

Tanunda Netball Club



2020 SEASON ANNUAL REPORT

*Presented to the members and players for the
Annual General Meeting*

*To be held at the Tanunda Football Clubrooms
Wednesday December 9th from 7.00pm*

Season 2020

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2020 Central Ranges Netball Academy

The Central Ranges Netball Academy is a combination of Mount Lofty and Lower North Academies. They are a skills development academy following the Netball Australia Develop a Diamond program. They develop players from Hills, Mid Hills, Barossa and Gawler associations from ages 14-16. The girls get access to amazing coaches, camps, carnivals and more!

The girls played a round robin competition against Northern Metro and Northern Regional teams and was held on Sunday 30th August at Clare SA. They then played their Academy Games at Priceline Stadium on 29th and 30th September and 1st October.

The Division 1 academy girls finished 5th overall and the Division 2 girls finished 3rd overall. The coaches were really impressed with how much everyone improved given the difficult year we had.

Our representative this year was;

Chloe Petersen

The 2021 program is set to commence in February with selection trials with information available from Central Ranges Netball Academy Facebook page as well as BLGNA association and TNC club correspondence.



Central Ranges Division 1 and 2

President's Report

A lot of work had gone into the preparation for the 2020 season – we had developed a Strategic Plan to govern our club with our decision making process and we were in a strong financial position.

We had seen our senior grades do pre-season, starting with some sessions in January. We welcomed back past players and saw some new faces come to the club. Senior trials were done with an independent selector in conjunction with our senior coaches and leadership group.

We had a successful junior registration day and as usual we have great numbers in our junior grades, and 2020 was no exception.

We had been able to appoint coaches to all of our teams and training had commenced when the COVID 19 pandemic came our way.

In the best interest of our Community's safety and well-being the 2020 season was put on hold. Most Clubs in BLGNA thought that we would see some netball played, but little did we know about Coronavirus and the impacts it would have on everyone. Lots of restrictions put in place by the State Government and sporting bodies and finally when Netball SA advised an approved structured return to training plan – is when BLGNA decided to make a decision about the season. All clubs were involved in the decision making – and finally in late May it was made official that there would be no 2020 season.

The decision wasn't made lightly – it was a tough decision. The feeling of uncertainty about how we could manage trainings and game day with social distancing restrictions in place was just one factor in the decision. I hope you all understand that we had to think about the welfare and safety of all players, officials and volunteers along with our avid spectators.

Whilst we had no formal competition the Committee was looking at other opportunities for our players to return to the netball courts. The COVID19 restrictions relaxed enough in June, which allowed the committee to run a 10 week training program for all our players commencing Mid July (effectively the start of term 3). The aim of this program was to re-connect with our players and this was just as much about giving players a social connect as well as developing skills and getting players on the court.

The response from our junior co-hort was fantastic and we had a positive response also from our coaching pool to run these trainings. Players certainly enjoyed their lives 'getting back to normal' even if it meant they still didn't get a game on Saturday.

Sessions were run for Netta's with Amanda Reilly leading this group. Primaries were looked after by Sue Martin, with Sub Juniors looked after by Ashleigh Seedsman and Jo Buck and the Juniors looked after by Larene Dreckow and Tam Auricht.

Unfortunately we did not get such a positive response from the Under 17's or the seniors. We attempted to run a combined training session for interested players but this was not successful and low numbers didn't allow this initiative to go beyond two weeks.

A highlight of this training program was the scratch matches arranged against Nuriootpa, who had also run a similar program. This was such a great event against our old rival and for both clubs to work together to bring a special event together was a most welcome distraction from all the uncertainty created by COVID19.

Finally we had a wrap up event – pizza and drinks, rain had been a constant during this 10 week program and week 10 it didn't disappoint. The celebrations continued and it was just good to have so many players get together (of course with social distancing rules being adhered to).

Thanks to the coaches who put their hand up to help run this program and special thanks to our COVID Marshal Linda who did everything to make this event COVID safe (I may have been the chief ball washer during this time). So much paperwork, so many updates, so much hand sanitiser!

In addition to this 10 week program we ran our Net Set program – co-ordinators were Elsa Davis and Kirsten Schiller with assistance from Letisha Bartsch – they did manage to put together a report, so you can have a read further.

Some behind the scenes work that I can also share with you – we were successful in getting a grant from the Office of Rec, Sport & Racing for \$5000 and still had some money from our Cadbury's grant to spend. The club purchased many items that will set us up well for the future and should limit our spending next season. I will list a few of the major purchases here, new match day bibs, match and training balls, 6 aluminium benches, 2 marquees, sack truck, step ladder and folding tables.

You would have also seen that we have some shelter on the Langmeil Road side of the courts, these shelters were part of the Tanunda Recreation Park Show Hall extension phase of development, and both Tanunda Tennis and Netball Club had to contribute (around \$15k each) to the cost as the Council budget didn't cover the total cost. We will need to fit it out with shelving to maximise the storage area for goal post, goal posts covers and other items that will need to go in there.

