

# Tanunda Netball Club



## 2021 SEASON ANNUAL REPORT

*Presented to the members and players for the  
Annual General Meeting  
To be held at the TNC Netball Clubrooms  
Monday November 29th from 7.00pm*

## **Season 2021**

**President:** Sharon Seedsman

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Sonya Day Ashleigh Seedsman  
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**Barossa, Light & Gawler Netball Association**  
**2021 Presentation**  
**Tanunda Netball Club Winners**

<b>Inter 1:</b> Best & Fairest	Chloe Petersen
<b>Inter 2:</b> Best & Fairest	Abbey Auricht
<b>Junior 2:</b> B&F Runner Up	Letisha Bartsch
<b>Sub Junior 2:</b> B&F Runner Up	Lara Manning
<b>Senior 4:</b> Best & Fairest	Belinda Petersen
<b>Inter 1 Netballer of the Year:</b>	Chloe Petersen

**Tanunda Netball Club Awards**



**MELISSA BIGNELL (presented by Sharon Seedsman)**  
**Club Service Award – 2021**



**LINDA MORGAN and SHARON SEEDSMAN**  
**Pandemic Years Extraordinary Club Service Award – 2021**



**LAUREN HUTTON (Snr 2) (presented by Rachel Wohlers)**  
**2021 Wohlers Most Successful Senior Player**



***LARA MANNING (Sub Jnr 2) (presented by Tina Thiel)***

**2021 Thelma Murphy Memorial Trophy**  
**Most Successful Junior Player**



**GABRIELLE MARSCHALL (presented by Sharon Seedsman)**

**2021 Marjorie Lehmann Memorial Trophy**  
**Umpires Award**

## **2021 TNC Player Milestones**

The Tanunda Netball Club recognizes the milestones achieved by our players. This year the following player's achieved milestone games in our Club and were presented with a token medallion at the senior presentation dinner.

350 games	-	Melissa Bignell
250 games	-	Ashleigh Fox Nicole Owen
150 games	-	Nikia Goers
100 games	-	Stacey Thom Charlotte Bosward



L to R – Stacey Thom, Nikia Goers, Ashleigh Fox, Nicole Owen, Charlotte Bosward and Melissa Bignell

## **Sub Junior 2 Grand Final - Best on Court**



Emily Rosenzweig

## **2021 Anniversary Cup**

Every season Nuriootpa and Tanunda netball clubs play for the Anniversary Challenge Cup which alternates between both Club venues every year, the Club to win the most games for the day wins the cup.

Unfortunately this year all games were cancelled during the round against Nuriootpa in which this Anniversary Cup was to be held due to COVID.



**(Photo from a previous year Anniversary Cup presentation)**

Jane Pink (NNC President), Sue Lanauze (donated shield) and Sharon Seedsman (TNC President)

## **2021 Priceline Pharmacy SA Country Championships**

The Annual Priceline Pharmacy SA Country Championships were held at Priceline Stadium on the long weekend in June. This is the largest competition in the state. Teams from 26 regional associations compete across 4 divisions ranging from Seniors, U17's, U15's and U13's.

The girls that were selected this year for Country Champs were:

**Abbey Auricht, Stacey Thom, Lottie Higgins and Erin Schick.**



## **2021 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!

Our representatives this year were;

**Chloe Petersen**

The 2022 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 2021 season, given that COVID19 pandemic was still prevalent in the world. It was pleasing to see so many players, particularly in the senior grades, for the upcoming season. I am proud to see the support for each other to overcome adversity and to build resilience during these unprecedented times.

The Club filled teams from Senior 1 to Senior 6 – which was great given that in the 2019 season we only had 4 senior teams. We had two Intermediate teams, two Junior teams, three Sub Junior teams, two Primary teams and two Go (formerly Netta) teams. It was a BLGNA decision to reduce the Sub Junior competition from three grades to only two just prior to the season starting; therefore we had extra players in nearly all of our junior divisions. The Club also ran the Net Set program with around 15 participants.

Recognition must go to the coaches and other volunteers who gave their time to prepare for trials and then pre-season. There were some difficult decisions made at the Committee level in relation to the movement of some players into different grades with our focus on providing even game time and skill development. We may not have got this 100% right for everyone, but we did look at multiple options and implemented a plan we thought would work for this season.

It was very pleasing to see that we were competitive across all the divisions and the Club provided more opportunities for younger players to play in higher grades, it is great to see such depth within the Club. The potential in our Junior divisions will ensure that the club has a bright future, and with the ability to retain these players into senior teams where the players can take their skills to the next level. This in turn will see us more competitive and show other Clubs that over the next two to three seasons that we will be a strong club.

We had six teams play in the finals (Senior 3 & 6, Inter 2, Junior 2, Sub Junior 1 & 2) with three teams playing on Grand Final day (Inter 2 and both Sub Junior teams). Congratulations to all the teams who made finals, it is a very good indicator of the Club's growth. A special mention goes to the Sub Junior 2 team who won their match to be Premiers and to Emily Rosenzweig who was awarded Best on Court during the game. In addition, our Primary 1 team were presented with Association medallions for being 2<sup>nd</sup> in their grade.

Congratulations to our players who represented the Association in Country Champs (Abbey Auricht, Lottie Higgins, Erin Schick and Stacey Thom) and in the Regional Academy team (Chloe Petersen). Congratulations to all those players who received Association Awards - Best & Fairest and B&F Runner Up trophies: Lara Manning, Letisha Bartsch, Abbey Auricht, Chloe Petersen & Belinda Petersen, with Chloe Petersen also receiving the Association Inter 1 Netballer of the Year award. We are very proud of your achievements.

I must not forget to thank our umpires and our Umpire Co-ordinator, Bundy, without you there is no game. Thanks for all of those that umpired and great to see some junior players taking on umpiring a competition match for the first time this season. Keep up the good work. Well done Gab Marschall for obtaining your National C Badge.

Thanks must go to the coaches and other volunteers who give their time to coach or be a team manager or primary carer of the teams. Parents and supporters are fundamental for getting the teams playing each week also, with scoring and timing duties. This season we also needed a helper with some of the COVID19 cleaning requirements and Marshal for each match - a big shout out must go to you.

I also need to acknowledge our Sponsors, the support from you during this difficult time is very much appreciated and I look forward to the continued support for many years to come. Thanks to Mel who spends many hours visiting businesses to seek out sponsorship, your efforts are very much appreciated too. This season's sponsor's day was a smaller event than past years, but everyone who attended had a great time. Thanks to everyone involved in the preparation of the day.

We also got some extra help for court set up on home matches, thanks to Dan, Andrew & Trent. It is great to see others getting involved in any way they can.

Congratulations to all the players who had milestone games this year; Charlotte Bosward, Stacey Thom, Nikia Goers, Ash Fox, Nicole Owen and Mel Skarstrom.

Also Congratulations to the Club trophy winners this year, with a special mention to Mel Skarstrom who was presented with the Club Service Award and Life Membership being awarded to Kristin Falkenberg. Well deserved to all.

The Club has some great people who are working hard to develop the Club on and off the court and to maintain a solid financial position. We have been successful in getting some grants from Office of Recreation, Sport & Racing – and we have used these funds to purchase new balls and training equipment. We will continue to apply for grants that will benefit the progression of the Club.

In relation to the next stage of development for Tanunda Rec Park, the extension of the oval, creation of a junior oval, new entrance to the Park and updated playground areas, please be patient whilst there might be times when access to the oval/courts may be impacted due to the development works.

