

# Tanunda Netball Club

## 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Season 2001

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Most Successful Player - 2001

Bethany Rothe  
[Sub-Junior 1]

Premiership Teams 2001

Junior 2

Sub-Junior 1

Sub-Junior 2

Sub-Junior 3

11 & Under

B & L Netball Association Trophy Winners 2001

[from the Tanunda Netball Club]

Senior 1 - Best & Fairest Runner-Up	-	Nikia Gepp
Senior 3 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up	-	Marie Thom
Senior 6 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up	-	Janine Walker
Junior 1 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up	-	Jessica Walker
Junior 2 - Best & Fairest	-	Rachel Agars
Sub-Junior 1 - Best & Fairest	-	Bethany Rothe
Sub-Junior 2 - Best & Fairest	-	Toni Martin
Sub-Junior 2 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up	-	Abby Greening
Nick Hambour/ Herald Player Of The Year-		Elissa Leske
Junior Goal Throwing	-	Junior 2
Sub-Junior Goal Throwing	-	Sub-Junior 1

## Senior 1

The Coach:	Kristen Falkenberg	
The Team:	Kerry Alcorn	Renae McDonald
	Anna Boehm	Eisa Roesler
	Claire Fromm	Jane Rothe
	Nikia Gepp	Melissa Ruchs
	Elissa Leske	
The Winners:	Best & Fairest - Elissa Leske	
	Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Nikia Gepp	
	Coaches Trophy - Claire Fromm	

This season was a very challenging one for me. Last season, being a playing coach, I was able to see the game from on the court whereas this year it was from the sidelines. I began the season setting myself 3 goals: -

1. To learn more about the whole game of netball and not just defence.
2. To have the team shoot over 70+% each game.
3. To play in the finals.

In review, we shot an average of 75.6% per game, we reached the 1<sup>st</sup> semi final and I believe that I have increased my knowledge of the game, such that I was able to have a real input into the quarter and half time breaks this year.

Pre season started in mid February and after a few weeks, I was able to select 8 players, with a great mix of youth and experience, which sounds strange, as the oldest player is only 23. As the season progressed, players were unable to make matches and injuries gave the opportunity for Jane to become a permanent member of the team, bringing the number of players to 9. I thank the committee for this decision.

At the end of the minor round we had won 11 from 16 games and had one draw to finish the last game. We finished 4<sup>th</sup> which gave us the opportunity to play in the finals - against Nuriootpa in the 1<sup>st</sup> semi final. Again, full time came and it was another draw. Nuri settled better in extra time and the game ended before we could peg back the margin. And so our season had finished!

The team gelled so well this year. Flexibility was great, and all players were so determined to do their best. They made my job thoroughly enjoyable, and I hope that I was able to bring the best out of them and that they enjoyed the season as much as I did.

Elissa and Anna were our main goalies this year. Claire, Nikia and Jane also helped out. The team shot 936 goals this year with a shooting percentage of 75.6%. What the team lacked in height they made up for in accuracy and speed around the goal circle. Congratulations to Elissa on receiving the Best and Fairest Award - she shot an amazing 595 goals this year. Well done on also being selected in the State Country U17's and the BLG Association U17's and for receiving the Nick Hambour Netballer of the Year Award.

Elsa, Kerry and Nikia filled the centre court positions. This gave us great, powerful drive through the centre court and into attack but also provided experience and control of the game. Congratulations Nikia on being awarded the Best and Fairest runner-up trophy. Well done also to Elsa on being selected in the BLG Association U17's, Lower North Region 17 & Under squad and on coaching her Sub-Junior 3's to a premiership.

Claire, Renae, Mel and Jane were our defensive players, with Kerry filling in also. Although young and relatively new players to Senior One, with Renae and Claire in their first season, the girls combined very well. An unfortunate injury to Renae during the first round Nuri match made for an interrupted season for her. One of the youngest members of the team and certainly the most inexperienced, Claire received my coach's trophy this year. Well done Claire! Congratulations also to Renae on coaching her Junior 2's to a premiership and to Claire and Jane on their selection in the BLG Association U17's and the Lower North Region 17 & Under squad.

