

Tanunda Netball Club

2003 SEASON ANNUAL REPORT

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Season 2003

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Most Successful Player - 2003

Megan Hoklas & Elsa Roesler

Premiership Teams 2003

Senior 6

Grand Finalist Teams 2003

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Intermediates

Senior 5

B & L Netball Association Trophy Winners 2003

[from the Tanunda Netball Club]

Senior 2 - 2 nd Runner-Up	-	Elsa Roesler
Senior 5 - Best & Fairest	-	Lyn Hoklas
Senior 6 - Best & Fairest	-	Lisa Day
Senior 6 - Runner-Up	-	Tracy Graetz
Intermediates - 2 nd Runner-Up	-	Rachel Agars
Junior 1 - Best & Fairest	-	Toni Martin
Junior 2 - Runner-Up	-	Megan Hoklas
Sub-Junior 1- Runner-Up	-	Zarah Hage
Sub-Junior 3 - 2 nd Runner-Up	-	Emma Vieceli

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season 2003 has drawn to a close and it is now an opportunity to look back over the season. This season has presented many challenges for the club in both the senior and the junior grades.

Our early planning enabled coaching roles in the junior grades to be easily filled with experienced and dedicated coaches, to which our junior success can be attributed. Unfortunately, as the largest club in the Barossa, Light and Gawler Netball Association, we encountered some difficulties this year fielding teams in suitable grades. We were the only club to field all senior and junior teams. The lack of teams from other clubs meant that we were unable to place our Sub Junior 2 team in a like competition and they had to play as a road team against Sub Junior 1 teams. We have shared with the executive of the association our concerns about the lack of teams from other clubs, and hopefully next year plans will be put in place to stop this from occurring again.

In order to fill all junior grades, our club selected girls that they felt were able to play above their age grade. As a result, we had four girls eligible for modifieds playing in the 11 and under competition and seven girls eligible for the Junior competition playing in the Intermediate grade.

Of our seven junior teams, five are able to play in the major round. This year we had four teams play in the semi finals, and one team play in the grand final. While we had no premiership teams, it is certainly an indicator of the ability of our younger players that so many of them could play finals netball.

Our senior teams were generally not as successful as the junior teams. This year we chose to run each senior team with a smaller number of players and this presented us with many problems. Illness, injury, work commitments, study and holidays meant that teams were often short of players and this contributed to a lack of success in the Senior 1 to 4 teams particularly. Fortunately, our Senior 5 and 6 teams were both very successful and participated in the grand final, with the Senior 6 team winning the premiership. Our Intermediate team also contested the grand final and were unlucky to lose in extra, extra time!

The committee of the Tanunda Netball Club has met every four weeks since early in the year. Our committee is very small and each of the members is dedicated to ensuring the club is successful, both on and off the court. We continue to be a respected club who plays the game fairly and who treats the opposition and officials of the game with respect. I wish to personally thank each member of the committee for their time and effort in promoting and ensuring the success of our netball club.

A successful club has many workers, and I would like to thank all the coaches, team managers, parents who scored and timed games, umpires, canteen workers and everyone else who contributed throughout the year, no matter how small the role. I would like to thank four people in particular for their help this year:

Kathy Marschall for coordinating the umpires for each round
Debbie Miles in her role as secretary of the club
Robyn and Dennis Hart for their tireless work in the canteen.

Please consider attending our AGM on October 20th. The attendance at this meeting last year was very pleasing and a reflection of the wonderful support that we receive from players and parents throughout the year.

Karen Fox

Senior 1

The Coach:	Kristi Falkenberg	
The Team:	Nikia Gepp (captain)	Rebecca Blenkiron
	Anna Boehm	Megan Heidenreich
	Amy Rohrlach	Mel Ruchs
	Chelsea Villis	Kirsty Villis
	Kristin Falkenberg	
The Winners:	Best & Fairest - Nikia Gepp	
	Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Anna Boehm	
	Coaches Trophy - Rebecca Blenkiron	

Season 2003 - and as with my other seasons as coach, I try to set myself some goals. This was a little more difficult than usual, as I was given the opportunity this season to coach both the Senior One's and Two's.

The first tryouts were on 4th February. After a long month of trials, where we had very inconsistent attendance, selectors Tony Gepp, Cheryl Kraehenbuhl and myself, were finally able to squad of 17 players. This gave us 8 players per team, and myself as a floater between div's where I might be needed.