To the Committee members, thank you for your support during the season and particularly to Kirsten & Amanda for filling a couple of spots for a few months. Thanks to Rosie for taking on some extra roles this season – canteen roster co-ordinator & Treasurer as well as coaching. The contributions of everyone on the committee no matter how big or small are very appreciated as every little bit helps.

Our focus for 2022 will be to build on the great platform from the 2021 season - to apply ourselves and dig deep and grab any opportunities that arise. Striving to build on our values and goals and to be positive and encouraging all of our members. Showing dedication and commitment to help the club – whether it be umpiring more games throughout the season or volunteering for canteen duties, volunteering to be a coach or team manager or just lending a hand on match day, everyone should be proud to be part of Tanunda Netball Club. We can create a sense of belonging at our club, where it feels like a big family, and we are surrounded with like-minded individuals – who just love netball!

Yours in netball,

*Sharon Seedsman*

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED TO**  
**Kristen Falkenberg**  
Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021



*2021 Life Members*

Back L to R: Gabrielle Marschall, Tracey Hoklas, Kathy Marshall, Karen Mitchell, Sonya Day,  
Melissa Bignell, Sue Martin, Toni Martin, Jo Buck

Front L to R: Levene Fechner, Kristen Falkenberg and Sharon Seedsman

(Absent: Deb Miles, Sue Fuller, Lynne Lindner, Cheryl Kraehenbuhl, Dianne Bartsch, Gayle  
Dawkins, Lyn Hoklas)

**TANUNDA NETBALL CLUB**  
**LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED TO**  
**Kristen Falkenberg**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Each season the Tanunda Netball Club recognises players who have performed well over the season. We celebrate premierships, we recognise our umpires and we give awards for Club service. The highest honour anyone can receive is a Life Membership. Currently the Club has awarded 22 Life Memberships. 4 Life Members are deceased – Kay Hueppauff, Edna Behrndt, Thelma Murphy and Marjorie Lehmann. We have 4 mother/daughter Life Members - Kay Hueppauff and Lyn Lindner, Kathy Marschall and Gabrielle Marschall, Marjorie Lehmann and Sharon Seedsman, Sue Martin and Toni Martin, awarded Life Membership in 2019.

Life Membership is about a long-term association with our Club and is not just about being a player. It is very much about service and connection.

Tonight the Tanunda Netball Club would like to recognise and award Life Membership to a player who played her first game for the Club in 1981. She played in Sub-Junior 3's and won her first Best and Fairest Award. 1981 also saw the Tanunda Netball Club win the Senior 1 Premiership. Just 8 years later she joined that team to play in her first Senior 1 Premiership. 40 years on she becomes the 23rd Life Member of the Tanunda Netball Club – Congratulations Kristin Falkenberg.

Kristin began her playing career when she was 10 years old. Our records are a tad thin during the 80s, especially when Kristin was playing in juniors. But the records do reflect that even in her very first year she was identified as having a special talent as she also played at least 1 game in Sub-Junior 2's, polling 3 votes in that team as well as winning B&F for Sub-Junior 3s.

In 1984 she played in Junior 2s where she played in the preliminary final. Despite fantastic coaching the team was unable to make the Grand Final. But she had her eye on the Senior 1 team who once again were Premiers that year, the third premiership in 4 years. Kathy Marschall had retired at the end of '83 and there was a newbie, outer-towner in at GK. Kristin thought she was in with a chance!

In 1985, at age 14, Kristin found herself playing in the Senior 5 Premiership Team. Thelma Murphy was the coach and she knew talent when she saw it. She obviously whisked Kristin out of juniors and had her mentored by a specialist in Lyn Hoklas. Kristin was awarded Most Improved that season. And in the background the Senior 1's won three from three.

In 1986 Kristin was picked up by the Senior 3 coach, Neil Tarca, another talent shark. We thought Kristin could not get a better mentor than Lyn.....but coach Tarca had other ideas. She teamed up Kristin with the best of the best, Levene Fechner and other golden girls such as Carolyn Hataier and Kathy Gerschwitz. No surprise these girls won the Senior 3 Premiership this year and to top it off Kristin won the Best and Fairest Award. And in the background Nuriootpa finally won a premiership in Senior 1 having lost 3 from 3 v Tanunda.

In 1987 Coach Tarca didn't let Kristin out of her sight and the Senior 3s went through the season undefeated and on to win its second premiership in as many years. In the background, the TFC won its third A grade premiership in the 80s but the Senior 1 netballers were unable to make the double. For Kristin, the time was right to make a move.

In 1988 Senior 1 coach, Kieran Roche made the big move and pulled "Harbo" into the Senior 1 squad. The team was in a rebuilding phase and Kapunda proved to be the team to beat this season. Kristin quickly gained respect within the association and the TNC Netball Natter correspondent for '88, Joey, nicknamed Kristin "Knuckles" Habermann. The Senior 1s played preliminary final v Nuriootpa and lost, with Kapunda winning the Premiership a week later. In the background, Tanunda was in a great spot as a Club winning Best Club in the Association.

You already know what happened in 1989 ie Kristin played in her first Senior 1 Premiership alongside other netball greats such as Marianne Kieboom, Celia Johnson, Robyn Horley and fellow Life Members Gayle Dawkins, Karen Fox and Jo Buck. Kieran was the coach and we beat Gawler Centrals 55 – 46. And not only was it her first Senior 1 premiership it was the first time both the TFC and TNC A Grades won the double header. It was a big week in Tanunda!

Kristin continued to be a Senior 1 player for the next 7 years. In 1990 Tanunda once again won the Senior 1 Premiership giving Tanunda 6 Senior 1 premierships in 10 years. In 1990 she won the Coaches Trophy. Between season '93 and '94 Kristin went from Habermann to Falkenberg. 1994 was another Premiership year and personally Kristin won the Most Consistent award.

Season 1996 was another history making year as the club won another double header, this time taking out premierships in both Senior 1 and 2. Kristin also won the Best and Fairest award this season. Celebrations took on a whole new level that year for Kristin and she was noticeably missing from the Senior 1 line-up in '97. She came back in '98 but took more maternity leave in '99.

In 2000 Kristin came back yet again and to make up for lost time decided to coach as well as play, a role she maintained for the next 4 seasons. In season 2000 she won Best and Fairest Runner-up, in 2001 the Senior 1's finished 4<sup>th</sup> under her guidance and in 2002 the team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In 2003 she coached both the Senior 1 and 2 teams and continued to play. But it was to be a frustrating year for her as a coach with 14 players needed across the season to fill her team, her season report reflecting similar issues we continue to experience 18 years on. At the end of the season she called it quits, encouraging the club to make a change and to seek a new coach.

Kristin played in excess of 350 games; played 20 seasons of netball for her Club; played 13 years in Senior 1; played in 7 premierships; won 7 personal player awards for Tanunda Netball Club; coached 6 seasons, both junior and senior, has been a committee member and represented the Barossa, Light and Gawler twice as a senior player at Country Carnival.

Since 2003 Kristin has spent time supporting the men in her life and their sporting aspirations and throughout has kept an ongoing connection with the netball club. 2017 marked the beginning of a new era of cooperation between the TFC and the TNC and Kristin as secretary of the TFC helped forge better communications between our two clubs. Her obvious netball experience and connections meant she understood the netball operation as well as the football and she has been instrumental in this shift as Club executives work together.