We played some memorable matches this year. The first game of the season brought controversy and disappointment as we lost the match to Freeling but also lost our percentage after playing an unregistered player. The most memorable one for me was our narrow 3-goal defeat to Kapunda. Having Nikia injured gave the opportunity for Kerry to show a true captains game at centre. The whole team played beautifully and made the coach eat her words (I had told them that I believed a win against Kapunda would be a loss by less than 10 goals). We achieved this and the girls can all hold their heads very high in knowing that we got the closest to Kapunda all season.

And what a difference 2 goals would have made. All we needed was one goal against South Gawler in the last game of the minor round and we would have finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. And all that we would have needed was one goal against Nuri in the 1<sup>st</sup> Semi and we would have made the prelim. Final. But, that is the game of netball, the luck was not on our side and it is all history now.

In closing, I would like to thank the Club for again giving me the opportunity to coach the Senior Ones. Thanks also to the Senior Two's for being our training partners and to Kieran Roche for his support. To Kathy Marschall, thank you for filling in coaching while I had time off with Todd. To my family, husband Graeme and sons Ryan and Todd, thank you for your support and understanding.

Lastly, thank you to the Senior One's for their patience and willingness to learn, their dedication to their fellow team members and for their eagerness to always play and achieve their best. I hope that you all continue with your netball careers and that your passion for the game of netball keeps on.

Yours in netball

KRISTIN FALKENBERG

## Senior 2

The Coach: Kieran Roche

The Team:	Karen Fox	Kimberley Schiller
	Leanne Samain	Shannon Gepp
	Lindi Schulz	Gabrielle Marschall
	Rebecca Blenkiron	Jenny Noell

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Karen Fox  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Rebecca Blenkiron  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up - Kimberley Schiller

The senior 2's had a disappointing season winning only five games. Selection trials dragged on two weeks longer than they should have and then two players pulled out at the last minute. Consequently, we only had one practice as a team prior to the first game, and partly due to that and also due to players not practicing due to work commitments, we were always struggling to catch up, and our season had no flow.

It was hardly surprising that early on we lost a couple of games that we should have won, and that we were dogged by inconsistency all season. Nevertheless the players stuck to their task pretty well, considering that we were out of finals contention at the half way mark of the season, and our competitiveness only fell away in the last couple of games.

All players displayed good ability at times during the season with the most consistent being Shannon Gepp, Kimberley Schiller, runner-up best & fairest winner Rebecca Blenkiron, and best & fairest winner Karen Fox.

Rebecca started the season playing centre then switched to goal defence where she had an exceptional season, demonstrating that she has the ability to be considered for the senior one team in the future.

Karen played goal defence and goalkeeper. She played really well, captained the team brilliantly, always made good constructive suggestions, and gave me great support.

We have the basis of a good team here, and it wouldn't take too many changes to see us participate in finals next season.

Thanks to the committee for their efforts this season; thanks to the umpires, especially Kathy Marschall; thanks to Kristin Falkenberg and the senior one players for scoring and thanks to the senior two players for their efforts during the year. I think we look forward to much greater success next season

### Senior 3

The Coach: Melanie Haines

The Team: Michelle Auricht Tracey Hoklas [manager]  
Dianne Bartsch Rebecca Kennedy  
Gayle Dawkins Melissa Skarstrom  
Rhianna Dunn Marie Thom [captain]  
Melanie Haines

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Rebecca Kennedy  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Marie Thom  
Team Player - Tracey Hoklas

A talented group of senior players, all enthusiastic about fitness, netball and their fellow team members.

A most enjoyable group to coach because the skill levels was really high and motivation was never an issue. Coming up with new drills to make the training sessions fun was the main challenge.