April 13th was the Wohlers Pre-Season Cup, this year at Nuriootpa. A lot of work to do and the season is just about to start. We have not even had all 17 players attend one training session together!

The goals that I had thought about setting I could see would not be achievable, and so I adopted the idea of just trying to maintain two consistent, competitive teams.

Our season started on a Tuesday night, April 29th, at Angaston, thanks to the Vintage Festival. One game and one win - a great way to start. But it was also where we seemed to stop. We could only manage one more win for the season.

The one game that I think best describes the Senior One season is our Round One match against the eventual premiers, Barossa Districts. We lost this game by 17 goals, but had 10 more shots for goal. They shot at 79%, while we could only manage 51%. We had a strong defensive line-up all season, but were clearly struggling to find consistency in attack, after losing our three shooters from 2002.

Our final game for the season has to be the most memorable. Following a wonderful win by the Two's on this day, the team was pumped full with confidence. We were also celebrating Nikia's 200 game, a wonderful achievement by her. But the weather had other ideas. We started the game, then half way through the first quarter a storm rolled in. A clap of thunder, lots of lightening, some rain and hail caused concern for the umpires, coaches and players. The lights went out and, after review of the constitution, it was decided to abandon the game because of the safety risk to the players and umpires due to the lightening. And so our season came to an abrupt, but unforgettable, finish.

A total of 14 players took to the court for Senior One this season. While we started with eight, Anna Boehm decided to come back and play, joining us after Game 4, and bringing the number to 9. We then lost Mel Ruch to work commitments for all of the second round and were back to eight. Injuries, work commitments and holidays best describe the second round. This is explained further in the Senior Two report, as this affected them more than the One's. Thanks to Kate Klingner for helping us out when we were short and the Two's who would reserve and play when they could. A very frustrating time for the coach!

Clearly commitment and player dedication was a problem this season. While we were always going to struggle to cover our losses from 2002, the job was made even more difficult because we could not even get a consistent team of 7 players on the court for two consecutive matches. If a player commits to playing a team game, then she commits for the season. This year we had too many individuals who had lost sight of the team, and were clearly not dedicated to playing for the Tanunda Netball Club or their fellow team members or coach. And the Senior One's and Two' were not alone with this problem.

While we failed in our attempt to be a successful and consistently competitive team, there were some positives. Of the 14 players who took to the court this year, there were two who were available for each match, Rebecca Blenkiron and myself. Rebecca's consistent season in defense, combined with her dedication to the team and club make her the worthy recipient of my Coach's Trophy for most consistent player. Congratulations Rebecca, you made my job as coach a lot easier.

As previously stated, Mel Ruch was lost to work commitments for Round 2. Her form prior to this was outstanding, combining well with Kirsty Villis, Megan Heidenreich and Rebecca in defense. They consistently made the intercept or took the rebound. Mel played an important role in the successful Association Div 2 team at the Country Championships. We all know that she was disappointed to leave, and as a team we missed her as a player and as a mate.

Anna Boehm's return and inclusion in our goal circle was invaluable. While new player Chelsea Villis was trying her best, she needed a partner to work with. We had tried Kirsty and Megan, bought Bethany up from the Two's, etc., but it was Anna's style of play that provided the much needed drive from centre to circle, and a consistent shot. Thanks to Kirsty and Megan for their understanding and flexibility and to Chelsea for coming up from Adelaide each week to train and play for us. Congratulations to Anna on achieving 150 games for Tanunda, and for being awarded our Best and Fairest Runner-up Trophy for season 2003.

Our centre court was ever changing this season, with Anna, Amy, Elsa, Kim, Bethany, Kate, Megan, Anna, Bec and Nikia all having a go at some stage. Consistently, Amy Rohrlach and Nikia Gepp were our Wing Attack and Centre. Amy had previously played for the club for a number of seasons, and was returning after a couple of year's break. As mentioned previously, Nikia achieved a milestone on the last match of the season, her 200th for the Tanunda Netball Club. She was also selected in the BL&GNA Senior One Team of the Season, and is our Best and Fairest Trophy winner for 2003. Congratulations Nikia on another consistent season.