2017 also marked a comeback to netball in the Senior 7 Dream Team which soon became a nightmare!

Kristin has certainly demonstrated she is a dedicated and loyal Tanunda Netball Club person. I have experienced playing in a team with Kristin and I have coached her. I know she is someone I can rely on; I know she puts team in front of herself and I know she gives all she can. She has demonstrated Membership of a Club is not just about playing games but also about giving back to your community.

Kristin - Congratulations on being recognised and awarded the highest honour in any Club, that of Life Membership.

## Senior 1

**Coach: Janette Edwards & Tracey Hoklas**



L to R back row – Tracey Hoklas, Janette Edwards, Erin Schick, Lottie Higgins, Jemma Linke, Betija Baikova, Sadie Lienert, Rosie Smith  
L to R front row – Rubi Lienert, Chloe Frentsch, Stacey Thom and Lauren Martin  
(Absent: Matilda Lienert)

The Winners: Best & Fairest – Rubi Lienert  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Chloe Frentsch  
Most Versatile Player – Lauren Martin

The 2021 pre-season started in January at The Rex with good numbers attending. A 1~2 squad was selected and training commenced in February which was affected by the usual preseason disruption of Vintage and University studies.

Our aim for the season was to introduce the successful 2019 Inters team members to Seniors by their integration into the various grades with the Clubs experienced players. This process was to involve preparing this group for senior competition by improving their resilience and maturity. We understood that the first four rounds were against the competitions better teams which would be a test for our newly formed group but it would be a performance benchmark for the season ahead.

Unfortunately the second game produced our first major injury for the year taking a key player from the group.

For the first part of the season we struggled to get consistent numbers at training and availability for game day due to work and other commitments was sporadic.

We were continually rewriting our starting lineup however during the second half of the season attendances at training and on game day were more consistent which delivered improvement in individual and team performances.

The team showed obvious improvement against all sides during the second half of the season and compared to the results from 2019. This was acknowledged on more than one occasion by the opposition coaches who commented that the improvement in the style of netball was noticeable.



Congratulations to Stacey Thom who achieved 100 games for TNC this year.

Most of the players were willing and able to play multiple positions during the year which assisted with team selection. In particular Lauren Martin played almost every position on the court this year so much so that I almost forgot which was her preferred position.

A sincerere thankyou to Tracey Hoklas for her professionalism towards her role as Team Manager, for her mentorship of the goalies utilising her many years of Senior One experience, and also for her regular contribution to team strategy during the week and court side game day.

A big thank you to Jo Buck for her support and contribution in the 2021 season planning and implementation.

Thankyou also to the many volunteers on game day who assisted with the team official duties. With this platform now in place I believe we can now move forward and progress further in 2022.

*Janette Edwards & Tracey Hoklas*

## Senior 2

Coach: Jo Buck & Tracey Hoklas



L to R back row – Kate Bitter, Jacqui Roberts, Lauren Hutton, Christina Valero, Jocelyn Teggerth, Jo Buck  
L to R front row – Harmony Chambers, Abby Renshaw, Jane Wilksch, Lottie Bosward and Alex Hoffmann

The Winners: Best & Fairest – Lauren Hutton  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Abby Renshaw  
Coaches Trophy – Jane Wilksch

Season 2021 was always going to be different and took a long time to get here!! With two “pre-seasons” under our belts the girls were well and truly ready to play some netball by the time April arrived. The first half of the season was very much about a squad mentality as Janette and I navigated our way through player avails and seeing what our players were capable of in a variety of scenarios.

Playing Kapunda in Round 1 was certainly going to be an indicator game. We started the game well and kept the game interesting for three quarters but Kapunda came home with the wind to win comfortably. Round 2 we played South and suffered a similar loss compounded by the season ending injury to Rosie Smith. Round 3 saw us struggling to fill a team with unavailability and illness. Round 4 saw us select a side close to what our final team was to look like and to take home some points was special. Unfortunately Alex suffered an ankle injury which took her out mid game and she didn't resume her season until Round 13. We had another win Round 5 v Nuri. Always feels like a final when Tanunda beats Nuri. At this point we were still struggling to settle a starting 7 given availability and now injury. Harmony found herself on the injury list after the Nuri round and she didn't return until Round 10.

Having won 2 out of 5 games the team was feeling positive. We notched up another win v Freeling and closed the first half of the season sitting in 7<sup>th</sup> spot. By the time we played Kapunda in the second half of the season the team was starting to look settled and we were able to gauge our level of improvement. In Round 1 we lost to Kapunda by 24 goals. In Round 10 we only lost by 12. In Round 2 we lost to South by 28 goals and in Round 11 the difference was 15. Barossa at Barossa is never a good day and Round 13 we had another great game v Angaston, this time having a draw. We then had our mid-season Covid break and missing an opportunity against Nuri.

We played Willaston in Round 16 and they clearly demonstrated why they were in the top four. Round 17 was our game of the year as we dominated all over the court winning by 35 goals. To lose to the top team the week after by 24 highlighted we still had some work to do to make a top 4.

Summary.....we played 15 games, won 4, drew 1, lost 10, finishing 7<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, 2 games clear of Angaston and Nuri and Barossa only 1 game above. The Gawler teams dominated the top 4 with Gawler Centrals winning the Senior 2 flag in a close encounter with South. And there endeth the season.

Congratulations to the Senior 2 Trophy winners – Best and Fairest Lauren Hutton, Runner-up Best and Fairest Abbey Renshaw and the Coaches Trophy, which this year was a mix of votes, demonstrating team, loyalty and consistency, Jane Wilksch.

Thanks to all our supporters who helped with duties and especially those who did these duties multiple times – Annie, Dean, Bindi and Clare.

Many thanks to our committee who put in many hours behind the scenes to ensure our players have the opportunity to play each week. We are indeed blessed to have such an amazing band of people who look after all the admin throughout the whole year. There was a time when winter sport had a sort of recess but these days it is a committee which needs to be on its toes 12 months of the year. To these mums, players and coaches I say thankyou!

As a Club may we continue to go forward as a Team.....to support versus criticising..... and to show respect and gratitude to those who put their hand up.

*Jo Buck & Tracey Hoklas*

## Senior 3

Coach: Jeanette Hooper



L to right back row – Nikia Goers, Linda Parbs, Ash Seedsman, Brooke Etschied, Rosie Robinson, Jeanette Hooper  
L to R front row –Ali Wiseman, Nikia Schwarz, Georgie Smart, Ash Fox and Gabrielle Marschall

The Winners: Best & Fairest – Rosie Robinson  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Linda Parbs  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up – Nikia Schwarz

Season 2021 was always going to be an interesting one with the regulations set by the Association that players could only drop down 1 grade from where they played in season 2019 (There was no 2020 season due to COVID-19 restrictions). Fortunately, this resulted in a core group of 6 players remaining together. This was a group of players that I had neither played with nor coached before, so we had a clean slate right from the outset.

We had a strong pre-season, which included a trial match against Mallala. Unfortunately, this match resulted in the first serious injury for our team – ankle (Georgie Smart). Suddenly we were down to just 8 players to start the 2021 season. As a saving grace, just prior to the season start, Ali Wiseman joined the fold and we were ready to take on 2021 with gusto.

The Gawler teams were always going to be a force to be reckoned with, and true to form, in the first half of the season we lost to South by 26 goals, won against Willaston by 1 and we had our biggest loss margin to Gawler Centrals by 40 goals. We capitalised on our strengths and as a team we just kept building on these strengths each week. We were further tested with illness and serious injuries which included a broken finger (Brooke Etscheid) and a broken ankle (Rosie Robinson).

