



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2022

We have had another massive year at Pints with the club seeing it's highest member numbers in recent years. As always, to kick off the year, we ran our 8-week NetSetGo program where around 40 netballers between 5-10 participated in the program. The program this year was run by Maddi Brown, Keely Hutton, Lloyd Winfield, Jodie Shaw, and Lili Christophers with help from many more members including Sian Magriplis, Ayla Christophers, Clare Christophers, Sam Humphris and Sophie Walkington. This program takes a huge amount of time and planning to ensure we are adhering to Netball Australia's program guidelines for our littlest members to enjoy their introduction into netball. To cap off the program, we had Woolworths NetSetGo ambassador (and former Australian Diamond) Caitlin Bassett attend a session where all our players got gift bags, t-shirts, and netballs. The program was a huge success, and our club has been advertised through the SSN platform on Fox Sports throughout the 2022 season.

We submitted ten junior teams and 11 senior teams. We were extremely proud to be able to submit a men's team in the inaugural DNA men's league. This team consisted of some of the most dedicated and passionate members of our club, and we hope they all return for season 2023! We were well represented in senior finals with 6 teams finishing in the top 4. Premier League, Premier League Reserves and Division 3 all progressed into the grand final where Premier League Reserves and Division 3 were the overall winners.

We are extremely proud of our junior results this year. We nominated teams in 8 age divisions and 5/8 teams finished in the top 4. Furthermore, our U11's Div1, U13's Div1, U13's Div2, U17's Div1 & U17 Div2 all progressed into the grand final. This was the highest junior club finals representation across DNA – something we should be so proud of. U11's Div1, U13's Div1 and U17's Div2 won their grand final in what were thrilling games.

Pints Netball Club also submitted teams in the *Champions of Champions* competition where our U13's team was successful and named the 2022 Champions. We were also well represented at NT Link and the National Netball Championships. The training and commitment needed to participate in these additional representative duties is no easy feat and the players should be commended on their selection and participation.

This season we aimed for goals that we have consistently upheld the past couple of years. We completed tasks including:

- Updating and distributing the Pints Netball Club Handbook
- Upholding our Good Sports Accreditation
- Pints Junior Development Day/Weekend

A massively important part of our Club is our All-Abilities Team. With a slightly altered format this year, we were able to still participate in the DNA competition. We had a number of helpers each week facilitate this team including Karen Parker, Kate Fitzgerald, Mackenzie Lynch, Clare Christophers, Tally Nield and Cat Louvey. A number of our members also participated in the Marie Little Shield held in October where they even got to meet a number of the current Australian Diamonds team members.

For the first time, the NT Link Championship ran an All-Abilities component where Pints was able to submit our team to participate in the weekend. We made it all the way to the grand final and it was great for our players to meet the Alice Springs Thorny Devils AA team and play some great netball.

In 2022, we continued the investment we had in our club coaches. Each junior coach this year held a minimum of a Foundation accreditation. They were also given a coaching manual tailored to their age group with the coaching framework and skill expectations as outlined by Netball Australia. We had a number of first-time coaches this year, so the club moved to a 'head coach' & 'assistant coach' format for our younger divisions. This allowed a more experienced coach to oversee training and games whilst assistant coaches were given hands on experience in coaching with the hope they are able to lead their own team next year.

Pints are always well represented on "Team White" with many new junior and senior umpires picking up the whistle this year. We had five juniors players participate in the Junior Umpiring Program run by DNA, the highest representation of any club. Three were successful in gaining their 'C' badge accreditation by season end and all participants should be commended on their commitment to this program week in and week out.

In 2022, we held a bunnings BBQ and we held a Deck Chair Cinema fundraiser in October. The funds from these events contribute to the ongoing running costs of our club and a big thanks to everyone that attended to support/helped to organise/donated items.

In September 2021 we were awarded a \$10,000 'Pick Fresh, Play Fresh' Woolworths's grant. This money was marked for junior development and education in 2022 and that is exactly what we did. We engaged with the NetFit program and were able to hold a 3-day preseason junior development event. Some of the activities from this event included:

- HIIT fitness sessions
- Strength & Conditioning exercises
- Court specific skill sessions
- Team activities and bonding games

- Coach education workshop
- Dietitian workshop
- Umpiring workshop

We received a lot of positive feedback from the program and hope we can run something similar in the future.

Our club continues to operate solely on the basis of volunteers. I'd like to say a massive thank you to the coaches/managers/scorers/sideline supporters for all our teams. It is a huge commitment week in, week out and the success of our teams and our club is so reliant on this ongoing support. I would like to implore to our 250+ member base that if you have any capacity at all to help, then please reach out. Each year, the demand on volunteers increases and members on the Management Team & coaches/key persons find themselves doing more and more to keep building our club and keep up with member expectations. If we had a few more people volunteer their time – whether that be coaching, umpiring, scoring or simply helping out at a BBQ, it would help ease the pressure and make light work for all involved. We all have the same shared goal and that is to continue investing in Pints Netball Club and making it the best club it can be for ALL our members.

We have so many plans for 2023 in the works already and can't wait to share it with you. I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

Rachelle Tinning
President
Pints Netball Club