In closing, I would like to thank the Club for again giving me the opportunity to coach the Senior Ones. I believe that after a number of years as coach now the club needs a change. My feeling at this point is that I will not be coaching in 2004, and encourage the club to make the change and to start now to look for a new coach and players. The players need new direction and ideas, which I believe was a major contributor to the lack of dedication shown this season.

Thanks to my family, husband Graeme and sons Ryan and Todd for your support and understanding.

Lastly, thank you to the Senior One's for their patience and understanding. While we did not achieve success in the form of won matches, we did manage to maintain a fantastic team spirit, always tried our hardest and even managed to have some fun along the way. Good luck in whatever your futures bring.

Yours in netball

Kristin Falkenberg

Senior 2

The Coach:	Kristin Falkenberg	
The Team:	Elsa Roesler (Captain) Karen Fox Chelsea Mattschoss Bethany Rothe Lyndi Schulz	Rachel Dunstan Gabrielle Marschall Kristen Pryce Kim Schiller
The Winners:	Best & Fairest - Elsa Roesler Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Kristen Pryce & Bethany Rothe Most Improved - Chelsea Mattschoss	

After a number of years as coach of the Senior One's, I decided to try and run the Senior One's and Two's as a squad of players, rather than two teams. We had encountered problems in the past when we had to move players between the two teams and I had thought that this might be one way to overcome the problem.

Following the selection trials that were held in February, Tony Gepp, Cheryl Kraehenbuhl and myself selected a squad of 17 players, being 8 in each team and myself as a floater between the two. This further convinced me that the idea of coaching both was a positive move, as there were so many of the 17 who were in-between players, and it would take some time before the two teams were finalised. As it turned out, they never really were for the entire season.

The Two's combined well, and had a reasonably consistent season, with all 9 players polling votes. To finish the season in 6th position, with 5 wins, one draw and 4 games lost by 3 goals or less is a pretty good effort. Where could have we finished if we would have won all of those close matches? The Finals maybe??

We started the season with a win against Angaston, a draw against Centrals (grand final team), and a narrow 1-point loss to Kapunda (preliminary final team). We looked the goods early, and were playing some great netball.

Injuries to Karen and Chelsea unsettled the team mid season, and where do we start to explain the second round. Work commitments and holidays left us struggling to find 7 players to take the court in Round 2. The only time that all players were available in the second round was the final match against Willaston, and then Chelsea Mattschoss was sick and we had Lyn Hoklas from Div 5 on the card as our reserve. Phone calls to the Association Records Officer to establish player's status were all too common. If I learned anything this season, it was the rules on part time players and the use of moving juniors and inters up into the senior ranks. Certainly not a lesson that I ever wish to learn again. Thanks to the U17's (Chloe Frentsch, Rachel Agars, Vickie Hein and Julia Jaensch) for filling in and to the Senior One's who were reserve and players when they could be. A very unsettling and frustrating time, for the players and definitely the coach.

As I stated in the Senior One report, commitment and player dedication was a problem in both teams this season. I understand that work commitments take priority over sporting ones, and that everyone is entitled to go on holidays, but a decision to play a team sport must be made for the full season. We showed such good form at the start of Round One, it was just a shame that we did not have the players to continue for all 16 games. When I could do a full roster of player positions, scoring duties and reserves for both teams at the start of Round Two, and still have to find players, after I started with 18 girls, obviously I was doing something wrong. Either that, or there were too many individual players who did not think a lot about their fellow team members. In the end I did not know what the answer was, and was just lucky to have 7 players on the court, and one on the bench if we were fortunate enough. Let's hope that season 2004 is different.

Our first three games, as I explained previously, and our last three games were the highlights of the season. In the nine goal win against Barossa we found out that Rachel Dunstan was a really good goalie, when she had been a defender for most of the year. To lose by only 6 goals to South Gawler (The Premiers!) in the second last round of the season is a superb effort and then to back this up with a great 17 goal win in atrocious conditions against Willaston at Willaston. The Two's should feel very proud of the way that they finished the season. I certainly am as their coach.

Chelsea Mattschoss, Karen Fox and Rachel Dunstan were our main defenders this season. A mix of young, experienced and new that worked really well. Rachel improved immensely throughout the season and was very willing to learn and try new things, even to being thrown into attack. Karen's vast knowledge of the game and her settling influences really helped the team, as well as her voice on the third line, constantly encouraging the attacks. Chelsea, while she started the season as your traditional gangly defender, really improved both in her defending style and her knowledge of the game. By the end of the season, she rarely missed a rebound, and was far more aggressive in her style of play. A very worthy recipient of the Senior Two Coaches Trophy for Most Improved.