We had a good balance of experience and youth in this team and this allowed younger players to be mentored while playing this standard of senior netball. Support on and off the court was amazing and this group became a force to be reckoned with once they stepped on that netball court. On several occasions we also had Intermediate players sit on our bench and take the court. Special Thank you to Sydney Schild, Michaela Docherty, Chloe Petersen and Scarlett Schmidt. This is the future of our netball club, and we need to nurture these players for years to come.

Full credit to each member of this team as they learnt a new style of play and committed to it completely. Always willing to learn and ask questions along the way. Attendance at trainings was outstanding, even when players were injured. And this commitment contributed to the team's success on many levels.

Each team member set their own individual goals and we had team goals which we strove towards week in, week out. The best reward for all this hard work was a finals berth. These girls truly deserved to be in the finals. Unfortunately, we were not able to progress past the semi-finals, but we certainly did not go down without a fight.

True grit, determination, belief and outstanding netball skills were just some of the qualities of this team. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with this Senior 3 side. I hope that each player carries this momentum to the 2022 season.

*Jeanette Hooper*

## Senior 4

Coach: Linda Morgan



L to R back row – Beck Hazeldine, Belinda Petersen, Lisa Manning, Toni Martin, Linda Morgan and Abby Brooks  
L to R front row – Nicole Owen, Caitlin Upton and Mel Bignell

The Winners: Best & Fairest – Melissa Bignell  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Rebecca Hazeldine  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up – Belinda Petersen

I was looking back at my notes from 2019 to see what I spoke about back then and I had commented on the fact that we had gone from back to back premierships in Senior 6 up to playing in Senior 3, and I then made comment that I was quietly confident that 2020 would be an easier year... well that certainly wasn't the case... covid meant that there was no season at all in 2020.

So, after playing 3 grades higher in 2019, and having a whole year off from netball in 2020 – coming back to play in Senior 4 in 2021 was a little questionable for most of us due to being a year older and certainly not as fit.

But we slowly managed to work our way back into trainings and strengthened ourselves before we hit the court in round 1.

Our team consisted of Mel, Nicole, Beck, Lisa, Caitlin, Kareena, Chloe, Belinda, Abby and myself.

First round saw us play Kapunda and we all managed to share the bibs around in that game with everyone. The scoreboard wasn't pretty and the second round was much the same against South Gawler. But come the third round against Barossa, it was a ripper and we managed to come away with a 5 goal win. After that we managed to win one and loose one for a few rounds, playing at our steady pace.

It would be most unusual to go through a season without injuries.

Abby was suffering from an existing injury that saw her finish up shortly after round 4.

Bel dislocated her finger in Round 9 but managed to push on the rest of the season with strapping and some liquid therapy no doubt. Chloe unfortunately injured her knee which then saw her out for the rest of the season.

We were extremely thankful to be able to call on our past team player Natalie Payne and we welcomed Toni Martin to the court in Round 8. Toni showed and reminded us what it was like when we used to play a fast paced game. But unfortunately due to a twist of the knee (from her fast paced game) in round 11 saw Toni sitting out for a few weeks too.

During the season we also were grateful to be able to use some of our inter players a few times and are thankful for Georgina Roberts, Sydney Schild, Ruby Murray, Makayla Docherty and also from Div 5, Bethany Hayes.

Some highlights from our season would be the 1 goal win against Nuri in the last minute of the game. Our training nights which are always full of laughter (probably sometimes too much), our special liquid therapy at quarter and half times and a sneaky training jog to the clubrooms.

Larger highlights would be some milestone games for a couple of our players.

We celebrated Mel's 350<sup>th</sup> game up at Angaston on what was a very hot day. What a great achievement Mel to chalk up 350 games. You are an absolute legend in this club, are extremely well loved and respected and I am sure that I not only speak for myself but on behalf of our whole team, it is an absolute honour to play netball with you. I'm just sorry we couldn't bring a win home for you that day.

We also celebrated Nicole's 250<sup>th</sup> game at home also against Angaston. I don't remember it being quite so hot that day so it was a much more pleasant game, still didn't quite manage a win either but what a great achievement Nicole. You are another one of our well loved and respected players and we absolutely love playing netball and doing our thing with you on and off the court.

I would also like to acknowledge our amazing goalie Bel Petersen for her Best & Fairest award for the association in Senior 4. Bel you are a fantastic player and an absolute joy to work with in the goal circle. Congratulations.

So, to finish the season with 5 wins, a few close games and only about 3 blow- out games, I don't think we have done too bad at all ladies. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that we can just pop on down to Div 5 next season where I am pretty sure we will all feel a little more at home.

I would like to say thank you to the Div 3 girls and Jeanette for training each week, I am not sure we were quite the competition you perhaps needed on a Thursday night, but we did appreciate having a run around with you girls.

Even though she isn't here tonight, I would like to say thankyou to Abby who was so committed to her team this year, even after ankle surgery she managed to hobble out on those cold Thursday nights and on Saturdays to support us and to take the coaches score book for me. A big thankyou to Abby for doing that for us.

I would like to thank all of the committee, Sharon and Jo for their support and for everyone's hard work behind the scenes, of which there is quite a lot, and for everyone's continuous efforts through the year, thank you also to everyone that did their bit with scoring, timing and umpiring duties. As they say many hands make light work and we welcome anyone who is able to put their hand up to help and volunteer their time.

*Linda Morgan*

## Senior 5

Coach: Karen Mitchell



L to R back row – Sue Corbett, Rachel Wohlers, Karen Mitchell, Bianca Smith, Bethany Wood  
L to R front row – Bethany Hayes, Jordi Wilksch, Sophie Riethmuller, Danielle Lange

The Winners: Best & Fairest – Susan Corbett  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Bethany Hayes  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Danielle Lange

We began our season with nine players and had high hopes of making the final four. We were lucky to pick up three players from the 2019 Inter 2 team, Bethany, Bethany and Danielle, and these were our young fit players for the season. Bianca was in her first year at Tanunda Netball Club and Lauren returned from a couple of years away.

Bethany Hayes willingly assisted with warm ups each week, with not only our team, but also the Senior 6 team. Susan was our motivator and so wanted to win a premiership.

Our team was reasonably versatile, and the players were willing to play in a variety of positions. Danielle was a champion as she spent most of the season away from her regular GD position and played as our GA with Bianca as GS, with magnificent results. Bethany Wood played most of the year in GK although she got out for a run at the end of the season, with Rachel and Karen in GD. Susan, Bethany Hayes and Amity shared the centre court positions. Bethany used her netball as part of her Year 12 PE studies and embarked on a program to improve her skills that she said was very successful. And we could tell it was!

Halfway through the season with our numbers dwindling, we recruited Jordi who bounced her way through trainings and games and lifted all of our spirits. Sophie, a deadly accurate goalie, was another fabulous late recruit and she helped to fill a role in goals, which enabled Danielle to move back into defence as Karen was unable to finish the season due to ill health.

We played some magnificent games this season, but just did not get enough wins on the board. We finished in fifth position and the grand final was between South Gawler and Gawler Central, who were clearly the better teams during the season, and the premiership was ultimately won by South Gawler.