The minor round was played in good spirits with most of the season shared easily between all eight players. Only a few minor injuries that really didn't affect us.

The team felt confident facing the finals rounds. Unfortunately we were not tough enough to go all the way.



## Senior 4

The Coach: Fiona Hawkes

The Team:	Kristee Bartsch	Robyn Rochow
	Heidi Eenbergen	Rachel Schmidt
	Vicki Gerlach	Tracy Schwartz
	Sonya Miegel	Lisa Stott
	Erin Price	Lauren Thurlow

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Rachel Schmidt & Tracy Schwartz  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Lisa Stott  
Coaches Trophy - Lauren Thurlow

This was a disappointing season this year as far as our win / loss ratio but as far as team spirit goes we certainly had it all there.

Had some great close games towards the end of our season but always in the rain. Must be the magpie trait, always play better in the rain.

Thanks for being such a great bunch of girls and for making our younger team members feel part of the team.

See you all in 2002.

## Senior 5

The Coach: Chantal Kostrz

The Team: Carly Bergen Amanda Sandow  
Kimberly Braunack Tammy Schilling  
Jodi Davenport Kate Skarstrom  
Vivienne Jones Kelly Turner  
Melanie Rogers

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Kate Skarstrom  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Vivienne Jones  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up - Jodi Davenport

The senior five team took a few weeks to settle as a team with skill levels varying but each player improved through the season, like talking to each other on court. Off court was different especially at practice, it certainly is different coaching a group of young girls who like to catch up on all the gossip before, during and after training!

There were some very closely contested games losing by only three or four goals, but unfortunately they seemed to lapse in the third quarter and then worked so hard to regain momentum in the last quarter. The last game of the minor round against South Gawler saw a complete change around. Only two goals down at the first quarter break then nine goals down at half time. Player changes were made which seemed to improve the third quarter result - five goals down. With more enthusiasm and determination everyone put in 100% and played as a team, winning the game by two goals.

For many of the girls this was their first season playing senior netball and I think they made a marvelous effort despite not making finals contention, but at least they finished on a high. Commitment to attending training would have perhaps given a better end result. A little more confidence in themselves and they could have finished in a higher position on the premiership table.

Thankyou to the parents who supported the team; and to the umpires, the senior 6's and intermediate girls for trainings. Congratulations to all the trophy winners. See you all again in 2002 !!

## Senior 6

The Coach: Debbie Miles & Wendy Turner

The Team: Heather Abinett Emily Sandow  
Kylie Bird Sarah Sandow  
Wendy Cliff Kelly Taplin  
Inga Dow Wendy Turner  
Chantal Kostrz Janine Walker  
Debbie Miles

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Kelly Taplin  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Janine Walker  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up - Sarah Sandow

The season for the senior 6 team was disappointing for a few reasons. Firstly, we were unsure of our team members, as the other senior grades didn't complete their selection until two weeks prior to our first match. Secondly, there was only five other teams in the competition meant we only played ten games, often having two or three weeks consecutively not playing, this made it a very unstable season.

Thirdly, our lack of goal players. However the girls all combined well as a team, despite having six defence players and one goalie. Thanks to Wendy and Emily for enduring the pressures of a goalie, having never played this position before (Emily can now say she has played every position on court). While all other senior teams had the luxury of two or more goalies in the team the senior 6's once again were left the "under-dogs". Goals certainly make a difference in the game of netball, the top three teams scored 529, 360 and 334 goals at the end of the minor rounds while we only scored 247 goals, which is a huge difference. Our defenses worked hard every game to win the ball and our goalies worked even harder to convert them into a win.

Fourthly, without the senior 5's erratic attendance at training and occasional training's with the intermediates many of our training's we played half court, which was our only option. A better option would have been to train Thursday nights, then we may have been invited to an occasional game against the other senior teams - especially leading up to finals.