Lyndi Schulz, Gab Marschall and Bethany Rothe were our goalies this year. Again a mix of experience and youth. Gab has played year after year, Lyndi was coming back after a couple of years off, and Bethany was straight out of the junior competition. Although they took a while to get used to each other's style of play, they combined well to provide a number of combinations up forward.

We had some new players to the Tanunda Netball Club this season, and one young player who had her first season in Senior Two. Rachel Dunstan(defence) came to us from Nuri and Kristen Pryce, who previously played for Robe and Mid South East, came in as WD and the WA. After a couple of seasons out of netball, Kristen showed that she still remembered how to play well, with a very consistent season. Bethany Rothe on the other hand was very young but had a great determination about her style of play. Being only 14 and coming up from the juniors is always a difficult ask, but one that Bethany did very well. She was a very consistent and reliable goalie, who could also go into defence if needed. I congratulate both Kristen and Bethany on being the joint winners of the Best and Fairest Runner-up Trophy for this season.

Centre court again was the job of Kim Schiller and Elsa Roesler, with help from Kristen at WD. Both Kim and Elsa have played for a number of years and combine really well together. They just seem to know where the other one is going. Kim could not play much of the Second Round due to work commitments, but the ever-reliable Elsa was there for each match. Again, Elsa's season was very consistent, and this showed as she polled in all but 4 matches for the year, with two of those being when she played in Senior One. She achieved the 150 game record mid season, and finished 3rd in the BL&GNA Senior Two Award. A clear winner, on 31 votes, of the Senior Two Best and Fairest Trophy for 2003. Congratulations Elsa!

The end of any season provides the opportunity to reflect. My belief is that if we had managed to put a consistent 7 or 8 girls on the court for at least a large percentage of the season, that we would have made the finals. The players all had loads of ability, and showed that they could really turn it on as a team, but were let down by a lack of team stability.

In closing, I would like to thank the Club for giving me the opportunity to coach the Senior Two's. Thanks to my family, husband Graeme and sons Ryan and Todd for your support and understanding. Lastly, thank you to the Senior Two's for their patience and understanding. While we did not achieve success that I believe we could have, we did manage to maintain a fantastic team spirit, always tried our hardest and even managed to have some fun along the way. Good luck in whatever your futures bring.

Yours in netball

Kristin Falkenberg

Senior 3

The Coach: Sue Fuller

The Team:	Dianne Bartsch	Jodi Davenport
	Vicki Gerlach	Robyn Rochow
	Kate Skarstrom	Mel Skarstrom
	Kelly Taplin	Suzy Weymar

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Dianne Bartsch
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Kate Skarstrom & Suzy Weymar
Team Player - Vicki Gerlach

We started the season with a squad of 9 players, this reduced to 8 before the first game and then after the first two games we recruited Suzy Weymar. During the season one player transferred to senior 4 and another player decided not to continue playing so we completed the season with the bare 7 players and I thank Kirsty Roehr, Gayle Dawkins, Lyn Cundy and Lyn Hoklas for being part of our team when we played our last game which was against Willaston.

Out of 16 possible games we played 15.25 (.25 being only 1 quarter played at Willaston where the weather was so bad the game had to be cancelled) and we won 2.25 for the whole season.

The first two games we were beaten convincingly and then the third and fourth games we only lost by three in each game. The bar of confidence was raised. Then followed another five convincing losses and the bar of confidence waivered a little, we could never say that we didn't live in hope and that was one of the outstanding qualities of the senior 3's. Game 10 against Gawler Centrals saw our first win by six, yes we were in again, and then Kapunda defeated us by two, and that was disappointing as they had defeated us by three previously and this was one we felt we could win. An then what a beauty against Nuriootpa a win by 29 and then we fell back into a bit of a dark hole with not good results in the next three games. However, if it hadn't been for a bad weather break at Willaston, where we were only able to complete one quarter, I feel we would have had a good win as our score at the completion of the first quarter was 13 - 7 and we were playing extremely good netball.

During the season we also needed help from other players and my thanks go to Lisa Stott, Mel Haines, Zana Hoskin, Alice Leslie and Kelly Justin.