The Committee continued to meet – included some zoom attendees – as we still had matters to attend to and bills to pay. Thanks to those who contributed to fundraising – we had the chocolates delivered and invoiced so we still needed to get the money in. Also thanks to those who paid fees and were happy to roll them over into the 2021 season.

Thanks to Mel Bignell & Ashleigh Fox in their efforts as Sponsorship Co-ordinators over the last few years. I am sorry to hear that they are both stepping away from this role in 2021 but will be around to lend support to the next person taking on this role (they will have some big shoes to fill!)

Thanks to those sponsors who paid in 2020 and who were happy to see that money roll over into the 2021 season, it is very much appreciated.

Thanks to my Committee – who through some very challenging times still put in effort and time to help keep the Club running albeit without competition matches. I hope that we can reap the rewards in 2021 for what was set up in 2020. Thanks for your support and efforts, it is very much appreciated.

Thanks to those coaches and umpires and other volunteers that helped during the pre-season/trials and 10 week program, and the support of the parents to get their daughters out to the courts during some difficult times was pleasing to see.

As we work our way through the ‘post COVID’ environment/restrictions it will be extremely challenging for all of our players, coaches, supporters, parents, sponsors and members but I think we will be able to get through this together.

Our focus for 2021 will be to build on the great foundation we started in 2020 and make Tanunda Netball Club competitive at senior level and successful through our junior grades.

I would like us to make 2021 a year were we re-connect with past players and officials and engage with all of our Life Members, if anyone has photos of past teams or any other memorabilia (uniforms, newspaper clippings and the like) please contact the Club Secretary.

Go Maggies in 2021

Sharon Seedsman

Net Set Go

Coach: Elsa Davis & Kristen Schiller



Back L-R: Elsa Davis, Letisha Bartsch, Olivia Schiller, Lily Kalleske, Pia Davis, Indigo Reed, Annabel Garrett, Georgie Hazeldine, Olivia Wood, Lucy Sajewicz, Billie Prior, Harper Samain, Kirsten Schiller.

Front L-R: Eden Honner, Lucinda Barnes, Eden Wood, Gracie Rochford, Eilish Burns, Sienna Buczko, Maddison Stiller, Kate Heinrich

Absent: Matilda Doecke

This year saw Elsa Davis and Kirsten Schiller coaching NetSetGo, Elsa a long-term veteran, Kirsten for the first time. Together we coached 19 enthusiastic girls, ranging in ages from 5 – 7yrs. We were blessed to have Letisha Bartsch offer to coach alongside us again this year. The girls responded well to having a younger person coaching them and Letisha got very involved, taking them for warm ups and helping with netball drills and guidance during games.

With COVID lurking around during the first half of the year, we were fortunate enough to still run the program in Term 3 of this year. There was lots of hand sanitizer, wiping of balls and washing of bibs, but the girls were so grateful that we could still offer the program this year. It was a great opportunity for the older girls to improve their ball skills and netball knowledge and keep their interest alive. There are quite a few girls looking forward to starting Nettas next year, with a great foundation of netball knowledge and skills under their belt.

Our focus was on skills at the beginning of every training. Starting with chest passes, one handed and bounce passes in pairs. We then moved into simple drills involving a catch, a pivot and a one handed pass. After a few turns we would add in a defender and the defender would follow her player and then practice four feet when their opponent had caught the ball. During these drills we would have the girls in three groups split up age and skill level so we could modify drills and advance drills where necessary.

By week three we started simulating match play at different ends of the court with smaller groups of girls. This was the beginning of giving the girls a great understanding of defence, attack and the rules and positions of the court. By week five we were on the court and having a go at playing a game.

The girls also felt like real netballers putting a bib on each week and hitting the court. Unfortunately our final training saw some unpleasant weather. We got on the court and played a couple quarters of netball, giving everyone a chance to play in one of their favourite positions (the goal shooters VERY popular), but the cold wind and knowledge that pizza was on its way saw us retreat to the clubrooms after about half an hour.

Due to COVID, we were the only team on the courts on a Wednesday afternoon, however this gave a lot of room for the many little brothers and sisters to run around while the parents watched from the sidelines. The parents were very supportive of the coaches, and happy to help out with a couple of the drills throughout the season.

Overall, we had a wonderful time coaching these girls, their attitude and commitment to the program was great to see. As coaches we were thrilled to see girls progress so far during only ten weeks. This was the last year of coaching for Elsa as her daughter will be moving up to play Nettas next year. Kirsten will continue to run the program next year and will be eagerly searching for someone to assist.

Thank you to Linda for supporting us in the coaching this year and especially to Elsa for the years she has given in helping with NetSetGo.

Elsa Davis and Kristen Schiller