We won four games, drew one game, and lost five games not a proud record. Despite all of this we made it to fourth position at the end of the minor round. This gave us a chance to play in the second semi-final against Kapunda, after a devastating loss to them last time we met we weren't sure what the outcome would be - unfortunately another loss.

Thanks to all the girls for being an important part of the netball club and for your friendship throughout the season. Thankyou to Wendy Turner for sharing the role as coach. Thanks also to the senior 5's and intermediates for training's and all who umpired. Special thankyou to Nola for her first aid support throughout the season, and her "bubbly" presence on the sidelines at most our games.

See you all again in 2002 !!

## Intermediates

The Coach: Sue Martin

The Team: Zana Hoskin Stacey Kuhn  
Courtney Bignell Alex Hoffmann  
Erin Jones Bianca Giersch  
Jamie-Lee Braunack Emily Solomon [vice-captain]  
Emma Godfrey Chelsea Mattschoss [captain]

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Zana Hoskin  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Alex Hoffmann & Jamie-Lee Braunack  
Team Player - Chelsea Mattschoss

Having three girls of my own well what's another 10 "HECTIC", Can't say that I am looking forward to my three turning 16.

Coaching under 17's have been a bit of an eye opener, at training before we start some of them have to talk about what they did or didn't do on the weekend.

Sonya Miegel was my faithful assistant, I thank her for her support and vital input on Saturday's and getting me organized if I was running a bit late. I do give the girls credit for being organized on a Saturday, they were always on time and warming up without being told. As dippy as they would like you to think they are, I found them to be very mature and a fun living bunch of girls.

Having ten in a team has been a bit of a challenge and difficult at times, trying to give everyone equal time on court. We did set some rules but due to illness and injuries we could not always stand by them.

Start of the season we won the first three games. Feeling good and looking fine. Until Gawler Central, they put us in our place quick smart, so we regrouped won the next but came up against Nuri, it as not a good day for a coach as everyone on court has a bad day. So lets start again, we won the next three but came up against Gawler Central, better game but still could not pull the points. We won the last three games, putting us in second position with Nuri but lost on percentage. We have now approached the finals feeling nervous, agitated and even a bit uncertain. One of the major rules in Netball, and a lot of other sports, you do have to put on your strongest team. It has been a tough decision for me to make, I tried during the season to make everyone a bit more versatile now that has led me to having four goalies and four defenders and a few centre court players. If Alex's had her way we would have had five goalies. But being a coach has had its drawbacks but some one has to do the dirty job of picking the final seven.

Our first final against Angaston was a strong win with eight girls taking court, next week we were against Gawler Central, the girls were a bit unsure of the team I placed for this game. We did not start off real well, but then the nerves settled and they started to come back, the third quarter let us down, we did regroup but unfortunately we ran out of time and lost by one goal.

So thankyou girls for the season, and thankyou Div 6,5,4,3, & 2 for training nights.  
See you next year.

## Junior 1

The Coach: Lyn Hoklas

The Team: Simone Genovese                      Alex Lykke  
Lucy Gray                                        Lisa Maude  
Chelsea Grummett                            Jessica Walker  
Marella Hart                                   Lauren Zerna  
Alice Kleinig

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Lauren Zerna  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Lisa Maude  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up - Jessica Walker

We were the only junior team not to win a premiership this year, but we did make the four in the last game of our minor round.

Thankyou to the seven girls, who could play in our first semi-final, you all played brilliantly to win. The way they played this game I had every confidence in them making the grand final, but it was not to be. We played Barossa in the preliminary final and they came out firing. Barossa were on top all season, so they had a lot to lose, we just couldn't match them on the day.

If I did give any of you any good advise I hope you heard it amongst your conversations at training, and at game interval times.

Thankyou to the parents who scored, Mel and Renae for helping me at training and the junior 2 girls. A big special thankyou to Nola for being there every week looking after our injured and also sideline support you gave every team - we loved it.