Thanks also to Kieran for his support at training and also scoring for us, I think we got along really well and it was extremely good to be able to discuss issues with him on a number of occasions. To the family members and senior four girls who scored, timed and supported us, thankyou.

I describe 'my girls' as very supportive team members, good fun and unselfish. They were a team that discussed issues and game plays and respected the coaches decision. I would like to acknowledge all the girls in the team, they were all very special to me and I thank them for their support. The true character of the team has been demonstrated by sticking together for the whole season as they could well have become totally disillusioned and given up, but they didn't. I had a great time thankyou.

Sue Fuller

Senior 4

The Coach: Kieran Roche

The Team:	Katrina Buxton	Jayne Ciemcioch
	Zana Hoskin	Bridey Shane
	Emily Solomon	Kate Spry
	Lisa Stott	Mandy Weeks
	Jodi Williams	

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Kate Spry
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Lisa Stott
Most Consistent Team Player - Katrina Buxton

This was a very frustrating season for myself and the players alike.

We had more unavailability due to sickness, injury and other commitments than any other team I've ever coached. We used a total of thirty-one players during the season. With so many injuries, we quite often had only two or three players at practise, so there was no continuity and no way to develop team work. Consequently, we only played patches of good netball, and even though our best was reasonably good we couldn't maintain it long enough to trouble the good teams.

We won four games for the season. We beat Willaston twice (once by forfeit) and were awarded two wins against Barossa because they dropped their team to a lower grade.

My thanks go to the players for their efforts under very trying circumstances and I congratulate our trophy winners - Kate Spry, Lisa Stott and Katrina Buxton.

I also thank the umpires, committee and especially the players who filled in for us so often, because without them our season would have been almost non-existent.

Kieran Roche

Senior 5

The Coach: Lyn Cundy

The Team:	Fiona Hawkes	Lyn Hoklas
	Kristee Bartsch	Sue Martin
	Gayle Dawkins	Lyn Cundy
	Kirsty Roehr	Debbie Miles
	Paula Zecchin	

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Kirsty Roehr
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Gayle Dawkins
Team Player - Lyn Hoklas

We were going into the season with the basic seven players, on the lookout for more. Then a week or two before our first game two ex-senior one players asked if they could play with us. Now who am I to say no. We accepted them with open arms, now with nine players all keen to work together and gel as one. Well we did gel and the team went great, winning every game in the first half of the season. Then came the second half, and a few injuries, but still we kept winning with only one really close game and that came at Freeling with a draw. We went on to win the second semi-final, so straight into the grand final. But alas I think a combination of the heat and nerves got the better of us and we went down to South Gawler by 7 goals.

We all gave our best, and no coach could ask for more. I am very proud of each and every one of them. May you all return next year for another go at the big one.

I would like to thank the senior 6's and intermediate girls for training with us. A big thankyou to our strappers and first aid people - Carol, Nola and Geoff. Also thankyou to Debbie Miles for everything she does for the Club.

Congratulations to Lyn Hoklas for winning the Association Best & Fairest award.

Lyn Cundy

Senior 6

The Coach: Karen Underwood

The Team: Lisa Day Inga Dow
Michelle Graetz Tracy Graetz
Lisa Heinrich Tracey Hoklas
Michelle Kieboom Cheryl Saegenschnitter
Karen Underwood

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Lisa Day
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Tracey Graetz & Tracey Hoklas
Coaches Trophy - Lisa Heinrich

This is my second season as coach of the Senior 6 team. We kept 4 players from last years team and had another 5 recruits. We were all happy to play in Div 6 - by only having 6 teams in the competition meant that we didn't have to play every week and could therefore spend time with our families or come along and enjoy watching the football and netball.

We started the season playing Angaston at Angaston. Everything was going well until Michelle Kieboom fell and damaged the ligaments in her ankle. This was a disastrous start to the season and Michelle was unsure whether she could play again so we needed to find another player. Fortunately we enlisted Lisa Day and what a great pick up that proved to be.

We won all our minor games convincingly and the only real threat was Freeling. At our first meet we defeated Freeling by 10 goals, the second was 6. In the 2nd semi we won by 29 goals and the grand final victory was 25 goals. We were extremely happy to win the grand final as we remember so clearly that Freeling were the winners last year and had won it three years in a row.