Unfortunately our team was plagued by illness, injury and the ravages of COVID restrictions which greatly affected our ability to win important games. At the close of the season, Lauren was no longer playing due to family commitments, Amity had suffered some significant injuries not related to netball, Bianca had ripped her calf muscle and Karen had a hole in her head!

We greatly appreciate the help given by the girls in the Senior 6 team who willingly filled the vacant spots in our team week after week, and who also willingly sat on our bench just in case they were needed. Many thanks to Donna, the Senior 6 coach, for her flexibility in helping us out when we were struggling for numbers. Our most committed supporters were Mark Battersby and Anna Hayes, with Louise Wilksch coming on board later in the season. On behalf of all of the players, we thank you for your enthusiasm and encouragement.

*Karen Mitchell*

## Senior 6

Coach: Donna Gaskin



L to R back row – Abbey Underwood, Tania Bailey, Jo Dutschke, Kate Skarstrom, Laura Schulz  
L to R front row – Lena Hage, Sarah Zadow, Brianna Stopps, Donna Gaskin and Hannah Hooper

The Winners: Best & Fairest – Johanna Dutschke & Sarah Zadow  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Lena Hage  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up – Brianna Stopps

It was great to be back for the 2021 season with the Magpies and I was honoured to be asked to coach the team albeit slightly overwhelmed and daunted by the task, my girls were a privilege to coach.

We were a team of 11 with very little prior game time together, in fact most of us had never even met before this season but that didn't stop us from coming together, putting some wins on the board, and getting through to the first round of the finals. We had a few bumps along the way as you would expect from a team of busy women.

After round 1, I went on holidays for 2 weeks during which time Kate Skarstrom stepped into the role and had everything so much more organised by the time I came back. Kate continued to help with the coaching role during her sidelining due to shoulder issues which was invaluable and much appreciated, thank you.

We lost Ashleigh after week 5 due to life's demands, gained Kate back from round 7 at Willaston, lost me to an ankle malfunction before round 10 at Kapunda and gained Laura Schulz from round 12 at Barossa Districts. We had a Covid Lockdown rounds 14 and 15 but thankfully continued with the season with those rounds being considered draws.

Becky went on holidays the following 2 weeks then was relegated to self-quarantine from playing for the subsequent 2 weeks. By then, we had been sadly eliminated from the finals thus she missed 6 weeks of the season. The finals.... what a thrill it was to play in a finals game. The buzz was electric, and the pressure was fierce.

Congratulations to the team for getting there in our first season together. Even with 11 players, some weeks we struggled to fill the team and needed to pull up some of our inter girls – Meg Wood, Georgia Battersby, Teagan Manning (can you please check this? I don't have the book anymore), and a junior girl – Chelsea Morgan, thank you for contributing to our team girls. Thank you to the senior 5 girls for training with us. Thanks to the parents, family, and friends who came to watch and usually ended up being pc's or taking stats.

Most of all, thank you to my senior 6 girls who put in a stellar effort this season. It's been a pleasure getting to know you all and we look forward seeing you on the courts in 2022.

*Donna Gaskin*

## Intermediate 1

Coach: Lauren Hutton and Jo Dutschke



L to R back row – Jo Dutschke, Bonnie Graetz, Scarlett Schmidt, Teagan Manning, Ella Habermann, Lexie Marshall,  
Lauren Hutton

L to R front row – Makayla Docherty, Sydney Schild, Halle Martin, Georgia Battersby, Chloe Petersen

The Winners: Best & Fairest – Chloe Petersen  
Best & Fairest Runner Up – Sydney Schild  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up – Scarlett Schmidt

What a season we had!

Coaching a group of teenagers has been nothing short of an experience, and we loved every moment! The girls kept us on our toes, but we have never coached such a dedicated and close-knit team.

Some of our highlights were probably not netball but when we played in the rain and almost every girl was shielding their eyes because they didn't want to damage their eyelash extensions or have their tan was run!

The season has been full of laughter, sweat and the occasion tear. Starting the season strong with a team of 9 was short lived as in the second game we had our Shooter Bonnie go down against South. That was just the start of the injury merry go around for intermediate 1 this year. With several injuries shortening our list combined with having an Inter 2 player in the team each week, our girls still fought hard all season smashing some absolute pearlers to land us 5<sup>th</sup> on the leader board at the end of the season.

We saw a lot of development throughout the year from the girls both personally and in their netball. We watched our players gain confidence in their skills and abilities on the court and watched several girls step up when it was needed to offer advice and encouragement to their teammates. We can't wait to see these girls develop more over their netball careers and are super proud of the effort and attitude that they brought to this season.

*Lauren Hutton and Jo Dutschke*

## Intermediate 2

Coach: Tam Auricht



L to R back row – Lily Holmes, Ruby Murray, Abbey Auricht, Meg Wood, Zoe Heidenreich, Tam Auricht  
L to R front row – Kimberley Cooper, Macaylee Verhees, Charlotte Marshall, Summar Fidge



The Winners: Best & Fairest – Abbey Auricht  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Meg Wood  
Best Team Player – Charlotte Marshall

Let me first introduce my Inter 2 team – Lily Holmes, Meg Wood, Zoe Heinderich, Macaylee Verhees, Ruby Murray, Summar Fidge, Lottie Marshall, Abbey Auricht, Kimberley Cooper and Georgia Roberts.

Wow what a season!

Could not be prouder of the Inter 2 team this year, making it to the Grand Final. If you asked me at the start of the season, would we make it there, I probably would have said no as we never really had a consistent run of netball with so many Clubs not having teams, it was disruptive to the girls. In saying that they continually improved from week to week to and fought so hard as a team to finish off 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder heading into finals.

Our team consisted of 10 players, dropping to 9 in the last few weeks of the season. Rotation was particularly hard this year as most of my team was made up of mid court players, but we managed to get through the season with a few ups and downs. The girls were patient and we made decisions as a team going forward.

Throughout the year we continually worked on basics, I'm a strong believer if the girls can't do the basics in netball, then it just doesn't flow. We worked hard on passing in front, landing correctly without stepping, tight defence and applying pressure down court, leading to get in front of your player. Sounds simple but if all this doesn't come together on court you lose games. Once the girls mastered all these skills our game play changed. As a spectator you would agree if you watched our games, when we got this right, we ran away with the game. Congratulations girls on working so hard.

Another thing I will point out this year that helped with our team success – all girls on court had respect for each other, they backed each other up on and off the court, and I believe that if you have good team spirit this also contributes to a successful team. Yes, the girls would niggle at each other, but they were only trying to bring the best out of each other. Most training sessions ended with them dancing and doing the latest tic tok, laughing and having fun.

Thank you, girls, for making this season a memorable one. I hope you all have had as much fun as me. I will miss you all.

*Tam Auricht*

## Junior 1

Coach: Rosie Robinson



L to R back row – Alice Hall, Lily Pedersen, Poppy Combe-Ruwoldt, Adelaide Schmidt, Riley Swan  
L to R front row – Mia Moen, Emily Thompson, Chelsea Morgan, Claudia Grocke

The Winners: Best & Fairest – Chelsea Morgan  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Adelaide Schmidt  
Coaches Trophy – Riley Swan

There was a lot of uncertainty at the beginning of our season before the hard decision was made for 6 junior players to move up into Intermediate 2. This created opportunities for younger players to play in a higher grade and gain great experience in Junior Ones. It was a big move after a season off and going from 10 minute to 15 minute quarters and unfortunately it did mean that we were often outmatched by the other teams.