Good luck girls in the future

## Junior 2

The Coach:	Melissa Skarstrom & Renae McDonald	
The Team:	Rachel Agars	Julia Jaensch
	Jasmin Duplessis	Jocelyn Liddell
	Vicki Hein	Jessica Noll
	Shelley Hoklas	Rebecca Spencer
The Winners:	Best & Fairest - Rachel Agars	
	Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Julia Jaensch	
	Coaches Trophy - Shelley Hoklas	

The season has been fantastic, eight players and one game loss the whole season. Winning comfortably each week gave us a good chance at finals.

Junior 2's won the goal throwing trophy, which gave the team great encouragement for the up coming finals. In the first final we played Freeling and won by a narrow margin, this took us straight to the grand final.

The grand final was played at Willaston against Freeling with humid conditions. The girls were very nervous but soon adapted to the conditions and started playing good netball. We were ahead all game and ended up winning by 11 goals. Congratulations to Rachel Agars who won best on court.

Special thanks to all the parents for their support and help; the junior 1's and Lyn for training with us; all the umpires and Nola for her first-aid assistance.

We had heaps of fun throughout the year and we wish the girls all the best for next season - 2002.

## Sub-Junior 1

The Coach: Gayle Dawkins

The Team: Kelly Buckby Rebecca Murphy  
Kate Fechner [captain] Lauren Neldner  
Chloe Frentsch Bethany Rothe [vice-captain]  
Kelly Justin Gemma Schrapel  
Lauren Kruger Meggie Zerna [vice-captain]

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Bethany Rothe  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Chloe Frentsch  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up - Meggie Zerna

What a wonderful and successful season it has been for the sub-junior 1 team. It was very fortunate to have a squad of 10 talented, versatile and enthusiastic girls. At the beginning of the season we set some team goals of trying to improve our skills and court play, and to reach the finals. All of this was achieved with the added bonus of a premiership !!!

A pleasing aspect of the year was that our training sessions were always well attended. As we progressed through the minor round, we won all our matches comfortably. Our only real challenge was from a tall Gawler Central side. We finished top at the end of the minor round and met Gawler Central in the second semi-final. In wet conditions at Nuriootpa we powered away for a strong win by 15 goals to progress straight into the grand final.

Grand final day came and we played a much improved and determined Gawler Central team. The first three-quarters were very close and the girls had to work hard and dig deep to hold a slender lead at three quarter time. It was only in the last quarter where we were able to take command of the match and come away with an eight-goal win. Congratulations to all girls for their efforts and hard work over the season, which culminated in a well-deserved grand final victory.

Many players in the sub-junior 1 team achieved personal milestones this season. Chloe, Bethany and Lauren Neldner were chosen to represent the Barossa & Light at Country Carnival. From this, Bethany and Chloe were selected for State Regional trials. Kelly Justin, Kelly Buckby, Bethany, Meggie, Chloe, Gemma and Lauren Neldner all represented the Barossa & Light in SAPSASA. Chloe was then selected in the state SAPSASA that competed in Sydney during August. Bethany won the association best & fairest and Meggie was awarded best on court on our grand final victory. As a team we won the association goal-throwing trophy for the 13 & under divisions with a total of 493 goals.

The only thing I found disappointing this season was the attitude and behavior of a small minority of parents on grand final day. It is Club policy and my policy that the best combination of players is selected to play in finals - something all players were aware of. Netball is a team game and as a coach I had to make some tough decisions on team selection that were for the benefit of the team and not the individual; to ensure we didn't lose our grand final.

Thankyou to the committee for their efforts in running the club this season. Thanks also to the parents who scored and offered words of encouragement and support. Thankyou to our trainer Nola, and to our umpires. Special thanks to Jo Buck and the sub-junior 2 girls who were our training partners.

Finally, a big thankyou to all the sub-junior 1 girls for making this season enjoyable and a successful one. Appreciate and enjoy your grand final victory, as these opportunities don't come along every season. Good luck and all the best in your netball futures.