There were a few games where we needed people to fill in and I would like to thank Marie Hodge and Tanya Graetz for filling in. I would also like to thank Inga and Lisa Heinrich for filling in for Senior 4's. Thankyou to Kathy Marschall and all of the umpires for all of your effort. Thankyou to Senior 5 for training with us and those people who scored for us in particular Sally Heinrich. I Would also like to thank those people who let us borrow their uniforms - Mel Haines, Marie Hodge, Sonia Miegel.

I would like to thank the whole team. It was great being part of and coaching such a great bunch of girls. We were out there to have fun and socialize. However our goal at the beginning of the season was to win the grand final and we achieved that. In the finals everyone did everything I asked of them and out in 100%. Well done Senior 6.

Karen Underwood

Intermediates

The Coach: Mel Haines

The Team:	Rachel Agars	Chloe Frentsch (captain)
	Vicki Gerlach	Shelley Hoklas
	Julia Jaensch	Kelly Justin
	Alex Lubcke	Gemma Schrapel
	Meggie Zerna	

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Rachel Agars
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Julia Jaensch
Team Player - Chloe Frentsch

The 2003 intermediate team is a group of charming, vibrant young women. That is without considering their combined outstanding sporting ability. It has been a privilege to work with them and a huge laugh living in the minute to minute lives of a 15 something life. From a coaches perspective they show the promise of greatness I expect we will see all of them filling our top senior level and beyond in the future years. 2003 intermediates will indeed be the 2007 senior 1's if they remain in the Barossa. The season started very well, a few minor injuries and only one loss against South Gawler in the first round. We had several junior 1's fill in around the regionals, all who did a fantastic job, some even received association votes in those games. So we are grateful to those players and I hope to see them all in next years intermediates team.

A slightly more relaxed approach to training and games in the second half of the season saw the team form a slump against opposing teams and another lose to South Gawler. And even though we retained top position on the ladder we sat down to reaffirm our commitment to training and other team members. The finals series presented all the challenges we desired to win in the semi against Gawler Central gave us a ticket to the Grand Final game.

The preliminary final was a hard fought game where the trailing Centrals ran over the top South Gawler. On the big day in September was one of the most exciting games of junior netball I have witnessed. It was a real tussle. All nine players took the court and played like champions. They fought to the bitter end, losing in the most honourable way in extra extra time, and I personally thank and congratulate all of them. I know they may be disappointed but they should be, as wee, extremely proud.

Melanie Haines

Junior 1

The Coach: Melissa Skarstrom

The Team:	Ashlee Bignell	Sophie Lambert
	Kelly Buckby	Toni Martin
	Sarah Goern	Lauren Neldner
	Abby Greening	Talia Smith
	Lauren Kruger	Erin Solomon

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Toni Martin
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Sarah Goern
Coaches Trophy - Lauren Kruger

Junior 2

The Coach: Lyn Hoklas

The Team:	Rachel Tscharke	Cassie Ferrett
	Megan Hoklas	Kate McAuley
	Alice Leslie	Lauren Bailey
	Celeste Newbery	Katie Fechner
	Melanie Boschen	Amy McKay

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Megan Hoklas
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Katie Fechner
2nd Runner-Up - Lauren Bailey

Thankyou girls for having me as your coach. You have all been a great bunch of girls. Having ten girls in Team was very hard to play everyone evenly. Thankyou to the girls and the parents for being so understanding and making my job easier.

I was very disappointed we didn't make it to finals. After being in the top four all season it was a shame to miss out on percentage. We improved so much as a team through the year. To experience the finals and show our true form would have been a bonus. Thanks to Lauren for being a great Captain and organising the girls before a match.

Congratulations to our top three trophy winners. I'm sorry the other seven could not receive a trophy as you all deserved one.

Thankyou to Mel, Vicki and junior one team for training with us. And a big thankyou to the umpires, the Parents for scoring and transporting your children to netball. I have had a great season coaching.

Lyn Hoklas

Sub-Junior 1

The Coach: Gayle Dawkins

The Team:	Zarah Hage (captain)	Sophie Radke
	Narelle Pech (vice-captain)	Rosie Robinson
	Amelia Dawkins	Morgan Smith
	Ashleigh Fox	Celeste Hueppauff

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Zarah Hage
 Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Amelia Dawkins
 Most Consistent - Rosie Robinson

Season 2003 has been a busy one for this group of talented and enthusiastic netballers. Besides their commitment to Saturday netball, all but one of this team were selected to represent the Barossa & Light in SAPSASA; they all competed in SAPSASA school knock-out netball and Interschool Netball matches; and some were selected to try out for the 13 and unders country carnival association team.

