre. Sandra Siviour played anywhere and everywhere. We borrowed players from Neil's team and we thank both Neil and her girls for this.

Eventually, although she couldn't train, Gabrielle Marschall played goal defence each week, the team settled down, played as a team and won their first game. We all thank Cheryl Kraehenbuhl for the Champagne. Just to prove it wasn't a fluke we then went out and won the next game too. We were now off the bottom but it was too late in the season to go any further. Senior 3 also had their moments, letting poor umpiring affect their game. They finished the season in sixth position.

When we were short of players we mostly took from Senior 4 but a couple of times Anna Seppelt (thank you Anna) came up from Senior 6 when Paula broke her ankle. We had a couple of girls on holidays and in the last match we were 3 girls short. But all in all it was a good season as all the girls improved a lot, and Jackie, we hope it's a netballer.

Senior 5 - Wendy Mattner

Being my first year as a coach I found it challenging as well as rewarding.

Most of the girls of the team were either new comers to Tanunda Netball Club and hadn't played before, or were making a come back into the sport scene once again - just to keep fit and for the fun of it. We had lots of joking around at one another but that seemed to get everyone to have a great time (Isn't that what sport is all about?)

In the first half of the season we played a very muddled game as proper ball skills and rules weren't known by all.

By the second round we had finally got it together with everyone fitting into the team quite well.

Even though we didn't make it to the finals, it was a real experience for me and the girls who made it all worthwhile.

I look forward to playing, supporting and hopefully coaching again next year if given the opportunity.

Senior 6 - Lynette Cundy

This being my first year as a coach I must say that the girls in Senior 6 were a pleasure to coach and I hope that I can do it again next year. We all started off by trial and error, especially the new girls who had never played before, but by about the third or fourth week we had it down to a fine art. Most of the girls knew what position they were playing and they started playing to that position. The team settled down and they started playing some really good netball.

The first round of the season saw us have only 2 loses. We had a few injuries during the first half of the season but the girls pulled together and kept the team rolling along.

The second half of the round was even more exciting because we only lost 1 game, and the 6's were playing as an experienced team. We lost a few girls for a couple of weeks because they were filling in for 3's and 4's. But this never phased the determination of the 6's. If anything it made them play harder, to cover for the player that was missing.

The training sessions were a great laugh and a lot of fun. I think all of the girls enjoyed themselves on Wednesday nights, catching up on all the weekly gossip before it was down to hard work. Ball handling, ball skills, passing and talking on the court improved as the season progressed.

After sitting third on the ladder most of the season we went in to the finals hoping to go through to the grand final, but this was not to be. Being the only senior team to make it to the finals was a great feeling, but I think we expected too much. Hardly any support from any of the senior girls was very disappointing. This made our first final game our last for season '93, losing to Willaston by 1 goal. We, as a team, hope that in future years there will be a bit more support for the lower senior teams. Remember that we all play for the same club.

Intermediates - Neil Tarca

It is with pleasure that I submit my coaches report for the 1993 season.

Number of registered players - 9 girls registered to play for U17 for season '93. It was interesting to note their ages: 1 at 16, 6 at 15 and 2 at 14 years. Certainly a young side. In fairness I rostered players for equal court time and whenever possible they also filled in for Senior 4, 5 and 6.

Training: training began on March 26, 1993; times 6.30-8 p.m. When mid term exams started I change my training times to suit. Attendance at training was always good. One highlight of our trainings was that we travelled to Adelaide to play against Contax U17 on August 4, 1993. We were unable to match the exceptional skills of Contax but knowing that a burger was at the end of the game and being spurred on by 'magpies' supporters, Tanunda settled their nerves and performed consistently for the last two quarters. A good learning experience.

Team results - Won 14, lost 6, drew 1. Position as at August 14, 5th.

Voting: Envelopes were handed to umpires to chose best players on a 3, 2, 1 basis.

Trophy winners: Best and Fairest: Robyn Dixon. Equal runners-up: Tanya Atze, Kim Thiel.

General - Most clubs had players from season '92 in the U17 division, apart from Freeling and us. We were the only clubs with "new players" Knowing this I began preparing my team for the step up from U15. I included our fitness with ball skills for motivation. I constantly moved girls into different positions at training so they would develop a greater understanding of the skills on court. (This also helped me to find a hidden on court talent).