Although we only had a couple of wins, I still see the season as a success with so many of the players improving each week. In the second half of the season we had some great games with the team really gelling together, working the ball down the court and into the circle with great accuracy. I am so proud of all the improvements we made as a team but most importantly individually.

Here are just a small number of my proudest moments from each player.

Poppy, the way you kept improving your already long defensive stretch each week

Claudia, watching you develop as a shooter and your strong leads into the circle

Alice, your strong drives onto the circle and great direction of play

Mia, you never gave up and hustled for every loose ball

Chelsea, your leadership in the circle and your courage and ability to shoot goals from 1cm inside the circle

Lily, your strength in attack and rebound possession

Adelaide, your leadership on and off court, your voice during games and ability to read the play

Riley, your ability to be everywhere and turn over so much ball

Emily, your focus for the ball and strength through the centre court

and, Ivie, for your ability to seamlessly fit back into the team and strong leads in attack

After the lessons learnt and improvements made from this year, I really look forward to seeing the Junior One team being very successful next year and wish all the best for the players moving up into Intermediates.

A big thank you goes to Shannon for all your assistance on game days, to all the parents who helped out and cheered us on from the sidelines and the coaches and players of the Sub Junior, Junior and Intermediate squads for your support at training.

*Rosie Robinson*



## Junior 2

**Coach: Ashleigh Seedsman**



L to R back row – Emma Petersen, Letisha Bartsch, Leila March, Ashleigh Schiller, Sophie Evans, Lucinda Isaacson,  
Ash Seedsman

L to R front row – Lily Murray Chantelle Baumann, Lexie Etschied, Lacey-May Finch, Matilda Kemp

The Winners: Best & Fairest – Chantelle Baumann  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Letisha Bartsch  
Coaches Trophy – Ashleigh Schiller

The Junior 2 team for the 2021 season was a team of 11 girls who are wonderful, caring, dedicated, passionate, fun, fantastic and so much more!

A team, that through thick and thin, were there for each other no matter what. It was truly a pleasure getting to coach this group of players each week. Their willingness to learn, listen and play netball was amazing to see. Their encouragement for each other was unreal, their positivity each week was amazing! Their discipline on the court was fantastic.

Having 11 players was both a blessing and a challenge. We had a team of such versatile players that I could play them where I needed to. They never complained, they just went with it. There are a couple of moments over the season that stand out to me. The first being when we played Willaston at home, both umpires came up to me at the end of the game told me how amazing all the girls were. They adapted to the umpires calls, were so positive and encouraging on court for a junior team. I brought the whole team over so they could hear this from the umpires, that is something that doesn't happen very often.

The second was our knockout semi-final at Nuriootpa vs Gawler Central. We had played this team the week before in the last minor round and had lost by 27. This Semi Final was our redemption game! The girls played the best netball they had played all season and got the win over a pretty shocked Gawler team! The coach found me later that day and asked if I had played new girls, shocked that we had got the win turning the score line around by 33! Full credit goes to the team for playing the best consistent netball and playing for each other not for themselves.

No matter where the season ended up for us, I was always going to be extremely proud and happy for the girls and how they played all year.

Huge thank you to Rosie and her Junior 1 team for training with us and supporting me all year! Massive thank you to Bel for her help all year, managing the scorebook and keeping on top of everything.

Thank you to all the parents, you have all been unbelievably supportive of me all year! Your kind words and encouragement has been nothing short of amazing. We had fun and we laughed a lot!

Thank you for the fun and memories, the best season I could have hoped for and I'll never forget. You are all fantastic netballers, and I so proud to be a part of your journey. I can't wait to see how much you will grow and watch you become even better netballers.

The future of our netball club is in very good hands.

*Ashleigh Seedsman*

## Sub-Junior 1

Coaches: Erin Schick and Lottie Higgins



L to R back row – Erin Schick, Tameka Howard, Zoe Baillie, Grace Wundersitz, Lacey Linke, Jacinta Howard, Lottie Higgins

L to R front row – Isla Schwarz, Bella Lehmann, Lara Manning, Matilda Laidlaw, Estelle Dswonitzky

The Winners: Best & Fairest – Lara Manning  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Tameka Howard  
Coaches Trophy – Lacey Linke

We, Lottie and Erin had the privilege of coaching the Sub Junior 1's, which consisted of 10 amazing girls. We would like to start off by saying how proud we are of these girls and how far they have come this season, especially on getting into the grand final!

Every one of these girls this season have made improvements, not only in their netball skills but their ability to work as a team. This season we have created a great bond with these girls which will never be broken and we thank them so much for being such a great team to coach throughout this season.

From the start of the season, we had a good vibes with these girls, which helped us in the long run because we could not only have fun with these girls, but we could also rely on them to know when to be serious and when listen to the guidance we needed to give them. Although sometimes conversation went a little bit off topic, and by a little bit we mean a lot off topic, we still couldn't be any more proud of how these girls took on the job and as first year coaches, they made this season super easy for us, which we thank you girls so much for.

I would also like to say a massive thankyou to Tash Howard for being our Primary Carer, Lisa Manning for always helping umpire on Thursday nights and to the rest of the parents for helping with whatever jobs needed to be done on Saturdays, even though we had poor communication skills and always forgot about the duties until someone reminded us! Both of us really appreciate the help, so thank you.

The votes were super close this year, the girls were taking points off of each other left, right and centre, which goes to show what a talented bunch of girls we had this season.

Coaches award: The coaches award this year went to a girl who was a massive character in our team, but never failed to listen to us and guide the team when it was her turn to captain the girls. She was determined every single game and never failed to impress us with the intercept she took and her amazing eye for the ball.

Congratulations – Lacey Linke

Runner up best and fairest: The runners up award goes to a girl who is accurate, holds so well in the ring and is an agile player around the goal third when she is needed. Although she is one of the quieter ones in the group, we absolutely loved coaching her this season. She's a goalie that not many defenders can beat and she showed us multiple times this season why she deserves this award.

Congratulations, Tameka Howard

Best and Fairest: The best and fairest award goes to a girl who is a more consistent player going around, she just goes and goes all game! She never drops her head and she is a true leader when she is out on the netball court. She has so much fight for the ball every game and has such a great netball brain, she just knows where that next pass is going to be every single time. We absolutely loved coaching this girl this season and we are so excited to see where this sport will take this girl in the future.

Congratulations, Lara Manning

To finish, we would like to say that all of these girls had such an amazing season, and if we could, we would've given all of them an award. we hope you girls had an fun season but also learnt a lot from us. We definitely learnt a lot from you girls and we both love you all so much, thank you for being so amazing this season!

*Erin Schick and Lottie Higgins*

## Sub-Junior 2

Coach: Sue Martin



L to R back row – Sue Martin, Kristina Bailey, Zoe Auricht, Gracie Heneker, Savannah Wohlers, Emily Rosenzweig, Levene Fechner

L to R front row – Lakeesha Howard, Chelsea Jones, Lindsay Harris, Piper Fidock, Taylah Morgan, Summer Owen

The winners: Best & Fairest – Summer Owen  
Best & Fairest Runner-Up – Zoe Auricht  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up – Chelsea Jones  
Coaches Trophy – Lindsey Harris

Wow what a season we had, although it was not the best start with the association advising us there would not be a Sub Junior 3 team. Subbie 1's had to take on an extra player leaving our team with 12 then one girl dropping out leaving us with 11 players. Not an easy job. With Emily our oldest & Piper our youngest we had a really good mixture of players & ability.