It has been most pleasing this season to see the improvement that each individual has made. With junior players it is important to work on all aspects of their skills and to transfer this onto the netball court. I feel that this aim was achieved with the girls playing some outstanding netball in the lead-up to the finals and in the finals series.

With a squad of only eight players all girls received plenty of court time each week. The team combined well, worked as a unit and had lots of fun on the way. Our training sessions were always well attended which makes the job of coaching a lot easier.

We went through the minor round with only one loss to Angaston. This left us in top position with a 2nd semi final berth against Angaston. Tanunda and Angaston were two very evenly matched teams with a lot of skilful players. It was always going to come down to whomever played the better netball on the day, as to who was going to win. We were fortunate to win the 2nd semi by one goal, but unfortunately went on to lose the grand final by one goal in a thrilling and exciting match.

I am very proud of this team as they gave their all in trying to win. A coach cannot ask for anymore. Although disappointed with their loss they were very gracious in defeat and displayed good sportsmanship On the day and were great ambassadors for our Club. I am sure they all learnt a lot from the extra pressure that finals matches bring and will be better players next season for it.

Thankyou to all parents for their support and encouragement over the season and for assisting with scoring, timing etc. Thanks also to our hard working committee and to our umpires. Finally a big thankyou to all the sub-junior 1 girls. It has been a rewarding season and I have Thoroughly enjoyed coaching you all. I hope you all continue with your netball next season.

Gayle Dawkins

Sub-Junior 2

The Coach: Jo Buck

The team:	Tiffany Abinett	Sarah Martin
	Emma Bartsch	Emily Neldner
	Nicola Biagi	Jessica Saegenschnitter
	Jemma Buck	Harriet Schuyler

The winners: Best & Fairest - Tiffany Abinett
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Harriet Schuyler
Most Improved - Emily Neldner

2003 started like any other seasontrials, selections, the games begin. However, this year there was a problem with the number of teams who nominated for the various sub-junior divisions and what ultimately happened was the sub-junior 1 and 2 competition were put together for the minor round with the top four teams playing off as sub-junior 1 and the next four teams playing off as sub-junior 2 in the major round. The added complication came when my girls were nominated to play as the equivalent of a road side for Willaston.

The whole saga was a trifle unsettling at the time and given we only won four games out of sixteen for the season, one could easily question the overall wisdom of that decision. The long and short of it all was we finished third in the "sub-junior 2" competition. We played Freeling in the first semi and won convincingly by six goals (our highest winning margin for the season) to the team who had beaten us by two goals the week before. Preliminary final saw us play Barossa at Kapunda who basically were too tall for us all over the court. While competitive to half time and our skill level was good, Barossa was able to convert more readily than us and eventually drew away to win comfortably. Congratulations to Kapunda who won the sub-junior 2 competition.

Overall given all the variables, the girls did a good job keeping positive and playing the game in a sporting manner. Early in the season we concentrated a great deal on basic skills and it was pleasing to note the significant improvement in these skills. The second half of the season saw a more confident squad of girls, still lacking some hunger and desire, but ultimately a team who enjoyed playing the game of netball.

Congratulations to the trophy winners - Tiffany, Harriet and Emily. All three of these girls Demonstrated great team leadership skills and their contribution to every game was significant. Having said that, I always feel some disappointment for those who didn't receive a special trophy at the end of the season. It is important to acknowledge each players contribution to a team and hopefully all the girls know their skills were valued and essential. In summary, congratulations to all my players for a fine effort.

Thanks must go to Gayle and the sub-junior 1 girls for their support each week with training. They certainly put us through our paces and made us aim higher consistently. Thanks also to Elsa and the sub-junior 3 girls who trained with us at various times. Thanks too to Karen Fox and Sue Martin who filled in for me once or twice. A special thankyou to "my parents" (not Neta and Cedric!) who diligently came to the games, scored and supported us all. I certainly appreciated their willingness to pick-up the book or card or both and just do things each week. Thankyou.