This young side began developing well, until mid term exam pressures set us back. Some of the girls who were involved in this excessive workload were exhausted and had to "push themselves". We lost 2 important games over this trying period. The team satisfaction was marred, a little by the knowledge that, but for this, it could have secured a top 4 placement in finals. However, this team always played in a fair and disciplined manner.

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I urge the committee for season '94 to take into account the team achievements and positive response to coaching this team has shown when selecting for season '94. Only 1 girl has to move up in to seniors by age. Another season with the rest would show final contenders. The youth of this teams augurs well for season '94.

Lastly, my thanks to parent scorers who supported the team so strongly and enthusiastically throughout the season. I would also like to thank Thelma Murphy and her Senior 3 and 4 teams for their trainings in match practice against us when asked.

I thank the players for their respect shown towards me and lots of interesting team talk sessions! I wish them well in season '94.

Junior1 - Carol Geister

Well, we are actually at the end of the season, but what a great season, the girls and I have had.

The girls worked hard all season but struggled against Kapunda. We made it right through to the grand final and the girls were really looking forward to it. The girls tried really hard and did their best and scores were level at quarter time, but Kapunda were a little too strong for us.

To sum up the whole season as a coach for the first time in Tanunda, I am very pleased with, and proud of, all the girls as they have played a great season of netball.

Congratulations to Carly Geister for winning the best and fairest trophy, to Aimee McKay for being runner-up, and to Rachel Schmidt for being the most improved. Well done girls.

Junior 2, White - Peter Hueppauff

First, thanks to Tony and Debbie Gepp for helping me coach and set up the team for the first half of the season.

Thanks to the parents for driving, Peter Lehmann Wines and Countryside Constructions for sponsoring us and umpires and anyone else who helped me to get some netball experience. The girls at the start of the season were on a low, expecting to lose most matches but as the season went along they improved immensely to get into the semi-finals and then play off in the grand final but lost to Kapunda, who were unbeaten throughout the season.

Well done girls and thanks to the Club for all their help.

Junior 2, Black - Annie Bryce

Team: Carrie McDonald, Robyn Wilksch (vc), Tara Kohlhagen, Kylie Tarca (vc), Leanne Bentley, Amanda Wilksch, Kate Auricht (capt.), Linda Hein, Amy Frede.

A versatile team of enthusiastic girls willing to listen and learn. Their versatility was shown on a number of occasions with defenders moving to attack and scoring at a similar rate as when playing in regular positions.

After a fairly consistent two minor rounds we were second going into the finals.

The second semi final saw a great effort against the undefeated Kapunda side, going down by only 7 goals. After keeping with them for 3 out of 4 quarters, the girls were very keen to get to the grand final for another chance at the strong Kapunda side.

However, due to a preliminary final against a much improved Tanunda White side that didn't go quite according to plan, our season finished there with a 2 goal loss.

Trophies: Best and Fairest: Robyn Wilksch (22 votes); Runner-up: Kate Auricht (21 votes); Coaches trophy: Linda Hein (most improved).

Six of the nine girls in this team advance to Intermediates next year and I wish them all the best.

Sub Junior 1 - Marilyn Kennedy

Team selections took quite some time due to the fact that we had 29 girls to choose from. I wanted to give all girls the opportunity to fill the top side. After having finally selected my team of nine girls: Jacqui Renshaw; Sarah Tarca; Katrina Lindner; Amanda Kennedy; Vanessa John; Megan Heidenreich; Janelle Steinberner; Amy Rohrlach and Melinda Rosenzweig, some playing different positions from previous year, some coming up from the modifieds, we had a team that could win the grand final.

Unfortunately the second round proved to be our stumbling block. Injuries and illnesses caused problems, with players not being in peak condition. Players unavailable because of holidays also had an effect on the team as we couldn't find the consistency that we had in the first round. Not having a full complement at training often meant that skills were not as fluent as had been earlier in the season. This also brought about instability in the team. I also feel that if the parents have other commitments for their children, the coach should be aware of this prior to selection of teams as this also hindered progress.

This team had a lot of potential that was not fulfilled, I must take some responsibility for this, but also it is up to the every player to put in a full effort every Saturday. The girls also need to except umpires decisions, whether they agree with them or not, and play the game to the best of their ability. As each player develops confidence in themselves they will become better netballers.