To start the season, we decided to have a player rostered off each week and rotate 10 girls each game, whilst not ideal, it was the only way we could get the girls to pretty much have even play all season. I felt by the time we played our second to last game we had grown as a team, and all had improved their netball skill & knowledge.

Our Last game I explained if we win this game, it may leave us in fourth position & the possibility, we could play finals. But to do that I cannot play the 10 of you, they all agreed. Wham bam we won. With some miracles we knocked Kapunda out and we finished fourth on the ladder. We are off to play our first final. With Piper injured we managed to play all 10 players and thank you to Kristina, Taylah, Lindsey and Savannah who all only got to play one quarter in each of the final games, they were all very patient and understanding and very supportive of their teammates. So well done to you girls.

Final games were very stressful, Levene was so stressed she could no longer fill out our players game daybook. Grand final day was fantastic, all the girls' hard work and persistence has paid off; I think normally you would say to your team "what are you going to do today to win", well we had a little bit of the opposite "what are you not going to do".

Everyone had something to work on and they certainly achieved it on the day, with that we wiped the floor with Nuriootpa with a final score of 18 to 27. Congratulations to all players especially to Emily Rosenzweig who received player of the day. She certainly grew this season from the quiet timid little girl to a confident strong goalie.

I'd like to thank Levene, Levene's title was team manager, but she was much more than that, she was my consultant and advice-giver/mentor. We were very much on the same page, even when we would discuss best player for the day, we pretty much agreed on everything. I did like the fact even though I am a competitive person Levene is even more competitive, I love the compassion she has for netball & our club. We are very happy & proud to have her part of our team. Thank you Levene.

Trophy winners: I would have like to have given a most improved trophy, but the club wouldn't let me have 11 of them ..... so I decided to go with just one Coaches trophy: Lindsey Harris  
Congratulations LINDSEY 2nd runners up: Chelsea Jones. Congratulations CHELSEA Best & fairest runner up: Zoe Auricht. Congratulations ZOE. Best & Fairest Winner: Summer Owen-  
Congratulations SUMMER.

Thank you to the Sub Jnr 1 team (Lottie & Erin) for training with us each week. Thank you to all the parents that have helped with duties all season & the support you gave myself & the team. Go the dream Team.

*Sue Martin*

## Primary 1

**Coach: Abbey Underwood**



L to R back row – Ruby Feltus, Ava Reilly, Nakia Lehmann, Tali King, Abbey Underwood  
L to R front row – Makayla Goers, Sophie Petersen, Adele Jones, Peyton Verhees, Maggie Kelly

The Primary 1 team was blessed to be made up of nine passionate, determined and energetic players. Ruby, Tali, Peyton, Maggie, Nakia, Ava, Sophie, Makayla and Adele were a focused, reliable group of players who worked in harmony together.

We began our season tightening our basic skills including footwork and passing. The girls quickly took to basic yet affective drills that enabled them to have effective and flexible footwork followed by precise passing. Having a group of girls who were ready and willing to respond to correct and feedback worked in their favour as a team. Effortlessly the girls held their basic yet important foundation skills of netball in the forefront of their minds, knowing it would make them stronger netballers. This meant it was not rare for the girls to have entire quarters of netball with no basic and unnecessary errors.

Each week presented a new challenge to the girls and gave them the opportunity to tighten their skill set and play in a way that was affective against the opposition. Tougher teams such as Angaston, Nurioopta and Kapunda gave the chance to tighten defence, strengthen our attack and play a stronger, faster and more competitive side of netball. Although we were unsuccessful in getting a win against Kapunda it was clear the way the girls were improving through the season was paying off.

Every training was predictable and structured, enabling the girls to be prepared and ready to learn new skills. With a tight grasp on the basic and important skills of netball, the girls were able to move onto new skills such as specific passing for the appropriate situation, set plays, pace throughout the court and understanding how to use space in the most efficient way. Each player had their own personalised grasp on these skills which benefited their game play greatly. By the second half of the season, each of the players abilities had flourished and the team had a range of set plays that they would use comfortably and strategically throughout game day.

We saw key relationships on the court that benefited the team greatly. The relationships between the defence players as well as attack were strong. Each player had a great understanding of the team they were playing with. Understanding of the team around them made their understanding of each other strong. All players relied on the team around them. Our strongest relationships were the way our shooters worked collaboratively together with ease. This created an effortless flow in crucial parts of the game. Talking on the court was an expectation that the girls understood. It was important to speak positively with each other and encourage everyone on the court through the entire game.

Instilled through trainings and games was also the ways in which you can be a fast and furious player on the court whilst also showing grace and a respectful nature to the people around you. It is with great pride to say that each and everyone in the Primary 1 side is a kind, caring and considerate netball player. Not only to the officials and other players but also to themselves. It was a reoccurring motto, that if you believe in yourself, you can do anything. Confidence on the court begins at a young age and self-belief was incredibly important to us this season. We encourage our team, we put mistakes behind us quickly and we respect that everyone has unique abilities, this is what makes us a great team.

The strength that the girls all have in their basic skills of netball, enabled them to flourish into composed yet strong netballers. The continued development in a range of other important skills, helped the team to strengthen as the season continued. The hard work that each and every player put into the season paid off and we were honoured to finish the season with 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder. The girls should be so proud of their efforts and all of their own unique contributions that made our team as terrific as it was.

*Abbey Underwood*



## Primary 2

Coach: Nikia Schwarz



L to R back row – Nikia Schwarz, Claire Holmes, Alice Holmes, Zoe Lindner, Amalia Evans, Isla Helbig  
L to R front row – Sofia Sonntag, Imogen Tolhurst, Eden Schwarz, Chelsea Flynn

After a year off due to Covid19 the Primary girls were even more determined and excited to get out there and play the sport they love...netball! We were blessed (or challenged) with picking two teams of 10 players, which this year due to lower numbers of older players wasn't based solely on age. After a few training sessions, 10 Primary 2 players were selected with a mixture of first-year players and some girls I had coached in 2019. I was excited to see what they would bring to the game.

Smiles! Lots and lots of smiles was what was brought to the courts. Along with grit and determination and not letting our size define us (we were a team containing many small players). To their credit the girls were amazing at listening and putting into play the skills taught to them at training and I am grateful for their acceptance and their belief in me as a coach.

Unfortunately, not all clubs were able to fill their Primary 2 teams and had it not been for the support and eagerness of other coaches, teams and parents to travel to different locations at different times in the season for scratch matches, we would not have played as many games as we did. Thank you to the club for their amazing support with these scratch matches and to the umpires who were also able to support us with these.

Thank you, Abbey Underwood for warming the girls up at trainings each week and for your support throughout the season. Thanks also to the Primary 1 team for training with us, you girls had a fantastic season!

Thanks, Bec Tolhurst for supporting me each Saturday with score cards and helping me stay organised. Thank you to the parents for your ongoing support and for sharing pride in our daughters skill growth and love of the game.

To the Tanunda Netball Club – thank you! We have an amazing club full of dedicated people who work hard to make our Club what it is.

Thanks to the umpires for guiding the girls through their games. We especially loved seeing new umpires out there developing confidence with their whistle.

Lastly, to the Primary 2 girls, thank you for a fun year of netball. Your eagerness to learn made coaching easy and I couldn't have been prouder of the way you have all grown. I wish you all the best with your future in netball and look forward to seeing you continue to develop your skills.