## Sub-Junior 2

The Coach: Jo Buck

The team:	Ashlee Bignell	Chanel Kahl
	Sarah Goern	Alice Leslie
	Abby Greening	Alex Lubcke
	Sophie Hage	Toni Martin
	Megan Hoklas	Erin Solomon

The winners: Best & Fairest - Megan Hoklas & Toni Martin  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Sarah Goern  
Most Consistent - Ashlee Bignell

To win every minor round game and two very important major round games certainly points to a highly successful season. Congratulations to all the girls for their contributions throughout the season. We played 12 minor round games, our highest winning margin was 30 goals, our lowest winning margin being 4 goals. We played Freeling in the second semi-final and won easily, 18 - 2, keeping Freeling scoreless until the third quarter. In the grand final we met South Gawler and in a match winning first quarter, 15 -2, we went out easy winners, 32 - 9.

Well done to all girls in the team. I think one of the most enjoyable aspects of coaching a junior side is the growth and improvement evident over the season. And while we seemingly won comfortably each week the girls really had to work hard each quarter as we rotated ten girls evenly throughout the season. Each quarter saw a different combination of players and it was a credit to them all as they adapted to each others needs and skills to turn each game into a win.

Congratulations to Toni Martin who won the association best & fairest trophy for sub-junior 2. Congratulations also to Megan Hoklas who won the best on court on grand final day. Well done to the club trophy winners.

Overall I was impressed with the girls attentiveness, their willingness to listen and learn, the way we built on skills over the season and their positive approach to training. Their enthusiasm seemingly grew with the season. I'd certainly like to thank each of the girls for making my task such a pleasant one and I genuinely looked forward to each training and match.

Thankyou to the parents who firstly supported their girls each week, who watched and encouraged and who helped fulfill the various duties necessary each week. And thanks also for the personal words of encouragement along the way.

Thanks also to Gayle Dawkins and the sub-junior 1 girls with whom we trained with. We enjoyed our time on the court with these girls and we worked hard at matching their pace and skill. Thanks also to Elsa Roesler and the sub-junior 3 girls, who also provided us with training opportunities.

A special thankyou to Lyn Hoklas who so willingly filled in for me for several weeks while I was away. Her generous support was greatly appreciated and she was instrumental in keeping our unbeaten record in tact. Thankyou to the junior development committee and the general committee. Their role is so important in terms of our Clubs overall success and they all need to be commended for the job that they do.

2001 has certainly been a season to remember.



### Sub-Junior 3

The Coach: Elsa Roesler

The Team:	Lauren Bailey	Talia Miles
	Melanie Boschen	Celeste Newbery
	Katie Fechner	Holly Nitschke
	Katie McAuley	Talia Smith
	Amy McKay	Rachel Tscharke
	Samantha Mickan	

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Talia Smith  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Celeste Newbery  
Most Consistent - Katie Fechner

My first season as coach was very rewarding and topped off with the girls winning a premiership. The team consisted of eleven lively girls, making it difficult to give them equal court time and play them in varying positions to win the matches.

We had a really good minor round with only two losses, to Barossa and Kapunda. I'm not sure why, but the girls found Kapunda a little scary, meeting them in the second semi-final losing by three goals. With extra training and confidence building, we turned the grand final scores around and won by three goals. I was proud of the girls attitudes on the bench, and when I got frustrated or excited they were my tower of strength with "breath Elsa breath".

It would not have been a game of netball without Lauren falling over, Amy contacting, Katie laughing, Melanie stepping, Rachel getting even with her opponent, Holly intercepting, Kates silence, Sam yelling, Talia M. holding her ground, Talia S. out running her player and Celeste's agility on the court.

Thanks for training sessions, Karen, Jo, Gayle and their teams. Thanks also to all parents and especially Wendy Newbery for scoring, cheering and supporting me throughout the season.