I hope that all the girls had an enjoyable season and will continue to improve and enjoy the fabulous game of netball.

Sub Junior 2 - Michelle Samain

I was conned! Tony said it wouldn't be much work. He was lying.

After having much discussion with Marilyn Kennedy I finally selected the nine players for my squad. These were Anna Boehm, Rebecca John, Fiona Raines, Emma Loechel, Anna Lindner, Kimberly Schiller, Melanie Radke, Kate Klinger and Alicia Renshaw.

We shared training sessions with the Sub Junior 1's on Thursday nights from 3.45 to 5 p.m. During the first round of matches much of our training was spent re-learning and perfecting basic skills. During the later half Marilyn and I increased the work on the girls eye-hand-footwork required in a game.

At the completion of the first round the girls had lost one, drawn one, and won all others. During the second round we had a lapse with Emma injured for five weeks. With a problem of lack of concentration and fight in the first quarters, we often spent the last three playing catch-up. During this time of the season I attended the Level O coaching clinic. We finished the minor round in second position behind the unbeaten Nuriootpa team.

With the knowledge that Kate could only play in the second semi, we entered the finals' series. We met Nuriootpa in the second semi and the girls played their best match of the season, still losing by 23. The overall height of the Nuriootpa girls was our un-doing with girls finally showing the fight and determination that I know they have. We played Angaston in the Preliminary final in drizzly conditions. With Rebecca ill, only able to last the first half, Kelly Wilksch from modifieds stepped into the position well. Unfortunately the Angaston girls showed more polish and ended our finals run.

I'd like to express my thanks to Marilyn Kennedy for helping me in my first year as a coach and taking the girls for training until I could arrive from work. I'd also like to thank Cheryl for all her help, Georgie for the loan of some girls when needed, and all our volunteer umpires throughout the season.

Sub Junior 3 - Georgina Lang

Well done to everyone in the Sub Junior 3's. We would all like to thank everyone who supported us. There are so many, but they know who they are. I would especially like to thank Cheryl Scholz. When I first started to coach, I didn't know what to do and she was there without being asked, to help me. All through, with eleven girls, it wasn't easy. Even when I got better at the job she was always there on Saturdays to support her daughter and the team. Thanks also to those parents who helped score and support the team.

I would like to congratulate those who won trophies - Sarah Saegenschnitter, Michelle Rochford and Melissa Skarstrom who won the club trophies, and Kirsten Giersch who was best on ground in the grand final.

Once again, well done to everyone in the team. I am very proud of you all and I'm going to miss all of you. I had such a great time that I hope I get you all again next year.

Well done on your win in the grand final.

Modifieds - Cheryl Kraehenbuhl

The following girls played all, or part of the 1993 season:- Kirilie Blythman, Kimberly Braunack, Carly Bergen, Jasmine Giersch, Anna Klingner, Elissa Leske, Taryn Miegel, Alicia Miles, Hayley Radke, Anna Marie Raines, Mandy Sandow, Lauren Thurlow, Carly Anne Ward, Sally Weymouth and Kelly Wilksch.

Each week we combined ball handling skills with team work, fun and finished with short games. Girls were encouraged to play in many different positions, but the practice ended with Saturday's team playing together. The 'senior' girls were given priority with the younger ones having court time on a roster basis.

It has been very rewarding watching the gradual improvement in netball skills in all players. Some are naturals at sport, but others, more hesitant and need this time in the modifieds to gradually gain confidence in themselves and in the game.

The parental support has been amazing. Thank you all, but especially Mary Weymouth for your assistance throughout the season.

I wish those, 'graduating' to the officials next season, every success and hope that they keep enjoying their netball.

Country Carnival Representatives

Tanunda's representatives for the Country Carnival were:

Junior: Aime McKay, Nicole Klose and Carly Giester.

Sub Junior: Janelle Steinberner and Sarah Tarca.

There were no representatives from the senior teams.

SAPSASA Representatives

Emma Leske, Sarah Tarca and Tammy Gerlach-Boston were Tanunda's representatives for SAPSASA.

Proposed amendments to the Rules of the Tanunda Netball Club.

In accordance with Club rules members are hereby notified that the following amendments to the rules of the Club are proposed by the committee and will be moved and voted on at the Annual General Meeting:-

Rule 2: states in part that - The objectives of the Club shall be to promote the game of netball as played according to the rules adopted from time to time by the South Australian Women's Netball Association.