*Nikia Schwarz*

## GO 1

Coach: Elsa Davis



L to R back row – Molly Roberts, Demi Reilly, Matilda Doecke, Isabelle McCarthy, Elsa Davis  
L to R front row – Summer Bonner, Pia Davis, Sienna Buczko, Olivia Schiller

This year I got to coach the Go 1 girls.

I'm not new to the club. I played and coached with Tanunda for many years. Its been fifteen years since I last coached, and I could not have asked for a more eager, skilled, determined and loud bunch of girls. They were even more keen to hit the court as for most, it was their first time playing official games and also with Covid lurking around last year.

This group of nine girls made it easy for me to slide back in like I never left. There was so much to tell them about what netball knowledge from over the years I could pass onto them. I couldn't talk enough. Trainings started with easy passing skills and drills, and by the fifth training they were even practising holding their players and receiving lobs. They even nailed the 'four corners' drill quite early on too.

Like all first games and never having played before, crowding on court was an issue. They all wanted the ball, all the time. It soon became obvious we had to trust our team mates to do their job in their space. We also had to try and get our shuffling feet under control. But in time, that came too. I couldn't believe by game two, against South Gawler, we scored around twenty five goals!

In Go netball, we have no scoring, no ladder and no finals. The funny thing is though, the girls always knew the score in their head, and some parents (and me included) were sometimes hard to contain our excitement on the sidelines.

Over time, and practising at trainings, games against the Go 2s helped us grow even more. Sometimes we even changed positions in that we were playing our own team mates.

The girls adapted well to any position they tried, and some have already now found where their natural ability lies. In saying that, they all wanted to play goal attack.

We often practised our throw ins. Who should lead and offer first, who should wait a bit longer and when to do and not to do a lob or bounce pass. They learned they had to work hard for the ball. Dodging, timing, leading to the ball, using names and even jumping for a missed goal can really make a difference.

By the half way mark, they gelled really well as a team, made less and less mistakes, made better decisions in passing, that it was amazing to see all the great passages of play and turnovers in games, that really were beyond their years.

I loved hearing from other coaches how impressed they were with our team and their abilities. Their progress through the season was amazing to watch and I can't wait to see what happens in the years to come. I'm so proud of all of them.

Each girl brought something to the team and I have written something about each of them:

Matilda – Our quiet achiever. Made a lot of progress and even surprised herself at times.

Sienna – One of our little pocket rockets. She isn't afraid to get in there to get the ball or chase it.

Summer – A great defender. When she puts her mind to it, she can do anything on the court.

Demi – A lover of all things sport and shooting goals. Learnt when to lead to the ball and when to move away from it.

Molly - Always calling to help out with a pass and willing to have a go at any position.

Olivia – Can adapt to any position, and reads the play well. Always supporting her team, broken wrist or not.

Georgie – Isn't afraid to get in there as a defender and boy can she fight for the ball when needed.

Isabelle – Eager to take leadership in drills and always improving her defending skills.

Pia – My daughter. Another of our pocket rockets. Can adapt to any position and someone who reads the ball well and gets intercepts out of nowhere.

I'd like to thank Kirsty and the Go 2s girls for trainings on Thursday afternoons.

To Kirstin Schiller, Linda Morgan, Melissa Bignell and the committee for their ongoing support, helping on game day and welcoming me back this season. It was incredibly appreciated!

Thank you to Toni Martin for umpiring all of our home games. You explained your calls and helped the girls a lot when they needed it.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents for all your support, unofficial scoring, timing and encouraging all of the girls at every game. I hope you're all not deaf from all my yelling.

Lastly, thank you to the girls for an amazing and fun season coaching, I loved it! All the best for your netball careers. Go Tanunda!

*Elsa Davis*

## GO 2

Coach: Kirsty Heinrich



L to R – Olivia Wood, Billie Prior, Lucy Sajewicz, Indigo Reed, Indie Flynn, Kate Heinrich, Lucy Pedersen, Amelia Gibbons, Lucy Martin, Eilish Burns and Kirsty Heinrich

Season 2021 saw ten enthusiastic and energetic 7-9 year olds and one last minute, slightly less sprightly coach make their debut as the TNC GO 2 team.

The main aim of our season was how to channel this unbridled passion and zest for life into an appreciation for the basics of netball...

We spent the first part of the season working exclusively on developing our players' basic knowledge of positions, passing and footwork. As the season progressed and our team's ball skills and confidence grew, we also introduced some basic attacking and defending strategies.

How it all came together on a Saturday morning was often more a mystery than the result of any inspired game plan, but our players really were at their best and it was wonderful to see them all find their own styles and strengths as the season progressed. Our players developed some great intercepting skills and were showing improvement in communicating and finding space on court.

One of the main strengths of our team however was their teamwork – rotating 10 players in every game and every position throughout a limited season was challenging but our players accepted that they would need to have their turn on the sideline every week. They looked to include and use all their team mates in games both through the court and in the goal circles. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another on and off the court and form close bonds.

None of this is achieved in isolation. My most sincere thanks to Ashton and Rowan Prior who gave their time to help out with our training sessions and most capably taught our team different drills and games, whilst also providing guidance and moral support to help me through the season.

Many thanks to the umpires who guided our players through their games on Saturday. Particular thanks to Toni Martin for her proficiency, patience and encouragement on court.

Many, many thanks to our players' families – for getting your children to training and games, for barracking, encouraging and supporting your children, for scoring, timing and primary caring. Thank you also for encouraging me. It was amazing to have your support.

And last but not least thank you to all our players who found a way to channel their energy and form a happy team of junior netballers!

*Kirsty Heinrich*

## Net Set Go

Coach: Kirsten Schiller and Bianca Wohlers



Back: Bianca Wohlers, Milla Wohlers, Harper Samain, Lucy Brockhoff, Eden Wood, Sienna Farey,  
Maddison Stiller, Eloise Carter, Kirsten Schiller.

Front: Ava Helbig, Mia Staker Lindner, Gracie Rochford, Matilda Schiller, Lucinda Barnes, Evie Underwood

This year saw Kirsten Schiller and Bianca Wohlers coaching NetSet. We had 13 enthusiastic girls enrolled, ranging in ages from 5 – 6yrs.

The program was run during Term 2 of the school year. We moved back to Thursday afternoon training (from Wednesday last year) as there were some older siblings also training on a Thursday afternoon which made it convenient for the coaches and parents. We had a younger group of girls compared to last year, so we had to 'up' the fun a bit and work a bit harder to keep their attention.

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 games and drills to develop hand-eye coordination, catching and throwing skills, footwork, balance and space awareness.

By week three we introduced the concept of changing direction (dodging) and discussed the rolls of attackers and defenders. 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 reviewing some key netball concepts (pivot, stepping, 4ft distance when defending, and the different passes). In week 6 we tried our first half court game. It was pretty loose, but the girls were able to start understanding how they could transfer all the things we had been doing in training, onto the court. In our last training, with the help of a Go 2 player to fill the 14<sup>th</sup> player, we played 2 quarters of a full court game. We got on the court, giving everyone a chance to play in one of their favourite positions (the goal shooters VERY popular), and fittingly both teams scored a goal. The girls were very excited to finish our program with pizza, drinks and chocolate thanks to Mel and the TNC committee.

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 enthusiasm to the program was great to see. As coaches we were thrilled to see girls progress during the ten weeks. Thank you to Linda for supporting us in the coaching this year and organising certificates for all the girls.

*Kirsten Schiller and Bianca Wohlers*