## 11 & Under

The Coach: Karen Fox

The Team:           Melissa Abinett           Emily Neldner  
                          Emma Bartsch            Narelle Pech  
                          Ashleigh Fox            Sophie Radke  
                          Zarah Hage              Jessica Saegenschnitter  
                          Mardi Hawkes

The Winners:        Best & Fairest - Zarah Hage  
                          Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Emily Neldner & Narelle Pech  
                          Coaches Trophy - Mardi Hawkes

Congratulations to all of the players in the 11 and under team. Their enthusiasm, willingness to learn and cooperation made them a delight to coach.

The team won every game they played, except for the first match of the season. They finished top of the premiership table and the association awarded them a medallion on Grand Final day as the first placed team in the competition.

Of the nine players in the team, in the previous year, three played 11 and under, four played modified and two had never played netball before. The important feature of coaching players of this age is the teaching of basic skills. The girls understood the need to master these skills and to their credit, each week they would practice them over and over again.

Having such few players in the team enabled each player to play three-quarters each game. At this age, it is still important for them to play and experience the demands of each position on the court. While most players have a position that they enjoy the most, the girls were all willing to try their best in the positions that they were asked to play in on that particular week.

All clubs except Willaston fielded teams in the 11 and under competition, which enabled our team to play lots of games. The quality of the games varied, with some teams having very inexperienced players. However, we were fortunate that we were able to play against four very strong teams, which improved our skills of playing under pressure.

Our total goal throwing score for the year was 214 goals. In the first half of the season, our average per game was 12.6 goals (the opposition average was 5.6 goals). The second half of the season saw us increase our average to 19 goals (the opposition average increased to just 6.6 goals).

My thanks again to the parents who were supportive throughout the season. Their enthusiasm for all the players in their daughter's team and their willingness to help with all scoring and timing tasks was much appreciated. Thanks to all who umpires especially Katrina and to the sub-junior 3 team for training against us.

## MODIFIED

The Coach: Shannon Gepp  
Assistant Coach: Toni Martin

The Team:	Nicola Biagi	Joanne Maude
	Jemma Buck	Cindy Newbery
	Amelia Dawkins	Rosie Robinson
	Abbie Dutschke	Jessica Schrapel
	Amber Grear	Harriet Schuyler
	Celeste Hueppauff	Morgan Smith
	Chloe Kemp	Madeline Solomom
	Sarah Martin	Rebecca Vieceli

This squad of 16 talented players were a great bunch of girls to coach, but at times I thought I would have difficulties ensuring that each girl received an even amount of court time and attention.

I chose to run with ten players on a Saturday. Those born in 1991 were given most court time, and all players took turns out on a rotation basis. Come end of the season, I am pleased to advise that all girls received an even amount of court time

We had a match every week, except when Tanunda had a bye or when we play Willaston. As a result, the modified girls finished undefeated for the season. Congratulations team!

Modified rules are designed to assist the girls in their first years of netball. While the Tanunda Netball Club supports the modified rules concept, I encouraged all girls to learn and practice the rules they will play as year's progress.

The rules also encourage players to play in a different position each quarter. I didn't intend to fully follow this principle, as it is often too confusing for the young players to learn the requirements of too many positions, but I am pleased to report that all 16 members of the team learnt how to play each position - no matter how many changes were made each quarter. Detailed records of who played where and when were maintained.

I wish to thank the parents and family members for their assistance with official scoring, timing and scoreboard duties every weekend. Thanks also go to Toni and Sue Martin, and Nikia Gepp for their assistance with coaching during my absences.

Although it is was not officially required, the Junior Development Committee had requested that all modified players wear the official Tanunda Netball Club T-shirt this year. It was great to see some of those players in the Tanunda Netball Club attire, however, full uniform will be required for next year.

I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this season, and look forward to seeing all 16 members of the team back on the court in 2002. There are some extremely talented players within the squad that will go along way with their netball careers - good luck to you all!

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