Proposed amendment: delete Women's from the title of the South Australian Women's Netball Association.

Reason: The current title is: South Australian Netball Association.

Rule 9: states that - The club shall be empowered to enforce a vote of no confidence.

Proposed amendment: insert - The Club shall be empowered to enforce a vote of no confidence in the General Committee or any member thereof. A petition, forwarded to the Secretary and signed by 30 per cent of Club members is required to instigate a motion of no-confidence. The Secretary shall notify members of the date of a Special General Meeting within seven days of the receipt of the petition. Any member may demand a secret ballot. The motion may be carried by a simple majority of Club members.

Reason: The previous rule empowered the Club, meaning the members, to enforce a motion of of confidence but there was no mechanism available to members to instigate proceedings. The amendment is meant to rectify that situation.

Rule 10: authorises the Committee to carry out the business of the Club according to this Constitution.

Proposed amendment: delete - this constitution; insert - these Rules

Reason: These are the Rules of the Club, not the Constitution.

Rule 15: states in part that - No alteration shall be made to this Constitution unless (etc, etc).

Proposed amendment: delete - this constitution; insert - these Rules

Reason: Same as rule 10.

1993 Trophy Winners and Donors

Grade	Trophy	Winner	Donor
Senior 1	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Coach's Trophy	Robyn Horley Lisa Atze Robyn Westhoff	Tanunda Club Mary Heidenreich St. Hallett Wines
Senior 2	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Coach's trophy	Lyn Hoklas Nikia Gepp Tracey Atze	Dr & Mrs Behrndt Nancy Thompson Kathy & Kingsley Marschall
Senior 3	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Coach's trophy	Leanne Samain Di Pauley Simone Martin	ANZ Bank Elm & Lynne Lindner Sue & Peter Rosser
Senior 4	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Coach's trophy	Lisa Noble Sandra Siviour Meredith Pfeiffer	State Bank Caroline & Peter Hueppauff Denise & Hedley Habermann
Senior 5	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Coach's trophy	Linda Alderslade Megan McCarthy Jacqui Frost	Hindmarsh Adelaide Lange's Meats Wendy Mattner
Senior 6	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Most Improved	Julie Porter Sandy Voumard Debbie Rohrlach	Caroline & Peter Hueppauff Chris & Richard Miller Lyn Cundy
Intermediates	Best & Fairest Equal B&F runner-up Equal B&F runner-up	Robyn Dixon Tanya Atze Kim Thiel	Jo & Ted Buck Beaurepairs Sue & Ron Fuller
Junior 1	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Most Improved	Carly Geister Aimee McKay Rachel Schmidt	Jo and Ian McKay Marianne & Adrian Kieboom Mr & Mrs. E. Lienert
Junior 2 Black	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Coach's trophy	Robyn Wilksch Kate Auricht Linda Hein	Marjorie Lehmann Robyn & Mark Horley Annie & Neville Bryce
Junior 2 White	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Coach's trophy Coach's trophy	Emma Leske Sarah Sandow Emily Crabb Renee Hueppauff	Debbie & Tony Gepp Kristen Habermann Caroline & Peter Hueppauff Caroline & Peter Hueppauff
Sub Junior 1	Best & Fairest Most Versatile Most Improved	Amanda Kennedy Janelle Steinberner Melinda Rosenzweig	Glenda Lindner Neil & Gino Tarca Cheryl & Dean Kraehenbuhl
Sub Junior 2	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Coach's trophy	Anna Boehm Kate Klingner Melanie Radke	Kieran Roche Tina & Peter Thiel Gayle & Robert Dawkins
Sub Junior 3	Best & Fairest B&F Runner-up Most Improved	Sarah Saegenschnitter Michelle Rochford Melissa Skarstrom	Karen & Peter Fox Sue & William Wood Thelma Murphy

Modifieds: All players received a trophy.

Hentschke Trophy: (for the player who received most Best and Fairest votes in the Club) Robyn Horley

WHAT NOW TANUNDA

1993 has not been a vintage year for the Senior teams of the T.N.C; with only the Senior 6's making the finals, before losing the first semi-final.