Thanks must also go to the committee who works tirelessly behind the scenes. This season was certainly challenging in lots of ways and I commend the efforts of all those who sit on our netball committee for the time and effort they each give to our community. Well done and thankyou !

A final thought

"No matter what your level of ability you have more potential than you can ever develop in a lifetime"

Jo Buck

Sub-Junior 3

The Coach: Elsa Roesler

The Team:	Melissa Abinett	Cindy Newbery
	Kimberley Dohse	Emma Vieceli
	Abbie Dutschke	Rebecca Vieceli
	Amber Gear	Joanne Maude

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Abbie Dutschke
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Emma Vieceli & Rebecca Vieceli
Coaches trophy - Melissa Abinett

This season we only got to play six teams and all of our byes were in a row at the end of both Minor rounds, which didn't help us leading into finals. Nuriootpa, Angaston and Gawler were our main threats. Angaston and Gawler Centrals beat us in both rounds, and we drew with Nuriootpa in the first round but beat them in the second.

Towards the end of the season I only had seven girls from eight, so I used some 11 and under girls - Thankyou. At the end of the season we finished third on the ladder, having to play Angaston in a knock-out game at South Gawler. We thought this game would be the best time to beat them. Unfortunately we drew at the end of the game and had to play an extra five minutes each end and ended up losing by two goals. I was really proud of the girls, they showed me that they could play and work as a team - after watching them at training's each week trying to compete against each other.

Thankyou to Karen Fox and the under 11's for training with us and Jo Buck and her sub junior 2's for training's leading up to finals. Thanks also goes to all the parents and friends who came to score and support me and the girls throughout the season. A special thanks to the girls, I had a great time coaching everyone of you, I think you all deserved to play a grand final but unfortunately we didn't make it. I hope all the girls enjoyed the season, and will decide to continue to play netball in the future.

Elsa Roesler

11 & Under

The Coach: Karen Fox

The Team: Maddison Abinett Lauren Martin
Hannah Dawkins Sophie Neubauer
Morgan Haines-Smith Emma Schilling
Matilda Hoffmann Jessica Schrapel
Rebecca Martin

The Winners: Best & Fairest - Lauren Martin
Best & Fairest Runner-Up - Jessica Schrapel
Most Improved - Maddison Abinett

Season 2003 was a successful one for this team who finished third in the competition. Most players had played a year in Modifieds and four girls were still eligible to play in the Modified competition this year.

We practised weekly with the Sub Junior 3 team and our training schedule consisted of learning and practising basic skills and then integrating them into game play. The main focus all season was footwork, and to their credit, by the end of the season there were very few occasions when the players were picked up in a game for stepping. Our other main focus was on passing, and the girls demonstrated that they had learnt how to pass in front during matches.

With only nine players in the team, the girls were able to play at least three quarters each week if they were fit. The girls played in many different positions throughout the year, as this enabled the favourite positions to be shared amongst all the players. While some players were obviously more suited to particular positions, the players still need the opportunity to accept the responsibility of each position, even in the big games!

The competition this year was far more uniform than in previous years, when the competition frequently was similar to those played in the Modifieds. Whilst we won most of our matches, each game presented some challenges to the girls and scores were generally quite low and close.

My thanks 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 umpired and to the Sub Junior 3 team for training against us.

I congratulate this group of girls for their willingness to learn and co-operation throughout the season. The Tanunda Netball Club will certainly look forward to seeing these girls develop in the coming years.

Karen Fox

MODIFIED

The Coach: Lyn Hoklas

The Team:	Abby Johnson	Lydia Hage
	Nicole Draper	Courtney Wood
	Stephanie Page	Madeline Beckman
	Lucy Walker	Flynn McNally

What a wonderful time I had coaching the moddies. These girls had never played netball before so I had to start from basics. I then had the privilege of watching their improvement each week. Our improvement showed by winning or drawing in the second round against teams we lost to in the first round. Every girl was eager to learn new skills and drills and to see them try them in a game made me very proud.

I would like to thank Jessica Hancock and Claudia Neubauer for filling in for me during the season, Your eagerness was very much appreciated. Also a big thankyou to Lisa Hancock and Tracey Draper For helping me out then I couldn't be there. Last but not least a big thankyou to parents who scored and transported their children to netball. Hope to see you all next year.

Lyn Hoklas

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