Since it's last premiership in 1990 the Senior 1 team played well to finish second in 1991 but has slumped to 5th position in 1992 and 1993, and no matter who's coaching, and who's playing, that is an unacceptable situation for a club which boasted the dominant Senior 1 team of the 1980's. The Senior 2's last went top in 1970; the Senior 3's went top in '87, '89 and '92; the Senior 4's last went top in 1987; the Senior 5's last went top in 1985; and although the Senior 6's won the 1992 flag, that was their only success since the inception of the Senior 6 competition in 1984.

The situation in which we now find ourselves may come as a shock to most people, but to those who know the history of the Club, and who, over the last few years have had a vision as to where they'd like the Club to be, our current lack of success has been entirely predictable.

To illustrate what's happening, a look at the history of our Senior 1 team would be helpful. The Senior 1 team were premiers in 57 and 58, and 68, 69, 70 and 71. Then in the 80's we won six premierships, and until 1992, hadn't finished worse than fourth since the 70's. But the success of the 80's co-incided with the arrival in Tanunda, first of Kathy Marschall, Noeline Cleggett, and Marianne Kieboom, then in '85 of Kathy Couch, and later still, Celia Johnson and Karen Fox, all of whom made outstanding contributions in premiership years and who all had in common the fact that they received their netball education in places other than Tanunda. It is a certain fact that had we not had those players, 1971 would have been our last premiership year. It is obvious that for the last twenty years at least, Tanunda has been unable to produce enough high quality senior netballers from its junior ranks and we need to find out why.

In the last few years the loss of our best juniors to study or work in Adelaide has been a real killer. From the champion U/17 side of 1990, only Lisa Atze remains as a full-time netballer, and the chances are that work commitments will bring her netball career to a premature end in a year's time. Add to the loss of that team, names like Nicole Hentschke, Rebecca Steinborner, Lesley Grieger, Amy Miller, Tracey and Cristy Schneider, Nicole and Rebecca Fechner, Andrea Genuth, Georgina Kraehenbuhl and numerous others, and it becomes clear how hard it will be for us to have success in Senior grades if this trend continues, as it is certain to do.

It seems paradoxical that the other problems our senior teams face stem directly from the success of our junior teams over the last few years. Some of our junior teams have been so good that they consistently win games by huge margins and yet when players reach senior ranks they have neither the technique or the mental strength necessary for success in the Senior 1 and 2 divisions. One of the most difficult things in sport for a coach whose team has just won by forty goals is to impress upon young players the need to strive for technical excellence. It takes a very strong coach to discipline juniors in those circumstances and now that we've appointed some coaches who will do that, we need to make sure the practice is continued. Winning by big margins each week also means that the girls play without experiencing much pressure, so that when they reach senior ranks it takes them some time to adjust. A closer liaison between the junior and senior teams would partly alleviate the problem.

Another problem we have is the unrealistic attitude of some of our past committees and quite a few of the parents and supporters, in regard to the rotation of players. We've got to make up our minds as to whether we want to get fair dinkum about winning premierships or whether we want to just go through the motions. Everyone must understand that it may be necessary for a coach to play the best seven players for ten games in a row, if that's what

it takes to ensure a finals berth and to set up a team pattern to ensure major-round success. The players must realise that they are participating in three competitions throughout the season – the competition for places in squads during the pre-season trials; the weekly competition against opposition teams; and the competition to secure a place in the team each week. We still must have places available for people who want to enjoy their sport without being highly competitive, but this should be confined to the lower grades. In the first two or three grades the coaches are appointed to make sure their teams win, so they shouldn't be put under pressure to rotate players each week if they think it is contrary to their chances of success. This should also apply to the U/17's and the U/15 1's.

In the not to distant future, players in the top teams will have to resign themselves to the need to train twice a week.

Getting enough coaches is a problem we have year after year. This year despite extensive advertising we had two applications for fourteen positions. Thankfully we finally got enough, but to improve our standard we need the coaches to get together and swap ideas, and the Club must be prepared to put coaches through coaching courses if necessary, so that our players are getting the best possible advice.

Finally we come to the Committee. Generally speaking, our Committees are pretty good, but I can tell you from experience that they are very, very, busy. What we really need is more people to share the workload. We each have to make a decision now as to whether we are happy to see the Club continue its mediocre performances on the netball court, or whether we will work hard to achieve real success. The sporting welfare of your daughter, or your friend depends on you being more active now. Ask yourself if you are prepared to take on some responsibility. If you don't, you can ponder my question – what now, Tanunda?

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